

No. 37.

New Zealand, No. 90.

MY LORD,— Government House, Wellington, 2nd November, 1909.

I have the honour to inform you that I opened the second session of the seventeenth Parliament of New Zealand on the 7th October.

2. I enclose, for your Lordship's information, copies of the speech that I delivered on that occasion, together with copies of the Addresses in Reply from the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives.

I have, &c.,

PLUNKET,
Governor.

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

Enclosures.

[See Journals of House of Representatives, 1909.]

No. 38.

New Zealand, No. 91.

MY LORD,— Government House, Wellington, 6th November, 1909.

I have the honour to acknowledge your Lordship's despatch, No. 169, <sup>A.—2, 1910,
No. 65.</sup> of the 3rd September, on the subject of the action taken by the Board of Trade in regard to the survey of foreign passenger steamers.

2. My Ministers inform me, in reply, that "It has been decided, in pursuance of the power given by section 185 of the New Zealand Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908, to recognise in this Dominion the official passenger-steamer certificates issued in Germany, Denmark, Norway, and Holland, and it is proposed to recognise such certificates issued by other foreign countries which may be recognised by the Board of Trade in Great Britain."

I have, &c.,

PLUNKET,
Governor.

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

No. 39.

New Zealand, No. 92.

MY LORD,— Government House, Wellington, 11th November, 1909.

I have the honour to acknowledge your Lordship's despatch, No. 164, <sup>A.—2, 1910,
No. 64.</sup> of the 27th August, on the subject of the censorship of plays.

2. There is no legislative provision in this Dominion concerning the licensing of plays before production.

3. The *registration* of dramatic works is provided for in Part II of the Copyright Act, 1908, two copies of which are enclosed.

I have, &c.,

PLUNKET,
Governor.

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

No. 40.

New Zealand, No. 93.

MY LORD,— Government House, Wellington, 16th November, 1909.

I have the honour to acknowledge your Lordship's despatch, No. 39, of the 19th February, on the subject of permission being granted to companies to make use of the prefix "Imperial" as well as other titles signifying Royal or Government support or patronage.