

Enclosure.

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 3rd September, 1912.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor.

THE Prime Minister presents his compliments to His Excellency the Governor, and begs to refer to despatches Nos. 197 and 198, of the 5th July (returned herewith), respecting the Royal Commission on Empire Trade.

The Prime Minister would be glad if the Secretary of State were informed that the contents of the despatches have been duly noted, and that the information and suggestions asked for in the printed memoranda relating to the existing conditions of trade and to the question of migration will be supplied by the Government as fully as possible at an early date; also that copies of the printed memorandum B, on the subject of migration, will be forwarded to such representative institutions and individuals as the Government consider will be best able to furnish the information desired by the Commission. Any information that may be required regarding statistics or any other matters will also be gladly supplied by the Government.

The itinerary of the Commission during its visit to this Dominion will be gone into as soon as it is possible to do so, and proposals in connection therewith will be submitted to His Excellency in due course.

The appointment of a special officer to deal with the local work of the Commission will be carried out on the lines suggested in the despatches; and all information collected for the Commissioners will be duly forwarded to His Excellency, for transmission to them in the ordinary way.

W. F. MASSEY,
Prime Minister.

No. 36.

New Zealand, No. 147.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 13th September, 1912.

With reference to your despatch of the 6th March, No. 69, forwarding copies of a Convention for the gradual suppression of the abuse of opium and of morphine, cocaine, and similar drugs, which was signed at The Hague on the 23rd January, and inquiring whether my Ministers are able to recommend that the Convention should be signed on behalf of the New Zealand Government, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a memorandum received from my Prime Minister on the subject.

2. Copies of the Acts and regulations mentioned in the memorandum are attached.

I have, &c.,

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The Right Hon. Lewis V. Harcourt, P.C. &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Governor.

Enclosure.

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 10th September, 1912.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor.

THE Prime Minister presents his compliments, and returns herewith G.H. 256, of 1912, relative to the Opium Convention. It is recommended that the Convention be signed on behalf of New Zealand, and the Government will consider what steps it will be necessary to take to give effect to the policy laid down in the Convention.

A copy of the Opium Act of 1908, the Opium Amendment Act of 1910, and the regulations made thereunder prohibiting the importation and use of opium, is forwarded for His Excellency's information, and the Prime Minister desires to add that, as opium is not manufactured in New Zealand, the provisions of the Convention relating to export have no application.

W. F. MASSEY,
Prime Minister.

No. 37.

New Zealand, No. 156.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 26th September, 1912.

I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a memorandum which I have received from my Prime Minister, stating that it has been deemed necessary, for improved trade relationship between importers in this country and exporters in the United Kingdom, to appoint a Commercial Expert and Accredited Inquiry Agent for the Department of Trade and Customs.

2. It will be observed that the agent appointed (Mr. H. Richard Spence) is to take up his headquarters in London during November next, and that it is desired