respecting the plague are enforced in Egypt against arrivals from Jeddah.

(S. 1097.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries Department), London, April 1, 1898.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Representative at Copenhagen, reporting that the Government of the Danish Antilles has abolished, from the 19th February, the quarantine imposed on arrivals from the Island of Puerto Rico.

(S. 1114.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries Department), London, April 1, 1898.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Telegram from Her Majesty's Representative at Constantinople, intimating that the Sani-tary Board have decided that all ships are to disembark passengers at Ras el Aswad, in connection with outbreak of plague.

(S. 1120.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries Department), London, April 1, 1898.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the following copy of a Telegram from Her Majesty's Representative at Alexandria, viz. : - "Assyr released from Quarantine. Plague Rules applied to arrivals from Hong Kong and provisionally to Raselaswad in Hedjaz pending receipt of information as to isolation."

(S. 1139.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries Department),

London, April 1, 1898. THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the following Notification issued by Her Majesty's Representative in Japan respecting the inspection of vessels arriving in Japan from Formosa, viz. : --

NOTIFICATION:

THE undersigned Her Britannic Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary in Japan hereby makes known to British subjects resident in or resorting to Japan that he has received a note from the Japanese Government to the effect that owing to indications of the spreading of the pest in Formosa, it has been deemed necessary to enforce medical inspection at the undermentioned ports in accordance with the Imperial Ordinance, No. 56 of May, 1894, against vessels arriving in Japan which have sailed from or touched at that island, or which, having sailed thence, have touched at other ports on the way :-

Kobe, in the Hiogo Prefecture. Nagasaki, in the Nagasaki Prefecture.

Moji, in the Fukuoka Prefecture.

Ujina, in the Hiroshima Prefecture.

Sankaku, in the Kumamoto Prefecture.

Kagoshima, in the Kagoshima Prefecture. Naba, in the Okinawa Prefecture.

When it is necessary to carry out disinfection in the case of vessels arriving at ports other than Nagasaki and Kobe, they shall be directed to proceed to the nearest Medical Inspection Station.

For vessels proceeding to Kobe and Shimonoseki the inspection stations will be respectively Wada-no-misaki and Moji.

ERNEST SATOW.

Her Britannic Majesty's Legation, Tokio, February 11th, 1898.

(S. 1160.)

Board of Trade (Fisherics Department), London, April 5, 1898.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Telegram from Her Majesty's Representative at St. Petersburgh, intimating that Jeddah and Hong Kong are declared infected by plague.

Admiralty, 2nd April, 1898.

CONSEQUENT on the retirement of Rear-Admiral Richard Horace Hamond from 31st March, 1898, the following promotions have been made from the same date :-

Captain James Andrew Thomas Bruce, A.de.C., to be Rear-Admiral in Her Majesty's Fleet.

Captains :

Honourable Thomas Seymour Brand,

Richard Evans.

Edmund George Bourke,

to be Rear-Admirals on the Retired List.

In accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 22nd February, 1870-

Staff Commander Charles Hemus Hopkins has been placed on the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank of Commander. Dated 25th March, 1898.

Admiralty, 4th April. 1898.

THE following Acting Sub-Lieutenants have been confirmed in the rank of Sub-Lieutenant in

Her Majesty's Fleet, viz. :-

Oswald William Ormsby.

Dated 15th September, 1896.

Arthur Edward Silvertop.

Aribur Corry Gotto. Charles Talbot Hardy.

Ernest Edward Alexander Betts. Dated 15th January, 1897.

Ernest Henry Rideout.

George Desborough Ward.

Dated 15th February, 1897.

William Ryrie Alexander.

Arthur Henry de Kantzow.

George William McOran Campbell.

Walter Pulteney Koe.

Wilfred Tomkinson.

Henry Prianlx Cayley.

Archibald Vesey Courage. William Lutley Williams-Mason.

Henry Chapman Alcock. Hugh Bowring Mulleneux.

Dated 15th March, 1897.

Harry Owen Reinold.

Dated 15th April, 1897.

The following Sub-Lieutenants have been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in Her Majesty's Fleet, viz. :

Oswald William Ormsby.

Dated 15th September, 1897.

Charles Talbot Hardy.

Dated 15th January, 1898.

Royal Naval Reserve.

Sub-Lieutenant John Percival-Jones has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Dated Ist April, 1898.

War Office, Poll Mall,

5th April, 1898.

1st Life Guards, Captain Edwin B. Cook, on completion of his period of service as Adjutant, has vacated that appointment. Dated 1st April, 1898.