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NEW ZEALAND.

STORES CONTROL BOARD
(ANNUAL REPORT OF).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Leave.

Stores Control Board, Wellington, 20th August, 1937.

The Hon. R. Semple, Chairman, Stores Control Board.

I HAVE the honour to submit herewith the annual report of the Stores Control Board for the year ended 31st March, 1937.

P. ELLERM, Secretary.

REPORT.

PURCHASES.

During the year ended 31st March, 1937, the expenditure on the purchase of stores, as compared with the year ended 31st March, 1936, was as under :—

	Year ended 31st March, 1936.	Year ended 31st March, 1937.
	£	£
Railways	1,495,279	1,923,502
Public Works	522,327	1,401,096
Post and Telegraph	344,387	805,624
Mental Hospitals	177,175	189,731
Native	110,579	162,417
Naval	69,471	199,892
Printing and Stationery	64,086	133,671
Defence	66,162	91,137
Lands and Survey	57,344	62,854
Education	38,265	41,966
Justice and Prisons	49,057	41,899
Health	29,821	39,854
Industries and Commerce, Tourist, and Publicity	29,151	37,062
Mines	21,083	30,981
Agriculture	26,453	26,022
State Forest Service	19,120	24,098
Marine	18,193	22,043
Labour—Employment Division	56,087	15,430
Scientific and Industrial Research	5,839	15,086
National Broadcasting Service	..	14,783
External Affairs	11,594	13,815
Internal Affairs	5,958	8,970
Police	8,989	8,132
Labour	2,530	7,914
State Fire	6,211	5,948
Other Departments	16,653	25,459
	£3,251,814	£5,349,386

The expenditure on stores during the year is the highest recorded since the Board was constituted in 1922, and exceeds the previous highest total recorded for the year ended 31st March, 1925, by £932,553. The increased expenditure of £2,097,572 for the year ended 31st March, 1937, as compared with the previous year, reflects the increased activities of Government Departments, particularly so in the case of the Public Works Department, which shows an increase of £878,769. The total amounts expended during each of the past ten years are as under :—

	£		£
1928	3,947,117	1933	2,109,698
1929	4,199,822	1934	2,417,676
1930	4,345,030	1935	2,939,642
1931	4,286,803	1936	3,251,814
1932	2,757,214	1937	5,349,386