to its detriment. For instance, transfers from Audit to other Departments on promotion have reduced below a satisfactory standard the audit work which it has been practicable to carry out at the War Assets Realization Board, and, as mentioned in the preceding section of this report referring to that Board, it has not been possible to give the Board the service it desired. A way should be found by which the Audit Department can retain its trained and experienced staff, and so be able to carry out satisfactorily the increasing duties thrown on it by the expansion of State activities.

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