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Sir TERENCE O'BRIEN to LORD KNUTSFORD.

Government House, St. John's, Newfoundland,

My Lord, January 30, 1891.

I HAVE the honour to forward herewith the annual Blue Book of this Colony for the year 1889, together with the Colonial Secretary's report thereon.

2. A second copy of this Blue Book has been forwarded direct

to the Imperial Institute.

I have, &c.

(Signed) T. O'BRIEN, Lieut.-Colonel,
The Right Hon.
Governor,
Lord Knutsford, G.C.M.G.

&c. &c. &c. &c.

REPORT UPON THE BLUE BOOK OF NEWFOUNDLAND FOR 1889.

Colonial Secretary's Office, St. John's, Newfoundland, January 12, 1891.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I HAVE the honour to forward to you, for transmission to the Right Hon, the Secretary of State for the Colonies and to the Imperial Institute, the Blue Book of the Colony of Newfoundland for the year 1889, in duplicate, which though completed at a somewhat earlier date than that of 1888 is still, I regret, much later than is desirable. I shall continue my efforts to overcome the difficulties which at present retard the compilation of the Blue Book.

Condition of the Colony.

The general condition of the Colony for 1889 can hardly be viewed as satisfactory, though the figures still show a considerable improvement over the years 1887-86-85. The staple industries exhibit but little contraction from the results of 1888; indeed, in the matter of preserved lobsters, seal oil, and cod oil there is quite a satisfactory increase both in production and value. Still the total

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