

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON, March 27, 1908.

The Secretary of State for India in Council has appointed the following Officers to superintend the transfer of Lascars, or other persons, at the ports mentioned, and to grant the certificate required under section 125 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 (57 and 58 Victoria, cap. 60).

*London.*—Major N. E. Chesney to be Lascar Transfer Officer.

*London.*—Mr. John Randfield Gilchrist to be Assistant Lascar Transfer Officer.

*London.*—Mr. Charles John Davies to be Assistant Lascar Transfer Officer.

*London.*—Mr. Peter Edwin Giles Portch to be Assistant Lascar Transfer Officer.

*London.*—Mr. Walter Henry Cotton Hambling to be Assistant Lascar Transfer Officer.

*Ardrossan.*—Mr. Albert Beard to be Lascar Transfer Officer.

*Ardrossan.*—Mr. John Charles Holmes to be Assistant Lascar Transfer Officer.

*West Hartlepool.*—Mr. Albert Rhind to be Assistant Lascar Transfer Officer.

*West Hartlepool.*—Mr. John Cartwright to be Assistant Lascar Transfer Officer.

The fee to be paid for every Lascar, or other person, in respect of whom such certificate is applied for, is limited to three shillings, and in no case is the total amount of fees in respect of one crew to exceed five pounds.

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 28th March 1908, pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

BRITISH CORN.				QUANTITIES SOLD.		AVERAGE PRICE.	
				Qrs.	Bus.	s.	d.
Wheat	...	...	...	49,657	0	31	4
Barley	...	...	...	22,223	3	25	10
Oats	...	...	...	24,215	6	17	10

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT for the corresponding Week in each of the Years from 1901 to 1907.

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.
1901 ...	42,721	7	14,647	5	11,776	3	26	3	25	3	18	0
1902 ...	31,277	3	7,008	1	5,994	4	27	3	26	5	20	6
1903 ...	44,169	2	22,380	1	19,275	4	25	3	22	6	17	0
1904 ...	45,419	2	20,042	1	17,789	5	27	11	22	10	16	6
1905 ...	26,933	0	11,235	3	17,703	4	30	9	25	1	16	11
1906 ...	51,842	1	10,961	6	15,769	6	28	3	24	5	18	11
1907 ...	49,202	1	15,929	2	18,412	1	26	8	23	9	18	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.,  
28th March 1908.

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