

PUBLIC DEBT SINKING FUND BRANCH.

Classified according to provincial districts, the advances under this branch authorized during the year ended 31st March, 1913, were,—

Provincial District.						Number of Applications.	Amount of Advances authorised. £
Auckland	..	..	..	..	..	44	24,330
Taranaki	..	..	..	..	..	7	4,575
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	..	..	3	1,100
Wellington	..	..	..	..	..	20	11,165
Marlborough	..	..	..	..	..	6	2,775
Nelson	..	..	..	..	..	2	1,100
Westland	..	..	..	..	..	1	350
Canterbury	..	..	..	..	..	14	6,520
Otago	..	..	..	..	..	10	5,545
Southland	..	..	..	..	..	14	10,435
Totals	..	..	..	..	..	121	£67,895

The amounts of the advances actually paid over during the year ended 31st March, 1913, are as follows :—

						Number.	Amount. £
Not exceeding £500	..	..	..	..	..	123	46,870
Exceeding £500 but not exceeding £1,000	..	..	..	..	..	24	17,300
Exceeding £1,000 but not exceeding £2,000	..	..	..	..	..	11	15,715
Exceeding £2,000 but not exceeding £3,000	..	..	..	..	..	3	7,250
Totals	..	..	..	..	..	161	£87,135

The tenure of the securities is,—

						Number.	Amount. £
On freeholds	..	..	..	..	..	159	84,910
On leaseholds	..	..	..	..	..	2	2,225
Totals	..	..	..	..	..	161	£87,135

G. F. C. CAMPBELL, Superintendent.

State-guaranteed Advances Office, Wellington, 26th June, 1913.