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STATEMENT showing approximately SLEEPERS LAID and REMOVED up to 31st March, 1897.

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	141,382	..
1880-81	68 39	32 71	101 30	212,888	74,261
1881-82	22 67	40 16	63 3	132,379	73,947
1882-83	2 2	40 19	42 21	88,751	106,763
1883-84	22 19	22 50	44 69	94,211	125,632
1884-85	56 0	24 0	80 0	168,000	148,325
1885-86	43 26	47 52	90 78	191,048	137,993
1886-87	58 72	11 39	70 31	147,814	139,040
1887-88	11 47	17 32	28 79	60,874	122,027
1888-89	18 31	..	18 31	42,814	108,690
1889-90	11 57	20 68	32 45	68,381	129,634
1890-91	28 21	5 68	34 9	71,636	133,954
1891-92	..	27 27	27 27	57,408	139,912
1892-93	17 26	..	17 26	36,382	132,569
1893-94	28 38	33 58	62 16	130,620	155,827
1894-95	16 62	27 24	44 6	92,558	170,681
1895-96	14 73	3 48	18 41	38,876	188,291
1896-97	3 64	1 11	4 75	10,370	210,588
Totals	..	..	..	4,161,492	2,298,134

* Nine months only. † Complete information not recorded until 1880-81.

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the NUMBER of EMPLOYÉS for March, 1896, and March, 1897.

Department.	Kawakawa.	Whangarei.	Kaihu.	Auckland.	Napier-Taranaki.	Wellington.	Hurunui-Bluff.	Greymouth.	Westport.	Nelson.	Picton.	Total.
1895-96.												
General	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	109
Traffic	7	9	4	164	225	101	908	41	26	18	10	1,513
Maintenance	7	16	8	233	372	94	1,067	60	33	18	25	1,933
Locomotive	4	13	6	173	197	161	781	29	37	13	8	1,422
Totals	18	38	18	570	794	356	2,756	130	96	49	43	4,977
1896-97.												
General	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	120
Traffic	6	11	7	169	234	110	947	57	35	18	11	1,605
Maintenance	10	26	16	263	387	125	1,173	222	41	19	23	2,305
Locomotive	4	17	6	176	216	216	853	47	44	10	8	1,597
Totals	20	54	29	608	837	451	2,973	326	120	47	42	5,627

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STATEMENT of ACCIDENTS for the Year ending 31st March, 1897.

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 ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Kaihu ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Auckland ...	...	...	...	3	...	10	...	3	...	...	1	1	...	7	...	...	1	24	...
Napier-Taran'ki ...	...	...	1	1	...	15	1	6	...	...	1	1	...	10	...	2	3	35	...
Wellington ...	...	...	...	2	...	7	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	15	...	...	...	27	...
Hurunui-Bluff ...	...	...	3	5	...	72	...	35	...	3	...	5	...	24	...	2	3	146	...
Greymouth ...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	6	...
Westport ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
Nelson ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Picton ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...
Totals ...	...	...	4	11	...	112	2	46	...	3	2	8	...	58	...	5	8	243	...