

RETURN NO. 23.
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF MILEAGE OF RAILWAYS OPEN FOR TRAFFIC AND UNDER MAINTENANCE ON 31st March, 1897.

Section.	Mileage open for Traffic on 31st March, 1896.	Additional Lengths opened 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, 1897.	Equivalent Total Mileage maintained during Financial Year ended 31st March, 1897.
		Line opened.	Date of Opening.	Length opened.	M.	ch.	Line.	Length.				
Kawakawa	M. ch. 7 39	M. ch. ...	M.	ch.	...	M. ch. ...	M.	ch.	M. ch. 7 39	M. ch. 7 39
Whangarei	14 58	...	9th November, 1896	3 16	1	20	17 74	15 78
Kaihu	16 52	...	21st October, 1896	0 48	0	21	17 20	16 73
Auckland	309 79	309 79	309 79
Napier-Taranaki	332 34	332 34	332 34
Wellington	94 20	94 20	94 20
Hurunui-Bluff	1,127 25*	...	22nd June, 1896	1 11	0	71	1,128 36	1,128 16
Ditto, Private Lines—												
Shag Point Branch	2 10	2 10	2 10
Nightcaps Branch	2 24	2 24	2 24
Greymouth	32 6	32 6	32 6
Westport	30 17	30 17	30 17
Nelson	23 5	23 5	23 5
Picton	20 42	20 42	20 42
Total	2,013 11	4 75	2	32	2,018 6	2,015 43
Forest Hill Tramway	10 0	10 0	...

* Does not include Riversdale-Switzers (2 miles).