#### No. 15.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W., 12th December, 1872.

SIR,-

Referring to former correspondence on the subject of the proposed transportation of salmon ova to the Colony, I regret to have to inform you that, owing in the first place to the delay in getting the vessel into the dry dock, and in the next place to my not having received any positive answer from the Severn Fishery Board (although privately assured of their readiness to assist me), Mr. Youl has been unable to take advantage of the "Lutterworth," which sails on the 20th instant.

I have arranged, however, with Messrs. Shaw, Savill, and Co. to put on another suitable vessel, and it has been accordingly decided to ship the ova by the "Oberon" on the 15th

proximo.

I am glad, however, to be able to report that, chiefly through the exertions of Dr. Lander Lindsay, of Perth, the Tay Board has given its consent to the taking of salmon for this purpose from the rivers within its jurisdiction; this being the first occasion on which an application has ever been favourably entertained.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington, N.Z.

I. É. FEATHERSTON,

Agent-General.

#### No. 16.

Mr. G. S. Cooper to Mr. Butts.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 7th February, 1873. Sir,— Adverting to my letter No. 54, of the 4th instant, I am directed by the Colonial Secretary to transmit to you the copy of a communication which has been received by this day's mail from the Agent-General, on the subject of the delay in the shipment of the salmon ova for this Colony.

E. D. Butts, Esq.,

I have, &c., G. S. Cooper,

Under Secretary.

Secretary to the Southland Acclimatization Society, Invercargill.

## No. 17.

Mr. Blakiston to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

(Telegram.)

Christchurch, 20th February, 1873.

PLEASE send the particulars of shipment to Dunedin of salmon.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

C. R. BLAKISTON.

## No. 18.

Mr. MACDONALD to Mr. BLAKISTON.

Government Buildings, Wellington, 20th February, 1873. (Telegram.) AGENT-GENERAL reports, last mail, that salmon will be shipped by the "Oberon," on 15th January. Will send you copy of his letter by mail.

A. C. P. MACDONALD,

(for the Under Secretary).

C. R. Blakiston, Esq., Christchurch.

# No. 19.

Mr. Macdonald to Mr. Blakiston.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 22nd February, 1873. Adverting to my telegram No. 90, of the 20th instant, I am directed by Mr. Waterhouse to transmit for your information copies of correspondence with the Agent-General on the subject of the shipment of salmon ova.

I have, &c.,

A. C. P. MACDONALD,

(for the Under Secretary). C. R. Blakiston, Esq., Christchurch.