

the appearance of a solitary rock. From a distance it is reported to have the appearance of a number of small fishing-boats with spread sails."

Approx. position : 5° 57' N., 119° 47' E.

AUSTRALIA.

VICTORIA.—PORT PHILLIP.—SOUTH CHANNEL, PILE LIGHT.—ALTERATION IN SECTOR.

Position.—Lat. 38° 20' S., long. 144° 51' E. (approx.).
Description.—An occulting light with white and red sectors.
Alteration.—The white sector, visible from the eastward, has been reduced by 6° on the southern side, the adjoining red sector being extended by a corresponding arc. The white sector now shows between the bearings 272° and 280°.

SOUTH COAST.—WILSON PROMONTORY.—SOUTH-EAST POINT LIGHT.—ARC OF VISIBILITY.

The master of the American steamer "West Camargo" reports that South-east Point light is visible farther to the north-westward than indicated on the chart and in the Light List.

When approaching from Melbourne the "West Camargo" made this light on the bearing 78°, and it showed up clearly between Cleft and Anser Islands.

Approx. position : 39° 08' 00" S., 146° 25' 40" E.

NORTH-WEST COAST.—KING SOUND.—FITZROY RIVER . APPROACH.—OBSTRUCTION REPORTED.

A submerged obstruction over which there is a depth of 2½ fathoms of water is reported to exist about 2½ miles north-westward of the northern end of Outer Rip Shoal.

NOTE.—The above depth will be encircled by a danger line on the charts and marked with the note "Obstruction reported (1921)."

Approx. position : 17° 03' 30" S., 123° 28' 30" E.

MALAY PENINSULA.

SINGAPORE STRAIT.—RED CLIFF BANK.—SHOAL EASTWARD. A shoal with a least depth of 2½ fathoms (5 metres) exists 3.8 miles 93° from Tanah Merah Besar Summit (Large Red Cliffs).

From the above position, which is the easternmost point of a triangular-shaped shoal, depths of 3 fathoms (5.5 metres) or less extend about 800 yards in north-westward and south-westward directions.

Approx. position : 1° 21' N., 104° 02' E.

LIGHTS TO BE ESTABLISHED.

The following lights are to be established in Singapore Strait, of which no further notice will be given :—

(a.) An unwatched flashing white light every 3 seconds, exhibited 6 ft. above the water from an iron framework structure, off the south-eastern extremity of Pulo Ketam.

Position : 1° 23' 52" N., 103° 57' 25" E.

(b.) An unwatched flashing white light every 3 seconds, exhibited 6 ft. above the water, from an iron framework structure, off the western extremity of Pulo Ubin.

Position : 1° 25' 18" N., 103° 55' 30" E.

(c.) An unwatched flashing white light every 3 seconds, exhibited 6 ft. above the water, from an iron framework structure, 0.5 mile eastward of the southern extremity of Kitch Bongsu.

Position : 1° 26' 20" N., 103° 52' 22" E.

(d.) An unwatched flashing white light every 3 seconds, exhibited 6 ft. above the water, from an iron framework structure, on the northern side of the strait between Sungi Lunchu and Sungi Sinibong.

Position : 1° 29' 00" N., 103° 49' 38" E.

EAST INDIA ISLANDS.

THE MOLUKKAS.—MISOL (MISOOL) ISLAND.—SHOALS NORTHWARD.

The following shoals have been discovered northward of Misol (Misool) Island, the bearings being from the centre of Nusel (Musel) Island :—

(a.) A shoal with a least depth of 2 fathoms (3.5 metres) 7,218 yards (6,600 metres) 7°.

(b.) A shoal with a least depth of 4 fathoms (7.25 metres) 10,335 yards (9,450 metres) 177°.

(c.) A reef which dries at low water 5,905 yards (5,400 metres) 213°.

(d.) A shoal with a least depth of 4 fathoms (7.25 metres) 18,865 yards (17,250 metres) 254°.

