

present month. The results should, if possible, be exact extracts from records up to end of last month; but results for this month will, of course, be an estimate based on previous records.

C. Y. O'CONNOR.

14. The SECRETARY, Waimea Plains Railway Company, to the UNDER-SECRETARY for PUBLIC WORKS.

SIR,—

Dunedin, 17th March, 1886.

Referring to your telegrams of the 11th and 16th instant respectively, I have the honour to forward, as requested, statements giving the nearest approximate results of the working of the company's line for the twelve months ending the 31st instant.

I may explain that, in preparing the statement giving an estimate of the amount required to be paid for the railway to admit of the return of the paid-up capital, I had assumed that from the 1st August last the working expenses would equal the traffic. I am pleased, however, to find there will probably be a profit of about £700 for that period, making about £2,300 for the year.

C. Y. O'Connor, Esq.,

I have, &c.,

Under-Secretary for Public Works.

R. H. LEARY, Secretary.

Enclosure 1 in No. 14.

Waimea Plains Railway.

STATEMENT of TRAFFIC and WORKING EXPENSES from 1st April, 1885, to 31st July, 1885.

<i>Traffic.</i>						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Goods and parcels	..	..	..	..	..	3,142	11	6			
Passengers	..	..	..	..	..	732	0	10			
									3,874	12	4
<i>Working Expenses.</i>						£	s.	d.			
Management and repairs	..	..	..	..	..	867	10	10			
Wages	..	..	..	..	..	504	0	6			
Fuel and stores	..	..	..	..	..	245	12	4			
Wagon- and carriage-hire	..	..	..	..	..	184	3	4			
Rating expenses	..	..	..	..	..	112	8	3			
Sundry working expenses	..	..	..	..	..	105	9	5			
General expenses	..	..	..	..	..	71	12	1			
Directors' fees	..	..	..	..	..	38	17	0			
Property-tax, $\frac{1}{2}$ of £95 17s. 8d.	..	..	..	..	..	31	19	2			
County-rates, $\frac{1}{2}$ of £281 12s. 6d.	..	..	..	..	..	93	10	10			
									2,255	3	9

Dunedin, 17th March, 1886.

R. H. LEARY, Secretary.

Enclosure 2 in No. 14.

Waimea Plains Railway.

STATEMENT (Approximate) of TRAFFIC and WORKING EXPENSES.

						1st Aug., 1885, to 27th Feb., 1886.	28th Feb., 1886, to 31st Mar., 1886.
<i>Traffic.</i>						£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Through traffic	..	..	..	..	..	683 17 6*	35 2 3*
Goods and parcels (company)	..	..	..	..	..	1,723 15 11	224 19 4*
Passengers (company)	..	..	..	..	..	1,152 9 11	213 18 1*
						£3,560 3 4*	£473 19 8*
<i>Working Expenses.</i>							
Maintenance	..	..	..	..	..	1,361 11 0*	165 12 3*
Wages	..	..	..	..	..	783 13 11*	91 15 6*
Fuel and stores	..	..	..	..	..	247 4 5*	19 8 7*
Wagon- and carriage-hire	..	..	..	..	..	149 6 0*	20 7 1*
Sundry working expenses	..	..	..	..	..	108 3 8*	13 12 5*
General expenses	..	..	..	..	..	59 5 10*	15 0 0*
Directors' fees	..	..	..	..	..	28 7 0*	10 10 0*
Property-tax	..	..	..	..	..	55 18 9	7 19 9
County-rates	..	..	..	..	..	164 12 4	23 9 4
						£2,958 2 11*	£367 14 11*

* These figures must be taken as approximate.

Dunedin, 17th March, 1886.

R. H. LEARY, Secretary.

15. The MAYOR of GORE to the Hon. the Minister for PUBLIC WORKS.

Waimea Plains Railway.

SIR,—

Gore, 11th March, 1886.

As a number of Government and other settlers in this district have just been served with summonses for the Waimea Plains Railway-rate, I take this opportunity of addressing you upon the question of the purchase of the above railway-line by the Government.