DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE—*continued*.

NAURU AND OCEAN ISLANDS ACCOUNT.

Revenue Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1937.

Dr.	£ s. d.	*Cr.*	£ s. d.
Interest on debentures	13,973 14 10	Annual payment from British Phosphate Commission (in sterling)	35,848 11 2
Administration charge	500 0 0	Exchange on annual payment	8,782 17 11
Audit fee	5 0 0		
Balance to Appropriation Account	30,152 14 3		
	£44,631 9 1		£44,631 9 1

Appropriation Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1937.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Redemption of debentures	21,240 0 0	Balance, 1st April, 1936	23,955 5 4
Balance, 31st March, 1937	32,867 19 7	Revenue Account	30,152 14 3
	£54,107 19 7		£54,107 19 7

Balance-sheet as at 31st March, 1937.

Liabilities.	£ s. d.	*Assets.*	£ s. d.
Capital: Debentures at 3½ per cent.	389,675 0 0	Share (16 per cent.), Nauru and Ocean Islands Phosphate Rights (at cost)	565,040 0 0
Interest accrued but not due	2,802 9 2	Proportion of annual payment from British Phosphate Commission accrued but not due	26,886 8 5
Reserve Account	175,365 0 0	Cash (Loans Redemption Account)	8,784 0 4
Appropriation Account	32,867 19 7		
	£600,710 8 9		£600,710 8 9

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, 1936, 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, Controller and Auditor-General.

THE BRITISH PHOSPHATE COMMISSIONERS.

Trading Account for the Year ended 30th June, 1936.

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 the agreement of the 2nd July, 1919	828,817 10 4	Phosphate sales and sundry credits, less freight and insurance, &c.	835,147 16 8
Balance	6,330 6 4		
	£835,147 16 8		£835,147 16 8

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Transferred to Government Appropriation Account	21,588 13 7	Balance brought forward at 1st July, 1935	20,256 7 1
Balance carried forward	4,997 19 10	Balance for year ended 30th June, 1936	6,330 6 4
	£26,586 13 5		£26,586 13 5

Balance-sheet as at 30th June, 1936.

Liabilities.	£ s. d.	*Assets.*	£ s. d.
United Kingdom Government	1,352,077 7 10	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 the agreement of the 2nd July, 1919	3,310,821 5 8
Commonwealth Government	1,352,077 7 10	Sundry debtors and phosphate on consignment	385,132 7 1
New Zealand Government	515,077 3 9	Voyages in progress	10,240 18 4
	3,219,231 19 5	Phosphate and goods in transit	136,291 12 8
Sinking fund for redemption of capital	312,268 0 7	Stocks at Nauru, Ocean Island, and elsewhere	162,916 0 1
Sundry creditors and outstandings	487,239 16 3	Cash at banks and in hand	43,335 12 3
Government Appropriation Account	25,000 0 0		
Trading Account, balance carried forward	4,997 19 10		
	£4,048,737 16 1		£4,048,737 16 1

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.