

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY FOR DEPARTMENTAL FUNCTIONS.

The statutes under which the above functions are carried out comprise : Land Act, 1908 ; Land for Settlements Act, 1908 ; Land Laws Amendment Acts, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1917, 1918, 1919, and 1920 ; Land for Settlements Administration Act, 1909 ; War Legislation Acts, 1916 (Part II), 1917 (Part I), 1918 (Part I) ; Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915, and Amendment Acts of 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, and 1920 ; Education Reserves Act, 1908, and Amendment Acts, 1910, 1911, 1913, 1914, and 1915 ; Kauri-gum Industry Act, 1908, and amendments ; Swamp Drainage Act, 1915 ; Hauraki Plains Act, 1908, and amendments of 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, &c. ; Rangitaiki Land Drainage Act, 1910, and amendments, 1913, 1914, &c. ; Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, and Amendment Acts of 1911, 1912, 1914 ; Scenery Preservation Act, 1908, and amendments of 1910, 1915 ; Surveyors' Institute and Board of Examiners Act, 1908 ; Timber-floating Act, 1908 ; Cemeteries Act, 1908 ; Sand-drift Act, 1908 ; Reserves Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act (annual) ; Legislature Act, 1908 ; and numerous sections in other Acts, such as the Native Land Act, Land Transfer Act, Mining Act, Public Works Act, &c.

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, AND TRANSFERS.

Officer appointed, and Previous Position.	Position to which appointed.
W. T. Neill, Chief Inspector of Surveys ..	Surveyor-General.
G. H. Bullard, Commissioner of Crown Lands and Chief Surveyor, Taranaki	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Chief Surveyor, Canterbury.
H. J. Lowe, Commissioner of Crown Lands and Chief Surveyor, Marlborough	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Chief Surveyor, Taranaki.
John Cook, Chief Draughtsman, Auckland ..	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Chief Surveyor, Marlborough.
J. D. Thomson, Chief Draughtsman, Napier ..	Chief Draughtsman, Auckland.
A. H. Vickerman, Chief Draughtsman, Invercargill	Chief Draughtsman, North Auckland.
V. I. Blake, Chief Draughtsman, North Auckland	Chief Draughtsman, Napier.
O. G. Goldsmith, Land Transfer Draughtsman, Invercargill	Chief Draughtsman, Invercargill.
F. R. Burnley, Surveyor, Auckland	Land Transfer Draughtsman.
C. E. Archibald, Chief Clerk and Receiver of Land Revenue, North Auckland	Chief Clerk and Receiver of Land Revenue, Dunedin.
D. Smith, Chief Clerk and Receiver of Land Revenue, Invercargill	Chief Clerk and Receiver of Land Revenue, North Auckland.
J. MacDonald, Senior Clerk, Dunedin	Chief Clerk and Receiver of Land Revenue, Invercargill.
W. S. Hardy, Senior Clerk, Wellington	Chief Clerk and Receiver of Land Revenue, Nelson.
J. H. Robertson, Clerk, Wellington	Accountant, New Plymouth.
J. Quinn, Accountant, Wellington	Assistant to Chief Accountant, Wellington.
J. Torrance, Clerk, North Auckland	Senior Clerk, Dunedin.
J. D. Watt, Clerk, Wellington	Senior Clerk, Wellington.
W. Pye, Agricultural Department, Wellington ..	Record Clerk, Head Office.

Transfers to other Departments.—These include Messrs. A. D. MacGavock (Relieving Officer), to be Conservator of Forests, Westland ; D. MacPherson (District Surveyor), Conservator of Forests, Southland ; R. D. Campbell (Supervisor D.S. Settlements), Conservator of Forests, Auckland ; A. B. Jordan (Supervisor), District Valuer, Waikato ; T. Sheehy (Ranger), District Valuer, Taranaki ; A. T. Leeds (Surveyor), Public Works Department ; W. Stavely, P. Keenan, A. H. Messenger, C. Biggs, W. Boardman, R. MacDonald, and Mrs. J. M. Gollan to Forestry Department ; L. B. Freeman, Public Trust Office ; W. Taylor, Treasury Department ; and H. V. Mountier to Post and Telegraph Department.

DEPARTMENTAL CHANGES.

The following are the respective changes in the personnel of the Department that took place during the year :—

Deaths.

John Ross Macdonald joined the Department on the 13th April, 1893, as a clerk in the Nelson Office, and was subsequently promoted to be Receiver of Land Revenue. He was transferred to the Auckland Office, but on account of ill health was temporarily retired on superannuation in 1914. Owing to an apparent improvement in his health he rejoined the Service as a clerk in the Wellington Office of this Department on the 1st August, 1918, but later on in the year was transferred to Invercargill, where he died on the 18th April, 1920. Mr. Macdonald was an officer who had varied experience in connection with land matters, and was the author of the "New Zealand Sheep-farmer." He worked to the best of his ability, and it is regretted that ill health cut short his career.

☐ Edward Charles Walter Burnaby was a clerical cadet in the Nelson Office. He joined the Service on the 20th May, 1919, and died on the 24th December, 1920. Mr. Burnaby was a willing and zealous worker during his short time of service.

☐ The sympathy and condolences of the Department are extended to the relatives of the above officers.