

that H.M.S. “ Endeavour ” will arrive in New Zealand in April, 1937, to undertake the survey, and that His Majesty’s Government in Great Britain will provide the ship complete and bear the expenses connected with pay, victualling, &c., of the officers and ship’s company, leaving the New Zealand Government to provide coal and the cost of docking and refitting, including stores used.

The very generous manner in which the British Government has met the needs of New Zealand is much appreciated.

It is interesting to note that the ship which is now to resurvey the New Zealand coast-line bears the historic name of the barque in which Captain Cook made the first of his famous voyages, when in October, 1769, he made the coast of New Zealand at Young Nick’s Head and spent six months exploring, mapping, and sailing around both islands.

A technical officer of the Post and Telegraph Department proceeded to Great Britain during the year past and acquired first-hand information on the most recent developments in the use of wireless on ships, both for communication purposes and for direction-finding from radio beacons. He obtained valuable information from the lighthouse authorities responsible for radio beacons in England and Scotland, also from technical men engaged in the manufacture of the apparatus, and on his report the Government can proceed confidently with the installation of a system of radio beacons on the New Zealand coast.

Plant is being ordered at once from England, and it is confidently anticipated that before the end of the year radio beacons will be in operation at Baring Head and Cape Campbell, covering the eastern approach to Cook Strait. The work involves not only the purchase of the electrical apparatus but also the housing of operators. Other stations will follow throughout New Zealand as quickly as funds can be made available, until the network is complete.

The activities of the Department are dealt with in more detail under appropriate headings.

FINANCIAL.

The following statement summarizes the revenue and expenditure of the Department (excluding Westport and Greymouth Harbours) for the past four years in comparison with the figures for 1922-23 :—

Branch.	1922-23.		1931-32.		1932-33.		1933-34.		1934-35.		1935-36.	
Revenue.												
Shipping Branch—	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Light dues	39,688	16 8	78,334	6 0	87,297	17 7	89,075	6 0	91,108	3 3	94,020	10 10
Engagement and discharge fees	3,179	11 0	2,002	13 0	1,561	10 11	1,712	19 6	1,711	13 6	1,793	8 6
Survey fees	3,095	9 0	3,809	5 0	3,551	3 5	3,542	5 9	3,500	12 0	3,625	5 10
Examination fees, &c. ..	395	12 6	252	13 6	264	17 6	229	12 6	194	14 10	202	3 0
Lighthouse tender—												
Freight, passage-money, &c.	1,785	0 7	756	10 10	1,527	12 4	719	4 0	4,464	17 0	642	3 8
Miscellaneous	1,289	0 4	1,543	7 3	1,717	14 1	1,370	19 10	1,305	7 9	1,416	6 10
Harbours—												
Pilotage, port charges, &c. ..	764	14 6	1,293	4 1	1,860	7 5	1,806	3 0	1,711	15 1	2,044	0 11
Foreshore revenue	1,126	14 1	2,611	18 9	2,498	11 3	2,192	8 1	1,963	13 11	2,203	17 10
Inspection of Machinery—												
Inspection fees, &c. ..	17,126	19 6	22,801	19 8	18,981	3 10	19,529	12 2	19,331	14 10	19,566	5 8
Examination fees, &c. ..	667	0 0	384	7 0	401	0 0	313	2 6	359	4 6	422	14 6
Fisheries—												
Sale of oysters	7,702	9 6	5,430	8 5	5,101	9 4	5,359	16 9	5,925	8 4	3,765	6 8
Fishing-boat license fees, &c.	324	9 6	691	0 3	560	1 6	613	7 6	513	17 1	555	8 9
Rental of toheroa-beds ..	10	0 0	309	0 0	317	18 6	320	1 9	316	0 0	313	0 0
Ross Sea revenue	..	..	600	0 0	..	..	1,000	7 6	600	0 0	500	0 0
Miscellaneous revenue ..	2,800	11 4	26	1 7	27	17 1	14	8 10	525	11 8	516	19 1
Totals	79,956	8 6	120,846	15 4	125,669	4 9	127,799	15 8	133,532	13 9	131,587	12 1
Expenditure.												
Head Office	9,612	2 8	8,931	6 9	7,124	6 0	7,788	11 9	8,612	5 5	9,193	9 7
Harbours	4,826	13 2	2,409	16 0	1,919	12 1	1,792	3 3	2,071	3 7	2,333	3 11
Lighthouses	49,532	14 2	38,801	11 5	36,707	5 3	38,306	13 11	40,190	0 8	43,928	18 8
Mercantile marine	15,150	17 11	21,216	13 0	19,383	12 5	18,868	11 0	19,629	5 3	20,256	11 9
Inspection of Machinery ..	27,015	0 0	22,800	13 1	14,636	5 6	14,279	19 6	15,130	5 5	15,863	12 0
Fisheries	9,580	7 1	7,207	0 7	8,784	6 10	8,948	11 2	10,191	16 10	9,785	3 4
Miscellaneous services ..	2,655	3 8	1	14 8	0	18 11	25	19 6	..	..	5	0 0
Grants and subsidies ..	1,510	0 0	125	0 0	629	3 4	550	0 0	550	0 0	250	0 0
Depreciation	8,156	0 10	13,343	13 2	13,598	8 3	13,303	8 10	13,140	4 9	12,961	3 2
Interest on capital	128,038	19 6	114,837	8 8	102,783	18 7	103,863	18 11	109,515	1 11	114,577	2 5
	15,716	7 3	20,325	19 2	20,609	4 5	20,634	1 0	14,331	17 2	13,917	8 0
Totals	143,755	6 9	135,163	7 10	123,393	3 0	124,497	19 11	123,846	19 1	128,494	10 5
Financial result	Deficit.		Deficit.		Surplus.		Surplus.		Surplus.		Surplus.	
	63,798	18 3	14,316	12 6	2,276	1 9	3,301	15 9	9,685	14 8	3,093	1 8