

A notification on Form No. 19 should be sent to the Registrar-General of Shipping and Seamen in respect of each alteration in tonnage which may be made in pursuance of the Act, and it will be sufficient if this notification states the following particulars, viz.: (1) Name, port of registry, and official number of ship; (2) date of build; (3) total gross tonnage; (4) amended deduction for propelling-power; (5) total crew-space deduction; (6) total deductions under section 79, Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and section 54, Merchant Shipping Act, 1906; (7) amended total deductions; and (8) amended register tonnage.

[Suggested form of letter to owners.]

SIR,—

Customhouse,

, 1913.

I beg to inform you that under sections 1 and 3 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1907, the register tonnage of the undermentioned vessels, of which you appear to be the owner, will require to be adjusted on the 1st January, 1914, unless the vessels are exempt under section 1 (a) of the Act, which provides that: "This section [section 1] shall not apply to steamships constructed for the purpose of towing vessels so long as they are exclusively employed as tugs, but if and when employed for the carriage of passengers, cargoes, or stores, or using graving-docks, or dry docks, or places provided for the repairing of vessels the register tonnage on which dues based on register tonnage may be levied by any harbour of dock authority shall be ascertained in manner provided by the Merchant Shipping Acts, 1894 to 1906, as amended by this Act."

If any of the vessels are thus entitled to exemption on the ground that they were constructed for the purpose of towing vessels and are exclusively employed as tugs, the subjoined declaration should be completed and returned to me within seven days from the date of this letter.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

, Registrar of Shipping,  
Port

Name of vessel.

Official number.

#### DECLARATION.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, owner of the vessel \_\_\_\_\_, official number \_\_\_\_\_, hereby declare with reference to section 1 (a) of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1907, that the afore-mentioned vessel is exclusively employed as a tug.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

No. 84.

New Zealand, No. 402.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 10th October, 1913.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's despatch, No. 122, of the 21st August, relative to the application of the Palmerston North Hospital and Charitable Aid Board for permission to call the Palmerston North Hospital the "Palmerston Royal Hospital," and the new ward for women and children, which will shortly be opened, the "Queen Mary Ward."

2. I have laid before Her Majesty the Queen the request for the grant of permission to call the new ward "Queen Mary Ward," but Her Majesty much regrets that she is unable to accede to the request, the large number of applications which are received from hospital authorities overseas for permission to designate their institutions by her name having compelled Her Majesty to lay down the rule that such applications can only be considered when it is desired so to designate the hospitals themselves, as distinguished from particular wards.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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

No. 85.

New Zealand, No. 403.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 14th October, 1913.

With reference to my despatch, No. 390, of the 23rd November, 1911, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, to be laid before your Ministers, a copy of a letter from the Board of Education asking to be furnished with the information specified in regard to English teachers employed under the Education Department of New Zealand.