No. 12.

New Zealand, No. 77.

Sir,— Government House, Wellington, 6th May, 1914.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 87, of the A.-2, 1915, 20th February, forwarding copies of an Order of His Majesty in Council dated No. 2. 9th February, 1914, varying the provisions of the Order in Council of the 24th June, 1912, under the Copyright Act, 1911, in so far as they relate to Italy.

2. My Ministers inform me that an Order in Council is being prepared dealing with the matter.

I have, &c..

LIVERPOOL.

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

Governor.

No. 13.

New Zealand, No. 79.

SIR,-

Government House, Wellington, 8th May, 1914.

With reference to your despatch, No. 94, of the 27th February, requesting A.-2, 1915, that particulars may be sent you of the grants which have been made by the New Zealand Government during each of the past six financial years for the encouragement of rifle shooting and the maintenance and expenses of Dominion representative rifle teams, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a return giving the information asked for.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

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

Enclosure.

NEW ZEALAND.

The following grants have been made during each of the past six financial years by the New Zealand Government for the encouragement of rifle shooting and the maintenance and expenses of Dominion representative rifle teams:—

Year.				Amount.
1908-9	 	 		 1,549
190910	 • •	 		 1,408
1910-11	 • •	 		 1,292
1911-12	 	 		 2,642
19 12 13	 	 		 1,180
1913–14	 	 	• •	 1,562
	Total	 		 £9.633

E. S. HEARD, Colonel.

For Major-General Commanding N.Z. Military Forces.

Wellington, April, 1914.

No. 14.

New Zealand, No. 80.

Sir,— Government House, Wellington, 8th May, 1914.

I have the honour to enclose the accompanying four letters, received by me through the Prime Minister, from the honorary secretary of the New Zealand Association for the Severance of the Connection of the British Empire with the Opium Traffic, addressed as below, containing copies of a resolution in connection with the suppression of the opium traffic in China:—

His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury; The Prime Minister of Great Britain and Ireland;

The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs; and

The Secretary of State for India.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL.

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

Governor.