BALANCE-SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1927.

Liabilities.					Assets.			
Capital Account—						Improved land—		
Debentures issued— Local Bodies' Loans	e	1			a.	Handed over to Land Board for settle-		d.
Act, 1908	£ 31,000	s. d.	£	s.	d.	ment	0	5
State-guaranteed Ad-	51,000	0 0				Sales 77,852 12 5		
vances Act, 1909	95,000	$\theta = 0$				Reductions by revalu-		
Hauraki Plains						ation Board 44,020 0 0		
Amendment Act,						121,872	12	5
1913	574, 000	0 0				207 207		
	700,000	0 0				Unpaid purchase price of land sold on	14	U
Temporary transfers	100,000	0 0				deferred payment	10	0
from other accounts							$\overset{\circ}{5}$	ĭ
-Section 40, Public						Improvements on adjoining Crown lands 7.710	0	O
Revenues Act, 1926	10,000	0 0				Permanent reserves 8,851	0	0
Expenditure from Public Works Fund	5,070	0 0				Works in progress—Expenditure on land		
Works Fund Value of Crown lands	5,070	U U				in process of reclamation, including formation and metalling of roads 388,662	a	*2
set apart under the						Artesian wells— £ s. d.	Ü	
Act	45,000					Crown tenants, Hauraki		
			760,070	0	0	Plains 1,281 7 11		
Consolidated Fund— Interest on debentures						Permanent reserves and		
under Local Bodies'						Crown lands 216 10 9	18	8
Loans Act, 1908	22,083	6 8				Buildings 6,854		6
Interest on debentures	•					Wharves 5,318	0	0
under Hauraki Plains						Machinery and plant 61,113		2
Amendment Act,1913	76,239	19 4				Live-stock		0
Interest on expenditure out of Public Works						Loose tools		$\frac{6}{8}$
Fund	3,853	4 0				Sundry debtors for— £ s. d.	••	0
Rates unpaid, 1917–21	68					Rents 4,222 14 1		
						Instalments on principal		
Interest on debentures, du- Interest on debentures, a			178	15	4	on deferred-payment sales 82 18 1		
due	··		5,459	13	11	Interest on deferred-		
Sundry creditors	• •	• • •	4,876		7	payment sales 69 15 3		
Rates, &c., paid in advance			1		1	Interest on well-boring 118 12 3		
Rents charged in advance	• •	• •	2,725		0	Tram freights 317 9 7		
Suspense Account Writings-off in Suspense		• •	$\frac{14}{292}$		0	Rates 8,648 7 7 Miscellaneous 3,726 4 10		
Reserve Account		• •	5,850		4	17,186	1	8
	. •		.,	-	-	Postponed rent 406		6
						Writings-off in Suspense	18	0
						Revaluation Board deter-		
						$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		
						lands 44,020 0 0		
						Rents written off 5,940 17 7		
`						Remissions of rent 5,761 18 10	• •	~
						Interest account but not due on sales of	16	5
						Interest accrued but not due on sales of land 44	0	0
						Investments in Public Debt Repayment	J	~
						Account 5,850		4
						Revenue Account—Balance 47,268		
						Cash in hands of Post Office 103 1 Cash in Public Account 12,359		
		_				Cash in Public Account		
£881,714 13 9					£881,714	13	9	

J. B. Thompson, Under-Secretary for Lands.

I hereby certify that the Revenue 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. The following comments are appended: (a) The portion of the Revenue Account dealt with by the District Land Office, Auckland, has been accepted from Department statements pending the examination of the Audit Inspector. (b) In the opinion of the Audit Office interest charged on works in progress should be capitalized. (c) A Bad Debts Reserve should be created. (d) Suggestions in reference to the treatment of expenditure on lands already handed over for settlement have been made to the Department.—J. H. Fowler, Deputy Controller and Auditor-General.

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