

ENGINEERS' ESTIMATES,

AND

CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO,

FOR

CONSTRUCTION OF LINES FROM INVERCARGILL TO
MATAURA, AND DUNEDIN TO BALCLUTHA.

(Return to an Order of the House of Representatives, No. 14, of the 25th July, 1872.)

“That a copy of the Engineers' Estimates, in detail, for the Lines of Railway, Invercargill to Mataka, Dunedin to Balclutha, be laid on the Table. Also copies of any offers received by the Government for the construction of the whole or any portion of said Lines, and of the Contracts entered into, giving names of Contractors and Schedule of Prices in each case.”

(Mr. Reid.)

WELLINGTON.

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CONSTRUCTION OF LINES FROM INVERCARGILL, ETC.

ENGINEERS' ESTIMATES.

INVERCARGILL AND MATAURA RAILWAY.							
Earthwork:—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Big Cut, lead 45 chs., 9,5000 c. yds. at 1s. 8d. ...	7,916	13	4				
30 Waggon at £25 ...	750	0	0				
Rails, 35 tons at £8 ...	280	0	0				
Sleepers ...	175	0	0				
Laying Temporary Way ...	131	0	0				
Other Cuttings, 135,438 c. yds. at 1s. 3d. ...	8,464	17	6				
Stream Diversions, 10,000 c. yds. at 1s. 3d. ...	625	0	0				
Ditches in Cuts, 12,540 c. yds. at 9d. ...	470	5	0				
Ditches, top of Slopes, 6,270 c. yds. at 7d. ...	182	17	6				
Swamp Ditches, 300 c. yds. at 2s. ...	30	0	0				
Sidings, 3 miles ...	440	0	0				
Forming Line, 3,176 chs. at 7s. 6d. ...	1,191	0	0				
	20,656	13	4				
Contingencies, 12½ per cent. ...	2,582	6	8	25,239	0	0	
Bushing:—							
Felling, 31½ acres at £2 5s. ...	70	17	6				
Clearing, 31½ acres at £5 ...	157	10	0				
Grubbing, 104 chs. at £1 ...	104	0	0				
	332	7	6				
Contingencies ...	41	12	6	374	0	0	
Road:—							
Excavation, 1,000 c. yds. at 9d. ...	37	10	0				
Diversions:—							
Making new Road, 25 chains at £6 ...	150	0	0				
Level Crossing, 1 cl., 4 at £87 5s. ...	350	0	0				
Level Crossing, 2 cl., 6 at £53 17s. 6d. ...	323	5	0				
Level Crossing, 3 cl., 6 at £39 13s. 6d. ...	238	1	0				
	1,098	16	0				
Contingencies ...	137	4	0	1,236	0	0	
Bridges and Culverts:—							
Excavation, 1,643 c. yds. at 1s. 6d. ...	123	4	6				
Outfalls, 1,811 c. yds. at 1s. ...	90	11	0				
Stanks at Mataura ...	275	0	0				
Timber, 1,364, 3 in. at 30s. ...	2,046	0	0				
Piling, 1,510 c. ft. at 3s. 6d. ...	264	5	0				
Iron, 23,400 lbs. at 6d. ...	585	0	0				
Masonry, 946 c. yds. at £2 ...	1,892	0	0				
Coping, 150 c. ft. at 1s. 6d. ...	9	15	0				
Puddle, 30 c. yds. at 6s. ...	9	0	0				
Loading Culverts, 2,330 c. yds. at 9d. ...	87	7	6				
	5,382	2	0				
Contingencies, 12½ per cent. ...	672	18	0	6,055	0	0	
Fencing:—							
20 miles on one side, 1,600 chs. at 25s. ...	2,000	0	0				
Cattle Stops, 40, at £16 ...	640	0	0				
Gates, 40 pairs at £11 ...	440	0	0				
	3,080	0	0				
Contingencies ...	385	0	0	3,465	0	0	
Carried forward ...							

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...						
Permanent Way in New Zealand:—						
Ballast, 64,050 c. yds. at 2s. ...	6,405	0	0			
Laying, 75,152 c. yds. at 1s. 3d. ...	4,697	0	0			
Boxing, 75,152 c. yds. at 9d. ...	2,818	4	0			
Sleepers, 87,535, No., at 3s. ...	13,130	5	0			
Cartage, 5,240 tons at 10s. ...	2,620	0	0			
Ross ...	510	0	0			
	30,180	9	0			
Contingencies 12½ per cent. ...	3,772	11	0	33,953	0	0
Rolling Stock in New Zealand:—						
Erecting Locomotives, 3 at £75 ...	225	0	0			
Carriage Stock, 12 at £25 ...	300	0	0			
Waggon, 24 at £10 ...	240	0	0			
	765	0	0			
Contingencies, 12½ per cent. ...	96	0	0			
Management ...				861	0	0
				8,000	0	0
Contractor's Profit ...				77,183	0	0
				7,718	0	0
				£84,901	0	0

DUNEDIN AND CLUTHA RAILWAY.							
TAIERI CONTRACT.							
Excavation:—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Cutting in Rock, 22,760 c. ft. at 4s. 6d. ...	5,121	0	0				
Cutting in Earth, 300,170 c. ft. at 9d. ...	11,256	7	6				
Haulage, 172,040 l. ft. at 3½d. ...	2,508	18	4				
" 96,830 l. ft. at 11d. ...	4,438	0	10				
" 60,300 c. ft. at 4½d. ...	1,130	12	6				
Rails, 35 tons at £8 ...	280	0	0				
Waggon, 30 at £25 ...	750	0	0				
Sleepers ...	175	0	0				
Laying Temporary Way, 2,640 yds. at 1s. ...	132	0	0				
Surface forming, 500 chs. at 25s. ...	625	0	0				
Side Ditching, 753 chs. at 15s. ...	564	15	0				
Forming Line for Ballast, 2,775 chs. at 10s. ...	1,387	10	0				
Planting Willows, 14½ miles at £10 ...	141	5	0				
Retaining Walls, 4,000 c. yds. at 17s. 6d. ...	3,500	0	0				
Excavation for Retaining Walls, 1,000 c. yds., at 3s. ...	150	0	0				
Pitching Slopes, 6" thick, 5,900 s. yds. at 4s. ...	1,180	0	0				
	33,340	9	2				
Contingencies ...	4,167	10	10	37,508	0	0	
Stream Diversions:—							
Cuttings, 16,000 c. yds. at 1s. 3d. ...	1,000	0	0				
Pitchings, 200 s. yds. at 4s. ...	40	0	0				
Large Ditches, 200 l. chs. at 5s. ...	50	0	0				
	1,090	0	0				
Contingencies ...	136	0	0	1,226	0	0	
Carried forward ...							

ENGINEERS' ESTIMATES AND CONTRACTS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...							Brought forward ...						
Road Diversions :—							Permanent Way in New Zealand :—						
Earthwork, including formation							Ballast, 1,467 c. yds. at 3s. 3d.	238	7	9			
5,000 c. yds. at 1s. 3d. ...	312	10	0				Sleepers, including adzing, 2,050						
Metalling, 1,250 c. yds. at 8s.	500	0	0				c. yds. at 3s. ...	307	10	0			
Crossings, with Cattle Stops,							Laying Sleepers, 1,760 l. yds.						
1 cl., 4 at £87 5s. ...	349	0	0				at 2s. ...	176	0	0			
Crossings, with Cattle Stops,							Haulage of Materials, 132 tons						
2 cl., 25 £53 7s. 6d. ...	1,334	7	6				at 10s. ...	66	0	0			
Iron Gates, 100, at £5 10s. ...	550	0	0				Waste and Loss ...	20	0	0			
	3,045	17	6				Length: Total for 1 mile ...	807	17	9			
Contingencies ...	380	2	6				34 miles 55 chs. at £807 17s.						
				3,426	0	0	9d. ...	28,023	11	11			
Tunnel :—							Contingencies ...	3,503	8	1			
484 yds. long, complete, at £36											31,527	0	0
net ...				19,424	0	0	Sidings :—						
Bridges :—							Earthwork, not to exceed 10,000						
Excavation in Foundation, 500							c. yds. at 1s. 6d. ...	750	0	0			
c. yds. at 1s. 6d. ...	37	10	0				Permanent Way in New Zea-						
Sinking Columns, 428 tons at							land, 2 miles at £807 17s. 9d.	1,615	15	6			
£5 ...	2,140	0	0					2,365	15	6			
Concrete in Sinking Columns,							Contingencies ...	295	4	6			
770 c. yds. at 30s. ...	1,155	0	0								2,661	0	0
Rubble, Masonry in Sinking											105,405	0	0
Columns, 1,030 c. yds at 30s.	1,545	0	0				Contractor's Profits ...				10,540	0	0
Ashlar, 36 c. ft. at 2s. ...	3	12	0								115,945	0	0
Brickwork, 6 c. yds. at 50s. ...	15	0	0				Management ...				8,000	0	0
Cast Iron in Cylinders, 428 tons							Tunnel ...				17,424	0	0
at £11 ...	4,708	0	0								£141,369	0	0
Bolts for Cylinders, 111 cwt. at													
25s. ...	138	15	0										
Timber in piles, 2,190 l. ft. at 4s.	438	0	0										
Timber in Piers, B.M. 1, 1,749													
at 35s. ...	3,235	15	0										
Cast Iron in Blocks, 350 c. ft.													
at 11s. ...	192	10	0										
Plate Iron Girders, 1,141 c. ft.													
at 18s. ...	1,026	18	0										
Malleable Iron in Straps and													
Bolts, 57,220 lbs. at 6d. ...	1,430	10	0										
	16,066	10	0										
Contingencies ...	2,008	10	0										
				18,075	0	0							
Culverts and Drains :—													
Excavation, 2,090 c. yds. at													
1s. 6d. ...	156	15	0										
Rubble in Cement, 882 c. yds.													
at 30s. ...	1,323	0	0										
Rubble in Mortar, 1,030 c. yds.													
at 25s. ...	1,287	10	0										
Concrete in Cement, 85 c. yds.													
at 30s. ...	127	10	0										
Brickwork, 54 c. yds. at 40s. ...	108	0	0										
Puddle, 280 c. yds. at 5s. ...	70	0	0										
Pitching 9" thick, 545 c. yds.													
at 4s. ...	109	0	0										
Plastering, 310 s. yds. at 2s. ...	31	0	0										
Timber in Large Culverts,													
31,800 l. ft. at 30s. ...	477	0	0										
Box Drains, in Timbers, 300													
l. yds. at 10s. ...	150	0	0										
Tile Drains, 12", 300 l. yds. at													
10s. ...	150	0	0										
Tile Drains, 9", 300 l. yds. at													
7s. ...	105	0	0										
Tile Drains, 6", 300 l. yds. at													
4s. ...	60	0	0										
Punning, not to exceed 10,000													
c. yds. at 1s. ...	500	0	0										
	4,654	15	0										
Contingencies ...	581	5	0										
				5,236	0	0							
Fencing :—													
Repairing present Fencing, 500													
chs. ...	50	0	0										
Sod Fencing, 500 chs. at 17s. 6d.	437	10	0										
Posts and Rails (mound and													
wire fence), 2,520 chains at													
30s. ...	3,780	0	0										
Posts and Wire (mound and													
wire fence), 560 chs. at 30s.	840	0	0										
	5,107	10	0										
Contingencies ...	638	10	0										
				5,746	0	0							
Carried forward ...							Carried forward ...						

