

*Description.*—A bell giving one stroke every fifteen seconds.  
*Remarks.*—The bell is in a pillar near the south-western side of the light-beacon.

*Note.*—The structure of the light-beacon has been painted black.

*Charts affected.*—No. 2001, Maldonado Bay; No. 2544, Rio de la Plata; No. 2522, Santa Catharina Island to Rio de la Plata.

*Publications.*—List of Lights, Part VII, 1916, No. 204A; South America Pilot, Part I, 1911, page 370.

## ARGENTINA.

## PLATA RIVER.—BUENOS AIRES APPROACH.

*Buoys established.*

The following buoys have been established in the approach to Buenos Aires:—

A green buoy, in (approximately) latitude  $34^{\circ} 38' S.$ , longitude  $58^{\circ} 20' 17'' W.$ , to mark a shoal near Kilometer 1 buoy, South Channel.

A green buoy, in (approximately) latitude  $34^{\circ} 27' 17'' S.$ , longitude  $57^{\circ} 55' 52'' W.$ , on the north-western side of Beaumanoir Rock.

A barrel painted green, in (approximately) latitude  $34^{\circ} 27' 27'' S.$ , longitude  $57^{\circ} 55' 18'' W.$ , to mark rock 113B.

A green buoy, in (approximately) latitude  $34^{\circ} 25' 22'' S.$ , longitude  $57^{\circ} 57' 23'' W.$ , to mark Diamante Rock.

H.O. Charts Nos. 1130, 1132, 616, 930, and 2450.

B.A. Chart No. 1751.

H.O. Pub. No. 172, 1916, page 556.

*Change in Characteristics of Lights.*

To conform to the new system, all lights on beacons and buoys on the port side of the channel entering the harbour of Buenos Aires show *white* and those on the starboard side *red*. The beacons show *flashing* lights and the buoys *fixed* lights, except starboard and port buoys 1A (also known as Kilometer 37 buoys), which show *flashing* lights.

*Wrecks.—Light-buoys established.*

The Argentine Government reports the following wrecks in the approach to the harbour of Buenos Aires:—

The wreck of the "Gemma," in (approximately) latitude  $34^{\circ} 34' 50'' S.$ , longitude  $58^{\circ} 9' 45'' W.$

The wreck of the "Los Andes," in (approximately) latitude  $34^{\circ} 35' 10'' S.$ , longitude  $58^{\circ} 18' 35'' W.$

The wreck of the "Velocidad," in (approximately) latitude  $34^{\circ} 36' 10'' S.$ , longitude  $58^{\circ} 19' 37'' W.$

The wreck of the "Gabarra," in (approximately) latitude  $34^{\circ} 47' 30'' S.$ , longitude  $57^{\circ} 52' 23'' W.$

The wreck of the "Lesbury," in (approximately) latitude  $34^{\circ} 28' 35'' S.$ , longitude  $57^{\circ} 56' 12'' W.$

The wreck of the "Wilson," in (approximately) latitude  $34^{\circ} 10' 57'' S.$ , longitude  $58^{\circ} 12' 5'' W.$

The wreck of the "Sofa," in (approximately) latitude  $34^{\circ} 27' 20'' S.$ , longitude  $58^{\circ} 9' 52'' W.$

The wrecks are each marked by a light-buoy exhibiting a *flashing green* light.

H.O. Charts Nos. 1130, 1132, 616, 930, 1328, and 2450.

B.A. Chart No. 1751.

H.O. Light List, Vol. I, 1916, No. 1629 (remarks) and 1633 (remarks).

H.O. Pub. No. 172, 1916, pages 556, 559, and 574.

