

ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS FOR SHORTHAND-TYPISTS.

In November of last year the Senior and Junior Entrance Examinations for Shorthand-typists were held in thirty-two centres. There were 932 entries, showing a decrease of 145 from the previous year: 544 of the candidates were successful in passing the examinations, 368 failed, and 20 did not present themselves.

In addition, the Intermediate and Special Examinations were held in the four chief centres. There were 89 entries; 17 of the candidates were successful, 70 failed, and 2 did not present themselves.

DEPARTMENTAL CONFERENCES OF OFFICERS.

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

Department.	Name of Conference.
Public Trust ..	Second Regional Conference of Co-operative Rural Intermediate Credit Associations operating in Taranaki, Wanganui, Manawatu, Hawke's Bay, and Wairarapa districts.
Public Trust ..	Third Regional Conference of Co-operative Rural Intermediate Credit Associations operating in the South Island.

CONCLUSION.

In the foregoing I have endeavoured to describe some of the various matters which come within the field of operations of the Public Service Commissioner. In an undertaking such as the Public Service, new problems are continuously arising and ever-varying conditions have to be provided for. I would be glad to see a better public appreciation and recognition by the public generally of the loyal and efficient work of members of the Public Service in the assistance they have been able to give to those carrying the responsibility of Government. I again wish to place on record my keen appreciation of the generous measure of support and co-operation accorded by Permanent Heads and of the loyal manner in which officers of the Service have risen to the demands of the abnormal conditions which have been experienced. Special thanks are due to the staff of my own office for their unfailing zeal and loyalty.

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

P. VERSCHAFFELT, Commissioner.

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