

until the Canadian Government and Canadian ship-owners have had an opportunity of considering such provisions.

In the event of any compulsory official inspection being imposed in the United Kingdom on British ships generally, he presumes the classification of Canadian ships by officers of the Government of Canada, if such a system is adopted, would be accepted by the authorities of the British Government as equivalent to official inspection in the United Kingdom in the same manner as the official examination of master and mates by the Government of Canada, is accepted by the British Government as equivalent to the official examination of such persons by the officers of the Imperial Board of Trade.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed),

A. J. SMITH,

*Minister of Marine and Fisheries.*

(3.)

(Circular.)

DOWNING STREET, 22nd October, 1875.

SIR,—With reference to my predecessor's circular despatch of the 3rd December, 1873, I transmit herewith for your information and for general publication in the Colony under your Government, a copy of a letter from the Board of Trade enclosing a copy of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1875."

2. I request that you will call the attention of your Ministers to the desire expressed by the Board of Trade, to be furnished with an immediate Report of any case in which grain, etc., is shipped in British vessels in contravention of the Act, and in such a manner as to endanger human life.

3. I shall be obliged if you will favor me with any observations which may occur to your Advisers with reference to the application of the several provisions of this Act to the Colony under your Government.

I have the honor, &c.,

(Signed),

CARNARVON.

(3.)

*The Board of Trade to the Colonial Office.*

BOARD OF TRADE,  
WHITEHALL GARDENS, 11th August, 1875.

SIR,—I am directed by the Board of Trade to enclose a copy of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1875," and to request your attention to the 3rd section of this Act relating to the carriage of grain and other seeds or nuts in British ships.

I am to suggest that a copy of this Act should be sent to the Governors of all Colonies from which grain is shipped.

I am further to suggest that instructions may be given to cause an immediate report to be sent to the Board of Trade of any case in which grain etc., is shipped in British vessels in contravention of the Act, and in such a manner as to endanger human life.

I have, &c.,

(Signed),

THOMAS GRAY.

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

(4.)

*Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 9th February, 1876.*

The Committee of the Privy Council have had under consideration the circular despatch from the Right Hon. Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies dated