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STATEMENT showing approximately SLEEPERS LAID and REMOVED up to 31st March, 1905.

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
1897-98	27 46	10 2	37 48	78,960	243,479
1898-99	22 46	11 13	33 59	70,848	282,326
1899-1900	..	19 26	19 26	40,582	302,354
1900-1901	4 30	103 38	107 68	226,485	345,433
1901-1902	11 20	12 32	23 52	49,665	369,339
1902-1903	28 40	27 43	56 3	117,679	330,020
1903-1904	33 12	4 44	37 56	79,170	309,296
1904-1905	17 61	27 75	45 56	95,970	302,252
Totals	..	..	..	4,920,851	4,782,642

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

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the NUMBER of EMPLOYEES for March, 1904, and March, 1905.

Department.	Kawakawa.	Whangarei.	Kaiti.	Auckland.	Gisborne.	Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth.	Hurunui-Bluff.	Westland.	Westport.	Nelson.	Picton.	Total.
1904-5.												
General	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	231
Traffic	7	18	9	361	3	746	1,553	101	68	27	19	2,912
Maintenance	4	24	8	379	15	924	1,560	144	49	29	31	3,167
Locomotive	3	15	5	3 3	5	910	1,559	85	78	16	12	3,051
Totals	14	57	22	1,103	23	2,580	4,672	330	195	72	62	9,361
1903-4.												
General	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	223
Traffic	7	19	9	331	3	686	1,494	84	61	34	18	2,746
Maintenance	5	19	11	372	6	747	1,408	124	64	35	48	2,839
Locomotive	3	19	4	352	3	898	1,504	82	84	14	11	2,974
Totals	15	57	24	1,055	12	2,331	4,406	290	209	83	77	8,782