

Official Receiver for the districts of the County Courts holden at Northampton, Bedford and Luton, as from the 14th December, 1917, on the retirement of Mr. Alfred Ewen.

*Board of Trade,
Marine Department,
Whitehall Gardens, S.W.,
31st October, 1917.*

The Board of Trade hereby give notice under the General Rules for Formal Investigations into Shipping Casualties and Appeals and Rehearings, 1907, that they have received during the month of October, 1917, the following Reports of Formal Investigations into Shipping Casualties held by (a) Courts in United Kingdom, (b) Courts in British Possessions abroad, (c) Naval Courts:—

- (a) "Battle Abbey" and "Straton."
- (b) "Ardgair."
"Frankmere."
"Celia."
- (c) "Algeriana."
"Scarlet Tower."

*Ministry of Munitions,
1st November, 1917.*

ORDER.

BALL BEARINGS.

The Minister of Munitions in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Defence of the Realm Regulations and all other powers thereunto enabling him hereby orders as follows:—

1. No person shall on or after the date hereof until further notice manufacture any ball bearing or roller bearing (both of which are hereinafter included in the expression "ball bearing") or any part thereof except under and in accordance with the terms of a licence issued under the authority of the Minister of Munitions.

2. No person shall on and after the date hereof until further notice sell, supply or deliver any ball bearing or any part thereof whether situated in or outside the United Kingdom, or purchase or negotiate for the purchase or take delivery of any ball bearing or any part thereof situated outside the United Kingdom except under and in accordance with the terms of a licence issued under the authority of the Minister of Munitions.

3. All persons engaged in the manufacture or sale of ball bearings shall make such returns with regard to their businesses as shall from time to time be required by or under the authority of the Minister of Munitions.

NOTE.—All applications in reference to this Order should be addressed to the Director of Ball Bearings, T.M.3, Ministry of Munitions, Whitehall Place, London, S.W. 1, and marked "Ball Bearings."

MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SERVICE ORDER, 1917.

ORDER POSTPONING OPERATION AS REGARDS IRELAND.

Whereas by the Ministry of National Service Order, 1917, dated the twenty-third day of October, 1917, the Powers and Duties therein

referred to relating to the provision of men for the Army were transferred to the Director-General of National Service as from the first day of November, 1917, subject to the Provisions therein contained as to postponing the operation of the said Order:

And whereas the Director-General of National Service is of opinion that it is expedient to postpone the operation of the said Order as respects Ireland:

The Director-General of National Service hereby Orders that the Operation of the Ministry of National Service Order, 1917, shall be postponed as respects Ireland until the first day of January, 1918.

Dated this 31st day of October, 1917.

*A. C. Geddes,
Director-General of National Service.*

ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION.

In the County Court of Durham, holden at West Hartlepool.

The following list has been framed by the Registrar of persons of nautical skill and experience residing or having places of business within the district of this Court for Admiralty purposes, to act as assessors in the Court under the County Courts Admiralty Jurisdiction Acts, 1868 and 1869, viz.:—

Nautical Assessors.

Leonard R. Conner, Lyndale, Clifton Avenue, West Hartlepool, Master Mariner, Ship Owner.

Peter Dalziel, Sunnyside, Tunstall Avenue, West Hartlepool; Master Mariner.

John Elmes, 44, Clifton Avenue, West Hartlepool, Master Mariner, Surveyor, and Ship Owner.

John Race, Church Street, West Hartlepool, and Lyndhurst, Eaglescliffe, Master Mariner.

Charles Edward Smith, 48, Clifton Avenue, West Hartlepool, Marine Engineer and Surveyor.

Carl A. Topp, 11, Granville Avenue, West Hartlepool, Master Mariner.

Thomas Wilson Watson, Gisburn House, Gladstone Street, Hartlepool, Master Mariner, Ship Owner.

Thomas William Willis, 93, Clifton Avenue, West Hartlepool, Master Mariner, Ship Owner.

Mercantile Assessors.

John William Baird, Parklands, West Hartlepool, Ship Owner.

Harald Waldemar Casper, The Cedars, West Hartlepool, Ship Owner.

Leonard R. Conner, Lyndale, Clifton Avenue, West Hartlepool, Ship Owner.

William Edgar, Royal Chambers, West Hartlepool, Ship Broker.

John Elmes, 44, Clifton Avenue, West Hartlepool, Master Mariner, Ship Owner and Surveyor.

Charles Henry Ford, Grovehurst, Wooler Road, West Hartlepool, Merchant and Ship Owner.

Jacob Kruse Muller Hessler, 1, Staincliffe, Seaton Carew, Timber Importer.

George Jones, Meadowcroft, West Hartlepool, Ship Builder.