

THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS,
1894 AND 1896.

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

Notice is hereby given, in pursuance of section 49 (3) of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, that the Board of Agriculture have made the following Orders:—

Date.	Subject.
1903.	
6th March ..	An imported dog belonging to Major G. Soady.
9th March ..	Imported dogs belonging to (1) Mr. Alfred Ezra; (2) Mr. Martin Wells; and (3) Mr. W. L. Wood, respectively.
10th March ..	An imported dog belonging to Private H. Warwick.
12th March ..	Imported dogs belonging to (1) Major R. H. Carr-Ellison; and (2) Mr. C. J. Goovairt, respectively.

Copies of these Orders may be obtained at 4, Whitehall Place, London, S.W.

TELEGRAMS FOR COREA.

The rate for Telegrams to Corea is now as follows:—

COREA:—		Per word.			
		s.	d.		
Fusan ..	{ Great Northern Co. ..	6	2		
				Eastern Co. ..	7
Seoul ..	{ Indo-European Co. ..	7	9		
				Viâ Turkey ..	7
Chemulpo ..	{	7	7		
				Great Northern Co. ..	6
				Eastern Co. ..	8
				Indo-European Co. ..	1
Other Places,	{	7	10		
				Viâ Turkey ..	7

TENDERS FOR LOANS ON TREASURY BILLS.

1. The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that Tenders will be received at the Chief Cashier's Office, at the Bank of England, on Monday, the 23rd instant, at one o'clock, for Treasury Bills to be issued under the Acts 40 Vic., cap. 2, and 52 Vic., cap. 6, to the amount of £2,720,000, in replacement of Bills falling due on the 29th instant.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £1,000, £5,000, or £10,000. They will be dated the 28th March, 1903, and will be payable at twelve months after date, viz.:—on the 28th March, 1904.

3. *The Tenders must specify the net amount per cent. which will be given for the amounts applied for, and the Tenders of private individuals must be made through a London Banker.*

4. The Bills will be issued and paid at the Bank of England.

5. The persons whose Tenders are accepted will be informed of the same on Tuesday, the 24th instant, and payment in full of the amounts of the accepted Tenders must be made to the Bank of England not later than twelve o'clock, on Saturday, the 28th instant.

6. The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.

Treasury Chambers, 17th March, 1903.

NOTICES TO MARINERS.

(Nos. 212 to 218 of the year 1903.)

[The bearings are magnetic, and those concerning the visibility of lights are given from seaward.]

No. 212.—NORTH SEA—NETHERLANDS.

Ymuiden Harbour—Additional Sluice Signals.

The Netherlands Government has given notice, that on and after the 1st April, 1903, whenever two of the sluices are open in the locks at Ymuiden, two blue flags, with the word "Spuien" in white letters, will be hoisted at the flagstaff near the western leading light into the harbour during the day, and at night two groups of lights, each group comprising three red lights triangularly placed, will be exhibited at the yard-arm of the semaphore signal staff.

Vessels, provided that they are of over 21 feet draught, desiring to have the sluices closed or partially so, can make a signal to this effect by hoisting letter N of the International Signal Code by day, or three red lights, vertically placed, at night.

If this request can be complied with it will be answered in the following manner:—If only one sluice is open, the signal indicating it will be hauled down; if two sluices are open, one of the two signals indicating it will be hauled down; should it be impracticable to close the sluices, the signals indicating that they are open will be kept displayed.

Approximate position, lat. 52° 27' N., long. 4° 34' E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Ymuiden Harbour, No. 850. Also, North Sea Pilot, Part IV, 1901, page 139.

No. 213.—CHILE—PATAGONIAN CHANNELS.

Guia Narrows—Non-Existence of Rock.

The Chilean Government has given notice, dated 6th October, 1902, that an unsuccessful search has again been made for the rock 1½ miles north-westward from Cape Charles in the southern entrance to Guia Narrows.

This rock was originally reported in 1852 by Commander Paul Shirley, United States ship "Suwanee."

It was not seen by Her Majesty's ship "Nassau" whilst employed in surveying the Patagonian Channels, although she passed over the ground on several occasions; nor was it seen by Her Majesty's ship "Scout" in 1871.

It was searched for in 1875, and again unsuccessfully, by Captain E. M. Simpson, of the Chilean Navy.

In 1876 a report was published in a newspaper that the Commander of the British ship "Dacia" had seen this danger when passing through Guia Narrows; but inquiries were made of the Commander of the "Dacia" from this department, which showed that he merely saw a patch of kelp hereabouts at midnight, but that afterwards, when passing the locality in the daytime, no kelp was visible, and he therefore concluded that it was detached kelp he saw on the first occasion.

The danger was again unsuccessfully searched for by Her Majesty's surveying-vessel "Alert" in 1878, and by the Chilean surveying-vessel "Chacabuco" in 1879.

When, however, Her Majesty's ship "Mutine" passed the locality in September, 1881, just about sunset, the Captain thought he saw something appearing above the water which appeared like a rock, but this was probably a log floating.