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GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF NEW ZEALAND.

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No. 1.

New Zealand, No. 8.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 15th January, 1927.

With reference to your despatch, No. 242, of the 19th November, relative to the question of filling the post of representative of Great Britain on the Permanent Committee of the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, which has become vacant owing to the death of Sir Thomas Elliott, I have the honour to inform you, at the instance of my Ministers, that the New Zealand Government much appreciate the offer of the services of Mr. R. J. Thompson, C.B., O.B.E., on their behalf, and gladly avail themselves of it. They concur in the suggestion that Mr. Thompson should supply from time to time a report on the Proceedings of the Permanent Committee of the Institute.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 2.

New Zealand, No. 32.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 15th February, 1927.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, Dominions No. 507, of the 8th November last, relative to a proposal for the establishing of a course of study in prison administration to be held every summer at the office of the Prison Commission.

2. My Ministers, while they thoroughly endorse the proposal, regret that owing to recent reorganization of the Prisons Department of this Dominion it will not be possible to send a representative to England this year. They note, however, that it is proposed to make the course an annual one, and hope that it may be possible to arrange for a representative to attend a subsequent course of the study.

3. Ministers desire me to add that it would be helpful to the local Prisons Administration if it could be arranged for copies of the lectures delivered during the course of study to be made available to the New Zealand Government.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 3.

New Zealand, No. 46.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 16th March, 1927.

With reference to your despatch of the 14th January, Dominions No. 34, relative to the invention by Mr. R. Gilbert, B.Sc., of a dust-allaying fluid known as "Dust Allayer," I have the honour to inform you, at the instance of my Ministers, that the contents of the despatch have been duly noted and recorded in the office of the Minister of Public Works for future guidance.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 4.

New Zealand, No. 51.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 21st March, 1927.

I have the honour to inform you that I referred for the consideration of my Ministers your despatch, Dominions No. 10, of the 7th January, regarding the International Colonial Town-planning Exhibition which is to be held in Paris during May and June next.

2. In reply, Ministers state that although the despatch arrived in New Zealand so near the date for the closing of entries, they deemed it advisable to publish the information by means of a short notice in the *New Zealand Gazette*. Two copies of the notice are enclosed.

3. Ministers add that, as it is indicated that entries must be received in Paris not later than the 1st April, and exhibits not later than the 10th April, it does not appear possible, unfortunately, for New Zealand to be represented.

4. In view of the passing of the Town-planning Act of last session, and of the great interest now taken in the Dominion in matters affecting town-planning, Ministers would be glad to be informed as soon as possible if it is decided at the forthcoming Exhibition that a section of the 1929 Exhibition be set apart for town-planning exhibits, in order that due publicity to the proposal may be given in New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

ENCLOSURE.

[Extract from *New Zealand Gazette* No. 13, 10th March, 1927.]

INTERNATIONAL COLONIAL TOWN-PLANNING EXHIBITION, PARIS, MAY AND JUNE, 1927.

Department of Internal Affairs, Wellington, 3rd March, 1927.

IT is hereby notified for public information that advice has been received from the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs that an International Colonial Town-planning Exhibition will be held in Paris during the months of May and June, 1927. The Exhibition is open to States, colonies, cities, or experts :

Notices of entry, accompanied by certain prescribed fees, must reach Paris before the 1st April, 1927, and exhibits must reach the Society of French Artists, Grand Palace, Porte D., by the 10th April, 1927, at the latest.

Further information showing the class of exhibits required, fees, and general conditions will be supplied to any person interested on application to the Department of Internal Affairs, Wellington.

J. HISLOP, Under-Secretary.

No. 5.

New Zealand, No. 58.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 31st March, 1927.

I have the honour to inform you that during my Prime Minister's recent visit to London the question of the travelling-allowance payable to recipients in New Zealand of Imperial war pensions was taken up with the Ministry of Pensions. Mr. Adkin of that Ministry, with a view to improving the position of such pensioners, asked to be supplied with a statement setting forth a comparison between the rates payable to New Zealand pensioners and those at present being paid to Imperial pensioners.

2. I therefore enclose herewith, at the instance of the Prime Minister, the accompanying statement of the position, prepared by the Pensions Department of New Zealand, for transmission to the Ministry of Pensions.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

ENCLOSURE.

Minister of Pensions Office, Wellington, 16th March, 1927.

Memorandum for the Right Hon. the Prime Minister.

IMPERIAL PENSIONS.—TRAVELLING-EXPENSES AND COMPENSATION.

