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DEPARTMENT OF TOURIST AND HEALTH RESORTS

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BY THE MINISTER OF TOURIST AND HEALTH RESORTS, HON, W. NOSWORTHY

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

The Minister in Charge of Tourist and Health Resorts Department to His Excellency the Governor-General.

Wellington, 30th April, 1927. I HAVE the honour to submit to Your Excellency the report of the Department of Tourist and Health Resorts for the year ended 31st March, 1927.

W. Nosworthy, Minister of Tourist and Health Resorts.

His Excellency the Governor-General of New Zealand.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER OF TOURIST AND HEALTH RESORTS.

Sir,—

I have the honour to submit my report for the year ended 31st March, 1927.

I have, &c.,

B. M. Wilson, General Manager. The Hon. W. Nosworthy, Minister of Tourist and Health Resorts.

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I have pleasure in reporting that the improvement in this Department's business and financial position still continues. The revenue has increased from £55,391 to £61,674, an improvement of £6,283. The expenditure has increased from £70,794 to £76,378, or an increase of £5,584. The difference between revenue and expenditure, therefore, is £14,704, or £699 less than it was last year.

The following are the figures for the past six years, showing how the difference between revenue and expenditure has decreased:—

		· Return	of Receipts	, <i>1921–2</i> 7.			
		1921–22 . £	1922–23 . £	1923–24. £	1924–25 . £	1925–26. £	1926–27. £
Receipts	• •	50,822	40,246	45,704	47,263	55,391	61,674
Return of Expenditure, 1921-27.							
		1921–22. £	1922–23. €	192 3 –2 4. £	192 4 –25. ₤	1925–26, £	1926–27. €
Consolidated Fund		86,944	59,647	60,445	66,294	70,794	76,378
Public Works Fund	• •	17,996	[5,435]	27,264	12,343	45,096	31,981

When it is considered that a great amount of the Department's work is not credited to it, but goes to other Departments, such as the Railway, the Customs, and to private interests, the improvement must be considered remarkable. At the same time none of the Department's tourist resorts or agencies has been starved, while every effort has been made to ensure economical working. In this respect a deal of credit is due to the Managers of the various resorts under the control of the Department. Briefly put, we have reduced the difference between revenue and expenditure in six years from £42,000 to £14,000,