

ment Graders. It was, however, found that there were difficulties in the way of establishing Government grading. The meat-export companies had already established grades of their own, which were known on the markets, and on which the commercial transactions of the companies were based. This private grading was working satisfactorily, and it was decided not to alter the system. The above-quoted sections have therefore never been put into operation as far as the issue of meat-export certificates is concerned.

No. 50.

New Zealand, No. 192.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 27th December, 1912.

With reference to my telegram of the 23rd December, notifying the willingness of my Government to participate in the extended proposal for Imperial co-operation in the investigation of noxious insect-pests, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of the memorandum received from my Prime Minister, the substance of which was contained in my telegram above referred to.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

Governor.

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

Enclosure.

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 18th December, 1912.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor.

THE Prime Minister presents his compliments, and, with reference to despatch No. 286, of the 3rd October, 1912, from His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, inquiring as to whether New Zealand will participate in the extended proposal for Imperial co-operation in the investigation of insect-pests, begs to state that he considers the Dominion will benefit from adherence to the scheme, and recommends that New Zealand should signify its willingness to do so, and to contribute £200 per annum towards the expenses of the undertaking, on the understanding that the position be reviewed at the end of three years.

With regard to representations on the central committee, which will be intrusted with the carrying-out of the proposal, the Prime Minister thinks that the suggestion made at the Conference held in London should be adopted—namely, that New Zealand should nominate some member of the present Entomological Research Committee to represent it in London, and that the entomological officer in New Zealand be *ex officio* a member. Steps can be taken to nominate the Dominion's London representative on learning that the Imperial organization has been definitely decided upon.

W. F. MASSEY.

No. 51.

New Zealand, No. 3.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 16th January, 1913.

With reference to your despatch of the 15th November, No. 336, intimating that the National Health Insurance Joint Committee are desirous of obtaining information as to the general conditions of health insurance in the oversea dominions, and asking for details on the subject in so far as it concerns New Zealand, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a memorandum which I have received from my Prime Minister, together with the information referred to in the memorandum.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

Governor.

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

Enclosure.

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 14th January, 1913.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor.

WITH reference to the despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 336, of the 15th November, 1912, the Prime Minister presents his compliments to His Excellency the Governor, and begs to transmit the following information:—