EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875.

The Right Honourable Edward Shortt, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in virtue of the powers conferred on him by section 53 of the Explosives Act, 1875, has appointed Sergeant Henry Murphy (No. 55725), of the Royal Irish Constabulary, to be an Inspector for Ireland under the said Act.

Whitehall, 1st August, 1919.

Factory Department, Home Office, July 31, 1919.

The Chief Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr. H. M. McC. Coombs to be Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Acts for the Bedford District of the County of Bedford.

Factory Department, Home Office, August 1, 1919.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the resignation of Dr. C. D. Walker, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Acts at Thorne, in the county of Yorks. (West Riding), is vacant.

Downing Street, 5th August, 1919.

The KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Charles Edwin Fox Richards, Esq., to be a Member of the Executive Council of the Island of Saint Vincent.

Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, S.W., 5th August, 1919.

The Board of Trade have, as from the 1st August, 1919, inclusive, appointed Mr. Egerton Spencer Grey, an Official Receiver for the Bankruptcy District of the High Court, to perform the duties of Trustee in the cases named in the fourth Schedule of the Bankruptcy Act, 1914, in succession to Mr. Edwin Leadam Hough, retired.

Admiralty, 8th July, 1919.

Eugineer Comdr. Percy D. Martell, R.N., placed on the Retd. List with rank of Engr. Capt., R.N., with effect from 31st July 1919.

Admiralty, 23rd July, 1919 R.N.R.

Ch.Wt.Engs. placed on Retd. List—William E. Swaine.
Elisha Boyce.
John Hughes.

31st Mac. 1919.

Admiralty, 30th July, 1919.

Admiral of the Fleet Sir William H. Aay, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., placed on the Retired List on account of age. 31st July 1919.

In pursuance of His Majesty's pleasure—Admiral Sir Henry B. Jackson, G.C.B., K.C.V.O., F.R.S., First and Principal Naval Aide-de-Camp to the King, has been selected for promotion to the rank of Admiral of the Fleet. 31st July 1919.

Consequent thereon, the following promotions take place from the same date:—

Vice-Admiral The Hon. Sir Somerset A. Gough-Calthorpe, G.C.M.G., K.C.B, C.V.O., to be Admiral

Rear-Admiral Robert J. Prendergast, C.B., to be Vice-Admiral.

Captain John E. Drummond, R.N., to be Rear-Admiral.

Comdr. (retd.) to be Capt. (retd.), in recognition of services rendered during the War:—

Fredk. J. Evans, C.B.E. 11th Nov. 1918.

Licut.-Comdr. (retd.) to be Comdr. (retd.) in recognition of services rendered during the War:—

Regd. W. Kiddle. 11th Nov. 1918

In pursuance of His Majesty's pleasure, Admiral the Hon. Sir Stanley C. J. Colville, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.C.B., has been appointed First and Principal Naval Aide-de-Camp to the King, in succession to Admiral Sir Henry B. Jackson, promoted Admiral of the Fleet. 31st July 1919.

Actg. Sub-Lieut. John R. D'Oyly to be Sub-Lieut. 15th July 1919.

Actg. Engr. Capts placed on the Retd. List with the rank of Engr.-Capt.— Alfred E. Straw.

Sydney J. Drake.

.31st July 1919.

Actg. Engr.-Lieut. to be Engr.-Lieut.—William J. Shute. 1st May 1918.

R.N.V.R.

Tempy. Sub-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.— Eric J. Spraggon. 4th Apr. 1919. Jack W. Peers. 29th May 1919. Vernon Goulborn. 31st May 1919. Fredk. S. B. Chapman. 18th June 1919. Nathaniel E. Aronson. 24th June 1919 Ewart MacQ. Bassingthwaighte. 30th June 1919.

R.N.V.R.

Tempy. Sub-Lieut James M. Scott, who has been invalided on account of ill-health contracted in the Service, to retain his rank. 1st Aug. 1919.

Admiralty, 31st July, 1919.

Vice-Admiral Robert J. Prendergast, C.B., placed on the Retired List. 1st August 1919.