

PROPOSED WORKS.

The principal works to be carried out during the coming year are as follows: Dredging the Tarawera Western drain from the railway southwards; dredging Reid's central drain; dredging Section 109 drain; redredging the old Awakaponga dredge cut; flood-gate on the old Rangitaiki River; redredging the Te Rahu—Mangaroa outfall drain; new outlet drains, and general development-works.

WORKS EXPENDITURE.

The total amount expended on the works during the year was £65,624 0s. 9d. This includes day labour, piecework, hire of teams, purchase of plant and machinery, supplies, and repairs. Of the total amount, the sum of £57,200 was paid out of Whakatane Imprest Account. The amount paid out for day labour of all descriptions was £21,921 3s. 5d.; piecework, £24,679 8s. 8d.; hire of teams, £4,336 2s. 2d.

GENERAL.

The vouchers for day labour, contracts, hire of teams, &c., are prepared in the local office at Thornton, but final action thereon is taken in the Auckland Office, where all vouchers for purchase of plant, materials, and supplies are dealt with. The books recording all transactions are kept in the Auckland Office.

The local officer in charge is Mr. J. H. Treseder, Land Drainage Engineer, who has carried out his manifold duties in an able manner.

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J. B. THOMPSON,

Chief Drainage Engineer.

The Under-Secretary for Lands, Wellington.

RANGITAIKI LAND DRAINAGE ACCOUNT.

Statement of Transactions during the Year ended 31st March, 1921.

Receipts.		£	s.	d.	Expenditure.		£	s.	d.
Cash in hand at 1st April, 1920	..	50,754	7	5	Drainage - works, stop - banks, clearing channels, and other expenditure incidental to drainage operations	..	56,704	5	2
Debentures issued under Rangitaiki Land Drainage Act, 1910	..	30,000	0	0	Management and engineering expenses	..	2,253	6	10
"Thirds" and "fourths"	..	17	9	2	Travelling-expenses	..	250	5	5
Rates—	£ s. d.				Legal expenses	..	10	0	11
Year 1917-18	..	276	18	11	Machinery and plant	..	2,668	17	7
„ 1918-19	..	703	4	5	Stores	..	4,078	9	11
„ 1919-20	..	7,754	3	10	Loose tools	..	271	13	0
„ 1920-21	..	795	19	0	Compensation for purchase of Native land under section 8 of the Rangitaiki Land Drainage Act	..	40	0	0
Rent of buildings	..	32	10	0	Rates refunded	..	171	6	8
		9,530	6	2	Interest	..	19,064	14	3
					Cash in hand	..	4,821	13	0
		£90,334	12	9			£90,334	12	9

BALANCE-SHEET.

Liabilities.		£	s.	d.	Assets.		£	s.	d.
Debentures—Rangitaiki Land Drainage Act, 1910	..	280,000	0	0	Drainage - works — Expenditure in connection therewith, including wages, supplies, administration, engineering expenses, and depreciation of plant	..	246,069	1	1
Consolidated Fund	..	375	10	6	Sundry debtors for rates	..	14,332	10	4
Unpaid purchase-money—Sundry Natives	..	429	13	1	Balance of interest on loan to 31st March, 1917 (recoverable from ratepayers)	..	6,897	13	8
Suspense Account	..	68	8	11	Lands for Settlement Account	..	20	0	0
Loan Redemption Account	..	9,230	11	5	Investments—Public Trust Office	..	904	5	4
Sundry creditors	..	31	12	3	Loose tools	..	648	6	6
Interest unpaid	..	1,776	2	9	Plant and machinery	..	18,093	10	0
		£291,911	18	11	Stores	..	120	0	0
					Sundry debtors	..	4	19	0
					Cash in hand	..	4,821	13	0
		£291,911	18	11			£291,911	18	11

J. H. O'DONNELL, Chief Accountant.

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