

48. The total number of temporary employees, excluding labourers, tradesmen, &c., is shown in the following table:—

*Temporary Employees at 1st April, 1919.*

Department.	Male Clerks.	Female Clerks.	Shorthand-Typists.	Typists.	Sorters.	Draughtsmen.	Draughts-women.	Tracers.	Engineers.	Surveyors.	Surveyors' Assistants.	S.B.A.	Machinists.
Agriculture .. ..	14	11	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Board of Trade .. ..	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Customs .. ..	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Education .. ..	9	11	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Government Insurance .. ..	22	6	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Internal Affairs .. ..	23	39	8	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Justice .. ..	9	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Labour .. ..	4	8	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Land and Deeds .. ..	3	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Land and Income Tax .. ..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lands and Survey .. ..	6	2	5	4	..	33	6	10	2	7	2	..	..
Marine .. ..	9	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mental Hospitals .. ..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mines .. ..	8	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
National Provident .. ..	4	17	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Native .. ..	15	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pensions .. ..	15	64	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Printing and Stationery .. ..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Public Health .. ..	14	5	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Public Trust .. ..	85	39	21	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1
Public Works .. ..	6	7	11	..	..	19	..	1	12	..	..	..	..
Stamp Duties .. ..	3	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
State Advances .. ..	2	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
State Fire Insurance .. ..	5	12	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tourist .. ..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
Treasury .. ..	16	6	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Valuation .. ..	5	1	..	9	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
War Branches—													
Audit .. ..	..	88	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Defence .. ..	206	409	27	51	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Munitions and Supplies .. ..	9	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals .. ..	502	748	96	116	3	54	6	13	16	7	2	2	1

#### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS.

49. Under the Public Service Act provision is made for the inclusion of all persons whose offices the Governor-General by notification in the *Gazette* declares to belong to the Administrative Division. It is further provided that the officers in the Administrative Division, except in the case of officers paid by virtue of any Act, shall be paid such salaries, emoluments, and allowances as shall be provided in the annual estimates and authorized by Parliament. It is difficult to understand why a distinction is made between administrative officers and others, and in any amendment of the Public Service Act it is recommended that it be considered whether the present exemptions in favour of administrative officers should be continued.

50. As regards officers in the Administrative Division, the Commissioners called attention in 1915 to the large number described as administrative officers, and suggested that they should be reduced to fourteen. At the same time it was pointed out that administrative officers could not be classified under the Act, the provision of their salaries and increments being authorized from year to year by Parliament as under the old Act. It was suggested that if the proposal in regard to amalgamation of Departments were agreed to, the minimum and maximum salaries of the fourteen proposed Permanent Heads should be fixed by law, Departments being grouped in two classes, Class I carrying a salary for the Permanent Head of £900