## THE PUBLIC DEBT OF THE COLONY

(RETURN SHOWING PARTICULARS OF, AS ON 31st MARCH, 1903).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives, dated the 21st August, 1903.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House of Representatives, dated the 21st August, 1903. Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a Return 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, 1903, whether arising from new loans or the conversion of old loans, or from paying off any loan; (3) the rate of interest and sinking fund payable in respect of each loan; and (4) particulars of the public debt on the 31st March, 1903, showing in respect of each loan (a) the annual charge for interest and sinking fund, (b) the amount of outstanding debt, (c) the due date thereof, (d) the accrued sinking fund, and (e) the net debt: being continuation of Return B.-18D of 1902."—(Mr. J. ALLEN.)

Statement of	$\mathbf{the}$	Securities	$\mathbf{in}$	which the	Sinking	Funds	of	$_{\mathrm{the}}$	several	Loans	were	inv	est	ed
on the 31st March, 1903.														
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Investments in—						£	s.	d.
New Zealand 5-per-cent. Debentures	••	••		••		3,470	0	0
New Zealand 4½-per-cent. Debentures				• •	• •	1,700	0	0
New Zealand 32-per-cent. Debentures					• •	1,250	0	0
New Zealand 4-per-cent. Inscribed Sto	ck	••	••		• •	129,754	19	6
New Zealand 33-per-cent. Inscribed St	ock		••		• •	2,571	3	7
New Zealand 3-per-cent. Inscribed Sto	ck	••		••	• •	270	5	11
New South Wales 4-per-cent. Debentu					• •	20,800	0	0
New South Wales 4-per-cent. Inscribed	l Stock			• •		5,486	6	7
New South Wales 32-per-cent. Inscribe					• •	84,269	13	4
New South Wales 3-per-cent. Inscribed		• •			• •	70,673	12	11
Victoria 4-per-cent. Debentures						15,000	0	0
Victoria 4-per-cent. Inscribed Stock						43,233	17	4
Victoria 31-per-cent. Inscribed Stock						83,341	9	6
Victoria 3-per-cent. Inscribed Stock						27,158	9	10
South Australia 4-per-cent. Debentures					•••		Ō	
South Australia 4-per-cent. Inscribed S							Ő	5
South Australia 34-per-cent. Inscribed						38,068		6
South Australia 3-per-cent. Inscribed S						114,819		6
Canada 4-per-cent. Debentures					•••	18,200		ō
Canada 4-per-cent. Inscribed Stock	••		••	••		60,000		ŏ
Canada 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -per-cent. Inscribed Stock						34,022		8
Canada 3-per-cent. Inscribed Stock	•••	•••	••	••	••	33,226		3
Canada 91 per cont. Inscribed Stock	••				••	13,666		
Canada 21-per-cent. Inscribed Stock		••	••	••	••	6,645		1
Tasmania 3-per-cent. Inscribed Stock	• • •	••	••	••	••	1,433	8	8
Queensland 4-per-cent. Inscribed Stock	κ	• •	••	••	••		-	0
Ceylon 3-per cent. Inscribed Stock	d Steels	••	••		• •	6,000 14,000	0	ŏ
Leeds Corporation 3-per-cent. Inscribe		••	••	••	••	24,444	0	9
Cardiff Corporation 3-per-cent. Inscribe		••	••	• •	••	6,511	$\frac{1}{8}$	3
Gold Coast 3-per-cent. Inscribed Stock	had Chook	• •	••	••	• •			
Reading Corporation 3-per-cent. Inseri		• •	••	••	••	6,500	0	0
Sheffield Corporation 3-per-cent. Inscri			Daham turung	••	••	-,	0	0
Aid to Public Works and Land Settlem		-		••	••	330	0	0
Land for Settlements Act 4-per-cent. D		••	••	••	• •	,	0	0
Local Bodies' Loans Act 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -per-cent. I		••	••	••	••	400	0	0
County of Tauranga 5-per-cent. Debent		••	• •	••	••	60	0	0
Borough of Brunner 6-per-cent. Deben		• •	••	••	••	840	0	0
Borough of Hokitika 6-per-cent. Deben	tures	• •	••	••	• •		0	0
Borough of Patea 41-per-cent. Debentu	ires	• •	• •	••	• •		0	0
Borough of Tauranga 5-per-cent. Deben	ntures	• •	• •	••	• •	200	0	0
Westport Harbour Board 4-per-cent. D	ebentures		••	••	• •	550	0	0
Waimakariri-Ashley Water-supply Boa				••	••	320	0	0
Wellington and Manawatu Railway Co	mpany 5-p	er-cent. L	ebentures	••	• •	540	0	0
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		001 11				916,879	16	6
Sinking funds in respect of "Local Bodies' L	oans Act, 1	1901," and	l "Governme	ent Advand	es to			
Settlers Act, 1894 "						0	~	
Mortgages	••	• •	••	••	••	67,900	0	0
In common fund, Public Trust Office –	-			69.000	0 0			
At 4 per cent.	••	••	••	$\pounds6,000$	0 0			
At $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent	••	••	••	366,931	12	070 001		~
						372,931	1	2
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				007		1,357,710	17	8
Cash balance on 31st March, 1903	••	••	••	£27 1				
Amount overinvested by trustees	••	••	••	25	0 0	2	10	0
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	Total	••	••	••	••	£1,357,713	13 .	11

STATEMENT of Treasury Bills outstanding on 31st March, 1903, 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.				
1902. December 31	£ 700,000*	$\begin{array}{c} \pounds \\ 3\frac{1}{2}\% \end{array}$	Dec. 31, 1903	"Public Revenues Act, 1893," and amending Acts.				
* In renewal of former issues								

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