1920.
NEW ZEALAND.

LOAN AND INTEREST LIABILITIES

(RETURN OF).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 14th October, 1920.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing, as for the 31st March, 1914, and the 31st March, 1920—(1) The estimated total population of New Zealand; (2) the total net debt, showing (*a*) the total amount of productive loans, and (*b*) the total amount of unproductive loans; (3) the total annual charge for interest and sinking fund; (4) the total amount of accumulated surpluses and balances; and (5) any other facts necessary to the setting-out of the exact position in regard to New Zealand's loan and interest liabilities on the above dates."—(Mr. MALCOLM.)

RETURN.

	As at 31st March, 1914.	As at 31st March, 1920.
1. ESTIMATED total European population of New Zealand ..	1,089,827	1,174,139
	£	£
2. Total net debt	91,689,835	193,913,191
(*a*.) Productive loans	73,702,409	98,073,937
(*b*.) Unproductive loans	21,051,418	103,096,818*
	94,753,827	201,170,755
Less sinking funds	3,063,992	7,257,564
	£91,689,835	£193,913,191
3. Total annual charge for interest and sinking fund	£2,887,980	£7,249,425
4. Total amount of accumulated surpluses and balances ..	£426,905	£17,538,976

* £80,089,025 of this amount represents moneys raised for war purposes.

J. J. ESSON,
Acting Secretary to the Treasury.

The Treasury, Wellington, 19th October, 1920.

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