

Route.	Whole Line, Christchurch to Picton.																			
	Length.	Extent.	Estimated Cost.	Estimated Results at Period about Ten Years Hence, presuming that Railway is opened for Traffic to this extent within say three years.								Lands traversed.				Lands traversed.		Highest Level reached above Sea-level.	Gradients.	
				Annual Revenue.	Annual Working Expenses.	Annual Profit.	Annual Percentage on Cost (Profit).	Population.				Agricultural.	Pastoral.	Forest.	Barren.	Crown.	Purchased.		Steepest.	Ruling.
								Present.		Probable.										
								Along Line.	In Towns at Termini.	Along Line.	In Towns at Termini.									
Viā East Coast	Mis 205	Picton to Christchurch, viā Coast	£ 1,840,000	£ 147,360	£ 91,560	£ 55,800	3'03	No. 28,000	No. 33,000*	No. 56,000	No. 66,000*	Mis 116	Mis 52	Mis 11	Mis 26	Mis 31	Mis 174	Feet. 500	1 in 50	1 in 50
Viā Tairndale ...	243	Picton to Christchurch, viā Tophouse and Tairndale	1,850,000	129,360	85,320	44,040	2'38	27,300	33,000*	51,600	66,000*	107	87	25	24	101	142	3,000	1 in 50	1 in 50
Viā Maruia ...	296	Picton to Christchurch, viā Tophouse, Hampden, Maruia, and Cannibal Gorge	2,610,000	124,780	95,920	28,860	1'10	28,100	33,000*	54,000	66,000*	97	114	63	22	143	153	2,870	1 in 50	1 in 50

*These represent populations of Picton and Blenheim, combined with those of Christchurch and its suburbs, including Sydenham.

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