

APPENDIX H.

ANNUAL REPORT ON RAILWAYS BY THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF.

The ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF to the Hon. the MINISTER for PUBLIC WORKS.

SIR,—

Public Works Office, 31st March, 1888.

I have the honour to submit the following report on railway works executed and in progress throughout the Colony during the year ending 31st March, 1888 :—

ABSTRACT.

The following table shows the expenditure and liabilities on Government railways in New Zealand up to the 31st March, 1888 :—

Name of Railway.	Total Length of Railway or Section.	Open for Traffic.	Expenditure to 31st March, 1888.	Liabilities on 31st March, 1888.
	M. ch.	M. ch.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Kawakawa	7 41	7 41	90,068 17 8	..
Whangarei-Kamo	9 20	6 52	69,721 9 9	..
Helensville-Northwards	110 0	..	6,160 10 6	14,115 16 1
Kaipara-Waikato, with Branches	172 36	151 1	1,373,862 11 11	1,794 15 2
Waikato-Thames	62 55	30 55	201,482 3 0	3,345 10 10
Morrinsville-Rotorua	73 36	41 60	211,415 4 7	18,407 16 2
Wellington-Napier and Palmerston North	230 22	181 67	1,703,780 17 3	69,502 8 5
Wellington-Foxton	..	..	41,797 11 7	286 9 7
Foxton-Waitara	202 63	197 60	1,403,041 5 5	1,953 7 10
North Island Main Trunk	216 0	25 61	265,911 12 5	59,835 12 6
Nelson-Roundell	52 0	22 73	177,678 7 1	..
Greymouth-Nelson Creek	16 3	7 69	211,073 7 5	..
Greymouth-Hokitika	24 0	..	69,388 13 6	25,320 19 6
Westport-Ngakawan	19 63	19 19	222,894 0 11	..
Picton-Hurunui—Picton-Awaters Section	34 40	17 73	228,958 15 11	4,481 7 9
" Red Post Section	9 50	9 50	39,033 14 4	..
Hurunui-Waitaki, with Branches	474 41	429 30	2,487,943 6 7	2,398 18 7
Oxford-Malvern	11 44	11 44	59,210 11 0	..
Waitaki to Bluff, with Branches	560 60	434 8	3,375,410 12 0	11,453 15 8
Otago Central—Chain Hills-Blair-Taieri Section	37 0	..	406,734 13 11	24,539 11 6
Invercargill-Kingston, with Mararoa Branch	117 4	97 44	318,244 10 2	176 9 10
Western Railways	57 56	57 56	223,762 11 2	30 0 0
Preliminary surveys	..	..	54,464 11 10	50 0 0
Miscellaneous	..	..	10,336 19 11	..
Stock of permanent-way and rolling-stock on hand	..	..	105,071 13 10	23,883 15 0
Total	2,498 74	1,750 63	13,357,448 13 8	261,576 14 5
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Canterbury (lengths included above)	..	..	731,759 0 0	..
Otago	..	..	372,522 2 5	..
Grand total	..	..	14,461,729 16 1	261,576 14 5

A total length of 29 miles 4 chains has been opened during the year—11 miles 41 chains in the North Island and 17 miles 43 chains in the Middle Island. The details are as follow, viz. :—

Railway.	Section.	Length.	Date of Opening.
		M. ch.	
North Island Main Trunk	Otorohanga to Te Kuiti ..	11 41	2nd December, 1887.
Livingston Branch	Windsor to Livingston ..	11 75	10th August, 1887.
Seaward Bush Branch	Waimatua to Mokotua..	5 48	16th January, 1888.

Attached to this report is a coloured diagram showing the length of railway opened each year from the commencement of the Public Works.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

RAILWAY FROM HELENSVILLE NORTHWARDS.

Kaipara Contract (4 miles 12 chains Formation, extending from Helensville up the Kaipakapa Valley).—This work, after being nearly completed, was abandoned by the contractor on the 4th February; but arrangements were made for its completion under another contract, which is now being carried on.