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The Hon. the PRIME MINISTER to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 8th April, 1904.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th February last, on the subject of the reduced rate on newspapers posted in New Zealand, which came into force on the 1st ultimo.

Instructions have been issued by the Post and Telegraph Department whereby it will be made clear that the newspapers dealt with by New Zealand offices have been posted in the colony, and the postage prepaid here.

I have, &c.,

J. G. WARD,

For the Prime Minister.

The Hon. W. P. Reeves, Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

No. 35.

The Hon. the PRIME MINISTER to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 18th April, 1904.

Referring to my letter of the 8th instant, and previous correspondence, I have now the honour to inform you that it has been ascertained that Canadian newspapers may be sent from Canada to the following colonies, as well as to Great Britain, at the same rates as between any two places in Canada: Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, British Honduras, British North Borneo, Ceylon, Cyprus, Falkland Islands, Gambia, Hongkong, Leeward Islands (including Antigua, &c.), Newfoundland, [New Zealand], Sarawak, Sierra Leone, Transvaal, Turk's Islands, and Zanzibar.

As the Postmaster-General is particularly desirous of extending the scope of the penny rate, irrespective of weight, for newspapers from New Zealand to places beyond the colony, I should be obliged if you would inquire from the London Post Office whether there is any intention to establish an Imperial arrangement similar to that existing for letters. If not, it is presumed that it will be necessary for New Zealand to negotiate direct with other colonies.

I have, &c.,

J. G. WARD,

For the Prime Minister.

The Hon. W. P. Reeves, Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

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