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NEW ZEALAND.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

(RETURN SHOWING RATIO OF COST OF SUPERVISION TO COST OF WORKS EXECUTED BY).

Laid on the Table by the Hon. Mr. Richardson, with the Leave of the House.

RETURN showing the AMOUNT paid to the OFFICERS and all other EMPLOYÉS of the PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, both in Office and in Field, including Travelling Expenses and Contingencies, &c., and of the Amount actually expended in Works, for the Year 1885-86, giving Ratio of Cost of Engineering Expenses and Supervision to Cost of Works executed.

COST OF SUPERVISION.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Amount paid during the year 1885-86 to all the officers and all other employés of the Public Works Department (employed in supervision of works or assisting officers so employed), both in office and in field, including travelling expenses, contingencies, &c., viz. :—							
Engineers and officers supervising works	...	40,907	0	0			
Clerical officers in charge of general administration, correspondence, and account-keeping	...	8,734	0	0			
					49,641	0	0

COST OF WORKS EXECUTED.		£	s.	d.
The total expenditure out of Public Works Fund for the year 1885-86 was £1,475,386, but from this, in order to ascertain the amount of works carried out under the direct supervision of the Public Works staff as distinct from works carried out by the officers of other departments, there has to be excluded the amounts paid for district railways, and the expenditure on immigration (departmental), portion of additions to opened railways, portion of roads, portion of waterworks on goldfields, total purchase of Native lands, total telegraph extension, portion of public buildings, portion of lighthouses, harbour works and harbour defences, total charges and expenses of raising loans, and total contingent defence, also salaries charged to and included in cost of various works, and having excluded these items, and added cost of works under Consolidated Fund, the amount which remains as representing the cost of works carried out under the supervision of the Public Works Department proper is				
...	...	...	...	...
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RATIO OF COST OF SUPERVISION TO COST OF WORKS (£913,555).

Cost of supervision, exclusive of clerical staff	...	£40,907=4.47 per cent.
Total cost of all administration and supervision, including clerical staff	...	£49,641=5.43 "

* Although works to the extent of £561,831 have thus been excluded from the total expenditure in order to arrive at the cost of works executed under the direct supervision of the Public Works Department proper, it should be borne in mind that, while the department does not directly supervise the works so excluded, there is, nevertheless, a considerable amount of engineering and administrative work thrown upon the department in connection with them, and, if it were possible to state exactly what the cost of this engineering and administration amounts to in figures, and to exclude it accordingly, the ratio of cost of supervision to actual expenditure would be considerably less than as stated above.

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