

(22) EXCHANGE OF TEACHERS

During the past year, arrangements were made for the resumption of the exchange of teachers between New Zealand and other parts of the Empire. It was hoped that these exchanges would be on a fairly extensive scale, but difficulties in arranging transport for teachers from England made it necessary to reduce the numbers. Three post-primary teachers left New Zealand in December and will be replaced in 1948 by teachers from England. These teachers were all women, two from secondary schools and one from a district high school. It is hoped that exchanges will be on a more extensive scale in future years.

(23) CONFERENCE OF INSPECTORS

A conference of all Inspectors of schools was held at the Wellington Teachers' Training College in August. The conference divided into seven sub-committees, on each of which there were representatives of the post-primary inspectorate. Much valuable work was done, and one of the most useful aspects of the discussions was the interchange of views between the various branches of the inspectorate. Of matters discussed particular reference may be made to (1) the co-ordination of the work of the intermediate, and post-primary schools; (2) collaboration, when possible, of Primary and Post-primary Inspectors on visits to schools; (3) standards of work; (4) specialist teachers; (5) decentralization of the functions of the Department.

(24) BUILDINGS

The following major works were completed during 1947 :—

Auckland Girls' Grammar School ..	Additions and alterations.
Dannevirke High School ..	.. Assembly hall; additions to rectory.
Hastings High School ..	.. Domestic science, and additions to workshops.
Thames High School ..	.. Assembly hall ex-Army.
Hamilton Technical School ..	.. Assembly hall ex-Army.
Stratford Technical School ..	.. Assembly hall ex-Army.
Wairarapa College ..	.. Gymnasium ex-Army.
Petone Technical School ..	.. Assembly hall ex-Army.
Wellington College ..	.. Gymnasium ex-Army.
Christchurch Technical School ..	.. Remodelling workshops.
Otago Boys' High School ..	.. Remodelling science laboratory.
Avondale College ..	.. Engineering workshop.
Tauranga College ..	.. Workshop block.

Major works are at present in progress at the following schools :—

Rangiora High School ..	.. Boys' hostel.
Southland Boys' High School ..	.. Replacement of windows—renovations.
Southland Girls' High School ..	.. Additions to new building.
Thames High School ..	.. Biology room.
Timaru Girls' High School ..	.. Hostel.
Dunedin Technical School ..	.. Home-science block.
Hawera Technical School ..	.. Additions and gymnasium.
Matamata College ..	.. Additions.
Auckland Technical School ..	.. Remodelling and reorganization.
Southland Technical School ..	.. Additions.
Tauranga College ..	.. Home-life building, and assembly hall.
Northcote High School ..	.. Assembly hall ex-Army.