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Cablegram to Premiers of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, and South Australia, sent 12th July.

PERMIT me on behalf of the Government to heartily congratulate your colony upon the passing of the Australian Commonwealth Bill. Although our suggested amendments were not agreed to, we firmly believe that the measure will be in the best interests of the Federating Colonies and the Empire generally. We wish the Commonwealth every prosperity.

R. J. SEDDON, Premier.

PREMIER, Sydney, to PREMIER, New Zealand.

I have, on behalf of New South Wales, to thank you for your message of congratulation and your wishes of prosperity to the Commonwealth, and to hope that before long New Zealand will form part of it.

PREMIER.

PREMIER. Victoria, to PREMIER. New Zealand.

ACCEPT my very warm thanks for your kind congratulations and good wishes.

A. McLean, Premier.

PREMIER, Queensland, to PREMIER, New Zealand.

THANKS for message of congratulation on passing of Commonwealth Bill. We share your belief that measure will serve best interests of Federating Colonies and Empire generally, and look forward to time when New Zealand will join the union.

PREMIER.

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