OTAGO SOUTHERN TRUNK.

DUNEDIN CONTRACT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Fencing :—						
On Reclaimed Ground, 39 chs.						
at 25s. ...	48	15	0			
Ordinary, 227 chs. at 22s. 6d.	255	7	6			
				304	2	6
Clearing Line, 133 chs. at 2s. 6d.				16	12	6
Cuttings, 40,650 c. yds. at 1s.						
3d. ...	2,540	12	6			
Side Cuttings, 1,350 c. yds. at						
1s. 3d. ...	84	7	6			
				2,625	0	0
Embankments :—						
Formation, 133 chs. at 5s. ...				33	5	0
Pitching Slopes complete, 900						
s. yds. at 9d. ...				33	15	0
Level crossing Gates and						
Wickets, 2 pairs at £20 ...				40	0	0
Bridges.						
Bridge over Main South Road :—						
Excavation, 85 c. yds. at 2s. ...	8	10	0			
Concrete in Foundations, 25 c.						
yds. at 30s. ...	37	10	0			
Rubble Masonry, 310 c. yds. at						
25s. ...	387	10	0			
Ashlar in Blocks, 24 c. ft. at 4s. }	17	16	0			
Ashlar in Coping, 23 c. ft. at 4s. }						
Cement Plastering, 35 sup. yds.						
at 1s. ...	1	15	0			
Carriage and Erection of Gir-						
ders, allow ...	10	0	9			
				463	1	0
Bridges over Railway :—						
Excavation for Cills and Refill-						
ing Trenches, 12 c. yds. at 2s.	1	4	0			
Timber in Cills and Plates, 64 c.						
ft. at 3s. 6d. ...						
Timber Upright and Bracing,						
120 c. ft. at 3s. 6d. ...	84	17	6			
Timber Beams and Struts, 123						
c. ft. at 3s. 6d. ...						
Timber Planking, including						
Spikes, 178 c. ft. at 3s. 6d. ... }						
Timber Parapets and Ballast						
Beams, 70 c. ft. at 4s. 6d. ... }	20	15	0			
Iron in Straps and Bolts, 200 lbs.						
at 6d. ...	5	0	0			
Painting and Tarring, allow ...	8	0	0			
				119	16	6

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Culverts :—						
Timber Culverts, at 0-35, 9 c. yds. at 20s. ...	...	...	...	9	0	0
Culvert at 1-28 :—						
Excavation, 35 c. yds. at 1s. 6d. ...	2	12	6			
Rubble Masonry, 155 c. yds. at 25s. ...	193	15	0			
Brickwork in Arch, 37 c. yds. at 40s. 6d. ...	78	12	6			
Concrete, 35 c. yds. at 30s. ...	52	10	0			
Pitching, 32 sq. yds. at 1s. ...	1	12	0			
Cement Plastering, 96 sq. yds. at 1s. ...	4	16	0			
Puddle, 24 c. yds. at 2s. ...	2	8	0			
Maintenance, say ...	...	...	...	336	6	0
				19	1	6
				£4,000	0	0

CAVERSHAM CONTRACT, No. 2.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Fencing :—						
Ordinary Fencing, 194 chs. at 30s. ...	291	0	0			
Close Fencing, 2-17 to 2-21, 4 chs. at 50s. ...	10	0	0			
Clearing Lines, 96 chs. at 2s. 6d. ...	...	...	...	301	0	0
Cuttings :—				12	0	0
3 cuttings, 20,100 c. yds. at 1s. 6d. ...	1,507	10	0			
1 cutting, rock, 11,200 c. yds. at 2s. 6d. ...	1,400	0	0			
1 cutting, soft material, 2,200 c. yds. at 1s. 6d. ...	165	0	0			
1 cutting, rock, 1,450 c. yds. at 2s. 6d. ...	181	5	0			
2 cuttings, 3,000 c. yds. at 1s. 6d. ...	225	0	0			
Side cutting :—				3,478	15	0
Embankments, 41,350 c. yds., Soiling slopes of Embankments, 8,800 superf. yds. at 3d. ...	...	...	...	3,791	15	0
Formation, including Side Ditches, 96 chs. at 10s. ...	...	...	...	110	0	0
Ditches, 25 chs. at 20s. ...	...	...	...	48	0	0
Road Alterations :—				25	0	0
From 1-68 to 1-76 Earthwork, including formation, 300 c. yds. at 1s. 6d. ...	22	10	0			
Metalling, 130 c. yds. at 8s. ...	52	0	0			
From 2-17 to 2-21 Earthwork, including formation, 130 c. yds. at 1s. 6d. ...	9	15	0	74	10	0
Metalling, 70 c. yds. at 8s. ...	28	0	0			
Where directed, Earthwork, including formation, 1,000 c. yds. at 1s. 6d. ...	75	0	0	37	15	0
Metalling, 200 c. yds. at 8s. ...	80	0	0			
Level Crossings :—				155	0	0
Gates and Wickets complete, 4 pairs, at £15 ...	60	0	0			
Ordinary Crossings complete, 3 pairs, at £17 ...	51	0	0			
Tunnel :—				111	0	0
Excavation, including Drains, &c., 902 l. yds. at £18, Brick lining, 22 l. yds. at £18 ...	...	...	...	11,632	0	0
Ashlar Masonry in fronts, 1,420 c. ft. at 4s. ...	...	...	...	284	0	0

Bridges.

Bridge over Street :—			
Excavation, 115 c. yds. at 1s. 6d. ...	8	12	6
Concrete in Foundation, 30 c. yds. at 30s. ...	45	0	0
Rubble Masonry in Cement, 300 c. yds. at 32s. 6d. ...	487	0	0
Rubble Masonry in Lime, 250 c. yds. at 30s. ...	375	0	0

Carried forward ...

