

ing date the 23rd instant, to appoint David Alexander Edward, Earl of Crawford; Llewelyn Nevill Vaughan, Baron Mostyn and Sir Frederic George Kenyon, K.C.B., Director and Principal Librarian of the British Museum, to be Members of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts.

Whitehall, July 23, 1913.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to award the Edward Medal of the Second Class to John Cairns under the following circumstances:—

On the 13th of March an inrush of water from old workings occurred at the Townhead Iron Ore Mine, Egremont, Cumberland, shortly after a number of men had descended the pit shaft to their work. As soon as the alarm was raised all men made for the shaft bottom, with the exception of James Ward, who had gone alone to his usual working place some distance from the others. Cairns was rushing to the shaft to escape, when he recollected that Ward, who was working alone, would be unaware of the danger till too late. He promptly turned back to find Ward and hurry him out of the working. By the time he had reached him the water had risen and the two men found it impossible to get back to the shaft. Luckily, they reached a stone drift above the water level, which happened to be connected with the surface by a six-inch bore-hole. Through this bore-hole communications were made to them from above and food was sent down. They remained imprisoned for 5½ days until they were rescued after the mine had been cleared of water.

There is no doubt that Cairns imperilled his own life by his plucky action in going back into the mine to give warning to Ward.

Also to Thomas Wagstaff and Allan Holliday under the following circumstances:—

On 20th February, 1913, at the Burton Brewery Company's Work, Burton-on-Trent, a number of men were lime-washing the ceiling of a hop-press room. On the wall, about two or three feet above the scaffolding on which the men were standing, a shaft was running, driving two cog-wheels. One of the men, named Arbon, was leaning over the shaft when he was suddenly caught and dragged into the machinery. Holliday, who was standing near, at once seized hold of him and became entangled in the gear-wheels himself. The clothes of both men were torn from them, and they were in imminent peril. With great presence of mind Wagstaff seized hold of Holliday and succeeded in keeping clear of the cog-wheels. Holliday escaped with very serious injuries, but Arbon unfortunately lost his life. There can be no doubt that by their plucky action both Holliday and Wagstaff incurred the gravest risk to their own lives.

Downing Street,
24th July, 1913.

The KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Frank Arthur

Stockdale, Esq. (Director of Agriculture), to be a Nominated Member of the Council of Government of the Colony of Mauritius.

Scottish Office,
July 22, 1913.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Banff.

Thomas Duff Gordon Duff, Esquire, to be Vice-Lieutenant. Dated 15th July, 1913.

Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, July 23, 1913.

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The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Telegram dated the 22nd July, from His Majesty's Consul-General at Alexandria, to the effect that the quarantine measures imposed on arrivals from Jeddah have been removed.

Admiralty, 22nd July, 1913.

The KING has been graciously pleased to confer the Royal Naval Reserve Officers' Decoration upon Senior Engineer Arthur Edward Starkey, Royal Naval Reserve.

Admiralty, 24th July, 1913.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the Polar Medal with clasp inscribed

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being granted to the undermentioned members of the British Antarctic Expedition, 1910-1913, the medal and clasp to be in silver for those who served for more than one voyage, and in bronze for those who made one voyage only; the silver clasp alone being awarded to those who already possess the silver Polar Medal:—

Silver Medal.

Captain Robert Falcon Scott, C.V.O., D.Sc., R.N. (deceased) (clasp only).
Commander Edward Ratchiffe Garth Russell Evans, C.B., R.N.
Commander Harry Lewin Lee Pennell, R.N.
Commander Victor Lindsey Arbuthnot Campbell, R.N.
Lieutenant Henry Edward de Parvy Rennick, R.N.
Lieutenant Henry Robertson Bowers, R.I.M. (deceased).
Commander Wilfrid Montague Bruce, R.N.R.