

Regulation No. 51 is amended by adding the proviso: "Provided that if an officer desires to accumulate leave he may be allowed to do so for two years only, subject, however, to his giving notice to the Permanent Head, when the annual leave schedule for the first year is being prepared, that he does not desire leave during that year. Such accumulated leave shall not in any case exceed forty-two days.

52A. In special cases special leave may be granted on such terms or conditions as the Commissioner may approve.

Regulation No. 53 is hereby amended by deleting the last sentence, and substituting in lieu thereof the sentence: "A schedule of such leave shall be furnished to the Permanent Head every two months, and the leave granted shall be shown in the annual leave schedule."

Regulation No. 55 is amended by striking out all the words from "sick-leave" in the third line down to "Commissioner" in the sixth line, and inserting the following:—

"Sick-leave," when granted by the Permanent Head, shall not be granted in excess of the scale of periods and rates of pay set out in the following schedule; and a report of all leave granted under this regulation shall be submitted every two months for the approval of the Commissioner."

55A. Whenever an officer is absent from duty on account of illness or accident for any period extending beyond three days, a medical certificate stating the nature of the illness or accident and the probable period of absence shall be furnished to the Permanent Head. The Permanent Head may, however, in his discretion, require that the medical certificate shall be furnished forthwith.

Regulation No. 101 is amended by omitting from the last paragraph the words "unless he is prepared without hearing evidence to decide in favour of the applicant."

Regulation No. 109 is amended by adding, after the word "sea," in the proviso the following words: "if the time occupied is more than twenty-four hours."

Regulation No. 110 is revoked, and the following regulation substituted in lieu thereof:—

"110. The allowance shall be for each day of twenty-four hours, and the day shall be deemed to commence at the hour of departure from headquarters. For any portion of a day the rate shall be one twenty-fourth of the full daily rate for each hour's absence; provided that, when the absence does not exceed six hours, actual and reasonable expenses only shall be paid."

"In computing the time of absence, a fraction of an hour, if less than half an hour, shall not be taken into account, but half an hour or more shall be reckoned as one hour.

"In any case special arrangements may be made by the Commissioner as to the allowance to be made to any person.

"Whenever the Permanent Head is satisfied that a lower travelling-allowance than the scale should suffice he may direct accordingly."

110A. An officer travelling by train from Wellington to Auckland or *vice versa* may claim, in lieu of the ordinary travelling-allowance, a refund of actual and reasonable payments made by him. Such claim may include the cost of a sleeping-berth, but if made shall cover a period of twenty-four hours from the time of departure, or the whole period occupied in travelling if such period is less than twenty-four hours.

Regulation No. 150 is amended by adding the following:—

"(l.) In the Lands and Survey Department, by the officers in charge of the works.

"(m.) The Magazine-keeper, Dunedin.

"(n.) The Conservator of Fisheries.

"(o.) The Gaoler in each prison.

"(p.) Inspectors of Rabbits and Noxious Weeds.

"(q.) In the Department of Defence (1) by the Quartermaster-General at Headquarters, and (2) by the Topographical Surveyor."

Regulation No. 155 is hereby cancelled, and the following regulation made in lieu thereof:—

"Subject to the provisions of section 40 of the said Act, no one not already in the Service shall be appointed—

"(a.) To the Professional Division unless he has passed an examination hereinafter called the 'Senior Examination,' which must include the compulsory subjects for the Department he desires to enter.