No. 1.

New Zealand, No. 8.

Sir,— Government House, Wellington, 15th January, 1927.

With reference to your despatch, No. 242, of the 19th November, relative to 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, I have the honour to inform you, at the instance of my Ministers, that the New Zealand Government much appreciate the offer of the services of Mr. R. J. Thompson, C.B., O.B.E., on their behalf, and gladly avail themselves of it. They concur in the suggestion that Mr. Thompson should supply from time to time a report on the Proceedings of the Permanent Committee of the Institute.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P., Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 2.

New Zealand, No. 32.

Sir,— Government House, Wellington, 15th February, 1927.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, Dominions No. 507, of the 8th November last, relative to a proposal for the establishing of a course of study in prison administration to be held every summer at the office of the Prison Commission.

2. My Ministers, while they thoroughly endorse the proposal, regret that owing to recent reorganization of the Prisons Department of this Dominion it will not be possible to send a representative to England this year. They note, however, that it is proposed to make the course an annual one, and hope that it may be possible to arrange for a representative to attend a subsequent course of the study.

3. Ministers desire me to add that it would be helpful to the local Prisons Administration if it could be arranged for copies of the lectures delivered during

the course of study to be made available to the New Zealand Government.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P., Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 3.

New Zealand, No. 46.

Sir,— Government House, Wellington, 16th March, 1927.

With reference to your despatch of the 14th January, Dominions No. 34, relative to the invention by Mr. R. Gilbert, B.Sc., of a dust-allaying fluid known as "Dust Allayer," I have the honour to inform you, at the instance of my Ministers, that the contents of the despatch have been duly noted and recorded in the office of the Minister of Public Works for future guidance.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P., Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.