

(4) Sundry sums the disposal of which cannot at present be definitely determined	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	665	15	11			
Inquiries to ascertain further particulars in regard to each case have been instituted.						
(5) Accommodation interest charged by the Custodian of Enemy Property against debtors who were granted extensions of time for payment of amounts payable to the Custodian in pursuance of the War Regulations	1,896	2	0			
				270,919	12	9
<i>Debit Balances :—</i>						
(6) Difference between sundry credit and debit balances in accounts relative to transactions under Article 296 of the Treaty of Versailles	2,977	6	1			
(7) Advertising, printing, stationery, sundry expenses	5,478	16	6			
(8) Commission charged by the Controller on amounts collected from New Zealand debtors and credited in full to the German Clearing Office in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles	493	8	4			
(9) Bad Debts Account, being claims established by German nationals against New Zealand nationals or firms and credited to the German Clearing Office in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty, but which amounts cannot be recovered owing to the insolvency or disappearance of the debtors	1,038	5	1			
(10) Sundry debit balances representing claims admitted to the German Clearing Office in certain cases where the debtors have been unable to make immediate settlement of the amounts due but are paying by instalments	50	18	0			
The collection of these balances is receiving careful attention in order to prevent or minimize any loss to New Zealand funds.						
(11) (a) Claims paid in respect of the proceeds of	£	s.	d.			
British property liquidated in Germany	18,525	11	1			
(b) Payments on account of compensation awarded by the Anglo-German Mixed Arbitral Tribunal in respect of British property liquidated in Germany	2,324	5	6			
(c) Payment of claim under paragraph 4 of the Annex to Section IV of Part X of the Treaty of Versailles	267	15	0			
				21,117	11	7
				31,156	5	7
				239,763	7	2
Less payment to Treasury on account of surplus funds				100,000	0	0
Balance, being net amount held by Public Trustee in his capacity as Custodian of Enemy Property and Controller of the New Zealand Clearing Office				£139,763	7	2

N.B.—Since the 31st March last a further payment of £50,000 has been made to the Treasury.

IV. PROGRESS REGARDING THE DISPOSAL OF CLAIMS.

The following table indicates the progress which has been made in connection with the disposal of claims lodged through the New Zealand Clearing Office as at 31st March, 1926 :—

<i>(a.) Claims by New Zealand Nationals against German Nationals under Article 296 of the Treaty of Versailles.</i>						
171 claims lodged in New Zealand and forwarded to the Central Clearing Office, London	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	34,665	15	5			
45 claims lodged with the London representative of the New Zealand Clearing Office	18,368	8	3			
				53,034	3	8
Claims withdrawn in whole or in part by the New Zealand Clearing Office in response to contests received from the German Clearing Office and in accordance with the instructions of the claimants	26,674	13	11			
Claims admitted by the German Clearing Office in whole or in part	22,201	4	1			
Claims rejected in terms of agreement with German Clearing Office, and deemed to be withdrawn	3,338	10	1			
				52,214	8	1
Balance, being four claims still under action (lodged in New Zealand)				£819	15	7