

4. The Canadian Government are already making arrangements for the transfer of the books belonging to the Canadian Law Library in London, and have undertaken to bear the expense incidental to the upkeep of their library, such as cataloguing, rebinding, and the purchase of new books. This work is, however, to be carried out independently of His Majesty's Government, under the supervision of the Canadian Office in London, or as may be otherwise arranged by the Canadian Ministers.

5. I shall be glad to learn in due course whether your Ministers would wish to co-operate in the establishment and upkeep of the library on the same lines as the Canadian Government.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

Governor, the Right Hon. Lord Plunket, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., &c.

No. 108.

New Zealand, No. 221.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 17th December, 1909.

I have the honour to transmit to you, to be laid before your Ministers, the accompanying copy of a despatch from the British Ambassador at Washington conveying an invitation to the several Governments of the British Empire to be represented at the International Prison Congress, to be held next October at Washington.

2. I also enclose a copy of a letter from the Home Office on the subject, together with copy of a memorandum by Sir E. Ruggles-Brise, Chairman of the Prison Commission for England and Wales, with copies of his reports on the proceedings of the Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Congresses.

3. I request that you will draw the attention of your Ministers to Sir E. Ruggles-Brise's remarks as to the motives which have inspired this movement, and the importance which is attached to the representation of the self-governing dominions at the forthcoming Congress, and their adherence, if possible, to the permanent International Prison Commission.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

Governor, the Right Hon. Lord Plunket, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., &c.

Enclosures.

Treaty No. 30. (38762).

SIR,—

British Embassy, Washington, 6th October, 1909.

I have the honour to transmit herewith copy of a letter which I have received from the President of the International Prison Association in Chicago, in which he expresses his desire to have as large a representation as possible of the various countries of the British Empire, and states that he will be glad to have the British Empire fully represented at the International Prison Congress, which is to take place at Washington in the autumn of 1910. This Congress is fully approved by the United States Government, and Congress have appropriated \$20,000 for it. An invitation has already been addressed to the Dominion Government to send a representative, and I would suggest that it would be greatly appreciated if delegates from the other colonies could be sent.

I have, &c.,

H. W. KENNARD,

For the Ambassador.

Sir Edward Grey, Bart., M.P., &c.

International Prison Commission, the University of Chicago,
Chicago, 27th September, 1909.

SIR,—

I have the honour to report to Your Excellency the desire of the International Prison Commission, in consonance with the views of your Government, to have as large a representation as possible of the various countries of the British Empire. I believe that my lamented predecessor, Dr. S. J. Barrows, had begun a Conference on this subject previous to his death; but my information is imperfect, and so I open the question on my own account.

The Dominion of Canada is represented in our American Prison Association, and my Canadian colleagues would be glad to be represented in the International Prison Commission, but they feel that the initiative should come from you.