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NEW ZEALAND.

ANNUAL REPORT ON WORKING RAILWAYS.

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The GENERAL MANAGER, New Zealand Railways, to the Hon. the MINISTER for PUBLIC WORKS.
SIR,—

I have the honour to report upon the opened railways for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1888.

At the end of the year there were 1,758 miles of line open, against 1,727 miles in the previous year.

Interest at the rate of £2 6s. per cent. has been earned on the cost of the opened lines, which is the same as for the previous year.

The expenditure has been reduced to £687,328, being nearly £3,000 lower than it was four years ago, and nearly £12,000 lower than in the previous year. Very stringent economy has been exercised to effect this, as there are nearly 300 miles more railway than in 1885. The means which have operated to allow of this economy have been chiefly the work of previous years—improved appliances introduced, saving labour in the shops; better engines introduced to take heavier loads, effecting savings of labour thereby; improvements in the roads due to better rails, sleepers, drainage, and a more permanent condition of the bridges gradually effected under maintenance; improvements in the locomotives, leading to diminished consumption of fuel; and finally the close head-office scrutiny exercised, and the intelligent and close application of the local officers.

On the average we are able to work with nearly 200 less hands than was the case in 1884–85.

It is to be regretted that the traffic has remained practically stationary since last year: this is largely due to a late harvest, and to grain being held for more favourable sea-freights. While the tonnage is slightly lower the traffic work done is slightly greater than in the former year, the average distance traffic has been carried being greater. The wool traffic shows a moderate increase. The fact that the live-stock traffic has not much increased is probably due to the fact that the export of mutton has curtailed the increase of flocks.

The nett revenue has slightly increased. The gross revenue is lower than in the previous year. It is £50,000 below that of four years ago: this is mainly due to the numerous and large reductions which have been made in rates and charges during the past five years, the effect of which in reducing the revenue has doubtless been generally anticipated. It is to be borne in mind that the changes have nearly all been in favour of local products, so that producers have been benefitted.

Return 31 shows the alterations in rates made during the year.

Following are the comparisons of traffic revenue and expenses for the past nine years:—

Year.	Miles.	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Tonnage.	Parcels, &c.	Cattle, Sheep, &c.	Passengers.	Season-tickets.
		£	£		No.	No.	No.	No.
79-80	1,172	762,573	580,030	1,108,108	180,331	285,209	2,967,090	5,077
80-81	1,277	836,454	521,957	1,377,783	286,865	300,704	2,849,561	6,499
81-82	1,319	892,026	523,099	1,437,714	316,611	343,751	2,911,477	7,207
82-83	1,358	953,347	592,821	1,564,793	341,186	477,075	3,283,378	8,621
83-84	1,396	961,304	655,990	1,700,040	359,896	686,287	3,272,644	9,036
84-85	1,477	1,045,712	690,026	1,749,856	347,425	729,528	3,232,886	8,999
85-86	1,613	1,047,419	690,340	1,823,767	349,428	858,662	3,362,266	10,717
86-87	1,727	998,768	699,072	1,747,754	372,397	942,017	3,426,403	11,821
87-88	1,758	994,843	687,328	1,735,762	399,109	940,209	3,451,850	11,518

and also of the traffic in local products during a similar period:—

		Wool.	Timber.	Grain.	Minerals.	Horses and Cattle.	Sheep and Pigs.
		Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	No.	No.
1879-80	...	41,895	149,428	240,144	321,060	30,393	260,816
1880-81	...	42,387	169,695	421,142	406,266	27,230	280,683
1881-82	...	44,681	192,905	375,725	433,659	32,511	319,837
1882-83	...	51,703	197,231	367,428	510,088	37,455	449,470
1883-84	...	62,066	183,449	432,223	574,312	39,230	656,612
1884-85	...	68,523	178,909	414,590	618,512	43,096	696,790
1885-86	...	74,778	202,572	413,847	669,081	46,152	822,028
1886-87	...	82,963	175,581	345,254	719,579	46,600	904,582
1887-88	...	84,147	158,024	358,021	700,140	42,067	907,443

The Railway Department now performs the duties of 135 public post and telegraph offices. It also deals with the goods traffic and collects the revenues of thirteen ports, in addition to the purely railway work.

During the year eleven carriages and ninety-two trucks have been added to the rolling-stock. The practice of manufacturing all this work in the colony, except the channel-irons and steel tyres, has been followed during the past eight years, and in that time more than £100,000 worth of new work in trucks and carriages has been turned out of the Government shops of a kind which had previously been imported.

The appliances and system as a whole have undergone a steady improvement, and are in efficient condition.

The staff is in a satisfactory state of discipline and efficiency.

Damage of some importance occurred to the Wellington line from the effect of a tidal wave and storm on the 28th day of March, which stopped the traffic for ten days between Pitone and Wellington: this will cost about £1,500 to repair.

A casualty occurred through a train being blown over during a north-west gale near the foot of the Rimutaka. Fortunately no one was injured. I have taken special precautions, since my return to New Zealand, to adopt, on this section, carriages permanently counterweighted below to prevent the recurrence of such an accident. A protective wind-fence has also been erected at the most exposed portion of this line.

To show the large changes which have been made in the railways during the past eight years, and the increased responsibility of maintenance and general administration entailed by the additional stations, rolling-stock, appliances, and public accommodation, as well as by the greater length of the railways, and the large growth of traffic which has taken place, the following table is attached:—

	Locomotives.	Carriages.	Wagons.	Tarpaulins.	Weighing-machines.	Weighbridges.	Traversers.	Turntables.	Cranes.	Water-services.	Stations.	Private Sidings.
1880-81 ...	197	414	5,805	3,000	286	21	10	70	85	155	467	174
1887-88 ...	271	511	8,153	4,932	395	51	16	90	170	274	664	251

The number of the American type of carriages on the lines in 1880 was only 10. We have now 198 such carriages, which have been converted or built as new carriages in the colony during the interval. The comfort of the travelling public has been very materially improved thereby.

The manufacture of ten locomotives in the colony by Messrs. Scott Brothers has been completed; the engines have run their test mileage, and are now in use, and are showing fair results.

After a careful trial, extending over a long period, of Winter's block-instruments, which had been supplied to us by the inventor, as adopted on the Madras railways, it was determined to substitute this system for the one previously in use here, as it gives a more complete safeguard against accident in working. During the past year the system has been introduced, and is working well.

Accepting an opportunity afforded by the Government, I spent five months in examining some of the Continental, English, and American railway-systems, after first attending the Railway Conference at Milan. Separate reports about this have been laid before you, which it is hoped will prove of value to the colony. I obtained from the managers and engineers of the chief railways in Belgium and England important information on the various branches of management, but I found the American practice more interesting and instructive from a colonial point of view than that of the older countries. The various branches of the work were satisfactorily attended to during my absence by the Assistant General Manager, the Locomotive Superintendent, and the Engineer for Working Railways.

The hydraulic cranes at Greymouth erected for the purpose of loading coal into steamers have been completed, and await the finishing of some filling and sidings to be started at work. This is the first introduction into this colony of the important system of hydraulic-crane-working on a large scale. The purpose of the cranes is to do the loading with the minimum of damage to the coal. Six-ton coal-boxes will be lifted from the trucks, lowered in the hold of the steamer, and emptied through a bottom door in the box, giving the coal a very small drop. It is possible that a system of hydraulic cranes would be of great advantage in the grain-sheds at Lyttelton and other places. Hydraulic-crane-working in England has been much extended of late years, and during my visit there, I was enabled to study its application. Our climate, being free from severe frost, is well adapted to the working of such plant.

Consequent upon improvements generally and extensions in the North Island I have been able to amalgamate part of the managing staff, extending the system of control at a less cost, by which, under favourable circumstances, we may anticipate improved economical results during the coming year.

I have, &c.,

J. P. MAXWELL, M. Inst. C.E.,
General Manager, New Zealand Railways.

Wellington, 9th May, 1888.

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1887-88.

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SUMMARY of REVENUE ACCOUNTS for the Twelve Months ending 31st March, 1888.

RETURN of REVENUE for HARBOUR BOARDS, &c., for the Twelve Months ending 31st March, 1888.

A. C. FIFE, Railway Accountant.

RETURN No. 3.
CLASSIFIED EXPENDITURE for Twelve Months ended 31st March, 1888.

Sections.		Maintenance of Way and Works.					Locomotive Power.					Carriages.	Wagons.	Traffic.	General Charges.	Sundries.	Grand Total.
		Permanent-way.	Structures.	Buildings.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	Working Locomotives.	Fuel and Water.	Oil, Tallow, &c.	Renewals and Repairs.	Total.						
WAGES.																	
Kawakawa	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Whangarei	554 5 2	280 8 0	1 15 3	..	836 8 5	370 18 3	26 17 2	2 8 0	151 16 11	552 0 4	131 14 7	185 12 2	1,024 8 2	396 16 6	..	3,127 0 2	
Auckland	458 17 2	33 4 9	6 19 7	..	499 1 6	391 16 4	8 2 5	..	12 9 0	412 7 9	0 8 9	..	510 11 2	309 7 2	6 2 6	1,737 18 10	
Napier	21,588 15 3	4,128 19 7	1,176 5 3	567 17 10	27,461 17 11	9,309 6 9	413 4 7	1 17 6	4,464 14 5	14,189 3 3	2,400 3 10	2,545 13 6	17,335 13 6	4,120 16 6	839 13 5	68,893 1 11	
Wellington	8,857 6 4	2,166 1 5	272 10 5	41 13 11	11,337 12 1	4,133 7 11	25 6 7	..	1,667 0 2	5,825 14 8	1,101 10 8	1,033 10 5	7,164 4 4	2,268 17 1	284 7 11	29,015 17 2	
Wanganui	9,105 7 4	2,473 8 0	178 8 2	25 6 10	11,782 10 4	5,832 14 4	462 3 3	62 7 1	4,100 13 10	10,457 18 6	1,422 17 6	1,817 10 3	8,127 10 3	2,389 9 5	559 1 5	36,556 11 3	
Hurunui-Bluff	17,804 19 11	4,723 19 10	839 8 4	288 8 9	23,656 16 10	4,794 5 7	263 11 4	..	3,502 14 3	8,560 11 2	1,753 14 2	2,532 12 4	10,012 3 2	2,605 5 1	509 8 7	49,630 11 4	
Greymouth	79,495 11 0	19,553 10 2	6,266 9 5	7,120 9 10	112,436 0 5	37,524 9 11	2,035 17 11	361 11 0	16,974 6 0	56,896 4 10	6,935 6 3	13,677 7 6	100,778 14 8	19,753 13 8	1,113 7 10	311,590 15 2	
Westport	1,846 17 11	1,237 0 8	118 15 5	15 5 2	3,217 19 2	1,266 13 10	13 0 0	0 1 6	503 9 1	1,783 4 5	229 17 5	1,542 9 6	4,670 19 6	963 13 8	185 16 4	12,594 0 0	
Nelson	1,961 17 7	714 14 7	59 0 9	..	2,735 12 11	1,381 16 10	..	28 18 0	477 8 4	1,888 3 2	112 10 7	1,054 8 11	1,757 4 1	665 14 2	66 19 8	8,280 13 6	
Picton	1,568 2 10	139 19 2	6 2 3	92 14 4	1,806 18 7	778 8 2	420 8 11	..	59 0 3	1,257 17 4	65 12 4	52 6 5	2,388 3 9	610 8 6	37 6 6	6,218 13 5	
	1,362 0 2	528 10 10	113 6 3	..	2,003 17 3	504 1 5	..	..	392 14 8	896 16 1	50 5 0	159 9 9	1,155 10 5	366 12 4	48 1 5	4,680 12 3	
Total	144,604 0 8	35,979 17 0	9,039 1 1	8,151 16 8	197,774 15 5	66,287 19 4	3,668 12 2	457 3 1	32,306 6 11	102,720 1 6	14,204 1 1	24,600 14 4	154,925 3 0	34,450 14 1	3,650 5 7	532,325 15 0	
STORES.																	
Kawakawa	7 11 4	82 17 1	89 4 1	..	179 12 6	..	89 17 7	12 15 3	87 13 6	190 6 4	30 7 6	35 6 2	29 0 2	4 18 0	..	469 10 8	
Whangarei	144 14 5	..	3 1 3	..	147 15 8	..	77 19 6	26 3 2	37 19 4	142 2 0	..	2 14 4	21 10 10	3 12 5	..	317 15 3	
Auckland	5,141 3 2	1,656 18 8	610 1 7	493 4 11	7,811 8 4	..	2,611 17 2	630 16 5	1,256 6 11	4,499 0 6	675 16 2	1,001 15 7	1,563 2 3	115 10 7	20 17 9	15,687 11 2	
Napier	1,487 15 8	992 3 1	61 9 10	1 4 0	2,542 12 7	..	2,189 6 5	296 6 9	580 1 2	3,065 14 4	605 16 8	650 6 8	646 4 8	65 5 2	0 15 7	7,576 15 8	
Wellington	1,547 1 11	1,190 9 5	266 4 11	12 3 1	3,015 19 4	..	3,197 18 9	291 11 11	1,274 19 1	4,764 9 9	482 10 7	563 13 7	860 1 0	70 2 4	27 18 7	9,784 15 2	
Wanganui	2,648 13 1	1,812 10 9	489 5 9	96 10 9	5,047 0 4	..	2,837 7 3	216 11 11	650 7 1	3,704 6 3	490 12 2	846 2 8	852 16 0	83 1 7	6 3 9	11,030 2 9	
Hurunui-Bluff	10,576 3 4	7,547 5 9	3,569 5 10	3,849 13 6	25,542 8 5	..	21,532 11 1	2,394 17 9	6,738 14 11	30,666 3 9	2,432 5 6	6,553 5 2	8,278 8 7	744 19 6	31 4 7	74,248 15 6	
Greymouth	1,231 2 11	456 16 3	62 17 11	28 5 7	1,779 2 8	..	217 2 11	70 5 3	229 17 3	517 5 5	28 19 5	1,566 13 7	519 4 5	29 7 10	0 7 0	4,441 0 4	
Westport	36 4 6	271 18 1	42 0 5	20 6 2	370 9 2	..	372 9 11	82 16 11	145 12 2	600 19 0	74 15 5	235 4 8	105 0 4	17 11 5	..	1,404 0 0	
Nelson	665 5 4	..	..	..	665 5 4	..	346 6 6	55 3 8	123 7 4	524 17 6	1 17 9	58 9 0	160 5 11	8 8 3	..	1,419 3 9	
Picton	466 15 11	319 6 1	48 6 3	..	834 8 3	..	230 2 9	33 17 0	147 12 3	411 12 0	31 14 7	36 8 4	77 7 0	5 1 2	..	1,396 11 4	
Total	23,952 11 7	14,330 5 2	5,241 17 10	4,411 8 0	47,936 2 7	..	33,702 19 10	4,111 6 0	11,272 11 0	49,086 16 10	4,854 15 9	11,549 19 9	13,113 1 2	1,147 18 3	87 7 3	127,776 1 7	
MISCELLANEOUS.																	
Kawakawa	..	1 3 2	..	..	1 3 2	..	..	..	9 15 1	9 15 1	7 5 9	8 10 6	..	0 3 10	..	26 18 4	
Whangarei	0 3 5	..	..	..	0 3 5	..	1 12 6	..	2 0 1	3 12 7	..	..	9 10 3	0 0 4	5 17 0	19 3 7	
Auckland	81 11 11	25 14 5	4 18 9	5 16 9	118 1 10	..	51 9 4	..	830 14 1	882 3 5	461 7 8	546 19 1	234 17 8	43 2 1	189 8 3	2,476 0 0	
Napier	17 19 10	23 14 7	2 0 4	0 1 1	43 15 10	..	0 1 9	..	269 8 0	269 9 9	239 14 7	218 13 6	385 7 0	..	29 9 11	1,186 10 7	
Wellington	3 19 11	28 6 2	2 1 11	..	34 8 0	..	1 6 8	..	690 8 11	691 15 7	273 11 2	333 14 5	573 14 0	104 2 6	371 11 4	2,382 17 0	
Wanganui	87 19 9	122 6 5	11 4 7	2 1 1	223 11 10	..	..	..	564 9 3	564 9 3	310 8 3	461 11 2	478 4 7	257 16 0	124 17 1	2,420 18 2	
Hurunui-Bluff	69 8 11	55 6 10	6 14 10	74 4 8	205 15 3	..	8 0 10	..	5,458 10 3	5,466 11 1	2,133 0 2	4,552 5 7	4,176 3 9	908 0 0	750 9 3	18,192 5 1	
Greymouth	1 9 10	..	..	0 13 2	2 3 0	..	..	..	16 3 1	16 3 1	0 9 7	236 9 7	46 2 0	3 12 6	27 3 2	332 2 11	
Westport	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13 13 7	13 13 7	19 19 8	1 9 5	16 13 3	..	..	51 15 11	
Nelson	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5 1 3	65 1 11	4 13 8	74 16 10	
Picton	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32 8 1	32 8 1	0 8 0	2 9 10	27 11 10	..	..	62 17 9	
Total	262 13 7	256 11 7	27 0 5	82 16 9	629 2 4	..	62 11 1	..	7,887 10 5	7,950 1 6	3,446 4 10	6,362 3 1	5,953 5 7	1,381 19 2	1,503 9 8	27,225 6 2	
Grand total	168,819 5 10	50,566 13 9	14,307 19 4	12,646 1 5	246,340 0 4	66,287 19 4	37,434 3 1	4,568 9 1	51,466 8 4	159,756 19 10	22,505 1 8	42,512 17 2	173,991 9 9	36,980 11 6	5,241 2 6	687,328 2 9	

RETURN No. 4.

CLASSIFIED STATEMENT showing REVENUE and EXPENDITURE, and Proportion of each Class of Expenditure to Mileage and Revenue, for the Year ended 31st March, 1888.

