

engineering in view of the increasing importance of this section of the mining industry and the necessity of maintaining an adequate supply of technically-trained officials in the industry.

Arrangements have been made with the authorities of the University of Otago whereby a chair devoted to coal-mining engineering will be created at the University, and a professor has already been appointed and will arrive in New Zealand at an early date. It is particularly fortunate that the first incumbent to the chair should be a gentleman with a most distinguished overseas record in scientific research problems connected with the coal-mining industry.

Regulations covering the award of coal-mining bursaries are as follows :—

(1) Commencing in the year 1950, not more than six coal-mining bursaries may be awarded annually to selected students who undertake the course leading to the Degree of B.E. (Mining) in the University of New Zealand. The first (Intermediate) year of this course may be taken at any of the constituent colleges of the University of New Zealand, providing the practical work done during the summer following the Intermediate Examination is approved by the Dean, Faculty of Mines and Metallurgy, University of Otago. The three succeeding years must be taken at the University of Otago.

(2) Each coal-mining bursary will be of the value of £75 per annum in the case of a student who is able to live at home during the academic year, and £150 in the case of a student who is obliged to live away from his home. In addition, the bursar's examination and tuition fees will be paid.

(3) Except in exceptional cases, each coal-mining bursary shall be tenable for a period not exceeding four years, renewal from year to year being subject in each case to satisfactory reports from the Dean of the Faculty of Mines, University of Otago, as to conduct, diligence, and proved suitability for work : Provided that in the case of a bursar who has undertaken the Intermediate year of his course at one of the other constituent colleges a satisfactory report as to the bursar's progress will be required from the college authorities concerned.

(4) The tenure of a bursary is also contingent upon satisfactory confidential reports being received by the Dean from the managers of mines and other approved works where the bursars spend their vacations gaining practical experience as required for the Degree of B.E. (Mining).

(5) A student who is awarded and accepts a bursary in any year shall forego for that year any bursary under the Educational Bursaries Regulations 1940, or any other grant or allowance by the Government, for the purpose of assisting him to pursue his studies at any college.

(6) Successful applicants will be required to give a guarantee that they will serve in the mining industry in work of a type approved by the Under-Secretary for Mines for a period of one year for each year in which the bursary is paid, together with a period of three months for each year or part of a year in which boarding-allowance is paid as part of the bursary. In the event of non-compliance with such an undertaking, they must provide sureties for the return of the total amount paid to the bursar in regard to each bursary or a due proportion to be determined by the Minister of Mines. If a bursar proves medically unfit to carry out his obligations, such bond shall be void.

Successful applicants will be required to follow the course for B.E. (Mining), and on completion of such course or when required by the Under-Secretary for Mines accept employment as hereinbefore described at such salary or emolument as may be prescribed by the Public Service Commission.

(7) Applications for the bursary shall be received by the Dean, Faculty of Mines, University of Otago, not later than 10th October in the year preceding that in which it is desired to take up the bursary. Forms of application may be obtained from the Registrar, University of Otago.