

SCHEDULE SHOWING FINANCIAL POSITION AT EACH RESORT.

Resort.	Year 1917-18.				Year 1916-17.			
	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Excess of Expenditure over Receipts.	Excess of Receipts over Expenditure.	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Excess of Expenditure over Receipts.	Excess of Receipts over Expenditure.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Te Aroha	1,454	2,602	1,148	..	1,438	2,665	1,227	..
Rotorua	17,256	17,001	..	255	17,797	15,216	..	2,581
Rotorua Acclimatization District	993	352	..	641	1,100	412	..	688
Waitomo Caves	3,596	2,754	..	842	3,574	2,955	..	619
Hanmer Springs	2,262	3,711	1,449	..	1,732	2,952	1,220	..
Hermitage, Mount Cook ..	4,866	5,126	260	..	4,235	4,151	..	84
Te Anau and Manapouri steamers, Glade House, and Milford Track	473	1,932	1,459	..	982	1,881	899	..
Queenstown	134	441	307	..	127	471	344	..

NOTE.—No allowance is made in these figures for interest on capital expenditure or for depreciation of plant or buildings.

Return of Receipts.

The following table shows the receipts of the Department from all sources since 1911-12 :—

	1911-12.	1912-13.	1913-14.	1914-15.	1915-16.	1916-17.	1917-18.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts	28,048	29,711	30,107	26,630	31,067	33,137	32,935

The amount of the passenger-bookings at the different agencies during the year amounted to £38,867, as against £35,476 for the previous year.

Return of Expenditure.

The following is a comparison of the expenditure for the past seven years :—

	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Consolidated Fund ..	46,478	45,934	48,462	49,823	47,966	45,785	48,732
Public Works Fund ..	13,361	12,906	14,989	8,232	5,167	1,094	967

The following is a brief summary of the year's work in the different resorts :—

ROTORUA.

Works.

Buildings.—The various buildings have had the usual attention as regards maintenance. In order to cope with the increased demand for mineral water for massage and douche purposes, consequent on the number of wounded soldiers requiring treatment, a large tank with a capacity of 13,000 gallons has been constructed, and placed in the top story of the main building, so that the water can be delivered in the operating-rooms under pressure.

Gardens and Reserves.—These have been kept in good order throughout. The new tennis-courts are still in process of making, but the work has been delayed through inclement weather, scarcity of labour, and the fact that in dealing with virgin soil a certain amount of time has to elapse between each operation.

Water and Drainage.—Nineteen new consumers were connected with the system, and about 1,600 ft. of service-pipe varying from $\frac{1}{2}$ in. and $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. has been laid, or renewed where necessary through corrosion.

Electrical Supply.—The supply has been maintained with great regularity during the year, the total stoppage, due to accidents through gales, being under three hours. The demand has steadily increased, thirty new consumers having been connected up during the year. The revenue from energy supplied during the year was £5,320, as against £4,634 of the previous year. The number of units generated at the power-house was 489,265. The work of rewiring the bath buildings has been commenced, and is now in progress.

ACCLIMATIZATION.

Deer.—The deer-shooting season (one month), which closed on the 26th April, 1917, was very successful. The full number of licenses allotted to the district were taken out, and twenty-one heads were obtained. These ranged from ten to seventeen points, the last named being obtained from the Galatea herd. A very fine stag with a twenty-point head is known to be among the Rotoiti herd, and although several enthusiastic stalkers have made great efforts to secure the head, none have so far been successful.

The Mahia herd was shot over by only one stalker, who only secured medium heads. This herd is at present in rather poor condition, and is very much in need of vigorous culling. It is estimated that quite a hundred weedy and malformed animals could be destroyed with great advantage to the herd. With a view to introducing fresh blood the Department has liberated several animals recently.