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SIR.-Government House, Wellington, 31st December, 1913.

At the request of my Prime Minister, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying synopsis, prepared by the Attorney-General of this Dominion, of the Acts passed during the third session of the Eighteenth Parliament of New Zealand, together with the Acts duly authenticated with the seal of the Dominion.

2. The Bill intituled the Shipping and Seamen Amendment Act, 1913 (No. 77), has been reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, in accordance with the provisions of the Imperial Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and six copies of that Bill will be forwarded in a separate parcel direct to you for the use of the Board of Trade, in accordance with Colonial Office circular despatch dated 23rd December, 1903.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL.

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

Governor.

Enclosures.

REPORT ON LEGISLATION PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NEW ZEALAND DURING THE SESSION ENDING ON THE 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1913.

For the information of His Excellency the Governor, I beg to report as follows:—

I. The synopsis attached hereto relates to the Acts passed by the General Assembly of New Zealand during the session which ended on the 15th day of December, 1913.

II. In my opinion, none of the said Acts is repugnant to the law of England.

III. The Shipping and Seamen Amendment Act, 1913 (No. 77), has been reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, in accordance with the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 (Imperial).

Dated at Wellington, this 24th day of December, 1913.

A. L. HERDMAN, Attorney-General.

Synopsis of Acts passed by the General Assembly of New Zealand during the Session ended ON THE 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1913.

1913, No. 1. The Imprest Supply Act, 1913: This Act applies the sum of £758,000 out of the Public Account, and the sum of £14,400 out of other accounts, for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1914.

1913, No. 2. The Imprest Supply Act, 1913 (No. 2): This Act applies the sum of £769,000 out of the Public Account, and the sum of £14,300 out of other accounts, for the service of the

year ending 31st March, 1914.

1913, No. 3. The Old-age Pensions Reciprocity Act, 1913: This Act ratifies an agreement that has been entered into on behalf of the Governments of Australia and New Zealand respectively whereby residence in either of the said countries by an applicant for an old-age pension in the other is deemed to be sufficient compliance with the conditions as to residence respectively contained in the Acts relating to the grant of such pensions in Australia and New Zealand. The Act comes into operation on a date to be fixed by the Governor by notice in the Gazette.

1913, No. 4. The Copyright Act, 1913: This Act enacts, with the necessary adaptations, the

provisions of the Copyright Act, 1911 (Imperial).

9113, No. 5. The Imprest Supply Act, 1913 (No. 3): This Act applies the sum of £815,000 out of the Public Account, and the sum of £14,300 out of other accounts, for the service of the

service of the year ending 31st March, 1914.

1913, No. 6. The Magistrates' Courts Amendment Act, 1913: This Act—(a) Defines the qualifications of persons who may hereafter be appointed as Stipendiary Magistrates; (b) determines the annual salaries to be paid to such Magistrates; and (c) defines the civil jurisdiction of Magistrates' Courts.

1913, No. 7. The Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act, 1913: This Act

rectifies an error in the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act, 1911.

1913, No. 8. The Irrigation and Water-supply Act, 1913: This Act authorizes the raising of a loan, not exceeding £100,000, to be expended in the opening-up and development of land for settlement in arid country, and in constructing and maintaining irrigation and water-supply works in aid of the mining and agricultural industries

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1913, No. 9. The Amendments Incorporation Act, 1913: This Act provides for the incorporation of amendments in official reprints of amended Acts, and further provides that judicial notice of such reprints shall be taken by all Courts and persons acting judicially.