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NEW ZEALAND.

PUBLIC WORKS STATEMENT.

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MR. SPEAKER,—

In submitting the annual Statement of the operations of the Public Works Department and the proposals for the current year, I may congratulate the House on the substantial progress made with our public works during last year.

TOTAL EXPENDITURE.

The total expenditure, though not quite equal to that of the previous year, was still very satisfactory, being no less than £2,190,954—namely, under the Public Works Fund and separate accounts £2,109,851, and under the Consolidated Fund £81,103.

The following table shows, as regards the Public Works Fund and separate accounts, (a) the total expenditure since the inauguration of the public-works policy to the 31st December, 1890; (b) the similar expenditure between the 1st January, 1891, and the 31st March, 1911; (c) the gross total expenditure to the 31st March, 1911; and (d) the expenditure for the late financial year:—

Class of Work.	Expenditure.			
	A Total to 31st December, 1890.	B 1st January, 1891, to 31st March, 1911.	C Total to 31st March, 1911.	D Year ended 31st March, 1911.
Railways—	£	£	£	£
New construction	11,975,098	8,534,311	20,509,409	743,145
Additions to open lines	2,092,002	6,712,618	8,804,620	440,788
Roads	3,575,804	5,349,137	8,924,941	*255,163
Public buildings	1,776,003	2,915,940	4,691,943	325,613
Immigration	2,144,386	83,846	2,228,232	9,441
Purchase of Native lands	1,191,137	877,966	2,069,103	2,976
Lighthouses, harbour-works, and harbour- defences	880,095	188,751	1,068,846	8,427
Tourist and health resorts ... ..	...	203,273	203,273	5,912
Telegraph-extension	600,349	1,277,209	1,878,058	111,868
Development of goldfields	561,101	285,858	846,959	10,845
Defence-works (general)	429,720	480,262	909,982	6,071
Departmental	349,789	327,017	676,806	42,733
Development of water-power ... ..	...	9,369	9,369	1,020
Irrigation and water-supply ... ..	...	1,562	1,562	1,562
Payment to Midland Railway bondholders ... ..	...	150,000	150,000	...
Lands-improvement ... ..	...	62,152	62,152	11,125
Minor works and services	300,689	11,918	312,607	...
Cost and discount, raising loans, &c.	1,021,472	220,435	1,241,907	66,367
		27,691,624	54,589,769	2,043,056
New Hutt Road ... ..	...	82,729	82,729	15,485
Opening up Crown Lands for Settlement Account ... ..	...	534,463	534,463	45,691
National Endowment Account ... ..	...	10,594	10,594	5,619
Totals	26,898,145	28,319,410	55,217,555	2,109,851

* Includes £1,000 subsidy granted to Woodville County Council.