

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, 1937-1938.

THE PUBLIC DEBT OF NEW ZEALAND.
TABLE I.—STATEMENT OF SECURITIES CHARGED ON THE PUBLIC REVENUES OF NEW ZEALAND AND OUTSTANDING ON 31st MARCH, 1938—continued.

	Amount outstanding.	Due Date.	Annual Charge.		Domicile of Principal.			Remarks.
			Rate of Interest.	Interest.	When payable.	New Zealand.	London.	Australia.
Brought forward ..	£ 290,201,341 19 5 s. d.	..	% ..	£ 11,227,776 s. d.	..	£ 132,461,725 12 3 s. d.	£ 156,857,016 7 2 s. d.	£ 882,600
			..	Amortization Charges.				
				£ 1,782,014* s. d.	Repayment of the Public Debt Act, 1925	..	..	* Estimated.
				458,700†	Funded Debt ..	..	..	† Represents principal repayment also suspended by agreement with Imperial Government.
				11,697‡	State Coal-mines Sinking Fund	..	..	‡ Payable from the State Coal-mines Account. Estimated.
				10,859§	Westport Harbour Sinking Fund	..	..	§ £3,859 sinking fund, 4½ per cent. payable in respect of sinking funds used for redemption; and £7,000 sinking fund, 1 per cent. payable on £700,000 Westport Harbour Loans.
				2,263,270				
Total securities charged on the Public Revenues and outstanding at 31st March, 1938	£ 290,201,341 19 5 s. d.	..	..	£ 13,491,046 s. d.	..	£ 132,461,725 12 3 s. d.	£ 156,857,016 7 2 s. d.	£ 882,600

By the Repayment of the Public Debt Act, 1925, means are provided whereby the whole of the public debt other than that raised for State Advances purposes and those portions for which separate sinking funds exist will be extinguished in approximately sixty years from the time of coming under the provisions of the Act. The total of loans coming within the provisions of the Repayment of the Public Debt Act, 1925, is £216,856,476 12s. The Public Debt Redemption Fund Capital Account established under this Act comprises investments formerly made under section 8 (a) £3,258,955 19s. 4d., 8 (b) £2,000,000, and 8 (c) £7,966,688 11s. 2d.: total, £13,225,644 10s. 6d. Subsections (a) and (b) were repealed by section 10 of the Finance Act, 1937, and the investments under these subsections are now in State Advances Corporation Stock and Contingent Liability. In respect of (b) the amount is subject to realization. The interest on the Redemption Fund capital is paid over to the Consolidated Fund as a set-off against the annual payments made by the latter fund to the Repayment of the Public Debt Account—viz., ½ per cent. of the public debt coming under the provisions of the Act, together with 4 per cent. of the debt redeemed in accordance with the Act.

Sinking funds as indicated exist for the extinction of portions of the debt to which the provisions of the Repayment of the Public Debt Act, 1925, do not apply: State Coal-mines Account, £9,525 10s.; Electric Supply Account, £11,679 15s. 1d.; Westport Harbour Account, £343,458 6s. 6d.; Samoan Loan Suspense Account, £4 11s. 9d.; total, £364,638 3s. 4d., particulars of which appear on pages 12 and 13.

In addition to the special sinking funds mentioned above, special provision exists for the repayment of that portion of the debt funded by agreement with the Imperial Government, particulars of which are given on page 10. It is estimated that this portion of the debt would under the original agreement be extinguished during the financial year ending on the 31st March, 1958. Payments have been suspended by arrangement with the Imperial Government.

TABLE II.—ADVANCES BY THE RESERVE BANK TO THE GOVERNMENT BY WAY OF OVERDRAFT OUTSTANDING ON 31st MARCH, 1938.

Authority for Advances.		Particulars of Advances.		Amount.	
				Account.	
Primary Products Marketing Act, 1936, Section 10 ..	..	Advances in respect of dairy-produce purchased for export and sale	..	Dairy Industry Account	£ 5,144,549 9 10 s. d.
Primary Products Marketing Amendment Act, 1937, Section 9	..	Advances in respect of primary products purchased for sale	..	Internal Marketing Account	56,299 7 7
Total advances as at 31st March, 1938	..	..	..	..	£5,200,848 17 5