

STATE FOREST SERVICE—continued.

STATE FORESTS ACCOUNT--continued.

BALANCE-SHEET AS **AT** 31ST MARCH, 1936.

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NOTES.—(1) Lands and standing forests other than areas purchased have been valued as follows: Prairie value, 5s. per acre; protection, £1 per acre; merchantable forest, £10 per acre; accretions during the year have been brought into the accounts at the prairie value of 5s. per acre. (2) Plantations have been valued at cost plus compound interest, less returns compounded. (3) The liability for advances from the Consolidated Fund is fixed by section 21 of the Finance Act, 1926, and section 3 of the Finance Act, 1927, at £104,250. £87,405 3s. 4d. only is shown as a liability of this account, £16,844 16s. 8d. representing the expenditure on sand-dune reclamation having been transferred without statutory authority to the Crown Lands Account.

A. D. McGAVOCK, Director of Forestry.

W. RIACH, A.R.A.N.Z., Accountant.

I hereby certify that the Income and Expenditure 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 enfacéd thereon, and to the explanatory notes dealing with departmental accounts generally as appearing at commencement of parliamentary return B.-1 [Pt. IV]. — J. H. FOWLER, Deputy Controller and Auditor-General.