

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to inquire into the economic prospects of the agricultural industry in Great Britain, with special reference to the adjustment of a balance between the prices of agricultural commodities, the costs of production, the remuneration of labour, and hours of employment:

Now know ye, that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge and ability, have authorized and appointed, and do by these Presents authorize and appoint you, the said Sir William Barclay Peat (Chairman); Sir William James Ashley; Charles Mackinnon Douglas; George Grey Rea; William Anker Simmons; Henry Overman; Arthur Wilfred Ashby; Alexander Batchelor; Henry Strother Cautley; George Dallas; Joseph Forbes Duncan; William Edwards; Frederick Ernest Green; John Macdonald Henderson; Thomas Henderson; Thomas Prosser Jones; Ernest Wilfred Langford; Reginald Vivian Lennard; George Nicholls; Edmund Henry Parker; Rowland Richard Robbins; Walter Robert Smith; and Robert Barrie Walker to be Our Commissioners for the purpose of the said inquiry.

And for the better effecting the purpose of this Our Commission, We do by these Presents give and grant unto you, or any seven or more of you, full power to call before you such persons as you shall judge likely to afford you any information upon the subject of this Our Commission; and also to call for, have access to and examine all such books, documents, registers and records as may afford you the fullest information on the subject, and to inquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever.

And we do by these Presents authorize and empower you, or any of you, to visit and personally inspect such places as you may deem it expedient so to inspect for the more effectual carrying out of the purpose aforesaid.

And we do by these Presents will and ordain that this Our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you, Our said Commissioners, or any seven or more of you, may from time to time proceed in the execution thereof, and of every matter and thing therein contained, although the same be not continued from time to time by adjournment.

And We do further ordain that you, or any seven or more of you, have liberty to report your proceedings under this Our Commission from time to time, if you shall judge it expedient so to do.

And our further will and pleasure is that you do, with as little delay as possible, report to Us under your hands and seals, or under the hands and seals of any seven or more of you, your opinion upon the matter herein submitted for your consideration.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's*, the Fifteenth day of *July*, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, in the tenth year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command.

Edward Shortt.

NOTICE.

IRISH LAND ACTS, 1903 AND 1909.

(3 Edw. 7, c. 37, and 9 Edw. 7, c. 42.)

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that, pursuant to Section 2 of the Irish Land Act, 1909, and Section 28 of the Irish Land Act, 1903, they have directed the creation of £2,000,000 Guaranteed Three per cent. Stock, which Stock has been issued to the National Debt Commissioners.

Treasury Chambers,
15th July 1919.

Whitehall, July 15, 1919.

The KING has been pleased to award the Albert Medal in each of the following cases in recognition of gallantry displayed in saving life:—

Mr. David Atkinson MacMillan, late Superintendent of the Feudatory State of Keonjhar, India. (*Posthumous award.*)

On the 9th April, 1918, a serious fire broke out in the residential quarter of the town of Keonjhar Garh, in the Feudatory State of Keonjhar, India. Nearly all the men were absent at work, and a panic arose among the women and children. Mr. MacMillan at once hastened to the scene of the fire, organised parties for fighting it, and by his personal efforts and direction brought it under control. When his work was nearly finished a burning roof fell in upon four men who were assisting to extinguish the fire. Regardless of his own safety, Mr. MacMillan at once entered the building, which was full of smoke and flame, and rescued all four men, one of whom was severely burned. Mr. MacMillan was seriously injured, and died on the 19th September following.

Private Edward McCarthy, M.M., late of the Prince of Wales's Leinster Regiment (Royal Canadians). (*Posthumous award.*)

On the 6th January, 1919, two horses harnessed to a limber, having been left unattended at Wermels-Kirchen, took fright and ran away. While they were going at great speed down the village street Private McCarthy rushed forward and seized the reins. He would doubtless have succeeded in stopping the horses had the reins held, but they broke, and he was thrown under the limber, which passed over his body, inflicting injuries from which he subsequently died. He succeeded, however, in diverting the limber from two children, who would otherwise undoubtedly have been killed.

Lieutenant Bernard George Ellis, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

On the 21st August, 1918, Lieutenant Ellis was with a party at Shahraban under instruction in the firing of rifle grenades. A volley was fired, but one of the grenades, owing to a defective cartridge, did not leave the rifle, but fell back into the barrel with the fuse burning. The firer lost his head and dropped the rifle and grenade in the trench,