REFERRING to your memorandum of 28th February in the above matter, I append a comparative statement setting out the position of Imperial and New Zealand pensioners respectively in regard to travelling-allowances, &c.

Travelling Facilities.

In the case of persons reporting for medical examination travelling facilities are provided as follows :—

First Class :—

New Zealand and Great Britain—

Officers ; nurses ; persons whose degree of invalidity warrants extra comfort ; all ranks travelling on smaller coastal steamers where second-class accommodation non-existent or unsuitable for Europeans.

New Zealand only—

Non-commissioned ranks from staff sergeant upwards.

Second Class :—

All others not enumerated above.

Travelling and Subsistence Allowances.

Travelling and subsistence allowances to meet out-of-pocket expenses are made as follows :—

New Zealand—

Actual expenses not exceeding a rate of 10s. a day for period required to be absent (all ranks).

Great Britain—

Officers and nurses, 15s. if absent full period of twenty-four hours ; 5s. for absence of ten hours or ten hours in excess of twenty-four (no payment if absence less than ten hours or for period in excess of twenty-four hours if less than ten hours ; other ranks, 6s. for full twenty-four hours and 2s. for eight hours on same lines as above.

Compensation for Loss of Time when reporting for Medical Examination.

New Zealand—

All ranks : Compensation at a rate not exceeding 10s. a day for wages lost or necessarily paid to an employee.

Great Britain—

Officers and nurses, nil ; other ranks, actual loss, or 1s. 6d. an hour, whichever is less, with a maximum of 10s. a day.

Until the end of last year there was no authority to allow first-class travelling facilities on account of invalidity where the rank of an Imperial pensioner entitled him to second-class only, but this disability has been removed.

G. JAS. ANDERSON,
Minister of Pensions.

No. 6.

New Zealand, No. 78.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 27th April, 1927.

With reference to your despatches, Dominions Nos. 494 and 532, of the 3rd November and 24th November respectively, enclosing copies of a new edition of the Board of Trade "Instructions as to the Survey of Life-saving Appliances," I have the honour to inform you, at the instance of my Ministers, that action is being taken at present to bring the life-saving appliances in New Zealand into conformity with those operating in Great Britain.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 7.

New Zealand, No. 81.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 28th April, 1927.

With reference to your despatch, No. 42, of the 25th February, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers have learned with much pleasure of the proposal of the Society of Motor-manufacturers and Traders, Ltd., London, to send a delegation to New Zealand to inquire as to the possibility of increasing the export trade of British motor-cars to this Dominion.

2. The Prime Minister will be pleased to afford the delegation every possible facility for carrying out its mission in New Zealand. In addition to assisting the delegation in its visits to various parts of the Dominion, it is proposed to provide opportunities for inspecting typical New Zealand highways, and to arrange for the delegates to meet interested parties in the chief centres.

3. The Minister of Industries and Commerce has been asked to appoint an officer from his Department to act in an advisory capacity to the mission during its stay in the Dominion.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,

Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 8.

New Zealand, No. 85.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 29th April, 1927.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 61, of the 21st January, regarding the proposed Imperial Agricultural Research Conference, I have the honour to inform you that arrangements have been made by my Ministers for Dr. C. J. Reakes, C.B.E., M.R.C.V.S., D.V.Sc., to attend the Conference in his capacity as Director-General of Agriculture.

2. In connection with the last paragraph of your despatch under reply, Ministers state that a list of any special subjects which they would like to have discussed at the Conference is being prepared, and will be forwarded later.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,

Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 9.

New Zealand, No. 86.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 30th April, 1927.

I have the honour to inform you that I duly referred for the consideration of my Ministers your despatch, Dominions No. 146, of the 7th March, on the subject of the Imperial Institute.

2. In their reply, Ministers state that arrangements will be made to co-operate with the Institute in the manner suggested by the Director, and that the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research will forward twice each year a report on the research work in progress in the Dominion.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,

Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 10.

New Zealand, No. 96.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 9th May, 1927.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 40, of the 23rd February, enclosing copy of an extract from the Portuguese *Boletim da Agência Geral das Colónias*, which had been forwarded by His Majesty's Ambassador at Lisbon, relating to a census of stock in the Island of Timor, and the possibility of introducing pedigree stock into the Island in order to improve the native breeds of horses, sheep, cattle, &c.

2. My Ministers, in expressing their appreciation of your action in forwarding this information, desire me to inform you that it is felt that the prospect of securing orders for any considerable number of stock from this Dominion is not sufficiently good to warrant any special steps being taken in the matter by the New Zealand Government, but should any breeder in Timor wish to secure stock from New Zealand the Department of Agriculture will be pleased to render every possible assistance.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.

Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 11.

New Zealand, No. 103.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 13th May, 1927.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, Dominions No. 151, of the 9th March, enclosing copies of a further report by the Committee on Industry and Trade on "Factors in Industrial and Commercial Efficiency."

2. In expressing appreciation of the valuable nature of the publications issued by the Committee, my Prime Minister states that they have proved of considerable value to the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.

Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 12.

New Zealand, No. 104.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 13th May, 1927.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 575, of the 17th December last, relative to the Third Congress of Administrative Sciences, which is to be held in Paris during this year, I have the honour to inform you that whilst they appreciate the invitation extended to them by the French Government, my Ministers regret that they are unable to arrange for this Dominion to be represented at the Congress.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,

Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 13.

New Zealand, No. 105.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 13th May, 1927.

With reference to your despatch, No. 54, of the 9th March, relating to the proposal from the Netherlands Government for an agreement for reciprocal exemption from income-tax of profits accruing from the business of shipping, I have the honour to inform you that the New Zealand Government feel unable to accede to the proposal, on the ground that the exemption of profits arising from shipping business carried on in the Dominion by non-residents would create difficulties in the assessment and collection of income-tax from non-residents deriving income from other classes of business.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 14.

New Zealand, No. 117.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 23rd May, 1927.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 183, of the 22nd March, relative to the French marriage law, I have the honour to inform you that in the opinion of my Ministers the form of certificate suggested would accurately represent the position so far as concerns New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 15.

New Zealand, No. 136.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 18th June, 1927.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, Dominions No. 235, of the 19th April, enclosing copies of the report of a committee appointed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies on Agricultural research and administration in the non-self-governing dependencies.

2. In expressing thanks for the publication, my Ministers state that it will prove of considerable value to the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 16.

New Zealand, No. 140.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 18th June, 1927.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 242, of the 21st April, relative to the proposed convention concerning oil-pollution of navigable waters, I have the honour to inform you that His Majesty's Government has already agreed to the principles of the proposal, and that the necessary action will be taken when His Majesty's Government in Great Britain finally agrees to the resolutions of the Washington Convention.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 17.

New Zealand, No. 143.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 22nd June, 1927.

With reference to your despatch, No. 82, of the 20th April, relative to the appointment by the New Zealand Government of a liaison officer at the Air Ministry, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers have given consideration to the question, but regret that, owing to financial reasons, they, unfortunately, are unable to contemplate making such an appointment during the current year.

2. Ministers add, however, that the mutual value to the Dominion and the Air Ministry of a liaison officer is fully appreciated, and that the matter will be brought up for reconsideration early in 1928.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES, FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 18.

New Zealand, No. 154.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 1st July, 1927.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 290, of the 13th May, on the subject of treaties relating to boundaries with foreign countries, I have the honour to inform you that His Majesty's Government in New Zealand see no objection to the course outlined in your despatch.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 19.

New Zealand, No. 175.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 13th July, 1927.

I have the honour to inform you that I communicated to my Ministers the terms of your despatch, Dominions No. 297, of the 16th May, in which it is stated that the proposed International Exhibition of Barcelona, which was to have been held on the 1st April, 1928, has been postponed until the 1st April, 1929.

2. His Majesty's Government in New Zealand are grateful for the general information regarding the Exhibition which was forwarded in your despatch, and appreciate the renewed invitation which, in view of the postponement, the Government of Spain have been so good as to extend to them.

3. They regret, however, that the circumstances which led to the decision conveyed to you in my despatch, No. 79, of the 27th April last, as regards participation on the earlier date contemplated for the inauguration of the Exhibition, also apply to the altered date, and in consequence the Government feel unable to accept the kind invitation of the Spanish Government.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 20.

New Zealand, No. 179.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 15th July, 1927.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 283, of the 9th May, enclosing copies of the Merchant Shipping (Anti-scorbutics) Order in Council, 1927, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers will give consideration to the question of amending the Dominion regulations to comply with the new regulations of His Majesty's Government in Great Britain.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 21.

New Zealand, No. 204.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 1st August, 1927.

With reference to your despatch, No. 108, of the 23rd May, relative to the establishment of airship bases, I have the honour to inform you that, in acknowledging the receipt of the reports on the meteorological conditions prevailing at Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin, enclosed in your despatch, my Ministers state that they will be pleased to arrange for the meteorological authorities in this Dominion to examine these reports and prepare additional information on the points dealt with, and that the information will be available when the Air Ministry representatives arrive in New Zealand.

