

## YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH, 1943.

MINES DEPARTMENT—*continued.*

Number of Persons.		VOTE—MINES— <i>continued.</i>	1942-43	1941-42.	
1942-43	1941-42			Voted.	Expended.
		<i>Subdivision No. III.—Assistance towards Mining—continued.</i>	£	£	£
		OTHER CHARGES FOR AND INCIDENTAL TO— <i>continued.</i>			
		Postage, telegrams, and rent of boxes .. .. .	100	150	55
		Printing and stationery .. .. .	50	50	9
		Purchase of miners' tools and general stores (recoverable)..	(a) 10,000	5,000	393
		Rents .. .. .	40	25	30
		Refunds of revenue due to Social Security Fund .. .. .	40	115	88
		Restoration of dredged lands (recoverable) .. .. .	(b) 100	..	..
		Search for and production of gold and other minerals— £			
		Subsidies to prospectors .. .. .	3,250		
		Subsidies, loans, and other forms of financial assistance to companies and individuals engaged in prospecting and/or mining for gold, coal, and other minerals, and assistance to cover flood damage (partly recoverable) ..	38,400		
		Surveys, prospecting, mining, and development work in selected areas (including erection of treatment plants) .. .. .	5,500		
		Stores and equipment supplied to subsidized prospectors (partly recoverable) .. .. .	250		
			47,400	57,000	52,449
		Schools of Mines .. .. .	3,900	3,900	3,689
		Social amenities in mining townships .. .. .	1,500	1,500	1,066
		Telephone services .. .. .	100	100	88
		Travelling allowances and expenses .. .. .	500	300	(c) 441
		Transportation expenses of National Check Inspector .. .. .	100	100	42
		Grant to brother of deceased miner for costs of recovering body .. .. .	..	20	20
		Purchase of gold (Golden Hope Goldfield), (recoverable) ..	(d)	5,000	4,121
		Subsidy on coal-production .. .. .	(e)	200,000	192,092
		Estimated credits-in-aid under Section 51 of the Public Revenues Act, 1926 (see end of vote)— £			
		Drilling-expenses .. .. .	200		
		Maintenance and construction of roads and works .. .. .	1,000		
		Prospecting and search for minerals .. .. .	2,000		
		Restoration of dredged lands .. .. .	100		
		Sale of tools and general stores to miners .. .. .	10,000		
		Stores supplied to prospectors, &c. .. .. .	200		
		Schools of Mines .. .. .	50		
		Miscellaneous .. .. .	150		
			13,700		
			76,455	279,035	257,840
		<i>Total—Subdivision No. III</i> .. .. .	81,277	283,185	262,651
		<i>Subdivision No. IV.—Miscellaneous Services.</i>			
		CHARGES FOR AND INCIDENTAL TO—			
		Advertising, photographs, books, newspapers, and other publications .. .. .	100	100	76
		Aerial surveys of coal and gold fields .. .. .	650	500	480
		Coal-mines Council: Fees and expenses of members and incidentals .. .. .	1,000	1,200	683
		Collecting goldfields revenue (partly recoverable) .. .. .	200	200	103
		Examinations, Mining and Coal-mines Acts .. .. .	150	150	152
		Freight, cartage, and transport charges .. .. .	20	20	11
		Fuel, light, water, and cleaning .. .. .	120	120	107
		Instruments and apparatus .. .. .	100	100	33

(a) The Department is making bulk purchases of tools and mining stores for resale to miners throughout New Zealand.

(b) Item to provide for land temporarily damaged by dredges being restored.

(c) Number of officers, 13. Travelling-allowances, £279; travelling-expenses, £144; motor-hire, £18.

(d) The Department's office at Maggie Creek was closed in February, 1942, and miners' gold winnings now being sold to bank in Murchison.

(e) Subsidy on coal-production being paid out of War Expenses Account.