

lations governing the importation of plants into New Zealand, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a communication addressed by the Minister of Agriculture to my Prime Minister on the subject.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

Governor.

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

Enclosure.

Department of Agriculture, Industries, and Commerce,
Wellington, 11th October, 1913.

The Hon. the Prime Minister.

WITH reference to the attached Government House record 13/764, covering correspondence from the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, received through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in regard to the acceptance by this Dominion of certificates issued by the Board to accompany consignments of plants to New Zealand, I beg to inform you that revised regulations governing the importation of fruit and plants have been under consideration for some time, and it is hoped to issue them shortly. The Board of Agriculture's proposals are being considered in connection with these regulations, and I trust a definite reply can be forwarded at an early date.

W. F. MASSEY,

Minister of Agriculture and of Industries and Commerce.

For His Excellency's information.—W. F. MASSEY, 15th October, 1913.

No. 31.

New Zealand, No. 156.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 24th October, 1913.

With reference to your despatch of the 5th September, No. 338, forwarding, for the consideration of my Ministers, a copy of a letter from the General Post Office on the subjects of the certificates of proficiency in radio-telegraphy issued by His Majesty's Government and by the Governments of the oversea dominions, I have the honour to inform you that my Government agree to recognize radio-telegraph certificates issued by the Imperial Government or by any British Colonial Government, as suggested.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

Governor.

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

No. 32.

New Zealand, No. 160.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 31st October, 1913.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 318, of the 23rd August, forwarding copies of an Order of His Majesty in Council making certain adaptations in the Geneva Convention Act, 1911, in regard to its application to New Zealand, and requesting to be informed of the date fixed for the Order to come into force.

2. My Ministers inform me, in reply, that the date fixed for the Order to come into force in this Dominion is 20th October, 1913, and a copy of the Order in Council relative thereto is enclosed. Publication of the two Orders in Council is made in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 23rd October.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

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