

Drains in Operation.—No new lengths of drain or canal were constructed during the year, and the total length in operation is as follows: Dredge canals, 68 miles 28 chains; main outlet drains, 109 miles 29 chains; road-drains, 30 miles 46 chains. Of these, 99½ miles of hand drains are maintained annually by the Department, the canals being maintained periodically as required.

Plant and Machinery.—This consists of two Priestman dredges, one Bay City dipper, one Bay City drag-line, one Priestman pontoon, two coal-punts, one oil-launch, and three small boats and punts. The motor-lorry was sold, and has not been replaced.

<i>Summary of Work done:—</i>					Miles. Ch.	Cub. yd.
Drains deepened and widened	..	..	..	..	4 8	3,916
Drains cleaned	..	..	..	..	95 15	..
Canals cleaned of weed growth by hand	..	..	..	..	21 75	..
Canals cleaned of weed growth by weed-cutter	..	..	..	..	9 20	..
Stop-banks built	..	..	..	..	60	5,280
Stop-banks raised	..	..	..	..	40	1,275
					Number.	
Flood-gates built	..	..	..	..	1	

Rates.—Rate demands issued numbered 830, totalling £10,315 0s. 5d., and rates collected amounted to £7,304 9s. 6d.

I have, &c.,
R. G. MACMORRAN,
Chief Drainage Engineer.

The Under-Secretary for Lands, Wellington.

RANGITAIKI LAND DRAINAGE ACCOUNT.

RATE ACCOUNTS AS AT THE 31ST MARCH, 1932.

<i>Dr.</i>			Capital.		Maintenance.		<i>Cr.</i>			Capital.		Maintenance.	
£ s. d.			£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£ s. d.			£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Interest on capital cost	..	12,268 13 1					By Balance	..	..	752 7 5	1,976 7 11		
Less capitalized		7,268 13 1					Rates levied	..	..	5,331 1 8	4,983 18 9		
			5,000	0 0			Penalty	..	..	213 3 4	194 0 9		
Cost of maintenance		4,982 4 1					Rates previously written off re-						
Less subsidy	..	2,087 0 0					charged	..	..	1 19 2	1 6 4		
					2,895 4 1								
Rates written off	..	..	157 5 3		174 6 6								
Balance	..	..	1,141 6 4		4,086 3 2								
			£6,298 11 7		£7,155 13 9					£6,298 11 7		£7,155 13 9	

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1932.

<i>Receipts.</i>			£ s. d.		<i>Payments.</i>			£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
To Cash in Public Account, 1st April, 1931	..	..	5,306 3 0		By Drainage works — Stop-banks, cleaning channels, and other expenditure incidental to drainage operations	..	4,740 9 8				
Rents	..	..	151 11 3		Less subsidy for maintenance	..	2,087 0 0		2,653 9 8		
Rates	..	..	7,376 6 10		Engineering and administration expenses	..	..		12 1 7		
"Thirds"	..	..	8 15 10		Law-costs	..	..		1 16 0		
Interest on investments	..	..	115 9 9		Loose tools	..	..		1 11 6		
Sundries	..	..	522 2 11		Refund of rates	..	..		19 17 4		
Rates paid in advance	..	..	5 11 6		Balance—Cash in Public Account	..	..		10,797 5 0		
			£13,486 1 1						£13,486 1 1		

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1932.

			£ s. d.					£ s. d.			
To Interest on debentures	..	..	20,187 1 2		By Interest on investments	..	..	115 9 9			
					Accrued rent	..	..	182 14 9			
					"Thirds"	..	..	8 15 10			
					Surplus on sale of plant	..	..	2 10 1			
					Capitalized interest under section 12, Finance Act, 1927 (No. 2)	..	..	7,268 13 1			
					Interest recoverable by rates	..	..	5,000 0 0			
					Balance transferred to Drainage Works Account	..	..	7,608 17 8			
			£20,187 1 2					£20,187 1 2			