

WAYS AND MEANS.

At the 31st March, 1910, the available ways and means for public-works purposes were £312,366
and further funds were received as under:—

Under the Loans Acts of 1909	....	....	350,002
Under the Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act, 1910	....	....	1,568,350
Under the New Zealand Loans Act, 1908	....	....	66,390
Transfer from Consolidated Fund	....	....	800,000
Miscellaneous receipts	....	....	6,506

Making a gross total of £3,103,614

The ordinary expenditure of the year amounted to £1,892,851; debentures redeemed, £225; charges and expenses in respect of raising loans, £66,367; other charges, £4,126; thus bringing the total disbursements up to £1,963,569, and leaving a credit balance at the end of the year of £1,140,045.

For the current year it is proposed to provide additional funds as under:—

Balance of 1910 loan	....	....	£181,650
Proposed loan of 1911	....	....	1,500,000
Under the Aid to Water-power Works Act, 1910	....	....	500,000
Transfer from Consolidated Fund	....	....	500,000
Special provision for irrigation-works (section 20, Appropriation Act, 1910)	....	....	100,000

The above, with the balance brought forward, gives a gross total of £3,921,695. The estimated expenditure for public works for the current year (excluding separate accounts having their own ways and means) amounts to £2,921,000, leaving an estimated balance of £1,000,695 to be carried forward to next year.

RAILWAY-CONSTRUCTION.

The following sections of railway were opened for traffic during the last financial year or since its close:—

		M.	ch.		Opened.
Hukerenui to Towai	...	4	30	...	2nd May, 1910.
Wellsford to Te Hana	...	3	27	...	16th May, 1910.
Huiroa to Te Wera	...	6	77	...	20th June, 1910.
Domett to Mina	...	3	63	...	1st August, 1910.
Ngahere to Blackball	...	3	40	...	1st August, 1910.
Lawrence to Big Hill	...	7	37	...	4th October, 1910.
Broken River to Cass	...	15	22	...	12th December, 1910.
Kawakawa to Towai	...	21	18	...	13th April, 1911.
Seddon to Ward	...	14	44	...	15th April, 1911.
Waimahaka to Tokanui	...	8	27	...	20th September, 1911.
Kioreroa to Onerahi (Grahamtown Wharf, Whangarei)	...	2	50	...	2nd October, 1911.
Total	...	91	35		

In addition to the above, the following sections are approaching completion and will be ready to hand over to the Railway Department for regular working shortly:—

		M.	ch.
Waikohu to Otoko	...	7	75
Te Wera to Pohokura	...	8	55
Kiwi to Tui	...	3	17
Westport to Te Kuha	...	5	74
Cronadun to Landing	...	8	40
Houipapa to Papatupu	...	3	42
Total	...	37	63