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NEW ZEALAND.

CO-OPERATIVE WORKS:

COST OF RAILWAY AND ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

COPY OF MEMORANDA ON THE SUBJECT OF COST OF RAILWAY- AND ROAD-CONSTRUCTION ON THE CO-OPERATIVE PRINCIPLE, REFERRED TO BY THE HON. THE PREMIER IN HIS SPEECH ON THE FINANCIAL DEBATE, ON TUESDAY, THE 25TH JULY, 1893.

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RAILWAY- and ROAD-CONSTRUCTION on the CO-OPERATIVE PRINCIPLE, NUMBERS and EARNINGS of MEN.

		Number of Men Employed.	Earnings per Diem.			Date of Return.
			Highest.	Lowest.	Average.	
RAILWAYS.						
Kamo-Hikurangi	...	105	s. d. 8 6½	s. d. 3 9½	s. d. 7 2	31st March, 1893.
Paeroa-Te Aroha	...	54	21 4½	4 8	9 1	31st " "
North Island Main Trunk—						
Mokau Section	...	104	14 4½	6 4¾	8 9¾	31st " "
Makohine Section	...	115	13 10½	5 5½	9 1¾	15th " "
Eketahuna-Woodville	...	124	11 2	3 1	6 4¾	27th " "
Greymouth-Hokitika	...	120	11 11	9 1	10 8½	31st " "
Westport-Ngakawau	...	22	10 4¾	6 6	8 10½	28th " "
Seaward Bush	...	23	9 6½	6 9¼	8 0¾	17th April, 1893.
Otago Central	...	90	8 7½	4 9¾	7 6½	4th " "
		757				
ROAD.						
Main South Road	...	44	9 9	8 9	9 0¾	3rd April, 1893.
Total men	...	801				
RAILWAYS.						
Kamo-Hikurangi	...	106	12 6½	5 4¾	7 6¾	30th April, 1893.
Paeroa-Te Aroha	...	64	12 2¾	4 2½	6 8¾	30th " "
North Island Main Trunk—						
Mokau Section	...	132	15 7	4 3	7 10	30th " "
Makohine Section	...	110	16 1½	4 5	9 7¾	28th " "
Eketahuna-Woodville	...	110	12 3	2 10§	6 6½	2nd May, 1893.
Greymouth-Hokitika	...	122	11 4	9 9	10 8½	30th April, 1893.
Westport-Ngakawau	...	30	11 3	4 11¼	7 7½	7th May, 1893.
Seaward Bush	...	38	9 2½	6 3½	8 0½	15th " "
Otago Central	...	133	8 5½	4 10½	7 6	1st " "
Total men	...	845				

* This very exceptional rate was due to an under-payment previously. The average earnings of the party from the start have only been 8s. 4d. per day. † This was a final payment, hence its being rather larger than usual. ‡ In previous month this party only made 4s. 2d. per diem. They were probably underpaid then, and have had amount made up to them now. § Engineer states that these men are inexperienced bushmen, and do not work.