

The greatest increase was in the Mental Hospitals and Health Departments. In the Mental Hospitals Department the increase is due to improved working-conditions of the staff, which previously was required to work long hours. In the Health Department the increase is, in the main, due to the expansion of the school dental services necessitating the appointment of a number of trainees, and to the fact that a number of Inspectors who were previously employed by local authorities were, by amending legislation, placed under the control of the Health Department, thus adding to the numerical strength of that Department. The salaries of the Inspectors are subsequently recoverable from the local authorities.

Part of the reduction in the classified salaries was due to the operation of the Public Expenditure Adjustment Act, which resulted in a saving at the annual rate, under the first reduction, operating as from the 1st January, 1922, of £110,185.

A rearrangement in connection with the charing staff, whereby the charwomen were transferred from the permanent to the unclassified staff, also reduced the classified staff. The number affected was 113; annual salaries, £13,114.

Temporary Employees.

The position in regard to the temporary staff (excluding workmen, charwomen, &c.) in the Departments under the control of the Public Service Commissioner is as under:—

Department.	1st April, 1921.		1st April, 1922.	
	Number.	Total Remuneration.	Number.	Total Remuneration.
		£		£
Agriculture	92	21,257	56	13,609
Audit	32	5,301	13	2,117
Coal Control	10	2,117	..	..
Defence	218	44,180	64	14,152
Education	18	3,739	9	1,969
Government Insurance	8	1,960	2	371
Health	56	17,022	39	11,235
Immigration	2	422	2	325
Industries and Commerce	8	1,504	5	981
Internal Affairs	39	7,323	35	6,502
Justice	19	3,993	5	993
Labour	20	4,906	5	1,740
Land and Deeds	23	3,952	8	998
Land and Income Tax	2	481	2	449
Land for Settlements .. .. .	..	..	1	285
Lands and Survey	80	17,754	35	7,272
Marine	9	1,873	8	1,410
Mental Hospitals	4	832	3	496
Mines	6	978	2	135
National Provident	15	2,147	9	1,147
Native	13	2,772	7	1,250
Native Trust	3	637	..	..
Pensions	66	15,067	33	7,868
Printing and Stationery	2	546	2	514
Prisons	1	260	2	595
Public Trust	60	12,408	17	2,954
Public Works	82	20,398	63	16,310
Stamp Duties	8	1,800	1	218
State Advances	12	2,615	6	1,231
State Fire Insurance	2	377	..	..
State Forest Service	2	481	4	803
Tourist	8	1,337	6	737
Treasury	27	6,670	7	1,724
Valuation	39	6,778	14	2,235
	986	£213,897	465	£102,637

(Shillings and pence are omitted from this table.)