

we have, still surviving and devoting its wealth and energies to the public good, one of the Merchant Guilds that regulated the trade and administered the government of mediæval cities. As you have rightly said, no sailor and no merchant who has any feeling for the romance of his calling, can fail to be moved by your brief allusion to the past history of your Society.

But the work of bygone centuries is done and cannot be repeated: and your fellow citizens have good reason to be grateful that in these days your Society have devoted their accumulated wealth and their efforts to the cause of education. Not that the interest of the Merchant Venturers in this essential matter is a thing of modern growth: The names of Colston and Whitson, to mention no others, are a proof that the great Merchants of the past had a just appreciation of the value of knowledge.

I am glad to learn that the schools of Colston's foundation are still flourishing and rendering good service to education in Bristol: and that, when the educational system of Bristol grew and developed in directions which Colston would never have foreseen, the Merchant Venturers showed themselves faithful to their old traditions in the new circumstances. We all appreciate the part which they took in founding the University of Bristol.

It is most satisfactory that the facilities which you have provided at your Technical College are freely made use of by those whom they are intended to benefit, and that 2,000 students attend the evening classes after their day's work is over.

It is fortunate for Bristol and for the whole country that your Society have learned so early and so thoroughly to direct their funds and activities to the cause of education. We know by recent and happy experience that your old tradition of munificence is far from extinct, and that there are still families in Bristol who are ready to emulate the generosity of earlier benefactors: for, as your Address rightly reminds us, the name of an Honorary Member of your Society, Henry Herbert Wills, will be handed down to posterity as a noble benefactor not only of education but of the great Charity which he founded in your City for the alleviation of incurable suffering.

I am confident that the Society of Merchant Venturers may look forward to a long and prosperous future of beneficent and public spirited work: and I pray that the Blessing of God may rest upon their labours in the service of their fellow citizens.

*Crown Office,  
House of Lords, S.W.,  
15th June, 1925.*

MEMBER elected to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

*Ayr District of Burghs.*

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Cecil Russell Moore, C.B.E., in the place of The Right Honourable Sir John Lawrence Baird, Bart., C.M.G., D.S.O., who since his election for the said Burghs hath accepted the office of steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke Desborough and Burnham in the county of Buckingham.

*Whitehall, June 16, 1925.*

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland bearing date the 12th instant, to confer the dignity of a Baron of the said United Kingdom upon the Right Honourable Sir John Lawrence Baird, Baronet, C.M.G., D.S.O. (G.C.M.G. designate), and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style and title of Baron Stonehaven, of Ury in the county of Kincardine.

The Lord Chancellor hereby gives notice, in pursuance of section 1 of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, that he proposes to make Rules amending Rule 49 of the Summary Jurisdiction Rules, 1915, and Forms 19 and 55 in the Schedule to the said Rules.

Copies of the draft Rules may be obtained on application to the Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, London, S.W. 1.

Whitehall,  
11th June, 1925.

#### WILD BIRDS PROTECTION ACTS.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department gives notice that, on the 11th instant he made an Order under the Wild Birds Protection Acts, 1880 to 1908, for the City of Manchester.

Copies of the Order may be purchased through any Bookseller or directly from H.M. Stationery Office at the following addresses:—  
Adastral House, Kingsway, London, W.C. 2; and 28, Abingdon Street, London, S.W. 1; York Street, Manchester; 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; and 120, George Street, Edinburgh.

Whitehall,  
12th June, 1925.

The Home Secretary gives notice that in pursuance of Section 2 (1) of the Employment of Women, Young Persons and Children Act, 1920, he has made an Order authorising the employment on two day shifts of women of 18 and young persons of 16 years of age and over in the manufacture of hosiery at the works of The Mercier Hosiery Co. Ltd., 20, Stoney Street, Nottingham, with the following conditions:—

(a) That, subject to any arrangement that may be made to meet the convenience of individual workers, a woman or young persons shall not be employed in Shift II in consecutive weeks.

(b) That suitable accommodation for clothing put off during working hours, and suitable messroom accommodation for those who remain on the premises during meal intervals shall be provided.

Whitehall,  
15th June, 1925.