

EXPENDITURE.

The total net expenditure under votes and accounts appearing on the public works estimates for the financial year ended 31st March, 1932, was £4,815,542. Of this sum £3,066,839 was expended out of General Purposes Account, and the balance, £1,748,703, out of special accounts.

A brief summary of this expenditure, as well as the total expenditure since the inception of the public works policy to the 31st March last, follows in tabular form :—

Class of Work.	Expenditure for Year ended 31st March, 1932.	Total Expenditure to 31st March, 1932.
Railways—	£	£
New construction .. .. .	590,543	39,671,929
Improvements and additions to open lines .. .. .	361,845	17,227,603
Payment to Midland Railway bondholders .. .. .	..	150,000
Roads .. .. .	1,082,210	21,416,463*
Public buildings .. .. .	454,804	11,543,773
Immigration .. .. .	5,265	3,314,905
Purchase of Native lands .. .. .	..	2,061,147
Lighthouses, harbour-works, and harbour defences .. .. .	12,033	1,303,850
Tourist and Health resorts .. .. .	87,609	664,232
Telegraph extension .. .. .	249,978	11,180,447
Development of mining .. .. .	..	881,065
Defence works (general) .. .. .	..	1,402,548
Departmental .. .. .	151,377	2,858,296
Irrigation and water-supply .. .. .	37,749	1,006,492
Lands-improvement .. .. .	38,899	699,609
Minor works and services .. .. .	..	312,607
Plant, material, and stores .. .. .	Cr. 105,690	168,005
Quarries (acquisition and operation) .. .. .	107	9,743
Timber-supply and sawmills for Public Works Department .. .. .	2,012	Cr. 3,877
Motor-transport services .. .. .	..	33,635
Cost and discount, raising loans, &c. .. .. .	98,098	3,811,842
Total General Purposes Account .. .. .	3,066,839†	119,714,314†
Aid to Water-power Works and Electric Supply Account .. .. .	1,323,630	11,554,265
Waihou and Ohinemuri Rivers Improvement Account .. .. .	..	709,740‡
Total Public Works Fund .. .. .	4,390,469	131,978,319
Wellington-Hutt Railway, &c.—		
Railway .. .. .	..	228,373
Road .. .. .	..	101,658
Railways Improvement Account .. .. .	..	641,275
Railways Improvement Authorization Act 1914 Account .. .. .	..	8,690,815
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
Lands for Settlement Account—Roads to open up Crown lands .. .. .	..	590,025
National Endowment Account .. .. .	..	53,401
Education Loans Account .. .. .	..	4,678,965
Main Highways Account—Construction Fund .. .. .	384,145§	4,868,103§
Hauraki Plains Settlement Account .. .. .	22,600	964,695
Rangitaiki Land Drainage Account .. .. .	4,265	504,200
Swamp Land Drainage Account .. .. .	14,063	552,689
	4,815,542¶	154,756,552¶

\* Includes £4,500 expended under section 16, subsection (1), Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1923. † Does not include expenditure under the Ellesmere Land Drainage Act, 1905, or £1,226,000 transferred to Main Highways Construction Fund. ‡ Excludes interest during construction and loan charges. § As per annual accounts in Appendix E. || Capital expenditure as per commercial accounts in Table 6, *infra*. ¶ Excludes Main Highways Revenue Fund and Consolidated Fund votes.