

assure Your Majesties of our continued loyalty and devotion.

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The Common Seal of the Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Woolwich was hereunto affixed this ninth day of April, 1913, in the presence of:—

SIDNEY H. CUFF,
Mayor.

ARTHUR B. BRYCESON,
Town Clerk.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return the following gracious Answer:—

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF WOOLWICH.

I thank you on behalf of the Queen and Myself for the loyal and dutiful Address of welcome which you have presented on behalf of the Metropolitan Borough of Woolwich.

Since the opening of Boughton's Docks in the reign of King Henry VIII your town has continuously held an important place amongst the naval and military establishments of this country, and I am glad to assure Myself by personal inspection that the Royal Arsenal is maintained in a state of activity and efficiency. Upon the constant and devoted labour of those who direct and those who are employed in this great national workshop depends in a high degree the effectiveness of My Army and Navy, and I look confidently to those engaged here to unite in further developing and perfecting the defences of the Realm.

We shall always remember with pleasure Our first visit to a town whose historic connection with the Throne is so ancient and so interesting: and We pray that success may wait on your strenuous labours and on the varied activities which centre in your Borough.

Whitehall, April 21, 1913.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Sir David Gill, K.C.B., formerly Astronomer at the Cape of Good Hope, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to accept and wear the Insignia of Commander of the Legion of Honour, which Decoration has been conferred upon him by the President of the French Republic in recognition of valuable services rendered by him to the French Government.

EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875.

The Right Honourable Reginald McKenna, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in virtue of the powers conferred on him

by section 53 of the Explosives Act, 1875, has appointed Sergeant Robert Wilson (No. 54886), of the Royal Irish Constabulary, an Inspector for Ireland under the said Act.

Whitehall, 18th April, 1913.

AUXILIARY HOME AT No. 17, WESTMINSTER BRIDGE ROAD, S.E.

In connection with the St. Vincent's Industrial School, Dartford, and other Roman Catholic Certified Industrial Schools.

Resignation of Certificate.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice, that on the 7th instant the Managers of the Auxiliary Home, No. 17, Westminster Bridge Road, S.E., signified their intention of resigning the Certificate which was granted to the Home on the 17th April, 1900, under the provisions of the Industrial Schools Act, 1866.

Whitehall, 18th April, 1913.

COAL MINES ACT, 1911.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice that on the 18th April, 1913, he made an Order in pursuance of Section 33 of the Coal Mines Act, 1911, approving for use in all mines to which the Act applies, subject to the conditions specified in the Schedule to the Order, the Gray-Sussmann Electric Safety Lamps, Nos. 3 and 4.

Copies of the Order can be purchased, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman and Sons, Limited, Fetter Lane, London, E.C., and 54, St. Mary Street, Cardiff; H.M. Stationery Office (Scottish Branch), 23, Forth Street, Edinburgh; and Messrs. E. Ponsonby, Limited, 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

Whitehall, 19th April, 1913.

The Right Honourable Reginald McKenna, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has appointed Owen Jones and William John Stephens to be Sub-Inspectors of Quarries.

Whitehall, 21st April, 1913.

*Factory Department, Home Office,
April 16, 1913.*

The Chief Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr. W. S. Stalker to be Certifying