

have now been lent to the Imperial Bureau of Mycology, and that Dr. Butler has taken up the duties of Director of the Bureau, with effect from the 22nd September, 1920. Dr. Butler is anxious that no time may be wasted in organizing the work of the Bureau, and he has asked that mycological officers may communicate with him on matters of interest at 17–19 Kew Green, London, where the laboratory of the Bureau is attached. I shall be glad if the officer in charge of mycological matters under your Government may be informed accordingly.

2. In paragraph 5 of my predecessor's despatch it was stated that at the end of three years the whole matter of contributions could be further considered. The managing committee of the Bureau have now had under consideration the question of the funds which will be necessary to maintain the Bureau in efficient working-order on as economical a basis as possible, and to provide for the issue of an abstracting journal. The committee has represented that it will be necessary to provide for an income from all sources of not less than £5,000 a year; and after examining the position, and taking into account the greatly increased cost of running such an institution in this country and the fact that the original estimate was made on a purely provisional and war-time basis, I entirely agree in this view.

3. I should therefore be grateful if your Ministers could see their way to allocating a sum of £250 annually for three years from the 1st January next for the Imperial Bureau of Mycology. At the end of that period it will be possible to consider the matter further in the light of the experience gained and the results attained by the Bureau during that time.

4. As it has been decided that the issue of an abstracting journal cannot be undertaken until sufficient funds have been guaranteed, I should be obliged if you would furnish me with a reply to this despatch by telegraph.

I have, &c.,

Governor-General His Excellency the Right Hon.

Viscount Jellicoe, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., &c.

MILNER.

No. 10.

New Zealand, No. 1.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 4th January, 1921.

With reference to Sir Robert Stout's despatches, Nos. 138 and 150, of the 28th August and 15th September, 1920, respectively, regarding the issue of war medals to members of the mercantile marine, I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that the Board of Trade note that the regulations and notices issued by the New Zealand Government are being amended in accordance with the enclosure in my despatch, Dominions No. 278, of the 6th July, 1920. The Board assume that the last paragraph of clause 1 of the notice of May, 1920, is not intended to exclude members of the mercantile marine ordinarily resident in New Zealand who may have served in trades in voyages (*e.g.*, to the United Kingdom) other than those which are detailed.

2. It is desirable, for the reasons explained in my despatch, Dominions No. 44, of 28th January, 1920, that copies of the New Zealand notices and regulations should be in the possession of the Governments of the other Dominions; and as there are no duplicates available here I should be obliged if your Ministers could make arrangements, if this has not already been done, for copies of the prints forwarded in Sir R. Stout's despatch of the 28th August, and of those referred to in the despatch of the 15th September, to be sent direct to Canada, Australia, the Union of South Africa, and Newfoundland.

I have, &c.,

MILNER.

Governor-General His Excellency the Right Hon.

Viscount Jellicoe, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., &c.

No. 11.

New Zealand, Dominions No. 9.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 6th January, 1921.

I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, being desirous of collecting

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