

YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH, 1943.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH—*continued*.

REMARKS.

- (a) Increase in non-permanent staff due to introduction of general medical services and pharmaceutical benefits under the Social Security Act, also relieving of permanent officers on military service.
- (b) Amount required to pay a living-out allowance to nurses at Rotorua Services Convalescent Hospital. No accommodation is available for the nurses to live in.
- (c) Overexpenditure last year due to cost of printing Social Security regulations and pamphlets. Amount so expended has been recovered.
- (d) Compensation payable to the Public Trustee for the benefit of Mrs. M. G. Scoles in respect of injuries received by her whilst a patient at St. Helens Hospital, Auckland.
- (e) Fees and expenses of lecturers in course of training for dietitians (recoverable from examination fees).
- (f) Provision for the disbursement of grant made by the New Zealand Crippled Children's Society towards the cost of establishing travelling orthopaedic clinics at public hospitals. The society has allocated £1,000 towards the cost of these clinics.
- (g) Overexpenditure last year due to freight on materials for Whangarei Emergency Hospital being charged to this item. Approximately £130 is being recovered from War Expenses Account.
- (h) Additional provision required on account of expansion of Department owing to the introduction of general medical services and other benefits under the Social Security Act.
- (i) Special grants to Hospital Boards in respect of capital cost of providing hospital accommodation for tuberculosis cases, the total cost of which (to the Department) is estimated to amount to £44,430. Expenditure last year less than anticipated owing to the necessity for Hospital Boards to proceed with more urgent works.
- (j) The Department agreed to make a special grant for five years in easement of any additional contributions required from contributing local authorities of the old Thames Hospital District as a result of the amalgamation of the Thames-Coromandel-Waihi Hospital Districts. The grant involved payments as follows: 1938-39, £750; 1939-40, £600; 1940-41, £450; 1941-42, £300; 1942-43, £150.
- (k) To cover the cost of pamphlets, exhibits at Agricultural and Pastoral Shows and other appropriate places, visual aids (films, &c.) to be used for the purpose of health education and publicity. £1,500 commitments brought forward from last year.
- (l) Includes cost of alterations, &c., at District Offices and subdivision of Head Office in new State Fire Building. Also alterations, &c., to premises rented at Hamilton, Palmerston North, and Oamaru for departmental stores.