LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACCOUNT—*continued*.

Balance-sheet as at 31st March, 1927.

Liabilities.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Capital—						
Loan Account	8,370,428	18	7			
Loans redeemed from Consolidated Fund	112,400	0	0			
Crown land included in estates	208,428	0	0			
Sales of Crown land	1,772,587	14	0			
				10,463,844	12	7
Sundry creditors, for interest on loans				995	0	0
Deposits by lessees of Crown land under section 208, Land Act, 1924				7,445	6	1
Unpaid miscellaneous services, Clifton Estate				837	13	0
Interest on redemptions from Consolidated Fund				28,051	6	10
Interest on loans accrued but not due				102,579	9	0
Payments in advance—						
Rents				4,216	17	11
Interest on sales of settlement land				37	4	7
Principal instalments on sales of Crown land				714	0	5
Principal instalments on buildings				79	13	1
Principal instalments on sales of settlement land				353	7	9
Sundry creditors—						
Clifton Estate				338	15	2
Miscellaneous				20,814	7	2
Suspense Account, Teviot Estate				118	9	7
Suspense Account—Credit to be allocated in accordance with Hutt Valley Lands Settlement Act, 1925				6,013	17	4
Rents written off Suspense Account				18,640	12	10
Rents due but not accrued				106,865	7	11
Depreciation Reserve				1,055	7	6
Reserve Account, including unexpended loading for roads, &c.				1,908,038	3	8
Balance of Revenue Account				132,791	19	10
				£12,803,831	12	3

Assets.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry estates						
Leased	8,609,165	2	5			
Unleased	262,299	17	5			
				8,871,464	19	10
Unpaid purchase price (not yet payable)—						
Sales of settlement land	440,119	19	9			
Sales of Crown land	260,114	3	10			
Buildings	86,349	14	6			
				786,583	18	1
Hutt Valley estates—						
Cost of purchase	158,743	1	3			
Cost of roading	30,496	4	3			
Incidental expenses	2,787	15	5			
Interest on capital expenditure	14,088	2	11			
	206,115	3	10			
Less sales of land	109,585	10	0			
				96,529	13	10
Te Wera Estate				67,320	3	3
Plant and machinery				3,835	0	0
Furniture and fittings, Land Purchase Board				27	0	0
Mechanical office appliances Land Purchase Board				23	0	0
Stock of fencing-material on hand				64	2	6
Clifton Estate—						
Stock and implements				11,967	11	1
Improvements				2,994	14	10
Working Suspense				18,094	16	3
Opening up Crown lands for settlement (amount set aside, including interest under section 47, Land for Settlements Act, 1925)				628,818	9	3
Hutt Valley Lands Settlement Account				115,599	7	4
Sundry debtors for—						
Rents, &c.	106,536	14	3			
Less reserve for irrecoverable rents	2,500	0	0			
				104,036	14	3
Principal instalments on sales of Crown land				11,093	10	6
Principal instalments on sales of settlement land				7,563	8	1
Interest on sales of Crown land				2,596	4	9
Interest on sales of settlement land				3,504	5	6
Principal instalments on buildings				3,896	18	0
Royalties				169	15	5
Interest on investments				1,852	7	11
Insurance premiums, rates, &c.				92	15	6
Sales of stock, Teviot Estate				368	1	8
Miscellaneous				944	1	11
Postponements—						
Rents	72,646	6	9			
Principal instalments	1,090	9	4			
				73,736	16	1
Interest accrued but not due				5,714	18	7
Rents writen off Suspense Account				18,640	12	10
Revaluation Board Determinations—						
Reductions in capital value	610,056	19	5			
Rents written off	89,995	8	8			
Rents remitted	76,148	3	4			
Revaluation committees' expenses	7,405	8	1			
				783,605	19	6
Investment in Public Debt Redemption Account				1,019,239	10	2
Cash in Public Account	21,515	2	4			
Imprests outstanding	837	13	0			
Investments Account	141,100	0	0			
				163,452	15	4
				£12,803,831	12	3

J. B. Thompson, Under-Secretary for Lands.
23rd August, 1927. J. H. O'Donnell, Controller of Accounts.

I hereby certify that the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet have been duly examined and compared with the relative books and documents submitted for audit, and correctly state the position as disclosed thereby. The following comments are appended :—

(1) The accounts do not bear the full interest charge as required by section 13 Land Laws Amendment Act, 1926.
(2) No charge for interest and depreciation of buildings has been made against the Clifton Estate.
(3) The Reserve Account (£1,908,038) should be dissected to show its composition.
(4) There is no authority of law for off-setting of Sinking Funds created under the New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act, 1909, against the liability to Consolidated Fund for the redemption of loans under the Repayment of Public Debt Act, 1925.
(5) There is no statutory authority for the inclusion in the accounts of the liability of £112,400 for loans redeemed from Consolidated Fund ordinary Revenue Account and interest thereon.

Note.—Comments Nos. 4 and 5 refer to the accounts for 1926–27 only. The Finance Act, 1927, now contains provisions which will legalize these transactions.

G. F. C. Campbell, Controller and Auditor-General.