

YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH, 1943.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE—*continued.*

Number of Persons.		VOTE—AGRICULTURE— <i>continued.</i>	1942-43.	1941-42.	
1942-43	1941-42			Voted.	Expended.
		<i>Subdivision No. V.—Fields Division—continued.</i>			
		OTHER CHARGES FOR AND INCIDENTAL TO— <i>continued.</i>	£	£	£
		Field crops (including contract—growing, seed certification, &c.), (recoverable)	6,000	4,300	(a) 6,093
		Field experiments	750	1,000	435
		Laboratory and incidental expenses in relation to examination and chemical analysis of manures and other materials	485	300	274
		Land-utilization expenses	50	50	2
		Seed-testing (recoverable)	1,230	1,370	1,381
		Bicycles and motors—			
		Maintenance and running-costs and State Fire accident-indemnification costs	3,000	2,750	2,853
		Purchase of	5	1,000	5
		Experimental and instructional farms and areas—			
		Flock House working-expenses, river protection and miscellaneous expenses (part recoverable)	10,000	10,000	(b) 7,986
		Marton	300	300	220
		Extension of instructional work in connection with rural industries	300	1,000	153
		New Zealand hemp industry: Grading (recoverable)	20	20	1
		Telephone services (including installation, extensions, maintenance, rent, and calls)	1,000	900	999
		Transfer and removal expenses	600	300	554
		Travelling allowances and expenses	8,000	8,000	(c) 7,661
		Young farmers' clubs	500	500	490
		Contingencies (including unforeseen expenditure incidental to the Fields Division items of the division)	20	20	
		Estimated credits-in-aid under Section 51 of the Public Revenues Act, 1926 (see end of vote)—	£		
		Farm areas	13,050		
		Field crops	8,500		
		Grading hemp	50		
		Seed-testing	4,000		
		Sundries	100		
			25,700		
			32,385	31,935	29,151
		<i>Total—Subdivision No. V</i>	73,187	75,556	71,472
		<i>Subdivision No. VI.—Animal Research Division.</i>			
		SALARIES—			
		PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.			
1	1	1 (£825), (Director)	825	825	27,977
85	96	85 (£80 to £765)	24,854	29,079	
		Cadets' lodging-allowances	35	133	
		Allowances for performing special or higher duties under Public Service Regulations Nos. 24A and 209	8	100	
86	97	Cost-of-living allowances	1,911		
		Estimated credits-in-aid under Section 51 of the Public Revenues Act, 1926 (see end of vote)—	£		
		Sundry services, &c.	50		
			27,633	30,137	27,977
Total Number of Persons.					
915	1,043				

- (a) Purchases of seed produced under "Government stock" seed contracts are increasing steadily and there are corresponding substantial increases in recoveries.
- (b) The incidence of purchases of materials and supplies fluctuates.
- (c) Approximately 70 officers travelling. Allowances, about £3,131; expenses, £1,530; motor-hire, £1,000; motor mileage, £2,000.