

THE EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1916, COMPARED WITH THE
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1915—*continued*.

Expenditure.	Year ended 31st March, 1916.	Year ended 31st March, 1915.	Increase.	Decrease.
Annual Appropriations— <i>continued</i> .	£	£	£	£
Native Department	24,877	24,005	872	..
Justice Department	452,227	442,478	9,749	..
Mines Department	28,552	29,170	..	618
Department of Internal Affairs	408,058	489,207	..	81,149
Defence Department	432,227	499,137	..	66,910
Customs, Marine, and Inspection of Machinery Departments	161,225	149,200	12,025	..
Department of Labour	31,676	28,142	3,534	..
Department of Lands and Survey	235,322	239,043	..	3,721
Department of Agriculture, Industries, and Commerce	191,774	206,731	..	14,957
Education Department	1,329,166	1,207,983	121,183	..
Services not provided for	30,866	108,512	..	77,646
	7,799,952	7,874,626	270,425	345,099
			460,331	347,027
			347,027	
Totals	12,493,107	12,379,803	113,304	..

In reference to the expenditure, I desire especially to call attention to the reduction of £74,674 in the expenditure under the annual appropriations for the year 1915–16 when compared with that of the previous year, and in this connection I would like to say that this economy is largely, in my opinion, due to the care with which the Administrative Heads of Departments controlled their expenditure. On two occasions during the year I met the Permanent Heads of Departments in my office and emphasized the necessity for the exercise of economy in the public expenditure, especially at the present time, and I wish to publicly express my appreciation of the zealous manner in which these officers carried out the wishes expressed by me by carefully supervising the expenditure in their respective Departments.

RESULT OF THE YEAR'S OPERATIONS.

Consolidated Fund: Ordinary Revenue Account,—

Balance brought forward on 1st April, 1915	£	149,047
Receipts during year,—	£	
Revenue	14,498,064	
Other receipts—		
Recoveries on account of previous years ..	9,466	
Sinking fund set free ..	2,607	
	12,073	£
		14,510,137
Expenditure during year,—		
Appropriations	12,493,107	
		2,017,030
Balance on 31st March, 1916		£2,166,077