

LONDON LOAN, 1930.

£5,500,000 raised in May, 1930, for—	£
Public Works—General purposes	4,500,000
Development of hydro-electric-power works	500,000
Construction of and additions to railways and rolling-stock	500,000
	<u>£5,500,000</u>

Loan very favourably commented upon by leading financial papers.

Loan obtained on better terms than other borrowing States.

SUMMARY OF DEBT OPERATIONS.

	£
Debt as at 1st April, 1929	264,191,983
Add new loans raised—	£
Ordinary	3,576,145
State advances	2,144,075
	<u>5,720,220</u>
	269,912,203
Less redemptions—	
Ordinary	766,350
War	1,097,744
Discharged soldiers	425,770
State advances	238,996
	<u>2,528,860</u>

Debt as at 31st March, 1930 .. £267,383,343

Classification of the Debt.

	£
Ordinary	154,297,847
War	69,783,525
Discharged soldiers	7,861,886
State advances	35,440,085
	<u>£267,383,343</u>

Domicile of the Debt.

	£
London	146,580,502
Australia	4,276,750
New Zealand	116,526,091
	<u>£267,383,343</u>

War debt during year reduced by £1,097,744, the total reduction over the past eight years amounting to £12,462,148, or approximately 15 per cent.

Government's borrowing policy is to restrict further loan expenditure as far as possible to directly productive works, but will not hesitate to borrow the necessary capital for purposes considered to be essential for the economic development of the country.

CONVERSION OPERATIONS.

£29,490,852 4-per-cent. consolidated stock which fell due on 1st November, 1929, was disposed of as follows:—

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Converted into other stock	21,759,496
Redeemed out of the proceeds of special London issues for purchases on the market	575,949
Redeemed out of the proceeds of New Zealand issues in redemption	5,968,786
Redeemed out of public-debt-repayment moneys and sinking fund	1,186,621
	<u>£29,490,852</u>