

# SAFEGUARD FOR FUTURE

The horror and futility of war have shown all too clearly that if future hostilities cannot be prevented then at least their scope can be greatly lessened by ensuring that in the years to come military preparedness is the watchword of the democracies.

The man on active service has undergone rigorous trials. His ideal is, or should be, a set of circumstances which makes similar sacrifices by future generations totally unnecessary. While the avoidance of war is hardly likely, nevertheless a state of preparedness on the part of a nation, and in this case New Zealand, will supply the best obstacle. This safeguard, on the land, sea and in the air can be achieved in the Dominion only on the lines of compulsory service in the Armed Forces.

Now is the time to discuss this question. The bitter pills of experience are still a reality and are not just a dim memory disturbing the normal and comforting flow of civil life. A fit, virile, manhood, fully prepared, can be a determining factor in any crisis or when the rumours of war seem destined to be fulfilled. Now is the time also to decide whether the Dominion is to provide its own future safeguards or rely on good fortune to guide the country safely through the hazards and trends of international vagaries and ambitions.

## STUDY COURSES

The total number of ERS study courses issued and pending to August 15, 1944, is as follows:—

<i>Commerce—</i>	Issued	Pending
Book-keeping 1	287	6
Book-keeping 2 & 3	84	2
Farm Book-keeping	216	—
Other Subjects	95	91
<i>Arts—</i>		
English	90	16
Other Subjects	35	195
<i>Engineering &amp; Technology—</i>		
Petrol Engines 1	180	—
Carpentry 1	171	—
Other Subjects	428	148
<i>Agriculture—</i>		
Animal Production	161	—
Wool	171	2
Other Subjects	277	59
Grand Totals	2195	519