

with the acknowledgment of that Department, with regard to the desired reduction of the rate of postage on newspapers and periodicals from the United Kingdom to New Zealand by direct steamers.

Of course, during the present war crisis it is not possible to pursue the matter further, but immediately the conditions are again favourable I will reopen the question with the Imperial Government.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. the Prime Minister, Wellington.

THOS. MACKENZIE.

Enclosure 1 in No. 6.

THE SECRETARY TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER to the UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, Colonial Office.
SIR,—

13 Victoria Street, London S.W., 25th July, 1914.

Referring to Colonial Office letter of the 18th August, 1903 [Enclosure 4 in No. 13, F.-3, 1904], and to proposals made in 1907 by the New Zealand Postmaster-General to H.M. Postmaster-General that the rate of postage on newspapers and periodicals from the United Kingdom to New Zealand by direct steamers might be reduced to 1d. per pound as in the case of Canada, I am directed by the High Commissioner to state that he has been requested by his Government to again bring the matter to the notice of the British Post Office, and to inquire whether the Government of New Zealand may still have any expectation that it will be found possible to reduce the rate to New Zealand as desired, and so enable the people of that Dominion to receive the same advantage by the extended interchange of literature with this country as is enjoyed by the people of the sister Dominion of Canada.

The High Commissioner is aware that the reduction would entail financial considerations, but he feels that such considerations would be quite outweighed by the appreciation that would be felt by the large numbers of people in this country who have New Zealand interests. He ventures to hope, therefore, that you will again approach the Imperial Post Office on the subject, and that your representations may result in the granting of this long-standing request.

I have, &c.,

C. WRAY PALLISER,
Secretary to the Department.

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office, Downing Street, S.W.

Enclosure 2 in No. 6.

THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, Colonial Office, to the SECRETARY TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.
SIR,—

Colonial Office, Downing Street, S.W., 4th August, 1914.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th July on the subject of the postage on newspapers and periodicals from the United Kingdom to New Zealand, and to inform you that a copy has been forwarded to the General Post Office for consideration.

I have, &c.,

JOHN ANDERSON.

The Secretary, Office of the High Commissioner for New Zealand.

No. 7.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER to the Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER.

SIR,— Westminister Chambers, 13 Victoria Street, London S.W., 27th November, 1914.

Referring to my letter of the 6th ultimo and to previous correspondence on the above subject, I have the honour to enclose herein copy of a letter I have received from the Colonial Office declining to grant the desired reduction in the rate of postage on newspapers and periodicals from this country to New Zealand.

I am, however, not disposed to leave the matter at that point, and I have accordingly pressed New Zealand's claims again upon His Majesty's Government in a reply to the Colonial Office, of which I also annex a copy. I will let you know what happens in due course.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. the Prime Minister, Wellington.

THOS. MACKENZIE.

Enclosure 1 in No. 7.

THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, Colonial Office, to the SECRETARY TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.
SIR,—

Colonial Office, Downing Street, 24th November, 1914.

With reference to your letter of the 25th July last, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Harcourt to request you to inform the High Commissioner that he has now received the views of the Postmaster-General upon the request of the New Zealand Government for the reconsideration of the question of extending the Canadian magazine rate of postage to newspapers and periodicals sent from the United Kingdom to New Zealand.