

SESSION II.

1912.

NEW ZEALAND.

DOMINION'S FINANCES

(MEMORANDUM SHOWING STATE OF) AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1912.

Laid on the Table of the House, by leave, by the Minister of Finance (Hon. Mr. Myers).

I DESIRE to put before honourable members a very brief statement of the financial position of the Dominion.

It gives me much pleasure to state that the condition of the country's finances is very sound.

The revenue for the year ending the 31st March last was the record one of £11,032,544.

The details, together with those of the previous year, are,—

	1911-12.	1910-11.	Increase.	Decrease.
Consolidated Fund,—				
Ordinary Revenue—	£	£	£	£
Customs	3,279,012	3,027,829	251,183	..
Stamps (Stamp Department)	943,188	819,839	123,349	..
Stamps (Postal Department)	857,119	816,306	40,813	..
Post and Telegraph Cash Receipts.. .. .	232,689	211,261	21,428	..
Land-tax	647,016	628,723	18,293	..
Income-tax	448,935	407,235	41,700	..
Beer Duty	119,131	118,100	1,031	..
Railways	3,665,613	3,483,755	181,858	..
Registration and other Fees	108,495	100,026	8,469	..
Marine	48,322	45,933	2,389	..
Miscellaneous	371,868	327,123	44,745	..
Territorial Revenue	248,791	255,032	..	6,241
Endowment Revenue	62,365	55,861	6,504	..
			741,762	6,241
			6,241	
Totals	11,032,544	10,297,023	735,521	

COMPARED WITH 1909-10.

	£
Revenue, 1909-10	9,238,261
Revenue, 1911-12	11,032,544
Increase	£1,794,283

EXPENDITURE.

It was estimated that the expenditure for the year—

	£
Would be	10,604,677
It was	10,340,368

leaving a saving on appropriations of £264,309.

Details are here given showing the expenditure of the different Departments compared with that of last year :—

Expenditure.	Year 1911-12.	Year 1910-11.	Difference.	
			More.	Less.
Permanent Appropriations—	£	£	£	£
Civil List	33,680	34,373	..	693
Interest and Sinking Fund	2,656,340	2,458,452	197,888	..
Under Special Acts	512,449	482,119	30,330	..
Subsidies paid to Local Authorities	105,938	108,017	..	2,079
Territorial Revenue	38,477	40,397	..	1,920
Endowments	152,772	153,459	..	687
Old-age Pensions	386,962	366,033	20,929	..
	3,886,618	3,642,850	249,147	5,379
Annual Appropriations—				
Legislative Departments	31,628	37,611	..	5,983
Department of Finance	47,449	48,023	..	574
Post and Telegraph Department	986,527	911,819	74,708	..
Working Railways Department	2,451,717	2,270,814	180,903	..
Public Buildings, Domains, and Maintenance of Roads	88,745	81,103	7,642	..
Native Department	20,724	21,661	..	937
Justice Department	384,721	370,182	14,539	..
Mines Department	24,844	22,457	2,387	..
Department of Internal Affairs	385,837	262,142	123,695	..
Defence Department	401,870	212,939	188,931	..
Customs, Marine, and Inspection of Machinery Departments	118,528	114,737	3,791	..
Department of Labour	25,245	22,725	2,520	..
Department of Lands and Survey	234,501	206,660	27,841	..
Department of Agriculture, Commerce, and Tourists	219,434	184,579	34,855	..
Education Department	1,012,048	924,777	87,271	..
Services not provided for	19,932	8,027	11,905	..
	6,453,750	5,700,256	760,988	7,494
			1,010,135	12,873
			12,873	
Totals	10,340,368	9,343,106	997,262	

SUMMARY OF THE YEAR'S OPERATIONS.

Balance in hand, 1st April, 1911	£	586,483
Receipts during year,—	£	
Revenue	11,032,544	
Other receipts	28,617	
	11,061,161	
Expenditure during year,—		
Appropriations	10,340,368	
Excess of receipts over expenditure		720,793
The credit balance, including £586,483 carried forward, amounted on the 31st March last to		1,307,276
From this there was transferred to the Public Works Fund		500,000
Leaving a balance on the 31st March, 1912, of		<u>£807,276</u>

Since the close of the financial year the revenue is still increasing, as the following statement will show:—

STATEMENT SHOWING THE REVENUE FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1912, AND FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF LAST YEAR.

