

special advances to mining companies by the Crown is not warranted. It is apparently intended to provide for future advances out of the Consolidated Fund, but even this is hardly justifiable, particularly in view of the heavy losses which have already been incurred in respect of previous advances.

SUMMARY.

499. The following is a summary of the economies recommended herein, so far as they can be assessed :—

Subdivision II. Assistance towards Mining :—

Item—	£	£
Prospecting for gold and other minerals	7,000	
Bounty payable to Onekaka Iron and Steel Co. ..	3,200	
Diamond and other drills and appliances	200	
	<u>10,400</u>	
Schools of mines	1,000	1,000

Subdivision III. Miscellaneous Services :—

Item—	£	£
Instrument and outfit allowances, &c.	23	
Postage, telegrams, rent of boxes	75	
Rents	120	
Travelling allowances and expenses	150	
	<u>368</u>	

General :—

Goldfields revenue	1,800	
Gold-dealers' licenses	200	
	<u>2,000</u>	
Total	£13,768	

VOTE—DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

500. It is difficult owing to changes in administrative control to obtain a reliable comparison of the present expenditure with the expenditure in this Department in earlier years.

501. The vote for 1931-32 comprised eight subdivisions, as follow :—

Subdivision.	Salaries.	Other Charges.	Total.
	£	£	£
I. Head Office	19,950	26,013	45,963
II. Government Actuary's Office	3,753	545	4,298
III. Ministers' Secretaries	8,661	50	8,711
IV. Messengers, Office-keepers, and Charwomen ..	71,218	3,304	74,522
V. High Commissioner's Office	22,759	14,717	37,476
VI. Museum	2,773	1,477	4,250
VII. Explosives Branch	2,950	2,530	5,480
VIII. Miscellaneous Services	19,941	49,890	69,831
Gross total	152,005	98,526	250,531
Credits-in-aid	37,539	15,108	52,647
Net total	114,466	83,418	197,884

502. The foregoing, however, does not give a proper perspective of the many services administered by the Department. Amongst these are the following :—

- (a) Local government.
- (b) Totalizator inspections.
- (c) Issue of passports.
- (d) War graves and memorials.
- (e) War funds.
- (f) Raffles.
- (g) Government advertising.
- (h) Entertainment of distinguished visitors.
- (i) Control of deer.
- (j) Rotorua Acclimatization District.
- (k) Censorship of films.
- (l) Messenger and cleaning services.
- (m) *New Zealand Gazette*.
- (n) Town-planning.
- (o) Turnbull Library.
- (p) Stores Control Board.
- (q) Animals Protection and Game Act.