

Commissioner are not made in a haphazard fashion, and it is only after careful consideration of the relative merits of applicants that decisions are made. The Commissioner conveys to the Board his reasons for the selection of the appointee instead of the appellant. If reasons could be given for the alteration of the Commissioner's decision, it would certainly be helpful as a guide to future appointments.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING PURPOSES.

Since last report the following officers were granted leave of absence to enable them to proceed abroad for educational and training purposes :—

- Abbott, Dr. E. K., School Medical Officer, Health Department, Invercargill : To go abroad for post-graduate study.
- Bakewell, Dr. H., School Medical Officer, Health Department, Wellington : To England, to undertake post-graduate study.
- Barnicoat, C. R., Analyst, Dominion Laboratory (on loan to Dairy Research Institute, Palmerston North), Scientific and Industrial Research Department, Wellington : To America, to take up a Commonwealth Fund Service Fellowship.
- Cunningham, Dr. I. J., Research Officer in Animal Nutrition, Agriculture Department, Wallaceville : To Australia, to undertake study at Sydney University Veterinary School.
- Dumbleton, L. J., Assistant Entomologist, Scientific and Industrial Research Department, Nelson : To Australia, to undertake study at the Waite Institute, Melbourne.
- Jamieson, Miss N., District Health Nurse, Health Department, Paeroa : To England, to take refresher course at College of Nursing.
- McIlroy, R. J., Clerk, Chemical Laboratory, Agriculture Department, Wellington : To England, to undertake research work.
- Simmers, R. G., Meteorological Assistant, Meteorological Office, Scientific and Industrial Research Department, Wellington : To America, to take up a Commonwealth Fund Service Fellowship.
- Taylor, B. A., Cadet, Relieving Staff (on duty in the Dominion Laboratory), Internal Affairs Department, Wellington : To Australia, to undertake study at the Sydney University Veterinary School.

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS ABROAD ON DUTY.

Since last report the following officers proceeded abroad for the purposes stated :—

- Andersen, J. C., Librarian, Turnbull Library, Internal Affairs Department, Wellington : To England, to attend the Polynesian Society's Anglo-American Historical Conference ; to Denmark, to attend a meeting of the International Society of Linguists ; and also to Holland, to make researches on behalf of the Turnbull Library.
- Campbell, J. A., Director, Horticulture Division, Agriculture Department, Wellington : To Australia, to confer with the authorities regarding shipment of fruit to Great Britain.
- Duncan, Dr. J. D. C., Balneologist, Health Department, Rotorua : To Europe, to obtain the latest information with regard to spa treatment, also design and equipment of treatment bathhouses.
- Grange, Dr. L. I., Assistant Geologist, Geological Survey Branch, Scientific and Industrial Research Department, Wellington : To Western Samoa, to carry out a soil survey of the territory.
- Hamilton, W. M., Assistant Professional Officer, Scientific and Industrial Research Department, Wellington : To Western Samoa, to report on the agricultural possibilities of the territory.
- Lambourne, N. T., Director, Education Department, Wellington : To England and America, to report on educational matters generally.
- Loney, G. H., Government Printer, Printing and Stationery Department, Wellington : To Australia, to investigate latest processes and machinery in the various State printing-offices.
- Marsden, Dr. E., Secretary, Scientific and Industrial Research Department, Wellington : To Australia, to investigate meat storage and transportation problems.
- Mulligan, A. W., Private Secretary to Minister of the Crown, Internal Affairs Department, Wellington : To Western Samoa, with Ministerial delegation.
- O'Brien, M., Clerk, Relieving Staff (on duty in Head Office of Industries and Commerce, Tourist and Publicity Department), Internal Affairs Department, Wellington : To South Africa, to act as New Zealand Government Exhibition Commissioner at the International Exhibition of Johannesburg.