

OVERSEAS LIAISON

The Department's scientific Liaison offices in London, Washington, and Melbourne have been maintained during the year and provide an essential link between the Department and scientific research and workers overseas. In addition to arranging for the regular despatch of recent and valuable technical information to the Dominion, the Scientific Liaison Officers assist the Department by establishing contact with workers in new fields of research of importance to New Zealand, advising specialist visitors and others, and arranging for the purchase of urgently required specialized equipment. Technical correspondence and reports from overseas are handled in Head Office by the Information Bureau, who ensure that all officers concerned are kept advised.

At the British Commonwealth Scientific Official Conference held in London last July detailed consideration was given to the type of organization for liaison work that would best meet the needs of the dominions and of the Commonwealth as a whole. The general opinion favoured the type of grouping found to be so advantageous in Washington, where the Scientific Liaison Officers of the United Kingdom and the dominions are housed in the same building and, although being independent units, work together on a basis of mutual helpfulness. It is probable that, in due course, a similar organization will be established in London.

THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD TO THE UNITED KINGDOM COLLEGE OF AERONAUTICS

Following consideration and recommendation by an inter-departmental committee, the New Zealand Government approved the award of one scholarship per annum tenable for two years at the United Kingdom College of Aeronautics recently established by the United Kingdom Government. The college has been established for the purpose of post-graduate training and research in aeronautics for the further promotion of British and Commonwealth aviation. It will undoubtedly become the foremost college in the British Commonwealth on aeronautics and the New Zealand Government's scholarship award is designed as a contribution in scientific man-power towards the promotion of Commonwealth aviation. The scholarship carries remuneration at the rate of £400 per annum (sterling) and other perquisites and a guarantee of employment in New Zealand for twelve months at the conclusion of the course in a position where the experience and knowledge acquired can be passed on. The scholar thereafter is free to gain employment anywhere in the British Commonwealth, and may even do so under certain circumstances at the conclusion of his course, provided such employment is in the best interests of Commonwealth aviation.

The Department of Scientific and Industrial Research is charged with the administration of the scholarship. The Selection Committee has met and formulated the detailed conditions and procedure for the selection of scholars. These have been approved, as required by the Government, by the Hon. Minister for Scientific and Industrial Research, and it is proposed to proceed with the selection of the first scholar during 1947.

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