

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 11th day of *December*, 1905.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

HIS MAJESTY having been pleased to deliver the custody of the Seals of the Duchy and County Palatine of Lancaster to the Right Honourable Sir Henry Hartley Fowler, G.C.S.I., the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Office as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster were accordingly this day taken by him.

A. W. FitzRoy.

Privy Council Office, December 11, 1905.

This day at Buckingham Palace, in the presence of the Lord President of the Council, the Right Honourable Herbert Henry Asquith was sworn Chancellor of the Exchequer; the Right Honourable David Lloyd-George was sworn President of the Board of Trade; the Right Honourable John Burns was sworn President of the Local Government Board; the Right Honourable Augustine Birrell was sworn President of the Board of Education; the Right Honourable John Sinclair was sworn Secretary for Scotland; the Right Honourable Sydney Charles Buxton was sworn Postmaster-General; and the Right Honourable Lewis Harcourt was sworn First Commissioner of Works and Public Buildings.

A. W. FitzRoy.

Privy Council Office, December 12, 1905.

This day, in the presence of the Lord President of the Council, the Right Honourable Charles Robert, Earl Carrington, G.C.M.G., was sworn President of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.

A. W. FitzRoy.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace, December 9, 1905.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath:

To be Ordinary Members of the Civil Division of the Third Class, or Companions, of the said Most Honourable Order:—

Malcolm Graham Ramsay, Esq.
John James Taylor, Esq., I.S.O.

Chancery of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George.

Downing Street, December 11, 1905.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give directions for the following promotions in, and appointment to, the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George:

To be Ordinary Members of the First Class, or Knights Grand Cross of the said Most Distinguished Order:—

Brevet Colonel Sir George Sydenham Clarke, K.C.M.G., Secretary, Committee of Imperial Defence.

The Right Honourable Sir Ernest Joseph Cassel, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O.

To be an Ordinary Member of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders of the said Most Distinguished Order:—

John Henniker Heaton, Esq., M.P., in recognition of services to the Empire in connection with Postal reform.

Crown Office,

December 8, 1905.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

County of Hants, New Forest Division.

Henry Francis Compton, Esq., in the place of John Walter Edward Douglas-Scott-Montagu, Esq., commonly called The Honourable John Walter Edward Douglas-Scott-Montagu, now Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, called up to the House of Peers.

Whitehall, December 11, 1905.

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 9th instant, to appoint the Reverend Peter Herbert Fearnley, M.A., to the Living of St. Thomas, Brightside, Sheffield, in the county and diocese of York, void by the resignation of the Reverend Ben Lewis Parkin, M.A., the last Incumbent.

Factory Department, Home Office,

December 5, 1905.

The Chief Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr. A. D. Pithie to be Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory and Workshop Act, for the Lymington District of the county of Hants.

Factory Department, Home Office,

December 5, 1905.

The Chief Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr. J. MacLachlan to be Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory and Workshop Act, for the Dornoch District of the county of Sutherland.

Factory Department, Home Office,

December 8, 1905.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the resignation of Dr. W. H. Brodie, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory and Workshop Act, at Battle, in the county of Sussex, is vacant.

Factory Department, Home Office,

December 11, 1905.

The Chief Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr. F. L. Pochin to be Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Act, for the Fakenham District of the county of Norfolk.