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SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 30th November, 1914.

At the request of my Prime Minister, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying synopsis, prepared by the Attorney-General of this Dominion, of the Acts passed during the fourth session of the Eighteenth Parliament of New Zealand, together with the Acts duly authenticated with the seal of the Dominion.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

Governor.

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

Enclosures.

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 23rd November, 1914.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor.

THE Prime Minister presents his compliments, and begs to forward herewith, for transmission to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a synopsis, prepared by the Hon. the Attorney-General, of the Acts passed during the fourth session of the Eighteenth Parliament of New Zealand, together with the Acts duly authenticated with the seal of the Dominion.

H. D. BELL,

For the Prime Minister.

REPORT ON LEGISLATION PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NEW ZEALAND DURING THE SESSION ENDED ON THE 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1914.

For the information of His Excellency the Governor, I beg to report as follows:—

I. The synopsis attached hereto relates to the Acts passed by the General Assembly of New Zealand during the session which ended on the 5th day of November, 1914.

II. In my opinion none of the said Acts is repugnant to the law of England.

Dated at Wellington, this 20th day of November, 1914.

A. L. HERDMAN, Attorney-General.

SYNOPSIS OF ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NEW ZEALAND DURING THE SESSION ENDED ON THE 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1914.

Public Acts.

1914, No. 1. The Imprest Supply Act, 1914.—This Act applies the sum of £959,000 out of the Public Account, and the sum of £15,000 out of other specified accounts, for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1915.

1914, No. 2. The Imprest Supply Act, 1914 (No. 2).—This Act applies the sum of £961,000 out of the Public Account, and the sum of £15,000 out of other specified accounts, for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1915.

1914, No. 3. The Land-tax and Income-tax Act, 1914.—This Act provides for the imposition of a land-tax and of an income-tax, at specified graduated rates, for the use of His Majesty for the financial year ending 31st March, 1915.

1914, No. 4. The Banking Amendment Act, 1914.—Section 2 empowers the Governor in Council by Proclamation to declare that bank-notes issued by any bank named in the Proclamation shall be legal tender for a period to be specified in the Proclamation.

Section 4 provides a State guarantee of such notes for a period of six months after the period fixed by the Proclamation.

Section 6 prohibits the export of gold during such fixed period without the consent of the Minister of Finance.

1914, No. 5. The Banking Amendment Act, 1914 (No. 2).—This Act applies the provisions of the Customs Acts relating to forfeiture, to gold exported or attempted to be exported from New Zealand in breach of the provisions of the Act referred to in the last preceding paragraph.

1914, No. 6. The Regulation of Trade and Commerce Act, 1914.—Sections 2 to 23 provide for the fixing by the Governor in Council of a maximum price at which goods may be sold in New Zealand during the war, and impose penalties for breaches of the Act.

Section 24 empowers the Governor in Council to prohibit the exportation during the war of any goods the exportation of which is deemed necessary to be prohibited.

Section 25 provides for the suspension or modification of any provisions of the labour laws during the war.

Sections 26 to 33 enable the Government to commandeer any goods for the use of His Majesty during the war on payment of compensation.

Section 34 authorizes the setting-up of a Commission to advise the Government as to the exercise of the foregoing powers.