

APPENDIX G.

ANNUAL REPORT ON PUBLIC WORKS BY THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF.

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

SIR,—

Public Works Office, 1st June, 1890.

I have the honour to submit the following report on the various works completed and in progress throughout the colony during the financial year ending the 31st March, 1890:—

RAILWAYS.

ABSTRACT.

The following table shows the expenditure and liabilities on Government railways in New Zealand up to the 31st March, 1890:—

Name of Railway.	Total Length of Railway or Section.	Open for Traffic.	Expenditure to 31st March, 1890.		Liabilities on 31st March, 1890.	
			£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Kawakawa	M. ch. 7 41	M. ch. 7 41	90,235	8 4	..	..
Whangarei-Kamo	9 20	6 52	70,095	9 3	..	..
Helensville Northwards	110 0	7 42	32,103	17 3	30,090	12 6
Kaipara-Waikato, with Branches	172 36	151 1	1,379,374	15 4	127	13 9
Waikato-Thames	62 55	30 55	206,800	15 0	792	14 0
Morrinsville-Rotorua	73 36	41 60	236,722	1 1	40,487	6 5
Wellington-Napier and Palmerston North	230 15	188 2	1,855,107	17 0	32,044	1 1
Wellington-Foxton	..	..	41,897	7 9	286	9 7
Foxton-Waitara	202 63	197 60	1,408,900	8 5	3,512	9 9
North Island Main Trunk	216 0	53 7	332,082	11 10	9,028	4 5
Nelson-Roundell	52 0	22 73	177,947	18 8	..	..
Greymouth-Nelson Creek	7 69	7 69	216,178	5 5	10	6 0
Greymouth-Hokitika	24 0	..	99,783	15 0	682	16 2
Westport-Ngakawau	19 61	19 56	226,414	14 6	..	..
Picton-Hurunui—Picton-Awatere Section	34 40	17 73	231,601	3 4	17,529	7 11
Picton-Hurunui—Red Post Section	9 50	9 50	39,033	14 4	..	..
Hurunui-Waitaki, with Branches	474 41	433 38	2,507,277	2 9	279	16 10
Oxford-Malvern	11 44	11 44	59,210	11 0	..	..
Waitaki-Bluff, with Branches	560 60	434 4	3,494,345	18 4	14,711	6 8
Otago Central—Chain Hills—Middlemarch	41 57	16 67	489,983	5 3	12,434	19 6
Invercargill-Kingston, with Mararoa Branch	117 4	97 44	318,630	11 11	213	9 8
Western Railways	57 56	57 56	223,803	19 2	6	12 8
Preliminary surveys	..	..	64,805	13 0	106	3 8
Miscellaneous	..	..	10,336	19 11	..	..
Stock of permanent-way and rolling-stock on hand	..	..	81,423	2 10	36,517	15 0
Value of permanent-way in hands of Railway Department	..	..	25,000	0 0	..	..
Total	2,495 28	1,813 14	13,919,097	6 8	198,862	5 7
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT LINES, &c.						
Canterbury (lengths included above)	..	..	731,759	0 0	..	..
Otago	..	..	372,522	2 5	..	..
Gisborne to Ormond Tramway	..	..	4,975	1 7	..	..
Grand total	2,495 28	1,813 14	15,023,353	10 8	198,862	5 7

During the year a total length of 43 miles 62 chains of railway was opened for traffic, 22 miles 30 chains in the North Island and 21 miles 32 chains in the Middle Island. The following table contains particulars of the sections:—

Railway.	Section.	Length.	Date opened for Traffic.
Helensville Northwards ...	Helensville to Kanohi ...	M. ch. 7 42	3rd May, 1889.
North Island Main Trunk ...	Te Kuiti to Upper Mokau...	8 53	8th May, 1889.
Wellington-Woodville ...	Mangamahoe to Eketahuna	6 15	8th April, 1889.
Westport-Ngakawau ...	Extension to Coal Company's line ...	0 37	31st March, 1890.
Ashburton Branch ...	Mount Somers to Springburn	4 08	9th September, 1889.
Otago Central ...	Chain Hills to Hindon ...	16 67	24th October, 1889.
Total ...	...	43 62	-