

1906.
NEW ZEALAND.

THE FUTURE ORGANIZATION OF COLONIAL
CONFERENCES IN LONDON
(CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

(New Zealand.—General.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 7th December, 1905.

I had the honour to telegraph to you on the 29th ultimo requesting you to suggest to your Ministers that it might be desirable, in view of all the circumstances of the case, to postpone the meeting of the next Colonial Conference until the year 1907, and that any further discussion of the proposals contained in my despatch of the 20th of April last relating to the organization of future Colonial Conferences had better be deferred until the next Conference meets.

(2.) I have now to enclose for the information of your Government copies of a paper (Cd, 2785) in which the recent correspondence on the subject, beginning with my despatch of the 20th of April last and ending with my telegram of the 29th ultimo, has been presented to both Houses of Parliament.

I have, &c.,

ALFRED LYTTTELTON.

Governor, The Right Honourable Lord Plunket, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., &c.

Enclosure.

COLONIAL CONFERENCE.—CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE FUTURE ORGANIZATION OF COLONIAL CONFERENCES.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by Command of His Majesty, November, 1905

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2	Governor Sir W. F. Hely-Hutchinson	Cape Colony	June 16 (Rec. July 8)	Encloses copy of a minute from Ministers expressing entire accordance with the principle and details of the scheme and offering suggestions.
3	Governor-General Earl Grey	Canada, Telegram	(Rec. July 8)	Reports that Sir W. Laurier desires to be allowed to close the Parliamentary session before replying to No. 1
4	Governor Sir H. E. McCallum	Natal	June 20 (Rec. July 15)	Reports that his Ministers favour the establishment of an Imperial Council and of the proposed permanent Commission,