

Finance Emergency Regulations, under which it is necessary to obtain the consent of the Reserve Bank to all remittances overseas and to furnish details to the Reserve Bank of all securities situated out of New Zealand, and the Enemy Property Emergency Regulations, under which the Public Trustee was appointed Custodian of Enemy Property, have also added to the accounting work of the Office.

STAFF

26. The staffing of an institution of the size of this Office provides a continuous problem at all times, and this has been particularly difficult during the war period. These difficulties are accentuated by the acute housing shortages in all parts of New Zealand, and, because of this, wherever possible, transfers of officers have been postponed or avoided. In the majority of cases, however, this cannot be done because transfers usually involve promotion to which the officers concerned are entitled and, moreover, the functions of the Office cannot be properly carried out unless all branches are adequately staffed. In addition to the difficulties mentioned, the expense of transferring officers at the present time is very high, and this is an additional reason for limiting transfers as far as possible.

27. *Staff Changes.*—The principal staff changes effected during the year were :—

Head Office

(a) The appointment of Mr. D. R. White, Solicitor, Head Office, to the position of Office Solicitor, *vice* Mr. J. H. Carrad, retired on superannuation.

(b) The appointment of Mr. C. A. Hendry, District Public Trustee, Nelson, to the position of Supervising Estates Clerk, Head Office, *vice* Mr. A. C. Dick.

(c) The appointment of Mr. G. E. Turney, Supervising Estates Clerk, Head Office, to the position of Senior Special Estates Officer, Head Office.

(d) The appointment of Mr. D. Campbell, District Public Trustee, Hastings, to the position of Inspector, Head Office.

District Offices

(a) The appointment of Mr. F. T. Carson, Assistant Controller, Estates Division, to the position of District Public Trustee, Christchurch, *vice* Mr. A. R. Jordan, retired.

(b) The appointment of Mr. A. C. Dick, Special Estates Officer, Head Office, to the position of First Assistant, District Public Trustee, Wellington, *vice* Mr. F. T. Carson.

(c) The appointment of Mr. F. M. Gundry, Inspector, Head Office, to the position of District Public Trustee, Nelson, *vice* Mr. C. A. Hendry.

(d) The appointment of Mr. R. W. Hope, Assistant District Public Trustee, Hamilton, to the position of District Public Trustee, Hastings, *vice* Mr. D. Campbell.

(e) The appointment of Mr. C. B. Allan, Supervising Estates Clerk, Head Office, to the position of Assistant District Public Trustee, Hamilton, *vice* Mr. R. W. Hope.

(f) The appointment of Mr. H. T. Harris, Second Assistant District Public Trustee, Auckland, to the position of District Public Trustee, Te Aroha, *vice* Mr. W. J. Turnpenny, retired on superannuation.

(g) The appointment of Mr. J. C. Robins, Second Assistant District Public Trustee, Christchurch, to the position of District Public Trustee, Blenheim, *vice* Mr. N. M. Chesney, retired.

(h) The appointment of Mr. R. Gray, District Solicitor, Dunedin, to the position of District Solicitor, Wellington, *vice* Mr. J. Reid, retired.