

APPENDIX B.

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

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

SIR,—

I have the honour to submit the following report upon the various works under my control completed and in progress throughout the Dominion during the period from the 1st July, 1923, to the 30th June, 1924.

RAILWAYS.

ABSTRACT.

The following table shows the expenditure on Government railways in New Zealand up to the 31st March, 1924:—

Name of Railway.	Total Length of Railway or Section.	Open for Traffic.	Expenditure to 31st March, 1924.
	M. ch.	M. ch.	£
Kaihu Valley	24 32	24 32	178,859
Otiria-Ngapuhi	13 45	13 45	125,987
Opuā Wharf—Onerahi	58 6	58 6	560,739
Kioreroa-Waiotira	19 79	5 23	416,521
North Auckland Main Trunk Railway (from Helensville)	153 75	65 27	2,187,065
Helensville—Te Awamutu, with Branches	163 48	159 08	3,221,668
Frankton Junction—Thames, with Branches	127 35	87 20	926,794
Thames Valley—Rotorua	69 33	69 33	385,281
Tauranga—Opotiki, with Branches	145 32	..	1,107,661
Gisborne—Opotiki	93 44	49 32	624,555
Napier—Gisborne (including Waikopu Branch)	231 44	11 73	1,092,545
Wellington—Napier and Palmerston North (including Te Aro Extension and Greytown and Martinborough Branches)	249 44	233 12	2,754,074
Wellington—Waitara, with Branches	350 11	285 59	2,996,780
Stratford—Okahukura	112 47	42 26	1,239,700
North Island Main Trunk (Marton—Te Awamutu), including Raetihi Branch and Waipa Gravel-access Branch	225 79	218 39	2,965,401
Picton—Waipara (South Island Main Trunk Railway)—			
Picton southwards	92 38	56 6	656,127
Waipara northwards	90 45	44 14	377,533
Nelson—Greymouth	177 51	125 57	637,164
Stillwater—Arthur's Pass	51 41	42 27	1,990,159
Rolleston—Arthur's Pass (including Whitecliffs Branch)	92 59	84 45	1,010,404
Westport—Ngakawau	19 56	19 56	189,521
Westport—Ngakawau Extension to Mokihinui*	7 12	7 12	..
Mokihinui Colliery Line†	3 69	3 69	..
Westport—Inangahua	26 0	5 74	154,374
Ngahere—Blackball	3 40	3 40	147,532
Greymouth—Rewanui and Branches	11 34	11 34	329,792
Greymouth—Waitaha	50 32	38 68	351,690
Waipara—Waitaki, with Branches	459 34	413 70	2,766,197
Canterbury Interior Main Line—Oxford—Temuka	83 0	11 44	59,942
Waitaki—Bluff, with Branches	600 21	546 12	5,183,751
Otago Central	182 51	147 27	1,435,919
Invercargill—Kingston, with Mararoa Branch	117 4	97 44	339,299
Forest Hill Railway—Winton—Hedgehope‡	12 40	12 40	23,337
Western Railways	94 8	70 31	407,710
Preliminary surveys .. .. .	..	..	40,866
Miscellaneous .. .. .	..	..	10,337
Stock of permanent-way on hand .. .. .	..	..	200,580
Rolling-stock .. .. .	..	..	9,370,046
Suspense Account, being proportion of cost of raising loan of £1,000,000 at 6 per cent. for Railways Improvement Authorization Act 1914 Account .. .. .	..	..	61,726
Total	4,215 9	3,066 5	\$46,477,636
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	4,215 9	3,066 5	48,270,352

* 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 Railway Improvement Authorization Act 1914 Accounts.

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