

“Iris,” and expressing the Minister’s thanks for the Board’s action in the matter. In reply, I beg to inform you that your letter was read at a meeting of the Board held yesterday, when it was resolved, “That the Engineer be instructed to lay down water-pipes and appliances on wharf erected for H.M.C.S. ‘Iris.’” It is, of course, to be clearly and distinctly understood that, although the Board provide, free of cost, the necessary pipes, meters, hdyrants, &c., for the supplying of water to vessels which may use the wharf in question, the rates and charges for the supplying of water to shipping will, of course, be levied for all water that may be taken from this wharf.

I have, &c.,
J. M. BRIGHAM, Secretary.

The Under-Secretary, Public Works Department, Wellington.

No. 12.

The Right Hon. the SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.
MY LORD,—
Downing Street, 22nd August, 1907.
I have the honour to state for the information of your Ministers that a letter has been addressed to the High Commissioner for New Zealand requesting that the sum of £6,102 12s. 5d. may be paid over to the Imperial Government, that being the amount due from your Government in respect of the expenses of the Pacific cable for the year ended the 31st March, 1907.

2. I enclose a copy of the printed Account of the Board as presented to Parliament.
I have, &c.,
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Governor the Right Honourable Lord Plunket, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., &c.
[P.C. Fin. 07/20.]

Enclosure in No. 12.

PACIFIC CABLE BOARD (1 EDWARD VII, c. 31).—ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1907.

I.—STATEMENT showing the Sum issued out of the Consolidated Fund and the Expenditure.

—	Year in which issued.	Amount.	—	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Sum issued (out of an authorised issue of £2,000,000)	1901-2	1,060,935 0 0	Expenditure in the period ended 31st March, 1906	1,997,707 18 6
Sum issued (out of an authorised issue of £2,000,000)	1902-3	939,065 0 0	Expenditure in the year ended 31st March, 1907	753 0 1
				1,998,460 18 7
			Balance in hand	1,539 1 5
		2,000,000 0 0		2,000,000 0 0

II.—STATEMENT showing the Money borrowed and Securities created.

—	Amount.	Money borrowed.	Securities created.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Sum issued as above	2,000,000 0 0	In the period to 31st March, 1902	784,600 0 0
		In the year to 31st March, 1903	1,215,400 0 0
	2,000,000 0 0		2,000,000 0 0

III.—STATEMENT showing the aggregate Amount of Capital Expenditure.

Details of Expenditure.	In the Period ended 31st March, 1906.	In the Year ended 31st March, 1907.	Total to 31st March, 1907.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
(1.) Head office (furniture, &c.)	417 1 10	12 5 10	429 7 8
(2.) Stations—			
Buildings	66,005 18 6	739 0 5	66,744 18 11
Accessories	18,456 5 2	46 13 10	18,502 19 0
(3.) Cable—			
Contract	1,790,687 15 6	45 0 0	1,790,642 15 6
Accessories	335 15 0	..	335 15 0
(4.) Instruments	28,788 4 10	..	28,788 4 10
(5.) Ship—			
Contract	65,910 0 0	..	65,910 0 0
Accessories	6,971 8 1	..	6,971 8 1
(6.) Engineers’ fees and expenses	20,135 9 7	..	20,135 9 7
	1,997,707 18 6	753 0 1	1,998,460 18 7