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THE GOLDFIELDS OF NEW ZEALAND:

REPORT ON ROADS, WATER-RACES, MINING MACHINERY, AND OTHER WORKS IN CONNECTION WITH MINING.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

Mr. John Hayes, F.S.Sc., Inspecting Engineer, to the Hon. James McGowan, Minister of Mines. Sir,—

Mines Department, Wellington, 22nd May, 1905.

I have the honour to submit my annual report, together with those of other departmental officers, Inspectors of Mines, Wardens, managers of water-races, &c., for the year ending the 31st December, 1904.

In accordance with the usual practice, the tables showing expenditure through the Mines Department on roads, bridges, tracks, prospecting operations, &c., are for the period covered by the financial year—viz., from the 1st April, 1904, to the 31st March, 1905.

SUBSIDISED ROADS AND TRACKS.

The expenditure (as subsidies) and the liabilities on outstanding authorities for the year ending the 31st March, 1905, are as follows:—

Name of Local Body.				Expenditure for the Year ending 31st March, 1905.	Liabilities on Authorities on 31st March, 1905.
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Coromandel County				130 0 0	•••
Piako County				100 0 0	•••
Westland County				22 8 7	40 0 0
Grey County				36 10 0	•••
Roads Department				$121 \ 17 \ 6$	2,128 2 6
Contingencies	,			124 18 4	·
Compensation for accidents				57 12 0	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Totals				593 6 5	2,168 2 6