

No. 94.

Circular.—Dominions.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 7th November, 1910.

I have the honour to inform you that His Majesty has been pleased this day to entrust to my care, as one of the Principal Secretaries of State, the seals of the Colonial Department.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

The Officer administering the Government of New Zealand.

No. 95.

New Zealand, No. 268.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 17th November, 1910.

With reference to my predecessor's despatch, No. 224, of the 28th September, I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, the accompanying three sets of the documents signified in the margin with regard to the arbitration recently held at the Hague between the Government of the United States and His Majesty's Government on the subject of the North American fisheries.

2. The award in the case will be printed for Parliament, when copies will be sent to you.

3. The two extra copies, if not required for the use of your Government, might be presented to the university libraries in the Dominion.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor the Right Hon. Lord Islington, D.S.O., &c.

No. 96.

New Zealand, No. 269.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 18th November, 1910.

I have the honour to request you to inform your Ministers that the Secretary of State for Home Affairs desires to bring before the Imperial Conference the question of the deportation of undesirable aliens from the self-governing dominions.

2. I enclose, for the information of your Ministers, copies of a memorandum on the subject which has been prepared in the Home Office, and I shall be glad if you will invite the earnest consideration of your Ministers to the question raised in this memorandum.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor the Right Hon. Lord Islington, D.S.O., &c.

Enclosure.

MEMORANDUM *re* THE DEPORTATION OF UNDESIRABLE ALIENS FROM THE SELF-GOVERNING DOMINIONS.

It is suggested by the Home Secretary that the question of the deportation of undesirable aliens from the self-governing dominions should be discussed by the Imperial Conference. The question is one of general interest, since powers in regard to the deportation of undesirables are possessed by the Governments of Canada and South Africa, though in practice at present it mainly concerns the Dominion of Canada and the Union of South Africa.

Under the Canadian Immigration Act of 1910 the Canadian authorities have power to deport certain specified classes of aliens at any time within three years of their arrival, and any alien so deported must be carried by the same transportation company which brought him to Canada "to the place in the country whence he was brought or to the country of his birth or citizenship" (section 45). Under the first alternative an alien who had sailed to Canada from a British port—and this applies to the majority of aliens who land in Canada—and was subsequently deported from Canada, would be sent back (as has been the case hitherto) to the British port whence he sailed; and under the second alternative—which constitutes an addition to previous legislation on the matter—it seems certain, though the means by which a deported alien is to be conveyed to the country of his birth or citizenship is not defined in any way, that in the majority of cases the alien would, in the first instance, be sent to a British port.