

Summarised, the position is as follows:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance of profit on stations ...	41,296	1	5			
From sundry properties ...	16,580	8	0			
From payments by Bank of New Zealand ...	166,782	8	4			
Exchange ...	7	0	7			
Balance, 1903 ...	134,387	12	7			
				359,053	10	11
Less balance 1903, transferred to Realisation						
Adjustment Account...	134,387	12	7			
" debenture interest ...	68,626	12	0			
" interest to Bank ...	6	3	3			
" land and income tax ...	7,985	10	3			
" charges, &c. ...	7,461	8	11			
	218,467	7	0			
Land-tax paid 1903-4 on account of debenture- holders refunded by Bank ...	3,489	18	4			
				214,977	8	8
Balance ...				£144,076	2	3

The following statement will show the comparative returns each year since realisation commenced:—

	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Station properties ...	58,493	56,336	43,296	42,841	87,455	63,019	21,927	38,524	41,296
Sundry properties ...	6,295	6,897	6,659	7,031	6,822	10,907	10,962	10,799	13,510

showing approximately an average earning for the period 1895 to 1904 as follows:—

	On Book Cost.	On my Valuation.	For Year to 31st March, 1904, on latest Government Valuation (plus Stock).
Station properties ...	3.41 per cent.	5.08 per cent.	6.83 per cent.
Sundry properties ...	1.84 "	2.77 "	7.86 "

STATUTORY PAYMENTS BY BANK OF NEW ZEALAND.

The statutory payments of £50,000 have been duly received, the amount accrued due at 31st March, 1903, having been paid on 1st April, 1903, together with a further £116,782, as anticipated on 10th August, 1903. The £50,000 due at 31st March last was paid on the 9th April, and a further sum of £125,532 has since been received. The total payments by the Bank to date are £667,917.

DEBENTURE INTEREST.

Debenture interest, amounting to £68,626, has been paid, and provided for from revenue as under:—

	£
From surplus 1903-4 ...	45,920
Statutory payment by Bank of New Zealand, 1903 ...	50,000
Add additional payment by Bank of New Zealand ...	116,782
	212,702
leaving a surplus of ...	144,076
which is to be carried to Realisation Adjustment Account to provide for deficiencies on realisations.	
Add bank payment for 1904 of ...	50,000
to carry forward.	

REALISATIONS.

Sales to the extent of £286,350 have been made during the year, as compared with £138,498 the previous year, viz.:—

	1902-3.	1903-4.
	£	£
Country lands ...	119,740	252,962
Town lands ...	9,333	8,863
	129,073	261,825
Stock, implements, &c., sold on properties finally realised ...	9,425	24,525
	£138,498	£286,350