

with respect to modifications of the existing law necessary to secure some means of uniformity in the granting and protection of patents, have been adopted to the following extent in the Commonwealth Patents Act, 1909:—

Improper conditions imposed by patentees.—Substantially adopted.

Surrender of patents.—Adopted subject to a stay of proceedings in actions for infringement or revocation.

Restoration of lapsed patents.—Adopted.

Patents of addition.—Adopted.

Compulsory licences.—Substantially adopted.

2. With regard to the suggestion as to the desirableness of summoning a conference of representatives to discuss the subject in detail, it is considered, in view of the action already taken and of the replies of the other self-governing Dominions to the suggestion, that no advantage would be gained by such a course.

I have, &c.,

DUDLEY,

Governor-General.

No. 2.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE to THE GOVERNORS-GENERAL and GOVERNORS.

(Canada.)

(South Africa.)

(New Zealand.)

(Newfoundland.)

MY LORD,

Downing Street, 28 October, 1910.

SIR,

[WITH reference to my despatch* of the 14th April last], I have the honour to transmit to [Your Excellency] [you] the accompanying copy of a despatch† which has been received from the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia on the subject of uniformity of legislation concerning trade marks and patents.

I shall be glad if you will inform your Ministers that in view of the attitude of the Governments of Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, it is not proposed to proceed any further as regards the suggested conference to discuss this question.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

No. 3.

AUSTRALIA.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE to THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

MY LORD,

Downing Street, 28 October, 1910.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's despatch of the 4th August last,† on the subject of uniformity in the granting and protection of trade marks and patents.

2. I shall be glad if you will inform your Ministers that in view of the attitude of the Governments of Canada, Australia, and New Zealand it is not proposed to proceed any further as regards the suggested conference to discuss this question.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

* No. 91 in [Cd. 5273].

† No. 1.