

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER OF NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.
N.Z. Government Railways, Head Office,
Wellington, 18th June, 1898.

SIR,— I have the honour to report upon the working of the open railways for the financial year ending 31st March, 1898.

The capital cost has increased from £15,577,392 to £15,993,903.
The revenue has been £1,376,008, against £1,286,158 last year, an increase of £89,850.
The net revenue has been £518,817, against £497,104 last year, an increase of £21,713.
The expenditure has been £857,191, against £789,054 last year, an increase of £68,137.
The expenditure per cent. of revenue, £62·30, as compared with £61·35 last year.
The rate of interest earned on capital cost—£3 4s. 10d., as compared with £3 3s. 10d. last year.
The revenue per train-mile, 7s. 6d., and the cost per train-mile, 4s. 8d., as against 7s. 6½d. and 4s. 7½d. respectively last year.
The following extensions have been opened during the year :—

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Kanohi to Makarau	3 6
Newman to Woodville	24 40
Hyde to Kokonga	10 2
Total	37 48

Following are the comparisons of the traffic, revenue, and expenses for the past eighteen 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.
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	1,564,793	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	1,047,419	690,340	65·91	1,823,767	349,428	853,662	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
1888-89	1,777	997,615	647,045	64·86	1,920,431	399,056	919,892	3,132,803	11,817
1889-90	1,809	1,095,570	632,787	62·32	2,073,955	405,838	1,068,575	3,376,459	12,311
1890-91	1,842	1,121,701	700,703	62·47	2,036,011	413,074	1,348,364	3,433,629	13,881
1891-92	1,869	1,115,432	706,517	63·34	2,066,791	430,216	1,153,501	3,555,764	16,341
1892-93	1,886	1,181,522	732,142	61·97	2,193,330	460,333	1,393,457	3,759,044	16,504
1893-94	1,948	1,172,793	735,359	62·70	2,060,645	486,787	1,433,679	3,972,701	17,225
1894-95	1,993	1,150,851	732,160	63·62	2,048,391	479,683	1,604,103	3,905,578	28,623
1895-96	2,014	1,183,041	751,368	63·51	2,037,798	439,177	1,932,709	4,162,426	36,233
1896-97	2,018	1,286,158	789,054	61·35	2,368,927	524,063	2,052,346	4,439,387	43,069
1897-98	2,055	1,376,008	857,191	62·30	2,518,367	563,998	2,444,314	4,672,264	48,660

And also of the traffic in local products for the past thirteen years :—

Year.	Wool.	Timber.	Grain.	Minerals.	Horses and Cattle.	Sheep and Pigs.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	No.	No.
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
1888-89	78,203	160,399	447,027	786,690	37,804	889,966
1889-90	91,214	172,814	498,199	797,117	41,058	1,036,875
1890-91	87,701	153,078	528,683	828,079	44,999	1,313,155
1891-92	85,888	170,521	442,277	873,899	47,618	1,117,253
1892-93	96,842	168,910	523,637	884,031	46,590	1,359,860
1893-94	101,340	183,192	411,191	864,538	51,573	1,394,456
1894-95	103,328	198,578	388,556	857,917	52,075	1,563,213
1895-96	99,363	213,132	374,699	878,659	50,766	1,893,058
1896-97	98,958	257,825	423,888	1,032,252	47,256	2,016,437
1897-98	103,055	313,073	427,448	1,048,868	54,871	2,399,379