

*Crown Office,
House of Lords, S.W.1.*

23rd May, 1957.

The QUEEN has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal bearing date the 11th day of April, 1957, to grant to the Right Honourable Lord Oaksey, D.S.O., T.D., late a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, an annuity of £2,812 10s. 0d. for life commencing on the 6th day of April, 1957.

Treasury Chambers, S.W.1.

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that They have made an Order under section 9 of the Finance Act, 1932, and section 1 of the Import Duties (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, viz.:—

The Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 9) Order, 1957, which increases, from 4s. to 5s. per cwt., the rate of drawback allowable in respect of Customs duty paid on certain solid potassium hydroxide used in the manufacture of exported potassium ethyl xanthate and potassium amyl xanthate.

The Order comes into operation on the 1st June, 1957, and has been published as Statutory Instruments 1957, No. 896.

Copies may be purchased (price 2d. net) direct from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, at the addresses shown on the last page of this Gazette or through any bookseller.

Treasury Chambers, 24th May, 1957.

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice, that, at a Trial of the Pyx begun at Goldsmiths' Hall in the City of London on the 5th day of March and concluded on the 10th day of May, 1957, the following Verdict of the Pyx Jury was delivered to the Queen's Remembrancer, viz.:—

VERDICT.

WE, whose names are hereunder written, having been sworn on the 5th day of March, 1957, before the Queen's Remembrancer at Goldsmiths' Hall in the City of London, made the following assays and trials of Her Majesty's coins which, according to accounts produced by the officers of the Royal Mint in London, were coined in the said Mint from the 1st day of January, 1956 to the 31st day of December, 1956, both dates inclusive, in accordance with the Coinage Acts, 1870 to 1956 (hereinafter called "the Acts") and were set aside and placed in the pyx of the said Mint as prescribed by regulations made under the Acts.

1. We ascertained the number of coins in each packet produced to us and that such number corresponded with the number which the officers of the Mint represented the packet to contain.

2. We found no gold coins in the said pyx.

3. (a) We found that the silver coins therein weighed in all not more than twelve ounces troy.

(b) We weighed in bulk such silver coins and we ascertained that they were on the whole within the variation allowed under the Acts from the standard weight thereby prescribed, the variation being one thousandth part of an ounce (—0.001) below standard weight.

(c) We then assayed such silver coins comparing them with the silver trial plate produced by the Board of Trade, and we found that they were on the whole within the variation allowed under the Acts from the standard fineness thereby prescribed, the amount of variation from standard fineness being plus five ten thousandth parts (+0.0005).

4. (a) We found that the cupro-nickel coins in the said pyx weighed in all more than twelve ounces troy and we took one or more coins from each packet of cupro-nickel coins.

(b) We weighed each twelve ounces troy (at standard weight) of cupro-nickel coins so taken out and ascertained that the amount of its variation (if any) from standard weight was the amount recorded in respect thereof in the schedule hereto, and that each twelve ounces troy was therefore within the variation from standard weight allowed under the Acts.

(c) We then assayed separately cupro-nickel coins weighing in all twelve ounces troy (at standard weight) comparing them with the copper trial plate and the nickel trial plate produced by the Board of Trade, and we found that the coins assayed were on the whole within the variation allowed under the Acts from the standard composition thereby prescribed, the amounts of variation from standard composition being minus one tenth of one per centum (—0.1 per cent.) of copper and minus one tenth of one per centum (—0.1 per cent.) of nickel.

(d) We weighed in bulk the residue of the coins remaining in the packets of cupro-nickel coins and we ascertained that they were on the whole within the variation from standard weight allowed under the Acts, being six ounces and four hundred and thirty four thousandth parts of an ounce (+6.434) above standard weight.

Dated the 10th day of May, 1957.

THE SCHEDULE.

Eleven weighings of twelve ounces troy showed variations of one, two, three, three, four, six, eight, eight, ten, eleven and thirteen thousandth parts of an ounce (+0.001, +0.002, +0.003, +0.003, +0.004, +0.006, +0.008, +0.008, +0.010, +0.011, +0.013) respectively above standard weight; and five such weighings showed variations of one, five, seven, eight and nine thousandth parts of an ounce (—0.001, —0.005, —0.007, —0.008, —0.009) respectively below standard weight.

(Sgd.) R. S. Hutton.
W. Godfrey Allen.
H. T. Tizard.
B. J. J. Tyldesley.
Victor P. Gentry.
Guy S. Wellby.
J. A. Bourne.
H. J. Cropp.
P. L. Hogg.
H. R. Ingrey.
Mersey.
F. A. Spence-Brown.
R. R. Tomlinson.
R. S. Wood.
Arthur Wakely (Foreman).
H. M. Parsons.
Charles G. Biggs.
J. C. Butterwick.
George H. Nelson.
C. Stanley Padgett.
J. W. Isaac.
John H. Craig.
J. S. Forbes.
G. R. Hughes.
A. P. Jenkins.
J. F. Prideaux.
Eric Studd.
A. M. Ward.

F. Arnold Baker (Queen's Remembrancer).

Foreign Office, 27th May, 1957.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to appoint (with effect from the dates respectively indicated):—

Sir Francis Brian Anthony Rundall, K.C.M.G., O.B.E., to be Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Tel Aviv (17th April, 1957); and

Geoffrey Holt Seymour Jackson, Esquire, to be Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Tegucigalpa (17th April, 1957).

Foreign Office, 27th May, 1957.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to appoint the under-mentioned gentlemen to be Officers of Branch A of Her Majesty's Foreign Service, with effect from the dates specified after their names:—

Percy Cradock, Esquire (26th October, 1954).

Lambert Stewart Ross, Esquire (29th November, 1954).

Philip Robert Aked Mansfield, Esquire (1st February, 1955).

Edward Arthur Pearson, Esquire (7th March, 1955).