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, 1897, whether arising from New 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, 1897, showing in respect of each Loan (a) the Annual Charge for Interest and Sinking Fund, (b) the Accrued Sinking Fund, and (e) the Net Debt.

<u> </u>	Amount authorised. Date of Issue.	Public Debt at 30th June, 1878.	Increases to 31st Mar., 180	7. Decreases to 31st March, 1897.					1	ebt at 31st March, 1807.		] 
Authority.		Annual Charge.		Loans converted into or redeemed b	y Loans converted into or redeemed by 34-per-cent. Inscribed Stock.  Loans converted into or redeemed by 4-per-cent. Inscribed Stock.		by Loans converted into Short-dated Debentures.	Loans paid off.	When due. Amount.	Annual Charge. Sinking Funds Net Deb	No. Authority.	Remarks.
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Ordinance of Legislative Council New Zealand Loan Act, 1856	500,000	£ £ 311 300,000 4 25,000 4 25,000 4 25,000 4	£ £	£	£	<u></u>		31 Mar., 1896 311 1 Jan., 1888 300,000 1 Oct., , , 25,000 1 Jan., 1889 25,000	£ £	£ £ £	1 Ordinance of Legislative Council.	
3 New Zealand Loan Act, 1860	1 July, 1859 1 Oct., 864 150,000 1 July, 1861 1.5 July, 1864	50,000 50,000 500,000 93,100 6	2		1 July, 1894 50,000 1 July, 1891 74,100	104 1 May, 1886 19,000 109 1154 1 May, 1886 65,600 112 115	) 15 Jan., 1886 43,600 A	1 July, " 50,000 1 Oct., " 50,000			2 New Zealand Loan Act, 1856. 3 New Zealand Loan Act, 1860.	A. Six years' currency to 15th January, 1892; then converted into 4-per-cent. Inscribed Stock at 110.
5 New Zealand Consolidated Loan Act, 1867— English issue	1 Nov., 1865 15 Mar., 1866 15 June, 1867 15 Dec.,	201,500 6			1896   1,400   1   1 Nov., 1892   500,000   1   15 Mar., 1891   154,800   1   15 Dec.   4,900   1   15 Dec.   68,900   1   1 Jan., 1891   200   15 April, 1894   33,300   1   1 Jan., 1894   271,000   1   27,600   1   7,600   1   4,600   1   7,500   1	111		1879-96 1,222,858	15 July, 1914		5 New Zealand Consolidated Loan Act, II Consolidated Loan Act, II English issue.	867.  B. Seven years' currency to 15th April, 1892; then converted into 4-per-cent. Inscribed Stock at 107.  C. Six years' currency to 15th April, 1892; then converted into 4-per-cent. Inscribed Stock at 107.
Colonial issue  Public Debts Act, 1867— Auckland Loan Act, 1863	77,000 1 Jan., 1878 15 April, ~ 500,000 1 July, 1863	64,000 18,000 77,000 31,600 6 2		:: :: :: :: :: :: :: :: :: :: :: :: ::	1 Jan., 1895 51,000 11 15 April, 1895 44,686 11 15 April, 1896 68,786 11 1 Jan., 1898 64,000 11 1891 11,800 11 1894 2,000 11	000 000 006 1.14 0.09			15 April, 1913 15,00	13,00	Colonial issue. 6 Public Debts Act, 1867—	
Wellington Loan Act, 1866	50,000 1 July, 1866 20,000 Various	13,500 8 2 6,200 8 2 77,700 6 2		:: :: ::	1895 1,000 16 1896 16,800  1891 200 16 , 6,000 11			1880-81 6,200 1893 28,500 1894 15,200 1896 18,600			Auckland Loan Act, 1863. Wellington Loan Act, 1866. Nelson Waterworks Loan Act, 1864.	
Canterbury Loan Ordinance, 1862	500,000 " 500,000 1 July, 1863	22,800 6 1			1891 5,800 18 1895 1,000 12 1891 1,000 11 	25 16½		1897 4,700	D 16,00		way Loan Ordinance, 1860	at 31st March, 1897.
