SIR.

No. 60.

New Zealand, No. 40.

Government House, Wellington, 18th March, 1913.

A.-2, 1913, No. 100. With reference to your despatch, No. 387, of the 24th December last, on the subject of the preparation by the Education Departments of the self-governing dominions of educational monographs, I have the honour to inform you, by request of my Prime Minister, that the New Zealand Education Department is taking the necessary action, and that the monograph will be prepared and forwarded in due course.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

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

Governor.

No. 61.

New Zealand, No. 48.

Sir,— Government House, Wellington, 3rd April, 1913.

A.-2, 1913, No. 105. With reference to your despatch of the 31st January, No. 55, transmitting, for the information of my Ministers, copies of despatches from the Governor-General of Canada and the Governor of Newfoundland on the subject of uniformity in accident-compensation law throughout the Empire, I have the honour to inform you that the following is a copy of a minute which I have received from my Prime Minister on the subject:—

"The Prime Minister presents his compliments to His Excellency the Governor, and begs to state that the correspondence contained in this despatch has been perused. It is noted that the general opinion of the Governments of the various dominions of the Crown goes to show that there would be considerable difficulty in bringing about uniformity respecting accident-compensation law. The New Zealand Government will, however, be prepared to favourably consider any further proposal that may be made in the future on the subject."

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL

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

Governor.

No. 62.

New Zealand, No. 49.

Sir,— Government House, Wellington, 9th April, 1913.

With reference to your despatch, No. 361, of the 3rd December, 1912, relative to the question of the steps to be taken under the National Insurance Act, 1911 (1 and 2 Geo. V, ch. 55), in the case of soldiers of the British Army serving under the Governments of the oversea dominions, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a memorandum which I have received from my Prime Minister, reporting that the Government of New Zealand have agreed to accept the charge of  $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. per week for each soldier employed on loan from the Imperial Forces for service in this Dominion, thus relieving the Army Council of the obligation.

2. It will be observed that a supply of the necessary forms and cards is desired at as early a date as possible.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

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