

1879.
NEW ZEALAND.

THE WAIKATO-THAMES RAILWAY

(RETURN SHOWING DATE OF ORDER IN COUNCIL, PLAN, ESTIMATE, CERTIFICATE, ETC.,
IN CONNECTION WITH).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives, dated 23rd July, 1879.

Ordered, "That it is expedient that this House should be informed—(1) Whether the conditions attached to clause 3 of 'The Railways Construction Act, 1878,' have been complied with in respect of the railway from Waikato to the Thames; (2) if so, when the plans and estimates, with a certificate from the Chief Engineer that the route chosen for the railway is the best available, were submitted to the Governor in Council; (3) when the approval of the Governor in Council was given; and (4) what contracts have been let on this railway, and the date when the same were let."—(*Hon. Mr. Richardson.*)

STATEMENT showing Dates of Submission to, and Approval by, Governor in Council, of Plan, Estimate, and Certificate of Engineer in Charge, North Island, in connection with the Railway from Waikato to the Thames; together with Particulars of Contracts let.

Plan and Estimate with Certificate of Engineer in Charge, North Island, submitted to and approved by Governor in Council.		CONTRACTS LET.			
Date of Submission.	Date of Approval.	Name of Contract.	Date of Acceptance.	Amount.	Contractor.
1 July, 1879	5 July, 1879	Grahamstown	18 February, 1879	£ 7,538 0 0	W. Souter.
		Shortland ...	25 March, 1879	8,393 0 0	T. J. O'Brien.
Contracts were also let for	...	5,000 sleepers	3 March, 1879	947 18 4	F. Manders.
		100,000 „	3 June, 1879	12,083 6 8	Gibbons and Darrow.

NOTE.—An order for rolling-stock was sent to the Agent-General on the 28th of February, 1879. The portion for this line is estimated to cost £27,000.

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