

YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH, 1949

AIR DEPARTMENT—*continued*

REMARKS

- (a) Overexpenditure was caused by the charging to the item of the R.N.Z.A.F. proportion (£4,375) of the rental of Halifax House, London.
- (b) The substantial increase in this item is due to (1) reconditioning of furniture and barrack equipment in use over war years, and (2) reconditioning of furniture previously owned by the National Patriotic Fund Board and now taken over by R.N.Z.A.F.
- (c) Expenditure for 1947-48 was greater than anticipated. Provision has been made this financial year for outstanding accounts totalling £20,250 not paid at 31st March, 1948.
- (d) The anticipated increase of staff did not materialize during 1947-48, the staff at the end of the year being 290 officers. Salaries connected with the South Pacific trunk air route are now shown separately in subdivision No. IX, but the salaries of 41 of these officers were included in the 1947-48 figure of 418. In the 1948-49 figure (429) allowance has been made for 140 Air Traffic Control Officers previously paid by R.N.Z.A.F.