Section.	Mileage.		Revenue.				Classified Expenditure.										Proportion of each Class of Expenditure to Mileage and Revenue.													
	Length open for Traffic.	Train-Mileage.	Total.	Per Mile of Railway per Annum (Average).		Per Train-Mile.	Maintenance of Way.	Locomotive Power.	Repairs of Carriages and Wagons.	Traffic Expenses.	General Charges.	Sundries.	Total.	Total for Year.			Maintenance.		Locomotive.		Carriage and Wagon Repairs.		Traffic Expenses.		General Charges.		Sundries.			
														Per Cent. of Revenue.	Per Mile of Railway per Annum.	Per Train-Mile.	Per Mile of Railway per Annum.	Per Train-Mile.	Per Mile of Railway per Annum.	Per Train-Mile.	Per Mile of Railway per Annum.	Per Train-Mile.	Per Mile of Railway per Annum.	Per Train-Mile.	Per Mile of Railway per Annum.	Per Train-Mile.				
1887-88.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£	d.	£	d.	£	d.	£	d.	£	d.	£	d.	£	d.		
Kawakawa ...	8	10,692	5,016 6 2	627 0 9	9 9 4½	1,017 4 1	752 1 9	398 16 8	1,053 8 4	401 18 4	...	3,623 9 2	72'23	452'93	81'33	127'15	22'83	94'01	16'88	49'85	8'95	131'68	23'65	50'24	9'02	...	...			
Whangarei ...	7	12,000	2,155 13 10	307 19 2	3 7	647 0 7	558 2 4	3 3 1	541 12 3	312 19 11	11 19 6	2,074 17 8	96'25	296'40	41'50	92'43	12'94	79'73	11'16	45'07	77'37	10'83	44'71	6'26	1'71	24				
Auckland ...	249	379,398	111,007 4 4	456 16 5	5 10	35,391 8 1	19,570 7 2	7,631 15 10	19,133 13 5	4,279 9 2	1,049 19 5	87,056 13 1	78'42	358'26	55'07	145'65	22'39	80'54	12'38	31'41	4'83	78'73	12'10	17'61	2'71	4'32	66			
Napier ...	97	222,370	65,424 16 1	674 9 7	5 10½	13,924 0 6	9,160 18 9	3,849 12 6	8,195 16 0	2,334 2 3	314 13 5	37,779 3 5	57'74	389'48	40'77	143'55	15'03	94'44	9'89	39'69	4'15	84'49	8'84	24'06	2'52	3'25	34			
Wellington ...	85	235,868	68,159 17 3	801 17 7	5 9	14,832 17 8	15,914 3 10	4,893 11 1	9,561 5 3	2,563 14 3	958 11 4	48,724 3 5	71'49	573'23	49'37	174'51	15'03	187'23	16'12	57'57	4'96	112'48	9'69	30'16	2'60	11'28	97			
Wanganui ...	196	279,873	72,846 9 2	371 13 4	5 2½	28,927 9 0	12,829 6 8	6,395 0 9	11,343 3 9	2,946 2 8	640 9 5	63,081 12 3	86'66	321'84	54'09	147'59	24'81	65'45	11'00	32'63	5'48	57'87	9'73	15'03	2'52	3'27	55			
Hurunui-Bluff ...	1,048	1,679,872	608,223 9 7	585 9 2	7 2½	138,184 4 1	93,028 19 8	36,283 10 2	113,233 7 0	21,406 13 2	1,895 1 8	404,031 15 9	66'43	388'91	57'72	133'01	19'74	89'55	13'29	34'93	5'18	108'99	16'18	20'61	3'06	1'82	27			
Greymouth ...	8	27,757	28,817 0 5	3,602 2 7	20 9	4,999 4 10	2,316 12 11	3,604 19 1	5,236 5 11	996 14 0	213 6 6	17,367 3 3	60'27	2,170'90	150'16	624'91	43'22	289'58	20'03	450'62	31'17	654'54	45'28	124'59	8'62	26'66	1'84			
Westport ...	19	30,399	18,180 15 10	956 17 7	11 11½	3,106 2 1	2,502 15 9	1,498 8 8	1,878 17 8	683 5 7	66 19 8	9,736 9 5	53'55	512'45	76'87	163'48	24'52	131'73	19'76	73'86	11'83	98'89	14'83	35'96	5'40	3'53	53			
Nelson ...	23	38,738	9,142 0 11	397 9 7	4 8½	2,472 3 11	1,782 14 10	178 5 6	2,553 10 11	683 18 8	42 0 2	7,712 14 0	48'19	335'33	47'78	107'49	15'32	77'51	11'04	7'75	1'10	111'02	15'82	29'74	4'24	1'82	26			
Pictou ...	18	26,819	5,869 15 3	326 2 0	4 4½	2,838 5 6	1,340 16 2	280 15 6	1,260 9 3	371 13 6	48 1 5	6,140 1 4	104'61	341'11	54'95	157'68	25'40	74'49	12'00	15'60	2'51	70'02	11'28	20'65	3'33	2'67	43			
Totals ...	1,758	2,944,786	994,843 8 10	570 16 9	6 9	246,340 0 4	159,756 19 10	65,017 18 10	173,991 9 9	36,980 11 6	5,241 2 6	687,328 2 9	69'09	394'39	56'02	141'35	20'08	91'67	13'02	37'31	5'30	99'83	14'18	21'22	3'01	3'01	43			
Postal services not recovered			22,000 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
			1,016,843 8 10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	687,328 2 9	67'59	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			

1886-87.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£	d.	£	d.	£	d.	£	d.	£	d.	£	d.	£	d.
Kawakawa ...	8	11,082	5,608 1 10	701 0 2	10 1½	731 2 6	648 9 1	816 14 5	1,049 11 6	399 16 8	11 10 11	3,657 5 1	65'21	457'16	79'20	91'39	15'83	81'06	14'04	102'09	17'69	131'20	22'73	49'98	8'66	1'44	25	
Whangarei ...	7	17,058	4,129 17 10	589 19 7	4 10	941 13 5	910 6 3	71 10 1	1,135 3 6	331 15 10	22 15 0	3,413 4 1	82'05	487'60	48'02	134'52	13'24	130'04	12'81	10'22	1'01	162'17	15'97	47'40	4'67	3'25	32	
Auckland ...	236	420,562	108,732 19 6	493 3 2	5 2	33,917 8 0	20,622 14 10	8,172 16 5	21,339 1 3	4,455 12 6	996 19 7	89,504 12 7	82'32	405'95	51'08	153'83	19'36	93'54	11'77	37'07	4'66	96'78	12'18	20'21	2'54	4'52	57	
Napier ...	97	201,304	66,300 15 4	805 14 2	6 7	13,550 18 9	9,135 18 6	3,754 12 1	7,960 1 8	2,241 8 6	316 12 5	36,959 11 11	55'75	449'15	44'06	164'68	16'15	111'02	10'89	45'63	4'48	96'73	9'49	27'24	2'67	3'85	38	
Wellington ...	85	236,822	69,886 14 2	853 1 7	5 10½	12,116 1 7	17,860 12 4	4,905 10 1	9,602 10 2	2,681 6 7	684 6 9	47,850 7 6	68'47	584'09	48'49	147'89	12'28	218'02	18'10	59'88	4'97	117'22	9'73	32'73	2'72	8'35	69	
Wanganui ...	196	282,567	69,508 6 9	355 3 9	4 11	29,319 18 6	13,015 18 0	4,988 7 2	11,477 19 9	2,826 12 8	624 3 11	62,253 0 0	80'56	318'12	52'87	149'83	24'90	66'51	11'06	25'49	4'23	58'65	9'75	14'45	2'40	3'19	53	
Hurunui-Bluff ...	1,030	1,714,882	616,571 0 7	601 11 2	7 2½	150,183 7 4	97,359 16 1	33,285 4 0	114,940 8 11	20,620 0 1	3,694 11 2	420,083 7 7	68'13	409'85	58'79	146'53	21'02	94'99	13'62	32'47	4'66	112'14	16'09	20'12	2'88	3'60	52	
Greymouth ...	8	26,306	22,898 9 6	2,862 6 2	17 4½	3,216 10 5	1,894 1 0	1,308 11 0	4,724 9 8	1,127 6 7	190 11 1	12,461 9 9	54'43	1,557'69	113'69	402'06	29'35	236'76	17'28	163'57	11'94	590'56	43'10	140'92	10'29	23'82	1'73	
Westport ...	19	33,001	19,784 11 8	1,041 5 9	11 11½	3,525 19 3	2,115 19 11	1,024 0 5	1,963 5 0	700 10 5	70 6 9	9,400 1 9	47'51	494'74	68'36	185'58	25'64	111'37	15'39	53'89	7'45	103'33	14'28	36'87	5'09	3'70	51	
Nelson ...	23	38,375	9,172 12 10	398 16 2	4 9½	2,198 0 8	1,748 5 8	252 18 9	2,464 15 11	702 13 8	41 13 7	7,408 8 3	80'77	322'10	46'33	95'57	13'75	76'01	10'93	11'00	1'58	107'16	15'42	30'55	4'39	1'81	26	
Pictou ...	18	26,990	6,174 13 9	343 0 9	4 6½	2,828 10 11	1,095 3 5	526 12 4	1,168 2 3	392 8 6	69 16 5	6,080 13 10	98'48	337'82	54'07	157'14	25'15	60'84	9'74	29'26	4'68	64'90	10'39	21'80	3'49	3'88	62	
Total ...	1,727	3,008,949	998,768 3 9	592 13 7	6 7½	252,529 11 4	166,407 5 1	59,106 16 9	177,825 9 7	36,479 12 0	6,723 7 7	699,072 2 4	69'99	414'84	55'76	149'85	20'14	98'75	13'27	35'08	4'72	105'52	14'18	21'65	2'91	3'99	54	
Postal services not recovered			22,000 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
			1,020,768 3 9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	699,072 2 4	68'48	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

A. C. FIRE, Railway Accountant.

RETURN No. 5.
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of PASSENGER and GOODS TRAFFIC for the Year ended 31st March, 1888.

Sections.	Length Open for Traffic.	Passengers.					Parcels, &c.					Live Stock, Goods, &c.																
		First Class.		Second Class.		Total.	Total Season Tickets.	Parcels.	Horses.	Carriages.	Dogs.	Total.	Drays, &c.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.	Total.	Equivalent Tonnage for Live Stock, &c.	Chaff, &c.	Wool.	Firewood.	Timber.	Grain.	Merchandise.	Minerals.	Total.	Grand Total Tonnage.
1887-88.		Single.	Return.	Single.	Return.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	Tons c. q.	Tons c. q.	Tons c. q.	Tons c. q.	Tons c. q.	Tons c. q.	Tons c. q.	Tons c. q.	Tons c. q.	Tons c. q.
Kawakawa ...	8	1,050	1,618	1,924	6,212	10,804	5	2,950	36	3	77	3,056	5	3	...	976	55	1,039	35 6 2	65 0 0	33 8 0	149 16 0	187 18 0	1,726 4 0	32,675 14 0	34,838 0 0	34,873 6 2	
Whangarei ...	7	2,629	576	7,401	1,712	12,378	3	15	2	...	6	23	19	124	...	106	...	249	37 12 1	...	9 16 0	38 8 0	12 2 0	3,024 4 3	10,436 14 0	13,521 4 3	13,558 17 0	
Auckland ...	249	26,704	41,792	134,639	190,850	393,985	1,589	44,989	650	29	2,561	48,229	98	10,566	1,341	48,332	4,610	64,947	3,883 13 3	2,645 0 0	491 4 0	5,110 0 0	9,317 0 0	7,928 16 0	28,863 5 3	69,717 19 0	124,073 4 3	127,956 18 2
Napier ...	97	21,123	38,410	65,419	102,044	226,996	504	26,864	1,056	55	2,260	30,235	53	984	53	19,566	1,335	21,991	879 2 0	640 0 0	4,389 16 0	13,155 0 0	24,062 4 0	4,293 0 0	14,395 13 0	8,058 0 2	69,003 13 2	69,832 15 2
Wellington ...	85	14,183	57,116	61,596	205,156	339,051	1,241	34,618	582	33	1,505	36,738	24	1,875	155	167,305	893	170,252	5,650 18 3	530 0 0	10,514 8 0	6,110 0 0	25,279 12 0	3,459 18 2	14,096 14 1	8,793 18 1	68,784 11 0	74,435 9 3
Wanganui ...	196	27,483	22,338	98,139	92,044	240,004	262	31,049	1,247	72	2,392	34,760	37	4,866	229	122,868	9,742	137,742	5,147 4 1	590 0 0	2,839 4 0	8,495 0 0	18,031 9 0	7,880 6 3	19,535 9 3	4,015 11 1	61,387 0 3	66,534 5 0
Hurunui-Bluff ...	1,048	132,309	347,538	484,542	1,047,218	2,011,607	7,249	218,405	5,705	402	11,892	236,404	342	12,137	389	497,895	33,302	544,065	19,217 15 0	16,175 0 0	64,682 8 0	25,505 0 0	71,605 3 0	329,137 9 1	252,176 14 3	290,815 4 1	1,050,096 19 1	1,059,314 14 1
Greymouth ...	8	1,120	8,866	9,291	73,614	92,891	275	1,962	...	...	144	2,106	1	...	15	...	60	76	3 2 2	...	...	105 0 0	3,074 0 0	...	7,453 3 2	168,936 9 0	179,568 12 2	179,571 15 0
Westport ...	19	18	6	8,223	20,236	28,483	5	2,618	...	16	74	2,703	...	1	14	285	3	303	9 18 0	...	...	4,976 0 0	2,708 16 1	2,708 16 1	102,260 13 0	109,945 9 1	109,955 7 1	109,955 7 1
Nelson ...	23	936	3,042	22,191	35,200	61,369	181	3,890	4	3	96	3,993	8	2	3	27	...	40	5 8 0	675 0 0	204 0 0	2,645 0 0	1,176 12 0	2,343 6 2	2,028 18 3	2,396 16 3	11,409 14 0	11,475 2 0
Pictou ...	18	2,476	5,032	4,932	21,842	34,282	204	1,320	19	6	121	1,466	5	4	5	37	46	97	6 2 3	870 0 0	982 16 0	4,735 0 0	313 12 0	2,778 13 0	1,370 5 0	2,023 0 0	13,073 6 0	13,079 8 3
Total ...	1,758	230,031	526,334	898,357	1,797,128	3,451,850	11,518	368,680	9,301	619	21,128	399,728	592	30,562	2,204	857,397	50,046	940,801	34,876 3 3	22,190 0 0	84,147 0 0	65,860 0 0	158,023 16 0	358,021 10 0	347,379 9 3	700,140 0 0	1,735,761 15 3	1,770,637 19 2
1886-87.		Single.	Return.	Single.	Return.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	Tons c. q.	Tons c. q.	Tons c. q.	Tons c. q.	Tons c. q.	Tons c. q.	Tons c. q.	Tons c. q.	Tons c. q.	Tons c. q.
Kawakawa ...	8	1,276	1,868	1,869	5,760	10,773	49	3,937	31	1	50	4,019	1	...	1	48	24	74	2 16 0	55 0 0	33 12 0	105 0 0	226 3 0	536 17 0	1,160 5 0	32,188 1 0	34,304 18 0	34,307 14 0
Whangarei ...	7	1,752	2,758	4,393	9,680	18,493	3	92	18	2	25	137	12	103	3	206	4	328	33 6 3	...	23 4 0	...	72 13 0	18 13 0	2,837 16 3	29,669 1 0	32,621 7 3	32,654 14 2
Auckland ...	236	31,585	45,194	144,390	194,726	415,895	1,733	38,903	686	46	2,770	42,405	76	12,583	658	62,820	4,224	80,361	4,682 12 2	2,435 0 0	519 8 0	7,780 0 0	9,982 5 0	7,829 13 0	29,741 12 0	60,831 14 1	119,119 12 1	123,802 4 3
Napier ...	97	28,143	31,600	70,945	86,346	217,034	566	24,366	1,067	55	1,888	27,376	37	523	47	26,488	837	27,932	979 7 0	495 0 0	4,932 12 0	12,420 0 0	32,320 19 0	3,492 11 2	14,807 3 1	8,169 18 2	76,638 4 1	77,617 11 1
Wellington ...	85	15,921	53,082	67,099	199,594	335,696	1,187	29,473	617	29	1,279	31,398	32	1,604	479	148,463	580	151,158	5,018 6 2	760 0 0	8,126 16 0	9,345 0 0	27,060 2 0	2,239 4 1	13,632 18 0	14,614 19 2	75,778 19 3	80,797 6 1
Wanganui ...	196	30,706	15,630	109,156	79,883	235,380	370	26,512	1,257	79	2,400	30,248	51	5,465	259	67,207	5,697	78,679	3,409 13 3	755 0 0	2,547 0 0	9,210 0 0	17,688 18 0	6,997 16 2	18,136 0 3	4,074 2 1	59,408 17 2	62,818 11 1
Hurunui-Bluff ...	1,030	145,481	330,652	507,090	1,012,314	1,995,537	7,339	209,228	5,437	407	12,824	227,956	382	15,249	398	550,959	36,683	603,671	21,624 10 0	16,345 0 0	65,780 0 0	26,220 0 0	78,467 0 0	319,107 10 3	238,733 13 2	307,456 6 2	1,052,109 10 3	1,073,734 0 3
Greymouth ...	8	792	5,942	8,386	52,176	67,296	265	1,766	...	...	76	1,842	2	...	21	3	34	3	...	...	...	105 0 0	2,964 11 0	...	4,271 8 1	136,226 0 0	143,566 19 1	143,569 7 0
Westport ...	19	4	110	7,283	19,172	26,569	12	2,118	6	5	77	2,206	...	3	16	131	4	154	5 12 1	...	...	3,349 2 0	...	2,108 3 1	122,579 13 3	128,036 19 0	128,042 11 1	128,042 11 1
Nelson ...	23	978	2,952	25,517	34,900	64,347	149	3,919	11	3	84	4,017	2	2	6	18	...	28	2 5 1	525 0 0	187 16 0	2,505 0 0	2,322 7 0	2,777 3 2	2,045 15 0	2,248 15 3	12,611 17 1	12,614 2 2
Pictou ...	18	3,235	6,324	5,894	23,930	39,383	148	1,320	35	2	125	1,482	2	12	3	88	90	195	9 2 1	740 0 0	813 0 0	5,350 0 0	1,127 5 0	2,254 2 3	1,752 5 0	1,520 2 0	13,556 14 3	13,565 17 0
Total ...	1,727	259,873	496,112	951,932	1,718,486	3,426,403	11,821	341,634	9,165	689	21,598	373,086	597	35,544	1,891	856,431	48,151	942,614	35,770 0 0	22,110 0 0	82,963 8 0	73,040 0 0	175,581 5 0	345,253 12 1	329,227 0 3	719,578 14 2	1,747,754 0 2	1,783,524 0 2

Sections.	Revenue.										Miles travelled by Trains.				
	Ordinary Passengers.	Season Tickets.	Parcels and Luggage.	Total Coaching.	Goods.	Miscellaneous.	Rents and Commission.	Total Goods.	Grand Total Revenue.	Passengers and Mixed.	Goods.	Total.	Shunting and Ballasting.	Grand Total.	
1887-88.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Kawakawa ...	452 6 7	44 10 4	94 5 2	591 2 1	4,370 2 0	2 4 3	52 17 10	4,425 4 1	5,016 6 2	10,098	594	10,692	8,720	19,412	
Whangarei ...	335 14 5	28 14 11	1 14 7	366 3 11	1,689 13 10	37 16 9	61 19 4	1,789 9 11	2,155 13 10	9,524	2,476	12,000	8	12,008	
Auckland ...	39,208 4 6	2,686 8 2	3,753 19 10	45,648 12 6	63,026 18 1	343 9 11	1,988 3 10	65,358 11 10	111,007 4 4	370,052	9,346	379,398	121,131	500,529	
Napier ...	25,888 4 11	876 6 2	2,603 18 5	29,368 9 6	35,301 6 0	237 10 1	517 10 6	36,056 6 7	65,424 16 1	183,802	38,568	222,370	60,009	282,379	
Wellington ...	23,895 13 1	1,686 17 4	2,857 1 1	28,439 11 6	38,774 6 6	173 4 9	772 14 6	39,720 5 9	68,159 17 3	168,487	68,381	236,868	88,221	325,089	
Wanganui ...	33,423 11 4	1,028 0 1	3,420 4 2	37,871 15 7	31,885 11 5	2,329 2 6	759 19 8	34,974 13 7	72,846 9 2	267,763	12,110	279,873	92,358	372,231	
Hurunui-Bluff ...	199,924 10 9	10,514 17 8	21,572 19 5	232,012 7 10	357,024 13 8	10,483 3 2	8,703 4 11	370,211 1 9	608,223 9 7	1,519,481	160,391	1,679,872	619,522	2,299,394	
Greymouth ...	4,033 6 7	301 13 2	104 7 4	4,439 7 1	23,882 12 5	355 3 11	139 17 0	24,377 13 4	28,817 0 5	24,957	2,800	27,757	37,666	65,423	
Westport ...	1,800 10 1	81 7 6	106 3 1	1,988 0 8	15,896 4 8	211 6 6	85 4 0	16,192 15 2	18,180 15 10	30,399	...	30,399	25,729	56,128	
Nelson ...	3,529 7 11	334 1 4	143 17 7	4,007 6 10	4,713 13 1	326 9 0	94 12 0	5,134 14 1	9,142 0 11	37,631	1,107	38,738	6,157	44,895	
Pictou ...	2,434 8 11	217 13 2	68 6 0	2,720 8 1	2,794 6 0	111 4 8	243 16 6	3,149 7 2	5,869 15 3	26,743	76	26,819	5,407	32,226	
Total ...	334,925 19 1	17,800 9 10	34,726 16 8	387,453 5 7	579,359 7 8	14,610 15 6	13,420 0 1	607,390 3 3	994,843 8 10	2,648,937	295,849	2,944,786	1,064,928	4,009,714	
1886-87.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Kawakawa ...	475 6 4	40 6 2	90 0 11	605 13 5	4,924 2 7	19 3 6	59 2 4	5,002 8 5	5,608 1 10	10,640	442	11,082	7,753	18,835	
Whangarei ...	440 18 6	26 0 7	13 1 2	480 0 3	3,601 8 9	3 19 7	44 9 3	3,649 17 7	4,129 17 10	14,949	2,109	17,058	1,893	18,951	
Auckland ...	42,111 9 4	2,722 8 8	3,615 14 0	48,449 12 0	58,453 2 10	215 5 2	1,614 19 6	60,283 7 6	108,732 19 6	417,486	3,076	420,562	143,365	563,927	
Napier ...	24,243 8 2	779 17 2	2,321 17 2	27,345 2 6	37,619 8 6	1,061 16 4	774 8 0	38,955 12 10	66,300 15 4	163,446	37,858	201,304	58,924	260,228	
Wellington ...	25,140 4 0	1,628 8 3	2,682 10 2	29,451 2 5	39,481 7 2	248 19 1	705 5 6	40,435 11 9	69,886 14 2	168,056	68,766	236,822	87,655	324,477	
Wanganui ...	32,906 5 6	901 3 9	3,120 15 2	36,928 4 5	29,858 11 2	2,161 11 8	559 19 6	32,580 2 4	69,508 6 9	269,843	12,724	282,567	85,263	367,830	
Hurunui-Bluff ...	202,764 3 2	10,059 4 11	21,516 12 4	234,340 0 5	362,794 9 5	10,732 11 0	8,703 19 9	382,231 0 2	616,571 0 7	1,543,286	171,596	1,714,882	678,827	2,393,709	
Greymouth ...	2,961 4 10	269 0 1	85 0 3	3,155 5 2	19,161 16 7	279 19 3	141 8 6	19,583 4 4	22,898 9 6	23,906	2,400	26,306	32,284	58,590	
Westport ...	1,706 11 3	94 0 7	91 17 9	1,892 9 7	17,789 5 7	Cr. 29 17 6	132 14 0	17,892 2 1	19,784 11 8	33,001	...	33,001	20,580	53,581	
Nelson ...	3,682 19 9	320 14 7	137 9 1	4,141 3 5	4,882 18 1	55 4 4	93 7 0	5,031 9 5	9,172 12 10	36,851	1,524	38,375	5,799	44,174	
Pictou ...	2,823 0 1	156 9 10	74 3 9	3,053 13 8	2,783 16 9	144 5 4	192 18 0	3,121 0 1	6,174 13 9	26,868	122	26,990	4,286	31,276	
Total ...	339,255 10 11	16,997 14 7	33,749 1 9	390,002 7 3	581,350 7 5	14,892 17 9	12,522 11 4	608,765 16 6	998,768 3 9	2,708,332	300,617	3,008,949	1,126,629	4,135,578	

RETURN NO. 6.

