12. The extension of the principle of decentralization by the appointment of—

(a.) Assistant Local Deputy Public Trustees:

- (b.) District Accountants at Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin:
- (c.) District Solicitors at Auckland and Christchurch.
- 13. The establishment of six new agencies of the Office.
- 14. Reference to improved methods to be adopted in the accountancy work by the further application of machine processes.
- 15. The necessity for the introduction of further improvements in the organization by—
  - (a.) The establishment of a Chief Inspector's Division to control the inspection of the Branch Offices and to secure a regular review of the administration of all estates:
  - (b.) The establishment of a statistical section of the Chief Accountant's Division:
  - (c.) The further extension of decentralization as soon as the necessary legislative sanction is obtained.
- 16. Encouraging outlook for the future.

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