

received from my Prime Minister, in which he states that the resolution of the Conference has in some measure been given effect to by the passing, during the session of the New Zealand Parliament just concluded, of the Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks Act, which brings the law into closer conformity with that of England.

2. My Prime Minister points out that even with similarity of Act and rules there is still room for difference in procedure, and he suggests that this might be reduced, and the benefit of greater uniformity secured, if the Imperial Patent Office could see its way to advise the Patent Office in this and other countries with similar laws of the rulings it makes on the various points in the Act and rules with which it is called upon to deal.

I have, &c.,

ISLINGTON,

Governor.

The Right Hon. Lewis V. Harcourt, P.C., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Enclosure.

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 27th December, 1911.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor.

REFERRING to the despatch of the Secretary of State for the Colonies of the 25th August last, the Prime Minister has the honour to recommend that a reply be sent to the effect that the resolution of the Imperial Conference with regard to uniformity in the law of patents, designs, and trade-marks has in some measure been given effect to by the passing during the session just concluded of the Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks Act, which brings the law into closer conformity with that of England, except in one or two respects necessitated by different circumstances prevailing in this country. The forms sent will probably be adopted without alteration, and the other forms and rules of the Imperial Office will be followed as far as practicable.

Even with similarity of Act and rules there is still room for difference in procedure, and it is suggested that this could be reduced, and the benefit of greater uniformity secured, if the Imperial Patent Office could see its way to advise the Patent Office in this and other countries with similar laws of its rulings on the various points in the Act and rules with which it is called upon to deal.

J. G. WARD, Prime Minister.

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SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 12th January, 1912.

With reference to your despatch, No. 242, of the 21st July last, and to my telegram of the 7th November, on the subject of the alliance of certain New Zealand regiments with British regiments, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copies of memoranda which I have received from my Prime Minister, giving the particulars desired.

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I have, &c.,

ISLINGTON,

Governor.

The Right Hon. Lewis V. Harcourt, P.C., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Enclosure.

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 3rd January, 1912.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor.

THE Prime Minister presents his compliments to His Excellency the Governor, and begs to state for His Excellency's information that the necessary particulars in connection with the alliance of certain regiments of the Dominion to British regiments, referred to in War Office letter of the 7th July last, forwarded under cover of Government House despatch (No. 686/1911), *idem* are as follows:—

(1.) Two of the New Zealand units concerning which alliance to British regiments is desired are newly formed.

(2.) The designations of the remaining eight units referred to were altered under the recent reorganization of the Forces of the Dominion.