

1900.

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CHRISTCHURCH DRAINAGE BOARD:

RETURN SHOWING EXPENDITURE INCURRED, ETC.

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 10th August, 1900.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing for each year from 1890 to 1899 inclusive,—(1) The expenditure incurred by the Christchurch Drainage Board within the City of Christchurch and the suburban or rural districts respectively; (2) the amount of rates collected in the said city and suburban or rural districts; (3) the present boundaries of the several suburban or rural districts; (4) the total amount of sinking fund accrued; (5) the amount of such sinking fund provided by the said city and the suburban or rural districts respectively; (6) the total amount of loan-moneys borrowed by the said Board expended on permanent drainage-works in the said city and each suburban or rural district."—(Mr. G. W. RUSSELL.)

SIR,—

Christchurch Drainage Board, Christchurch, 20th August, 1900.

In reply to your letter of 13th instant (No. 1019) enclosing a copy of an order of the House of Representatives asking for certain returns, I have now the honour to forward same herewith.

There never has been a separate account for the City of Christchurch, which is included in the sewage area. This area contains the city proper and immediate suburbs, being portions of the Boroughs of Sydenham, St. Albans, Linwood, and of the Riccarton and Spreydon Road Board Districts. The rural area accounts are kept separately for portion of the Borough of Sydenham, as "Rural Sydenham"; portions of the Boroughs of St. Albans and New Brighton and Avon Road Board District, as "Rural Avon"; portions of the Borough of Linwood, the Borough of Woolston, and the Heathcote Road Board District, as "Rural Heathcote"; portions of the Road Board Districts of Riccarton and Spreydon, as "Rural Riccarton" and "Rural Spreydon" respectively.

The boundaries of districts will be found in the First Schedule of "The Christchurch District Drainage Act, 1875," and schedule to "The Christchurch District Drainage Act 1875 Amendment Act, 1880."

Returns are enclosed as under:—

1. Expenditure incurred in sewage and rural areas.
2. Rates collected in same.
3. Amount of sinking fund accrued to 31st December, 1899.
4. Amount of same provided by sewage and rural areas.
5. Amount of loan expended in each district.

I have, &c.,

EDWIN CUTHBERT, Engineer and Secretary.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

(1.) *Expenditure incurred by the Christchurch Drainage Board within the City of Christchurch and Suburban or Rural Districts respectively.*

Year.	Sewage Area.			Rural, Sydenham.			Rural, Avon.			Rural, Heathcote.			Rural, Riccarton.			Rural, Spreydon.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1890	2,618	15	9	784	5	3	520	13	2	423	10	3	487	9	7	267	10	9
1891	2,849	17	11	56	4	4	827	14	9	510	11	6	753	6	7	162	2	7
1892	2,672	19	5	53	9	2	865	2	0	688	4	0	467	5	11	173	17	3
1893	2,962	11	10	52	11	9	765	12	0	574	1	7	842	13	11	160	17	5
1894	3,328	3	11	48	14	11	816	18	11	619	5	5	502	14	7	175	18	8
1895	3,194	18	2	46	19	9	838	6	0	617	2	11	506	12	6	154	18	8
1896	3,448	1	6	54	15	8	804	5	2	630	7	9	625	1	4	150	2	6
1897	3,230	5	8	81	19	6	1,050	13	10	685	12	1	656	3	0	160	3	6
1898	3,286	13	8	72	6	10	841	9	2	664	14	11	574	19	5	188	14	5
1899	4,616	6	5	63	11	9	879	10	5	591	12	0	513	13	9	154	8	0