NATIVE LAND DEVELOPMENT

Interest Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1942

Dr.	£
Interest on loan capital	87,453
Interest on advance from Consolidated Fund under section 8, Finance Act, 1929	72
Interest adjustments, schemes and settlers, previous years	1,035
Balance, transferred to Revenue Account	7,084
	£95,644

Cr.	£	£
Interest on amounts under Part I, Native Land Amendment Act, 1936—		
Expended on development schemes	42,867	
Advanced to settlers	50,354	
		93,221
Interest on advances under—		
Section 340, Native Land Act, 1931 (Maori Land Boards)	181	
Section 521, Native Land Act, 1931 (Native Trustee)	1,836	
Section 48, Native Land Amendment Act, 1936 (Native settlers)	386	
Oturei mortgage	20	
		2,423
		£95,644

Revenue Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1942

Dr.	£
Depreciation: Surveyors' equipment	26
Profit, transferred to Net Revenue Account	43,626
	£43,652

Cr.	£	£
Balance, transferred from Interest Account		7,084
Departmental charge on amounts—		
Expended on development schemes	16,075	
Advanced to settlers	20,493	
		36,568
		£43,652

Net Revenue Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1942

Dr.	£
Previous year's loss: Bulk purchases, &c.	55
Balance, 31st March, 1942	139,320
	£139,375

Cr.	£	£
Balance, 1st April, 1941		87,603
Profit, transferred from Revenue Account		43,626
Administration charge		200
Previous year's profits—		
Bulk purchases and motor-vehicles	5,460	
Bush schemes	2,486	
		7,946
		£139,375

Balance-sheet as at 31st March, 1942

Liabilities	£	£	£
Loan capital: Public Works Fund			2,216,048
Liability to Consolidated Fund—			
Advance under section 8, Finance Act, 1929: Principal		1,800	
Interest on loan capital		103,022	
			104,822
Creditor: Employment-promotion grant unexpended			27,591
Writings-off in suspense			22,855
Net Revenue Account—			
Balance, 1st April, 1941		87,603	
Plus—			
Excess income over expenditure, 1941–42	43,626		
Administration charge	200		
Previous year's profits on bulk purchases and bush schemes	7,946		
		51,772	
		139,375	
Less previous year's loss: Bulk purchases		55	
			139,320
			£2,510,636

Assets	£	£	£
Development and settlement—			
Expenditure, including interest and departmental charge, on—			
Development schemes	1,131,550		
Settled holdings	1,314,875		
		2,446,125	
Advances under section 48, Native Land Amendment Act, 1936	8,024		
Interest accrued	68		
		8,092	
			2,454,517
Advances—			
Native Trustee under section 521, Native Land Act, 1931		27,689	
Maori Land Boards under section 340, Native Land Act, 1931	1,729		
Interest accrued	80		
		1,809	
Oturei Block	270		
Interest accrued	5		
		275	
			29,773
Departmental motor-vehicles		8	
Surveyors' equipment		152	
			160
Debtors—			
Advances to Maori Land Boards (Instalments: Principal, £1,680; interest, £1,625)		3,305	
Advances to Natives (principal)		26	
			3,331
Losses in suspense			22,855
			£2,510,636

Notes.—(1) Expenditure from employment-promotion grants on development schemes since inception, amounting to £1,523,036, is not included in the development and settlement expenditure above. (2) Administration expenses have been paid from Consolidated Fund, vote "Native," since 1st April, 1936, prior to when the salaries and expenses of the field supervisors were paid from vote "Native Land Settlement" and were debited in those years to the Revenue Account.

O. N. Campbell, Under-Secretary.
M. J. Lawless, A.R.A.N.Z., Accountant.

I hereby certify that the Revenue 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 explanatory notes dealing with departmental accounts generally as appearing at commencement of parliamentary return B-1 [Pt. IV], and to the following comments: (1) The loading of the various schemes for administration expenses is not sufficient to cover the full cost; (2) moneys expended out of the "Surveys of Native Land Account" on Native-land-development schemes have not been recouped; (3) in the opinion of the Audit Office expenditure from the Public Works Fund on Native-land-development areas incurred prior to the assumption of control by the Native Department and included in the Crown Lands Balance-sheet should be reflected in the accounts of the Native-land-development schemes.—Cyril G. Collins, Controller and Auditor-General.