

## YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH, 1949

## DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE—continued

VOTE—INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE— <i>continued</i>	1948-49.	1947-48.	
		Voted.	Expended
<i>Subdivision No. I—Industries and Commerce— continued</i>	£	£	£
<b>OTHER CHARGES FOR AND INCIDENTAL TO— <i>continued</i></b>			
Flax industry: expenses in connection with operation of State flax-mills at Westport and Kerepeehi .. .. .	(a) 1,500	(b) 56,200	44,7
Food control and rationing, expenses in connection with, furniture and fittings, office rent, printing and stationery, travelling-expenses, transfer expenses, &c.	(c) 121,500	115,750	(c) 94,5
Gas regulations: expenses of administration (recoverable) .. .. .	1,000	1,180	8
Grants—			
Commonwealth Economic Committee ..	(d) 3,300	2,200	2,2
Estates of deceased officers equivalent to leave due at date of death .. .. .	25	25	
Inter-Allied Reparations Agency ..	1,421	2,305	2,3
International Wheat Council .. .. .	300	320	3
Transportation expenses in connection with furlough of wife and family of overseas officer .. .. .	60	500	3
Industrial exhibitions, New Zealand and overseas .. .. .	4,500	8,500	7,1
Maintenance of iron and steel plant, Onekaka	1,400	1,450	1,3
Ministry of Supply and Munitions, Controller's stores—maintenance of (part recoverable)	(e) 20,000	..	..
Motion-picture industry: expenses in connection with inquiries into issue of licenses, refund fees, &c. .. .. .	50	50	
Motor-vehicles—			
Purchase of .. .. .	500	1,200	2,0
Maintenance of .. .. .	750	750	7
Munitions Controller's contracts (recoverable)	(e) 24,000	..	..

(a) As from 1st April, 1948, the control of the Moutoa Estate flax-growing area has been transferred to the Department of Agriculture. See provision for 1948-49 under vote "Agriculture Subdivision No. V, "Fields Division," item "New Zealand Hemp Industry—Moutoa and Makerua Estates, &c." Amount required this year under vote "Industries and Commerce" represents the net cost of operating the State flax-mills at Westport and Kerepeehi.

(b) This item included provision for purchase of land and plant, £13,200. The purchase was not completed in 1947-48 and provision has now been made for the purchase under Public Works Account, vote "Public Buildings," item "General."

(c) Total expenditure did not come to charge in 1947-48. Provision has been made this year to meet balance of £17,000 outstanding from last year and for increased charges payable to the Post and Telegraph Department.

(d) Increased contribution due to extension of activities of the Committee.

(e) Previously charged to War Expenses Account.