RETURN showing (1) Particulars of the Public Debt of the Colony on 30th June, 1878; (2) the several Increases and Decreases between that Date and the 31st March, 1902, whether arising from New Loans, or the Conversion of Old Loans, or from paying off any Loan; (3) the Rate of Interest and Sinking Fund payable in respect of each Loan; (4) Particulars of the Public Debt on 31st March, 1902, showing in respect of each Loan (*a*) the Annual Charge for Interest and Sinking Fund, (*b*) the Amount of Outstanding Debt, (*c*) the Due Date thereof, (*d*) the Accrued Sinking Fund, and (*e*) the Net Debt.

No.	Authority.	Amount authorised.	Date of Issue.	Public Debt at 30th June, 1878. Amount.		Annual Charge. Int.	Annual Charge. S.F.	Increases to 31st Mar., 1902. From New Loans.	Increases to 31st Mar., 1902. From Conversions.	Decreases to 31st March, 1902. Date.	Terms.	Loans converted into or redeemed by 3-per-cent. Inscribed Stock.	3½-per-cent. Inscribed Stock.	4-per-cent. Inscribed Stock.	Short-dated Debentures.	Loans paid off.	Public Debt at 31st March, 1902. When due.	Amount.		Annual Charge. Interest.	Annual Charge. S.F.	Sinking Funds accrued.	Net Debt.
		£		£	£			£	£			£	£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£	£	£
1	Ordinance of Legislative Council	..	..	..	311	..	..	..	..	1896	..	..	..	..	..	311	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2	New Zealand Loan Act, 1856	500,000	..	300,000	..	4	..	..	..	1888	..	..	..	..	..	300,000							
				25,000	..	4	..	..	..	〃	..	..	..	..	..	25,000							
				25,000	..	4	..	..	..	1889	..	..	..	..	..	25,000							
			1 July, 1859	50,000	..	4	..	..	..	〃	..	..	..	..	..	50,000							
			1 Oct., 〃	50,000	..	4	..	..	..	〃	..	..	..	..	..	50,000							
			1 July, 1864	50,000	..	4	..	..	..	1894	..	..	50,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
					500,000																		
3	New Zealand Loan Act, 1860	150,000	1 July, 1861	..	93,100	6	2	..	..	1891	104	..	74,100	..	..	..							
										1886	109	..	..	19,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4	New Zealand Loan Act, 1863	3,000,000	15 July, 1864	488,000	..	5	1	..	..	1894	115½	..	76,000	..	..	..							
										1886	112½	..	..	65,600	..	..							
										1886	A	..	..	..	43,600	..							
										1894	115	..	2,700	..	..	..							
										1895	114	..	18,700	..	..	..							
										〃	114½	..	6,200	..	..	..							
										1896	111	..	1,400	..	..	..							
										1897	120	200	..	..	..	..							
										〃	121	2,600	..	..	..	..							
										1898	118	3,300	..	..	..	..							
										1897	119	900	..	..	..	..							
										1899	117	500	..	..	..	..							
			1 Nov., 1865	500,000	..	4	..	..	..	1892	117	..	500,000	..	..	..							
			15 Mar., 1866	201,500	..	6	2	..	..	1891	104	..	154,800	..	..	..							
										1886	109	..	..	46,700	..	..							
			15 June, 1867	236,000	..	6	2	..	..	1891	104	..	188,400	..	..	..							
										1886	109	..	..	47,600	..	..							
			15 Dec., 〃	93,900	..	6	2	..	..	1891	104	..	4,900	..	..	..							
										1886	109	..	..	20,100	..	..							
					1,519,400					1891	110	..	68,900	..	..	..	15 July, 1914	..	266,300	13,315	2,663	137,880	128,420
5	New Zealand Consolidated Loan Act, 1867—																						
	English issue	7,283,100	..	..	6,531,400	5	..	..	..	1891	..	..	200	..	..	..							
										1886	106	..	..	38,200	..	..							
										1885	B	..	..	..	3,651,700	..							
										1894	..	..	33,300	..	..	..							