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Bridges—continued.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward
Bridge over Street—continued.						
Ashlar in Coping, 15 c. ft. at 5s. ...	3	15	0			
Cement Plastering, 40 sup. yds. at 2s. ...	4	0	0			
Timber in Wall-Plates, 12 c. ft. at 4s. ...	2	8	0			
Iron in Bed-Plates, 66 lbs. at 6d. ...	2	9	0			
Iron in Rods and Spikes, 32 lbs. at 6d. ...	...	...	...
Carriage and Erection of Girders, allow ...	8	0	0			
Bridge over Railway at 2-21 :—				936	14	6
Excavation for Foundation and Trough, 30 c. yds. at 1s. 6d. ...	2	5	0			
Rubble Masonry in Cement, 22 c. yds. at 32s. 6d. ...	35	15	0			
Cement Plastering, 7 sup. yds. at 2s. ...	0	14	0			
Timber in Wall-Plates, 12 c. ft. at 4s. ...	...	...	...
Timber in Beams and Trough, 160 c. ft. at 4s. ...	56	8	0			
Timber in Planking, including Spikes, 110 c. ft. at 4s. ...	...	...	...
Timber in Parapet, 38 c. ft. at 5s. ...	9	10	0			
Galvanized Iron, 3 sq. at 50s. ...	7	10	0			
Iron in Bed Plates, 60 lbs. at 6d. ...	3	17	6			
Iron in Rods, Bolts, and Spikes, 95 lbs. at 6d. ...	...	...	...
Puddling round Trough, allow ...	25	0	0			
Carriage and erection of Girders, allow ...	...	...	...
Painting and Tarring, allow ...	...	...	...	140	19	6
Bridge over Railway at 2-69 :—						
Excavation for Cills and Refilling Trenches, 15 c. yds. at 1s. 6d. ...	1	2	6			
Timber in Cills and Plates, 65 c. ft. at 1s. 6d. ...	...	...	...
Timber Uprights and Bracing, 150 c. ft. at 1s. 6d. ...	176	0	0			
Timber Beams and Struts, 165 c. ft. at 4s. ...	...	...	...
Timber Planking including Spikes, 200 c. ft. at 4s. ...	...	...	...
Timber Parapets and Ballast Beams, 66 c. ft. at 5s. ...	16	10	0			
Iron in Straps and Bolts, 320 lbs. at 6d. ...	8	0	0			
Painting and Tarring ...	8	0	0			
Bridge over Kaikorai at 2-73 :—				209	12	6
Excavation, 10 c. yds. at 1s. 6d. ...	0	15	0			
Rubble Masonry in Cement, 18 c. yds. at 32s. 6d. ...	29	5	0			
Cement Plastering, 6 sup. yds. at 2s. ...	0	12	0			
Timber in Wall Plates, 12 c. ft. at 4s. ...	2	8	0			
Iron in Bed Plates, 63 lbs. at 6d. ...	2	7	6			
Iron Rods and Spikes, 32 lbs. at 6d. ...	...	...	...
Carriage and Erection of Girders ...	10	0	0			
Bridge over Kaikorai at 3-6 :—				45	7	6
Excavation, 10 c. yds. at 1s. 6d. ...	0	15	0			
Rubble Masonry in Cement, 20 c. yds. at 32s. 6d. ...	32	10	0			
Cement Plastering, 6 sup. yds. at 2s. ...	0	12	0			
Timber in Wall Plates, 11 c. ft. at 4s. ...	2	4	0			
Iron in Bed Plates, 64 lbs. at 6d. ...	2	13	0			
Iron Rods and Spikes, 42 lbs. at 6d. ...	...	...	...
Carriage and Erection of Girders ...	10	0	0			
				48	14	0

Carried forward...

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	...	...	...
Bridge over Kaikorai at 3-22 :—						
Excavation, 15 c. yds. at 1s. 6d.	1	2	6			
Concrete in Foundations, 5 c. yds. at 30s. ...	7	10	0			
Rubble Masonry in Cement, 28 c. yds. at 32s. 6d. ...	45	10	0			
Cement Plastering, 7 sup. yds. at 2s. ...	0	14	0			
Timber in Wall Plates, 14 c. ft. at 4s. ...	2	16	0			
Iron in Bed Plates, 70 lbs. at 6d. ...	2	15	0			
Iron in Rods and Spikes, 40 lbs. at 6d. ...	2	15	0			
Carriage and Erection of Girders	10	0	0			
				70	7	6

<i>Culverts and Drains.</i>						
Two Culverts, including Excavations, 57 l. yds. at £11 ...	627	0	0			
Five Culverts including Excavations, 89 l. yds. at £5 ...	445	0	0			
Two Culverts under road, including Excavations, 40 lin. yds. at £2 ...	80	0	0			
Box Drains, 50 l. yds. at 5s. ...	12	10	0			
				1,164	10	0
Temporary Fencing and Roads	...	...	...	100	0	0
Plant and Tools ...	...	...	...	300	0	0
Maintenance for Six Months ...	...	...	...	274	14	6
				£24,500	0	0

KAIKORAI CONTRACT (No. 3).

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Fencing :—						
370 chs. at 30s. ...	...	...	...	555	0	0
Clearing line, 185 schs. at 2s. 6d. ...	...	...	...	23	2	6
Cuttings, 24,300 c. yds. at 1s. 6d. ...	...	...	...	1,822	10	0
Side cutting, 4,000 c. yds. at 1s. 6d. ...	...	...	...	300	0	0
Embankments :—						
Soiling Slopes of Embankment, 13,500 sup. yds. at 3d. ...	...	...	...	168	15	0
Formation, including side ditches, 185 chs. at 10s. ...	...	...	...	92	10	0
Ditches, 10 chs. at 20s. ...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Level Crossings :—						
Gates and Wickets complete, 4 pairs at £15 ...	60	0	0			
Ordinary Crossings complete, 3 pairs at £17 ...	51	0	0			
				111	0	0
Road Alterations :—						
At 4-64 Earthwork, including formation, 150 c. yds. at 1s. 6d. ...	11	5	0			
Metalling, 36 c. yds. at 8s. ...	14	8	0			
				25	13	0
At 4-65 ½ Earthwork, including formation, 500 c. yds. at 1s. 6d. ...	37	10	0			
Metalling, 80 c. yds. at 8s. ...	32	0	0			
				69	10	0
Where directed—Earthwork, including formation, 500 c. yds. at 1s. 6d. ...	37	10	0			
Metalling, 100 c. yds. at 8s. ...	40	0	0			
				77	10	0
Stream Diversions :—						
Cutting New Channel for Kaikorai, 17 chs. at £8 ...	136	0	0			
Filling Old Channel, 20 chs. at 1s. 6d. ...	1	10	0			
Rough Stone Pitching, 20 sup. yds. at 1s. 6d. ...	1	10	0			
				147	10	0

Bridges.

Private Road Bridge at 3-47 :—						
Excavation for Cills and Refilling Trenches, 7 c. yds. at 1s. 6d. ...	0	10	6			
Carried forward	...	...	...

Bridges—continued.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Private Road Bridge at 3-47— <i>continued.</i>						
Timber in Cills and Beams, } 98 c. ft. at 4s. ...	34	16	0			
Timber planking, including Spikes, 76 c. ft. at 4s. ...						
Timber Parapet and Ballast Beams, 17 c. ft. at 5s. ...	4	5	0			
Iron in Straps and Bolts, 34 lbs. at 6d. ...	0	17	0			
Painting and Tarring ...	5	0	0			
				45	8	6
Bridge over Kaikorai at 3-61 :—						
Excavation, 20 c. yds. at 2s. ...	2	0	0			
Concrete in Foundations, 3 c. yds. at 30s. ...	4	10	0			
Rubble Masonry in Cement, 23 c. yds. at 32s. 6d. ...	37	7	6			
Cement Plastering, 6 sup. yds. at 2s. ...	0	12	0			
Timber in Wall Plates, 11 c. ft. at 4s. ...	2	4	0			
Iron in Bed Plates, 64 lbs. at 6d. ...	2	14	0			
Iron in Rods and Spikes, 44 lbs. at 6d. ...	2	14	0			
Carriage and Erection of Girders ...	10	0	0			
				59	7	6
Bridge over Kaikorai at 4-7 :—						
Excavation, 27 c. yds. at 2s. ...	2	14	0			
Concrete in Foundations, 3 c. yds. at 30s. ...	4	10	0			
Rubble Masonry in Cement, 30 c. yds. at 32s. 6d. ...	42	10	0			
Cement Plastering, 6 sup. yds. at 2s. ...	0	12	0			
Timber in Wall Plates, 11 c. ft. at 4s. ...	2	4	0			
Iron in Bed Plates 64 lbs. at 6d. ...	2	14	0			
Iron in Rods and Spikes, 44 lbs. at 6d. ...	2	14	0			
Carriage and Erection of Girders ...	10	0	0			
				65	4	0
Culverts and Drains :—						
1 Culvert, including Excavation, 24 l. yds. at £11 ...	264	0	0			
11 Culverts, including Excavation, 170 l. yds. at £5 ...	850	0	0			
1 Culvert, 11 l. yds. at £2 ...	22	0	0			
Box Drains, including Excavation, 50 l. yds. at 5s. ...	12	10	0			
				484	10	0
Temporary Fencing and Roads	...	...	...	25	0	0
Plant and Tools ...	...	...	...	103	9	6
Maintenance for Three Months	...	...	...	50	0	0
				£4,900	0	0

CLUTHA CONTRACT.

Fencing :—						
Turf Fencing, 930 chs. at £1 ...	930	0	0			
Post, Rail, and Wire Fencing, 640 chs. at £1 10s. ...	960	0	0			
				1,890	0	0
Clearing Line, 855 chs. at 2s. 6d. ...				106	17	6
Cuttings :—						
173,630 c. yds. at 1s. 4d. ...	11,575	6	8			
Slopes :—						
6,660 c. yds. at 4s. ...	1,332	0	0			
				12,907	6	8
Embankments, 139,610 c. yds. Allow for subsidence, 13,890 c. yds.						
Soiling Slopes of Embankments, 17,000 sup. yds. at 3d. ...				212	10	0
Pitching Slopes, 1,320 sup. yds. at 2s. ...				132	0	0
Formation, including side ditches, 855 chs. at 2s. 6d. ...				106	17	6
Carried forward	...	...	...

