ADVANCES TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES BRANCH, LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS BRANCH, GUARANTEED MINING ADVANCES BRANCH, AND NATIVE LAND SETTLEMENT BRANCH.

The first annual balance-sheet in respect of each of these branches is herewith submitted.

The operations of the Advances to Local Authorities and Land for Settlements Branches were not extensive for the two months during which the Act was in force up to the end of the financial year; but a very large expansion of business in the Loans to Local Authorities Branch must be looked for immediately.

The usefulness of the Department to local authorities would be much increased if the present complicated procedure for obtaining loans were simplified. The restrictions at present existing cause delays, expense, and irritation, and are quite unnecessary after the ratepayers have expressed approval of the loan.

J. W. POYNTON, Superintendent.

State-guaranteed Advances Office, Wellington, 19th July, 1910.

## BALANCE-SHEET.—ADVANCES TO SETTLERS BRANCH.

STATEMENT of LIABILITIES and ASSETS at 31st March, 1910.

$egin{array}{cccccccc} Liabilities. & & & & \& & & \& & & & \& & & & \& & & & \& & & \& & & \& & & \& & & & \& & & \& & & \& & & \& & & \& & & \& & & \& & & \& & & \& & & \& & & \& & & \& & & \& & & \& & & \& & & & \& & & \& & & & \& & & & \& & & & \& & & & \& & & & \& & & & \& & & & \& & & & \& & & & \& & & & \& & & & \& & & & \& & & & \& & & & \& & & & & \& & & & & \& & & & \& & & & & \& & & & & \& & & & & \& & & & & \& & & & & \& & & & & & \& & & & & \& & & & & & \& & & & & & & \& & & & & & & \& & & & & & & \& & & & & & & & & \& &$	Assets. £ s. d. £ s. d.
	Investment Account—
3-per-cent. loans, re- deemable 1st April,	Advances on mort-
Sundry loans 2,223,800 0 0	
Advances on account	5,662,973 13 10
of loans 1,520,000 0 0	Mortgage instalments receivable—over-
	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Accrued interest payable on deposits 20 10 2	
Accrued interest payable on account of	Interest receivable—accrued 44,457 15 2
loans 32,933 0 0	Bills receivable 25 10 7
Reserve Fund 50,000 0 0	Office Furniture Account 202 19 8
*Sinking Fund Reinvestment Account 44,189 18 8	Insurance Premiums Account 71 7 10
Suspense Account 3,499 8 9	Amounts transferred to Workers Branch 120,000 0 0
Advances Suspense Account 31,751 4 5	
Fire Loss Suspense Account 3,561 11 6	
Profit and Loss Account 86,136 14 6	
Trong and Boss Rooding	Less unpresented
0K 00K 909 9 0	
$\pounds 5,995,892 8 0$	
	87,873 12 7
	£5,995,892 8 0

\*This sum, which represents the amount of Sinking Fund set up in accordance with the provisions of the Government Advances to Settlers Act, 1908, has since the 31st March, 1910, been paid over to the Public Trustee in order to comply with section 30 of the New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act, 1909.

J. W. Poynton, Superintendent. W. N. Hinchliffe, N.Z.S.A., Accountant.

New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Office, Wellington, 15th June, 1910. Examined and found correct.—ROBERT J. COLLINS, Controller and Auditor-General. 25th July, 1910.

STATEMENT of Profit and Loss Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1910.

Dr. To Management Expenses Account Loss on realisation of security Balance—net profits for the year	8,846	s. d. 5 2 0 10	Cr. By Interest Account—gross profits	••	£ s. d. 50,684 12 10
ended 31st March, 1910	£50,684				£50,684 12 10
Loan-flotation charges written off Balance—net profits carried forward	6,439 86,136 £92,576		Balance as at 31st March, 1909 Net profits for the year		50,742 15 5 41,833 6 10 £92,576 2 3