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New Zealand, No. 219.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 13th June, 1913.

A.—1, 1914, No. 22. I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the consideration of your Ministers, a copy of a letter from the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries relative to the desire of your Government that New Zealand should be included in the schedule to the Importation (Raw Tongues) Order of 1913.

2. I should be glad to learn whether your Ministers are prepared to give the undertaking mentioned in the second paragraph of the Board's letter.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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

Enclosures.

Board of Agriculture and Fisheries,

SIR,—

4 Whitehall Place, London S.W., 2nd June, 1913.

I am directed by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries to transmit to you, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the enclosed copy of correspondence which has passed between the Board and the High Commissioner for New Zealand relative to the desired inclusion of New Zealand in the schedule to the Importation (Raw Tongues) Order of 1913, a copy of which is also enclosed.

I am to explain that the schedule to the Order comprises the countries outside of the Continent of Europe from which the landing in Great Britain of hay and straw is unrestricted, and the Board think that in the event of New Zealand being added to the schedule to the Importation (Raw Tongues) Order it would be desirable that the Dominion should also be added to that of the Foreign Hay and Straw Order, of which copies are also sent herewith. In the case of the Commonwealth of Australia, an undertaking was given by the Commonwealth Government that in the event of cattle-plague or foot-and-mouth disease appearing in the Commonwealth the Board should immediately be notified of the fact by cable (C.O. Reference 35412/12), and on receipt of a similar undertaking from the New Zealand Government as regards New Zealand the Board would be happy to make an Order adding New Zealand to the schedules of both the Importation (Raw Tongues) Order and the Foreign Hay and Straw Order.

The Board would be much obliged if Mr. Secretary Harcourt would be so good as to communicate with the New Zealand Government to the above effect.

A copy of this letter is being sent by the Board direct to the High Commissioner for New Zealand for his information.

I am, &c.,

T. H. MIDDLETON,

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office, S.W.

Assistant Secretary.

High Commissioner for New Zealand,

SIR,—

Westminster Chambers, 13 Victoria Street, London S.W., 22nd April, 1913.

I am directed by the High Commissioner to point out that New Zealand is omitted from the schedule to the annexed Importation (Raw Tongues) Order of 1912. The High Commissioner feels sure that this is merely an oversight, as foot-and-mouth disease is non-existent in New Zealand. He will be greatly obliged, therefore, to learn that the Order has been amended by the inclusion of New Zealand in the schedule of exempted countries.

I am, &c.,

C. WRAY PALLISER,

Secretary to the Department.

The Secretary, Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, Whitehall Place, S.W.

SIR,—

Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, 4 Whitehall Place, S.W., 25th April, 1913.

I am directed by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries to refer to your letter of the 22nd instant, asking that New Zealand should be included in the schedule to the Importation (Raw Tongues) Order of 1913, and I am to inquire, in the first instance, as to the extent to which raw bovine tongues are imported into Great Britain from New Zealand.

I am, &c.,

A. W. ANSTRUTHER,

Assistant Secretary.

The High Commissioner for New Zealand, Westminster Chambers, 13 Victoria Street, S.W.

SIR,—

Westminster Chambers, 13 Victoria Street, London S.W., 2nd May, 1913.

I am directed by the High Commissioner to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo numbered as above, inquiring as to the extent to which raw bovine tongues are imported into Great Britain from New Zealand. In reply, I am to state that it would be difficult to supply these figures, as frozen ox-tongues from the Dominion are not entered separately on the ships' manifests.