

No. 1.

(No. 29.)

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 31st May, 1905.

With reference to your despatch (No. 28) of the 25th March, concerning the information desired by Mr. H. H. Marks, M.P., I have the honour to forward you herewith a return showing the number of persons refused admission into New Zealand during the last three years on the ground of their being prohibited immigrants. The return, you will notice, states the nations to which these immigrants belonged, the places whence they came, and the grounds upon which admission was refused.

I have, &c.,

The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

PLUNKET.

Enclosure.

RETURN OF NUMBER OF PERSONS REFUSED ADMISSION INTO THE COLONY ON THE GROUND OF BEING PROHIBITED IMMIGRANTS SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1902, TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1904.

| Number. | Nationality. | Whence. | Grounds Admission refused. |
|---------|------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | Bulgarian | New South Wales .. | Inability to pass education test |
| 6 | Russian Finns | " | " |
| 20 | Austrians | " | " |
| 1 | Assyrian | " | " |
| 3 | " | Victoria | " |
| 1 | United States, America | Fr'isco | " |
| 1 | Spanish | Philadelphia | " |
| 1 | " | Teneriffe | " |
| 1 | Kaffir | Natal | " |
| 1 | Greek | New South Wales .. | " |
| 3 | Italians | Victoria | " |
| 1 | " | New South Wales .. | " |
| 3 | English | London | Consumptive. |
| 1 | " | " | Insane. |
| 3 | " | New South Wales .. | " |

Summary.

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| Admission refused on account of inability to pass education test | 40 |
| " consumption | 3 |
| " insanity | 4 |
| Total | 47 |

No. 2.

(No. 30.)

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 14th June, 1905.

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I have the honour to inform you that I duly submitted to my Ministers for their consideration and observations your despatch (No. 22) of the 15th March last, on the subject of the New Zealand reserved Bill entitled "The Shipping and Seamen Act, 1903," together with M. Cambon's note.

2. I have received from my Premier a minute on this subject, which has been prepared by the Hon. the Minister of Marine, and which I have the honour to forward for your consideration.

I have, &c.,

The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

PLUNKET.

Enclosure.

Right Hon. the Premier.

THE declaration signed by Great Britain and France relative to the disposal of the proceeds of wrecks on the coasts of the two countries, which is referred to by the French Ambassador, was made applicable to this colony. Notice of this having been done appears on page 1325 of the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 13th November, 1890. "The Shipping and Seamen Act, 1903," section 261, subsection (3), which is similar to section 285 of "The Shipping and Seamen's Act, 1877," does not interfere with the declaration, which is still in force, and the Marine Department