

STATE FOREST SERVICE—*continued.*  
STATE FORESTS ACCOUNT—*continued.*  
BALANCE-SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1938.

<i>Liabilities.</i>				£	s.	d.	<i>Assets.</i>						
Capital Account .. .. .				35,849,694	16	4	Land .. .. .			1,158,166	8	1	
Loans—							Standing forests .. .. .			34,028,189	15	2	
Debentures and stock issued—							Forest improvements—	£	s.	d.			
Rate of Interest.	Amount of Loan.						Demarcation .. .. .	2,093	2	5			
Per Cent.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Roads, tracks, and fences	21,445	8	5			
3	567,851	19	0				Protection improvements	236	14	11			
3½	638,795	0	0								23,775	5	9
3¾	125,000	0	0				Departmental property : In-						
4	940,450	0	0				indigenous forests—						
Advance from Consoli-				2,272,096	19	0	Buildings .. .. .	6,679	18	6			
dated Fund at 4 per							Field equipment .. .. .	2,025	19	8			
cent. .. .. .				87,405	3	4	Forest atlas .. .. .	1,688	16	2			
							Office equipment .. .. .	1,826	10	11			
Sundry creditors—				2,359,502	2	4	Motor-vehicles .. .. .	3,254	2	2			
Consolidated Fund—							Telephone lines .. .. .	222	6	2			
For loans redeemed on							Fire-fighting equipment	157	1	4			
conversion .. .. .	136,133	14	5				Reference library .. .. .	1,095	9	9			
For interest paid .. .. .	372,336	14	4				Photographic equipment	32	18	8			
For interest accrued .. .. .	21,595	14	5				Forest exhibits .. .. .	38	3	8			
For national-endowment							Forest-ecology equipment	17	5	5			
revenue .. .. .	22,712	6	6				Forest-entomology equip-	84	10	10			
On open accounts—							ment .. .. .	599	15	4			
Departmental creditors				981	16	0	Timber-testing equipment						
Sundry creditors .. .. .	10,651	11	10				Silvicultural-management	19	9	10			
							equipment .. .. .	198	8	2			
Reserves : General reserve—				564,411	17	6	Saleable publications .. .. .	216	9	1			
Indigenous forests .. .. .	649,962	19	8				Miscellaneous .. .. .				18,157	5	8
Afforestation .. .. .	700,337	13	1				Sundry debtors—						
							Departmental .. .. .	6,598	17	8			
Liability for—				1,350,300	12	9	Sundry .. .. .	98,252	11	4			
Amounts held in deposit	3,158	19	6								104,851	9	0
Fixed deposits on contract	1,750	0	0				Nurseries and plantations—						
							Nurseries .. .. .	25,338	7	9			
Writings-off in Suspense .. .. .				4,908	19	6	Plantations .. .. .	4,643,787	6	2			
							Tobacco scheme .. .. .	3,434	6	4			
							Administration expenses						
							not yet allocated .. .. .	9,247	0	8			
											4,681,807	0	11
							Experimental projects .. .. .				9,667	9	4
							Stocks of tree-seed .. .. .				482	13	5
							Utilization : Sawmill plant, creosoting plant,						
							&c. .. .. .				5,920	14	1
							Deposit Accounts—						
							Receiver-General's .. .. .	2,381	7	6			
							Forest Clerk's .. .. .	777	12	0			
							Fixed deposits on con-						
							tracts .. .. .	1,750	0	0			
											4,908	19	6
							Cash in Public Account .. .. .				92,891	7	6
							Assets in Suspense .. .. .				2,096	9	7
											£40,130,914	18	0
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NOTE.—(1) Lands and standing forests other than areas purchased have been valued as follows : Prairie value, 5s. per acre ; protection, £1 per acre ; merchantable forests, £10 per acre ; accretions during the year have been brought into the accounts at the prairie value of 5s. per acre. (2) Plantations have been valued at cost plus compound interest, less returns compounded. (3) The liability for advances from the Consolidated Fund is fixed by section 21 of the Finance Act, 1926, and section 3 of the Finance Act, 1927, at £104,250. £87,405 3s. 4d. only is shown as a liability of this account, £16,844 16s. 8d., representing the expenditure on sand-dune reclamation, having been transferred without statutory authority to the Crown Lands Account.

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I hereby certify that the Income and Expenditure 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 enclosed 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, Controller and Auditor-General.