

FOREIGN OFFICE, January 1, 1905.

The King has been graciously pleased to appoint Arthur Stewart Raikes, Esq., to be His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Chile.

FOREIGN OFFICE, January 16, 1905.

The King has been pleased to approve of Mr. Ludolph Waldemar Marcker as Consul of Denmark at Sydney; Don Fernando Lopez Aldana as Consul of Peru at Glasgow; and Mr. Thomas Herbert Cockbain as Vice-Consul of Chile at London.

FOREIGN OFFICE, January 17, 1905.

The King has been graciously pleased to appoint Stuart Mitford Fraser, Esq., C.I.E., to be His Majesty's Commissioner to negotiate with

the Chinese Commissioner in regard to the Agreement to, and confirmation by, China of the Anglo-Tibetan Agreement of 7th September 1904.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

January 24, 1905.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that an open Competitive Examination for situations as Male Learner in London, in the Department of the Postmaster-General, will be held in London on the 10th March 1905, under the Regulations dated 20th December 1901, and published in the London Gazette of the same date.

Appointments will be offered to not fewer than twenty of the Candidates highest on the list, provided they obtain the necessary aggregate of marks and are duly qualified in other respects.

No person will be admitted to Examination from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before the 23rd February, an application, in the Candidate's own handwriting, on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

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 21st January 1905, pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

| BRITISH CORN. |     |     |     | QUANTITIES SOLD. |      | AVERAGE PRICE. |    |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|------------------|------|----------------|----|
|               |     |     |     | Qrs.             | Bus. | s.             | d. |
| Wheat         | ... | ... | ... | 45,646           | 5    | 30             | 5  |
| Barley        | ... | ... | ... | 90,469           | 1    | 25             | 0  |
| Oats          | ... | ... | ... | 32,957           | 3    | 16             | 5  |

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT for the corresponding Week in each of the Years from 1898 to 1904.

| 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. |
| 1898 ...              | 65,140           | 2    | 109,683 | 5    | 21,370 | 4    | 34             | 6  | 27      | 8  | 17    | 2  |
| 1899 ...              | 75,032           | 1    | 93,061  | 6    | 22,973 | 4    | 26             | 7  | 27      | 9  | 17    | 0  |
| 1900 ...              | 65,381           | 2    | 108,357 | 3    | 17,814 | 6    | 25             | 10 | 25      | 9  | 16    | 4  |
| 1901 ...              | 74,277           | 0    | 119,320 | 5    | 24,989 | 5    | 26             | 10 | 25      | 6  | 17    | 6  |
| 1902 ...              | 74,753           | 5    | 87,594  | 0    | 25,382 | 2    | 27             | 7  | 26      | 7  | 20    | 3  |
| 1903 ...              | 68,877           | 0    | 124,638 | 6    | 35,623 | 5    | 25             | 0  | 24      | 1  | 16    | 11 |
| 1904 ...              | 53,618           | 7    | 112,318 | 1    | 36,829 | 7    | 27             | 3  | 22      | 4  | 15    | 11 |

\* 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.

Board of Agriculture and Fisheries,  
3 St. James' Square, London, S.W.,  
21st January 1905.

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