The following suggestions by officers were adopted during the year:—

Name.	Department.	Suggestion.
G. C. Holder	Mental Hospitals	Quotation form with advice to unsuccessful tenderer attached.
G. W. Green	Printing and Stationery	Improved method of black-lettering books.
H. W. Morrison	Printing and Stationery	Improved shooter.
G. Tinney	Stamp Duties	Suggestion re stamping company licenses.
W. C. Leversedge	Lands	Increasing fees for checking plans deposited in Land Registry.
J. G. Anderson	Agriculture	Subscription to Journal.
W. J. Johnson	Lands	Improvement in detail of procedure of Native-land surveys.
W. Taylor	Health	Code for preparing returns of infectious diseases.

## DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS ON DUTY ABROAD.

The following officers proceeded abroad for the purposes stated:—

Jacobsen, F. A., Apiary Instructor, Agriculture Department, Wellington:
To visit Australia to make inquiries in connection with apicultural matters.

Adams, Dr. C. E., Government Astronomer and Seismologist, Hector Observatory, Internal Affairs Department, Wellington: To visit Western Australia to observe total eclipse of the sun.

Lewis, J. C., Registrar of Patents, Justice Department, Wellington: To

visit London to attend the Empire Patent Conference.

Paterson, Dr. A. G., School Medical Officer, Health Department, Wellington: To visit England and America to investigate and study matters in connection with child-welfare.

Kissel, F. T. M., Electrical Engineer, Public Works Department, Wellington: To visit engineering workshops abroad.

In addition the following officers have also been granted leave for the purpose of taking courses abroad:—

McGillivray, R. (Agriculture Department): Agricultural course, Reading, England.

Baxter, Dr. R. H. (Health Department): Medical course in connection with functional nervous disorders, England.

## DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS ON LOAN TO OTHER ADMINISTRATIONS.

The following officers were, on the 30th September, 1922, on leave of absence from the New Zealand Public Service to enable them to take up duty with the Administrations named:—

Administration.	Name. Department from which loaned.
Samoa	Cordery, H. S., Leaper, H. B., Stevens, A. O Beaglehole, E. W
	McKay, C. G. R., Clark, L. H. V Internal Affairs. Tyndall, A., Sutherland, A. S., Crawford, J., Lofley, W. G., Rogers, J., Neilson, D. I. M.
G. 1 7 1 1	Lewis, A. P., McCurdy, D. A Treasury.
Cook Islands	Reid, E. A.        Agriculture.         McMahon-Box, J. P.        Customs.         Morris, G. N.        Justice.         Lückman, A. A.        Prisons.
High Commissioner's Office	Granger, P., Wright, W Agriculture.
	Steere, H. C.          Audit.         Herd, T. R.          Customs.
	Sandford, F. T Internal Affairs.
Fijian Government	Toms, E Treasury. Valentine, G. M., Mackenzie, A Agriculture.
League of Nations	Chapman, J. H Customs.