

The total area held is 5,528 acres, divided into nine sections. These produce an annual rent of £983 10s.

The total expenditure for the year was £93,506. Of this amount the sum of £42,470 was paid out of local Imprest Account, principally on account of wages. Day labour (including wages of dredge crews) amounted to £32,817, piecework contracts £19,564, and hire of teams £1,031.

The office staff has been busily engaged preparing plans, time-sheets, and costing-work. All pay-sheets and contract vouchers are now prepared at the Kerepechi office. All vouchers and accounts are finally passed in the controlling office at Auckland, where the books in connection with the works are kept. The officer in charge is Mr. E. Taylor, M.N.Z.Soc.C.E.

O. N. CAMPBELL,
Chief Drainage Engineer.

The Under-Secretary for Lands, Wellington.

Bore No.	Section.	Block.	Survey District.	Total Depth in Feet.	Running Flow (Gallons per Hour).
214	17	I	Waihou	68	400 (pump)
215	38	I	"	90	"
216	17	I	"	70	"

Extra casing was also put down in bore No. 204, and bore No. 164 was cleaned out.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Payments.</i>		£	s.	d.
Cash in Public Account, 1st April, 1922..		8,347	15	2	Drainage-works, stop-banks, clearing channels, and other expenditure incidental to conducting drainage operations (including metalling and formation of roads), material, supplies, &c.	..	58,731	12	4
Debentures issued, Hauraki Plains Amendment Act, 1913		88,000	0	0	Machinery and plant	..	8,336	4	3
Sales of land		2,150	16	6	Loose tools	..	260	15	2
Rents		8,743	6	4	Live-stock	..	20	0	0
Rates		10,785	8	2	Material and stores	..	8,949	7	2
Artesian bores—					Fuel	..	5,695	11	10
Repayment of advances	505 17 10				Compensation for land acquired in connection with drainage-works..	..	1,300	1	11
Interest	104 0 1				Maintenance of completed works ..	..	7,256	9	3
		609	17	11	Management and engineering expenses ..	..	1,808	11	6
Tram freights		741	18	0	Rates refunded	..	734	18	8
Rent of houses		396	1	0	Rents, &c., refunded	..	81	16	0
Grazing fees		115	0	11	Interest on debentures	..	16,508	16	5
Flax royalties		107	13	4	Sinking fund	..	1,279	6	5
Sale of grass-seed		15	0	0	Cash in Public Account, 31st March, 1923	..	9,049	6	5
		£120,012	17	4			£120,012	17	4

<i>Dr.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>		£	s.	d.
Interest on loans under Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1908		1,240	0	0	Rents accrued		12,614	13	3
Interest on debentures issued under Hau-raki Plains Amendment Act, 1913 ..		17,192	9	10	Rates		8,162	19	0
Maintenance of completed works		6,774	10	7	Tram freights		757	14	9
Administration expenses		788	12	6	Grazing fees		131	2	9
Rebate of rent		663	2	5	Rent of houses		424	7	10
Remissions of rent		149	8	0	Flax royalties		107	13	4
Rates, &c., written off		32	13	6	Sale of grass-seed		15	0	0
					Interest on outstanding accounts ..		246	1	1
					Interest on investments		97	18	6
					Net loss carried down		4,283	6	4
		26,840	16	10			26,840	16	10
Net loss as above		4,283	6	4	Balance from previous year		26,435	6	5
Balance		22,152	0	1			26,435	6	5
		£26,435	6	5			£26,435	6	5