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REPORT OF THE CONTROLLER AND AUDITOR-GENERAL

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FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1944

REPORT OF THE CONTROLLER AND AUDITOR-GENERAL

I HAVE the honour to submit my report for the year ended 31st March, 1944, in terms of the Public Revenues Act, 1926, section 89, which is set out hereunder. Subsections (2) and (3) of this section state the several headings under which the report is required to be presented :—

89. (1) The Treasury shall as soon as practicable after the end of every financial year prepare and send to the Audit Office a statement of the revenue and expenditure of the Public Account during that year.

(2) The Controller and Auditor-General shall forthwith examine that statement, and prepare and sign a report showing—

(*a*) The particulars of any discrepancies between such statement and the books of the Treasury :

(*b*) Full particulars of every case in which the provisions of this or any other Act, or the regulations or any forms, have not been carried out or adopted, or have in any manner been varied or departed from :

(*c*) Every case of failure to deliver or send in accounts or to collect or account for any moneys or stores :

(*d*) All sums allowed or disallowed without vouchers or with imperfect vouchers or upon incorrect certificates :

(*e*) Any proceeding that may have been taken by or against any person in pursuance of the provisions of this Act or the regulations :

(*f*) All unsatisfied surcharges which have been made by the Controller and Auditor-General and all surcharges disallowed by the Minister on appeal :

(*g*) In what accounts the Controller and Auditor-General has, with the consent of the Minister, dispensed with a detailed audit :

(*h*) Such other information as may be prescribed, or as the Controller and Auditor-General thinks desirable.

(3) The Controller and Auditor-General shall annex or append to the said report copies of all cases laid by him before the Attorney-General for his opinion, together with a copy of the opinion given in every such case.

(4) The Controller and Auditor-General shall lay the said statement, together with his report thereon, before Parliament within fourteen days after the signing of the report if Parliament is then in session, and if not, then within fourteen days after the commencement of the next ensuing session.

In reference to subsection (3), no cases were laid before the Attorney-General, and as to subsection (4), the full Statement of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Public Account is contained in two parliamentary papers—namely, B.-1 [Pt. I], which shows, under main headings, the receipts and payments of the funds and accounts comprised in the Public Account, and also shows details of the expenditure under the annual appropriations, Civil List, and the Unauthorized Expenditure Account ; and B.-1 [Pt. II], which shows certain of the receipts and payments in greater detail than they are shown in B.-1 [Pt. I]. As the latter paper for 1943-44 has already been laid before Parliament, it is necessary for me to present only Part II with this report.

The requirements of subsection (2) (*a–h*) are satisfied as follows :—

(*a*) DISCREPANCIES IN THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

There are no discrepancies between the statement of accounts and the books of the Treasury.

(*b*) CASES IN WHICH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAW HAVE NOT BEEN CARRIED OUT

The Audit Office is required, in the exercise of its duties, to satisfy itself that all financial transactions of the State are supported by proper authority and that they contravene no provisions of the law. As stated in previous reports, circumstances arise which require or render it desirable that public moneys should be expended for purposes for which no specific authority exists and for which the statutory provisions governing "unauthorized expenditure" or "emergency expenditure" are not available, or not available to a sufficient amount. There are cases also in which circumstances may render it desirable that legislative restrictions should not apply.

Several cases covered by the foregoing explanation arose during the year, and the Audit Office, following past practice, agreed to pass the transactions on being informed by the Government that it would introduce at the earliest opportunity validating or amending legislation, or otherwise provide the authority required.

The necessary legislation in the following case was passed during the financial year covered by this report:—

Social Security Amendment Act, 1943, which authorized payments at increased rates from 1st July, 1943, in respect of war pensions and social security monetary benefits.

The following transactions were regularized:—

(*a*) By Finance Act (No. 2), 1944—

(1) Payment of £860,079 8s. 2d. in excess of the limit of £500,000 fixed by section 58 of the Public Revenues Act, 1926, as the limit of general unauthorized. (Section 6.)

(2) Expenditure incurred for the purpose of developing the New Zealand flax (*Phormium tenax*) industry in New Zealand. (Section 10.)

(3) Contributions from accounts established under the Marketing Act, 1936, towards capital expenditure charged to War Expenses Account in connection with the erection of emergency cool stores and canning plants. (Section 11.)

(*b*) By War Pensions Emergency Regulations 1944—

Expenditure arising from the establishment of a second War Pensions Board. (Note.—The War Pensions Act, 1943, provided for the appointment of one Board only.)

My report last year referred to two cases in which validating legislation or other authority had not been provided at the date of the report. The transactions have since been validated as follows:—

(1) The appropriation as required by section 29 of the Finance Act, 1926, for the allowances paid to Senior Inspectors, Education Department, now appears in the supplementary estimates for the year ended 31st March, 1944.

(2) The Local Legislation Act, 1943, section 5, validated the payment made to contractors by the Franklin County Council of the increased costs of road-construction improvement works on which a subsidy of £416 5s. was paid by the Main Highways Board.

Validating or other authority is awaited in respect of the following transactions:—

(1) Payment of benefits in excess of rates prescribed by section 17 of the National Provident Fund Act, 1926, to certain contributors who are incapacitated through illness or personal injury.

(2) Payment of an allowance of £75 made to a member of the Goods-services Charges Tribunal. (Note.—The only provision in respect of fees to members contained in the Goods-services Charges Tribunal Emergency Regulations (Regulation 13) is for payment of £3 3s. for every day on which a meeting of the Tribunal is attended.)

(3) Payment of salaries at the rate of £750 per annum to each of two members of the Rehabilitation Board appointed under section 4 (2) of the Rehabilitation Act, 1941. (Note.—The approval of the Minister of Rehabilitation to the payment of the members has been received, but the law requires that their appointment should be made and their remuneration fixed by the Public Service Commissioner.)

(4) Payment of the sum of £23,776 in settlement of compensation payable for the acquisition of the Tokaanu Hotel, and the incurring of expenditure for carrying on the business in connection therewith.

(c) STATEMENT OF IRREGULARITIES IN CONNECTION WITH PUBLIC MONEYS AND STORES

Five serious cases of misappropriation of public moneys by departmental officers occurred during the year, and the person involved in each case was a senior accounting officer. The total sum stolen in the five cases, in three of which forgery or falsification of documents was resorted to in order to conceal the thefts, was £1,172. In addition to these five cases, there were seven other cases of theft by public servants involving a sum of £68.

Five misappropriations by temporary clerks in pay offices of the Army Department also occurred. The sum of the misappropriations in these five cases amounted to £1,417, and in three of them forgery or falsification of records was in evidence.

As pointed out in previous reports, the ordinary safeguards provided by internal checks are applied wherever possible to prevent irregularities, and the Audit Office, in the course of its duties, examines the accounting systems in operation and suggests improvements where necessary.

The number of cases in which recipients of pensions, sustenance, age, and other benefits obtained payment in excess of scale rates by failing to disclose material particulars of their circumstances to the Social Security Department again shows a substantial reduction when compared with the previous year. The number of cases reported this year to the Audit Office by the Department is 211, against 551 last year.

Note.—In all cases marked * police inquiries were either unsuccessful or are incomplete.

Nature of Irregularity.	Amount involved.	Action taken, and Result.
Air Department		
IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS		
	£ s. d.	
Theft of seven registered letters *en route* from air station to post-office	11 10 0	Claims for losses in respect of the registered letters met by Department.*
Public moneys obtained by fraud	5 14 4	*
Fraudulent cashing of allotment imprest cheques—seven instances	69 17 10	Each loss was investigated by the police and convictions obtained in two cases. Inquiries in respect of two other cases have not yet been completed.
Theft or improper possession of stores, equipment, petrol, and arms—thirty-eight instances	Not stated	Each case was investigated by the police or by the Air Force authorities. Convictions were obtained in eleven cases.
Agriculture Department		
IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS		
Theft of cash	7 18 0	*
Theft of petrol—three instances	5 0 0	Two offenders in one case each fined £3. Police inquiries unsuccessful in two cases.
Army Department		
IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS		
Misappropriation of public moneys	203 10 8	Offender sentenced to eighteen months' reformative detention. £28 3s. 3d. recovered.
Misappropriation of public moneys	28 13 10	Offender admitted to probation for eighteen months.
Misappropriation of public moneys	46 5 11	Offender admitted to probation for a period of two years. Restitution ordered.
Misappropriation of public moneys	263 10 3	Soldier convicted and sentenced to three months' hard labour.
Misappropriation of public moneys	875 2 6	Offender sentenced to six months' imprisonment.
Dependant's and child's allowances fraudulently obtained by a soldier and person representing herself as the soldier's wife	237 19 6	Offenders placed on probation for two years on the condition that they refund at rate of £1 per week a sum not exceeding £100.
Excess allotment and dependant's allowance obtained by fraud	146 2 0	Offender convicted and placed on probation for a period of four years and ordered to make restitution.
Theft of cash (Middle East Forces)	218 11 2	Proceedings by Court of Inquiry unsuccessful.
Theft of cash (Middle East Forces)	160 16 3	Proceedings by Court of Inquiry unsuccessful.
Theft of cash (Middle East Forces)	100 0 9	Proceedings by Court of Inquiry unsuccessful.
Theft of cash (Middle East Forces)	1,282 1 0	Five Native offenders under arrest awaiting trial; £180 17s 11d. recovered. Court of Inquiry ordered the officer responsible for the custody of the cash to be reprimanded and to make good the sum of £37 10s.
Fraudulent cashing of a remittance warrant ..	6 1 8	*
Fraudulent cashing of pay warrant	2 18 0	*
Fraudulent cashing of pay warrant	4 0 6	Offender convicted and sentenced to six months' imprisonment.
Fraudulent cashing of pay warrant	0 18 0	Offender convicted and ordered to make restitution.
Fraudulent cashing of allotment and dependant's allowance warrants—fifty-two instances	446 2 3	Each loss was investigated by the police. Eleven convictions were obtained and restitution of £41 10s. 6d. was ordered. Inquiries in respect of two of the cases are not yet complete.
Theft of cash	2 12 3	*
Theft or improper possession of stores, equipment, petrol, and arms—forty instances	Not stated	Each case was investigated by the police or Military authorities. Convictions were obtained in twelve instances.

STATEMENT OF IRREGULARITIES IN CONNECTION WITH PUBLIC MONEYS AND STORES—*continued*

Nature of Irregularity.	Amount involved.	Action taken, and Result.
Health Department		
IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS		
	£ s. d.	
Postal warrants negotiated by unauthorized persons—five instances	7 15 0	*
Postal warrant negotiated by an unauthorized person	0 7 6	Amount recovered from firm which cashed warrant.
Theft of stores	Not stated	Two offenders. One sentenced to four months' imprisonment, and the other to six months' imprisonment.
Industries and Commerce, Tourist and Publicity Department		
IRREGULARITIES BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS		
Misappropriation of public moneys—two instances	357 8 5	Each offender convicted and sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment.
IRREGULARITY BY PERSON NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER		
Theft of material	1,117 9 1	Offender not discovered. Amount to be claimed from firm responsible for safe custody.
Justice Department		
IRREGULARITY BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER		
Misappropriation of public moneys	218 18 6	Offender pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to six months' reformative detention.
Labour Department		
IRREGULARITY BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER		
Misappropriation of public moneys	4 10 9	Offender dealt with by the Court. Charge dismissed under Offenders Probation Act, 1920.
Marine Department		
IRREGULARITY BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER		
Misappropriation of public moneys	247 0 0	Offender sentenced to twelve months' reformative detention.
Marketing Department (Internal Marketing Division)		
IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS		
Theft of cash R.N.Z.A.F. canteen—eight instances	246 8 3	*
Theft of cash, Army canteen	6 10 0	*
Mental Hospitals Department		
IRREGULARITY BY PERSON NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER		
Theft of cash	12 0 0	Officer responsible for its safe custody required to make good the loss.
Mines Department		
IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS		
Theft of pay	47 4 10	Offender placed on probation for a period of twelve months. Amount recovered.
Theft of stores—two instances	Not stated	*
Theft of petrol	2 3 3	*
Theft of coal	Not stated	Offender convicted and fined £2 10s.
Navy Department		
IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS		
Theft of equipment	Not stated	*
Fraudulent cashing of allotment cheques—six instances	20 5 2	*
Fraudulent cashing of imprest cheque ..	4 0 0	*
Post and Telegraph Department		
IRREGULARITIES BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS		
Theft of postal packets	Not stated	Offender placed on probation for a period of four years and ordered to make restitution.
Theft of postal packets	Not stated	Offender placed on probation for a period of twelve months and ordered to make restitution.
Theft of letters	83 11 6	Offender placed on probation for two years. Restitution made.
Theft of postal packets	Not stated	Offender pleaded guilty to thirteen charges of theft, was convicted and fined £5 on the first charge, convicted and ordered to come up for sentence if called upon within twelve months on the second charge, and convicted and discharged on the other charges.

STATEMENT OF IRREGULARITIES IN CONNECTION WITH PUBLIC MONEYS AND STORES—*continued*

Nature of Irregularity.	Amount involved.	Action taken, and Result.

Post and Telegraph Department—*continued*

IRREGULARITIES BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS—*continued*

Nature of Irregularity.	Amount involved. £ s. d.	Action taken, and Result.
Theft of postal packets	Not stated	Offender convicted and placed on probation for a period of two years. Restitution ordered.
Fraudulent cashing of allotment and dependant's allowance warrants	14 14 0	Offender convicted, placed on probation for a period of two years, and ordered to make restitution of £34 12s. 3d.
Theft of cash and articles of value	19 18 3	
Theft of postal packet	Not stated	Offender placed on probation for twelve months. Part goods recovered.

IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS

Nature of Irregularity.	Amount involved. £ s. d.	Action taken, and Result.
Fraudulent withdrawals from Post Office Savings-bank accounts—four instances	52 0 0	*
Use of previously used postage-stamps	0 9 9	Offender convicted and fined £5 and 10s. costs on each of ten charges.
Loss of remittance	12 0 0	*
Theft of cash—three instances	73 3 10	*
Theft of cash and articles of value—three instances	593 17 1	*
Fraudulent withdrawals from Post Office Savings-bank accounts—four instances	50 2 5	Offenders convicted, placed on probation, and ordered to make restitution.
Theft of postal packet	Not stated	Offender convicted and placed on probation for a period of twelve months.
Allotment warrant cashed by unauthorized person	3 3 0	*
Theft of cash	1 5 9	Offender convicted and sentenced to two years' reformative detention.
Fraudulent withdrawal from Post Office Savings-bank account	2 3 0	Offender pleaded guilty, and ordered to come up for sentence if called upon within twelve months.
Fraudulent cashing of Savings-bank money-order	50 0 0	*
Theft of postal packets	Not stated	Offender convicted and sentenced to one month's imprisonment.
Fraudulent withdrawal from Post Office Savings-bank account	33 10 0	Offender convicted and sentenced to two years' reformative detention.
Fraudulent withdrawal from Post Office Savings-bank account	15 16 0	Offender, who was serving a sentence of eighteen months' detention, was convicted and discharged.
Thefts from public-call and stamp-vending machines	486 6 3	*

Printing and Stationery Department

IRREGULARITY BY PERSON NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER

Nature of Irregularity.	Amount involved.	Action taken, and Result.
Theft of two tent flys	Not stated	*

Public Works Department

IRREGULARITIES BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS

Nature of Irregularity.	Amount involved.	Action taken, and Result.
Theft of stores	Not stated	Offender convicted and sentenced to four months' imprisonment.
Public moneys obtained by fraud	1 19 6	Offender convicted and ordered to come up for sentence if called upon within twelve months.

Railways Department

IRREGULARITIES BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS

Nature of Irregularity.	Amount involved.	Action taken, and Result.
Theft of goods	Not stated	Offender pleaded guilty, and was convicted and placed on probation for a period of twelve months.
Misappropriation of public moneys	348 13 10	Offender convicted and sentenced to six months' imprisonment.
Theft of cash	0 15 0	Offender pleaded guilty, and was convicted and discharged. Restitution ordered.
Misappropriation of public moneys	14 0 0	Offender convicted and admitted to probation for twelve months. Amount recovered.
Theft of motor tire and tube	Not stated	Offender convicted and ordered to come up for sentence if called upon within twelve months.
Misappropriation of public moneys	1 10 1	Offender dismissed the service. Restitution made.

IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS

Nature of Irregularity.	Amount involved.	Action taken, and Result.
Theft of bag containing cash	53 0 0	Police inquiries unsuccessful. Officer responsible for its custody required to make good the loss.
Theft of goods	11 17 2	*
Theft of stores	98 8 6	*
Theft of cash and tickets	3 14 9	Amount recovered.
Theft of cash	2 2 0	Offender admonished and discharged. Amount recovered through police.
Theft of stores	1 8 0	Restitution ordered.

Scientific and Industrial Research Department

IRREGULARITIES BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS

Nature of Irregularity.	Amount involved.	Action taken, and Result.
Theft of pay	10 10 0	*
Theft of equipment	Not stated	Offender convicted and placed on probation for a period of nine months and ordered to pay cost of prosecution, £7 11s. 6d.

STATEMENT OF IRREGULARITIES IN CONNECTION WITH PUBLIC MONEYS AND STORES—*continued*

Nature of Irregularity.	Amount involved.	Action taken, and Result.
Social Security Department		
IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS		
	£ s. d.	
Postal warrant negotiated by unauthorized person	1 15 0	*
Postal warrant negotiated by unauthorized person	1 0 0	Offender convicted and ordered to come up for sentence if called upon within twelve months. Restitution ordered.
Postal warrant negotiated by unauthorized person	5 10 0	Offender convicted and discharged. Restitution made.
Postal warrant negotiated by unauthorized persons	1 5 0	Two offenders. Both pleaded guilty. One was admitted to probation for twelve months, and the other was convicted and discharged.
Fraudulent cashing of age-benefit advice ..	7 0 10	*
Postal warrants for rehabilitation allowance negotiated by unauthorized persons	10 8 0	Two offenders. One offender was convicted and fined £5 on the first charge, convicted and ordered to come up for sentence if called upon within twelve months on the second charge and also to refund £2 10s. within three months; on the third charge he was convicted and ordered to come up for sentence if called upon within twelve months and ordered to refund £5 4s. within three months. The other offender was discharged under section 18, Offenders Probation Act, 1920.
Two hundred and eleven cases in which recipients of rehabilitation allowances, war pensions, unemployment, sickness, and other benefits obtained payments in excess of scale rates by failing promptly to disclose material particulars of their circumstances to the Social Security Department	7,688 4 9	Proceedings instituted in five cases involving the sum of £576 17s. 5d. resulted in five convictions being entered. Three offenders sentenced to terms of imprisonment and the other two placed on probation. Restitution of the sum of £359 6s. 6d. was ordered to be made. There were 206 other cases, involving the sum of £7,111 7s. 4d. Except in a small number of cases where the beneficiaries are on active service, in straitened circumstances, or deceased, efforts have been made to obtain refunds.

(*d*) SCHEDULE OF SUMS ALLOWED BY THE AUDIT OFFICE AS PAID, UNDER PROVISIONS OF SECTION 73, PUBLIC REVENUES ACT, 1926

Section 73, which requires the Audit Office to disallow any sum as paid where the voucher for the actual receipt and payment has not been produced, empowers the Minister, on satisfactory evidence being produced that the requisite papers have been lost or destroyed or that it is not possible to obtain or replace them, to order that the relative sum be allowed.

