Minister's Decisions under Customs Duties Act.

Customs Department, Wellington, 16th December, 1914.

T is hereby notified for public information that the Hon. the Minister of Customs has decided to interpret the Customs Duties Act in relation to the undermentioned articles as follows:—

Note.—"Not otherwise enumerated" appears as n.o.e.; "other kinds" as o.k.; "articles and materials suited only for, and to be used solely in, the fabrication of goods in the Dominion" as a. & m.s. Articles marked thus † are revised decisions.

Record.			Rate of	Duty.
	Qoods.	Classification under Tariff, and Item No.	General Tariff.	Preferential Surtax on Foreign Goods
	A. and m.s., viz.:—			
18/2/2	Pressure rings, composition (known as "N.P. rings,") for the manufacture of			4
	pump-pistons			
3/129	"Securitas" cramps and lances (used in making wooden boxes or cases)	As a. and m.s. (482)	Free.	
15/16	Wooden hoops, bent to shape, for the manufacture of cabin-trunks			
3/113	Cheque-writer (the "Peerless")	As typewriter	Free.	
7/47	Graphite, dry	A (400)	Free.	
7/47	Graphite in paste form,—	,		
	Mixed with linseed oil		2s. 6d. per cwt.	6d. per cwt.
	Mixed with lubricating oil	As solid lubricants (209)	20 per cent	10 per cent.

Note.—The decision on page 269 (1914 edition), "Pipe-joint compound, Dixon's, as solid lubricant," is cancelled.

Minister's Order D 4.]

W. B. MONTGOMERY, Comptroller of Customs.

Immigration and Emigration Returns.

ETURN of Immigration to and Emigration from the Dominion of New Zealand during the Month of November, 1914, showing the Places from which Persons arrived and to which they departed, and the Ports of Arrival and Departure.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES FROM AND TO DIFFERENT PLACES.

		ARRIVALS.				DEPARTURES.					
Countries.	Adults.		Children.		Total	Adults.		Children.		Total	
	М.	F.	М.	F .	Persons.	M .	F	м.	F.	Persons.	
United Kingdom	Kingdom 369 48	435	97								
Australian Commonwealth	••	1,447	832	94	85	2,458	585	344	47	42	1,018
Fiji		20	17	2	7	46	14	13		2	29
Canada	• •	83	43	2	1	129	5	2			7
United States		39	12	5	1	57	17	10	1	2	30
Foreign Pacific Islands	• •	43	7		• •	50	4	4	2	1	11
Totals, November, 191	ı	2,001	1,346	200	192	3,739	684	401	51	48	1,184
Totals, November, 1918		1,652	1,159	200	186	3,197	851	421	71	61	1,404

The excess of the arrivals in New Zealand over the departures therefrom during the month of November, 1914, was therefore 2,555 persons.

ABBIVALS AT AND DEPARTURES FROM DIFFERENT NEW ZEALAND PORTS.*

		ARRIVALS.					Departures.				
Ports.	Adults.	Children.	Males.	Females.	Total Persons.	Adults.	Children.	Males.	Females.	Total Persons.	
Auckland	897 2,213 58 179	94 276 10 12	592 1,440 28 141	399 1,049 40 50	991 2,489 68 191	304 755 26	28 65 	206 512 	126 308 	332 820 	
Totals, November, 1914	3,347	392	2,201	1,538	3,739	1,085	99	735	449	1,184	
Totals, November, 1913	2,811	386	1,852	1,345	3,197	1,272	132	922	482	1,404	
	At Auc	1:	 	13	Females	From '	Departure Wellington	•••		Females.	

^{*} It is important to mention that, in the returns from which this table is made up, immigrants to the Dominion are all counted at the first port of arrival, and emigrants at the final port of departure.

MALCOLM FRASER,

Registrar-General's Office, Wellington, 14th December, 1914. Government Statistician.