

Payments (Net Vote).

Branch.	1921-22.	1922-23.	1923-24.	1924-25.	1925-26.	1926-27.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Head Office	*	9,169	8,433	9,378	9,148	9,687
Harbours	5,194	4,216	6,279	3,911	3,862	4,338
Lighthouses	37,085	27,734	25,503	26,018	26,038	25,273
Meteorological Office	3,909	5,314	5,671	6,009	6,007	..
Mercantile Marine	12,632	11,901	13,422	14,262	15,413	14,813
Inspection of Machinery	27,492	25,279	24,821	24,714	26,181	28,294
Fisheries	13,784	10,456	10,792	12,539	15,351	14,922
Government Steamers	34,184	19,675	21,155	19,956	18,642	21,215
Miscellaneous Services	17,415	3,460	1,573	2,676	1,359	1,240
Totals	151,695	117,204	117,649	119,463	122,001	119,782

* It was formerly the practice to include Head Office expenditure under miscellaneous services.

It will be observed that the receipts have increased from £73,696 in 1921-22 to £133,484 in 1926-27, while the payments have decreased from £151,695 in 1921-22 to £119,782 in 1926-27. Thus by an increase of £59,788 in receipts and a decrease of £31,913 in payments the Department has improved its cash position to the extent of £91,701 in six years.

Turning now to the Income and Expenditure Account, which gives a real indication of the Department's financial position, the figures for the past five years are as follows:—

Revenue.

Branch.	1922-23.		1923-24.		1924-25.		1925-26.		1926-27.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Shipping Branch—										
Light dues	39,688	16 8	76,867	15 6	80,467	6 2	82,875	6 3	81,064	9 8
Engagement and discharge fees	3,179	11 0	3,218	15 0	3,420	14 0	3,664	15 3	3,124	13 3
Survey fees	3,095	9 0	4,785	2 6	5,010	0 4	6,137	16 11	5,371	7 8
Examination fees	395	12 6	369	12 0	417	5 0	429,10	0	379	5 0
Miscellaneous	1,289	0 4	1,389	8 0	1,175	6 3	823	14 3	505	18 3
Harbours—										
Pilotage, port charges, &c.	764	14 6	768	13 1	842	18 7	870	11 8	920	17 1
Foreshore revenue	1,126	14 1	2,909	0 4	4,393	19 1	5,704	2 4	5,988	17 4
Inspection of Machinery—										
Inspection fees, &c.	17,126	19 0	16,125	11 2	17,256	2 10	18,005	8 10	19,531	8 3
Examination fees	667	0 0	738	18 0	732	18 0	657	5 0	556	4 0
Fisheries—										
Net profit from sale of oysters	2,546	9 6	2,310	19 9	2,139	10 1	2,517	3 11	1,347	11 7
Fishing-boat license fees, &c.	324	9 6	627	14 1	477	14 6	575	5 4	629	15 9
Rental of toheroa-beds	10	0 0	300	0 0	300	0 0	300	0 0	300	0 0
Government Steamers—										
Freight, passage-money, &c.	1,785	0 7	2,788	1 8	4,793	0 10	3,185	17 8	5,134	9 6
Ross Sea Revenue .. .. .	..	..	200	0 0	200	0 0	1,720	12 6	2,921	5 0
Miscellaneous Revenue	2,800	11 4	2,658	4 9	1,696	1 6	1,818	1 10	1,693	12 2
Totals—General Accounts	74,800	8 0	116,057	5 10	123,322	17 2	129,285	11 9	129,469	14 6

Expenditure.

Branch.	1922-23.		1923-24.		1924-25.		1925-26.		1926-27.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Head Office	9,612	2 8	8,574	3 2	9,292	7 4	9,626	13 9	10,007	16 10
Harbours	4,826	13 2	3,739	17 5	3,921	2 11	4,295	13 3	3,938	6 0
Lighthouses	26,995	19 5	25,302	19 4	26,823	6 5	24,220	2 2	24,157	5 4
Meteorological	5,374	0 3	5,572	6 2	5,863	19 2	6,124	12 6	..	..
Mercantile Marine	15,150	17 11	16,585	15 1	17,896	11 0	24,626	5 5	25,021	18 8
Inspection of Machinery	27,015	0 0	25,802	1 2	26,124	16 11	20,793	2 9	22,288	13 8
Fisheries	4,545	3 2	3,743	11 8	2,890	13 10	3,179	2 6	3,385	5 11
Government Steamers	21,697	19 6	22,819	8 9	21,837	5 4	24,309	19 11	22,605	0 4
Miscellaneous Services	2,655	3 8	3,939	7 5	1,734	3 1	2,189	17 10	2,861	17 4
Grants and Subsidies	1,510	0 0	900	0 0	150	0 0	540	0 0	290	0 0
Depreciation	8,035	4 9	7,911	18 8	8,844	18 9	8,862	19 6	9,032	5 3
Interest on Capital	15,716	7 3	17,471	16 8	17,737	15 7	17,811	11 0	18,005	6 0
Totals—General Accounts	143,134	11 9	142,363	5 6	143,117	0 4	146,580	0 7	141,593	15 4