

The hydro-electric works at Horahora have been purchased from the Waihi Gold-mining Company on satisfactory terms. The amount of power which can now be developed is 8,000 horse-power. A maximum of 3,325 horse-power has to be supplied to the vendors, leaving 4,675 horse-power available for distribution throughout the surrounding districts. The present available supply of power can be increased by erecting two more turbines, and steps will be taken to give effect to this as soon as practicable.

Statutory provision for the full cost of establishing these works will be made this session. Provision will also be made for the completion of plans for the erection of hydro-electric works at Waikaremoana, and the survey of transmission-lines therefrom to Gisborne and Napier and thence to Wairarapa. The intention is, as soon as labour and funds are available, that the works at Waikaremoana should be commenced. An equal sum will also be provided for elaborating schemes for the South Island, and, similarly, it is intended when labour and funds are available that such schemes will be set in operation. It would not be just that all parts of the Dominion, other than those proposed to be served by the Mangahao, Arapuni, Lake Coleridge, and Horahora plants, should have to await the completion of those schemes before having their respective districts provided for. In view, however, of the difficulty in procuring labour, it would be manifestly improper to pretend that such large new schemes as Waikaremoana and whatever may be decided on for the South Island could be undertaken at present.

The following table shows briefly the particulars of expenditure during the financial year ended 31st March, 1919, also the total expenditure in respect to each class of work from the date of the inauguration of the Public Works policy to the 31st March last :—

## EXPENDITURE.

Class of Work.	Expenditure.	
	Expenditure for Year ended 31st March, 1919.	Total Expenditure to 31st March, 1919.
Railways—	£	£
New construction ... ..	296,020	25,763,061
Additions to open lines ... ..	91,903	9,831,601
Roads ... ..	226,073	11,621,216
Public buildings ... ..	235,846	7,330,748
Immigration ... ..	Cr. 12,018	2,330,110
Purchase of Native lands ... ..	...	2,061,906
Lighthouses, harbour-works, and harbour-defences ... ..	5,392	1,148,443
Tourist and health resorts... ..	1,620	261,060
Telegraph-extension ... ..	198,611	3,823,599
Development of mining ... ..	518	889,014
Defence-works (general) ... ..	8,809	1,051,578
Departmental ... ..	115,419	1,431,254
Electric-power supply and development ... ..	9,254	9,254
Irrigation and water-supply ... ..	13,665	160,720
Payment to Midland Railway bondholders ... ..	...	150,000
Lands-improvement ... ..	Cr. 4,268	135,340
Minor works and services ... ..	...	312,607
Plant, material, and stores ... ..	20,638	111,614
Cost and discount, raising loans, &c. ... ..	...	1,253,073
	1,207,482	69,676,198
Wellington-Hutt Railway and Road Improvement { Railway	...	228,374
Account { Road ...	...	101,658
Railways Improvement Account ... ..	...	641,275
Railways Improvement Authorization Act 1914 Account ...	39,375	516,447
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 ...	51,355	261,030
National Endowment Account—Roads to open up endowment lands ...	...	53,401
Aid to Water-power Works and Electric Supply Account ...	24,794	412,312
Irrigation and Water-supply Account ... ..	...	...
Waihou and Ohinemuri Rivers Improvement Account... ..	27,402	92,019
Telegraph Extension Account ... ..	...	...
Totals ... ..	1,350,408	72,886,748