STATEMENT showing Approximate Cost of Construction, Net Revenue, and Rate of Interest on Opened Lines or the Years ending 31st March, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, and 1888.

Section.	State of Line.	1883.			1884.			1885.			1886.			1887.			1888.		
		Cost of Con-struction.	Net Revenue.	Rate of Interest.	Cost of Con-struction.	Net Revenue.	Rate of Interest.	Cost of Con-struction.	Net Revenue.	Rate of Interest.	Cost of Con-struction.	Net Revenue.	Rate of Interest.	Cost of Con-struction.	Net Revenue.	Rate of Interest.	Cost of Con-struction.	Net Revenue.	Rate of Interest.
Kawakawa ..	Opened	£ 26,603	£ 621 2 6	8	£ 26,603	£ 621 2 6	8	£ 86,283	£ 655 0 15	2	£ 89,441	£ 958 1 1	5	£ 90,528	£ 1,951 2 3	1	£ 90,069	£ 1,393 1 10	11
" ..	Unopened	36,949			47,372			64,032	488 0 15	3	68,241	617 0 18	1	69,961	717 1 0	6	69,721	810 2 4	4
Whangarei-Kamo ..	Opened	54,153	£ 420 0 15	6	61,558	— 20		1,319,672	34,275 2 12	0	1,545,181	37,929 2 9	1	1,672,506	19,228 1 3	0	1,807,971	23,950 1 6	6
Auckland ..	"	1,112,720	27,295 2 9	1	1,179,937	28,079 2 7	1	106,441			81,437			51,694			112,500		
" ..	Unopened	64,592			106,209			60,780			60,780			182,869			135,501		
Main Trunk Line, N.I. ..	"																		
Napier ..	Opened	419,299	£ 14,553 3 9	5	469,584	£ 18,572 3 19	1	551,218	22,165 4 0	5	559,800	27,647 4 13	9	628,669	29,341 4 13	4	659,892	27,645 4 3	9
" ..	Unopened	32,003			22,200			12,109			12,109			7,303			28,160		
Wellington ..	Opened	764,860	£ 12,990 1 14	0	781,417	£ 11,126 1 8	6	799,714	16,798 2 2	0	815,000	20,850 2 11	2	961,871	22,036 2 5	10	966,386	19,436 2 0	3
" ..	Unopened	3,017			7,963			50,000			92,762			18,236			49,344		
Wanganui ..	Opened	1,097,046	£ 15,499 1 8	3	1,221,567	£ 7,691 0 12	7	1,334,573	12,362 0 18	6	1,349,900	8,650 0 12	10	1,398,738	7,255 0 10	4	1,403,041	9,765 0 13	11
" ..	Unopened	72,714			10,876			18,330			18,330								
Wellington-Foxton (private line) ..	"	40,237			41,192			41,404			41,815			41,816			41,798		
Stock ..	"	103,730			163,362														
Surveys ..	"	3,891			7,535			16,612			17,129			17,334			20,229		
Miscellaneous ..	"	2,507			5,168			5,168			5,169			5,169					
Hurunui-Bluff ..	Opened	6,299,303	£ 273,656 4 6	11	6,615,631	£ 222,100 3 7	2	6,908,840	251,782 3 12	10	7,288,049	239,601 3 5	9	7,428,562	196,488 2 12	11	7,574,218	204,192 2 13	11
" ..	Unopened	326,035			325,004			311,389			355,199			419,786			440,437		
Greymouth ..	Opened	163,097	£ 7,555 4 12	8	166,269	£ 8,311 4 19	9	176,975	8,496 4 16	0	180,300	9,850 5 9	3	189,393	10,437 5 10	2	195,114	11,450 5 17	5
" ..	Unopened	43,895			88,095			46,200			15,959			15,959			15,959		
" ..	Unopened	80,802			78,665			127,018			127,230			127,234			127,234		
Harbour Works ..	"				43,000			37,777			54,549			54,549			69,389		
Greymouth-Hokitika ..	Opened	199,891	£ 4,335 2 3	4	206,945	£ 6,619 3 11	2	210,886	6,128 2 18	1	214,402	8,492 3 19	2	214,804	10,385 4 16	8	222,894	8,444 3 15	9
Westport ..	"				8,467			13,593			14,111			14,111			14,111		
Harbour Works ..	Opened	153,224	£ 2,461 1 12	1	156,683	£ 1,828 1 3	4	164,490	2,171 1 6	5	166,700	2,206 1 6	6	163,965	1,764 1 1	6	165,178	1,429 0 17	4
Nelson ..	Unopened	2,000			5,700			7,500			8,214			12,500			12,500		
" ..	Opened	188,802	£ 1,141 0 12	1	192,307	£ 387 0 4	0	193,511	366 0 3	9	195,800	278 0 2	10	198,570	94 0 11		198,494	-270	
Pictou ..	Unopened	13,567			14,567			16,000			23,805			28,130			30,465		
" ..	Unopened	81,250			139,742			263,823			300,241			162,595			105,072		
Stock ..	"	20,785			27,343			36,117			36,117			37,095			37,094		
Surveys ..	"	2,507			5,169			5,168			5,169			5,169			5,169		
Miscellaneous ..	"																		
Total opened ..	"	10,478,998	£ 360,526 3 8	10	11,078,501	£ 305,314 2 15	11	11,810,194	355,686 3 0	3	12,472,814	357,078 2 17	3	13,017,567	299,696 2 6	0	13,352,978	307,515 2 6	0
Total unopened ..	"	930,481			1,147,629			1,046,433			1,253,352			1,201,549			1,250,131		
Gross total ..	"	11,409,479	£ 360,526 3 8	212,226,130	£ 305,314 2 9	11	12,856,627	355,686 2 15	4	13,726,166	357,078 2 12	0	14,219,116	299,696 2 2	2	14,603,109	307,515 2 2	1	

NOTE.—The amount stated as cost of construction includes the Provincial and General Government expenditure on railways opened and unopened, and also the purchase-money for the District Railways taken over by the Government.

A. C. FIFE, Railway Accountant.

RETURN No. 7.

[COMPARISON of TRAFFIC, REVENUE, and EXPENDITURE for the last NINE FINANCIAL YEARS.

Year.	Miles.	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Expenditure per cent. of Revenue.	Tonnage.	Parcels, Horses, and Dogs.	Cattle, Sheep, and Pigs.	Passengers.	Season Tickets.
		£	£			No.	No.	No.	No.
1879-80	1,172	762,573	580,030	76'06	1,108,108	180,331	285,209	2,967,090	5,077
1880-81	1,277	836,454	521,957	62'40	1,377,783	286,865	300,704	2,849,561	6,499
1881-82	1,319	892,026	523,099	58'64	1,437,714	316,611	343,751	2,911,477	7,207
1882-83	1,358	953,347	592,821	62'18	1,504,793	341,186	477,075	3,283,378	8,621
1883-84	1,396	961,304	655,990	68'24	1,700,040	359,896	686,287	3,272,644	9,036
1884-85	1,477	1,045,712	690,026	65'99	1,749,856	347,425	729,528	3,232,886	8,999
1885-86	1,613	1,047,410	690,340	65'91	1,823,767	349,428	858,662	3,362,266	10,717
1886-87	1,727	998,768	699,072	69'99	1,747,754	372,397	942,017	3,426,403	11,821
1887-88.	1,758	994,843	687,328	69'09	1,735,762	399,109	940,209	3,451,850	11,518

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RETURN No. 8.

TRAFFIC TON-MILEAGE, and RATE of WORKING, for FIVE CHIEF SECTIONS.

Section.	1884-85.		1885-86.		1886-87.		1887-88.	
	Ton-Mileage.	Rate of Work- ing, in Pence per Ton-Mile.	Ton-Mileage.	Rate of Work- ing, in Pence per Ton-Mile.	Ton- Mileage.	Rate of Work- ing, in Pence per Ton-Mile.	Ton-Mileage.	Rate of Work- ing, in Pence per Ton-Mile.
Auckland	7,085,574	2'43	8,539,210	2'24	8,158,758	2'60	8,276,481	2'55
Napier	2,983,237	2'13	3,880,550	2'15	4,266,747	2'06	4,094,397	2'30
Wellington	3,388,925	3'18	3,992,644	2'78	4,167,454	2'87	4,028,006	2'81
Wanganui	2,536,332	3'38	3,497,669	3'81	3,465,445	4'33	3,676,963	4'15
Hurunui-Bluff	42,877,369	2'47	41,097,413	2'48	39,068,490	2'59	39,781,108	2'47
Totals	58,871,437	2'53	61,007,486	2'52	59,126,894	2'68	59,856,955	2'60

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RETURN NO. 9.

STATEMENT showing CLASSIFICATION of EXPENDITURE on MAINTENANCE of WAY and WORKS for the Year ended 31st March, 1888.

Classification of Work.	Kawakawa Section.		Whangarei Section.		Auckland Section.		Napier Section.		Wellington Section.		Wanganui Section.		Christchurch Section.		Dunedin Section.		Invercargill Section.		Greymouth Section.		Westport Section.		Nelson Section.		Picton Section.		Total.			
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
Track surfacing..	293	1 1390	8 816	763 0	87	139 15	11 6,907	9 313,496	6 626,769	10 223,352	3 1011,818	18 3 867	15 5 1,592	10 1 713	7 3 1,305	0 6111,409	7 7													
Track renewals..	6	2 4159	4 2 6,978	12 112,012	19 5 1,467	14 1 4,138	15 8 6,527	11 10 7,237	13 11 2,004	11 711,862	5 3 109	5 8 1,417	2 7 360	13 4 34,282	12 9															
Ballasting ..	29	15 9 23	8 6 1,487	10 9 548	0 6 1,100	11 8 891	12 1 1,246	13 2 2,268	2 3 2,014	18 6 1,050	10 0 5,068	4 3 394	17 9 211	16 0 260	16 7 78	1 11 146	18 3 8,688	5 2												
Banks, cuttings, ditches, tunnels	232	17 4 30	13 8 1,582	6 0 662	6 0 1,177	19 0 1,019	0 8 4,034	1 2 8,435	1 10 4,343	6 4 819	6 7 177	17 4 398	17 10 5 179	2 4 101	1 2 6 2 3	161 12 6	14,244	3 4												
Bridges, culverts, drains	298	1 3 20	17 9 3,201	4 4 2,943	1 4 3,019	0 8 4,034	1 2 8,435	1 10 4,343	6 4 819	6 7 177	17 4 398	17 10 5 179	2 4 101	1 2 6 2 3	161 12 6	14,244	3 4													
Fences, gates, cattle-stops, hedges	8	15 6 5	12 0 1,046	11 10 43	0 3 442	17 9 1,784	7 1 3,283	17 6 4,343	6 4 819	6 7 177	17 4 398	17 10 5 179	2 4 101	1 2 6 2 3	161 12 6	14,244	3 4													
Roads, approaches, &c.	..	6 15 0	548	17 7 0	2 3 106	18 1 363	9 8 909	2 0 456	3 11 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	
Water-services, signals, cranes, appliances	19	5 4 ..	598	6 5 412	17 6 ..	0 6 3 125	16 0 476	19 1 1,438	14 2 792	3 0 91	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	14 1 18	
Wharves ..	38	6 2 ..	412	17 6 ..	0 6 3 446	15 0 1,339	18 8 5,868	13 9 2,826	5 11 1,147	10 5 845	7 5 44	3 11 3,106	2 12,472	3 112,838	5 6246,340	0 4														
Buildings ..	90	19 4 10	0 10 1,730	0 7 336	0 7 446	15 0 1,339	18 8 5,868	13 9 2,826	5 11 1,147	10 5 845	7 5 44	3 11 3,106	2 12,472	3 112,838	5 6246,340	0 4														
Miscellaneous ..	..	..	1,041	19 6 42	19 0 37	9 11 828,927	9 0 63,944	11 352,331	6 121,908	6 94,999	4 103,106	2 12,472	3 112,838	5 6246,340	0 4															
Total expenditure..	1,017	4 1647	0 735,391	8 113,924	0 614,832	17 828,927	9 0 63,944	11 352,331	6 121,908	6 94,999	4 103,106	2 12,472	3 112,838	5 6246,340	0 4															
Rate per mile of railway on average mileage open during the year	127	3 0 92	8 8 145	12 10 143	10 11 174	10 0 147	11 9 142	1 10 160	13 8 83	11 10 624	18 1 163	9 7 107	9 9 157	13 8 141	7 0															

A. C. FIRE,
Railway Accountant.

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RETURN NO. 10—continued.

STATEMENT of REVENUE and EXPENDITURE of each Station for the Year ended 31st March, 1888.

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NELSON SECTION.
Port and Wharf.
Nelson.
Richmond.
Brightwater.
Wakefield.
Belgrove.
General.
Head Office.
Accountant.
Miscellaneous.

STATEMENT of REVENUE and EXPENDITURE of each Station for the Year ended 31st March, 1888

Carried forward.

STATEMENT of REVENUE and EXPENDITURE of each Station for the Year ended 31st March, 1888.

A. C. FIFE, Railway Accountant.

RETURN No. 11.

STATEMENT OF STORES CONTRACTS current during the Year ending 31st March, 1888.

Service.	Period.	Name of Contractor.	Rate.
Uniforms ... Hurunui-Bluff	3 years ending 31/12/88	Ross and Glendining ...	As per schedule.
" ... Northern lines	Delivery by 30/7/87	J. Ballantyne and Co. ...	5/3 and 5/6 per cap.
Uniform caps ... Hurunui-Bluff			
Timber supply—			
Ironbark, hewn ... Lyttelton	Delivery by 7/4/87	James Fox ...	22/6 per 100ft.
" piles ... "	"	" ...	2/6 per lin. ft.
" hewn ... Dunedin	"	" ...	22/6 per 100ft.
" " ... Bluff	"	" ...	25/ "
" piles ... "	"	" ...	2/7 per lin. ft.
Puriri junk ... Auckland	Delivery by 30/4/87	T. and J. Beasley ...	10/ per 100ft. sup.
Totara junk ... "	Delivery by 31/5/87	J. McLellan ...	14/ "
Kauri junk ... "	Delivery by 30/4/87	Cairns, Bradley, and Mander	6/11 "
" ... "	Delivery by 31/8/87	"	7/5 "
Fencing material, as under—			
2,000 puriri posts Onehunga	Delivery during 1887	A. Laybourne and Co. ...	£4 19/ per 100.
100 " strainers "	"	S. Bradley ...	£18 "
1,000 Ti-tree rails "	"	" ...	£2 15 "
3,000 totara posts Lichfield	"	Thomas Freeman ...	£4 5/ "
100 " strainers "	"	" ...	£20 "
2,000 rimu rails Pukekohe	"	W. H. Madill ...	£2 "
Freight—			
5,000 sleepers, Pelorus to Timaru	Delivery by 30/6/87	Cuff and Graham ...	8½ per sleeper.
5,000 " " Oamaru	"	" ...	8½ "
5,000 " " Port Chalmers	"	" ...	9½ "
6,000 " Auckland to Napier	Delivery by 30/7/87	Union Steam Shipping Co. ...	7½ "
3,000 " " N.Plymouth	Delivery by 25/8/87	J. J. Craig ...	7½ "
3,000 " " "	Delivery by 30/11/87	" ...	7 "
6,000 " Pelorus to Timaru	Delivery by 31/3/88	Cuff and Graham ...	9 "
6,000 " " to Dunedin or	"	" ...	10 "
" " Port Chalmers	"	"	"
3,000 " Auckland to N.Plymouth	"	Jubilee Steam Shipping Co. ...	1/6 "
Horse forage ... Christchurch	Delivery by 30/6/87	G. Treleven and Co. ...	As per schedule.
Iron castings ... Auckland	"	G. Fraser and Co. ...	15/ and 16/ per cwt.
" ... Wellington	"	Smith Brothers ...	11/6 "
" ... Christchurch	"	John Anderson ...	11/6 & 12/ "
" ... Dunedin	"	A. and T. Burt ...	11/ and 12/ "
Printed stationery ... Christchurch	2 years ending 30/6/88	Whitcombe and Tombs ...	As per schedule.
" ... Wellington	"	"	"
General stores, &c.—			
Ironmongery, oils, ship chandlery, and leather Auckland	2 years ending 31/12/88	E. Porter and Co. ...	"
Drain-pipes ... "	"	J. J. Craig ...	"
Ironmongery, ship chandlery, leather Wellington	"	E. W. Mills and Co. ...	"
Oils and colours ... "	"	J. Duthie and Co. ...	"
Drain-pipes, &c. ... "	"	George Norbury ...	"
Ironmongery, oils, ship chandlery Christchurch	"	S. Nashelski ...	"
Leather ... "	"	C. D. Lightband ...	"
Drain-pipes ... "	"	E. and J. Ford ...	"
All stores ... Dunedin	"	Dunedin Iron & Woodware Co.	"
Timber supplies, as under—			
Native timber ... Christchurch	For 1887	J. T. Brown ...	"
Kauri and foreign ... "	"	R. W. England ...	"
" ... Dunedin	"	Dunedin Iron & Woodware Co.	"
Native timber ... Southland	"	John Murdoch ...	"
Railway supplies, as under—			
41 tons cotton waste	"	A. Briscoe and Co. ...	£28 5/5 per ton.
5,000 yards 24in. light canvas	"	T. and S. Morrin and Co. ...	1/4½ per yard.
40,000 yards 36in. light canvas	"	"	6½ per yard.
2,000 yards 24in. Addington heavy canvas	"	William Stevens and Co. ...	1/5½ per yard.
6,000 yards 24in. Other stores heavy canvas	"	A. Briscoe and Co. ...	1/6½ per yard.
11,000 gallons colza oil	"	S. Nashelski ...	2/5½ per gallon.
24 tons white lead, genuine, in oil	"	T. and S. Morrin and Co. ...	£21 16/9 per ton.
1,300 gallons peanut oil Dunedin	Delivery by May, 1887	Kwong Sing Wing ...	3/2 per gallon.

