

RETURN III.

RETURN, RECEIVED FROM THE CHIEF MECHANICAL ENGINEER, OF COMPARATIVE COST OF LOCOMOTIVES ERECTED AND PLACED ON LINE, with Additional Columns showing Cost of Locomotives Manufactured in Government Workshops, with 33½ per Cent. Commission Charged on Labour and Material.

Date.	Type.	Number built or imported.	Weight.	Wages.	Material.	15 per Cent. Commission.	Commission at 15 per Cent. Total.	Cost per Ton (Commission at 15 per Cent. on Government Engines).	Commission at 33½ per Cent.	Total Cost per Engine (Commission at 33½ per Cent.).	Cost per Ton (Commission at 33½ per Cent.).	Remarks.
			Tons cwt. qrs.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Feb., 1897 ..	U, Addington	4	47 6 1	2,339 15 3	1,720 12 8	608 0 2	4,668 8 1	98 13 3	1,234 8 8	4,937 14 9	104 7 0	
Nov., 1899 ..	U, Addington	4	47 6 1	2,088 9 11	1,646 16 6	560 5 11	4,295 12 4	90 16 0				
Nov., 1903 ..	U, Addington	1	47 6 1	2,019 6 11	1,294 17 2	497 12 4	3,811 16 5	80 11 5				
Nov., 1899 ..	WA, Hillside	2	31 14 0	1,659 3 5	1,128 13 9	418 3 6	3,206 0 8	101 2 8	929 5 8	3,717 2 10	117 5 0	
May, 1903 ..	WA, Hillside	3	31 14 0	1,531 7 4	1,049 3 9	377 17 5	2,958 8 6	93 6 3	860 3 8	3,440 14 9	108 10 0	
May, 1903 ..	B, Addington	6	49 19 0	2,450 13 5	1,718 9 6	625 17 6	4,705 0 5	96 0 0	1,389 14 4	5,558 17 3	111 6 0	
Sept., 1905 ..	Wf, Addington	10	33 16 0	1,543 1 0	1,081 18 0	393 14 10	3,018 13 10	89 6 5	874 19 8	3,499 18 8	103 10 10	Includes cost of patterns.
Jan., 1906 ..	Wf, Hillside	6	33 15 0	1,323 18 10	961 16 9	342 17 5	2,628 13 0	77 15 7	761 18 6	3,047 14 1	90 3 4	Includes cost of patterns, Exhibition engine, alterations and improvements.
May, 1907 ..	A compound, Adding-ton (first order)	4	55 4 2	3,012 19 2	1,789 1 8	720 6 2	5,522 7 0	99 19 9	Not commented on in report.			
March, 1908	A compound, Adding-ton (second order)	3	57 5 2	2,531 4 4	1,779 0 2	646 10 8	4,956 15 2	86 10 11	1,436 14 10	5,746 19 4	100 6 0	
Feb., 1900 ..	B, Sharp-Stewart	4	49 19 0	..	..	..	3,378 0 0	67 12 7	..	..	..
Feb., 1900 ..	UA, Sharp-Stewart	6	47 6 1	..	..	..	3,199 13 4	67 12 7	..	..	..
Sept., 1901 ..	UB, Baldwin	10	44 7 2	..	..	..	2,655 0 0	59 16 7	..	..	..
Nov., 1901 ..	UC, Sharp-Stewart	10	47 6 1	..	..	..	3,396 0 0	71 15 7	..	..	..
Feb., 1902 ..	UB, Brooks	1	47 10 1	..	..	..	2,884 17 9	60 14 5	..	..	..
March, 1902 ..	UB, Richmond	1	43 19 3	..	..	..	3,096 19 5	70 8 1	..	..	..
April, 1902 ..	Q, Baldwin	13	48 3 3	..	..	..	2,791 0 0	57 18 5	..	..	..
N.Z., 1905 ..	Wf, A. and G. Price	10	33 16 0	..	..	..	2,940 0 0	86 19 8	..	..	..	Contract, £2,800; W.H.B., £140.
N.Z., 1906-09	A compound, A. and G. Price	20	57 5 2	4,228 0 0	73 16 4	Contract, £3,998; W.H.B., £210; completing painting, £20.

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NOTES (by Railway Department).—For all locomotives built by Messrs. A. and G. Price, Thames, the cost of Railway Department's inspection at builders' works during construction has not been included in above totals. For each Class A locomotive cost of inspection averages £50, and for each Class Wf locomotive £40.
For engines built outside New Zealand the details of labour and material are not available, but the totals include freight and erecting charges.
The B and UA engines built by Sharp, Stewart, and Co. were contracted for at a lump sum; the proportionate costs have been estimated on the basis of relative weight.