

3. It was stated on behalf of His Majesty's Government in the House of Lords that the Governments of the dominions would be asked whether they were in a position to furnish the information desired, and, in view of this and other considerations affecting the United Kingdom, the motion was withdrawn.

4. I shall be much obliged if your Ministers will be so good as to inform me whether it is possible for them to furnish me with a report on the points above specified, so far as they affect New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

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

No. 52.

New Zealand, No. 163.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 29th July, 1910.

With reference to my despatch, No. 129, of the 22nd June, I have the honour to request you to inform your Ministers that the Governments of New South Wales, Victoria, and Western Australia have accepted the proposals of His Majesty's Government as to the forwarding to this office of copies of the Acts of the Parliaments of those States.

2. The Governor of Victoria reports that there is already an interchange of copies of Acts between the parliamentary library of Victoria and the parliamentary libraries of the other States and the dominions of the Empire, except the newly formed South Africa Union, with regard to which reciprocal arrangements will doubtless shortly be made. The Governor of New South Wales reports that the question of entering into an arrangement with the sister dominions for an interchange of copies of Acts as they become law will receive the consideration of his Government.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

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

No. 53.

New Zealand, No. 164.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 29th July, 1910.

I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of your Ministers, that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have had under their consideration the question of the use by His Majesty's ships of the dock at Wellington.

2. In order to allow of the passage of a vessel drawing 30 ft. it will be necessary, in the opinion of the Admiralty, for a channel about 750 ft. long to be dredged from the entrance of the dock to the 5-fathom line, and their Lordships will be glad to learn whether your Government would propose to carry out this dredging in the near future; they further request that they may be furnished with particulars of any work proposed.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

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

No. 54.

New Zealand, No. 166.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 30th July, 1910.

I have the honour to transmit to you, to be laid before your Ministers, the accompanying copy of a question and answer in the House of Commons on the subject of the emigration of ex-soldiers from this country to the self-governing dominions, together with a copy of a letter from the War Office stating the views of the Army Council on the matter.

2. I have also to enclose, for the information of your Government, a copy of the War Office letter of the 31st December, 1908, to which reference is made in the third paragraph of their letter of the 14th July.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

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