Notice to Mariners .- No. 58 of 1920.

Marine Department,
Wellington, 5th October, 1920.
THE following Notices to Mariners, which have been received from the Hydrographic Office, London; the Marine Department, Brisbane; the Harbours and Marine Board, Adelaide; and the Marine Board, Hobart, are published for general information.

ROBERT DUNCAN, Secretary.

ENGLAND.

EAST COAST.—RIVER THAMES ESTUARY.—BUOYS RE-ESTABLISHED.

(1.) Ham Gat buoy:

Position.—At the southern end of Columbine Shoal. Lat. 51° 22′ 53″ N., long. θ° 58′ 2″ E. Description.—A red conical buoy.

(2.) West Pan Sand buoy:

Pan Sand. Lat. 51° 27′ 10″ N., long. 1° 8′ 28″ E. Description.—A red conical buoy with globe topmark.

(3.) Pan Sand Spit buoy:

Position.—Southward of the eastern end of Pan Sand. Lat. 51° 27′ 27″ N., long. 1° 11′ 42″ E. Description.—A red conical buoy.

(4.) Wedge buoy: Position.—Lat. 51° 26′ 48″ N., long. 1° 13′ 38″ E. Description.—A can buoy painted in red and white vertical stripes.

(5.) South Tongue buoy:

Position.—Off the southern edge of the Tongue Shoal.

Lat. 51° 28′ 7″ N., long. 1° 16′ 24″ E.

Description.—A red conical buoy.

(6.) North Spit buoy:

Position.—At a distance of about one mile north-eastward from the north-eastern end of Margate Sand. Lat. 51° 27′ 39″ N., long. 1° 21′ 11″ E. Description.—A can buoy painted in red and white chequers.

Note.—The above buoys, which had been withdrawn for war purposes, have now been re-established.

SOUTH COAST.-LYME BAY.-LIGHT-AND-BELL BUOY RE-ESTABLISHED.

Position.-Marking the wreck of "Empress of India," sunk

Position.—Marking the wreck of "Empress of India," sunk in 1913, at a distance of about 13½ miles southward from Lyme Regis Pier, over which there is a least depth of 14 fathoms. Lat. 50° 29′ 48″ N., long. 2° 57′ 37″ W.

Description.—A light-and-bell buoy with spherical superstructure, painted in black and white horizontal bands and marked "Lyme Bay," exhibiting a flashing white light every free records. five seconds.

West Coast.—Liverpool Bay.—N.W. Light-vessel. Wreck Westward of.

Position (approximate).—At a distance of about 6 miles westward from the charted position of the N.W. lightwessel. Lat. 53° 31′ 52″ N., long. 3° 41′ 15″ W.

Description.—Sunken wreck of the vessel "Rob the Ranter,"

iron laden.

CROSBY CHANNEL.—LIGHT-BUOY ESTABLISHED.

Position.—On the south side of the channel, northward of Askew Spit, at a distance of 2 miles and 4½ cables 233° from St. Luke's Church on Formby Point. Lat. 53° 31½′ N., long.

3° 8½ W.

Description.—A conical light-buoy painted red and marked "Cla," exhibiting a flashing white light.

WEST INDIES.

HONDURAS.—UTILLA ISLAND.—NEW LIGHT ESTABLISHED.

Position (approximate).—On the summit of Utilla Island, in the position formerly occupied by the fixed white light which was destroyed in 1919. Lat. 16° 6′ 48″ N., long. 86° 54′ 53″ W., on Chart No. 1532.

Abridged Description.—Lt. gp. fl. (2), ev. 5 secs., vis. 13 m.

(posn. approx.). Characteristics:

Character.-Group flashing white showing two flashes every five seconds.

Visibility.—13 miles.

Structure.—Red iron framework tower.

ROATAN ISLAND .- LIGHT ESTABLISHED.

Position (approximate).—On the western end of Roatan Island. Lat. 16° 18' N., long. 86° 38' W.

Abridged Description.—Lt. fl., vis. 10 m. (posn. approx.).

Characteristics:

Character.—Flashing white. Visibility.—10 miles.

QUEENSLAND.

WIDE BAY BAR.-SOUTH CHANNEL

Notice is hereby given that, on or about the 14th September, 1920, the triangular beacons marking the South Channel, Wide Bay Bar, will be shifted. They must then be kept in line until the beacons on Inskip Point come into line, when proceed as formerly. By following this direction a depth of 9 ft. at low water will be obtained.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

LIFE-SAVING SERVICE.

Masters and officers of vessels and the public generally are hereby informed that the rocket apparatus which for years past has been stationed at Antechamber Bay, Kangaroo Island, has been removed to Cuttlefish Bay, near Penneshaw, Hog Bay.

Life saving stations are now established at the following

places in South Australia:

Lifeboat and Rocket Stations: MacDonnell Bay, Beach-

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Rocket Stations: Port Adelaide (Inner Harbour), Port Adelaide (Outer Harbour), Aldinga, Cape Borda Lighthouse, Cape de Couedie Lighthouse, Cuttlefish Bay, Elliston, Glenelg, Kingscote, Kingston, Port Lincoln, and Normanville.

TASMANIA.

EAST COAST.—BLACKMAN BAY.

With reference to the notice of the 16th August, 1920, stating that the white diamond-headed beacon at the sea entrance to Blackman Bay was down, and that it would be replaced as soon as possible, notification is hereby given that the beacon has been removed, it having been found impracticable to permanently replace it in an advantageous resisting on the spirity of the sandspit. On account position, owing to the shifting of the sandspit. On account of the channel now being much narrower and the tide stronger, mariners are cautioned to exercise care when navigating the entrance, especially in bad weather.

RED SEA.

EASTERN SHORE.—MOKAHA.—LIGHT REPORTED EXTINGUISHED.

Position.—On South Fort, lat. 13° 18½' N., long. 43° 14' E.

Description.—On South Fort, lat. 13 18\(\frac{1}{2} \) X., long, \(\frac{1}{2} \) 14 12.

Remarks.—The note "(Repd. extinguished) (1920)" is to be placed against this light on the charts.

Note.—The character of this light is incorrectly shown as fixed on Chart No. 2523, which is to be corrected accordingly.

MEDITERRANEAN. ITALY, SOUTH COAST.—CAPE SAN VITO LIGHT.—ALTERATION IN POSITION AND CHARACTERISTICS.

New Position.—On the old light-tower, at a distance of about 2 cables northward from the charted position of the light. Lat. 40° 24¼′ N., long. 17° 12½′ E.

New Abridged Description.—Lt. gp. fl. (3), ev. 15 secs.,

152 ft., vis. 18 m.

Details.—The light has been reinstalled in the old light-tower, and now has an elevation of 152 ft. and a consequent visibility of 18 miles

The other characteristics of the light remain Remarks.unchanged.

CROWN LANDS NOTICES.

Lands in Auckland Land District forfeited.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 4th October, 1920.

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, and the Discharged
Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915.

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT. Section 505, Taupiri Parish.

O.R.P. 4613. Lessee, C. Coleman (deceased). Reason for forfeiture: Non-fulfilment of conditions.

Section 47, Mangateparu Settlement.
D.S. 269. Lessee, A. H. Thomas. Reason for forfeiture: At request.

Section 17, Block II, Otama Survey District.

D.S. 245. Lessee, W. G. Wilson. Reason for forfeiture: At request.

D. H. GUTHRIE, Minister of Lands.