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MARINE DEPARTMENT.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1926-27.

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

YOUR EXCELLENCY,— Marine Department, Wellington, 27th September, 1927.
I do myself the honour to transmit for Your Excellency's information the report of the Marine Department of the Dominion for the financial year ended the 31st March last.
I have, &c.,
G. JAS. ANDERSON,
Minister of Marine.
His Excellency General Sir Charles Fergusson, Bart., LL.D., G.C.G.,
K.C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., Governor-General of New Zealand.

REPORT.

The SECRETARY, MARINE DEPARTMENT, to the Hon. the MINISTER OF MARINE.
SIR,— Marine Department, Wellington, 24th September, 1927.
I have the honour to submit this my fourth annual report on the operations of the Marine Department for the financial year ended the 31st March, 1927.

FINANCIAL.

The Department's cash position shows an appreciable improvement on last year's figures, the surplus of receipts over payments for 1925-26 being £7,445, and for 1926-27 £13,702. The following comparative statements of the receipts and payments for the past six years are interesting, showing as they do that the Cash Account has risen from a deficit of £78,000 in 1921-22 to a surplus of £13,702 in 1926-27 :—

Receipts.

Branch.	1921-22.	1922-23.	1923-24.	1924-25.	1925-26.	1926-27.
Shipping Branch—	£	£	£	£	£	£
Light dues	41,311	39,689	76,868	80,469	78,709	82,082
Engagements, discharges, &c. ..	3,968	4,108	4,027	4,155	4,532	4,074
Survey fees	3,354	3,202	4,666	5,027	5,750	5,310
Examination fees	586	396	370	417	431	379
Miscellaneous receipts	1,076	1,288	1,331	1,174	823	449
Harbours—						
Pilotage, port charges, &c. ..	648	765	769	843	871	934
Foreshore revenue	1,175	1,131	2,904	4,579	5,374	6,041
Fisheries—						
Sale of oysters	7,763	7,702	7,356	8,395	10,205	8,345
Sundry receipts	324	324	926	667	804	738
Inspection of Machinery —						
Inspection of boilers, &c. ..	13,102	17,300	16,568	18,417	17,289	19,136
Examination fees	602	618	635	649	568	464
Tramways Act—						
Examination fees	57	49	104	84	91	92
Ross Sea Revenue	..	..	200	200	1,721	2,921
Miscellaneous Receipts	..	..	653	307	2,278	2,519
Totals	73,696	76,572	117,377	125,383	129,446	133,484