

Departments have greatly assisted the Treasury in instituting the various alterations in the methods hitherto adopted, and I am confident that the reforms will prove beneficial and economical to the Service and acceptable to the public.

VALUATION DEPARTMENT.

The improvements suggested in the report of the Public Service Commissioner, dated 27th August, in respect to the Valuation Department have been given effect to.

The improvements suggested by the Commissioner are as follows: (1) *Re* introducing methods which would have the effect of greatly reducing the transcription which took place in the preparation and copying of district valuation rolls; (2) that a book of Instructions should be drawn up for general guidance; (3) that an annual conference of officers should be held.

With regard to No. 1, I have to state that the transcription-work is now being typewritten on standardized forms specially prepared for the purpose, and carbon copies are taken on these forms for the use of the Commissioner of Taxes and local authorities. It is too soon to make an accurate estimate of the saving which will be effected by the new process, but it is quite safe to anticipate that it will run into a considerable sum annually. I would estimate a saving up to the present at about £250.

With regard to No. 2, I may state that a book of Instructions to Valuers has been printed and issued, and there is now in course of preparation a book of Instructions to the Office Staff.

With regard to No. 3, it may be pointed out that a conference of Officers-in-charge was held at Wellington during November last.

A conference of District Valuers was held in 1911 for the purpose of introducing uniformity in procedure relating to actual valuations. It would incur unnecessary expense to summon an annual conference of Valuers, as, for obvious reasons, I control the actual work of valuations myself direct from the Head Office.

With reference to the record system and the account system in practice in this Department, the Commissioner was good enough to comment favourably thereon.

APPENDIX E.

LIST OF PUBLIC SERVICE EXAMINERS.

PERSONS WHOM THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS, ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER, APPOINTED DURING THE YEAR UNDER SUBSECTION (2) OF SECTION 35 OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1912, TO BE EXAMINERS FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

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Fraser, Malcolm.	Stuckey, F. G. A., M.A.
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Hight, James, M.A., Litt.D.	Von Zedlitz, G. W., M.A., Professor.
Hilgendorf, F. W., D.Sc.	
Hudson, W. B.	