

APPENDIX B.

ANNUAL REPORT ON PUBLIC WORKS BY THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF.

(1ST JULY, 1914, TO 30TH JUNE, 1915.)

The ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF to the Hon. the MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

SIR,—

Public Works Office, Wellington, 30th June, 1915.

I have the honour to submit the following report on the various works completed and in progress throughout the Dominion during the past year:—

RAILWAYS.

ABSTRACT.

The following table shows the expenditure and liabilities on Government railways in New Zealand up to the 31st March, 1915:—

Name of Railway.	Total Length of Railway or Section.	Open for Traffic.	Expenditure to 31st March, 1915.	Liabilities on 31st March, 1915.
	M. ch.	M. ch.	£	£
Kaihu Valley	24 30	19 58	90,954	1,093
Kawakawa-Hokianga	45 25	16 25	169,413	12,607
Opua Wharf—Grahamtown (Onerahi)	58 6	58 6	521,795	..
Whangarei southward	19 77	..	19,352	19,598
North Auckland Main Trunk Railway (from Helensville)	86 22	47 77	736,979	4,755
Helensville—Te Awamutu, with Branches	162 6	151 1	1,997,623	10,457
Hamilton—Thames, with Branches	116 18	75 18	520,374	4,890
Thames Valley—Rotorua	69 33	69 33	366,318	..
Tauranga—Opotiki, with Branches	87 27	..	194,459	10,569
Gisborne—Motu	92 56	44 34	596,092	4,110
Napier—Gisborne	157 35	..	130,811	9,239
Wellington—Napier and Palmerston North (including Te Aro Extension and Greytown and Martinborough Branches)	249 44	233 12	2,521,645	1
Wellington—Waitara, with Branches	347 50	285 59	2,600,408	1,007
Stratford—Okahukara	101 27	37 53	720,298	81,888
North Island Main Trunk (Marton—Te Awamutu), including Raetihi Branch	218 42	209 69	2,744,398	1,131
Picton—Waipara (South Island Main Trunk Railway)—				
Picton southwards	92 38	48 10	625,544	4,761
Waipara northwards	90 45	44 14	373,907	..
Nelson—Belgrove	22 73	22 73	199,117	..
Midland Railway*	239 75	166 53	1,841,996	4,446
Westport—Ngakawau	19 56	19 56	188,009	..
Westport—Ngakawau Extension to Mokihinui†	7 12	7 12	..	..
Mokihinui Colliery Line‡	3 69	3 69	..	..
Westport—Inangahua	26 0	5 74	143,385	1,603
Ngahere—Blackball	3 40	3 40	147,537	..
Greymouth—Coal Creek	8 70	8 70	254,980	..
Greymouth—Brunner	7 51	7 51	150,543	..
Greymouth—Mikonui	41 0	38 68	337,473	..
Culverden—Hammer Motor-cars and Sheds .. .. .	..	..	3,834	..
Hurunui—Waitaki, with Branches	501 52	443 8	2,570,848	1,769
Canterbury Interior Main Line—Oxford—Temuka	83 0	11 44	59,343	..
Waitaki—Bluff, with Branches	598 11	546 16	4,919,860	918
Otago Central	182 56	134 78	1,293,790	1,658
Invercargill—Kingston, with Mararoa Branch	117 4	97 44	386,002	..
Forest Hill Railway—Winton—Hedgehope§	12 40	12 40	22,984	..
Western Railways	91 8	70 31	330,038	67
Preliminary Surveys .. .. .	..	..	40,120	186
Miscellaneous .. .. .	..	..	10,337	..
Stock of Permanent-way on hand .. .. .	..	..	98,592	58,651
Rolling-stock .. .. .	..	..	5,975,207	182,314
Total	3,985 78	2,942 16	||33,904,365	417,718
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT LINES, ETC.				
Canterbury (lengths included above) .. .. .	..	..	731,759	..
Otago and Southland .. .. .	..	..	372,522	..
Gisborne to Ormond Tramway .. .. .	..	..	4,975	..
Midland Railway, valuation of works constructed by company .. .. .	..	..	¶683,460	..
Grand total	3,985 78	2,942 16	35,697,081	417,718

* The amount shown as expenditure represents the net amount charged against the Dominion.

† The funds for this extension—namely, £35,501 2s. 11d.—were provided by the Westport Harbour Board.

‡ The funds for purchase of this line, £15,745, were provided by the Westport Harbour Board.

§ The expenditure on this line as a tramway was made by the Lands Department.

|| Includes expenditure on railways under Hutt Road and Railway Improvement, Railway Improvement Authorization Act, and Wellington-Manawatu Railway Purchase Act Accounts.

¶ Includes value for £150,000 paid to debenture-holders under the Midland Railway Petitions Settlement Act Amendment Act, 1903.