

The Australian Station is bounded—

On the North.—From 95° east longitude by the parallel of 13° south latitude to 120° east longitude, thence north to 11° south latitude, thence to the boundary with Dutch New Guinea on the south coast in about longitude 141° east, thence along the coast of British New Guinea to the boundary with German New Guinea in 8° south latitude, thence east to 155° east longitude.

On the East.—By the meridian of 155° east longitude to 15° south latitude, thence to 28° south latitude on the meridian of 170° east longitude, thence south to 32° south latitude, thence west to the meridian of 160° east longitude, thence south.

On the South.—By the Antarctic Circle.

On the West.—By the meridian of 95° east longitude.

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New Zealand, No. 186.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 16th May, 1913.

With reference to previous correspondence, I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that the following countries have deposited with His Majesty's Government their ratifications of the International Radio-telegraphic Convention signed at London on the 5th July, 1912, and of the final protocol and "reglement de service":—

Country.	Date of Deposit.
Belgium (and the Belgian Congo)	.. 23rd November, 1912.
Monaco	.. 10th December, 1912.
Egypt	.. 1st February, 1913.
Denmark	.. 14th February, 1913.
United States of America ..	.. 21st February, 1913.
Netherlands (and the Netherland Indies and the Colony of Curaçao) ..	.. 20th March, 1913.
Russia	.. 5th April, 1913.

2. The ratification of the United States of America contains the reservation "that nothing in the 9th article of the regulations affixed to the Convention shall be deemed to exclude the United States from the execution of her inspection laws upon vessels entering in or clearing from her ports."

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Liverpool,
K.C.M.G., M.V.O., &c.

No. 29.

New Zealand, No. 187.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 16th May, 1913.

With reference to Lord Plunket's telegram of the 16th December, 1909, I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that as the period for which the Advisory Committee on Commercial Intelligence of the Board of Trade was appointed in 1910 terminated on the 14th March, the President of the Board has decided to reconstitute the committee as soon as possible on the same lines and with the same general functions as the committee whose operations have now terminated.

2. I enclose a copy of the proposed terms of reference of the new committee, and I have to add that, with a view to enable members of the new committee to keep in touch with the work of the Board of Trade generally, it is proposed at each future meeting of that body to afford an opportunity to members to ask questions affecting matters of general commercial interest dealt with by the Board of Trade.

3. I enclose three copies of the report on the work done by the advisory committee from March, 1910, to March, 1913, which has been presented to Parliament. New Zealand was represented on the committee by the Hon. Sir William Hall-Jones, K.C.M.G., until his retirement, and the Board of Trade trust that your Ministers