

88. The expansion of the Service will be seen by the following table :—

<i>Dr.</i>	£	<i>Cr.</i>	£
Increase of staff, 1st April, 1915, to 31st March, 1916 ..	18,076	Temporary officers made permanent ..	12,383
Balance	34,458	New positions created— Expansion of Service ..	40,151
	<u>£52,534</u>		<u>£52,534</u>

Crediting the new positions created (expansion of service), the balance of £34,458 shows savings in staff in other directions during the financial year.

89. The Departments principally responsible for the creation of new positions are: Public Works, £4,227; Public Trust, £3,204; Agriculture, £3,059; Lands and Survey, £3,679; Justice and Prisons, £2,780; Internal Affairs, £8,664; Audit £1,199; Defence, £2,406.

90. The average salaries at the following dates were,—

	£
1st April, 1913	188
„ 1914	187
„ 1915	195*
„ 1916	194

* Converted emoluments account for £4 18s. of this increase.

91. The Native-school teachers are not included in the foregoing. They were on—

	Number.	Amount. £
1st April, 1914	241	26,861
„ 1915 (including nine vacancies) ..	256	34,875†
„ 1916	256	36,618

† Includes £2,940 value of converted emoluments.

Post and Telegraph Department.

92. The classified staff on the following dates was,—

	Number.	Amount. £
1st April, 1913	5,372	708,165
„ 1914	5,633	761,365
„ 1915	5,958	824,242
„ 1916	6,441	885,927

93. The increase as at the 1st April, 1916, over the preceding year, £60,685, includes £7,980, the salaries of temporary employees made permanent, and formerly paid out of other appropriations than salaries, leaving £53,705 additional to be provided for. As the expansion of the business of the Department required an increase to the staff of 257 officers in addition to temporary employees made permanent, the increase in the classified salaries may be regarded as normal. The savings owing to reorganization of positions during the year will be seen by the following :—

<i>Dr.</i>	£	<i>Cr.</i>	£
Increase of staff, 1st April, 1915, to 31st March, 1916 ..	6,525	Temporary officers made permanent ..	7,980
Balance	26,167	New positions created ..	24,712
	<u>£32,692</u>		<u>£32,692</u>

94. The classification increments provided on the 1st April, 1916, represent £54,980, as against £53,229 for the preceding year.

95. It is estimated, as at 1st April, 1916, that classified salaries will be under-spent by approximately £167,000 for all Departments, including the Post and