

barely cover its requirements for the year 1924–25, and the Managing Committee have requested that the contributing Dominions and colonies should be invited to continue their existing contributions for one more year pending the discussion of the future policy of the Bureau at the Conference to be held next year.

4. In this connection I would state that the independent Committee which I recently appointed to investigate the position of the Imperial Institute was asked to consider, *inter alia*, whether there was any case for amalgamating with the Imperial Institute the Imperial Bureaux of Entomology and Mycology. The following is an extract from the Committee's report dealing with this point:—

“We have found, however, no overlapping between the Imperial Institute and the Imperial Bureau of Entomology and the Imperial Bureau of Mycology . . . Both of these Bureaux are carrying on successfully work of a highly specialized character, and in view of their present close association in the one case with the Natural History Museum and the Entomological Society, and in the other with Kew Gardens, we do not think that there would be any advantage to be derived from their incorporation in, or amalgamation with, any other central institution such as the Imperial Institute.”

The Imperial Economic Conference, to which the Committee's report was circulated for consideration, endorsed the conclusions reached by the Committee.

5. In these circumstances I have no hesitation in inviting the continued assistance of your Government to the Imperial Bureau of Mycology, and I hope that your Government will see its way to accede to the request of the Managing Committee and to continue its present contribution to the Bureau for the financial year 1924–25 pending a decision being reached as to the future policy and requirements of the Bureau as a result of the Conference.

6. I should be glad if you would be good enough to reply to this despatch by telegraph.

I have, &c.,

DEVONSHIRE.

Governor-General His Excellency the Right Hon.

Viscount Jellicoe, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., &c.

No. 3.

New Zealand, No. 252.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 7th December, 1923.

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that I have heard, with much gratification, of the generous assistance and hospitality extended to Sir William Windham and the members of the British Oversea Settlement Delegation during their visit to New Zealand.

The liberal transport and other facilities afforded to the Delegation were of great assistance in enabling them to carry out their important mission in the time at their disposal.

I have, &c.,

DEVONSHIRE.

Governor-General His Excellency the Right Hon.

Viscount Jellicoe, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., &c.

No. 4.

New Zealand, Dominions No. 481.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 31st December, 1923.

With reference to my despatch, Dominions No. 358, of the 25th September, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of your Ministers, copies of an extract from the *Board of Trade Journal* of the 13th December, setting out the position with regard to claims in respect of property in Turkey.

I have, &c.,

DEVONSHIRE.

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