Total State expenditure for roading purposes increased from £700,000 in 1923 to £1,945,000 in 1928.
£250,000 transferred from Revenue to Public Works Fund.
£1,000,000 in debt charges saved annually through policy of using surplus revenues for capital charges and debt repayment.

Gross public debt as at 31st March, 1928—	£	
Ordinary	139,329,644	
War	71,970,636	
State Advances	31,081,966	
Discharged soldiers	9,014,006	
		£251,396,252
New loans raised during the year	8,022,499	
Loans paid off during the year....	2,477,136	
Net increase for year		£5,545,363

Net increase in debt—	£
1925–26	11,000,000
1926–27	7,000,000
1927–28	5,500,000

Local debt reduction	£1,960,620
German reparation-moneys applied solely in reduction of war debt, 1927–28	£366,370
War debt—Repayments in six years	£9,887,887
War-debt charges show decrease during year	£50,000

Ordinary debt two-and-a-half times as great as war debt, but costs taxpayer annually £1,250,000 less than war debt.

No revenue Treasury Bills outstanding.

London Loan, 1928—	
£5,000,000 raised for—	
Public Works Fund (railway construction, telegraph, and telephone extension, &c.)	£ 3,000,000
Hydro-electric-power works	1,000,000
Railways improvement	1,000,000
	£5,000,000

Loan was very favourably received and heavily over-subscribed.

Success of loan a striking indication of the Dominion's financial reputation.

In addition £5,000,000 of Consolidated Stock converted on favourable terms.

Taxation—
- New Zealand income-tax on individuals among the lowest in the world.
- Customs duties—concessions last year represented very large sum.
- Until increasing productivity of country reflected in revenues, no further reductions of taxation practicable or safe.