

The foregoing accounts have been examined and found correct, subject to the following remarks :—

1. The "Customs," "Railways," and "Territorial Revenue" receipts are not now examined by the Audit Office.
2. The Audit Office is unable satisfactorily to verify the receipts of gold revenue, through the failure of the Mines Department to comply with a requisition for a certified statement of the amounts collectible as such revenue.
3. The "Advances in the hands of officers of the Government" include payments to the amount of £60,515 7s. 2d., though the accounts of the same were received at the Treasury before the close of the year.

J. K. WARBURTON,
Controller and Auditor-General.

With reference to the above remarks, it is sufficient to reply that the revenues as named have been removed by law from the Audit Office examination for many years past; and, as to the gold revenue, the statement referred to is not required by law.

With regard to the payments amounting to £60,515 7s. 2d. made by implestees but not included in the account, these outstandings are known by the Audit Office to be unavoidable. It is as well, however, to state that the distribution of the payments is as follows, namely :—

Chargeable to the Consolidated Fund	£18,000
" " Public Works Fund	6,800
" " Deposits Account	35,700

And of the two sums of £18,000 and £35,700, upwards of £50,000 is chargeable in respect of expenditure incurred in connection with the war in South Africa.

J. G. WARD,
Acting Colonial Treasurer.

17th May, 1902.

SUMMARY of BALANCES on 31st MARCH, 1902.

	BALANCES.			CASH.			ADVANCES.			INVESTMENTS.			TOTAL.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
CONSOLIDATED FUND :—															
Ordinary Revenue Account	970,488	17	9*	858,625	4	9	61,863	13	0	50,000	0	0	970,488	17	9
State Forests Account	38,677	0	1	38,299	8	2	377	11	11	..	..	..	38,677	0	1
Accounts of Local Bodies	17,712	7	1	17,700	14	8	11	12	5	..	..	..	17,712	7	1
Deposit Accounts	216,973	15	2	128,303	1	10	88,670	13	4	..	..	..	216,973	15	2
	1,243,852	0	1	1,042,928	9	5	150,923	10	8	50,000	0	0	1,243,852	0	1
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	..	..	..	405,922	16	5	48,136	11	7	..	..	..	454,059	8	0
CHEVIOT ESTATE ACCOUNT	16,860	14	8	16,860	14	8	..	7	2	..	..	..	16,860	14	8
LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACCOUNT	382,692	6	3	32,070	19	1	621	7	2	350,000	0	0	382,692	6	3
CONVERSION ACCOUNT	4,703	12	9	901	0	8	3,802	12	1	..	..	..	4,703	12	9
LOANS TO LOCAL BODIES ACCOUNT	2,769	17	3	1,254	6	11	1,515	10	4	..	..	..	2,769	17	3
NEW ZEALAND CONSOLS ACCOUNT	468,324	7	1	224	7	1	..	..	..	468,100	0	0	468,324	7	1
Totals	2,573,262	6	1	1,500,162	14	3	204,999	11	10	868,100	0	0	2,573,262	6	1

* Against this Treasury Bills amounting to £700,000 are outstanding.

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