MAIN HIGHWAYS ACCOUNT—continued. General Balance-sheet as at 31st March, 1940.

LIABILITIES,					Total.	ASSETS.			Total.
Balance at 31/3/39 Ess excess of expenditure over income for 1939-40	::	::	::	£ 633,321 97,133		Cash in Public Account— At call	•	<b>3</b> →1 :	£ 80,173
Sundry creditors— Public Works Department Other Government Departments Non-departmental	:::	:::	:::	70,561 17,953 325,320	536, 188	Sundry debtors— Public Works Department Other Government Departments Non-departmental	:::	24,090 2,756 17,232	2
Interest accrued on loans	:::	:::	:::	:::	413,834 66,795 219,399 3,030	Advances to local authorities (Main Highways Amendment Act, section 2) Motor-registration fees in hands of Postal Department Interest due and accerned	nt Act, 1926.	::	83.1. 1,53
						Interest paid in advance Buildings and land Stocks of materials, tools, &c. Furniture, fittings, &c. Expenditure to 31/3/40 Loss depreciation to 31/3/40		935	2,004 7,671 72,185 247,606
						Plant and equipment— For Main Highways Board— Expenditure to 31/3 40	::	615,428	366
						Purchased for local authorities—Expenditure to 31.3 $\pm 0$ Less repayments of principal	::	. 108,615	399, 785
						Amount transferred to Loans Redemption Account $L_{\rm rss}$ amount utilized for redemption of securities $\ldots$	::	1,128,064 908,665	77,560
				•		Stocks Deficits Account	:		- 219.399 3,030
			-		£1,239,246				£1,239,246

Notes.—(a) No liability is included for interest on loans redeemed out of Public Debt Repayment Account.

(b) The two funds, previously known as "Construction" and "Revenue," were amalgamated as from 1st April, 1936, and are now termed the "Main Highways Account," in accordance with section 3, Finance Act (No. 2), 1935.

## J. W. Scott, A.R.A.N.Z., Chief Accountant, Public Works Department, J. Wood, Chairman, Main Highways Board.

I hereby certify that the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance-sheet have been duly examined and compared with the relative books and documents submitted for audit and correctly state the position as disclosed thereby, subject to the departmental notes enfaced thereon.—CYRIL G. COLLINS, Controller and Auditor-General.