

FUTURE PROPOSALS.

The principal works to be undertaken during the next financial year are as follows :—

1. Dredging Piako River and improvement of stop-banks.
2. Continuation of Waitakaruru-Maukoro Canal.
3. Continuation of flood-prevention, drainage-works, and roading in the Awaiti District.
4. Construction of stop-banks on southern boundary of the Kerepeehi Block.
5. Construction of Whakahoro Relief Canal through the Tahuna District.
6. Metalling main road between Kaihere Wharf and north end of Puhanga Canal.

GENERAL.

The field and office staff has been actively engaged on the general supervision of the works, together with the necessary surveys, preparation of plans, specifications, vouchers, &c., and general office work.

I desire to place on record my appreciation of the manner in which all employees have co-operated in carrying out the undertakings of the Department.

I have, &c.,

R. G. MACMORRAN,

Chief Drainage Engineer.

The Under-Secretary for Lands, Wellington.

HAURAKI PLAINS SETTLEMENT ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1928.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Payments.</i>		£	s.	d.
To cash in Public Account, 1st April, 1927	..	12,359	2	10	By Drainage-works, stop-banks, clearing channels, and other expenditure incidental to conducting drainage operations (including metalling and formation of roads), material supplied, &c.	..	25,911	13	4
Debentures issued	..	40,000	0	0	Machinery and plant	..	214	16	6
Temporary transfers from other accounts	..	15,000	0	0	Loose tools	..	3	12	0
Sales of land	..	274	15	6	Material and stores	..	3,075	15	2
Rents	..	9,010	8	2	Fuel	..	4,784	17	10
Interest on sales of land	..	55	7	11	Maintenance of completed works	..	7,476	16	7
Interest on investments	..	209	3	9	Management and engineering expenses	..	2,802	4	4
Artesian-well boring—	£ s. d.				Refunds of rents	..	52	6	5
Repayment of advances	..	49	5	6	Refunds of rates	..	291	4	2
Interest	..	45	5	0	Cost of acquisition of land and compensation for works on private lands	..	359	10	0
		94	10	6	Recoupment of rates to Consolidated Fund	..	13	2	11
Rates	..	7,348	2	5	Interest recouped to Consolidated Fund	..	8,000	0	0
Tram-freights	..	605	7	9	Interest paid on temporary transfers from other accounts	..	587	19	0
Law-costs	..	30	9	1	Temporary transfers from other accounts repaid	..	25,000	0	0
Miscellaneous services	..	3,696	11	4	Cash in Public Account, 31st March, 1928	..	10,395	9	4
Proceeds from sale and transfer of plant to other works	..	285	8	4					
		£88,969	7	7			£88,969	7	7

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1928.

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s.	d.
To Interest on debentures issued under Hauraki Plains Settlement Act, 1926	30,181	12	8	By Accrued rents	11,564	0	11
Interest on expenditure from Public Works Fund	202	16	0	Rates	8,165	4	1
Maintenance on completed works	6,303	12	9	Interest on investments	209	3	9
Rebate of rent	588	14	9	Interest on sales of land	276	16	7
Rebate of rates	90	0	5	Interest allowed on sinking-fund contributions	312	15	7
Remissions of rent	1,261	6	0	Miscellaneous	589	3	11
Irrecoverable rents, &c.	120	10	1	Net loss carried down	18,724	12	1
Irrecoverable rates	1,093	4	3				
	<u>£39,841</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>11</u>		<u>£39,841</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>11</u>

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Net loss brought down	18,724	12	1	By Interest allowed on Sinking Fund contributions to 31st March, 1927	1,968	11	9
Balance from previous year	47,268	11	3	Balance	64,107	11	1
Adjustment on account of previous year	82	19	6				
	<u>£66,076</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>		<u>£66,076</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>