

Supplies were procured for B.C.O.F., Japan, to a total cost of £101,994 1s. 8d., of which a portion to the value of £41,586 10s. 7d. only was actually shipped. The balance, valued at £60,407 11s. 1d., being surplus to B.C.O.F. reduced requirements, has been declared to War Assets Realization Board for disposal.

Fertilizers and vegetable seeds to the value of £248 17s. 4d. were shipped to 2 N.Z.E.F. (Japan).

Foodstuffs imported consisted of tea, rice, and dried fruits to a value of £7,332 6s. 2d.

The consumption of petrol in New Zealand for the year amounted to 273,989 gallons, a reduction of 193,010 gallons on the previous year.

Other fuels consumed in camp were :—

					Tons.
Coal	..	..	..	..	3,263 (3,823)
Coke	..	..	..	..	693 (1,235)
Firewood	..	..	..	..	1,052 (2,335)
					Gallons.
Fuel oil	..	..	..	..	91,303 (98,742)

(Previous year's figures shown in parentheses.)

DEFENCE SERVICES PROVISION OFFICE

Stores to the value of £220,437 were during the year shipped overseas on behalf of the United Kingdom Government. With the exception of rifle-slings to the value of £2,125, all of these stores comprised items manufactured in New Zealand against orders placed by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom.

During the year surplus stocks of United Kingdom Government stores to the value of £236,280 were taken over by War Assets Realization Board, in addition to which, universal carriers with spare engines and parts were acquired by Army at a cost of £50,000.

Surplus stores belonging to His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom valued at £94,983 are still held for local disposal, whilst items to the value of £86,348 are awaiting shipment to the United Kingdom.

ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER SERVICE

Inspection, repair, and maintenance of the great quantities of artillery, small-arms, radar, telecommunication equipment, instruments, and wheeled and tracked vehicles have been carried on during the year. Owing to the serious shortage of skilled personnel, priority has had to be given to current requirements, and much equipment not in current use has not received the degree of attention which would be desirable.

Wheeled and tracked vehicles were transferred to Ordnance control on 1st September, 1947, and spare parts, tools, and accessories on 1st April, 1948.

These transactions virtually marked the end of the wartime Mechanical Transport Branch.

As far as buildings and workshop tools are concerned, R.N.Z.E.M.E. is reasonably well equipped to handle all normal peacetime repairs to the modern complex equipment of the Army and, in addition, to undertake vehicle repairs for the Navy and the Air Force.

ORDNANCE SERVICE

All Ordnance establishments have been fully occupied consolidating and maintaining stocks and in the disposal of substantial surplus holdings through War Assets Realization Board. The total value of such disposals amounted to £595,000.

During the year all possible surplus motor transport spare parts have been declared to War Assets Realization Board. In addition, 1,511 surplus carriers and vehicles were sold, of which 827 carriers and 444 motor-cycles went to private individuals, whilst about all the 230 cars and vehicles went to Government Departments.