

COMMENCEMENT OF SCHEME.

123. The Committee is in agreement with the proposal that benefits should be made available, and contributions should become payable as from the 1st April, 1939, and recommends that the necessary departmental machinery be set up to enable this to be done.

ADMINISTRATION.

124. We recommend that a new Department of State be created, to be known as the Social Security Department, to administer the benefits proposed, the technical supervision of the health services remaining under the Health and Mental Hospitals Departments. The Social Security Department should be created by the amalgamation of the whole of the Pensions Department and that part of the Employment Promotion Branch of the Department of Labour at present dealing with sustenance and other relief.

A. H. NORDMEYER, Chairman.

Approximate Cost of Paper.—Preparation, not given ; printing (1,300 copies), £25.

By Authority : E. V. PAUL, Government Printer, Wellington.—1938.