

AUCKLAND BRANCH

The greatly increased volume and improved efficiency of this past full year's work in the Division's new building has demonstrated its great value. The butter-patting plant has worked to capacity to provide the additional amounts required by the Armed Forces in New Zealand and overseas. Lemon curing and packing and lemon by-products have, with the apple assembly, also been greatly assisted by the commodious conditions. Its storage space has been fully used both in the busy and in the off season. The cool-store space not regularly needed for apples and pears has helped handle vegetables for the Armed Forces. The Food Controller has been assisted by the storing of 5,361 packages of dry goods, 18,532 crates and bags of onions and potatoes (equalling 1,459,548 lb.), and 169,275 lb. of vegetables. In addition, acting since 1942 as agents for the Department of Agriculture, the Division's Auckland office has accepted from their gardens, repacked, graded, crated, wired, branded, and kept in cool store until the arrival of ships 3,769,500 lb. of vegetables. Furthermore, it has stored 9,483 of the 14,931 sacks of maize taken over last year by the Government from the growers for storage in Auckland, and has from time to time helped various merchants contractors for the Forces by holding for them a total of 4,972 packages of dry goods and 503,100 lb. of vegetables.

Zoning of egg and butter deliveries and the rationing of eggs to essential services in the Auckland City has also engaged the Auckland Branch's attention. During the year a total of 25 tons of seaweed has been received, checked, rebaled, and forwarded to Christchurch for the manufacture of agar agar. Close co-operation has been maintained with other Government Departments, particularly the Food Controller, Department of Agriculture, Oil Fuel Controller, and Price Tribunal.

The Division has continued to maintain branches at Hastings, Nelson, Christchurch, and Dunedin. The main activities are connected with the assembly, storage, and distribution of local and imported fruits. The local administration of the egg and butter marketing schemes and other departmental activities are handled by these Departments. The cool stores owned and operated by the Division in Hawke's Bay and Nelson have again proved to be essentials in the proper handling of fruit and vegetables. More satisfactory cool-storage and ordinary storage space is still needed in Christchurch and Dunedin.

B. Roberts

Minister of Marketing.

MARKETING DEPARTMENT
INTERNAL MARKETING DIVISION
APPLE AND PEAR SECTION

TRADING ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1942

<i>Dr.</i>	£	<i>Cr.</i>	£
Stock on hand	619	Sales	699,049
Purchases	544,567	Gross loss	87,451
Assembly	32,297		
Freights	131,941		
Wharfages	6,366		
Cool storage	69,388		
Repacking and sorting	1,322		
	<u>£786,500</u>		<u>£786,500</u>

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1942

<i>Dr.</i>	£	<i>Cr.</i>	£
Gross loss	87,451	Net loss	120,552
Advertising	7,557		
Alterations and repairs	54		
Audit	209		
Bank interest and exchange	8,000		
Printing and stationery	194		
Postages and telegrams	1,268		
Travelling-expenses	1,640		
Salaries and wages	12,641		
General expenses	263		
Office rent and hire of equipment	1,275		
	<u>£120,552</u>		<u>£120,552</u>

BALANCE-SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1942

<i>Liabilities</i>	£	<i>Assets</i>	£
Sundry creditors	21,997	Cash in hand	20
Reserve Bank	578,690	Cash at banks	770
		Sundry debtors	10,517
		Stock: Paper bags	1,158
			£
		Appropriation, 1941	467,670
		Add net loss, 1942	120,552
			<u>588,222</u>
	<u>£600,687</u>		<u>£600,687</u>

R. P. FRASER, Acting-Director.
W. LAWSON, Accountant.

I hereby certify that the Balance-sheet and accompanying accounts have been duly examined and compared with the relative books and documents submitted for audit, and correctly state the position as disclosed thereby.—CYRIL G. COLLINS, Controller and Auditor-General.