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...	...				
Ditches :—						
Ditches shown on Drawings, 60 chs. at £1 ...	60	0	0			
Ditches at undefined places, 100 chs. £1 ...	100	0	0			
				160	0	0
Level Crossings :—						
Gates and Wickets, complete, 4 pairs at £20 ...	80	0	0			
Ordinary Crossings, complete 10 pairs at £20 ...	200	0	0			
				280	0	0
<i>Road Alterations.</i>						
District Road :—						
Earthwork, including formation Cuttings, 900 c. yds. at 6d. ...				22	10	0
Main South Road :—						
Earthwork, including formation Cuttings, 220 c. yds. at 6d. ...	5	10	0			
Pitching and Metalling, 40 l. yds. at 10s. ...	20	0	0			
				25	10	0
District Roads :—						
Earthwork, including formation Cuttings, 1,200 c. yds. at 6d. ...				30	0	0
Where directed — Earthwork, including formation, 2,000 c. yds. at 6d. ...	50	0	0			
Metalling, 500 c. yds. at 8s. ...	200	0	0			
				250	0	0
<i>Bridges.</i>						
Bridge over Lovell's Creek						
Piles, including Hooping, Driv- ing, &c., 144 l. ft. at 5s. ...	36	0	0			
Timber in Walings and Braces, 91 c. ft. at 3s. 6d. ...	15	18	6			
Timber in Beams, 120 c. ft. at 3s. 6d. ...	21	0	0			
Iron in Pile Shoes, 120 lbs. at 6d. ...	3	0	0			
Iron Straps, Bolts, and Spikes, 300 lbs. at 6d. ...	7	10	0			
Tarring ...	10	9	0			
				93	8	6
Bridge over Stoney Creek :—						
Piles, including Hooping, Driv- ing, &c., 144 l. ft. at 5s. ...	36	0	0			
Timber in Walings and Braces, 91 c. ft. at 3s. 6d. ...	15	18	6			
Timber in Beams, 120 c. ft. at 3s. 6d. ...	21	0	0			
Iron in Pile Shoes, 120 lbs. at 6d. ...	3	0	0			
Iron Straps, Bolts, and Spikes, 300 lbs. at 6d. ...	7	10	0			
Tarring ...	10	0	0			
				93	6	6
District Road Bridge over Railway :—						
Excavation for Cills and Re- filling Trenches, 18 c. yds. at 1s. 6d. ...	1	7	0			
Timber in Cills and Plates, 68½ c. ft. at 4s. ...	13	14	0			
Timber in Uprights and Brac- ing, 152½ c. ft. at 4s. ...	30	10	0			
Timber in Beams and Struts, 163 c. ft. at 4s. ...	32	12	0			
Timber in Planking, including Spikes, 190 c. ft. at 4s. ...	38	0	0			
Timber in Parapets and Ballast Beams, 76 c. ft. at 5s. ...	19	0	0			
Iron in Straps and Bolts, 280 lbs. at 6d. ...	7	0	0			
Painting and Tarring ...	17	17	0			
				160	0	0
Carried forward ...						

<i>Bridges—continued.</i>			
Three Occupation Bridges over Railway :—			
	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...	...	
3 at £160 ...			480
Quantities same as District Road Bridge.			
Bridge under District Road :—			
Allow for Removal and Re- erection ...	15	0	0
Extra timber, 40 c. ft. at 3s. 6d. ...	7	0	0
			22
Culverts and Drains :—			
1 Culvert, including Excavation, 34 l. yds. at £10 ...	340	0	0
5 Culverts, including Excava- tion, 95 l. yds. at £5 ...	475	0	0
7 Culverts, including Excava- tion, 78 l. yds. at £3 10s. ...	273	0	0
2 Culverts, with Gate, 21 l. yds. at £3 5s. ...	68	5	0
2 Culverts, with Gate, 20 l. yds. at £3 5s. ...	65	0	0
12-inch Glazed Earthenware Pipes, including excavation, 150 l. yds. at 3s. ...	22	10	0
9-inch Glazed Earthenware Pipes, including Excavation, 150 l. yds. at 6s. ...	45	0	0
6-inch Glazed Earthenware Pipes, including Excavation, 150 l. yds. at 9s. ...	67	10	0
			1,356
Inspector's Cottage, complete, as specified ...			110
Temporary Fencing and Roads, allowed for in foregoing prices ...			100
Use of Plant and Tools, allowed for in fore- going prices ...			211
			£19,000

<i>Deduct Works executed to date.</i>			
	£	s.	d.
Turf Fencing, 102 chs. at 20s. ...	102	0	0
Post, Rail, and Wire Fencing, 86 chains at 30s. ...	129	0	0
Clearing Line complete ...	106	17	6
Cuttings, 23,000 c. yds. at 1s. 4d. ...	1,533	6	8
Side Cutting complete ...	250	0	0
Ditches, shown on plans ...	60	0	0
Ordinary Level Crossings, No. 1, 1 c. yd. at £20 ...	20	0	0
Earthwork in Roads, 600 c. yds. at 6d. ...	15	0	0
Bridge under District Road, complete ...	22	0	0
No. 2 Culvert, at 7-55 ...	100	0	0
No. 3 Culverts, various places, 46 yds. at £3 10s. ...	161	0	0
12-inch Glazed Pipes, 41 yds. at 9s. ...	18	9	0
9-inch Glazed Pipes, 66 yds. at 6s. ...	19	16	0
6-inch Glazed Pipes, 96 yds. at 3s. ...	14	8	0
Inspector's Cottage, complete ...	110	0	0
			2,661
Allow for Materials and use of Plant ...	338	2	10
			3,000
			£16,000

OFFERS TO CONSTRUCT RAILWAYS.

(Telegram.)

Port Chalmers, 28th October, 1871.

WE agree construct 50 to 500 miles railway for Colonial Debentures bearing $5\frac{1}{4}$ cent. or cash payments. Price settled arbitration. Agreement without 5 cent. for profit, and agree pay cash deposit of $2\frac{1}{2}$ cent. on amount up £200,000, over that amount and up to one million $\frac{1}{2}$ cent. or reasonable cash security Government would insist on, or are prepared compete for any length railway by public tender, and pay any cash security required. As proof we mean business, are prepared forthwith deposit preliminary security £10,000 credit Government.

Hon. Minister Public Works, Wellington.

THOMAS CONNOR,
JAMES MCKAY,
DAVID PROUDFOOT.

SIR,—

Empire Hotel, Wellington, 4th November, 1871.

Referring to our offer of the 28th ult., we have the honor to ask the Government if, in the event of the price per mile or section to be submitted by the Government to the Messrs. Brogden for the construction of railways in New Zealand should be deemed inadequate by these gentlemen, will the Government favour us by submitting the same railway work for our acceptance?

We may inform the Government we have a large amount of temporary railway plant available, and from our local knowledge and practical experience as contractors, we feel quite convinced we are in a position to construct railways in New Zealand with advantage to the Government and ourselves.

A cash security to the extent named in our offer of the 28th ult., or an increased security should the Government desire it, would be at once lodged to the credit of the Government.

We have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister for Public Works.

CONNOR, MCKAY, AND PROUDFOOT.

(Telegram.)

11th December, 1871.

I AM directed by the Hon. Mr. Reeves to inform you that Government are of opinion that, beyond the amount included in the resolution with regard to Messrs. Brogden, all railways should, as a rule, be contracted for by public tender.

Messrs. Connor, McKay, and Proudfoot, Dunedin.

JOHN KNOWLES,
Under Secretary for Public Works.

(Telegram.)

SIR,—

Dunedin, 15th May, 1872.

We herewith offer to construct all railways in New Zealand, whether main or coal lines, either with or without rolling stock, in strict accordance with plans and specifications at prices 10 per cent. under your Engineer's estimated schedule cost per mile, or we will make all railways in Otago at $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. under estimated cost, or will compete by public tender for any length of line your Government may call for, and will agree to accept payment for above in Colonial Debentures at par, bearing $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., or, should you elect, monthly cash progress payments on the certificate of the Government Engineer. We may state we are in a position to construct two hundred miles of railway per annum; and should this offer be accepted, we will furnish to your Government any adequate security they may deem desirable, and would be prepared to commence work within one month after contracts being signed. Trusting this offer may receive the favourable consideration of your Government,

JAMES FORREST AND CO.

The Hon. the Minister for Railways, Wellington.

GENTLEMEN,—

Public Works Office, Wellington, 29th May, 1872.

In reply to your telegram of the 15th instant, in which you make proposals for the constructing of the railway lines about to be undertaken in various parts of the Colony, I am instructed by Mr. Ormond to inform you, that all railways not offered to Messrs. Brogden and Sons in terms of their contract will be submitted to public tender.

I have, &c.,

James Forrest and Co., Dunedin.

JOHN KNOWLES,
Under Secretary.

(Telegram.)

Dunedin, 13th June, 1872.

HAVING heard that you entertain a doubt as to the *bonâ fides* of our offer sent you 13th ultimo, we have simply to repeat that we are fully prepared to fulfil every condition contained therein.

The Hon. the Minister of Railways, Wellington.

FORREST AND CO.

GENTLEMEN,—

Public Works Office, Wellington, 14th June, 1872.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 13th instant, in which, for the reason therein given, you repeat the offer for the construction of all the Colonial lines of railway made in your telegram of the 15th May.

In reply, I am to state that the letter I was directed to forward to you on the 29th May, in answer to your telegram of the 15th, was not dictated, as you suppose, under any doubt as to the *bonâ fide* character of your proposals.

Messrs. Forrest and Co., Dunedin.

I have, &c.,
JOHN KNOWLES,
Under Secretary.

