APPENDIX H.

ANNUAL REPORT ON RAILWAYS

THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF.

The Engineer-in-Chief to the Hon. the Minister for Public Works.

Public Works Office, 31st March, 1886. SIR,-I have the honour to submit the following report on railway works executed and in progress throughout the colony during the year ending the 31st March, 1886 :-

GENERAL.

The following statement shows the expenditure and liabilities on Government railways in New Zealand up to the 31st March, 1886:-

Name of Railway.			Total Length of Railway or Section.	Open for Trailie.	Expenditure to 31st March, 1886.	Liabilities ou 31st March, 1886.
Kawakawa Whangarei-Kamo Kaipara-Waikato, with Branches Waikato-Thames, including Cambridg Wellington-Napier and Palmerston No Wellington-Foxton Foxton-New Plymouth Main North Island Trunk Nelson-Roundell Greymouth-Nelson Creek Greymouth-Hokitika Westport-Ngakawau Picton-Hurunui-Picton-Awatere Sec Red Post Section Hurunui-Waitaki, with Branches Oxford-Malvern Waitaki to Bluff, with Branches Otago Central-Chain Hills-Blair-Tai Invercargill-Kingston, with Branch Western Railways Preliminary Surveys Miscellaneous Stock of permanent-way and rolling-st	orth		M. ch. 7 41 6 52 150 60 78 32 227 31 202 63 210 0 52 0 16 3 23 51 19 63 34 40 9 50 444 0 11 44 471 5 37 0 117 4 57 55 2,172 44	M. ch. 7 41 6 52 138 79 42 57 150 42 195 25 22 73 7 69 19 19 17 73 9 50 397 16 11 44 358 71 93 34 57 53 1,533 1	\$ s. d. 89,440 11 5 69,241 3 3 1,253,779 13 11 216,451 6 0 1,479,670 11 4 41,815 3 11 1,368,229 17 11 60,779 15 1 174,913 16 10 196,259 3 5 37,777 0 6 214,402 4 9 219,605 0 1 37,471 9 0 2,318,943 18 4 59,210 11 0 3,157,151 1 4 267,218 9 5 307,701 4 7 222,920 18 11 53,246 12 1 15,312 1 6 300,240 17 4	£ s. d. 2,338 17 9 47 15 6 11,398 4 3 18,263 5 5 42,361 16 5 478 7 10 8,097 19 2 84,267 6 7 236 5 6 20 0 0 4,061 18 3 10,133 2 8 1,574 17 7 11,804 10 2 26,307 11 11 51,202 15 8 5,479 11 5 1,198 15 3 1,246 12 9 112,072 7 5
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMEN Canterbury (lengths included above) Otago " " " DISTRICT RAILWAY Thames Valley-Rotorua	:	::	22 20	22 20	731,759 0 0 372,522 2 5 115,000 0 0	
Rakaia-Ashburton Forks Waimate Duntroon-Hakateramea			73 60 8 21 15 38	30 60 8 21 15 38	73,300 0 0	†
Grand total		••	2,268 44	1,591 1	*13,453,363 14 4	387,592 1 €

^{*} If the amount paid out of Consolidated Fund on account of district railways—viz., £35 17s. 10d., and also the amount still to be paid out of loan on account of same railways—viz., £136,400 7s. 11d., together with the expenditure on the Greymouth and Westport Harbour Works (£141,341 2s. 1d.), less £4,975 1s. 7d. expended on permanent-way for the Gisborne-Ormond Tramway, be added to this amount, it will show the amount stated as the cost of the railways by the General Manager in Return 6.

† The cost of these railways is not shown here as the purchase-money is not paid yet, and the amounts to be paid for them are not included amongst the liabilities, as they are not properly liabilities against the public works votes, being provided for by special Act. The lengths only of these lines are now therefore put in this table in order to show total length of railway opened for traffic, and the cost will be included in next year's table after they are paid for.