

(iii) "B" Class Training (Subsidized Training with Private Employers)

31. The building trade has proved to be the choice of 22 per cent. of the total "B" Class trainees, while 25 per cent. have selected the engineering and mechanical industries. Clerical and professional training has been taken up by 10 per cent. of the trainees, while the furniture trade has absorbed slightly less than this figure. Approximately 60 per cent. of the total number of "B" Class trainees accepted for training have now concluded their course of instruction, and of the balance under training half are still in their first year.

32. The local Trade Training Advisory Committees continue to be a great source of help in the many personal problems that arise in such a large and varied undertaking. Their practical knowledge has been of inestimable value to the Board.

33. A comparison of the totals of "B" Class trainees with those as at 31st March, 1948, is as follows :—

Trainees.	As at 31st March,	
	1949.	1948.
In training	1,494	2,537
Training completed	2,478	1,315
Totals	3,972	3,852

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

34. The majority of eligible ex-servicemen have now revived their contracts of apprenticeship.

35. During the 1948 session of Parliament the Emergency Regulations Amendment Act was passed in which provision was made for the revocation of the Suspension of Apprenticeship Emergency Regulations 1944 as from 31st December, 1949. In view of this it is anticipated that there will be only a limited number of further applicants.

36. Table VII of the Appendix gives the figures for "C" Class training for the year ending 31st March, 1949.

37. A comparison of the figures in this table, with the equivalent totals for the previous year, is set out below :—

Trainees.	As at 31st March,	
	1949.	1948.
Ex-servicemen in training	462	1,367
Ex-servicemen completed training	2,906	1,988
Totals	3,368	3,355

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

38. Since its inception, 143 men have been given a recuperative period of outdoor employment under this scheme.