

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1917.

REPORT OF THE CONTROLLER AND AUDITOR-GENERAL AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 84,
SUBSECTION (2), OF THE PUBLIC REVENUES ACT, 1910.

I HAVE the honour to transmit to Parliament the statement of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Public Account for the financial year ended 31st March, 1917, and to report as follows :—

ACCOUNTS.

The statement submitted by the Treasury has been examined and found correct, and there are no discrepancies between the statement and the books of the Treasury.

The returns as under which show the operations of the various Public Accounts for the financial year have been duly audited, certified to, and presented to Parliament as prescribed by law :—

Abstract of the Public Account.
Civil List Account.
Appropriation Account.
Unauthorized Expenditure Account.

Many of the items included in the latter account were disallowed by the Audit as not coming within the provisions of the law, and therefore could only be passed as against "Unauthorized Expenditure."

IMPERFECT VOUCHERS.

As required by section 69 of the Public Revenues Act, 1910, the authority of the Minister of Finance was given to the Audit Office to pass the claims as under without the production of supporting vouchers, on the grounds (1) that receipts were not obtained, (2) that it was not possible to obtain them, or (3) that they were lost and could not be replaced.

Department of Agriculture.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Landale and Clark—Travelling-expenses	85	0	4			
A. McTaggart—Fares, Australia	2	13	0			
W. Lambie—Labour, poisoning rabbits	14	2	0			
J. T. Thacker—Travelling-expenses	4	8	0			
C. P. Agar—Travelling-expenses	3	17	0			
E. Allen—Travelling-expenses	3	1	8			
T. Bassett—Travelling-expenses	5	1	8			
W. J. Bolt—Travelling-expenses	3	19	2			
G. Buchanan—Travelling-expenses	6	12	10			
R. Dingle—Travelling-expenses	1	3	6			
T. R. Eades—Travelling-expenses	4	10	0			
W. Fisher—Travelling-expenses	0	15	0			
T. W. Fowler—Travelling-expenses	4	2	0			
G. A. Lamb—Travelling-expenses	4	17	0			
J. Marx—Travelling-expenses	1	3	0			
A. McFarlane—Travelling-expenses	1	3	0			
A. Morton—Travelling-expenses	1	1	6			
J. Moncreiff—Travelling-expenses	0	15	0			
J. B. Murdoch—Travelling-expenses	1	1	6			
W. Nicholson—Travelling-expenses	4	17	0			
H. E. Pacey—Travelling-expenses	2	2	2			
T. Parker—Travelling-expenses	5	2	0			
W. D. Powdrell—Travelling-expenses	1	1	6			
H. D. Forsyth—Travelling-expenses	1	0	6			
W. Goodfellow—Travelling-expenses	0	16	6			
A. H. Mazure—Freight on motor-cycle	1	0	9			
				165	7	7

Customs Department.

Mrs. Bedford—Pension, Mr. Bedford (deceased)	2	7	11
Carried forward	167	15	6