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Le Premier ministre au premier ministre de Nouvelle-Zélande
Prime Minister to Prime Minister of New Zealand

TELEGRAM 13

Ottawa, August 14, 1931

Your telegram 12th August. With reference to your comments upon attitude of Canadian Government in discussion hitherto, I regret to note that your Government still appears to assume that inability of Canadian Government to undertake continuance of obviously inadequate duty on butter implied in some way an unwillingness to enter into negotiations for a general agreement in which a provision as to butter would find an appropriate place. It is not necessary to review the discussions which have already been set forth fully. I may, however, be permitted to make two observations on points raised in your present telegram. Your statement that in London no suggestion was communicated to you as to returning via Canada is noted with surprise, as Canadian Minister of Trade and Commerce definitely conveyed suggestion to your delegation. As regards the proposals made by New Zealand in 1928 for negotiation of a trade agreement, it may be added for completeness of record that while a visit by Minister of Customs for discussing trade arrangements was proposed by New Zealand on February 17th, 1928, and accepted on February 29th, 1928, by the Canadian Government, which suggested a conference immediately after prorogation of Parliament, no reply to the latter telegram was made by the New Zealand Government.

We note with pleasure your desire to enter into direct personal negotiations with the least possible delay, and shall take up the question of time and place as soon as suits the convenience of the New Zealand Government after the general elections.

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Le premier ministre de Nouvelle-Zélande au Premier ministre
Prime Minister of New Zealand to Prime Minister

TELEGRAM

Wellington, November 19, 1931

Your telegram of the 17th November. New Zealand Government are glad to learn that arrangements made for the Honourable H. H. Stevens to meet our Minister of Customs in Honolulu to discuss Trade Agreement. New Zealand Elections are being held 2nd December and Minister could not very well leave before then. First vessel leaving New Zealand thereafter departs 15th December arriving at Honolulu about Christmas Day. Regret inconvenience to Mr. Stevens but would be obliged if he could arrange to meet our Minister there about the latter date. Please advise whether suggestion feasible.

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