7 Immigration and Public Works Loan Act, 1870 £1,000, Guaranteed by Imperial Government £1,000, Colonial issue 400,	1 June, 1873	200,000 4 2.4 4 2.4 372,100 4	800,000		1,000 10 1895 2,500 10 1896 1,600 10	05 <sup>*</sup> 06		: : :	1 July, 1898 72,200 1 June, 1907 200,000 1 June, 800,000 15 April, 1913 372,100		7 Immigration and Public Works Loan Act, 1870-	Further contributions of Sinking Fund not required.
Consolidated Loan of 1867 2,100, 4½-per-cent. Five-thirties	Included in No. 12.	397,800	2,200						15 April, , 27,900 400,000	0 16,140 400,000	i i	
5-per-cent. Five-thirties 250, Colonial issue	1,000,000 in No. 5. in No. 13. 15 April, 1873 1 July, 1880 25 June, 1881	50,000 5½ 75,000 4½ 5,000 4½ 150,000 4½				· ·	31 Dec., 1885 50,000* 100		15 April, 1913 75,000 1 July, 1910 20,000 1 July, 5,000	D 4,125 100,000	8 Defence and Other Purposes Loan Act, 1870—	Included in sum of £231,000, No. 35.
4½ " " 1,500, £2,000,	000		,.								9 Immigration and Public Works Loan Act, 1873.	
General Purposes Loan Act, 1873    5-per-cent. Five-thirties	000 15 May, 1874	12,300 49,500 20,900 18,500 6,200 87,900 54,700 250,000					15 Dec., 1888 49,500* 100 28 Nov., 1884 20,900* 100 15 Oct., 1885 6,200* 100 28 Nov., 1884 87,900* 100		15 May, 1914 19,200 115 Oct., 1913 18,500 115 Nov., 1914 54,700 85,500	3,967 85,500	10 General Purposes Loan Act, 1875— Colonial issue.	
11 North Otago District Public Works Loan Act, 1872 4½-per-cent. Five-thirities—  Immigration and Public Works Loan Act, 1870 1873 1874  13 5-per-cent. Five-thirities—	4,000,000	500,000				1 Feb., 1884 3,053,900 103 1 Feb., 1886 1,891,200 101 1 Aug , 1,054,900 E		1878-83 43,900			11 North Otago District Public Works Loan Act, 1872.	. Various.
Defence and Other Purposes Loan Act, 1870 Immigration and Public Works Loan Act, 1873 General Purposes Loan Act, 1873  14 5-percent. Ten-forties—	See No. 8 See No. 9 See No. 10	250,000 500,000 500,000 1,250,000 500,000				15 Jan., 1884 504,400 103½ 15 Jan., 1885 745,600 102½					13 5-per-cent. Five-thirties	
# 1877 15 Westiand Loan Act, 1873	2,560,000   1 Mar.,   50,000   15 April, 1874     27,000   23 Mar., 1876	1,000,000 2,500,000 3,500,000  5  15,000  7  18,000  18,000			1 Mar., 1890 2,207,300† 95 10 June, 1891 50,000 107	74	23 Mar., 1896 15,000 100 12 April, 1885 3,000* 100	:: ::	:: :: ::		14 5-per-cent. Ten-forties	£92,400 accepted at par.
Wellington Debts Act, 1876	58,000	16,500 5 25,000 5 16,500 5 58,000 5	5,000,000		1 Nov., 1889 388,000 95	1 Nov., 1879: 4,476,000 120 1 1 May, 1886 136,000 103		1878-79 58,000			17 Wellington Debta Act, 1876. 18 New Zealand Loan Act, 1879.	
Carried forward 2B. 18.		. 20,907,411	5.803.200		4,448,242	13,391,900	4,503.700	1,848,269	2,517,500	111,359 26,898 705,437 1,612,063		