(Telegram.)

Port Chalmers, 26th June, 1872.

WE offer to build remainder of Clutha Railway complete, according to sections and specifications, at $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. under Engineer's estimate of 4th December, 1870. The rails, rolling stock, &c., we would purchase in Europe jointly with your agent on a commission of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Will undertake to complete line in two years.

The Minister of Railways.

PROUDFOOT AND CO.

SIR,—

Wellington, 8th June, 1872.

We hereby tender for the construction of the Invercargill and Mataura Railway Works, being for a length of 39 miles and 6 chains, with three miles of sidings, and for the supply of the rolling stock for the same, as respectively set forth in the plans and specifications submitted to us by the Government, for the sum of £139,856, and for the maintenance of the works during the three months' maintenance mentioned in the proposed general conditions, for the further sum of £2,135; but this tender is made upon the following conditions, that is to say—

1. That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the proposed general conditions, the gross cost to us in England, including freight to the Colony and other charges payable there, of the materials for the permanent way, and of the rolling stock respectively set forth in the plans and specification, shall be paid to us in England by the Agent-General of the Colony, within three days after presentation to him there of the bills of lading for any such materials or rolling stock actually shipped, together with our certificate of the gross cost of the same, the sums so paid to us to be taken as payments on account of the contract, and the materials and rolling stock paid for to be thereupon deemed to be appropriated to this contract.
2. That in the event of the materials for permanent way and rolling stock costing us in England as aforesaid more than £58,327, the Government shall, immediately upon the delivery of the same upon the works, pay us a sum equal to 10 per cent. upon the excess beyond that amount.
3. That all materials and rolling stock imported by us for the purposes of the works shall be free of Customs duties, wharfage dues, and of all General or Provincial Government local charges of all kinds; and that we shall be entitled to the carriage of the same, and of men employed by us, and of all other materials to be used in the works or required for the purposes of the same, free of charge, on the Bluff and Winton Railway.
4. That the Government shall defray the cost of erecting a telegraph line along the line of the proposed railway for the use of the work during the periods of construction and maintenance.

The above-mentioned sums of £139,856 and £2,135 are estimated for payment in cash.

Should the Government propose to pay for the work in debentures under the terms of the agreement of December last, the above sums will in each case be increased at the rate of £1 per cent., which increase is also to apply to the above conditions numbers 1 and 2.

We beg to point out that, should the Government wish us to proceed with the construction of the proposed works pending the final adoption of Contract No. 3, under the provisions of the agreement of December last, it would be desirable to alter the terms of paragraphs 5, 6, and 7 of that agreement, and we shall be willing to consent to any modification of those clauses which may facilitate the operations of the Government.

This tender is made without prejudice to our rights under the above-mentioned agreement of December last.

The Hon. the Minister of Public Works, Wellington.

We have, &c.,
JOHN BROGDEN AND SONS.

P.S.—The above tender is made on the further condition, which we think it necessary to express although we conceive it to be implied, that if the gross costs of materials for permanent way and rolling stock exceeds £48,327, the excess, if any, is to be added to the contract price above tendered for.

JOHN BROGDEN AND SONS.

SIR,—

Wellington, 20th June, 1872.

In reference to the memorandum submitted to us by the Government, as the groundwork of an agreement modifying the terms of that of the 18th December last, we beg to say, in the first place, that we are willing to confine our contracts, in the case of each of the railways to be submitted to us, to the construction of such parts of the works as are mentioned in the enclosed specification, leaving it to the Government to supply materials for permanent way and rolling stock, and everything else (if any) which may be requisite for putting the lines in working order.

In the next place, with regard to materials for permanent way and rolling stock, we are prepared to enter into arrangements with the Government as set forth in the following conditions, viz. :—

1. We are to assist the Agent-General in obtaining for the Government tenders in England for the supply of suitable materials for permanent way and rolling stock to the extent of two hundred and fifty thousand pounds (£250,000) at the least, in accordance with specifications to be furnished to us; the tenders to be invited in our names, but all expenses connected therewith, such as advertising, &c., to be paid by the Government.

2. On acceptance by the Agent-General of any tender, our responsibility is to cease.
3. We are to receive for our services in connection with the proposed purchases a commission of five pounds (£5) per centum on the amount of purchase money, as ascertained by the accepted tenders; such commission to be paid to us in London by the Agent-General within seven days after the acceptance of each tender.

In connection with the foregoing arrangements, we should, of course, be under the ordinary obligations of skilled agents.

In reference to the proposed works, we should expect the Government to deliver to us at the ship's side, at the nearest and most convenient port at which the same may be available for each work, the materials for permanent way and rolling stock necessary for such work, and particularly that the rolling stock which we are entitled to use under the specifications for construction should be delivered in time to enable us to use it.

Should the foregoing terms be agreed to, we are willing to construct the Invercargill and Maitara Railway, so far as regards the matters mentioned in the enclosed specifications of works, for the sum of £86,697, for the proposed length of 39 miles 56 chains, with three miles of sidings, with the addition of £2,135 for maintenance for three months, with 1,200 cubic yards extra ballast.

The Auckland and Waikato Railway, so far as regards the matters mentioned in the enclosed specification of works, for the sum of £169,484 for the proposed length of 41 miles 34 chains, with two miles of sidings, with the addition of £2,200 for maintenance for three months, without any extra ballast.

Bridge repairs from O, at or near Newmarket, to 4 miles and 47 chains towards Waikato, on section, to be charged as extras.

Napier and Paki Paki Railway, from Napier to Port Napier, so far as regards the matters mentioned in the enclosed specification of works, for the sum of £13,732, for the proposed length of 2 miles and 10 chains, with the addition of £106 for maintenance for three months without extra ballast.

From Napier to Paki Paki, so far as regards the matters mentioned in the enclosed specification of works, for the sum of £37,075, for the proposed length of 16 miles and 3 chains, with one mile of siding, with the addition of £860 for maintenance for three months without extra ballast; should line from Napier to Port Napier not be made, extra haulage on material to be allowed; but this offer is further subject to these following conditions:—

1. That we shall be entitled to an extension of time for any delay in the delivery of materials for permanent way and rolling stock to be supplied by the Government.
2. That all materials and rolling stock imported by us for the purposes of the works shall be free of Customs duties, wharfage dues, and of all General or Provincial Government and local charges of all kinds; and that in the case of the Invercargill and Maitara Railway, we shall be entitled to the carriage of the same, and of men employed by us and of all other materials to be used in the works or required for the purposes of the same, free of charge, on the Bluff and Winton Railway.
3. That the Government shall defray the cost of erecting a telegraph line along the lines of the proposed railways, for the use of the works during the periods of construction and maintenance.

The above-mentioned sums are estimated for payment in cash. Should the Government propose to pay for the work in debentures under the terms of the agreement of December last, the above sums will in each case be increased at the rate of 1 per cent.

We beg to point out that should the Government wish us to proceed with the construction of the proposed works, pending the final adoption of Contract No. 3, under the provisions of the agreement of December last, it would be desirable to alter the terms of paragraphs 5, 6, and 7 of that agreement, and we shall be willing to consent to any modification of those clauses which may facilitate the operations of the Government.

Should the Government see fit to carry out the proposed alteration in the mode of providing the materials for the permanent way and rolling stock as above mentioned, the general conditions as agreed to will have to be altered, but we apprehend that this need not cause much delay. We are, however, advised that it will be necessary that the foregoing modifications of the agreement of 18th December last should be effected by deed.

These tenders are made without prejudice to our rights under the above-mentioned agreement of December last.

The Hon. the Minister for Public Works.

We have, &c.,
JOHN BROGDEN & SONS.

NAPIER and PORT NAPIER RAILWAY.

Work to be executed in compliance with Plans and Specifications.

Excavation, earth, rock; Ditching, top of cuttings one side, bottom of cuttings both sides; Trimming and forming before ballasting; Pitching, road diversions, including metalling; Bridges and Culverts, timber, piling, iron; Permanent Way in New Zealand, exclusive of rails and fastenings, ballast, rail-laying, sleepers, cartage, waste and loss; Maintenance for three months without extra ballast. The cost of stations is not included in the specification or tender.

JOHN BROGDEN AND SONS.

NAPIER AND PAKI PAKI RAILWAY.

Work to be executed in compliance with Plans and Specifications.

Excavation, earth; Ditching, top of cuttings one side, bottom of cuttings both sides; Forming Lines, trimming and forming before ballasting; Road Diversions, including metalling; Level crossings 1st class, level crossings 2nd class, level crossings 3rd class. Bridges and Culverts, excavation for foundation and outfalls, timber, piling, iron; Fencing, cattle stops, gates. Permanent Way in New Zealand, exclusive of rails and fastenings; Ballast, rail-laying, sleepers, cartage, waste and loss; Sidings, earthwork,

extra; Landing and erecting rolling stock; Management; Maintenance for three months without extra ballast; Freight for rails and rolling stock from Auckland to Napier. The cost of stations is not included in the specification or tender; and should line from Napier to Port Napier not be made, extra haulage on material to be allowed.

JOHN BROGDEN AND SONS.

INVERCARGILL AND MATAURA RAILWAY.

Work to be executed in compliance with Plans and Specifications.

