

VICTORIA.

Measured Mile.—Port Phillip Bay.

REFERRING to General Notice to Mariners dated 1st August, 1907, page 91, and to subsequent notice No. 112, dated 25th July, 1912, mariners and others are hereby notified that the rear or shore beacons have now been established, and the measured mile completed.

The front and rear beacons, which come into line on a bearing from seaward of N. 48 deg. E. magnetic, and mark the extremities of the mile, are each surmounted by a triangle, painted white, those on shore being inverted and so arranged that their vertices appear to make contact with those in front when running the course which bears S. 42 deg. E. magnetic, about 1½ miles from the shore, in 9 fathoms of water.

As the north-western beacon now serves the purpose of the red buoy formerly used to mark the low-water rock off Quiet Corner, such red buoy has now been removed.

Entrance to Port of Gippsland Lake.

Mariners and others are hereby notified that the bar at the entrance to the Port of Gippsland Lakes has shoaled to 8 ft. at low water.

Extreme caution should be exercised by strict compliance with "Wait Tide" signals and navigating the entrance under favourable weather conditions only.

Referring to Notice to Mariners No. 142, dated 13th inst., mariners and others are hereby further notified that the master of the s.s. "Queenscliff" reports a depth of 11 ft. low water on the bar, on a line slightly westward of the flagstaff in line with the outer end of Western Pier. The bar may therefore be navigated under moderate sea conditions by vessels of reasonable draught by crossing on the above-mentioned line, but immediately after crossing the bar mariners should haul to the eastward to usual fairway marks to clear broken water and obstructions off Western Pier end.

C. W. MACLEAN,
Port Officer.

Melbourne, 14th May, 1913.

Notice to Mariners No. 66 of 1913.

Re BUOY IN SUMNER ESTUARY.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 10th June, 1913.

THE Lyttelton Harbour Board have notified that the buoy in the entrance to the estuary to the Avon and Heathcote Rivers between Shag Rock and the Tramway Viaduct (see Notice No. 108 of October, 1910) has disappeared, and that the sandbank which it marked has also scoured away.

Charts, &c., affected: Admiralty Chart No. 1999; "New Zealand Pilot," eighth edition, 1908, Chapter viii, page 236.

GEORGE ALLPORT,
Secretary.

Notice to Mariners No. 67 of 1913.

LIGHT ON MARO TIRI (CHICKENS).

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 11th June, 1913.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 45 issued by this Department on the 14th April last, in regard to the unwatched acetone acetylene light exhibited from the

eastern extreme of the outer Maro Tiri Islands (Chickens), notice is hereby given that the exact height of the focal plane above mean sea-level has now been obtained by levelling, and is found to be 480 ft., which is 80 ft. higher than stated in the notice referred to.

Charts, &c., affected: Admiralty Charts Nos. 2543, 3565, and 1912; "New Zealand Pilot," eighth edition, 1908, Chapter ii, page 32; "New Zealand Nautical Almanac," 1913, page 224.

GEORGE ALLPORT,
Secretary.

*The Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908.—
Notice of Cancellation of Registry.*

Department of Labour,
Wellington, 11th June, 1913.

NOTICE is hereby given that the registration of the Wellington Shipwrights' Society Industrial Union of Workmen, registered number 44, situated at Wellington, is hereby cancelled as from the date of the publication hereof in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

F. W. ROWLEY,
Deputy Registrar of Industrial Unions.

Notice of Date of Examinations.—Public Service Examinations.

Office of the Public Service Commissioner,
Wellington, 30th April, 1913.

Extract from regulations made by the Public Service Commissioner, dated 1st April, 1913, section 172: "The syllabus and procedure for the Civil Service Junior and Senior Examinations are adopted and shall remain in force for all Entrance Examinations during the year 1913, and for all Senior Examinations until February, 1914."

NOTICE is hereby given of the intention to hold Public Service examinations—viz., the Public Service Entrance Examination (heretofore known as the Civil Service Junior Examination) and the Public Service Senior Examination (heretofore known as the Civil Service Senior Examination), as follows:—

Public Service Entrance Examination: On or about 18th November, 1913, and following days.
Public Service Senior Examination: On or about 5th January, 1914, and following days.

No entrance fee will be payable for the Public Service Entrance Examination or the Public Service Senior Examination.

Entries for the Public Service Entrance Examination and the Public Service Senior Examination must be addressed "The Inspector-General of Schools, Wellington," and be sent so as to reach him on or before the 8th September, 1913, and 15th October, 1913, respectively. No application received after the date herein specified will be considered, and the provision heretofore existing in regard to late entries is abolished.

All entries must be made on the proper forms which may be obtained at any time after the 1st July from the office of the Public Service Commissioner, or of the Education Department, or of any Education Board.

D. ROBERTSON,
Public Service Commissioner.

Agricultural and Pastoral Statistics.

Registrar-General's Office, Wellington, 5th June, 1913.

THE following table gives the average actual yields of field crops for the season 1912-13:—

District.	Bushels, per Acre.					Lb., per Acre.				Tons, per Acre.		
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Peas.	Rye-grass.	Cocks-foot.	Red Clover.	White Clover.	Potatoes.	Turnips.	Man-golds.
Auckland ..	28-36	35-94	51-99	48-17	15-08	355-44	148-55	160-00	..	6-63	16-45	24-01
Taranaki ..	36-43	41-02	54-47	30-00	45-05	509-13	76-37	..	..	6-55	20-28	35-87
Hawke's Bay ..	28-36	46-26	49-92	40-40	44-57	479-94	192-66	..	..	5-68	9-13	39-98
Wellington ..	32-49	37-01	34-77	..	28-03	349-06	143-95	..	..	6-90	14-94	22-65
Nelson and Marlborough ..	27-70	33-45	33-35	..	24-97	304-88	170-26	199-77	..	6-20	8-57	16-83
Canterbury ..	26-56	31-74	36-43	..	26-21	398-34	264-98	156-72	..	6-61	12-54	23-64
Otago ..	28-46	38-17	34-98	..	26-09	409-71	205-22	108-07	..	5-27	10-58	13-55
Southland ..	28-59	35-75	22-76	..	28-00	551-09	191-42	..	..	6-70	12-09	24-25
Averages for the Dominion	27-28	35-12	36-75	47-43	25-83	462-93	238-37	155-43	..	6-29	12-25	23-69

F. H. MACHATTIE,
Acting Government Statistician.