

PUBLIC WORKS FUND.

On the 1st April, 1922, the available ways and means for public-works purposes were	£	429,682
Additional funds have been received as under :—		
Loan-moneys—Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act, 1921		2,897,681
Transfer from the Consolidated Fund (section 5, Finance Act, 1922)		1,000,000
Miscellaneous receipts		4,466
Making a total for the ten months of		4,331,829
The expenditure under appropriations for the ten months (excluding separate accounts having ways and means of their own) was	£2,673,024	
Other expenditure	54,623	
Total expenditure for ten months		2,727,647
Leaving a balance available on the 31st January, 1923		£1,604,182

At the present rate of expenditure this balance should not be exhausted before the 30th June next.

At the 31st January, 1923, the unexhausted authorities for raising loans for public-works purposes were—

Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act, 1921	£	920
Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act, 1922		4,000,000
		<u>£4,000,920</u>

STATEMENT SHOWING EXPENDITURE UNDER APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE TEN MONTHS ENDED 31ST JANUARY, 1923, COMPARED WITH THE TEN MONTHS ENDED 31ST JANUARY, 1922.

Vote.	Ten Months ended 31st January, 1923.	Ten Months ended 31st January, 1922.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£	£	£
Public Works, Departmental	107,515	126,951	..	19,436
Railway-construction	984,054	840,926	143,128	..
Additions to Open Lines	650,909	839,016	..	188,107
General	70,615	58,483	12,132	..
Courthouses.. .. .	1,767	3,275	..	1,508
Prisons	11,040	30,642	..	19,602
Police-stations	2,971	20,584	..	17,613
Postal and Telegraph	51,177	83,198	..	32,021
Agricultural	240	790	..	550
Mental Hospitals	9,243	28,483	..	19,240
Hospitals and Charitable Institutions	18,924	17,510	1,414	..
School Buildings	2,870	..	2,870
Timber-supply, &c.	9,010	..	9,010	..
Lighthouses.. .. .	2,537	13,529	..	10,992
Harbour-works	1,333	1,740	..	407
Tourist and Health Resorts	4,994	15,732	..	10,738
Department of Immigration	40,433	162,916	..	122,483
Roads, &c.	366,992	396,930	..	29,938
Roads on Goldfields	2,946	9,756	..	6,810
Development of Mining	Cr. 99	1,185	..	1,284
Telegraph Extension	278,427	375,606	..	97,179
Motor-transport Service	11,665	..	11,665	..
Contingent Defence	613	6,250	..	5,637
Improved Farm Settlements	Cr. 16	..	16
Lands, Miscellaneous.. .. .	19,506	5,832	13,674	..
Irrigation and Water-supply	39,780	58,567	..	18,787
Plant, Material, and Stores	Cr. 13,568	107,177	..	120,745
Services not provided for	200	..	200
			191,039	726,147
			..	191,039
Totals	2,673,024	3,208,132	..	535,108

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