

Experiments into peat fertilizing and controlled water-levels have been carried out by the Soil Fertility Research Station, and further experiments are planned with assistance from the Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Council.

An extensive engineering survey of the Hauraki Plains is at present being carried out by the Hauraki Catchment Board.

EXPENDITURE AND RATES

Expenditure on maintenance for the year amounted to £4,883.

Rates struck : £3,367.

Rates collected, including arrears : £3,423.

Net expenditure on construction works, £19,972.

The amount shown as expenditure on maintenance and construction works may be subject to slight variation on completion of accounts.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

A statement of accounts is published in parliamentary paper B-1 [Pt. IV].

STAFF

I wish to thank the officers of the Ministry of Works for their co-operation during the year and also make special reference to Mr. E. Taylor, who has retired from the position of Chief Drainage Engineer. He was associated with drainage projects during the greater part of his career in the Public Service, during which time he came to be held in very high regard by members of the staff and settlers alike.

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