

29th November, 1911.

The Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office, London.

Sir.

I have the honour to submit a report on my visit to Washington.

I left England for the United States on the 28th of October and returned to London on the 25th of November. A copy of my itinerary is attached.

No Aphidius testacaepes, parasites of Toxoptera graminum or predaceous ladybird beetles, e.g. <u>Hippodamia convergens</u> are to be had at present, owing to the season of the year.

Dr. L. C. Howard, Chief of the Bureau of Entomology, and Professor Webster who is in charge of the investigation of insects attacking cereal crops, have promised to do all in their power to help to introduce these snemimes of Taxopters into East Africa.

The arrangements I have made are as follows: - As Boon as Aphidius testacaepes and Hippodamia convergens are to be obtained in sufficient numbers they will be collected by an assistant



of the Bureau of Entomology.

The insects will be packed in proper refrigerating baskets and placed in the cold storage room of a Cunard or White Starliner by the United States Despatch Agent, Mr. I. P. Roosa, 2, Rector Street, New York.

When a consignment is ready for shipment, Dr. Howard will cable the name of the boat.

I would suggest that cables and packages be addressed to the Grown Agents for the colonies who can more easily make arrangements to have the packages removed from the cold storage of the one boat and transferred to the cold storage room of a Union Castle boat for East Africa.

Dr. Howard has kindly promised to send instructions for the proper care of the packages during transfer on being notified to whom consignments are to be addressed.

Also arrangements will have to be made so that the Cunard and White Star Companies will accept the packages from hr. Roesa at New York and receive payment for carriage in London.

A cable to Bast Africa intimating by what boat a consignment is sent will enable the boat to be met at Kilindini. I will make arrangements for the care of the packages after that.

I wish to express my thanks to Dr. Howard and Professor Webster for the interest they have taken in the problem of the introduction of parasites. Not only did I have the benefit of

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