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New Zealand, Dominions No. 396.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 17th August, 1928.

With reference to the second paragraph of Mr. Thomas's despatch, No. 353, of the 6th November, 1924, I have the honour to state, for the information of His Majesty's Government in New Zealand, that the Managing Committee of the Imperial Bureau of Mycology have had under consideration the arrangements to be made for the convening of the second Imperial Mycological Conference, which, in accordance with Resolution No. 5 of the Imperial Mycological Conference of 1924, is due to be held next year. The Committee are of opinion that the most convenient course will be to hold this Conference in London at the end of September, 1929.

2. It is proposed that, in the absence of unforeseen circumstances which may necessitate an alteration in the arrangements, the Conference should open on the 23rd September, and should last for about ten days, during the last three of which excursions to places of interest to the members and within easy reach of London would probably be arranged. It is hoped that, as in the case of the Conference of 1924, meetings will be held in the Imperial College of Science and Technology, South Kensington.

3. In the opinion of the Managing Committee the success of the first Conference held in 1924 has left no doubt as to the value of such a meeting, and as to the desirability of ensuring that the Conference of 1929 shall be equally successful. Moreover, the policy of holding such periodical Conferences of research workers was warmly endorsed in paragraph 37 of the report of the Imperial Agricultural Research Conference held in October, 1927, a copy of which was enclosed in my Dominions despatch No. 192, of the 13th April. The Committee are anxious that the forthcoming Conference should be widely representative of all parts of the Empire; and they express the hope that His Majesty's Government in New Zealand will, in common with other oversea Governments, find it possible to send a representative to attend the Conference.

4. The agenda will be settled later; but, in addition to the discussion of general mycological matters, opportunity will be taken for the Director to make a general review of the Bureau's work since the last Conference, and for consideration to be given to the Bureau's future programme, and to the question of the financial arrangements which will be necessary to give effect to it.

5. I should be glad to learn whether His Majesty's Government in New Zealand will be represented at the Conference, and, if so, who will probably be deputed for the purpose.

6. The Director of the Bureau will welcome any suggestions as to subjects which it may be thought desirable to place on the agenda. It would be convenient if these could be sent direct to him at the Bureau, at 17 Kew Green, Kew, Surrey.

I have, &c.,

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No. 24.

New Zealand, Dominions No. 423.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 27th August, 1928.

With reference to my despatch, Dominions No. 290, of the 30th May, 1928, I have the honour to state, for the information of His Majesty's Government in New Zealand, that the Report of the Committee of Civil Research Sub-Committee on the British Pharmacopœia (Cmd. 3101) has now been accepted by the General Medical Council.

2. The General Medical Council desire me to transmit on their behalf a formal invitation to His Majesty's Governments in the Dominions to set up or to arrange for the setting-up of the Committees of Pharmacopœia Revision which are referred to in paragraph 149 of the Sub-Committee's Report.

I have, &c.,

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