

SECONDMENT OF DIRECTOR—MR. G. A. DUNCAN

As it appears that the secondment of the Director of Export Marketing (Mr. G. A. Duncan) to the chairmanship of the New Zealand Wool Disposal Commission is likely to be for a protracted period, I feel it desirable to record here the Government's deep appreciation of Mr. Duncan's services since the inception of the Department in June, 1936.

Prior to that date, Mr. Duncan was a member of the Executive Commission of Agriculture, which body performed an invaluable service in carrying through the zoning of dairy companies.

Mr. Duncan's wide experience of the dairy industry was of the greatest value in setting up the Marketing Department on sound lines and on the initial and subsequent committees that annually fixed the guaranteed price, also later when war broke out and the Department was called upon to handle frozen meat, wool, and other primary products. His services, too, during frequent visits overseas to take part in price negotiations and in International Conferences were exceedingly helpful to the Government.

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Minister of Marketing.