

Wairarapa, Marlborough, and most of Canterbury were favoured with more sunshine than normal, and the surplus exceeded 40 hours in Marlborough.

*Weather Sequence:* At the beginning of the month an anticyclone was centred to the east of the North Island and a trough of low pressure moved on to the South Island, affecting at first only western and far southern districts. From the 2nd to the 4th the trough advanced slowly north-eastward over the country, and at the same time a depression moved down the west coast of both islands from Northland to Buller. Rain became general, with some considerable falls about Cook Strait. With rising pressures the weather cleared in the south during the 3rd and 4th. Four days of mainly fair or fine weather followed as a large anticyclone moved eastward across New Zealand. However, a few showers were reported in Gisborne and Hawke's Bay on the 5th, and in parts of the Auckland Province on the three following days.

From the 9th to the 14th the weather remained settled over most of the North Island, but deteriorated at times in the south. At first a slow-moving trough brought rain to the West Coast, Southland, and Otago. During the 11th and 12th rain spread to most other districts of the South Island with the advance of another trough associated with a depression near Campbell Island; a few showers were also reported in western districts of the North Island. A depression developed near the Chatham Islands, and a third trough from the south-west brought rain on the 13th and 14th to the West Coast and to the Southland and Otago coasts.

The trough moved on to the North Island on the following day, and a small depression developed over Taranaki. Temperatures became rather cold in the south-westerlies and rain became general, except in eastern districts of the North Island and parts of Canterbury and Otago. On the 16th rain persisted in Northland as the

trough moved off the North Island, but elsewhere the weather cleared. During the next two days an anticyclone over the north Tasman Sea brought fair weather to most of the country, but another trough affected Westland and some eastern coastal districts of the South Island.

The 19th to the 22nd was a period of settled weather for the area from New Plymouth and Gisborne to Westport, Queenstown, and Timaru due to the influence of a large anticyclone moving slowly eastward across the North Island. In the Auckland Province a few showers were reported on the 19th and 20th, and some general light rain set in during the next two days with the approach of a depression over the north Tasman Sea. The passage of a slow-moving trough northward over the South Island caused rain in the south and west, except on the 19th.

On the 23rd the depression in the north moved south-eastwards across the Auckland Province, while an anticyclone was centred near the Chatham Islands. Rain spread southward over most of the North Island; but the weather cleared in Westland, Otago, and inland Southland. The depression soon weakened, and for the next three days the weather was again mainly settled under the influence of an anticyclone to the east. Showers were still reported at times in western and southern districts of the South Island and in the Auckland and Hawke's Bay Provinces.

During the last two days of the month a trough associated with a depression in mid-Tasman moved slowly northward over the country, while pressures rose to the south. This trough was accompanied by a broad belt of rain affecting the whole of the South Island. In the North Island there was only light rain outside Hawke's Bay and part of Gisborne.

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#### RESERVE BANK OF NEW ZEALAND

##### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE RESERVE BANK OF NEW ZEALAND AS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY, 15 MARCH 1961

<i>Liabilities</i>			<i>Assets</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
2. General Reserve Fund .. .. .	1,500,000	0 0	8. Reserve—		
3. Bank notes .. .. .	83,864,628	10 0	(a) Gold .. .. .	315,288	6 6
4. Demand liabilities—			(b) Sterling exchange .. .. .	6,863,629	10 8
(a) State—			(c) Gold exchange .. .. .		
(i) Government marketing			(d) Other exchange .. .. .	633,980	1 11
accounts .. .. .	1,053,912	1 0	9. Subsidiary coin .. .. .	377,655	9 5
(ii) Other .. .. .	15,490,145	11 11	10. Discounts—		
(b) Banks .. .. .	50,832,169	18 2	(a) Commercial and agricultural bills		
(c) Other—			(b) Treasury and local body bills ..		
(i) Marketing organisations .. .. .	390,796	3 7	11. Advances—		
(ii) Other demand liabilities .. .. .	791,145	3 9	(a) To the State or State under-		
5. Time deposits .. .. .			takings—		
6. Liabilities in currencies other than New			(i) Government marketing		
Zealand currency .. .. .	28,639	15 8	accounts .. .. .		
7. Other liabilities .. .. .	10,234,142	6 11	(ii) For other purposes .. .. .	8,263,686	4 9
			(b) To other public authorities .. .. .		
			(c) Other—		
			(i) Marketing organisations .. .. .	36,107,095	5 11
			(ii) Other advances .. .. .		
			12. Investments—		
			(a) Sterling .. .. .	33,297,241	14 10
			(b) Other .. .. .	71,307,962	15 5
			13. Bank buildings .. .. .		
			14. Other assets—		
			(a) Gold .. .. .	5,848,080	10 11
			(b) Other .. .. .	1,170,959	10 8
	£164,185,579	11 0		£164,185,579	11 0

R. M. SMITH, Chief Accountant.

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