

DETAILS OF ESTIMATES FOR THE

POST OFFICE ACCOUNT—continued

Number of Persons.		VOTE—POST AND TELEGRAPH WORKING- EXPENSES—continued	1945-46.	1944-45.	
1945-46	1944-45			Voted.	Expended.
		<i>Subdivision No. IX.—Miscellaneous Services—continued</i>	£	£	£
		<i>CHARGES FOR AND INCIDENTAL TO—continued</i>			
		<i>Office-management expenses—continued</i>			
		Temporary officers: Postmen, messengers, exchange attendants, and general	891,000	835,000	859,843
			1,307,968	1,177,719	1,312,190
		Less amount of Customs duty to be expended on material used on telegraph and telephone construction works	35,000	30,000	66,116
			1,272,968	1,147,719	1,246,074
		Overtime and meal allowances	400,000	400,000	432,413
		Uniform allowances	1,000	3,000	941
		Parcel-post expenses	(a) 88,000	65,000	83,981
		Provision of equipment for aeradio services (recoverable)	15,000	20,000	15,142
		<i>Sundry charges—</i>			
		Awards to officers for suggestions	50	50	32
		Compensation payable under section 25 of the Post and Telegraph Act, 1928, and <i>ex gratia</i> payments in respect of loss of, or damage to, articles, letters, packets, and parcels while in the custody of the Post and Telegraph Department	1,200	1,200	908
		Compensation and expenses incurred in respect of injuries sustained by employees of Department	2,100	2,250	1,207
		Contribution towards expenses of New Zealand Standards Institute	50	50	50
		Exchange and income-tax on superannuation, New Zealand's representative on Advisory Committee of Cables and Wireless, Ltd.	200	230	191
		Expenses in connection with Post and Telegraph Board of Appeal	200	200	92
		Expenses incidental to official opening of departmental premises and inauguration of new services	75	75	33
		Expenses incurred as a result of accidents	1,000	1,000	683
		Expenses of officers travelling overseas on official business (part recoverable)	4,000	2,000	4,000
		Grant, Public Service Women's Club (Inc.), towards wages of staff	150	150	150
		Grants to widows and dependants of deceased officers equivalent to leave due	2,000	2,000	1,879
		Gratuities to non-classified officers in recognition of long and faithful service as postmasters	150	150	100
		New Zealand Trade and Tourist Commissioner, Sydney: Proportion of office expenses	50	50	50
		Pensions Department: Grants to retired officers to bring superannuation allowances up to £52 per annum	50	50	20
		Photographic work in connection with the airgraph mail system	(b) 2,000	20,000	10,312
		Purchase of postage-stamps from other Administrations for sale to the public	500	500	..
		Compassionate grant to the widow of the late Thomas Paton, Divisional Director, General Post Office	1,500	1,500
		Donation to the National Patriotic Fund	5,000	5,000

(a) Increase due to new accounting procedure in settlements with other Administrations.
(b) Airgraph traffic diminishing due to increased use of air-mail letter-cards.