

Commission to Inquire into and Report upon the Dairy Industry in New Zealand and its Future Development.

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General.

To all to whom these presents shall come, and to The Honourable FRANCIS VERNON FRAZER, Judge of the Arbitration Court, Wellington; GEORGE ANDREW DUNCAN, Esquire, Company Secretary, Hawera; JOHN GILKISON, Esquire, Company Director, Invercargill; WILLIAM AUGUSTUS IORNS, Esquire, Farmer, Martinborough; and DAVID OWEN WILLIAMS, Lecturer in Economics, Massey Agricultural College, Palmerston North: GREETING.

WHEREAS by the Dairy Industry Act, 1908, and its amendments, and the Dairy-produce Export Control Act, 1923, and its amendments, statutory provisions have been made relating to the carrying-on of the dairy industry in New Zealand and to the marketing of dairy-produce: And whereas a crisis has arisen in the affairs of the industry by reason in part of the cost of production and in part of a reduction in the price obtainable overseas for butter and cheese produced in New Zealand: And whereas it is contemplated that further legislation in amendment of the enactments hereinbefore recited or in addition thereto should be passed in order that the industry may be maintained and developed: And whereas by the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908, authority is conferred on the Governor-General in Council to appoint any person or persons to be a Commission to inquire into and report upon any question arising out of the working of any existing law or regarding the necessity or expediency of any proposed legislation: And whereas it is deemed advisable to appoint such a Commission in relation to the dairy industry and the enactments hereinbefore referred to:

Now, therefore, I, Charles, Baron Bledisloe, the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred on me as aforesaid by the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908, and of all other powers and authorities enabling me in this behalf, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, do hereby constitute and appoint you, the said

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to be a Commission to inquire into and report upon the condition of the dairy industry in New Zealand and upon all such matters incidental or relevant thereto as you may think proper, with a view to the enactment by the General Assembly of New Zealand of such further legislation in relation to the said industry as will best promote the interests of the persons engaged therein and the general economic welfare of New Zealand; and, in particular, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing authority, to inquire into and report upon the following matters, namely:—

(1) The existing relationship between the production of dairy-produce in New Zealand and the demand for such produce in New Zealand or in existing overseas markets:

(2) The practicability of extending existing markets and of establishing new markets:

(3) The desirability or otherwise of varying the proportions existing between the different classes of manufactured dairy-produce produced for local or for overseas markets:

(4) The economic practicability of the utilization of raw dairy-products for purposes other than the manufacture of butter or cheese:

(5) The desirability or otherwise of reducing the total output of dairy-produce by the utilization for other purposes of lands that are now being used or are intended to be used for dairy-farming: