DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE—continued.

Balance-sheet as at 31st March, 1924.

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Liabilities.	Assets.	
£ s. d Capital Account 6,788 11 10 Sundry creditors 17,036 11		d.
Depreciation Reserve Account 376 1	9 1923	
	1,253 1 10	
	Less transferred and disposed of 600 12 6	
	Auckland Office— Balance from 31st March, 1923	4
	183 8	7
	Christehurch Office Balance from 31st March, 1923 179 4 5	
	Additions, 1923–24 1 2 6	
	Less transferred to other accounts, &c 30 8 6	
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	Office of New Zealand Trade Commissioner, Melbourne 7 4 Mechanical office appliances—	0
	Wellington Office 198 10 0	
•	Auckland Office 35 4 0 Christehurch Office 28 13 6	
	Library Hand Office 262 7	6
	Library, Head Office— Balance brought forward from 31st March, 1924 80 0 2	
	Additions, 1923–24 13 18 8 ————— 93 18	10
	Half - share in refrigerating plant, High Commissioner's	10
	Office, London 270 13 Standardized boots and other	8
	samples 106 19	8
	Official stamps, stock in hand, 31st March, 1924 9 19	11
	Expenditure in advance	
	Balance as at 31st March,	
	1923	
·	43,324 11 9 Less recoveries 102 14 2	
	Income and Expenditure Account— 43,221 17	7
	Excess of expenditure over income for 1923–24 9,605 9	0
£54,596 1		

J. W. Collins, Secretary, Department of Industries and Commerce.

I hereby certify that the Income and Expenditure Account and balance-sheet have been duly examined and compared with the relative books and documents submitted for audit, and correctly state the position as disclosed thereby, except that the accounts include charges against the Department for interest on capital for which the Department possesses no parliamentary appropriation, and credits to the account for the value of land and buildings and furniture transferred to other Departments for which no payment has been made. The transactions of the Sugar Account have been taken as certified to by the Advisory Accountant of the Department.—G. F. C. CAMPBELL, Controller and Auditor-General.