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 21st March, 1897, 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, 1897, showing in respect of each Loan (a) the Annual Charge for Interest and Sinking Fund, (b) the Debt—continued.

No. Authority.	Amount authorised.	Date of Issue.		ublic Debt at 30	oune, 1878.	Increases to	31st Mar., 1897	<u> </u>			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Decreases to 31st March, 1897.							_		Public Debt at 31st March. 1897.			<i>51</i> .				•		
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