Enclosure.

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 1st September, 1913.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor. The Prime Minister presents his compliments to His Excellency the Governor, and returns herewith G.H. 609/13, covering correspondence from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dealing with the application of the British Board of Trade restrictions on raw tongues and on hay and straw to goods of this class from New Zealand. It is noted that this Dominion will be exempted from the operation of the restrictions if it gives an assurance that it will immediately notify the Board of Trade by cable should an outbreak of cattle-plague or foot-and-mouth disease occur here, and the Prime Minister would be glad if the Governor will convey New Zealand's undertaking to give this notification to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the understanding that the restrictions are removed in the case of this Dominion.

W. F. MASSEY, Prime Minister.

No. 23.

New Zealand, Honours.

Government House, Wellington, 18th September, 1913. SIR,-

With reference to your despatch, Honours, of the 23rd July last, I A.-2, 1914, have the honour to report that on Monday, the 15th September, at Government Buildings, Wellington, in the presence of my Ministers and others, I presented to Mr. Henry Otterson and Mr. James Frank Andrews their insignia as Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George and of the Imperial Service Order respectively.

Mr. Andrews has been requested to send an acknowledgment of the receipt

of his insignia to the Secretary of the Imperial Service Order, as desired.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

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

Governor.

No. 24.

New Zealand, No. 136.

Sir,-

Government House, Wellington, 18th September, 1913. With reference to the Earl of Elgin's despatch, No. 46, of the 25th March, 1908, in which it was requested that the Secretary of State for the Colonies should be supplied with copies, for the information of His Majesty's Postmaster-General, of any licenses issued in this Dominion for the working of wireless telegraphy on board ships, I have the honour to transmit to you, by request of my Prime Minister, the accompanying copy, in duplicate, of licenses dated respectively the 19th August and the 1st September, 1913, for the installation and working of apparatus for wireless telegraphy on board the undermentioned two steamers of the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand (Limited)—namely, s.s. "Paloona" and s.s. "Maori."

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

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

Governor.

No. 25.

New Zealand, No. 139.

Government House, Wellington, 2nd October, 1913. Sir,—

I have the honour to inform you, in reply to the inquiry made in the penultimate paragraph of your despatch, No. 300, of the 8th August last, A.-2, 1914, that the High Commissioner for New Zealand has been requested by my Government to represent New Zealand at the International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, which it is proposed to hold in London in Nevember next. I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

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

Governor.