

centres of the colony they are erecting memorials themselves, as a proof of their loving esteem and the devotion with which they regard her memory.

I do not consider that an appeal made by me to the people would, under these circumstances, bring forth a fitting response.

The Right Hon. J. Chamberlain,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

I have, &c.,
RANFURLY.

No. 49.

(No. 97.)

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 17th September, 1901.

A.—2, 1902,
No. 53.

In reply to your despatch circular dated the 1st July, 1901, asking to be furnished with a statement showing what conditions and what restrictions, if any, are imposed on the coast trade of this colony, I have the honour to inform you that the restrictions affecting coasting trade are contained in the Shipping and Seamen's Acts of 1894, 1895, and 1896. They are as follows:—

Act, 1894.

Section 7: Fixing a minimum manning scale. (See amendment in Act of 1895, section 6; also section 18 of the Act of 1896.)

Sections 19 to 29: Coasting vessels are, under these sections, required to comply with the regulations with reference to life-saving apparatus, overcrowding, deck cargo, and load-line.

Section 34: All home trade vessels of 20 tons net register or over to have a certificated master.

Act, 1895.

Section 2: Crew to be exercised in boat-drill monthly.

Section 4: Compasses to be adjusted.

Act, 1896.

Section 7: The number of engineers to be carried to be in accordance with indicated horse-power, as set forth in schedule therein.

Section 8: Ventilation of engineers' rooms, engine-room, and stoke-hole.

Section 10: The seamen to be paid the current rate of wages in the colony.

Enclosed are copies of the Acts referred to, and a copy of the regulations regarding the adjustment of compasses.

The Right Hon. J. Chamberlain,

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

I have, &c.,
RANFURLY.

No. 50.

(No. 101.)

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 24th September, 1901.

I have the honour to forward you herewith copies of resolutions passed by both Houses of the Legislature relative to the lamented death of the President of the United States of America.

Messages of sympathy have also been received by me from the Towns of Ashburton, Nelson, Kaikoura, Christchurch, and Invercargill.

The Right Hon. J. Chamberlain,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

I have, &c.,
RANFURLY.

No. 51.

(No. 102.)

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 25th September, 1901.

I have the honour to forward you a copy of a memorandum I have received from my Premier relative to the extension of my period as Governor of New Zealand.