

(5) *Subsidiary Legislation*

In accordance with Government policy, further progress was made in the removal of wartime controls, and the following Emergency Regulations were revoked :—

The Rating Emergency Regulations 1942 (to take effect from 1st April, 1948).

The Emergency Shelter Emergency Regulations 1942. The provisions of subclause (2) of Regulation 20 are continued in full force as if the regulations had not been revoked.

The Emergency Reserve Corps Emergency Regulations 1941.

D. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFRESHER COURSES

An interesting development during the year was the holding of two refresher courses in local government for ex-servicemen employed in the local-government service. These courses were organized and conducted by this Department at the request of the Rehabilitation Department. Associated with the organization of the courses were Messrs. F. H. Hudson, County Clerk, Horowhenua County Council, and E. P. Norman, Town Clerk, Wellington, representing the New Zealand Institute of Local Body Administrative Officers, Incorporated. The interest taken by these two gentlemen in making the courses a success is very much appreciated. The first course was held in Rotorua from 16th to 27th June, 1947, and was attended by 120 officers of different types of local authorities. The second course was held in Dunedin from 5th to 15th August, 1947, and attracted an attendance of 90. It is gratifying to record that the courses were much appreciated by those attending and were of considerable value in bringing them up to date with the latest developments in the local-government field. Appreciation is also expressed to all those who co-operated in the scheme by giving lectures on various aspects of local-government work. Approval has now been given to the printing of these lectures in booklet form and will thus be available to those desirous of furthering their studies in local government.

E. LOCAL-BODY ELECTIONS

The triennial elections of local authorities were held on 19th November, 1947. This was the first occasion on which these elections were held since the legislation was enacted changing the month for holding the elections from May to November. In accordance with the desire of the Government, arrangements were made with the Broadcasting Service to broadcast information regarding various aspects of the elections for the information of electors. The material for the broadcasts was prepared by this Department. The advice and assistance of the Department was freely availed of in regard to many questions arising in connection with the elections, particularly in relation to the effect of the recent legislative changes in electoral law.

F. THAMES BOROUGH

The question of continuing the system of Commissioner control in the Borough of Thames was a prominent matter during the year. The Thames Borough Commissioner Amendment Act, 1940, provided for the continuation of Commissioner control until the date of the triennial election of Mayor and Councillors in 1947—i.e., until November of that year. It was generally understood when the 1940 Amendment Act was passed that if the affairs of the borough continued on a satisfactory basis the Borough would revert to normal Council control at the expiration of the period provided for by that Act.

Strong representations were made to the Government on behalf of the Thames people that the time had arrived when normal control should be established. On the other hand, the Thames Borough Loans Creditors Committee considered that, in the