The powers of the Minister under section 73 have been delegated to the Secretary of the Treasury in terms of section 15 of the Finance Act, 1939, and the following payments have been passed by the Audit Office pursuant to orders made under the delegated powers:—

Department and Particulars.	Reason.	Amount.	Total Amount.
Agriculture		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bursaries ..	Receipt unobtainable..	50 0 0	
Purchase of publications	Receipt unobtainable	0 9 4	
Salaries ..	Receipts lost	27 4 0	
			77 13 4
Air			
Cable charges and toll accounts	Vouchers lost	55 10 6	
Electric-power charges	Vouchers lost	1 14 9	
Goods and services ..	Vouchers lost	247 3 11	
Goods and services ..	Vouchers lost in aeroplane accident	3,039 10 9	
Pay and allowances ..	Vouchers lost in aeroplane accident	730 15 5	
Pay and allowances ..	Vouchers lost	1,654 17 6*	
Pay and allowances ..	Vouchers lost	652 11 4	
Telegraphic remittances	Receipt unobtainable	8 0 6	
Travelling-expenses ..	Receipts not obtained	469 6 3	
Travelling-expenses of Supply Mission ..	Receipts not obtained	588 4 2	
			7,447 15 1
Army			
Freight charges	Receipts not obtained	10 14 3	
Goods and services ..	Vouchers lost	2,103 11 0	
Pay and allowances ..	Vouchers lost	679 0 3*	
Pay and allowances ..	Vouchers lost	203 19 0	
Purchase of publications	Vouchers lost	58 2 8	
Salaries	Receipts unobtainable	46 13 10	
Toll fees	Receipts unobtainable	55 9 7	
Travelling-expenses ..	Receipts not obtained	36 6 1	
			3,193 16 8
Customs			
Refund of passport fee	Receipt lost ..	1 0 0	
Salaries	Voucher lost..	4 7 10	
Travelling-expenses ..	Receipt not obtained ..	2 17 6	
Travelling-expenses of official representative travelling in United States of America	Receipts unobtainable	120 15 11	
			129 1 3

* These figures mainly represent vouchers lost as a result of enemy action.

SCHEDULE OF SUMS ALLOWED BY THE AUDIT OFFICE AS PAID, UNDER PROVISIONS OF SECTION 73, PUBLIC REVENUES ACT, 1926—*continued*

Department and Particulars.	Reason.	Amount.	Total Amount.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Education			
Purchase of publications	Receipts unobtainable	5 6 0	
Salaries	Vouchers lost	100 15 5	
Travelling-expenses	Receipts not obtained	11 5 7	
			117 7 0
External Affairs			
Miscellaneous payments, Washington Legation	Receipts not obtained	3,234 17 4	
			3,234 17 4
Government Insurance			
Annuities	Receipt unobtainable	7 7 0	
			7 7 0
Health			
Examination fees	Vouchers lost	17 0 0	
Freight charges	Receipt unobtainable	2 17 3	
Medical services	Receipts lost	139 14 0	
Purchase of publications	Receipts unobtainable	150 6 10	
Salaries	Voucher lost	5 0 0	
Toll fees	Voucher lost	1 0 8	
Travelling-expenses	Receipts not obtained	11 5 1	
			327 3 10
Industries and Commerce, Tourist and Publicity			
Goods and services	Vouchers lost	1,184 4 8	
Purchase of publications	Receipts unobtainable	22 2 6	
Salaries	Vouchers lost	184 5 3	
Toll fees	Receipts not obtained	2 6 8	
Travelling-expenses	Receipts not obtained	20 15 7	
			1,413 14 8
Internal Affairs			
Purchase of publications	Receipts unobtainable	6 15 6	
Salaries	Voucher lost	33 6 3	
Toll fees	Receipts not obtained	1 5 4	
Travelling-expenses	Receipts not obtained	178 10 10	
			219 17 11
Island Territories			
Salaries	Vouchers lost	31 16 6	
Travelling-expenses	Receipt not obtained	1 0 0	
			32 16 6
Justice and Prisons			
Maintenance	Vouchers lost	13 17 6	
			13 17 6
Labour			
Waterfront Control Commission	Voucher lost	88 7 6	
			88 7 6
Land and Income Tax			
Refund of tax	Vouchers lost	213 10 0	
			213 10 0
Lands and Survey			
Salaries	Voucher lost	43 15 9	
Travelling-expenses	Receipt not obtained	1 5 0	
			45 0 9
Marine			
Compensation	Voucher lost	33 6 8	
Travelling-expenses	Receipts not obtained	4 1 11	
			37 8 7
Marketing			
Toll fees	Receipts not obtained	0 14 10	
Travelling-expenses	Receipts not obtained	254 11 10	
			255 6 8
Mental Hospitals			
Overtime	Vouchers lost	168 13 11	
			168 13 11
Mines			
Goods and services	Vouchers lost	3 4 2	
Overtime	Vouchers lost	6 5 10	
Purchase of publications	Receipts unobtainable	5 4 8	
Travelling-expenses	Receipts unobtainable	5 0 2	
			19 14 10
National Commercial Broadcasting			
Purchase of publications	Receipt lost	2 10 0	
			2 10 0
National Service			
Subsidy, Scheme 13	Vouchers lost	271 16 10	
Toll fees	Receipt not obtained	3 18 0	
Travelling-expenses	Receipt not obtained	41 16 5	
			317 11 3
Native			
Rents	Vouchers lost	2 4 9	
Wages	Vouchers lost	36 18 10	
			39 3 7
Native Trust			
Distribution of estates	Voucher lost	37 2 9	
			37 2 9

SCHEDULE OF SUMS ALLOWED BY THE AUDIT OFFICE AS PAID, UNDER PROVISIONS OF SECTION 73, PUBLIC REVENUES ACT, 1926—*continued*

Department and Particulars.	Reason.	Amount.	Total Amount.
Navy		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Pay and allowances	Vouchers lost	15 19 5	
Purchase of publications	Receipt unobtainable	0 12 6	
Remittances overseas	Receipt unobtainable	72 7 7	
Repairs and services	Vouchers lost	1,664 0 11	
Salaries	Vouchers lost	206 0 10	
Travelling-expenses	Receipt not obtained	3 7 0	
			1,962 8 3
Post Office			
Freight charges	Receipt not obtained	0 19 6	
Goods and services	Voucher lost	37 11 0	
			38 10 6
Prime Minister's			
Purchase of publications	Receipts not obtained	162 14 7	
Toll fees	Receipts not obtained	1 6 9	
Travelling-expenses	Receipts not obtained	78 4 5	
			242 5 9
Public Works			
Charter-party expenses	Receipts unobtainable	545 3 4	
Compensation	Voucher lost	13 10 0	
Goods and services	Voucher lost	2,198 3 11	
Purchase of publications	Receipts unobtainable	1 7 4	
Travelling-expenses	Receipts not obtained	40 0 7	
Wages	Vouchers lost	405 4 0	
			3,203 9 2
Railways			
Compensation	Receipt unobtainable	10 0 0	
Goods and services	Vouchers lost	30 7 9	
Salaries	Vouchers lost	43 12 5	
Travelling-expenses	Receipt not obtained	0 15 0	
			84 15 2
Scientific and Industrial Research			
Goods and services	Vouchers lost	12 11 11	
Overtime	Voucher lost	7 3 9	
Purchase of publications	Receipts unobtainable	4 11 6	
Travelling-expenses	Receipts not obtained	10 3 2	
			34 10 4
Social Security			
Benefit payments	Vouchers lost	23 5 9	
Overtime	Vouchers lost	174 19 9	
Salaries	Vouchers lost	15 19 1	
			214 4 7
State Advances Corporation			
Financial assistance to soldiers	Receipts lost	8 17 8	
			8 17 8
State Forest Service			
Goods and services	Voucher lost	3 3 5	
Salaries	Voucher lost	12 17 11	
Travelling-expenses	Receipt not obtained	0 13 8	
			16 15 0
Treasury			
Bank charges	Receipt unobtainable	0 10 6	
Maintenance	Receipt unobtainable	9 0 0	
Purchase of publications	Receipt unobtainable	2 12 10	
Rent	Voucher lost	1 16 6	
Salaries	Voucher lost	8 11 5	
Toll fees	Receipts not obtained	2 5 1	
Travelling-expenses	Receipts not obtained	30 5 5	
			55 1 9
Transport			
Advertising	Voucher lost	2 5 0	
Storage charges	Voucher lost	7 16 0	
Travelling-expenses	Receipt not obtained	16 12 6	
			26 13 6
			£23,327 9 7

(e) PROCEEDINGS TAKEN AGAINST DEFAULTERS AND OTHERS

Particulars of cases in which proceedings have been taken in pursuance of section 69 (3) of the Public Revenues Act, 1926, are included in the statement under para. (c), page v.

The Audit Office is required by the above-mentioned section to take all such steps as it thinks fit to prosecute according to law all defaulters in respect of any public moneys or stores, but the section does not prevent prosecutions in such cases by persons other than the Audit Office. The statement includes, therefore, prosecutions which were instituted by Departments concerned as well as by the Audit Office.

(*f*) SURCHARGES

Section 69 (1) of the Public Revenues Act, 1926, provides that the Controller and Auditor-General shall surcharge the person responsible wherever it appears to the Audit Office that public moneys or stores have been lost through the default, neglect, fraud, or error of any servant of the Crown.

In the past year it was found necessary to surcharge eleven officers, ten of the surcharges being in respect of loss of money and one surcharge being in respect of loss of stores.

Any person surcharged has the right, under section 71 of the Act, to appeal to the Minister of Finance, and the Minister may thereupon confirm or waive the surcharge as he thinks fit. Each of the surcharges issued during the year was made the subject of an appeal and the appended table summarizes the surcharges issued and the results of the appeals:—

Department.	Number of Surcharges.	Upon Appeal.		Total.
		Confirmed.	Waived.	
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Agriculture	1	1 0 0	6 18 0	7 18 0
Mental Hospitals	1	5 0 0	7 0 0	12 0 0
Navy	1	30 0 0	38 15 11	68 15 11
Post and Telegraph	8	42 0 0	206 10 0	248 10 0
	11	78 0 0	259 3 11	337 3 11

(*g*) DETAILED AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS DISPENSED WITH

Section 72 of the Public Revenues Act, 1926, authorizes the Controller and Auditor-General, with the consent of the Minister, to dispense with a detailed audit of any accounts in circumstances which render a detailed audit unnecessary.

The Minister was not requested to make any new exercise of his power under this section during the year.

(*h*) GENERAL INFORMATION

Treatment of Exchange

In terms of section 55 of the Finance Act, 1932, premium on, or cost of, exchange is dealt with in the Public Accounts as the Minister of Finance may determine.

A statement regarding the then practice of treating exchange was included on pages iii and iv of the Controller and Auditor-General's report to Parliament covering the financial year 1938–39, and it showed that certain votes and accounts did not bear the cost of exchange arising from their transactions. The practice then reviewed continued until 31st March, 1943.

At the commencement of the financial year 1943–44 the Minister approved a change, which is in accord with views advanced in several previous Audit Office reports, under which cost of exchange is treated as a part of the payment from which it arises. For example, the cost of remitting interest to London, amounting to £1,314,757 for the year under review, is not now accounted for as exchange, but is included in the item "Interest" on the expenditure side of the Ordinary Revenue Account of the Consolidated Fund.

A further determination of the Minister was that Government funds and investments held overseas as at 1st April, 1943, and all subsequent overseas transactions, were to be converted to pounds New Zealand at a fixed exchange rate of 25 per cent. and brought into the public accounts at the increased figure. Previously pounds New Zealand and pounds sterling were treated as if they were of the same value.

The total of overseas funds held at the commencement of the year, and dealt with in accordance with the terms of the preceding paragraph, was pounds stg. £2,547,732, and the exchange on this sum on its conversion to pounds New

Zealand was £636,933. Of this latter amount £91,930 was in respect of Reserve Fund investments held overseas, and was treated in the public accounts as a receipt to the separate account Reserve Fund Account. The balance of the exchange accretion, £545,002, has, pending decision as to its ultimate disposal, been included in Deposits Account, and forms part of the item "Deposits lodged, £6,684,044." It appears to the Audit Office that the amount of £545,002 belongs to Consolidated Fund, Ordinary Revenue, and should accordingly be credited to that account.

In keeping with the changes outlined in the foregoing remarks, and as stated on page 7 of the Budget, the public debt domiciled overseas, which previously was shown in the Statement of the Public Debt of the Dominion (parliamentary paper B.–1 [Pt. III]) at the sterling figure, is now shown in that statement in pounds New Zealand. The increase in the figure of the debt resulting from the adjustment made as at 1st April, 1943, was £39,568,574 9s. 11d.

Repayment of Public Debt

The following table gives particulars of the amount of securities redeemed under the provisions of the Repayment of the Public Debt Act, 1925, and the total cost of redemption:—

Rate of Interest per Cent.	Nominal Value of Securities redeemed.			Total Cost of Redemptions.
	Total to 31st March, 1943.	Year 1943–44.	Total to 31st March, 1944.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
$1\frac{1}{4}$	459,417 10 0	..	459,417 10 0	459,417 10 0
$1\frac{1}{2}$	1,760,437 0 0	..	1,760,437 0 0	1,760,437 0 0
$2\frac{1}{2}$	5,000 0 0	17,515 0 0	22,515 0 0	22,515 0 0
$2\frac{3}{4}$	199,200 0 0	..	199,200 0 0	199,200 0 0
3	4,069,198 14 8	71,900 0 0	4,141,098 14 8	4,141,098 14 8
$3\frac{1}{4}$	519,865 0 0	12,985 0 0	532,850 0 0	532,850 0 0
$3\frac{1}{2}$	3,019,301 8 8	2,313,875 0 0	5,333,176 8 8	5,333,176 8 8
$3\frac{3}{4}$	285,411 7 4	2,700 0 0	288,111 7 4	288,111 7 4
4	3,903,538 5 6	1,505 0 0	3,905,043 5 6	3,893,355 14 7
$4\frac{1}{2}$	2,104,760 0 0	..	2,104,760 0 0	2,089,382 5 0
5	5,423,735 0 0	..	5,423,735 0 0	5,423,181 5 0
$5\frac{1}{4}$	1,530,990 0 0	..	1,530,990 0 0	1,530,972 10 0
$5\frac{1}{2}$	1,033,310 0 0	..	1,033,310 0 0	1,030,894 12 2
6	2,633,588 9 9	..	2,633,588 9 9	2,612,292 8 8
	26,947,752 15 11	2,420,480 0 0	29,368,232 15 11	29,316,884 16 1

The opening balance of the Public Debt Repayment Account was £276,278 5s. 4d., and during the year £3,053,514 5s. 1d. was transferred from Consolidated Fund to that account. Securities valued at £2,420,480, as shown above, were redeemed, leaving a balance at 31st March of £909,312 10s. 5d. available for further redemptions. The major portion of this sum was utilized on 15th May, 1944, to redeem 4-per-cent. securities maturing 15th February, 1943–46.

The following statement shows the amount of loans subject to the Repayment of the Public Debt Act, 1925, and those not subject to the Act, as at 31st March, 1944.

The amounts set opposite the several accounts, other than the Ordinary Revenue Accounts, War Expenses (1939), and National Development Loans Accounts, represent also the amounts of capital liability due by such accounts to the Consolidated Fund in terms of section 6 of the National Development Loans Act, 1941.

Included in the statement are two accounts—Exchange Account (Ordinary); and Exchange Account (War Expenses)—which together represent the total exchange on New Zealand securities domiciled in London. The exchange increment of £39,568,574 9s. 11d., which, as already stated, was added to the public debt at 1st April, 1943, was reduced during the year by reason of redemptions from cash of London-domiciled securities and replacement of certain London securities with securities domiciled in New Zealand, and, with additions by reason of further borrowings in London during the year, amounts at 31st March, 1944, to £39,776,956 17s. 9d.

Particulars.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Loans subject to the Repayment of the Public Debt Act, 1925—		
Consolidated Fund: Ordinary Revenue Account—		
Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Account	2,870,000 0 0	
Greymouth Harbour Board Account	148,000 0 0	
Mining Advances Account	33,209 0 11	
Miscellaneous	7,943,450 19 10	
Naval Defence Act Account	530,753 16 0	
Reserve Bank of New Zealand Account	1,125,000 0 0	
State Advances Corporation Account	1,030,728 9 0	
War Expenses Account (1914–18)	58,301,746 9 1	
Exchange Account (Ordinary)	36,430,456 17 9	
Public Works Account	168,405,020 9 10	
Bank of New Zealand Shares Account	875,000 0 0	
Housing Account	21,665,900 0 0	
Iron and Steel Industry Account	14,000 0 0	
Land for Settlements Account	7,650,270 2 3	
Cheviot Estate Account	160,918 0 0	
Main Highways Account	12,907,918 11 8	
State Forests Account	3,607,438 7 5	
War Expenses (1939) Account	185,137,432 6 6	
Exchange Account (War Expenses)	3,346,500 0 0	
National Development Loans Account not allocated to accounts	25,000 0 0	
		512,208,743 10 3
Less loans represented by funded debt to the Imperial Government		30,125,249 8 3
		482,083,494 2 0
Loans not subject to the Repayment of the Public Debt Act, 1925—		
Loans for which special sinking funds or for which provision for repayment is provided—	£ s. d.	
State Coal-mines Account	842,643 3 0	
Electric Supply Account	19,040,144 6 0	
Nauru and Ocean Islands Account	192,044 7 3	
Westport Harbour Account	199,500 0 0	
Samoan Loan Suspense Account	9,245 0 0	
State Advances Account	34,001,697 0 10	
		54,285,273 17 1
Funded debt to the Imperial Government		30,125,249 8 3
Total liability represented by debt as at 31st March, 1944		£566,494,017 7 4

Increase and Decrease of the Public Debt

The following statement shows increases and decreases of the public debt during the year:—

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total debt as at 31st March, 1943		463,825,371 14 5
Increases during the year—		
Consolidated Fund—Ordinary Revenue: Exchange adjustment as at 1st April, 1943	37,004,906 18 11	
National Development Loans	4,000,000 0 0	
War Expenses	72,754,812 8 10	
War Expenses: Exchange adjustment as at 1st April, 1943	2,563,667 11 0	
		116,323,386 18 9
		580,148,758 13 2
Decreases during the year—		
War Expenses debt redeemed	10,299,337 14 11	
Other debt redeemed	3,355,403 10 11	
		13,654,741 5 10
Total debt as at 31st March, 1944		£566,494,017 7 4

The statement shows that the total public debt has been increased during the year by £102,668,645 12s. 11d. The long-term debt was increased by £103,007,645 12s. 11d., while the short-term Treasury bills debt decreased by £339,000, as shown in the following summary:—

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Long-term debt as at 31st March, 1943	407,871,371 14 5	
Long-term debt as at 31st March, 1944	510,879,017 7 4	
Increase		103,007,645 12 11
Treasury bills as at 31st March, 1943	55,954,000 0 0	
Treasury bills as at 31st March, 1944	55,615,000 0 0	
Decrease		339,000 0 0
Increase to 31st March, 1944 (including £39,568,574 9s. 11d. adjustment of exchange as at 1st April, 1943)		£102,668,645 12 11

The statement includes, as long-term debt, transactions under the Memorandum of Security Agreement. Exchange amounting to £2,563,667 11s. was added to the previous year's balance of £10,254,670 3s. 11d. sterling, and a further £11,732,500 was borrowed in terms of the agreement during the year; £7,818,337 14s. 11d. was repaid, leaving a balance outstanding at 31st March, 1944, of £16,732,500.

