STATE FOREST SERVICE—*continued*

STATE FORESTS ACCOUNT—*continued*

BALANCE-SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1942

Liabilities			£
Capital Account			36,319,405
Loans—			
Debentures and stock issued—			
Rate of Interest, per Cent. / Amount of Loan. £			
1½	320,000		
3	1,317,852		
3½	119,580		
3¾	638,795		
4	991,211		
		3,387,438	
Advances from Consolidated Fund at 4 per cent.		87,405	
			3,474,843
Sundry creditors—			
Consolidated Fund for—			
Loans redeemed on conversion		141,554	
Interest paid		759,049	
Interest accrued		26,927	
National endowment Revenue		41,164	
Working Railways Account		898	
On open accounts		31,176	
			1,000,768
Reserves, general			1,829,182
Liability for amounts held on deposit			3,932
Reserve for assets written off			187
			£42,628,317

Assets	£
Land	1,526,058
Standing forests	34,028,190
Forest improvements: Roads, tracks, protection improvements, &c.	7,165
Departmental property—Indigenous Forests: Buildings, equipment, motor-vehicles, reference library, stores, &c.	13,587
Sundry debtors	124,572
Plantations	6,163,160
Stocks of tree seed	1,542
Regeneration areas	52,391
Managed forests	65,823
Utilization, sawmilling, and creosoting plant	381,275
Amounts held on deposit	3,932
Assets in Suspense	187
Administration expenses unallocated	11,082
Charcoal production	6,316
Net interest payable, capitalized as from 1st April, 1940	183,757
Cash in Public Account	59,280
	£42,628,317

NOTES.—(1) Lands and standing forests other than areas purchased have been valued as follows: Prairie value, 5s. per acre; protection, £1 per acre; merchantable forests, £10 per acre; accretions during the year have been brought into the accounts at the prairie value of 5s. per acre. (2) Plantations have been valued at cost plus compound interest to 31st March, 1940, less returns compounded to 31st March, 1940. (3) The liability for advances from the Consolidated Fund is fixed by section 21 of the Finance Act, 1926, and section 3 of the Finance Act, 1926, and section 3 of the Finance Act, 1927, at £104,250. £87,405 3s. 4d. only is shown as a liability of this account, £16,844 16s. 8d. representing the expenditure on sand-dune reclamation, having been transferred without statutory authority to the Crown Lands Account.

ALEX. R. ENTRICAN, Director of Forestry.
W. J. C. KINLOCH, A.R.A.N.Z., Accountant.

I hereby certify that the Working Accounts, Profit and Loss Account, 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, and to the explanatory notes dealing with departmental accounts generally as appearing at commencement of parliamentary return B.–1 [Pt. IV].—CYRIL G. COLLINS, Controller and Auditor-General.