

APPENDIX I.

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PUBLIC WORKS OF THE MIDDLE ISLAND.

The ENGINEER IN CHARGE, Middle Island, to the Hon. the MINISTER for PUBLIC WORKS.

SIR,—

Public Works Office, Dunedin, 31st March, 1882.

I have the honor to submit the following report on the various works completed and in progress in the Middle Island during the past financial year.

As in previous years the report will be divided into the following heads: 1st. Railways; 2nd. Roads and Bridges; 3rd. Water-races; 4th. Miscellaneous Works; 5th. Buildings; 6th. Surveys; and 7th. General Remarks.

RAILWAYS.

GENERAL.

The following statement shows the expenditure and liabilities on railways in the Middle Island up to the 31st March, 1882, including surveys and the valuation of provincial lines:—

	£	s.	d.
Total expenditure out of loan	6,081,914	13	4
Valuation of provincial lines	1,104,281	2	5
Total expenditure up to the 31st March, 1882	7,186,195	15	9
Liabilities on the 31st March, 1882	184,982	9	9
Total expenditure and liabilities	£7,371,178	5	6

The details of the above, together with the lengths of railways authorized and open, are given in the following table, the lines taken over from the Provincial Governments of Canterbury and Otago, and the expenditure on preliminary surveys, being included:—

Name of Railway.	Total Length on which Expenditure Authorized.	Open for Traffic.	Expenditure to 31st March, 1882.	Liabilities on 31st March, 1882.
	M. chs.	M. chs.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
AUTHORIZED BY "THE IMMIGRATION AND PUBLIC WORKS APPROPRIATION ACT, 1881:—				
Nelson to Roundell	52 0	22 73	153,171 11 2	260 17 10
Greymouth to Nelson Creek	18 0	7 59	245,196 6 7	1,547 2 7
Greymouth to Hokitika	24 0	...	22,973 7 4	62 0 0
Westport to Ngakawau	19 19	19 19	213,656 11 1	1,470 11 7
Pictou to Hurunui	31 32	18 11	192,082 16 6	5,991 9 3
Hurunui to Waitaki	41 0	334 38	1,927,686 16 11	47,200 1 5
Canterbury Interior Main Line	41 0	...	19,444 19 11	15,243 10 6
Waitaki to Bluff	398 53	337 17	2,707,752 8 1	81,567 13 2
Otago Central	65 0	...	125,312 7 1	11,079 17 1
Invercargill to Kingston	107 16	89 25	252,007 1 5	3,317 13 10
Western Railways	64 0	46 16	152,723 15 7	17,937 17 9
Preliminary surveys	...	...	47,906 11 8	203 14 9
Purchase of wagons	...	...	22,000 0 0	...
Total	1,236 40	875 18	6,081,914 13 4	184,982 9 9
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT LINES:—				
Canterbury (lengths included above)	...	...	731,759 0 0	...
Otago	...	...	372,522 2 5	...
General Total	1,236 40	875 18	7,186,195 15 9	184,982 9 9

The following statement shows the rate at which the several railways in the Middle Island have been constructed during each financial year, further details being given in the table hereto appended (Enclosure No. 1.):—

LENGTHS OF RAILWAY OPENED in MIDDLE ISLAND during Financial Year.

Up to June 30, 1872.	1872-73.	1873-74.	1874-75.	1875-76.	1876-77.	1877-78.	1878-79.	1879-80.	1880-81.	1881-82.	Total.
M. chs.	M. chs.	M. chs.	M. chs.	M. chs.	M. chs.	M. chs.	M. chs.	M. chs.	M. chs.	M. chs.	M. chs.
76 36	27 62	11 21	127 3	249 44	154 12	93 41	58 46	18 56	35 36	22 61	875 18