

In the Matter of Hood and Moores Stores Limited and Reduced; and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1867; and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1877.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a petition presented to the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) on the 11th day of December, 1900, for confirming a Special Resolution reducing the capital of the above named Company from £150,000 divided into 75,000 preference shares and 75,000 ordinary shares to £142,095 divided into 75,000 preference shares and 67,095 ordinary shares such reduction to be effected by cancelling the 7,905 ordinary shares numbered 93,292 to 94,506, 112,784 to 114,418, 120,351 to 120,403, 123,542 to 124,733, 124,734 to 125,261, 132,763 to 134,403, and 142,763 to 144,403 is

directed to be heard before his Lordship Mr. Justice Wright, at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, on Wednesday, the 16th day of January, 1901. Any creditor or shareholder of the Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the reduction of the capital of the said Company under the above Acts, should appear at the time of hearing by himself or his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the petition will be furnished to any creditor or shareholder of the Company requiring the same by the undersigned, on payment of the regulated charges for the same.—Dated this 17th day of December, 1900.

ASHURST, MORRIS, CRISP, and Co., of 17, Throgmorton - avenue, London, E.C., Solicitors for the said Company.

A RETURN showing the Amount received from and paid to Trustee Savings Banks and Post Office Savings Banks in the United Kingdom by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, including transactions on the Savings Bank Investment Account, during the Four Weeks ended 15th December, 1900.

	Total Amount received by the Commissioners.			Total Amount paid by the Commissioners.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANKS—						
In Money and Interest credited	* 840,884	6	2	185,471	7	3
For Stock sold or purchased for the Savings Bank Investment Account... ..	6,054	12	4	36,186	1	6
Transfer Certificates to and from Savings Banks and Post Office Savings Banks	2,008	15	1	1,526	4	0
Total	£848,947	13	7	£223,183	12	9
POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS—						
In Money and Interest credited	569,163	0	0	26,568	1	6
For Stock sold or purchased for the Savings Bank Investment Account... ..	58,198	9	5	156,692	7	11
Transfer Certificates to and from Savings Banks and Post Office Savings Banks	1,526	4	0	2,008	15	1
Total	£628,887	13	5	£185,269	4	6

	At 15th December, 1900.		At corresponding period last Month.		At corresponding period last Year.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Total Amount at the credit of:—						
The Fund for the Banks for Savings	* 51,359,239	12 7	50,733,475	11 9	51,238,448	13 8
The Post Office Savings Banks Fund	135,305,173	10 8	134,861,555	1 9	130,443,437	0 0
Total	£186,664,413	3 3	£185,595,030	13 6	£181,681,885	13 8
SAVINGS BANK INVESTMENT ACCOUNT—						
Total Amount of Stock held for Depositors in—						
Trustee Savings Banks	1,395,770	1 3	1,365,083	10 6	1,140,921	17 11
Post Office Savings Banks	10,423,835	4 10	10,330,631	11 4	8,245,502	9 7
Total	£11,819,605	6 1	£11,695,715	1 10	£9,386,424	7 6

* Including £696,669 11s. 1d. Interest credited to Trustees of Savings Banks on Balance due to them at 20th November, 1900.

J. BLAKEY, Check Officer,
National Debt Office, December 17, 1900.

G. HERVEY,
Comptroller-General.