Scottish Office, Whitehall, February 14, 1900.

THE Secretary for Scotland has been pleased, by Warrant under his hand and Seal, bearing date the 13th instant, to appoint George Watt, Esq., Solicitor, Dundee, to be Sheriff Clerk of Forfarshire, in the room of Thomas Congleton, deceased.

Scottish Office, Whitehall, February 15, 1900.

THE Queen has been pleased, by Warrants under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 10th instant, to direct Letters Patent to pass the Great Seal in Scotland, appointing Sir Thomas David Gibson Carmichael, Bart., and David Scott-Moncrieff, Esq., W.S., to be Trustees and Commissioners of the Board of Manufactures in Scotland, to fill the vacancies occasioned by the death of the Marquess of Lothian and the resignation of Lord Robertson.

Education Department, Whitehall, February 15, 1900.

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:—

Storrington ... Sussex (West)

Crown Office, February 14, 1900.

MEMBERS returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

North-East Lancashire.—Rossendale Division.
William Mather, Esq., in the place of John Henry
Maden, Esq., who has accepted the office of
Steward or Bailiff of the Manor of Northstead,
in the county of York.

County of Armagh.—Mid-Armagh Division.

John Brownlee Lonsdale, Esq., in the place of Dunbar Plunket Barton, Esq., Q.C, who has accepted the office of a Judge of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice in Ireland.

(F. & H. 2818)

Board of Trade (Fusheries and Harbour Department), London, February 14, 1900 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 Buenos Ayres, intimating that quarantine has been abolished against arrivals from all Portuguese ports, except Oporto.

(F. & H. 2281.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, February 16, 1900.

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 The Hague, intimating that Portugal has been declared free from plague.

(F. & H. 2899.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, February 16, 1900. THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the following extract from the Portuguese Official Gazette, viz.:—

Lisbon, February 9, 1900. Extract.

The Portuguese Official Gazette announces that in view of the present sanitary condition of

the town of Oporto, the King's Government has, on the recommendation of the Board of Health, decreed the discontinuance of the precautionary measures to which arrivals from that place had been subjected since the outbreak of the bubonic plague.

Admiralty, 13th February, 1900.

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

Fleet Engineer Andrew Spalding has been placed on the Retired List of his rank, at his own request. Dated 12th February, 1900.

Royal Marine Artillery.

The name of Second Lieutenant Logan Deare Passy has been withdrawn from the list of Officers, Royal Marine Artillery. Dated 9th February, 1900.

Royal Naval Reserve.

The undermentioned Gentlemen have been appointed Sub-Lieutenants:—

Walter Harry Wilkes.
William Frederick Inskip.
Frank Lavington Moth.
William Holmes Hossack.
Robert Findlay.

Dated 9th February, 1900.

Admiralty, 14th February, 1900.

THE undermentioned Clerks have been promoted to the rank of Assistant-Paymaster in Her Majesty's Fleet:—

Alfred Ernest Aylen. Dated 26th October,

Victor Octavius Padwick. Dated 20th November, 1899.

Ernest Alexander Couper. Dated 10th January, 1900.

Arthur Reeve Cowman. Dated 24th January, 1900.

Royal Marine Light Infantry.

The promotion to the rank of Captain of Lieutenant Frank E. C. B. Chichester is dated 16th January, 1900, instead of as notified in the Gazette of the 13th instant.

Admiralty, 15th February, 1900.

Sub-Lieutenant Harry Tylden Mosse has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in Her Majesty's Fleet. Dated 15th February, 1900.

War Office, Pall Mall, 16th February, 1900.

2nd Life Guards, Captain Thomas, Earl of Longford, is seconded for service in South Africa. Dated 3rd February, 19.0.

1st Dragoon Guards, The promotions to the rank of Captain and Lieutenant respectively of Lieutenant H. F. Searight and Second Lieutenant L. S. Denny are antedated to 22nd November, 1899.

7th Hussars, Lieutenant Allan Bingham Pollok, from 3rd Battalion Princess Louise's (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders), to be Second Lieutenant, vice E. G. Woods, transferred to 8th Hussars. Dated 17th February, 1900.

8th Hussars, Lieutenant Lothian Graeme Scott, from the Suffolk Artillery, to be Second Lieutenant, on augmentation. Dated 17th February, 1900.