MINES DEPARTMENT—*continued.*

BALANCE-SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1936.

Liabilities.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Capital Account—		
Consolidated Fund	7,496 9 9	
Public Works Fund	806,195 15 11	
		813,692 5 8
Creditors—		
Departmental	308 11 9	
Sundry	12,541 10 1	
		12,850 1 10
Reserves: Reserve for bad and doubtful debts ..		500 0 0
Writings-off, Suspense Account		623 7 11
Amounts held in deposit		7,341 18 5
Treasury Adjustment Account		10,144 8 10
		£845,152 2 8

Assets.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Land		4,349 0 0
Buildings		195 8 1
Stores		0 10 3
Motor-cars		207 17 3
Furniture and fittings		384 12 5
Mechanical office appliances		37 14 4
Stationery		10 0 0
Stamps		29 15 7
Saleable publications		365 16 5
Mortgages	7,401 6 8	
Interest accrued and unpaid ..	97 15 1	
		7,499 1 9
Debtors—		
Departmental	152 12 4	
Sundry	13,474 11 4	
		13,627 3 8
National Development Account: Development of mining		793,590 5 11
Drills and equipment		7,089 19 0
Library and maps		59 13 2
Exhibits		204 16 7
Mineral collections		56 15 4
Instruments		114 16 11
Assets in Suspense Account		623 7 11
Deposit Accounts—		
Post Office	46 0 0	
Mining Act, 1926	1,145 4 4	
Receiver-General	2,686 0 0	
Receivers of Gold Revenue ..	1,376 5 5	
Local bodies	1,238 8 8	
Fixed deposits	850 0 0	
		7,341 18 5
Excess of expenditure over income:		
Mines Department	17,412 18 6	
Less excess of income over expenditure, Coal Revenue Accounts	8,049 8 10	
		9,363 9 8
		£845,152 2 8

NOTES.—Subsidies totalling £6,916 18s. 11d. paid to mining companies and syndicates are recoverable, but only if payable gold in sufficient quantities is won. The item National Development Account, £793,590 5s. 11d., represents expenditure out of the Public Works Fund from 1870 to 1922 which is not included in other items of the Balance-sheet.

A. TYNDALL, Under-Secretary.
A. W. GYLES, A.R.A.N.Z., Accountant.

I hereby certify that the Income and Expenditure Account, Revenue Account, and Balance-sheet have been duly examined and compared with the relative books and documents submitted for audit, and correctly state the position as disclosed thereby, subject to the departmental notes enfaced thereon and to the explanatory notes dealing with departmental accounts generally as appearing at commencement of parliamentary return B.-1 [Pt. IV].—J. H. FOWLER, Deputy Controller and Auditor-General.