

63. The following table shows the applications dealt with during the year, and in summarized form are given the Tribunal's decisions. In all cases where rates have been increased, sundry amendments have also been made to the conditions of the schedules :—

Application in respect of—	Decision of Tribunal.	
	Date.	Terms.
	1945	
Hamilton Borough ..	April 10	Schedule prescribed and authorized.
Gisborne Borough ..	.. 10	Rates increased by 2½ per cent. (Schedule prescribed 20th June, 1941.)
Southern Hawke's Bay ..	.. 10	Rates increased by 10 per cent. (Previous increase granted 30th November, 1940.)
Poverty Bay .. ..	.. 10	Amended rates prescribed for one commodity only.
North Auckland .. ..	.. 10	Rates increased by 10 per cent. Certain new rates prescribed. (Schedule prescribed 1st April, 1941.)
Marlborough	July 27	Rates increased by 5 per cent. (Schedule prescribed 17th June, 1940.)
Hastings Borough ..	.. 27	Schedule prescribed and authorized.
General application in respect of goods-service charges throughout New Zealand	.. 28	Rates increased by 4 per cent. in Area Schedules and 5 per cent. in city, borough and town district schedules consequent on wage increases granted by Court of Arbitration.
Review of wheat-cartage rates	Nov. 23	Rates amended. Application in respect of Canterbury, South Canterbury, Cheviot, and Waipara-Amuri Areas.
Christchurch Shingle Metal Supply Association	.. 23	Rates amended.
Westland Co-op. Dairy Co., Ltd.	.. 23	Increases authorized of ½d. per pound butterfat in respect of charge authorized for transport of cream, and 12½ per cent. (inclusive of general increase of 4 per cent.) for carriage of other goods.
Governor's Bay Area ..	.. 23	Schedule prescribed and authorized.
Nelson .. ..	.. 23	Rates prescribed for cartage of boulders, metal, gravel, and similar goods; also for the hire of dump trucks.
Christchurch Exempted Area	.. 23	Schedule amended.
	1946	
Auckland	Jan. 25	Rates prescribed for carriage of sand, metal, metal chips, and shingle.
Waiheke Island .. ..	.. 25	Schedule prescribed and authorized.

In all cases where increases were granted by the Tribunal, the Minister of Stabilization directed that the increased cost was to be borne by the user.

64. During the year the Tribunal also reviewed 36 general and 71 mail contracts. Since its inception to 31st March, 1946, the totals of applications dealt with by the Tribunal, and in respect of which decisions have been given, are as follows :—

Country schedules	..	..	..	..	..	32
Town schedules	..	..	..	..	..	4
General contracts	..	..	..	..	..	124
Mail contracts	..	..	..	..	..	222

65. When dealing with applications for general increases in country or town schedules the accounts of a selected number of operators within each district are checked by the Department's Investigating Officers. The revenue accounts and balance-sheets, along with certain other statistical data, are then placed before a committee of accountants (one representative each of the transport industry, users, and the Department), which adjusts the accounts in accordance with conventions laid down by the Tribunal. The adjusted accounts are then summarized and copies forwarded to the parties interested in the application.