

Enclosure.

[Enclosure in Circular dated 11th August, 1909.]

COMMISSION PERMANENTE INSTITUÉE PAR LA CONVENTION INTERNATIONALE DES SUCRES.

Rapport adressé au Gouvernement belge, au nom de la Commission Permanente des Sucres, en exécution de l'article 7 de la Convention du 5 Mars, 1902.

LA Commission Permanente des Sucres s'est réunie à Bruxelles les 21 et 22 Juin, 1909.

Conformément à son ordre du jour, la Commission s'est occupée notamment des sucres des Colonies portugaises; et à la suite d'un nouvel examen de la situation de l'industrie et du commerce des sucres dans la Colonie de Mozambique, elle a décidé de rétablir les droits compensateurs fixés antérieurement à l'égard des sucres de cette provenance, et dont l'application avait été suspendue. Ces droits sont de F. 13.50 les 100 Kos. pour les sucres bruts et de F. 13 les 100 Kos. pour les sucres raffinés.

Quant aux autres points figurant à l'ordre du jour de la session, ils n'ont pas fait, quant à présent, l'objet de décisions de la part de la Commission permanente; les échanges de vues auxquels ils ont donné lieu seront consignés aux procès-verbaux des deux séances.

Le Président de la Commission Permanente.

Bruxelles, le 24 Juin, 1909.

CAPELLE.

No. 60.

New Zealand, No. 157.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 13th August, 1909.

I have the honour to inform you that Sir Charles Lucas has expressed his very warm appreciation of the kindness extended to him in New Zealand, and I shall be glad if you will be good enough to convey to your Ministers my most cordial thanks for their courtesy to him, and for the kindly welcome which they have given him.

2. I have also to express my appreciation of the hospitality shown by yourself and by Lady Plunket both to Sir Charles and to Mr. Pearson.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

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

No. 61.

New Zealand, No. 159.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 14th August, 1909.

With reference to my predecessor's circular despatch of the 6th April, 1905, I have the honour to transmit to you, to be laid before your Ministers, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Foreign Office on the subject of the grant of special Customs facilities to the consular officers of Governments by which similar facilities are accorded to His Majesty's consular officers abroad.

2. I may add that the Netherlands Minister has stated that the privilege of entry free of Customs duty is granted in respect of the undermentioned articles imported for British Consulates in the Netherlands colonies:—

(1.) Furniture and effects in the case of "Consuls de Carrière."

(2.) Flags, coats-of-arms, and other articles for official use imported by consular officers, whether "Consuls de Carrière" or not.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

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

Enclosure.

No. 20065/09.

Foreign Office, 9th June, 1909.

I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to state, for the information of the Earl of Crewe, that, as the result of communications between this Department and the Treasury, it has been decided that in the case of countries which accord substantially increased privileges in the matter of Customs facilities to His Majesty's diplomatic and consular officers abroad, preferential treatment will similarly be granted by His Majesty's Government.