

The cash transfers during this period were \$173,439.91, notwithstanding no direct tax was levied to meet these loans. This cash transferred from the Treasury proper, together with the increment accruing to said funds from investments, enabled the Treasury officials to purchase \$121,625 of the State's own stock and carry over a cash balance of \$201,632.50. This balance was carried over because it was believed that more advantageous prices could be obtained in the purchase of State of Maryland securities at the beginning of the next fiscal year. I am glad to report this has been accomplished, so that today the whole of this cash balance has been invested in State of Maryland 3's, which, owing to the financial depression, have all been purchased at less than par.

By reference to statement "F" you will see there is held in the various sinking funds of the State the large amount of \$4,124,812.22.

OYSTER FUND.

The condition of this Fund is shown in statement "H," giving a balance credit of \$4,463.29. This balance is obtainable, however, only by a direct appropriation from the State of \$35,000—Chapter 90 of the Acts of 1908. The revenues of this fund have not been sufficient to meet its expenses for some time past, and said appropriation was necessary to meet the outstanding indebtedness of the Force. We have advanced sufficiently far into the next fiscal year as to warrant me in saying that the revenues now accruing are much greater, and it is to be hoped may be sufficient to maintain entirely this branch of the State government.

STATE DEBT.

In statement "J" is shown the Funded Debt of the State, aggregating \$6,078,926.13, or an increase of \$100,000—on account of the first issue of the "State Roads Loan" of \$5,000,000—Chapter 141 of the Acts of 1908. The first issue of this Loan, as authorized by said Act, was \$500,000 August 1, 1908, and was so advertised, but the Treasury officials sold