

NATIVE DEPARTMENT—continued
DISTRICT MAORI LAND BOARDS—continued
COMBINED AND SEPARATE BALANCE-SHEETS AS AT 31st MARCH, 1945—continued

Assets

	Totals.	Tokerau.	Waikato- Maniapoto.	Waikariki.	Tairāwhiti.	Aotea.	Karori.	South Island.
Cash balances—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
In hand and in bank ..	17,389	3,418	2,319	1,873	6,169	2,280	7,165	1,465
Imprests at Post Office ..	3,662	165	650	149	539	587	1,412	360
	21,051	3,583	2,969	2,022	6,508	2,867	1,247	1,855
Investments—								
Common Fund—								
Mortgages and charges ..	206,442	9,459	13,958	30,098	55,060	69,310	23,316	5,241
On land with Native Trusts ..	770,338	2,240	11,571	47,517	21,760	4,800	54,344	9,764
Advances on credit to blocks, &c. ..	242,257	13,282	5,725	50,808	1,430	2,633	3,751	204
Government securities ..	28,109	23,865	21,350	40,065	57,387	45,069	18,755	8,650
Particular estates—								
Mortgages ..	15,047	..	7,605	..	..	2,275	5,107	..
Government and other securities ..	56,518	..	..	..	29,323	25,166	1,585	..
	833,212	48,855	101,673	168,766	171,682	211,185	107,348	23,703
Sundry debtors ..	6,390	853	1,732	3,001	..	412	391	1
Interest and instalments (due and accrued) ..	8,218	173	50	7,873	..	..	122	..
	14,608	1,026	1,782	10,874	..	412	513	1
Land and buildings ..	42,183	..	11,083	5,640	10,919	14,146	395	..
Office equipment, &c. ..	18,642	100	4,141	4,640	3,486	3,339	1,949	987
	60,825	100	15,224	10,280	14,405	17,485	2,344	987
Assets of special trusts under—								
Section 105, Native Land Act, 1931 ..	73,707	..	..	73,707	..	94,067	..	..
Section 358, Native Land Act, 1931 ..	136,424	..	..	..	42,357	..	..	..
	210,131	..	..	73,707	42,357	94,067	..	..
Appropriation Account ..	3,601	3,601	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1,143,428	57,165	121,648	265,649	284,952	326,016	111,452	26,546

I hereby certify that the Balance-sheet and accompanying accounts have been compared with the accounts and balance-sheets of the respective Maori Land Boards and correctly state the position as disclosed thereby, subject to the following comments and exceptions:—
Tairāwhiti.—Comment: The Audit Office is unable to certify as to the adequacy of certain securities in the absence of information as to the value of the lands secured.

Exception: In the opinion of the Audit Office the following payments are without authority of law: donation, Rangitukia marae, £10; donation, calf club, £2 2s.; contribution, restoring creek at Waipiro Bay, £5; wreaths, £5 8s.

Tokerau.—Comment: The advances on overdraft are shown at their book value. If called up it is unlikely that they would produce a sum even approximating the figure shown.—J. P. RUTHERFORD, Controller and Auditor-General.

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