

No. 6.

New Zealand, No. 69.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 24th April, 1914.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 297, of the 7th August, 1913, on the subject of the utilization of the labour exchanges in the United Kingdom in connection with the notification of vacancies for employment in this Dominion.

2. In acknowledging the receipt of the information contained in your despatch, the Prime Minister states that when the report of the Dominions Royal Commission on the question of emigration to the self-governing dominions has been made, the Government of New Zealand will be pleased to learn whether the Board of Trade proposes to take any further action in the matter.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

Governor.

The Right Hon. Lewis V. Harcourt, P.C., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 7.

New Zealand, No. 71.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 24th April, 1914.

With reference to your despatch, No. 41, of the 27th January, on the subject of the renewal of the arbitration agreements between the United Kingdom and Germany, Sweden, Norway, Portugal, and Switzerland, I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of the memorandum which I have received from my Prime Minister on the subject, and which formed the basis of my telegram of the 22nd April.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

Governor.

The Right Hon. Lewis V. Harcourt, P.C., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Enclosure.

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 20th April, 1914.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor.

THE Prime Minister presents his compliments to His Excellency the Governor, and will be glad if he will notify the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reply to his despatch, No. 41, of the 27th January, 1914, that the New Zealand Government concurs with the proposal of His Majesty's Government to renew the existing arbitration agreements between the United Kingdom and Germany, the United Kingdom and Sweden, the United Kingdom and Norway, the United Kingdom and Portugal, and the United Kingdom and Switzerland, for a further period of five years.

H. D. BELL,

For the Prime Minister.

No. 8.

New Zealand, No. 72.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 28th April, 1914.

With reference to Mr. Chamberlain's circular despatch of the 8th December, 1898, I have the honour to inform you, at the request of my Prime Minister, that the quantities of gold and silver entered for export from New Zealand for the year ended the 31st December, 1913, were as follows:—

Gold—376,161 oz., equal to 11,731.29 kilograms, valued at £1,459,499.

Silver—975,616 oz., equal to 30,245.75 kilograms, valued at £103,866.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

Governor.

The Right Hon. Lewis V. Harcourt, P.C., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.