

1896.  
NEW ZEALAND.

**THE PUBLIC DEBT OF THE COLONY**  
(RETURN SHOWING PARTICULARS OF).

*Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated 23rd June, 1896.*

*Ordered,* "That there be laid before this House—I. A return in continuation of the return B.—26, 1895, showing (1) particulars of the public debt of the colony on the 30th June, 1878; (2) the several increases and decreases between that date and the 31st March, 1896, whether arising from new loans or the conversion of old loans, or from paying off of any loan; (3) the rate of interest and sinking fund payable in respect of each loan; (4) particulars of the public debt at the 31st March, 1896, showing in respect of each loan (a) the annual charge in respect of interest and sinking fund, (b) the total amount of outstanding debt, (c) the accrued sinking fund, and (d) the net debt. II. A return showing particulars of the loans converted to the 31st March, 1896, under the operation of 'The New Zealand Consolidated Stock Act, 1877,' and 'The Consolidated Stock Act, 1884.' III. A statement of the securities in which the sinking funds of the several loans were invested on the 31st March, 1896. IV. A statement of debentures, Treasury bills, or deficiency bills outstanding on the 31st March, 1896, showing the date on which, and the authority under which, they were issued, the date on which they are due, and the rate of interest which they bear." —(Mr. J. DUTHIE.)

STATEMENT of the Securities in which the Sinking Funds of the several Loans were invested on the 31st March, 1896.

Investments in—	£	s.	d.
New Zealand 5-per-cent. Debentures .. .. .	48,250	0	0
" 4½-per-cent. Debentures .. .. .	43,591	0	0
" 4-per-cent. Debentures .. .. .	4,585	0	0
" 4-per-cent. Inscribed Stock .. .. .	104,733	0	9
Treasury Bills, 3¾-per-cent. .. .. .	52,072	0	0
County of Tauranga 5-per-cent. Debentures .. .. .	1,460	0	0
County of Waitemata 6-per-cent. Debentures .. .. .	580	0	0
City of Dunedin Mortgage 7-per-cent. Debentures .. .. .	3,300	0	0
Borough of Brunner 6-per-cent. Debentures .. .. .	970	0	0
Borough of Hawera 6-per-cent. Debentures .. .. .	4,085	0	0
Borough of Hokitika 6-per-cent. Debentures .. .. .	2,080	0	0
Borough of Palmerston North 5-per-cent. Debentures .. .. .	1,100	0	0
Borough of Patea 6-per-cent. Debentures .. .. .	5,000	0	0
Borough of Thames 5½-per-cent. Debentures .. .. .	2,200	0	0
Borough of Tauranga 5-per-cent. Debentures .. .. .	2,600	0	0
Westport Harbour Board 5-per-cent. Debentures .. .. .	7,650	0	0
Wellington and Manawatu Railway Company 5-per-cent. Debentures .. .. .	17,455	0	0
Waimakariri Ashley Water-supply 5-per-cent. Debentures .. .. .	990	0	0
Canada 3-per-cent. Stock .. .. .	28,936	19	1
Canada 3½-per-cent. Stock .. .. .	34,022	11	8
Canada 4-per-cent. Stock .. .. .	60,000	0	0
Canada 4-per-cent. Debentures .. .. .	18,200	0	0
New South Wales 3-per-cent. Stock .. .. .	12,052	13	7
New South Wales 3½-per-cent. Stock .. .. .	83,393	15	8
New South Wales 4-per-cent. Stock .. .. .	5,486	6	7
New South Wales 4-per-cent. Debentures .. .. .	20,800	0	0
South Australia 3½-per-cent. Stock .. .. .	37,216	16	0
South Australia 4-per-cent. Stock .. .. .	3,078	4	3
South Australia 4-per-cent. Debentures .. .. .	24,700	0	0
Victoria 3½-per-cent. Stock .. .. .	51,157	5	1
Victoria 4-per-cent. Stock .. .. .	40,865	6	4
Victoria 4-per-cent. Debentures .. .. .	23,000	0	0
Mortgages .. .. .	32,700	0	0
	778,310	19	0
Cash balance on 31st March, 1896 .. .. .	580	15	7
Total .. .. .	£778,891	14	7

STATEMENT of Treasury Bills outstanding on 31st March, 1896, showing the date on which, and the authority under which, they were issued, and the date on which they are due.

Date of Issue.	Amount.	Rate of Interest.	Due Date.	Authority for Issue.
1895.	£	£	1896.	
April 29 ..	122,600	*4 % ..	June 30 ..	"Public Revenues Act, 1891," and amending Acts.
June 30 ..	362,400†	*4 % ..	" ..	
" ..	100,000†	3½ % ..	Dec. 31 ..	
December 31 ..	150,000†	3½ % ..	" ..	
Total ..	£735,000			

\* Reduced to 3½ per cent. from 1st January, 1896, and since renewed at 3½ per cent. as from 30th June, 1896.

† In renewal of former issues.