

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, 1927-1928.

THE PUBLIC DEBT OF NEW ZEALAND.
STATEMENT OF SECURITIES CHARGED ON THE PUBLIC REVENUES OF NEW ZEALAND AND OUTSTANDING ON 31st MARCH, 1928—continued.

Appropriate Account and Authorizing Act.	Amount outstanding.			Due Date.	Date of Incurrence of Loans for Purposes of Redemption of the Public Debt Act, 1925.		Annual Charge.		Remarks.
	Act.	Account.	Details.		Amount.	Year ended	Interest of	Amount.	
Brought forward	£ 238,110,351	£ 238,110,351	£ s. d. 238,110,350 13 1	..	£ 186,059,312	..	% ..	£ 10,568,169	
SEPARATE ACCOUNTS—continued.									
WESTPORT HARBOUR ACCOUNT:— New Zealand Loans Act, 1908— Westport Harbour Act, 1920— Westport Harbour Board Act, 1884 Westport Harbour Board Act, 1884, and Loan Acts, 1896, 1897, and 1900	100* 500,000*		100 0 0 500,000 0 0	1 Mar., 1925 1 Jan., 1949			4	20,000	Unpresented. * Loans raised by the late Westport Harbour Board and taken over by the Government in terms of the Westport Harbour Act, 1920.
Westport Harbour Board Loan Act, 1908	200,000*	..	200,000 0 0	15 Feb., 1945	..	..	5	7,000† 10,000	† Sinking fund 1 per cent. payable on £700,000 West- port Harbour Loans.
Total Westport Harbour Account		700,100							
Total	238,810,451†	238,810,451	238,810,450 13 1	..	£ 186,059,312	..	..	10,605,169	§ In addition to this amount there is a charge under the Repayment of the Public Debt Act, 1925, estimated at £1,053,559.
ANALYSIS OF ANNUAL CHARGE.									
					Interest (chargeable to Consolidated Fund)				
					Interest (chargeable to Native Land Settlement Account)				
					Sinking Fund (chargeable to Consolidated Fund)				
					£10,605,169§				

† Sinking funds to the amount stated below exist for the extinction of that portion of the debt relating to the following accounts: State Coal-mines Account, £62,338 7s. 4d.; Electric Supply Account, £75,715 15s. 0d.; Nauru and Ocean Islands Account, £107 1s. 0d.; Westport Harbour Account, £220,050 7s. 9d.; Samoan Loan Suspense Account, £9,136 12s. 8d.; total, £367,348 3s. 9d., particulars of which appear on pages 64 and 65.

In addition to the special sinking funds mentioned above, special provision exists for the repayment of that portion of the debt funded by agreement with the Imperial Government, particulars of which are given on page 60. It is estimated that this portion of the debt will be extinguished during the financial year ending on the 31st March, 1959.

By the Repayment of the Public Debt Act, 1925, means are provided whereby the whole of the Public Debt other than those portions for which separate sinking funds exist will be extinguished in approximately sixty years from the time of coming under the provisions of the Act.

The Redemption Fund Capital Account under the above Act is as follows: (1) Held by State Advances Office, £3,258,955 19s. 4d.; (2) held by Public Trustee, £7,966,688 11s. 2d.; (3) held in Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account, £13,500,000; total, £24,725,644 10s. 6d. The £13,500,000 held in Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account is subject to a deduction of an amount which is to be written off by virtue of the operation of the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Acts. The interest on the Redemption Fund capital is paid over to the Consolidated Fund as a set-off against the annual payments made by the latter fund to the Repayment of the Public Debt Account—viz., $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. of the public debt coming under the provisions of the Act, together with $3\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. of the debt redeemed in accordance with the Act.