

President of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 13th day of *December*, 1916.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HIS MAJESTY in Council was this day pleased to appoint Herbert Albert Laurens Fisher, Esquire, M.A., LL.D., President of the Board of Education.

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PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HIS MAJESTY in Council was this day pleased to direct that the Right Honourable Robert Munro, K.C., be appointed Vice-President of the Committee of Council on Education in Scotland, and that the Right Honourable the Secretary for Scotland do prepare a Warrant for His Majesty's Royal Signature accordingly, under the provisions of "The Secretary for Scotland Act, 1885."

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BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS by Regulation 9c. of the Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914, it is provided as follows:— "Where it appears to His Majesty that the keeping as a Bank Holiday or a Public Holiday of any day appointed to be so kept by the Bank Holidays Act, 1871 (as extended and amended by any other enactment), or by any Proclamation issued thereunder or under this Regulation, would impede or delay the production, repair, or transport of war material, or of any work necessary for the successful prosecution of the war, it shall be lawful for His Majesty by Proclamation to declare that any such day shall not in any year be a Bank Holiday or a Public Holiday as respects the whole of the United Kingdom or any part thereof, and by that or any subsequent Proclamation to appoint such other day as to His Majesty in Council may seem fit to be a Bank Holiday or a Public Holiday throughout or in any part of the United Kingdom instead thereof, and the Bank Holidays Act, 1871, and the enactments extending and amending that Act, shall have effect accordingly: Provided that it shall be lawful for His Majesty, in lieu of appointing such other day to be a Bank Holiday or Public Holiday, by Proclamation to direct that all or any classes of employees who have been deprived in consequence of any Proclamation issued under the said Act or this Regulation of a holiday to which they were by statute or agreement entitled or which they have been accustomed to receive, shall, subject to any

exceptions and conditions that may be contained in the Proclamation, be given an equivalent holiday on such day or within such period as may be specified in the Proclamation, and any employer failing to comply with the provisions of any such Proclamation shall be guilty of a summary offence against these Regulations":

And whereas by the Bank Holidays Act, 1871, as so amended, the first Monday in August is a Bank Holiday and a Public Holiday throughout the United Kingdom:

And whereas by Our Proclamation of the Eighth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, Tuesday, the eighth day of August, in the present year, was appointed to be kept as a Bank Holiday and a Public Holiday in England and Wales, and in Ireland, instead of the Monday in Whitsun week:

And whereas by Our Proclamation of the twenty-eighth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, it was declared that the first Monday in August should not, in the present year, be a Bank Holiday or a Public Holiday in any part of the United Kingdom, and that Tuesday, the said eighth day of August, should not be a Bank Holiday or a Public Holiday in England and Wales and in Ireland, and it was further declared that such day as might thereafter be appointed by the Proclamation should be observed as a Bank Holiday and Public Holiday throughout the United Kingdom instead of the first Monday in August, and that such day as might be so appointed should be observed as a Bank Holiday and a Public Holiday in England and Wales, and in Ireland, instead of Tuesday, the said eighth day of August:

And whereas it appears to Us that, in view of the Public Holidays now impending and other circumstances, the appointment of any additional general Public Holiday or Holidays would be a cause of grave public inconvenience:

Now, therefore, in lieu of appointing any day as a Bank Holiday or Public Holiday instead of Monday in Whitsun week or the first Monday in August, We do hereby, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council and in exercise of the powers aforesaid, direct that, save as hereinafter provided, all classes of employees who by reason of Our Proclamations dated the eighth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and twenty-eighth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, declaring Monday in Whitsun week and the first Monday in August not to be Bank Holidays or Public Holidays, were deprived on either or both of the said Mondays of a holiday to which they were by statute or agreement entitled or which they were accustomed to receive, and who have not already received an equivalent holiday or holidays in lieu thereof, shall be given, and their employers are hereby required to give, before the first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, an equivalent holiday or holidays, as the case may be, which holiday or holidays shall be in addition to any other holiday to which they may be entitled or which they may be accustomed to receive.

The foregoing directions shall not apply to—

- (1) Banks, discount houses, or other financial institutions accustomed to close on days on which banks are closed;
- (2) Harbours, docks and railways;