RETURN No. 11—*continued.*STATEMENT of STORES CONTRACTS, &c.—*continued.*

Service.	Period.	Name of Contractor.	Rate.
Coal supply ... Whangarei	For 1887	Whangarei Coal-mining Co. ...	5/6 per ton.
" ... Auckland	"	Kamo Colliery Company ...	12/ "
" ... "	"	Taupiri Coal-mining Company ...	9/6 "
" ... Napier	"	Brunner Coal Company ...	23/9 "
" ... Wellington	"	Westport Coal Company ...	17/6 "
" ... Wanganui	"	Union Steam Shipping Co. ...	20/ "
" ... New Plymouth and Waitara	"	"	26/6 "
" ... Picton	"	"	20/ "
" ... Nelson	"	Anchor Steam Shipping Co. ...	19/8 "
<i>Huruni-Bluff.</i>			
Coal supply ... Lyttelton	"	Westport Coal Company ...	18/10 "
" ... Springfield	"	Springfield Coal Company ...	12/ "
" ... Whitecliffs	"	W. Leeming ...	12/ "
" ... "	"	W. Smart... ..	12/ "
" ... Timaru	"	Westport Coal Company ...	20/6 "
" ... Oamaru	"	"	20/6 "
" ... Shag Point	"	Shag Point Coal Company ...	12/6 "
" ... Stirling	"	Kaitangata Coal Company ...	9/ "
" ... Nightcaps	"	Nightcaps Coal Company ...	9/ "
" ... Newmarket shops	"	Brunner Coal Company ...	22/6 "
" ... Addington "	"	Westport Coal Company ...	17/6 "
" ... Hillside "	"	"	17/6 "
Sleepers, as under—			
2,500 birch ... West Oxford	Delivery by 31/12/87...	John Ingram ...	3/ each.
2,500 " ... "	"	Gustav Hohn ...	3/ "
2,500 " ... "	"	Rossiter Brothers ...	3/ "
2,000 " ... "	"	E. B. Youngman ...	3/ "
2,000 " ... "	"	Walter Ryde ...	3/ "
1,500 " ... "	"	John M. Booth ...	3/ "
1,500 " ... East Oxford	"	E. B. Youngman ...	3/ "
2,500 " ... Bennett's	"	Thomas Vincent ...	3/ "
1,500 " ... Sheffield	"	James P. Pole ...	3/ "
2,500 " ... "	"	John Lace ...	3/ "
2,500 " ... View Hill	"	A. Perham ...	3/ "
1,500 " ... "	"	Feary Brothers ...	3/ "
2,000 " ... "	"	John Sharplin ...	3/ "
5,000 black pine ... Little River	"	Johnston, Wood, and Co. ...	3/ "
2,000 " ... "	"	William Coop ...	3/ "
5,000 kamai ... Oraki	"	Francis Henry ...	1/6 "
2,000 " ... Whakapatu	"	Charles Campbell ...	1/11 "
1,000 " ... Invercargill	"	J. H. Dawson and Sons ...	1/9 "
5,000 " ... Waimatui Siding	"	Dunedin Iron & Woodware Co. ...	1/10½ "
1,744 totara ... Makatuku	Delivery by 1/9/87 ...	P. Kiley ...	2/2 "
2,000 silver-pine ... Brunner-ton	Delivery by 31/12/87...	James Taylor ...	2/5½ "
2,500 birch ... Belgrove	Delivery by 28/1/88 ...	Joseph Price ...	1/11 "
2,500 " ... "	"	Higgins Brothers ...	1/11 "
500 totara ... Feilding	Delivery by 20/2/88 ...	John Johnston ...	1/11 "
500 " ... Bunnythorpe	"	A. H. Ihle ...	1/11 "
18,000 birch ... Pelorus	Year ended 31/3/88 ...	Sundry small contractors ...	2/4 to 2/6 hewn.
8,000 " ... "	"	"	" sawn.
Fencing posts, as under—			
1,000 kamai ... Oraki	Delivery by 27/8/87 ...	D. Smith ...	25/10 per 100 posts.
1,000 " ... "	"	E. Dugan ...	25/6 "
1,000 " ... "	"	J. Elliott ...	24/11 "
1,000 " ... Waimatua	"	C. Bell, jun. ...	29/ "
Horse forage ... Christchurch	Delivery by 31/6/88 ...	G. Treleaven and Co. ...	As per schedule.
Iron castings ... Wellington	Delivery by 30/6/88 ...	Smith Brothers ...	10/6 per cwt.
" ... Christchurch	"	John Anderson ...	11/6 & 12/ per cwt.
" ... Auckland	"	Charles Hawkeswood ...	14/3 "
" ... Dunedin	"	A. and T. Burt ...	11/ & 12/ "
Uniform caps ... Huruni-Bluff	Delivery by 31/12/88...	C. P. Hulbert ...	4/9 per cap.
Timber supplies, as under—			
Kauri timber ... Auckland	Delivery by 12/11/87...	James McLellan ...	As per schedule.
Native timber ... Wellington	Delivery by 31/12/88...	Thomas Price ...	"
" ... Wanganui	Delivery by 31/8/88 ...	P. and J. Bartholomew ...	"
Ironbark, hewn ... "	Delivery by 25/4/88 ...	A. Tapper ...	22/6 per roof.
" sawn ... "	"	"	22/6 "
" hewn ... Wellington	"	"	22/ "
" piles ... Napier	"	"	22/6 "
" ... "	"	"	2/6 per lin. ft.
Native timber ... Christchurch	Delivery by 31/12/88 ...	Matthews, Webber, and Co. ...	As per schedule.
" ... Dunedin	"	John T. Brown ...	"
Kauri and foreign ... "	"	"	"
" ... Dunedin	"	Findlay and Co. ...	"
Native timber ... Southland	"	Walter Guthrie and Co. ...	"

RETURN NO. 11—*continued.*STATEMENT of STORES CONTRACTS, &c.—*continued.*

Service.		Period.	Name of Contractor	Rate.
Coal supply	... Auckland	For 1888	... Taupiri Extended Coal-mining Company	5/ per ton.
"	... Napier	"	... Brunner Coal Company	23/9 "
"	... Wellington	"	... Westport Coal Company	19/ "
"	... Wanganui	"	... Union Steam Shipping Co.	21/ "
"	... Picton	"	... "	19/10 "
"	... Nelson	"	... Anchor Steam Shipping Co.	18/ "
<i>Hurunui-Bluff.</i>				
Coal supply	... Lyttelton	"	... Brunner Coal Company	20/9 "
"	... Springfield	"	... Springfield Coal Company	11/6 "
"	... Whitecliffs	"	... W. Leeming and Co.	10/ "
"	... Timaru	"	... Westport Coal Company	22/ "
"	... Oamaru	"	... "	22/ "
"	... Shag Point	"	... Shag Point Coal Company	11/ "
"	... Stirling	"	... Kaitangata Coal Company	8/6 "
"	... Winton	"	... Hokonui Coal Company	8/5 "
"	... Bluff	"	... Union Steam Shipping Co.	19/6 "
"	... Newmarket shops	"	... Brunner Coal Company	22/6 "
"	... Addington shops	"	... "	18/3 "
"	... Hillside shops	"	... "	20/ "
"	... "	"	... Fernhill Coal Company	5/10 "
Railway supplies, as under—				
40,000 yards	36in.	"	... W. Dawson and Co.	7 1/8 per yard.
light canvas		"	... A. Briscoe and Co.	/5 "
8,000 yards	24in.	"	... S. Nashelski	/4 1/2 "
light canvas		"	... N.Z. Hardware Company	£28 12/6 per ton.
3,000 yards	24in.	"	... "	2/8 1/2 per gallon.
heavy canvas		"	... "	£21 16/8 per ton.
37 tons cotton waste		"	... "	
11,000 gallons colza oil		"	... "	
23 tons white-lead, genuine, in oil		"	... "	

R. CARROW, Railway Stores Manager.

RETURN No. 12.

STATEMENT of CARRIAGE and WAGON STOCK, and TARPAULINS, for the Year ending 31st March, 1888.

Description.		Kawakawa.	Whangarei.	Auckland.	Napier.	Wellington.	Wanganui.	Hurunui-Bluff.	Greymouth.	Westport.	Nelson.	Picton.	Total.
CARRIAGES.													
1st class, 6-wheel	...	...	...	4	...	...	2	15	...	...	...	...	21
" 4 "	...	...	1	7	...	3	5	8	1	1	1	1	28
" Bogie, 30-feet	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	5
" " 40-feet	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	10
" " 44-feet	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Composite, 6-wheel	...	...	1	10	5	...	11	34	...	...	3	2	66
" 4 "	...	2	2	8	4	7	9	29	3	...	2	...	66
" Bogie, 30-feet	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	...	...	...	...	18
" " 40-feet	...	...	...	...	15	20	13	74	...	...	...	...	122
" " 44-feet	...	...	...	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
2nd class, 6-wheel	...	...	...	9	3	3	11	45	1	...	2	1	75
" 4 "	...	...	2	12	1	5	10	17	3	2	4	1	57
" Bogie, 30-feet	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	4
" " 40-feet	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	11
" " 44-feet	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Total	...	2	6	78	31	38	61	267	8	3	12	5	511
WAGONS, ETC.													
Passenger brakes	F	...	1	30	12	{ 2 13 2	1	88	{ ... 3 ...	...	...	2	183
Goods "	F	...	1		...		21			3	3	4	
Fell "	F	...	...		...		...			...	...	...	
Trucks, &c,—													
Platform coal	P	68	70	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	139
Timber	N	2	6	81	44	75	92	300	4	...	8	6	618
Cattle	H	6	2	78	21	5	59	169	...	...	2	1	343
" bogie	T	...	...	...	...	8	2	...	...	...	...	...	10
Sheep, double floor	J	...	...	37	15	35	45	165	...	...	...	...	297
" " bogie	S	...	...	...	...	9	10	1	...	...	...	...	20
Horse-boxes	G	...	...	17	12	6	16	51	...	...	1	2	105
Covered goods	K	1	2	45	9	45	35	306	...	1	2	3	449
" (Refrigerating)	K2	...	...	3	10	...	...	40	...	...	...	...	53
" bogie	V	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	4
High-side	L	3	8	261	153	102	180	2,861	19	1	31	32	3,651
" Bogie	R	...	...	54	22	...	...	30	...	...	...	...	106
Low-side	M	4	8	173	77	89	280	871	14	...	12	17	1,545
Iron hopper, mineral	O	...	...	80	...	...	...	...	257	216	...	...	553
Platform, Bogie	U	...	...	...	14	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
Unclassified	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	34	...	...	42
Total	...	86	98	860	397	410	741	4,886	297	255	60	63	8,153
TARPAULINS	...	6	12	500	117	100	250	3,877	15	4	20	31	4,932

RETURN No. 13.

STATEMENT of LOCOMOTIVE STOCK for the Year ending 31st March, 1888.

Class.			Cylinder.		Coupled Wheels.		Truck-Wheels.		Kawakawa.	Whangarei.	Auckland.	Napier.	Wellington.	Wanganui.	Hurunui-Bluff.	Greymouth.	Westport.	Nelson.	Picton.	Total Engines.
			Dia-meter.	Stroke.	No.	Dia-meter.	No.	Dia-meter												
Double Fairlie	B	...	In. 9	16	8	Ft. in. 3	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2
"	E	{	10	18	8	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	6
"			10	18	8	3	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Single Fairlie	R	...	12½	16	6	3	0	...	...	...	3	...	3	5	6	1	...	...	...	18
"	S	...	13	16	6	3	0	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
American	K	...	12	20	4	4	0	4	30	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	8
"	N	...	15	20	6	4	0	4	28½	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	6
"	O	...	15	18	8	3	0	2	28½	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	6
"	Q	...	11	18	4	4	0	2	30	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2
"	T	...	15	18	8	3	0	2	25	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	6
English	P	...	15	20	8	3	5	2	26½	...	...	3	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	10
"	V	...	15	20	6	4	0	4	26½	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	8
Fell	H	{	14	16	4	2	8	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
"			12	14	4	2	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
"	A	...	8	15	4	2	6	...	1	...	...	1	2	1	7	...	...	...	...	12
"	C	...	9½	18	4	2	6	2	18	...	...	1	...	1	3	2	...	1	...	10
"	D	...	9½	18	4	3	0	2	18	...	...	1	2	4	3	18	...	3	1	32
"	F	...	10½	18	6	3	0	...	2	3	17	11	...	8	32	3	4	1	...	81
"	G	...	10½	18	4	3	0	4	20	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	4
"	J	...	14	20	6	3	6	2	24	...	...	6	3	...	23	...	...	...	...	32
"	L	...	10½	18	4	3	0	2	24	...	...	4	...	4	1	...	...	...	...	10
"	M	...	13	20	6	3	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	4
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	36	17	27	29	140	4	5	4	3	271

RETURN No. 14.

STATEMENT of WEIGHING MACHINES, WEIGHBRIDGES, TRAVERSERS, TURNABLES, CRANES, and PUMPS, for the Year ending 31st March, 1888.

Description.	Kawakawa.	Whangarei.	Auckland.	Napier.	Wellington.	Wanganui.	Hurui-Bluff.	Greymouth.	Westport.	Nelson.	Pictou.	Total.
WEIGHING MACHINES:—												
1 cwt. ...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	3
2 " ...	...	...	1	1	2	3	1	...	...	...	...	8
3 " ...	...	...	7	3	...	2	8	4	1	2	...	27
4 " ...	1	...	17	9	...	14	17	...	...	...	...	58
5 " ...	...	1	8	2	4	5	29	...	...	4	4	57
5½ " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	3
6 " ...	...	...	11	1	3	1	27	...	...	...	...	43
7 " ...	...	...	3	1	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	7
8 " ...	...	...	...	1	...	6	6	...	...	...	...	13
9 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
10 " ...	...	2	4	2	2	5	26	...	...	2	3	46
11 " ...	1	...	1	2	5	4	36	...	...	...	...	49
12 " ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	8
12½ " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
13 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	6
14 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
15 " ...	...	...	2	2	1	2	8	...	...	...	...	15
16 " ...	...	...	...	2	1	8	22	...	...	...	...	33
17 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
20 " ...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	1	...	4
21 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
22 " ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2
26 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
27 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2
50 " ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
60 " ...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Total ...	2	3	61	27	19	55	207	4	1	9	7	395
WEIGHBRIDGES:—												
3 tons (cart) ...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	3
6 " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
7 " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2
8 " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2
10 " (wagon) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	3
12 " " ...	1	...	5	2	1	1	2	1	1	...	1	15
14 " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	3
20 " " ...	1	1	1	1	...	2	13	...	...	1	...	20
Total ...	2	1	7	3	2	3	27	1	1	1	1	49
TRAVERSERS												
...	...	...	1	...	1	...	11	1	1	...	1	16
TURNABLES:—												
40 feet (engine) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
50 " " ...	...	...	4	3	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	27
11 " (wagon) ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
12 " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	3
13 " " ...	...	...	3	3	...	1	28	2	1	...	1	39
14 " " ...	...	...	...	4	3	3	7	...	...	1	...	18
16 " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total ...	...	...	7	10	3	6	59	2	1	1	1	90
CRANES:—												
½ ton, stationary, hand	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2
1 " " " ...	...	...	3	3	...	...	3	...	...	2	...	11
1½ " " " ...	...	...	1	2	2	14	5	2	1	2	1	30
2 " " " ...	...	...	3	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	11
3 " " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	4
4 " " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
5 " " " ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	28	...	...	...	...	29
8 " " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
10 " " " ...	...	...	1	...	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	6
1 " travelling	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2
2 " " " ...	...	...	3	1	...	3	1	1	1	1	1	12
3 " " " ...	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	4
5 " " " ...	...	...	3	2	1	3	6	1	1	1	1	19
7 " " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
10 " " " ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
1 " steam	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2
1½ " " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	6
2 " " " ...	...	...	3	...	...	...	6	2	1	...	...	12
3 " " " ...	3	3	1	...	...	...	5	...	1	...	...	13
5 " " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
12 " " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	2
Total ...	3	3	19	9	7	21	85	7	6	7	3	170
WATER SERVICES:—												
Steam ...	...	...	4	...	...	1	7	1	1	...	...	14
Hand ...	2	...	14	7	4	16	71	1	1	...	3	122
Windmill ...	...	...	1	2	...	2	34	...	...	...	...	39
Hot-air ...	1	1	4	2	1	1	13	...	...	...	...	23
Hydraulic ...	...	...	5	4	1	12	12	...	...	...	...	34
Gravitation ...	...	...	5	2	10	5	19	...	...	...	1	42
Total ...	3	1	33	17	16	37	156	2	2	3	4	274

RETURN No. 15.
STATEMENT of RAILS RELAI'D for the Year ending 31st March, 1888.

Weight.	Kawakawa.	Whangarei.	Auckland.	Napier.	Wellington.	Wanganui.	Hurunui-Bluff.	Greymouth.	Westport.	Nelson.	Picton.	Total.
RAILS RELAI'D :—												
40-lb. iron	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	80	...	...	87
40-lb. steel	...	...	...	1,111	...	119	...	58	...	18	22	1,328
52-lb. steel	...	...	...	...	...	...	369	...	...	...	...	369
53-lb. steel	...	60	2,006	10	85	302	7,219	475	56	...	...	10,213
52-lb. iron	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	16
Total	...	60	2,006	1,128	85	421	7,588	533	152	18	22	12,013

RETURN No. 16.
STATEMENT of SLEEPERS RELAI'D for the Year ending 31st March, 1888.

Description.	Kawakawa.	Whangarei.	Auckland.	Napier.	Wellington.	Wanganui.	Hurunui-Bluff.	Greymouth.	Westport.	Nelson.	Picton.	Total.
SLEEPERS RELAI'D :—												
Black-pine	...	...	...	...	...	...	22,732	...	...	...	...	22,732
Totara	...	...	88	1,199	1,141	2,121	3,494	...	...	...	...	8,043
Black-birch	...	...	173	...	4,846	1,441	36,265	...	589	5,339	2,261	50,914
Kauri	...	...	1,735	...	...	...	57	...	...	...	...	1,792
Blue-gum	...	...	...	...	...	78	16	...	...	...	...	94
Jarrah	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,712	...	...	...	...	3,712
Red-pine	...	...	...	...	...	2,839	36	...	...	...	...	2,875
Puriri	...	57	147	14,058	1,663	7,937	2,466	...	...	...	...	26,328
Silver-pine	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,271	2,158	...	...	...	5,429
Rata	...	...	...	...	...	...	137	...	...	...	...	137
Kamai	...	...	...	...	...	...	481	...	...	...	...	481
White-pine.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	...	...	...	...	100
Total	57	147	16,054	2,862	5,987	14,416	72,767	2,158	589	5,339	2,261	122,637

STATEMENT of SLEEPERS REMOVED for the Year ending 31st March, 1888.

SLEEPERS REMOVED :—												
Black-pine	...	...	11	541	1,647	4,408	32,465	...	...	4,743	555	44,370
Totara	...	...	105	719	3,133	2,782	15,663	...	...	...	51	22,453
Black-birch	...	...	16	90	1,063	194	15,172	2,158	231	596	1,178	20,698
Kauri	57	147	13,549	670	30	307	2,566	...	...	...	...	17,326
Blue-gum	...	...	...	698	11	3,752	4,398	...	...	...	...	8,859
Jarrah	...	...	...	...	98	...	801	...	...	...	...	899
Red-pine	...	...	...	...	...	2,949	39	...	...	...	...	2,988
Puriri	...	...	187	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	189
Silver-pine	...	...	...	...	...	...	116	...	...	...	...	116
Oregon	...	...	...	125	...	...	2,238	...	...	...	...	2,363
Manuka	...	...	70	...	...	...	219	...	...	...	...	289
Red-wood	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,474	...	...	...	...	1,474
Iron-bark	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	3
Total	57	147	13,938	2,843	5,982	14,392	75,156	2,158	231	5,339	1,784	122,027

RETURN No. 17.

RETURN of NUMBER of STATIONS and PRIVATE SIDINGS on each Section for the Year ending 31st March, 1888.

Sections.	Miles.	Number of Stations and Stop- ping-places on the Time-tables.	Number of Private Sidings.		
			At Stations.	Out of Stations.	Total.
Kawakawa	8	3	...	...	...
Whangarei	7	4	1	...	1
Auckland	249	90	9	5	14
Napier	97	35	11	6	17
Wellington	85	30	2	7	9
Wanganui	196	88	12	5	17
Hurunui-Bluff	1,048	382	142	42	184
Greymouth	8	5	3	3	6
Westport	19	6	...	...	...
Nelson	23	12	1	...	1
Picton	18	9	2	...	2
Total	1,758	664	183	68	251

PARTICULARS of PRIVATE SIDING TRAFFIC, showing Value of Traffic done during Twelve Months ending 31st March, 1888.