Departmental Balance-sheets

Certain Departments are required by their governing statutes to produce balance-sheets and supporting accounts for presentation to Parliament, and certain others have been directed to do so in terms of section 57 of the Finance Act, 1932. These balance-sheets and accounts, duly audited, will appear in due course either in parliamentary paper B.-1 [Pt. IV] or in the annual departmental reports to Parliament.

Marketing Department

Export Division.—A continuous audit is maintained on the transactions of the Division, and the accounts for the 1942–43 season, which ended 31st July, 1943, have been certified. These accounts disclose a reduction in the value of produce handled from £75,000,000 for the 1941–42 season to approximately £70,000,000. The reduction is attributed to a fall in production and to the diversion of a considerable quantity of dairy-produce to the use of the Allied Forces in the South Pacific. The diverted produce was not handled by the Division.

Although accounts have not been completed for the 1943–44 season, which commenced on 1st August, 1943, it has been noted that stabilization accounts have been opened as from that date for dairy-produce and meat. These accounts have been opened in accordance with the terms of an agreement between the Government and the Farmers' Federation.

The Dairy Stabilization Account has been debited with special allowances to cover increased farm and factory costs, including increased wages, all of which have been approved by the Stabilization Commission. The allowances are in the nature of equalizing payments, and are authorized in terms of section 12, Marketing Amendment Act, 1937. No credits have yet arisen in this account.

The Meat Stabilization Account has been credited with proceeds from the United Kingdom and elsewhere arising from increases in respect of the 1942–43 season's meat over the 1941–42 level of prices. As yet there have been no debits to this account.

In other respects the accounts are similar to those of the previous year, and Audit requirements have been complied with.

Internal Division.—A continuous audit is applied to this Division also, and has proceeded normally throughout the year. The work involved in purchasing and processing in districts has caused the Department to decentralize its accounting, and additional separate accounting branches have been set up at Christchurch, Nelson, and Hastings. Arrangements have been made for Audit Office Inspectors to carry out inspections at these centres.

Railways Department Accounts

Wartime conditions have compelled the Railways Department to defer maintenance expenditure, and at 31st March, 1944, the amount required to meet such deferred expenditure was estimated to be £410,500, distributed as set out hereunder:—

	£
Ways and works	150,000
Rolling-stock	220,500
Signals	40,000
	£410,500

In terms of subsection (2) of section 10 of the Government Railways Amendment Act, 1936, the Minister of Finance consented to the amount of £410,500 being charged in the Railways accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1944, and credited to the general reserve.

After making provision as above mentioned, the balance of net Revenue Account was reduced to £2,567,970, which was insufficient to meet the full amount of interest on capital liability due for the year—viz., £2,765,724. A reduction of interest charges amounting to the difference was therefore made by the Minister of Finance in terms of section 14 of the Finance Act (No. 2), 1930.

Native Department: Maketu Farm

In 1930 the Arawa Trust Board handed over its property known as Maketu Farm to the Native Department to develop, and by May, 1943, development having been completed, the property was returned to the Board. During the period the farm was under the Department's control it accumulated profits to the extent of £14,984, and these profits accrue to the Board. In addition, the Board obtained the benefit of an undisclosed reserve, probably exceeding £2,000, in that the value of live-stock handed back with the farm was assessed at Government standard rates as opposed to current market values.

Although all indebtedness to the Government by way of advances, interest thereon, and administration charges have been repaid, the Audit Office represented to Treasury that consideration might be given to the recovery of a portion of the employment grants, totalling £18,190, made to the farm during its development. The Audit Office has not yet been advised of any decision in the matter.

Social Security (Medical Benefits) Regulations 1941

In previous reports I have referred to Patients' Lists, which determine the amount of fees receivable from the Social Security Fund by certain medical practitioners giving services on a capitation basis. The first complete revision of Patients' Lists has recently been completed, and the consequent saving in fees has more than justified the special efforts which the Health Department has put into this work. The Department proposes to maintain the revision of these lists as a continuous process.

Public Stores

The Staff position in the Audit Office again compelled it to rely almost wholly upon the work of departmental Inspectors so far as Public Works Department stores were concerned. Reports submitted by the departmental Inspectors disclosed a satisfactory standard under prevailing conditions, and the same position was found to obtain generally in respect of the stores work of Departments examined by my own Inspectors.

An exception was the Health Department's bulk store at Seaview, which holds quantities of reserve stocks of drugs and medical and dental supplies exceeding £300,000 in value. These stocks and supplies were procured under lend-lease and by cash purchase from the United Kingdom.

My Inspector reported that the accounts relating to these stores were in an unsatisfactory state, in that all stores received had not been brought to charge.

The Department has taken steps to remedy the position, and I have been orally informed that a complete stocktaking of the store has been completed and reconciliation with ledger balances is in progress.

The position of the stores purchased or received for the use of the Armed Forces is separately dealt with in the War Expenses section of this report.

Accounts of Local Authorities

There were seven cases of misappropriation of funds by local-body officials, as compared with nine in the previous year, and in each case the matter was placed in the hands of the police for appropriate action. The aggregate sum of the misappropriations was £426 8s. 5d., and it appears that restitution will eventually be made in respect of the whole of this sum.

During the year nine cases of disqualification of members of local authorities were dealt with by the Audit Office, as compared with three during the previous year. All these cases arose from members being concerned or interested in contracts entered into by their respective local authorities in excess of the limits fixed by section 3 of the Local Authorities (Members' Contracts) Act, 1934.

Numerous breaches of law relating to accounts were dealt with by Audit during the year, and an adjustment thereof or a recovery of moneys was required in all cases except where special circumstances were such that Audit requirement was waived conditionally on legislation being obtained to validate the irregularities.

The following is a list of the cases where this waiver was granted:—

Thames Borough Council ..	.. Gift of land.
Eketahuna Borough Council	.. Payments under a disqualifying contract.
Normanby Town Board ..	.. Water charges not levied in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1933.
Ohai Railway Board ..	.. Payments under a disqualifying contract.
Kumara Borough Council	.. Failure to comply with the requirements of the Local Bodies' Finance Act, 1921–22.
Waipawa Hospital Board ..	.. Expenditure charged to a loan account without authority.

Except in the last two cases, the necessary legislation has already been obtained.

Attention was drawn in two previous reports to the fact that certain local authorities had engaged in activities of a farming nature although not authorized by law to do so. The position has now been regularized by the Local Authorities (Primary Production) Emergency Regulations 1944.

I am pleased to report that, despite the lack of trained Audit assistants, the work of auditing the accounts of local authorities has not been allowed to fall into arrear.

Patriotic Funds

The accounts of nine Provincial Patriotic Councils for the year ended 30th September, 1943, have been audited, and Audit reports thereon have been submitted to the Minister of Internal Affairs as required by regulations. The audits of the accounts of the remaining two Councils and of the National Patriotic Fund for the same period are almost completed, and receipts and disbursements of moneys of the Fund in England, the Middle East, and parts of the Pacific area have been examined by officers of the Audit Department stationed overseas.

Canteen Board

The year ended 31st March, 1944, has been a record for the Canteen Board. The sales for the period amounted to £2,280,426, spread over ninety-two canteens. Cash sales were £1,373,429, and credit sales to unit canteens were £906,997.

With the size of the turnover, the Board's staff has been hard pressed to maintain efficiently the current work of checking the vouchers for payments, and cash and stock control. In general, however, the work in this direction has been satisfactory.

The Board has nine canteens operating in the Pacific area, and operations there are more difficult to control than in areas closer to the controlling authority. Some of the vouchers for payments cannot be considered satisfactory, while losses due to thefts, pillages, shortages upon outturn, and breakages have been considerable. During the year, as a result of representations by Audit, a more effective check was instituted upon the returns from these canteens, and the current position has improved in the matter of stock shortages.

WAR EXPENSES ACCOUNT

(*a*) "Lend-lease" Assistance

As mentioned in my last annual report, the Treasury endeavours to record in the public accounts contained in parliamentary paper B.-1 [Pt. I] the cost of assistance to New Zealand met by the Government of the United States of America. The cost is included in the War Expenses Account in the expenditure of the Departments which received the supplies—*e.g.*, Navy, Army, Air, and Ministry of Supply (item "Civil")—and credited to the item "Reciprocal Aid, Lend-lease," on the *contra* side of the same account. The published cost includes the estimated value of certain warlike stores the actual cost of which is not known to the Treasury. The entries in the Public Accounts are based on—

(*a*) Actual costs of certain supplies met by the United States Government according to copies of United States manufacturers' invoices.

(*b*) Value of stores from United States Ordnance Depots stated in United States shipping dockets.

(*c*) Value of lend-lease freights (not on United States transports) from a list prepared by New Zealand Supply Mission, Washington.

(*d*) Value of certain Navy, and much Army and Air Force equipment estimated by personnel of the New Zealand Armed Forces.

(*e*) Value of supplies and freight in connection with New Zealand Forces in the Pacific area according to debit notes submitted by United States Forces.

The total recorded value of lend-lease assistance since the commencement of the war until the 31st March, 1944, is £59,290,903. An approximate reconciliation between that total and the cost of supplies as disclosed in a United States Government return has been made by Treasury, but the New Zealand figure includes several millions of pounds at only the estimated cost of supplies.

(*b*) Reverse "Lend-lease" Assistance

New Zealand provides supplies and services to the Armed Forces of the United States and records the cost thereof in the item "Reverse Lend-lease" in the War Expenses Account, the total debits to the item amounting to £31,439,386 up to 31st March, 1944. Apart from any general adjustment of lend-lease accounts which may subsequently be made, this figure is subject to adjustment in respect of particular items, such as the residual value of buildings originally occupied by the American Forces, and certain cash expenditure made on account of United States.

(*c*) Civil Expenditure

Section 2 of the War Expenses Act, 1939, permits moneys in the War Expenses Account to be expended, without further appropriation than the section itself provides, on any purposes connected directly or indirectly with the war, and the Minister of Finance is empowered to decide any question which arises as to whether any purpose is a purpose for which War Expenses Account may be used.

The net civil expenditure included in this account amounted to £7,859,886 for the year ended 31st March, 1944, as compared with £14,933,087 for the previous year.

(*d*) Advances to Freezing and Canning Companies

Government advances to facilitate the construction or extension of freezing and canning works for war emergency purposes have been vouched by an Audit inspection of the construction accounts maintained by the companies to which the advances were made.

(*e*) Eastern Group Supply Council

The Audit Office has again certified the New Zealand Government's claims against the British Ministry of Supply in respect of a wide range of stores produced under Eastern Group Supply Council requisitions. At the date of this report the value of all certified claims, amounting to almost £5,000,000, has been recouped to New Zealand.

(*f*) Food Controller

My last report stated that the accounts of the Food Controller were not in a satisfactory condition, and as a result of Audit inquiries which have since been carried out some large recoveries have been made to Public Account.

A case has come under Audit notice in which the Controller is endeavouring to obtain a refund of approximately £20,000 in respect of an unsatisfactory supply, but prospects of recovery are not good.

Sales by the Controller during the year exceeded £7,000,000 in value, and it is pleasing to be able to report that the accounting for the large volume of business represented by this figure shows considerable improvement over last year's work.

(*g*) Ministry of Supply

Although sufficient staff was not available to permit of the huge volume of transactions of the Indent and Accounts Sections of the Ministry being audited in any considerable detail, the position disclosed by my officers engaged on the audit was not as satisfactory as could have been desired.

They reported several instances where supplies received by the Ministry were in excess of requirements or were not quite suitable for the purposes originally intended. In one instance an overseas seller advised that he would be very interested to know what the Ministry proposed to do with the material ordered, of a value running into six figures, as it was "no mean quantity to dispose of." As it has turned out, the material in this case and in other cases has been difficult of disposal.

Towards the end of the year I drew the attention of the Ministry and the Treasury to the desirability of reviewing the conditions under which the agents of the Ministry operate and to certain other matters, including the lack of an adequate system of internal check of the Ministry's records, inaccurate stores records, losses arising from faulty packing, storing, or handling certain supplies, delay in issuing accounts to debtors and in dealing with marine-insurance premiums and claims, and delay in proving that lend-lease supplies had been accounted for. The Ministry admitted that its accounts and records left something to be desired, but submitted that, despite lack of staff and accommodation, much headway had been made in accounting and organization during the year. The Audit Office agrees that improvement has been and continues to be made.

(*h*) Disposal of Army Motor-vehicles

The disposal of motor-vehicles bought for Army purposes, and no longer required therefor, has continued throughout the year. Sales have been made through trade channels, no offer from a purchaser being accepted unless made through a dealer. The following information in regard to second-hand vehicles up to 31st May, 1944, has been obtained from the Ministry of Supply, which has acted as the disposal authority :—

Vehicles.	Number sold.	Realized.	Commission.
		£	£
Cars	300	81,167	102,156 (Cars and Trucks together)
Trucks	4,522	1,304,085	

It was of the greatest importance, when a very large number of vehicles were to be disposed of, that a basis of valuation should be laid down, and that officials acting as disposal officers should have clear authority so to act. These desirable conditions were, however, not always complied with, as is indicated by the following extracts from a report, in the compilation of which an Audit officer co-operated, covering an investigation of sales made at a large disposal centre :—

Before the vehicles could be valued, the standardized basis of their valuation should have been agreed upon. A motor-vehicle may be valued in any one of the following ways :—

(*a*) At cost, less depreciation, having regard to the nature of usage and mileage travelled.

(*b*) At current market price where there is a ruling market price.

(*c*) At a valuation based on the original retail price when new, less annual depreciation, and having regard to nature of usage and mileage.

The importance of standardizing the basis of valuation in order that the Ministry of Supply should readily dispose of the motor-vehicles at a price reasonable under all the circumstances is apparent. It is well known that there exists an inflated market for motor-vehicles which is directly accounted for by the short supply and the increasing demand. Under these conditions, the adoption of (*a*) or (*c*) as the basis of valuation instead of (*b*) would deprive the Government of a considerable sum.

Nevertheless, it appears that a verbal direction was given on at least one occasion that the basis of valuation was to be as in (*a*). It is not clear whether this valuation was to apply only to cars, as distinct from trucks, which appear to have been valued in accordance with (*b*). But if all truck valuations have been made as in (*b*), then there could be no case for valuing cars for disposal to the public on the basis of the valuation as in (*a*) without proper direction.

The investigation has disclosed that little information exists on the various files that have been inspected relative to the matters under inquiry. It is emphasized that the investigation would have been materially simplified had the files contained records of the authorized appointment of officials concerned, the policy in respect of the disposal and valuation of vehicles, and other matters relevant to the inquiry. The records of the valuations made were most unsatisfactory and the information contained in them scanty.

This investigation showed that eleven cars were disposed of to Army personnel under conditions which amounted to priority, the cars not having been offered previously for sale to the public. The Audit Office was able to obtain valuations from two motor firms in respect of six of these eleven cars, and these valuations were from £60 to £150 in excess of the prices paid by the officers concerned. There is also clear evidence that a truck purchased by an Army officer was immediately resold through a dealer at a profit of £100. The officers concerned submit that they purchased in good faith and at prices fixed independently by persons who they had reason to believe were acting with full and proper authority.

(*i*) Aviation Fuel

My last report made reference to a review of the contract for the storage, handling, &c., of aviation fuel by two oil companies. The Air Department advised me in October last that negotiations with the companies were being handled by the Ministry of Supply and had been widened to include the prices to be paid by the companies for all fuel and oil products procured under lend-lease. Information received from the Ministry of Supply within the last few days is that negotiations have been protracted and are still proceeding. There are, however, good grounds for hoping that a very considerable recovery will be effected in respect of past payments.

(*j*) Coal-supplies, Linton Military Camp

Supplies of coal for Linton Military Camp were in the first place to be obtained from the State Coal Depot, Wellington, but in April, 1943, the Mines Department intimated to the Defence Purchase Division that, owing to shipping difficulties with the South Island, it would not be able to supply. The Defence Purchase Division then advised Army to purchase from a Palmerston North coal-dealer, but gave no definite instructions as to price. As the result of inquiries made by an Audit Inspector it was found that a considerable portion of the coal supplied by the company was State coal and that the prices charged by it to the Army Department were excessive. A new contract has now been let with another coal-dealer on more satisfactory terms.

(*k*) Defence Works Camps

Under the Defence Works Labour Legislation Suspension Order (1942/65), where a worker is transferred or engaged to proceed to a locality necessitating his sleeping away from his usual residence the employer is required to supply suitable board and lodging or pay the worker 30s. per week. About August, 1942, board and lodging for workmen transferred to Wellington for defence and earthquake repair work was not available, and to meet the situation several camps were opened and operated by a committee appointed by Wellington builders. The costs of operating the camps were to be recovered by charging the builders 30s. per week for each man employed from the camps, the builders in turn to recover from the Government and City Council.

The rate of 30s. per week was found to be insufficient to meet all operating-costs, and from 1st October, 1942, War Cabinet approved of the rate being increased to 36s. 8d. Over the whole period up to 31st March, 1943, the Committee had accumulated a deficiency in operation of £2,101 and had lost equipment to the value of £656. These losses have been made good from War Expenses Account.

As the running of the camps by the committee was proving costly, control was handed over to a Director, who carried on until 3rd January, 1944, when further losses of £642 on operation and £487 on stock had been incurred. The average weekly cost per man accommodated was approximately 39s. 6d. On 4th January, 1944, control of money and stores was brought under the Public Works Department, and accounts drawn up for the first three months show that the weekly cost has been reduced to 32s. 1d. per man for 473 men accommodated, a saving of approximately £175 per week. About one-fourth of the men in the camps are employed on non-Government work, and for these a charge of £2 per week is made to the employer. No charge has been made in the operating accounts for depreciation and interest on camp buildings and equipment.

(*l*) Purchase of four Dumb Lighters by Navy

In July, 1942, the Navy requisitioned from a Gisborne firm four dumb lighters for boom defence work, subject to the vessels being slipped and surveyed. The lighters were towed from Gisborne to Wellington after inspection, but without having been thoroughly surveyed, and a subsequent inspection proved them to be unfit for the service for which they were intended. One was pronounced to be full of decay and useless, two to be beyond repair, and the fourth to be fit, after necessary repairs, for light work only. Accordingly, in January, 1943, the Navy asked that they be returned to the owners, and in May, 1943, the Marine Department advised the Naval Board that the owners had agreed under certain conditions to take back the vessels. Whilst two of the lighters were being retowed to Gisborne they broke loose in a storm, one becoming a total wreck and the other receiving such damage that the owners refused to take delivery. The remaining two suffered storm damage in Wellington Harbour and are now unfit for return to Gisborne. The Departments concerned, after negotiation with the owners, have been obliged to pay £8,250 for the four vessels. The Naval Board has expressed the opinion "that the trouble with these lighters would have been obviated if the Marine Department had adhered to the usual procedure in these cases. There can be no doubt that had an adequate survey been completed in Gisborne before requisitioning action was taken, the vessels would have remained in possession of their owners."

(*m*) Working of Cargo Vessels "Round the Clock"

In view of the shortage of vessels to work the coastal trade, particularly in regard to the transport of coal, timber, and produce from the South Island to the North Island, the Waterfront Control Commission in June, 1942, issued an order requiring all vessels over 350 tons net register, and in certain cases vessels of a lesser tonnage, to work extended hours in loading and unloading cargo. The additional costs of working the vessels have been accepted as a liability by the Government, but any benefit accruing to the shipowners through the quicker turn round of the vessels is to be deducted from the increased costs.

Although several conferences between the shipowners and Government representatives have been held, agreement as to the value derived by the shipowners from the quicker turn round of the vessels, or "despatch," has not yet been reached.

