

reference to the desire of the New Zealand Government to obtain a vessel for training purposes.

2. My Ministers desire me to express the thanks of the Government of this Dominion for the information kindly furnished in the letter from the Admiralty, and to inform you that, acting on the advice of their Lordships, it has been decided not to obtain a training ship at present.

I have, &c.,

PLUNKET,

Governor.

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

No. 50.

New Zealand, No. 109.

MY LORD,— Government House, Wellington, 10th December, 1909.

I have the honour to acknowledge your Lordship's despatch, No. 183, ^{A.—2, 1910, No. 75.} of the 29th September, on the subject of the desire of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland to be furnished with particulars as to New Zealand legislation concerning horse-breeding.

2. At present there are no laws or regulations in force in this Dominion governing the examination and registration of stallions standing for public service, but the question of regulating this matter by statute is now under consideration.

I have, &c.,

PLUNKET,

Governor.

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

No. 51.

New Zealand, No. 112.

MY LORD,— Government House, Wellington, 21st December, 1909.

I have the honour to acknowledge your Lordship's despatch, No. 188, ^{A.—2, 1910, No. 81.} of the 11th October, on the subject of the Third International and Quinquennial Botanic Congress, which is to be held at Brussels in May, 1910.

2. My Ministers inform me that, as at present advised, it is not proposed to send a representative of New Zealand to this Congress.

I have, &c.,

PLUNKET,

Governor.

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

No. 52.

New Zealand, No. 1.

MY LORD,— Government House, Wellington, 1st January, 1910.

I have the honour to acknowledge your Lordship's despatch, No. 168, of the 30th August, transmitting a circular from the Seismological Committee of the British Association, in which certain information was requested concerning destructive earthquakes that have occurred in various parts of the Empire.

2. So far as New Zealand is concerned, the desired information is contained in the enclosed memorandum from Mr. G. Hogben, who is in charge of the Seismological Observatory at Wellington.

I have, &c.,

PLUNKET,

Governor.

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