

DETAILS OF ESTIMATES FOR THE

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE—*continued.*

Number of Persons.		1943 44.	1942-43.	
1943 44	1942-43		Voted.	Expended.
VOTE—AGRICULTURE— <i>continued.</i>		£	£	£
<i>Subdivision No. VIII.—Miscellaneous Services: Advances, Grants, Guarantees, Subsidies, &c.</i>				
CHARGES FOR AND INCIDENTAL TO—				
Assistance to pig industry		8,200	8,200	8,105
Blackberry, bonus for extermination of (£10,000), on account		5	5	
Bursaries and fares from and to New Zealand: Veterinary students at Sydney and United Kingdom		500	500	320
Compensation under the Workers' Compensation Act, and medical expenses of officers injured in course of duty		100	100	11
Departmental exhibits at shows and preparatory work, &c.		500	500	426
Executive Commission of Agriculture: Salaries, travelling, and other expenses of the Commission		3,400	3,400	3,103
Expenses of members of the Council of Primary Production, and expenses incidental to control of Primary Industries		1,800	1,800	1,316
Grants—				
Dargaville Demonstration Farm		250	250	250
Institute of Horticulture		100	100	100
Widows or dependants equivalent to leave due to officers (deceased)		100	100	889
Winton Experimental Farm		200	200	200
Linen flax: Advances to growers, also other development and manufacturing equipment and incidentals		50	200	21
Noxious weeds, eradication of, and expenses incidental thereto (partly recoverable)		25,000	35,000	(a) 20,903
Onion marketing: Expenses of Advisory Committee and general costs relative to onion purchases		100	100	142
Purchase of grass-seed, freight, storage, blending, &c., regressing flooded areas, Hawke's Bay (part recoverable)		5	5	
Rabbits, destruction of by way of grants to Rabbit Boards and to a Rabbit-skins Committee		(b) 20,000	..	
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 <i>bona fide</i> farmers		200,000	202,000	(c) 194,949
Portion of freight rates on fertilizers		140,000	140,143	141,609
Portion of freight rates on farm-produce		75,000	67,000	(d) 77,100
Refund of fees in connection with various Acts		10	10	1
Subsidies—				
Cow-testing organizations: Payment to Dairy Board in respect of herd-improvement plan		10,000	10,000	10,000
Destruction of kea		200	200	183
Destruction of wild pigs and other incidental expenses		950	950	1,165
Compassionate allowance to widow of late G. B. Melrose, Inspector of Stock		..	100	100
Grants—				
Egg-laying Competition organizations		..	200	
Stratford Demonstration Farm		..	200	

(a) Shortages of sodium chlorate and labour have had their lowering effects on this item.

(b) This is designed to encourage "all the year round" destruction efforts.

(c) Availability of labour and transport facilities were the major factors in this apparent lowering of lime usage.

(d) Certain transport restrictions have brought about some increase in railways transport; also movements of primary products for war purposes have exercised increasing effects.