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FRIDAY, 2 FEBRUARY, 1912.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office,
St. James's Palace, S.W.,
January 31, 1912.*

The KING commands that the Court shall wear Mourning for Five Weeks from this day, for the late Duke of Fife, K.G., K.T., Brother-in-Law of His Majesty the King.

*Foreign Office,
January 24, 1912.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint—

Sir Henry George Outram Bax-Ironside, K.C.M.G., His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of Sofia, to be His Majesty's Special Envoy Extraordinary to attend the ceremonies to be held in commemoration of the coming of age of His Royal Highness Prince Boris, Prince of Tirnovo, Heir to the Throne of Bulgaria.

Whitehall, February 2, 1912.

Letters Patent, bearing date the 20th June, 1911, have passed the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, con-

ferring the dignity of a Baronet of the said United Kingdom upon the Right Honourable Sir Joseph George Ward, K.C.M.G., of Awarna, in the City of Wellington, Prime Minister of the Dominion of New Zealand, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten.

WILD BIRD (ENGLAND).

The Wild Birds Protection (Administrative County of Chester) Order, 1912.

Dated 29th January, 1912.

In pursuance of the powers conferred on me by the Wild Birds Protection Acts, 1880 to 1908, and upon application by the Council of the Administrative County of Chester, I hereby make the following Order:—

Title.

I. This Order may be cited as "The Wild Birds Protection (Administrative County of Chester) Order, 1909."

BIRDS.

Close Time Extended.

II. The time during which the killing or taking of Wild Birds or any of them is pro-