Hd. Office Reg. No.	Papers.	Date of Grant.	Present Holder.	Posi- tion.	Nearest Station.	By whom paid for.	Term of Grant.	Amount of Traffic guaranteed per Annum.	Liquidated Damages or Premium.	Value of the Traffic through the Siding during the Year ending 31st March, 1888.				
										In.	Out.	Total.		
WHANGAREI SECTION.														
341	R. 84/3701 ..	Aug. 2, 1886	Kamo Colliery Company..	M. ch. 3 55	Kamo ..	Grantee	10 years*	£ s. d. Premium..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 88 14 0	£ s. d. 88 14 0	£ s. d. 88 14 0	
AUCKLAND SECTION.														
7	P. W. 77/730	March 6, 1877	J. Bycroft and Co.	7 43	Onehunga	Govt. ..	10 years*	300 0 0	105 0 0	153 14 0	85 19 2	239 13 2	239 13 2	
79	P. W. 77/4093	Oct. 18, 1877	Robert Lamb ..	73 23	Ngaurawahia	"	"	200 0 0	50 0 0	13 16 4	530 12 8	544 9 0	544 9 0	
267	R. 82/2043	Mar. 25, 1882	Helensville Timber Co. (Limited) ..	35 41	Helensville South	Grantees	"	Premium..	164 7 6	94 0 0	833 0 0	427 0 0	427 0 0	
279	R. 83/917	Oct. 27, 1882	J. Bycroft and Co.	6 26	New Lynn	"	"	"	473 10 0	333 9 10	257 9 11	590 19 9	590 19 9	
303	R. 83/3494 ..	Jan. 10, 1884	Union Oil, Soap, and Candle Com- pany (Limited)	7 34	Westfield	"	"	"	86 0 0	2,430 4 1	..	2,430 4 1	2,430 4 1	
317	R. 83/2680 ..	Jan. 1, 1883	Hammond and Byron (Lease)	0 0	Auckland	"	7 years	"	40 0 0	73 9 2	22 1 10	95 11 0	95 11 0	
318	R. 84/2020 ..	Jan. 1, 1883	"	0 0	"	"	Undefined	"	40 0 0	596 14 8	19 15 9	616 10 5	616 10 5	
331	R. 84/2020 ..	March 1, 1884	Onehunga Ironsand Company	8 0	Onehunga	Govt. ..	10 years*	Premium..	420 0 0	2,877 9 3	603 11 2	2,877 9 3	2,877 9 3	
333	R. 84/3379 ..	July 20, 1885	N.Z. Frozen Meat Co. (Limited)	0 0	Auckland	Grantees	10 years	"	140 0 0	245 15 6	944 0 1	1,516 12 3	1,516 12 3	
339	R. 86/846 ..	Mar. 22, 1886	Waikato Coal and Shipping Company	64 59	Huntly	"	10 years	"	892 17 0	..	..	..	..	
346	R. 86/2335 ..	Aug. 25, 1886	Miranda Coal and Iron Company	44 40	Mercer	"	10 years*	"	40 0 0	..	..	..	..	
353	R. 87/1007 ..	Mar. 31, 1887	W. Philcox and Son	0 0	Auckland	"	6 months..	"	..	..	..	..	..	
358	R. 87/1613 ..	Jan. 10, 1884	N.Z. Frozen Meat and Storage Co.	7 48	Westfield	Govt. ..	10 years*	"	..	..	..	..	..	
NAPIER SECTION.														
24	C. R. 75/845..	—	Napier Gas Company	2 30	Napier	Govt. ..	Undefined	300 0 0	125 0 0	143 18 1	181 10 2	325 8 3	325 8 3	
76	R. 81/2318 ..	Oct. 9, 1877	Murray, Roberts, and Co.	0 4	Spit	"	10 years*	"	..	609 13 2	63 7 8	673 0 10	673 0 10	
222	R. 84/3632 ..	—	W. B. Harding ..	40 59	Waipawa	"	Undefined; on sufferance	"	..	..	..	..	..	
229	R. 81/1671 ..	Feb. 16, 1881	M. S. Bell	2 0	Napier	Grantee	10 years*	Premium..	240 0 0	7 3 5	497 10 11	1,225 8 5	1,225 8 5	
232	R. 85/813 ..	—	Wilding and Co.	45 29	Waipukurau	Govt. ..	Undefined	"	206 0 0	727 17 6	1,929 14 10	3,675 16 3	3,675 16 3	
301	R. 83/3089 ..	Oct. 26, 1883	Nelson Brothers (Limited)	12 84	Tomona	Grantees	10 years*	Premium..	133 0 0	364 5 10	0 16 8	365 2 6	365 2 6	
322	R. 84/3540 ..	Dec. 8, 1884	W. F. Burnett ..	14 1	Hastings	Grantee	"	"	60 0 0	99 16 5	1,253 15 5	1,353 11 10	1,353 11 10	
325	R. 85/794 ..	April 4, 1885	Tamaki Timber Company	81 15	Tahoratu	Grantees	"	"	95 0 0	11 0 8	545 5 2	556 5 10	556 5 10	
329	R. 86/1028 ..	April 11, 1885	H. Smith	70 78	Makotuku	Grantee	6 years*	"	84 10 0	19 9 4	493 9 1	512 18 5	512 18 5	
332	R. 85/171 ..	June 1, 1885	Wilding and Co.	63 0	Kopua ..	Grantees	10 years*	"	172 0 0	2,218 2 4	8 9 7	2,226 11 11	2,226 11 11	
334	R. 85/1508 ..	July 24, 1885	Tanner and Mortensen	73 56	Matamau	"	"	"	72 0 0	1,021 12 11	2 2 11	1,023 15 10	1,023 15 10	
335	R. 85/2840 ..	Dec. 1, 1884	Mathews and Guy	69 21	Napier ..	Grantee	7 years*	"	75 0 0	63 7 6	996 18 6	1,030 15 6	1,030 15 6	
336	R. 85/2434 ..	Nov. 19, 1885	Robert Holt ..	1 72	Napier ..	Grantees	10 years*	"	800 0 0	33 17 0	276 13 11	227 12 0	227 12 0	
340	R. 85/2362 ..	April 4, 1886	Knight Brothers	13 74	Hastings	"	"	"	117 4 1	..	..	..	..	
345	R. 86/1516 ..	Sept. 2, 1886	Napier Gas Company	14 1	"	"	"	"	157 0 0	..	..	..	..	
356	R. 87/1399 ..	Dec. 15, 1884	Henderson and Wratt	80 12	Danewirke	"	"	"	..	..	..	..	..	
361	R. 87/2721 ..	Aug. 27, 1887	Nelson Brothers	60 4	Takapau	"	"	"	..	..	..	..	..	
WELLINGTON SECTION.														
188	C. R. 79/155..	Feb. 26, 1879	Charles Lett	28 44	Kaitoke	Govt. ..	10 years*	300 0 0	70 0 0	1 17 0	73 13 5	75 10 5	75 10 5	
216	P. W. 81/2948	July 7, 1880	William Booth and Co. ..	57 34	Carterton	"	"	300 0 0	90 0 0	52 13 0	3,675 12 5	3,728 5 5	3,728 5 5	
221	R. 80/1588 ..	Dec. 13, 1880	Gear Meat-preserving and Freezing Company (Limited)	6 37	Petone	Grantees	"	Premium..	117 19 11	241 11 7	418 0 5	639 12 0	639 12 0	
227	R. 82/2026 ..	Feb. 8, 1881	Robert Donald ..	62 8	Middleton	Grantee	"	"	82 1 8	6 11 0	1,430 12 5	1,437 3 5	1,437 3 5	
237	R. 81/1723 ..	July 28, 1881	John Chew	54 55	Dalefield ..	"	"	"	63 5 0	3,248 14 6	16 14 3	3,248 14 6	3,248 14 6	
242	R. 82/1385 ..	Oct. 6, 1881	W. Booth and Co. (Lease)	0 0	Wellington	Grantees	21 years	"	..	595 10 8	142 10 0	612 4 11	612 4 11	
253	R. 83/598 ..	Jan. 1, 1882	Wellington Harbour Board (Lease)	0 0	"	"	42 years	"	220 12 9	57 16 5	654 6 8	200 6 5	200 6 5	
272	R. 84/133 ..	July 26, 1882	Williams and Beetham ..	62 15	Middleton	"	10 years*	Premium..	150 1 4	10 13 4	582 9 8	601 8 2	601 8 2	
296	R. 83/2550 ..	Sept. 21, 1883	A. S. Duncan (Woodside Saw-mill Co.)	51 0	Matarawa	"	"	"	425 19 7	..	..	..	..	
313	R. 84/1443 ..	May 9, 1884	Wellington Meat-preserving (and Refrigerating Company (Limited)	3 21	Ngahauranga	"	"	"	..	..	..	..	..	
325	R. 84/3359 ..	Oct. 6, 1884	William Chalmers (Lease)	0 0	Wellington	Govt. ..	18 years	"	..	..	..	..	..	
326	R. 84/3359 ..	Oct. 6, 1884	T. C. Williams, W. H. Beetham, and H. H. Beetham (Lease)	0 0	"	"	"	"	..	..	..	..	..	

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WANGANUI SECTION.													
19	P.W. 78/678	Jan. 14, 1878	Richter, Nannestad, and Co.	M. ch. 61 41	Hokowhitu	Govt.	10 years*	£ 300 0 0	£ s. d. 156 0 0	£ s. d. 113 17 7	£ s. d. 35 0 6	£ s. d. 148 18 1	
52	P.W. 77/4300	Nov. 6, 1877	J. and C. Bull	52 20	Aorangi	"	"	300 0 0	80 0 0	7 14 11	"	7 14 11	
57	P.W. 78/678	April 3, 1877	Richter, Nannestad, and Co.	54 28	Trondjeim	"	"	300 0 0	60 0 0	4 15 10	74 17 2	79 13 0	
93	P.W. 77/5168	Dec. 20, 1877	Henry Brown	15 31	Ingleswood	"	"	100 0 0	35 0 0	11 12 0	279 14 4	291 6 4	
137	P.W. 80/4929	May 9, 1878	Wanganui Sash & Door Factory Co.	0 0	Wanganui	"	6 months..	"	"	1,289 6 0	1 17 10	1,291 3 10	
138	P.W. 78/1923	June 10, 1878	Bailey Brothers, W. H. Lash, and others	42 34	Halcombe	"	10 years*	300 0 0	175 0 0	0 15 6	218 2 8	218 18 2	
147	P.W. 78/3795	Sept. 6, 1878	Bailey Brothers	53 50	Taunui	"	"	300 0 0	150 0 0	39 17 2	1,135 6 3	1,175 3 5	
153	P.W. 78/3808	Oct. 26, 1878	Wanganui Meat Company	3 36	Aramoho	"	"	300 0 0	127 0 0	"	"	"	
223	R. 81/116	Jan. 13, 1881	Moore and Currie	13 46	Kai Iwi	Grantees	"	Premium..	86 0 0	4 14 9	19 1 8	23 16 5	
244	R. 82/2306	Oct. 20, 1881	Wanganui Harbour Board (Lease)	"	Wanganui	"	14 years*	"	"	685 9 6	85 19 10	771 9 4	
264	R. 82/946	Mar. 2, 1882	Newberry and Millard	7 46	Okoto	"	10 years*	"	162 0 0	"	70 18 9	70 18 9	
287	R. 83/338	Jan. 27, 1883	Wellington and Manawatu Railway Company (Limited)	66 28	Longburn Junction	"	"	"	381 19 6	"	"	"	
310	R. 84/1399	April 5, 1884	James Robson	33 20	Ngaire	Govt. and grantee	"	"	200 0 0	12 13 1	504 10 6	517 3 7	
315	R. 84/1846	Sept. 4, 1884	Manawatu County Council	79 61	Carnarvon	Grantees	"	"	273 12 0	199 16 5	254 15 1	454 11 6	
349	R. 86/2995	Oct. 23, 1886	A. Brown and Co.	33 17	Ngaire	"	6 years	"	"	39 6 11	317 13 8	357 0 7	
354	R. 87/881	Aug. 7, 1887	N. King	0 9	New Plymouth	Grantee	10 years*	"	150 0 0	323 14 5	165 16 0	489 10 5	
360	R. 87/2630	Aug. 16, 1887	P. and J. Baitholomew	151 44	Feilding	Govt.	"	†	Rental, £25	11 2 11	1,507 14 2	1,518 17 1	
PICTON SECTION.													
260	R. 81/2812	Jan. 19, 1882	Fell Brothers and Co.	17 73	Blenheim.	Grantees	10 years*	Premium..	163 10 0	144 7 2	124 1 6	268 8 8	
299	R. 83/2271	Oct. 2, 1883	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited)	17 62	"	"	"	"	275 1 7	38 12 7	133 14 11	172 7 6	
NELSON SECTION.													
238	R. 81/1947	Aug. 31, 1881	Neale and Haddow	1 0	Nelson..	Grantees	10 years*	Premium..	150 0 0	341 3 11	36 0 5	377 4 4	
GREYMOUTH SECTION.													
5A	R. 84/2978	Aug. 1, 1873	Westport Coal Co. (Limited) (Lease)	6 70	Wallsend	Grantees	21 years	"	"	66 19 1	5,856 12 5	5,923 11 6	
22	P.W. 76/603	Dec. 31, 1875	T. W. Wilson	2 53	Kaikaia	Govt.	Undefined	"	"	0 2 0	277 4 11	277 6 11	
105A	P.W. 76/3446	Feb. 15, 1877	Coalpit Heath Coal-mining Company (Limited) (Lease)	7 10	Brunner	Grantees	"	Premium..	143 19 0	7 14 10	2,973 8 7	2,981 3 5	
112A	P.W. 77/5000	Feb. 16, 1877	Brunner Coal-mining Company (Limited), M. Kennedy (Lease)	7 10	Brunner	"	"	"	624 19 2	96 15 9	8,148 19 8	8,245 15 5	
319	R. 84/2977	Oct. 28, 1884	A. McKenzie and Co.	5 70	Wallsend	"	10 years*	"	55 0 0	4 10 5	245 14 0	250 4 5	
344	R. 86/2585	Aug. 20, 1886	Westport Colliery Company	8 0	Brunner	Grey'm'th Har. Bd.	"	"	"	5 7 5	310 5 10	315 13 8	

HURUNUI-BLUFF SECTION.

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† Six months' notice.

§ Terminable if traffic fails.

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P.W. 77/4421	Dec. 4, 1877	James Goss	M. ch. 6 61	Christchurch	Govt.	10 years*	£ s. d. 300 0 0	£ s. d. 95 0 0	£ s. d. 1,251 11 11	£ s. d. 50 9 4	£ s. d. 1,302 1 3	
P.W. 77/5196	Dec. 22, 1877	W. Montgomery and Co.	6 50	"	"	"	300 0 0	240 0 0	1,121 0 9	25 12 7	1,146 13 4	
	—	Christchurch Gas, Coal, and Coke Company (Limited)	6 1	"	"	Undefined	"	"	"	"	"	
R. 84/2368	1877	William Vaughan	24 49	Sefton	"	"	"	"	132 14 1	374 2 8	506 16 9	
R. 82/2356	1877	N.Z. Provision and Produce Co.	13 7	Factory	"	"	"	300 0 0	182 5 8	372 17 9	555 3 5	
R. 81/2017	1877	E. Menlove	14 37	Ngapara	"	"	"	"	18 4 1	18 4 1	18 4 1	
	1877	Logan's Point Quarry Company	234 53	Pelichet Bay	"	"	"	"	12 10 0	140 13 6	153 3 6	
	1877	Mutual Agency Company	236 45	Dunedin	"	"	"	"	5 15 0	0 13 6	6 8 6	
	1877	Mutual Agency Company	236 45	"	"	"	"	"	1 4 0	522 12 11	523 16 11	
	1877	Green Island Coal Company	241 70	Abbotsford	"	"	"	"	250 7 10	7 3 4	257 11 2	
	1877	Invercargill Corporation	374 60	Invercargill	"	"	"	"	8 12 8	141 8 8	150 1 4	
R. 85/647	1877	"	2 39	Waikiwi	"	"	"	"	15 9 6	72 16 6	88 6 0	
	1877	T. Buxton	6 43	Buxton's	"	"	"	"	5 14 0	"	5 14 0	
	1877	Hodgkinson Brothers	6 42	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	1877	W. Parsons	389 1	Between Greenhills and Ocean Beach	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
R. 79/722	Nov. 6, 1878	J. A. Duthie	271 24	Milton	"	10 years*	300 0 0	112 15 0	127 11 10	481 5 2	608 17 0	
P.W. 77/5147	Jan. 14, 1878	W. Langdown	6 9	Christchurch	"	"	300 0 0	56 0 0	979 8 0	48 5 10	1,027 13 10	
P.W. 77/4412	Jan. 23, 1878	Oamaru Harbour Board	157 64	Oamaru (1st sidg.)	"	"	300 0 0	50 0 0	"	"	(See No. 123.)	
P.W. 77/4413	Jan. 23, 1878	"	157 65	" (2nd sidg.)	"	"	300 0 0	90 0 0	6,625 16 10	3,337 16 9	9,963 13 7	
R. 78/63	Jan. 26, 1878	A. Roberts	58 72	Ashburton	"	"	300 0 0	95 0 0	143 3 9	240 5 1	383 8 10	
R. 78/65	Feb. 4, 1878	Joseph Clark	60 65	Tinwald	"	"	300 0 0	60 0 0	565 18 7	638 8 0	1,204 6 7	
P.W. 77/4893	Feb. 18, 1878	Oamaru Corporation	157 41	Oamaru	Grantees	Undefined	300 0 0	"	57 12 3	17 18 8	75 10 11	
R. 78/176	Mar. 2, 1878	Wigram Brothers	1 77	Heathcote	Govt.	10 years*	300 0 0	70 0 0	"	"	(See No. 75.)	
R. 78/61	Mar. 7, 1878	Permanent Investment and Loan Association	5 76	Christchurch	"	"	300 0 0	"	746 2 0	235 0 5	981 2 5	
R. 78/199	Mar. 14, 1878	Friedlander Brothers	58 73	Ashburton	"	"	300 0 0	55 0 0	351 6 8	1,780 19 4	2,132 6 0	
R. 78/162	Mar. 14, 1878	Springfield Coal Company	6 51	Christchurch	"	"	300 0 0	73 0 0	213 14 7	"	213 14 7	
R. 81/120	May 1, 1878	McClachie and McIntosh	6 15½	"	"	"	300 0 0	260 0 0	1,185 17 11	45 15 8	1,231 13 7	
P.W. 78/1573	May 8, 1878	Anderson and Co.	204 10	Waikouaiti	"	"	300 0 0	"	73 3 6	20 10 10	93 14 4	
R. 78/360	June 28, 1878	Oamaru Stone Company (Limited)	1 67½	Weston	"	"	300 0 0	74 0 0	"	"	"	
R. 78/649	Aug. 3, 1878	N.Z. and Australian Land Com-pany (Limited)	351 60	Edendale	"	"	300 0 0	48 0 0	125 19 9	317 7 10	443 7 7	
R. 81/467	Sept. 21, 1878	N.Z. Grain Agency and Mercantile Company (Limited) (Lease)	0 0	Lyttelton	"	21 years	"	"	"	"	"	
	Sept. 21, 1878	Ditto (Lease)	0 0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
R. 78/506	Oct. 22, 1878	C. W. Turner	6 64	Christchurch	"	10 years*	300 0 0	55 0 0	2,523 14 2	274 6 7	2,798 0 9	
R. 78/539	Nov. 5, 1878	F. L. Robson and J. T. Brown	6 61	"	"	"	300 0 0	52 0 0	1,037 5 1	27 14 2	1,064 19 3	
R. 78/544	Nov. 6, 1878	J. and J. Shand	26 26	Centre Bush	"	"	300 0 0	64 0 0	"	19 13 10	19 13 10	
R. 81/467	Nov. 19, 1878	Talbot and McClachie (Lease)	0 0	Lyttelton	"	21 years	"	"	"	"	(See No. 69.)	

