

SECTION 2.—STAFF

6. During the year Mr. F. R. Picot terminated his services with the Government as Commissioner of Supply, and re-entered commercial life. Mr. Walter Bromley, Assistant Commissioner of Supply, who retired from the Public Service on 31st January, 1946, continued to act in an advisory capacity to the Industries Committee of the Department until 31st March, 1947. Mr. P. B. Marshall succeeded as Commissioner of Supply, and Mr. G. W. Clinkard returned from overseas to take up the position of Secretary of the Department.

7. The following tables show the distribution of the staff within the control of the Department as at 31st March, 1947 :—

Table I

—	Overseas.*	Head Office, Wellington.	Auckland.	Christchurch.	Dunedin.	Total.
Department of Industries and Commerce	14	219	18	8	4	263
Price Tribunal	..	117	41	16	12	186
Standards Institute	..	59	..	..	..	59
Food and Rationing Control	..	49	14	8	5	76
	14	444	73	32	21	584

* Excluding locally-engaged staff and officers seconded from other Departments.

Table II.—Distribution of Staff of Head Office, Wellington

Executive and Administrative	12
Industries Divisions—	
Building and Metal Products	10
Chemicals, Oil, and Rubber	18
Engineering and Transport	16
Textiles and Leather	14
Commerce Division	26
Accounts Section	25
Stores Control Section	17
Records Section	16
Library and Information Service	9
Typists	20
Staff Section, Shipping Section, Import Licensing Section, Bureau of Industry, and others	27
Officers seconded to other Departments	9
Total	219

8. Under the guidance of the Department's personnel officer, staff training lectures were conducted during the year, primarily in the interests of returned servicemen.

9. I would like to record my appreciation of the willing and able support given by the staff as a whole during a year which has brought new and additional problems to the Department.