

It will be noted that 16 candidates have qualified as surveyors during the year, as against 6 for the previous year. The number of candidates presenting themselves for examination has increased from 71 to 123. This increase is due to the return of students from overseas. In spite of their long absences overseas, these men have quickly rehabilitated themselves and are producing good examination results.

The Board was represented at the conference of reciprocating Boards, held in Adelaide in April, 1946, by the Chairman and Mr. C. K. Grierson. The conference was most successful. The examination syllabus was revised considerably, such subjects as Aerial Photography and Photogrammetry, Land Valuation, and Land Classification and Utilization being added as new subjects for examination. The revised examination syllabus now comprises the following subjects :—

(a) Written subjects—

- (1) Computations (A), (old subject).
- (2) Engineering Surveying (A), (old subject divided).
- (3) Town and Country Planning (A), (old subject).
- (4) Aerial Surveying and Photogrammetry (new subject).
- (5) Astronomy (old subject).
- (6) Land Classification and Utilization (new subject).
- (7) Laws and Regulations (old subject).
- (8) Computations (B), (old subject).
- (9) Engineering Surveying (B), (old subject divided).
- (10) Land Valuation (new subject).
- (11) Geodesy (old subject).
- (12) Town and Country Planning (B), (old subject).

(b) Practical subjects—

- (13) Field Survey Practice.
- (14) Adjustment and Use of Instruments.
- (15) Practical Field Astronomy.
- (16) Practical Levelling.
- (17) Aerial Surveying.

(c) Plans and Field Notes—

- (1) Rural Land Survey.
- (2) Town Land Survey.
- (3) Engineering Survey.
- (4) Triangulation Survey.
- (5) Topographical Survey.

The complete syllabus will come into operation by July, 1948. The addition of the new subjects has been brought about by the rapidly extending functions of the surveyor, who is employed in many and various classes of survey work.

During the year the Board has, in addition to the conducting of examinations, prepared and approved of the revision of the following regulations :—

(1) SURVEY REGULATIONS 1940

These regulations, which govern the practice of land surveying, were partly revised to correct anomalies that had been revealed since the date of their first coming into operation in 1940.

(2) SURVEY EXAMINATION REGULATIONS 1943

A review of these regulations was carried out in order to incorporate the resolutions of the conference of Survey Boards.