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NEW ZEALAND.

STORES CONTROL BOARD

(ANNUAL REPORT OF).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Leave.

Stores Control Board, Wellington, 10th October, 1932.

The Right Hon. J. G. Coates, Chairman, Stores Control Board.

I HAVE the honour to submit herewith the annual report of the Stores Control Board for the period ended 31st March, 1932.

P. ELLERM, Acting-Secretary.

REPORT.

PURCHASES.

DURING the year ended 31st March, 1932, the total expenditure in the purchase of stores amounted to the sum of £2,757,214, as compared with £4,286,803 for the year ended 31st March, 1931, made up as under :—

	Year ending 31st March, 1931.	Year ending 31st March, 1932.
	£	£
Railways	1,739,133	1,048,570
Public Works	1,368,394	859,666
Post and Telegraph	347,273	124,114
Mental Hospitals	190,515	170,809
Naval	87,458	74,898
Defence	29,144	18,238
Health	44,327	37,111
Printing and Stationery	78,548	32,281
Prisons	49,316	42,169
Lands and Survey	39,269	34,323
Education	50,370	29,034
State Forest Service	26,584	11,927
Agriculture	36,153	42,083
Marine	27,243	16,760
Mines	26,999	19,021
Native	48,050	117,465
Industries and Commerce, Tourist, and Publicity	20,837	21,274
Other Departments	77,190	57,471
Total	£4,286,803	£2,757,214

The purchases during the previous years were as under :—

	£		£
1924	4,080,000	1928	3,947,117
1925	4,416,833	1929	4,199,822
1926	4,690,569	1930	4,345,030
1927	3,877,275		

As an indication of the extent to which expenditure has been reduced by Government Departments the total amount paid for stores during the year shows a decrease of £1,529,590 when compared with the previous year, which is a reduction of over 35 per cent.

With the exception of a few instances where the circumstances were too urgent to allow of the usual procedure being followed, tenders or quotations were invited for the whole of the stores purchased.