

It will be a matter hereafter to decide whether it will be advisable to undertake the manufacture in the colony of the rolling stock which will be required.

ROADS.

I shall now refer to the road works.

I do not propose to weary the House by going into details as to the various Road Works executed during the past year by this department.

The attached Report of the Assistant Engineer-in-Chief describes them all, and a reference to it and the tables appended to this Statement will give the fullest information.

The amount expended prior to 30th June, 1873, was—

	£	s.	d.
In Province of Auckland	66,395	9	4
" Taranaki	37,608	6	9
" Hawke's Bay	30,956	9	1
" Wellington	79,081	13	5
Tools, Implements, &c., unapportionable	1,747	11	5
Making a total of	<u>£215,789</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>

During the past year there has been expended—

IN THE PROVINCE OF AUCKLAND,—

Bay of Islands	16,730	5	6
North of Auckland	9,199	8	10
Mangere Bridge	9,409	15	4
Thames
Waikato	7,451	17	6
Bay of Plenty	12,713	1	3
Poverty Bay	4,539	12	10
Taupo	1,225	9	10
Giving a total of	<u>£61,269</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>1</u>

IN THE PROVINCE OF TARANAKI,—

Wai Iti to Patea	13,534	14	4
Hawera to New Plymouth	11,542	15	3
Giving a total of	<u>£25,077</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>

IN THE PROVINCE OF HAWKE'S BAY,—

Napier	3,645	3	0
Seventy-Mile Bush	23,412	11	6
Wairoa	124	15	0
Giving a total of	<u>£27,182</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>

IN THE PROVINCE OF WELLINGTON,—

Wanganui to Patea	9,885	18	11
Wanganui to Taupo	1,968	14	4
Seventy-Mile Bush	10,331	13	9
Manawatu	9,376	14	0
Manawatu Tramway	7,748	18	2
Giving a total of	<u>£39,311</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>2</u>

This gives a total expended to 30th June, 1874,—

In Province of Auckland	127,665	0	5
" Taranaki	62,685	16	4
" Hawke's Bay	58,138	18	7
" Wellington	118,393	12	7
" Unapportionable	1,747	11	5
Total	<u>£368,630</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>4</u>