Excavation, earth; Stream Diversions; Ditching, top of cuttings one side, bottom of cuttings both sides, ditching at 38 miles 21 chains; Trimming and forming before ballasting; Felling timber $1\frac{1}{2}$ chain on each side of centre line; Grubbing stumps and roots; Road Diversions, including metalling; Level crossings 1st class, level crossings 2nd class, level crossings 3rd class; Bridges and Culverts, excavation for foundations and outfalls, timber, piling, iron, masonry, coping, puddle, loading culverts, fencing, cattle stops, gates; Permanent Way in New Zealand, exclusive of rails and fastenings, ballast, rail-laying, sleepers, cartage, waste and loss; Sidings, earthwork, extra; Landing and erecting rolling stock; Management; Maintenance for three months with 1,200 c. yds. extra ballasting. The cost of stations is not included in the specification or tender.

JOHN BROGDEN AND SONS.

SIR,—

Wellington, 3rd July, 1872.

We beg to tender for the construction of the Dunedin and Clutha Railway, so far as regards the matters mentioned in the enclosed specification of works, for the sum of £142,000 for the proposed length of 34 miles and 55 chains, with two miles of sidings, with the addition of £1,835 for maintenance for three months, without extra ballast.

The whole of the permanent way materials, and all other materials required for the purposes of the work, as also all men employed by us, to be carried free of charge from Port Chalmers to the commencement of the contract, and from Balclutha to the end of the contract.

This offer is subject to the terms, conditions, and provisions contained in our letter of the 20th of June last, enclosing tenders for the Auckland and Waikato, Invercargill and Mataura, Napier and Paki Paki, and Napier and Port Napier Railways.

The Hon. the Minister for Public Works.

We have, &c.,

JOHN BROGDEN AND SONS.

DUNEDIN AND CLUTHA RAILWAY.

Taieri Contract, 34 miles 55 chains, and two miles sidings.

Work to be executed in compliance with Plans and Specifications.

Tunnel; Excavation, earth, rock; Pitching, retaining walls; Ditching top of cuttings one side bottom of cuttings both sides; Trimming and forming before ballasting; Road Diversion, including metalling; Level crossing 1st class with cattle stops, level crossing 2nd class with cattle stops; Bridges and Culverts, excavation for foundation and outfalls, timber, piling, iron, masonry, punning; Fencing; Permanent Way in New Zealand, exclusive of rails and fastenings, ballast, rail-laying, sleepers, cartage, waste and loss; Sidings.

Earthwork not to exceed 10,000 cubic yards; Management; Maintenance for three months without extra ballast.

3rd July, 1872.

JOHN BROGDEN AND SONS.

Memorandum on Messrs. Brogden's Tender.

My estimate amounts to £141,369. Mr. Brogden objected to the prices fixed for wrought and cast iron, and has increased his estimate on these items. I find the price has been put too low, and would recommend that £142,000 should be offered to Mr. Brogden, and, if he agreed to this, that his tender should be accepted.

My report on this line has not yet been written, but it will be favourable as regards the prospects of the line paying working expenses.

4th July, 1872.

JOHN CARBUTHERS,

Engineer-in-Chief.

GENTLEMEN,—

Public Works Office, Wellington, 4th July, 1872.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd July, in which you tender for the construction of 34 miles and 55 chains, with two miles of sidings, being the Taieri portion of the Dunedin and Clutha Railway, according to the specification therein enclosed, for the sum of £142,501, together with £1,835 for the maintenance thereof for three months, without extra ballast.

In reply, I beg to inform you that the Chief Surveyor's estimate for the construction being lower than the amount above stated, the Government are prepared to meet you liberally, and agree to the terms contained in your letter, provided you reduce the amount for construction to the sum of £142,000.

I have, &c.,

Messrs. John Brogden and Sons, Wellington.

W. REEVES.

SIR,—

Wellington, 5th July, 1872.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, and in reply beg to state that we will construct the Dunedin and Balclutha Railway for the sum of £142,000, in accordance with the terms of our letter of 3rd instant.

To the Hon. the Minister for Public Works.

We have, &c.,

JOHN BROGDEN AND SONS.

GENTLEMEN,—

Public Works Office, Wellington, 6th July, 1872.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th June, in which your tender for the construction of the Invercargill and Mataura, Auckland and Waikato, and Napier and Paki Paki lines of Railway, and in reply beg to inform you that, subject to the conditions and modifications verbally agreed to, the Government accept your offer to construct the two lines first mentioned—the line from Napier to Paki Paki being still under consideration.

Contracts embodying those conditions are now being prepared for execution, and will be completed with as little delay as possible.

Messrs. John Brogden and Sons, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

W. REEVES.

P.S.—The tender for the line from Wellington to the Hutt, contained in your letter of the 26th of June, has also been accepted, subject to a reduction of £250 from the amount therein charged, to meet accidents by storms and floods, and to the conditions and modifications above alluded to.

W. REEVES.

CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO.

OTAGO SOUTHERN TRUNK RAILWAY.

DUNEDIN CONTRACT.

Tender of J. Chaplin and Co. £4,325 15s.

Fencing:—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Fencing on reclaimed ground						
39 chs. at 34s 6d. ...	67	5	6			
Ordinary Fencing, 188 chs. at 30s 9d. ...	289	1	0			
				356	6	6
Clearing Line ...				6	0	6
Cuttings:—25,715 c. yds.						
Deficiency, 16,201 c. yds.						
Embankment:—41,916 c. yds. at 1s. 4d. ...				2,794	8	0
Formation:—						
Chains 133, at 2s. ...				13	6	0
Pitching Slopes, complete, 821 sq. yds. at 2s. ...	82	2	0			
Levelling Crossing Gates and Wickets, 2 pairs at £12 ...	24	0	0			
Bridges:—						
Bridge over Main South Road:—						
Excavation, 233½ c. yds. at 1s.	11	13	6			
Concrete in Foundations, 24 c. yds. at 26s. ...	31	4	0			
Rubble Masonry Foundation, 24 c. yds. at 30s. ...	36	0	0			
Rubble Masonry Superstructure, 339 c. yds. at 27s. ...	457	13	0			
Ashlar in blocks, 24 c. ft. at 3s. 6d. ...	4	4	0			
Ashlar in coping, 32 c. ft. at 5s.	8	0	0			
Cement Plastering, 30 sup. yds. at 2s. ...	3	0	0			
Carriage and Erection of Girders	6	0	0			
Bridge over Railway:—						
Excavation for Cills and Refilling Trenches, 4 c. yds. at 1s.	0	4	0			
Timber in Cills and Plates, Timber Uprights and Bracing, Beams and Struts, Timber Planking, including Spikes, Timber Parapets and Ballast Beams, 55 c. ft. at 8s. ...	97	10	0			
Iron in Straps and Bolts, 464 lbs. at 6d. ...	11	12	0			
Painting and Tarring ...	10	0	0			
				805	2	6
Culverts.						
Timber culvert, 9 l. yds. at £4	36	0	0			
Culvert at 1-28:—						
Excavation, c. yds. in bank						
Rubble Masonry, 124½ c. yds. at 25s. ...	155	12	6			
Brickwork in arch, 36 c. yds. at 40s. ...	72	0	0			
Concrete, 35 15 ft. c. yds. at 22s. ...	38	11	6			
Pitching, 32 sq. yds. at 7s. ...	11	4	0			
Cement Plastering, 96 sq. yds. at 2s. ...	9	12	0			
Puddle, 24 c. yds. at 3s. ...	3	12	0			
Maintenance for two months ...	18	0	0			
Grassing slopes ...	6	0	0			
				350	12	0
				£4,325	15	0

CAVERSHAM CONTRACT.

Tender of A. J. Smyth, £16,152 7s. 5d.

Fencing:—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Ordinary Fencing, 192 chs. at 32s. 6d. ...	312	0	0			
Close Fencing, 2-17 to 2-21, 4 chs. at £7 ...	28	0	0			
				340	0	0
Clearing Line, 96 chs. at 20s. ...				96	0	0
Cuttings:—						
From 1-55 to 1-60, 2,217 c. yds. at 1s. 4d. ...	147	16	0			
From 1-66 to 1-71, 492 c. yds. at 1s. 4d. ...	32	16	0			
From 2-10 to 2-26 soft material, 16,503 c. yds. at 1s. 4d. ...	1,100	4	0			
From 2-10 to 2-26 rock, 11,243 c. yds. at 2s. 3d. ...	1,264	16	9			
From 2-67 to 2-71 soft material, 1,900 c. yds. at 1s. 4d. ...	126	13	4			
From 2-67 to 2-71 rock, 1,570 c. yds. at 2s. 3d. ...	176	12	6			
From 2-73 to 3-5, 540 c. yds. at 1s. 4d. ...	36	0	0			
From 3-12 to 3-19, 2,374 c. yds. at 1s. 4d. ...	158	5	4			
				3,043	3	11
Embankments, 40,949 c. yds. ...				3,479	3	11
Soiling Slopes of Embankment, 8,700 sup. yds. at 6d. ...				217	10	0
Formation, including Side Ditches, 96 chs. at 20s. ...				96	0	0
Ditches, 25 chs. at 20s. ...				25	0	0
Road Alterations:—						
From 1-68 to 1-76 Earthwork, including Formation, 300 c. yds. at 1s. 4d. ...	20	0	0			
Metalling, 156½ c. yds. at 8s. ...	62	12	0			
				82	12	0
From 2-17 to 2-21 Earthwork, including Formation, 132 c. yds. at 1s. 4d. ...	8	16	0			
Metalling, 66 c. yds. at 8s. ...	26	8	0			
				35	4	0
Where directed, Earthwork, including Formation, 1,000 c. yds. at 1s. 4d. ...	66	13	4			
Metalling, 200 c. yds. at 8s. ...	80	0	0			
				146	13	4
Level Crossings:—						
Gates and Wickets complete, 4 pairs at £20 ...	80	0	0			
Ordinary Crossings complete, 3 pairs at £30 ...	90	0	0			
				170	0	0
Tunnel:—						
Excavation, including Recesses, Drain, &c., 902 l. yds. at £9	8,118	0	0			
Blue Stone Covers, 2 ft. wide, 902 l. yds. at 15s. ...	676	10	0			
Brick Lining, 22 l. yds. at £15	330	0	0			
Ashlar Masonry in Fronts, 1,388 c. ft. at 5s. ...	347	0	0			
				9,471	10	0
Carried forward ...						

