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TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 1910.

Whitehall, June 6, 1910.

The KING has been pleased to issue a Commission under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual to the following effect:—

GEORGE, R. I.

GEORGE THE FIFTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, to

Our trusty and well-beloved—

Sir Henry Hardinge Samuel Cunynghame, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, one of the Assistant Under-Secretaries of State to Our Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department;

Richard Augustine Studdert Redmayne, Esquire, Master of Science, Chief Inspector of Mines;

John Scott Haldane, Esquire, Doctor of Medicine, Fellow of the Royal Society;

John Stirling Ainsworth, Esquire;

Richard Methuen Greaves, Esquire;

Richard Arthur Thomas, Esquire, General Manager of the Dolcoath Mine, Cornwall;

Robert Thomas Jones, Esquire, Secretary of the North Wales Quarrymen's Union;

William Lewney, Esquire, Secretary of the Furness Iron Miners' and Quarrymen's Union; and

Uriah Lovett, Esquire, Secretary of the National Union of Quarrymen; Greeting!

Whereas His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh, by Warrant under the Royal Sign

Manual bearing date the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and seven, was pleased to appoint Commissioners to inquire into and report on certain questions relating to the health and safety of Miners and the administration of the Mines Acts, and the prevention of Accidents in Quarries, namely:—

Whether it is desirable to make compulsory the watering of the roads in dry and dusty mines.

Whether it is desirable to prescribe the forms of safety lamp which may be used in mines, or to prohibit any of those now in use.

What steps could be taken for the better prevention of accidents, particularly those from the use and firing of explosives, from falls of roof and side, from underground haulage, and from winding; whether any special provision should be made to facilitate the work of rescue in the event of an accident; and whether any improvement can be made in the present system of investigation and inquiry into accidents.

Whether any steps should be taken to lay down a standard of ventilation in mines.

What steps should be taken to guard against the disease known as Ankylostomiasis.

Whether the present system of special rules is adequate, and whether the method of establishing such rules could not be made simpler and more effective.

Whether any and if so what, steps should be taken to improve the administration of the Mines Acts and the discipline in Mines.

Whether any change is desirable in the present system of examination for Managers' and Under Managers' Certificates of Competency, whether