

DEFENCE DEPARTMENT—*continued.*
BALANCE-SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1923.

<i>Liabilities.</i>			<i>Assets.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Capital funds—			Public Works Fund—		
Liability to Treasury, 1st April, 1922 ..	2,634,420	14 7	Land and buildings	600,086	15 11
Value of gifts from Imperial Government ..	34,271	4 8	Additions ..	2,803	2 2
				602,889	18 1
	2,668,691	19 3	Mortgage on building—		
Treasury Adjustment Account ..	514,631	16 11	Invercargill ..	400	0 0
Depreciation Reserve Account ..	16,216	14 1	Less repayment ..	200	0 0
Rents received in advance ..	131	1 8		200	0 0
Sundry creditors ..	10,307	6 4	Consolidated Fund—		
			Armament and small-arms ammunition (depreciation not disclosed) ..	695,663	12 3
			Ordnance stocks at vocabulary figures	986,096	13 4
			Less Stock Suspense Account ..	244	17 4
				985,851	16 0
			A.S.C. supplies ..	40	1 4
			Unit equipment and stocks ..	486,001	19 7
			Less Stock Suspense Account ..	339	9 5
				485,662	10 2
			Less depreciation and stocks consumed ..	85,362	8 3
				400,300	1 11
			Stationery and publications ..	1,025	15 6
			Libraries ..	525	14 9
			Additions ..	15	0 0
				540	14 9
			Defence vessels and stores ..	6,454	9 8
			Additions ..	270	2 2
				6,724	11 10
			Aerial machines and spares ..	33,763	9 8
			Additions ..	8,126	13 4
				41,890	3 0
			Less depreciation and spares consumed	2,226	15 3
				39,663	7 9
			Oil and spirits (aircraft) ..	2	6 10
			Wireless sets ..	1,460	0 1
			Furniture ..	16,466	4 2
			Live-stock—Horses at valuation ..	251	4 0
			Sundry debtors ..	1,893	10 2
			Rents accrued ..	356	4 3
				2,249	14 5
			Value unexpired portion railway passes and telephone subscriptions ..	2,444	8 5
			Stamps ..	350	16 2
			Cash in hands of High Commissioner ..	4,064	6 3
			Excess of expenditure over income—		
			Aviation Revenue Account ..	14,168	1 10
			Headquarters General Activities Revenue Account ..	182,639	10 10
			Territorial Revenue Account ..	128,705	8 6
			Cadets Revenue Account ..	88,221	9 9
			Army Ordnance Stores Revenue Account ..	34,547	14 3
			“Janie Seddon” Revenue Account ..	630	14 3
			“Lady Roberts” Revenue Account ..	876	19 1
				449,789	18 6
				£3,209,978	18 3
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H. M. GRIFFEN, Lieut.-Colonel,
Director of Financial Services.

GUY C. FELTON, Captain, Accountant.

I hereby certify that the Revenue Accounts 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—

- (1.) The accounts include charges against the Department for rent and £166,749 16s. 5d., value of assets taken over from War Expenses Account, for which there is no appropriation by Parliament, and also a charge for rent debited Education Department for which that Department possesses no parliamentary appropriation.
- (2.) Owing to the absence of any price-vouchers there is no means of verifying the writing-down to the extent of £98,355 15s., Ordnance stocks alleged to have been overvalued in 1921. The Defence Department's assurance that no loss to the public has been caused either directly or indirectly owing to the revaluation is recorded.—
G. F. C. CAMPBELL, Controller and Auditor-General.