

tion with the desire of Master Massey, of Invercargill, to qualify for a commission in the Royal Engineers.

1. Is it competent for a New Zealand candidate for a commission in the Royal Engineers to present himself locally for the qualifying examination in literary subjects laid down in Regulation 15, Classes 1 and 2, of Regulations for Admission into the Royal Academy, Woolwich?

2. Will the Matriculation Examination, with an examination in practical measurements, and an additional examination in mathematics, be accepted in lieu of above examination?

3. In the event of proposal 2 above being accepted, the Colonial Office will be required to forward the examination-papers for the extra subject in mathematics, or indicate the standard of efficiency in case they prefer to have the paper set in New Zealand.

4. In the case of the candidate having satisfactorily passed the qualifying examination, is it possible to have arrangements made to present himself locally for the half-yearly competitive examination for entrance in the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich?

5. It is presumed that the candidate need not necessarily be an officer of the New Zealand Forces in order to compete in the competitive examination.

J. G. WARD, Prime Minister.

## No. 22.

New Zealand, No. 91.

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 28th July, 1910.

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a copy of a memorandum from my Prime Minister with reference to the sterilization in India of artificial animal manure intended for shipment to New Zealand, and to request that the Government of India be asked to be kind enough to have a report prepared and transmitted to my Government.

I have, &c.,

ISLINGTON,

Governor.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Crewe, K.G., P.C., &c.,  
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

## Enclosures.

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 26th July, 1910.

THE Prime Minister presents his compliments to His Excellency the Governor, and begs to request that the Government of India be asked to be kind enough to have a report prepared, and transmitted to the Government of New Zealand, in connection with the matter dealt with in the attached copy of memorandum of the 4th instant from the Secretary of Agriculture, Commerce, and Tourists to the Hon. Minister of Agriculture in regard to the sterilization in India of artificial animal manure intended for shipment to New Zealand.

J. G. WARD.

Department of Agriculture, Commerce, and Tourists, Wellington, 4th July, 1910.

*Sterilization in India of Artificial Animal Manure intended for Shipment to New Zealand.*

The Hon. Minister of Agriculture and of Industries and Commerce.

WITH reference to the attached copy of regulations (*Gazette* notice No. 997), in regard to the importation of animal manures into New Zealand, the Director of Live-stock and Meat suggests that a qualified veterinarian be requested to visit the mills in India in which the work of sterilization is carried on, to examine the plant, to inquire into the whole conditions under which the work is carried out, and to prepare a report on the present methods, and suggestions for their improvement.

I think the proposal is a good one, and that the best way to give effect to it would be to ask the Indian Government to kindly allow one of its veterinary officers to undertake the inspection, and the preparation of the report. Mr. R. L. Ward, care of Messrs. Landale and Clark, Calcutta, who is our Inspector in India, will be instructed to give every assistance to the officer delegated by the Indian Government should it accede to the request.

Will you please approve of the Indian Government being approached accordingly?

F. S. POPE, Secretary.

## No. 23.

New Zealand, No. 96.

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 17th August, 1910.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch of the 3rd June, 1910, No. 119, transmitting copies of a special army