

information as to the treatment in various countries of branches of foreign banks, have expressed a desire to be supplied at as early a date as possible with such information as may be obtainable showing what special legislative provisions, if any, have been made for the establishment and licensing in the self-governing Dominions of branches of foreign banks.

2. I should be glad if your Ministers could see their way to meet the desires of their Lordships in this matter, and, if so, if they would arrange to supply me with duplicate copies of the relevant statutes in force in New Zealand.

Governor-General His Excellency the Right Hon.
Viscount Jellicoe, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., &c.

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No. 12.

New Zealand, No. 18.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 20th January, 1921.

With reference to Your Excellency's despatch, No. 180, of the 4th November, 1920, I have the honour to request you to inform your Ministers that the Board of Trade will be glad to avail themselves of the services of Mr. A. G. Smyth, as Honorary Trade Correspondent to the Department of Overseas Trade, in Samoa.

2. The Board of Trade have accordingly addressed to Mr. Smyth a communication offering him the appointment in question, and enclosing a copy of the instructions which are issued to Honorary Trade Correspondents in various parts of the British Empire, for his information and guidance in the discharge of his duties.

3. The Board desire that an expression of their thanks may be conveyed to your Ministers for the action which has been taken in the matter.

Governor-General His Excellency the Right Hon.
Viscount Jellicoe, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., &c.

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No. 13.

New Zealand, Dominions No. 50.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 31st January, 1921.

I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that His Majesty's Government has had under consideration the question of the conditions on which, having regard to the provisions of the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1920, of which a copy is enclosed, licenses should be granted for the exportation of opium and similar narcotic drugs from the United Kingdom to other parts of the British Empire.

2. An arrangement has for some time been in force under which the exportation of these drugs from the United Kingdom to Canada is licensed subject to the production of a certificate issued under the authority of the Canadian Government to the effect that the drugs to be imported into Canada are to be used exclusively for scientific and medicinal purposes, and will not be re-exported.

3. It is proposed to extend the principle of this arrangement to all other parts of the Empire, but it is desired that the form of certificate should not be so worded as to affect adversely those parts of the Empire which normally depend for their supply of morphine and similar drugs for scientific and medicinal purposes on imports from neighbouring Dominions and colonies rather than on direct imports from the United Kingdom.

4. It is accordingly proposed that the certificate to be issued by the Government concerned, upon production of which licenses for exportation from the United Kingdom to other parts of the Empire would be granted, should guarantee that "the consignment in question is required exclusively for legitimate scientific and medicinal purposes, and re-export will not be permitted except to another Dominion, colony, or protectorate upon the production of a certificate, issued under the