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SIR, The Treasury, Wellington, 6th March, 1912.

I have the honour to inform you that by an Order in Council dated the 5th instant, made under section 5 of the Bank of New Zealand and Banking Act Amendment Act, 1898, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint William Milne, Esq., and David Joseph Nathan, Esq., as members of the board of directors of the bank for the term of two years commencing on the 31st instant.

I have, &c.,

Minister of Finance.

The Chairman of Directors, Bank of New Zealand, Wellington.

SIR.-The Treasury, Wellington, 6th March, 1912. I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor has, by an Order in Council dated the 5th March, 1912, made under section 5 of the Bank of New Zealand and Banking Act Amendment Act, 1898, been pleased to appoint you as a member of the board of directors of the bank as from I have, &c., J. G. WARD, the 31st instant until the 31st March, 1914.

David J. Nathan, Esq., Wellington.

Minister of Finance.

SIR,-36 Manchester Street, Manchester Square, London W., 6th February, 1912.

My appointment as a director of the Bank of New Zealand expires on the 31st March next, and, without presuming to know the wishes or intentions of the Government concerning myself, I have to say, with much regret, that, in consequence of protracted ill health, it would not be possible for me to continue my connection with the bank after the above date.

In conveying this intention to you, sir, I desire to express my very great appreciation of, and thanks for, the confidence the Government has reposed in me by permitting me to occupy a seat on the board of the bank, as one of its nominees, continuously since January, 1899, during which time I have acted as Chairman for five years, and Acting-Chairman for ten months.

Since I joined the board it has been my privilege to witness the complete financial rehabilitation of the bank; and having regard to its great earning-power, its splendid connection in the Dominion and elsewhere, I confidently anticipate that, with prudent management, it will continue to rank as one of the leading banks not only in New Zealand but in Australasia.

I have, &c.,

HAROLD BEAUCHAMP.

The Right Hon. the Minister of Finance, Wellington, New Zealand.

SIR,-Bank of New Zealand, Wellington, 5th February, 1912. I have the honour to remind you that, in terms of subclauses (2) and (3) of clause 5 of the Bank

of New Zealand and Banking Act, 1898, the two directors who, in terms of the Act, are required to retire on the 31st day of March next are Messrs. Harold Beauchamp and William Milne.

You will note appointments should be made by the Governor in Council not later than the first Wednesday in March. I have, &c.,

W. Callender,

General Manager.

The Right Hon. the Minister of Finance, Wellington, New Zealand.

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