

APPENDIX E

ANNUAL REPORT ON PUBLIC WORKS BY THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF

The ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF to the Hon. the MINISTER for PUBLIC WORKS.

SIR,— Public Works Office, Wellington, 1st June, 1895.

I have the honour to submit the following report on the various works completed and in progress throughout the colony during the past year

RAILWAYS.

ABSTRACT.

The following table shows the expenditure and liabilities on Government railways in New Zealand up to the 31st March, 1895:—

Name of Railway.	Total Length of Railway or Section.	Open for Traffic.	Expenditure to 31st March, 1895.	Liabilities on 31st March, 1895.
	M. ch.	M. ch.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Kaihu Valley	19 40	16 46	51,138 2 10	
Kawakawa	7 41	7 41	90,337 11 5	
Whangarei-Kamo and Extension	23 77	14 52	118,880 1 4	2,644 14 0
Helensville Northwards	110 0	7 42	60,891 3 5	8,958 1 11
Kaipara-Waikato, with Branches	151 1	151 1	1,887 006 11 2	940 9 5
Waikato-Thames	62 55	30 55	245,225 14 10	7,445 4 1
Thames Valley—Rotorua and Lichfield Branch	73 36	73 36	358,376 2 0	1 514 14 4
Wellington—Napier and Palmerston North (including Te Aro Extension and Greytown Branch)	233 12	206 38	2,005,259 3 2	23 863 14 8
Wellington-Foxton			42,116 3 4	
Foxton-New Plymouth, with Branches	197 60	197 60	1,432,849 12 8	289 11 8
North Island Main Trunk	216 0	56 77	484,352 17 3	10,094 19 3
Nelson-Roundell	52 0	22 73	178,177 15 0	136 19 4
Greymouth-Nelson Creek	7 51	7 51	216,246 11 11	
Greymouth-Hokitika	24 37	24 37	186,082 16 8	5,365 7 7
Westport-Ngakawau	19 56	19 56	227 493 15 7	
Westport-Ngakawau Extension to Mokihiui*	7 12	7 12		
Mokihiui Colliery Line†	3 69	3 69		
Picton-Hurunui—				
Picton-Awatere Section	34 40	20 42	263 577 14 3	108 5 9
Hurunui-Red Post Section	9 50	9 50	39,093 6 1	
Hurunui-Waitaki, with Branches	474 41	433 38	2,527,563 4 4	232 15 8
Canterbury Interior Main Line—Oxford-Temuka	83 0	11 44	59 338 4 2	3 15 5
Waitaki-Bluff, with Branches	628 23	452 79	3,599,814 2 8	19,645 3 8
Otago Central	182 56	56 20	652 255 9 5	13,768 14 1
Invercargill-Kingston, with Mararoa Branch	117 4	97 44	320,291 17 8	232 15 9
Western Railways	57 56	57 56	224,795 10 11	
Preliminary surveys			65 180 7 2	91 12 0
Miscellaneous			10,336 19 11	
Stock of permanent-way and rolling-stock on hand			25,359 3 3	32,635 18 3
Value of permanent-way in hands of Railway Department			25,000 0 0	
Total	2,797 17	1 987 79	14,897,040 2 5	127 972 16 10
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT LINES, ETC.				
Canterbury (lengths included above)			731 759 0 0	
Otago			372,522 2 5	
Gisborne to Ormond Tramway			4 975 1 7	
Forest Hill Tramway			556 5 2	
Grand total	2,797 17	1 987 79	16,006,852 11 7	127,972 16 10

* The funds for this extension—namely, £35,501 2s. 11d., were provided by the Westport Harbour Board.

† The funds for purchase of this line, £15,745, were provided by the Westport Harbour Board.

During the year a total length of 44 miles 0 chains of railway was opened for traffic. The following table contains particulars of the sections:—

Railway	Section.	Length.	Date opened for Traffic.
Whangarei-Kamo Extension	Hikurangi	M. ch. 8 0	2nd July 1894.
Thames Valley-Rotorua	Rotorua	8 51	8th December 1894.
Westport-Ngakawau Extension	Mokihiui Colliery Line	3 69	25th February 1895.
Otago Central	Hyde	16 12	12th July, 1894.
Catlin's River	Tunnel	0 46	4th March, 1895.
Seaward Bush	Waituna	6 62	6th March, 1895.
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Appended hereto is a coloured diagram showing the length of railway opened each year since the commencement of the public works.