

Enclosure.

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SIR,—

29th July, 1927.

I have the honour to refer to Despatch No. 194 from the Governor-General of New Zealand, dated the 8th September, 1925, addressed to the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, London, on the subject of the establishment of reciprocity in medical registration between the Dominion of New Zealand and the Irish Free State, copy of which was forwarded to the Governor-General of the Irish Free State for the consideration of his Ministers and as to the terms of reply.

2. On the 2nd December, 1925, the Governor-General of the Irish Free State replied to the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs expressing appreciation of New Zealand's offer of reciprocity, and intimating that the question of establishing a separate medical register for the Irish Free State was then under consideration, and that as soon as the matter had been settled the Government of the Irish Free State would be pleased to enter into communication with the Government of New Zealand.

3. In the circumstances I am desired to acquaint the Government of New Zealand of the present position.

4. On the 29th April, 1927, an agreement was entered into between the Governments of Great Britain, Northern Ireland, and the Irish Free State in regard to medical registration. The agreement is set out in the First Schedule to the Irish Free State Medical Practitioners Act, 1927, which became law on the 28th May, 1927, and I am enclosing a copy of that Act for your information. Attention is directed to section 26 of the Act, which provides for the registration of foreign practitioners.

5. The corresponding Act, as required by Article 7 of the agreement, has not yet been introduced into the Parliament of Great Britain, but it is hoped that it may be passed into law late in the coming autumn.

6. Steps are now being taken to set up in the Irish Free State the Medical Registration Council authorized by the Medical Practitioners Act, 1927, and I hope to have the honour of communicating with you again on the question of possible reciprocity between the Dominion of New Zealand and the Irish Free State when the corresponding Act already referred to has been passed into law by the Government of Great Britain.

I have, &c.

(For the Minister for External Affairs),

J. P. WALSHE.

The Minister for External Affairs, Wellington, New Zealand.

No. 27.

New Zealand, No. 254.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 24th September, 1927.

I have the honour to transit to you the accompanying copy of a memorandum, dated 22nd September, from the Prime Minister, extending an invitation to the respective Governments of the Empire to be represented at the Empire Forestry Conference which is to be held in Australia and New Zealand during September and October, 1928.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

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

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Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 22nd September, 1927.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor-General.

THE Prime Minister presents his compliments to His Excellency the Governor-General, and, with reference to the Empire Forestry Conference which is to be held in Australia and this Dominion in September and October, 1928, respectfully requests His Excellency to extend, through the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, an invitation from the Government of New Zealand to the respective Governments of the Empire to be represented at this Conference.

The Prime Minister understands that information with respect to the Government to be represented at the Conference may be obtained from the Standing Committee on Empire Forestry, 22 Grosvenor Gardens, London.

J. G. COATES, Prime Minister.