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NEW ZEALAND

EDUCATION:

PROPOSED IMPERIAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME:

COPY OF CORRESPONDENCE THAT HAS PASSED BETWEEN MR. P. A. VAILE, OF LONDON,
AND THE RIGHT HON. THE PRIME MINISTER RELATIVE THERETO.

Laid on the Table of the House of Representatives by Leave.

DEAR SIR JOSEPH WARD,—

London (the Press Club), 21st August, 1909.

I have to thank you very heartily for your encouraging letter and for your promise to bring my Imperial Scholarship scheme before your parliamentary Education Committee. I did not lose much time in using your letter. I left the Cecil at 11 p.m. Next morning there was a leader on you and it in the evening papers with the largest circulation (outside ha'pennies), and now it is ploughing the seas to every country where English is spoken to let them know that once again you have been quick to encourage the Imperial sentiment. New Zealand may not hanker after giving £25,000; but she might, and I think should, give, say, two or more scholarships, costing about £2,500 in all, and give the holders free travelling on all railway-lines. You have already helped me, and again I thank you. This thing is the greatest or nothing. If you have time on your journey, will you think it over? and, if you can write me anything encouraging or stimulating that I can use here, do so. I think you can trust me to use it in the best way. I am getting much encouragement.

With best wishes for safe and pleasant voyage to you and yours,

Sir Joseph Ward, K.C.M.G., P.C., Premier, New Zealand.

I am, &c.,
P. A. VAILE.

DEAR MR. VAILE,—

London, 18th August, 1909.

With reference to your interview with me yesterday respecting the Imperial Scholarship scheme, I have perused your communication on the subject, and am very much impressed with your proposals.

It is not possible for me to do anything in the direction desired at this end, but I shall be glad upon my return to New Zealand to bring the whole matter before the parliamentary Educational Committee for full consideration and report.

With kind regards, yours, &c.,
J. G. WARD.

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DEAR MR. VAILE,—

London, 31st July, 1909.

I am duly in receipt of your letter of the 31st instant with reference to your desire to have an interview with me respecting the Imperial Scholarship scheme. It is not necessary for me to say that I am in thorough sympathy with the objects of the undertaking; but, as I have already intimated, it is not possible for me to make an appointment with you on the matter until after the Defence Conference. The pressure is so great at the present moment that I have found it necessary to decline all appointments.

With kind regards, yours, &c.,
J. G. WARD.

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