

from the date of such Patents, pursuant to the Act of the 16th Vict., c. 5, sec. 2, for the week ending the 19th day of May, 1877.

1369. James Miller and James Miller, junior, of No. 38, Clifton-road, Peckham, in the county of Surrey, for an invention of "improvements in the manufacture of elastic fabrics suitable for gussets."—Dated 13th May, 1870.

1370. Thomas Coles, Chemist, of Castle Cary, and William Henderson, of Clunville, Castle Cary, both in the county of Somerset, for an invention of "improvements in machinery for scutching flax and other fibres."—Dated 13th May, 1870.

1379. Prosper Pimont, of Rouen, in the Empire of France, Manufacturer, for an invention of "improvements in the manufacture and application of a composition or compositions for preserving the surfaces of walls, metals, wood, and other materials."—Dated 14th May, 1870.

1389. James Baird Handyside and Thomas Richardson Yarrow, both of Glasgow, in the county of Lanark, North Britain, Engineers, for an invention of "improvements in springs, and in apparatus for making the same."—Dated 14th May, 1870.

1406. Dillwyn Smith, of Liverpool, in the county of Lancaster, Gentleman, for an invention of "improvements in furnaces, and in apparatus connected therewith."—Dated 16th May, 1870.

1413. Martin Benson, of 9, Southampton-buildings, London, Engineer, for an invention of "improvements in steam pumping or blowing engines."—Communicated to him from abroad by James Riley Maxwell and Ezra Cope, both of Cincinnati, Ohio, United States of North America.—Dated 17th May, 1870.

1428. David McColley Weston, of Boston, Massachusetts, United States of America, for an invention of "improvements in the machines for and the manufacture of knitted goods."—Dated 18th May, 1870.

1450. Joseph Schloss, of No. 46, Cannon-street, in the city of London, for an invention of "improvements in fastenings applicable to purses and such like articles."—Communication from Paul Sormany, a person resident at 10, Rue Charlott, Paris, in the Empire of France.—Dated 19th May, 1870.

1454. James Partridge Blake, of Medway, State of Massachusetts, in the United States of America, but at present residing at Birmingham, in the county of Warwick, Mechanical Engineer, for an invention of "improvements in rolling metallic rods or wire, and in machinery employed for that purpose."—Dated 19th May, 1870.

In the Matter of the Companies Acts, 1862 and 1867, and in the Matter of the Agricultural Auction and Agency Company Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a petition for the winding up of the above-named Company by Her Majesty's High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, was, on the 14th day of May, 1877, presented to the said High Court of Justice by James Harris, of No. 34, Palace Gardens-terrace, Kensington, in the county of Middlesex, Public Accountant, and George Augustus Cape, of No. 8, Old Jewry, in the city of London, Public Accountant, the said James Harris being a contributory of the said Company, and the said George Augustus Cape and James Harris being creditors of the said Company; and that the said petition is directed to be heard before the Master of the Rolls, on the 2nd day of June, 1877; and any

creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to oppose the making of an order for the winding up of the said Company under the above Acts, should appear at the time of hearing by himself or his counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for the same.—Dated this 24th day of May, 1877.

Linklater, Hackwood, Addison, and Brown,
7, Walbrook, London, Solicitors for the
Petitioners.

West Flanders Railways.

10, Moorgate-Street, London,
May 15, 1877.

NOTICE is hereby given, that in accordance with Article 49 of the statutes, the accounts of the Company for the half-year ending 31st December, 1876, with the vouchers in support of them, will be deposited at the Siège of the Company, in Bruges, during twenty days from the 30th May instant, for the inspection of the Shareholders.

By order,
F. Smith, Secretary.

Royal Exchange Assurance Office.

Royal Exchange, London,
May 23, 1877.

THE Court of Directors of the Corporation of the Royal Exchange Assurance do hereby give notice, that their Transfer Books will be shut from Thursday, the 7th, to Thursday, the 28th of June next; and that a General Court of the said Corporation will be holden at their office at the Royal Exchange, on Wednesday, the 20th of June, at twelve o'clock at noon, to consider of a Dividend.

E. R. Handcock, Secretary.

The Mutual Life Assurance Society.

39, King-Street, Cheapside,
London, May 24, 1877.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Half-yearly General Meeting of the Members of this Society will be holden at the offices of the Society in King-street aforesaid, on Wednesday, the 18th day of July next, at twelve o'clock at noon precisely, and that the Meeting will elect five Directors in the places of George Battcock, Esq., Woodthorpe Brandon, Esq., Sir K. G. Key, Bart., Edgar P. Stringer, Esq., Charles John Todd, Esq., and one Auditor in the place of James Renat Scott, Esq., who respectively go out of office by rotation, and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Any member duly qualified and intending to become a candidate, or any member desirous of proposing any other member duly qualified to be a Director or Auditor to supply either of the said vacancies must signify, in writing, to the Actuary within the space of fourteen days from the date hereof, either his intention to become a candidate, or the name and place of abode of the candidate proposed by him.

H. W. Manly, Actuary.

In the Matter of the Companies Acts, 1862, and in the Matter of the Pyro-Plating Company Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given, that at a General Meeting of the Shareholders in the said Company, duly convened and held at the offices of Messrs. Cowdell, Grundy, and Browne, Solicitors, No. 26, Budge-row, in the city of London, on