

No. 4.

(No. 35.)

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 5th May, 1902.

I have the honour to forward you herewith the nominal roll of the Tenth New Zealand Contingent, together with details, and details of the Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Contingents.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. J. Chamberlain,

RANFURLY.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 5.

(No. 38.)

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 7th May, 1902.

With further reference to your despatch (No. 5) dated 18th January, 1902, relative to this colony sending teachers to South Africa, I have the honour to inform you that twenty teachers have sailed this month for the Cape, and I have duly advised Lord Milner, and sent him the necessary documents.

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No. 111.

There were 222 applicants for the twenty appointments.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. J. Chamberlain,

RANFURLY.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 6.

(No. 41.)

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 9th May, 1902.

With reference to your despatch (general), dated 8th November, 1901, relative to the application of "The Colonial Solicitors Act, 1900," to New Zealand, I have the honour to inform you that the President of the New Zealand Law Society has now submitted a memorandum embodying the society's views.

A.-2, 1502,
No. 95.

The President has also submitted a memorandum from the society relative to the call to the English bar of New Zealand barristers.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. J. Chamberlain,

RANFURLY.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Enclosures.

MEMORANDUM from the NEW ZEALAND LAW SOCIETY, for the Hon. the MINISTER of JUSTICE, embodying the Views of the Society on the Question of Reciprocity with England in the Matter of the Admission of Solicitors.

THE Council begs to submit, for the information of the Hon. the Minister of Justice, the following considerations:—

The despatch of 8th November, 1901, from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of which was forwarded by the Hon. the Minister to the New Zealand Law Society, was considered at a meeting of the Council of the New Zealand Law Society held at Wellington on the 2nd day of April, 1902.

1. As to reciprocity with Scotland and Ireland, it is not considered by the Council that the question of reciprocity with Scotland and Ireland is of great importance; and, as the difficulties in the way of arranging such reciprocity seem to be greater than those which have to be met in arranging reciprocity with England, it is not proposed to ask the Government of New Zealand to press that part of the question at present.

2. As to reciprocity with England: The first consideration which arises on perusal of "The Colonial Solicitors Act, 1900," and the despatch of the 8th November, 1901, is the important result of that Act, that unless reciprocity can be arranged thereunder, the repeal of the Colonial Attorneys Relief Act effected thereby deprives New Zealand solicitors of the benefits which were conferred by those statutes while they were in force, and that, in consequence of such repeal, no account can now be taken of any New Zealand solicitor desiring admission in England, though his actual qualifications to practise in England may be in fact unquestionable. At the same time it will still be open to English solicitors to avail themselves of the concessions given by the existing New Zealand law on application by them for admission in New Zealand.

As to the question of articles of clerkship, it is found to be almost invariable practice for solicitors who have qualified for practice in New Zealand, since the passing of the Act rendering articles optional, to seek for some substantial period (before commencing practice in New Zealand), practi-