

nominating, as proposed, a representative on the board; but in any case, even if they should decline to nominate to the board, I feel a strong hope that they will take an active interest in the scheme and give it their best assistance.

4. I have to request that this subject may receive the early consideration of your Government, and I should be obliged if you would communicate by telegraph their decision.

I have, &c.,
KNUTSFORD.

No. 5.

The UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES to the UNDER SECRETARY FOR SCOTLAND.

SIR,

Downing Street, April 27, 1888.

I AM directed by Lord Knutsford to transmit, for the information of the Marquis of Lothian, the enclosed copy of a telegram which has been received from the Governor-General of Canada in reply to Lord Knutsford's Despatch on the subject of the Crofters and Cottars Colonisation Scheme, a copy of which was enclosed in the letter from this Department of the 16th instant.

With reference to the Governor-General's request for information as to the details of Canadian legislation necessary to give effect to the scheme, Lord Knutsford would suggest that Lord Lothian should consult his legal advisers and furnish this Department, for transmission to the Governor-General, with the heads of the provisions which they may think necessary to be embodied in a Colonial Act.

I am to observe that it does not appear to Lord Knutsford, having regard to the provisions of the Dominion Lands Acts, that legislation is required for any other purpose than the constitution and incorporation of the proposed board of commissioners so as to enable them to sue and be sued, and to hold and enforce mortgages under the Dominion Lands Act, 1886.

I am, &c.,

EDWARD WINGFIELD.

Enclosure in No. 5.

The MARQUIS OF LANSDOWNE to LORD KNUTSFORD. Received 26th April 1888.

(Telegraphic.)

YOUR Despatch 11th April. Canadian Government will co-operate in colonisation scheme in manner suggested. Information as to details of Canadian legislation necessary should be supplied immediately.

No. 6.

The UNDER SECRETARY FOR SCOTLAND to the UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

SIR,

Dover House, Whitehall, April 27, 1888.

I AM directed by the Secretary for Scotland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th instant, forwarding copy of a telegram received from the Governor-General of Canada, notifying that his Government will co-operate in the Crofter and Cottar Colonisation Scheme, and asking for further information as to the details of legislation required; and I am to inform you that the Marquis of Lothian will consult the Lord Advocate on the subject, and communicate the result for the information of Lord Knutsford with the least possible delay.

I am, &c.,

R. W. COCHRAN-PATRICK.

26 April 1888.