

of bringing the timbers favourably under the notice of French builders and manufacturers, I and those with whom I am acting will be prepared to furnish a sufficient assortment of samples of timber for the purpose of such experiments and tests, and for a small exhibition of New Zealand timbers, to be held in Paris.

We are further prepared to do our share, together with other timber-dealers, in sending to France a few cargoes for sale, and have no doubt that others will be prepared to join in the venture, and contribute a portion of such cargoes.

As soon as we understand that the Government will grant the proposed assistance, we will make it our business to communicate with other timber-dealers, with the view of inducing combined action in the matter. Further shipments will, of course, depend upon the result of the first few cargoes, but we are sanguine that a large and profitable business will be established.

I have, &c.,

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