

There would still be ample scope for men who wished to proceed to the First-class Colliery Manager's Certificate through the district Schools of Mines. Here again the effect of graduates of the above training scheme would be felt. These graduates would be in a position to give more modern and complete theoretical training by lecturing at Schools of Mines, and the practical effect of their work in coal-mines would also be of great benefit to students.

The Hon. Minister of Education has now agreed to the establishment of a Chair of Coal-mining at Otago, and, Cabinet having approved the Board's other proposals, there is every prospect of the new system of training coal-mining engineers being started in 1950.

A sub-committee of the Board is now giving attention to the training of mine surveyors, and will bring forward proposals during the present year.

General.—Pursuant to the provisions of the Petroleum Act, 1937, and the Petroleum Regulations 1939, one Service Permit was granted during the year.

The Boards also dealt with a number of matters arising out of applications for and the issue of certificates, none of which, however, calls for special mention.

The following is a summary of the various examinations held and the results obtained :—

Examination.	Number of Candidates.			Number of Certificates Issued.	
	Examined.	Passed.	Partial Pass.	By Examination.	By Recognized Credentials.
<i>Coal-mines Act, 1925</i>					
Mine-managers' Certificates—					
(a) First Class—					
Written examination	7	1	1	1	..
Oral examination	2				
(b) Second Class—					
Written examination	5	1	..	1	..
Oral examination	1				
Underviewer's Certificate	23	8	8	8	..
Fireman-deputy's Certificate	55	24	19	29*	..
Mine Surveyor's Certificate—					
Written examination	2	..	1	..	..
Oral and practical examination	1				
Electrician's Certificate—					
Written examination	2	2	..	2	..
Practical examination	2				
<i>Mining Act, 1926</i>					
Mine-manager's Certificate—					
(a) First Class—					
Written examination	2	2	..	2	..
Oral examination	2				
(b) Second Class—					
Written examination	..	..	..	..	..
Oral examination	..	..	..	..	..
Battery Superintendent's Certificate—					
Written examination	2	2	..	2	..
Oral examination	2				
Dredgemasters' Certificate—					
Class A—					
Written examination	..	..	..	..	..
Oral examination	..	..	..	..	..
Class B—					
Written examination	1	1	..	1	..
Oral examination	1				

* Includes five candidates who passed the 1947 examination but the issue of whose certificates was deferred pending production of First-aid Certificates.