2. Ministers add that arrangements will also be made for the meteorological authorities to discuss with Mr. Giblett the organization for reporting and forecasting of weather necessary for airship operations.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 22.

New Zealand, No. 210.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 8th August, 1927.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 295, of the 14th May, relative to the International Geographical Congress which is to be held at Cambridge in July, 1928, I have the honour to inform you that, whilst appreciating very much the invitation extended to them, His Majesty's Government in New Zealand regret that they are unable to be represented at the Congress.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 23.

New Zealand, No. 211.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 9th August, 1927.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 296, of the 14th May, relative to the Conference of Dominion and Colonial Surveyors, which is to be held in England in July, 1928, I have the honour to inform you that, whilst appreciating very much the invitation extended to them, His Majesty's Government in New Zealand regret that they are unable to be represented at the Conference.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 24.

New Zealand, No. 215.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 12th August, 1927.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 351, of the 17th June, on the subject of the appointment of a botanist to visit the Dominions and colonies from time to time, I have the honour to inform you that the Prime Minister has asked me to convey to His Majesty's Government in Great Britain an expression of his appreciation of the suggestion, so far as it affects this Dominion, that the Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, should travel overseas to establish a close connection between Kew Gardens and botanists in the various parts of the Empire.

2. It is hoped, therefore, that, in the event of these visits taking place, the Director will be able, at all events as regards the first visit, to make a stay of at least a month in New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 25.

New Zealand, No. 246.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 14th September, 1927.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 331, of the 3rd June, relative to the Seventeenth Congress of the International Statistical Institute which is to be held at Cairo in December next, I have the honour to inform you that, while His Majesty's Government in New Zealand appreciate the invitation extended to them by the Egyptian Government, they regret that they are unable to be represented at the Congress.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 26.

New Zealand, No. 253.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 23rd September, 1927.

I have the honour to inform you that my Prime Minister has received a communication, a copy of which is enclosed, from the Minister for External Affairs of the Irish Free State, on the subject of the establishment of reciprocity in medical registration between the Dominion of New Zealand and the Irish Free State.

2. The Prime Minister would be obliged if an acknowledgement of the receipt of this communication could be conveyed to His Majesty's Government in the Irish Free State, together with an expression of the appreciation of His Majesty's Government in New Zealand of the full and clear statement of the position contained therein.

3. My Ministers will be happy to receive in due course the further communication referred to in the letter under reply.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

Enclosure.

D. 4679.

SIR,—

29th July, 1927.

I have the honour to refer to Despatch No. 194 from the Governor-General of New Zealand, dated the 8th September, 1925, addressed to the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, London, on the subject of the establishment of reciprocity in medical registration between the Dominion of New Zealand and the Irish Free State, copy of which was forwarded to the Governor-General of the Irish Free State for the consideration of his Ministers and as to the terms of reply.

2. On the 2nd December, 1925, the Governor-General of the Irish Free State replied to the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs expressing appreciation of New Zealand's offer of reciprocity, and intimating that the question of establishing a separate medical register for the Irish Free State was then under consideration, and that as soon as the matter had been settled the Government of the Irish Free State would be pleased to enter into communication with the Government of New Zealand.

3. In the circumstances I am desired to acquaint the Government of New Zealand of the present position.

4. On the 29th April, 1927, an agreement was entered into between the Governments of Great Britain, Northern Ireland, and the Irish Free State in regard to medical registration. The agreement is set out in the First Schedule to the Irish Free State Medical Practitioners Act, 1927, which became law on the 28th May, 1927, and I am enclosing a copy of that Act for your information. Attention is directed to section 26 of the Act, which provides for the registration of foreign practitioners.

5. The corresponding Act, as required by Article 7 of the agreement, has not yet been introduced into the Parliament of Great Britain, but it is hoped that it may be passed into law late in the coming autumn.

6. Steps are now being taken to set up in the Irish Free State the Medical Registration Council authorized by the Medical Practitioners Act, 1927, and I hope to have the honour of communicating with you again on the question of possible reciprocity between the Dominion of New Zealand and the Irish Free State when the corresponding Act already referred to has been passed into law by the Government of Great Britain.

I have, &c.

(For the Minister for External Affairs),

J. P. WALSH.

The Minister for External Affairs, Wellington, New Zealand.

No. 27.

New Zealand, No. 254.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 24th September, 1927.

