

cancer observed in Native races being still small, the investigations should be continued until adequate evidence of the frequency of the disease has been obtained, or an explanation arrived at as to the reasons for its real or apparent rarity. The lower average age of the Natives examined may account for the rarity of the disease in some instances, but this explanation is not valid in others. In many aboriginal races almost all the cases recorded have been instances of external cancer. The apparent greater rarity of internal cancer points to the probability that the disease where situated in internal organs will be discovered only after death as the result of *post-mortem* examinations made by the medical officers themselves. Particular attention should be directed to sites of the body subject to various forms of chronic irritation in consequence of the practice of Native customs.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

The Officer administering the Government of New Zealand.

No. 63.

New Zealand, No. 165.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 27th August, 1909.

With reference to your despatch No. 54, of the 17th June, I have the honour to request that you will inform your Ministers that the King's exequatur empowering Mr. T. Young to act as Consul of Japan at Wellington, New Zealand, has received His Majesty's signature.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

The Officer administering the Government of New Zealand.

No. 64.

New Zealand, No. 164.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 27th August, 1909.

I have the honour to request you to inform your Ministers that the Joint Committee on Stage Plays now sitting in connection with the question of the censorship of plays have expressed a desire to be furnished with information as to the law and practice prevailing in the self-governing dominions with respect to the licensing, if any, of plays before production, and the control of dramatic productions by local or other public authorities, as distinct from the control exercised in respect of structural matters in theatres for the safety of the public.

I shall be glad if your Ministers will be good enough to furnish as soon as possible the information desired by the Committee so far as New Zealand is concerned.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

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

No. 65.

New Zealand, No. 169.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 3rd September, 1909.

I have the honour to transmit to you, to be laid before your Ministers, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Board of Trade furnishing a statement of the action which has been taken in this country with regard to the survey of foreign passenger-steamers.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

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