

and vote "Labour" for the previous year. This total was £364,716 net, and it will be seen that there was a reduction of £4,899. It is interesting to note that although there was a reduction of only £4,899 in the totals of administration expenses there was a saving of £13,554 in the total salaries as compared with the previous totals of the salaries for the two Departments.

(3) *Subdivision II: Employment (£180,991 Net).*—The main items of expenditure under this subdivision were—

(i) Accommodation for workers (camps and hostels, including Public Service but excluding immigration hostels)—

	£	£
Capital expenditure	96,627	
Less capital receipts	1,698	
Net capital expenditure		94,929
Operational expenditure	104,510	
Less board receipts	114,093	
Cash working surplus		9,583
Net capital and operational expenditure		£85,346

The cash working surplus of £9,583 is accounted for mainly by the fact that an adjustment for an amount of £8,298 which was wrongly credited to War Expenses Account during the year ended 31st March, 1947, was not cleared through Treasury until the year ending 31st March, 1948.

(ii) Home Aid Service—

	£	£
Capital cost of hostels, including equipment		1,559
Hostel-operating costs	1,699	
Less board receipts	830	
Cash working deficit		869
Operating-expenses for Home Aid Service (excluding hostel expenses)	11,600	
Less payments by householders	7,669	
Net operation charges (excluding hostels)		3,931
Net capital and operational expenditure		£6,359

The excess of £3,931 of operational expenses (excluding hostel costs) over payments by householders for services rendered is accounted for mainly by reductions in charges for necessitous cases.

(iii) Promotion of Employment: Details of employment promotion expenditure are shown in the following table. It will be noted that the expenditure for 1947–48 was £88,740, compared with £98,328 in the previous year, a reduction of £9,588:—

	Year ended 31st March, 1948.	Year ended 31st March, 1947.
	£	£
Scheme 13	76,442	93,312
Subsidized training in industry	176	21
Subsidized training for shearers	281	..
Youths' farm settlement	1,112	1,140
Insurance of workers	13	..
Separation allowances	5,636	2,356
Travelling-expenses of workers	4,351	1,484
Allowances to apprentices	722	..
Miscellaneous	7	15
	88,740	98,328