

YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH, 1944.

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE—continued.

| Number of Persons. |         | VOTE—AGRICULTURE—continued.                                                                                    | 1943 44. | 1942-43. |           |
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| 1943 44            | 1942 43 |                                                                                                                |          | Voted.   | Expended. |
|                    |         | <i>Subdivision No. II.—Live-stock Division—continued.</i>                                                      |          |          |           |
|                    |         | OTHER CHARGES FOR AND INCIDENTAL TO—continued.                                                                 | £        | £        | £         |
|                    |         | Wool instruction: Purchases for demonstrations ..                                                              | 50       | 175      | 7         |
|                    |         | Contingencies, including unforeseen expenditure incidental to the Live-stock Division items of the division .. | 25       | 25       | (a) 15    |
|                    |         | Estimated credits-in-aid under Section 51 of the Public Revenues Act, 1926 (see end of vote)— £                |          |          |           |
|                    |         | Destruction of rabbits (trading) .. .. 6,000                                                                   |          |          |           |
|                    |         | Destruction of rabbits—                                                                                        |          |          |           |
|                    |         | Department of Lands and Survey .. .. 3,500                                                                     |          |          |           |
|                    |         | Native Department .. .. 2,000                                                                                  |          |          |           |
|                    |         | Farm areas .. .. 1,250                                                                                         |          |          |           |
|                    |         | Quarantine Stations .. .. 200                                                                                  |          |          |           |
|                    |         | Sundry .. .. 185                                                                                               |          |          |           |
|                    |         | 13,135                                                                                                         |          |          |           |
|                    |         |                                                                                                                | 37,990   | 35,515   | 27,828    |
|                    |         | <i>Total—Subdivision No. II</i> .. ..                                                                          | 174,992  | 164,131  | 155,653   |
|                    |         | <i>Subdivision No. III.—Horticulture Division.</i>                                                             |          |          |           |
|                    |         | SALARIES—                                                                                                      |          |          |           |
|                    |         | PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.                                                                                         |          |          |           |
| 1                  | 1       | 1 (£800), (Director) .. ..                                                                                     | 800      | 800      | 24,170    |
|                    |         | OTHER SALARIES.                                                                                                |          |          |           |
| 73                 | 68      | 73 (£115 to £665) .. ..                                                                                        | 26,580   | 22,094   |           |
|                    |         | Cost-of-living allowances .. ..                                                                                | 1,366    | 1,352    |           |
|                    |         | Cadets' lodging-allowances .. ..                                                                               | ..       | 35       |           |
| 74                 | 69      | Allowances for performing special or higher duties under Public Service Regulations Nos. 24A and 209 .. ..     | ..       | 4        |           |
|                    |         | Estimated credits-in-aid under Section 51 of the Public Revenues Act, 1926 (see end of vote)— £                |          |          |           |
|                    |         | Sundry services, &c. .. .. 50                                                                                  |          |          |           |
|                    |         |                                                                                                                | 28,746   | 24,285   | 24,170    |
|                    |         | OTHER CHARGES FOR AND INCIDENTAL TO—                                                                           |          |          |           |
|                    |         | Apiary Industry—                                                                                               |          |          |           |
|                    |         | Part-time Apiary Instructors .. ..                                                                             | 250      | 250      | 201       |
|                    |         | Purchase of beekeeping requisites, material for experiments, &c. .. ..                                         | 50       | 50       | 13        |
|                    |         | Bicycles and motors—                                                                                           |          |          |           |
|                    |         | Maintenance and running-costs and State Fire accident-indemnification costs .. ..                              | 800      | 800      | 487       |
|                    |         | Purchase of .. ..                                                                                              | 30       | 30       |           |
|                    |         | Fruit Industry—                                                                                                |          |          |           |
|                    |         | Abandoned orchards: Wages and expenses cutting-out .. ..                                                       | 50       | 30       |           |
|                    |         | Collection of fireblight tax (recoverable) .. ..                                                               | 5        | 5        |           |
|                    |         | Collection of orchard-tax (recoverable) .. ..                                                                  | 50       | 50       | 60        |
|                    |         | Cool-storage and horticultural experiments .. ..                                                               | 30       | 30       | 10        |
|                    |         | Control of citrus canker: Wages and expenses, compensation, &c. .. ..                                          | 2,000    | 3,500    | (b) 783   |
|                    |         | Control of fireblight disease .. ..                                                                            | 10       | 10       |           |
|                    |         | Frost-fighting experiments: Expenditure connected with purchase, installation of plant, &c. .. ..              | 10       | 10       |           |
|                    |         | Fumigation and destruction of diseased fruit (recoverable) .. ..                                               | 150      | 150      | (c) 21    |

(a) Pigeon-pox vaccine, £11 9s. 8d.; equipment, £3 6s. 8d.; total, £14 16s. 4d.

(b) The incidence of disease was relatively satisfactory.

(c) This varies according to supplies of carbon-bisulphide becoming available.