

section of the main bar leads to their intersection with the basin leads.

POINT STEPHENS LIGHT.—CORRECTION TO ADMIRALTY PUBLICATIONS.

Position.—Lat. 32° 45½' S., long. 152° 12¼' E.
New Abridged Description.—Lt. alt. rev. W.R. ev. min., 126 ft., vis. 14 and 8 m.

Alteration.—The light is incorrectly described in Admiralty publications as an alternating flashing white and red light; it is an alternating revolving white and red light every minute—thus, red light 50 secs., eclipse 10 secs.; white light 50 secs., eclipse 10 secs.

The publications are to be amended accordingly.

Publications.—List of Lights, Part VI, 1917, No. 2566; Australia Directory, Vol. II, 1907, page 92; Revised Supplement, 1913.

VICTORIA.

PORTSEA GAS-BUOY.—SOUTH CHANNEL.—PORT PHILLIP.

Mariners are hereby notified that a shoal carrying 26 ft. to 27 ft. low water has formed about a cable south-westward of the gas-buoy opposite Portsea, at the western end of the South Channel. Mariners are therefore advised that the gas-buoy will be shifted to mark the south-western end of the shoal as soon as possible; but mariners in charge of vessels over 24 ft. draught are advised in the meantime to keep about 2 cables off to the south-westward when rounding such buoy.

POINT RICHARDS BUOY.—PORT OF GEELONG.

Notice is hereby given that on or about the 27th March, 1917, this buoy will be temporarily removed for overhaul, and during such time will be replaced by a barge with a structure thereon painted black, and from which, at 20 ft. above sea-level, a single red flashing light will be exhibited.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

GULF ST. VINCENT.—OYSTER BAY SPIT BEACON.

Masters of vessels and others are hereby informed that the beacon on the north end of the South Spit, which had disappeared, has been replaced temporarily with a black buoy. This affects Admiralty Charts Nos. 2152 and 2389.

PORT ADELAIDE HARBOUR.

Masters of vessels, pilots, and others are hereby warned that a high-tension electric submarine cable is now laid across the stream between Ocean Steamers and Birkenhead Wharves, and that great care must be taken so as not to drop anchors, &c., in its vicinity.

In the daytime a pole 50 ft. high, with a white diamond head, erected at the back of Ocean Steamers Wharf, brought into line with a white mark 12 ft. high by 1½ ft. wide on the power-station chimney, indicates the direction of the cable.

On and after 1st April a red light will be exhibited at night-time from each of the above marks, one higher than the other.

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

Notice to Mariners.—No. 39 of 1917.

AUCKLAND HARBOUR.—BEACON OFF BROWN'S ISLAND.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 5th May, 1917.

THE Auckland Harbour Board has notified that the beacon on the reef off Brown's Island (Motukoreho) has been knocked down by some vessel, and will be re-erected as soon as possible.

Charts, &c., affected.—Admiralty Chart No. 1896; "New Zealand Pilot," eighth edition, 1908, Chapter ii, page 43.

GEORGE ALLPORT,
Secretary.

CROWN LANDS NOTICES.

Lands in the Auckland Land District forfeited.

Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 7th May, 1917.

NOTICE is hereby given that the leases and licenses of the undermentioned lands having been declared forfeited by resolution of the Auckland Land Board, the said lands have thereby reverted to the Crown under the provisions of the Land Act, 1908.

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.

Tenure, Lease or License No.	Section.	Block.	District.	Lessee or Licensee.	Reason for Forfeiture.
O.R.P. 3280	9	XV	Waioeka Survey District	C. J. Wood	Non-payment of rent.
" 5187	199, 200	..	Okura Parish	A. R. Kirchner	Non-fulfilment of conditions.
" 5031	5	VIII	Kawakawa Survey District	K. H. Brown	"
R.L. 148	9	III	Maungataniwha S.D.	T. E. Sherman	At request.
" 907	275	..	Paremoremo Parish	A. Aikman	Non-fulfilment of conditions and non-payment of rent.
" 1042	274	..	"	"	Ditto.
" 1210	5	V	Matakohe	Florence George	Non-fulfilment of conditions.

F. H. D. BELL,
For Minister of Lands.

Land in Taranaki Land District forfeited.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 8th May, 1917.

NOTICE is hereby given that the license of the undermentioned section having been declared forfeited by resolution of the Taranaki Land Board, the said land has thereby reverted to the Crown under the provisions of the Land Act, 1908.

SCHEDULE.

TARANAKI LAND DISTRICT.

Section 1, Block II, Rangī District.

TENURE: O.R.P. License No. 960. Formerly held by F. J. Churchill. Reason for forfeiture: Selector's request.

F. H. D. BELL,
For Minister of Lands.

Lands in Auckland Land District for Sale or Lease to Discharged Soldiers.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 7th May, 1917.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned lands are open for sale or lease to discharged soldiers, under the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915, and the regulations thereunder; and applications will be received at the District Lands and Survey Office, Auckland, up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Monday, 25th June, 1917.

The lands may be purchased for cash or on deferred payments, or selected on lease for thirty-three years, with right of renewal for further successive terms of thirty-three years, and a right to acquire the freehold.

Applicants must appear personally before the Land Board for examination at the District Lands and Survey Office, Auckland, on Wednesday, 27th June, 1917, at 10.30 o'clock a.m.

The ballot will be held at the conclusion of the examination of applicants.