

No. 526.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. ALAN EUSTACE WOOD to be Chief Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and a Deputy Registrar of Marriages, with effect from the 7th December, 1921.

15th December, 1921.

No. 527.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. ARTHUR GEORGE MURCHISON FLETCHER, C.B.E., to be Assistant Colonial Secretary and Clerk of Councils, with effect from this date.

16th December, 1921.

No. 528.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. GEORGE WILLIAM COYSH to be Deputy Shipping Master as from the 20th November, 1920.

16th December, 1921.

No. 529.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint CHAN HOI (陳海) to be a Forest Officer for the control and superintendence of the forests of the Colony, in succession to WONG MI (王美) dismissed, with effect from the 1st December, 1921.

15th December, 1921.

NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 530.—Copies of pamphlets issued by the Ministry of Pensions for the information of disabled officers and nurses and the relatives of deceased officers, may be seen on application at the Colonial Secretary's Office.

No. 531.—It is hereby notified that a competitive examination for the Indian Civil Service, open to all qualified persons, will be held in London in August, 1922, and that copies of the regulations, syllabus of examination, and forms of application to be filled up by the candidates may be seen on application at this office.

No. 532.—The following letter from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries respecting an Order entitled the Destructive Insects and Pests Order of 1921, is published, together with an explanatory memorandum, for general information.

Any persons desiring to export or to take with them plants or bulbs to the United Kingdom should apply to the Superintendent, Botanical and Forestry Department, for a certificate.

CLAUD SEVERN,
Colonial Secretary.

16th December, 1921.

Reference No. H.D. 1257/1921.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

WHITEHALL PLACE,
LONDON, S.W. (1),
28th June, 1921.

SIR,—I am directed to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State, that for some time past representations have been made to this Ministry as to the need for regulations governing the importation of plants into this country on the lines of those which have been in force for some years in the Dominions, Colonies and Foreign countries. After careful consideration of the position, it has been decided that measures must be taken to secure that only healthy plants are admitted into the country, and the Minister has therefore issued a Destructive Insects and Pests Order of 1921, 6 copies of which are enclosed herewith. It will be observed that the Order takes effect as from the 1st October next.

The Order prohibits the landing in England and Wales, from countries outside the British Isles and the Channel Islands, of all living plants with a persistent woody stem above ground, and parts of the same, except seeds, when for use in propagation—such as fruit trees, stocks and stools, forest trees, and ornamental shrubs and grafts, layers and cuttings thereof; all potatoes; tubers, bulbs, rhizomes, corms, and hop stocks for planting; seeds of onions and of leeks for sowing; and gooseberries; unless each package thereof has attached thereto, or is accompanied by a copy of a certificate issued at the time of packing by a duly authorised official of the country from which it is exported, to the effect that the consignment is healthy and free from the injurious insects and pests mentioned in the Second Schedule of the Order. In the case of potatoes the certificate must also declare that Wart Disease has not occurred on the place where the potatoes were grown, nor within 500 yards thereof, except in the case of new potatoes. It will be seen from paragraph 5 of the Third Schedule to the Order that plants or parts thereof will not be deemed to be healthy which are attacked by any insect or pest mentioned in the Schedule and the Note to the Sale of Diseased Plants Order of 1921. Six copies of this Order are also enclosed.

The Ministry is most anxious that all possible steps shall be taken for the publication of the requirements of the Order in countries which export plants to this country. I am, therefore, to ask you to be so good as to move the Secretary of State to cause the necessary instructions to be given for the notification of the requirements of the Order to the Colonial and Dominion Governments.

It is desirable that it shall be made clear at the same time that the Order has been framed with the object of causing as little hindrance as possible to the normal course of trade, and that consignments from countries where an efficient system of plant inspection is in operation will be accepted without let or hindrance. In this connection it is important that the Ministry shall be furnished with details of the system of inspection in force in each Dominion and Colony, and I am to ask that the necessary steps may be taken for the supply of this information.

I am, &c.,

(Sd.) H. V. TAYLOR,
Deputy Controller of Horticulture.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE, S.W. 1.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

DESTRUCTIVE INSECTS AND PESTS ORDER OF 1921.

The Destructive Insects and Pests Order of 1921, which comes into force on the 1st October, 1921, prohibits the landing in England and Wales, from any country other than Scotland, Ireland and the Channel Islands, of the following categories of plants seeds

etc., unless each package in the consignment has attached thereto a copy of a certificate issued at the time of packing by a duly authorised official of the country from which it is exported :—

All living plants with a persistent woody stem above ground, and parts of the same, except seeds, when for use in propagation—such as fruit trees, stocks and stools, forest trees, and ornamental shrubs and grafts, layers and cuttings thereof; all potatoes; and all tubers, bulbs, rhizomes, corms, and hop stocks for planting; seeds of onions and of leeks for sowing, and gooseberries.

