

APPENDICES TO THE PUBLIC WORKS STATEMENT, 1874.

APPENDIX A.

ANNUAL REPORT ON RAILWAYS BY THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF.

The ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF to the Hon. the MINISTER for PUBLIC WORKS.

SIR,—

Public Works Office, 6th July, 1874.

I have the honor to submit the following report for the financial year 1873-74, on the Railways under construction by the General Government.

The total sum appropriated by the Legislature for railway purposes is £5,575,400, which is distributed over the several provinces as follows :—

Auckland	..	..	166 miles 36 chains	Appropriation	..	£934,500
Taranaki	..	..	18 „ 13 „	„	..	110,500
Hawke's Bay	..	..	45 „ 25 „	„	..	220,000
Wellington	..	..	133 „	„	..	644,000
Westland	..	..	7 „ 23 „	„	..	74,400
Nelson	..	..	38 „ 20 „	„	..	222,000
Marlborough	..	..	18 „ 53 „	„	..	126,000
Canterbury	..	..	251 „ 34 „	„	..	1,169,000
Otago	..	..	332 „ 4 „	„	..	2,065,000
General (Surveys)	..	..	.. ..	..	..	10,000
Total	..	..	1,010 miles 48 chains	..	..	£5,575,400

The expenditure and liabilities incurred for works completed or in hand amount to £3,660,881, leaving £1,914,519 for which no liabilities have yet been incurred. This latter sum may be subdivided as follows :—

Rails and rolling stock to be ordered	..	..	..	£570,000
Lines authorized but not begun (exclusive of rails and rolling stock included in above)	..	..	..	646,370
Work to be done for the completion of railways begun	..	..	..	698,149

Total sum for which no liabilities have been incurred.. £1,914,519

The following table gives a comprehensive view of the position of the works as regards mileage :—

LINES.		Appropriations 1870-73.	Length authorized.	Open for Traffic.	A. Complete: ready for Traffic.	B. Plate laying in progress.	Total Length under Contract not yet opened, including columns A. and B.	Length still to be Let.	Field Work of Surveys completed beyond Work Let.
		£	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.
Kawa Kawa	Port ...	42,500	8 00	...	...	...	...	8 00	8 00
Kaipara	Riverhead ...	51,000	15 68	...	...	15 68	15 68	...	...
Riverhead	Auckland ...	127,000	22 47	...	...	...	...	22 47	22 47
Auckland	Mercer ...	344,000	46 00	8 00	7 00	...	38 00	...	...
Mercer	Newcastle ...	170,000	34 01	...	...	...	34 01	...	3 00
Newcastle	Southwards ...	200,000	40 00	...	...	...	...	40 00	...
Waitara	Patea £110,500 } *	160,500	23 13	...	...	...	11 13	...	...
Patea	Wanganui 50,000 }	...	...	...	...	...	...	12 00	...
Wanganui	Manawatu ...	206,000	†58 00	...	...	...	28 76	29 04	...
Napier	Waipukurau ...	220,000	45 25	...	5 00	...	45 25	...	...
Masterton	Wellington ...	388,000	70 00	8 00	...	6 00	20 30	41 50	15 50
Greymouth	Brunnerton ...	74,400	7 23	...	...	...	7 23	...	...
Westport	Mount Rochfort ...	120,500	18 00	...	...	...	7 55	10 25	...
Foxhill	Nelson ...	101,500	20 20	...	...	...	18 77	1 23	...
Picton	Blenheim ...	126,000	18 53	...	...	7 00	17 10	1 43	1 43

* On account.

† 28 miles to be a tramway.