The following table shows the amount of spoil dredged and costs per cubic yard for the last four years :---

	•			Yards.	Cubic Yard.
1917-18	 	 	 	55,538	4·57d.
1918-19	 	 	 	20,780	7·67d.
1 919–20	 	 	 	44,250	9 ·29 d.
1920-21	 	 	 	63,495	7·77d.

The officer in charge is Mr. R. G. Macmorran, Land Drainage Engineer, a capable and energetic engineer, whose work is noted for its soundness and reliability.

I have, &c., J. B. Thompson,

The Under-Secretary for Lands, Wellington.

Chief Drainage Engineer.

SWAMP LAND DRAINAGE ACCOUNT.

Statement of Transactions during the Year ended 31st March, 1921.

Receipts. £ s. d.				Payments.						
Cash in hand at 1st April, 1920 Debentures issued under Swamp I Drainage Act	1,722 i and 55,000	_	7 0	Kaitaia Drainage District— Drainage-works, &c	17,748		l. £ 9 0	в.	d.	
Diamage net	00,000	v	U	Loose tools	58	9 1	1			
				Stores and fuel Management and engineer-	2,489	7	8			
•				ing expenses	1,168	3	1 21,564	6	5	
				Waihi Drainage District—	1 055	•		Ů	Ü	
				Drainage-works, &c	1,675	3 6	3 8			
				Stores and fuel	797		4			
				Management and engineer-	485	Λ	Δ			
				ing expenses	400		_ 2,961	17	3	
				Poukawa Drainage District—						
				Drainage-works, &c Hikurangi Drainage District—		•	91	5	0	
				Drainage works, &c	137		3			
				Loose tools	1	2 5	6			
	. •			Stores and fuel	9	Ð	0			
				ing expenses	294	8				
				Machinery and plant			-442 $2,605$		_	
				Cash in hand at 31st March,			•			
	•			1921	•	•	29,057		10	
	£56,722	11	7				£56,722	11	7	
				1						

Balance-sheet.									
${\it Liabilities.}$	£	8.	d.	Assets.					
Public Works Fund—Land Improvement	128,000			Drainage-works 74,623 6 4	8.	d.			
Vote	4,563 6,576 2,074	19	11	Interest Account (proporportion chargeable to district) 6,532 4 1	10	E			
				Waihi Drainage District— Drainage-works	10	J			
				tion chargeable to dis- trict) 1,701 14 0	12	5			
				Poukawa Drainage District— Drainage-works					
				tion chargeable to dis- trict)	14	4			
				Hikurangi Drainage District— Drainage-works		•			
				tion chargeable to dis- triet) 93 5 2 	17	10			
				Plant and machinery 7,289 Sundry debtors Loose tools Buildings	5 16 9 0	6 0 7 0			
				Stores on hand 260 Live-stock 100 Cash in hand 29,05	_				
	£141,215	7	6	£141,2		7 6			

J. H. O'DONNELL, Chief Accountant.

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