From July, 1942, to February, 1944, the Government has made progress payments amounting in all to £384,560 7s. 3d. towards meeting shipowners' additional costs. The Audit Office understands that payments since February have been suspended pending verification of the claims submitted by the shipowners and agreement as to the deduction to be made for the benefit derived by the shipowners by the quicker "despatch."

(n) Contracts: General

Reports from Great Britain, United States of America, and Canada show that many war contracts in those countries to which the State has been a party have been investigated to ensure that contractors have not received more than a reasonable profit. When unduly high profits have been disclosed, refunds have been negotiated.

The Audit Office has, so far as staff was available for the purpose, inquired into profits made on war contracts in this Dominion, and has also examined reports on the same subject made available by other Departments.

A figure of 6 per cent. return on capital, after deducting income-tax at basic rates, has been given by the Minister of Finance as a profit guide to Departments concerned in the negotiation of war contracts. In some cases noticed by this Office this rate has been far exceeded, and in others profits earned have been in excess of the rate fixed by the terms of the contract. In only a few cases, however, has an endeavour been made to effect re-negotiation.

Authority was given in section 2 of the Finance Act (No. 3), 1943, for the Treasury or Audit Office to investigate Government contracts, and to require information concerning them. In one case the Audit Office had reason to believe that the information to which its representative was entitled was not forthcoming, and an effort, which was unsuccessful, was made by way of Court proceedings to apply the penal provisions of the statute. This action was taken only after the most careful consideration of the relative circumstances and in agreement with the opinion of the Crown Law Office. In no other case has the Audit Office had to complain of the attitude of a contractor when information was asked of him.

When the Audit Office is of opinion that contracts negotiated by Government Departments have returned the contractor too high a rate of profit, it is itself able to take no action beyond placing its views before the Department concerned and before the Treasury as the central controlling financial Department. In this connection I am constrained to comment that the Treasury itself was concerned in the negotiations of certain contracts, and was thus placed in the position where it may not have been able to consider any Audit submissions concerning those contracts with the same detachment as it otherwise would.

Building Contracts.—In my last report mention was made of the desirability of testing the fairness of prices paid under master-schedule contracts by reference to the actual profits earned by contractors as shown by their own records. Accordingly, arrangements were made with the Public Works Department that it should examine contractors' accounts, and, in all, the results of over eighty contracts of a total value of well over £1,000,000 were obtained. The investigations showed that contractors were earning profits far beyond the 5 per cent. on profit-bearing costs contemplated by the master schedule, and representations were made to the Department that it should endeavour to recover from contractors sums considered to be in excess of fair and reasonable profits. In December last departmental representatives met a committee of the Federated Builders' Association of Employers and agreement was reached with the committee for re-negotiation of contracts on a voluntary basis. After some delay a Contracts Adjustment Committee was set up to review the accounts of those contractors who were agreeable to adjustment, but to date no determination in respect of any contract has been made by the Committee. In fact, the latest information to reach the Audit Office is that the Federated Builders' Association has withdrawn its member from the Committee and has suggested that the Committee be disbanded. The total value of contracts let under the master-schedule system is estimated by the Public Works Department to be in excess of £15,000,000, and the totals of the contracts let to individual contractors vary from less than £1,000 to £1,500,000.

Munition Contracts.—Fixed-price contracts let by the Munitions Controller contain a clause giving him the right to examine the books, accounts, and records of the contractors, and, in the event of the examination disclosing that the profits earned are unreasonably high, providing for such reduction of the contract price as the Minister of Supply and Munitions may determine. In the exercise of this right the accounts of several contractors have been examined by the Ministry and a number of refunds of considerable amount arranged.

Shipbuilding Contracts.—The construction of vessels in State-owned and private shipyards has continued at a high level during the past year, a prominent feature being the number of types constructed.

The Audit Office has maintained a reasonably close check on current payments, and has supplemented this check in selected instances by an examination of contractors' accounts. Where contractors appear to have earned high profits the circumstances have been reported to Treasury, but in no case has this resulted in any cash recovery to the State.

In my last report I advised that the Controller of Shipbuilding intended to retain the target price type of contract in respect of ship-construction, but contracts let since that date have actually been (*a*) firm price contracts, or (*b*) cost plus a percentage, or (*c*) cost plus a fixed price.

As the production or turnover of shipbuilding contractors has expanded, a percentage to cover actual overhead expenses, based on a previous year's accounts, has usually resulted in the contractor receiving a " profit " on such expenses, but this profit has been the reflection of a larger turnover rather than an indication of increased efficiency. In response to Audit representations, Treasury therefore has agreed that, where possible, contractors' overhead expenses will be reimbursed on the basis of actual cost rather than on a percentage of wages cost.

Ship Repairs.—During the year this work has mainly been carried out at schedule rates approved by the Price Tribunal, and the Audit Office has accepted certificates to payment vouchers based upon reports by departmental recorders and engineers.

As from 1st January, 1944, a new organization, the Ship Repairs Costing Service, operating under the Controller of Shipbuilding, is responsible for certifying ship-repair claims payable by the New Zealand Government, including claims met as reverse lend-lease payments.

Cost-plus Contracts.—In addition to cost-plus contracts let by the Shipbuilding Division of the Marine Department, this type of contract has been employed by other Departments, including the Munitions Controller's Office and the Public Works Department.

The Audit Office has, as far as practicable, satisfied itself either from departmental certificates or from its own investigations that claims in respect of wages and materials on which recoupment is made and on which the " plus " item is calculated agree with contractors' records.

(*o*) Army Buildings

Reference was made in last year's report to the desirability of keeping a close record of possession, use, and ultimate disposal of huts and buildings erected for the Army Department. In this connection the buildings scheduled below are stated by the Public Works Department to have been erected on behalf of Army and United States Forces up to February, 1944 :—

Stores	717
Hospitals	34
Other buildings	8,972
Huts	26,770
Tent decks	7,462

The Army Department has endeavoured to keep a record of all buildings and huts occupied by Army personnel, but at the time Audit made an inquiry it had not attempted to reconcile the numbers of which records were held with the numbers for which payment had been made to the Public Works Department. As large numbers of buildings and huts have been transferred from their original sites or sold, it is extremely doubtful whether reconciliation is now possible.

The Audit inquiry into the position elicited the information that, although the Public Works Department had charged the Army Department with the cost of all huts, many had been retained by the former Department for the use of its own employees and for men employed by contractors on defence works and other essential undertakings. These huts had not been taken on ledger charge by either Department.

(p) Army Stores

Ordnance.—The Army Department was criticized in my last report for its failure to institute a system of continuous and progressive stocktaking, but since the date of that report permanent stocktaking parties have been appointed at both the main and sub-depots, and the stock position is gradually being brought under control.

At the main depot a stocktaking party has spent much time delving into past transactions in an endeavour to straighten out discrepancies, and has been successful in reducing them considerably. In C group, which includes important clothing lines, the final discrepancies produced by the stocktaking party were, however, too large to be accepted by the Group Officer as being the actual position. Packing in this group is continuous, and this makes accurate stocktaking a matter of extreme difficulty.

When my Inspector visited the depot in June of this year the stocktaking party had covered slightly more than half of the lines carried, and it was apparent that the endeavours to straighten out discrepancies were delaying stocktaking to such an extent that at the rate of progress being made it was unlikely to be completed by 31st March, 1945. The Audit Office considers that the first essential is to bring stores under proper control, and this should be achieved by taking stock as speedily as possible to effect a definite new starting-off point. Thereafter frequent test checks must be made with a view to keeping stocks and ledger in agreement, and the investigation of past discrepancies can be made as time permits. Representations to this effect have been made to the Army authorities and have been accepted by them.

At the sub-depots, of which there are three, stocktaking has been completed at one with satisfactory results, and is incomplete at the remaining two. At one of these many errors in ledger postings and discrepancies in stock of lines which had been tested were reported by my Inspector.

All depots are stated to be holding large quantities of surplus and obsolete stores which are occupying valuable storage space. At one sub-depot it was reported that, although certain items were listed as surplus to requirements, further supplies from merchants were still coming to hand.

Twelve months ago the Army Department advised that it was receiving large quantities of what it termed "automatic maintenance stores," which are stores supplied not on requisition but on fixed maintenance schedules prepared by the War Office for active-service conditions. The Department asked that, as several thousands of items were involved, and the stores were peculiar to the equipments concerned and not usable in the commercial world, it should not be required to bring the stores on ledger charge, and this was agreed to by the Audit Office.

Area Clothing, Camp and Unit Stores.—My own Inspectors have had time available for only a few stores inspections, and Army Inspectors' time has been occupied largely in the examination of the accounts of disbanded units. Consequently, the accounts of many of the stores still operating have not been examined during the year.

Regarding the accounts of disbanded units, it was usually found necessary for balance purposes to bring on charge surpluses, and to apply for authority to write off deficiencies, in comparatively large quantities, indicating that generally accounts were not in good order. Reference to the Appendix to this report will show that deficiencies in stocks, as distinct from stores known to have been lost, stolen, broken, &c., amounted to some £50,000, and as there were *contra* items of many thousands of pounds worth of surpluses, some idea of the unsatisfactory state of the accounts may be gathered. Deficiencies written off charge have, in most cases, been priced at part-worn value—*i.e.*, 75 per cent. of vocabulary rates.

A recommendation was made last year by the Public Accounts Committee that the record of surpluses found at stocktaking should be shown in the same manner as shortages are shown in the Appendix to this report, but it has not been possible to do this as priced schedules of surpluses have not been received in the Audit Office.

Inspectors have reported that the collection of articles of clothing and equipment on issue to men discharged or on indefinite leave has not received proper attention. Many of the articles are fit for reissue, and in the aggregate their value would run into several thousands of pounds.

Mechanical Transport Stores.—Army has a number of bulk-store depots holding large stocks of spare parts, accessories, and tools. Inspection was made of three of these depots, and the accounts were found to be in a very satisfactory state. My Inspectors did not have time to visit either of the two stores controlled by motor companies on behalf of the Army.

Reports from Army Stores Inspectors indicate that units using vehicles have failed to keep proper record of the receipt and issue of tools and accessories for the upkeep of vehicles. There is evidence that losses have been considerable, but it is not practicable at this stage to arrive at their extent. In Northern District a stocktaking made on 8th April, 1943, disclosed that ninety-two spare wheels, tires, and tubes, valued at £1,195 12s. 6d., were missing. Reports received towards the latter part of 1943 disclosed that records relating to the issue of petrol also were not adequately checked either as to issues to vehicles or to mileages run against petrol issued. As from 1st April, 1944, a new system of control was introduced, and I have been orally advised by Army that it has already achieved good results.

In August, 1943, Army notified Treasury and the Ministry of Supply that it had substantial stocks of spare parts for disposal. The Ministry of Supply carried out negotiations with the "trade," and the outcome was an agreement to make vehicle-importers the sole trade purchasing agents. Their requirements are fulfilled direct from Army stores, and in the absence of up-to-date price-lists, prices are being fixed at the importers' last-known cost.

Home Guard Stores.—Home Guard units were disbanded towards the latter part of 1943, and accounting officers have been busily engaged in the collection and return to Ordnance of articles of uniform and equipment on issue to personnel. The accounts of most units have now been closed, but in a number of cases it was necessary to transfer large numbers of clothing and equipment cards to Area Offices for the collection of outstanding articles.

(*g*) Air Force Stores

Stations.—Reports by the Chief Inspector of Equipment and by my own Inspectors show that a decided general improvement has been effected in the state of the stores accounts at stations. The improvement is due to the work of the Air Department inspectional staff, and to the introduction of an internal check system whereby frequent test checks are made of ledger postings and stocks on hand. If the present rate of improvement is maintained it should be possible for me to report next year that the accounts are satisfactory. The chief weakness in them as they stand is in respect of stores in use, which include many items generally termed "attractive." For example, recent applications to write off received in the Audit Office include from one station a loss of 317 blankets, and from another 51 sheets and 50 blankets, and it is unsatisfactory not to know whether these losses are due merely to bad "paper work." The most serious theft reported during the year was one in which a storeman stole £250 worth of miscellaneous stores during a period of nine months.

Ration Costs.—The Audit Office has drawn the attention of the Department to one or two cases where ration-cost allowances have been exceeded.

Store Depots.—In my last report it was stated that permission had been granted to the two main depots to disregard past records and to start afresh with opening balances of actual stocks on hand. The stocktaking took time to complete, and it was not until March, 1944, that the new records for all sections were in operation. Reports covering the new records indicate that they are in good order, subject to the following remarks. At one depot clothing section accounts appear to have again lapsed into an unsatisfactory state, as a communication from the Department dated 21st June, 1944, asks for approval to adjust large surpluses and deficiencies to bring the ledger into agreement with actual stocks on hand. At the other depot a stocktaking just completed by my Inspector revealed surpluses on bedding items, which suggest that the full quantity of supplies received from overseas had not been brought to charge.

The depots are holding excess stocks of goods of general household use available for disposal, and it is stated by the Department that the excess arose partly through providing for an expected expansion that did not eventuate.

(*r*) Navy Stores

The unsatisfactory position mentioned in my report last year in regard to the stores accounts at the Navy Base has improved to the extent that ledger postings have been brought up to date, and it was possible to make a comprehensive test of stocks. As was to be expected from the lapse of time since a previous balance was attempted, the stocktaking revealed numerous discrepancies. In only comparatively few cases did actual stocks on hand agree with ledger balances, and it is apparent that in its present state the ledger is an unreliable record of stores received, issued, and on hand. The Navy Department states that the position is due to scattered and unsuitable storage facilities and to constantly changing and inexperienced staff. It also expresses the opinion that until the buildings now in course of construction are completed and it has become possible to secure better-qualified staff the position is not likely to show the improvement desired.

(*s*) War Assets Realization Board

The disposal of all buildings, equipment, materials, and commodities which on acquisition were a charge on the War Expenses Account and which are declared by the Services and the Departments concerned to be surplus to their requirement has been entrusted to a recently constituted War Assets Realization Board. The Board has delegated authority as follows:—

Building Utilization Committee: Buildings and fittings.

Ministry of Supply: Motor-vehicles, spare parts, and accessories.

Army: Foodstuffs (in conjunction with Food Controller), petrol and oil (in conjunction with Oil Fuel Controller), horses, used barbed wire, and wood pickets.

Stores Control Board Advisory Committee: General goods, commodities, and materials.

Up to the present the sales of general goods, commodities, and materials have not been numerous, although the Services and Departments are holding large stocks and it would appear desirable that disposal should be hastened, firstly to effect a saving in storage expenses, and secondly, to take advantage of the present favourable market.

(*t*) General Remarks on Control of Army and Air Stores

My report indicates that the stock records at Army Ordnance and Air Stores depots, although not all that might be desired, are in a much better state than formerly. This is pleasing, because, with activities declining it is most important that the records should reveal the true stock position and thus limit the risk of purchasing more goods than it is desirable to hold when hostilities cease. Accurate records are essential also to the furnishing of information to the War Assets Realization Board of surplus stocks available for disposal.

MONEY OR STORES WRITTEN OFF

Section 3 (3), Public Revenues Act, 1926

The above section provides that no moneys or stores may be finally written off and discharged from Public Account without the authority of Parliament, and the Treasury Regulations require that before presentation of relative items to Parliament the concurrence of the Audit Office and the Treasury shall have been obtained.

A statement of moneys and stores in respect of which Audit concurrence to writing off has been given since last report is shown as to the more important items in the Appendix hereto.

ROLL OF HONOUR

It is with deep regret that I record the death on active service of the undermentioned Audit officers :—

Baker, Flying Officer L. T. ..	Drowned on air operations, September, 1943.
Hay, Flying Officer J. S. ..	Killed on air operations, November, 1943.
McBain, Sergeant Observer G. P.	Killed on air operations, June, 1943.
Redwood, Flying Officer C. H. G.	Killed on air operations, June, 1943.
Woods, Sergt. Air Gunner R. A. F.	Killed on air operations, May, 1943.

STAFF POSITION

Although the Minister of Finance was good enough to add his representations to those already made by me to the Public Service Commissioner concerning inadequate staff, the Commissioner was able to afford only small relief. The work of Audit, therefore, has perforce been restricted, but much thought has been given to doing the best possible with the staff available.

CONCLUSION

Pleasant relations have existed throughout the year between the Audit Department and other Departments of the Public Service, and I have again to express my appreciation of the zeal and efficiency with which officers of the Audit Department, both permanent and temporary, have carried out their duties.

Cyril G. Collins,
Controller and Auditor-General.

7th September, 1944.

APPENDIX

ABRIDGED STATEMENT OF SUMS IRRECOVERABLE BY THE CROWN, AND VALUES OF STORES, ETC., IN RESPECT OF WHICH AUDIT CONCURRENCE HAS BEEN GIVEN SINCE LAST REPORT, FOR THE WRITING-OFF AND DISCHARGE FROM THE PUBLIC ACCOUNT

Department and Particulars.	Reason for writing off.	Value of Stores.	Cash.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Agriculture			
Value of live-stock	Died and missing	2,096 0 0	..
Education			
Value of stores	Lost, broken, &c.	250 8 1	..
Value of live-stock	Died and missing	136 8 10	..
Health			
Value of stores	Lost, broken, &c.	1,723 10 10	..
Contributions due by dental clinic committees	Irrecoverable	..	578 18 11
Repairs to motor-vehicles damaged in accidents	Nugatory expenditure	..	121 0 10
Housing			
Value of stores	Lost, broken, &c.	263 13 3	..
Rents	Debtors unfinancial	..	877 18 9
Supervision charges, earthquake repairs	Irrecoverable	..	946 13 10
Industries and Commerce, Tourist and Publicity (including Linen Flax Section)			
Value of stores	Lost, broken, &c.	1,588 4 4	..
Value of stores	Obsolete	1,696 1 0	..
Value of stores	Loss on sale	1,769 1 8	..
Sales of electric energy	Debtors untraceable and unfinancial	..	133 15 8
Internal Affairs			
Advances to stranded New-Zealanders	Irrecoverable	..	155 8 5
Island Territories			
Value of stores	Unserviceable	2,212 9 7	..
Justice and Prisons			
Value of stores	Lost, broken, &c.	147 17 5	..
Value of live-stock	Died and missing	2,199 13 0	..
Land and Income Tax			
Income-tax	Debtors unfinancial and untraceable	..	11,548 14 11
Lands and Survey			
Value of stores	Lost, broken, &c.	1,742 6 8	..
Value of live-stock	Died and missing	15,236 8 11	..
Advances, discharged soldiers' settlement	Loss on realization	..	5,323 5 2
Advances, land-development	Loss on realization	..	1,535 9 8
Advances, small farms	Loss on realization	..	2,487 2 7
Rents	Debtors unfinancial	..	1,802 1 9
Rents, small farms	Debtors unfinancial	..	272 17 11
Mental Hospitals			
Value of stores	Lost, broken, &c.	263 3 8	..
Value of live-stock	Died and missing	1,278 3 1	..
Mines			
Value of stores	Lost, broken, &c.	2,364 16 2	..
Value of stores	Loss on sale	386 5 10	..
Advances to mining companies	Debtors unfinancial	..	428 15 0
Sales of coal	Debtors unfinancial and untraceable	..	107 12 9
National Commercial Broadcasting			
Value of stores	Lost, broken, &c.	990 17 11	..
Radio advertising	Debtors unfinancial	..	293 10 5
National Service			
Value of stores	Lost, broken, &c.	402 10 7	..
Value of stores	Gratuitous issues	630 0 0	..
Native			
Value of stores	Lost, broken, &c.	685 15 7	..
Value of stores	Destroyed by fire	119 18 0	..
Value of live-stock	Died and missing	16,801 15 0	..
Advances on mortgage	Loss on realization	..	1,056 19 5

