

ENCLOSURE.

Minister of Pensions Office, Wellington, 16th March, 1927.

Memorandum for the Right Hon. the Prime Minister.

IMPERIAL PENSIONS.—TRAVELLING-EXPENSES AND COMPENSATION.

REFERRING to your memorandum of 28th February in the above matter, I append a comparative statement setting out the position of Imperial and New Zealand pensioners respectively in regard to travelling-allowances, &c.

Travelling Facilities.

In the case of persons reporting for medical examination travelling facilities are provided as follows :—

First Class :—

New Zealand and Great Britain—

Officers ; nurses ; persons whose degree of invalidity warrants extra comfort ; all ranks travelling on smaller coastal steamers where second-class accommodation non-existent or unsuitable for Europeans.

New Zealand only—

Non-commissioned ranks from staff sergeant upwards.

Second Class :—

All others not enumerated above.

Travelling and Subsistence Allowances.

Travelling and subsistence allowances to meet out-of-pocket expenses are made as follows :—

New Zealand—

Actual expenses not exceeding a rate of 10s. a day for period required to be absent (all ranks).

Great Britain—

Officers and nurses, 15s. if absent full period of twenty-four hours ; 5s. for absence of ten hours or ten hours in excess of twenty-four (no payment if absence less than ten hours or for period in excess of twenty-four hours if less than ten hours ; other ranks, 6s. for full twenty-four hours and 2s. for eight hours on same lines as above.

Compensation for Loss of Time when reporting for Medical Examination.

New Zealand—

All ranks : Compensation at a rate not exceeding 10s. a day for wages lost or necessarily paid to an employee.

Great Britain—

Officers and nurses, nil ; other ranks, actual loss, or 1s. 6d. an hour, whichever is less, with a maximum of 10s. a day.

Until the end of last year there was no authority to allow first-class travelling facilities on account of invalidity where the rank of an Imperial pensioner entitled him to second-class only, but this disability has been removed.

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SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 27th April, 1927.

With reference to your despatches, Dominions Nos. 494 and 532, of the 3rd November and 24th November respectively, enclosing copies of a new edition of the Board of Trade "Instructions as to the Survey of Life-saving Appliances," I have the honour to inform you, at the instance of my Ministers, that action is being taken at present to bring the life-saving appliances in New Zealand into conformity with those operating in Great Britain.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.