

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £1000, £5000, or £10,000. They will be dated the 1st January 1906, and will be payable at six months after date, viz., on the 1st July 1906.

3. *The Tenders must specify the net amount per cent. which will be given for the amounts applied for; and the Tenders of private individuals must be made through a London Banker.*

4. The Bills will be issued and paid at the Bank of England.

5. The persons whose Tenders are accepted will be informed of the same on Thursday the 28th instant, and payment in full of the amounts of the accepted Tenders must be made to the Bank of England not later than three o'clock on Monday the 1st proximo.

6. The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.

Treasury Chambers, 19th December 1905.

## POST OFFICE.

## FOREIGN AND COLONIAL POST.

In pursuance of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, His Majesty's Postmaster-General hereby gives notice that a Warrant, dated the 30th day of November 1905, and coming into operation on the 1st day of December 1905, has been made on his representation by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in pursuance of the Post Office Acts, with reference to the transmission of postcards by the Foreign and Colonial Post.

And the Postmaster-General further gives notice that copies of the said Warrant may be purchased, either directly or through any bookseller, from Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh; or Wyman & Sons Limited, Fetter Lane, E.C.; or Edward Ponsonby, 116 Grafton Street, Dublin.

Dated this 16th day of December 1905.

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 16th December 1905, pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

BRITISH CORN.				QUANTITIES SOLD.		AVERAGE PRICE.	
				Qrs.	Bus.	s.	d.
Wheat	...	...	...	80,567	7	28	5
Barley	...	...	...	135,925	0	24	5
Oats	...	...	...	34,878	3	17	11

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	...	...	61,583	4	132,590	4	22,148	7	26	9	28	6	17	0
1899	...	...	67,102	7	116,757	5	16,447	5	25	6	25	10	16	0
1900	...	...	50,872	2	145,585	1	19,853	2	26	7	25	7	17	2
1901	...	...	60,562	6	119,398	2	26,260	2	27	7	26	8	19	8
1902	...	...	58,932	6	151,908	1	37,744	7	24	10	24	2	16	10
1903	...	...	53,397	2	151,873	2	30,707	2	26	9	23	0	15	7
1904	...	...	44,745	7	130,563	2	35,960	6	30	4	24	4	16	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.

Board of Agriculture and Fisheries,

3 St. James' Square, London, S.W.,

16th December 1905.

WM. SOMERVILLE.