

2. In reply to the last paragraph of your despatch, my Ministers inform me that a clause dealing with this matter is included in the Companies Bill, which has been prepared for introduction this session.

I have, &c.,
PLUNKET,
Governor.

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

No. 41.

New Zealand, No. 94.

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

In reply to your Lordship's despatch, No. 131, of the 2nd July, I have the honour to inform your Lordship that I have received a communication from my Ministers stating that "as at present advised this Government does not propose to be represented at the Fifteenth International Congress of Hygiene and Demography."

I have, &c.,
PLUNKET,
Governor.

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

No. 42.

New Zealand, No. 96.

MY LORD,— Government House, Wellington, 19th November, 1909.

I have the honour to acknowledge your Lordship's despatch, No. 181, of the 24th September, enclosing copies of the Army (Annual) Act, 1909, and a warrant, issued to the Governor of New Zealand under the Sign-manual, empowering him to convene courts-marshal under the Army Act in certain cases.

I have, &c.,
PLUNKET,
Governor.

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

No. 43.

New Zealand, No. 97.

MY LORD,— Government House, Wellington, 19th November, 1909.

In reply to your Lordship's despatch, No. 176, of the 17th September, I have the honour to inform you that, with a view of giving effect to the request of the Board of Trade, provision has been made in a Bill, which has been introduced to Parliament to amend the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908, to provide that certificates issued under section 26 of that Act shall be certificates of service.

I have, &c.,
PLUNKET,
Governor.

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

No. 44.

New Zealand, No. 98.

MY LORD,— Government House, Wellington, 19th November, 1909.

I have the honour to acknowledge your Lordship's despatch, No. 173, of the 15th September, transmitting copies of a new rule for life-saving appliances on ships made by the Board of Trade.

2. It has been decided to make a similar regulation in New Zealand, and the necessary steps to do so are now being taken.

I have, &c.,
PLUNKET,
Governor.

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

A.—2, 1910,
No. 47.

A.—2, 1910,
No. 74.

A.—2, 1910,
No. 68.

A.—2, 1910,
No. 67.