Bridges.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Bridges—continued.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Brought forward				...						Brought forward				...						
Bridge over Street:—										Bridge over Kaikorai—continued:—										
Excavation, 110 c. yds. at 1s. 4d.				...	7	6	8			Cement Plastering, 6 c. yds. at 3s.				...	0	18	0			
Concrete in Foundation, 30½ c. yds. at 40s.				...	60	13	4			Timber in Wall Plates, 11½ c. ft. at 4s.				...	2	5	0			
Rubble Masonry in Cement, 167 c. yds. at 30s.				...	250	10	0			Iron in Bed Plates, 63 lbs. at 1s.				...	3	3	0			
Rubble Masonry in Lime, 250 c. yds. at 27s.				...	337	10	0			Iron Rods and Spikes, 41 lbs. at 6d.				...	1	0	6			
Ashlar Coping, 24 c. ft. at 5s.				...	6	0	0			Carriage and Erection of Girders, allow				...	15	0	0	53	13	6
Cement Plastering, 42 sup. yds. at 3s.				...	6	6	6													
Timber in Wall Plates, 12 c. ft. at 4s.				...	2	8	0													
Iron in Bed Plates, 61 lbs. at 1s.				...	3	1	0													
Iron in Rods and Spikes, 24 lbs. at 6d.				...	0	12	0													
Carriage and Erection of Girders, allow				...	15	0	0	689	7	0										
Bridge over Railway, at 2-21:—																				
Excavation for Foundation and Trough, 40 c. yds. at 1s. 4d.				...	2	13	4													
Rubble Masonry in Cement, 22 c. yds. at 30s.				...	33	0	0													
Cement Plastering, 6 sup. yds. at 3s.				...	0	18	0													
Timber in Wall Plates, 12 c. ft. at 4s.				...	2	8	0													
Timber in Beams and Trough, 154½ c. ft. at 4s.				...	30	18	0													
Timber in Planking, including Spikes, 92½ c. ft. at 4s.				...	18	10	0													
Timber in Parapet, 34 c. ft. at 4s.				...	6	16	0													
Galvanized Iron, 2 70-100 sqrs. at £10				...	10	10	0													
Iron in Bed Plates, 50 lbs. at 1s.				...	2	10	0													
Iron in Rods, Bolts and Spikes, 90 lbs. at 6d.				...	2	5	0													
Puddling Round Trough, allow				...	4	0	0													
Carriage and Erection of Girders, allow				...	15	0	0													
Painting and Tarring, allow				...	10	0	0	138	18	4										
Bridge over Railway, at 2-69:—																				
Excavation for Cills and Refilling Trenches, 15 c. yds. at 1s. 4d.				...	1	0	0													
Timber in Cills and Plates, 53 c. ft. at 4s.				...	10	12	0													
Timber Uprights and Bracing, 152½ c. ft. at 4s.				...	34	10	0													
Timber Beams and Struts, 171 c. ft. at 4s.				...	34	4	0													
Timber Planking, including Spikes, 198 c. ft. at 4s.				...	39	12	0													
Timber Parapets and Ballast Beams, 66 c. ft. at 4s.				...	13	4	0													
Iron in Straps and Bolts, 348 lbs. at 6d.				...	8	14	0													
Painting and Tarring, allow				...	10	0	0	147	16	0										
Bridge over Kaikorai, at 2-73:—																				
Excavation, 6 c. yds. at 1s. 4d.				...	0	8	0													
Rubble Masonry in Cement, 19 c. yds. at 30s.				...	28	10	0													
Cement Plastering, 6 sup. yds. at 3s.				...	0	18	0													
Timber in Wall Plates, 12 c. ft. at 4s.				...	2	8	0													
Iron in Bed Plates, 63 lbs. at 1s.				...	3	3	0													
Iron Rods and Spikes, 31 lbs. at 6d.				...	0	15	6													
Carriage and Erection of Girders, allow				...	15	0	0	51	2	6										
Bridge over Kaikorai, at 3-6:—																				
Excavation, 9 c. yds. at 1s. 4d.				...	0	12	0													
Rubble Masonry in Cement, 20½ c. yds. at 30s.				...	30	15	0													
Carried forward				...						Carried forward				...						

Bridges.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Brought forward		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Brought forward		...			...			Brought forward		...			...
Private Road Bridge.								Embankments—continued.									
Excavation for Cills and Re-								Soiling Slopes of Embankments									
filling Trenches, 6 c. yds. at								17,000 sup. yds. at 2d.					141 13 4				
1s. 6d.		0 9 0											9,548 5 0				
Timber in Cills and Beams,								Pitching Slopes, 1,320 sup. yds.									
101 cubic ft. at 4s.		20 4 0						at 3s					198 0 0				
Timber in Planking, including								Formation, including Side									
Spikes, 72 cubic ft. at 4s.		14 8 0						Ditches, 855 chs. at 9s.					384 15 0				
Timber in Parapet and Ballast								Ditches:—									
Beams, 17 cubic ft. at 4s.		3 8 0						Ditches shown on Drawings, 60									
Iron in Straps and Bolts, 36 lbs.								chs. at 15s.		45 0 0							
at 6d.		0 18 0						Ditches at undefined places,									
Painting and Tarring, allow		5 0 0			44 7 0			100 chs. at 14s.		70 0 0			115 0 0				
Bridge over Kaikorai, at 3-61:—								Level Crossings:—									
Excavation, 15 c. yds. at 1s. 6d.		1 2 6						Gates and Wickets complete,									
Concrete in Foundations, 3 c.								4 pairs at 400s.		80 0 0							
yds. at 35s.		5 5 0						Ordinary Crossings complete,									
Rubble Masonry in Cement, 22								10 pairs at 200s.		100 0 0			180 0 0				
c. yds. at 30s.		33 0 0															
Cement Plastering, 6 sup. yds.								Road Alterations.									
at 3s.		0 18 0						District Road:—									
Timber in Wall Plates, 11½ c.								Earthwork, including formation									
yds. at 4s.		2 5 0						Cuttings, 900 c. yds. at 1s.					45 0 0				
Iron in Bed Plates, 63 lbs. at								Main South Road:—									
1s.		3 3 0						Earthwork, including formation									
Iron in Rods and Spikes, 41 lbs.								Cuttings, 220 c. yds. at 1s.		11 0 0							
at 6d.		1 0 6			61 14 0			Pitching and Metalling, 40 l.									
Carriage and Erection of								yds. at 10s.		20 0 0			31 0 0				
Girders, allow		15 0 0						District Roads:—									
Bridge over Kaikorai, at 4-7:—								Earthwork, including formation									
Excavation, 15 c. yds. at 1s. 6d.		1 2 6						Cuttings, 1,200 c. yds. at 10d.					50 0 0				
Concrete in Foundations, 3 c.								Where directed — Earthwork,									
ft. at 35s.		5 5 0						including formation, 2,000 c.									
Rubble Masonry in Cement, 30								yds. at 10d.		83 6 8							
c. yds. at 30s.		45 0 0						Metalling, 500 c. yds. at 5s. 6d.		137 10 0			220 16 8				
Cement Plastering, 6 sup. yds.								Bridges.									
at 3s.		0 18 0						Bridge over Lovel's Creek, at 3-27:—									
Timber in Wall Plates, 11½ c.								Piles, including Hooping, Driv-									
ft. at 4s.		2 5 0						ing, &c., 144 l. ft. at 2s.		14 8 0							
Iron in Bed Plates, 63 lbs. at 1s.		3 3 0						Timber in Walings and Braces,									
Iron in Rods and Spikes, 41 lbs.								91 c. ft. at 4s. 6d.		20 9 6							
at 6d.		1 0 6						Timber in Beams, 120 c. ft. at									
Carriage and Erection of								4s.		24 0 0							
Girders, allow		15 0 0			73 14 0			Iron in Pile Shoes, 120 lbs. at									
Culverts and Drains:—								4d.		2 0 0							
1 Culvert, including Excava-								Iron Straps, Bolts, and Spikes,									
tion, 24 l. yds. at £11		264 0 0						300 lbs. at 5d.		6 5 0							
11 Culverts, including Excava-								Tarring, allow		2 10 0			69 12 6				
tion, 170 l. yds. at £4 10s		765 0 0						Bridge over Stoney Creek, at 4-13:—									
1 Culvert, including Excava-								Piles, including Hooping, Driv-									
tion, 11 l. yds. at £4		44 0 0						ing, &c., 144 l. ft. at 2s.		14 8 0							
Box Drains, including Excava-								Timber in Walings and Braces,									
tions, 60 l. yds. at 10s.		25 0 0			474 10 0			91 c. ft. at 4s. 6d.		20 11 9							
Maintenance for three months, 1 Man					30 0 0			Timber in Beams, 120 c. ft. at									
					£4,865 10 6			4s.		24 0 0							
CLUTHA CONTRACT.								Iron in Pile Shoes, 120 lbs. at									
Tender of McLeod and Co., £12,949 2s. 11½d.								4d.		2 0 0							
Fencing:—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Iron, in Straps, Bolts, and									
Turf Fencing, 930 chs. at 18s.			837	0	0				Spikes, 300 lbs. at 5d.		6 5 0						
Post, Rail, and Wire Fencing,								Tarring, allow		2 10 0			69 14 2				
640 chs. at 25s.			800	0	0	1,637	0	0	District Road Bridge over Railway, at 7-75:—								
Clearing Line, 855 chs. at 5s.						213	15	0	Excavation for Cills and Re-								
Cuttings:—										filling Trenches, 18 c. yds.							
8,140 c. yds. at 8½d.			288	5	10				at 1s.		0 18 0						
60 c. yds. at 10d.				2	10	0				Timber in Cills and Plates, 68½							
1,000 c. yds. at 9d.				37	10	0				c. ft. at 3s.		10 5 6					
118,050 c. yds. at 7d.			3,443	2	6				Timber Uprights and Bracing,								
15,210 c. yds. at 7½d.			475	6	3				152½ c. ft. at 4s.		30 10 0						
7,810 c. yds. at 8d.			260	6	8				Timber Beams and Struts, 163								
23,360 c. yds. at 6d.			584	0	0				c. ft. at 2s. 6d.		20 7 6						
6,660 c. yds. at 1s. 6d.			499	10	0	5,590	11	3	Timber Planking, including								
Embankments:—										Spikes, 190 c. ft. at 3s.		28 10 0					
44,750 c. yds. at 2d.			372	18	4				Timber Parapets and Ballast								
11,480 c. yds. at 4d.			191	6	8				Beams, 76 c. ft. at 3s.		11 8 0						
7,900 c. yds. at 8d.			263	6	8				Iron in Straps and Bolts, 280								
9,500 c. yds. at 5d.			197	18	4				lbs. at 6d.		7 0 0						
51,740 c. yds. at 3d.			646	15	0				Painting and Tarring, allow		3 0 0			111 19 0			
28,130 c. yds. at 2½d.			293	0	6	1,965	5	5	Carried forward								
Carried forward																	

