RETURN showing (1) Particulars of the Public Debt of the Colony on 30th June, 1878; (2) the several Increases and Decreases between that Date and the 31st March, 1890, whether arising from New Loans, or the Conversion of Old Loans, or from paying off any Loan; (3) the Rate of Interest and Sinking Fund payable in respect of each Loan; (4) Particulars of the Public Debt on 31st March, 1890, showing in respect of each Loan (*a*) the Annual Charge for Interest and Sinking Fund, (*b*) the Amount of Outstanding Debt, (*c*) the due Date thereof, (*d*) the accrued Sinking Fund, and (*e*) the Net Debt.

No.	Authority.	Amount authorised.	Date of Issue.	Public Debt at 30th June, 1878. Amount.		Annual Charge. Int.	Annual Charge. S.F.	Increases to 31st Mar., 1890. From New Loans.	Increases to 31st Mar., 1890. From Conversions.	Decreases to 31st March, 1890. Loans converted into 4-per-cent. Inscribed Stock. Date.	Amount.	Terms.	Loans converted into Short-dated Debentures pending Inscription into 4-per-cent. Stock. Date.	Amount.	Terms.	Loans paid off. Date.	Amount.
		£		£	£			£	£		£			£			£
1	Ordinance of Legislative Council		..	..	311	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2	New Zealand Loan Act, 1856	500,000	..	300,000	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 Jan., 1888	300,000
			..	25,000	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 Oct., „	25,000
			..	25,000	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 Jan., 1889	25,000
			1 July, 1859	50,000	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 July, „	50,000
			1 Oct., „	50,000	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 Oct., „	50,000
			1 July, 1864	50,000	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
					500,000												
3	New Zealand Loan Act, 1860	150,000	1 July, 1861	..	93,100	6	2	..	..	1 May, 1886	19,000	109	..	..	..	..	..
4	New Zealand Loan Act, 1863	3,000,000	15 July, 1864	488,000	..	5	1	..	..	1 May, „	65,600	112½	15 Jan., 1886	43,600	A	..	..
			1 Nov., 1865	500,000	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			15 Mar., 1866	201,500	..	6	2	..	..	1 May, 1886	46,700	109	..	..	..	..	..
			15 June, 1867	236,000	..	6	2	..	..	1 May, „	47,600	109	..	..	..	..	..
			15 Dec., „	93,900	..	6	2	..	..	1 May, „	20,100	109	..	..	..	..	..
					1,519,400												
5	New Zealand Consolidated Loan Act, 1867—																
	English issue	7,288,100	..	..	6,531,400	5	1	..	..	1 May, 1886	38,200	106	15 April, 1885	3,651,700	B	1879–90	1,017,300
													15 April, 1886	562,400	C		
	Colonial issue	77,000	1 Jan., 1873	64,000	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			15 April, „	13,000	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
					77,000												
6	Public Debts Act, 1867—																
	Auckland Loan Act, 1863	500,000	1 July, 1863	..	31,600	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Wellington Loan Act, 1866	50,000	1 July, 1866	..	13,500	8	2	..	..	..	..	..	1 July, 1886	13,500	100	..	..
	Nelson Waterworks Loan Act, 1864	20,000	..	..	6,200	8	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1880–81	6,200
	Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan Ordinance, 1860	300,000	Various ..	..	77,700	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Canterbury Loan Ordinance, 1862	500,000	„ ..	..	22,800	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Otago Loan Ordinance, 1862	500,000	1 July, 1863	..	116,700	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7	Immigration and Public Works Loan Act, 1870	4,000,000															
	Guaranteed by Imperial Government .. £1,000,000	..	1 June, 1871	..	200,000	4	2·4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			1 June, 1873	..	..	4	2·4	800,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Colonial issue 400,000	..	15 April, „	372,100	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			1875–78.	25,700	..	4½	..	2,200	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
					397,800												
	Consolidated Loan of 1867 2,100,000	Included	in No. 5.														
	4½-per-cent. Five-thirties 500,000	Included	in No. 12.														
	£24,000,000																
8	Defence and Other Purposes Loan Act, 1870	1,000,000															
	Consolidated Loan of 1867 .. .. £600,000	Included	in No. 5.														
	5-per-cent. Five-thirties 250,000	Included	in No. 13.														
	Colonial issue 150,000	..	..	50,000	..	5½	..	..	..	..	..	..	31 Dec., 1885	50,000	100	..	..
