

(3) Reference to Table XVI will show that inspections of agricultural accommodation have been maintained in numbers, the totals for the past three years being 233, 230, and 232 in that order. Table XXII shows that these inspections have resulted in 52 requisitions for improvement being served during the past year, compared with 53 for 1946-47 and 68 for 1945-46. Inspectors report favourably on the observance of the accommodation provisions, although here again improvements are to some extent dependent on conditions of supply.

(4) The following table shows the under-rate workers' permits issued during the year 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.             | F. | Details.                                                                |
| Dairy-farms ..        | 9               | 151 | 6             | 1  | 61          | 4  | 3              | .. | <div> <div>10 old age and</div> <div>2 mentally deficient.</div> </div> |
| Farms and stations .. | 2               | ..  | 8             | .. | 73          | 1  | 8              | 1  |                                                                         |
| Market gardens ..     | ..              | ..  | ..            | .. | 3           | .. | ..             | .. |                                                                         |
| Orchards ..           | ..              | ..  | ..            | .. | 2           | .. | ..             | .. |                                                                         |
| Totals, 1947-48       | 11              | 151 | 14            | 1  | 139         | 5  | 11             | 1  | ..                                                                      |
| Totals, 1946-47       | 3               | 132 | 15            | 4  | 171         | 5  | 7              | .. | ..                                                                      |

Total number of permits : 1947-48, 333 ; 1946-47, 337.

(d) *Bush Workers Act, 1945*

(1) The inspections required by this Act were extended during the year under review to cover the greater part of New Zealand. General inspections of bush undertakings for the year number 692, compared with 130 for the previous year.

(2) Requisitions for improvements issued during the year may be compared with those for the previous year in the following table :—

| Requirements.                                                             | Requisitions issued. |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------|
|                                                                           | 1946-47.             | 1947-48. |
| To fit canopies to logging tractors or repair existing canopies           | 26                   | 35       |
| To supply first-aid appliances                                            | 24                   | 166      |
| To protect machinery, fit guards, &c.                                     | 15                   | 44       |
| To repair bridges                                                         | 7                    | 41       |
| To repair tramways or roads                                               | 1                    | 4        |
| To improve ropes, blocks, &c.                                             | 1                    | ..       |
| Requirements in respect of working methods, rigging, dangerous trees, &c. | ..                   | 11       |
| To repair rolling-stock                                                   | ..                   | 5        |
| Totals .. .. .                                                            | 74                   | 277      |