

first time so that a prime condition of its being made is that the applicant prove he was in practice before joining the army and that that practice was an economic one. Secondly assistance will be given only during the first year after setting up again. Thirdly, it will be limited to such an amount as will bring the ex-service-man's personal earnings up to £30 a month. Finally not more than £250 will be paid out in any one case so that if earnings in the first year amount to only £80, the grant would be £250 even though that would not bring the total earnings up to £360 for the year.

It will naturally be necessary for the practitioner to produce his accounts for perusal and this has to be done quarterly, the grant being adjusted in accordance with the earn-

ings, where application has been made for its renewal. The grant is made in the first place for not more than four months, the amount decided being payable in advance from the date of commencing practice.

There are various clerical details which have to be complied with to obtain the grant and these will be explained when it is applied for. Many professional men who have stored their furniture and equipment may need only the grant and not the loan.

The assistance will not raise a man's standard of living to the level it was at before he joined up. It is not intended to. But it will be a very real help in bridging the gap between sufficiency and penury during the difficult recommencement period.

Your Licence, Please!

New Zealand soldiers who yearn to place stickers on vehicles in "No Parking" areas for a change—instead of receiving them themselves—will have their chance on returning home, as applications are being invited for positions as traffic inspectors in the State Transport Department as well as the municipalities. Members of the New Zealand Provost Corps may find the positions particularly appealing!

For the State Transport Department the applicants must be from 25 to 30 years of age, with a height in their socks of 5ft. 8in. or more, fit, and of good character and free of convictions for any offences. Educational requirements are Standard VI Proficiency examination, but preference will be given to those with secondary education. The commencing salary is £315 per annum, plus £26 cost of living allowance with promotions. There is an initial free supply of uniform with £6 per annum uniform allowance. Applicants must possess a driver's

licence covering heavy vehicles and motor cycles and must have several years' driving experience.

Due consideration should be given to the fact that an important phase of a traffic inspector's work lies in an ability honestly and meticulously to pursue prosecutions for traffic offences and to present, clearly and with confidence, evidence in court.

For municipal appointments the conditions are much the same. Those for the Wellington City Council can be taken as generally applying to the others, with minor variations. The height required is raised one inch and secondary education is regarded as necessary to enable an inspector to acquire an understanding of by-laws, their interpretation and application. A mechanical knowledge and training in first aid will be considered an advantage. The commencing salary is somewhat lower—£285 per annum with increments, plus living allowance. Returned servicemen will receive preference.