

Several other suggestions were made during the year, and, although none was considered of sufficient novelty and merit to warrant monetary recognition, the following are deserving of mention herein :—

Name.	Department.	Suggestion.
J. H. M. Russell ..	Customs ..	Improved salary-card.
W. E. A. Gibbs ..	Lands ..	Improved Lands form (two).
H. R. Robinson ..	" ..	Improved system for receiving cash.
C. E. Pfeifer ..	" ..	Alteration in Native Land Court plans.
G. S. Rowe ..	Valuation ..	Improved valuer's field-book.
C. H. Biss ..	" ..	Method of computing salaries.
J. H. Flowers ..	Native ..	Department's organization.
R. S. Wogan ..	Superannuation ..	(1) <i>Re</i> audit of Superannuation Fund vouchers; (2) installation of addressograph.
G. Chipper ..	Stamp Duties ..	Improved form for keeping death-duty accounts.
F. W. E. Mitchell ..	Lands ..	Method of payment of salaries.

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS ON LOAN TO OTHER ADMINISTRATIONS.

The following officers were, on the 31st March, 1925, on leave of absence from the New Zealand Public Service to enable them to take up duty with the Administrations named :—

Administration.	Name.	Department from which loaned.
Cook Islands	Reid, E. A.	Agriculture.
	McMahon-Box, J. P.	Customs.
	Sleight, K. M.	Internal Affairs.
	Morris, G. N.	Justice.
	Luckman, A. A.	Prisons.
Falkland Islands	Carter, R. W.	Agriculture.
Fijian Government	Marker, Miss D. A.	Public Works.
High Commissioner's Office	Grainger, P.	Agriculture.
	Wright, W.	"
	Steere, H. C.	Audit.
	Sandford, F. T.	Immigration.
	Black, J. W.	Internal Affairs.
	Jervis, D. M.	"
	Willcocks, Miss M. G.	"
	Halliday, H. L.	Customs.
	Stevens, A. O.	"
	Hawke, V. J.	Health.
Samoa	Ritchie, Dr. T. R.	"
	McKay, C. G. R.	Internal Affairs.
	Morilleau, E. M.	Lands and Survey.
	Crawford, J.	Public Works.
	Lofley, W. G.	"
	Chapman, J. H.	Customs.
Secretariat of League of Nations		

The question of filling the higher executive positions in the High Commissioner's Office by the appointment of New-Zealanders, preferably those experienced in the New Zealand Public Service, has been under consideration by Government on several occasions. It is recognized that an almost essential qualification for these positions is a fairly extensive knowledge of New Zealand conditions, and it is considered that the Dominion's interests would be more effectively conserved by the adoption of this policy.

Early this year it became necessary to consider the question of filling the position of New Zealand Trade and Produce Officer in London. Government directed that applications be invited from within the Public Service, with the result that Mr. W. S. Ferguson, Stores Inspector, Public Works Department, was appointed to