

In the direction of development let me instance our State forests and our State coal-mines; and to assist in our people's welfare do not our Government Advances to Settlers Office, our Labour Bureau, and our Accident Insurance Office materially afford them help? I have had a statement prepared showing the annual estimated expenditure for this current year; in a second column I show the amounts for new services; and in a third column the net estimated expenditure which would represent the normal disbursements of our colony had the requirements of our colonists not been given effect to. In other words, out of the proposed expenditure of £6,892,397 nearly £800,000 has to be provided for new services, the result of our progress and prosperity.

STATEMENT showing the EXPENDITURE upon New DEPARTMENTS and SERVICES created since 1891, and the Normal Estimated Expenditure for 1904-5 after the Amounts provided for New Departments and Services are deducted.

Estimates for 1904-5.		Estimated Expenditure, 1904-5.	Appropriations for New Departments and Services.	Estimated Expenditure exclusive of New Departments.
PERMANENT CHARGES—		£	£	£
Australasian Naval Defence Act, 1902 .. ..	..	40,000	18,303*	21,697
Payment of Members Act, 1892, and Amendment Acts ..	..	28,500	19,950*	8,550
Victoria College Act, 1897 .. ..	..	4,000	4,000	..
Old-age Pensions Act, 1898 .. ..	..	215,000	215,000	..
Stock Act Amendment Act, 1898 .. ..	..	4,500	4,500	..
Marlborough High School Act, 1899 .. ..	..	400	400	..
Slaughtering and Inspection Act, 1900 .. ..	..	2,500	2,500	..
Manual and Technical Instruction Act, 1900 .. ..	..	1,500	1,500	..
Nelson Harbour Act, 1900 .. ..	..	650	650	..
Nelson Harbour Board Amendment Act, 1902 .. ..	..	650	650	..
National Scholarships Act, 1903 .. ..	..	700	700	..
New Zealand Institute Act, 1903 .. ..	..	500	500	..
The Queen's Scholarship Act, 1903 .. ..	..	200	200	..
Secondary Schools Act, 1903 .. ..	..	200	200	..
Other Charges, including Interest and Sinking Fund ..	..	2,893,355	..	2,393,355
ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS,—				
Class I. Legislative Departments .. ..	..	21,091	..	21,091
" II. Colonial Secretary's Department .. ..	..	56,786	..	56,786
" III. Public Health Department .. ..	..	28,583	28,583	..
" IV. Industries and Commerce and Tourist Department ..	..	68,206	68,206	..
" V. Colonial Treasurer's Department .. ..	..	45,684	..	45,684
" VI. Old-age Pensions Department .. ..	..	3,835	3,835	..
" VII. Justice Department—	..	137,590	..	137,590
Validation of Native Titles .. ..	..	162	162	..
Maori Land Administration .. ..	..	2,989	2,989	..
Maori Councils .. ..	..	1,090	1,090	..
" VIII. Post and Telegraph Department .. ..	..	552,887	..	552,887
" IX. Customs Department .. ..	..	40,859	..	40,859
" X. Marine and Harbours and Inspection of Machinery ..	..	56,426	..	56,426
" XI. Printing and Stationery Department .. ..	..	40,743	..	40,743
" XII. Stamp and Deeds Department .. ..	..	29,806	..	29,806
" XIII. Education Department—	..	546,519	..	546,519
Secondary Education .. ..	..	28,700	28,700	..
Public School Cadets .. ..	..	7,115	7,115	..
School for Blind .. ..	..	609	609	..
Technical Instruction .. ..	..	16,215	16,215	..
" XIV. Lunacy and Charitable .. ..	..	75,706	..	75,706
Inebriates' Homes .. ..	..	3,524	3,524	..
" XV. Labour Department .. ..	..	10,136	10,136	..
" XVI. Mines Department .. ..	..	21,166	..	21,166
" XVII. Agricultural Department .. ..	..	111,213	111,213	..
" XVIII. Working Railways Department .. ..	..	1,465,000	..	1,465,000
" XIX. Public Buildings and Domains .. ..	..	25,075	..	25,075
" XX. Defence Department .. ..	..	195,333	..	195,333
South Africa Contingents .. ..	..	500	500	..
" XXI. Police Department .. ..	..	130,685	..	130,685
" XXII. Lands and Survey Department .. ..	..	156,456	..	156,456
" XXIII. Valuation Department .. ..	..	28,068	28,068	..
OTHER ACCOUNTS—				
State Forests Account .. ..	..	27,658	27,658	..
State Coal-mines Account .. ..	..	51,380	51,380	..
Land for Settlements Account .. ..	..	7,000	7,000	..
Public Trust Office Account .. ..	..	25,515	..	25,515
Government Insurance Account .. ..	..	54,764	..	54,764
Government Accident Insurance Account .. ..	..	8,530	8,530	..
State Fire Insurance Account .. ..	..	6,360	6,360	..
Government Advances to Settlers Office: Management Account ..	..	109,778	109,778	..
		6,892,397	790,704	6,101,693

* These amounts represent the increased payments consequent upon later legislation.