The inspection must be made not more than 30 days prior to the date of dispatch, and the certificate must state that the plants, seeds, etc., are healthy as regards common pests generally and particularly the following :—

Fruit tree Cankers (produced by *Nectria ditissima*, Tul, or any species of *Monilia*).

Silver Leaf (*Stereum purpureum*, Pers.).

Black Currant Mite (*Eriophyes*, Ribis, Nal.).

Woolly Aphis (*Eriosoma lanigerum*, Hausm.).

All scale Insects (Coccidae).

Brown Tail Moth (*Nygmia phaeorrhoea*, Dan). (*Euproctis chrysorrhoea*).

Rhododendron Fly (*Leptobyrssa* (*Stephanitis*) *rhododendri*, Horv.).

Potato Blackleg (*Bacillus atrosepeticus*, Van Hall).

American Gooseberry Mildew. (*Sphaerotheca morsuvae*, Berk.).

and also that they are free from the insects and pests specified below :—

Fungi.

Black Knot of Plum and Cherry (*Plowrightia morbosa*, Sacc.).

Pear Blight (*Bacillus amylovorus*, De Toul.).

Chestnut Canker (*Endothia parasitica*), (Murr.) Ander and Ander.

Wart Disease of Potatoes. *Synchytrium endobioticum*.

Onion and Leek Smut (*Urocystis cepulae*, Frost).

Downy Mildew of Hops. (*Peronosplasma humuli*, Miy. et. Taka).

Insects.

Vine Louse (*Phylloxera vastatrix*, Planch.).

American Apple Capsids (*Heterocordylus malinus*, Reut, and *Lygidea mendax*, Reut.).

Pear Tingid (*Stephanitis, pyri*, Fab.).

Colorado Beetle (*Leptinotarsa decemlineata*, Say).

Plum Curculio (*Conotrachelus nenaphar*, Herbst.).

Potato Moth (*Phthorimaea operculella*, Zell).

American Luckey Moths (*Malacosma americana*, Fab and *M. diastri*, Hubn.).

Oriental Fruit Moth (*Cydia molesta*, Busck).

San Jose Scale (*Aspidiotus perniciosus*, Comst.).

Japanese Fruit Scale (*Diaspis pentagona*, Newst.).

Apple Fruit Fly (*Rhagoletis pomonella*, Welsh).

Cherry Fruit Flies (*Rhagoletis cerasi*, Linn., *R. cingulata*, Loew, and *R. fausta*, Osten, Baken).

Gooseberry Fruit Fly (*Epochra canadensis*, Loew).

PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED BY CONSIGNORS.

Persons sending to England and Wales consignments including any of the categories indicated in the first paragraph should take steps to ensure the inspection of the consignment by a duly authorised government official and obtain from him a certificate.

Specimen Certificate.

CERTIFICATE OF EXAMINATION OF PLANTS, etc. No.....

This is to certify that the stock included in the package or consignment described below was thoroughly inspected by.....

 an Inspector of....., on.....
; the stock was grown by.....
 at.....
 and was found, or believed by the Inspector, to be healthy and free from any of the plant diseases or pests named in the Second Schedule to the above Order.

(Signed)

(Official Status)

Number and Description of packages in Consignment.....Distinguishing Marks.

Nature of Contents.....

Name and Address of Exporter

Name and Address of Consignee.....

Name of Vessel

Port of Shipment.....

Port of landing in England and Wales.....

Approx. date of arrival.....

This Certificate should be forwarded to the Horticulture Division Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Whitehall Place, London, S.W.1. at the time of issue. A copy must be affixed to each package in the consignment.

As indicated above the inspection must be made not more than 30 days before the date of dispatch. The certificate itself should be forwarded to the Horticulture Division, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Whitehall Place, London, England. Consignors should note that consignments arriving in England and Wales without the copy certificate attached to the packages will be detained at the port of entry and will not be admitted into the country until they have been examined by an official of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and found to be healthy generally and especially free from the specified insects and pests. Consignments which are found to be unhealthy will be either disinfected, destroyed, or returned to the country of origin.

POTATOES.

In the case of potatoes, other than new potatoes, (*i.e.* potatoes landed in England and Wales, on or before the 31st day of July in the year in which they have been lifted), the certificate must also declare that Wart Disease has not occurred on the place where the potatoes were grown nor within 500 yards thereof (approximately half a kilometre). New potatoes must be accompanied by a declaration in writing by the exporter stating that they have been lifted in the current year.