

YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH, 1947

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH—*continued*

VOTE—SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH— <i>continued</i>		1945-46.	
<i>Subdivision No. VII—Dominion Physical Laboratory</i>		Voted.	Expended.
(Number of officers: 1946-47, 152; 1945-46, 97)		£	£
SALARIES—			
OTHER SALARIES			
152 (£95 to £1,000)	(a) 50,361	32,676	33,493
OTHER CHARGES FOR AND INCIDENTAL TO—			
Expenses of officers overseas	(b) 1,200	..	..
Furniture and fittings, purchase of	1,580	500	731
Instruments, apparatus, equipment, and stores, purchase of	(a) 55,808	25,407	(c) 18,088
Maintenance and operating expenses of laboratories, &c.	(a) 2,550	950	1,944
Motor-vehicles: purchase, repairs, and maintenance (including fees and running-expenses)	(d) 3,475	640	407
Office expenses	2,780	2,150	2,776
Overtime and meal allowances	1,800	4,700	(e) 2,780
Payments to Post and Telegraph Department	450	496	442
Permanent improvements, including buildings, roading, fencing, &c.	(f) 7,900	400	276
Printing and stationery	500	540	837
Travelling allowances and expenses	2,400	2,900	(g) 2,426
Wages	9,900	22,273	(e) 17,606
Contingencies	10	10	..
(Recoveries, £71,150)	90,353	60,966	48,313
<i>Total—Subdivision No. VII</i>	(a) 140,714	93,642	(e) 81,806

- (a) Increase accounted for mainly by following new projects. Radio meteorological investigation in Canterbury, £23,000 (£11,000 recoverable from United Kingdom Government); production of micro-wave height finders for Meteorological Office, £21,000 (all recoverable).
- (b) Cost of sending an officer to study methods in use in Standards Laboratories in England, United States of America, and Australia.
- (c) Overseas orders have been slow in coming to charge. Provision has been made in 1946-47 to meet outstanding claims.
- (d) Replacement of old truck, £400; alterations and running-costs of eleven trucks engaged on Canterbury project, £2,675.
- (e) Underspent owing to cessation of munitions programme.
- (f) Purchase of and alterations to buildings for housing Canterbury project.
- (g) Number of officers, 40. Motor hire, £60; mileage-allowances, £20; travelling-allowances, £763; travelling-expenses, £1,583.