

(2) ACCOMMODATION

Reference to Table XIII of the Statistical Appendix will show the inspections of accommodation that have been carried out on dairy-farms, and other farms and stations. Table XXII shows the extent to which requisitions have been served under both the Agricultural Workers' and Shearers' Accommodation Acts for the improvement of Accommodation.

(3) SHAREMILKING AGREEMENTS

The Sharemilking Agreements Order 1944 was revoked during the year by a new order (1946/156) which came into force on 4th September, 1946. The new order incorporates a set of conditions which were either agreed to between the New Zealand Farmers' Union and the New Zealand Workers' Industrial Union of Workers, or were recommended by the Court of Arbitration. The order increased the sharemilker's proportion of milk and cream cheques, and sets out other conditions in greater detail than before.

Inspectors have been called upon to give advice about the terms of the Order, and they report the settlement of a number of disputes. Some recourse has been had to arbitrators. Inquiries about the Order are reported to have been fewer than in the previous year, the reason apparently being wider knowledge of the Act and its general acceptance by the parties.

(4) UNDER-RATE WORKERS' PERMITS

The following table shows the under-rate workers' permits issued under the Agricultural Workers Act, 1936, and the reasons for their issue :—

Type of Work.	Part-time Work.		Inexperience.		Disability.		Other Reasons.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	Details.
Dairy-farms ..	3	126	7	..	73	2	2	1, working for widowed mother.
Farms and stations ..	..	5	8	4	92	3	5	4, old age.
Market gardens ..	..	1	..	..	5	..	..	2, mentally deficient.
Orchards ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	
Totals ..	3	132	15	4	171	5	7	

SECTION 10.—SCAFFOLDING AND EXCAVATION ACT, 1922

(1) GENERAL

During the year 4,050 notices of intention to erect buildings and scaffolding and to commence excavations were received. This compares with 3,980 of the previous year. Reference to Table XIII will show that an increased number of inspections were made.