SESS. II.—1879. NEW ZEALAND.

BRANCH LINES OF RAILWAY IN MIDDLE ISLAND

(REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives, dated 4th November, 1879.

"That a return of the revenue and expenditure upon each branch line of railway connected with the main trunk line of the Middle Island be laid on the table of the House."—(Mr. Wright.)

NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.

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STATEMENT of RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE on the under-mentioned Branch Lines for Twelve Months ending 30th June, 1879. (Approximate.)

Particulars.	Albury Branch, Washdyke Junction to Albury.	Albury Branch, Washdyke Junction to Albury.	Kaiapoi-Bennett's, Eyreton Junction to Bennett's Junction.*	Rangiora-Oxford, Rangiora to Oxford West,*	Sheffield and Whitecliffs, Rolleston to Sheffield, and Darfield to Whitecliffs.	Southbridge Branch, Hornby to Southbridge.	Waiareka Branch, Waiareka Junction to Ngapara,	Waimate Branch, Waimate Junction to Waimate.	Total.
Receipts	£ s. d 10,170 1 6	£ s. d. 7,110 13 4	£ 8. d. 2,541 19 1	£ s. d. 6,140 0 4	£ s. d. 10,287 18 6	£ 8. d. 12,439 10 2	£ s. d. 3,993 18 5	£ s. d. 2,224 4 8	£ s. d. 54,908 6 0
Expenditure	5,007 4 11	4,027 14 4	3,234 3 6	6,231 2 8	8,672 16 5	8,600 7 0	3,539 19 8	2,118 13 8	41,432 2 2
Profit	5,162 16 7	3,082 19 0	:		1,615 2 1	3,839 3 2	453 18 9	105 11 0	14,259 10 7
Loss	:	:	692 4 5	91 2 4					6
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* There has been an alternative route for traffic from stations between Christchurch and Kaiapoi to stations on the Rangiora-Oxford Branch from Bennett's westward, since the extension of the Kaiapoi-Byreton Ranch, from West Eyreton to Bennett's on 1st February, 1878. This traffic previous to that date was carried on the Rangiora-Oxford Branch.

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Accountant's Office, Christchurch, 14th November, 1879.