

curriculum at the New Zealand University, I have the honour to state that the Examiners in England for the degree examinations are specially instructed that the standard of examinations should be as nearly as possible that of the University of London.

I transmit herewith an extract from the University Statute prescribing the details of the subjects, and the total number to be taken up; and defining the mode of division of the examination. I transmit also a copy of the papers set for the B.A. pass examination of 1883.

There are no particular subjects, out of those contained in the above extracts, which can be said definitely to constitute the first B.A. examination, except so far as this: that undergraduates may divide the examination into two sections, and the first of these must include either Latin or mathematics, plus one or two other subjects of examination. Latin and mathematics being compulsory, the one omitted from the first section (unless the two together be then taken) must, with others sufficient to make up five, constitute the second section.

I have, &c.

WM. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Derby.

No. 15.

(No. 51.)

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 8th August, 1884.

With reference to your Lordship's Despatch marked $\frac{Aa}{6}$ 6, and dated 8th February last, transmitting a letter from Mrs. John Brown, relative to property alleged to have been left by her late uncle, Peter Ferguson, I have the honour to report that I have caused careful inquiries to be made into the matter.

2. The facts are as follows: Peter Ferguson and his wife owned a farm at West Tamaki, in the Provincial District of Auckland. About four years ago Mrs. Ferguson died, leaving him an almost helpless imbecile old man. Soon after her death he sold the farm for about £600 and went to reside at Auckland. After he had squandered some of this money, his nephew, James Ferguson, borrowed the remainder from him, and with it started a bakery at Auckland. This speculation has not, I understand, been successful; the money is all gone; James Ferguson is now working as a journeyman, and supporting his uncle simply in a spirit of gratitude.

3. I may add that I fail to see that Mrs. Brown had any justification for saying that she was being deprived of her rights, or that her uncle and late aunt had accumulated a great amount of money and property.

I have, &c.

WM. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Derby.

No. 16.

(No. 54.)

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 8th August, 1884.

With reference to your Lordship's Despatch marked Circular (1), and dated the 29th October, 1883, concerning "The Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks Act, 1883," I have the honour to state that my Government are desirous that New Zealand should be brought under section 103 of that Act by the means provided by section 104, should Her Majesty be graciously pleased to issue an Order in Council to that effect.

2. I transmit herewith copies of the New Zealand "Patents Act, 1883," with the regulations issued thereunder, and "The Trade Marks Act, 1866," from which your Lordship will perceive that this colony has made satisfactory provision for the protection of inventions, designs, and trade marks patented or registered in England.

I have, &c.

WM. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.

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