

ROADS CONSTRUCTED BY DIRECT GRANTS.

The following statement will show the expenditure and liabilities on authorities issued on roads from direct grants to the several local bodies during the year ending the 31st March, 1895 :—

Name of Local Body.	Expenditure for the Year ending 31st March, 1895.			Liabilities on Authorities on 31st March, 1895.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Coromandel County	1,745	0	0	2,301	0	0
Te Aroha Town Board ... ..	...	...	...	15	0	0
Thames County	1,658	13	10	1,271	2	5
Thames Borough ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ohinemuri County	734	5	6	1,365	0	0
Piako County ... ..	...	...	...	1,700	0	0
Collingwood County	1,227	15	11	195	6	0
Marlborough County	155	0	0	775	0	0
Buller County	857	1	6	2,402	9	0
Inangahua County	1,289	5	6	1,360	5	11
Grey County	1,768	18	3	1,059	8	3
Westland County	3,915	16	3	2,600	12	0
Lake County	130	0	0	2,230	0	0
Southland County ... ..	...	...	...	460	0	0
Fiord County	2,661	2	2	1,150	0	0
Stewart Island ... ..	...	...	...	69	12	0
Totals	16,142	18	11	18,954	15	7

PROSPECTING FOR GOLD.

The following statement will show the expenditure and liabilities on authorities issued in subsidies to Prospecting Associations and parties of miners recommended by the local bodies in the different counties for the year ending the 31st March last :—

Name of County.	Expenditure for Year ending 31st March, 1895.			Liabilities on Authorities on 31st March, 1895.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bay of Islands County	26	14	0	177	13	10
Piako County	53	8	9	121	11	3
Coromandel County	733	17	6	258	17	6
Ohinemuri County	25	0	0	858	12	6
Thames County	51	12	6	121	17	6
Waimea County	12	0	0	...	...	...
Manawatu County ... ..	...	...	...	50	0	0
Buller County	114	15	6	217	12	0
Inangahua County	147	16	3	206	0	10
Westland County	1,078	1	2	690	12	7
Canterbury County	19	2	6	...	...	...
Wallace County	45	0	0	200	0	0
Lake County ... ..	...	...	...	50	0	0
Southland County	9	0	0	41	0	0
Fiord County	62	5	0	12	15	0
Totals	2,378	13	2	3,006	13	0

PROSPECTING FOR COAL.

The Brunner Coal-mine had to be reopened in a new place, but the character and area of the coal was not considered by the prospectors sufficient inducement for them to open this mine. On account of so many faults being met with in the old mine, and the coal thinning out, they gave notice in accordance with the terms of their lease that they would give it up. A subsidy of £1,000 was given towards opening out the new mine, which is likely to prove of larger extent than was first anticipated.