

before the King's Remembrancer, at Goldsmiths' Hall, in the City of London, have made the assays and trials of His Majesty's gold coins in the Pyx of the Branch Mint at Melbourne, in the State of Victoria, which, according to accounts produced by the Officers of the Mint, were coined in the said Branch Mint from the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, to the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, both days inclusive. We ascertained that the number of coins in each packet produced to us corresponded with the number which the Officers of the Mint represented it to contain, and we took one coin from each of such packets of gold coins, amounting altogether to ninety-two sovereigns or twenty-shilling pieces, and to three half-sovereigns or ten-shilling pieces, and we weighed each of the said coins separately, and ascertained that they were within the remedy as to weight prescribed in the First Schedule to the Coinage Act, 1870, as amended by the Coinage Act, 1891. We found that the amount of variation from the standard of weight specified in the said First Schedule to the said Act as so amended was plus two-thousandths of an ounce (+ 002 oz.) on the whole of such coins. We then melted the said gold coins so taken out and weighed into an ingot, and assayed such ingot, comparing it with the standard gold Trial Plate produced by the Board of Trade, so as to ascertain whether the metal was within the remedy as to fineness prescribed in the said First Schedule to the said Act amended as aforesaid, and we found that the amount of variation thereof from the standard of fineness specified in the said First Schedule to the said Act as so amended was minus one hundred-thousandth (or - 00001), and that, therefore, the said metal was within the prescribed remedy as to fineness. We weighed the residue of the said gold coins in bulk, and we ascertained that they were within the remedy as to weight. We then took from such residue six sovereigns and one half-sovereign, and weighed and assayed them separately, and we found that such sovereigns weighed respectively—the first 123·278 grains, the second 123·246 grains, the third 123·341 grains, the fourth 123·289 grains, the fifth 123·265 grains, and the sixth 123·290 grains, and that such half-sovereign weighed 61·605 grains. We then assayed the said six sovereigns and one half-sovereign separately, and we found the millesimal fineness of such sovereigns to be—the first 916·61, the second 916·64, the third 916·81, the fourth 916·79, the fifth 916·75, and the sixth 916·84, respectively, and the millesimal fineness of such half-sovereign to be 916·82.

Dated the 9th day of May, 1916.

R. Williams (Foreman).
John B. Carrington.
Henry F. Bowles.
Aldenham.
Harrowby.
Chas. H. Townley.
H. C. Lambert.
Boverton Redwood.
J. F. W. Deacon.
H. Alston.
Fred. Hutch Jackson.
H. A. Trotter.
H. W. Robinson.
Geo. H. Pite.

John Macdonell, King's Remembrancer.

VESSELS DETAINED OR CAPTURED AT SEA BY HIS MAJESTY'S ARMED FORCES.

(In continuation of previous notification published in the London Gazette of May 19, 1916.)

<i>List of Vessels.</i>		
Name and Tonnage.	Nationality.	Where Detained.
Leonor	Mexican	Esquimalt

SHIPS WHOSE CARGOES, OR PART OF THEM, HAVE BEEN DETAINED.

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<i>List of Vessels.</i>		
Name of Vessel.	Nationality.	Cargo Detained at
Eleni Strathatos	Greek	Gibraltar
Solferino	Norwegian	Newcastle
Stockholm	Swedish	London
Tomsk	Danish	Kirkwall

Foreign Office,
 May 26, 1916.

Whitehall, May 23, 1916.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Captain Thomas Webster Kemp, C.I.E., R.N., His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the Insignia of the Fourth Class of the Order of Saint Vladimir, with swords, which Decoration has been conferred upon him by His Majesty the Emperor of Russia in recognition of valuable services rendered by him.

Whitehall, May 24, 1916.

Letters Patent have passed the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland conferring the dignity of a Baronet of the said United Kingdom upon the Honourable Charles Russell, of Littleworth Corner, in the parish of Burnham, in the County of Buckingham, second son of Charles, Baron Russell of Killowen, Deceased, to hold to him and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, and in default of such issue to the heirs male of the body of the said Charles, Baron Russell of Killowen, lawfully begotten.

Whitehall, May 24, 1916.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Kaoroz Bhicajee Doodha, Esq., Postal Commissioner for the Province of Szechuan, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the Insignia of the Fifth Class of the Order of the Excellent Crop, which Decoration has been conferred upon him by the President of the Republic of China in recognition of valuable services rendered by him.

Whitehall, May 25, 1916.

The KING was pleased, on Wednesday, the 17th instant, at Buckingham Palace, to confer the honour of Knighthood upon Herbert Holmwood, Esq., who was unable to attend at the Palace on the 15th January last.

(This Knighthood takes effect as from the 1st January, 1916.)