GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION:—No. 96.

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By Command,

J. H STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th February, 1899.

Government of China.

NOTICE TO MARINERS, No. 91 (SPECIAL).

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

South Channel Entrance to the Yangtze.

Intended change of position of the Kiutoan Light-ressel, etc.

Notice is hereby given that, in consequence of the silting up of the present Channel over the Kiutoan Flats, the Kiutoan Light-vessel will, on or about the 21st instant, be shifted to mark the Channel over the Fairy Flats.

Her position approximately will be: House Island Beacon bearing N 32° E, distant 3.8 miles.

The Middle Ground Upper Buoy will be shifted to mark the North-western extremity of the Middle Ground. The Blockhouse Shoal Buoy will be discontinued.

The newly formed Channel immediately to the North of the Middle Ground will be buoyed.

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DIRECTIONS.

The following directions, which should then be followed by inward bound vessels, are given provisionally.

After passing the Tungsha Light-vessel, steer a N 53° W course with that light vessel astern until the Kiutoan Light-vessel bears N 73° W. Then cross the Fairy Flats with the "Kiutoan" ahead on that bearing (N 73° W). When within half a mile of the "Kiutoan," steer to pass her on your port hand at a distance of two cables.

A N 42° W course with the "Kiutoan" astern will then be a mid-channel course as far as the South-east Knoll Buoy.

Following the above directions, the least depth of water on the Fairy Flats is 15 feet at Low Water of Spring Tides. All bearings and courses given are magnetic.

CAUTION .- The existence of the wreck of the Fairy renders it inadvisable to take a more northerly course over the

Fairy Flats than that recommended above.

The present Channel to the northward of the Kiutoan Light-vessel has now only 13 feet of water at Low Water of Spring Tides.

Owing to the transitional state of this neighbourhood, and the rapid changes that are now taking place, the above intended alterations should be looked upon as temporary only.

W. FERD. TYLER, Acting Coast Inspector.

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS, COAST INSPECTOR'S OFFICE, SHANGHAI, 6th February, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 63.

The following Lot of Crown Land at Barker Road will be sold by Public Auction on Monday, the 20th day of February, 1899, at 3 p.m. Rural Building Lot No. 93.

For Particulars and Conditions of Sale see page 111 of the Government Gazette for 1899. By Command,

> T. SERCOMBE SMITH, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th February, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 64.

The following Lots of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tsui will be sold by Public Auction on Tuesday, the 21st day of February, 1899, at 11 a.m.

Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 880 and 881.

For Particulars and Conditions of Sale see page 112 of the Government Gazette for 1899. By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th February, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 65.

The following Lot of Crown Land at Macdonnell Road, (between Kennedy and Bowen Roads), · will be sold by Public Auction on Wednesday, the 22nd day of February, 1899, at 11 a.m. Inland Lot No. 1,523.

For Particulars and Conditions of Sale see page 114 of the Government Gazette for 1899. By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th February, 1899.