

the position. This officer's knowledge of local conditions, his wide experience in handling stores, and his familiarity with Stores Control Board matters should eminently fit him for the position.

DEPARTMENTAL CONFERENCES OF OFFICERS.

The following conferences of departmental officers were held during the year :—

Department.	Nature of Conference.
Education	Inspectors : (1) To discuss Inspectors' duties and general procedure ; (2) to discuss the teaching of agriculture in primary schools.
.. ..	Physical Instructors : Refresher course.
Labour	Inspectors of Weights and Measures : To discuss new Bill to be submitted to Parliament.
Public Trust	Public Trustee, Assistant Public Trustees, and departmental officers : To consider proposal to create position of Chief Auditor and to formulate his duties.
Public Works	Engineers : To discuss departmental matters.
State Forest	Departmental officers : Held at Rotorua, to discuss matters appertaining to tree-planting, milling, &c.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING PURPOSES.

During the year the following officers were granted special leave of absence, in some cases to permit them to proceed abroad for the purpose of extending their knowledge and experience, and in others to enable them to pursue their studies :—

- Lambie, Miss M. I., Nurse, Health Department, Dunedin : To undertake course of training in public-health nursing at Toronto University.
- Fletcher, R. S., Draughtsman, Lands and Survey Department, Auckland : To further studies at University.
- Smart, E. C., Draughtsman, Lands and Survey Department, Christchurch : To further studies at University.
- Roberts, Dr. C. R. S., Assistant Medical Officer, Mental Hospitals Department, Christchurch : To visit England to study psychological medicine.
- Alecock, C. E. K., Engineering Cadet, Public Works Department, Gisborne : To undergo workshops training in New Zealand.
- Bascand, A. C., Assistant Engineer, Public Works Department, Napier : To attend Canterbury College.
- Beck, T. G. G., Assistant Engineer, Public Works Department, Dunedin : To attend Canterbury College.
- Carter, N. R., Engineering Cadet, Public Works Department, Kapuni : To undergo workshops training in New Zealand.
- Doig, F. M., Engineering Cadet, Public Works Department, Head Office : To undergo workshops training in England.
- Garlick, E. J., Engineering Cadet, Public Works Department, Arapeti : To undergo workshops training in New Zealand.
- Gibson, E. A., Assistant Engineer, Public Works Department, Pukehuia : To attend Canterbury College.
- Hulse, D. F., Engineering Cadet, Public Works Department, Napier : To attend Canterbury College.
- Langbein, C., Assistant Engineer, Public Works Department, Nelson : To attend Canterbury College.
- McIntyre, R., Assistant Engineer, Public Works Department, Alexandra : To attend Canterbury College.
- Marchbanks, D. S. G., Assistant Engineer, Public Works Department, Okahukura : To attend Canterbury College.
- Moorhouse, T., Engineering Cadet, Public Works Department, Tauranga : To undergo workshops training in New Zealand.
- Stevenson, C. L., Shift Operator, Public Works Department, Lake Coleridge : To undergo further training in England.
- Williams, D. R., Assistant Engineer, Public Works Department, Wellington : To attend Canterbury College.