

memorandum from the officer commanding the Taranaki Rifles, to the fact that an Indian regiment is permitted to carry three colours, the Army Council state that since the year 1835, when the matter was referred to King William IV, it has been the invariable practice to refuse permission for a third colour to be carried in the ranks by any battalion, though several are in the possession of honorary colours, which, though not carried on parade, are preserved in the officers' mess on account of some special association.

4. In the event of your Ministers concurring in the proposal that the Taranaki Rifles, so long as it retains that designation, should not carry colours, steps will be taken to submit for His Majesty's approval the carrying of colours by the other New Zealand regiments as requested in the letter from the High Commissioner for New Zealand of which a copy was enclosed in my despatch, No. 237, of the 17th July, 1911.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor the Right Hon. the Earl of Liverpool, K.C.M.G., M.V.O., &c.

No. 105.

New Zealand, No. 55.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 31st January, 1913.

With reference to Lord Islington's despatch, No. 125, of the 9th August, 1912, I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, the accompanying copies of despatches from the Governor-General of Canada and the Governor of Newfoundland on the subject of uniformity in accident-compensation law throughout the Empire.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor the Right Hon. the Earl of Liverpool, K.C.M.G., M.V.O., &c.

Enclosures.

No. 654.

The GOVERNOR-GENERAL to the SECRETARY OF STATE.

SIR,—

Government House, Ottawa, 5th December, 1912.

I have the honour to forward herewith, for your information, copy of a letter from the Secretary of State for External Affairs, dated 2nd December, 1912, on the subject of uniformity throughout the Empire in the laws of accident compensation.

Reference to previous despatch : Colonial Office, No. 712, 25th August, 1911.

I have, &c.,

ARTHUR.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS to the GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

Ottawa, 2nd December, 1912.

WITH reference to a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to Your Royal Highness, No. 712, dated the 25th August, 1911, touching uniformity throughout the Empire in the laws of accident compensation, the undersigned has the honour to submit herewith copies of despatches received from the Lieutenant-Governors of the several provinces of Canada in relation thereto, and to recommend that the same be forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for the information of His Majesty's Government.

Humbly submitted.

R. L. BORDEN,

Secretary of State for External Affairs.

His Royal Highness the Governor-General.

SIR,—

Government House, Halifax, Nova Scotia, 30th September, 1911.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 11th instant, transmitting copy of a despatch from the Colonial Office, dated 25th ultimo, and its enclosures, respecting the desirability of greater uniformity throughout the Empire in the law of accident compensation.

I now enclose a copy of a letter from the Deputy Provincial Secretary embodying the views of my Government on the subject.

I have, &c.,

JAMES D. MCGREGOR,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Under-Secretary of State, Ottawa.

SIR,—

Provincial Secretary, Nova Scotia, Halifax, 26th September, 1911.

Referring to your despatch of the 14th instant to the Provincial Secretary, and its enclosures with reference to the resolution xi of the Imperial Conference, 1911, respecting the desirability of greater uniformity throughout the Empire in the law of accident compensation, and to the memorandum by the Home Office on the subject, in which it is pointed out that uniformity appears