

NEW ZEALAND.

Ships, &c.	Annual Cost of Maintenance and Depreciation (each), (see Table V, page 21).	Total.
	£	£
3 light cruisers	211,300	633,900
6 submarines	33,200	199,200
1 submarine parent (small)	58,500	58,500
Naval Air School*	33,000	33,000
Total	£924,600

* *Vide* Chapter II, Volume II.

Tabulating the figures from Volume III the financial results are :—

Country.	Share.	Annual Total based on Far Eastern Fleet in Full Commission.	Actual Annual Expenditure allotted.	Balance or Deficit.
	Per Cent.	£	£	£
United Kingdom	75	14,778,525	14,066,800	+711,725
Australia	20	3,940,940	4,024,600	— 83,660
New Zealand	5	985,235	924,600	— 6,365
			19,016,000	+ 621,700
			621,700	
			£19,637,700	

The actual expenditures shown in column 4 correspond to the following percentages :—

United Kingdom	74·0	}	Of the <i>actual</i> annual expenditure.
Australia	21·2		
New Zealand	4·8		
100·0			

NOTE.—It will be seen that the percentages thus work out in fair agreement with those given in Table IV ; but as the figures for depreciation can only be approximate, depending, as they do, on the cost of new ships, it is impossible to obtain accurate results.

25. It must be recognized that the political and strategic situation may at any time necessitate alteration in the composition of the Far Eastern Fleet. Any considerable alteration might completely alter the basis on which the contributions of the various Dominions and of the United Kingdom have been assessed. There is, however, no way out of this difficulty other than that of reviewing the question at intervals of, say, five years. Unless some basis is assumed it is impossible for the Dominions to find any system on which to work.