No. S. 15.—Return of samples examined under "The Sale of Food and Drugs Ordinance, 1896," for the year ended 31st December, 1918.

Description.	Number of samples.	Number found genuine.	Number found adulterated.	
Beer,	6	6	0	
Brandy,	7	7	0	
Gin,	2	2	0	
Ice,	3	2	1	
Ice Cream,	2	2	0	
Milk,	91	67	24	
Port Wine,	2	2	0 5	
Rum,	5	5	0	
Sherry,	2	2	0	
Whisky,	12	10	2	

E. R. Dovey,

Government Analyst.

10th January, 1919.

No. S. 16.

NOTICES TO MARINERS.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE.

1918. No. 25.

The Astronomical positions are only approximate unless seconds are given. The bearings are given both True and Magnetic, and those relating to lights are from seaward. The visibility of lights is that in clear weather. Fog signals are sounded only in thick or foggy weather. The elevation given is the height of focal plane above high water.

AUSTRALIA—EAST COAST.

Inner Barrier Route.

Heath Reef.—Light (U) established. Claremont Isles Light-Vessel withdrawn. Beacon removed.

With reference to Notice No. 21 of 1918, Mariners and others are hereby notified that:—

- (a) The Group Flashing White Light is now permanently established.
- (b) The Claremont Isles Light-Vessel is withdrawn.
- (c) The Black Square Beacon is removed.

(1.) Light established—

Position.—On the centre of the reef, at a distance of 130 feet North-Eastward of the position formerly occupied by the Black Square Beacon, which has now been removed.

Lat. 13° 28½′ S.; Long. 143° 40½′ E. on Chart No. 2921.

Details:

Character.—Group Flashing White Light, showing a group of three flashes in quick succession every fifteen seconds, thus:—

Flash	Eclipse	\mathbf{Flash}	Eclipse	Flash	Eclipse
					
$\frac{1}{2}$ sec.	1 sec.	$\frac{1}{2}$ sec.	$1 \mathrm{sec.}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ sec.	$11\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

Elevation.—56 feet.

Visibility.—13 miles.

Power.—1,500 candles.

Structure.—Steel skeleton tower, painted red and white, on concrete piers. Height, 61 feet.

Rèmarks.—The light will be unwatched.

(2.) Light-Vessel withdrawn—

Position.—At a distance of about 8 cables to the westward of Heath Reef.

Lat. $13^{\circ} 29'$ S.; Long. $143^{\circ} 40'$ E. on Chart No. 2921.

Description.—A Light-Vessel formerly exhibiting a fixed white light.

Charts affected:—

Admiralty Chart No. 2921 —Claremont Point to Cape Direction.

- 3762 —Hay Island to Bow Reef.
- ., 2764 Coral Sea, Sheet 2.
- ,, 2759A—Australia, Northern portion.
- " 780 —Pacific Ocean, South-West Sheet.

$Publications\ affected:--$

Australia Directory, Vol. II., 1907, page 412.

Admiralty List of Lights and Time Signals, Part VI., 1918, No. 2746.

Sailing Directions and other information for the Ports and Harbours of Queensland, 1918, pages 27, 51, &c.

1918. No. 26.

AUSTRALIA-EAST COAST.

Inner Barrier Route.

Tih Tih Reef.—Light (U) established. Beacon removed.

With reference to Notice No. 21 of 1918, Mariners and others are hereby notified that:—

- (a) The Group Flashing White Light is now permanently established.
- (b) The Black Square Beacon is removed.

Position.—Near the middle of the North-East side of the reef, at a distance of 135 feet Westward of the position formerly occupied by the Black Square Beacon, which has now been removed.

Lat. 13° 09′ S.; Long. 143° 37′ E. on Chart No. 2921.

Details:—

Character.—Group Flashing White Light, showing a group of four flashes in quick succession every twenty seconds, thus:—

Flash	Eclipse	Flash	Eclipse	Flash	Eclipse	Flash	Eclipse
$\frac{1}{2}$ sec.	1 sec.	$\frac{1}{2}$ sec.	1 sec.	$\frac{1}{2}$ sec.	1 sec.	$\frac{1}{2}$ sec.	$\overline{15}$ secs.

Elevation.—56 feet.

Visibility.—13 miles.

Power.—1,500 candles.

Structure.—Steel skeleton tower, painted red, on concrete piers. Height, 61 feet.

Remarks.—The light is unwatched.

$Charts\ affected:$ —

Admiralty Chart No. 2921 —Claremont Point to Cape Direction.

" 2764 — Coral Sea, Sheet 2.

" 3088 —Anchorages on the East Coast of Australia— Night Island Anchorage.

" 2759A—Australia, Northern portion.

780 —Pacific Ocean, South-West Sheet.

Publications affected:—

Australia Directory, Vol. II., 1907, page 419.

Admiralty List of Lights and Time Signals, Part VI., 1918.

Sailing Directions and other information for the Ports and Harbours of Queensland, 1918, page 52.

By Direction,

R. McK. OAKLEY,
Acting Comptroller-General of Customs.

JOSHUA F. RAMSBOTHAM,

Director of Lighthouses.

Department of Trade and Customs,

Melbourne, 30th November, 1918.

TIENTSIN DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS, No. 199.

Taku Bar Leading Lights: temporary extinguishment of.

Notice is hereby given that the lights on the Taku Bar Leading Marks on the provisional Outer and Inner Beacons on the River Mouth Leading Marks will be discontinued temporarily on and after the 4th January, 1919. Due notice will be issued when these lights will again be exhibited.

ROBERT DOUGLAS, Harbour Master.

Approved:

F. W. MAZE,

Commissioner of Customs.

Custom House, Tientsin, 30th December, 1918.

CANTON DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS, No. 146.

Collinson Reach Barrier—Removal of Iron Piles.

Notice is hereby given that the removal of the iron piles of Collinson Reach Barrier, now nearing completion, does not mean that the water to the Southward of the Black Buoy and to the Northward of the Light Station is clear of obstruction.

The passage for vessels is still, as heretofore, between the Buoy and the Light Station.

ARNOLD HOTSON,

Harbour Master.

Harbour Master's Office, Chinese Maritime Customs, Canton, 31st December, 1918.

Approved:

FRANCIS A. CARL, Commissioner of Customs.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS, No. 147.

Collinson Reach Barrier—Fog Bell.

Notice is hereby given that, pending the reconstruction of the Fog Bell mechanism at Collinson Reach Barrier Light Station, in response to a steamer's whistle during fog four strokes on the bell will be sounded in quick succession at intervals of about thirty seconds, and continued till the steamer has safely passed the Light Station.

ARNOLD HOTSON, Harbour Master.

Harbour Master's Office, Chinese Maritime Customs, Canton, 31st December, 1918.

Approved:

FRANCIS A. CARL, Commissioner of Customs.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 8.—It is hereby notified that the following Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction will be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department on Monday, the 20th day of January, 1919, at 3 p.m.

Full Particulars and Conditions may be obtained at this Office.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents	Annuai	Upset
Sale.			N.E.	s.w.	N.W.	S.E.	sq. ft.	Rent.	Price.
			feet.	feet.	feet.	feet.		\$	\$
Rural Building Lot No. 143.	Above Coombe Road.	180	180	60 60 10,800 62	62	1,296			

The Purchaser of the Lot will also have to pay the sum of \$25 for boundary stones and \$30 for the Crown lease.

W. CHATHAM, Director of Public Works.

3rd January, 1919.