Rate of Interest. Whitehall, March 3, 1937.

(4) To Companies and Private Persons not limiting their profits as aforesaid:

> Not exceeding 30 years ... 4 per cent. Not exceeding 40 years ... 44 per cent.

> > II.—OTHER LOANS.

(1) Loans to Local Authorities for any purposes of the Small Holdings and Allotments Acts, 1908 to 1926, and the Allotments Acts, 1908 to 1925:-

> Any period 3½ per cent. • • •

(2) Other Loans secured on Local rates:-

> Not exceeding 30 years ... 3½ per cent. Not exceeding 50 years ... $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent.

(3) Loans not secured on Local rates:-

(a) Loans under the Harbours and Passing Tolls etc., Act,

> (i) With collateral security-Not exceeding 30 years ... 3½ per cent. Not exceeding 50 years ... 3² per cent.

(ii) Without collateral security-

Not exceeding 30 years ... 4 per cent. Not exceeding 50 years ... $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.

(b) Other Loans not secured on Local Rates (except Loans to Territorial Associations. which, under Section 6 of the Public Works Loans Act, 1908, bear interest at the rate prescribed for loans on the security of Local Rates):-

> Not exceeding 30 years ... 4 per cent. Not exceeding 50 years ... $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.

Treasury Chambers.

Buckingham Palace, March 11, 1937.

This day had Audience of The KING:

His Excellency Doctor Hafez Afifi Pasha, to present his Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from

His Majesty the King of Egypt; and Señor Don Primo Villa Michel, to present the Letters of Recall of his predecessor, Señor Don Narciso Bassols, and his own Letters of Credence as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the United States of Mexico.

Whitehall, March 15, 1937.

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the roth instant, to appoint Alfred James Long, Esq., LL.B., Barrister-at-Law, to be Recorder of the Borough of Smethwick.

IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL. His Majesty The KING has been pleased to award the Imperial Service Medal to the following officers:-

HOME CIVIL SERVICE.

Abbott, Edward James, Skilled Workman, Class I, Post Office Engineering Department, Luton.

Adams, Frederick James, Shipwright, H.M. Dockyard, Devonport.

Adams, Robert Scott, Machinist, H.M. Dockyard, Portsmouth.

Allen, Harry Percival, Sorting Clerk and Telegraphist, Swansea.

Ampleford, Robertine Annie Martha, Assistant Supervisor, Class II, London Telephone

Backlund, Florence, Sorting Assistant, Savings

Bank Department, Post Office. Barrett, Frederick Humphrey, Assistant Inspector, Post Office, Basingstoke.

Battle, John, Postman, Southampton. Beck, William Arthur, Skilled Labourer, H.M. Dockyard, Devonport.

Sydney Herbert, Postman, London Bevis. Postal Region.

Billett, Edwin Charles, — H.M. Dockyard, Portsmouth.

Page Onslow Valentine, Riveter, Edwin Charles, Master (Dredgers),

Dockyard, Sheerness.

Bone, William James, Fitter, Royal Naval Armament Depot, Plymouth.

Booth, Sarah, Telephonist, Post Office, Stock-

owden, William James Gichard, Driller, H.M. Dockyard, Devonport. Bowden,

Bowler, William Edward, Cook and Baker (Principal Officer), H.M. Prison, Wormwood Scrubs

Boyle, William, Postman, Dunamanagh Sub-Office, Strabane.

Broster, Walter, Postman, Oswestry.

Bussey, Robert, Foreman of Works' Writer, H.M. Dockyard, Chatham.

Calladine, Susanna Ethel, Sorting Clerk and Telegraphist, Lincoln. Carver, Ernest William, Postman, Croydon.

Chamberlin, Harold Leo, Assistant Inspector of Tracing, Accountant General's Department, General Post Office.

Clark, Charles Leopold, Wireman, Dockyard, Chatham.

David Percy, Inspector of Engine Fitters (Assistant Overseer), H.M. Dockyard, Rosyth.

Clemits, James Joseph, Shipwright, H.M.

Dockyard, Devonport.

ollins, Thomas, Engine Fitter, H.M. Dock-Collins, Thomas, Engard, Portsmouth.

Coulter, Margaret Isabel, Sorting Clerk and Telegraphist, Belfast.

Ernest, Skilled Labourer (Traveller Driver), H.M. Dockyard, Chatham.

Cross, Samuel Francis, Shipwright (Chargeman), H.M. Dockyard, Devonport.

Cross, William Henry, Boilermaker, H.M. Dockyard, Portsmouth.

Dalzell, John, Overseer, Post Office, Guernsey. Dixon, George Phillips, Plumber, H.M. Dockyard, Sheerness.

Dobbs, Herbert, Principal Officer, H.M. Prison, Durham.