NAURU AND OCEAN ISLANDS ACCOUNT.

Revenue Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1932.

Dr.	£ s. d.	*Cr.*	£ s. d.
To Interest on debentures	24,319 3 9	By Annual payment from British Phosphate Commission	36,074 14 2
Administration charge	500 0 0	Interest on investments	388 3 4
Audit charge	5 0 0		
Balance to Appropriation Account	11,638 13 9		
	£36,462 17 6		£36,462 17 6

Appropriation Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1932.

Dr.	£ s. d.	*Cr.*	£ s. d.
To Sinking Fund Reserve Account	11,755 10 5	By Balance, 1st April, 1931	15,742 6 2
Balance, 31st March, 1932	15,625 9 6	Revenue Account	11,638 13 9
	£27,380 19 11		£27,380 19 11

Balance-sheet as at 31st March, 1932.

Liabilities.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	*Assets.*	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Capital—Debentures at 5 per cent.	600,000 0 0		Share (16 per cent.), Nauru and Ocean Islands phosphate rights (at cost)		565,040 0 0
Less debentures redeemed ..	120,800 0 0		Proportion of annual payment from British Phosphate Commission and other interest accrued but not due		26,886 19 5
		479,200 0 0	Investments—Nauru and Ocean Islands Account..		50 0 0
Interest		7,910 7 7	Cash—		
Reserve Account		85,840 0 0	Nauru and Ocean Islands Account	2,937 18 9	
Sinking Fund Reserve Account		6,404 5 6	Nauru and Ocean Islands Sinking Fund Account	65 4 5	
Appropriation Account		15,625 9 6			3,003 3 2
		£594,980 2 7			£594,980 2 7

A. S. Houston, Accountant, Department of Agriculture, Wellington.

Notes.—(1) New Zealand's share of the profits earned by the Commission has been used for capital developments, but is not included in these accounts. (2) The accounts of the British Phosphate Commission for the year ended 30th June, 1931, are published herewith.

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, subject to the above departmental notes.—J. H. Fowler, Deputy Controller and Auditor-General.

THE BRITISH PHOSPHATE COMMISSIONERS.

Trading Account for the Year ended 30th June, 1931.

Dr.	£ s. d.	*Cr.*	£ s. d.
To F.o.b. cost of phosphate, including interest on capital, contribution to a sinking fund for the redemption of capital, and other charges in accordance with Article 11 of Agreement of the 2nd July, 1919	584,244 4 8	By Phosphate sales and sundry credits, less freight and insurance, &c.	584,737 18 4
Balance carried forward	493 13 8		
	£584,737 18 4		£584,737 18 4

Balance-sheet as at 30th June, 1931.

Liabilities.	£ s. d.	*Assets.*	£ s. d.
United Kingdom Government	1,406,744 14 10	Nauru and Ocean Island phosphate rights, buildings, and plant and steamers "Triona" and "Nauru Chief," less reserves for depreciation and other charges in accordance with Article 11 of Agreement of the 2nd July, 1919 ..	3,177,973 2 8
Commonwealth Government.. ..	1,406,744 14 10	Sundry debtors and bills receivable	197,923 16 6
New Zealand Government	535,902 16 3	Voyages in progress	6,248 13 7
	3,349,392 5 11	Phosphate and goods in transit	119,807 12 6
Sinking fund for redemption of capital ..	182,107 14 1	Stocks at Nauru, Ocean Island, and elsewhere ..	311,482 15 7
Sundry creditors and outstandings	206,808 12 9		
Bank balances, less cash in hand	31,222 8 0		
Government Appropriation Account	43,411 6 5		
Trading Account, balance carried forward ..	493 13 8		
	£3,813,436 0 10		£3,813,436 0 10

We have examined the foregoing balance-sheet with the books and vouchers of the British Phosphate Commissioners and the audited accounts from London. We have accepted the certificates of officers of the Commissioners for the valuation of the stocks. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion the Balance-sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Commissioners' affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Commissioners.—Kent, Brierley, and Sully, Chartered Accountants (Aust.), Auditors.

Melbourne, 1st December, 1931.