	Three Months ended 30th June, 1912.			Three Months ended 30th June, 1911.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Consolidated Fund—						
Ordinary revenue ... ..	...			...
Customs	777,218	12	11	681,662	12	8
Stamps	230,964	1	4	251,298	8	4
Post and Telegraph	323,538	11	2	286,868	10	4
Land-tax	4,939	0	8	1,458	9	1
Income-tax	5,783	2	1	4,035	16	1
Beer duty	27,276	8	1	26,494	12	9
Railways	935,228	16	9	827,905	9	8
Registration and other fees	24,152	16	3	21,475	11	0
Marine	12,730	3	4	10,470	17	2
Miscellaneous	46,555	16	4	42,652	15	7
Territorial Revenue—						
Cash land sales	13,471	5	10	10,043	12	4
Deferred-payment land sales	0	13	1	4	10	9
Pastoral rents, &c.	16,224	5	3	11,858	13	7
Totals	2,418,083	13	1	2,176,229	19	4
National-endowment revenue	59,413	19	7	62,865	5	0
	£2,477,497	12	8	£2,238,595	4	4

CONSOLIDATED FUND.—ORDINARY REVENUE ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
Balance 31st March, 1912	807,275	11	8
Revenue from 1st April to 30th June—			
Ordinary Revenue	£2,388,387	8	11
Territorial revenue	29,696	4	2
National-endowment revenue	59,413	19	7
	2,477,497	12	8
	3,284,773	4	4
Expenditure—			
Permanent appropriations	1,199,407	19	10
Annual appropriations	1,302,818	5	4
	2,502,226	5	2
Balance, 30th June, 1912	£782,546	19	2

It is a pleasure to point out that there has been no necessity to issue a Treasury bill during this quarter.

I anticipate that the revenue for 1912–13 will be £11,014,909, made up as follows:—

Customs	3,200,000
Railways	3,745,000
Stamps	898,800
Post and Telegraph	1,141,000
Land-tax	650,000
Income-tax	450,000
Beer Duty	119,000
Registration	95,165
Marine	47,000
Miscellaneous....	369,530
Territorial Revenue	240,000
Endowment Revenue	59,414
	£11,014,909

EXPENDITURE.

This is estimated at £10,737,958, against the actual expenditure of £10,340,368 during the last year. There will be increases as follows: Permanent charges, £158,387; Departmental, £239,204.

I have estimated the results to be,—				£
Balance from last year	807,276
Estimated revenue, 1912-13	11,014,909
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				11,822,185
From this I deduct the estimated expenditure	10,737,958
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Leaving a surplus of	£1,084,227
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From this must be deducted the amount to be voted on the supplementary estimates.

This will still allow a transfer of £800,000 to the Public Works Fund.

The following table shows a list of the unexhausted authorities for raising loans as at 1st July, 1912 :—

STATEMENT SHOWING UNEXHAUSTED AUTHORITIES FOR RAISING LOANS IN FORCE AT DATE.

				£
The Aid to Water-power Works, 1910	....	....	....	500,000
The Appropriation Act, 1911 (section 17)	....	....	....	100,000
The Waihou and Ohinemuri Rivers Improvement Act, 1910	....	....	....	50,000
The Hutt Railway and Road Improvement Act, 1910	....	....	....	5,320
The Government Railways Amendment Act, 1910	....	....	....	48,450
The Scenery Preservation Act, 1908	....	....	....	50,000
The State Fire Insurance Act, 1908	....	....	....	98,000

The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act, 1909-10 :—

				£
Advances to Settlers	....	....	....	1,532,700
Advances to Workers	....	....	....	325,000
Land for Settlements	....	....	....	720,650
Native Land Settlement	450,000
Local Authorities	850,000
Guaranteed Mining	20,000
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				£4,750,120
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Wellington, 9th July, 1912.