										1886	C	..	..	..	562,400	..							
										1879–96	..	..	..	..	..	1,222,858							
										1894	108½	..	271,000										
										〃	107½	..	6,400										
										〃	107	..	7,600										
										〃	106	..	4,600										
										〃	102	..	7,500										
										1895	106	..	51,000										
										〃	105	..	8,700										
										〃	100	..	44,656										
										1896	100	..	68,786										
										1897	105	2,000	..										
										〃	106½	3,800	..										
										〃	107	6,500	..										
										〃	108	17,100	..										
										〃	..	40,800	..										
										1898	104	1,100	..										
										〃	105	9,700	..										
										〃	..	42,500	..				Annual drawings	..	288,400	14,420	..	..	288,400
										1899	..	39,100	..										
										..	104	200	..										
										1900	..	50,400											
										1901	..	50,900											
	Colonial issue	77,000	1 Jan., 1873	64,000	..	5	..	..	..	1893	106¼	..	64,000										
			15 April, 〃	13,000	..	4																	
6	Public Debts Act, 1867—				77,000												15 April, 1913	..	13,000	520	..	..	13,000
	Auckland Loan Act, 1863	500,000	1 July, 1863	..	31,600	6	2	..	..	1891	114	..	11,800										
										1894	109	..	2,000										
										1895	107	..	1,000										
										1896	..	..	16,800	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Wellington Loan Act, 1866	50,000	1 July, 1866	..	13,500	8	2	..	..	1886	100	..	..	..	13,500*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Nelson Waterworks Loan Act, 1864	20,000	..	..	6,200	8	2	..	..	1880–81	..	..	..	..	..	6,200	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Lyttelton and Ch'ch. Railway Loan Ordinance, 1860..	300,000	Various ..	..	77,700	6	2	..	..	1891	109	..	200	..	..	..							
										1893	..	..	..	..	..	28,500							
										1891	111	..	6,000		..								
										1894	..	..	..	..	..	15,200							
										1896	..	..	..	..	..	18,600							
										1897	..	..	..	..	..	4,700							
																4,500	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Canterbury Loan Ordinance, 1862	500,000	〃 ..	..	22,800	6	1	..	..	1891	136	..	5,800	..	..	..	2 Jan., 1915	3,800					
										1895	125	..	1,000	..	..	..	2 July, 1916	12,200					
	Otago Loan Ordinance, 1862	500,000	1 July, 1863	..	116,700	6	1	..	..	1891	116½	..	1,000						16,000	960	160	13,470	2,530
										〃	117½	..	23,700										
										1892	113½	..	6,600										
										1894	110½	..	8,100										
										〃	105	..	1,000										
										1895	106	..	2,500										
										1896	103½	..	1,600										
										1897–98	100	900											
										1898–99	103½	1,200											
										〃	..	69,700											
										1901	..	400	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7	Immigration and Public Works Loan Act, 1870 ..	4,000,000																					
	Guaranteed by Imperial Government .. £1,000,000	..	1 June, 1871	..	200,000	4	2·4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 June, 1907	200,000					
			1 June, 1873	..	..	4	2·4	800,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 June, 〃	800,000	1,000,000‡	40,000	24,000	705,703	294,297†
	Colonial issue 400,000	..	15 April, 〃	372,100	..	4	..	..	..	1897–99	108	9,100	..	..	..	..	15 April, 1913	363,000					
			1875–78	25,700	..	4½	..	2,200	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15 April, 〃	27,900					
					397,800														390,900	15,776	..	..	390,900
	Consolidated Loan of 1867 2,100,000	Included	in No. 5.																				
	4½-*per-cent. Five-thirties* 500,000	Included	in No. 12.																				
	£4,000,000																						
	Carried forward	..	..	.	9,587,511	..	..	802,200	..	..	..	352,900	1,802,942	237,200	4,271,200	1,750,869	..	..	1,974,600	84,991	26,823	857,053	1,117,547

A. Six years' currency to 15th January, 1892; then converted into 4-per-cent. Inscribed Stock at 110. **B.** Seven years' currency to 15th April, 1892; then converted into 4-per-cent. Inscribed Stock at 107. **C.** Six years' currency to 15th April, 1892; then converted into 4-per-cent. Inscribed Stock at 107. * Included in sum of £231,000, No. 35. † Sinking Fund payable 13th March and 13th September. ‡ Only £200,000 has actually been issued to the public.