

The Dominion Government, by order in council dated December 28, 1916, appointed an interdepartmental advisory board on wild life protection for the purpose of formulating plans regarding the protection and use of the wild life—by which term is meant the furbearing and big game mammals, the wild fowl and other animal life—of the northwestern territories, and of advising in the administration of the Northwest Game Act and of the legislation under the recently ratified international treaty for the protection of migratory birds in Canada and the United States, and generally, for the purpose of advising it on questions relating to the protection of and use of wild life in Canada. The advisory board is constituted as follows: James White, Assistant to the Chairman of the Commission of Conservation; D. C. Scott, Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs; Dr. C. Gordon Hewitt, Dominion Entomologist; Dr. R. M. Anderson, Geological Survey; J. B. Harkin, Commissioner of Dominion Parks. Mr. James White is chairman and Dr. Hewitt is secretary of the Board; Mr. White and Dr. Hewitt are also representatives of the government on the permanent consultative commission for the international protection of nature.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT GRANT FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.—

When the establishment of a separate department of scientific and industrial research was announced in December last, Lord Crewe stated that the Chancellor of the Exchequer was prepared to advise the government to devote a sufficient sum to cover operations during the next five years on a scale which would provide four, or perhaps five, times as much for coöperative industrial research as had been spent for the whole purposes of research hitherto. We learn from *Nature* that the civil service estimates just issued include the sum of £1, 038,050 to the department of scientific and industrial research, being a net increase of £998,050 upon last year's amount.

A circular letter giving 39 generic names in Protozoa, Coelenterata, Trematoda, Cestoda, Cirripedia, Tunicata and Pisces, chiefly Linnaean, which have been proposed for inclusion in the Official List of Zoological Names, has been mailed to the leading scientific institutions, colleges, laboratories, etc., in various countries; in addition 20 copies have been sent to each commissioner for distribution in his own country. A copy will be sent to any person sufficiently interested who will apply to Dr. C. W. Stiles, Secretary to International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, U.S. National Museum, Washington, D. C.