

YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH, 1949

POST OFFICE ACCOUNT—*continued*

VOTE—POST AND TELEGRAPH WORKING-EXPENSES— <i>continued</i>	1948-49.	1947-48.	
		Voted.	Expended.
<i>Subdivision No. IX—Miscellaneous Services— continued</i>	£	£	£
CHARGES FOR AND INCIDENTAL TO—<i>continued</i>			
Office-management expenses—			
Bank exchange	800	700	771
Contribution towards expenses of departmental refreshment-rooms	600	600	564
Cost-of-living bonus to annuitants, Government Superannuation Fund, and increased pension to widows and children	(a) 50,000	30,000	37,580
Customs duties and sales tax	(b) 376,000	259,000	241,067
Home savings-boxes, purchase of ..	7,000	6,000	1,281
High Commissioner's Office: clerical work, printing, stationery, postages, bills of lading, rent, &c.	2,100	1,013	2,100
Mail-bags and parcel receptacles, purchase and repair of	(c) 40,000	20,000	31,477
Motor-plates in connection with registration of motor-vehicles (recoverable) ..	(d) 11,260	3,000	1,958
Motor-vehicle licensing labels and waterproof licence-holders	2,000	6,450	4,921
New Zealand's share of the cost of International Bureaux of the Universal Postal Union and the International Telecommunications Union at Berne	3,550	1,650	2,196
New Zealand's contribution towards expenditure of Commonwealth Communications Council	1,875	2,500	2,500
Office expenses	114,250	100,050	110,170
Postal receiving-boxes, supply of ..	100	100	90
Rent and leases of buildings and land for Post and Telegraph purposes	36,000	36,000	29,337
Stamps, postal notes, and documents of value, production of (part recoverable)	(e) 38,000	12,000	18,171
Stationery, printing, and binding ..	160,000	110,000	147,616
Temporary officers: Postmen, Messengers, Exchange Attendants, and general ..	850,000	827,000	756,177

(a) Provision for increased cost-of-living bonus to annuitants.

(b) To provide for Customs duty and sales tax on increased purchases of equipment from overseas.

(c) To provide for manufacture of additional mail-bags.

(d) To provide for increased cost of plates and additional plates for newly registered vehicles, &c.

(e) Provision for issue of commemorative stamps (Royal visit) and "Islands" stamps and building up of general stocks. £5,000 estimated to be recoverable.