

The following table shows the brief particulars of the expenditure of the year, and also the total under each class of work from the inauguration of the public-works policy up to the 31st March last :—

TOTAL EXPENDITURE.

Class of Work.	Expenditure.	
	Expenditure for Year ended 31st March, 1918.	Total Expenditure to 31st March, 1918.
Railways—	£	£
New construction	295,609	25,471,965
Additions to open lines	200,162	9,739,698
Roads	135,642	11,396,140
Public buildings	229,288	7,094,902
Immigration	3,856	2,342,128
Purchase of Native lands ... ..	...	2,061,906
Lighthouses, harbour-works, and harbour-defences	2,976	1,143,051
Tourist and health resorts... ..	931	259,440
Telegraph-extension	117,266	3,324,988
Development of mining	27	889,496
Defence-works (general)	6,714	1,043,691
Departmental	127,962	1,319,954
Development of water-power ... ..	...	...
Irrigation and water-supply	11,650	32,055
Payment to Midland Railway bondholders ... ..	...	150,000
Lands-improvement	1,838	139,608
Minor works and services ... ..	...	312,607
Plant, material, and stores	6,811	91,007
Cost and discount, raising loans, &c.	1	1,253,073
	1,140,733	68,065,709
Wellington-Hutt Railway and Road Improvement Account	Railway ...	228,374
	Road ...	101,658
Railways Improvement Account ... ..	...	641,275
Railways Improvement Authorization Act 1914 Account	111,721*	477,072
Loans to Local Bodies Account—Roads to open up Crown lands ... ..	...	697,408
Opening up Crown Lands for Settlement Account—Roads to open up Crown lands ... ..	...	206,626
Land for Settlements Account—Roads to open up Crown lands	43,996	209,675
National Endowment Account—Roads to open up endowment lands ... ..	...	53,401
Aid to Water-power Works and Electric Supply Account	9,835	387,518
Irrigation and Water-supply Account ... ..	...	115,000
Waihou and Ohinemuri Rivers Improvement Account... ..	12,025	64,617
Telegraph Extension Account	96,689	300,000
Totals	1,414,999	71,548,333

* Including £1, cost of raising loan.

† Now transferred to Electric Supply Account.

WAYS AND MEANS.

On the 1st April, 1917, the available ways and means for public-works purposes were	£	521,525
And further funds were received as under :—		
Under the Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act, 1914		45,100
Under Finance Act, 1916, section 49		700,000
Under Finance Act, 1917, section 77		125,000
Other receipts and recoveries		44,648
Making a gross total of		1,436,273

The ordinary expenditure of the year amounted to £1,140,732, plus the expenses of raising loans £1, thus bringing the total disbursements up to £1,140,733