

4. In the event of a standard being agreed upon, a land surveyor, authorized in one dominion, State, or province, and moving to another, would have to produce his certificate, and satisfy the authority of his new country that he was conversant with the laws and regulations appertaining to the survey, registration, and transfer of lands in that country. Examinations for this purpose should be held twice yearly, and should be open to any one who had passed the test proposed in paragraph 4 as finally amended and agreed upon by the parties.

5. Each dominion, State, or Provincial Government which is now responsible for carrying out official examinations would remain the responsible authority under the scheme of reciprocity.

6. In the United Kingdom, there being no official examining body in land-surveying in existence, it is suggested that the examination should be carried out by a joint committee of the Institution of Civil Engineers and the Surveyors' Institution, with, perhaps, a representative of the Ordnance Survey.

7. To insure that the standard of qualification agreed upon is maintained by each examining body, it is suggested that a central Examination Board should be set up, to whom copies of all official examination-papers should be forwarded immediately after the holding of an examination. Representatives of each party to the agreement should have a seat on the Board, which should be required to publish annually all papers set at official examinations, other than those on local land laws referred to in paragraph 5, and issue an annual report to the Governments concerned.

8. I have to add that I have considered it desirable to extend an invitation to be represented at the conference to the Institute of Civil Engineers and the Director of the Ordnance Survey.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

- Governor the Right Hon. Lord Islington, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., &c.

No. 142.

New Zealand—Miscellaneous.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 10th March, 1911.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 21st ultimo, and to express the pleasure with which I have learnt that Sir Joseph Ward will undertake to arrange for a small special contingent of officers and men from the New Zealand Forces to be present in this country on the occasion of His Majesty's Coronation. I shall no doubt hear from you at an early date the names and the number of those selected.

2. I need hardly say that my colleagues and myself cordially appreciated the proposal of your Prime Minister that a contingent of British regular troops should be sent to New Zealand, at the expense of the Dominion, there to take part in the Coronation festivities. It was with much regret that after giving the matter careful consideration it was held to be impossible, on grounds of practical convenience, including the likelihood of similar applications from elsewhere, to comply with the kind and courteous suggestion.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor the Right Hon. Lord Islington, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., &c.

No. 143.

New Zealand, No. 98.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 15th March, 1911.

I have the honour to request you to inform your Ministers that a note has been received from the Italian Ambassador at this Court, inviting your Government to be represented at the Fifth International Fishery Congress, to be held in Rome, from the 26th to the 31st May next, under the Presidency of His Excellency Prince Pietro Lanza di Scalea.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor the Right Hon. Lord Islington, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., &c.