

SESS. II.—1897.  
NEW ZEALAND.

THE PUBLIC DEBT OF THE COLONY  
(RETURN SHOWING PARTICULARS OF).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated 19th November, 1897.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing—(1) Particulars of the public debt of the colony on the 30th June, 1878; (2) the several increases and decreases between that date and the 31st March, 1896 (? 1897), whether arising from new loans or the conversion of old loans, or from paying off of any loan; (3) the rate of interest and sinking fund payable in respect of each loan; (4) particulars of the public debt at the 31st March, 1897, 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: being continuation of return B.—16, 1896."—(Mr. J. ALLEN.)

STATEMENT of the Securities in which the Sinking Funds of the several Loans were invested on the 31st March, 1897.

						£	s.	d.
Investments in—								
New Zealand	5-per-cent. Debentures	..	..	..	..	20,250	0	0
"	4½-per-cent. Debentures	..	..	..	..	38,891	0	0
"	4-per-cent. Debentures	..	..	..	..	4,585	0	0
"	4-per-cent. Inscribed Stock	..	..	..	..	106,685	10	3
"	3½-per-cent. Inscribed Stock	..	..	..	..	1,291	9	3
Treasury Bills,	3½-per-cent.	..	..	..	..	42,249	0	0
County of Tauranga	5-per-cent. Debentures	..	..	..	..	1,460	0	0
County of Waitemata	6-per-cent. Debentures	..	..	..	..	580	0	0
City of Dunedin	Mortgage 7-per-cent. Debentures	..	..	..	..	3,300	0	0
Borough of Brunner	6-per-cent. Debentures	..	..	..	..	970	0	0
Borough of Hawera	6-per-cent. Debentures	..	..	..	..	4,000	0	0
Borough of Hokitika	6-per-cent. Debentures	..	..	..	..	2,080	0	0
Borough of Palmerston North	5-per-cent. Debentures	..	..	..	..	1,100	0	0
Borough of Patea	6-per-cent. Debentures	..	..	..	..	5,000	0	0
Borough of Thames	5½-per-cent. Debentures	..	..	..	..	2,200	0	0
Borough of Tauranga	5-per-cent. Debentures	..	..	..	..	2,200	0	0
Westport Harbour Board	5-per-cent. Debentures	..	..	..	..	7,650	0	0
Wellington and Manawatu Railway Company	5-per-cent. Debentures	..	..	..	..	17,455	0	0
Waimakariri-Ashley Water-supply	5-per-cent. Debentures	..	..	..	..	990	0	0
Canada	3-per-cent. Stock	..	..	..	..	28,936	19	1
Canada	3½-per-cent. Stock	..	..	..	..	34,022	11	8
Canada	4-per-cent. Stock	..	..	..	..	60,000	0	0
Canada	4-per-cent. Debentures	..	..	..	..	18,200	0	0
New South Wales	3-per-cent. Stock	..	..	..	..	15,899	9	10
New South Wales	3½-per-cent. Stock	..	..	..	..	83,393	15	8
New South Wales	4-per-cent. Stock	..	..	..	..	5,486	6	7
New South Wales	4-per-cent. Debentures	..	..	..	..	20,800	0	0
South Australia	3-per-cent. Stock	..	..	..	..	18,281	8	5
South Australia	3½-per-cent. Stock	..	..	..	..	37,216	16	0
South Australia	4-per-cent. Stock	..	..	..	..	4,851	0	5
South Australia	4-per-cent. Debentures	..	..	..	..	24,700	0	0
Victoria	3½-per-cent. Stock	..	..	..	..	63,551	5	5
Victoria	4-per-cent. Stock	..	..	..	..	43,233	17	4
Victoria	4-per-cent. Debentures	..	..	..	..	23,000	0	0
Mortgages	..	..	..	..	..	65,700	0	0
						810,210	9	11
Cash balance on 31st March, 1897						4,083	18	1
Total						£814,294	8	0

STATEMENT of Treasury Bills outstanding on 31st March, 1897, showing the Date on which, and the Authority under which, they were issued, and the Date on which they are due.

Date of Issue.	Amount.	Rate of Interest.	Due Date.	Authority for Issue.
1896.	£	£		
June 27 ..	50,000	3½ %	June 30, 1897	"Public Revenues Act, 1891," and amending Acts.
" 30 ..	430,000*	3½ %	" "	
December 31 ..	150,000*	3½ %	Dec. 31 "	
" ..	100,000*	3½ %	Mar. 31, 1898	
Total ..	£730,000			

\* In renewal of former issues.