

Sunshine: Sunshine was below average in the South Island and in southern and western districts of the North Island, mainly by about 20 hours. Parts of Waikato and Bay of Plenty were favoured with about 20 hours above the normal sunshine.

Weather Sequence: For the first four days an anticyclone was centred to the south-east of the South Island and a depression moved from New South Wales across the Tasman Sea. A north-easterly to northerly airstream covered the country, with rain at times over most of the North Island and in northern and western districts of the South Island. The depression crossed the South Island on the 5th with general rain. Some heavy falls were recorded in and west of the Alps and in the Nelson Province. During the next two days this depression moved away to the south-east, while a small secondary depression formed near East Cape. Rain became heavier in the Gisborne district and some scattered light falls were still being reported elsewhere, but the weather cleared over the greater part of the country.

Pressures remained low to the east but an anticyclone covered the north Tasman Sea on the 8th and 9th. A trough of low pressure advanced slowly north-eastward, bringing rain at first to most of the South Island. A depression developed east of Canterbury and as the trough advanced further northward from the 10th to the 12th rain spread to southern and western districts of the North Island. Temperatures became colder and snow was reported on the

ranges. During the next two days the depression moved north-eastward along the coast with rain mainly between Kaikoura and Castlepoint and about Cook Strait.

The period from the 15th to the 22nd was one of mainly settled weather as an anticyclone from the Tasman Sea moved slowly across the North Island. However, rain was reported at times on the western and southern coasts of the South Island, especially on the 17th and 18th and on the 20th and 21st.

A rapid deterioration occurred with the passage of a depression across the South Island on the 23rd and 24th. Rain was recorded in many districts and there were some heavy falls in the Alps. The weather remained fair in most eastern areas from South Canterbury to Gisborne.

For the last seven days of the month the weather was again predominantly settled under the influence of an anticyclone which moved from south of Tasmania across the Tasman Sea and the North Island. However, on the 25th and 26th cold southerlies were still bringing rain to the Kaikoura coast and parts of the Cook Strait area. On the 28th and 29th the passage of a depression far to the south-east caused light rain on the Southland coast. On the last day of the month a very deep depression passed to the south, and considerable rain was reported in and west of the Alps with light falls also in western Southland.

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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, 5 APRIL 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	84,713,184	0 0	(a) Gold	315,291	4 6
4. Demand liabilities—			(b) Sterling exchange	8,192,100	4 2
(a) State—			(c) Gold exchange		
(i) Government marketing accounts	1,155,021	12 9	(d) Other exchange	431,263	12 6
(ii) Other	21,582,069	4 4	9. Subsidiary coin	378,786	1 0
(b) Banks	37,984,039	9 10	10. Discounts—		
(c) Other—			(a) Commercial and agricultural bills		
(i) Marketing organisations	250,142	15 9	(b) Treasury and local body bills		
(ii) Other demand liabilities	377,695	10 6	11. Advances—		
5. Time deposits			(a) To the State or State undertakings—		
6. Liabilities in currencies other than New Zealand currency	141,473	3 4	(i) Government marketing accounts		
7. Other liabilities	10,922,198	2 7	(ii) For other purposes	3,744	13 3
			(b) To other public authorities		
			(c) Other—		
			(i) Marketing organisations	36,815,720	12 2
			(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	2,035,632	10 4
				£158,625,823	19 1

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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, 12 APRIL 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	84,374,976	10 0	(a) Gold	315,292	13 6
4. Demand liabilities—			(b) Sterling exchange	3,596,021	17 9
(a) State—			(c) Gold exchange		
(i) Government marketing accounts	1,210,227	17 9	(d) Other exchange	421,409	7 5
(ii) Other	18,102,390	3 9	9. Subsidiary coin	380,406	17 5
(b) Banks	36,362,564	9 8	10. Discounts—		
(c) Other—			(a) Commercial and agricultural bills		
(i) Marketing organisations	155,988	18 1	(b) Treasury and local body bills		
(ii) Other demand liabilities	308,383	17 7	11. Advances—		
5. Time deposits			(a) To the State or State undertakings—		
6. Liabilities in currencies other than New Zealand currency	175,071	0 11	(i) Government marketing accounts		
7. Other liabilities	10,919,326	8 9	(ii) For other purposes	142,290	17 11
			(b) To other public authorities		
			(c) Other—		
			(i) Marketing organisations	36,225,360	4 2
			(ii) Other advances	7,000	0 0
			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	1,567,862	7 2
				£153,108,929	6 6

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