#### BIRDS.

Close time varied.

II. The time during which the killing and taking of Wild Birds is prohibited by the Act of 1880 shall be varied within the Administrative County of the Parts of Holland, Lincolnshire, so as to be between the last day of February and the 16th August in each year.

Repeal of former Order.

III. The Order of the 4th day of February, 1881, is hereby repealed.

Given under my hand at Whitehall, this ninth day of July, 1903.

A. Akers-Douglas,

One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

## INCOME TAX.

Whereas it has become necessary to renew the list of persons to supply vacancies amongst the Commissioners appointed to act in the division of Colwyn, in the county of Radnor, as Commissioners for the general purposes of the Acts of Parliament for granting to His Majesty duties on profits arising from property, professions, trades, and offices: Now we, two of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, in pursuance of the powers vested in us in that behalf, do hereby convene a meeting of the Land Tax Commissioners for the county aforesaid, being respectively qualified to act as such Commissioners, to be holden at the Llanelwedd Arms Hotel, Llanelwedd, in the county of Radnor, on Monday, the twentieth day of July, 1903, at twelve o'clock noon, for the purpose of choosing fit and proper persons to be Commissioners to supply vacancies amongst the Commissioners for the general purposes of the Income Tax for the division of Colwyn aforesaid.

H. W. Primrose. E. E. Nott Bower.

Inland Revenue, Somerset House, London, 9th July, 1903.

# REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS. Order No. 19/1903.

Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of the provisions of the twenty-first section of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of the reign of Her late Majesty, intituled "The Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1874," I, William Cospatrick Dunbar, C.B., Registrar-General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in England, have, with the sanction of the Local Government Board, ordered and declared that, on and after the first day of August next, in order to reduce the unnecessary number of Sub-Districts into which Freebridge Lynn Registration District is now divided, Middleton Sub-District of Freebridge Lynn Registration District shall be united with Gayton Sub-District of the same Registration District, and that the enlarged Sub-District shall be called and known as Gayton Sub-District.-Witness my hand this seventh day of July, one thousand nine hundred and three.

Wm. C. Dunbar, Registrar-General. General Register Office, Somerset House, London.

#### NOTICES TO MARINERS. .

(Nos. 543 to 557 of the year 1903.)

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

# No. 543.—EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO-CARIMATA STRAIT.

Discovery East Bank—Light Established. With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 657 of 1902:

The Netherlands Government has given further notice, dated 20th June, 1903, that a white group flashing light, showing groups of two short flashes every ten seconds, and visible in clear weather from a distance of 14 miles, has been established in a screw pile structure erected on Discovery East Bank, Carimata Strait.

Approximate position, lat. 3° 35′ S., long. 109° 11′ E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—China Sea, No. 1263; Eastern Archipelago, No. 941a; Carimata Strait, No. 2160. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1903, No. 534a; and China Sea Directory, Vol. 1, 1896, page 478.

No. 544.—SICILY—SOUTH COAST. Cape Passero (Passaro) Light—Character of. With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 151 of 1903:

Information, dated 22nd June, 1903, has been received from Commander E. H. Grafton. His Majesty's ship "Pyramus," that Cape Passero Light (fixed and flashing), the period of which was recently altered from three to one and a half minutes, shows thus:—White fixed, sixty seconds; eclipse, fourteen seconds; red flash, two seconds; eclipse, fourteen seconds.

Approximate position, lat. 36° 41′ N., long. 15° 10′ E.

This result was obtained by personal obser-

vations.

This Notice affects the Admiralty List of Lights, Part V, 1903, No. 492; and Mediterranean Pilot, Vol. I, 1894, page 380.

### No. 545.—KOREA—CHEMULPHO APPROACH.

Flying Fish Channel—Non-existence of Shoal Heads.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 27

The Japanese Government has given further notice, dated 14th May, 1903, that an unsuccessful search for the undermentioned shoal heads reported by a Chinese Officer, and published in the above Notice, has been made :-

a. A depth of 13 fathoms, fine sand, was obtained on the reported position of the one-fathom rock, situated with Simpson Island summit bearing N. 76° E., distant 19½ cables, and the

eastern extremity of Pirie Island N. 8° E. b. Depths of from  $5\frac{1}{2}$  to 7 fathoms were obtained on the reported position of the  $2\frac{3}{4}$ -fathom shoal, situated with Simpson Island summit bearing N. 62° E., distant  $22\frac{2}{10}$  cables, and the eastern extremity of Pirie Island N. 8° E.

Approximate position of Simpson Island, lat.

37° 11′ N., long. 126° 14′ E. [Variation 4° Westerly in 1903.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Approaches to Seoul, No. 1258; Chemulpho Anchorage, No. 1270. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. IV, 1894, page 57; and Supplement, 1898, page 3.