

1915.
NEW ZEALAND.

REDUCTION OF NEWSPAPER POSTAGE

(FURTHER PAPERS RELATIVE TO).

[In continuation of F.—7, presented on the 29th July, 1913.]

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

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The HIGH COMMISSIONER to the Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER.

SIR,— Westminster Chambers, 13 Victoria Street, London S.W., 7th November, 1913.

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In connection with the question of newspaper postage, it seems to me that if it were arranged for British newspapers to be forwarded to the Dominion at the same rate as New Zealand papers can be despatched to this country it would be a very great advantage.

I have, &c.,
THOS. MACKENZIE.

The Right Hon. the Prime Minister, Wellington.
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No. 2.

The Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER to the HIGH COMMISSIONER.

SIR,— Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 15th January, 1914.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th November last . . . suggesting a reduction of the rate of postage on newspapers sent from the United Kingdom to New Zealand.

In the Agent-General's letter of the 21st August, 1903 [No. 13, F.—3, 1904], he conveyed the decision of the Imperial Postmaster-General not to reduce the postage on newspapers from the United Kingdom to New Zealand to 1d. per paper, as proposed by New Zealand.

In 1907 [see No. 2, F. 7, 1908] the Postmaster-General of this Dominion proposed to the Imperial Postmaster-General that the rate of postage on newspapers and periodicals from the United Kingdom to New Zealand by direct steamers be reduced to 1d. per pound, as had already been done in the case of newspapers and periodicals from the United Kingdom to Canada. The proposal was not entertained.