

High Commissioner for New Zealand,
SIR,— Westminster Chambers, 13 Victoria Street, London S.W., 31st January, 1913.

I am directed by the High Commissioner to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (No. A. 19141/1913) of the 29th instant, and in reply he regrets to inform you that no reply has yet been received by him from his Government respecting letter of the 1st March last (No. A. 13144/1912), on the subject of the certificate which the Board suggest might be used with plants exported from this country to New Zealand.

I have to add that the High Commissioner again communicated with his Government on the 14th instant with a view to hastening the matter.

I am, &c.,

The Secretary, Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.

W. M. BRAMING,

Secretary to the Department.

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.—DESTRUCTIVE INSECT AND PEST ACTS, 1877–1907

THE Board of Agriculture and Fisheries hereby declare that no case of the disease known as wart-disease or black scab of potatoes (*Synchytrium endobioticum* Perc.) has occurred, so far as they are aware, within a radius of five miles of _____, in _____, up to the _____ day of _____, 191 _____.

In witness whereof the Board have hereunto set their official seal this _____ day of _____, one thousand nine hundred and _____.

_____, Assistant Secretary.

DRAFT CERTIFICATE No. 1.

THE Board of Agriculture and Fisheries hereby declare that the parcel of bulbs, addressed to _____, and consigned by _____, has been examined by one of their officers authorized for the purpose, and that he has reported that no trace of any of the pests scheduled under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, 1877 and 1907, was found therein.

In witness whereof the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries have hereunto set their official seal this _____ day of _____, 191 _____.

_____, Assistant Secretary.

(No liability shall attach to the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries in respect of this certificate.)

DRAFT CERTIFICATE No. 2.

THE Board of Agriculture and Fisheries hereby certify that the nursery grounds in the occupation of _____, situated at _____, in the County of _____, have been examined by an Inspector of the Board on the _____ day of _____, 191 _____, and subsequently; and that such examination did not disclose indications of the presence of any of the undermentioned destructive insects or pests on any plant, tree, or bush, on the said premises.

[Here follow a list of scheduled pests.]

In witness whereof the Board have hereunto set their official seal this _____ day of _____, 191 _____.

_____, Assistant Secretary.

(NOTE.—No liability shall attach to the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries in respect of this certificate.)

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.—ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXPORTATION OF PLANTS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND THE COLONIES.

WITH a view to assist nurserymen in Great Britain to develop their export trade, the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries are prepared to issue the certificates required by the Governments of the countries and colonies to which plants are to be exported under the following conditions:—

1. In cases in which consignments of plants or bulbs are only admitted on production of a certificate by the Board, or by one of their Inspectors, that the contents have been examined and declared to be healthy or free from certain specified pests, application should be made to the Board a few days before the consignment is to be despatched. When the parcel does not weigh more than 7 lb., and it is to be sent by parcel-post, the plants should be sent ready packed in a box, with the lid not nailed down, to the Secretary, Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, 4 Whitehall Place, London S.W., marked on the outside "Plants (or bulbs) for export." If it is desired that the parcel should be despatched by the Board, after the certificate has been signed, a prepaid adhesive label addressed to the consignee should be enclosed, and the Customs declaration form required by the Postal Regulations (Post Office Guide, page 772) should be filled up and affixed to the box.

The necessary fee must also be enclosed if it is desired that the parcel should be insured, but it must be understood that the Board cannot, in any case, accept any responsibility for any loss or damage which may arise.

No charge is made for the Board's certificate unless the parcel is over 7 lb. in weight or the Inspector is required for any reason to travel to the place where the consignment is to be examined. In this case a charge of £2 2s. will be made, which must be paid before the certificate can be issued.