RETURN showing (1) Particulars of the Public Debt of the Colony on 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; (4) Particulars of the Public Debt on 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—*continued*.

No.	Authority.	Amount authorised.	Date of Issue.	Public Debt at 30th June, 1878. Amount.		Annual Charge. Int.	Annual Charge. S.F.	Increases to 31st Mar., 1903. From New Loans.	Increases to 31st Mar., 1903. From Conversions.	Decreases to 31st March, 1903. Date.	Terms.	Loans converted into or redeemed by 3-per-cent. Inscribed Stock.	3½-per-cent. Inscribed Stock.	4-per-cent. Inscribed Stock.	Short-dated Debentures	Loans paid off.	Public Debt at 31st March, 1903. When due.	Amount.		Annual Charge. Interest.	Annual Charge. S.F.	Sinking Funds accrued.	Net Debt
		£		£	£			£	£			£	£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£	£	£
	Brought forward	..	..	..	9,587,511	..	..	802,200	..	..	..	405,700	1,802,942	237,200	4,271,200	1,750,869	..	..	1,921,800	82,491	26,823	916,908	1,004,892
8	Defence and Other Purposes Loan Act, 1870	1,000,000																					
	Consolidated Loan of 1867 .. .. £600,000	Included	in No. 5.																				
	5-per-cent. Five-thirties 250,000	Included	in No. 13.																				
	Colonial issue 150,000	..	..	50,000	..	5½	..	..	..	1885	100	..	..	..	50,000*	..							
	£1,000,000		15 April, 1873	75,000	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15 April, 1913	75,000					
			1 July, 1880	20,000	..	4½	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 July, 1910	20,000					
			25 June, 1881	5,000	..	4½	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 July, "	5,000					
					150,000														100,000	4,125	..	..	100,000
9	Immigration and Public Works Loan Act, 1873 ..	2,000,000																					
	5-*per-cent. Five-thirties* £500,000	Included	in No. 13.																				
	4½ " " 1,500,000	Included	in No. 12.																				
	£2,000,000																						
10	General Purposes Loan Act, 1873	750,000																					
	5-*per-cent. Five-thirties* £500,000	Included	in No. 13.																				
	Colonial issue 250,000	..	15 May, 1874	12,300	..	4	..	..	..	1899	108	1,500	..	..	..	..	15 May, 1914	10,800					
	£750,000		..	49,500	..	5	..	..	..	1888	100	..	..	..	49,500*	..							
			..	20,900	..	4	..	..	..	1884	100	..	..	..	20,900*	..							
			15 Oct., 1873	18,500	..	4	..	..	..	1899	108	1,100	..	..	..	..	15 Oct., 1913	17,400					
			"	6,200	..	4½	..	..	..	1885	100	..	..	..	6,200*	..							
			"	87,900	..	5	..	..	..	1884	100	..	..	..	87,900*	..							
			"	54,700	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28 Nov., 1914	54,700					
					250,000														82,900	3,863	..	..	82,900
11	North Otago District Public Works Loan Act, 1872 ..	70,000	..	..	43,900	5	..	..	..	1878–83	..	..	..	..	..	43,900							
12	4½-*per-cent. Five-thirties*—																						
	Immigration and Public Works Loan Act, 1870 ..	See No. 7	..	500,000	..	..	..	..	..	1884	103	..	..	3,053,900									
	" " 1873 ..	See No. 9	..	1,500,000	..	..	..	..	..	1886	101	..	..	1,891,200									
	" " 1874 ..	4,000,000	..	4,000,000	..	..	..	..	..	1886	E	..	..	1,054,900	..	..							
					6,000,000	4½																	
13	5-*per-cent. Five-thirties*—																						
	Defence and Other Purposes Loan Act, 1870 ..	See No. 8	..	250,000	..	..	..	..	..	1884	103½	..	..	504,400									
	Immigration and Public Works Loan Act, 1873 ..	See No. 9	..	500,000	..	..	..	..	..	1885	102½	..	..	745,600	..	..							
	General Purposes Loan Act, 1873	See No. 10	..	500,000	..	..	..	..	..														
					1,250,000	5																	
	5-*per-cent. Ten-forties*—																						
14	New Zealand Loan Act, 1876	1,000,000	1 Mar., 1878	1,000,000						1890	95	..	2,207,300†										
	" " 1877	2,500,000	1 Mar., "	2,500,000						1886	102	..	..	1,292,700	..	..							
