

Balance-sheet as at 31st March, 1936.

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* In terms of State Advances Corporation Act, 1936, the whole of share capital was acquired by the New Zealand Government, and is now fully paid up.

General Reserve Fund.

At the commencement of the Corporation's lending-operations in September, 1935, this Fund stood at £2,750,010, increased to £2,956,472 as above. At the 27th November, 1936, the Fund had increased to £3,196,594. The whole of this sum is invested in sound local-body securities in the Dominion.

Business transacted.

Up to 31st December, 1936, the aggregate amount of applications received by the Corporation was £13,258,333, made up of—

						Number.	£
Residential ..	..	..	..	..	..	6,238	4,709,550
Farms ..	..	..	..	..	..	4,272	8,548,783
						10,510	13,258,333

Arising from these applications loans have been granted as under :—

under :—						Number.	£
Residential ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,333	2,225,668
Farms ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,628	3,870,270
						4,961	6,095,938

Applications still under action total 1,503, amounting to £1,564,642, and the number declined or postponed for future consideration is 4,046, representing a total sum of £5,597,753.

Profits.

Section 41 of the State Advances Corporation Act, 1936, provides as follows: "After such provision as the Minister of Finance thinks proper has been made for the depreciation of securities or other assets and for such other matters as in his opinion are necessary for the efficient conduct of the business of the Corporation, the surplus for each financial year shall be paid into the Public Account, unless the Minister, in his discretion, authorizes the Board to credit it, in whole or in part, to the General Reserve Fund of the Corporation."

Reference to the Profit and Loss Account figures furnished earlier in this report shows that, after meeting the interest charges on Stock and Debentures and paying working-expenses, the net profit available at the close of the last financial year was approximately £342,000. After providing reserves for income-tax and investment fluctuation the balance is payable to the Crown on account of the contingent liability of £8,927,000, which ranks second to the claims of the holders of Stock and Debentures issued by the Corporation.

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