

Westminster Chambers, 13 Victoria Street,

London S.W., 4th January, 1915.

DEAR SIR(S),—

Shipment of Live-stock to New Zealand.

In continuation of my circular letters of the 17th and 19th October last on the above subject, I now beg to inform you that authority has been received from the New Zealand Government permitting the shipment to the Dominion of cattle, sheep, and pigs under the following conditions:—

(1.) For one month from the date of an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease no shipments may be made: this restriction not to apply to Scotland as long as no cases occur in that country.

(2.) After one month from the date of the last outbreak, cattle, sheep, or pigs may be shipped to New Zealand at London, Liverpool, or Glasgow from any part of the country, except from within a radius of fifty miles round the seat of an outbreak: this restriction to apply for a period of six months from the date of the outbreak.

(3.) At present the fodder accompanying live-stock (including horses) to New Zealand must be the produce of some county where no outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease has occurred for six months prior to date of shipment, must be sent *direct* from such county to the ship's side, not passing through any city warehouse, and a sworn declaration as to its origin must be provided.

This regulation regarding fodder may be relaxed when a period of six months elapses without any outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease occurring in this country.

I am, &c.,

F.R.C.V.S.,
Veterinary Officer.

RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY COLONIAL GOVERNMENTS ON THE IMPORTATION OF CATTLE, SHEEP, AND SWINE OWING TO OUTBREAKS OF FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Canada.—Animals must come from a "district" which has been free from foot-and-mouth disease, &c., during the preceding six months. The importation of animals is usually prohibited until three months after the date of any outbreak.

Australia.—Animals must not have been within fifteen miles of any place where foot-and-mouth disease has occurred during the six months preceding shipment. Importation was prohibited from the 17th July, 1912, to the 10th February, 1913, but special importation could be made by the State Governments with the approval of the Commonwealth Minister for Trade and Customs. No special restrictions have since been imposed.

South Africa.—Animals must not come from premises within fifteen miles of any place where foot-and-mouth disease has occurred during the preceding six months. (Importation has not been prohibited since December, 1912.)

East Africa Protectorate.—Animals must come from a district free from foot-and-mouth disease. No period of freedom indicated. The importation of sheep and swine was prohibited in 1912, but cattle were allowed to be exported after being isolated for a month at the Board's Laboratory. These restrictions were withdrawn in August, 1913, and none has been imposed since.

New Zealand.—Importation is prohibited for one month from the date of any outbreak, Scotland being regarded as a separate country. Animals may then be exported from any part of Great Britain except from places within a radius of fifty miles from premises where an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease has occurred during the preceding six months.

No other colony or possession imposes restrictions on account of foot-and-mouth disease in Great Britain.

No. 11.

New Zealand, No. 204.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 21st April, 1915.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's despatch, No. 19, of the 1st February, giving the names of the Trade Representatives of the Dominion in foreign countries.

2. In reply to the inquiry referred to in the second paragraph of your despatch, I have to state for the information of your Ministers that it will be sufficient if a notification is made at the beginning of each year of any changes in existing appointments or new appointments made during the previous year.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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

No. 12.

New Zealand, No. 205.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 21st April, 1915.

With reference to my despatch, No. 316, of the 22nd August, 1913, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of your