

No. 37.

New Zealand, No. 189.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 10th September, 1920.

With reference to Mr. Walter Long's despatch, No. 75, of the 17th May, 1917, I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that the postal war-tax which has been in force in Southern Rhodesia is to be extended until the 30th June, 1921.

2. I have also to state, for the information of your Ministers, that the Government of Seychelles has increased the rates of postage on letters to the United Kingdom and to places within the Empire, including Egypt and the British Postal Agencies in Morocco and China, to 9 cents of a rupee for the first ounce, and 6 cents for every additional ounce or fraction thereof.

I have, &c.,

MILNER.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

No. 38.

New Zealand, Dominions, No. 416.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 25th September, 1920.

With reference to my predecessor's despatch, Dominions, No. 378, of the 14th June, 1917, I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that it has now been decided to adopt in this country the following procedure in the case of persons desiring admission to instruction at wireless schools :—

(1.) Each person will be required to furnish particulars of his nationality and of the nationality of his parents.

(2.) Candidates who desire to obtain the Post Office certificate enabling them to act as ship operators must be natural-born British subjects and the children of a father who was also a natural-born British subject. Any case in which it is proposed to make an exception to this rule will be referred to the naval and military authorities. Foreign nationality of the candidate's mother will not be a bar to the issue of the certificate; but all cases of candidates whose mothers were of late-enemy origin will be referred to the War Office for a report whether there is any adverse record against the family.

(3.) Persons who do not desire the Post Office certificate will be admitted irrespective of nationality, except that cases of late-enemy nationality will first be referred to War Office.

I have, &c.,

MILNER.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

No. 39.

New Zealand, Dominions, No. 419.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 29th September, 1920.

With reference to my despatch, Dominions, No. 325, of the 9th August, I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that His Majesty's Government think it would be of advantage if requirements as regards wireless telegraphy on merchant ships identical with those laid down by the Imperial Act of 1919 (9 and 10 Geo. V, ch. 38) were adopted by the self-governing dominions.

2. If action to this end is taken in New Zealand, His Majesty's Government hope that it may also be possible to adopt rules uniform with those sent out in my despatch under reference.

I have, &c.,

MILNER.

Governor-General His Excellency the Right Hon.

Viscount Jellicoe, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., &c.