the Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Council. He, too, by his engineering skill and professional ability, had during the many years which he served in the Public Works Department rendered outstanding service to the Government.

The retirements of Mr. G. W. Albertson, Director of Housing Construction, and Mr. T. A. Johnston, District Engineer, Public Works Department, Wellington, took place during the year. Both officers had proved themselves most loyal and efficient and knowledgeable of the intricate problems associated with their responsible positions. They were highly respected by all who were privileged to work with them during their long terms of faithful service.

In conclusion, I record my sincerest thanks for the efficient service rendered by the staffs of both the Public Works Department and the Ministry of Works, and to the Government I am deeply grateful for the consideration and assistance which has been available to me during the whole year.

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Commissioner of Works.