

Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Acts at Esher, in the County of Surrey, is vacant.

*Factory Department, Home Office,  
December 29, 1916.*

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the resignation of Dr. J. B. Barclay, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Acts at Lydbrook, in the County of Gloucester, is vacant.

*Factory Department, Home Office,  
January 1, 1917.*

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the retirement of Dr. J. Walker, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Acts at Hull, in the County of York (East Riding), is vacant.

*Downing Street,  
30th December, 1916.*

The KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Percy William Duncombe Armbrister, Esq., to be a Member of the Legislative Council of the Bahama Islands for so long as he shall hold the office of Receiver-General and Treasurer of those Islands.

#### TRADING WITH THE ENEMY AMENDMENT ACT, 1916.

Orders have been made by the Board of Trade requiring the undermentioned businesses to be wound up:—

393. The Executors of Emil Grahmert, trading as E. Grant and also as John Caridi and Co., 20, Sussex-place, South Kensington, London, S.W., and elsewhere, Tobacconists, Jewellers, and Dealers in Furniture and Fancy Goods. *Controller:* Ernest Norton, 3, Crosby-square, London, E.C. 1 January, 1917.
394. Van Minden and Co., 86, Leadenhall-street, London, E.C., Importers of Tinfoil and Liquorice. *Controller:* G. Bostock, 21, Ironmonger-lane, London, E.C. 30 December, 1916.
395. The Empire Pneumatic Tobacco Pouch Co., Limited, 9, Goswell-road, London, E.C., Tobacco Pouch and Pipe Manufacturers. *Controller:* H. Sydney Ortman, 7, St. Mildred-court, London, E.C. 28 December, 1916.
396. Armorduct Manufacturing Co., Limited, 6, Farringdon-avenue, London, E.C., Electric Cable and Conduit Manufacturers. *Controller:* John Paterson, 1, Walbrook, London, E.C. 1 January, 1917.

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),  
London, 28th December, 1916.*

H. 9023.

The Board of Trade has received a copy of a Notice issued by the Government of Malta, on the 18th December, declaring Tunis to be infected with small-pox.

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),  
London, 28th December, 1916.*

H. 9021.

The Board of Trade has received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Telegram, dated the 21st December, from His Majesty's Minister at Havana, stating that quarantine measures have been imposed on arrivals from the Azores on account of bubonic plague.

#### DEFENCE OF THE REALM (LIQUOR CONTROL).

GENERAL ORDER (AMENDING) OF THE CENTRAL CONTROL BOARD (LIQUOR TRAFFIC).

We, the Central Control Board (Liquor Traffic), in pursuance of the powers conferred upon us by the Acts and Regulations relating to the Defence of the Realm, hereby make the following General Order:—

1. The Article entitled "Dilution of Spirits" in each of the Orders of the Board now in force in the respective areas to which the Defence of the Realm (Liquor Control) Regulations, 1915, and any Regulations amending the same, have been applied, shall be revoked, and in place thereof the following Article shall be inserted:—

#### DILUTION OF SPIRITS.

##### A.—COMPULSORY.

(a) No person shall either by himself or by any servant or agent:—

(1) Sell or supply to any person in any licensed premises or club for consumption on or off the premises or dispatch therefrom any whisky, brandy, rum or gin unless reduced to 30 degrees under proof.

(2) Introduce or cause to be introduced into the area any whisky, brandy, rum or gin unless reduced to 30 degrees under proof.

Provided always that—

(i) The foregoing provisions of this Article shall not affect the sale or supply in bottles of whisky, brandy, rum or gin which is proved to have been bottled before the 6th day of June, 1916; and

(ii) In the application of the said provisions to the sale or supply in bottles of whisky, brandy, rum or gin which is proved to have been bottled on or after the 6th day of June, 1916, and before the 1st day of January, 1917, this Article shall be read as if the figure 25 were substituted for the figure 30.

##### B.—PERMISSIVE.

(b) The sale of whisky, brandy, rum and gin reduced to a number of degrees under proof which falls between 30 and 50 is hereby permitted.

(c) In determining whether an offence has been committed under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts by selling to the prejudice of the purchaser whisky, brandy, rum or gin not adulterated otherwise than by the admixture of water, it shall be a good defence to prove that such admixture has not reduced the spirit more than 50 degrees under proof.

And each of the said Orders of the Board shall be read as if the foregoing Article were inserted therein.