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R. 81/2501	Nov. 24, 1881	J. S. White	M. ch.	Jackson's Road ..	Grantee	10 years*	£ s. d. Premium..	£ s. d. 145 0 0	£ s. d. 85 5 10	£ s. d. 265 10 0	£ s. d. 350 15 10	
R. 81/1747	Dec. 14, 1881	F. J. Hopkin	287 79	Balcutha ..	"	"	"	261 0 0	"	"	"	
R. 83/3241	Dec. 16, 1881	W. Nicholls	0 26	Rangiora ..	"	"	"	70 0 0	"	"	"	
R. 83/1171	April 18, 1883	Frew and Co. ..	22 72	Oraki ..	Grantees	"	"	"	"	86 14 4	86 14 4	
R. 83/1556	Dec. 22, 1881	N.Z. Refrigerating Co. (Limited) ..	239 23	Burnside ..	"	"	Premium..	492 0 0	2,013 15 2	940 9 10	2,954 5 0	
R. 82/1738	Jan. 1, 1882	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited) (Lease)	47 12	Chertsey ..	Govt. ..	"	"	"	76 8 2	306 12 1	383 0 3	
R. 82/717	Jan. 1, 1882	J. Meehan	123 66	Makikihi ..	Grantee	21 years	Premium..	300 0 0	"	102 19 6	102 19 6	
R. 81/2820	Jan. 3, 1882	Canterbury Farmers' Co-operative Association (Limited)	106 10	Timaru ..	Grantees	10 years*	"	484 0 0	736 4 3	966 1 9	1,702 6 0	
R. 81/2672	Jan. 5, 1882	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited) and executors of late M. Studholme ..	0 3	Studholme Junction	"	"	"	310 0 0	4 13 4	622 6 4	626 19 8	
R. 82/379	Jan. 10, 1882	E. and J. Ford ..	10 71	South Malvern ..	Govt. ..	For ever	"	"	"	176 14 9	214 2 5	
R. 83/1043	Jan. 10, 1882	Smith and Fotheringham	227 78	Port Chalmers Upper	Grantees	10 years*	"	"	37 7 8	67 14 3	71 19 3	
R. 82/2303	Feb. 8, 1882	J. Rantin	6 53	Christchurch ..	Govt. ..	"	Premium..	510 0 0	489 13 5	40 11 1	530 4 6	
R. 82/49	Feb. 20, 1882	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited)	6 50½	"	Grantees	"	"	Extension, £174	1,111 7 3	391 6 6	1,502 13 9	
R. 82/378	Feb. 28, 1882	J. and T. Meek ..	158 7	Oamaru ..	"	"	"	222 0 0	"	36 19 4	(See No. 9.)	
R. 82/554	Mar. 24, 1882	S. Bailey	15 0	Templeton ..	Grantee	"	"	153 0 0	"	"	86 19 4	
R. 82/692	April 14, 1882	P. Cunningham ..	105 75	Timaru ..	"	"	"	374 0 0	"	"	"	
R. 82/2320	May 1, 1882	W. A. Moss (Lease)	7 0	Christchurch ..	"	21 years	"	140 0 0	13 2 6	13 2 6	13 2 6	
"	May 1, 1882	John Waller (Lease)	7 0	"	"	"	"	150 0 0	403 17 5	2 6 9	406 4 2	
"	May 1, 1882	N.Z. Farmers' Co-operative Association of Canterbury (Ld.) (Lease)	7 0	"	Grantees	"	"	150 0 0	1,401 15 10	365 4 7	1,767 0 5	
R. 83/334	Sept. 15, 1882	Canterbury Frozen Meat and Dairy Produce Export Co. (Limited)	7 8	Belfast ..	"	10 years*	"	321 0 0	4,328 0 7	3,145 15 4	7,473 15 11	
R. 82/2105	Sept. 26, 1882	D. Reid and Co. ..	236 12	Dunedin ..	"	"	"	310 0 0	4,968 14 9	427 14 11	5,396 9 8	
R. 82/2334	Oct. 23, 1882	National Mortgage and Agency Co. of N.Z. (Limited)	105 75	Timaru ..	"	"	"	514 0 0	524 2 9	821 5 10	1,345 8 7	
R. 82/2354	Oct. 23, 1882	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited)	105 75	"	"	"	"	292 16 0	812 17 0	1,058 12 8	1,871 9 8	
R. 82/1997	Oct. 23, 1882	Invercargill Corporation ..	0 7	Makarewa Junc.	Govt. and Grantees	"	"	5 0 0	"	31 10 0	31 10 0	
R. 82/2706	Dec. 2, 1882	P. C. Threlkeld	2 51	Jackson's Road ..	Grantee	"	"	300 0 0	23 9 2	75 14 5	99 3 7	
R. 82/2605	Dec. 2, 1882	Moody and Ziesler	105 57	Timaru ..	Grantees	"	"	40 0 0	182 6 9	410 0 10	592 7 7	
R. 83/332	Jan. 1, 1883	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited) (Lease)	41 53	Rakaia ..	Govt. ..	"	"	"	73 14 2	602 13 0	676 7 2	
R. 83/50	Jan. 11, 1883	Kruse and Borgfeldt ..	3 31	Papanui ..	Grantees	"	Premium..	220 0 0	5 1 0	100 5 1	105 6 1	
R. 82/2355	Jan. 11, 1883	R. M. Morten ..	11 76	Hornby Junction	Grantee	"	"	132 0 0	81 9 9	21 0 6	52 10 3	
R. 83/165	Jan. 26, 1883	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited)	336 14	Gore ..	Grantees	"	"	275 0 0	426 9 2	1,078 7 7	1,504 16 9	
R. 83/996	Feb. 1, 1883	W. A. Benn (Lease)	48 21	Waikari ..	Govt. ..	"	"	"	152 12 8	124 12 8	277 5 4	
R. 83/998	Feb. 1 1883	William Vaughan (Lease)	48 22	"	"	"	"	"	82 17 8	59 1 6	141 19 2	

R. 83/669	April 3, 1883	Shaw, Savill, and Albion Company Edwards, Bennett, and Co. Kaye and Carter	Fernhill Railway and Coal Com- pany (Limited)	241 15	Abbotsford	"	"	"	312 0 0	18 8 4	940 16 0	4,049 6 1
R. 83/1503	April 9, 1883					"	Undefined	"	..		1,007 19 6	1,026 7 10
R. 83/1007	April 18, 1883	Nichol Brothers		391 63	Bluff	"	10 years*	Premium..	145 0 0	3,167 7 9	1,150 3 10	4,317 11 7
R. 83/2987	May 21, 1883	David Stuart		105 57	Timaru	"	"	"	180 0 0	106 2 4	113 19 0	220 1 4
R. 83/1690	June 28, 1883	H. Driver		240 33	Burnside ..	"	"	"	140 0 0	29 18 11	144 18 4	174 17 3
R. 83/2672	Sept. 18, 1883	James Gore		244 83	Wingabui ..	"	"	"	422 0 0	11 13 4	115 5 7	136 18 11
R. 83/2904	Oct. 1, 1883	Benjamin Perry		163 6	Totara ..	"	"	"	325 0 0	3 8 10	193 13 8	197 2 6
R. 83/3196	Nov. 22, 1883	John Jackson		106 11	Timaru ..	"	"	"	100 0 0	162 18 1	741 13 3	904 11 4
R. 84/71	Jan. 25, 1884	J. G. Ward		391 44	Bluff	"	"	"	120 0 0	1,807 18 1	452 12 10	2,260 10 11
R. 84/694	Mar. 12, 1884	W. H. Symes, M.D., H. Barry & Co.		7 29	Addington	Grantees	4 years*	"	150 0 0	33 18 4	17 4 2	51 2 6
R. 84/813	Mar. 1, 1884	John Murdoch, jun. (<i>Lease</i>)		335 7	Gore ..	Govt. ..	3 years cer- tain†	"	..	417 6 8	75 1 5	492 8 1
R. 84/936	April 21, 1884	A. Tapper		335 6	Gore ..	Grantee	10 years*	Premium..	105 0 0	172 7 0	6 8 3	178 15 3
R. 84/1239	May 10, 1884	N.Z. Refrigerating Co. (Limited) ..		155 16	Oamaru Town Belt	Grantee	"	"	175 0 0	472 8 0	621 2 5	1,093 10 8
R. 84/1324	May 23, 1884	John Murdoch ..		6 39	Wright's Bush	Grantee	"	"	192 0 0	6 15 6	625 8 1	632 3 7
R. 84/1490	June 5, 1884	Otago Meat-freezing and Produce Company (Limited)		228 67	Sawyer's Bay	Grantees	"	"	96 0 0	..	..	..
R. 84/2669	Sept. 9, 1884	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited)		235 79	Dunedin	"	"	"	190 0 0	..	..	(See No. 165.)
R. 84/3312	Nov. 1, 1884	Morton Mains Freehold Estates Company		355 23	Oteramika	"	"	"	160 0 0	17 9 1	736 4 10	743 13 11
R. 84/3313	Nov. 7, 1884	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited)		374 55	Invercargill	"	10 years; 1 month's notice	"	75 0 0	859 4 9	334 15 11	1,254 0 5
R. 84/3646	Dec. 8, 1884	James Waddell and Co.		391 65	Bluff ..	"	10 years*	"	145 0 0	1,343 4 3	156 1 4	1,504 5 7
R. 84/1670	Dec. 31, 1884	South Canterbury Refrigerating Company (Limited)		103 64	Washdyke June.	"	"	"	500 0 0	1,548 6 9	395 1 8	1,943 8 5
R. 85/778	Mar. 27, 1885	Southland Frozen Meat and Pro- duce Export Co. (Limited) (<i>Lease</i>)		391 65	Bluff	"	21 years ..	"	120 0 0	644 11 2	457 8 11	1,102 0 1
R. 85/3780	Dec. 9, 1885	A. Tapper		374 46	Invercargill	Govt. ..	10 years*	Premium..	435 0 0	55 9 3	25 1 1	80 10 4
R. 85/3974	Dec. 24, 1885	Instone and Cleaves		374 49	"	Grantees	"	"	18 0 0	1,192 3 7	124 1 9	1,316 5 4
R. 86/1880	June 17, 1886	Martin and Watson		235 44	Dunedin ..	"	"	"	18 0 0	1,203 11 7	184 4 6	1,387 16 1
R. 86/3194	Sept. 21, 1886	Findlay and Co.		235 52	"	"	"	"	102 0 0	183 15 5	4 0 10	187 16 3
R. 86/3012	Sept. 25, 1886	Smellie Brothers		240 15	Burnside ..	"	"	"	406 0 0	669 3 6	569 17 7	1,239 1 1
R. 86/4095	Dec. 10, 1886	W. Evans		105 72	Timaru ..	Grantee	6 years*	"	168 0 0	81 17 5	67 12 0	149 9 5
R. 87/327	Feb. 9, 1887	D. Inwood		90 75	Winchester	"	10 years*	"	..	498 16 5	397 13 6	896 9 11
R. 87/189	Feb. 1, 1887	Whittingham Brothers and Instone (<i>Lease</i>)		374 60	Invercargill	Govt. ..	7 years cer- tain†	"	..	..	..	..
R. 87/219	Dec. 31, 1886	Bruce and Drysdale (<i>Lease</i>)		105 75	Timaru ..	"	21 years ..	"	..	204 9 9	21 4 11	225 14 8
R. 87/331	July 22, 1886	Smith and Fotheringham		237 2	Kensington	"	5 years*	\$	25 0 0	..	398 3 0	398 3 0
R. 87/578	April 1, 1887	Friedlander Brothers (<i>Lease</i>)		60 65	Tinwald ..	"	1 year*	Rental ..	90 0 0	..	..	..
R. 87/2835	Sept. 30, 1887	Mutual Agency Company		236 10	Dunedin ..	Grantees	10 years*	Premium..	Rental, £50	883 2 7	1,040 6 6	1,923 9 1
R. 87/3016	Sept. 30, 1887	P. McGill		271 40	Milton ..	Govt. ..	"	\$	Rental, £25	20 1 6	34 0 11	104 2 5
R. 87/3093	Oct. 4, 1887	R. G. D. Tosswill .. F. G. Simpson ..		10 36	Kirwee ..	"	"	\$	Rental, £25	1,757 7 5	2,328 11 11	4,085 19 4
R. 87/3312	Oct. 25, 1887	Kemp, Anson, and Brett..		106 18	Timaru ..	"	"	\$	Rental, £50	16 5 9	58 4 2	74 9 11
R. 87/3446	Nov. 10, 1887	Timaru Milling Company Bruce and Co. (Limited) ..		106 30	"	Grantees	"	Premium..	185 0 0	..	..	..
R. 87/2868	Jan. 1, 1881	N.Z. Agricultural Company		21 0	Waimea (District line)	..	..	..	Rental, £50	123 17 10	29 3 7	153 1 5

§ Originally laid under old agreement.

After that, from year to year, subject to one month's notice.

Three months' notice.

RETURN NO. 19.
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF MILEAGE OF RAILWAYS OPEN FOR TRAFFIC AND UNDER MAINTENANCE ON 31st March, 1888.

Section.	Mileage Open for Traffic on 31st March, 1887.	Additional Length Opened for Traffic during Year.		Reduced Mileage equivalent to Maintenance for whole Period.	Length Closed during Year.		Net Addition to Mileage Open for Traffic.	Net Addition to Mileage under Maintenance.	Total Mileage Open for Traffic on 31st March, 1888.
		Line Opened.	Date of Opening.		Line.	Length.			
Kawakawa	M. ch. 7 41	...	...	M. ch. ...	...	M. ch. ...	M. ch. ...	M. ch. ...	M. ch. 7 41
Whangarei	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6 45
Auckland	...	Otorohanga-Te Kuiti	2nd Dec., 1887	...	...	...	11 47	25 62	247 43
Napier	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	96 44
Wellington	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	84 41
Wanganui	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	195 23
Hurunui-Bluff	...	Livingston Branch	12th August, 1887	...	...	...	17 32	8 75	1,042 23
	...	Seaward Bush Extension	16th January, 1888	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto, Private Lines—									
Nightcaps Line	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 24
Shag Point Line	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 10
Greymouth	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7 30
Westport	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18 61
Nelson	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22 73
Pictou	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17 70
Total	1,722 49	...	...	28 79	...	...	28 79	34 57	1,751 48

* NOTE.—Te Awamutu to Otorohanga open for traffic 9th March, 1887 but not under maintenance till end of April, 1887.

RETURN No. 2

STATEMENT showing APPROXIMATELY SLEEPERS LAID and REMOVED up to 31st March, 1888.

Year.	Approximate Length opened each Year.			Sleepers.	
	North Island.	Middle Island.	Total.	Laid during Construction. (2,100 per mile.)	Removed during Maintenance
	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.		
1867	..	45 70	45 70	96,338	..
1870-71	..	18 58	18 58	39,323	..
1871-72	..	11 68	11 68	24,885	..
1872-73	..	27 62	27 62	58,327	..
1873-74	10 55	11 21	21 76	46,095	..
1874-75	61 19	126 78	188 17	395,246	..
1875-76	69 23	248 4	317 27	666,409	..
1876-77	64 24	152 39	216 63	455,254	..
1877-78	103 76	94 58	198 54	417,217	..
1878-79	27 19	56 46	83 65	176,006	..
1879-80*	26 33	40 73	67 26	94,998	..
1880-81	68 39	32 71	101 30	212,888	74,261
1881-82	22 67	40 16	63 3	100,354	73,947
1882-83	2 2	40 19	42 21	88,751	106,763
1883-84	22 19	22 50	44 69	76,991	125,632
1884-85	56 0	24 0	80 0	168,000	148,325
1885-86	43 26	47 52	90 78	137,887	137,993
1886-87	58 72	11 39	70 31	140,632	139,040
1887-88	11 47	17 32	28 79	122,637	122,027
Totals	..	..	..	3,518,238	927,988

* Nine months only.

† Complete information not recorded until 1880-81.

RETURN No. 21.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the NUMBER of EMPLOYÉS for March, 1887, and March, 1888.

Department.	Kawakawa.	Whangarei.	Auckland.	Napier.	Wellington.	Wanganui.	Hurunui-Bluff.	Greymouth.	Westport.	Nelson.	Picton.	Total.
1886-87.												
General	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43
Traffic	8	8	149	59	78	82	825	28	13	30	9	1,289
Maintenance	8	9	333	105	126	212	1,059	14	26	18	21	1,931
Locomotive	8	5	205	76	120	139	874	24	17	12	11	1,491
Totals	24	22	687	240	324	433	2,758	66	56	60	41	4,754
1887-88.												
General	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43
Traffic	8	3	140	57	82	87	816	28	11	30	10	1,272
Maintenance	7	5	272	98	103	207	1,009	15	22	17	21	1,776
Locomotive	6	2	170	62	125	134	731	27	24	9	8	1,298
Totals	21	10	582	217	310	428	2,556	70	57	56	39	4,389
Increase	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	...	...	5
Decrease	3	12	105	23	14	5	202	...	...	4	2	370

RETURN No. 22.

STATEMENT of ACCIDENTS for the Year ending 31st March, 1888.

Section.	Passengers Killed or Injured.				Servants of the Department Killed or Injured.				Persons Killed or Injured while Crossing at Level Crossings.		Trespassers.		Workshops.		Miscellaneous.		Total Killed.	Total Injured	
	From Causes beyond their own Control.		From their own Misconduct or Want of Caution.		From Causes beyond their own Control.		From their own Misconduct or Want of Caution.												
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.			
Kawakawa ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whangarei ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Auckland ...	...	...	...	5	...	15	1	10	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	2	31	7
Napier ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	8	8
Wellington ...	...	1	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wanganui ...	...	...	...	1	...	8	1	3	...	1	...	1	...	3	...	...	1	17	17
Hurunui-Bluff ...	...	...	2	5	...	26	2	8	...	1	...	...	12	2	...	2	6	52	2
Greymouth ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	1	1	3	2	2
Westport ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nelson ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Picton ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals ...	...	1	2	11	...	57	4	23	...	3	3	1	...	21	3	1	12	118	118

RETURN NO. 23.
LOCOMOTIVE RETURNS for the Year ending 31st March, 1888.
KAWAKAWA SECTION.

Type.	No. of Engines.		Average Speed — Miles per Hour.		Engine-Mileage.			Quantity of Stores.				Cost.			Cost per Engine-Mile in Pence.				Days in Steam.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																								
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A	1	6	138	3,382	2,351	5,871	Cwt.	qt.	lb.	lb.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	

WHANGAREI SECTION.

F	3	18	12,000	2,062	8	14,070	4,046	302	302	49	45	68	384	546 12*	.83	.77	1'16	6'55	9'31	314
																			20*	

AUCKLAND SECTION.

B	1	...	1,066	141	...	1,207	591	69	32	50	58	4	13	44	119	11'61	7'8	2'56	8'71	23'66	26
C	1	...	72	15,224	...	15,296	2,456	359	173	306	39	14	41	402	496	'60	'23	'64	6'31	7'78	241
D	1	...	6	2,659	...	2,665	457	64	12	60	11	2	7	71	91	'94	'22	'68	6'34	8'18	42
E	17	...	166,136	37,095	34,176	237,407	55,434	6,296	1,185	3,435	2,340	205	995	4,351	7,891	2'36	'21	1'01	4'40	7'98	2,614
F	6	...	96,262	9,119	...	105,381	37,639	2,260	1,651	1,893	1,470	115	634	1,372	3,591	3'35	'26	1'44	3'13	8'18	885
G	4	...	28,641	4,864	9,115	42,620	8,067	1,056	247	587	732	39	182	875	1,828	4'12	'22	1'02	4'93	10'29	528
H	3	...	49,730	4,396	...	54,126	23,364	1,191	732	1,269	432	67	381	1,093	1,943	1'91	'30	1'69	4'72	8'62	639
I	3	...	37,485	4,342	...	41,827	14,148	1,385	493	858	1,195	53	235	743	2,226	6'86	'30	1'35	4'26	12'77	447
Total	36	...	379,398	77,840	43,291	500,529	142,696	12,689	4,435	8,458	6,277	499	2,488	8,921	18,185*	3'01	'24	1'19	4'28	8'72	5,362
															1,385*					'66*	

NAPIER SECTION.

A	1	15	4,300	9,569	...	13,860	1,156	141½	46	157½	58	11	69	255	393	1'00	.19	1'20	4'41	6'80
D	2	16	26,193	11,746	190	38,129	3,997	652½	105½	302½	210	35	239	522	1,006	1'32	.22	1'50	3'29	6'33
F	11	16	167,401	25,677	10,896	203,974	25,427	3,679½	753½	1,687½	1,649	179	1,518	2,520	5,866	1'04	.21	1'79	2'96	6'00
J	3	16	24,476	1,931	...	26,407	5,093	527½	22	170	246	21	302	279	848	2'23	.19	2'74	2'54	7'70
Total	14	...	222,370	48,933	11,086	282,379	35,673	5,000½	927½	2,377½	2,163	246	2,128	3,576	8,113 1,048*	1'84	.21	1'81	3'04	6'90 80*

* Miscellaneous charges.

WELLINGTON SECTION.

