

PANAMA.

BALBOA HARBOUR ENTRANCE.—DEPTHS IN DREDGED CHANNEL.

The project depth of the dredged channel leading to the Balboa entrance of the Panama Canal is 45 ft. below Balboa mean sea-level. Due to shoaling the present depth is 40 ft. The note on all charts under "Depths in Canal" will be changed to read "The project depth throughout the canal is 40 ft., except from the Pacific to Miraflores Lock where it is 37 ft., at mean low-water springs. Owing to occasional shoaling these depths are not always available."

CHINA SEA.—GASPAR STRAIT.

PULO LIAT (MIDDLE ISLAND).—REEF NORTHWARD OF.

Position.—At a distance of about 3 miles northward of the northern extremity of Pulo Liat. Lat. 2° 46' S., long. 107° 4' 55" E.

Description.—A reef, named "Dorothea," with a depth of less than 6 ft. (1.8 m.).

Note.—The note "(P.D.)" is to be placed against this reef on the charts.

VANSITTART SHOALS.—SHOAL SOUTH-EASTWARD OF.

Position.—At a distance of about 7½ miles southward of Bakau (Low) Islet. Lat. 3° 10' 5" S., long. 107° 8' 55" E.

Depth.—3½ fathoms (6.8 m.).

CHINA.

EAST COAST.—SHANTUNG.—NORTH-EAST PROMONTORY LIGHT CHANGED.

On 20th May, 1921, the new *group flashing* light showing *two flashes* in quick succession every *15 seconds* was established on Shantung North-east Promontory, and the two provisional lights shown from the gallery of the tower were withdrawn. The new light is dioptric of the second order. The sectors remain unchanged.

Approx. position: 37° 23' 48" N., 122° 41' 51" E.

SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN.

SOLOMON ISLANDS.—PAVUVU ISLANDS.—KAKAU ISLET.—SHOAL SOUTHWARD.

A shoal with a depth of 2½ fathoms has been discovered about 1,400 yards 168° from the centre of Kakau Islet.

Approx. position: 9° 2' S., 159° 12' E.

CHOISEUL ISLAND.—HYDROGRAPHIC INFORMATION.

1. Capt. B. L. McGrath, of the bark "Montauk," reports that at 9 a.m. on 4th August, 1920, in fine clear weather, his vessel grounded in 18 ft. of water on the north-eastern end of a coral reef ½ mile wide and 1 mile long, extending northeast-southwest, in a position 4½ miles 52° from the eastern end of Lina Island. Soundings on the reef showed a least depth of 11 ft. and greatest depth of 25 ft.

Approx. position: 7° 15' S., 157° 39' E.

2. Captain McGrath also states that on the southern side of Choiseul Island, from the meridian of 157° east longitude to the eastern end of the island, are thousands of small islands extending from 2 to 10 miles off shore.

AUSTRALIA.

QUEENSLAND, FITZROY RIVER ENTRANCE.—GRASSY HILL LIGHT.—ALTERATION IN SECTOR.

Position.—Lat. 23° 28' S., long. 151° 1' E. (approx.).

Alteration.—The western sector of this *fixed white* light has been extended to the southward and now shows from 86° to 148°.

INDIA.

WEST COAST.—BOBBAY HARBOUR.—PRONGS REEF LIGHT.—CHARACTERISTIC.

Prongs Reef light is *flashing white* every *10 seconds*, and not as stated in the Light List and shown on charts.

Approx. position: 18° 52' 42" N., 72° 48' 3" E.

ADMIRALTY PUBLICATIONS.

Supplement No. 2 to PACIFIC ISLANDS PILOT, VOL. II.

Supplement No. 2 to Pacific Islands Pilot, Vol. II, corrected to 2nd April, 1921, has been published.

Supplement No. 1, 1920, is hereby cancelled.

TIME ZONES.

FURTHER INFORMATION.

In addition to the navies of Chile, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, France, Italy, Portugal, Siam, Spain, and the United States, which have adopted the uniform system of time-keeping at sea outlined in a former notice, notice is given that this system has now also been adopted in the navies of China and Denmark.

Branch of Friendly Society registered.

Friendly Societies Department,
Wellington, 10th August, 1921.

THE Star of Huntly Lodge, situated at Huntly, is registered as a branch of The Grand Lodge of the North Island of New Zealand of the United Ancient Order of Druids Friendly Society, under the Friendly Societies Act, 1909, this 10th day of August, 1921.

R. E. HAYES,
Registrar of Friendly Societies.

Officiating Ministers for 1921.—Notice No. 26.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 16th August, 1921.

PURSUANT to the provisions of the Marriage Act, 1908, the following names of Officiating Ministers within the meaning of the said Act are published for general information:—

Church of the Province of New Zealand, commonly called the Church of England.

The Reverend John Lawrence Greer.

Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

Mr. John Kirk.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Elder Alvin T. Maughan.

W. W. COOK, Registrar-General.

Town of Rotorua.—Order levying a Hospital Rate, 1921–22.

WHEREAS by the Rotorua Town Act, 1907, provision is made for the management of the Town of Rotorua by the Department of Tourist and Health Resorts, and the said Department is, in respect of the said town, created a body corporate:

And whereas by section 5 of the said Act it is enacted that for the purposes of any Act relating to local authorities the said Department shall, in respect of the said town, be deemed to be a local authority, and that the provisions of any such Act shall (subject to such modifications or exceptions as the Governor-General by Order in Council directs) extend and apply as if the said town were a borough:

And whereas by section 80 of the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1909, and the Sixth Schedule thereto, it is provided that the said Department shall be deemed to be a contributory local authority of the Waikato Hospital District, and that the said Department, for the purpose of providing funds for the payment of contributions payable to the Waikato Hospital and Charitable Aid Board, shall have the same power of making, levying, and collecting rates in the Town of Rotorua as if the town were a borough and the Department were a Council thereof:

And whereas on the 11th day of April, 1908, His Excellency the Governor-General, in exercise of the powers conferred in that behalf by the Rotorua Town Act, 1907, did by Order in Council make certain regulations for the effectual carrying-out of that Act, which regulations appear in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 16th day of April, 1908:

And whereas by clause 3 of the said regulations it is provided that an order or direction in writing, signed by the General Manager of the said Department, shall be sufficient in all cases in which (amongst other things) a resolution or special order of a Council is necessary in a borough:

Now, therefore, I, the undersigned, Benjamin Marcus Wilson, the General Manager of the said Department, in exercise of the powers given to local authorities by the Rating Act, 1908, and also in exercise of the powers and authorities given by the Rotorua Town Act, 1907, and the said regulations, do hereby order, direct, and declare that a rate of one-eighth of a penny in the pound on the capital value of all rateable property in the Town of Rotorua is hereby made and levied for the year commencing on the 1st day of April, 1921, and ending on the 31st day of March, 1922, and that such rate shall be payable in one sum on the 16th day of August, 1921.

As witness my hand this 15th day of August, 1921.

B. M. WILSON, General Manager.

Witness—D. M. Jervis.