

YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH, 1949

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE—*continued*

VOTE—AGRICULTURE— <i>continued</i>	1948-49.	1947-48.	
		Voted.	Expended.
<i>Subdivision No. III—Horticulture Division— continued</i>	£	£	£
OTHER CHARGES FOR AND INCIDENTAL TO— <i>ctd.</i>			
Fruit industry—			
Abandoned orchards: wages and expenses cutting-out	30	30	..
Control of citrus canker: wages and ex- penses, compensation, &c.	500	500	412
Cost of passages of Technical Officers from overseas	500	900	(a)
Fumigation and destruction of diseased fruit (recoverable)	200	200	77
Grant towards expenses of Advisory Committee <i>re</i> market-gardening	200	200	37
Horticulture research and experiments	(b) 2,000	660	276
Horticulture Research Station, Levin	2,400	2,275	(c) 600
Horticultural Station, Te Kauwhata: wages and general working-expenses, purchase of stock, grapes, equipment, maintenance of buildings, &c. (recoverable)	(d) 37,800	27,480	26,844
Motors and bicycles—			
Maintenance and running-costs and State Fire accident-indemnification costs	2,000	1,750	1,790
Purchase of	2,400	1,800	1,400
Payments to Post and Telegraph Department	1,400	1,135	1,164
Red-legged earth-mite, control and destruction	(e) 50	2,000	1,127
Transfer and removal expenses	800	800	590
Travelling allowances and expenses (part recoverable)	10,000	10,000	7,761
Visit from overseas of raspberry expert	233	500	267
Contingencies	10	10	(f) 2
	63,723	51,390	42,951
<i>Total—Subdivision No. III</i>	108,721	94,945	81,765

(a) Suitable officers are not readily available.

(b) Expansion in research and experimental work.

(c) Shortage of equipment and materials retarded progress.

(d) Vineyard areas have been increased in recent years and heavier production costs are inevitable. Wine sales, which in recent years have been in the vicinity of 16,000 gallons, will in future years approach 25,000 gallons per annum.

(e) A satisfactory means of control is in sight.

(f) Silver plate for Loder Cup, £1 16s. 3d.; guide books, 7s. 8d.; total, £2 3s. 11d.