

The examinations were conducted in a satisfactory manner, and in the case of Foreign-going Certificates in accordance with the requirements of the Imperial Ministry of Shipping.

The number of examinations, 161, shows an increase of 38 on last year's figures. The passes and failures are as follows :—

Foreign-going Certificates—						Per Cent.
Full pass	..	..	..	..	..	42
Partial pass	..	..	..	..	..	40
Foreign-going Certificates—						
Partial failure	..	..	..	..	..	17
Failures	..	..	..	..	..	1
Home-trade Certificates—						
Full pass	..	..	..	..	..	63
Partial pass	..	..	..	..	..	17
Partial failure	..	..	..	..	..	13
Failure	..	..	..	..	..	7

EXAMINATION IN FORM AND COLOUR VISION

During the year 107 candidates were examined, of whom 7 failed.

SCHOOL OF NAVIGATION

Enrolments during the year were 84 students, made up as follows: 15 Masters Foreign Going, 8 First Mates Foreign Going, 24 Second Mates Foreign Going, 4 Masters Home Trade, 15 Mates Home Trade, 2 Second Mates Home Trade, 1 Master 25-ton Cargo-vessel, 13 Masters of River Steamer, 1 Voluntary Examination Compass Deviation, 1 Yacht Master (N.Z.).

The school continues to be appreciated by students and the accommodation has been fully occupied throughout the year.

An additional room has been acquired, thus relieving the congestion which prevailed during the early period of the school's existence.

The financial assistance rendered to students by the Rehabilitation Department has been much appreciated and the effect of this assistance in relieving students of financial worries has been amply reflected in the progress made in their studies.

The beneficial results of planned courses for the various grades has been a marked success and particularly so in cases where students have undergone great privations as prisoners of war.

Two students ex "Hauraki" had been in Japanese prisons for over three years and at the commencement of their studies at the school were at a great disadvantage. The studious atmosphere and comradeship which are a marked feature of the school helped these men considerably in making a fresh start and they were both successful in obtaining their certificates.

In the near future it is hoped to expand the school by the acquisition of an additional room to be used entirely for seamanship instruction.

The school will be developed along the lines of pre-vocational training, correspondence courses, and evening classes as necessity requires, but as yet there is little or no demand for other than the orthodox day classes.

"NAUTICAL ALMANAC" AND TIDE TABLES

The forty-fourth edition of the "New Zealand Nautical Almanac" was published and issued to the general public in November.

The acute shortage of paper during the war years necessitated printing the "Almanac" in two parts, but there is every reason to hope that the volume will in the future be as formerly, in one part only, and thus restore this much-appreciated work to its full value. Unfortunately, the alteration in New Zealand Standard Time was not