

The requisite notice of marriage can be given by the latter person and a certificate obtained authorizing a marriage forthwith. It is not thought advisable to complicate the procedure by making a provision for marriages in pursuance of notices and certificates given and issued in England. It is considered that all the preliminary requisites of a New Zealand marriage should take place in New Zealand and be of record there.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

The Right Hon. A. Bonar Law, P.C., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Governor.

No. 36.

New Zealand, No. 201.

SIR, — Government House, Wellington, 16th October, 1915.

I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers have expressed a desire to be furnished with particulars of the inspection of goods and of other steps taken to detect offences under the English Merchandise Marks Act.

2. While most of the provisions of that Act are contained in the Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks Act, 1908, in force in New Zealand, no systematic steps have been taken up to now to ascertain and punish offences thereunder. My Government are therefore desirous of obtaining any information which is likely to be useful to enable an efficient system of inspection to be instituted without incurring undue expense in the matter.

3. My Ministers add that the usual Customs inspection is at present made, as well as that prescribed by the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1908, but the inspection referred to is with regard to other goods on sale or stored for that purpose.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

The Right Hon. A. Bonar Law, P.C., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Governor.

No. 37.

New Zealand, No. 215.

SIR, — Government House, Wellington, 20th October, 1915.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 461, of the 20th August, enclosing a copy of a letter from the War Office relative to the decision of His Majesty's Government to provide return passages for all discharged soldiers who came from abroad after the declaration of war and enlisted in the Army on arrival in the United Kingdom.

2. My Ministers desire that I should inform you, in reply to the inquiry made in the concluding paragraph of your despatch, that there would be no difficulty in the landing of such men in New Zealand, provided they were free from contagious disease, but that any men suffering from a disease of a contagious nature would be placed in quarantine until they had recovered.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

The Right Hon. A. Bonar Law, P.C., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Governor.

No. 38.

New Zealand, No. 218.

SIR, — Government House, Wellington, 21st October, 1915.

With reference to my despatch, No. 188, of the 16th September, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying statement showing contributions by the Government and people of New Zealand to various war funds, which were remitted by telegraph during September to the High Commissioner for New Zealand in London for distribution.