

PERSONNEL

The number of staff of the Department and its disposition at the 31st March, 1949, was as follows:—

Agronomy, Botany, Entomology, Grasslands, and Plant Diseases Divisions	161	Fats Research Laboratory	17
Auckland Industrial Development Laboratories	26	Geological Survey	63
Dominion Laboratory and district branches	135	Head Office (including Information Bureau and district offices) ..	145
Dominion Physical Laboratory ..	203	Observatories	38
		Soil Bureau	74
		Miscellaneous	64

Total staff, including clerical officers, typists, technicians, and professional officers: 926 (871 permanent and 55 temporary). These comprise: professional, 395; clerical, 158; technical, 373.

CONCLUSION

Relationships with other Government Departments, the University of New Zealand and its constituent colleges, the Cawthron Institute, and other research organizations and industry generally have been most cordial.

It is a pleasure to record my sincere appreciation of the efficient and loyal service rendered by all members of the staff of the Department throughout New Zealand.

F. R. CALLAGHAN, Secretary.