

The twenty-first session will be a special maritime one and should open on the 6th October, 1936, the following being the items on the Agenda:—

- (i) (a) Regulation of hours of work on board ship.
(b) Manning in conjunction with hours of work on board ship.
- (ii) Protection of seamen in case of sickness (including the treatment of seamen injured on board ship), *i.e.*—(a) The individual liability of the shipowner towards sick or injured seamen; and (b) Sickness insurance for seamen.
- (iii) Promotion of seamen's welfare in ports.
- (iv) Establishment by each maritime country of a minimum requirement of professional capacity in the case of captains, navigating and engineer officers in charge of watches on board merchant ships.
- (v) Holidays with pay for seamen.

IMMIGRATION.

In previous years this subject has been dealt with in a separate report.

The total number of arrivals from the United Kingdom during the year ended 31st March, 1936, was 653 (322 males and 331 females). Of this total none was assisted by the Imperial and New Zealand Governments. The activities of the Department have been in the direction of recovery of debts due in respect of passage-money loans of previous years, an amount of £701 10s. 4d. being still due to the New Zealand Government in this connection. Refunds due by migrants on account of non-fulfilment of the five years' residence condition also received attention.

The effect of the policy of restriction in respect of assisted migration, which was first adopted in May, 1927, is illustrated by the figures hereunder, embracing the financial years 1926–27 to 1935–36 inclusive:—

Year.	Assisted Migrants.	Full-fare Migrants.
1926–1927	11,239	3,704
1927–1928	3,822	2,375
1928–1929	1,968	1,846
1929–1930	1,790	1,579
1930–1931	1,233	1,377
1931–1932	290	1,968
1932–1933	56	570
1933–1934	4	464
1934–1935	1	490
1935–1936	5*	653

* Cases approved. No arrivals during year.

There is increasing evidence of renewed interest both in New Zealand and in other parts of the British Empire in the subject of migration. Various plans have been suggested by organizations interested in the matter and the Department has endeavoured to obtain all available information that may be useful should the present policy be altered.

EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR.

Salaries and allowances (including salaries of nominated members, Court of Arbitration), temporary assistance, and agents' remuneration	£	34,649
Fees, travelling-expenses, &c., in connection with work of Conciliation Councils and the Court of Arbitration		5,289
Printing, stationery, office requisites and equipment, rent, cleaning, heating and lighting of offices, advertising, postage, telegrams, telephones, &c.		6,053
Travelling-expenses, &c., of Inspectors, including cost of bicycles, motor-cycles, &c. ..		3,497
Fares, board and lodging, &c., advanced to persons proceeding to employment ..		234
Expenses of delegation to Conference of International Labour Organization, Geneva		955
Miscellaneous expenditure		27
		<hr/> 50,704
Less recoveries—	£	
Fares, &c.		248
Sale of publications		157
Inspectors' travelling-costs		1,553
Service to other Departments, &c.		4,371
Miscellaneous		104
		<hr/> 6,433
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The above figures do not include items provided elsewhere than the Labour Department's vote—*e.g.*, salary of Judge, Court of Arbitration.