BALANCE-SHEET, 31ST MARCH, 1897. BANK OF NEW ZEALAND.

£23,474 T 4		£23,474 T 4
23,418 4 11 e 56 2 5	Balance from year ending 31st March, 1896 Balance of "Premium Account" received from London, credited in terms of "The Bank of New Zealand and Banking Act, 1895"	Balance 23,474 7 4
	VE FUND.	Reserve
£96,974 19 11		£96,974 19 11
56,891 2 1	Profits for the year ended 31st March, 1897, including recoveries, and after payment of and provision for all interest due and accrued on deposits and guaranteed stock, provision for bad and doubtful debts, and writing down of Bank Furniture Account 56,891	
8. d, 8. s. d. 2 1	Balance from year ending 31st March, 1896 52,576 Less amount disallowed upon the adjustment of the price to be paid by the Assets Board in terms of "The Bank of New Zealand and Banking Act, 1895".	Three months' dividend to 31st March, 1896, on preferred share capital 4,375 0 0 Net balance of profits at 31st March, 1896, paid to Assets Realisation Board in terms of "The Bank of New Zealand and Banking Act, 1895," section 11 35,708 17 0 Twelve months' dividend to 31st March, 1897, on preferred share capital 17,500 0 0 Balance for year ended 31st March, 1897
	31sт Мавсн, 1897.	Profit and Loss,
213,635,305 14 2		£13,635,305 14 2
68,445 0 0 105,481 7 5 75,000 0 0	Colonial Bank, property and premises (book value)	7 100,60
4,141 5 8 442,851 16 6 580,065 5 10		ulation
3,509,301 11 3 2,649,881 13 4 4,509,895 10 4	Bills receivable and bills discounted	Nominal reserve liability on shares \$10,000 3 7 Reserve Fund invested in Government securities 23,474 7 4 Note is circulation.
15.	Colonial Government securities 780,948 18 5 Assets Realisation Board debentures 2,680,285 6 9 Municipal securities 15,567 6 1 Other securities 32,500 0 0	New Zealand and Banking Act, 1895" 500,000 0 0 Amount paid to date 244,141 2 1 244,141 2 1 2.744,141 2 1
2 8. d. 1,557,591 5 8 132,650 18 2 E	Coin and cash balances at banker's	Capital————————————————————————————————————

We hereby certify that, having carefully examined the foregoing balance-sheet and statements, we are satisfied that they have been correctly compiled from the books and accounts of the bank, and that the balance-sheet is a full and fair balance-sheet, properly drawn up, and exhibits a true and correct view of the state of the bank's affairs at the date thereof.

Dated this 23rd day of July, 1897. 1. That, having carefully examined the foregoing balance-sheet and statements, I am satisfied that they have been correctly compiled from the books and accounts of the bank.

2. That I am also satisfied that the said balance-sheet is a full and fair balance-sheet, 2. That I am also satisfied that the said balance-sheet is a full and fair balance-sheet, properly drawn up, and exhibits a true and correct view of the state of the bank's affairs at the

H. CALLENDER, for the General Manager. RICHARD W. GIBBS, Accountant.

3. That I have verified so much of the cash, investments, securities, and assets of the bank as at the date of the said balance-sheet were held at the Head Office in Wellington, and have had access to certified returns of so much thereof as were then held at the various branches and agencies of the bank, or were then in transit.

J. M. BUIT,

date thereof

of New Zealand Share Guarantee Act, 1894," do hereby certify

J. M. BUTT, Colonial Auditor.

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