

F. 283. Despatch No. 336.

SIR,—

Viceregal Lodge, Dublin, 2nd December, 1925.

I have the honour to refer to your despatch, No. 409, of the 27th October, enclosing a copy of a despatch from the Governor-General of New Zealand on the question of reciprocity in medical registration between the Irish Free State and the Dominion of New Zealand.

2. My Ministers would be glad if you would kindly convey to His Excellency their appreciation of the offer of reciprocity contained in the last paragraph of his letter, and inform him that my Ministers have at present under consideration the question of establishing a separate medical register for the Irish Free State, and that as soon as the matter has been settled they will be pleased to enter into communication with the Government of New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

T. M. HEALY.

The Right Honourable the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs,
Downing Street, London S.W. 1.

No. 3.

New Zealand, Dominions No. 531.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 18th December, 1925.

With reference to my despatch, Dominions No. 82, of the 25th of February, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of your Ministers, copies of parliamentary questions and answers on the 7th and 8th of December on the subject of preference to Dominion products in supplies for the Navy, Royal Air Force, and the Army respectively.

I have, &c.,

L. S. AMERY.

Governor-General His Excellency General Sir C. Fergusson, Bart.,
LL.D., G.C.M.G., K.C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., &c.

Enclosure.

ROYAL NAVY.—DOMINION SUPPLIES.

33. SIR JOHN POWER asked the First Lord of the Admiralty whether, in view of the report of the Imperial Economic Committee, which shows that the self-governing Dominions purchase British goods *per capita* to the extent of £6 17s. 3d., as against Europe 12s. 1d., South America 18s., and the United States of America 9s. 6d., he is prepared to arrange for the use of Dominion supplies in the Navy in preference to foreign supplies?

THE FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY (Mr. Bridgeman): A substantial preference in price is given to Dominion over foreign products in obtaining supplies for His Majesty's Navy, and supplies from the Dominions and colonies are used wherever they can be obtained of a suitable quality, in adequate quantities, and at satisfactory prices.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.—DOMINION SUPPLIES.

34. SIR J. POWER asked the Secretary of State for Air whether, in view of the report of the Imperial Economic Committee, which shows that the self-governing Dominions purchase British goods *per capita* to the extent of £6 17s. 3d., as against Europe 12s. 1d., South America 18s., and the United States of America 9s. 6d., he is prepared to arrange for the use of Dominion supplies in the Air Force in preference to foreign supplies?

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AIR (Sir Samuel Hoare): It is the general policy of the Air Ministry to rely upon British sources of supply wherever possible, and preference is given to Dominion as opposed to foreign goods in the placing of contracts.

DOMINION SUPPLIES.

29. MR. RAMSDEN asked the Secretary of State for War whether, in view of the report of the Imperial Economic Committee, which shows that the self-governing Dominions purchase British goods *per capita* to the extent of £6 17s. 3d., as against Europe 12s. 1d., South America 18s., and the United States of America 9s. 6d., he is prepared to arrange for the use of Dominion supplies in the Army in preference to foreign supplies?

CAPTAIN KING: It is the practice of the War Office, in purchasing supplies for the Army, to give effective preference to Dominion products over those of foreign origin.