

No. 22.

New Zealand, No. 185.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 5th September, 1924.

With respect to the International Convention for the Publication of Customs Tariffs which was signed at Brussels on the 5th July, 1890, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers state that as very little use is made in New Zealand of the publications of the Bureau they do not consider that the benefits received by this Dominion warrant the expenditure incurred in connection therewith.

2. For these reasons the New Zealand Government does not feel justified in continuing the expenditure, and has decided, with regret, to withdraw from the International Union for the Publication of Customs Tariffs as from the 31st March, 1926.

3. Under Article XV of the Convention it is required that withdrawal ("denunciation") should be notified to the Belgian Government before the 31st March, 1925, and my Government would be grateful if His Majesty's Government would transmit the necessary notification to the Belgian Government.

I have, &c.,

JELlicoe,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 23.

New Zealand, No. 201.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 22nd September, 1924.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 341, of the 25th July, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers advise me that they will be pleased to enter into a reciprocal arrangement with the Norwegian Government in regard to information concerning mental defectives.

I have, &c.,

JELlicoe,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 24.

New Zealand, No. 215.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 3rd October, 1924.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, Dominions No. 383, of the 14th August, forwarding a copy of a note from the French Ambassador on the subject of an International Exhibition to be held at Grenoble from May to October, 1925.

2. My Ministers, whilst appreciating the invitation, regret that New Zealand will not be represented at the Exhibition. Certain commitments have been made to support the New Zealand Exhibition during 1925, and this will preclude the possibility of participation in foreign exhibitions.

I have, &c.,

JELlicoe,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.