Loan-moneys amounting to £1,082,315 14s. 10d. were received during the year.

Mortgages and instalments of principal repaid for the year amounted to £415,978 15s. 2d.

The total amount of interest collected for the year was £372,615 1s.

Two leasehold and four freehold securities were realized by the Department during the year. The cost of management and expenses of the branch were £5,449, being 0.063 per cent., or 1s. 3d.

per £100 of the capital employed. The sinking fund, after redemption of loans totalling £187,000, amounts to £84,751 8s. 8d.

A. A. PRICHARD, Deputy Superintendent.

State Advances Office, Wellington, 30th June, 1927.

ADVANCES TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES BRANCH.

The following is a statement showing the advances under this branch authorized during the year ended 31st March, 1927, classified according to provincial districts:-

Provincial District.							nber of lications.	Amount of Advances authorized.
Auckland							29	23,415
Taranaki							4	970
Wellington							14	4,555
Nelson							2	3,000
Canterbury							3	11,500
Southland							1	1,250
	Totals						 53	£44,690

Loan-moneys amounting to £4,764 2s. 3d. were received during the year.

The amount actually paid over to 71 local bodies during the year was £55,800.

Loans to the number of 1,922 have been made to local bodies. They are now indebted to the extent of £2,849,519 6s. 3d. in respect of principal moneys.

Mortgages and instalments of principal repaid for the year amounted to £71,199 15s. 4d.

The total amount of interest collected for the year was £118,305 9s. 10d.

The sinking fund amounts to £358,188.

A. A. PRICHARD, Deputy Superintendent.

State Advances Offices, Wellington, 30th June, 1927.

PUBLIC DEBT SINKING FUNDS BRANCH.

The following is a statement showing the advances under this branch authorized during the year ended 31st March, 1927, classified according to provincial districts:-

Provincial District.			Adva	nces to Se	ttlers.		imber of ications.	Amount of Advances authorized.			
Auckland			• • •	• •			73	85,025			
Taranaki							6	11,145			
Hawke's Ba	y						5	6,200			
Wellington							23	23,425			
Canterbury							7	8,475			
Otago							7	5,575			
Southland	• •		• •	••	· •		10	12,755			
	Totals		• •	••	••		131	£152,600			
Advances to Workers.											
Auckland							3	2,790			
Canterbury							5	4,140			
Otago	• •	• •					1	550			
	Totals	••		••	••		9	£7,480			
			Advances	to Local	Bodies.						
Auckland		• •					1	600			