

board and lodging, and would therefore be suitable for the duties of that nature required by the conditions set forth in the instructions of the Government. Although Mr. Van Asch is a foreigner by birth, yet a residence of twenty years in England has enabled him to speak English with perfect accuracy, with perfect clearness, and with an entire freedom from foreign accent or idiom. On the whole, we deem him very suitable for the position he will have to occupy. By his means the German system will take firm root in New Zealand; and the French system, if hereafter required, can be superadded with little cost and inconvenience, as occasion may arise. Had a commencement been made with the French system, it would have been as difficult to replace or amend it as has proved to be the case in this country.

We have, &c.,

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The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

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