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Whitehall, February 21, 1918.

The KING has been pleased to grant to Sir Joseph John Thomson, O.M., D.Sc., F.R.S., the place of Master of Trinity College, in the University of Cambridge, void by the death of Doctor Henry Montagu Butler.

WILD BIRDS PROTECTION ACTS.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department gives notice that an Order has been made this day suspending the Wild Birds Protection (Administrative County of Devon) Order of 7th November, 1913, until the 21st day of June next in so far as it prohibits the taking or destroying of the eggs of the Common Guillemot and the Razorbill throughout the Administrative County of Devon.

The Order will be on sale shortly in Statutory Rule form.

Whitehall,

18th February, 1918.

WILD BIRDS PROTECTION ACTS.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department gives notice that, on the 21st instant, he made an Order under the Wild Birds Protection Acts, 1880 to 1908, for the County Borough of Hastings.

Copies of the Order may be purchased through any Bookseller, or directly from H.M. Stationery Office at the following addresses: Imperial House, Kingsway, London, W.C. 2, and 28, Abingdon Street, London, S.W. 1; 37, Peter Street, Manchester; 1; St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; 23, Forth Street, Edinburgh; or from E. Ponsonby, Ltd., 116, Grafton Street, Dublin; or from the Agencies in the British Colonies and Dependencies, the United States of America and other Foreign Countries of T. Fisher Unwin, Ltd., London, W.C.2.

Whitehall,

22nd February, 1918.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT, 1906.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department has appointed David Neilson Knox, Esq., M.B., C.M., F.R.F.P.S., of 10, Woodside Place, Glasgow, to be one of the Medical Referees under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, for the Sheriffdom of Lanark, in place of Sir David McVail, deceased.

Whitehall,

21st February, 1918.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT, 1906.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department has appointed David Louis Cairns, Esq., M.D., of 6, New North Road, Huddersfield, to be one of the Medical Referees under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, for County Court Circuit No. 12, and to be attached more particularly to the Huddersfield, Saddleworth, and Holmfirth County Courts, in place of Mr. P. Macgregor deceased.

Whitehall,

20th February, 1918.

Whitehall, January 15, 1918.

The KING has been graciously pleased to grant unto Reginald Mowbray Chichester Huddleston, of the Manor House, Ashby de la Zouch, in the county of Leicester, Esquire, Captain in the Labour Corps, and Edith Maud, his wife, His Royal Licence and authority that they may take and henceforth use the surname of Abney-Hastings in lieu of that of Huddleston, that they may respectively bear the Arms of Abney and Hastings quarterly, and that such surname and arms may in like manner be taken, borne, and used by the issue of their marriage, the said arms being first duly exemplified according to the Laws of Arms and recorded in His Majesty's College of Arms, otherwise the said Royal Licence and Permission to be void and of none effect.

And to command that the said Royal Concession and Declaration be recorded in His Majesty's said College of Arms.

HOUSEHOLD COAL DISTRIBUTION ORDER, 1917.

MAXIMUM PRICES OF COAL.

METROPOLITAN COAL DISTRIBUTION AREA.

JANUARY, 1918, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Under clause (a) of Article 10 of the Household Coal Distribution Order, 1917, the Controller of Coal Mines may from time to time determine the maximum prices of coal to consumers, and in determining such maximum prices shall have regard to the conditions under which the coal is sold or delivered to the consumer. In pursuance of such powers so conferred on him, the Controller has decided that the maximum prices of coal to come into force forthwith shall be determined in accordance with the following rules:—

1. Coal shall be divided into the following six classes, namely:---

Best Selected House Coal. Silkstone or Seconds House Coal. Derby Brights or Bright House. Best Kitchen, Best Cobbles or Best Nuts. Hard Cobbles or Kitchen Nuts. Stove Coal.

The determination of the class to which a particular coal belongs shall follow the usual custom and practice of the trade. Any dispute or question as to the classification of any coal shall be referred to the Controller, whose decision shall be final.

Coal shall be ordered and sold in accordance with the classes defined above. Where coal is sold under a registered or trade name such name may be added in brackets after the description of the class.

Where merchants are unable to fulfil an order within a reasonable time with coal of the class ordered, an advice shall be sent to the consumer and tender made of coal of the nearest equivalent class at the price applicable to such class. Supplies of coal of a particular class cannot be continuously guaranteed.