Education Department, Whitehall, January 12, 1899. ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACTS, 1870-1893.

THE Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education have issued an order this day for the compulsory formation of a School Board in the undermentioned Parish:-

Litherland Lancaster

Admiralty, 10th January, 1899.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 21st July, 1876—Commander Vere Bernard Orlebar has been authorized to assume the rank of Retired Captain. Dated 31st December, 1898.

Royal Naval Reserve.

Engineer Henry Walter Fawdon has been appointed Senior Engineer. Dated 4th January, 1899.

Admiralty, 12th January, 1899.
THE undermentioned Staff Engineers have been advanced to the rank of Fleet Engineer in the Royal Navy, under Her Majesty's Order in Council of 17th February, 1886:— William Frederick Pamphlett. Dated 9th January, 1899.

Dated 10th January, 1899. John Jones. John Henry Walton. Dated 12th January, 1899.

The undermentioned Chief Engineers have been advanced to the rank of Staff Engineer in Her Majesty's Fleet, under Her Majesty's Order in Council of 17th February, 1886:—
James Michael Thompson. Dated 1st January,

1899.

Francis Thomas George. Dated 6th January, 1899.

Henry Christopher McLean. Dated 8th January,

Frederick Matthew Cottam. Dated 8th January, 1899.

William Whittingham. Dated 11th January, 1899.

THE FAIRS ACT, 1873. WEDMORE FAIR.

THE Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice, that by Memorial, dated the 16th December, 1898, a representation has been duly made to him by the Axbridge Union Rural District Council that a Fair has been annually held at Wedmore on the Monday preceding the 25th day of July, and that it would be for the convenience and advantage of the public that such Fair should in future be held on the last Monday in July.

On the 9th day of February, 1899, the Secretary of State will take such representation into consideration, and any person who may desire to object to the alteration of the date for holding the Fair, should intimate his objections to the Secretary of State before that day.

Home Office, Whitehall, January 9, 1899.

Scottish Office, Whitehall, January 12, 1899.

THE Secretary for Scotland hereby gives notice that the following Order has been made by him under the Wild Birds Protection Acts, 1880 to 1896, upon the application of the County Council of Kirkeudbright :-

NOTE.—By an Order of the Secretary for Scotland, dated 27th July, 1891, the close time enacted by this section has been extended, so far as regards the county of Zetland, to the 31st day of August in each year.

SCOTLAND.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT. The Wild Birds Protection (Stewartry of Kirkcudbright) Order, 1899.

WHEREAS by the Wild Birds Protection Acts, 1880 to 1896, as applying to Scotland, it is, amongst other things, provided as follows:

Firstly.-Any person who between the first day of March and the first day of August in any year shall knowingly and wilfully shoot or attempt to shoot, or shall use any boat for the purpose of shooting or causing to be shot, any Wild Bird, or shall use any lime, trap, snare, net, or other instrument for the purpose of taking any Wild Bird, or shall expose or offer for sale, or shall have in his control or possession after the fifteenth day of March, any Wild Bird recently killed or taken, shall, on conviction of any such offence before the Sheriff, in the case of any Wild Bird which is included in the Schedule hereunto annexed, forfeit and pay for every such bird in respect of which an offence has been committed a sum not exceeding one pound, and, in the case of any other Wild Bird, shall for a first offence be reprimanded and discharged on payment of costs, and for every subsequent offence forfeit and pay for every such Wild Bird in respect of which an offence is committed a sum of money not exceeding five shillings, in addition to the This section shall not apply to the owner or occupier of any land, or to any person authorized by the owner or occupier of any land, killing or taking any Wild Bird on such land not included in the Schedule hereto annexed.

Schedule to Act of 1880 as amended by Act of 1881.

American Quail, Auk, Avocet, Bee-eater, Bittern, Bonxic, Colin, Cornish Chough, Coulterneb, Cuckoo, Curlew, Diver, Dotterel, Dunbird, Dunlin, Eider Duck, Fern-owl, Fulmar, Gannet, Goatsucker, Godwit, Goldfinch, Grebe, Greenshank, Guillemot, Gull (except Black-backed Gull), Hoopoe, Kingfisher, Kittiwake, Lapwing, Lark, Loon, Mallard, Marrot, Merganser, Murre, Night-hawk, Nightjar, Nightingale, Oriole, Owl, Ox Bird, Oyster Catcher, Peewit, Petrel, Phala-rope, Plover, Ploverspage, Pochard, Puffin, Purre, Razorbill, Redsbank, Reeve or Ruff, Roller, Sanderling, Sandpiper, Scout, Sealark, Seamew, Sea Parrot, Sea Swallow, Shearwater, Shelldrake, Shoveller, Skua, Smew, Snipe, Solan Goose, Spoonbill, Stint, Stone Curlew, Stonehatch, Summer Snipe, Tarrock, Teal, Tern, Thicknee, Tystey, Whaup, Whimbrel, Wigeon, Wild Duck,

Willock, Woodcock, Woodpecker.

Secondly.—The Secretary for Scotland may, upon application by the County Council of any administrative county by Order prohibit—
(1) The taking or destroying of Wild Birds'

eggs in any year or years in any place or places within that county; or

(2) The taking or destroying the eggs of any specified kind of Wild Birds within that county or part or parts thereof, as recommended by the said County Council, and set forth in the said Order.

Thirdly.—The Secretary for Scotland may, on the representation of the Council of any administrative county, order that the principal Act shall apply within that county, or any part or parts thereof, to any species of Wild Bird not included in the Schedule of that Act, as if that species of Wild Bird were included in the Schedule of that

Fourthly.—The powers exerciseable by the Secretary for Scotland shall extend to the making of an Order prohibiting, for special reasons men-