ABRIDGED STATEMENT OF SUMS IRRECOVERABLE BY THE CROWN, AND VALUE OF STORES, ETC.—*continued*

Department and Particulars.	Reason for writing off.	Value of Stores.	Cash.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Post and Telegraph			
Value of stores..	Lost, broken, &c.	2,648 16 11	..
Value of stores..	Destroyed by fire	638 16 2	..
Value of stores..	Stolen	527 19 7	..
Repairs to motor-vehicles damaged in accidents, &c.	Nugatory expenditure	..	873 17 10
Toll accounts ..	Debtors unfinancial ..	..	168 12 0
Printing and Stationery			
Value of stores..	Lost, broken, deficient, and unserviceable	1,333 3 4	..
Public Works			
Value of stores..	Lost, broken, &c.	7,182 6 8	..
Value of stores..	Destroyed by fire	3,585 8 9	..
Value of stores..	Stolen	580 9 2	..
Value of stores..	Loss on sale	997 11 10	..
Value of material destroyed by fire	Part-payment accepted in full settlement	..	270 9 0
Water rates	Remitted ..	..	1,366 19 1
Railways			
Value of stores..	Lost, broken, &c.	7,275 14 3	..
Value of stores..	Destroyed by fire	138 14 2	..
Value of stores..	Stolen	269 8 8	..
Value of stores..	Loss on sale	240 1 6	..
Freight charges	Debtors unfinancial ..	..	208 15 4
Rent ..	Debtors unfinancial ..	..	165 8 5
Social Security			
Benefits, pensions, and allowances overpaid	Debtors unfinancial and untraceable	..	1,131 6 0
State Forest Service			
Value of stores..	Lost, broken, &c.	11,399 7 11	..
Treasury			
Advances, general-purposes relief..	Debtors unfinancial ..	..	479 18 3
Advances, Hawke's Bay earthquake	Debtors unfinancial ..	..	3,099 9 6
Advances to Rabbit-proof Fencing Board ..	Part-payment accepted in full satisfaction	..	402 0 2
War Expenses			
Air—			
Value of stores	Lost, broken, and unserviceable	51,170 6 8	..
Value of stores	Deficient	38,190 12 0	..
Value of stores	Destroyed by fire	1,454 1 4	..
Value of stores	Stolen	647 2 9	..
Pay and allowances overpaid ..	Debtors unfinancial ..	..	121 14 1
Army—			
Losses at stores, camps, and units in New Zealand—			
Value of stores	Lost, broken, unserviceable	34,012 1 10	..
Value of stores	Deficient	50,512 19 4	..
Value of stores	Destroyed by fire	7,954 0 2	..
Value of stores	Stolen	4,136 19 1	..
Value of stores	Unserviceable motor-vehicles ..	5,674 7 3	..
Losses by units, &c., at island posts—			
Value of stores	Deficient, lost, broken	27,521 4 11	..
Value of stores	Destroyed by fire	3,780 14 6	..
Value of stores	Stolen	862 19 7	..
Allotment warrants cashed by unauthorized persons	Irrecoverable	..	204 18 1
Cash and vouchers lost	Irrecoverable	..	177 15 9
Cash stolen	Irrecoverable	..	1,869 1 6
Hire of equipment ..	Claim abandoned	..	193 19 1
Pay and allowances overpaid	Irrecoverable	..	3,062 3 10
Pay warrants stolen	Irrecoverable	..	939 5 6
Navy—			
Value of stores	Lost, broken, deficient, and unserviceable	2,138 2 0	..
Value of stores	Loss on sale and issue of stores	1,353 10 8	..

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, 1943-1944

STATEMENT of the REVENUE of the CONSOLIDATED FUND (ORDINARY REVENUE ACCOUNT) for the FINANCIAL YEAR ended 31st March, 1944

TAXATION :—	Year Ended 31st March, 1944. £ s. d.	£ s. d.
Customs	..	7,672,083 9 3
Beer Duty	..	2,041,760 6 4
Sales Tax	..	3,762,406 6 9
Film-hire Tax	..	137,148 12 10
Highways	..	1,692,325 9 0*†
Stamp Duties,—		
Adhesive Stamps	203,645 12 3	
Duty on Instruments	508,909 13 5	
Fines and Penalties	1,758 4 8	
Impressed Stamps	214,983 14 7	
Licenses to Companies	93,141 8 4	
Sharebrokers' Licenses	1,382 0 0	
Duties payable by Racing Clubs	908,116 15 6	
Amusements-tax	148,225 2 10	
Lottery Duty	27,295 3 9	
Overseas Passenger Duty	6,897 11 5	
Miscellaneous	2,542 4 8	
Receipts under Section 4, Mortgagees' Indemnity (Workers' Charges) Act, 1927	1,546 1 0	
		2,118,443 12 5
Land-tax	..	987,706 10 9
Income-tax	..	23,498,850 11 7
Miscellaneous	..	106,894 10 3
Total, Taxation	..	42,017,619 9 2
Carried forward	..	42,017,619 9 2

* Rebates in respect of motor-spirits used otherwise than as fuel for motor-vehicles in terms of section 6 of the Customs Amendment Act, 1939, amounted to £170,332 4s. 9d.

† £474,026 6s. 4d. of this amount consists of fees, fines, &c., which are not taxation.

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		Year Ended 31st March, 1944.	
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward		..	42,017,619 9 2
INTEREST :—			
On Capital Liability, Working Railways (interest at £4 per cent. on the total amount of capital moneys deemed to be expended in respect of the railways, as provided by Order in Council under the Government Railways Act, 1926)—			
Year 1942–43		122,712 18 7	
	£ s. d.		
Year 1943–44	2,765,724 3 7		
Less Reduction made in terms of Finance Act, 1930 (No. 2), Section 14	197,754 3 7		
		2,567,970 0 0	
			2,690,682 18 7
On Capital Liability, Postal and Telegraph (interest as determined under section 95 of the Post and Telegraph Act, 1928, at £4 per cent. on the amount of the capital liability as at 1st April, 1943, together with interest at the rate of £2 per cent. on the net amount transferred from the National Development Loans Account during the financial year)—			
	£ s. d.		
Year 1942–43 (balance)	410 0 0		
Year 1943–44 (on account)	693,070 0 0		
		..	693,480 0 0
On the Public Debt Redemption Fund (details on separate statement)		..	394,360 16 11
On other Public Moneys (details on separate statement)		..	503,397 17 10
Total, Interest		..	4,281,921 13 4
OTHER RECEIPTS :—			
Registration and other Fees,—			
Air Navigation Act, 1931		175 17 11	
Animals Protection and Game Act, 1921–22		2 0 0	
Animals Protection and Game Act, 1921–22 (Part III)		5,418 8 0	
Apprentices Act, 1923		4 0 0	
Arms Act, 1920		2,987 2 0	
Births, Deaths, and Marriages		25,403 13 6	
British Nationality and Status of Aliens (in New Zealand) Act, 1928 ..		31 13 8	
Cemeteries Act, 1908		52 3 6	
Cinematograph Films Act, 1928		2,610 1 1	
Coal-mines Act, 1925		178 2 6	
Crown Grant Fees		*Dr.* 2 0 0	
Customs Act, 1913		13,011 10 4	
Dairy Industry Act, 1908		2,693 9 6	
Dentists Act, 1936		577 9 0	
Distillation Act, 1908		156 0 0	
Education Act, 1914		2 2 0	
Electrical Wiremen's Registration Act, 1925		943 15 1	
Engineers Registration Act, 1924		17 5 0	
Explosive and Dangerous Goods Act, 1908		6,309 4 5	
Factories Act, 1921–22		4,347 9 0	
Fertilizers Act, 1927		335 7 0	
Finance Act, 1915 (Part III), (Beer Duty)		1,723 10 0	
Fisheries Act, 1908		824 11 4	
Friendly Societies Act, 1909		3 13 6	
Health Act, 1920		9 10 0	
Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1926		674 15 5	
Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925		156 7 0	
Inspection of Machinery Act, 1928		23,204 13 6	
Land Agents Act, 1921–22		7,554 0 0	
Licensing Act, 1908		20 0 0	
Life Insurance Act, 1908		0 5 0	
Margarine Act, 1908		3 0 0	
Masseurs Registration Act, 1920		397 0 9	
Meat Act, 1939		58,951 17 8	
Carried forward		158,777 17 8	
Carried forward		..	46,299,541 2 6

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	Year ended 31st March, 1944. £ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	..	46,299,541 2 6
OTHER RECEIPTS—*continued*		
Brought forward	158,777 17 8	
Registration and other Fees—*continued*		
Medical Practitioners Act, 1914	512 16 6	
Mining Act, 1926	417 8 3	
Money-lenders Act, 1908	1,201 5 0	
Motor-vehicles Act, 1924	56 19 6	
Native Land Act, 1931	8 8 0	
Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1926, Section 14 (Taupo Waters)—		
Fees, Licenses, and Camp-sites	2,918 1 3	
Fines and Penalties	10 9 0	
New Zealand Loans Act, 1932	269 3 0	
Nurses and Midwives Registration Act, 1925	11,697 2 1	
Opticians Act, 1928	195 12 0	
Orchard and Garden Diseases Act, 1928	6,140 8 6	
Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks Act, 1921–22	14,020 19 9	
Plumbers Registration Act, 1912	344 5 2	
Poisons Act, 1934	254 12 6	
Public Safety Conservation Act, 1932	33 10 6	
Sales Tax Act, 1932–33	564 0 0	
Second-hand Dealers Act, 1908	408 15 0	
Servants' Registry Offices Act, 1908	7 10 0	
Stallions Act, 1938	19 19 0	
Stock Act, 1908	582 12 0	
Stock Remedies Act, 1934	28 10 0	
Stone-quarries Act, 1910	73 0 0	
Timber-floating Act, 1908	2 10 0	
Tobacco Act, 1908	1,485 8 4	
Trade Unions Act, 1908	0 10 9	
Tramways Act, 1908	70 5 0	
Transport Licensing Act, 1931	44,811 2 0	
Valuation of Land Act, 1925	25,784 0 1	
Veterinary Surgeons Act, 1926	10 15 0	
Weights and Measures Act, 1925	7,216 3 11	
		277,923 19 9
Territorial Revenue,—		
Rents, Royalties, and Miscellaneous Receipts from lands—		
Agricultural Department	3 0 0	
Air Department	1,814 15 11	
Army Department	1,690 19 5	
Education Department	775 2 2	
Internal Affairs Department	20 0 0	
Justice and Prisons Department	487 10 0	
Lands and Survey Department—		
Crown Lands	380,863 11 5	
Hauraki Plains land	5,901 18 6	
Swamp Drainage lands	368 6 6	
Small-farms Scheme	4,086 11 0	
Miscellaneous Fees	1,520 4 0	
Marine Department	192 14 0	
Mental Hospitals Department	500 0 0	
Mines Department	12,642 4 7	
Police Department	133 5 6	
Public Works Department	1,283 14 0	
Scientific and Industrial Research Department	36 0 0	
State Forest Service Department	17,455 1 6	
		429,774 18 6
Carried forward	..	707,698 18 3
Carried forward	..	46,299,541 2 6

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	Year Ended 31st March, 1944. £ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward ..	..	46,299,541 2 6
OTHER RECEIPTS—*continued*		
Brought forward ..	..	707,698 18 3
Island Territories,—		
New Zealand Reparation Estates ..	148,442 2 3	
Export of Bananas from Samoa ..	35,966 17 9	
		184,409 0 0
Justice,—		
Court Fees, Fines, and Brankruptcy Commission ..	..	166,410 1 6
Marine,—		
Pilotage Rates and Harbour Fees ..	626 0 3	
Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908 ..	68,513 9 9	
Rents of Foreshores, Royalties, &c. ..	1,712 3 3	
Sale of Oysters under Fisheries Act, 1908 ..	8,756 5 6	
Rents from Toheroa Areas ..	109 10 0	
Westport Harbour ..	45,974 2 9	
		125,691 11 6
Profits of Trading Institutions,—		
Public Trust Office—		
Half of Profits credited in terms of section 24 (1) of the Finance Act, 1929—		
For year 1942–43 ..	6,383 4 11	
Reserve Bank of New Zealand—		
Profits credited in terms of section 36 (*c*), Reserve Bank of New Zealand Act, 1933—		
For year 1942–43 ..	379,118 11 1	
Native Trust Office—		
One-third of Profits credited in terms of section 49, Native Trustee Act, 1930—		
1941–42 ..	3,052 9 3	
		388,554 5 3
Native,—		
Fees collected in Stamps under the provisions of the Native Land Act, 1931	..	3,807 8 7
Printing and Stationery,—		
General Receipts ..	..	411,587 4 2
Stamp Duties,—		
Land Registry and Deeds Register Office Fees ..	..	62,074 8 3
Tourist and Health Resorts,—		
Receipts in respect of Reserves under the Tourist and Health Resorts Control Act, 1908 ..	..	116,531 4 0
Miscellaneous (details on separate statement) ..	..	354,970 5 6
Recoveries on account of Expenditure of Previous Years (details on separate statement) ..	..	6,968 2 0
Recoveries on account of Unauthorized Expenditure of Previous Years (details on separate statement) ..	..	30 0 11
Total, Other Receipts ..	..	2,528,732 9 11
Total Revenue ..	..	48,828,273 12 5

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STATEMENT of INTEREST on the PUBLIC DEBT REDEMPTION FUND for the FINANCIAL YEAR ended 31st March, 1944

	£ s. d.
Repayment of the Public Debt Act, 1925, Section 12 (*a*)—	
Interest earned by the capital moneys of the Public Debt Redemption Fund held by—	
Public Trustee	284,673 6 11
State Advances Office	109,687 10 0
	£394,360 16 11

STATEMENT of INTEREST on OTHER PUBLIC MONEYS for the FINANCIAL YEAR ended 31st March, 1944

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Interest on other Public Moneys :—			
On investments made in respect of the—			
Deposits Account	..	47,618 1 6	
Ordinary Revenue Account	..	71,633 18 5	
Bank of New Zealand Shares Account: Dividends transferred to Ordinary Revenue Account in terms of section 8 (3), Finance Act, 1926—			
Dividend on 500,000 £1 preference A shares ..	43,750 0 0		
Final dividend on 1,375,000 £1 preference B shares for year ended 31st March, 1943	25,000 0 0		
Interim dividend on 1,375,000 £1 preference B shares for year ended 31st March, 1944	18,750 0 0		
Half-yearly dividend on 234,375 £1 C long-term mortgage shares to 31st March, 1943	6,152 6 10		
Half-yearly dividend on 234,375 £1 C long-term mortgage shares to 30th September, 1943 ..	6,152 6 10		
		99,804 13 8	
National Development Loans Account	..	7,109 11 5	
Public Account Cash Balance Investment Account ..	..	8,302 7 8	
Public Works Account	..	24,371 9 8	
War Expenses Account	..	23,191 19 7	
			282,032 1 11
On £1,226,000 appropriated out of Public Works Account and paid to Main Highways Account in terms of paragraph (*b*), section 16, Main Highways Act, 1922—Finance Act, 1930, section 36	..	..	*Dr.* 12,260 0 0
On amount due from the Public Works Account in terms of section 38 (3), Native Land Amendment Act, 1936, on account of Native Land Development (on account)	..	..	82,851 0 7
On loan of £400,000 to the Rural Intermediate Credit Board, year ended 30th June, 1943	..	..	12,000 0 0
On loans to earthquake sufferers in terms of section 49, Hawke's Bay Earthquake Act, 1931	..	..	140 5 6
On loans to local bodies under Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1908	..	..	40,686 14 9
On loans to Samoan Treasury in terms of section 33, Samoa Act, 1921	..	..	2,531 1 2
On loan to Taieri River Trust in terms of section 3, Taieri River Improvement Amendment Act, 1939 ..	..	..	2,550 0 0
On loans under section 26, Agriculture (Emergency Powers) Act, 1934	..	..	1,435 10 2
On £464,075 15s. 2d. net profits of the Cheviot Estate Account in terms of section 19 (4) of the Finance Act, 1930 (No. 2)	..	..	37,135 13 7
On value of Crown lands declared to be subject to the Land for Settlements Act, 1925, and former Land for Settlements Acts—Land Laws Amendment Act, 1929, section 47—			
1942–43	8,477 12 0		
1943–44	8,477 12 0		
		16,955 4 0	
On miscellaneous advances—			
For Native Land Settlement Account—Survey liens ..	..	870 9 6	
From Vote "Agriculture," to various agricultural associations	..	14 14 7	
To Cook Islands Fruit Account	..	684 16 4	
To Eastbourne Borough Council for drainage works ..	..	194 2 8	
To George Scurr and Co., Ltd.	..	4 3 1	
To Gabriel's Gully Blue Spur Gold-mining Co., Ltd. ..	..	48 0 0	
Jubilee Co-operative Party	..	7 16 0	
Mossbank Coal-mining Co.	..	14 0 11	
Sylvia Mines Consolidated, Ltd.	..	25 2 2	
Carried forward	..	18,818 9 3	449,102 7 8

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STATEMENT of INTEREST on OTHER PUBLIC MONEYS for the FINANCIAL YEAR ended 31st March, 1944—*continued*

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	..	18,818 9 3	449,102 7 8
Interest on other Public Moneys—*continued*			
On miscellaneous advances—*continued*			
To Hospital Boards—			
Auckland	276 14 2		
Inangahua	4 2 2		
Maniototo	8 4 5		
Nelson	20 7 8		
Palmerston North	385 7 2		
Tauranga	41 11 7		
Wairoa	12 9 10		
Wanganui	67 18 11		
Wellington	513 19 5		
		1,330 15 4	
To Land Settlement Associations—			
Angland	245 2 2		
Blairgowrie	376 18 0		
Bruce..	107 15 4		
Chastleton	317 19 10		
Clifton Grove	925 4 5		
Eiffelton	428 0 0		
Glencairn	287 13 1		
Gleniffer	108 11 2		
Hari Hari	27 16 11		
Kelman	166 0 0		
Lake Alice	113 18 8		
Matamau	834 2 0		
Melville Downs	239 5 5		
Nikau Grange	200 0 10		
Otaikarangi	60 16 9		
Otauiri	327 8 6		
Owersby	443 6 2		
Quiltowen	189 3 2		
Trentham	170 11 10		
Waitohi Downs	307 14 11		
Wentnor	180 17 8		
		6,058 6 10	
To Lower Clutha River Trust	..	79 5 9	
To Maori Land Boards, under section 340, Native Land Act, 1931	..	66 12 2	
To Opotiki Borough Council	..	16 18 0	
To Point Elizabeth Coal Co., Ltd.	..	25 7 10	
To Rotorua Golf Club	..	87 18 9	
To Westhaven Coal Co.	..	0 6 5	
Under the Native Housing Act, 1935	..	3,391 4 4	
Under the Native Land Amendment Act, 1936—			
Section 48	..	437 13 2	
Under the Small-farm Plan	..	18,486 14 0	
Under the Village-homestead Settlement Scheme ..	..	124 7 1	
			48,923 18 11
Miscellaneous interest on—			
Balance of Post-office Savings-bank Accounts used by Child Welfare Branch, Education Department ..	..	2 13 2	
Debentures under the Hutt Road Act, 1915	..	2,400 0 0	
Deposits by High Commissioner	..	31 4 7	
Mortgages due to Reparation Estates	..	79 18 0	
Penal interest: Loan repayments by local bodies ..	..	25 16 10	
Purchase-moneys in connection with sales of land and buildings—			
Department of Lands and Survey	103 12 10		
Public Works Department	127 19 10		
		231 12 8	
			2,771 5 3
Crown's proportion of Greymouth Harbour Board special coal rate: Credited as interest on sums of £114,439 1s. and £27,000 in terms of section 12 of the Greymouth Harbour Board Act, 1884	..	..	2,600 6 0
			£503,397 17 10

