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, 1900, 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, 1900, 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—continued.

				Public Debt at 30th June, 1878.				Increases to		Decreases to 31st March, 1900. Public Debt at 31st March								31st March,	eh, 1900.				
N.o.	Authority	Amount	Date of Issue.	10/0.		Annual Charge.				.		Loans converted into or redeemed by			ed by					Annual Charge.		~ ·	
No.	Authority.	authorised.	Data of Issuel	Am	nount.	Int. S.F.		From New Loans.	From Conversions.	Date.	Terms.	3-per-cent. Inscribed Stock.	3½-per-cent. Inscribed Stock.	4-per-cent. Inscribed Stock.	Short-dated Debentures.	Loans paid off.	When due. Amount.		ount.	Interest. S.F.		Sinking Funds accrued.	Net Debt.
27	Brought forward	£ 	1892–94	£ 	£ 21,789,411	$\frac{1}{5}$ $\frac{4\frac{1}{2}}{3\frac{1}{2}}$	•••	£ 9,506,813 9,700 15,000 125,000	£	1899 	• •	£ 367,206 9,700 15,000	£ 4,861,242 	£ 15,466,700 	£ 5,716,000 ···	£ 1,995,856 	31 Oct., 1906	£	£ 2,889,220			£ 944,376	£ 1,894,844
2 8	Land for Settlements Act, 1892	••	1893-94		••	$4\frac{1}{2} \\ 3\frac{1}{2}$	••	$8,690 \\ 45,276$		1897		••	••	••		8,690	31 Oct., 1906		125,000 $45,276$		••	••	125,000 45,276
29	Cheviot Estate Payment Act, 1893	250,000	18 Oct., 1893		••	$\frac{4\frac{1}{2}}{4\frac{1}{2}}$		200,000 50,000		1894 1895	100 100		200,000 50,000							• •		• •	••
30	Land for Settlements Acts, 1894 and 1897	• ••	1894–1900			4 3½ 3½ 3½ 3½ 3½ 4 4	::	24,200 740,090 349,000 62,000 30,000 300,000 56,000		1896 1899 	110 100	24,200 600 					31 Oct., 1906 1 April, 1909 1 April, ; 31 Oct., 1906 1 April, 1902 1 April, 1905	739,490 349,000 62,000 30,000 300,000 56,000	1,536,490	56,430	••	••	1 500 400
31	Lands Improvement and Native Lands Acquisition Act, 1894	500,000	1894–97	- •		$\frac{4}{3\frac{1}{2}}$		383,000 117,000	••	1897		100,000		• •			30 Sept., 1908 30 Sept., "	283,000 117,000	1,550,490		••	••	1,536,490
32	New Zealand Consols Act, 1894	500,000	1894–1900	• • •		33		441,487	•		::.		***	• •			1 Feb., 1910		$\frac{400,000}{441,487}$			••	$400,000 \\ 441,487$
33 34	Bank of New Zealand and Banking Act, 1895 Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Acts, 1896 to 1899	500,000 2,000,000	1895 30 Sept., 1896 21 Dec., " 15 Dec., 1897 21 Feb., 1898 3 Mar., " 11 Mar 5 April, 1898			3 1 1 2 3 3 4 3 3 4 3 3 4 4 3 3 4 4 5 3 4 4 5 5 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6		500,000 250,000 500,000 25,000 100,000 100,000 100,000		1896 1899 	100 100 100 100	25,000 100,000 100,000 10,000 10,000	500,000				1 Feb., 1902 15 Aug., 1921 	250,000 500,000 	•	••		• •	
	New Zealand Consolidated Stock Act, 1877 (4-per-cents)—		31 Oct., " 4 Jan., 1899 15 Jan., 1900 15 Feb., " 15 Mar., "	••		3-1-2 3-1-2 3-1-2 * *		100,000 150,000 100,000 100,000 100,000		1899			••			85,000 	31 Oct., 1903 4 Jan., 1904 15 Jan., 1905 15 Feb., " 15 Mar., "	15,000 150,000 100,000 100,000 100,000	1,215,000	42,525	•	••	1,215,000
35	New Zealand Consolidated Stock Act, 1817 (4-per-cents)— New Loans— New Zealand Loan Act, 1882	3,000,000 1,500,000 1,325,000 1,000,000 1,000,000	(1 Nov., 1882 1 Nov., (1 Nov., 1884 1 May, 1885 1 Nov., 1886 1 May, 1888 1 May, "	 		4 4 4 4 4 4		1,000,000 1,000,000 1,000,000 1,500,000 1,325,000 1,000,000		·· ·· ·· ·· ··		··· ··· ···		 			1 Nov., 1929 1 Nov., " 1 Nov., " 1 Nov., " 1 Nov., " 1 Nov., "	1,000,000 1,000,000 1,000,000 1,500,000 1,325,000 1,000,000					
36	Conversions	••	.1 Jan., 1890	•••		$\frac{4}{3\frac{1}{2}}$			21,325,302 2,768,000						••	••		21,325,302	29,150,302	1,166,012		••	29,150,302
	To redeem balances of loans of 1860, 1863, 1867, and sundry provincial loans	· ··	1891–1900			31/2			3,393,167	••							1 Jan., "	3,393,167	6,161,167	215,641			6,161,167
37	New Zealand Consolidated Stock Act 1877 (3-per-cents)— To make advances to settlers	3,000,000	1895–1900 1896–1900			3 3		1,500,000 1,000,000	3,355,810	}			• •		••		1 April, 1945		5,855,810	§175,674		٠.	5,855,810
38	English issue—Conversions	••	15 April, 1885 15 Jan., 1886 15 April, " 1 Nov., 1888 Various 10 Oct., 1891	 		5 5 5 4 ¹ / ₂ 4 ¹ / ₃			3,651,700 43,600 562,400 250,000 231,000 50,000	1892	107 110 107	••	••	3,651,700 43,600 562,400		••							
	New Loans		1 Mar., 1892 1 Mar., 1896 Various 28 May, 1892 28 May, 1893 28 May, 1894 22 June, 1895 22 June, " 11 June, 1896			4 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2	: : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :	166,706 280,300 284,500 117,800 135,400 10,000 70,300	449,000 478,300	1895 1897 1898	100 100 100	318,816 44,216 2,058,824	109,308	 		61,742	•						
	,,	••	17 July, 1897 1 Sept., 1898 7 June, 1899	••		3½ 3½ 3½ 3½	••	69,600 54,300 50,400	••) ::					• • •		1 Sept., 1905 1 Sept., "	54,300 50,400	104,700	1,900 $1,764$		••	104,700
	Totals		••		21,739,411		••	26,162,562			-		5,720,550		5,716,000		••	-					46,930,076

^{*} One-quarter per cent. over bank rate; varying interest, calculated at 3½ per cent.

The Treasury, Wellington, 14th September, 1900.

James B. Heywood, Secretary to the Treasury. Robert J. Collins, Accountant to the Treasury.

^{§ £60,000} of this amount will be recouped by Government Advances to Settlers Office.

Represents the accrued Sinking Fund upon £912,300, the amount borrowed under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," which has been converted into Consolidated Stock debentures.