

1st (Renfrewshire) Volunteer Battalion, Princess Louise's (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders),  
The undermentioned Officers resign their Commissions:—

Second Lieutenant R. E. Wilson. Dated 2nd January, 1901.

Surgeon-Lieutenant C. McBryde, M.B. Dated 2nd January, 1901.

20th Middlesex (Artists'), Surgeon-Lieutenant C. S. de Segundo, M.B., to be Surgeon-Captain. Dated 2nd January, 1901.

1st Tower Hamlets, Major V. Dunfee to be Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 2nd January, 1901.

*Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Worcester.*

Edward James Morton, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 28th December, 1900.

*Lunacy Commission,  
66, Victoria Street, December 31, 1900.*

THE Commissioners in Lunacy have (with the approbation of the Lord Chancellor) appointed Lionel Lancelot Shadwell, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, to be their Secretary, on the resignation of Hardinge Frank Giffard, Esq., appointed a Commissioner.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens,  
January 1, 1901.*

THE Office of Official Receiver for the Bankruptcy District of the County Courts holden at Bristol, Bath, Frome, and Wells having become vacant through the retirement (on the 31st ultimo) of Mr. Edward Gustavus Clarke, the Board of Trade have appointed Mr. Frank Lowson Clark to be Official Receiver for the Bankruptcy District of the said County Courts, as from this date, inclusive.

**FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT, 1878.**  
41 and 42 Vict., c. 16, sec. 26.

ORDER of Secretary of State prescribing, with the consent of the Board of Education, Standards of Proficiency and of Previous Due Attendance (England and Wales).

WHEREAS by the Factory and Workshop Act, 1878, it is enacted as follows:—

Section 26. When a child of the age of thirteen years has obtained from a person authorized by the Education Department a certificate of having attained such standard of proficiency in reading, writing, and arithmetic, or such standard of previous due attendance at a certified efficient school, as hereinafter mentioned, that child shall be deemed to be a young person for the purposes of this Act.

The standards of proficiency and due attendance for the purposes of this section shall be such as may be from time to time fixed for the purposes of this Act by a Secretary of State, with the consent of the Education Department, and the standards so fixed shall be published in the London Gazette, and shall not have effect until the expiration of at least six months after such publication.

Attendance at a certified day industrial school shall be deemed for the purposes of this section to be attendance at a certified efficient school.

Section 95. The expression "certified efficient school" in this Act means a public elementary

school within the meaning of the Elementary Education Acts, 1870 and 1873, and any workhouse school in England, certified to be efficient by the Local Government Board, and also any elementary school which is not conducted for private profit and is open at all reasonable times to the inspection of Her Majesty's inspectors of schools, and requires the like attendance from its scholars as is required in a public elementary school, and keeps such registers of those attendances as may be for the time being required by the Education Department, and is certified by the Education Department to be an efficient school.

And whereas on the 7th August, 1893, an Order was made by the Secretary of State fixing standards of proficiency and standards of previous due attendance, for the purposes of the above recited enactments so far as they relate to England and Wales.

Now I, the Right Honourable Charles Thomson Ritchie, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, with the consent of the Board of Education, hereby for the purpose of the said enactments, and so far as the same relate to England and Wales, order that, from and after the 1st day of July, 1901, the aforesaid Order of the 7th August, 1893, shall be revoked, and instead thereof the following provisions shall take effect, that is to say:—

(a.) The standard of proficiency for the purpose of a certificate of proficiency to be given to any child, shall be the Fifth Standard of reading, writing, and arithmetic, as fixed by the Code in force for the time being, or any higher standard which may be attained by the child.

Certificates of proficiency may be granted in the manner prescribed by sections 4 to 8 of the Regulations of the Board of Education, dated 23rd April, 1900.

(b.) The standard of previous due attendance at a certified efficient school for the purpose of a certificate of previous due attendance shall, in the case of any child, be 350 attendances after such child has attained five years of age in not more than two schools during each year for five years, whether consecutive or not.

Certificates of previous due attendance at school may be granted in the manner prescribed by sections 9 to 11 of the Regulations of the Board of Education, dated 23rd April, 1900.

*Chas. T. Ritchie,  
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.*

Home Office, Whitehall,  
December 19, 1900.

The Board of Education hereby consent to the standards of proficiency and due attendance fixed by the Secretary of State in the above order for the purposes of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1878.

*H. M. Lindsay,  
One of the Assistant Secretaries of the Board of Education.*

December 31, 1900.

NOTE.—In districts where the Bye-laws made by the School Authority under the Elementary Education Acts apply to children between 13 and 14 years of age, a child must also satisfy the conditions of total exemption prescribed by the Bye-laws, before he can be legally employed full time in a factory or workshop.