

LIST OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TO WHICH THE INVITATION TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE INTERNATIONAL ROAD CONGRESS IN 1913 HAVE BEEN SENT BY THE FOREIGN OFFICE.

GOVERNMENTS of — Germany, Argentina, Austria-Hungary, Belgium, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Denmark, Spain, France, Monaco, Greece, Hayti, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Netherlands, Luxemburg, Portugal, Roumania, Russia, Siam, Switzerland, Uruguay, Brazil, Egypt, United States, Italy, Persia, Sweden, Turkey.

INTERNATIONAL ROAD CONGRESS.

THE Permanent International Association of Road Congresses was established in 1907 at the invitation of the French Government, for the purpose of considering and comparing the studies and work carried out in various countries throughout the world regarding the construction and maintenance of roads and bridges in view of modern methods of locomotion.

The first congress took place the following year (1908) in Paris, and was attended by 143 delegates, representing twenty-eight Governments, in addition to 663 delegates from and members of numerous local corporations and societies interested in road traffic, as well as by 2,411 private individual members.

The discussions and papers read were considered to be of such value that at the invitation of the Belgian Government a second international congress was held in Brussels in 1910, which was attended by 151 delegates of forty-one Governments and 396 delegates of local corporations, &c., in addition to 2,118 private individual members.

It has been decided to hold the third international congress in London, at the invitation of H.M. Government, in June, 1913.

The congress will open on 23rd June, 1913, and will last for six days, during which time it will receive and consider a number of papers and reports by the leading authorities throughout the world on the maintenance of roads, their foundations and proper drainage, the prevention of dust and mud, the laying of light railways and tramways on roads, the choice of surfacing materials, the influence of weight and speed of vehicles on roads and bridges, the conditions that would be filled by horse or mechanically propelled vehicles in order that they may not damage or suffer damage from the roads, &c.

W. REES JEFFREYS,

Hon. Secretary, London Congress, 1913.

Queen Anne's Chambers, Broadway, Westminster S.W., 22nd December, 1911.

No. 146.

New Zealand, No. 20.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 17th January, 1912.

With reference to Lord Crewe's circular despatch of the 2nd of March, 1909, I have the honour to request you to inform your Ministers that Denmark has now been deleted from the list of non-contracting States under the Brussels Sugar Convention which have been declared by the Permanent Sugar Commission to give bounties.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor the Right Hon. Lord Islington, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., &c.

No. 147.

New Zealand, No. 25.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 19th January, 1912.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, the paper noted below on the subject of the appointment of Mr. Eberhard Focke as German Consul at Wellington.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

The Officer administering the Government of New Zealand.

Date.	Description.
11th January, 1912	From the Foreign Office.