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STATEMENT of OTHER RECEIPTS, MISCELLANEOUS, for the FINANCIAL YEAR ended 31st March, 1944

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
External Affairs Department:—			
Sale of publications	50 8 5		
Sale of waste paper	8 12 2		
		59 0 7	
Treasury Department:—			
Conscience-money	125 14 7		
Exchange, commission, discount, &c.	153,303 3 11		
Unclaimed moneys—			
Under Public Revenues Act, 1926, section 30—			
Courts of Law Trust	368 11 9		
Gaolers' deposits	0 4 6		
Goldfields deposits	1 1 9		
Labour deposits	170 19 0		
Land revenue deposits	22 19 11		
Marine deposits	1 0 0		
Probation Officers' deposits	0 5 0		
Under Public Revenues Act, 1926, section 95—			
General estates	6,220 9 3		
Bankruptcy Act, 1908	329 0 7		
Rating Act, 1925	88 17 10		
Unclaimed land balances	107 2 7		
Surplus cash—Not identified	11 12 3		
Transfers from Deposits Account—			
Miscellaneous, &c.	232 17 2		
Unclaimed earnings	1,581 3 0		
Unpresented cheques	1,981 3 0		
Dividends unclaimed for over 10 years—			
N.Z. Government stock	75 7 10		
Excess cash at Government offices	27 0 1		
Money forfeited under Finance Emergency Regulations 1940	157 3 7		
Money found by or handed to police officers, &c., not claimed	50 8 5		
Money found in Government institutions	9 8 5		
Money found on prisoner (confiscated)	31 8 7		
Debt recovered by Official Assignee subsequent to dissolution of company	9 4 6		
Bank of England fractions of interest	180 19 7		
Cash seized in gaming raids	5 6 6		
Duty on scrap gold and jewellers' sweepings	1,479 1 3		
Forfeited deposits—			
Land revenue deposits	3 0 0		
Dividends on shares, N.Z. Woolpacks and Textiles, Ltd.	1,200 0 0		
Difference between Government contract and retail price on tires and tubes sold for "mileage allowance" vehicles	660 3 5		
		168,434 18 3	
Customs Department:—			
Rents of buildings	78 0 0		
Sale of goods seized by Customs	225 5 8		
		303 5 8	
Land and Income Tax Department:—			
Unclaimed moneys—			
Under Unclaimed Moneys Act, 1908, section 6, and Finance Act, 1932, section 30	..	11,108 8 5	
Stamp Duties Department:—			
Amounts received under Companies Act, 1933, section 283	..	0 7 7	
Department of Internal Affairs:—			
Fees and fines, Rotorua Acclimatization District	51 15 6		
Fees for—			
Camp sites, licenses, &c.	96 0 0		
Slipway	8 8 0		
Storage of powder	1,341 5 6		
Passport fees	653 4 11		
Rents of buildings	345 1 7		
Sale of—			
Fishing and game licenses, Rotorua Acclimatization District	4,105 18 4		
Publications	47 18 0		
Waste paper	3 15 4		
		6,653 7 2	
Carried forward	..	186,559 7 8	

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STATEMENT of OTHER RECEIPTS, MISCELLANEOUS, for the FINANCIAL YEAR ended 31st March, 1944—*continued*

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	..	186,559 7 8	
Marine Department:—			
Rents of buildings	..	93 14 4	
Electoral Department:—			
Forfeited deposits	..	1,300 0 0	
Department of Justice and Prisons:—			
King's Counsel fees	2 2 0		
Rents of buildings	467 3 0		
		469 5 0	
Police Department:—			
Rents of buildings	1,202 2 10		
Sale of—			
Firearms (confiscated)	88 10 6		
Liquor (confiscated)	863 5 1		
		2,153 18 5	
Public Works Department:—			
Amounts credited in terms of section 16 (2) of the Finance Act, 1930 (No. 2)—			
Receipts under section 17 (4) (c), Waihou and Ohinemuri Rivers Improvement Act, 1910—			
Rents, royalties, &c.	311 16 10		
Contributions under sections 17 and 18, Waihou and Ohinemuri Rivers Improvement Act, 1910—			
Gold-mining companies	1,369 11 1		
Gold duty— £ s. d.			
Ohinemuri County 449 5 5			
Piako County 1 12 0			
	450 17 5		
Consolidated Fund—			
For year 1942-43	1,372 0 7		
Payment for the privilege of draining into pipe-line, Ellerslie Police-station site	1 10 0		
Receipts from irrigation and water-supply schemes	25,610 13 8		
Rents of buildings	85,644 14 10		
Water-power license revenue	2,007 2 10		
		116,768 7 3	
Department of Lands and Survey:—			
Hauraki Plains Act, 1926—			
Rates	3,212 15 1		
Miscellaneous receipts	992 4 7		
Rangitaiki Land Drainage Act, 1910—			
Rates	17,271 8 0		
Miscellaneous receipts	4,044 10 11		
Scenery Preservation receipts	1,012 14 8		
Swamp Drainage Act, 1915—			
Rates	8,349 14 2		
Miscellaneous receipts	525 5 2		
		35,408 12 7	
Department of Agriculture:—			
Rents of buildings	..	2,018 1 4	
Department of Industries and Commerce, Tourist and Publicity:—			
Rents of buildings	..	649 3 3	
Department of Scientific and Industrial Research:—			
Fees for analyses	219 16 6		
Rents of buildings	182 13 4		
		402 9 10	
Mines Department:—			
Commission on coal and goldfields revenue collected	1,047 4 8		
Hire of drills, &c.	1,574 1 10		
Rents of buildings	0 10 0		
Rent of plant	1 0 0		
Sales under section 22, Mining Amendment Act, 1937	112 12 6		
		2,735 9 0	
Department of Health:—			
Rents of buildings	..	2,018 9 10	
Mental Hospitals Department:—			
Rents of buildings	..	36 17 11	
Education Department:—			
Fees for teachers' certificates, licenses, &c.	556 10 6		
Rents of buildings	3,794 10 3		
Unclaimed earnings	5 8 4		
		4,356 9 1	
			£354,970 5 6

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STATEMENT of OTHER RECEIPTS, RECOVERIES on ACCOUNT of EXPENDITURE of PREVIOUS YEARS, for the FINANCIAL YEAR ended 31st March, 1944

Ordinary Revenue Account

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Legislative Department :—			
Sale of—			
Publications	8 13 10		
Surplus and obsolete stores	35 7 0		
		44 0 10	
Treasury Department :—			
Repayment of loans to agricultural associations ..	313 17 8		
Sale of surplus and obsolete stores	1 0 0		
		314 17 8	
Customs Department :—			
Sale of surplus and obsolete stores	..	47 7 3	
Audit Department :—			
Sale of surplus and obsolete stores	..	0 19 0	
Stamp Duties Department :—			
Sale of surplus and obsolete stores	..	10 0 0	
Department of Internal Affairs :—			
Sale of surplus and obsolete stores	..	43 12 6	
Department of Island Territories :—			
Sale of surplus and obsolete stores	..	698 14 4	
Marine Department :—			
Sale of surplus and obsolete stores	..	287 11 0	
Department of Labour :—			
Recovery of passage moneys :—			
Immigrant artisans	239 14 7		
Nominated immigrants	21 0 3		
Sale of surplus and obsolete stores	17 1 0		
		277 15 10	
Native Department :—			
Sale of surplus and obsolete stores	..	138 13 9	
Valuation Department :—			
Sale of surplus and obsolete stores	..	108 17 2	
Electoral Department :—			
Sale of surplus and obsolete stores	..	2 1 0	
National Service Department :—			
Sale of surplus and obsolete stores	..	99 19 4	
Department of Justice and Prisons :—			
Sale of surplus and obsolete stores	..	143 1 1	
Police Department :—			
Sale of surplus and obsolete stores	..	966 5 5	
Public Works Department :—			
Farm workers' accommodation	..	400 0 0	
Department of Lands and Survey :—			
Recovery of bad debt written off in previous years, Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account	1 5 0		
Sale of surplus and obsolete stores	77 3 7		
		78 8 7	
Department of Agriculture :—			
Sale of surplus and obsolete stores	924 7 3		
Refund of veterinary bursary	400 0 0		
		1,324 7 3	
Department of Industries and Commerce, Tourist and Publicity :—			
Instalments on account of advance to Rotorua Golf Club	197 3 8		
Sale of surplus and obsolete stores	367 5 9		
New York World Fair	89 19 8		
Canadian National Exhibition	4 3 4		
		658 12 5	
Department of Scientific and Industrial Research :—			
Sale of surplus and obsolete stores	..	61 8 0	
Mines Department :—			
Sale of surplus and obsolete stores	..	22 11 11	
Transport Department :—			
Sale of surplus and obsolete stores	..	317 2 1	
Department of Health :—			
Sale of surplus and obsolete stores	..	740 8 7	
Mental Hospitals Department :—			
Sale of surplus and obsolete stores	..	51 0 0	
Education Department :—			
Sale of surplus and obsolete stores	..	130 7 0	
			6,968 2 0
UNAUTHORIZED EXPENDITURE OF PREVIOUS YEARS			
Social Security Department :—			
Refund overpayment to Mrs. Alice Armstrong of special annuity	..	30 0 11	
			30 0 11
			£6,998 2 11

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STATEMENT of the DISBURSEMENTS of the CONSOLIDATED FUND (Ordinary Revenue Account) under SPECIAL ACTS of the LEGISLATURE, and of RECOVERIES in respect of such DISBURSEMENTS, for the FINANCIAL YEAR ended 31st March, 1944

Debt Services—Interest

Nature of Security.	Maturity Date.	Rate per Cent.	Gross Interest due and charged to Ordinary Revenue Account for Year ended 31st March, 1944. £ s. d.
Stock	15th January, 1940	4	181 16 0
Stock	1st March, 1944	4½	412,855 13 2
Stock	1st January, 1940–45	3½	226,366 17 6
Debentures	15th February, 1945	5	12,468 9 4
Stock	1st March, 1945	4½	426,426 0 10
Stock	15th March, 1945	4	10,490 16 0
Stock	1st April, 1945	3	361,994 5 5
Stock	30th June, 1945	3	29,379 15 6
Stock	15th July, 1945	3	64,347 6 0
Stock	1st January, 1946	5	805,381 17 8
Stock and Debentures	15th February, 1943–46	4	393,632 11 8
Stock	1st April, 1946	3	37,112 15 7
Stock	1st April, 1946	4	16,264 2 6
Stock	30th June, 1946	3	4,175 12 10
Stock	1st August, 1946	2½	83,226 9 5
Stock	1st April, 1947	2½	15,000 0 0
Stock	15th September, 1947	2½	157,396 11 6
Stock	15th September, 1947	4	114,584 0 0
Debentures	15th September, 1947	5	56,181 0 0
Stock	1st November, 1947	4½	631,215 9 10
Stock	15th May, 1948	2½	176,012 13 5
Stock	15th September, 1946–48	3	202,997 14 0
Stock	30th November, 1948	4	199,733 10 1
Stock	1st January, 1949	4	498 4 11
Stock and Debentures	15th April, 1946–49	4	358,998 4 0
Stock	15th June, 1947–49	2½	169,851 6 9
Stock	15th December, 1949	5	468,750 0 0
Stock	15th December, 1950	3½	8,750 0 0
Stock and Debentures	1st February, 1951	5½	128,782 10 0
Stock	15th May, 1949–52	4	500,572 12 10
Stock	1st October, 1953	2½	62 17 7
Stock	1st February, 1949–54	3½	274,783 18 11
Stock	1st August, 1951–54	3	203,309 8 7
Stock and Debentures	15th June, 1952–55	4	379,014 7 8
Stock	1st July, 1952–55	3	450,000 0 0
Stock	15th September, 1952–55	3	329,999 18 11
Stock and Debentures	1st January, 1956	3	10,873 10 0
Stock	1st January, 1956	4	4,000 0 0
Stock	15th May, 1953–56	3	278,495 10 8
Stock	15th December, 1953–56	3	263,729 6 1
Stock	15th January, 1957	2½	46,867 14 10
Stock and Debentures	15th January, 1957	3	1,745 12 6
Stock and Debentures	15th January, 1953–57	3½	319,211 14 9
Stock	15th January, 1957	3½	20,538 7 0
Stock	1st February, 1957	3	2,811 12 0
Stock	15th May, 1957	2½	35,425 0 0
Stock	15th May, 1957	3	172,852 12 2
Stock	15th May, 1957	3½	48,828 0 2
Stock	15th August, 1957	2½	529,510 10 5
Stock	15th August, 1957	3	438,699 19 0
Stock	15th August, 1957	4	84,890 8 0
Stock	15th February, 1958	2½	90,170 17 6
Stock	1st March, 1948–58	4½	1,081,432 8 2
Stock	31st May, 1954–58	4	221,518 8 0
Stock	15th June, 1958	2½	35,425 0 0
Stock	15th June, 1958	3½	53,243 15 0
Stock	15th September, 1958	2½	66,960 0 0
Stock	15th December, 1958	2½	71,050 0 0
Stock	15th December, 1958	3	786,489 5 0
Stock	15th January, 1956–59	3¼	203,959 12 0
Stock	15th March, 1959	2½	63,425 7 4
Stock	15th March, 1959	3	6,164 14 8
Stock	15th March, 1959	4	25,047 10 4
Stock	15th July, 1959	2½	74,516 19 6
Stock	15th July, 1959	3¾	14,250 0 0
Carried forward	..	..	12,762,932 13 6

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STATEMENT of the DISBURSEMENTS and RECOVERIES under SPECIAL ACTS of the LEGISLATURE—*continued*

Debt Services—Interest—*continued*

Nature of Security.	Maturity Date.	Rate per Cent.	Gross Interest due and charged to Ordinary Revenue Account for Year ended 31st March, 1944.
			£ s. d.
Brought forward	..	..	12,762,932 13 6
Stock	15th October, 1959	3	51,091 1 6
Stock	15th November, 1959	3	127,366 1 0
Stock	22nd May, 1960	3½	9,273 5 0
Stock	15th September, 1957–60.. ..	3¼	473,024 0 5
Stock	15th October, 1955–60	3½	230,557 1 5
Stock	1st February, 1943–63	4	540,445 0 0
Stock	1st November, 1956–71	5	312,500 0 0
Memorandum of Security	..	3	253,539 10 11
Floating Debt—*i.e.*, Treasury Bills ..	Various	..	852,541 9 10
Gross interest charged to Ordinary Revenue Account for year ended 31st March, 1944			15,613,270 3 7
Less amounts recovered			3,250,677 18 7
Net amount of interest charged to Ordinary Revenue Account for year ended 31st March, 1944			£12,362,592 5 0

Domicile of Gross Interest paid, 1943-44

(Nominal Amounts.)

	£ s. d.
London	6,465,473 11 3
London (paid in New Zealand)	108,311 10 5
Australia	47,010 0 0
New Zealand	8,992,475 1 11
	£15,613,270 3 7

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STATEMENT of the DISBURSEMENTS of the CONSOLIDATED FUND (Ordinary Revenue Account) under SPECIAL ACTS of the LEGISLATURE and of RECOVERIES in respect of such DISBURSEMENTS for the FINANCIAL YEAR ended 31st March, 1944

Debt Services

—	Gross Amount charged to Ordinary Revenue Account.	Recoveries.	Net Amount charged to Ordinary Revenue Account.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Interest (details as shown in foregoing statement) ..	15,613,270 3 7	3,250,677 18 7	12,362,592 5 0
AMORTIZATION OF DEBT			
Sinking Fund			
Finance Act, 1928, Section 13 :—			
Westport Harbour Act, 1920,—			
Westport Harbour Board Act, 1884—			
Sinking Fund in respect of loans raised by Westport Harbour Board—			
Annual payment in terms of section 13 (4) (*a*) ..	7,000 0 0	..	7,000 0 0
Amount paid in terms of section 13 (4) (*d*), being 4½ per cent. in respect of £85,750 paid by the Public Trustee to 31st March, 1944, for redemption of loans	3,858 15 0	..	3,858 15 0
Total, Sinking Fund	10,858 15 0	..	10,858 15 0
Repayment of the Public Dept Act, 1925			
Repayment of the Public Dept Act, 1925 :—			
Section 11 (*a*),—			
Amount transferred to the Public Debt Repayment Account, being contribution for the year 1943–44 of ½ per cent. on the public debt within the meaning of the Act outstanding at 31st March, 1943 (½ per cent. on £386,589,554 8s. 4d.)..	1,932,947 15 5	..	1,932,947 15 5
Amount transferred to the Public Debt Repayment Account, being contribution of ½ per cent. on £26,947,752 15s. 11d., debt redeemed under the Act to 31st March, 1943	134,738 15 3	..	134,738 15 3
Section 11 (*b*),—			
Amount transferred to the Public Dept Repayment Account, being contribution of 3½ per cent. on £26,947,752 15s. 11d., debt redeemed under the Act to 31st March, 1943	943,171 6 9	..	943,171 6 9
Amount transferred to the Public Debt Repayment Account, being contribution of 3½ per cent. on £2,420,480, debt redeemed under the Act during the year 1943–44 computed from the dates of redemption to 31st March, 1944	42,656 7 8	..	42,656 7 8
Total, Repayment of the Public Debt Act, 1925	3,053,514 5 1	..	3,053,514 5 1
Transfer to Loans Redemption Account			
Public Revenues Act, 1926, Section 135 (4) :—			
Transfer from Ordinary Revenue Account for redemption of loans,—			
Ordinary Revenue Account—			
War Loan, 1914–18	1,000 0 0	..	1,000 0 0
War Expenses, 1939	790 0 0	..	790 0 0
Westport Harbour	157,250 0 0	..	157,250 0 0
Total, Transfer to Loans Redemption Account	159,040 0 0	..	159,040 0 0
ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT			
New Zealand Loans Act, 1932, Section 62 (3) :—			
Stamp duty on transfers of New Zealand Consolidated Stock	3,712 8 11	..	3,712 8 11
New Zealand Loans Act, 1932, Section 61 :—			
Charges and expenses of raising loans,—			
Fresh issues	76,306 0 7	519 7 6	75,786 13 1
Issues in renewal and conversion	392 13 7	..	392 13 7
	76,698 14 2	519 7 6	76,179 6 8
Carried forward	80,411 3 1	519 7 6	79,891 15 7
Carried forward	18,836,683 3 8	3,250,677 18 7	15,586,005 5 1

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DISBURSEMENTS and RECOVERIES under SPECIAL ACTS of the LEGISLATURE—*continued*

