APPLICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT.

The total number of applications for employment received (other than for advertised positions) was 2,738, as compared with 5,482 for the previous year. The drop is a clear indication of prosperous conditions outside the Public Service. Preference for employment continues, as far as possible, to be given to discharged soldiers.

The total number of applications received for positions which were advertised within and without the Service was 6,359.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE STAFF.

The Commissioners desire to place on record their appreciation of the assistance they have had from the office staff during the year. The completion of the regrading of the Public Service imposed on the staff a great deal of additional work, which called for special industry and accuracy. The manner in which all demands were met is deserving of special commendation.

All of which is humbly submitted for Your Excellency's consideration.

D. Robertson, Commissioner.

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