

Scheme No. 16: Subsidized Apprentices in Building Trade.—Since this scheme commenced in September, 1937, some 631 apprentices and 128 trainees have been placed, the position regarding these contracts on the 1st April, 1944, being as follows:—

	Carpenters.		Bricklayers.	Total.
	Apprentices.	Trainees.		
Contracts suspended	214	14	7	235
Contracts terminated	185	81	4	270
Contracts completed	199	28	12	239
Contracts cancelled	9	5	1	15
Totals	607	128	24	759

Scheme No. 16A: Subsidized Workers in Boot-manufacturing Industry.—A total of 29 men have been engaged under this scheme since its commencement in August, 1939, 2 of these contracts being in operation on 1st April, 1944, 17 having terminated, and the remaining 10 having expired.

Numbers employed under the above Schemes.—The following table shows the numbers of men engaged under the various schemes in full-time subsidized employment at approximately quarterly points of time from April, 1943, to April, 1944:—

Date.	Scheme No. 4F.	Scheme No. 13.	Scheme No. 16.	Scheme No. 16A.	Total.
1943					
3rd April	4	636	1	4	645
26th June	4	622	1	4	631
18th September	4	595	1	4	604
11th December	1	572	..	4	577
1944					
1st April	1	494	..	2	497

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 £220,750 (gross) was appropriated from the Consolidated Fund under vote "Labour" for this purpose.

The amount appropriated included £10,500 (gross) to cover the administration expenses of the Employment Division, which were met by vote "National Service" in the first instance and subsequently recovered from vote "Labour."

The net payments during the year ended 31st March, 1944, and corresponding figures for the previous year, including administration expenses, were as follows:—

Employment Promotion Schemes—	1943-44.	1942-43.
	£	£
Scheme No. 4B	1,023	19,441
Scheme No. 4F	174	985
Scheme No. 13	143,667	329,509
Scheme No. 16	63	637
Scheme No. 16A	110	485
Insurance of workers	..	218
Transport of workers	..	831
Youths' farm settlement	348	384
Rural housing bonus	778	3,438
Assistance to flax industry	23	4,052
Miscellaneous	567	1,699
	£	£
	146,753	361,679
Administration expenses	10,500	12,500
	<u>£157,253</u>	<u>£374,179</u>

It will be seen from the above statement that the expenditure under the employment promotion schemes during the year ended 31st March, 1944, was £157,253, as compared with £374,179 during the previous year, a reduction of £216,926.

14. ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF

During the whole of the period covered by this report the position of Director of National Service was held by Mr. J. S. Hunter. This position has since been amalgamated with that of Controller of Man-power, and the control of the policy of Armed Forces Appeal Boards, on the one hand, and Man-power Officers and Appeal Committees, on the other hand, is now held jointly.