

In addition to the realisable assets of £4,674, the value of the permanent improvements amount to £12,930, particulars of which are as follows:—

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1,500 chains earth roads, at £2	3,000
775 „ pumice roads, at £4	3,100
40 „ metalled streets, at £20	800
95 „ asphalted streets, at £28	2,660
30 „ wooden culverts, at £10	300
60 yards steel culverts, at £1	60
230 chains concrete kerbing, at £2 5s.	517
210 „ concrete channelling, at £2 5s.	472
160 „ tarred pavements, at £5	800
Puarenga Bridge, Whakarewarewa	220
Alum Creek Bridge	36
Kuirau Bridge, Ohinemutu	55
Whakarewarewa Road grading	750
Swamp-drainage, 80 chains, at £2	160
Total	£12,930

BALANCE-SHEET of the ROTORUA TOWN ACCOUNT for the Year ended 31st March, 1909.

General Account.

<i>Receipts.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>Expenditure.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>
Treasury—		Balance, 31st March, 1908	456 18 8
Half-share of bath fees	1,491 13 2	Administration—	
Rents of Crown lands	1,945 8 11	Salaries	215 0 0
Fees and fines (Magistrates' Court)	2 18 6	Printing and advertising	2 18 9
Fees—		Legal expenses	52 1 10
Nightsoil service	589 13 5	Audit fees	17 0 0
Public pound	78 11 0	Office expenses, telephones, lighting	18 9 10
Dog-registration	22 10 0	Interest on bank overdraft	30 17 6
Licenses—		Bank charges	0 10 0
Publicans'	189 0 0	Public works—	
Auctioneers'	45 0 0	Streets and roads maintenance (labour and material)	2,538 13 0
Vehicle	79 0 0	Street lighting (two months)	26 5 0
Drivers'	7 18 0	Fire-prevention—	
Building permits	22 15 0	Payments to brigade (capitation)	70 18 0
Circus	10 0 0	New plant and uniforms	29 10 6
Halls	10 10 0	Telephone, lighting, &c.	16 15 6
Wharfares	12 0 0	Nightsoil service—	
Shooting Gallery	1 0 0	Wages	363 5 10
Billiard-rooms	6 0 0	Fodder and plant	98 17 9
Hawkers'	8 10 0	Public pound (maintenance and fodder)	29 10 7
Rents—		Nuisance inspection (salary, &c.)	123 13 11
Real property	50 11 0	Miscellaneous—	
Boat-shed compartments	36 5 0	Dog-registration	3 16 0
Dinghy-grid apaces	2 10 0	Insurance—	
Public Library—		Accident	37 18 0
Government subsidy	13 14 10	Fire	13 7 0
Subscriptions, rent of rooms, sale of catalogues, &c.	70 19 0	Public library—	
Material sold—Pumice, tar, &c.	4 18 0	Salary	52 0 0
Contributions to works: Culverts, kerbing, and channelling, &c.	31 4 3	Books and papers	83 9 8
Miscellaneous—		Lighting and fuel	15 15 6
Refunds from Public Account	22 15 5	Charitable aid	9 14 7
Insurance	0 14 2	Rent, Section 39, suburbs	4 0 0
Grazing fee	0 15 0	Compensation for accident	5 0 0
		Refunds to Public Account	32 3 0
		Section 159, Municipal Corporations Act—	
		American Fleet visit	2 2 0
		Isolation Hospital—	
		Rent	37 12 9
		Nursing and board	265 8 0
		Maintenance of building	53 3 9
		Balance, 31st March, 1909	49 17 9
	£4,756 14 8		£4,756 14 8

An important departure in connection with the administration of the Town of Rotorua has been made during the year by giving the Department, in its municipal capacity, the power of a Maori Council, for the administration of the Maori villages within the Town of Rotorua. Some of these villages have been in a very insanitary condition in the past, and consequently somewhat of a menace to the health of the town. Maori Committees have been set up in each village to assist the Department in its administration, and the Rev. F. A. Bennett has been appointed Secretary to the Committees and Sanitary Inspector. The revenue from the villages is at present limited to dog-registration fees and billiard-room licenses, the total of which will not amount to more than £15 per annum, and will not by any means cover the cost of administration, which will have to be met out of the Town Account.

The building now being used as an isolation hospital for fever and other infectious-diseases cases is altogether inadequate for the purpose, and it is a matter of some urgency that another and more suitable building should be provided.