SUMMARY OF RETURNS.

Period.	Anthrax.		Foot-and-Mouth Disease.		Glanders (including Farcy).		Pleuro-Pneumonia.			Rabies.		Swine-Fever.	
								Cattle Slaughtered.		Cases Reported.			
	Outbreaks.	Animals Attacked.	Outbreaks.	Animals Attacked.	Outbreaks.	Animals Attacked.	Outbreaks.	Diseased.	Exposed to Infection.	Dogs.	Other Animals.	Outbreaks.	Swine Slaughtered as Diseased or Exposed to Infection.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Week ended Dec. 18, 1897	8	9	...	...	15	22	...	...	...	1	...	17	282
Corresponding week in 1896	7	20	...	...	15	18	...	...	...	8	...	64	849
Corresponding week in 1895	15	18	...	...	13	26	...	...	...	9	...	111	1,632
Corresponding week in 1894	7	7	...	...	14	29	...	...	...	9	...	53	827
Total for 51 Weeks 1897.	422	861	...	...	899	1,551	7	46	741	155	16	2,135	39,922
Corresponding period in 1896	480	889	...	...	805	1,281	2	9	183	436	22	5,124	78,885
Corresponding period in 1895	423	890	...	...	956	1,576	1	...	43	666	55	6,217	68,797
Corresponding period in 1894	484	982	3	268	954	1,419	2	15	391	233	10	5,617	55,930

NOTE.—The figures for the current Year are approximate only.

Board of Agriculture, 21st December, 1897.

In the Matter of the Rand Investment Corporation Limited and Reduced and in the Matter of the Companies Acts 1867 and 1877.

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition has been presented to the Court of Chancery for confirming a resolution of the above Company for reducing its capital from £100,000 to £43,000. A list of the persons admitted to have been creditors of the Company on the 17th day of November 1897 may be inspected at the offices of the Company at Bartholomew House, Bartholomew-lane, in the city of London or at the offices of Messrs. Loughborough Gedge Nisbet and Drew Solicitors at 23 Austin Friars in the city of London at any time during the usual business hours on payment of the charge of 1*s*. Any person who claims to have been on the last-mentioned day and still to be a creditor of the Company and who is not entered on the said list and claims to be so entered must on or before the 14th day of March 1898 send in his name and address and the particulars of his claim and the name and address of his Solicitor, if any, to the undersigned at 23 Austin Friars aforesaid or in default thereof he will be precluded from objecting to the proposed reduction of capital.—Dated this 18th day of December 1897.

LOUGHBOROUGH GEDGE and Co. Solicitors to the said Company.

Hannan's North Crœsus Gold Mining Company, Limited.

AT an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the above-named Company, duly convened, and held at Winchester House, Old Broad-street, in the city of London, on the 22nd day of November, 1897, the following Special Resolutions were duly passed; and at a subsequent Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the said Company, also duly convened, and held at the same place on the 8th day of December, 1897, the following Special Resolutions were duly confirmed:—

1. "That it is desirable to reconstruct the Company, and accordingly that the Company be wound up voluntarily, and that Horace Herwin, of 5 Moorgate-street-buildings, in the city of London, be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purposes of such winding-up.

2. "That the said Liquidator be and he is hereby authorized to consent to the registration of a new Company, to be named Hannan's North Crœsus Gold Mining Company, Limited, or such other name as may be allowed, to be registered with a Memorandum and Articles of Association which have been already prepared with the privity and approval of the Directors of this Company."

ALBERT KING Chairman.

F. G. B. CRAWLEY 5 Chancery-lane London Solicitor.

Walkers' Aire Roller Milling Company, Limited.

AT an adjourned Extraordinary General Meeting of Walkers' Aire Roller Milling Company, Limited, held by adjournment from the 2nd day of December, 1897, at the Coffee Palace, Shipley, on Thursday, the 9th day of December, 1897, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, the following Extraordinary Resolutions were duly passed:—

"That it has been proved to the satisfaction of this Meeting that the Company cannot by reason of its liabilities continue its business, and that it is advisable to wind up the same, and accordingly that the Company be wound up voluntarily.

"And that Mr. John Edwin Whitham, Chartered Accountant, Barum House, Harrison-road, Halifax, in the county of York, be appointed the Liquidator of the said Company."

URIAH HORNE Chairman.

In the Matter of the United Kingdon Oil and Meal Company Limited.

AT an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the above named Company duly convened and held at Cogan House Bowl-alley-lane Hull on the 22nd day of November 1897 the following Special Resolution was duly passed, and at a subsequent Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the said Company also duly convened and held at the same place