			15 April, 1873	75,000	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	£1,000,000		1 July, 1880	20,000	..	4½	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			25 June, 1881	5,000	..	4½	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
					150,000												
9	Immigration and Public Works Loan Act, 1873	2,000,000															
	5-per-cent. Five-thirties £500,000	Included	in No. 13.														
	4½ „ „ 1,500,000	Included	in No. 12.														
	£2,000,000																
10	General Purposes Loan Act, 1873..	750,000															
	5-per-cent. Five-thirties £500,000	Included	in No. 13.														
	Colonial issue 250,000	..	15 May, 1874	12,300	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			..	49,500	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	15 Dec., 1888	49,500	100	..	..
	£750,000		..	20,900	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	28 Nov., 1884	20,900	100	..	..
			15 Oct., 1873	18,500	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			..	6,200	..	4½	..	..	..	..	..	..	15 Oct., 1885	6,200	100	..	..
			..	87,900	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	28 Nov., 1884	87,900	100	..	..
			..	54,700	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
					250,000												
11	North Otago District Public Works Loan Act, 1872 ..	70,000	..	..	43,900	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1878–83	43,900
12	*Four-and-a-half-per-cent. Five-thirties*—																
	Immigration and Public Works Loan Act, 1870 ..	See No. 7	..	500,000	..	..	..	..	..	1 Feb., 1884	3,053,900	103					
	„ „ 1873 ..	See No. 9	..	1,500,000	..	..	..	..	..	1 Feb., 1886	1,891,200	101	..	..	..	..	..
	„ „ 1874 ..	4,000,000	..	4,000,000	..	..	..	..	..	1 Aug., „	1,054,900	F					
					6,000,000	4½											
13	*Five-per-cent. Five-thirties*—																
	Defence and Other Purposes Loan Act, 1870 ..	See No. 8	..	250,000	..	..	..	..	..	15 Jan., 1884	504,400	103½					
	Immigration and Public Works Loan Act, 1873 ..	See No. 9	..	500,000	..	..	..	..	..	15 Jan., 1885	745,600	102½	..	..	..	..	..
	General Purposes Loan Act, 1873	See No. 10	..	500,000	..	..	..	..	..								
					1,250,000	5	..	..	..								
14	*Five-per-cent. Ten-forties*—																
	New Zealand Loan Act, 1876	1,000,000	1 Mar., 1878	1,000,000													
	„ „ 1877	2,500,000	1 Mar., „	2,500,000													
					3,500,000	5	..	..	..	1 May, 1886	1,292,700	102	..	..	..	1 Mar., 1890	*2,207,300
15	Westland Loan Act, 1873	50,000	15 April, 1874	..	50,000	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
16	Nelson Loan Act, 1874	27,000	23 Mar., 1876	15,000	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			..	3,000	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	12 April, 1885	3,000	100	..	..
					18,000												
17	Wellington Debts Act, 1876	58,000	..	16,500	..	5											
			..	25,000	..	5											
			..	16,500	..	5											
					58,000												
18	New Zealand Loan Act, 1879	5,000,000	1 Nov., 1879	..	..	5	..	5,000,000	..	1 Nov., 1879	4,476,000	120					
										1 May, 1886	136,000	103	..	..	..	1 Nov., 1889	388,000
19	Treasury Bills—																
	Treasury Bills Extended Currency Act, 1873	400,000	..	400,000													
	„ „ 1876	172,000	..	172,000													
	Appropriation Act, 1876	110,000	..	110,000													
	Financial Arrangements Act, 1876	150,000	..	150,000		about 5	..	..	..	31 Dec., 1883	1,832,000	100	..	..	..	..	..
					832,000												
	Treasury Bills Act, 1879	800,000	..	..	..			800,000	..								
	„ „ 1880	200,000	..	..	..			200,000	..								
20	New Zealand State Forests Act, 1885	..	1886–89	..	..	5	..	8,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
21	District Railways Purchasing Acts, 1885, 1886	..	1885–86	..	..	4	..	357,487	..	1 Nov., 1886	242,800	G	..	..	..	1888–89	87
								35,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
								40,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
22	New Zealand Colonial Inscribed Stock Loan Act, 1882 ..	250,000	..	..	..	5	..	250,000	..	..	..	..	1 Nov., 1888	250,000	100	..	..
