

No. 26.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SECRETARY, Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 19th December, 1911.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, announcing that the rate of postage on printed papers from the Commonwealth to New Zealand, Fiji, New Hebrides, and the British Solomon Islands has been fixed at $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per 2 oz. or fraction thereof, with a minimum of 1d.

This Department is gratified to learn of the reduction.

I have, &c.,

D. ROBERTSON, Secretary.

The Secretary, Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne.

No. 27.

The Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington, to Mr. R. B. BRETT, London.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 10th January, 1912.

In continuation of my letter of the 8th May last, relating to the inland postage in the United Kingdom on newspapers published out of the Kingdom, I now beg to inform you that the London Post Office has again been urged to agree to New Zealand newspapers registered at this office being transmitted within the United Kingdom at the same rate as newspapers printed and published in the Kingdom, but I regret that the reply is unfavourable. It states that full consideration has again been given to the proposal, but that, as the inland newspaper post is carried on at a heavy loss to the revenue, the Postmaster-General would not feel justified in sanctioning the additional loss which would result from the admitting to the privileged rate of postage newspapers published in the dominions.

I have, &c.,

R. B. Brett, Esq., 134 Fleet Street, London E.C.

J. G. WARD.

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