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NATIONAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT: EMPLOYMENT DIVISION.

REPORT OF THE CONTROLLER OF EMPLOYMENT.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

REPORT.

To the Hon. the MINISTER OF LABOUR.

National Service Department,
Wellington, 30th June, 1942.

SIR, —

I have the honour to present herewith for the information of His Excellency the Governor-General the report upon the activities of the Employment Division, covering the year 1st April, 1941, to 31st March, 1942, except where otherwise indicated.

I have, &c.,

A. J. RIDLER,
Controller of Employment.

ADMINISTRATION.

The Employment Division's activities during the year under review in so far as they relate to employment-promotion measures have been curtailed with the falling off in the numbers of men requiring assistance. At the same time, the staffs generally have been working at high pressure, particularly in district offices, in view of the general expansion in relation to rehabilitation and man-power (industrial) work.

This report deals only with the employment-promotion schemes and the State Placement Service which come directly under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Labour, the other activities of the Division being the responsibility of the Minister of National Service.

The administration generally, together with the schemes in operation, are as outlined in last year's annual report.

FINANCIAL.

Provision for expenditure incurred in the promotion of employment is subject to appropriation by Parliament in terms of the Public Revenues Act, 1926, and during the year under review the sum of £1,604,287 (gross) was appropriated from the Consolidated Fund under vote, "Labour," for this purpose.

As the amount appropriated included £104,287 (gross) to cover the administration expenses of the Employment Division of the National Service Department, provision was made for the net administration expenses in connection with the employment-promotion schemes and the State Placement Service to be recovered from vote, "National Service."

The net payments during the year ended 31st March, 1942, and corresponding figures for the previous year, including administration expenses recovered from vote, "National Service," were as follows:—

	1941-42.		1940-41.	
Employment-promotion schemes—	£	£	£	£
Scheme No. 4b	158,206		296,274	
Scheme No. 4F	8,863		20,145	
Scheme No. 13	1,095,770		2,069,422	
Scheme No. 16	4,422		12,318	
Scheme No. 16A	606		577	
Insurance of workers ..	657		3,082	
Transport of workers ..	1,042		1,567	
Youths farm settlement ..	345		826	
Miscellaneous	3,145		7,647	
Rural housing bonus ..	15,376		928	
	1,288,432		2,412,786	
Administration expenses	97,162		100,814	
	£1,385,594		£2,513,600	

It will be seen from the above statement that the total expenditure under the employment-promotion schemes during the year ended 31st March, 1941, was £2,412,786, as compared with £1,288,432 during the year under review, a reduction of £1,124,354.