

through ill health on the 31st October last. He worked to the best of his ability, and his obliging and courteous manner made him respected by all his fellow-officers.

Mr. James Alexander Attridge joined the Department as a clerk on the 10th April, 1895, and worked in the Head and Auckland offices of the Department, finally retiring on the 1st December last. He proved himself a steady worker.

*Appointments, Promotions, and Transfers.*

Officer appointed and Previous Position.	Position to which appointed.
R. P. Greville, F.R.G.S., Kauri-gum Superintendent	Commissioner of Crown Lands, Chief Surveyor, and Kauri-gum Superintendent, North Auckland.
H. D. M. Haszard, F.R.G.S., Commissioner of Crown Lands and Chief Surveyor, Invercargill	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Chief Surveyor, Christchurch.
T. Brook, Commissioner of Crown Lands and Chief Surveyor, Hokitika	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Chief Surveyor, Invercargill.
H. D. McKellar, Commissioner of Crown Lands and Chief Surveyor, Marlborough	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Chief Surveyor, Nelson.
H. J. Lowe, Chief Draughtsman, Auckland ..	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Chief Surveyor, Marlborough.
R. S. Galbraith, Chief Draughtsman, Wellington	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Chief Surveyor, Westland.
W. T. Morpeth, Land Transfer Draughtsman, Wellington	Chief Draughtsman, Wellington.
J. Cook, Chief Draughtsman, Napier .. ..	Chief Draughtsman, Auckland.
J. R. Strachan, Land Transfer Draughtsman, Nelson	Land Transfer Draughtsman, Wellington.
J. D. Thomson, Chief Draughtsman, Blenheim ..	Chief Draughtsman, Napier.
H. Maitland, District Surveyor, Nelson .. ..	Chief Draughtsman, Blenheim.
A. J. Wicks, Draughtsman, Blenheim .. ..	Land Transfer Draughtsman, Nelson.
R. S. Logan .. .. .	Land Drainage Engineer, Auckland.
R. J. Cornwell, Draughtsman, Auckland .. ..	Assistant Drainage Engineer, Auckland.
W. Robertson, Senior Clerk, Auckland .. ..	Inspector of Offices.
C. E. Archibald, formerly Chief Clerk, Dunedin ..	Chief Clerk and Receiver of Land Revenue, North Auckland.
W. J. Munro, Chief Clerk and Receiver of Land Revenue, New Plymouth	Chief Clerk and Receiver of Land Revenue, Napier.
A. Marshall, Chief Clerk and Receiver of Land Revenue, Invercargill	Chief Clerk and Receiver of Land Revenue, Blenheim.
D. Smith, Accountant, Auckland .. .. .	Chief Clerk and Receiver of Land Revenue, Invercargill.
J. R. McCormick, Senior Clerk, Wellington ..	Senior Clerk, Head Office.
W. S. Hardy, Supervising Salesman, Head Office	Senior Clerk, Wellington.
R. W. Cumming, Clerk, Auckland .. .. .	Senior Clerk, North Auckland.
J. A. Redman, Clerk, Auckland .. .. .	Senior Clerk, Auckland.
J. D. Hay, Clerk, Dunedin .. .. .	Senior Clerk, New Plymouth.
H. R. Robinson, Cashier, Auckland .. .. .	Accountant, North Auckland.
W. E. Shaw, Cashier, Wellington .. .. .	Accountant, Christchurch.
J. P. Lane, Clerk, Wellington .. .. .	Cashier, Auckland.
W. Taylor, Clerk, Public Trust Office .. ..	Assistant to Chief Accountant, Head Office.
H. E. Walshe, District Surveyor, Napier .. ..	Senior Draughtsman, Head Office.
A. P. Smith, Inspector of Stock .. .. .	Supervisor of Soldier Settlements, North Auckland.
A. B. Jordan, Crown Lands Ranger, Auckland ..	Supervisor of Soldier Settlements, Auckland.
W. S. Goodall, Inspector of Stock .. .. .	Supervisor of Soldier Settlements, Hawke's Bay.
A. T. N. Simpson, Inspector of Stock .. .. .	Supervisor of Soldier Settlements, Otago.
J. B. Grant, Fields Instructor .. .. .	Supervisor of Soldier Settlements, Wellington.
H. F. Hursthouse, Crown Lands Ranger .. ..	Supervisor of Soldier Settlements, Marlborough and Nelson.
G. R. Stevenson .. .. .	Supervisor of Soldier Settlements, Canterbury.
P. Barry, Inspector of Stock .. .. .	Supervisor of Soldier Settlements, Taranaki.
N. E. H. Hubbard .. .. .	Supervisor of Soldier Settlements, Southland.

*Transfers to Other Departments.*

The Department lost the services of the following senior officers, who accepted higher positions in other Departments of the Service: E. Phillips Turner (Secretary, Forestry Department); A. C. Turnbull (secretary to the Public Service Commissioner) E. F. Hawthorne (Chief Clerk, Justice Department); F. T. Sandford (Clerk in charge, Timber Branch, Board of Trade); E. A. Meredith (District Valuer, Valuation Department); G. T. Martin (District Valuer, Valuation Department, Southland); A. L. Menzies (Public Health Department)—whilst several other officers resigned from the Department and the Public Service.

FORESTRY BRANCH.

Owing to the increasing importance of utilizing in a satisfactory manner the forests of the Dominion, and of providing for the setting-apart, demarcation, and administration of the State