

1916.
NEW ZEALAND.

RANGITAIKI LAND DRAINAGE:

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1916; TOGETHER WITH STATEMENT
OF ACCOUNTS.

*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to Section 10 of the Rangitaiki Land
Drainage Act, 1910.*

SIR,—

Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 1st May, 1916.

I have the honour to submit herewith the report upon drainage operations in the Rangitaiki Plains for the year ended 31st March, 1916, pursuant to the provisions of the Rangitaiki Land Drainage Act, 1910.

The report of the Chief Drainage Engineer (Mr. J. B. Thompson) gives details regarding the successful progress of the operations carried on under his supervision and the personal direction of the Land Drainage Engineer (Mr. O. N. Campbell). It is very gratifying to note that the settlement of the district is continually on the upgrade, and the increasing productiveness of the Rangitaiki Plains is a natural corollary to the success of the drains and river-diversion.

The expenditure to date has been as follows:—

	£
For the year ended 31st March, 1912	12,140
" 1913	15,203
" 1914	17,873
" 1915	15,990
" 1916	16,875
Total	£78,081

The accompanying statement of accounts shows the expenditure for the year.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. W. F. Massey, P.C.,
Minister of Lands, Wellington.

T. N. BRODRICK, Under-Secretary.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS (AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 10 OF RANGITAIKI LAND DRAINAGE ACT, 1910) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1916.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1915—April 1st.				1916—March 31st.		
To Balance forward	3,030	18	4	By Drainage-works, stop-		
New Zealand Loans Act, 1908—De-				banks, clearing chan-		
bentures issued under the Rangitaiki				nels, and all expenses		
Land Drainage Amendment				incidental thereto ..	10,227	6 4
Acts, 1913 and 1914	19,000	0	0	Purchase, equipment,		
Rangitaiki Land Drainage Amendment				and maintenance of		
Act, 1913, section 6—Rate account	640	18	2	dredges	3,834	17 9
“Thirds,” &c., received under section				Travelling - allowances		
9 of the Rangitaiki Land Drain-				and general expenses ..	266	11 3
age Act, 1910	38	10	1	Interest on debentures		
£22,710	6	7		issued recouping the		
				Consolidated Fund ..		2,545 7 9
				New Zealand Loans Act,		
				1908—Charges and ex-		
				penses in connection		
				with debentures issued		0 17 6
				Balance—Cash in Public		
				Account		5,835 6 0
				£22,710	6	7
<i>Loan Account.</i>						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1916—March 31st.				1916—March 31st.		
To Balance	81,000	0	0	By Debentures issued under the State-		
				guaranteed Advances Act, 1909, and		
				amendments	45,000	0 0
				Debentures issued under the Rangitaiki		
				Land Drainage Amendment		
				Acts, 1913 and 1914	36,000	0 0
£81,000	0	0		£81,000	0	0