

No. 8.

New Zealand, No. 70.

SIR,—

Government House, Auckland, 24th May, 1911.

With reference to the Earl of Crewe's despatch, No. 173, of the 12th August, 1910, relative to the installation of wireless telegraph-stations on the coast of New Zealand, I have the honour to inform you that my Government advise me a contract has been let to the Australasian Wireless (Limited) under conditions which ensure the necessary efficiency.

2. I beg to transmit to you, for the information of His Majesty's Postmaster-General, a copy of the contract referred to, which has recently been signed.

I have, &c.,

ISLINGTON,

Governor.

The Right Hon. Lewis V. Harcourt, P.C., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 9.

New Zealand, No. 72.

SIR,—

Government House, Auckland, 24th May, 1911.

With reference to your despatch, No. 97, of the 11th March, 1911, enclosing copy of a letter from Mr. J. P. Boland, M.P., asking that a separate record should be kept by the dominions Governments of the statistics of Irish trade, I have the honour to state that my Government are of opinion that the separation of statistics of Irish trade would entail much greater difficulties, as far as New Zealand is concerned, than are foreseen by Mr. Boland, and that without greatly increasing the cost of keeping statistical information and entirely altering the present system it would be impossible to keep the record suggested.

I have, &c.,

ISLINGTON,

Governor.

The Right Hon. Lewis V. Harcourt, P.C., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 10.

New Zealand, No. 73.

SIR,—

Government House, Auckland, 25th May, 1911.

With reference to your despatch, No. 107, of the 17th March, asking for a return showing the extent of tobacco-cultivation in New Zealand, and the excise or export duty payable thereon, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers advise me that tobacco is not grown for profit in New Zealand at present, and that tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes are made in New Zealand from imported raw-leaf tobacco, the excise duties being as under: Tobacco, 1s. the pound; cigars and snuff, 1s. 6d. the pound; cigarettes made by machinery, 2s. 6d. the pound; cigarettes made by hand, 1s. the pound. In addition to these duties there is an import duty of 2s. the pound on the raw-leaf tobacco used in manufacture.

I beg to transmit to you copy of the last report on tobacco-growing in New Zealand forwarded to me by my Ministers.

I have, &c.,

ISLINGTON,

Governor.

The Right Hon. Lewis V. Harcourt, P.C., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 11.

New Zealand, No. 75.

SIR,—

Government House, Auckland, 25th May, 1911.

In continuation of my predecessor's despatch, No. 27, of the 2nd May, 1910, I have the honour to inform you that the quantities of gold and silver entered for export from the Dominion of New Zealand for the year ended 31st