

APPENDIX J.

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PUBLIC WORKS OF THE MIDDLE ISLAND.

The ENGINEER in CHARGE, Middle Island, to the Hon. the MINISTER for PUBLIC WORKS.
SIR,—

Public Works Office, Dunedin, 31st March, 1884.

I have the honour to submit the following report on the various works completed and in progress in the Middle Island during the past financial year.

In order to facilitate comparisons the report will, as in former years, be divided into the following heads: 1. Railways; 2. Roads and Bridges; 3. Water-races; 4. Miscellaneous Works; 5. Buildings; 6. Surveys; and 7. General Remarks.

RAILWAYS.

GENERAL.

The following statement shows the expenditure and liabilities on railways in the Middle Island up to the 31st March, 1884, including surveys and the valuation of Provincial Lines:—

	£	s.	d.
Total expenditure out of Loan	6,594,332	18	4
Valuation of Provincial Lines	1,104,281	2	5
Total expenditure up to the 31st March, 1884...	£7,698,614	0	9
Liabilities on the 31st March, 1884	£222,621	0	9
Total expenditure and liabilities	£7,921,235	1	6*

The details of the above, together with the lengths of railways authorized and open, are given in the following table; the lines taken over from the Provincial Governments of Canterbury and Otago, and the expenditure on preliminary surveys, being included:—

Name of Railway.	Total Length on which Expenditure authorized.	Open for Traffic.	Expenditure to 31st March, 1884.	Liabilities on 31st March, 1884.
	M. ch.	M. ch.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
AUTHORIZED BY "THE IMMIGRATION AND PUBLIC WORKS APPROPRIATION ACT, 1883":—				
Nelson to Roundell	52 0	22 73	162,382 7 0	6,503 8 4
Greymouth to Nelson Creek	16 0	7 59	182,268 17 0	6,674 8 3
Greymouth to Hokitika	3 0	..	29,094 17 7	795 13 0
Westport to Ngakawau	19 0	19 19	206,944 17 1	554 6 8
Pictou to Hurunui	76 0	17 73	206,874 6 3	20,167 7 7
Hurunui to Waitaki	414 0	381 68	2,181,726 14 9	29,563 7 11
Canterbury Interior Main Line	12 0	..	47,979 3 7	1,150 12 5
Waitaki to Bluff	410 0	339 32	2,915,415 4 0	69,260 13 9
Otago Central	37 0	..	162,036 18 5	72,014 18 2
Invercargill to Kingston	106 0	89 25	291,784 6 10	2,242 8 9
Western Railways	59 0	47 21	180,481 8 6	7,876 5 0
Preliminary surveys .. ..	..	..	27,343 7 4	5,817 10 11
Total	1,204 0	925 50	6,594,332 8 4	222,621 0 9
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT LINES:—				
Canterbury (lengths included above) .. ..	..	..	731,759 0 0	
Otago " " " .. ..	..	..	372,522 2 5	
General total	1,204 0	925 50	7,698,613 10 9*	222,621 0 9*

The following statement shows the rate at which the several railways in the Middle Island have been constructed during each financial year, further details being given in the table hereto appended (Enclosure No. 1):—

LENGTHS of RAILWAY OPENED in MIDDLE ISLAND during Financial Year.

Up to June 30, 1873.	1873-74.	1874-75.	1875-76.	1876-77.	1877-78.	1878-79.	1879-80.	1880-81.	1881-82.	1882-83.	1883-84.	Total.
M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.
104 18	11 21	126 78	248 4	152 39	94 58	56 46	18 66	32 71	24 76	40 19	14 34	925 50

* In addition to these amounts a sum of £303,103 15s. 8d. has been expended, and liabilities amounting to £286,145 10s. 2d. incurred, in the purchase of permanent way and rolling-stock for lines in the North and Middle Islands, which is at present in stock.