

A branch of the association has been in existence for more than a year at Dunedin, and has provided ambulance instruction for a considerable number of persons. An ambulance corps has also been organized there in connection with the railway fire-brigade. Another branch is now being formed at Blenheim.

The Right Hon. Lord Knutsford, &c.

I have, &c.,
ONSLOW.

No. 3.

(No. 31.)

MY LORD,—

Wellington, New Zealand, 25th June, 1890.

I have the honour to transmit herewith copies of the Speech with which, on the 19th instant, I opened the fourth session of the tenth Parliament of New Zealand, and of the Addresses in Reply which have been presented to me by the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives respectively.

The Right Hon. Lord Knutsford, &c.

I have, &c.,
ONSLOW.

No. 4.

(No. 33.)

MY LORD,—

Wellington, New Zealand, 28th June, 1890.

I have the honour to transmit herewith copies of the Financial Statement made by the Colonial Treasurer, Sir Harry Atkinson, in the House of Representatives, in the Committee of Ways and Means, on the 25th instant.

The Right Hon. Lord Knutsford, &c.

I have, &c.,
ONSLOW.

No. 5.

(No. 34.)

MY LORD,—

Wellington, New Zealand, 1st July, 1890.

My Government are anxious to obtain all the information possible as to the practice of marking meat for the purpose of identifying the country of its origin.

I am led to believe that the Government of the French Republic have some law or Customs regulation whereby meat imported across the French border is marked in each joint, with a view to enable the purchaser to ascertain whether it is of Home or foreign growth.

I shall be obliged if your Lordship will move the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to make inquiries of Lord Lytton for such information as he may be able to supply of the manner in which such marks are made, and whether, in practice, it has been found possible effectually to prevent the introduction of foreign meat without being so marked, and whether any cases have been brought to the notice of the French Government in which the marks have been erased or obliterated.

I shall also be obliged if your Lordship can furnish me with any information which may be in the possession of the Boards of Trade or Agriculture as to the practice believed to be adopted by the Jewish community for marking meat killed, according to the requirements of their creed; or any other information which may be in possession of Her Majesty's Government relative to the marking of meat.

The Right Hon. Lord Knutsford, &c.

I have, &c.,
ONSLOW.

No. 6.

(No. 36.)

MY LORD,—

Wellington, New Zealand, 8th July, 1890.

With reference to my Despatch No. 37, of the 26th of June, 1889, forwarding the protest and petition to the Queen of Messrs. Donald and Edenborough against the German authorities at Samoa, and also with reference to