

YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH, 1943.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH—continued.

REMARKS.

- (a) Includes £1,600 commitments from last year. Increased expenditure due to additional staff engaged on account of the introduction of pharmaceutical and medical benefits under the Social Security Act.
- (b) Increased provision required on account of shortage of staff and additional work involved by introduction of further benefits under the Social Security Act.
- (c) Additional provision required this year on account of the introduction of general medical services under the Social Security Act. Postage on these benefits recoverable from the Social Security Fund.
- (d) Additional provision required this year to cover the cost of Head Office accommodation in State Fire Building, new departmental stores at Hamilton, Palmerston North, and Oamaru, and additional accommodation at district offices as a result of the introduction of general medical services under the Social Security Act.
- (e) Mainly represents the cost of services rendered by the Post and Telegraph Department in connection with the payment of refunds in respect of general medical services under the Social Security Act. Also covers payments made to the Justice Department for supplying information concerning births, deaths, &c., in connection with the administration of capitation scheme under the Social Security Act.
- (f) Provision for the supply of apples to school-children free of cost.
- (g) The free issue of milk is now available to 233,744 school-children as follows: Pasteurized milk, 221,306; malted milk, 7,651; milk for cocoamaking, 4,787.
- (h) Provision for the purchase of textiles, crockery, and other equipment for resale to Hospital Boards throughout the Dominion. Special arrangements made on account of the difficulties experienced by Hospital Boards in obtaining supplies from overseas.
- (i) Includes £1,200 rental for last year not brought to charge.
- (j) Increased expenditure due to transfer of officers arising out of regrading of district offices.
- (k) Number of officers, 325. Travelling-allowances and meals, £4,459; motor hire, £865; motor allowances, £1,752; rail and steamer fares, £2,707.
- (l) Fidelity-guarantee insurance, £2; safe-custody fee, 5s.; cost of clothing damaged, 4s. 6d.; examination of shipping, 5s.; drafting twenty-seven Nursing Certificates, £1 7s.; railage on E.P.S. material, £2 15s. 5d.; refreshments supplied at opening of Whangarei Emergency Hospital, 13s. 3d.; suppers for fire-watchers, 6s. 2d.; travelling-expenses of applicants for positions in the Department brought to Wellington for interview, £5 7s. 6d.: total, £13 3s. 10d.
- (m) Provision made in vote "Education" this year.
- (n) Property now vested in King George V Memorial Fund.