

YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH, 1949

STATE COAL-MINES ACCOUNT—*continued*

VOTE—STATE COAL-MINES— <i>continued</i>	1948-49.	1947-48.	
		Voted.	Expended.
OTHER CHARGES FOR AND INCIDENTAL TO— <i>continued</i>	£	£	£
Expenses of officers travelling overseas ..	350
Fares and expenses of miners to take up employment (recoverable)	50	50	..
Financial assistance to co-operative parties working on State coal reserve, timber suppliers and others (recoverable) ..	10,000	5,000	11,800
Fire-fighting, Ohai	800	1,600	862
Grants and subsidies to local bodies for road and street maintenance, &c.	(a) 4,500	4,500	1,191
Grants to local bodies in lieu of rates ..	(b) 6,000	3,500	4,402
Housing—			
Advances to workmen and officials for erection and purchase of dwellings ..	18,000	10,000	16,933
Erection of departmental dwellings and hutments (works expenditure)	18,000	20,000	12,444
Purchase of residences and additions thereto for departmental officers	2,500	500	..
Loans to enable purchase of buses for convey- ance of workmen	7,500	7,500	4,052
Office expenses	3,000	2,000	2,184
Overtime and meal allowances	4,000	4,000	2,660
Payments to the Post and Telegraph Depart- ment	6,000	3,000	5,065
Printing and stationery and publications, &c.	2,500	1,750	1,903
Prospecting and boring on Smoke-oh Creek area at Blackball	100	100	..
Prospecting and boring on State coal reserve	7,000	7,000	6,442
Purchase of—			
Birchwood Colliery	19,000
Burke's Creek Colliery (on account) ..	1,000
Houses : Dobson and Taylorville ..	100	19,000	(c) 13,916
Kamo Colliery	4,000
Motor-cars	3,100	2,430	654
Motor-trucks	4,200	6,100	596
Shares of the Westport Coal Co., Ltd. ..	5,200	900,000	894,805
Star Colliery	15,894	52,000	40,339
Refund, Mines Department, part expenses, Runanga School of Mines	45	45	45
Rents, rates, and repairs on leasehold property for office in Greymouth (partly recoverable)	100	100	22
Social amenities at State mines	2,000	2,000	1,036

(a) Grants and subsidies to local bodies for repairs to roads and streets damaged by cartage of coal.

(b) Grants to local bodies to offset loss of revenue consequent upon acquisition of collieries by the Government.

(c) Cost of houses acquired was less than anticipated.