

of the proposal that certificates of proficiency in radio-telegraphy issued by His Majesty's Government and by the Governments of the oversea dominions should entitle the holders to work wireless apparatus both on ships registered in the United Kingdom and in the dominions.

2. My Ministers state that they assume that any action necessary to secure the amendment of Article X of the Radio-telegraphic Service Regulations of 1912, in order to give effect to the proposal of the British Post Office, will be taken by the British Administration.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

Governor.

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

No. 50.

New Zealand, No. 16.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 4th February, 1914.

With reference to the Earl of Elgin's despatch, No. 46, of the 25th March, 1908, in which it was requested that the Secretary of State for the Colonies should be supplied with copies, for the information of His Majesty's Postmaster-General, of any licenses issued in this Dominion for the working of wireless telegraphy on board ships, I have the honour to transmit to you, by request of my Prime Minister, the accompanying copy, in duplicate, of a license, dated 20th January, 1914, for the installation and working of wireless telegraphy on board the steamer "Mokoia" of the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand (Limited).

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

Governor.

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

No. 51.

New Zealand, No. 20.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 12th February, 1914.

I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter which I received from the Senior Naval Officer, New Zealand Division, and which I forwarded to my Ministers for their consideration, relative to the conditions of service of those who are to form the drill complement of H.M.S. "Philomel," the New Zealand Government training-ship.

2. In a memorandum which has been addressed to me by my Prime Minister, a copy of which I enclose, you will observe that my Ministers consider it desirable that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty should be asked to determine the conditions of service (other than rates of pay) in connection with the "Philomel."

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, 9th February, 1914.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor.

THE Prime Minister presents his compliments to His Excellency the Governor, and in returning G.H. 1210/13, covering a despatch from the Senior Naval Officer in New Zealand waters, begs to state that it is desirable the Admiralty should be asked to determine the conditions of service (other than rates of pay) of those who are to form the drill complement of H.M.S. "Philomel."

Three years' service is suggested, the rates of pay to be those laid down in paragraphs, 2, 3, and 4 on page 5 of the Naval Defence memorandum (H.-19A), which was laid upon the table of Parliament on the 28th October, 1913, two copies of which are attached.

A. L. HERDMAN,

For Prime Minister.