DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE—*continued.*

NAURU AND OCEAN ISLANDS ACCOUNT.

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1936.

Dr.	£ s. d.	*Cr.*	£ s. d.
Interest on debentures	14,684 6 8	Annual payment from the British Phosphate Commission	35,848 11 2
Administration charge	500 0 0		
Audit fee	5 0 0		
Balance to Appropriation Account	20,659 4 6		
	£35,848 11 2		£35,848 11 2

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1936.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d
Redemption of debentures	20,560 0 0	Balance, 1st April, 1935	23,856 0 10
Balance, 31st March, 1936	23,955 5 4	Revenue Account	20,659 4 6
	£44,515 5 4		£44,515 5 4

BALANCE-SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1936.

Liabilities.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	*Assets.*	£ s. d.
Capital—			Share (16 per cent.) Nauru and Ocean Islands Phosphate Rights (at cost)	565,040 0 0
Debentures at $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.	402,275 0 0		Proportion of annual payment from British Phosphate Commission, accrued but not due	26,886 8 5
Debentures at 4 per cent.	8,640 0 0		Cash (Loans Redemption Account)	3 11 6
		410,915 0 0		
Interest accrued but not due		2,934 14 7		
Reserve Account		154,125 0 0		
Appropriation Account		23,955 5 4		
		£591,929 19 11		£591,929 19 11

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, 1935, are published herewith.

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

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 departmental notes enfaced thereon.—J. H. FOWLER, Deputy Controller and Auditor-General.

THE BRITISH PHOSPHATE COMMISSIONERS.

TRADING ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1935.

Dr.	£ s. d.	*Cr.*	£ s. d.
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	758,845 10 10	Balance brought forward, 1st July, 1934	9,618 17 1
Balance carried forward	20,256 7 1	Phosphate sales and sundry credits, less freight and insurance, &c.	769,483 0 10
	£779,101 17 11		£779,101 17 11

BALANCE-SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1935.

Liabilities.	£ s. d.	*Assets.*	£ s. d.
United Kingdom Government	1,364,320 12 7	Nauru and Ocean Island phosphate rights, buildings and plant, ships, investments and deposits, less reserves for depreciation and other charges in accordance with Article 11 of Agreement of the 2nd July, 1919	3,529,422 10 9
Commonwealth Government	1,364,320 12 7	Sundry debtors and bills receivable	135,447 6 3
New Zealand Government	519,741 5 5	Voyages in progress	6,992 15 2
	3,248,382 10 7	Phosphate and goods in transit	82,797 10 9
Sinking fund for redemption of capital	283,117 9 5	Stocks at Nauru, Ocean Island, and elsewhere	189,325 15 11
Sundry creditors and outstandings	405,072 11 5	Cash at banks and in hand	16,254 6 1
Government Appropriation Account	3,411 6 5		
Trading Account: Balance carried forward	20,256 7 1		
	£3,960,240 4 11		£3,960,240 4 11

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.