

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1918.

REPORT OF THE CONTROLLER AND AUDITOR-GENERAL AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 84, SUBSECTION (2), OF THE PUBLIC REVENUES ACT, 1910.

I HAVE the honour to transmit to Parliament the statement of the revenue and expenditure of the Public Account for the financial year ended 31st March, 1918, and to report as follows:—

ACCOUNTS.

The statement submitted by the Treasury has been examined and found correct, and there are no discrepancies between the statement and the books of the Treasury.

The returns as under which show the operations of the various public accounts for the financial year have been duly audited, certified to, and presented to Parliament as prescribed by law:—

Abstract of the Public Account.
Civil List Account.
Appropriation Account.
Unauthorized Expenditure Account.

IMPERFECT VOUCHERS.

As required by section 69 of the Public Revenues Act, 1910, the authority of the Minister of Finance was given to the Audit Office to pass the claims as under without the production of supporting vouchers, on the grounds (1) that receipts were not obtained, (2) that it was not possible to obtain them, or (3) that they were lost and could not be replaced.

Defence Department.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Aldwell, B. M.—Expenses (Marseilles, Colombo, Southampton, &c.), h.s.						
“ Marama ” (receipt not obtained)	25	2	6			
Union Steamship Company Steamer fare, Private L. G. Pirie, Napier to Gisborne (receipt lost)	0	13	6			
New Zealand Shipping Company—Expenses, fitting up “ Knight Templar ” (stores, freight, &c.) (receipts not obtainable)	436	13	9			
McIlwraith, McEachern, and Co.—Stores (receipts not obtainable)	27	19	0			
Smith, Mrs. H.—Car to Trentham, illness of son (receipt not obtained)	2	5	0			
Rodda, G. C. Pay, advance guard, 3rd Reinforcements ex “ Tahiti ” and “ Maunganui ” (original voucher lost)	97	0	0			
Lieutenants Kirker, Manton, Sneddon, Fraser, and Bristol—Expenses, picquet at Fremantle (N.Z.T. 61) (receipts not obtained)	7	1	1			
Mitchell, May G.—Boat-hire and travelling-expenses (receipts not obtained)	4	17	0			
Ferguson, William—Expenses, motor and newspapers (National Efficiency Board) (receipts not obtained)	0	17	3			
Tewsley, Captain C. W.—Fees, three members of Military Board, Entrance Examination, Duntroon (receipts not obtained)	3	3	0			
Banks and others—Salaries (original lost)	480	16	8			
Petty, P. N.—Salaries (original lost)	16	6	8			
Thurston, Miss M.—Travelling-expenses, fourteen Sisters proceeding to France (receipts not obtained)	2	10	6			
Price, Matron F.—Amount paid for lodging on behalf of N.Z.A.N.S. (receipts not obtained)	12	15	2			
Jones, Lieutenant—Taxi-hire (receipts not obtained)	1	0	0			
Nutsey, Sister—Conveyance and luggage (receipts not obtained)	0	13	0			
Burgess, Sister—Conveyance and luggage (receipts not obtained)	0	11	0			
Nottingham, Driver—Conveyance and luggage (receipts not obtained)	0	11	0			
Richardson, Brigadier-General G. S.—Taxi-hire, England (receipt not obtained)	0	7	6			
Brimsley, G. F.—Taxi-hire, England (receipt not obtained)	0	7	6			
Carried forward	1,121	11	1			