

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS,  
1894 and 1896.

The Board of Agriculture have appointed Frederick Jorgensen, Temporary Assistant Inspector, to be a Temporary District Inspector, vice Henry Stewart Hooper, resigned, and have also appointed Eugene Monier Wason to be a Temporary Assistant Inspector for the purposes of the above-mentioned Acts.

Board of Agriculture, 14th August, 1903.

TELEGRAMS FOR THE SANDWICH ISLANDS, MIDWAY ISLAND, AND GUAM ISLAND.

The rate for telegrams to the Sandwich Islands has been reduced to 3s. per word; and communication has been opened with Midway Island at a rate of 4s. a word, and with Guam Island at a rate of 5s. a word.

The rates quoted are applicable to telegrams sent by the routes of the Anglo-American, Direct United States, French, Western Union and Commercial Cable Companies.

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

Order No. 21/1903.

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 September next, in order to create a Sub-District which will be co-extensive with Faringdon and Buckland Relief District of Faringdon Poor Law Union, that Faringdon Sub-District of Faringdon Registration District shall be united with Buckland Sub-District of the same Registration District, and that the enlarged Sub-District shall be called and known as Faringdon Sub-District.—Witness my hand this twelfth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and three.

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

NOTICES TO MARINERS.

(Nos. 645 to 654 of the year 1903.)

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

No. 645.—ENGLAND, SOUTH COAST—SPIT-HEAD APPROACH.

*Nab Light-Vessel—Alteration in Fog Signal.*

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 392 of 1903:—

The Trinity House, London, has given further notice, dated 1st August, 1903, that the fog horn worked by hand on board the Nab light-vessel has been replaced by a reed horn, which gives, during thick or foggy weather, four blasts in succession every thirty seconds, thus:—Blast, two seconds; silent interval, two seconds; blast,

two seconds; silent interval, two seconds; blast, two seconds; silent interval, two seconds; blast, two seconds; silent interval, sixteen seconds.

Approximate position, lat. 50° 42' N., long. 0° 59' W.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Portland to the Owers, No. 2450; Owers to Christchurch, No. 2045; approaches to Spithead, No. 2050. Also, List of Lights, Part I, 1903, No. 149; and Channel Pilot, Part I, 1900, page 247.

No. 646.—UNITED STATES—PACIFIC COAST—CALIFORNIA.

*San Francisco Harbour—Arch Rock Removed.*

The United States Government has given notice, dated June, 1903, that Arch Rock, 8 cables to the westward of Alcatraz Island, has been removed, and there is now a depth of 30½ feet at low water over the position it formerly occupied.

Approximate position, lat. 37° 49½' N., long. 122° 26½' W.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Pinos Point to Bodega Head, No. 229; San Francisco Harbour, No. 591. Also, Sailing Directions for the West Coast of Central America and the United States, 1896, page 355.

No. 647.—UNITED STATES, ATLANTIC COAST—NEW YORK.

*Long Island Sound—Obstruction Reported.*

The United States Government has given notice, dated 18th July, 1903, that the Master of the tug "John F. Gaynor" reports that, on June 30th, 1903, his vessel, drawing 14 feet, struck twice in succession on a submerged obstruction in Long Island Sound, sustaining thereby considerable damage, in a position from which Matinicock Point bore S. 34° E., distant 16 cables, and Execution Rocks Lighthouse S. 62° W.

Approximate position, lat. 40° 55¼' N., long. 73° 39¼' W.

As this position was obtained by estimation it must be considered approximate.

[Variation 9° Westerly in 1903.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Long Island Sound, No. 2755. Also, Sailing Directions for the East Coast of the United States, 1899, pages 449, 450.

No. 648.—CHINA SEA—SINGAPORE.

*Keppel (New) Harbour—Buoys Withdrawn.*

Information, dated 29th June, 1903, has been received from the Master Attendant, Singapore, that the two white buoys in the North Channel, Keppel (New) Harbour, formerly situated 60 yards S. 85° E. and 180 yards N. 30° W. respectively of the southernmost red stone beacon marking Tembaga Rocks, have been withdrawn.

Approximate position of the southern red stone, lat. 1° 15½' N., long. 103° 50½' E.

[Variation 2° Easterly in 1903.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Singapore Road, No. 1995; Keppel Harbour, No. 2023. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. I, 1896, page 216.