

Whitehall, January 12, 1931.

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 1st instant, to appoint Sir Lewis Tonna Dibdin, D.C.L., to be an Ecclesiastical Commissioner for England.

Whitehall, December 30, 1930.

His Majesty The KING, has been graciously pleased to award the Edward Medal to George Tolson in recognition of his gallantry in the following circumstances:—

About 8.30 a.m. on the 26th July, 1930, one of a series of large tanks, about eighteen inches apart, containing acetic acid exploded at the works of Synthetic Ammonia & Nitrates Limited, Billingham, near Stockton-on-Tees. The explosion ignited the acetaldehyde vapour, burst the tank and allowed the acid to escape. The works Fire Squad, under George Tolson, immediately attacked the fire and in about 15 minutes had it under control. Tolson's attention was then called to a smouldering object lying between the burst tank and the next one. He at once directed a stream of water on to the object and, in order the better to direct the stream, he left the raised platform on which he was standing and went nearer to the object. As he did so it moved and he realised that it was a man. Although he must have fully realised the serious risk to which he was exposing himself, Tolson immediately drew his coat collar about his throat and rushed into the narrow space between the tanks in an attempt to rescue the burning man. On reaching him Tolson found that the man had been caught by the hand, and he was unable to release him without assistance. A second rescuer then joined Tolson, who was by this time so severely burned by the escaping acid and so overcome by the fumes that he was forced to leave the place and go into the fresh air. His place was taken by a third man, wearing breathing apparatus, and the rescue was then completed.

It is estimated that Tolson was exposed to risk from escaping acid and fumes for about five minutes, and in that period he was severely burned by the acid and was partially overcome by the fumes.

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 in two day-shifts, of women of 18 years of age and over in the Tablet Moulding and Packing Departments on the 2nd floor of "A" Block at the works of Messrs. J. S. Fry & Sons Ltd., Somerdale, Keynsham, Somerset, subject to the conditions that a worker shall not be employed in the afternoon shift in consecutive weeks and that suitable cloakroom and messroom accommodation and washing facilities shall be provided, and that the Secretary of State may at any time require the occupiers to make such special arrange-

ments for the conveyance of workers living at a distance or otherwise for the welfare of such workers as may be necessary to prevent hardship.

*Whitehall,
14th January, 1931.*

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 male young persons of 16 years of age and over in milling and drilling at the Railway Supplies Works of Messrs. A. G. Wild and Company Limited, Charlotte Street, Sheffield, subject to the conditions that a worker shall not be employed in the afternoon shift in consecutive weeks; and that suitable accommodation for clothing put off during working hours, mess-room accommodation, and washing facilities shall be provided.

*Whitehall,
15th January, 1931.*

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 Orange and Mince meat Departments at the works of Messrs. St. Martin Preserving Company Limited, Slough Trading Estate, Bucks., subject to compliance with the Order dated August 15th, 1919, made under Section 7 (1) of the Police, Factories, etc. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1916, for securing the welfare of the workers employed in factories or parts of factories in which the preserving of fruit is carried on; and to the conditions that a worker shall not be employed in the afternoon shift in consecutive weeks; and that the Secretary of State may at any time require the occupiers to make such special arrangements for the conveyance of workers living at a distance or otherwise for the welfare of such workers as may be necessary to prevent hardship.

*Whitehall,
15th January, 1931.*

*Board of Trade,
Great George Street,
London, S.W. 1.
12th January, 1931.*

MERCHANDISE MARKS ACT, 1926.

Report of the Standing Committee.

ELECTRICITY METERS AND PARTS THEREOF.

With reference to the notice which was published in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes of the 25th July, 1930, regard-