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THE following report on the condition and prospects of British trade in New Zealand is based upon materials collected by Mr. R. J. Jeffray, in New Zealand, and information drawn from other sources.

Mr. Jeffray visited New Zealand in 1906, as Commissioner on behalf of the Advisory Committee on Commercial Intelligence, and in the course of his investigation visited Wellington, Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, Nelson, Westport, and Greymouth. He received much ready and valuable assistance in his inquiries from the Government of the Dominion, from the Chambers of Commerce, and many private individuals. The material thus collected has been amplified in the present report, which contains the latest available information as to the course of the trade of the Dominion.

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