

authorities in the provincial district of Otago were also authorized to expend moneys in connection with the Centennial Celebrations of the Province of Otago.

(3) *Local Legislation Act, 1946*

As finally passed, this Act contained thirty-five clauses covering a wide field of local-government activity.

(4) *Local Acts*

Fourteen local Bills were submitted to the Department for examination and report, and, of these, thirteen were duly passed into law. In accordance with the usual practice, the Department was represented at the meetings of the Local Bills Committee when these Bills were under consideration. Two of the Bills made provision for the dissolution of the Wairoa and Waimakariri Harbour Boards and the transfer of the functions of these Boards to the Wairoa Borough Council and the Kaiapoi Borough Council respectively. Three Bills affected the Christchurch City Council, and one of particular interest made provision for the dissolution of the Christchurch Domain Board and the addition of the Christchurch Domain, including Hagley Park and the Botanic Gardens, to the Christchurch City and Suburban Domain under the control of the City Council. Authorities were conferred by three further Bills on the Auckland and Napier Harbour Boards and the Dunedin Drainage and Sewerage Board to borrow large sums for the purpose of carrying out major works.

(5) *Subsidiary Legislation*

In accord with the Government's policy of removing wartime controls at the earliest possible moment, the following Emergency Regulations were revoked :—

The Sunday Entertainments Emergency Regulations 1942.

The Taupo Trout-fishing Emergency Regulations 1942.

The Fire Boards (Insurance Companies Contributions) Emergency Regulations 1943

D. MISCELLANEOUS

Six newly constituted Rabbit Boards were authorized to borrow moneys by way of overdraft for the first year of their existence.

Three members were appointed to the Board of Trustees of the National Art Gallery and Dominion Museum.

The necessary documents were prepared in respect of the appointment of a Deputy Controller and Auditor-General.

III. LAND-AGENTS AND AUCTIONEERS

During the year 752 (756) land-agents' licences were issued and 3 (4) transfers granted ; 512 (460) auctioneers' licences were issued and 2 (8) transfers granted (last year's figures in parentheses).

IV. PHYSICAL WELFARE AND RECREATION

Various developments during the year emphasized the importance of the Department's service in the promotion of physical welfare and recreation throughout the Dominion. There has been an increasing appreciation of the help which the Physical Welfare Officers can give to organizations interested in community welfare. This assistance is always given in a friendly co-operative manner, free from interference with the management of the bodies concerned.