

PREMIUMS.

17. (1) The holder of any existing securities bearing interest at a rate which, as reduced in accordance with Part I of the Act, does not exceed the rate of interest payable on the new securities shall on the conversion of such securities be entitled to receive new securities for the same aggregate amount of principal as is secured by the existing securities.

(2) The holder of any existing securities bearing interest at a rate which, as reduced in accordance with Part I of the Act, exceeds the rate of interest payable on the new securities shall on the conversion of such securities be entitled to receive new securities for the same aggregate amount of principal as is secured by the existing securities, and, in addition thereto, shall be entitled to receive a premium on such principal computed in accordance with the Fourth Schedule hereto.

18. (1) Every premium to which any person is entitled under the last preceding clause shall be satisfied by payment of the amount thereof in cash.

(2) All payments of cash in accordance with the last preceding subclause that are not made out of any sinking fund pursuant to the provisions of this Order in that behalf shall be made by the local authority out of the local fund, and charged to the appropriate account.

PLACE FOR PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST.

19. The principal and interest in respect of new securities shall be payable in New Zealand.

CONSOLIDATED SINKING FUND FOR NEW SECURITIES.

20. (1) In order to provide funds for the repayment of the new securities the local authority shall forthwith make provision for the creation, pursuant to a resolution of the local authority, of a consolidated sinking fund, of which the Public Trustee shall be the Commissioner.

(2) For such purpose the local authority shall permanently appropriate and shall pay to the Commissioner of the consolidated sinking fund on each of the maturity dates specified in the Third Schedule hereto, a contribution of three hundred and sixteen pounds, increased in respect of each contribution by a sum equal to four and one-quarter per centum of the aggregate amount of new securities redeemable up to and including the maturity date immediately preceding that on which such contribution is payable, and reduced by the aggregate of the sums which during the twelve months preceding the date of payment of such contribution have, pursuant to the provisions of the next succeeding clause, been paid to any sinking fund for unconverted securities.

(3) The provisions of subsections four, five, and six of section ninety-five of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, shall apply with respect to such sinking fund:

Provided that in respect of any securities transferred to the Public Trustee by the Commissioners of any sinking fund pursuant to the provisions of clause twenty-two hereof the Public Trustee may, pending the repayment of the moneys secured by such securities, make such charges for the collection of interest payable thereunder and otherwise for the management of such securities as are for the time being prescribed in that behalf by regulations under the Public Trust Office Act, 1908.

SINKING FUND FOR UNCONVERTED SECURITIES.

21. (1) If dissent is signified in accordance with the provisions of this Order from the conversion of any existing securities issued in respect of any loan in the First Schedule hereto for which a sinking fund was provided, the local authority, in order to provide funds for the repayment of the unconverted securities issued in respect of such loan, shall forthwith make provision for the creation, pursuant to a resolution of the local authority, of a sinking fund, of which the persons who at the date of conversion were Sinking Fund Commissioners in respect of such loan shall be the first Commissioners.

(2) For such purpose the local authority shall permanently appropriate a sum which bears the same proportion to the annual contribution payable, before the date of conversion, to the existing sinking fund of such loan as the aggregate amount of principal secured by such unconverted securities bears to the aggregate amount of principal secured by all the existing securities in respect of which such existing sinking fund is held, and shall pay such sum to the Commissioners yearly and every year until the maturity date of such unconverted securities, or until the Commissioners are satisfied that the accumulations of sinking fund will suffice to redeem such securities at maturity.

(3) The first of such yearly payments shall be made not later than one year after the date on which the last annual contribution payable before the date of conversion to the existing sinking fund of such loan was payable.

(4) Subject to the provisions of this Order, the provisions of sections forty to forty-four of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, shall, so far as applicable and with all necessary modifications, apply with respect to such sinking fund:

Provided that nothing in the said sections or in this Order shall authorize the removal or suspension of the Public Trustee as Commissioner of any sinking fund.

APPLICATION OF EXISTING SINKING FUNDS.

22. The existing sinking fund of every loan referred to in the First Schedule hereto shall be applied by the Commissioners thereof, so far as it will extend, in or towards making the following payments, in the following order of priority, namely:—

- (a) First, in transferring to the Commissioners of the sinking fund hereinbefore required to be created for the unconverted securities issued in respect of such loan a sum which bears the same proportion to the amount of such existing sinking fund at the date of conversion as the aggregate amount of principal secured by such unconverted securities bears to the aggregate amount of principal secured by all the securities in respect of which such sinking fund is held;