1920, No. 20 (Local).—The Taieri River Improvement Act, 1920.—This Act is in effect a consolidation and amendment of various enactments making provision for the improvement of the waterway of the Taieri River and its tributaries, and the protection and drainage of certain lands in Otago Province. The Board constituted by this Act will have the powers of a River Board under the River Boards Act, 1908, of a Drainage Board under the Land Drainage Act, together with certain special powers conferred on it by this Act.

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No. 25.

New Zealand, No. 203.

My Lord,— Government House, Wellington, 20th December, 1920.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions, No. 419, of the 29th September, with regard to wireless telegraphy on merchant ships, I have the honour to inform Your Lordship that the question of introducing the necessary legislation next session for making provision for the requirements, as laid down by the Imperial Act, applicable to shipping registered in New Zealand, is receiving the consideration of my Ministers.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. Viscount Milner, P.C., G.C.B., &c., Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 26.

New Zealand, No. 204.

My Lord,— Government House, Wellington, 20th December, 1920.

I have the honour to inform Your Lordship that, in accordance with the suggestion contained in your despatch, No. 227, of the 21st October, the system of accounting in connection with the parcel-post service between New Zealand and the United States of America will be held in abeyance in the meantime.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. Viscount Milner, P.C., G.C.B., &c., Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 27.

New Zealand, No. 205.

My Lord,— Government House, Wellington, 26th December, 1920.

With reference to Your Lordship's despatch, No. 97, of the 28th May, with regard to the standardization of longitudes, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of New Zealand have recently authorized the erection of a high-powered wireless receiving outfit at the Government Observatory; but, as the question of finding a permanent situation for the Observatory is now under consideration, my Ministers, while expressing their sympathy with the Empire scheme, are not prepared at present to incur any further expenditure in the provision of the additional equipment, staff, and housing required for the carrying-out of this work.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. Viscount Milner, P.C., G.C.B., &c., Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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