

The Institute is represented by officers of the Department on the following organisations: Council of the Empire Cotton Growing Corporation, Dr. E. Goulding; and Council of the British Silk Research Association, Dr. S. E. Chandler.

Liaison with Officers of Technical Departments overseas. During the year a number of officers from Departments of Agriculture and Forestry overseas have visited the Institute in order to discuss investigations and enquiries in progress or to obtain information relating to materials in which they are interested. In several cases officers have worked for a time in the Library, with the assistance of the Intelligence Section, for the purpose of consulting the recent literature on particular products.

Assistance was rendered to the Director of Agriculture in Somaliland in connection with an enquiry as to the possibility of establishing a gum industry in that country, together with information on oil-seeds and other products and on methods of reclaiming sand dunes.

By arrangement, the Inspector-General of Agriculture, Baghdad, interviewed the Silk Committee with reference to the possibilities of silk production in Iraq. Information regarding sericulture was also supplied to the Government Entomologist in Egypt.

Information was furnished to the Conservator of Forests in Cyprus, the Director of Forests in Mauritius, and to agricultural officers from the Gold Coast, Sierra Leone, Nyasaland and Tanganyika, on products in which they are interested; and assistance was given to the Commissioner of Lands and Forests in Sierra Leone in connection with the Colony's exhibit at the Canadian National Exhibition, 1926.