23	Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886	..	1887–90	..	..	5	..	250,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
24	Public Revenues Act, 1886	150,000	9 Oct., 1886	..	..	4½	..	100,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			9 Oct., „	..	..	5	..	50,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
25	Public Revenues Act, 1887 (No. 3)	400,000	1 Mar., 1888	..	..	4	..	400,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
26	New Zealand Consolidated Stock Act, 1877 (4 per cents)—																
	New Loans—																
	New Zealand Loan Act, 1882	3,000,000	1 Nov., 1882	..	..	4	..	1,000,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			1 Nov., 1882	..	..	4	..	1,000,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			1 Nov., 1884	..	..	4	..	1,000,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	„ 1884	1,500,000	1 May, 1885	..	..	4	..	1,500,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	„ 1886	1,325,000	1 Nov., 1886	..	..	4	..	1,325,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	„ 1888	1,000,000	1 May, 1888	..	..	4	..	1,000,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	North Island Main Trunk Railway, 1882	1,000,000	1 May, „	..	..	4	..	1,000,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Conversions	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16,739,255	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
27	New Zealand Consolidated Stock Act, 1877 (3½ per cents)—																
	To redeem balances of loans of 1876, 1877, and 1879 ..	..	1 Jan., 1890	..	..	..	..	2,700,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Expenses	..	..	..	..	..	..	70,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
28	New Zealand Consolidated Stock, 1884—																
	English issue—Conversions	..	15 April, 1885	..	..	5	..	..	3,651,700	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	„	..	15 Jan., 1886	..	..	5	..	..	43,600	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	„	..	15 April, „	..	..	5	..	..	562,400	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	„	..	28 Nov., 1884	..	..	4½	..	..	20,900	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Colonial issue—Conversions	..	28 Nov., „	..	..	4½	..	..	87,900	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	„	..	12 April, 1885	..	..	4½	..	..	3,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	„	..	15 Oct., „	..	..	5	..	..	6,200	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	„	..	31 Dec., „	..	..	4½ & 5	..	..	50,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	„	..	1 July, 1886	..	..	5	..	..	13,500	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	„	..	1 Nov., 1888	..	..	5	..	..	250,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	„	..	15 Dec., „	..	..	4½	..	..	49,500	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	„	..	Various ..	..	..	4½	..	44,700	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	New Loans	..	„ ..	..	..	5	..	94,384	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Totals	..	..	..	21,739,411	..	..	19,826,771	21,477,955	..	15,466,700	..	..	4,738,700	..	..	4,170,787

No.	Authority.	When due.	Public Debt at 31st March, 1890. Amount.		Annual Charge. Interest.	Annual Charge. S.F.	Sinking Funds accrued.	Net Debt.	No.	Authority.	Remarks.
			£	£	£	£	£	£			
1	Ordinance of Legislative Council	On presentation	..	311	..	..	..	311	1	Ordinance of Legislative Council	
2	New Zealand Loan Act, 1856	1 July, 1894	50,000								The accumulations of Sinking Fund now enable the Trustees not only to dispense with further contributions from the colony, but to pay the interest of the loan.
				50,000	..	..	78,192	*Cr.* 28,192	2	New Zealand Loan Act, 1856	
3	New Zealand Loan Act, 1860	1 July, 1891	..	74,100	4,446	..	84,854	*Cr.* 10,754	3	New Zealand Loan Act, 1860	
4	New Zealand Loan Act, 1863	15 July, 1914	378,800	..	18,940	3,788					A. Six years' currency to 15th January, 1892; then to be converted into 4-per-cent. Inscribed Stock at 110.
		1 Nov., 1915	500,000	..	20,000	..					
		15 Mar., 1891	154,800	..	9,288	3,096					
		15 June, „	188,400	..	11,304	3,768					
		15 Dec., „	73,800	..	4,428	1,476					
				1,295,800			694,126	601,674	4	New Zealand Loan Act, 1863	
5	New Zealand Consolidated Loan Act, 1867—								5	New Zealand Consolidated Loan Act, 1867	
	English issue	Annual drawings	..	1,261,800	179,920	72,831	618	1,261,182		English issue.	B. Seven years' currency to 15th April, 1892; then to be converted into 4-per-cent. Inscribed Stock at 107.
