

## FINANCE

The payments and receipts in connection with the Public Works Account and other associated votes and accounts for the year 1948–49 are shown in the tabulation following.

The expenditure administered through the Ministry of Works for the year reached a total of £27,026,932. In addition, a sum of £4,449,234 was expended from the Public Works Account—*i.e.*, £1,650,395 on education buildings, £1,423,839 on forest development, and £1,375,000 on Christmas Island phosphate rights. The miscellaneous receipts and recoveries for the Ministry of Works totalled £7,258,501.

| Class of Work.                                                                                                     | Expenditure<br>1948–49. |
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| EXPENDITURE, PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNT                                                                                  | £                       |
| Railway construction .. .. .                                                                                       | 128,725                 |
| Housing construction .. .. .                                                                                       | 8,886,322               |
| Public buildings .. .. .                                                                                           | 1,080,463               |
| Education buildings .. .. .                                                                                        | 1,650,395               |
| Lighthouses and harbour-works .. .. .                                                                              | 8,111                   |
| Roads, &c. .. .. .                                                                                                 | 405,654                 |
| Soil conservation and rivers control .. .. .                                                                       | 464,942                 |
| Irrigation, water-supply, and drainage .. .. .                                                                     | 286,110                 |
| Highways construction .. .. .                                                                                      | 2,005,569               |
| Forest development .. .. .                                                                                         | 1,423,839               |
| Christmas Island phosphate rights .. .. .                                                                          | 1,375,000               |
| Electric Supply Account : Construction (Ministry of Works) .. .. .                                                 | 17,715,130              |
|                                                                                                                    | 2,935,953               |
|                                                                                                                    | 20,651,083              |
| EXPENDITURE, OTHER VOTES AND ACCOUNTS                                                                              |                         |
| Consolidated Fund—                                                                                                 |                         |
| Highways—                                                                                                          |                         |
| Maintenance, repairs, and renewals .. .. .                                                                         | 3,174,651               |
| Administration, plant, and miscellaneous expenditure .. .. .                                                       | 410,766                 |
| Permanent appropriations (rate subsidies, &c.) .. .. .                                                             | 335,355                 |
| Salaries and expenses, Ministry of Works .. .. .                                                                   | 1,027,548               |
| Maintenance, public buildings, roads, &c. .. .. .                                                                  | 659,577                 |
| Plant, material, and miscellaneous services .. .. .                                                                | 5,072,350               |
| Other accounts (expenditure by Ministry of Works): Amounts not included above                                      | 144,836                 |
| Total, other votes and accounts .. .. .                                                                            | 10,825,083              |
| Grand total of expenditure, Public Works Account and other votes and accounts, for the year ended 31st March, 1949 | 31,476,166              |