

Notice to Mariners No. 16 of 1926.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 13th April, 1926.

THE following Notices to Mariners, which have been received from the Hydrographic Office, London, and the Department of Trade and Customs, Melbourne, are published for general information.

B. W. MILLIER, Acting-Secretary.

CENTRAL AMERICA, PACIFIC COAST—PANAMA.

Morro Puercos.—Foul Ground.

Position.—Morro Puercos, lat. 7° 14' N., long. 80° 26' W. (approx.).

Details.—Foul ground exists off the above point, and pending the receipt of further details a danger-line is to be drawn on the charts as follows: From the southern extremity of the point to the 5 fathom (9m) shoal situated about 3½ miles to the eastward, passing close seaward of this shoal and thence in a 338° direction to the coast north-westward of the point; this area is to be marked "Foul Ground."

CENTRAL AMERICA.—PANAMA, CARIBBEAN COAST.

Panama Canal, Northern Approach.—Amended Position of Light-and-Whistle Buoy.

Former Notice.—No. 1750 of 1925.

Position.—At a distance of about 3 miles southward of position given in former notice and 8½ miles northward of Colon Harbour east breakwater lighthouse. Lat. 9° 32' 09" N., long. 79° 55' 02" W., on chart No. 657.

Description.—A light-and-whistle buoy, painted in black and white vertical stripes, exhibiting a group-flashing white light showing three flashes every twenty seconds.

Remarks.—This light-and-whistle buoy sank at its moorings in November, 1925, and is temporarily replaced by a spar buoy; the light-and-whistle buoy will be re-established in the amended position given above as soon as possible without further notice.

AUSTRALIA.—SOUTH COAST.

Cape Jaffa Light.—Power to be increased.

Mariners and others are hereby notified that the power of the flashing light at Cape Jaffa will be increased on or about 1st July, 1926.

Position.—Centre of Margaret Brock Reef. Lat. 36° 57' S., long. 139° 36' E., on chart No. 1014.

Power.—The power will be increased from 100,000 candles to 142,000 candles.

Remarks.—In other respects the light will remain unaltered. No further notice will be given.

AUSTRALIA.—EAST COAST.

Montagu Island Light.—Intended Alteration in Character.

Temporary Light to be exhibited.

Mariners and others are hereby notified that the character of the fixed and flashing white light on Montagu Island will be altered on or about 21st July, 1926.

Position.—On the summit. Lat. 36° 15' S., long. 150° 15' E., on chart No. 1018.

Details.—

Character.—Flashing White every seven and a half seconds, thus: Flash ½ sec., eclipse 7¼ sec.

Power.—357,000 candles.

Remarks.—In other respects the light will remain unaltered. Further notice will be given when the alterations have been completed.

Temporary Light.—The existing light will be replaced from on or about 1st July, 1926, until 21st July, 1926, by a low-power temporary Flashing White Light every five seconds.

Bank Statements.

STATEMENT of the average amount of Liabilities and Assets of the Bank of New Zealand, in New Zealand, during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1926.

LIABILITIES.		£	s	d.
Notes in circulation .. ..	..	4,243,046	0	0
Bills in circulation .. ..	..	108,083	0	0
Balances due to other Banks ..	..	421,110	0	0
Government deposits .. ..	..	4,012,194	0	0
Other deposits—				
Not bearing interest .. ..	..	12,588,483	0	0
Bearing interest .. ..	..	10,415,869	0	0
Total average liabilities		£31,788,785	0	0

ASSETS.		£	s	d.
Coined gold and silver and other coined metals .. ..	..	3,460,807	0	0
Gold and silver in bullion or bars ..	..	10,256	0	0
Legal tender notes of other Banks ..	..	56,429	0	0
Notes and bills of other Banks .. ..	..	291,254	0	0
Balances due from other Banks .. ..	..	363,126	0	0
Landed property .. ..	..	223,988	0	0
Amount of all other securities—				
1. Notes and bills discounted .. ..	..	1,249,052	0	0
2. Government securities (New Zealand or otherwise) .. ..	..	3,240,988	0	0
3. Other funded securities .. ..	..	..	..	..
4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of debts abandoned as bad) .. ..	..	19,941,342	0	0
5. Securities not included under the above heads .. ..	..	821,494	0	0
Total average assets		£29,658,736	0	0

Amount of the capital stock paid up at the close of the quarter ended 31st March, 1926.

- 4-per-cent. guaranteed stock, £529,988.
- Preference "A" shares issued to the Crown under Bank of New Zealand Act, 1920, £500,000.
- Preference "B" shares issued to the Crown under Bank of New Zealand Act, 1920, £1,375,000.
- Ordinary shares, £3,750,000.
- Rate of the last dividend declared to the shareholders on—
- Preference "A" shares, 10 per cent. per annum.
- Preference "B" shares, equal to 11½ per cent. per annum.
- Ordinary shares, equal to 13½ per cent. per annum.
- Amount of the last dividend declared on—
- Preference "A" shares, £50,000.
- Preference "B" shares, £112,500.
- Ordinary shares, £400,000.

(On the Guaranteed Stock £10,599, interest for six months was paid on 1st November, 1925.)

Amount of the reserved profits at the time of declaring such dividend, £3,088,299.

Dated at Wellington this 10th day of April, 1926.

H. BUCKLETON, General Manager.
A. H. BATH, Accountant.

[NOTE.—The above are the figures for New Zealand only.]

STATEMENT of the average amount of Liabilities and Assets of the Bank of Australasia, in New Zealand, during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1926.

LIABILITIES.		£	s	d.
Notes in circulation .. ..	..	407,812	10	9
Bills in circulation .. ..	..	24,680	16	5
Balances due to other Banks .. ..	..	..	..	..
Government deposits .. ..	..	..	..	..
Other deposits—				
Not bearing interest .. ..	..	2,669,423	18	6
Bearing interest .. ..	..	1,741,818	9	11
Total average liabilities		£4,843,735	15	7

ASSETS.		£	s	d.
Coined gold and silver and other coined metals .. ..	..	962,298	8	8
Legal tender notes of other Banks ..	..	30,597	16	2
Notes and bills of other Banks .. ..	..	105,318	2	10
Balances due from other Banks .. ..	..	136,615	7	8
Landed property .. ..	..	14,113	11	0
Amount of all other securities—				
1. Notes and bills discounted .. ..	..	147,908	16	6
2. Colonial Government securities ..	..	154,763	1	11
3. Other funded securities .. ..	..	..	..	..
4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of debts abandoned as bad) .. ..	..	4,903,773	12	10
5. Securities not included under the above heads .. ..	..	1,101	1	3
Total average assets		£6,456,489	18	10

Amount of the capital stock paid up at this date, £4,000,000.

Rate of the last interim dividend and bonus declared to the shareholders, 10 per cent. per annum and bonus 3 per cent. per annum, equal to 13 per cent. per annum.

Amount of the last interim dividend and bonus declared, £260,000.

Amount of the reserved profits at the time of declaring such interim dividend, £3,892,880.

Dated at Wellington this 8th day of April, 1926.

W. L. WARD, Inspector.
T. P. HANNA, Accountant.