

have been recorded in the Department, so that should such services be required at any time no time would be lost in getting into touch with the willing helpers.

As regards those wishing to go to England: Some time previous to my taking office the Imperial Government was asked whether it would be prepared to accept the services of a certain number of mechanics who had had experience in the manufacture of munitions of war. The reply received, however, was that the matter had been carefully considered by the Munitions of War Committee, who appreciated highly the offer, but felt that questions of transport, distance, and testing workmen to be sent made it difficult to accept it.

CONCLUSION.

In a report of this nature it is only fitting that by way of conclusion I should take this opportunity of recording the appreciation and thanks of the Department for the willing and patriotic manner in which Professor Scott, Chairman of the Munitions Committee, the members thereof, and others mentioned in the report have given their services in providing expert knowledge on the various matters which have had to be dealt with.

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