

New Zealand, No. 242.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 30th November, 1928.

I have the honour to transmit the accompanying copies of letters addressed to the Public Record Office by the Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, and the Canterbury Public Library, Christchurch, applying for duplicates of any printed pamphlets and similar documents relating to New Zealand which may be available.

2. Inquiries have been made on the subject, but there appear to be no such duplicates in the Public Record Office with the exception of a parcel of printed documents among the New Zealand Company's records. A list of these is enclosed; and, as the requirements of the Public Record Office and of this Department would be met by the retention of one or possibly two copies of each, the remainder are available for presentation to His Majesty's Government in New Zealand should it be so desired. I should be glad to learn the wishes of your Ministers on the subject, and it is presumed that they will arrange for the position to be explained to the two libraries.

3. In this connection I would invite reference to Lord Crewe's despatch No. 81, of the 16th April, 1909, and Mr. Harcourt's despatch No. 148, of the 17th May, 1912.

I have, &c.,

L. S. AMERY.

Governor-General His Excellency General Sir C. Fergusson, Bart.,

LL.D., G.C.M.G., K.C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., &c.

Enclosures.

No. 1.

DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND.

Department of Internal Affairs,

Alexander Turnbull Library,

Wellington, 17th August, 1928.

The Keeper of Public Records,

Public Records Office, Chancery Lane, London.

DEAR SIR,—

I understand that among the Canterbury Association records lodged with you there are duplicate copies of early printed pamphlets and like material relating to New Zealand. As this library has one of the finest collections of New Zealand literature there is, with an especially fine collection of pamphlets. I should be grateful if it were possible for any spare publications or duplicate matter of any sort relating to New Zealand, not only Canterbury, to be sent here, where they would be thoroughly appreciated, and where they could be available to all students, as this is a reference library especially encouraging research in early New Zealand matters. The library was brought together by a late Wellington resident, and is now under the control of the Government, having been left by the will in their charge as a reference library for the people of New Zealand.

If this letter should have been addressed particularly to any committee of management, would you be so kind as to refer it, with my request that they regard it as addressed to themselves.

Yours, &c.,

JOHANNES C. ANDERSEN, Librarian.

No. 2.

CANTERBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY.

(Under the Control of the Board of Governors of Canterbury College.)

Christchurch, New Zealand, 24th August, 1928.

A. E. Stamp, Esq., Keeper of Public Records,

Records Office, Chancery Lane, London.

DEAR SIR,—

I understand that there are a number of duplicate copies of valuable printed pamphlets relating to New Zealand at present stored in your Record Office, and, on behalf of the Board of Governors of this Public Library, I desire to know whether it is possible for you to hand these over to this library? These pamphlets would, of course, be carefully stored and placed under lock and key in the New Zealand section.