					3,500,000	5																	
15	Westland Loan Act, 1873	50,000	15 April, 1874	..	50,000	5	..	..	..	1891	107½	..	50,000	..	..	..							
16	Nelson Loan Act, 1874	27,000	23 Mar., 1876	15,000	..	7	..	..	..	1896	100	..	..	..	15,000								
				3,000	..	7	..	..	..	1885	100	..	..	..	3,000*	..							
					18,000																		
17	Wellington Debts Act, 1876	58,000	..	16,500	..	5																	
				25,000	..	5																	
				16,500	..	5																	
					58,000	..	..	..	..	1878–79	..	..	..	..	..	58,000							
18	New Zealand Loan Act, 1879	5,000,000	1 Nov., 1879	..	..	5	..	5,000,000	..	1890	95	..	388,000	..	..	..							
										1879	120	..	..	4,476,000	..	..							
										1886	103	..	..	136,000	..	..							
19	Treasury Bills—																						
	Treasury Bills Extended Currency Act, 1873 ..	400,000	..	400,000	..			..	..														
	" " 1876 .	172,000	..	172,000	..			..	..														
	Appropriation Act, 1876	110,000	..	110,000	..			..	..														
	Financial Arrangements Act, 1876..	150,000	..	150,000	..	about 5	..	..	..	1883	100	..	..	1,832,000	..	..							
					832,000																		
	Treasury Bills Act, 1879	800,000	..	..	..			800,000	..														
	" 1880	200,000	..	..	..			200,000	..														
20	New Zealand State Forests Act, 1885	..	1886–89	..	..	5	..	8,000	..	1891	..	..	..	..	..	8,000							
21	District Railways Purchasing Acts, 1885, 1886	..	1885–86	..	..	4	..	357,487	..	1894	104	..	12,000	..	..	..							
										1886	F	..	..	242,800	..	..							
										1888–89	..	..	..	..	..	87	1 April, 1905	97,100					
										1898–99	105½	4,500	..	..	..	..							
										1895	100	..	1,000	..	..	..							
				..	..	6¼	..	35,000	..	1896	..	..	..	..	..	35,000							
			"	..	..	6	..	40,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 July, 1909	40,000					
			1894–95	..	..	5	..	47,000	..	1899	..	47,000	..	..	..	..							
			1896	..	..	3½	..	35,000	..	1898	Par	35,000	..	..	..	..							
																			137,100	6,284	..	..	137,100
22	New Zealand Colonial Inscribed Stock Loan Act, 1882 ..	250,000	1882–83	..	..	5	..	250,000	..	1888	100	..	..	..	250,000	..							
23	Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886	..	1887–1901	..	..	5	..	405,000	..	1892	100	..	..	..	405,000	..							
						4½	..	337,800	.	1892	100	..	..	..	44,000	..							
						4	..	169,500	..	1896	100	..	..	..	463,300	..							
						3½	..	759,800	..	..	..	..	..	..	509,500	..	1 Sept., 1907	..	250,300	8,760	24,311	..	250,300
24	Public Revenues Act, 1886	150,000	9 Oct., 1886	..	..	4½	..	100,000	..	1891	..	..	..	..	..	100,000							
			9 Oct., "	..	..	5	..	50,000	..	1891	100	..	..	..	50,000	..							
25	Public Revenues Act, 1887 (No. 3)	400,000	1 Mar., 1888	..	..	4½	..	400,000	..	1893	100	..	400,000	..	..	..							
26	Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land Act, 1892	..	1892–95	..	..	4½	..	27,226	..	1899–00	100	27,226	..	..	..	..							
	Carried forward	..	..	..	21,739,411	..	..	9,824,013	..	..	..	522,026	4,861,242	15,466,700	6,225,500	1,995,856	..	..	2,492,100	105,523	51,134	916,908	1,575,192

E. Various. F. Included with issue of £1,325,000 authorised by "The New Zealand Loan Act, 1886." (1½ per cent. on £1,354,514, 1 per cent. on £15,675, and ½ per cent. on £373,911). * Included in the sum of £231,000, No. 35. † £92,400 accepted at par. ‡ The Sinking Fund is payable on £2,022,100 The Land Assurance Fund is also charged with ½ per cent. as a contribution of Sinking Fund.