## DEPARTMENTAL CONFERENCES OF OFFICERS.

The following conferences of departmental officers were held during the year:—

| Department.                              |     | Nature of Conference.   |
|--|-----|---|
| Agriculture                              | • • | Fruit Inspectors: To discuss matters relating to importation of fruit. Senior Instructors of Agriculture: In connection with laying-down of experimental areas. |
| Labour Public Works State Forest Service |     | Inspectors of Scaffolding: General conference. Engineers: To discuss departmental matters. Senior field staff: To discuss departmental matters.                 |

## OFFENCES COMMITTED BY OFFICERS.

Full investigation has been made in all cases of offences committed by officers, and inquiries have been held where necessary. The principal classes of cases dealt with during the year, and the decisions arrived at, are as follows:--

- (a.) Misappropriation (1): Forfeited office; dismissed (2); deceased.
  (b.) Neglect of duty (5): Salary reduced; fined; dismissed (2); charge not proved.
  (c.) Unsatisfactory conduct (3): Services terminated; called upon to resign; transferred to another position.
- (d.) Unsatisfactory work (1): Disrated and transferred.
- (e.) Misconduct (3): Disrated; called upon to resign (2).

## APPLICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT.

The total number of applications received (other than for advertised positions) was 2,755.

The total number of applications received for positions which were advertised within and without the Service was 3,908.

The number of candidates qualified for entrance by competitive examination has increased during the past year, and no difficulty has been experienced—as in past years—in immediately filling vacancies for cadetships as they arise.

NEW ZEALAND PUBLIC SERVANTS SERVING ABROAD. NEW ZEALAND PUBLIC SERVANTS ON LOAN TO HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

| Department.      |  |  | Name.                | Position.                   |   | Date loaned.      |  |
|------------------|--|--|----------------------|-----------------------------|---|-------------------|--|
| Agriculture      |  |  | Ross, A. C           | Inspector of Dairy Products |   | 18/11/25          |  |
| O                |  |  | Steel, R. D          | Produce Clerk               |   | 16/8/25           |  |
|                  |  |  | Wright, W            | Inspector of Dairy Products | ] | $17^{'}/9^{'}/22$ |  |
| Audit            |  |  | Steere, H. C         | Audit Officer               |   | 1/12/18           |  |
| Immigration      |  |  | Sandford, F. T.      | Emigration Officer          | ! | 20/2/19           |  |
| Internal Affairs |  |  | Jervis, D. M         | Enemy Debts Clerk           |   | 12/9/22           |  |
|                  |  |  | Willcocks, Miss M. G | Ohanthan J. L               |   | 1/4/25            |  |
| Public Works     |  |  | Ferguson, W. S.      | Trade and Produce Officer   |   | 9/6/25            |  |

NEW ZEALAND PUBLIC SERVANTS WHO WERE LOANED TO HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE NOW ATTACHED PERMANENTLY TO STAFF.

| Department.       |  |  |  | Name.                |  |  | Position. |                                    |  |
|-------------------|--|--|--|----------------------|--|--|-----------|------------------------------------|--|
| Audit<br>Treasury |  |  |  | Hore, A.<br>Toms, E. |  |  | ••        | Audit Officer.<br>Finance Officer. |  |

NEW ZEALAND PUBLIC SERVANTS ON DUTY IN ENGLAND (NOT ATTACHED TO HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE).

| Department. |     |  |  | Name.           | Position.                    |  |  |
|-------------|-----|--|--|-----------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| Customs     | • • |  |  | Lawrence, F. W. | <br>Official Representative. |  |  |