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merchant ships as that which the Board of Trade has decided upon, as described in your despatch, Dominions No. 365, of the 10th May, 1919.

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I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. Viscount Milner, P.C., G.C.B., &c., Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 17.

New Zealand, No. 125.

My Lord, Government House, Wellington, 23rd July, 1919.

With reference to Your Lordship's despatch, Dominions No. 238, of A.-2, 1919, the 31st March, on the subject of the proposed International Conference of the Allied Nations to discuss meteorological questions of common interest, I have the honour to inform you, in amplification of my telegram of the 19th June, that Mr. D. C. Bates, the New Zealand Government Meteorologist, has been selected as this Dominion's representative at the preliminary Meteorological Conference and at the Inter-Allied Conference.

2. Mr. Bates left New Zealand for the United Kingdom by the steamship "Tofua" on the 5th July. I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. Viscount Milner, P.C., G.C.B., &c., Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 18.

New Zealand, No. 129.

Government House, Wellington, 31st July, 1919.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's A.-2, 1919, despatch, Dominions No. 360, of the 8th May, transmitting from Her Majesty the Queen a medal struck at the time of the Investiture of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales at Carnarvon.

2. The Queen's gracious thought is most highly appreciated by my Ministers, who have asked me to convey to Her Majesty, through Your Lordship, their respectful thanks for the gift, which has been placed on exhibition in the Dominion Museum, Wellington. I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. Viscount Milner, P.C., G.C.B., &c., Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 19.

New Zealand, No. 147.

Government House, Wellington, 19th August, 1919. My Lord,

With reference to Your Lordship's despatch, No. 106, of the 11th June, A.-2, 1919, intimating that the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia are desirous of securing specimens of postage-stamps which have been brought into issue by the abnormal conditions due to the war, for inclusion in the Library Section of the Australian War Museum, I have the honour to inform you that in so far as this Dominion is concerned my Ministers will be pleased to accede to the request, and the stamps will accordingly be forwarded to the Secretary, Department of Defence (War Museum), Melbourne, as requested.

I have, &c., LIVERPOOL,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. Viscount Milner, P.C., G.C.B., &c., Secretary of State for the Colonies.