Debt Services—*continued*

—	Gross Amount charged to Ordinary Revenue Account.	Recoveries.	Net Amount charged to Ordinary Revenue Account.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	18,836,683 3 8	3,250,677 18 7	15,586,005 5 1
Brought forward	80,411 3 1	519 7 6	79,891 15 7
ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT—*continued*			
New Zealand Loans Act, 1932 :—			
Section 24 (1),—			
Amount paid Bank of England for year ended 30th April, 1943, for management of New Zealand loans—			
Consolidated Stock	43,128 5 0		
Amount paid to the Reserve Bank of New Zealand for half-year ended 30th September, 1943, for management of New Zealand Government loans	13,764 13 4	..	56,892 18 4
Total, Administration and Management	137,304 1 5	519 7 6	136,784 13 11
PAYMENTS ON GUARANTEED LOANS			
Land Settlement Finance Act, 1909 :—			
Section 13 (1),—			
Interest and principal in arrear made good under Government guarantee	..		
Less Repayment by Associations under subsection (5)—			
Lake Alice Land Settlement Association ..	..	2,353 9 0	*Cr.* 2,353 9 0
Total, Payments on Guaranteed Loans..	..	..	*Cr.* 2,353 9 0
Total, Debt Services	18,973,987 5 1	3,253,550 15 1	15,720,436 10 0

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STATEMENT of the DISBURSEMENTS of the CONSOLIDATED FUND (Ordinary Revenue Account) under SPECIAL ACTS of the LEGISLATURE and RECOVERIES in respect of such DISBURSEMENTS for the FINANCIAL YEAR ended 31st March, 1944

Other Services

Act.		Gross Amount charged to Ordinary Revenue Account.	Recoveries.	Net Amount charged to Ordinary Revenue Account.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES				
Payment to Racing Clubs of Proportion of Totalizator Duty				
Finance Act (No. 2), 1935, Section 17:—				
Refunds to racing clubs of proportion of totalizator duty		36,832 0 3	..	36,832 0 3
Subsidies to Superannuation Funds				
Finance Act (No. 2), 1942:—				
Section 3,—				
Government Railways Superannuation Fund		89,700 0 0		
Public Service Superannuation Fund		14,000 0 0		
Teachers' Superannuation Fund		96,300 0 0		
		200,000 0 0	..	200,000 0 0
Miscellaneous Grants and Subsidies				
Land Act, 1924:—				
Sections 139 and 358,—				
Amount paid by Receivers of Land Revenue into Local Bodies' Deposit Accounts for payment to local authorities in respect of rents, royalties, &c. ("thirds," "fourths," and "halves")—				
Territorial revenue		5,331 2 1	..	5,331 2 1
Waihou and Ohinemuri Rivers Improvement Act, 1910, Section 17 (4) (*d*), and Appropriation Act, 1916, Section 27:—				
Contributions towards interest and cost of administration and maintenance of Waihou and Ohinemuri Rivers Improvement Works,—				
On account of year 1942-43		1,372 0 7	..	1,372 0 7
Total, Miscellaneous Grants and Subsidies		6,703 2 8	..	6,703 2 8
Total, Grants and Subsidies ..		243,535 2 11	..	243,535 2 11
SALARIES AND HONORARIA				
Legislative				
Civil List Act, 1920:—				
Part III, Section 16,—	£ s. d.			
Speakers of both Houses and Chairmen of Committees	2,746 4 0			
Part III, Section 17,—				
Members of the Legislative Council ..	10,130 15 0			
Members of the House of Representatives	27,936 9 7			
Part IV, Section 22,—				
Officers of Legislative Council and House of Representatives ..	1,600 0 0			
		42,413 8 7	..	42,413 8 7
Carried forward		42,413 8 7	..	42,413 8 7
Carried forward		243,535 2 11	..	243,535 2 11

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DISBURSEMENTS and RECOVERIES under SPECIAL ACTS of the LEGISLATURE—*continued*

Other Services—*continued*

Act.	Gross Amount charged to Ordinary Revenue Account.		Recoveries.	Net Amount charged to Ordinary Revenue Account.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	243,535 2 11		..	243,535 2 11
SALARIES AND HONORARIA—*continued*				
Brought forward	42,413 8 7		..	42,413 8 7
Justice				
Judicature Amendment Act, 1920:—				
Section 3,—				
The Judges—				
The Chief Justice—				
Myers, Sir M., P.C., G.C.M.G., K.B., salary, 1 April, 1943, to 31 March, 1944	2,250 0 0			
The Puisne Judges—				
Smith, D. S., salary, 1 April, 1943, to 31 March, 1944	2,000 0 0			
Blair, A. W., salary, 1 April, 1943, to 31 March, 1944	2,000 0 0			
Kennedy, R., salary, 1 April, 1943, to 31 March, 1944	2,000 0 0			
Fair, A., salary, 1 April, 1943, to 31 March, 1944	2,000 0 0			
Callan, J. B., salary, 1 April, 1943, to 31 March, 1944	2,000 0 0			
Northcroft, E. H., salary, 1 April, 1943, to 31 March, 1944	2,000 0 0			
Johnston, H. F., salary, 1 April, 1943, to 31 March, 1944	2,000 0 0			
Finlay, G. P., salary, 15 October, 1943, to 31 March, 1944	924 14 7			
	17,174 14 7		..	17,174 14 7
Other Salaries				
Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925:—				
Section 64,—				
Judge of the Arbitration Court—				
Tyndall, A., salary, 1 April, 1943, to 31 March, 1944	2,000 0 0			
Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act (No. 2), 1937, Section 2, and Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act (No. 3), 1937, Section 2:—				
Judge of the Arbitration Court—				
Hunter, W. J., salary, 1 April, 1943, to 31 March, 1944	2,000 0 0			
Public Revenues Act, 1926:—				
Section 6,—				
Controller and Auditor-General—				
Collins, C. G., salary, 1 April, 1943, to 31 March, 1944	1,300 0 0			
Public Service Act, 1912, Section 8, and Appropriation Act, 1925, Section 20 (1) (*a*):—				
Public Service Commissioner—				
Boyes, J. H., salary, 1 April, 1943, to 31 March, 1944	1,500 0 0			
Finance Act, 1940:—				
Section 11 (1),—				
Members of War Cabinet—				
Right Hon. J. G. Coates, salary, 1 April, 1943, to 30 April, 1943	110 4 2			
Hon. A. Hamilton, salary, 1 April, 1943, to 31 March, 1944	1,170 0 0			
Hon. A. McLagan, salary, 1 April, 1943, to 31 March, 1944	1,170 0 0			
Hon. W. Perry, salary, 10 June, 1943, to 31 March, 1944	945 15 0			
	3,395 19 2			
	10,195 19 2		..	10,195 19 2
Total, Salaries and Honoraria ..	69,784 2 4		..	69,784 2 4
Carried forward	313,319 5 3		..	313,319 5 3

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DISBURSEMENTS and RECOVERIES under SPECIAL ACTS of the LEGISLATURE—*continued*

Other Services—*continued*

Act.	Gross Amount charged to Ordinary Revenue Account. £ s. d.	Recoveries. £ s. d.	Net Amount charged to Ordinary Revenue Account. £ s. d.
Brought forward	313,319 5 3	..	313,319 5 3
HIGHWAYS			
Transfers to Main Highways Account and payments to boroughs, &c.	1,685,434 3 9	..	1,685,434 3 9
Total, Highways	1,685,434 3 9	..	1,685,434 3 9
ADVANCES			
On Account of other Governments			
Finance Act, 1930 (No. 2):—			
Section 7,—			
Advances made on behalf of other Governments—			
Canada	1,293 19 6	352 7 7	941 11 11
Commonwealth	52,757 12 6	93,079 12 7	*Cr.*40,322 0 1
Federated Malay States	3 3 0	6 6 0	*Cr.* 3 3 0
Fiji	37,663 7 3	6,447 17 9	31,215 9 6
Imperial Government	111,774 12 6	247,687 6 2	*Cr.*135,912 13 8
India	..	1 1 0	*Cr.* 1 1 0
Kenya	..	1 1 0	*Cr.* 1 1 0
Tonga	273 13 2	..	273 13 2
Western Pacific	733 14 9	251 4 10	482 9 11
Total, Advances	204,500 2 8	347,826 16 11	*Cr.*143,326 14 3
OTHER SPECIAL ACTS			
Pensions			
Judicature Act, 1908:—			
Sections 12–14,—			
Superannuation allowances—			
Herdman, Sir A. L., 1 April, 1943, to 31 March, 1944	1,083 6 8		
Ostler, Sir H. H., 1 April, 1943, to 31 January, 1944	968 14 9		
Reed, Sir John, 1 April, 1943, to 31 March, 1944	916 13 4		
Stringer, Sir T. W., 1 April, 1943, to 31 March, 1944	750 0 0		
Total, Pensions	3,718 14 9	..	3,718 14 9
Miscellaneous			
Appropriation Act, 1926:—			
Section 15,—			
Travelling-expenses of His Excellency the Governor-General and staff in excess of amount provided under the Civil List Act, 1920	3,117 9 0	..	3,117 9 0
Finance Act, 1930, Section 53 (4), and Finance Act, 1931 (No. 2), Section 25 (2) (*b*):—			
Land assurance claims admitted and paid in connection with losses sustained through errors in the definitions of boundaries	75 0 0	..	75 0 0
Finance Act (No. 3), 1934:—			
Section 8,—			
Interest on income-tax paid in advance	38,007 4 9	..	38,007 4 9
Native Purposes Act, 1931:—			
Section 51,—			
Annual payment to Arawa District Trust Board for the benefit of the Arawa Tribe	6,000 0 0	..	6,000 0 0
Section 54,—			
Annual payment to Tuwharetoa Trust Board for benefit of Tuwharetoa Tribe in connection with Lake Taupo claims	3,000 0 0	..	3,000 0 0
Public Revenues Act, 1926:—			
Section 151,—			
Free issue of official postage-stamps to members of the House of Representatives and to members of the Legislative Council	3,166 0 0	..	3,166 0 0
War Expenses Act, 1939:—			
Section 2 (4) (*e*),—			
Transfer to War Expenses Account	7,500,000 0 0	..	7,500,000 0 0
Total, Miscellaneous	7,553,365 13 9	..	7,553,365 13 9
Total, Other Special Acts	7,557,084 8 6	..	7,557,084 8 6
Total, Other Services	9,760,338 0 2	347,826 16 11	9,412,511 3 3

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STATEMENT of BALANCES OUTSTANDING on 31st March, 1944, in respect of PAYMENTS MADE from the CONSOLIDATED FUND on behalf of OTHER GOVERNMENTS

Name of Government.	Balance outstanding at 31st March, 1944. £ s. d.
Canada	1,426 2 5
Commonwealth of Australia	30,195 14 2
Federated Malay States	13 2 6
Fiji	31,357 16 5
Imperial Government—General Advances	158,851 19 8
Tonga	3,808 4 9
Western Pacific	633 14 9
Total	£226,286 14 8

Note.—Details of transactions are shown on page 17.

STATEMENT of IMPRESTS of the CONSOLIDATED FUND (Ordinary Revenue Account) OUTSTANDING as at the 31st March, 1944, showing the SERVICES for which they were issued

	£ s. d.
Consolidated Fund:—	
Ordinary Revenue Account,—	
Votes—	
External Affairs	4,154 1 8
Customs	802 14 8
Audit	15 0 0
Internal Affairs	11 17 3
Marine	2,130 4 7
National Service	902 9 8
Justice and Prisons	155 19 1
Police	79 14 3
Lands and Survey	337 0 4
Agriculture	6 0 0
Industries and Commerce, Tourist and Publicity	1,602 17 6
Transport	33 16 3
Health	1,658 16 6
War and other Pensions	7,403 12 1
General Imprest	125,419 5 9
General Services	353,255 12 8
	£497,969 2 3

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SUMMARY of DEPOSITS ACCOUNT for the FINANCIAL YEAR ended 31st March, 1944

Deposit Accounts.	Balances on 1st April, 1943.	Receipts.	Payments and Transfers.	Balances on 31st March, 1944.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Royal New Zealand Air Force	3,561 16 3	4,121 8 0	1,733 18 2	5,949 6 1
Anderson Gift Trust Account	..	250 0 0	..	250 0 0
Canadian Pensions Account	284 1 3	6,969 1 10	7,257 16 9	*Cr.* 4 13 8
Canteen Profits	3,205 16 4	47,146 12 1	38,769 15 4	11,582 13 1
Commercial Gardens Registration Act	..	1,952 16 6	..	1,952 16 6
Cook Islands Fruit Account	18,049 11 6	26,531 9 6	27,791 13 6	16,789 7 6
Deposits on Contracts	..	2,407 6 6	2,387 6 6	20 0 0
Education Reserves Act, 1928—				
Sales of Land under section 27—				
Primary Education Endowments	52,159 6 2	131 15 11	..	52,291 2 1
Secondary Education Endowments—				
Auckland Provincial District	6,318 18 7	..	..	6,318 18 7
Taranaki Provincial District	264 14 0	..	..	264 14 0
Hawke's Bay Provincial District	24 7 2	..	..	24 7 2
Otago Provincial District	346 0 0	...	..	346 0 0
Primary Education Endowment Deposit Account	61,279 17 6	109,978 3 6	83,803 5 8	87,451 15 4
Secondary Education Endowment Deposit Account—				
Auckland Provincial District	1,388 3 9	3,688 18 11	3,766 7 3	1,310 15 5
Taranaki Provincial District	536 10 6	1,312 14 4	1,275 15 3	573 9 7
Wellington Provincial District	1,606 15 6	3,949 18 1	3,783 17 7	1,772 16 0
Hawke's Bay Provincial District	843 10 9	1,802 18 3	1,787 18 2	858 10 10
Nelson Provincial District	245 3 8	500 3 5	497 6 6	248 0 7
Marlborough Provincial District	29 6 6	36 7 4	58 13 0	7 0 10
Otago Provincial District	895 6 1	1,725 11 10	1,778 16 1	842 1 10
General Assembly Library Fund	..	25 0 0	25 0 0	..
General Purposes Relief Account	224,958 13 3	7,953 19 9	15,975 17 7	216,936 15 5
Gold Duty Suspense Account	783 3 8	36 14 7	450 17 5	369 0 10
Greymouth and Hokitika High School Acts, 1883	134 18 0	257 3 11	276 7 4	115 14 7
Hides Emergency Regulations	12,214 12 6	80,225 11 3	86,386 18 7	6,053 5 2
Honey-export Control Act, 1924	..	14 2 5	8 15 11	5 6 6
Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1926	65 11 10	930 16 2	551 1 1	445 6 11
Hunter Soldiers' Assistance Trust Account	2,865 18 8	3,680 0 7	596 11 10	5,949 7 5
Immigration Restriction Act, 1908	68,400 2 6	2,140 0 0	1,230 0 0	69,310 2 6
Imperial Pensions	40,575 10 6	248,750 0 0	239,433 15 0	49,891 15 6
Interest on Cash Balance Investments Account	1,329 14 7	6,972 13 1	8,302 7 8	..
King George V Memorial Fund Deposit Account	116,606 0 9	7,906 15 4	4,174 2 7	120,338 13 6
Land Agents Act, 1921–22, section 7	505 5 0	..	..	505 5 0
Linen Flax Growers Insurance Fund	1,430 15 10	14,923 4 9	11,791 12 7	4,562 8 0
Local Bodies' Account—				
Goldfields revenue	4,432 19 4	15,824 14 11	15,377 0 7	4,880 13 8
Gold duty	1,516 0 10	4,252 17 9	5,555 0 0	213 18 7
Fees and fines	12,333 0 0	18,469 0 0	16,860 10 0	13,941 10 0
Endowment of land	3,079 16 0	1,899 12 0	2,275 19 0	2,703 9 0
Marine Insurance (War Risks) Fund	197,370 16 7	113,993 5 2	260 10 0	311,103 11 9
Meat Act, 1939	5,670 11 10	8,891 6 0	8,679 9 10	5,882 8 0
Mining Act, 1926	93 17 1	114 7 2	102 4 3	106 0 0
Miscellaneous	513,120 1 10	2,995,394 12 10	2,723,708 7 1	784,806 7 7
Money-order Settlement Account	20,170 17 11	43,061 10 2	43,380 12 9	19,851 15 4
Navy Office Deposit Account	7,515 6 8	42,289 0 2	34,755 18 6	15,048 8 4
Nelson Rifle Prize Fund	1,214 6 10	43 2 9	..	1,257 9 7
Nelson Rifle Prize Fund Investment	*Dr.* 1,000 0 0	1,000 0 0	..	..
New Zealand Reparation Estates	466 16 0	1,656 19 4	671 12 7	1,452 2 9
New Zealand University Endowment—Westland	4,856 19 2	238 5 5	2 12 1	5,092 12 6
North Island Experimental Dairy School	11,839 4 0	706 8 0	763 16 4	11,781 15 8
Official Assignees' Balances	11,155 0 0	..	3,000 0 0	8,155 0 0
Orchard-tax Act, 1927	862 1 10	1,263 6 4	1,712 3 7	413 4 7
Payments through the High Commissioner	49,001 18 3	150,846 17 6	130,393 9 2	69,455 6 7
Promotion of Health Fund	1,274 13 6	19,030 14 1	13,088 16 4	7,216 11 3
Public Service Association Account	100 0 8	413 19 6	401 2 5	112 17 9
Receipts by the High Commissioner for Payment in New Zealand	17,443 11 3	92,252 11 10	94,708 9 8	14,987 13 5
Receiver-General's Deposit Account	188,550 0 0	..	..	188,550 0 0
Regimental Funds	17,902 7 7	194,946 4 6	175,250 10 9	37,598 1 4
Regimental Funds Government Grants Trust Account	63 15 2	2,080 14 6	83 10 7	2,060 19 1
Remittances from R.N.Z.A.F. Personnel	..	72,801 17 8	68,921 7 10	3,880 9 10
Remittances from Soldiers Overseas	396 15 0	967,637 9 0	953,180 11 5	14,853 12 7
Remittances to Immigrants	7 6 0	..	2 6 0	5 0 0
Remittances to R.N.Z.A.F. Personnel	24,599 6 9	57,320 19 11	63,835 4 1	18,085 2 7
Remittances to Soldiers	60,985 19 9	544,753 14 2	489,498 18 0	116,240 15 11
Reserve Bank Investment Account	1,203,325 0 0	..	..	1,203,325 0 0
Samoan Loan Sinking Fund Account	2 7 11	6,080 15 6	6,080 0 0	3 3 5
Samoan Notes Security Account	57,000 0 0	10,000 0 0	..	67,000 0 0
Samoan Treasury Account	108,096 14 1	237,296 7 6	199,420 7 5	145,972 14 2
Silver and Bronze Coin Account	1,380,046 8 1	460,000 0 0	112,689 1 4	1,727,357 6 9
State Advances Corporation Investment Account	890,418 9 0	..	..	890,418 9 0
Taranaki Scholarship Endowment Account	403 6 11	984 1 11	941 7 6	446 1 4
Tauranga Educational Endowment Reserve Act, 1896	..	363 8 9	363 8 9	..
Tobacco Research Association Account	1,373 19 7	533 12 2	755 5 9	1,152 6 0
Trustee Act, 1908	8,549 18 10	..	..	8,549 18 10
Unclaimed Earnings	2,059 12 11	2,633 0 8	2,918 16 8	1,773 16 11
Unpresented Cheques	3,443 12 2	3,451 17 3	4,693 1 2	2,202 8 3
Victoria College Endowments Deposit Account	9 10 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	9 10 0
Wheat Research Levies	1 17 11	2,855 9 2	2,857 7 1	..
Wool Industry Promotion Act, 1936	1,750 15 4	21,298 6 0	21,305 5 10	1,743 15 6
Wool Manufacturers' Research Account	549 5 3	1,022 18 11	1,083 18 2	488 6 0
Totals	5,432,964 0 5	6,684,044 16 4	5,743,493 19 10	6,373,514 16 11

STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and DISBURSEMENTS under the Trustee Act, 1908, to the 31st March, 1944, with Particulars of the BALANCE at CREDIT in the DEPOSIT ACCOUNT on that Date. (Published in Terms of Section 72 of the Trustee Act, 1908.)

