

MINES DEPARTMENT—*continued.*

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY BRANCH.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1923.

<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Income.</i>			£	s.	d.
To Advertising .. ..	..	..	1	11	1	By Sale of maps, bulletins .. ..	..	..	15	15	8
Depreciation .. ..	..	..	484	13	4	Balance .. ..	..	..	5,877	6	11
Freight and cartage .. ..	..	..	23	3	9						
Fuel, light, &c. .. ..	..	..	28	2	3						
Instrument repairs .. ..	..	..	1	11	4						
Outfit allowances and field expenses .. ..	..	..	524	6	9						
Postages, telegrams .. ..	..	..	34	1	0						
Printing and stationery .. ..	..	..	57	7	10						
Rents, rates .. ..	..	..	252	5	4						
Salaries .. ..	..	..	3,500	6	9						
Telephones .. ..	..	..	11	0	0						
Travelling-expenses .. ..	..	..	427	12	6						
Wages, &c. .. ..	..	..	542	8	11						
Sundry expenses .. ..	..	..	1	3	3						
Losses, sums irrecoverable .. ..	..	..	3	8	6						
			£5,893	2	7				£5,893	2	7
			£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
To Balance .. ..	..	..	5,877	6	11	By Balance .. ..	..	..	6,548	17	11
Interest on capital .. ..	..	..	671	11	0						
			£6,548	17	11				£6,548	17	11
			£	s.	d.						
To Balance .. ..	..	..	£6,548	17	11						

GOVERNMENT FIREWOOD DEPOT.

TRADING ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1923.

<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Income.</i>			£	s.	d.
To Stocks on hand, 1st April, 1922 .. ..	..	..	6,193	10	9	By Sales of firewood .. ..	..	..	4,415	1	4
Wages .. ..	..	..	719	0	7	Gross loss carried down .. ..	..	..	2,617	18	1
Motor-oils .. ..	..	..	28	10	8						
Depreciation of sidings .. ..	..	..	91	17	5						
			£7,032	19	5				£7,032	19	5

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1923.

<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Income.</i>			£	s.	d.
To Balance brought down .. ..	..	..	2,617	18	1	By Balance—Net loss .. ..	..	..	4,820	12	1
Salaries .. ..	..	..	150	0	0						
Commission .. ..	..	..	70	11	9						
Rent .. ..	..	..	8	8	0						
Interest on capital .. ..	..	..	390	18	4						
Repairs and maintenance .. ..	..	..	13	2	10						
Telephone .. ..	..	..	10	17	6						
Printing and stationery .. ..	..	..	2	15	0						
Insurance .. ..	..	..	9	16	5						
Cartage .. ..	..	..	445	8	3						
General expenses .. ..	..	..	5	19	2						
Advertising .. ..	..	..	11	11	0						
Depreciation .. ..	..	..	245	18	10						
Bad debt .. ..	..	..	72	1	0						
Loss on realization of assets .. ..	..	..	765	5	11						
			£	s.	d.				£4,820	12	1
			£4,820	12	1						
			£	s.	d.				£4,820	12	1
To Balance .. ..	..	..	£4,820	12	1						

NOTE.—The above loss of £4,820 12s. 1d. includes the loss of £3,277 6s. stock shortage which was shown in the Appropriation Act, 1923. The explanation is repeated here: "When wood was all sold out a shortage in stocks was revealed of 1,148½ cords. Impossible to account for shortage. Coal Control Department commenced operations July, 1919, and the yard was taken over by Mines Department 1st September, 1921. It was closed down 28th September, 1922. Shortages occurred before Mines Department took over control. The Coal Control officers are not now in Government service." In addition to this the realization of assets resulted in a loss of £765 5s. 11d.