

WORKS EXPENDITURE.

The total expenditure was £42,458 0s. 4d., of which £27,577 19s. 8d. was paid from Thames Imprest Account. Day labour accounted for £23,096 19s. 6d., and sixty-two piecework contracts were let, entailing an expenditure of £2,111 6s. 1d.

The drainage rate struck for the rating-year 1928–29 totalled £7,376 14s. 6d., for which 534 rate notices were issued.

The sum of £17,240 18s. 2d. was collected during the year, of which £7,075 14s. 4d. was in respect of rates.

GENERAL.

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

I wish to thank the staff for their loyal support, and to express my appreciation of the work carried out by employees in all branches.

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, 1929.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Payments.</i>		£	s.	d.
To Cash in Public Account, 1st April, 1928	..	10,395	9	4	By Drainage-works, stop-banks, clearing channels, and other expenditure incidental to conducting drainage operations (including metal-ling and formation of roads), material supplied, &c.	..	14,498	4	8
Debentures issued	..	35,000	0	0	Machinery and plant	..	149	17	3
Temporary transfers from other accounts	..	5,000	0	0	Material and stores	..	3,642	13	4
Sales of land	..	2,024	6	0	Fuel	..	4,860	17	7
Rents	..	8,954	11	9	Maintenance of completed works	..	3,774	11	0
Interest on sales of land	..	114	19	10	Management and engineering expenses	..	2,936	7	11
Interest on investments	..	1,035	10	3	Refunds of rates	..	385	15	5
Artesian-well boring—	£ s. d.				Refunds of rents	..	562	7	7
Repayment of advances	186 13 7				Cost of acquisition of land and compensation for works on private lands	..	253	6	9
Interest	41 7 3				Recoupment of rates to Consolidated Fund	..	0	7	4
		228	0	10	Interest recouped to Consolidated Fund	..	14,100	0	0
Rates	..	8,150	7	0	Temporary transfers from other accounts repaid	..	5,000	0	0
Tram freights and ferry fares	..	645	14	2		£ s. d.			
Miscellaneous services	..	7,897	5	4	Balance in Public Account	..	7,751	15	8
					Imprests outstanding	..	530	0	0
					Investment Account	..	21,000	0	0
							29,281	15	8
		£79,446	4	6			£79,446	4	6

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1929.

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s.	d.
To Interest on debentures issued under Hauraki Plains Settlement Act, 1926	31,446	14	11	By Accrued rents	11,036	14	1
Interest on expenditure from Public Works Fund	202	16	0	Rates	7,759	6	1
Interest on temporary transfers from other accounts	1	1	11	Interest on investments	704	6	11
Administration expenses	423	15	4	Interest on sales of land, &c.	267	19	6
Maintenance of completed works	3,804	11	10	Interest allowed on sinking-fund contributions	325	5	10
Rates written off consequent upon area being taken over by Drainage Boards	1,993	13	10	Miscellaneous	727	18	4
Rebate of rent	626	17	3	Net loss carried down	20,597	15	5
Rebate of rates	52	1	2				
Remissions of rent	836	11	4				
Refund of rates	344	18	3				
Irrecoverable rents, &c.	1,132	15	10				
Irrecoverable rates	553	8	6				
	£41,419	6	2		£41,419	6	2
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Net loss brought down	20,597	15	5	By Adjustment on account of previous year	2	2	0
Balance from previous year	64,107	11	1	Sinking Fund reserve	4,837	13	8
	£84,705	6	6	Balance	79,865	10	10
					£84,705	6	6