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## Enclosure.

Order of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in them under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1911, and of every other power enabling them in this behalf, do order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

The date on which Chapter I (Importation) of the Horses (Importation and Transit) Order of

1912 shall come into operation is hereby altered to the 1st day of April, 1913.

In witness whereof the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries have hereunto set their official seal this 19th day of October, 1912.

A. W. Anstruther,
Assistant Secretary.

No. 90.

New Zealand, No. 321.

My Lord,— Downing Street, 7th November, 1912.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the consideration of your Ministers, a copy of a Note from the United States Chargé d'Affaires conveying on behalf of his Government an invitation to your Government to be represented at the fourth International Congress on School Hygiene to be held at Buffalo, New York, from the 25th to the 30th August, 1913.

2. I should be glad to learn whether your Ministers desire to participate in

the Congress. I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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

## Enclosure.

Sir,— American Embassy, London, 21st October, 1912.

In pursuance of a joint resolution of Congress, approved 19th August, 1912, requesting the President to invite foreign Governments to participate in the fourth International Congress on School Hygiene, to be held at Buffalo, New York, 25th-30th August, 1913, I have the honour to extend to His Majesty's Government and to the Governments of the various colonial possessions and dependencies, an invitation, on behalf of the United States, to participate by official delegates in the Congress mentioned.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Sir Edward Grey, Bart, M.P., &c.

WILLIAM PHILLIPS.

## No. 91.

New Zealand, No. 325.

My Lord,— Downing Street, 8th November, 1912.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 147, A-1, 1913, of the 13th September, forwarding a copy of a memorandum from your Prime Minister on the subject of the Hague Opium Convention.

2. I learn with much satisfaction that your Government agree to the signature

of the Convention on their behalf.

3. I note that your Ministers regard the provisions of the Convention relating to export as having no application to New Zealand. I would, however, point out that acceptance to the Convention by New Zealand binds the Dominion to enact certain legislation in common with the other parties, and consequently requires that no distinction should be drawn between provisions which may be necessary in local circumstances and those which are not.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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

## No. 92.

New Zealand, No. 336.

My Lord,— Downing Street, 15th November, 1912.

I have the honour to request you to inform you Ministers that, in connection with sections 32 and 33 of the National Insurance Act, the National Health Insurance Joint Committee consider that it would be of great service if they could be furnished with the fullest and latest information as to the general conditions of health insurance in the oversea dominions.