

WESTMINSTER, August 14, 1903.

This day the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords authorised by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by His Majesty, for declaring His Royal Assent to the Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read;* and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to—

Licensing (Scotland) Act, 1903.
 Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1903.
 Town Councils (Scotland) Act, 1903.
 Airdrie and Coatbridge Tramways Order Confirmation Act, 1903.
 Lerwick Harbour Improvements Act, 1877.
 Amendment Order Confirmation Act, 1903.
 Glasgow Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation Act, 1903.

Anchterarder Town Council Order Confirmation Act, 1903.
 Scottish Central Electric Power Act, 1903.

FACTORY DEPARTMENT, HOME OFFICE,
 August 11, 1903.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the death of Dr. W. B. Macdonald, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory Act, at Dunbar, in the County of Haddington, is vacant.

NOTICE.

The First Commissioner of His Majesty's Works, &c., with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, hereby give notice that the under-mentioned situation is withdrawn from Schedule A of the Order in Council of the 4th of June 1870:—

Assistant in the Furniture Branch of His Majesty's Office of Works, &c.

STATEMENT showing the Quantities Sold and Average Price of BRITISH CORN, per Quarter of 8 Bushels, Imperial Measure,* as received from the Inspectors of Corn Returns, in the Week ended 15th August 1903, pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

BRITISH CORN.				QUANTITIES SOLD.		AVERAGE PRICE.	
				Qrs.	Bus.	s.	d.
Wheat	...	...	...	18,097	4	29	11
Barley	...	...	...	242	6	21	3
Oats	...	...	...	4,892	6	18	10

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT for the corresponding Week in each of the Years from 1896 to 1902.

Corresponding Week in	QUANTITIES SOLD.						AVERAGE PRICE.					
	WHEAT.		BARLEY.		OATS.		WHEAT.		BARLEY.		OATS.	
	Qrs.	Bus.	Qrs.	Bus.	Qrs.	Bus.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1896 ...	60,966	0	1,905	3	8,486	5	22	4	21	11	14	3
1897 ...	49,483	6	742	7	5,422	7	30	4	19	2	17	2
1898 ...	15,672	4	206	4	5,480	1	32	7	24	4	19	11
1899 ...	33,399	3	437	7	6,120	6	24	7	26	11	17	4
1900 ...	32,812	4	608	4	3,593	3	28	10	23	3	19	11
1901 ...	22,617	2	220	7	5,982	4	27	4	27	2	18	9
1902 ...	8,928	7	256	6	1,029	1	31	7	24	9	22	2

* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the Local Inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the imperial bushel, or by weight or by a weighed measure, that Officer shall convert such returns into the imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

P. G. CRAIGIE.

Board of Agriculture, 3 St. James' Square, London, S.W.,
 August 15, 1903.