## MARTIN GARCIA CHANNEL.—CHANGE IN CHARACTERISTICS OF LIGHTS ON BUOYS.

To conform to the new system, the following changes have been made in the characteristics of the aids of Martin Garcia Channel:—

All port-hand buoys on entering show *fixed white* lights and all starboard-hand buoys *fixed red* lights, except the ones in the following approximate positions: Latitude  $34^{\circ} 26' 23'' S.$ , longitude  $57^{\circ} 56' 16'' W.$ , and latitude  $34^{\circ} 25' 27'' S.$ , longitude  $57^{\circ} 57' 15'' W.$  These two exhibit *flashing white* lights to avoid confusion with the lights in Colonia Harbour.

## RIO DE LA PLATA.—MARTIN GARCIA LIGHT.—ALTERATION IN CHARACTER.

*Position.*—Lat.  $34^{\circ} 11\frac{1}{2}' S.$ , long.  $58^{\circ} 15' W.$

*New Abridged Description.*—Lt. fl. ev. 15 secs., 130 ft., vis. 12 m.

*Alteration.*—The character of the light has been altered from fixed white to *flashing white every fifteen seconds*—thus, flash 5 secs., eclipse 10 secs.

*Charts affected.*—No. 1751, Rio de la Plata; No. 3561, Entrance to the Rivers Parana and Uruguay; No. 2544, Rio de la Plata.

*Publications.*—List of Lights, Part VII, 1916, No. 222; South America Pilot, Part I, 1911, page 431.

*Easter Holidays.*

Office of Public Service Commissioner.

Wellington, 5th February, 1917.

IT is hereby notified for general information that on Friday, 6th April, 1917, Saturday, 7th April, 1917, and Monday, the 9th April, 1917, the Government Offices throughout New Zealand will be closed.

D. ROBERTSON,  
Public Service Commissioner.

*Branch of Friendly Society registered.*

Friendly Societies Department,

Wellington, 2nd February, 1917.

THE Immaculate Conception Branch, No. 647, situated at Stratford, is registered as a branch of the New Zealand District Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society Friendly Society, under the Friendly Societies Act, 1909, this 26th day of January, 1917.

R. E. HAYES,  
Registrar of Friendly Societies.

*Branch of Friendly Society registered.*

Friendly Societies Department,

Wellington, 2nd February, 1917.

THE St. Brigids Branch, No. 644, situated at Pahiataua, is registered as a branch of the New Zealand District Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society Friendly Society, under the Friendly Societies Act, 1909, this 26th day of January, 1917.

R. E. HAYES,  
Registrar of Friendly Societies.

*Branch of Friendly Society registered.*

Friendly Societies Department,

Wellington, 2nd February, 1917.

THE St. Patrick's Branch, No. 643, situated at South Dunedin, is registered as a branch of the New Zealand District Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society Friendly Society, under the Friendly Societies Act, 1909, this 26th day of January, 1917.

R. E. HAYES,  
Registrar of Friendly Societies.

*Branch of Friendly Society registered.*

Friendly Societies Department,

Wellington, 2nd February, 1917.

THE St. Patrick's Branch, No. 661, situated at Fairlie, is registered as a branch of the New Zealand District Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society Friendly Society, under the Friendly Societies Act, 1909, this 26th day of January, 1917.

R. E. HAYES,  
Registrar of Friendly Societies.

*Branch of Friendly Society registered.*

Friendly Societies Department,

Wellington, 2nd February, 1917.

THE St. Matthew's Branch, situated at Christchurch, is registered as a branch of the New Zealand District Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society Friendly Society, under the Friendly Societies Act, 1909, this 26th day of January, 1917.

R. E. HAYES,  
Registrar of Friendly Societies.

*Incorporated Societies Act, 1908.—Declaration by the Registrar dissolving a Society.*

ROBERT EDWARD HAYES, Registrar of Incorporated Societies, do hereby declare that, as it has been made to appear to me that the Pukekohe Literary and Debating Club is no longer carrying on its operations and has no assets, the aforesaid society is hereby dissolved in pursuance of section 28 of the Incorporated Societies Act, 1908.

Dated at Wellington this 30th day of January, 1917.

R. E. HAYES,  
Registrar of Incorporated Societies.