1919. NEW ZEALAND.

INSULATED TONNAGE.

TELEGRAMS AND CORRESPONDENCE EXCHANGED WITH LONDON, CANADA, AND AUSTRALIA IN CONNECTION WITH THE SUPPLY OF INSULATED TONNAGE, ETC., TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE DOMINION SINCE SEPTEMBER, 1914.

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COPIES OF TELEGRAMS BETWEEN THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND, LONDON, AND THE PRIME MINISTER, NEW ZEALAND, ETC.

From Right Hon, the PRIME MINISTER to HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND. 15th September, 1914.

Advise particulars of steamers in ports Great Britain representing Shaw-Savill, New Zealand Shipping Company, Commonwealth and Dominion, and Federal Houlder Lines fitted with refrigeration and also carrying general cargo. Give approximate sailing-dates on which steamers would be available on arrival New Zealand for freighting produce and general cargo to British ports. Also advise whether possible charter four or five steamers suitable for carrying frozen meat, dairy-produce, and general cargo.

From Right Hon, the PRIME MINISTER to HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND. 16th September,

Steamers with refrigeration should arrive New Zealand as early as possible November and onwards. Ascertain what terms steamers now loading or arriving October to load in Great Britain could depart for Dominion at once or in October or November, either with part cargo or in ballast.

From High Commissioner for New Zealand to Right Hon, the Prime Minister. 17th September, 1914.

Position of New Zealand Shipping Company's ships available for cargo from New Zealand is that from now until end of year five refrigerator steamers and one insulated are available for homeward loading. During January there will be available in New Zealand four refrigerators and one uninsulated steamer; February, three refrigerators and one insulated. In addition to these, Federal Line, Shaw-Savill, and Tyser Companies will berth steamers. For names and tonnage see New Zealand Shipping Company.

From Right Hon, the PRIME MINISTER to HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND. 7th October, 1914.

Press cable London states Admiralty commandeering increasing number refrigerating-vessels. Shipowners are not seriously objecting because New Zealand shippers object to pay increased charges which the shipowners desire to impose. Advise.

From Right Hon, the PRIME MINISTER to HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND. 13th October, 1914.

Advise names of vessels in United Kingdom waiting cargo for New Zealand.

From High Commissioner for New Zealand to Right Hon, the Prime Minister. 14th October, 1914.

No steamers awaiting outward cargoes. Up to end of January there will be sufficient steamers available for carrying produce from New Zealand; after that will depend on quick return in

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