

(iv) "C" Class Training (Subsidized Revived Apprenticeships)

42. Table VI of the Appendix gives the figures relating to "C" Class training for the year ending 31st March, 1947. The following is a comparison of the figures in this table with the equivalent totals for the previous year:—

	As at 31st March,		Increase or Decrease for year.
	1948.	1947.	
Ex-servicemen in training	1,367	2,151	784 decrease.
Ex-servicemen completed training ..	1,988	1,000	988 increase.
Totals	3,355	3,151	204 increase.

The decrease in the number of men under training is attributable to the fact that the bulk of those ex-servicemen whose apprenticeships were suspended by military service have now returned and resumed their previous occupations.

(v) "E" Class Training (Intermediate Scheme)

43. As anticipated in last year's report, there has been a reduction in the number of ex-servicemen engaged on the Intermediate Scheme, there being only two ex-servicemen on the scheme as at 31st March, 1948. Although there has at no time been a great number of ex-servicemen employed, the scheme has been of invaluable assistance to those placed on it who have required a recuperative period in which to adjust themselves gradually to the routine of everyday work.

SECTION VI.—PROVISION FOR THE DISABLED

(i) Disabled Servicemen's Re-establishment League ("D" Class Training)

44. The Disabled Servicemen's Re-establishment League continues to act as the agent of the Board in the training of ex-servicemen seriously disabled as the result of service in World War II.

45. The League's training centres at Auckland, Napier, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin, and Invercargill provide training for these men under subsidy from the Rehabilitation Board in a number of trades and crafts suited to the limitations of the disabled.

46. The training farm at Milson, Palmerston North, is now in full operation and is not only doing valuable work in this field, but is also having a marked beneficial effect on the health of the disabled trainees accepted for training in rural activities. The Board is now considering the best method of settling these ex-servicemen when their training has been completed.

47. Table VII of the Appendix gives the numbers trained by, and in training with, the League.

(ii) Blinded Servicemen's Trust Board ("F" Class Training)

48. The Blinded Servicemen's Trust Board has continued its valuable work as agent for the Rehabilitation Board in the training and care of those ex-servicemen of the 1939-45 war who lost their sight or suffered serious visual disablement.

49. The Trust Board anticipates that its training facilities might not be required after 1949-50, and is making every endeavour to induce all men who would benefit from such training to take advantage of the facilities as soon as possible.