

Royaume de Belgique, Ministère des Chemins de Fer, Marine,
Postes et Télégraphes, Le Havre, le 17 Janvier, 1916.

MONSIEUR,—

Aux termes de l'art. XXXIX du Règlement d'exécution de la Convention principale de Rome, les administrations de l'Union doivent se communiquer, par l'intermédiaire du Bureau international, la collection en trois exemplaires de leurs timbres-poste, avec indication, le cas échéant, de la date à partir de laquelle les timbres-poste des émissions antérieures cesseraient d'avoir cours.

De nombreux timbres spéciaux ont été émis, à l'occasion de la guerre, mais en général, mon administration n'en a pas reçu des spécimens.

Je vous serais très obligé de vouloir me faire parvenir 3 exemplaires de chaque série de timbres de guerre ou de Croix Rouge émis ou à émettre par votre office y compris ses colonies.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur, l'assurance de ma haute considération.

Au nom de la Direction Générale :

LE DIRECTEUR D'ADMINISTRATION.

Monsieur le Secrétaire du General Post Office, à Londres.

POSTAL UNION REGULATIONS.—ARTICLE XXXIX.

1. The International Bureau serves as the medium for regular notifications of a general kind concerning international relations.

2. The Administrations belonging to the Union must communicate to each other specially through the medium of the International Bureau :—

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(2.) Three complete sets of their postage-stamps, with an indication, when the case arises, of the date on which postage-stamps of previous issues cease to be valid.

No. 25.

New Zealand, No. 200.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 21st March, 1916.

I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that the French Government have notified the accession of their colony of the Somali Coast to the revised International Telegraphic Convention signed at Lisbon on the 11th June, 1908.

I have, &c.,

A. BONAR LAW.

Governor His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Liverpool
G.C.M.G., M.V.O., &c.

No. 26.

New Zealand, No. 219.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 25th March, 1916.

I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that the Governor of the Windward Islands has submitted a proposal for the imposition of a war-tax of 1d. on all postal matter addressed from St. Vincent to the United Kingdom and other parts of the Empire. A.—1, 1917,
No. 25.

2. I have expressed my approval of this proposal so far as letters and parcels only are concerned, and am informing the Governor that in order to avoid delay it may be brought into force in anticipation of the consent of the other Administrations interested. I trust that your Ministers will not raise any objection to the imposition of such a tax in respect of letters and parcels sent from St. Vincent to New Zealand, and will give instructions for surcharging insufficiently prepaid correspondence, after you have received from St. Vincent information as to the date from which the change takes effect.

3. This tax is designed to provide additional revenue called for owing to the expenses to be borne by the colony in connection with the contingent from St. Vincent serving with the British West Indies Regiment, a unit raised in the West Indies for active service, and it is intended to continue for so long as the contingent is absent from the colony.

I have, &c.,

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