A	2	13	12,751	3,084	24	15,859	1,707	153	42	138	134	6	76	326	542	2'03	1'09	1'15	4'93	8'20	334
C	1	15	7,673	5,512	829	14,014	1,974	170	23	98	137	6	88	203	434	2'34	1'10	1'51	3'48	7'43	215
D	4	15	27,337	22,071	2,508	51,916	6,633	695	121	447	630	25	293	783	1,731	2'91	1'12	1'35	3'62	8'00	778
L	4	15	39,414	10,937	8,515	64,866	9,266	924	115	516	818	33	407	879	2,137	3'03	1'12	1'51	3'25	7'91	795
R	3	15	45,512	9,491	...	55,003	10,464	738	97	475	921	29	466	705	2,121	4'02	1'13	2'03	3'08	9'26	617
S	7	15	93,183	15,962	1,543	110,688	26,961	1,830	313	1,403	1,575	70	1,193	1,652	4,490	3'42	1'15	2'59	3'58	9'73	1,399
Total	21	...	225,870	73,057	13,419	312,346	57,005	4,510	711	3,077	4,215	169	2,323	4,548	11,455	3'24	1'13	1'04	3'49	8'80	4,138
H	6	6	10,998	4,233	21	15,252	15,320	634	153	723	1,250	36	679	840	2,865	19'67	1'57	10'08	13'22	44'14	681
Total	27	...	236,868	77,290	13,440	327,598	72,325	5,144	864	3,800	5,465	205	3,202	5,388	14,260	4'00	1'15	2'35	3'95	10'45	4,819
Less recoverable mileage & expenditure																					40
General charges ...																					4,779
Grand total ...																					...
...																					11'57
...																					16*

NOTE.—Working for contractor—L 3, 1,538 miles, 21 days; D1, 971 miles, 19 days.

WANGANUI SECTION.

A	2	11	3,568	6,661	10	10,239	898	132	18	84	176	5	48	121	350	4'13	1'11	1'12	2'84	8'20	221
B	1	19	3,824	743	...	4,567	878	105	5	40	48	4	45	56	153	2'51	1'19	2'39	2'93	8'02	46
C	3	12	1,504	4,285	11,174	16,963	1,838	287	23	166	307	11	97	307	722	4'35	1'15	1'37	4'35	10'22	298
D	3	16	20,950	6,743	14,427	42,120	3,872	609	40	366	142	21	197	651	1,011	8'1	1'12	1'12	3'71	5'76	545
E	7	18	98,779	20,739	88	119,003	27,248	2,273	149	1,012	1,840	76	1,372	1,308	4,596	3'69	1'15	2'75	2'63	9'22	817
F	8	17	72,901	19,527	8,457	100,885	12,144	1,684	87	824	881	55	636	1,442	3,014	2'10	1'13	1'51	3'43	7'17	1,088
L	1	14	...	93	...	93	7	4	...	1	263	...	...	...	263	678'80	2'7	1'17	1'17	618'15	1
R	5	20	78,350	13,317	528	92,195	15,590	1,331	87	639	726	44	785	925	2,480	1'89	1'12	2'04	2'41	6'46	631
Total	30	...	279,873	72,108	34,684	386,665	62,481	6,424	409	3,132	4,383	216	3,181	4,811	12,591	2'72	1'13	1'97	2'99	7'81	3,647
Less recoverable mileage & expenditure																					...
General charges ...																					...
...																					53
...																					7'28
...																					...
...																					...
...																					7'90
...																					16*

NOTE.—One Class A engine sold to Kaihu Valley Railway Company during year. Working for contractor—One Class C engine, 110 days; one Class D engine, 17½ days; two Class E engines, 4 days; and one Class F engine, 82 days: total, 212½ days.

* Miscellaneous charges.

RETURN NO. 23—continued.
GREYMOUTH SECTION.

Type.	No. of Engines.	Average Speed— Miles per Hour.	Engine-Mileage.				Quantity of Stores.				Cost.				Cost per Engine-Mile in Pence.				Days in Steam.				
			Detail.			Total.	Running.			Repairs.	Running.			Total.	Repairs.	Running.				Total.			
			Train.	Shunting.	Ballast.		Coal.	Oil.	Tallow.		Waste.	Stores.	Fuel.			Wages.							
F	3	12	19,108	33,627	...	52,735	689	8,268	1,286	791	689	510	57	207	1,012	1,781	2'32	'26	'94	4'61	8'11	673	
R	1	12	8,649	4,039	...	12,688	186	2,050	290	197	186	221	11	50	254	536	536	4'12	'22	'94	4'74	10'02	131
Total	4	...	27,757	37,666	...	65,423	875	10,318	1,576	988	875	731	68	257	1,266	2,317	2,317	2'67	'25	'94	4'63	8'49	804

WESTPORT SECTION.

C	1	15	1,721	5,571	4,799	12,091	3,133	85	329	33	20	86	104	333	384	661	284
F	4	15	4,945	1,171	601	6,717	1,530	18	143	209	9	42	183	443	653	1582	110
F	5	15	14,004	4,029	...	18,123	3,690	97	345	26	21	102	436	585	577	774	285
F	6	15	5,785	1,899	18	7,702	2,035	77	210	11	12	56	254	333	792	1039	170
F	14	15	3,854	7,546	95	11,495	2,956	88	300	35	20	82	315	452	656	941	252
Total	30	...	30,399	20,216	5,513	56,128	13,344	365	1,327	314	82	368	1,382	2,146	59	917	1,101
														357*		152*	

NELSON SECTION.

D	3	15	13,240	2,337	623	16,200	2,470	172	255	335	21	120	317	793	4,702	11,754	270
F	1	15	25,498	3,197	...	28,695	4,325	247	512	175	30	210	406	881	3,897	7,363	322
Total	4	...	38,738	5,534	623	44,895	6,795	419	767	510	51	330	783	1,674	8,599	18,117	592
														109*		58*	

PICTON SECTION.

C	2	15	16,129	1,954	...	18,083	2,481	74	215	433	20	124	279	856	3,70	11,36	195
D	1	15	10,690	1,262	2,191	14,143	1,912	72	208	57	16	95	226	394	384	609	106
Total	3	...	26,819	3,216	2,191	32,226	4,393	146	423	490	36	219	505	1,250	3,76	9,31	361
														91*		68*	

* Miscellaneous charges.

HURUNUL-BLUFF SECTION.

A	7	6	70,946	3	71,524	6,650	795	201	553	1,271	37	334	1,423	3,065	4.27	.12	1.12	4.77	10.28	911
C	2	18	34,113	...	40,250	4,405	539	69	377	175	24	195	676	1,070	1.05	.14	1.16	4.03	6.38	538
D	18	18	40,861	2,616	135,598	20,477	2,002	297	983	1,441	92	821	1,986	4,340	2.55	.16	1.45	3.52	7.68	1,583
F	32	20	201,714	18,480	534,564	105,307	7,393	1,531	4,607	4,840	331	3,407	8,742	17,320	2.17	.15	1.53	3.92	7.77	6,400
G	4	20	18,484	796	34,978	5,059	616	146	323	900	28	245	666	1,839	6.17	.19	1.68	4.57	12.61	596
J	23	25	59,371	42,369	532,138	178,730	8,793	1,344	5,448	5,837	393	5,441	7,092	18,763	2.63	.18	2.45	3.20	8.46	4,727
K	8	35	14,976	1,362	161,481	36,940	2,458	321	1,698	1,477	121	1,597	2,037	5,232	2.19	.18	2.37	3.03	7.77	1,505
L	1	20	2,847	1,611	15,809	3,900	286	80	106	247	13	86	252	598	3.73	.19	1.30	3.80	9.02	230
M	4	20	24,499	224	69,208	14,288	1,432	123	600	690	60	682	1,083	2,515	2.39	.21	2.36	3.76	8.72	623
N	4	20	14,325	63	141,133	32,490	2,037	415	1,376	962	96	1,597	1,744	4,369	1.63	.16	2.67	2.96	7.42	1,009
O	6	35	13,999	3,624	116,097	65,669	2,325	387	1,355	1,134	97	1,500	1,790	4,321	2.34	.20	3.10	3.70	9.34	1,216
P	7	18	12,036	238	80,085	34,109	1,545	320	904	513	73	1,063	1,161	2,810	1.54	.21	3.19	3.48	8.42	884
Q	2	35	4,042	296	23,844	5,493	444	58	261	176	20	181	344	721	1.77	.20	1.82	3.46	7.25	252
R	6	20	31,974	527	133,539	47,945	2,205	459	1,417	1,792	104	1,065	2,188	5,149	3.22	.19	1.91	3.93	9.25	1,408
T	6	18	5,527	3,719	40,306	23,138	946	154	476	1,531	40	563	614	2,748	9.11	.24	3.35	3.66	16.36	442
V	8	25	15,553	625	191,048	64,984	3,139	490	1,661	1,999	145	1,994	2,250	6,388	2.51	.18	2.50	2.83	8.02	1,442
Total	140	...	1,679,872	76,553	2,321,692	649,584	36,955	6,395	22,295	24,985	1,674	20,741	34,048	81,448	2.58	.17	2.14	3.52	8.41	23,886
Cr. by recoverable mileage & expenditure			565,267	22,298	2,298	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,407	...	...	...	...	...	...
General charges ...			...	54,255	2,299,394	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	80,041	...	...	...	...	8.35	...
Total			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12,988	...	...	...	...	1.35	...
			...	54,255	2,299,394	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	93,029	...	...	...	...	9.70	...

Fifteen engines added to stock, three Class J and one Class C removed.

RETURN No. 24.

HURUNUI-BLUFF SECTION.

STATEMENT of REPAIRS executed to ROLLING-STOCK and TARPULINS for Year ending 31st March, 1888.

Description.	Num-ber.	Description.	Num-ber.
ENGINES :—		HORSE-BOXES AND WAGONS :—	
Thoroughly overhauled	} 78	Erected (new or manufactured)	109
General repairs		Rebuilt	22
Heavy „ (running shed)		Thoroughly overhauled	} 2,449
Undergoing repairs, &c.		General repairs	
Erected (new)	4	Converted	6
Total	112	Total	2,586
CARRIAGES :—		PAINT-WORK :—	
Thoroughly overhauled	} 418	Engines, painted or varnished	56
General repairs		Carriages „ „	74
Light repairs		Brake-vans „ „	8
Converted		Horse-boxes, &c. „ „	323
Erected (new)	9	Engines, paint renewed	13
Total	431	Carriages	67
BRAKE-VANS :—		Brake-vans	69
Converted	} 175	Horse-boxes, &c.	1,385
Manufactured		Total	1,995
Rebuilt		TARPULINS :—	
General repairs		New (manufactured)	123
Thoroughly overhauled	} 175	Thoroughly repaired	4,054
Total	181	New (manufactured to replace condemned ones)	231
		Total	4,408

RETURN No. 25.

HURUNUI-BLUFF.

RETURN of COAL TRAFFIC from LOCAL MINES during the Year ending 31st March, 1888.

Mine.	1887-88.	1886-87.	Increase.	Decrease.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Austin, J., Sheffield	865	919	...	54
Springfield Coal Company, Springfield	1,029	2,243	...	1,214
Hartley Coal Company, Whitecliffs	82	2,080	...	1,998
Fergusson, Whitecliffs	6	...	6	...
Abrahams, F. L., Whitecliffs	26	...	26	...
Burkett, Whitecliffs	11	...	11	...
Smart and Gundry, Whitecliffs	...	2,113	...	2,113
Bayliss and Co., Whitecliffs	1,257	303	954	...
Leeming, Whitecliffs	1,226	898	328	...
McIlraith, J., Glentunnel	1,672	1,699	...	27
Studholme, W., Waimate	...	40	...	40
Wright, E. F., Mount Somers	1,303	438	865	...
Herbert	15	5	10	...
Shag Point	7,254	9,475	...	2,221
Kurow	16	123	...	107
Papakaio	18	9	9	...
Ngapara	50	26	24	...
Walton Park	11,595	14,461	...	2,866
Fernhill	7,944	5,459	2,485	...
Green Island	5,585	5,554	31	...
Freeman's	10,721	11,222	...	501
Bushey	112	...	112	...
Castle Hill Company	143	...	143	...
Milton	37	9	28	...
Mackie and Cormack's	71	...	71	...
Lovell's Flat	5	...	5	...
Kaitangata	51,381	49,248	2,133	...
Nelson's, Benhar	1,777	2,474	...	697
Conical Hills	830	585	245	...
F. M. Dawson, Pukerau	765	868	...	103
Mapp and McKenzie, Pukerau	8	...	8	...
Gore	...	4	...	4
Waimea	8	12	...	4
Dodd and Graham, Fairfax	18	67	...	49
McDonall, Fairfax	16	...	16	...
Nightcaps	8,706	10,458	...	1,752
Orepuki	406	868	...	462
Hokonui Coal Company, Winton	1,649	...	1,649	...
Totals	116,607	121,660	9,159	14,212

RETURN N . 26. HURUNUI-BLUFF SECTION.

RETURN of the NUMBER of VESSELS DISCHARGED and LOADED at the Ports of Lyttelton, Timaru, Oamaru, Port Chalmers, Dunedin, and Bluff, for the Year ending 31st March, 1888.

Port.				1886-87.	1887-88.	Increase.	Decrease.
				No.	No.	No.	No.
DISCHARGED :—							
Lyttelton	...	...	...	1,519	1,485	...	34
Timaru	...	...	...	351	321	...	30
Oamaru	...	...	...	332	302	...	30
Port Chalmers	...	...	...	329	357	28	...
Dunedin	...	...	...	69	38	...	31
Bluff	...	...	...	270	270	...	...
Totals	...	...	...	2,870	2,773	28	125
LOADED :—							
Lyttelton	...	...	...	1,388	1,432	44	...
Timaru	...	...	...	347	320	...	27
Oamaru	...	...	...	312	296	...	16
Port Chalmers	...	...	...	327	359	32	...
Dunedin	...	...	...	4	6	2	...
Bluff	...	...	...	262	265	3	...
Totals	...	...	...	2,640	2,678	81	43

RETURN NO. 27. HURUNUI-BLUFF SECTION.

SHOWING MILEAGE of TRACK in MAIN LINE and SIDINGS OPEN for TRAFFIC on 31st March, 1888, on the HURUNUI-BLUFF RAILWAY and BRANCHES.

Line of Railway.	Main Line.		Branches.	Total Railway.	Sidings.			Total Equivalent of Single Track.
	Single.	Double.			Main Line.	Branches.	Total.	
CHRISTCHURCH DIVISION :—	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.
Main Line	211 57	6 28	...	218 5	60 78	...	60 78	279 3
Rangiora to Sheffield, and Eyreton Junction to Bennett's	...	...	53 57	...	...	4 35	...	58 12
Southbridge and Little River Branches	...	...	48 7	...	...	5 21	...	53 28
Springfield and Whitecliffs Branches	...	...	42 26	...	...	4 73	...	47 19
Mount Somers Branch ...	...	...	23 28	...	...	1 8	...	24 36
Albury Branch	...	...	36 13	...	...	2 43	...	38 56
Waimate Branch	...	...	4 46	...	...	1 4	...	5 50
Rakaia and Ashburton-Forks Branch	...	...	22 20	...	...	2 43	...	24 63
Waimate Gorge Branch ...	...	...	8 21	238 58	...	0 54	22 41	8 75
Totals, Christchurch Division	211 57	6 28	238 58	456 63	60 78	22 41	83 39	540 22
DUNEDIN DIVISION :—								
Main Line	190 65	...	...	190 65	44 66	...	44 66	235 51
Pukeuri-Dunroon Branch ...	...	...	22 3	...	...	1 35	...	23 38
Dunroon-Hakateramea Branch	...	...	15 38	...	...	1 15	...	16 53
Oamaru-Breakwater Branch ...	...	...	0 63	...	...	0 23	...	1 6
Ngapara and Livingston Branches	...	...	26 72	...	...	1 76	...	28 68
Shag Point Branch	...	...	2 11	...	...	0 10	...	2 21
Waihemo Branch	...	...	8 55	...	...	0 57	...	9 32
Port Chalmers Branch	...	...	1 27	...	...	3 40	...	4 67
Walton Park Branch...	...	...	2 49	...	...	0 52	...	3 21
Outram Branch	...	...	9 0	...	...	0 65	...	9 65
Lawrence Branch	...	...	22 0	...	...	1 79	...	23 79
Catlin's River Branch	...	...	7 76	...	...	0 50	...	8 46
Tapanui Branch	...	...	20 4	138 78	...	2 8	15 30	22 12
Totals, Dunedin Division ...	190 65	...	138 78	329 63	44 66	15 30	60 16	389 79
INVERCARGILL DIVISION :—								
Main Line	57 9	...	...	57 9	14 36	...	14 6	71 45
Waimea Plains Branch	...	...	36 40	...	...	1 37	...	37 77
Wyndham Branch	...	...	3 73	...	...	0 43	...	4 36
Seaward Bush Branch	...	...	11 25	...	...	0 56	...	12 1
Kingston Branch	...	...	87 0	...	...	5 17	...	92 17
Makarewa-Orepuki Branch ...	...	...	35 52	...	...	4 5	...	39 57
Thornbury-Wairio and Wairio-Nightcaps Branch	...	...	24 51	...	...	2 34	...	27 5
Lumsden-Mararoa Branch ...	...	...	10 41	209 42	...	1 0	15 32	11 41
Totals, Invercargill Division	57 9	...	209 42	266 51	14 36	15 32	29 68	296 39
Grand Totals—Whole Line	459 51	6 28	587 18	1053 17	120 20	53 23	173 43	1226 60

RETURN NO. 28.

COMPARING the CLASSIFIED EXPENDITURE for MAINTENANCE on the HURUNUI-BLUFF RAILWAY for TEN YEARS, 1878 to 1888, showing RATES per MILE per ANNUM for each CLASSIFICATION in each DIVISION.

YEARS.	A. 1.—Track Surfacing.	A. 2.—Track Renewals.	A. 3.—Ballasting.	A. 4.—Banks, Cuttings, &c.	A. 5.—Bridges, Culverts, &c.	A. 6.—Fences, Gates, &c.	A. 7.—Road Approaches, &c.	A. 8.—Water Services, &c.	A. 9.—Wharves.	A. 10.—Buildings.	Total Maintenance.	A. 11.—Miscellaneous.	Total Expenditure.	Mileage maintained.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	Miles.
Christchurch Division—														
1878-79	73'06	30'55	5'07	8'97	33'28	9'10	1'30	6'37	'00	13'00	180'70	21'97	202'67	310
1879-80	72'02	35'75	6'24	16'25	23'01	3'64	4'55	4'29	'00	8'32	174'07	26'65	200'72	312
1880-81	59'93	29'77	8'32	6'70	10'40	5'46	1'56	2'73	'00	9'23	134'16	9'23	143'39	330
1881-82	51'87	40'82	4'03	3'90	10'53	6'24	1'69	3'64	'00	9'62	132'34	4'94	137'28	334
1882-83	58'76	40'36	3'12	2'34	14'43	10'27	2'08	5'59	'00	11'57	148'72	6'89	155'61	352
1883-84	60'66	42'12	4'03	2'86	22'10	11'18	1'82	4'81	'00	14'43	163'41	10'40	173'81	373
1884-85	61'88	59'41	1'82	2'34	15'60	8'71	1'95	4'68	'00	12'48	168'87	9'23	178'10	383
1885-86	62'01	44'07	1'43	1'69	13'52	8'97	2'08	4'42	'00	12'61	150'80	6'89	157'69	404
1886-87	60'97	26'39	2'99	1'82	15'60	7'41	1'69	3'51	'13	10'14	130'65	11'31	141'96	449
1887-88	59'54	14'50	2'73	2'34	18'72	7'28	2'08	3'25	'00	13'00	123'50	18'59	142'09	450
Dunedin Division—														
1878-79	93'08	79'43	10'53	9'10	20'02	4'94	1'95	1'69	'91	6'24	227'89	7'02	234'91	252
1879-80	110'89	49'66	23'40	22'36	19'50	5'98	2'34	1'82	'13	5'85	241'93	15'47	257'40	265
1880-81	79'95	62'53	10'90	21'84	16'77	10'66	2'60	3'64	2'73	5'98	223'60	17'81	241'41	265
1881-82	69'55	46'41	10'27	13'13	15'73	10'53	2'73	4'55	'78	11'57	185'25	8'71	193'96	290
1882-83	72'71	52'52	13'52	16'77	14'95	24'83	5'59	5'59	'39	21'15	228'02	6'50	234'52	282
1883-84	80'60	60'81	14'30	16'38	13'91	22'49	2'73	3'90	'78	11'05	235'95	6'63	242'58	282
1884-85	76'44	70'46	8'97	19'11	16'25	19'37	1'69	3'38	'39	10'27	226'33	16'25	242'58	286
1885-86	76'18	46'82	10'92	13'52	15'86	19'37	2'86	3'38	1'43	14'43	198'77	4'16	202'93	293
1886-87	75'40	33'54	5'07	20'52	13'26	15'47	1'43	1'82	'00	10'66	183'17	4'68	187'85	318
1887-88	71'76	22'23	6'89	15'60	12'61	13'26	1'43	2'47	'26	8'71	155'22	5'46	160'68	326
Invercargill Division—														
1878-79	55'51	13'26	11'96	21'06	10'53	'91	'78	1'17	'00	1'43	116'61	9'10	125'71	144
1879-80	58'63	15'73	14'30	12'35	6'24	2'08	1'30	'78	'00	1'69	113'10	7'67	120'77	173
1880-81	47'58	9'49	6'50	7'54	6'89	1'82	1'04	1'56	'13	4'16	86'71	2'60	89'31	173
1881-82	42'77	22'02	8'58	9'75	11'96	2'73	2'21	3'77	'13	7'80	112'32	2'60	114'92	176
1882-83	47'45	26'00	8'58	5'98	8'97	4'68	1'56	4'55	'00	10'79	118'56	3'38	121'94	191
1883-84	57'59	28'21	4'81	3'77	11'44	6'76	1'17	2'08	'13	13'13	129'09	3'77	132'86	198
1884-85	52'00	39'39	15'08	5'98	10'40	6'24	2'21	2'47	'00	7'93	141'70	3'64	145'34	200
1885-86	53'56	14'69	8'97	8'71	8'71	6'76	2'47	2'47	'26	5'20	111'80	4'42	116'22	208
1886-87	49'27	12'87	5'07	5'85	10'92	2'86	'91	1'30	'00	5'33	94'38	2'08	103'74	257
1887-88	45'11	7'67	1'56	9'10	7'15	3'12	'65	1'56	'00	4'42	80'34	3'25	83'59	262
Whole Line, Hurunui-Bluff—														
1878-79	76'57	44'46	8'45	11'70	23'92	5'85	1'43	3'64	'26	8'19	184'47	14'04	198'51	706
1879-80	82'68	36'01	14'17	17'55	17'04	4'16	2'09	2'60	'00	5'98	184'08	18'33	202'41	750
1880-81	64'09	50'53	10'92	12'22	11'83	6'37	1'82	2'73	'14	9'88	154'44	10'66	165'10	768
1881-82	56'16	38'87	7'28	8'45	12'74	7'02	2'21	4'03	'39	9'88	147'03	5'85	152'88	800
1882-83	61'36	41'34	7'93	8'19	13'39	14'04	3'25	5'33	'13	14'30	169'26	5'98	175'24	825
1883-84	66'30	48'10	7'54	7'54	16'90	13'91	1'95	3'90	'39	13'00	179'53	9'67	187'20	853
1884-85	64'35	58'50	7'15	8'71	14'56	11'70	1'95	3'77	'13	10'66	181'48	10'14	191'62	869
1885-86	64'74	36'27	6'24	7'15	13'13	11'83	2'34	3'64	'52	11'44	157'30	5'46	162'76	905
1886-87	62'53	25'22	4'16	10'53	13'65	8'71	1'43	2'47	'00	9'10	137'80	7'02	146'64	1,024
1887-88	59'67	15'21	3'77	8'19	13'91	8'19	1'43	2'47	'13	9'49	122'46	10'66	133'12	1,038

RETURN NO. 29.

