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NEW ZEALAND.

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EXPENDITURE ON PUBLIC WORKS ON WEST COAST,  
MIDDLE ISLAND  
(RETURN SHOWING).

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*Return to an Order of the House of Representatives, dated 9th November, 1887.*

*Ordered*, "That there be laid upon the table a return showing (1) the total amount expended by the Public Works Department, from the 31st March, 1886, to the 30th September, 1887, on public works of all and every description, including road maintenance, and which said works are located on the west coast of the Middle Island, and directly under the control and management of the District Engineer of Westland; (2) what amount has been paid by the Public Works Department from the 31st March, 1886, to the 30th September, 1887, as salaries, travelling expenses, and departmental contingencies in connection with the said works, roads, &c."—(MR. SEDDON.)

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.  
EXPENDITURE on Public Works under the Control of the Resident Engineer, Westland District, and on SALARIES, TRAVELLING EXPENSES, &c., of the Resident Engineer and Staff, from the 31st March, 1886, to the 30th September, 1887.

	Works.	Salaries.	Travelling Expenses.	Contingencies.*	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Out of Public Works Department Votes,—					
Salaries: Departmental: District offices	18,758 1 8	1,675 0 0			1,695 0 0
Greyhound-Hokitika Railway	194 0 0	927 3 4	245 0 4	364 13 10	20,294 19 2
Sleepers contract	7,720 17 11			62 6 11	256 6 11
Hokitika-Christchurch Road	3,566 0 0	538 10 6	63 13 0	5 0 0	8,323 1 5
Buller Road	63 9 10	114 18 4	24 14 0	62 2 11	3,767 15 3
Additions to open lines of railways: Greyhound-Brunnerton	336 10 4	157 13 4			63 9 10
Nelson, Westport, Greyhound, and Hokitika Road	150 10 0		6 14 6	98 6 2	599 4 4
Waitahu Bridge	3,099 0 0	254 5 0	0 12 6	1 15 0	132 17 6
Greyhound-Okarito Road			27 13 9	71 8 6	3,452 7 3
Lyell Bridge	235 12 4		10 8 5	12 19 0	23 7 5
Police-station, Denniston	170 14 9			44 9 7	44 9 7
Police-station, Brunnerton	877 11 5		0 14 6	3 3 0	239 9 10
New prison, Greyhound	395 16 10	26 5 0		1 12 0	172 6 9
Police-station, Greyhound					903 16 5
Out of Mines Department Votes,—				13 0 0	408 16 10
Mokihinui-Karamea Road					
Cobden-Coal Creek Road	1,369 7 0	138 13 10			595 15 0
Miscellaneous roads					788 18 0
Out of Funds provided by Local Bodies,—					123 7 10
Greyhound Wharf Contract	12,811 19 11	218 6 6			
Greyhound cranes					9,945 10 0
Sidings					2,695 18 5
Totals	49,749 12 0	4,070 15 10†	379 11 0†	740 16 11†	54,940 15 9

\* Including advertising, fuel for offices, instrument allowances, office expenses generally, and petty expenditure on works, for which special authorities have been issued.

† In these amounts are included charges for surveys, and preparation of contracts representing works to the value of £37,500, over and above the amount in the first column. They also include £1,800 for overseers' wages, which is not usually included in engineering expenses.

NOTE.—The district of which the Resident Engineer has charge extends along the West Coast from Mokihinui to Okarito, a distance of about 150 miles, and the extent to which the works of which he has charge reach from coast-line inland from 5 to 50 miles. It will be evident, therefore, that the supervision under such circumstances must be more costly, especially as the conveniences for travelling are not so good as in some other districts.

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