

ELECTRIC SUPPLY ACCOUNT—continued.  
LAKE COLERIDGE HYDRO-ELECTRIC-POWER SUPPLY—continued.  
BALANCE-SHEET AT 31ST MARCH, 1926—continued.

1924-25.	Liability.	1925-26.	1924-25.	Assets.	1925-26.
£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1,096,261 0 0	Brought forward	1,464,931 0 8	874,517 18 4	Brought forward ..	1,197,609 7 6
			8,910 7 3	Service transformers and meters ..	7,063 9 6
			7,171 4 8	Motor-cars, lorries, and cycles, &c. ..	9,460 18 4
			107 9 4	Test-room equipment ..	108 5 4
			14,870 18 10	Loose tools, plant, and equipment ..	17,846 3 11
			1,729 3 9	Public telephones to the lake ..	1,729 3 9
			173 19 1	Telephones to Christchurch City Council and Tramway Board and local offices..	173 19 1
			252 16 9	Christchurch office—Furniture and fittings ..	255 1 0
			32,444 17 1	Engineering, office, and general expenses on preliminary surveys and during construction	47,030 10 9
			31,796 19 2	Salaries of Engineers and others on preliminary surveys and during construction ..	35,152 17 11
			36,515 3 10	Interest during construction ..	50,500 14 4
			1,008,490 18 1	Stocks of material, &c., on hand at date ..	1,366,950 11 5
			46,695 5 11	Telephone subscriptions, fire insurance, &c., paid in advance ..	69,504 16 11
			136 8 4	Sundry debtors—	162 13 6
			22,837 3 0	For current, rent, work carried out, &c. ..	28,312 18 10
			362 5 10	Amount misappropriated by clerk in Christchurch office ..	..
			1,078,522 1 2	Balance from Profit and Loss Appropriation Account ..	..
			17,738 18 10		..
1,096,261 0 0		£1,464,931 0 8	£1,096,261 0 0		£1,464,931 0 8

I hereby certify that the Balance-sheet and accompanying accounts have been duly examined and compared with the relative books and documents submitted for audit, and correctly state the position with the following exceptions:—

(a) In the opinion of the Audit Office the provisions of section 10, State Supply of Electrical Energy Act, 1917, have not been observed, inasmuch as the Depreciation Reserve has been used for the general purposes of the undertaking instead of being employed for the establishment of a Depreciation Fund.

(b) There is no authority of law for the charging against Net Revenue Account of interest in respect of Depreciation Reserve moneys employed for the general purposes of the undertaking.

NOTE.—With regard to the foregoing exceptions the Finance Act, 1926, now contains provision for the moneys of the Depreciation Reserve to be used for the purposes of the scheme instead of being separately invested.

(c) The Balance-sheet does not disclose the assets representing the full amount of the Sinking Fund.—G. F. C. CAMPBELL, Controller and Auditor-General.