

RETURN showing (1) Particulars of the Public Debt of the Colony on 30th June, 1878; (2) the several Increases and Decreases between that Date and the 31st March, 1899, whether arising from New Loans, or the Conversion of Old Loans, or from paying off any Loan; (3) the Rate of Interest and Sinking Fund payable in respect of each Loan; (4) Particulars of the Public Debt on 31st March, 1899, showing in respect of each Loan (a) the Annual Charge for Interest and Sinking Fund, (b) the Amount of Outstanding Debt, (c) the Due Date thereof, (d) the Accrued Sinking Fund, and (e) the Net Debt.

No.	Authority.	Amount authorised.	Date of Issue.	Public Debt at 30th June, 1878.		Increases to 31st Mar., 1899.		Decreases to 31st March 1899.							Public Debt at 31st March, 1899.					
				Amount.	Annual Charge.	From New Loans.	From Conversions.	Date	Terms.	Loans converted into or redeemed by				Loans paid off.	When due.	Amount.	Annual Charge.		Sinking Funds accrued.	Net Debt
										3-per-cent. Inscribed Stock.	3½-per-cent. Inscribed Stock.	4-per-cent. Inscribed Stock.	Short-dated Debentures.				Interest.	S.F.		
1	Ordinance of Legislative Council	£		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
2	New Zealand Loan Act, 1856	500,000		300,000	311	4		1896						311						
				25,000		4		1888						300,000						
				25,000		4								25,000						
			1 July, 1859	50,000		4		1889						25,000						
			1 Oct., "	50,000		4		"						50,000						
			1 July, 1864	50,000		4		"						50,000						
3	New Zealand Loan Act, 1860	150,000	1 July, 1861	500,000		6	2	1894			50,000									
4	New Zealand Loan Act, 1863	3,000,000	15 July, 1864	488,000		5	1													
								1891	104		74,100									
								1886	109			19,000								
								1894	115½		76,000									
								1886	112½			65,600								
								1886	A				43,600							
								1894	115		2,700									
								1895	114		18,700									
								"	114½		6,200									
								1896	111		1,400									
								1897	120	200										
								"	121	2,600										
								1898	118	3,300										
								"	119	900										
			1 Nov., 1865	500,000		4		1892	117		500,000									
			15 Mar., 1866	201,500		6	2	1891	104		154,800									
								1886	109											
			15 June, 1867	236,000		6	2	1891	104		188,400		46,700							
								1886	109			47,600								
			15 Dec., "	93,900		6	2	1891	104		4,900									
								1886	109			20,100								
5	New Zealand Consolidated Loan Act, 1867— English issue	7,283,100		1,519,400				1891	110		68,900									
				6,531,400	5	1		1891			200									
								1886	106			38,200								
								1885	B				3,651,700							
								1894			33,300									
								1886	C				562,400							
								1879-96						1,222,858						
								1894	108½		271,000									
								"	107½		6,400									
								"	107		7,600									
								"	106		4,600									
								"	102		7,500									
								1895	106		51,000									
								"	105		8,700									
								"	100		44,656									
								1896	100		68,786									
								1897	105	2,000										
								"	106½	3,800										
								"	107	6,500										
								"	108	17,100										
								"		40,800										
								1898	104	1,100										
								"	105	9,700										
								"		42,500										
6	Colonial issue	77,000	1 Jan., 1873	64,000		5		1893	106½		64,000									
	Public Debts Act, 1867— Auckland Loan Act, 1863	500,000	15 April, "	13,000		4														
			1 July, 1863	77,000		6	2	1891	114		11,800									
				31,600				1894	109		2,000									
								1895	107		1,000									
								1896			16,800									
	Wellington Loan Act, 1866	50,000	1 July, 1866	13,500	8	2		1886	100				13,500*							
	Nelson Waterworks Loan Act, 1864	20,000		6,200	8	2		1880-81						6,200						
	Lyttelton and Ch'ch. Railway Loan Ordinance, 1860..	300,000	Various	77,700	6	2		1891	109		200									
								1893												
								1891	111		6,000									
								1894						15,200						
								1896						18,600						
								1897						4,700						
														4,500						
	Canterbury Loan Ordinance, 1862	500,000		22,800	6	1		1891	136		5,800									
	Otago Loan Ordinance, 1862	500,000	1 July, 1863	116,700	6	1		1895	125		1,000									
								1891	116½		1,000									
								"	117½		23,700									
								1892	113½		6,600									
								1894	110½		8,100									
								"	105		1,000									
								1895	106		2,500									
								1896	103½		1,600									
								1897-98	100	900										
								1898-99	103½	1,200										

A. Six years' currency to 15th January, 1892; then converted into 4-per-cent. Inscribed Stock at 110. B. Seven years' currency to 15th April, 1892; then converted into 4-per-cent. Inscribed Stock at 107. C. Six years' currency to 15th April, 1892; then converted into 4-per-cent. Inscribed Stock at 107. D. 2nd January, 1915, £3,800; 2nd July, 1916, £12,200. * Included in sum of £231,000, No. 35. £ Further contributions of Sinking Fund not required.