No. 20.

New Zealand, No. 268.

Sir, Government House, Wellington, 3rd October, 1922.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of, and to thank you for, your despatch, Dominions No. 226, of the 6th July, forwarding copy of a note from the United States Ambassador regarding the World's Dairy Congress to be held in the United States in October, 1923.

2. Ministers state that, as requested by the American Ambassador in London, steps have been taken to bring the matter under the notice of those interested, as

well as to publish it in the Journal of the Department of Agriculture.

3. The question of a representative attending the Congress on behalf of the Government of New Zealand will receive the consideration of my Ministers, and I will address to you a further communication on this point as soon as they have come to a decision, and will at the same time inform you as to any representation which the dairy associations, the breed associations, and the dairy-plant manufacturers may desire.

I have, &c., JELLICOE,

The Right Hon. Winston Churchill, M.P., Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Governor-General.

No. 21.

New Zealand, No. 272.

Sir,— Government House, Wellington, 3rd October, 1922.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 279, of the 10th August, with regard to the Imperial Forestry Bureau, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers advise me that the New Zealand State Forest Service is eager to co-operate with the Empire Forestry Association by every means in its power.

2. Ministers state that while they regret that it has not been possible to finalize the plans for the establishment of an Imperial Forestry Bureau, they hope that definite action in this direction will be taken after the Imperial Forestry Conference has deliberated next year.

l have, &c., JELLICOE,

The Right Hon. Winston S. Churchill, M.P., Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Governor-General.

No. 22.

New Zealand, No. 307.

Government House, Wellington, 6th November, 1922.

MY LORD DUKE,—

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Churchill's despatch, Dominions No. 297, of the 17th August, relative to the inquiry of the Joint Select Committee on the Guardianship, &c., of Infants Bill (House of Lords).

2. My Government state that the guardianship of infants in New Zealand is

on practically the same basis as that which obtains in England.

3. The Infants Act, 1908 (N.Z.), together with amendments and rules relating thereto, are enclosed herewith.

I have, &c., JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., P.C., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., &c., Secretary of State for the Colonies.