

413. The following summary indicates the savings capable of assessment but the amount is far below that which would result from the adoption of the whole of the foregoing recommendations :—

<i>Subdivision I.—Industries and Commerce.</i>		£	£
Trade Representatives in Australia and Toronto .. ..	..	3,700	
Curtailment of New Zealand administration by closing offices at Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, &c. .. ..	..	5,000	8,700
<i>Subdivision II.—Tourist and Publicity.</i>			
Trade Representatives in Australia and Toronto .. ..	..	3,600	3,600
New Zealand administration—closing of booking-offices and tourist bureaux .. ..	..	4,700	
Publicity .. ..	..	5,500	10,200
<i>Subdivision III.—Census and Statistics.</i>			
By curtailment of statistical data, &c. .. ..	..	4,000	4,000
			<u>£26,500</u>

#### VOTE—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

414. The following table shows the expenditure under this vote in 1914–15 as compared with 1930–31. There was a separate vote for the Registrar-General's Office in 1914–15, but, as it has been included in the vote of the Department of Justice in 1930–31, it is shown hereunder for the purposes of comparison :—

	1914–15.			1930–31.		
	Salaries.	Other Charges.	Total.	Salaries.	Other Charges.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Head Office .. ..	2,799	..	2,799	4,091	..	4,091
Patent Office .. ..	2,025	*	2,025	3,933	2,062	5,995
Supreme, Magistrates', and Wardens' Courts	36,322	23,917	60,239	69,504	22,124	91,628
Bankruptcy .. ..	1,298	1,727	3,025	5,622	3,686	9,308
Criminal prosecutions .. ..	..	12,102	12,102	..	14,692	14,692
Coroners .. ..	..	4,453	4,453	..	4,204	4,204
Miscellaneous services .. ..	..	16,453	16,453	..	17,922	17,922
Registrar-General's Office .. ..	6,281	7,918	14,199	12,838	6,448	19,286
	..	..	115,295	..	..	167,126
Less Credits-in-aid .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	12,213
Net expenditure .. ..	..	..	115,295	..	..	154,913

\* Included under Justice, Miscellaneous Services.

415. It is difficult to suggest major economies in connection with this vote, as the duties of the Department are wholly statutory and cannot well be curtailed. We would, however, refer to the following matters :—

#### SUBDIVISION II.—PATENT OFFICE.

*Item—Printing and Stationery, £1,500.*

416. This item should be reduced by £300.  
Saving, £300.

#### SUBDIVISION III.—BANKRUPTCY.

417. The bankruptcy work at certain towns is at present undertaken by Deputy Official Assignees, who are not officers of the Justice Department. Their remuneration is on a commission basis.

418. We consider that the work at New Plymouth, Masterton, Greymouth, and Westport should be undertaken by officers of the Department of Justice, and recommend that appointments be made accordingly, provided that this will not involve an increase in staff. We are informed that any such increase will be unnecessary.