1898. NEW ZEALAND.

GOVERNMENT ADVANCES TO SETTLERS ACT

(RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated 5th July, 1898.

Ordered, "That a return be furnished to this House showing (1) what losses (if any) have been made for loans under the Advances to Settlers Act; (2) the total amount paid under the 1-per-cent. repayment fund for the extinction of the loans; (3) the total amount advanced to settlers; (4) the balance remaining, committed and uncommitted."—(Hon. J. G. WARD.)

RETURN showing Losses, &c., under Advances to Settlers Act.

- 1. What losses (if any) have been made for loans under the Advances to Settlers Act?—Nil.
- 2. Total amount paid under the 1-per-cent. repayment fund for the extinction of the loans.—£20,065 9s. 6d.
- 3. Total amount advanced to settlers.—£1,421,520. It may here be mentioned that the amount (£32,254 17s.) advanced in excess of the amount of the loan available for lending purposes, £1,389,265 3s. (£4,836 17s. being still temporarily invested), comprises moneys (repayments of mortgages, and deposits against mortgages) withdrawn from the Public Trustee.
- 4. The balance remaining, committed and uncommitted.—Of the balance remaining (in addition to moneys held by the Public Trustee in respect of mortgages repaid, and deposits against mortgages), £60,405 has been committed, and £10,083 is still uncommitted.

John McGowan, Superintendent.

Government Advances to Settlers Office, Wellington, 7th July 1898.

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