

YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH, 1943.

CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT—*continued*.

REMARKS.

- (a) Reduced expenditure on account of war. £75 estimated to be recovered as credits-in-aid.
- (b) Certain expenditure on office fittings and furniture not charged to this item during 1941-42 as expected.
- (c) Reduction in volume of import-control correspondence.
- (d) Legal expenses incurred during the year less than anticipated.
- (e) Additional rental payable this year owing to occupation of new premises at Greymouth.
- (f) Drop in Customs and sales-tax revenue collected at Tauranga and Hokitika and on imports per parcels-post. It is estimated, however, that £800 will be required for this item during 1942-43 owing to the recent increases in rates of Customs duties and sales tax.
- (g) Staff changes less than anticipated owing to the retention of officers who would have retired but for the war.
- (h) Number of officers, 42. Travelling-allowances, £449; travelling-expenses, £314; taxi and motor hire, £12.
- (i) Payment of medical expenses of officers injured on duty, £2 2s.
- (j) Alterations required to accommodate female office-assistants engaged to release male clerks for military duties.