

1,100 emigrants of both sexes had sailed for New Zealand. With the co-operation of the Ministry of Transport and shipping companies in the United Kingdom, passages for immigrants have been made available on several New-Zealand-bound vessels, and the former hospital ship "Atlantis" has already made two trips under charter to the New Zealand Government.

Despite the present straitened economic situation there, the number of persons visiting the United Kingdom from New Zealand, both for business and for pleasure, has increased to such an extent as to recall pre-war conditions; and all possible assistance has been given wherever necessary to these people and to New Zealanders permanently domiciled in the United Kingdom with whom contact has been maintained.

To consider requests for assistance from the approximately two hundred and thirty rehabilitation bursars undertaking studies in the United Kingdom, a London Committee of the National Patriotic Fund Board was set up to advise the High Commissioner. Through its agency many deserving cases have been given financial assistance.

The representatives of certain New Zealand Government Departments at the High Commissioner's Office—namely, the Industries and Commerce, Customs, Tourist and Health Resorts, Scientific and Industrial Research, Marketing, and Agriculture Departments, and the Public Trust Office, whose duties in London are carried out under the general supervision of the High Commissioner and the Official Secretary—have experienced, in the same way as other branches of the Office, an increase in the volume of work in their respective spheres. The presence of these representatives in London is proving most valuable, both from the point of view of facilitating the conduct of business between commercial and governmental organizations in the United Kingdom and Departments in New Zealand, and that of releasing members of the High Commissioner's staff for other duties.

Dr. Ernest Marsden, formerly Secretary of Scientific and Industrial Research in New Zealand, took up the post of Scientific Adviser at the High Commissioner's Office in London in October, 1947. Mr. T. P. Davin was transferred early in 1948 from the Department of External Affairs as Assistant External Affairs Officer. During the year two officers from New Zealand House made visits to New Zealand to gain first-hand knowledge of the work and methods of Government Departments in this country.

The High Commissioner, in addition to the many other calls, both official and unofficial, made upon him in his capacity as New Zealand representative in the United Kingdom, led the New Zealand delegation to the International Labour Organization Conference at