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SOCIAL SECURITY DEPARTMENT

REPORT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH, 1949

Presented to Both Houses of the General Assembly Pursuant to Section 141 of the Social Security Act, 1938

This report deals with Part II of the Social Security Act only.

Reports on the operation of Part III and Part IV of the Act will be submitted by the Health Department and Land and Income Tax Department respectively.

REPORT

To the Hon. the MINISTER OF SOCIAL SECURITY.

SIR,—

Social Security Department, Wellington, 24th June, 1949.

We have the honour to submit for the information of Parliament the tenth annual report of the Social Security Department for the period 1st April, 1948, to the 31st March, 1949.

SECTION I—SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

NEW LEGISLATION

Legislation was enacted to give effect to the agreements reached with Great Britain and Northern Ireland covering reciprocity in family benefits. The Family Benefits (Reciprocity with Great Britain) Act, 1948, and Family Benefits (Reciprocity with Northern Ireland) Act, 1948, came into force on 1st December, 1948. The main effect of this legislation is that, in its application to family benefits, residence or birth in Great Britain or Northern Ireland of children who are British subjects will be treated as residence or birth in New Zealand.

As a result of further negotiations, a new agreement was reached with the Commonwealth of Australia which extended the scope of the reciprocal arrangement which had existed between New Zealand and Australia since 1943. The Social Security (Reciprocity with Australia) Act, 1948, will repeal the Age Benefits and Invalids' Benefits (Reciprocity with Australia) Act, 1943, and extend the scope of reciprocity between the two countries to age, widows' invalids' family, unemployment, and sickness benefits. A Proclamation will be issued bringing this Act into force from 1st July, 1949.