

YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH, 1943.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE—continued.

Number of Persons.		1941-42.	
1942-43	1941-42	Voted.	Expended.
VOTE—AGRICULTURE—continued.			
Subdivision No. VIII.—Miscellaneous Services: Advances, Grants, Guarantees, Subsidies, &c.			
CHARGES FOR AND INCIDENTAL TO—			
	£	£	£
Assistance to pig industry			
Blackberry, bonus for extermination of (£10,000), on account	8,200	6,700	8,159
Bursaries and fares from and to New Zealand: Veterinary	5	5	
students at Sydney and United Kingdom	500	1,250	610
Compassionate allowance to widow of late G. B. Melrose,			
Inspector of Stock	100		
Compensation under the Workers' Compensation Act,			
and medical expenses of officers injured in course of duty	100	100	20
Departmental exhibits at shows	500	1,500	1,227
Executive Commission of Agriculture: Salaries, travelling,			
and other expenses of the Commission	3,400	4,000	3,390
Expenses of members of the Council of Primary Production,			
and expenses incidental to control of Primary Industries	1,800	1,000	(a) 634
Grants—			
Dargaville Demonstration Farm	250	250	250
Egg-laying Competition organizations	200	200	200
Institute of Horticulture	100	100	100
Stratford Demonstration Farm	200	200	200
Widows or dependants equivalent to leave due to officers			
(deceased)	100	200	63
Winton Experimental Farm	200	200	200
Linen flax: Advances to growers, also other development			
and manufacturing equipment and incidentals	200	400	357
Noxious weeds, eradication of, and expenses incidental			
thereto (partly recoverable)	35,000	55,000	(b) 24,764
Onion marketing: Expenses of Advisory Committee and			
general costs relative to onion purchases	100	100	88
Purchase of grass-seed, freight, storage, blending, &c.,			
regrassing flooded areas, Hawke's Bay (part recoverable)	5	5	
Rail freight concessions on fodder and live-stock owing to			
feed shortage from drought or flood conditions: also			
free cartage for certain fodder	100	100	
Railways—			
Carriage of lime for bona fide farmers	202,000	200,000	201,916
Portion of freight rates on fertilizers	140,143	197,500	(c) 183,915
Portion of freight rates on farm-produce	67,000	65,000	67,085
Refund of fees in connection with various Acts	10	50	3
Subsidies—			
Cow-testing organizations: Payment to Dairy Board in			
respect of herd-improvement plan	10,000	15,000	(d) 14,941
Destruction of kea	200	300	136
Destruction of wild pigs and other incidental expenses ..	950	750	(e) 661
Grants—			
International Seed-testing Association		20	
Royal Agricultural Society		250	250
Purchase of fencing-materials, freight, storage, lifting posts,			
&c., flooded area, Hawke's Bay (part recoverable)		5	
Subsidies—			
Butter-boxes, manufacture of	(f)	22,000	22,401
On raw materials used in manufacture of superphosphate;			
and freight contribution on superphosphate transferred			
mainly from South Island to North Island	(f)	980,000	903,123
Sodium chlorate and Atlacide	(f)	10,000	713

(a) The problems of control necessitate occasional assistance from private enterprise.

(b) Counties were unable to fully utilize their allocations, a combination of labour and material shortages.

(c) Rationing of superphosphate automatically reduced rail tonnages

(d) Labour shortages are expected to have a reducing effect on the herds within the plan; also, as the organizations have been economical they have a measure of financial stability which made it practical for them to volunteer to absorb costs which will be inevitable if the number of cows tested twice or more exceed 200,000 during the 1942-43 season.

(e) Some poisoning arrangements have been made as the result of successful experiments on a small scale during the past year.

(f) Any costs arising from these three subsidies will be met from "War Expenses Account" as from 1st April, 1942.