HURUNUI-BLUFF SECTION.

SHOWING COMPARATIVE AVERAGE RATES per Mile per Four Weeks of CLASSIFIED EXPENDITURE of MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT on each Division and Whole Line, Hurunui-Bluff and Branches, for Financial Year ending 31st March, 1888.

Divisions.	Mileage.	Classification.												
		A1. Surfacing.	A2. Renewals.	A3. Ballasting.	A4. Banks, Cuttings, &c.	A5. Bridges, Culverts, &c.	A6. Fences, Gates, &c.	A7. Roads, Ap- proaches, &c.	A8. Water Services, &c.	A9. Wharves.	Atto. Buildings.	Total Mainten- ance.	Att. Miscella- neous.	Total Expendi- ture.
Christchurch Division—Main Line	216	5'72	1'61	'28	'22	2'56	'93	'26	'44	'01	1'72	13'75	2'79	16'54
Rangiora to Sheffield, and Eyreton Junction to Bennett's	54	3'71	'91	'02	'14	'44	'49	'10	'04	'00	'12	5'97	'09	6'06
Southbridge and Little River Branches	48	3'85	'99	'01	'34	'59	'41	'09	'16	'00	'42	6'86	'20	7'06
Springfield and Whitecliffs Branches	42½	3'61	'62	'20	'07	'50	'04	'03	'04	'00	'56	5'67	'03	5'70
Mount Somers Branch	23½	2'77	'10	'00	'01	'25	'00	'01	'02	'00	'11	3'27	'37	3'64
Albury Branch	36	3'68	'49	'50	'11	'36	'10	'03	'09	'00	'15	5'51	'16	5'67
Rakaia and Ashburton Forks Branch	22	2'93	'56	'00	'00	'00	'02	'00	'04	'00	'95	4'50	'62	5'12
Waimate Gorge Branch	8	2'88	'01	'74	'42	'47	'04	'10	'00	'00	'07	4'73	'00	4'73
Total, Christchurch Division	450	4'58	1'12	'21	'18	1'44	'56	'16	'25	'00	1'00	9'50	1'43	10'93
Dunedin Division—Main Line	105	6'30	2'19	'72	1'76	1'33	1'25	'16	'28	'04	'93	14'96	'69	15'65
Pukeuri-Duntroon Branch	22	4'31	'23	'00	'00	'10	'28	'02	'04	'00	'01	4'99	'00	4'99
Duntroon-Hakateramea Branch	15½	3'31	1'25	1'05	'74	1'51	'41	'01	'12	'00	'14	8'54	'05	8'59
Ngapara and Livingstone Branches	23	5'36	'43	'09	'45	'13	'18	'00	'09	'00	'75	7'48	'05	7'53
Waihemo Branch	9	2'95	'21	'08	'15	'06	'23	'02	'03	'00	'10	3'83	'01	3'84
Walton Park Branch	2½	5'26	2'75	'02	'40	1'37	1'45	'15	'00	'00	'00	11'40	'00	11'40
Outram Branch	9	5'07	1'56	'07	'73	'25	'91	'03	'03	'00	'31	8'96	'17	9'13
Lawrence Branch	22	4'90	2'51	'01	'44	'56	2'34	'04	'03	'00	'18	11'01	'00	11'01
Catlin's River Branch	8	3'46	'36	'01	'21	'67	'06	'00	'00	'00	'02	4'79	'00	4'79
Tapanui Branch	20	3'94	'70	'71	'26	'19	'36	'07	'01	'00	'41	6'65	'04	6'69
Total, Dunedin Division	326	5'52	1'71	'53	1'20	'97	1'02	'11	'19	'02	'67	11'94	'42	12'36
Invercargill Division—Main Line	158	3'53	'64	'16	'71	'58	'24	'07	'15	'01	'35	6'44	'25	6'69
Waimea Plains Branch	37	2'57	1'13	'09	'46	'12	'13	'02	'02	'00	'32	4'86	'03	4'89
Seaward Bush Branch	7	2'04	'07	'02	'47	'17	'04	'13	'00	'00	'02	2'96	'15	3'11
Makarawa-Orepuki and Thornbury-Wairoa and Nightcaps Branches	60	4'02	'19	'04	'86	'78	'33	'02	'09	'00	'36	6'69	'39	7'08
Total, Invercargill Division	262	3'47	'59	'12	'70	'55	'24	'05	'12	'00	'34	6'18	'25	6'43
Whole Line	1,038	4'59	1'17	'29	'63	1'07	'63	'11	'19	'01	'73	9'42	'82	10'24

RETURN No. 30.
HURUNUI-BLUFF SECTION.
COST of MAINTENANCE of VARIOUS SECTIONS of MAIN LINE and BRANCHES.

Line of Railway.	Mileage.		Expenditure for Year ending 31st March, 1888.		Average for Four- weekly Period on Reduced Mileage.		Rate per Mile per Annum.
	Actual Mileage.	Reduced Mileage.			Expendi- ture.	Rate per Mile.	
CHRISTCHURCH DIVISION :—	M. ch. lk.	M. ch. lk.	£	s. d.	£	£	£
Main Line	216 23 29	216 23 29	46,436	2 1	3,572	16'54	215'02
Rangiora to Sheffield, and Eyreton Junction to Bennett's	53 56 49	53 56 49	4,254	11 10	327	6'06	78'78
Southbridge and Little River Branches	48 6 84	48 6 84	4,379	9 2	337	7'06	91'78
Springfield and Whitecliffs	42 26 36	42 26 36	3,150	0 4	242	5'70	74'10
Mount Somers Branch	23 27 40	23 27 40	1,111	5 9	85	3'64	47'32
Albury Branch	36 12 76	36 12 76	2,654	14 10	204	5'67	73'71
Rakaia and Ashburton Forks Branch	22 20 18	22 20 18	1,466	3 4	113	5'12	66'56
Waimate Gorge Branch	8 21 16	8 21 16	492	3 11	38	4'73	61'49
Total Christchurch Division	450 34 48	450 34 48	63,944	11 3	4,918	10'93	142'09
DUNEDIN DIVISION :—							
Main Line	195 5 76	195 5 76	39,685	2 1	3,052	15'65	203'45
Pukeuri-Dunroon Branch	22 2 86	22 2 86	1,427	1 1	110	4'99	64'87
Dunroon-Hakateramea Branch	15 37 64	15 37 64	1,730	16 7	133	8'59	111'67
Ngapara and Livingston Branches	26 72 13	22 58 34	2,213	12 6	170	7'53	97'89
Waihemo Branch	8 55 0	8 55 0	449	0 4	35	3'84	49'92
Walton Park Branch	2 49 20	2 49 20	370	12 6	29	11'40	148'20
Outram Branch	9 0 24	9 0 24	1,068	7 11	82	9'13	118'69
Lawrence Branch	22 0 34	22 0 34	3,147	19 4	242	11'01	143'13
Catlin's River Branch	7 76 1	7 76 1	498	0 11	38	4'79	62'27
Tapanui Branch	20 3 77	20 3 77	1,740	12 10	134	6'69	86'97
Total Dunedin Division	329 62 95	325 49 16	52,331	6 1	4,025	12'36	160'68
INVERCARGILL DIVISION :—							
Main Line	158 42 45	158 42 45	13,748	17 5	1,058	6'69	86'97
Waimea Plains Line	36 40 71	36 40 71	2,351	2 5	181	4'89	63'57
Seaward Bush Branch	11 24 76	6 68 37	288	19 1	22	3'11	40'43
Makarewa, Orepuki, Thornbury-Wairio, and Nightcaps Branches	60 23 9	60 23 9	5,519	7 10	424	7'08	92'04
Total Invercargill Division	266 51 1	262 14 62	21,908	6 9	1,685	6'43	83'59
Grand Total	1,046 68 44	1,038 18 26	138,184	4 1	10,628	10'23	132'99

RETURN No. 31.

STATEMENT of Alterations effected in and Additions made to the Scale of Charges during the Year ending 31st March, 1888.

PART I.—PASSENGERS.

Railway employés' tickets: Regulations amended.
Season-ticket rates: Adjusted for four-mile distances.
Teachers' Saturday ticket regulation extended.
New regulation regarding athletic teams.

LOCAL FARES AND REGULATIONS.

Whangarei Section.

Uniform fares adopted between all stations.

Auckland Section.

Removal of through fares to Kaipara ports.
Revision of suburban fares.

PART II.—LUGGAGE, PARCELS, HORSES, ETC.

Left luggage: New storage regulations.
Milk rates reduced for long distances.
Cheese and butter factories' rates made applicable to creameries.

PART III.—GOODS.

Classified Rates.

Class D: Rates reduced after 150 miles.
Class E: Rates lowered after 250 miles.

REGULATIONS.

Class F Goods: Reduction in rates for small quantities.
Class H: Rates lowered for scoured wool in bales not exceeding $2\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.
Class K: Method of dealing with odd feet over a hundred altered.
Class L: New regulation about firewood in double-bogie trucks.
Wanganui and West Coast Jubilee Exhibition, Manawatu and West Coast Industrial Exhibition, Patea Industrial Exhibition, and Centennial International Exhibition (Melbourne): Regulations provided for free conveyance of exhibits.
Class M: Amended regulation about drovers in charge of stock.
Ores consigned for testing purposes at Glasgow Exhibition: Free carriage gazetted.

PART IV.—LOCAL RATES.

Kawakawa Section.

Coal rate reduced from Kawakawa mine to port for shipment.

Whangarei Section.

Adoption of uniform rate for all goods of Classes A, B, C, D, E.

Auckland Section.

A, B, C, and D goods ex ship at Onehunga to ship at Auckland: Local rate gazetted.
Native brown coals, &c.: Meremere rates removed; rates established from Kimihia and Miranda Sidings.
Reduction of minimum charge for copra, &c., Auckland to Westfield, and for oil-soap, &c., Westfield to Auckland.
Skidding kauri logs at Auckland: Charge lowered.
Kauri logs at Helensville: Labour rate reduced.
Local rate established for milk between Auckland and suburban stations.
Wool, Te Aroha Branch stations to Auckland: New rate.
Fresh fruit, Helensville to Auckland: Special rate adopted.
Preserved fish ex ship at Helensville to ship at Auckland: New rate.
Alteration in rates on sawn and log timber from Kaipara line to Auckland, Onehunga Wharf, and Mount Eden.
Native coal, Huntly to Te Aroha: Local rate.
Local rate put in force for imported coal, Auckland to Onehunga.
Kimihia Siding: Additional charge to ordinary rates for minerals consigned from the siding.
Bar-iron, &c., Onehunga to Auckland: Local rate.
Dead meat and tallow, Westfield to private sidings at Auckland: Local rate inserted.
Timber, Putaruru and Lichfield to Auckland: Special rate provided.
Grain, Onehunga to Auckland: Local rate fixed, to include all charges except loading.

Napier Section.

Red-pine for foreign export : Reduced rates of carriage for long distances.
 Local firewood rates to Napier and Spit extended.
 Class M : Through rates for sheep to Petone.
 Cement, Napier and Spit to Woodville : Chargeable Class D rates.
 Soap, Awatoto to Napier and Spit : New rate.
 Cheese from cheese factories : New regulation.
 Butter for export in 10cwt. lots to be charged Class D rates.

Wellington Section.

Coal, Wellington to Petone : Local rate.
 Red-pine for foreign export : Rates reduced for long distances.
 Class L to Wellington : Local rate gazetted.
 Butter for export in 10cwt. lots to be charged Class D rates.

Wanganui Section.

Wool, Carnarvon to Foxton : Local rate.
 Butter for export in 10cwt. lots to be charged Class D rates.
 Bridge-ironwork and cement, Foxton to Palmerston and Terrace End : New rate.
 Reduction of through sheep and cattle rates to Wellington, &c.

Picton Section.

Native coal ex ship, Picton to Blenheim : Local rate put in force.
 Wool rate, Blenheim to Picton : Minimum load per truck fixed.
 Local rate for tallow for shipment.
 Special storage rates for grain at Blenheim.

Greymouth Section.

Native coal rate from mines to port inserted.
 Removal of special shunting-charge between Greymouth station-yard and foundry.
 Receiving and delivering ships' ballast : Minimum lowered.
 Clay and bricks, Brunnerton sidings to Greymouth : Local rate inserted.
 Alteration in rate for exported coke.

Hurunui-Bluff Section.

Cartage charge introduced at Kaiapoi and Rangiora.
 New ships'-goods rate for Classes A, B, C, and D between Timaru and Oamaru.
 Local rates for colonially-made cement, Walton Park to Dunedin, Pelichet Bay, and Oamaru
 Breakwater.
 Clay, Buxton's to Invercargill : Included at brick rate.
 Coal, Mount Somers to Tinwald : Local rate established.
 A, B, C, and D goods : Extra 1d. per ton imposed on Lumsden-Mararoa, Livingston, and
 Catlin's River Branches.
 Empty iron tanks on port lines : Regulation about charging at half-measurement rates can-
 celled.
 Reductions in wool rates to Dunedin, Port Chalmers, Timaru, Oamaru, and Breakwater.
 Waimate District Railway : Undumped wool rate reduced.
 A, B, C, and D goods between Christchurch and Southbrook : New rate.
 Lyttelton Station : Grain storage regulation altered.
 Fat to Dunedin : West Plains rate cancelled, and made applicable to Wallacetown.
 Dunedin to Invercargill A, B, C, and D goods rates to apply Invercargill to Dunedin.
 Oil, soap, &c., Burnside to Dunedin : New rate.
 Classes K, N, and P : Extra charge levied on Livingston Branch.
 Timber from Southland mills : Local rate extended to Temuka.
 Empty casks, Woodend to Dunedin : Special rate.
 Waimea Plains District Railway : Rate inserted for double-dumped wool. Reduction in un-
 dumped wool rates to Invercargill and Bluff.
 Revision of coal rates from Springfield and Malvern mines.
 Coal to Caversham : Dunedin rates from southern mines made applicable to Caversham.
 Native coal from mines in Walton Park District to Abbotsford, &c. : Local rate.
 New shunting charge for coal, Jetty Street Wharf, Dunedin, to Pelichet Bay.

PART V.—CLASSIFICATION OF GOODS.

<i>Removed.</i> —American, woodenware, buckets, tubs, &c. ...	...	...	...	...	A
Biscuits, in tins and cases, beyond 140 miles (minimum rate as Class A, for 140 miles).—Owners' risk ...	...	...	...	...	B
Blasting-gelatine. Double rate.—Owners' risk. Dangerous ...	...	...	...	...	A
Bleach soda-ash, packed, consigned to paper-mills.—Owners' risk ...	...	...	...	...	D
Buckets, wood... ..	...	...	...	...	A
Butter, packed, consigned to ship for export, in consignments of not less than 10cwt. ...	...	...	...	...	D
Cement-casks, empty, not "returned empties." Half rate ...	...	...	...	...	A
Charcoal, crushed.—Owners' risk ...	...	...	...	...	N
Chocolate, packed, beyond 140 miles ...	...	...	...	...	B

Clay scouring-bricks, Native produce.—Owners' risk...	...	...	...	...	P
Coal-cinders.—Owners' risk	...	...	...	...	P
Cocoa, packed, beyond 140 miles	...	...	...	...	B
Cocoanuts, packed	...	...	...	...	C
Confectionery, packed, beyond 140 miles	...	...	...	...	B
Earthenware, native, packed, consigned direct from local factories, in quantities under 30cwt.	...	...	...	...	D
Flour-bags, in bags or bales	...	...	...	...	D
Fruit, New Zealand grown, fresh, packed. Rate and a half	...	...	...	...	E
Grain, poisoned...	...	...	...	...	D
Grass, brushmakers'.—Owners' risk	...	...	...	...	D
Honey, extracted, packed, locally produced.—Owners' risk	...	...	...	...	C
Honey, extracted, for export, in consignments of not less than 10cwt.—Owners' risk	...	...	...	...	D
Honey tins, kegs, cases, and casks, empty, not "returned empties." Half rate...	...	...	...	...	A
Iron strainers, for fencing	...	...	...	...	D
Milk, preserved, packed, consigned direct from local factories, in consignments of not less than 10cwt....	...	...	...	...	B
Onions (not to exceed Class D rate). Rate and a half	...	...	...	...	E
Oysters and other shell-fish, 2-ton lots and over. Half rates. Owners' risk	...	...	...	...	C
Pipeclay, packed	...	...	...	...	D
<i>Removed.</i> —Rope, old, for paper-making.	...	...	...	...	D
Scheelite.—Owners' risk...	...	...	...	...	N
Soda, caustic, packed, consigned to paper-mills.—Owners' risk	...	...	...	...	D
Tanks, iron, empty, up to 400 gallons. Minimum charge, 2s. 6d. each.—Owners' risk	...	...	...	...	A
Tanks, iron, empty, over 400 gallons. Minimum charge, 2s. 6d. each. Rate and a half	...	...	...	...	A
Tea, packed, beyond 140 miles	...	...	...	...	B
Tobacco-leaf, in bags.—Owners' risk	...	...	...	...	E
Tubs, wooden	...	...	...	...	A
Venetian red, packed, consigned to paper-mills.—Owners' risk	...	...	...	...	D
Woodenware, buckets, tubs, &c.	...	...	...	...	A

PART VI.—WHARVES.

Auckland Section.

Helensville Wharf: Reduction of minimum wharfage charge.

Wanganui Section.

Foxton Wharf: Rate on four-wheeled vehicles altered.

Greymouth Section.

Greymouth Wharf: Revision of wharfage rates.

Westport Section.

Westport Wharf: Alteration of tonnage dues. Wharfage rates on sheep lowered.

Picton Section.

Picton Wharf: Tonnage dues gazetted. New rate for empties. Minimum wharfage charge fixed.

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