

It is anticipated that this alteration will meet the requirements of the Act, and we shall be obliged if you will kindly confirm same.

A specimen of the present registered trade-mark was sent you with our letter of the 1st November, and same also appears on this paper.

We are, &c.,

The Wouldham Cement Company (Limited),

J. S. E. VERNDEN, Secretary.

The Secretary, War Office, Whitehall, S.W.

GENTLEMEN,—

War Office, Whitehall, S.W., 10th January, 1912.

In reply to your letter of the 29th ultimo, I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that while the alteration of the words "Red Cross" to "Maltese Cross" in your trade-mark would appear to them to make the mark reasonably distinctive from that contemplated by the Geneva Convention Act, 1911, they desire me to remind you that they can express no opinion on questions of law, and consequently they cannot anticipate the interpretation which a Court of law might place upon the wording of the Act. It is conceivable that a question might arise as to the degree of similarity between the mark prohibited by the Geneva Convention Act and the variation thereof which you suggest in your letter. This being so, the Council suggest that a mark of a more definitely distinctive character might advisedly be adopted for the purposes connected with your business.

I am, &c.,

R. H. BRADE.

The Wouldham Cement Company (Limited), 35 Great St. Helens, London E.C.

CHAPTER 20.

AN ACT to make such Amendments in the Law as are necessary to enable certain Reserved Provisions of the Second Geneva Convention to be carried into effect. [18th August, 1911.]

WHEREAS His Majesty has ratified, with certain reservations, the Convention for the amelioration of the condition of the wounded and sick of armies in the field, drawn up in Geneva in the year one thousand nine hundred and six, and it is desirable, in order that those reservations may be withdrawn, that such amendments should be made in the law as are in this Act contained :

Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

1. (1.) As from the commencement of this Act it shall not be lawful for any person to use for the purposes of his trade or business, or for any other purpose whatsoever, without the authority of the Army Council, the heraldic emblem of the red cross on a white ground formed by reversing the Federal colours of Switzerland, or the words "Red Cross" or "Geneva Cross"; and if any person acts in contravention of this provision he shall be guilty of an offence against this Act, and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten pounds, and to forfeit any goods upon or in connection with which the emblem or words were used.

(2.) Where a company or society is guilty of any such contravention, without prejudice to the liability of the company or society, every director, manager, secretary, and other officer of the company or society who is knowingly a party to the contravention shall be guilty of an offence against this Act and liable to the like penalty.

(3.) Nothing in this section shall affect the right (if any) of the proprietor of a trade-mark registered before the passing of this Act, and containing any such emblem or words, to continue to use such trade-mark for a period of four years from the passing of this Act, and if the period of the registration or of the renewal of registration of any such trade-mark expires during those four years the registration thereof may be renewed until the expiration of those four years, but without payment of any fee.

(4.) Proceedings under this Act shall not in England or Ireland be instituted without the consent of the Attorney-General.

(5.) This Act shall extend to His Majesty's possessions outside the United Kingdom, subject to such necessary adaptations as may be made by Order in Council.

2. This Act may be cited as the Geneva Convention Act, 1911.

No. 10.

New Zealand, No. 105.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 13th March, 1913.

With reference to my despatch, No. 265, of the 13th September last, I have the honour to transmit to you, to be laid before your Ministers, a copy of a letter from the Foreign Office communicating, at the request of the Japanese Chargé d'Affaires, a resolution adopted by the Imperial Japanese Diet expressing their appreciation of the sympathy manifested in the addresses voted by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of New Zealand on the occasion of the death of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Liverpool,

K.C.M.G., M.V.O., &c.