

light with the following character : Light $1\frac{1}{2}$ seconds, followed by an eclipse of half a second.

The bearings of the sectors will not be altered.

Charts affected : Nos. 1171A and 2747.

WEST CHANNEL PILE LIGHT, PORT PHILLIP.

Mariners and others are hereby notified that on or about 17th April, 1916, the bearings of the sectors of the West Channel Pile light will be amended to read as follows:—

From seaward, white between the bearings of N.E. by N. (N. 34 deg. E.) and N.N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ W. (N. 26 deg. W.); red between the bearings of N.N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ W. (N. 26 deg. W.) and W. $\frac{7}{8}$ S. (S. 80 deg. W.); white between the bearings of W. $\frac{7}{8}$ S. (S. 80 deg. W.) and S. by E. $\frac{1}{4}$ E. (S. 14 deg. E.); and red between the bearings of S. by E. $\frac{1}{4}$ E. (S. 14 deg. E.) and N.E. by N. (N. 34 deg. E.).

This change will enable mariners and others navigating the South Channel inwards to determine when it is necessary to haul over to the northward to avoid the shallow water which extends half a mile westwards of the South Channel Pile Lighthouse.

NO. 12 BUOY, SOUTH CHANNEL, PORT PHILIP.

Mariners and others are hereby notified that on or about 1st April, 1916, the single flashing green light on No. 12 buoy, South Channel, will be altered to give a flash of three-tenths of a second, alternating with an eclipse of one second duration.

PRINCE GEORGE BANK GAS-BUOY, PORT PHILIP.

Mariners and others are hereby notified that on or about 3rd April, 1916, the present single-flashing red light exhibited from the Prince George Bank gas-buoy will be altered to a single-flashing white light to avoid confusion with the Point Richards gas-buoy, which will shortly be altered to a single-flashing red light.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

GULF ST. VINCENT.—SIGNAL-STATION, OUTER HARBOUR.

Masters of vessels, pilots, and others are informed that a naval signal-station has been instituted at the Outer Harbour, Port Adelaide, for general shipping use, and is situated at the flagstaff, on which is flown, in the daytime, a Commonwealth Ensign.

The signal-station, which is connected with the Port Adelaide and Central Telephone Exchanges, is open day and night for the use of all passing vessels, and requests made by the masters will be attended to. Signals may be made by Morse (whistle, flags, or lamps), semaphore flags or machines, or by the International Code.

Attention is called to the War Precautions Regulations Nos. 37, 38, 39, and 40.

This affects Admiralty Charts Nos. 2389, 1750, and 1752.

SPENCER GULF.—HUMMOCK HILL JETTY.

Masters of vessels, pilots, and others are informed that the following lights are now exhibited by the Broken Hill Proprietary Company (Limited) at the sea end of the Hummock Hill Jetty—viz., three red lights on each side of the jetty to mark the dolphins, and one white light in the centre shown from a boom to mark the position of the jetty.

This affects Admiralty Charts Nos. 2389 and 403.

EASTERN SHOAL.—LIGHT-BEACON.

Masters of vessels, pilots, and others are hereby notified that the beacon marking the north end of Eastern Shoal has been demolished by a passing vessel.

This affects Admiralty Chart No. 2389.

JAPAN.

SHIMONOSEKI STRAIT.

Notice is hereby given that the Moji South-west lighted buoy on S.W. end of the shoal in Moji Bay, Shimonoseki Strait, has recently been withdrawn.

Bank Statements.

STATEMENT of the average amount of Liabilities and Assets of the Bank of New Zealand, in New Zealand, during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1916.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Notes in circulation	.. ..	1,728,673	9	2
Bills in circulation	.. ..	45,802	3	9
Balances due to other Banks	.. ..	21,450	1	1
Government deposits	.. ..	4,855,885	10	5
Other deposits—				
Not bearing interest	.. ..	9,160,993	17	6
Bearing interest	.. ..	6,120,355	7	6
Total average liabilities		£21,933,160	9	5

ASSETS.

ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Coined gold and silver and other coined metals	.. ..	3,302,922	18	4
Gold and silver in bullion or bars	.. ..	78,675	16	8
Notes and bills of other Banks	.. ..	150,773	18	8
Balances due from other Banks	.. ..	49,699	3	9
Landed property	.. ..	171,808	15	1
Amount of all other securities—				
1. Notes and bills discounted	.. ..	830,577	16	3
2. Colonial Government securities	.. ..	914,580	0	0
3. Other funded securities	.. ..	..	..	..
4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of debts abandoned as bad)	.. ..	9,009,293	0	5
5. Securities not included under the above heads	.. ..	655,081	15	7
Total average assets		£15,213,408	4	9

Amount of the capital stock paid up at the close of the quarter ended 31st March, 1916:—

4-per cent. guaranteed stock, £529,988.

"A" Preference shares issued to the Crown under Bank of New Zealand Act, 1903, £500,000.

"B" Preference shares issued to the Crown under Bank of New Zealand Act, 1913, £250,000.

Ordinary shares, £1,000,000.

Rate of the last dividend declared to the shareholders on—

"A" preference shares, 10 per cent. per annum.

"B" preference shares and ordinary shares (dividend 12 per cent. per annum, and bonus 3 per cent. per annum), 15 per cent. per annum.

Amount of the last dividend declared on—

Preference shares, £87,500.

Ordinary shares, £141,959.

(On the Guaranteed Stock £10,599, interest for six months, was paid on 1st November, 1915.)

Amount of the reserved profits at the time of declaring such dividend, £2,057,170.

Dated at Wellington this 5th day of April, 1916.

A. E. MILLS, Chief Inspector.

A. McLENNAN, Accountant.

[NOTE.—The above are the figures for New Zealand only.]

GENERAL ABSTRACT showing the average amount of the Liabilities and Assets of the Bank of Australasia, within the Dominion of New Zealand, taken from the several weekly statements, during the Quarter from the 1st January to 31st March, 1916.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Notes in circulation	.. ..	260,163	4	7
Bills in circulation	.. ..	15,543	17	5
Balances due to other Banks	.. ..	..	..	..
Government deposits	.. ..	42	6	1
Other deposits—				
Not bearing interest	.. ..	1,930,893	5	1
Bearing interest	.. ..	774,846	10	8
Total average liabilities		£2,981,489	3	10

ASSETS.

ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Coined gold and silver and other coined metals	.. ..	930,629	10	4
Gold and silver in bullion or bars	.. ..	819	17	3
Notes and bills of other Banks	.. ..	36,278	5	11
Balances due from other Banks	.. ..	..	..	..
Landed property	.. ..	16,849	3	0
Amount of all other securities—				
1. Notes and bills discounted	.. ..	172,098	19	6
2. Colonial Government securities	.. ..	..	..	..
3. Other funded securities	.. ..	..	..	..
4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of debts abandoned as bad)	.. ..	2,834,755	4	10
5. Securities not included under the above heads	.. ..	7,271	5	10
Total average assets		£3,998,702	6	8

Amount of the capital stock paid up at this date, £2,000,000.

Rate of the last dividend and bonus declared to the shareholders, 14 per cent. and bonus 12s. per share, equal to 17 per cent. per annum.

Amount of the last dividend and bonus declared, £170,000.

Amount of the reserved profits at the time of declaring such dividend, £2,895,000.

Dated at Wellington this 3rd day of April, 1916.

ROBT. B. SMITH, Inspector.

O. K. TENNENT, Accountant.