No. 24.

New Zealand, No. 215.

Sir,— Government House, Wellington, 12th August, 1927.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 351, of the 17th June, on the subject of the appointment of a botanist to visit the Dominions and colonies from time to time, I have the honour to inform you that the Prime Minister has asked me to convey to His Majesty's Government in Great Britain an expression of his appreciation of the suggestion, so far as it affects this Dominion, that the Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, should travel overseas to establish a close connection between Kew Gardens and botanists in the various parts of the Empire.

2. It is hoped, therefore, that, in the event of these visits taking place, the Director will be able, at all events as regards the first visit, to make a stay of at

least a month in New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 25.

New Zealand, No. 246.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 14th September, 1927.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 331, of the 3rd June, relative to the Seventeenth Congress of the International Statistical Institute which is to be held at Cairo in December next, I have the honour to inform you that, while His Majesty's Government in New Zealand appreciate the invitation extended to them by the Egyptian Government, they regret that they are unable to be represented at the Congress.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 26.

New Zealand, No. 253.

Sir,— Government House, Wellington, 23rd September, 1927.

I have the honour to inform you that my Prime Minister has received a communication, a copy of which is enclosed, from the Minister for External Affairs of the Irish Free State, on the subject of the establishment of reciprocity in medical registration between the Dominion of New Zealand and the Irish Free State.

- 2. The Prime Minister would be obliged if an acknowledgement of the receipt of this communication could be conveyed to His Majesty's Government in the Irish Free State, together with an expression of the appreciation of His Majesty's Government in New Zealand of the full and clear statement of the position contained therein.
- 3. My Ministers will be happy to receive in due course the further communication referred to in the letter under reply.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

The Right Hon. the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.