



THE  
**NEW ZEALAND GAZETTE**  
 EXTRAORDINARY.

Published by Authority.

---

WELLINGTON, THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 1928.

---

THE Third Session of the Twenty-second Parliament of New Zealand was this day opened by the Governor-General, when His Excellency was pleased to make the following statement of the causes of the calling of this Session of Parliament together:—

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:—

It is with pleasure that I again meet you in Parliament assembled.

My visits during the recess to different parts of the Dominion which I had not visited before have further convinced me of the loyalty of the people of this Dominion to the Crown, and I have much appreciated the warmth of the welcome that has been extended to me.

Since I last met you a most important step towards the peace and security of the world has been taken by the Government of the United States of America in their proposal for a multilateral treaty for the renunciation of war. The principal articles of the proposed treaty are—

- (1) The high contracting parties solemnly declare, in the name of their respective peoples, that they condemn recourse to war for the solution of international controversies, and renounce it as an instrument of national policy in their relations with one another.
- (2) The high contracting parties agree that the settlement or solution of all disputes or conflicts, of whatever nature, or of whatever origin they may be, which may arise amongst them, shall never be sought except by pacific means.

An invitation to become an original party to the treaty has been extended to New Zealand by the United States through His Majesty's Government in Great Britain. My Ministers have in reply expressed their warm appreciation of the invitation, and their readiness in co-operation with His Majesty's Governments in other parts of the British Empire to associate themselves with the Government of the United States in this movement to add greater security to the peace of the world, and to share in any negotiations leading to the conclusion of the proposed treaty.