

value in connection with the development of the transatlantic telephone service, but now that the service has been established on a more or less permanent basis he agrees that they may be discontinued.

3. The Postmaster-General has asked that an expression of his appreciation of the cordial co-operation which has been so readily extended by the authorities concerned in New Zealand may be conveyed to His Majesty's Government in New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

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Governor-General His Excellency General Sir C. Fergusson, Bart.,  
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#### No. 35.

New Zealand, No. 156.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 6th August, 1927.

With reference to Your Excellency's despatch, No. 58, of the 31st March, relative to the travelling-allowances payable to recipients in New Zealand of Imperial war pensions, I have the honour to state, for the information of His Majesty's Government in New Zealand, that careful consideration has been given by the Minister of Pensions to the question of the application to Imperial pensioners resident in New Zealand of Dominion conditions and scales of payment, in respect of travelling, subsistence allowance, and compensation for loss of remunerative time.

2. The Minister states that the existing conditions and scales applicable to Imperial pensioners have now been in operation for a considerable period, and these scales form an integral part of the Imperial scheme of war pensions, which applies to Imperial pensioners irrespective of their country of residence. Any alteration in the scale of the allowances in question would, it is felt, give rise to repercussions not only in other Dominions and colonies but also in this country, and in these circumstances the Minister of Pensions regrets that he is unable to agree to any further concessions in this matter to Imperial Great War pensioners resident in New Zealand.

I have, &c.

(For the Secretary of State),

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Governor-General His Excellency General Sir C. Fergusson, Bart.,  
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#### No. 36.

New Zealand, Dominions No. 478.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 27th August, 1927.

With reference to Mr. Amery's despatch, Dominions No. 371, of the 29th June, I have the honour to transmit the accompanying copy of a circular despatch, addressed to the Officers Administering the Governments of the Colonies and Protectorates, by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of Colonial Agricultural Scientific and Research Service, which may be of interest to His Majesty's Government in New Zealand.

2. Copies of the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Research and Administration in the Non-self-governing Dependencies (Cmd. 2825), referred to, were enclosed in Mr. Amery's despatch, Dominions No. 235, of the 19th April.

I have, &c.

(For the Secretary of State),

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