THE GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES ACT,

19 AND 20 GEO. 5. C. 29.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that consolidated Tables of the premiums to be charged under contracts for the grant of Government Annuities when average price of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Consolidated Stock is £50 or between £50 and £100 have been duly approved under the provisions of Part II of the above-mentioned Act and will come into operation on the 12th instant.

The tables previously in force for contracts for the grant of Annuities stand revoked as from the same day without prejudice to any annuity granted in accordance therewith.

Copies of the new Tables may be purchased directly from H.M. Stationery Office at the following addresses:—Adastral House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 120, George Street, Edinburgh 2; York Street, Manchester 1; 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; 80, Chichester Street, Belfast; or through any bookseller.

11th May, 1934.

Treasury Chambers, S.W.1, 11th May, 1934.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that They have made an Order, viz.:—

The Additional Import Duties (No. 15) Order, 1934, relating to sports rackets and frames.

The Order has been published as Statutory Rules and Orders, 1934, No. 445, and copies may be purchased (price 1d. net) direct from His Majesty's Stationery Office, at the following addresses:—Adastral House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 120, George Street, Edinburgh 2; York Street, Manchester 1; 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; 80, Chichester Street, Belfast; or through any bookseller.

Foreign Office,

April 17, 1934.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint:—

The Right Honourable Sir George Russell Clerk, G.C.M.G., C.B., to be His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the French Republic.

Foreign Office,

April 30, 1934.

The KING has been pleased to approve of:— Hamid Khan Sayah, as Consul-General of Persia in Palestine;

Monsieur Henri Antoine Marie Roux, as Consul of France at Newcastle-on-Tyne, with jurisdiction in the counties of Durham, Lincoln, Northumberland and York (North and East Riding); Mr. Henry Hoblyn Peter, as Consul of Poland at Hull, with jurisdiction in the town and port of Kingston-upon-Hull, East Riding of the county of York, and the county of Lincoln;

Mr. Ernest Sudlow, as Consul of Poland at Manchester, with jurisdiction in the counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Durham, Westmorland, York (with the exception of East Riding), Lancaster, Nottingham and Chester;

Mr. Robert MacGregor Whitelaw, as Consul of Poland at Glasgow, with jurisdiction in Scotland;

Mr. W. G. Beauchamp, as Consul of Siam at Colombo;

Mr. John Hobson Wragg, as Vice-Consul of Greece at Sheffield;

Mr. H. Gilliat, as Vice-Consul of the Netherlands at Leeds and the part of West Riding to the west of an imaginary line drawn from Ripon via Wakefield to Rotherham, except the districts of the Vice-Consulates of Bradford and Sheffield:

ford and Sheffield;
Mr. F. H. Smith, as Vice-Consul of the Netherlands at Goole and the part of West Riding to the east of an imaginary line drawn from Ripon viâ Wakefield to Rotherham, including those towns, but excluding Leeds City;

Mr. Gordon Grantley Bowden, as Vice-Consul of Poland at Cardiff, with jurisdiction in Wales.

Buckingham Palace,

May 8, 1934.

This day had audience of The KING:-

Monsieur Benjamin Vogt, G.C.V.O., to present his letters of recall as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from His Majesty the King of Norway.

Whitehall, April 30, 1934.

His Majesty The KING has been graciously pleased to award the Edward Medal to Douglas Hubert Ormond Bishop, in recognition of his gallantry in the following circumstances:—

gallantry in the following circumstances: On the 5th February, 1934, a heavy fall of roof took place at a point in the workings at the Langwith Colliery, Derbyshire. A stallman was buried under the fallen material but was saved from fatal injury because he was beneath a girder, one end of which remained in position and the other on some of the fallen material. Mr. Bishop, who is the manager of the colliery, took charge of the rescue measures and undertook the most dangerous part of the work. He first raised one end of the girder with a coal-cutter's jack and then (largely with his hands) scraped away the ground from the imprisoned man's feet and hip. After a good deal of manoeuvring the stallman, whose left leg had been fractured, was released. release took a considerable time and Mr. Bishop was exposed to great risk for an hour and a half. At any time a further fall might have occurred which would have proved fatal to Mr. Bishop and the imprisoned man.