Included in the figures for 1918 (£33,517) are the following non-recurring amounts on account of institutions either closed or vacated since 1st April, 1918:—

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Burnham		 			 	1,941
Te Oranga Home		 		•	 	1,046
Boys' Training-farm	n, Nelson	 			 	8,250
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					£	11,237
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The bulk of the savings, therefore, on account of the closing of these institutions will not be really noticeable until next year.

(2.) GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS: FIGURES FOR 1917 AND 1918 COMPARED.

	. Salaries.						1917. £	1918. £	
Industrial sc	hools						15,687	14,270	
Otekaike							3,403	3,660	
Sumner							3,981	3,854	
Richmond			• •	• •			1,067	1,262	
							£24,138	£23,046	
			Sa	ving, £1,0	92.				
			Mainter	nance of l	Schools.		1917.	1918. £	
Industrial sc	hools						24,483	19,247	
Otekaike							4.127	3,789	
Sumner							1,858	1,795	
Richmond			• •		• •		1,672	985	
							£32,140	£25,816	
			Sav	ving, £6,3	24.				
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	(5	S.) RECO	VERIES F	ROM PARI	ENTS AND	Отн	1917.	1918.	
Industrial sc	hools						£ 13.522	£ 15.863	

		Increase	in revenu	e. £3.309.	;	£32,294	£35,603
Charitable Aid Boards	• •	• •		• •		15,389	16,769
Special schools						3,383	2,971
Industrial schools						13,522	15,863
						1917. £	1918. £

It may be mentioned that the recoveries from parents and others on account of industrial-school inmates for the year 1914-15 were £20,347, while the recoveries for 1917-18 were £27,835, showing an increase of £7,488.

CASH SALES OF PRODUCE FROM INSTITUTIONS.

Industrial so	hools						1917. £ 1,603	1918. £ 5,610
Otekaike Richmond	доога	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	,	
							319	654
							85	5
Sumner			• •		• •		42	55
							£2,049	£6,324
			Increase in revenue, £4,275.					

Refunds from industrial-school inmates' earnings for clothing, travelling-expenses, &c.: 1917, £3,766; 1918, £5,687: increase, £1,921.

Number of Children belonging to Industrial Schools.

The total roll number of children belonging to industrial schools and receiving-homes at the 31st December, 1918, was 3,140. Of these, 1,851 were boys and 1,289 girls.