

No. 1.

New Zealand, No. 242.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 19th November, 1926.

With reference to my despatch, No. 126, of the 14th June, I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries has had under consideration the question of filling the post of representative of Great Britain on the Permanent Committee of the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, which has become vacant owing to the death of Sir Thomas Elliott.

2. As regards Great Britain, the Minister has come to the conclusion that, at any rate for the present, there is no necessity to have a representative permanently resident at Rome, but that the business arising can be transacted by means of occasional visits and by correspondence; and he has therefore appointed Mr. R. J. Thompson, C.B., O.B.E., an Assistant Secretary to the Ministry, as the representative of Great Britain on the Permanent Committee.

3. In view of the fact that the previous representative of Great Britain, Sir Thomas Elliott, also acted as the representative of New Zealand, the Minister has inquired whether it is the wish of your Ministers that Mr. Thompson should act in the same way, either permanently or until such time as they may decide to make a separate appointment.

4. Should your Ministers so desire, it would no doubt be convenient if Mr. Thompson were to supply from time to time a report on the proceedings of the Permanent Committee of the Institute, with a view to keeping them in touch as far as possible with the work of the Institute and receiving any instructions which they might wish to give.

5. I should be glad to learn what reply your Ministers would wish to be returned to the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

6. A similar despatch is being addressed to the Governors-General of Canada and the Commonwealth of Australia.

I have, &c.,

L. S. AMERY.

Governor-General His Excellency General Sir C. Fergusson, Bart.,
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No. 2.

New Zealand, No. 246.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 22nd November, 1926.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's telegram of the 17th November, stating that the New Zealand Government has decided to guarantee a contribution of £400 per annum to the Imperial Bureau of Entomology for a period of five years, beginning with the present financial year.

2. I shall have pleasure in conveying this information to the Managing Committee of the Bureau.

I have, &c.,

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Governor-General His Excellency General Sir C. Fergusson, Bart.,
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No. 3.

New Zealand, No. 260.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 7th December, 1926.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's despatch, No. 211, of the 30th September, regarding the importation of copyright works into New Zealand, and to request you to inform your Ministers that, in cases where it is indicated in the notice given by or on behalf of copyright-owners under section 14 of the Imperial Copyright Act, 1911, that they desire the notice to apply to New Zealand or to the Dominions generally, the Commissioners of Customs and Excise will, as requested, advise the persons giving such notice in