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New Zealand, No. 115.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 23rd June, 1924.

I have the honour to request Your Excellency to invite the attention of your Ministers to the report of the Committee appointed by the Imperial Economic Conference to consider the subject of oversea settlement within the Empire, copies of which are enclosed in my despatch, Dominions No. 280, of even date.

2. I enclose also a memorandum furnished by the Oversea Settlement Committee, which deals with certain recommendations and suggestions made by the Conference. I should be glad to receive in due course information as to the action which your Ministers have taken or propose to take with regard to these recommendations, and I take this opportunity of assuring them that His Majesty's Government are prepared to co-operate with the Government of New Zealand, within the terms of the Empire Settlement Act, in any scheme which may be necessary to give effect to these recommendations.

I have, &c.,

J. H. THOMAS.

Governor-General His Excellency the Right Hon.

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

Enclosure.

MEMORANDUM BY THE OVERSEA SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE DEALING WITH THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEA SETTLEMENT OF IMPERIAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCE, 1923.

Section II, B. Nomination.

It was suggested by the Conference that arrangements should be made for the collective nomination of persons from this country by Churches, Rotary Clubs, and other similar associations. Certain nominations have already been effected in New Zealand on these lines, and it is suggested that every facility should be given for the inauguration of a definite scheme.

Section II, G. Public- and Secondary-school Boys.

Since the termination of the Conference arrangements have been made for a limited number of public- and secondary-school boys to be taken to New Zealand under the supervision of the Dominion Government and the New Zealand Farmers' Union, and placed with approved farmers for training in agriculture with a view to their subsequent settlement on the land.

The question of providing suitable openings overseas for boys of this type is one which is engaging the careful consideration of the Oversea Settlement Committee. They welcome the arrangements which have already been made, and will be glad to co-operate to the fullest possible extent in encouraging the settlement of public- and secondary-school boys in New Zealand.

Section II, H. Women and Girls.

The New Zealand representative agreed that every family proceeding under nomination to New Zealand should be authorized, if they so desire, and subject to the concurrence of the nominator, to include one additional woman, either relative or friend, amongst their number. It is suggested that it would be desirable to take steps to bring this matter specially to the notice of both nominators and nominees so that the arrangements may become widely known and may be taken advantage of in all suitable cases.

Section III. Land-settlement, paragraph B.

It is hoped that, so soon as circumstances permit, the New Zealand Government will consider the question of further co-operation under the terms of the Empire Settlement Act.

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New Zealand, No. 126.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 9th July, 1924.

I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, to be laid before your Ministers, the accompanying copies of the report of the British Oversea Settlement Delegation to New Zealand.

In my opinion, the report reflects credit upon the Delegation, and is likely to be of the greatest interest and value to all those who desire to obtain an adequate appreciation of existing conditions and prospects in the Dominion. I should be glad to receive any observations which your Ministers may wish to offer on the report.