

been placed for the first instalment, consisting of two flights, of general-purpose land-planes, and for the first of a number of advanced trainer aircraft with the necessary spare parts and equipment. The initial orders for anti-aircraft and coast-defence armaments will, it is hoped, be executed by the end of the current financial year. The establishment of a chain of landing-grounds for aircraft throughout the country has also been put in hand.

With the object of stimulating interest in the Territorial Force, my Ministers have decided to grant pay for prescribed courses of training carried out locally, in addition to training in camps.

The existing charts of the New Zealand coast have been found to be insufficiently complete to meet the full requirements of ocean transport, and ships are frequently delayed owing to difficulty in determining their exact position under conditions of low visibility. Navigation instruments are now obtainable, by the aid of which these delays could largely be obviated, if the coast-line and neighbouring sea-bed were fully and accurately charted. My Ministers have been in communication with His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, and have been informed that a suitable surveying ship will be available to undertake this work in 1936, when it is contemplated that the question of providing the necessary funds will be brought before Parliament.

Bills will be submitted for your consideration amending the law relating to British Nationality and Status of Aliens, cinematograph films, commercial trusts, distress and replevin, the slaughtering and inspection of live-stock, River Boards, mining, and poisons.

I earnestly pray that Divine Providence may continue to direct your deliberations to the advancement of the welfare of this Dominion.