STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS (AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 10 OF THE HAURAKI PLAINS ACT, 1908) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1912.

Receipts.				Expenditure.			
1911.	£	s. d.	1912.	•	£	8.	d.
April 1. To Balance-Cash in Public			Mar. 31. By Ex	penditure—			
Account	22,665	8 4		Šalaries	238]	317	6
1912. £ s. d.			7	Fravelling allowances and	_	_	
Mar. 31. To Land-sales 52 18 0				expenses, camp allow-			
Rents 4,456 16 7				ances, and general ex-			
Miscellaneous 150 2 3				penses of administration	151	18	5
Sales of cattle,			I	Purchase and equipment of	•		
&c 280 18 10				dredges and launches,			
	4,940	15 - 8		maintenance, and work-			
Advances made by the New				ing-expenses	3.344	7	7
Zealand State guaranteed			. I	Buildings, erection and			
Advances Office	20,000	0 - 0		maintenance of	181		
				attle, purchase of	356	8	6
			[	Orainage-works: Clearing			
				channels, building stop-			
				banks, tramways, and			
				all expenses incidental		_	
			,	thereto	31,388	7	3
			(	ompensation for lands ac-		_	
			7	quired	1,761	8	0
			1	Payments on loans-	1 000	0	11
				Interest	1,890		$\frac{11}{0}$
			Rail	Repayment of principal ance—Cash in Public Ac-	771	O	v
				ount	7.445	1	9
				vances in hands of officers		1	n
				of the Government	76	9	2
	£47,606	4 0					
	£47,606	4 0			76		
					76		
1912	I	OAN A	CCOUNT.		£47,606	4	0
1912. Mar. 31. To Balance	I £	oan A	.ccount.	of the Government	<u>76</u> <u>£47,606</u> <u>ε</u>	4	
1912. Mar. 31. To Balance	I	oan A	CCOUNT.   1911.   April 1, By Ba	of the Government	£47,606	4	0
	I £	oan A	CCOUNT.    1911.   April 1. By Ba	of the Government	£47,606	4 s.	0 =
	I £	oan A	CCOUNT.    1911.   April 1. By Ba	of the Government	£47,606	4 s.	0 =
	I £	oan A	CCOUNT.  1911.  April 1, By Ba  1912.	of the Government	£47,606	4 s.	0 =
	I £	oan A	CCOUNT.  1911. April 1, By Ba  1 1912. Mar. 31. Ye	lance due to Loans to Local Bodies Account (on riginal loan of £31,000) ar's interest at 4 per cent. er annum	£47,606	4 s.	d.
	I £	oan A	CCOUNT.  1911. April 1, By Ba  1 1912. Mar. 31. Ye	lance due to Loans to Local Bodies Account (on riginal loan of £31,000) ar's interest at 4 per cent. er annum vances made by the New	76 £47,606 £ £ 33,393	4 s.	d.
	I £	oan A	CCOUNT.  1911. April 1, By Ba  1 1912. Mar. 31. Ye	lance due to Loans to coal Bodies Account (on riginal loan of £31,000) ar's interest at 4 per cent. er annum vances made by the New Zealand State-guaranteed	76 £47,606 £ £ 33,393	4 s.	d.
	I £	oan A	CCOUNT.    1911.   April 1, By Ba   I   1912.   Mar. 31. Ye   p	lance due to Loans to cocal Bodies Account (on original loan of £31,000) ar's interest at 4 per cent. er annum	76 £47,606 £ £ 33,393 1,335	в. 6	d. 11 8
	I £	oan A	CCOUNT.  1911. April 1. By Ba 1 1912. Mar. 31. Ye p	lance due to Loans to Local Bodies Account (on riginal loan of £31,000) ar's interest at 4 per cent. er annum vances made by the New Zealand State guaranteed Advances Office— To. 1 Loan—Balance	76 £47,606 £ 33,393 1,335	s. 6	d. 11 8
	I £	oan A	CCOUNT.    1911.   April 1, By Ba   10   1912.   Mar. 31. Yee   p	lance due to Loans to Local Bodies Account (on riginal loan of £31,000) ar's interest at 4 per cent. er annum vances made by the New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Office—to. 1 Loan—Balance to 2 , , ,	76 £47,606 £ 33,393 1,335 4,858 4,858	4 6 14 15	d. 11 8
	I £	oan A	CCOUNT.    1911.   April 1. By Ba   100   1912.   Mar. 31. Yee   Ad	lance due to Loans to Local Bodies Account (on riginal loan of £31,000) ar's interest at 4 per cent. er annum vances made by the New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Office— No. 1 Loan—Balance vo. 2 ,,	76 £47,606 £ 33,393 1,335 4,858 4,858 4,858	4 6 14 15 0	d. 11 8
	I £	oan A	LCCOUNT.    1911.   April 1. By Ba   I   I   I   I   I   I   I   I   I	lance due to Loans to Local Bodies Account (on riginal loan of £31,000)  ar's interest at 4 per cent. er annum  vances made by the New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Office—  Vo. 1 Loan—Balance  Vo. 2 , , ,  Vo. 3 , , ,	76 £47,606 £ 33,393 1,335 4,858 4,858 4,895 9,790	4 6 14 15 0 0	d. 11 8
	I £	oan A	CCOUNT.    1911.   April 1. By Ba   I   O     1912.   Mar. 31. Ye   P     Ad   Mar. 31   Mar. 31	lance due to Loans to local Bodies Account (on original loan of £31,000)  ar's interest at 4 per cent. where annum  vances made by the New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Office— No. 1 Loan—Balance No. 2 , , , No. 3 , , , No. 4 , , , No. 5 ,	76 £47,606 £ 33,393 1,335 4,858 4,858 4,895 9,790 24,653	4 6 14 15 0 0 2	d. 11 8
	I £	oan A	CCOUNT.    1911.   April 1. By Ba   1912.   Mar. 31.   Ye   P   Ad   Mar. 31.   Mar. 31.	lance due to Loans to coal Bodies Account (on original loan of £31,000)  ar's interest at 4 per cent. er annum vances made by the New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Office— to. 1 Loan—Balance to. 2 ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	76 £47,606 £ 33,393 1,335 4,858 4,858 4,895 9,790 24,653 9,931	4 6 14 15 0 0 2 5	d. 111 8
	I £	oan A	CCOUNT.    1911.   April 1. By Ba   1912.   Mar. 31.   Ye   P   Ad   Mar. 31.   Mar. 31.	lance due to Loans to local Bodies Account (on original loan of £31,000)  ar's interest at 4 per cent. where annum  vances made by the New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Office— No. 1 Loan—Balance No. 2 , , , No. 3 , , , No. 4 , , , No. 5 ,	76 £47,606 £ 33,393 1,335 4,858 4,858 4,895 9,790 24,653	4 6 14 15 0 0 2 5	d. 111 8
Mar. 31. To Balance	I £	s. d. 19 l	CCOUNT.    1911.   April 1. By Ba   1912.   Mar. 31.   Ye   P   Ad   Mar. 31.   Mar. 31.	lance due to Loans to Local Bodies Account (on riginal loan of £31,000)  ar's interest at 4 per cent. er annum  vances made by the New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Office—  No. 1 Loan—Balance  No. 2 ,, ,,  No. 3 ,, ,,  No. 5 ,,  No. 6 ,, ,,  No. 7 ,,	76 £47,606 £ 33,393 1,335 4,858 4,858 4,895 9,790 24,653 9,931	4 6 14 15 10 0 2 5 0	d. 11 8
Mar. 31. To Balance	I 103,715	s. d. 19 l	CCOUNT.    1911.   April 1. By Ba   1912.   Mar. 31.   Ye   P   Ad   Mar. 31.   Mar. 31.	lance due to Loans to Local Bodies Account (on riginal loan of £31,000)  ar's interest at 4 per cent. er annum  vances made by the New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Office—  No. 1 Loan—Balance  No. 2 ,, ,,  No. 3 ,, ,,  No. 5 ,,  No. 6 ,, ,,  No. 7 ,,	76 £47,606 £ 33,393 1,335 4,858 4,858 4,858 4,895 9,790 24,653 9,931 10,000	4 6 14 15 10 0 2 5 0	d. 11 8

