

DOWNING STREET, December 29, 1906.

The King has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of William Rees Morgan Davies, Esq. (King's Advocate, Cyprus), to be Attorney-General of the Colony of Hong Kong.

#### EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875.

The Right Honourable Herbert John Gladstone, 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 Anthony Daly (No. 52,076), of the Royal Irish Constabulary, an Inspector for Ireland under the said Act.

Whitehall, 29th December 1906.

FACTORY DEPARTMENT, HOME OFFICE,

December 29, 1906.

The Chief Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr. W. Brown to be Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory and Workshop Act, for the Braemar District of the County of Aberdeen.

ADMIRALTY, December 31, 1906.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have appointed Sydney Samuel Hough, Esquire, F.R.S., Chief Assistant to the Astronomer at the Observatory, Cape of Good Hope, to be Astronomer at that Observatory on the retirement of Sir David Gill, K.C.B. Dated 20th February 1907.

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 29th December 1906, pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

BRITISH CORN.				QUANTITIES SOLD.		AVERAGE PRICE.	
				Qrs.	Bus.	s.	d.
Wheat	...	...	...	46,937	6	26	0
Barley	...	...	...	97,796	7	24	1
Oats	...	...	...	29,124	1	17	3

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT for the corresponding Week in each of the Years from 1899 to 1905.

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.
1899 ...	40,086	0	65,347	4	13,380	5	25	9	25	7	16	2
1900 ...	22,272	0	55,917	5	9,785	0	26	5	25	4	17	2
1901 ...	31,440	5	34,777	1	11,621	6	27	7	26	7	19	10
1902 ...	19,025	5	46,225	1	12,950	3	25	0	23	11	16	10
1903 ...	28,431	2	51,504	6	16,671	4	26	3	22	1	15	5
1904 ...	21,163	5	60,817	2	18,106	4	30	4	24	8	16	2
1905 ...	57,984	5	77,385	4	19,683	7	28	3	24	7	18	1

\* 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.,  
29th December 1906.

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