I have the honour to transit to you the accompanying copy of a memorandum, dated 22nd September, from the Prime Minister, extending an invitation to the respective Governments of the Empire to be represented at the Empire Forestry Conference which is to be held in Australia and New Zealand during September and October, 1928.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

Enclosure.

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 22nd September, 1927.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor-General.

THE Prime Minister presents his compliments to His Excellency the Governor-General, and, with reference to the Empire Forestry Conference which is to be held in Australia and this Dominion in September and October, 1928, respectfully requests His Excellency to extend, through the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, an invitation from the Government of New Zealand to the respective Governments of the Empire to be represented at this Conference.

The Prime Minister understands that information with respect to the Government to be represented at the Conference may be obtained from the Standing Committee on Empire Forestry, 22 Grosvenor Gardens, London.

J. G. COATES, Prime Minister.

No. 28.

New Zealand, No. 259.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 3rd October, 1927.

With reference to your despatch, No. 159, of the 10th August, I have the honour to inform you that my Prime Minister has asked me to convey to His Majesty's Government in Great Britain an expression of his appreciation of the action of the Empire Marketing Board in deciding to set aside a sum of money to enable leading scientific men to visit the Dominions and colonies from time to time.

2. If the visit of Dr. A. W. Hill, Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, eventuates under these auspices, my Government would be pleased if he could come to New Zealand to consult with the Dominion Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and with botanical authorities in this country.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 29.

New Zealand, No. 298.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 4th November, 1927.

With reference to your despatch, No. 175, of the 6th September, regarding the question of assistance in importing pedigree stock from the British Isles to New Zealand, I have the honour to inform you that His Majesty's Government in New Zealand greatly appreciate the opportunity given to them to submit a scheme (within the limitations laid down by the Empire Marketing Board) for assisting in the export of stock to this Dominion. Ministers state that they will be pleased to go into the whole question with a view to submitting a scheme such as that referred to in your despatch as soon as it is deemed safe again to permit the introduction of live-stock from the British Isles.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 30.

New Zealand, No. 323.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 29th November, 1927.

With reference to your despatch, No. 197, of the 28th September, relative to the Sixth International Congress of Historical Science, which is to be held at Oslo in August next, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers regret that they are unable to arrange for this Dominion to be represented at the Congress.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 31.

New Zealand, No. 327.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 30th November, 1927.

With reference to your despatch, No. 185, of the 14th September last, transmitting an invitation from the United States Embassy to the New Zealand Government to be represented at the Fourth International Congress on Entomology, to be held at Ithaca, New York, in August, 1928, I have the honour to inform you, at the instance of my Ministers, that His Majesty's Government in New Zealand greatly appreciate the invitation which has been extended to them to be represented at the Congress.

2. Ministers regret that at the present juncture they are unable to give a definite reply to the invitation. As soon as a decision has been reached in the matter, however, a further communication will be sent to you.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 32.

New Zealand, No. 337.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 8th December, 1927.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 202, of the 8th October, enclosing copy of a despatch from His Majesty's representative at Monte Video regarding the increased rate of duty imposed by the Uruguayan Government on the importation of apples.

2. His Majesty's Government in New Zealand appreciate very much the action of His Majesty's representative at Monte Video in making representations on the question to the Minister of Finance, and regret to learn that they were unavailing.

3. Ministers add, however, that during the past six years New Zealand has imported from Uruguay goods to the value of £78 only, and that there appears to be no item which might be used as the basis in negotiations for the reduction of the prohibitive duty that the Uruguayan Government has now seen fit to impose.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 33.

New Zealand, No. 339.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 13th December, 1927.

With reference to your Despatch of the 27th August last, Dominions No. 478, enclosing copy of a circular despatch addressed to Officers Administering the Governments of colonies and protectorates, by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of Colonial Agricultural Scientific and Research Service, I have the honour to inform you, at the instance of my Ministers, that the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research in New Zealand hopes to discuss the matters raised therein with the Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery during his visit to this Dominion.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

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Governor-General

Wellington, 15th December 1957.
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CHARLES FERGUSON
Governor-General

New Zealand No. 330
Government House, Wellington, 15th December 1957.
The following copy of a circular letter addressed to Officers of the Department of Science and Technology by the Secretary of State for the Colonies and Overseas Territories is being forwarded to you for the information of the Department of Science and Technology and the Council of Ministers and the Executive Council of the Government of New Zealand. It is suggested that you should discuss with the Council of Ministers and the Executive Council of the Government of New Zealand the points raised in the circular letter.

The Right Hon. the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs

London, 15th December 1957

Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,