

3. I have accepted the resignation of Mr. Alexander Wilson Hogg of his offices of Minister of Customs and Minister of Labour and also of his office as a member of the Executive Council. No new Minister has been appointed in his place, the Honourable J. A. Millar having been allotted the portfolio of Labour and the Honourable G. Fowlds that of Customs.

I have, &c.,

JAMES PRENDERGAST,
Deputy Governor.

To the Earl of Crewe, Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 22.

New Zealand, No. 60.

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 3rd July, 1909.

In reply to your Lordship's despatch, No. 88, of the 29th April, I have the honour to inform you that arrangements will be made in New Zealand to accept letters, if stamped like letters from British India, from British post-offices in French settlements in India.

I have, &c.,

JAMES PRENDERGAST,
Deputy Governor.

To the Earl of Crewe, Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 23.

New Zealand, No. 62.

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 15th July, 1909

I have the honour to acknowledge your Lordship's despatch, No. 95, of the 7th May, transmitting a copy of a letter from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, requesting information in regard to legislation concerning the dairying industry in New Zealand.

2. Enclosed I forward a memorandum from the Minister of Agriculture and six copies of each of the documents mentioned therein.

I have, &c.,

PLUNKET,
Governor.

To the Earl of Crewe, Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Enclosures.

The Hon. the Acting Prime Minister.

12th July, 1909.

WITH reference to your minute of 25th ultimo on Government House Papers No. 401/1909, as to information for the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, regarding the legislation relative to the dairying industry in the Dominion, I forward herewith six copies each of the following documents, viz. :—

1. The Dairy Industry Act, 1908.
2. Regulations as to the manufacture and export of dairy-produce (*Gazette Notice* No. 564).
3. Regulations as to the inspection, &c., of dairies (*Gazette Notice* No. 616).
4. Proposed regulations as to the registration, inspection, &c., of dairies as laid on the table of the House (Parliamentary paper, C.-18).
5. Proposed regulations as to the registration, inspection, &c., of dairies as reported from the Agricultural, Pastoral, and Stock Committee (Parliamentary paper, C.-18).
6. Evidence, &c., in regard to the proposed dairy regulations (Parliamentary paper, I.-12A).

It may be added that up to the present the regulations contained in *Gazette Notice* No. 616 have not been actually superseded by either of the proposed sets of regulations (C.-18).

THOMAS MACKENZIE,
Minister of Agriculture.