

submitted to the Commission which will involve investigation as soon as the time is available. The following list gives an indication of the inquiries to be held in the ensuing year :—

- (A) A proposal that a Bay of Plenty Catchment District be established.
- (B) A proposal for boundary adjustment between Whakatane and Opoitiki Counties.
- (C) A proposal that the Onerahi Dependent Town District be created an independent town district.
- (D) A proposal that certain areas of land be excluded from the Howick Town District and included in Manakau County.
- (E) *Tawa Flat, Porirua, Titahi Bay, Paremata, Plimmerton, and Pahautanui Area.*—The large-scale housing construction at present being planned by the Housing Division of the Public Works Department in the Tawa Flat, Porirua, Titahi Bay area has created a very urgent and important question as to the future local government of this area. Already a considerable portion of the area is fairly highly urbanized, and when the work of the Housing Division is completed a large town will be located in this district. The Makara County Council has indicated that it does not consider that county government is suitable for the area, and it considers it should be transferred to some authority able to exercise municipal functions. The Commission has been requested to consider the local government in this area, and expects to commence a public hearing on the question within the next financial year. Included in the question is the future of the Johnsonville Town District, which abuts the Wellington City area.
- (F) A proposal that the local government of the Christchurch metropolitan area be reorganized.
- (G) A proposal that the boundaries of Whangarei be extended and that Kamo Town District be absorbed by the Whangarei Borough.
- (H) A proposal that the boundaries of Nelson City be extended and that the Tahununui Town District be absorbed by Nelson City.
- (I) A proposal that the boundaries of the City of Hamilton be extended.
- (J) A proposal that the boundaries of the City of Palmerston North be extended.
- (K) A proposal that there be an adjustment of boundaries between the Port Chalmers and West Harbour Boroughs.
- (L) A proposal that a Waikato Catchment District be constituted.
- (M) A proposal that the boundaries between the Rotorua County and Tauranga County be adjusted.
- (N) A proposal that the boundaries between the Tauranga County and the Tauranga Borough be adjusted.
- (O) A proposal that the boundaries between Rotorua County and the Taupo County be adjusted.
- (P) A proposal that the boundaries between Port Chalmers Borough and Waikouaiti County be adjusted.

XI. CONCLUSION

One very pleasant feature of the work of the Commission during the year has been the steady and increasing co-operation which has been received from local authorities of all types. It is becoming increasingly apparent that the Commission is filling an important place in the local-government structure of the Dominion. Local authorities are referring their problems to the Commission not merely for inquiry, but for advice as to procedure and as to administrative detail, and the Commission is happy to assist where possible.