The Board understand that the certificate of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries in regard to the soundness of stallions appearing in the register of that Department is accepted as sufficient by certain of the colonial Governments for stallions imported from England and Wales. As the regulations governing the registration of stallions by this Board are exactly similar to those of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, I am to ask that you will be so good as to move the Secretary of State for the Colonies to approach the colonial Governments with a view to their acceptance of the certificate of this Board in respect of stallions exported from Scotland.

Twelve copies of the Register of Stallions issued by the Board for the current year, containing a copy of the regulations governing their scheme of registration, are enclosed herewith for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and for transmission, if necessary to the various colonial

Governments.

CHARLES WEATHERILL, For Secretary.

I am, &c.,

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office, Downing Street, London S.W.

CLYDESDALE HORSE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.—RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SOCIETY HELD ON 9th JULY, 1912.

The Council of the Clydesdale Horse Society of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland unanimously request the Board of Agriculture for Scotland to ask colonial Governments to accept horses, purchased in Scotland for exportation, as sound provided they are on the register of the Board.

No. 53.

New Zealand, No. 288.

My Lord,—

Downing Street, 1st August, 1913.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's telegram of the 12th July on the subject of an epidemic of smallpox or chicken-pox which has broken out in the north of the North Island.

2. I have duly communicated to the Board of Trade, the Local Government Board, and the Emigrants' Information Office the suggestion of your Prime Minister that every one leaving Great Britain for New Zealand should be vaccinated before departure.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Liverpool, K.C.M.G., M.V.O., &c.

No. 54.

New Zealand, No. 291.

My LORD,-

Downing Street, 1st August, 1913.

With reference to Mr. Lyttelton's despatch, No. 56, of the 3rd August, 1905, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, to be laid before your Ministers, the accompanying copy of a letter addressed by the Chairman of the Pacific Cable Board to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, forwarding a memorandum on the subject of the terminal rates charged on Pacific-cable traffic in the Commonwealth of Australia and New Zealand respectively.

2. The Lords Commissioners of the Treasury desire to point out, as regards the statement made in paragraph 5 of the memorandum, that it cannot be assumed that the revenue derived by the Imperial Post Office directly and indirectly in respect of Pacific-cable traffic amounts even approximately to ½d. a word on the total Pacific-cable traffic with the United Kingdom.

3. The Lords Commissioners also express the opinion that either of the arrangements suggested in paragraphs 11 to 14 of the memorandum would be more equitable to the taxpayers of this country than that at present in force.

4. I shall be glad to receive an intimation of the views of your Ministers upon the questions raised in the memorandum.

I have, &c.,

Governor His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Liverpool, K.C.M.G., M.V.O., &c.

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