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.
	Goods.	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			
	pump-pistons	11		
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		As typewriter	Free.	
7/47	Graphite, dry	(400)	Free.	
7/47	Graphite in paste form,—			
	Mixed with linseed oil	As paints ground in 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.	М.	F.	М.	F.	Persons.
United Kingdom		369		97	98	999	59	28	1	1	89
Australian Commonwealth Fiji	••,	$1,447 \\ 20$	832 17	94	85 7	2,458 46	585 14	344 13	47	$\begin{array}{c} 42 \\ 2 \end{array}$	1,018 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, 1914	• •	2,001	1,346	200	192	3,739	684	401	51	48	1,184
Totals, November, 1913		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.*

· .		ARBIVALS					DEPARTURES.				
Ports.	Adults.	Children.	Males.	Females.	Total Persons.	Adults.	Children.	Males.	Females.	Total Persons.	
Auckland Wellington Dunedin Invercargill Totals, November, 1914 Totals, November, 1913	897 2,213 58 179 3,347 2,811	94 276 10 12 392	592 1,440 28 141 2,201 1,852	399 1,049 40 50 1,538 1,345	991 2,489 68 191 3,739 3,197	304 755 26 1,085	28 65 6 99	206 512 17 735	126 308 15 449 482	332 820 32 1,184 1,404	
	At Aucl	1:		5 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.

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