

Enclosure.

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 28th May, 1913.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor.

THE Prime Minister presents his compliments to His Excellency the Governor, and begs to inform His Excellency that request has been made by the Officer Commanding 16th (Waikato) Regiment to have the necessary sanction obtained for the designation of his regiment to be altered to "The Prince of Wales's Own" 16th (Waikato) Regiment. This distinction is already enjoyed by the West Yorkshire Regiment, to which the 16th Regiment is allied.

The Officer Commanding the Regiment states that the conferring of this honour would not only be greatly prized, but would be an additional incentive to all ranks to excel in every way.

It might be mentioned that His Majesty the King was graciously pleased to approve of the 2nd (Wellington West Coast) Mounted Rifles being designated as Queen Alexandra's 2nd (Wellington West Coast) Mounted Rifles.

If it should be possible to obtain His Majesty's gracious approval of the request now proposed, it would give a great stimulus to the company and the regiment concerned, and would be much appreciated.

W. F. MASSEY,
Prime Minister.

No. 8.

New Zealand, No. 90.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 12th June, 1913.

I have the honour to forward to you, for transmission to His Majesty the King, the accompanying copy of a resolution passed by the Presbytery of Dunedin on the occasion of His Majesty's Birthday.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,
Governor.

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

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First Church, Dunedin, 3rd June, 1913.

At which time and place the Presbytery of Dunedin met and was constituted.

Inter alia, the clerk submitted the following minute, which was carried by the standing vote of the Presbytery and the singing of the National Anthem: "The Presbytery of Dunedin being now in session, on the birthday of His Majesty King George the Fifth, most heartily resolves to place on record its abiding loyalty to the British Throne, its thankfulness to Almighty God, by Whom kings reign and princes decree justice, for a sovereign so deeply interested in the welfare of his subjects, and so steadfast in his endeavour to promote the righteousness which alone exalteth a nation; and its prayer that he may be long spared to influence for good the many races of men that live in security and peace under his far-reaching and benign governance."

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery by

JAS. CHISHOLM,
Clerk of Presbytery.

No. 9.

New Zealand, No. 91.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 19th June, 1913.

I have the honour to inform you, by request of my Prime Minister, that the quantities of gold and silver entered for export from New Zealand for the year ended 31st December, 1912, were as follows: Gold, 343,163 oz., equal to 10673·81 kilogrammes, valued at £1,345,115; silver, 901,165 oz., equal to 24919·59 kilogrammes, valued at £84,739.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,
Governor.

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

No. 10.

New Zealand, No. 92.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 19th June, 1913.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 142, A.—2, 1914, of the 11th April, forwarding copy of a letter from the War Office regarding No. 20.