

me with an expression of their views on the subject of the question of naturalization.

2. In view of the fact that the Imperial Conference will meet in May next it would be convenient if I could receive an early reply to this despatch.

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Governor the Right Hon. Lord Islington, D.S.O., &c.

No. 98.

New Zealand, No. 273.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 25th November, 1910.

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Dominion of Canada recently requested that the names of officers of the Canadian Permanent Staff and Force who have successfully passed examinations for promotion or for admission to the Staff College might be published in the Press.

2. The Army Council have replied that they will gladly cause the names of such officers to be included in the lists of successful candidates which are sent to the Press for publication at the termination of each half-yearly examination for promotion. The Army Council propose also to arrange for the inclusion of officers of the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Dominion of New Zealand.

3. As regards, however, the examination for entrance into the Staff College, the Army Council observe that the list sent to the Press includes only officers successful in the competition. Officers of the Canadian Permanent Staff and Force do not enter by competition, but it is left to the Dominion Government to nominate for admission an officer who has qualified at the entrance examination. The names of officers nominated and of others who qualify are included in an army order issued at a somewhat later date. Copies of the order are sent to the principal newspapers, and the information is also included in the report on the examination, which is published and placed on sale.

4. In future years the Army Council propose that the army order publishing the result of the examination, together with a list of those nominated, should contain the names of officers of the Military Forces of the oversea dominions who qualify, and also of those nominated for admission to the college, provided this information is available in time for inclusion.

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MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 25th November, 1910.

With reference to my despatches, No. 247, of the 21st October, and No. 261, of the 9th November, I have the honour to transmit to you, to be laid before your Ministers, the accompanying copy of a letter which has been addressed by the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury to the Chairman of the Pacific Cable Board on the subject of the proposed extension of the Pacific cable by the laying of a cable between Australia and New Zealand.

2. I shall be glad to receive an early reply intimating the intentions of your Government with regard to the limitation (if any) of the use of the wireless telegraphic system which it is proposed to establish between the Commonwealth and New Zealand, and the views of your Government as to the possible effect of such a system on the intercolonial traffic of the Pacific cable.

I have, &c.,

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