

No. 61.

New Zealand, No. 400.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 17th September, 1914.

I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of your Ministers, copy of a letter from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, notifying the removal as from the 9th September of the last remaining restrictions imposed on the movement of animals in Ireland on account of foot-and-mouth disease.

2. The High Commissioner has been informed in the sense of the Department's letter.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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

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

Enclosure.

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland (Veterinary Branch),
SIR,— 50 and 51 Upper Mount Street, Dublin, 9th September, 1914.

With reference to previous correspondence respecting the regulations governing the entry to Canada and other British colonies of live-stock from the United Kingdom, I have to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State, that an order of this Department, effective from to-day, removes the last remaining restriction imposed on the movement of animals in Ireland on account of foot-and-mouth disease, the last outbreak of which in this country occurred on the 17th July, 1914.

Ireland is thus officially pronounced free from that disease, and I have therefore to request that the Secretary of State will be so good as to have the fact brought under the notice of the Governments of the principal British oversea possessions with which Ireland has ordinarily an export trade in live-stock—viz., Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa.

I have to add that concurrently with the coming into force of the above-mentioned order the normal conditions governing the entry of Irish animals to Great Britain have been reverted to.

I am, &c.,

T. P. GILL, Secretary.

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

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New Zealand, No. 412.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 21st September, 1914.

With reference to my despatch, No. 377, of the 3rd instant, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of your Ministers,—

(a.) Copy of a Supplement to the *London Gazette* of the 11th September, giving particulars as to vessels detained in British ports or captured at sea by His Majesty's Armed Forces, as to ships whose cargoes, or part of them, have been detained in British ports, and as to ships detained or captured by the naval authorities of France, Japan, and Russia;

(b.) Copy of the *London Gazette* of the 15th September, giving (pages 7291–92) particulars as to Prize Courts in His Majesty's dominions oversea, and as to proceedings before those Courts; and

(c.) Copy of the *London Gazette* of the 4th September, which contains page 6999) a notice relative to the protection of the interests of British owners of cargoes in vessels detained at Antwerp.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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

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

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New Zealand, No. 431.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 30th September, 1914.

With reference to my despatch, No. 415, of the 23rd September, I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that His