A Timaru Health District was created and Dr. G. L. McLeod appointed Medical Officer of Health.

The following medical officers have been appointed: Dr. E. W. Kinsey (New Plymouth), Dr. A. W. S. Thompson (Auckland), Dr. Miriam K. McAllum (Wellington), and Dr. F. J. G. Lishman (Gisborne).

Dr. H. B. Turbott visited overseas to study the latest trends in public-health work in America and England.

It is only fitting that I should conclude this report with a brief expression of the Department's sincere appreciation and esteem of Dr. Watt, who, after many years of onerous and faithful service, has retired from the position of Director-General of Health. To him is due a great deal of the credit for the marked development which has taken place in public-health administration in this country within recent years. He carried with him into his retirement the good wishes of his former colleagues.

In conclusion, I desire to express my thanks to members of the staff for their loyal support. $\dot{}$

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