

SECTION VI.—THE SEASONAL LABOUR PROBLEM, 1943-44 SEASON

TABLE 18.—THE ARMY HARVESTING SCHEME

(a) *Ages, Marital Status, and Medical Grades of Men selected*

Aged under 20	6,420
Aged 20 and over—	
Single—	
Grade I	4,309
Grade II, &c.	2,017
Married : Without children—	
Grade I	1,430
Grade II, &c.	1,178
Married : With children—	
Grade I	1,049
Grade II, &c.	538
Total men selected	16,941

(b) *Industries from which Men were selected, and Appeals*

Industrial Group.	Number selected.	Appeals.	
		Number.	Per Cent.
Primary industries	2,030	1,212	59·7
Building and construction	1,714	555	32·4
Transport and communication	2,521	805	31·9
Secondary industries and power	5,606	2,665	47·5
Commerce and finance	3,420	752	22·0
Administration and others	1,650	426	25·8
All industries	16,941	6,415	37·9

Of the 6,420 men *under 20* who were selected, 1,450 were affected by appeals, *i.e.* Per Cent.
 Of the 10,521 men *20 and over* who were selected, 4,965 were affected by appeals, *i.e.* 47·2

(c) *Determination of Appeals*

	Percentage of Appeals.	
	Dismissed.	Upheld.
Men under 20	59·3	40·7
Men 20 and over	35·9	64·1
All men affected by appeals	42·3	57·7

(d) *Numbers finally available, and Utilization*

Of the entire 16,941 men selected for service :—
 10,526 were available without appeal, while
 2,714 were available following unsuccessful appeal.

i.e., 13,240 in all were available for harvesting service with the Army.

The number of these men actually used by the Army up to the 28th April, 1944, was 5,079, with 539 further men expected to be required (1,282 mobilized Territorials and 633 men from N.Z.E.F. camps were also used for harvesting work). Some hundreds of the men selected for short-time service were also used for emergency work in freezing-works.

TABLE 19.—PLACEMENTS BY VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE OFFICERS OF SCHOOL-CHILDREN IN HOLIDAY AND SEASONAL WORK

(Period covered : 1st December, 1943, to 29th February, 1944)

Type of Work.	Males.			Females.			Males and Females.		
	School Holidays.	Leaving School.	Total.	School Holidays.	Leaving School.	Total.	School Holidays.	Leaving School.	Total.
Vegetable-growing	143	..	143	..	..	..	143	..	143
Fruit-picking, tobacco, hops, &c.	88	..	88	66	..	66	154	..	154
Harvesting	6	..	6	269	21	290	275	21	296
Other farming	174	..	174	..	..	..	174	..	174
Freezing-works	2	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	2
Dairy factories	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canneries	..	..	..	3	..	3	3	..	3
Other secondary industry	61	9	70	24	..	24	85	9	94
Offices	9	..	9	25	2	27	34	2	36
Retail shops	101	..	101	518	5	523	619	5	624
Warehouses, wool-stores, &c.	66	4	70	2	3	5	68	7	75
All other work	129	1	130	98	2	100	227	3	230
Total placements	779	14	793	1,005	33	1,038	1,784	47	1,831

NOTE.—Of these placements 81·1 per cent. were made in December, 1943.