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New Zealand, No. 135.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 26th July, 1918.

With reference to my despatch of the 28th June, 1917, Dominions No. 415, I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that the Army Council state that they would be glad if arrangements can be made for candidates for military cadetships to be recommended by their headmasters, and these recommendations to be surveyed by a Board of military officers, who should satisfy themselves that the candidates are eligible in regard to age-limits and in all other respects as laid down in paragraph 7 and Section VIII of the regulations, so far as local circumstances permit, before the applications for nomination are submitted to you for final approval and transmission to the Colonial Office.

2. I enclose copies of the Provisional Regulations respecting admission to the Royal Military Academy and the Royal Military College, and also copies of the forms used in this country for recommendations by the headmasters of approved schools. The Army Council state that the age clauses and other conditions of eligibility are rigidly adhered to in this country, and that under no circumstances is any exception made. It is necessary, therefore, that the same conditions should, as far as possible, prevail in the Dominions, and that no exceptions should be made which might lead to any suggestion that candidates are accepted who are not qualified.

I have, &c.,

WALTER H. LONG.

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

No. 34.

New Zealand, Dominions No. 412.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 31st July, 1918.

With reference to my despatch, No. 125, of the 10th July and previous correspondence, on the subject of the allocation of war trophies and other material connected with the war, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of your Ministers, copies of a parliamentary paper (Cd. 9061) containing the first Annual Report of the Committee of the Imperial War Museum for the year 1917-18.

I have, &c.,

WALTER H. LONG.

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Enclosure.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM, 1917-18.

On the 5th March, 1917, the War Cabinet approved the formation of a National War Museum organized on the lines suggested by Sir Alfred Mond, First Commissioner of His Majesty's Office of Works, in a memorandum submitted by him on the 27th February, 1917, wherein it was suggested that a collection should be formed of war trophies, books, maps, posters, pictures, and other material connected with the war. For this purpose a Committee was appointed to deal with the general organization, as follows:—

Chairman—Rt. Hon. Sir Alfred Mond, P.C., M.P. (First Commissioner of Works).

Director-General—Sir Martin Conway, F.S.A.

Admiralty—Commander C. C. Walcott, R.N. (retired).

War Office—B. B. Cubitt, Esq., C.B.

Munitions—Colonel J. R. Stansfeld, C.B.

Library—Professor C. W. C. Oman, F.S.A.

Art—Ian Malcolm, Esq., M.P.

Secretary—Lieut. Charles Boulkes, R.N.V.R., F.S.A.

This Committee has met on thirty-eight occasions, and has reviewed the whole subject of war activities on sea and land, and also the several organizations which deal with civil occupations and aspects of life directly connected with or arising out of the war. The main lines on which the future institution will be constructed have been laid down, and a small nucleus staff has been engaged.