

2. My Government has decided to adopt the new form from the date suggested by the Board of Trade, viz. the 1st July next, and I am desired to request that arrangements may be made for 500 copies of the form to be sent to the Marine Department here for the use of Registrars in this Dominion.

3. The Registrars will be instructed to make the necessary alterations in manuscript in the existing stocks of the Register and of the certificate of Registry and Transcript of Register in the same way as the Registrars in the United Kingdom have been instructed.

I have etc.,

The Right Honble
The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

PLUNKET,
Governor.

No. 5.

No. 38.

MY LORD,

Government House, Wellington, 23rd May 1908.

I have the honour to acknowledge your predecessor's despatches, Miscellaneous of the 31st July 1907 and No. 28 of the 26th February last, on the subject of the desirability of securing greater uniformity in the Company Laws of the Empire.

2. I regret the delay that has occurred in replying to the former despatch, but my Ministers have now sent me a minute upon this subject to the following effect.

3. "The existing legislation in this Dominion regarding Joint Stock Companies is contained in 'The Companies Act, 1903,' which repealed and consolidated all previous Acts. In the event of an Act to amend and consolidate the existing Companies Acts (Imperial) being passed by the Imperial Parliament, the Government of this Dominion would be prepared to consider any amendments of the said Companies Act, 1903, which might be necessary to secure uniformity with Imperial Legislation and meanwhile would be glad to receive any scheme or suggestion tending to uniformity and simplification which the Imperial Government may have to offer."

I have etc.,

The Right Honble
The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

PLUNKET,
Governor.

No. 6.

No. 41.

MY LORD,

Government House, Wellington, 29th May 1908.

I have the honour to acknowledge your Lordship's despatch, Circular, of the 16th April, informing me that His Majesty the King has entrusted to your care, as one of the Principal Secretaries of State, the Seals of the Colonial Department.

I have etc.,

The Right Honble the Earl of Crewe,
K.G., P.C., &c., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

PLUNKET,
Governor.

No. 7.

No. 42.

MY LORD,

Government House, Wellington, 4th June 1908.

I have the honour to acknowledge your predecessor's despatch, No. 47, of the 26th March last, upon the subject of instructing candidates for certificates of proficiency as Master or Mate in the principles of first aid to the injured.

2. I herewith enclose, for transmission to the Board of Trade, copies of the Regulations, which my Government has issued on this subject.

I have etc.,

The Right Honble
The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

PLUNKET,
Governor.