

## INTERCOLONIAL CONFERENCE.

From the communications I have had with the other Colonies, I infer that the last two weeks of November will be generally convenient for the sittings of the Conference. The Parliament of this Colony will then be in session; but that circumstance will not interfere with due consideration being given to the Intercolonial business.

I hope the date now suggested will meet with your concurrence.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, New Zealand.

I have, &c.,  
HENRY PARKES.

## No. 4.

The Hon. J. HALL to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(No. 125.)

New Zealand Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 15th October, 1872.

SIR,—

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 6th and 23rd of August and the 19th of September last, upon the subject of a Conference of Representatives of the Australian Colonies, proposed to be held at Sydney in the month of November next, for the purpose of considering several questions of Intercolonial interest.

In reply, I have the honour to acquaint you that the Government of New Zealand sympathize with the objects of the proposed Conference, and are desirous that this Colony should be represented thereat, but they are very doubtful whether, in the existing state of public business of New Zealand, it will be possible for them to give effect to their wishes.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Sydney.

I have, &c.,  
JOHN HALL.