

NATIVE DEPARTMENT—*continued*
NATIVE LAND DEVELOPMENT AND SETTLEMENT
INTEREST ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1944

<i>Dr.</i>	£	<i>Cr.</i>	£	£
Interest on loan capital	85,931	Interest on amounts under Part I, Native Land Amendment Act, 1936—		
Interest on advance from Consolidated Fund under section 8, Finance Act, 1929	72	Expended on development schemes	38,076	
Interest on settlers' credit balances	147	Advanced to settlers	49,096	
Amount transferred to Revenue Account	1,382			87,172
		Interest on advances under—		
		Section 340, Native Land Act, 1931 (Maori Land Board)	21	
		Section 48, Native Land Amendment Act, 1936 (Native settlers)	323	
		Otareu mortgage	16	
				360
	£87,532			£87,532

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1944

<i>Dr.</i>	£	<i>Cr.</i>	£	£
Amount transferred to Net Revenue Account	44,659	Amount transferred from Interest Account		1,382
		Administration charge		75
		Stores on cost and insurance rebates		8,763
		Departmental charge on amounts—		£
		Expended on development schemes	14,297	
		Advanced to settlers	20,142	
				34,439
	£44,659			£44,659

NET REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1944

<i>Dr.</i>	£	£	<i>Cr.</i>	£	£
Amounts compounded, inception to 30th June, 1942—			Balance, 1st April, 1943		167,106
Interest	4,127		Amount transferred from Revenue Account		44,659
Departmental charge	403		Adjustment of loan capital		5
		4,530	Previous year's profit: On cost and insurance rebates		13,558
Amounts written off—					
Advances to settlers	1,019				
Advances to Maori Land Boards	38				
		1,057			
Balance, 31st March, 1944		219,741			
		£225,328			£225,328

BALANCE-SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1944

<i>Liabilities</i>			<i>Assets</i>		
Loan capital—	£	£	Development and settlement—		
Public Works Fund	2,215,351		Development schemes—		£
Less redemption of capital	2,808		Expenditure	983,980	£
			Crown lands not paid for	9,445	
		2,212,543			
Land for Settlements Account	82,640				993,425
		2,129,903	Unrecouped and accrued interest	155,126	
Liability to Consolidated Fund—			Unrecouped and accrued Departmental charge	24,177	
Advance under section 8, Finance Act, 1929: Principal	1,800				1,172,728
Interest on loan capital	76,115		Settled holdings	1,260,116	
		77,915	Advances under section 48, Native Land Amendment Act, 1936, including accrued interest	6,781	
Sundry creditors—					2,439,655
Employment promotion grant unexpended	3,122		Advances (including accrued interest)—		
Lands and Survey Department	9,445		Maori Land Boards under section 340		
Sundry	102		Native Land Act, 1931	522	
		12,669	Otareu Block	51	
Writings off in Suspense		23,119			573
Net Revenue Account			Losses in Suspense		23,119
Balance, 1st April, 1943	167,106				
Add net increase, 1943-44, including adjustments for previous years	52,635				
		219,741			
	£2,463,347				£2,463,347

NOTES.—(1) Expenditure from employment promotion grants on development schemes since inception, amounting to £1,807,257, is not included in the development and settlement expenditure above; (2) administration expenses have been paid from Consolidated Fund, vote "Native," since 1st April, 1936, prior to when the salaries and expenses of the field supervisors were paid from vote "Native Land Settlement" and were debited in those years to the Revenue Account; (3) the adjustment in the Revenue Account relating to amounts compounded has been partly estimated and may be subject to amendments.

G. P. SHEPHERD, Under-Secretary.

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I hereby certify that the 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 enclosed thereon and to the explanatory notes dealing with departmental accounts generally as appearing at commencement of parliamentary return B-1 [Pt. IV], and to the following comments: (1) the loading of the various schemes for administration expenses is not sufficient to cover the full cost; (2) moneys expended out of the "Surveys of Native Land Account" on Native land development schemes have not been recouped. (3) in the opinion of the Audit Office, expenditure from the Public Works Fund on Native land development areas incurred prior to the assumption of control by the Native Department and included in the Crown Lands Balance-sheet should be reflected in the accounts of the Native land development schemes. - J. P. RUTHERFORD, Deputy Controller and Auditor-General.