		1 Jan., 1893	64,000	..	3,200	..					
		15 April, 1913	13,000	..	520	..					
				77,000	..	..	..	77,000		Colonial issue.	C. Six years' currency to 15th April, 1892; then to be converted into 4-per-cent. Inscribed Stock at 107.
6	Public Debts Act, 1867—								6	Public Debts Act, 1867	
	Auckland Loan Act, 1863	1 June, 1896	..	31,600	1,896	632	21,401	10,199		Auckland Loan Act, 1863.	
	Wellington Loan Act, 1866	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		Wellington Loan Act, 1866.	
	Nelson Waterworks Loan Act, 1864	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		Nelson Waterworks Loan Act, 1864.	
	Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan Ordinance, 1860	D	..	77,700	4,662	1,554	67,822	9,878		Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan Ordinance, 1860.	
	Canterbury Loan Ordinance, 1862	E	..	22,800	1,368	228	5,934	16,866		Canterbury Loan Ordinance, 1862.	
	Otago Loan Ordinance, 1862	1 July, 1898	..	116,700	7,002	1,167	63,162	53,538		Otago Loan Ordinance, 1862.	D. 1st July, 1893 .. .. £28,700 1st July, 1894 .. .. 21,300 1st January, 1896 .. .. 18,500 1st January, 1897 .. .. 9,200 77,700
7	Immigration and Public Works Loan Act, 1870								7	Immigration and Public Works Loan Act, 1870	
	Guaranteed by Imperial Government	1 June, 1907	200,000							Guaranteed by Imperial Government.	E. 2nd January, 1915 .. .. £10,600 2nd July, 1916 .. .. 12,200 22,800
		1 June, „	800,000								
				1,000,000	40,000	24,000	226,076	773,924			
		15 April, 1913	372,100	..	14,884	..					
		15 April, „	27,900	..	1,255	..					
				400,000	..	..	..	400,000		Colonial issue.	
	Consolidated Loan of 1867										
	4½-per-cent. Five-thirties										
	£24,000,000										
8	Defence and Other Purposes Loan Act, 1870								8	Defence and Other Purposes Loan Act, 1870	
	Consolidated Loan of 1867										
	5-per-cent. Five-thirties										
	Colonial issue	..	..	..	..	..					
		15 April, 1913	75,000	..	3,000	..					
	£1,000,000	1 July, 1910	20,000	..	900	..					
		1 July, „	5,000	..	225	..					
				100,000	..	..	..	100,000		Colonial issue.	
9	Immigration and Public Works Loan Act, 1873								9	Immigration and Public Works Loan Act, 1873	
	5-per-cent. Five-thirties										
	4½ „ „										
	£2,000,000										
10	General Purposes Loan Act, 1873..								10	General Purposes Loan Act, 1873	
	5-per-cent. Five-thirties										
	Colonial issue	15 May, 1914	12,300	..	492	..					
		..	..	..	..	..					
	£750,000	..	..	..	..	..					
		15 Oct., 1913	18,500	..	740	..					
		..	..	..	..	..					
		..	..	..	..	..					
		28 Nov., 1914	54,700	..	2,735	..					
				85,500	..	..	..	85,500		Colonial issue.	
11	North Otago District Public Works Loan Act, 1872 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	North Otago District Public Works Loan Act, 1872 ..	
12	*Four-and-a-half-per-cent. Five-thirties*—										
	Immigration and Public Works Loan Act, 1870 ..								12	*Four-and-a-half-per-cent. Five-thirties*	F. Incomplete.
	„ „ 1873 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..			
	„ „ 1874 ..										
13	*Five-per-cent. Five-thirties*—										
	Defence and Other Purposes Loan Act, 1870 ..										
	Immigration and Public Works Loan Act, 1873 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	*Five-per-cent. Five-thirties*	
	General Purposes Loan Act, 1873										
14	*Five-per-cent. Ten-forties*—										
	New Zealand Loan Act, 1876								14	*Five-per-cent. Ten-forties*	* £2,114,900 in cash, and £92,400 of debentures accepted at par.
	„ „ 1877	..	..	..	..	..	..	..			
15	Westland Loan Act, 1873	15 April, 1894	..	50,000	2,500	..	..	50,000	15	Westland Loan Act, 1873	
16	Nelson Loan Act, 1874	23 Mar., 1896	15,000								
		..	..	..	..	..					