1943	RECEIPTS	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Balance on 1st April, 1943	..	8,549 18 10
	Total	..	£8,549 18 10

1944	DISBURSEMENTS	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
March 31	Balances on 31st March, 1944—		
	Estate of Susan Smallwood	93 10 0	
	,, J. Matheson and H. Gracie	414 3 3	
	,, Mary McKay	43 3 10	
	,, William Tattley	45 1 5	
	,, Barthia Wilkie	287 11 1	
	,, Robert Miller	22 4 7	
	,, Paora Parau and W. R. Miller	23 0 0	
	,, Francis Humphreys Heighway	46 12 5	
	,, George Moore	2,414 0 0	
	,, Richard Galway	836 13 9	
	,, John Burk	74 7 10	
	,, Geoffrey Arthur Harney	44 15 3	
	,, John Hewitt	162 12 0	
	,, Mark Earl	150 0 0	
	,, Edward Thurlow Field	24 8 1	
	,, Michael McKey	1,124 12 8	
	,, Martha Robinson	38 17 11	
	,, John Bealy	49 17 1	
	,, Ernest Groome Gresham	23 1 8	
	,, Bartholomew Hannan	185 2 10	
	,, Patrick O'Rourke	191 3 1	
	,, William Patrick Molloy	103 3 0	
	,, William A. Chandler	1 19 1	
	,, George Brown	46 10 8	
	,, George Baker	737 11 2	
	,, Duncan McLean	168 0 11	
	,, John Stephen Barrett	20 18 5	
	,, Eliza Birrell	18 2 10	
	,, Joseph Newzil	293 3 7	
	,, Margaret Pilling	23 1 6	
	,, John Gray	144 2 8	
	,, Julia Sarah Major	47 16 4	
	,, Harold Oliver Pine	2 6 0	
	,, Harriet Elizabeth Shakespear	26 3 6	
	Moanatairi Extended Gold-mining Co.	16 7 8	
	Direct Supply Co., Ltd., Auckland (in liquidation) ..	33 5 10	
	Wellington-Manawatu Railway Co., Ltd.	95 9 8	
	Inglewood Oil-boring and Prospecting Co., Ltd. ..	21 5 0	
	Southland Woollen Mills, Ltd. (in liquidation) ..	38 2 4	
	William Baker Fisher Bush Nursing Fund Trust ..	417 9 11	
			8,549 18 10
	Total	..	£8,549 18 10

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PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNT

STATEMENT of RECOVERIES on ACCOUNT of EXPENDITURE of PREVIOUS YEARS, for the FINANCIAL YEAR ended 31st March, 1944

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Education Department :—			
Refund of amounts overclaimed on school buildings ..	..	3,695 7 2	
Sale of land and buildings	..	1,538 18 8	
			5,234 5 10
Justice and Prisons Department :—			
Sale of—			
Surplus and obsolete stores	..	25 0 0	
Land and buildings	..	122 0 0	
			147 0 0
Department of Labour :—			
Recovery of immigration passage-money	..	..	23 0 3
Department of Lands and Survey :—			
Recovery of Hauraki Plains Settlement expenditure ..	..	..	7 0 10
Police Department :—			
Sale of land and buildings	..	..	1,224 10 0
Public Works Department :—			
Instalment on loans to—			
Eastbourne Borough Council	..	174 19 8	
Kaipara River Board	..	91 16 10	
Otanomomo - Lower Clutha River Board	..	64 7 0	
Inter-Wanganui River Trust	..	5 0 0	
Sale of—			
Land and buildings	..	1,243 19 5	
Surplus and obsolete stores	..	*Dr.* 489 13 6	
			1,090 9 5
			£7,726 6 4

PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNT

STATEMENT of IMPRESTS of the PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNT OUTSTANDING as at the 31st March, 1944, showing the SERVICES for which they were issued

	£ s. d.
Public Works Account :—	
Vote—Railway-construction	29,285 5 0
—Housing Construction	13,825 11 9
—Linen-flax Development	27 3 10
General Services	193,918 16 11
	£237,056 17 6

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, 1943-1944

LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACCOUNT

STATEMENT of RECOVERIES on ACCOUNT of EXPENDITURE of PREVIOUS YEARS for the FINANCIAL YEAR ended 31st March, 1944

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Lands and Survey Department :—		
Survey liens	1,590 9 5	
Capital cost of drainage works	362 11 0	
Sale of land and buildings	124 2 10	
Village Homestead Scheme	73 0 6	
Sale of surplus and obsolete stores	70 17 5	
		2,221 1 2
Native Department :—		
Repayment of advances	965 11 1	
Sale of surplus and obsolete stores	128 9 8	
		1,094 0 9
Total	..	£3,315 1 11

STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS of LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACCOUNT for the YEAR ended 31st March, 1944

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sales and Capital Receipts :—		
Sales of Land,—		
Estates and developed areas	160,716 14 4	
Land Act, 1924, Section 208—Capital value of land	2,367 13 3	
Land Act, 1924, Section 20—Crown lands	129,779 9 8	
Repayment of Advances	28,369 7 2	
		321,233 4 5
Rents and Interest :—		
Rents, &c.,—		
Receipts derived from estates and developed areas	395,744 13 7	
Interest on Advances	9,771 13 7	
		405,516 7 2
Sales of Produce, Live-stock, and Miscellaneous Receipts	..	113,624 4 1
Capital Receipts : Development of Small Farms	..	63,394 1 8
Receipts under Native Housing Act, 1935	..	14,663 14 6
Interest on Investments	..	8,898 14 3
Total	..	£927,330 6 1

STATEMENT of the DISBURSEMENTS of LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACCOUNT for the YEAR ended 31st March, 1944

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Votes :—		
Land for Settlements	147,157 2 7	
Small Farms Development	127,264 16 9	
Native Land Settlement	*Cr.*13,031 3 6	
		261,390 15 10
Interest and Other Charges on Loans and Capital Liability :—		
Land Laws Amendment Act, 1929, Section 47—		
Interest on Crown lands declared to be subject to the Land for Settlements Act, 1925, and the former Land for Settlements Acts	16,955 4 0	
Finance Act, 1930 (No. 2), Section 19 (4) :—		
Interest on Cheviot Estate accumulated funds paid to Consolidated Fund	37,135 13 7	
Finance Act, 1932 (No. 2), Section 5 (2) :—		
Transfer to Consolidated Fund in respect of interest payable on capital liability	400,000 0 0	
		454,090 17 7
Expenditure charged on Proceeds of Sales of Land :—		
Crown Lands : Sales under Land Act, 1924, Section 20,—		
Land Act, 1924, Section 139—		
"Thirds" and "Fourths" paid to Local Bodies' Deposit Account from proceeds of sales of Crown lands	10 7 8	
Land Laws Amendment Act, 1930, Section 15 (3)—		
Land for Settlements Act, 1925, Section 49 (1)—		
Settlement lands converted into ordinary Crown lands	117 13 5	
Public Reserves, Domains, and National Parks Act, 1928, Section 41 (2)—		
Improvement and development of Domain from proceeds of sale of area (Hamilton Domain)	1,100 0 0	
		1,228 1 1
Total	..	£716,709 14 6

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, 1943-1944

STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS of LOANS REDEMPTION ACCOUNT for the YEAR ended 31st March, 1944

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New Zealand Loans Act, 1932:—		
Section 14,—		
Securities issued in conversion of loans—		
Stock—		
To mature 15th July, 1945	10 0 0	
To mature 15th May, 1948	40 0 0	
To mature 15th August, 1957	1,872,845 0 0	
Treasury Bills—		
To mature: Various	21,492,500 0 0	
		23,365,395 0 0
Securities issued in renewal of loans—		
Stock—		
To mature 15th August, 1957	1,428,000 0 0	
To mature 1st March, 1960-64	9,174,570 0 0	
Treasury Bills—		
To mature: Various	199,915,000 0 0	
		210,517,570 0 0
Section 15,—		
Securities issued in conversion of loans—		
Stock—		
To mature 15th June, 1947-49	542,000 0 0	
To mature 1st February, 1949-54	525,875 0 0	
To mature 15th October, 1955-60	525,875 0 0	
		1,593,750 0 0
Section 40 (6),—		
Ordinary Stock issued in replacement of Death Duty Stock—		
To mature 15th February, 1943-46	990 0 0	
To mature 1st August, 1946	420 0 0	
To mature 15th September, 1947	660 0 0	
To mature 15th September, 1946-48	550 0 0	
To mature 15th April, 1946-49	5,525 0 0	
To mature 15th June, 1947-49	105 0 0	
To mature 15th May, 1949-52	17,465 0 0	
To mature 1st August, 1951-54	1,850 0 0	
To mature 15th June, 1952-55	8,055 0 0	
To mature 15th September, 1952-55	2,615 0 0	
To mature 15th May, 1953-56	3,300 0 0	
To mature 15th December, 1953-56	2,220 0 0	
To mature 15th September, 1957-60	17,980 0 0	
		61,735 0 0
Section 57,—		
Stock issued in exchange for Debentures—		
To mature 15th February, 1943-46	20,580 0 0	
To mature 15th September, 1947	8,350 0 0	
To mature 15th April, 1946-49	10,670 0 0	
To mature 15th June, 1952-55	8,655 0 0	
To mature 15th January, 1953-57	3,750 0 0	
		52,005 0 0
Stock issued in exchange for Death Duty Stock—		
To mature 1st August, 1946	1,900 0 0	
To mature 15th September, 1947	6,830 0 0	
To mature 15th May, 1948	5,030 0 0	
To mature 15th June, 1947-49	14,295 0 0	
To mature 15th May, 1949-52	5,085 0 0	
To mature 1st August, 1951-54	17,900 0 0	
To mature 15th September, 1952-55	28,480 0 0	
To mature 15th May, 1953-56	24,650 0 0	
To mature 15th December, 1953-56	58,025 0 0	
To mature 15th September, 1957-60	38,330 0 0	
		200,525 0 0
Death Duty Stock issued in exchange for Ordinary Stock—		
To mature 15th September, 1952-55	250 0 0	
To mature 15th May, 1953-56	300 0 0	
To mature 15th December,, 1953-56	200 0 0	
To mature 15th September, 1957-60	180 0 0	
		930 0 0
New Zealand Debt Conversion Act, 1932-33:—		
Section 12,—		
Securities issued in conversion—		
Stock—		
To mature 15th January, 1937-40	..	1,000 0 0
Carried forward	..	235,792,910 0 0

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, 1943-1944

STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS of LOANS REDEMPTION ACCOUNT—*continued*

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	..	235,792,910 0 0
Public Revenues Act, 1926, Section 135:—		
Subsection (2),—		
Amount received on account of New Zealand's share of German reparations	..	4,564 0 9
Subsection (4),—		
Repayment of capital moneys advanced under the Repatriation Act, 1918	..	8 0 11
Amount transferred from Ordinary Revenue Account for redemption of securities	..	159,040 0 0
Amount received from Samoan Treasury Account for redemption of securities	..	44,790 0 0
Amount transferred from Samoan Loan Sinking Fund for the redemption of securities	..	6,080 0 0
Amount received from Public Works Account for the redemption of securities	..	10 0 0
Amount received on account of State Advances for redemption of securities	..	27 10 0
Amount received from State Coal-mines Account for the redemption of securities	..	21,052 0 0
Amount received from War Expenses Account for redemption of securities	..	10,216,102 14 11
Amount received from Housing Account for redemption of securities ..	..	285,000 0 0
Amount received in respect of sales of national-endowment lands in Waihi Drainage District under the Swamp Drainage Amendment Act, 1926, and the Finance Act, 1932, Section 15 (6)	..	8 11 7
Amount received from Westport Harbour Sinking Fund for redemption of securities	..	257,500 0 0
Total	..	246,787,092 18 2

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, 1943-1944

STATEMENT of the DISBURSEMENTS of LOANS REDEMPTION ACCOUNT for the YEAR ended 31st March, 1944

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New Zealand Loans Act, 1932:—		
Section 14,—		
Securities converted—		
Stock—		
To mature 1st April, 1946	4,705 15 0	
To mature 15th May, 1948	40 0 0	
To mature 1st October, 1953	10 0 0	
To mature 15th January, 1953–57	34,000 0 0	
To mature 1st February, 1957	93,720 0 0	
		132,475 15 0
Debentures—		
To mature 15th January, 1957	..	16,125 0 0
Memorandum of Security—		
To mature 15th August, 1955–65	..	2,818,000 0 0
Treasury Bills—		
To mature: Various	..	20,403,500 0 0
Loans renewed at maturity—		
Treasury Bills—		
To mature: Various	..	201,343,000 0 0
Stock—		
To mature 1st March, 1944	..	9,174,570 0 0
Section 15,—		
Securities converted—		
Stock—		
To mature 1st January, 1940–45	..	1,593,750 0 0
Section 40 (6),—		
Death Duty Stock replaced by Ordinary Stock—		
To mature 15th February, 1943–46	990 0 0	
To mature 1st August, 1946	420 0 0	
To mature 15th September, 1947	660 0 0	
To mature 15th September, 1946–48	550 0 0	
To mature 15th June, 1947–49	105 0 0	
To mature 15th April, 1946–49	5,525 0 0	
To mature 15th May, 1949–52	17,465 0 0	
To mature 1st August, 1951–54	1,850 0 0	
To mature 15th June, 1952–55	8,055 0 0	
To mature 15th September, 1952–55	2,615 0 0	
To mature 15th May, 1953–56	3,300 0 0	
To mature 15th December, 1953–56	2,220 0 0	
To mature 15th September, 1957–60	17,980 0 0	
		61,735 0 0
Section 57,—		
Securities exchanged for Ordinary Stock—		
Debentures—		
To mature 15th February, 1943–46	20,580 0 0	
To mature 15th September, 1947	8,350 0 0	
To mature 15th April, 1946–49	10,670 0 0	
To mature 15th June, 1952–55	8,655 0 0	
To mature 15th January, 1953–57	3,750 0 0	
		52,005 0 0
Death Duty Stock—		
To mature 1st August, 1946	1,900 0 0	
To mature 15th September, 1947	6,830 0 0	
To mature 15th May, 1948	5,030 0 0	
To mature 15th June, 1947–49	14,295 0 0	
To mature 15th May, 1949–52	5,085 0 0	
To mature 1st August, 1951–54	17,900 0 0	
To mature 15th September, 1952–55	28,480 0 0	
To mature 15th May, 1953–56	24,650 0 0	
To mature 15th December, 1953–56	58,025 0 0	
To mature 15th September, 1957–60	38,330 0 0	
		200,525 0 0
Ordinary Stock exchanged for Death Duty Stock—		
To mature 15th September, 1952–55	250 0 0	
To mature 15th May, 1953–56	300 0 0	
To mature 15th December, 1953–56	200 0 0	
To mature 15th September, 1957–60	180 0 0	
		930 0 0
Carried forward	..	235,796,615 15 0

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, 1943-1944

STATEMENT of the DISBURSEMENTS of LOANS REDEMPTION ACCOUNT—*continued*

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	..	235,796,615 15 0
New Zealand Loans Act, 1932—*continued*		
Section 58,—		
Securities redeemed before maturity—		
Stock—		
To mature 15th February, 1943-46	31,375 0 0	
To mature 1st April, 1945	250 0 0	
To mature 15th July, 1945	10 0 0	
To mature 1st April, 1946	3,643 1 6	
To mature 15th September, 1947	40 0 0	
To mature 15th May, 1948	10 0 0	
To mature 1st January, 1949	10,500 0 0	
To mature 15th April, 1946-49	29,375 0 0	
To mature 15th June, 1947-49	240 0 0	
To mature 15th June, 1952-55	29,370 0 0	
To mature 15th May, 1953-56	150 0 0	
To mature 15th January, 1953-57	29,375 0 0	
To mature 15th May, 1957	88,000 0 0	
To mature 15th August, 1957	67,050 0 0	
To mature 31st May, 1954-58	5,000 0 0	
To mature 15th December, 1958	58,950 0 0	
To mature 15th March, 1959	391,183 11 7	
To mature 15th September, 1957-60	23,420 0 0	
		767,941 13 1
Interest-free Stock—		
To mature: Various	..	7,125 0 0
Memorandum of Security—		
To mature 15th August, 1955-65	..	5,000,337 14 11
Treasury Bills—		
To mature: Various	..	5,000,000 0 0
Securities redeemed at maturity—		
Debentures—		
To mature 15th November, 1927	..	400 0 0
Stock—		
To mature 15th January, 1940	1,200 0 0	
To mature 1st March, 1944	5 11	
		1,200 5 11
Interest-free Stock—		
To mature: Various	..	500 0 0
Death Duty Stock matured under Section 40 (3)—		
To mature 1st August, 1946	3,130 0 0	
To mature 15th September, 1947	5,680 0 0	
To mature 15th September, 1946-48	660 0 0	
To mature 15th May, 1948	1,960 0 0	
To mature 15th November, 1948	1,000 0 0	
To mature 15th June, 1947-49	4,930 0 0	
To mature 1st October, 1953	58,485 0 0	
To mature 1st August, 1951-54	33,110 0 0	
To mature 15th September, 1952-55	40,975 0 0	
To mature 15th May, 1953-56	16,020 0 0	
To mature 15th December, 1953-56	24,300 0 0	
To mature 15th September, 1957-60	5,335 0 0	
To mature: Duration of war	15,900 0 0	
To mature: Duration of war and six months	1,000 0 0	
		212,485 0 0
New Zealand Debt Conversion Act, 1932-33, Section 12:—		
Securities converted—		
Debentures—		
To mature 15th November, 1938	..	1,000 0 0
Reparation-moneys applied in Redemption of Loans in Terms of the Public Revenues Act, 1926, Section 135 (3):—		
Securities redeemed at maturity—		
Debentures—		
To mature 1st July, 1930	..	100 0 0
Securities redeemed before maturity—		
Stock—		
To mature 1st April, 1946	..	9 8 6
Total	..	£246,787,714 17 5

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MAIN HIGHWAYS ACCOUNT

STATEMENT of RECOVERIES on ACCOUNT of EXPENDITURE of PREVIOUS YEARS, for the FINANCIAL YEAR ended 31st March, 1944

	£ s. d.
Adjustment of subsidy on rates paid to local authorities under section 28, Finance Act, 1934 (No. 3), &c.	74 18 6
Sale of land and buildings	84 10 0
	£159 8 6

SOCIAL SECURITY FUND

STATEMENT of RECOVERIES on ACCOUNT of EXPENDITURE of PREVIOUS YEARS, for the FINANCIAL YEAR ended 31st March, 1944

	£ s. d.
Sale of surplus and obsolete stores	147 1 2

STATE COAL-MINES ACCOUNT

STATEMENT of RECOVERIES on ACCOUNT of EXPENDITURE of PREVIOUS YEARS, for the FINANCIAL YEAR ended 31st March, 1944

	£ s. d.
Sale of—	
Plant	39 6 2
Surplus and obsolete stores	1,743 19 5
	£1,783 5 7

STATE FORESTS ACCOUNT

STATEMENT of RECOVERIES on ACCOUNT of EXPENDITURE of PREVIOUS YEARS, for the FINANCIAL YEAR ended 31st March, 1944

	£ s. d.
Sale of surplus and obsolete stores	79 1 1

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Examined and found correct.

Cyril G. Collins,
Controller and Auditor-General,
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