

“surrenders to any federal body that may be set up the powers it now possesses, the people will become discontented, just as has happened in the case of Ireland, and of other countries similarly situated. Looked at, then, from every point of view, the whole weight of the argument is against New Zealand entering into any federation except a federation with the Mother-country.”

From the extracts which I have given, your Lordship will gather that I have nothing to add to the opinion expressed in my despatch of the 8th May already referred to.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Lord Knutsford, &c.

ONSLOW.

No. 14.

(No. 55.)

MY LORD,—

Wellington, 3rd September, 1891.

With reference to your Lordship's circular despatch of the 11th June, A.-2, 1892, No. 11. respecting candidates from colonial universities for commissions in the Imperial army, I have the honour to inform you that my Government are prepared to adopt the suggestion made by the War Office referred to in your Lordship's despatch.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Lord Knutsford, &c.

ONSLOW.

No. 15.

(No. 57.)

MY LORD,—

Wellington, 5th September, 1891.

In reply to your Lordship's Despatch No. 23 of the 26th June, I have A.-2, 1892, No. 12. the honour to inform your Lordship that my Government are not aware of any objection to the appointment of Mr. John Hamann as Acting German Consul at Dunedin, and I have accordingly gazetted him provisionally in that capacity pending the arrival of the *exequatur*.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Lord Knutsford, &c.

ONSLOW.

No. 16.

(No. 59.)

MY LORD,—

Wellington, 8th September, 1891.

I have the honour to forward herewith the documents specified in the A.-2, 1892, No. 9. enclosed schedule, which I hope will adequately supply the information required by your Lordship's circular despatch of the 8th June.

I should mention that the Bureau of Industries was formed here some three months ago under the direction of the Minister of Industries, Mr. W. P. Reeves, and the accompanying documents were selected by the officer in charge.

The bureau is believed to be doing good and satisfactory work, but it has not yet been in existence long enough for any printed report of its operations to be issued.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Lord Knutsford, &c.

ONSLOW.

Enclosure.

STATISTICS of New Zealand, 1889; Statistics of New Zealand, 1890; Men employed upon Relief-works, 1889; Men employed upon Relief-works, 1890; Unemployed who applied for Work in 1884; Works on which Unemployed were engaged, 1887; Sweating Commission on Employés and Employers, 1890; Expenses of the Sweating Commission, 1890; Report of Registrar of Friendly Societies, 1890; Correspondence concerning Railway Employés, 1890; Employment of Females Acts, 1878; Report of Mr. Holloway to English Agricultural Union, 1875; Report of Commissioners on Grey Valley Coal-mines, 1891.

No. 17.

(No. 60.)

MY LORD,—

Wellington, 9th September, 1891.

With reference to your Lordship's Despatch No. 13, of the 18th April, A.-1, 1890, No. 12. I have the honour to enclose two letters from Messrs. Donald and Edenborough, from which it will be seen that they have now reduced their claim from its original amount of £5,663 6s. 4d. to £1,563 6s. 4d.—viz., by £4,100.