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Bridges—continued.</i>													
Brought forward ...							Brought forward ...						
Three Occupation Bridges over Railway at 4-76, 5-77, and 10-21:—							District Roads:—						
Quantities same as District Road Bridge, 3 at £120 2s.				360	6	0	Earthwork, including formation, 1,200 c. yds. at 1s. 2d.				70	0	0
Bridge under District Road, near 1-50:—							Where directed—Earthwork, including formation, 2,000 c. yds. at 1s. 2d.	116	13	4			
Allow for Removal and Re-erection ...	20	0	0				Metalling, 500 c. yds. at 7s. ...	175	0	0			
Extra Timber, 40 c. ft. at 3s. ...	6	0	0								291	13	4
				26	0	0	<i>Bridges.</i>						
Culverts and Drains:—							Bridge over Lovel's Creek:—						
1 Culvert, including Excavation, 34 l. yds. at 180s. ...	306	0	0				Piles, including Hooping, Driv- ing, &c., 144 l. ft. at 3s. 4d.	24	0	0			
5 Culverts, including Excavation, 95 l. yds. at 140s. ...	665	0	0				Timber in Walings and Braces, 91 c. ft. at 3s. 4d. ...	15	3	4			
6 Culverts, including Excavation, 53 l. yds. at 45s. ...	119	5	0				Timber Beams, 120 c. ft. at 3s. 4d. ...	20	0	0			
1 Culvert under Road, including Excavation, 25 l. yds. at 46s. 2½d. ...	57	15	2½				Iron in Pile Shoes, 120 lbs. at 4½d. ...	2	5	0	59	3	6
1 Culvert with Gate, including Excavation, 11 l. yds. at 47s. 8½d. ...	26	5	0½				Iron Straps, Bolts, and Spikes, 300 lbs. at 4½d. ...	5	12	6			
1 Culvert with Gate, including Excavation, 10 l. yds. at 48s. ...	24	0	0								7	17	6
2 Culverts, including Excavation, 20 l. yds. at 10s. ...	10	0	0				Bridge over Stoney Creek:—						
12-inch Glazed Earthenware Pipes, including Excavation, 150 l. yds. at 12s. ...	90	0	0				Piles, including Hooping, Driv- ing, &c., 144 l. ft. at 3s. 4d.	24	0	0			
9-inch Glazed Earthenware Pipes, including Excavation, 150 l. yds. at 9s. ...	67	10	0				Timber in Walings and Braces, 91 c. ft. at 3s. 4d. ...	15	3	4			
6-inch Glazed Earthenware Pipes, including Excavation, 150 l. yds. at 6s. ...	45	0	0				Timber Beams, 120 c. ft. at 3s. 4d. ...	20	0	0			
Inspector's Cottage, complete, as specified ...				1,410	15	2½	Iron in Pile Shoes, 120 lbs. at 4½d. ...	2	5	0			
				115	0	0	Iron Straps, Bolts, and Spikes, 300 lbs. at 4½d. ...	5	12	6	67	0	10
				£12,935	4	1½							
COMPLETION OF CLUTHA CONTRACT.													
<i>Tender of Blair and Watson, £13,478 3s. 10d.</i>							District Road Bridge over Rail- way, at 7-75:—						
Fencing:—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Excavation for Cills and Re- filling Trenches, 18 c. yds. at 1s. 6d. ...	1	7	0			
Turf Fencing, 930 chs. at 14s 6d. ...	674	5	0				Timber in Cills and Plates, 68½ ft. at 3s. 4d. ...	11	8	4			
Post, Rail, and Wire Fencing, 640 chs. at 20s. ...	640	0	0				Timber Uprights and Bracings, 152½ c. ft. at 3s. 4d. ...	25	8	4			
				1,314	5	0	Timber Beams and Struts, 163 c. ft. at 3s. 4d. ...	27	3	4			
Clearing Line, 855 chs. at 4s. ...				171	0	0	Timber Planking, including Spikes, 190 c. ft. at 3s. 4d. ...	31	13	4			
Cuttings:—							Timber Parapets and Ballast Beams, 76 c. ft. at 3s. 4d. ...	12	13	4			
173,630 c. yds. at 1s. 3d. ...	10,851	17	6				Iron in Straps and Bolts, 280 lbs. at 4½d. ...	5	5	0	114	18	8
6,660 c. yds. at 1s. 9d. ...	582	15	0										
				11,434	12	6	Three Occupation Bridges over Railway, at 4-76, 5-77, and 10-24:—						
Embankments, 153,500 c. yds.							Quantities same as District Road Bridge, 3 at £114 18s. 8d. ...				344	16	0
Soiling Slopes of Embank- ments, 16,000 sup. yds. ...				141	13	4							
Pitching Slopes, 1,320 s. yds. at 4s. 6d. ...				297	0	0	Bridge under District Road:—						
Formation, including side ditches, 855 chs. at 10s. ...				427	10	0	Extra Timber, 40 c. ft. at 3s. 4d. ...				6	13	4
Ditches:—							Culverts and Drains:—						
Ditches shown on Drawings, 60 chs. at 12s. ...							1 Culvert, including Excava- tion, 34 l. yds. at £10 12s. ...	360	8	0			
Ditches at undefined places, 100 chains at 12s. ...				96	0	0	5 Culverts, including Excava- tion, 95 l. yds. at £6 14s. ...	636	0	0			
Level Crossings:—							9 Culverts, including Excava- tion, 99 l. yds. at £2 8s. ...	247	12	0			
Gates and Wickets complete, 4 pairs at £7 10s. ...	30	0	0				2 Culverts, including Excava- tion, 20 l. yds. at £2 10s. ...	50	0	0			
Ordinary Crossings complete, 10 pairs at £15 ...	150	0	0				12-in. Glazed Earthenware Pipes, including Excavation, 150 l. yds. at 11s. ...	82	10	0			
				180	0	0	9-in. Glazed Earthenware Pipes, including Excavation, 150 l. yds. at 8s. ...	60	0	0			
<i>Road Alterations.</i>							6-in. Glazed Earthenware Pipes, including Excavation, 150 l. yds. at 5s. ...	37	10	0	1,464	0	0
District Road:—													
Earthwork, including forma- tion, 900 c. yds. at 1s. 3d. ...				56	5	0	Inspector's Cottage, complete, as specified ...				110	0	0
Main South Road:—							Deduct for Work done, use of Tools, &c. ...				3,200	0	0
Earthwork, including forma- tion, 220 c. yds. at 1s. 3d. ...	13	15	0										
Pitching and Metalling, 40 l. yds. at 5s. ...	10	0	0										
				23	15	0							
Carried forward ...											£13,478	3	10

