

No. 55.

New Zealand.—Miscellaneous.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 30th September, 1915.

With reference to Your Excellency's despatch, No. 151, of the 14th August, I have the honour to inform you that His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve of the retention of the title of "Honourable" by Mr. Robert Heaton Rhodes, who has served for more than three years as a Member of the Executive Council of New Zealand.

2. A notification to this effect will be published in the *London Gazette*.

I have, &c.,

A. BONAR LAW.

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

No. 56.

New Zealand, No. 565.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 19th October, 1915.

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that I have duly laid your despatch, No. 173, of the 2nd September, before His Majesty the King, who commands me to request you to convey to the House of Representatives and to the Legislative Council an expression of his gratification at the terms of the resolutions passed on the anniversary of the declaration of war.

I have, &c.,

A. BONAR LAW.

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

No. 57.

New Zealand, No. 581.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 26th October, 1915.

With reference to my predecessor's despatch, No. 476, of the 27th October, 1914, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of your Ministers, copies of a notice issued by the Nobel Committee of the Norwegian Parliament with regard to nominations for the Nobel Peace Prize for 1916.

2. I should be glad if your Ministers would cause the conditions of the prize to be made known to those bodies and persons who are qualified to nominate candidates.

I have, &c.,

A. BONAR LAW.

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G.C.M.G., M.V.O., &c.

Enclosure.

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE.

ALL proposals of candidates for the Nobel Peace Prize, which is to be distributed 10th December, 1916, must, in order to be taken into consideration, be laid before the Nobel Committee of the Norwegian Parliament by a duly qualified person before the 1st February of the same year.

Any one of the following persons is held to be duly qualified: (a) Members and late members of the Nobel Committee of the Norwegian Parliament, as well as the advisers appointed at the Norwegian Nobel Institute; (b) members of Parliament and members of Government of the different States, as well as members of the Interparliamentary Union; (c) members of the Inter-