

Enclosure.

SIR,—

Admiralty, 26th May, 1914.

I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that the Commanding Officer of H.M.S. "New Zealand" has received a letter from the Mayor of Christchurch, New Zealand, stating that a sum of about £500 has been subscribed by the people of Christchurch and invested locally, with a view to the interest, amounting to about £22 per annum, being devoted to shooting prizes for the men of the "New Zealand." The fund has been vested in the Mayor, Town Clerk, and Chairman of the Navy League, in trust.

2. An acknowledgment of the letter has been sent by Captain Halsey direct, but My Lords would be glad if the Mayor might be informed of their high appreciation of the gift, which they feel sure will stimulate the gunnery efficiency of the ship and strengthen the close ties which already exist between her and the Dominion.

3. With regard to certain questions raised by the Mayor as to the payment of the money, it is suggested that the distribution on board the "New Zealand" might be left to the discretion of the Commanding Officer, and that when temporarily for any reason a vessel of the name is not in commission in the Royal Navy, the dividends might be left to accumulate until a "New Zealand" is again commissioned, when the total sum accrued would be placed at the disposal of the Commanding Officer as before. It would be convenient if the trustees could remit the dividends half-yearly to the Bank of England by orders made payable to the Chief Cashier, quoting Receivable Order No. 610. Arrangements would then be made in this country for payment of the amounts to the Commanding Officer of the "New Zealand" for the time being.

I am, &c.,

W. GRAHAM GREENE.

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

No. 38.

New Zealand, No. 244.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 5th June, 1914.

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that your telegram of the 2nd June was duly laid before His Majesty the King, who was pleased to command that an expression of his thanks should be conveyed to you, your Government, and the people of New Zealand for the message of loyalty and congratulations on the occasion of his birthday communicated in your telegram.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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

No. 39.

New Zealand, No. 245.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 5th June, 1914.

I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, to be laid before your Ministers, copy of a letter from the Board of Agriculture relative to proposed new titles for the English editions of the monthly bulletins of the International Institute of Agriculture.

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.

4 Whitehall Place, London S.W., 3rd June, 1914

SIR,—

I am directed by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries to transmit to you, to be laid before the Secretary of State, the enclosed copy of a letter received from the British Representative on the Permanent Committee of the International Agricultural Institute, relating to the suggested alteration of the titles of the three monthly bulletins published by the Institute.

Sir James Wilson has been authorized to submit the proposal to the Permanent Committee with a view to its future consideration, and the Board would be glad if Mr. Secretary Harcourt would be good enough to refer the subject to the Governments of Canada, Australia, New Zea-