## REPORT BY LAND DRAINAGE ENGINEER.

1 HAVE the honour to report upon the various operations carried on during the past year.

A great deal of varied work has been done by the several branches in connection with development and maintenance of the drainage system, and particular attention has been paid to improving in every reasonable way the existing works. A considerable area of really good land was systematically drained, surveyed, and thrown open for selection under the optional system. Further areas of good land will be made available in each succeeding year as circumstances permit, and, judging by the keen competition for the sections in the past and the general satisfaction of the successful applicants, there will always be hundreds anxiously looking for the opening-up of new areas. Swamp-drainage is necessarily a rather slow process, but notwithstanding this fact some 27,470 acres of previously useless swamp land have been reclaimed and are now occupied by some 176 settlers. It is a matter for congratulation that the settlers on Hauraki Plains are of a very good class and generally very progressive.

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In each particular class of work hereafter dealt with totals are given showing the position as at the 31st March, 1912, and details of all classes of work executed during the year under review are shown separately under the heading "Works performed." This form is convenient and necessary, as the existing stage of completeness of works is thus brought out.

## PRIESTMAN DREDGES.

Both dredger No. 1 and dredger No. 2 have been very fully employed during the year, having excavated a total of 131,902 cubic yards of clay, &c. Very little time has been lost in connection with repairs. The work done leaves little to be desired, and the dredgemasters are to be congratulated on their efficiency. The automatic steel "chutes" attached to dredges have been an unqualified success. Cost of dredging, 34d. per cubic yard.