

Patriotic and Canteen Funds Act, 1947, was extended to include servicemen of wars previous to the Second World War; finally, the constitution of the New Zealand Patriotic Fund Board was amended to include two representatives of discharged servicemen who served in wars prior to the Second World War.

(4) *Statutes Amendment Act, 1949, and Finance Acts, 1949*

Several sections included in these Acts, covering a wide range of local-government activities, were promoted by the Department.

Local authorities were authorized to contribute towards the cost of holding the British Empire Games in Auckland in February, 1950. Local authorities in the Canterbury Provincial District were empowered to expend moneys in connection with the Canterbury Centennial Celebrations. The powers of Borough Councils were extended to allow them to purchase publications containing photographic views of their respective boroughs.

The definition of "dangerous goods" in the Explosive and Dangerous Goods Act, 1908, was amended, and provision was made for the issue of certificates of proficiency in the use of explosives for blasting.

The provisions of the New Zealand Institute of Architects Act, 1913, and the New Zealand Society of Accountants Act, 1908, requiring the publication in the *Gazette* of lists of members of these bodies were repealed, and provision was made for such lists to be maintained at the registered office of each body.

The quota provisions of the Cinematograph Films Act, 1928, were extended until the year ending 31st December, 1954.

(5) *Anzac Day Act, 1949*

This was a consolidating enactment relating to the observance of Anzac Day in New Zealand. Anzac Day was declared to be a public-holiday, and the transfer of the holiday to any other day was prohibited.

(6) *Local Legislation Act, 1949*

As finally passed, this Act contained forty-one clauses covering a wide field of local-government activity.

(7) *Local Acts*

Fourteen local Bills were submitted to the Department for examination and report. In accordance with the usual practice the Department was represented at the meetings of the Local Bills Committee when these Bills were under consideration.

The Christchurch Tramway Board was authorized to increase its maximum rate in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1951. Certain lands which formed part of the bed of the Auckland Harbour were vested in the Auckland Harbour Board, in connection with the construction of harbour works. The Bluff Harbour Board was authorized to borrow moneys for the improvement of the Bluff Harbour. The Thames Borough Council was given authority to make and levy rates on behalf of the Hauraki Catchment Board; to remove trust provisions and mining reservations in respect of certain lands vested in the Council; to prevent the granting of mining privileges over the surface of such lands; and to sell or lease lands held in trust and to apply the proceeds for Council purposes. The Lyttelton Harbour Board was authorized to borrow moneys for the acquisition of land and the erection thereon of a waterfront industry building. The