

those returns. It appears to be to enable you to select a few cases of claims to be paid, and so give a little temporary relief from the pressure of immediate liabilities; it can afford little from the pressure of the more serious liabilities; and as much of the period over which the advances from the General Government was to extend has passed away, I have to remind you that the position of the Provincial Government in September next will be highly embarrassing, and that it is becoming extremely anxious to learn what steps the General Government proposes to take in order to enable the Provincial Government to make permanent provision for the settlement of the balance of the unsecured debt. I trust you will put me in possession of the views of your Government by the return of this mail.

I have, &c.,

J. A. R. MENZIES,  
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,  
Auckland.

PROVINCE OF SOUTHLAND—OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS.

*General Revenue Account.*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Contracts - - - - -	2,550	3	1			
Salaries - - - - -	1,520	6	10			
Miscellaneous - - - - -	1,393	6	0			
Secured to Bank of New Zealand by private individuals - - - - -	800	0	0			
Promissory Note - - - - -	10,000	0	0			
Immigration - - - - -	689	0	0			
				16,952	15	11

*Bluff Harbour and Invercargill Railway Account.*

Contracts and Miscellaneous Accounts - - - - -	16,064	0	0			
Freight - - - - -	1,157	1	7			
London Agent's Drafts - - - - -	6,654	4	11			
				23,875	6	6

*Oreti Railway Account.*

Compensation to Land Owners, &c. - - - - -				4,858	12	2
				£45,686	14	7

Treasury, 10th August, 1864.

W. F. TARLTON,  
Provincial Treasurer.

PROVINCE OF SOUTHLAND.—CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS.

*General Revenue Account.*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Roads to complete existing Contracts - - - - -	5,060	11	8						
Loan to Town Board guaranteed by Provincial Government - - - - -	10,000	0	0						
Immigration - - - - -	1,000	0	0						
				16,060	11	8			
Outstanding Accounts, as per statement attached - - - - -				16,952	15	11			
							33,013	7	7

*Bluff Harbour and Invercargill Railway Account*

Freight - - - - -	1,350	7	0						
Storage of Material - - - - -	300	0	0						
Sinking Fund on Loan of £140,000 - - - - -	2,800	0	0						
Balance to complete Existing Contracts - - - - -	25,000	0	0						
				29,450	7	0			
Outstanding Accounts, as per statement attached - - - - -				23,875	6	6			
							53,325	13	6

*Oreti Railway Account.*

Balance to complete Existing Contracts, - - - - -	43,500	0	0						
Outstanding Accounts as per statement attached - - - - -	4,858	12	2						
				48,358	12	2			
				£134,697	13	3			

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