

To ensure that these cadets obtain the full range of experience necessary for them to qualify as surveyors, a system of rotation training has been in operation whereby trainees are allocated for periods of training in specialized survey work such as topographical mapping from aerial photographs, triangulation, and precise levelling, in addition to normal land title survey work. This system of training is proving most successful and will be reflected in an increased efficiency and adaptability on qualification.

NEW ZEALAND SURVEY BOARD

The Survey Board conducted two examinations for the qualification of land surveyors during the year, the results being set out below :—

	September, 1949.	March, 1950.	Totals.
Number of candidates (various stages)	103	107	210
Completed full examination	5	11	16
Obtained credits in subjects	79	70	149

The number of pupils registered during the year was :—

Lands and Survey Department	11
Private Surveyors	28
Total	39

NEW ZEALAND GEOGRAPHIC BOARD

The annual meeting of the New Zealand Geographic Board appointed under the New Zealand Geographic Board Act, 1946, was held on the 13th July, 1949.

The Board considered 145 place and feature names of which 87 were approved, 43 deferred, and 15 disallowed. Objections to 4 names approved at the previous meeting were dealt with. Of these 2 were upheld and 2 disallowed.

The list of names dealt with by the Board was advertised in the *New Zealand Gazette* No. 51, of 1st September, 1949.

GENERAL

In conclusion I have to report that every endeavour has been made to supply the necessary technical survey and draughting services required by many agencies. The Department is short of staff, particularly field survey staff. There has been a steady loss of young qualified surveyors who have found conditions outside the service more attractive.

Technical services are essential in the initial stages of development either as field surveys or as plans and maps illustrating essential factors for subsequent patterning of development projects. No effort will be spared to organize our staff to supply these essential services.

THANKS

I wish to express my thanks to my staff who one and all have loyally and efficiently carried out their duties during the past year.

R. G. DICK, Surveyor-General

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