

Mr. Colin Macandrew, clerk in the Dunedin office, who formerly held the position of Secretary to the Otago School Commissioners for many years, was transferred to this Department on the 1st April, 1911, after the abolition of the School Commissioners. He was retired on superannuation on the 7th November, 1914.

Mr. Henry Taiporutu Mitchell, District Surveyor, Rotorua, joined the Department on the 1st November, 1894, resigning on the 31st January, 1915. He had also been a member of the Waiariki Maori Land Board, and carried out extensive surveys around Rotorua.

Mr. John Pollock, Chief Clerk in the Nelson office, joined the Department on the 24th November, 1873, retiring on superannuation on the 31st August, 1914, having completed over forty years' continuous service. He served as a draughtsman during the greater part of the period, succeeding Mr. Redgrave as Chief Clerk in 1908. He possessed an intimate knowledge of the Nelson District, and was of great assistance as Secretary to the Land Board.

Mr. Henry Travers Twiss, Crown Lands Ranger, Taranaki District, was first appointed as a temporary draughtsman to the Wellington office on the 17th January, 1906, and was promoted to the position of Crown Lands Ranger, Taranaki, in May, 1908. He resigned from the service on the 31st July, 1914, in order to accept private employment in the Hawke's Bay District.

Mr. Henry Albert Vollemaere was appointed as a clerical cadet in the Nelson office on the 6th June, 1905, and was afterwards transferred to the Auckland office. Having qualified as a solicitor, he resigned from the service on the 31st May, 1914.

Promotions.

Consequent on vacancies in the ranks of the Department, the following promotions took place :—

Position to which promoted.	Officers promoted, and late Position.	Date.
Kauri-gum Superintendent	R. P. Greville (Inspector of Surveys) ..	1 Aug., 1914.
Inspector of Offices	A. C. Turnbull (Chief Accountant) ..	1 Nov., „
Chief Accountant	J. H. O'Donnell (Receiver of Land Revenue, Auckland)	8 Jan., 1915.
Chief Draughtsman, Christchurch ..	F. E. Greenfield (Chief Draughtsman, Nelson)	18 April, 1914.
Chief Draughtsman, Nelson	A. D. Burns (Chief Draughtsman, Blenheim)	22 June, „
Chief Draughtsman, Blenheim	J. D. Thomson (District Surveyor, Nelson)	8 Sept., „
Chief Draughtsman, Hokitika	A. N. Harrop (District Surveyor, Westland)	1 June, „
Chief Clerk, Dunedin	C. E. Archibald (Chief Clerk, New Plymouth)	2 July, „
Chief Clerk, New Plymouth	W. J. Munro (Clerk, Auckland)	21 „ „
Chief Clerk and Receiver of Land Revenue, Nelson	A. D. Macfarlane (Receiver of Land Revenue, Invercargill)	10 Aug., „
Chief Clerk and Receiver of Land Revenue, Hokitika	F. T. Sandford (Chief Clerk, Hokitika) ..	16 Sept., „
Land Transfer Draughtsman, Dunedin ..	W. T. Morpeth (Draughtsman, Auckland) ..	1 April, „
Land Transfer Draughtsman, Invercargill ..	O. G. Goldsmith (Draughtsman, Invercargill)	11 Jan., 1915.
Land Transfer Draughtsman, Nelson ..	J. R. Strachan (District Surveyor, Wellington)	25 „ „
Clerk, Wellington	J. P. Lane, (Clerk, Auckland)	10 Aug., 1914.

EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

The following officers of the Department have responded to the Empire's call and enlisted in the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces. Some of them are now at the front, whilst the others are members of the reinforcements, or are waiting to be called to camp.

Surveyors.—V. Blake, Wellington; R. F. Burgess (cadet), Wellington; W. M. Gray, Hawke's Bay (Main Force); L. W. B. Hall (cadet), Auckland; T. R. Hancock (cadet), Taranaki; R. F. Mackenzie, Auckland; N. A. Middlemas (cadet), Auckland (Main Force); G. Pirritt, Auckland; L. J. Poff (cadet), Auckland; S. T. Seddon, Nelson (Main Force); W. S. Thompson, Hawke's Bay; F. W. Watson, Auckland; W. B. de L. Willis, Auckland (Main Force); T. S. McMillan (cadet), Thames.

Draughtsmen.—G. J. B. Cairnie, Auckland; F. Coleman (cadet), Auckland; R. J. Cornwell, Canterbury (sergeant, C Company, 5th Reinforcements); T. S. Couch, Marlborough (Main Force); R. J. Crawford, Head Office; M. W. Haworth, Auckland (6th Reinforcements); T. H. Hudson (cadet), Taranaki; E. A. Ingram, Westland (Sergeant); J. A. Montgomerie, Taranaki; F. C.