

2. Ministers suggest that the uniform should be modified only in so far as the lettering on the Royal Air Force badges is concerned, by the substitution of the letters "N.Z." for "R.A.F."

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. 32.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 13th February, 1926.

I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers would be glad if representations could be made to the French Government with a view to securing the co-operation of that Government in the meteorological work which is now being carried out in the Southern Pacific area by the Apia Observatory in Western Samoa. It is particularly desired that a reliable meteorological station should be established in the Marquesas Group by the French colonial authorities.

2. At the present time information about the Western Pacific is given by Australia and New Zealand and by the Geophysical Observatory at Apia. Information with respect to the Central Pacific is furnished by the French authorities, who are now publishing valuable data at Papeete, in the Society Group.

3. Ministers are of opinion that observations from the Marquesas Group would be of especial value in affording data about a region concerning which little is known, the nearest stations being Easter Island, about 3,500 kilometres distant, and Tahiti, about 1,700 kilometres distant. These observations are likely to be of great assistance in forecasting seasonal changes, and, when wireless stations are provided, for forecasting cyclones.

4. It is understood that M. Clavel, of the Hydrographic Office at Nukahiwa, Marquesas Group, is willing to undertake the observations, and is capable of carrying out the work. The Director and Staff of the Apia Observatory will be pleased at all times to afford him any assistance within their power.

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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. 64.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 15th April, 1926.

With reference to your despatch, No. 27, of the 27th January, I have the honour to inform you that special care is being exercised to see that apples exported from this Dominion are free from arsenic contamination, and my Ministers have confidence that no cause for complaint will arise in respect thereof.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
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