(e.) A shoal with a least depth of 2 fathoms (3.5 metres) 14,430 yards (13,500 metres) 257°.

(f.) A shoal with a least depth of ¼ fathom (½ metre) 9,750 yards (8,925 metres) 270°.

(g.) A shoal with a least depth of 2 fathoms (3.5 metres) 12,550 yards (11,475 metres) 270°.

(h.) A shoal with a least depth of 1.5 fathoms (2.75 metres) 11,237 yards (10,275 metres) 274°.

(i.) A shoal with a least depth of 2 fathoms (3.5 metres) 13,282 yards (12,150 metres) 274°.

(j.) A shoal with a least depth of 1.5 fathoms (2.75 metres) 1,886 yards (1,725 metres) 278°.

(k.) A shoal with a least depth of 1.5 fathoms (2.75 metres) 5,905 yards (5,400 metres) 315°.

The coast reef at the south side of Gam Islet extends one mile to seaward.

Stocks of Flour, Wheat, and Oats.

THE usual Census of stocks of flour, wheat, and oats in the Dominion was taken as at the 30th November last, and the results are tabulated hereunder. Returns were received covering all stocks owned or stored by millers, merchants, and farmers throughout the Dominion, with a few unimportant exceptions which would not appreciably affect the totals given.

	Wheat.							Oats.			
	In Grain.							In Stack (estimated).	In Stack (estimated).		Tons.
	Milling.						In Grain.		For Threshing.	For Chaffing.	
	(N.Z.) Tuscan or Long-berry.	(N.Z.) Hunter's (Varieties.)	(N.Z.) Velvet or Pearl.	Other (including Australian) and Unspecified.	Total Milling.	Other than Milling.					
STOCKS BY DISTRICTS.											
North Auckland, Auckland, Hawke's Bay, and Taranaki	3,305	153,714	86,580	4,354	25	244,673	10,090	..	118,129	965	5,117
Wellington ..	1,033	9,802	6,093	244	115	16,254	19,850	..	47,586	300	1,012
Nelson, Marlborough, and Westland	98	4,834	..	120	60	5,014	1,107	..	24,149	950	5,535
Canterbury ..	3,803	236,994	149,221	12,301	532	399,048	32,280	888	581,164	26,973	18,922
Otago and Southland	2,379	111,705	88,617	13,769	11,936	226,027	13,733	1,565	466,519	16,824	19,571
Totals ..	10,618	517,049	330,511	30,788	12,668	891,016	77,060	2,453	1,237,547	46,012	50,157
STOCKS HELD BY MILLERS, MERCHANTS, AND FARMERS.											
Millers ..	8,871	430,203	271,570	30,120	11,383	743,276	25,599	..	58,989
Merchants ..	1,678	84,408	58,046	229	..	142,683	34,979	..	697,471	..	129
Farmers ..	69	2,438	895	439	1,285	5,057	16,482	2,453	481,087	46,012	50,028
Totals ..	10,618	517,049	330,511	30,788	12,668	891,016	77,060	2,453	1,237,547	46,012	50,157
STOCKS OWNED BY MILLERS, MERCHANTS, AND FARMERS.											
Millers ..	8,973	509,427	326,618	30,291	11,383	877,719	26,636	..	104,974	..	24
Merchants ..	1,572	4,907	2,848	22	..	7,777	32,666	..	518,265	..	135
Farmers ..	73	2,715	1,045	475	1,285	5,520	17,758	2,453	614,308	46,012	49,998
Totals, 30th November, 1921	10,618	517,049	330,511	30,788	12,668	891,016	77,060	2,453	1,237,547	46,012	50,157
Corresponding figures, 30th November, 1920	9,209	404,577	257,748	129,651	286,037	1,078,013	58,791	4,658	2,285,227	16,895	18,569

Census and Statistics Office, Wellington, 14th December, 1921.

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