

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1948-49

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND SURVEY—*continued*

For Services chargeable on the Consolidated Fund— <i>continued</i>	£	£	£
ORDINARY REVENUE ACCOUNT— <i>ctd.</i>			
VOTE—LANDS AND SURVEY— <i>continued</i>			
<i>Subdivision No. II.—Miscellaneous Services</i>			
<i>Charges for and incidental to—</i>			
Compensation for live-stock accidentally poisoned	(a) 35		
Drainage-works expenditure (part recoverable)—			
Rangitaiki Drainage District—			
Old Rangitaiki Channel pumping area : expenses of special committee investigating drainage	(b) 90		
Tarawera River—Works expenditure : strengthening stop-banks (recoverable)	(c) 2,000		
Waihi Drainage Area—Works expenditure : Upper Pongakawa Stream improvement (recoverable)	(d) 3,500		
<i>Ex gratia</i> payment to widow of former block manager	(e) 50		
Payment of monetary equivalent of leave due to deceased officers	100		
	5,775		
Saving on expenditure already provided on main estimates consequent upon adjustment of the exchange rate	Cr. 2,500		
<i>Total—Subdivision No. II</i>		3,275	

(a) Refuse from departmental wool-shed was placed on settler's property with his authority. It transpired that the refuse contained poisonous substance, and as a result three dairy cows died.

(b) For the fees and expenses of a special committee which visited the district to investigate and report on proposals for improved drainage.

(c) Approximately two miles of stop-banking require raising and widening to confine the river to its course to obviate the danger of flooding and interruption to road and rail communications. Cost is recoverable mainly from Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Council, and balance from ratepayers.

(d) The work comprises the straightening and dredging of the stream for the improved drainage of swamp lands. Half the expenditure is recoverable from the Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Council, and balance from settlers by way of drainage rates.

(e) An undertaking was given to consider the manager as permanent lessee. The manager was accidentally drowned and the payment to the widow is in consideration of her vacating the property.