

account of marriage. The sudden loss of efficient staff was severely felt, so much so that the Commissioners agreed to the re-employment in a purely temporary capacity of several former State trained dental nurses who had left the Service on account of marriage. By the acceleration of appointments it is hoped that the lack of suitably trained staff will shortly be met.

Recent legislation has placed additional work on the Pensions Department and has resulted in accretion to the staff of that Department.

(b) Development Services.

	1st April, 1937.			1st April, 1938. (Provisional.)		
	Permanent.	Temporary.	Total.	Permanent.	Temporary.	Total.
Agriculture	537	235	772	588	326	914
Industries and Commerce, Tourist and Publicity	150	104	254	162	158	320
Lands and Survey .. .	543	157	700	582	183	765
Mines .. .	57	15	72	61	18	79
Primary Products Marketing ..	30	129	159	33	142	175
Public Works .. .	835	1,051	1,886	905	1,533	2,438
Scientific and Industrial Research ..	121	99	220	157	132	289
State Forests .. .	100	81	181	109	70	179
	2,373	1,871	4,244	2,597	2,562	5,159

Great activity in the development-work of the Dominion has reflected itself in the increase in the number of employees in the service of the above Departments. Many departmental activities which were dormant during the depression years gained new life with the improvement in economic conditions. The institution of the forty-hour week has also been responsible in part for the increase shown. In some respects the growth in the Public Works Department's temporary staff is more apparent than real. Groups of employees previously not regarded as coming directly under the control of the Public Service Commissioners have now been brought under their jurisdiction.

(c) Trading Services.

	1st April, 1937.			1st April, 1938. (Provisional.)		
	Permanent.	Temporary.	Total.	Permanent.	Temporary.	Total.
Government Insurance .. .	112	32	144	109	23	132
Public Trust .. .	759	228	987	771	213	984
State Advances .. .	315	228	543	394	460	854
State Fire Insurance .. .	139	54	193	146	54	200
National Commercial Broadcasting ..	..	..	..	24	243	267
	1,325	542	1,867	1,444	993	2,437

Rapid expansion of the staff of the State Advances Corporation was unavoidable owing to the transfer from the Lands and Survey Department of mortgages vested in the Crown in respect of advances made to discharged soldiers under the authority of the Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Act, 1915. The passing of the Mortgagees and Lessees Rehabilitation Act, 1936, resulted in great increase of work of a temporary nature in this Department. The housing policy of the Government