

No. 58.

New Zealand, No. 161.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 28th December, 1911.

A.—2, 1912,
No. 114.

With reference to your despatch, No. 358, of the 17th October, on the subject of the Nobel Peace Prize of 1912, I have the honour to inform you, by request of my Ministers, that the terms of the notice regarding nominations for the prize were published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 7th December, 1911.

I have, &c.,

ISLINGTON,

Governor.

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

No. 59.

New Zealand, No. 2.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 3rd January, 1912.

Referring to previous correspondence on the subject of the opium traffic, I have the honour to transmit to you a letter which my Ministers have forwarded to me from the Honorary Secretary of the New Zealand Anti-Opium Association, Wellington, dated the 27th November, 1911, addressed to the Prime Minister of Great Britain and Ireland, forwarding petition from the women in New Zealand of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union and their friends.

I also beg to transmit to you the bound volume containing the above-mentioned petition, with about 6,360 signatures, praying the Motherland to release the Empire of China from the clauses in treaties which compel China to admit the importation of opium.

I have, &c.,

ISLINGTON,

Governor.

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

No. 60.

New Zealand, No. 3.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 3rd January, 1912.

A.—2, 1912,
No. 104.

With reference to your despatch, No. 340, of the 29th September last, forwarding copy of a note from the Belgian Chargé d'Affaires inquiring the views of my Government on the resolutions arrived at by the International Conference of Commercial Statistics, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers take the same view upon this question as is set forth in the letter (enclosed with your despatch) from the Foreign Office to the Count de Lalaing, dated the 3rd May, 1911—namely, that, in the event of the proposals of the International Conference on Customs Statistics being generally agreed to, New Zealand could furnish statistics compiled in accordance with the scheme of classification adopted by that Conference, but could not pledge itself to support the establishment of the Secretariat at Brussels until the liability of New Zealand had been determined.

I have, &c.,

ISLINGTON,

Governor.

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

No. 61.

New Zealand, No. 4.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 3rd January, 1912.

With reference to your despatch, No. 300, of the 25th August, forwarding copy of Resolution IV of the recent Imperial Conference with regard to the law of copyright, patents, trade-marks, and companies, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a memorandum which I have