

The report of the Assistant Surveyor-General gives details of work carried out by the Head Office staff and the Honorary Geographic Board.

REGIONAL AND WORKS PLANNING

Towards the end of the year arrangements were made with the Commissioner of Works to put in hand the preparation of regional survey data for subsequent works and regional planning. It has been decided to adopt the procedure and methods recommended by the Department for the illustration of the various land features and factors that will have a bearing on subsequent planning. Each factor, such as land slopes, population densities, vegetation, communications, land uses, &c., will be reproduced on a transparency in terms of the 1:63360 map series. These transparencies can thus be inter-related for study purposes.

For this purpose it is proposed to set up a small staff at Head Office who will carry out the work in accordance with priorities fixed by the Commissioner of Works.

SURVEY BOARD

Two examinations were held for the qualification of surveyors during the year, the results of these examinations being as follows:—

---	September, 1945.	March, 1946.	Totals.
Number of candidates.. ..	34	37	71
Passed full examination	4	2	6
Obtained credits in subjects	30	25	55

The number of pupils registered during the year were as follows:—

Lands and Survey Department	6
Private Surveyors	16
Total	22

Messrs. R. G. Dick (Surveyor-General) and C. K. Grierson were appointed by the Board as delegates to attend a conference of reciprocating Boards to be held in Adelaide, South Australia, in April, 1946.

GENERAL

I wish to express my appreciation of the excellent service rendered by all members of the staff during the past year. Urgent and difficult tasks have been efficiently carried out to the credit of all concerned.