No. 4.

New Zealand, No. 21.

Sir,— Government House, Wellington, 28th January, 1926.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 449, of the 12th October, dealing with the co-ordination of agricultural research throughout the Empire, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers are of opinion that the proposal for holding in England during the summer or early autumn of 1927 a conference on the subject is a sound one, likely to further the development of the agricultural and pastoral industries. It is early yet to determine to what extent the attendance of representatives engaged in agricultural research in New Zealand could be arranged, but in the event of the conference taking place, Ministers state that every endeavour will be made to have this Dominion adequately represented.

2. In regard to the request that a list be prepared of institutions engaged in agricultural research and higher agricultural education, together with the names of the principal members of the staff and the subjects of research on which they are engaged, a statement is being prepared furnishing this information in respect to New Zealand, and it will form the subject of a further despatch to you at the earliest opportunity. Meanwhile I enclose herewith three copies of a bulletin published recently, which contains detailed information regarding all classes of research work, including agricultural subjects, which have been undertaken in this

Dominion since the beginning of 1923.

3. The statement in course of preparation will be confined only to research work directly bearing upon agriculture, and will be limited strictly to work which is actually in hand at the present time.

I have, &c., CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

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

No. 5.

New Zealand, No. 26.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 6th February, 1926.

With reference to your despatch, No. 180, of the 9th October, enclosing a copy of a note from the Austrian Minister asking whether specimens of coins and paper currencies issued during and since the war can be supplied for the collection of the Bundessamlung von Medaillen, Modernen Munzen, und Geldzeichen, Vienna, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers regret that the associated banks transacting business in New Zealand cannot see their way to supply specimens of paper currencies issued in this Dominion.

2. It is noted that specimens of British coinage which is in use in New Zealand

have already been forwarded to the Vienna Museum by the Royal Mint.

I have, &c., CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

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

No. 6.

New Zealand, No. 29.

Sir,— Government House, Wellington, 8th February, 1926.

With reference to Viscount (now Earl) Jellicoe's despatch, No. 149, of the 7th June, 1923, regarding the adoption of the Royal Air Force Dress Regulations by Air Forces of the Dominions, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers have now expressed the desire to accept the Air Council's offer, extended in your predecessor's despatch, No. 79, of the 11th April, 1923, and to adopt the Royal Air Force uniform for the use of the Dominion Air Force.