				15,000	1,050	..	..	15,000	16	Nelson Loan Act, 1874	
17	Wellington Debts Act, 1876										
									17	Wellington Debts Act, 1876	
18	New Zealand Loan Act, 1879	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	New Zealand Loan Act, 1879	
19	Treasury Bills—										
	Treasury Bills Extended Currency Act, 1873										
	„ „ 1876										
	Appropriation Act, 1876										
	Financial Arrangements Act, 1876	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	Treasury Bills	
	Treasury Bills Act, 1879										
	„ „ 1880										
20	New Zealand State Forests Act, 1885	1 Mar., 1898	..	8,000	400	..	..	8,000	20	New Zealand State Forests Act, 1865	
21	District Railways Purchasing Acts, 1885, 1886	1 April, 1905	114,600	..	4,584	..	..	..	21	District Railways Purchasing Acts, 1885, 1886	G. Included with issue of £1,325,000 authorised by New Zealand Loan Act, 1886. † At 6½ per cent. ‡ At 6 per cent.
		1 Oct., 1896	35,000	..	2,188†	..	..	..			
		1 July, 1909	40,000	..	2,400‡	..	..	..			
				189,600	..	..	..	189,600			
22	New Zealand Colonial Inscribed Stock Loan Act, 1882 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	New Zealand Colonial Inscribed Stock Loan Act, 1882 ..	
23	Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886	1 Mar., 1892	..	250,000	12,500	..	..	250,000	23	Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886	
24	Public Revenues Act, 1886	10 Oct., 1891	100,000	..	4,500	..					
		1 Oct., 1891	50,000	..	2,500	..					
				150,000	..	..	..	150,000	24	Public Revenues Act, 1886	
25	Public Revenues Act, 1887 (No. 3)	1 Mar., 1893	..	400,000	16,000	..	..	400,000	25	Public Revenues Act, 1887 (No. 3)	
26	New Zealand Consolidated Stock Act, 1877 (4 per cents)—										
	New Loans—										
	New Zealand Loan Act, 1882	1 Nov., 1929	1,000,000								
		1 Nov., „	1,000,000								
		1 Nov., „	1,000,000								
	„ 1884	1 Nov., „	1,500,000								
	„ 1886	1 Nov., „	1,325,000								
	„ 1888	1 Nov., „	1,000,000								
	North Island Main Trunk Railway, 1882	1 Nov., „	1,000,000								
	Conversions	1 Nov., „	16,739,255								
				34,564,255	982,570	..	..	24,564,255	26	New Zealand Consolidated Stock Act, 1877 (4 per cents) ..	
27	New Zealand Consolidated Stock Act, 1877 (3½ per cents)—										
	To redeem balances of loans of 1876, 1877, and 1879 ..	1 Jan., 1940	2,700,000	..	..	..	..	..			
	Expenses	1 Jan., „	70,000	..	..	..	..	..			
				2,770,000	96,950	..	..	2,770,000	27	New Zealand Consolidated Stock Act, 1877 (3½ per cents) ..	
28	New Zealand Consolidated Stock Act, 1884—										
	English issue—Conversions	15 April, 1892	3,651,700	..	182,585	..	..	..		..	Convertible into 4-per-cent. Inscribed Stock at 107.
	„	15 Jan., „	43,600	..	2,180	..	..	..		..	Convertible into 4-per-cent. Inscribed Stock at 110.
	„	15 April, „	562,400	..	28,150	..	..	..		..	Convertible into 4-per-cent. Inscribed Stock at 107.
	„	28 Nov., 1891	20,900	..	940	..	..	..			
	Colonial issue—Conversions	28 Nov., „	87,900	..	3,955	..	..	..			
	„	28 Nov., „	3,000	..	135	..	..	..			
	„	28 Nov., „	6,200	..	310	..	..	..			
	„	28 Nov., „	50,000	..	2,375	..	..	..			
	„	28 Nov., „	13,500	..	675	..	..	..			
	„	1 Nov., 1895	250,000	..	12,500	..	..	..			
	„	28 Nov., 1891	49,500	..	2,228	..	..	..			
	„	28 Nov., „	44,700	..	2,012	..	..	..			
	New Loans	28 Nov., „	894,384	..	37,519	..	..	..			
	„			5,677,784	..	..	144,000	5,533,784	28	New Zealand Consolidated Stock Act, 1884	
	Totals	..	..	38,667,950	1,734,881	112,540	1,386,185	37,281,765			

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