

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER OF NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

N.Z. Government Railways, Head Office,

Wellington, 21st August, 1897.

SIR,—

I have the honour to report upon the working of the open railways for the financial year ending 31st March, 1897.

At the end of the year there were 2,018 miles of line open, against 2,014 last year.

The capital cost of opened lines has been increased from £15,425,532 to £15,577,392, an increase of £151,860.

The revenue has been £1,286,158, against £1,183,041 last year, an increase of £103,117.

The net revenue has been £497,104, against £431,673 last year, an increase of £65,431.

The expenditure has been £789,054, against £751,368 last year, an increase of £37,686.

The expenditure per cent. of revenue, 61·35, as compared with 63·51 last year.

The revenue per train-mile, 7s. 6½d., and the cost per train-mile, 4s. 7½d., as against 7s. 1½d. and 4s. 6½d. respectively last year.

The following extensions have been opened during the year :—

	M.	ch.
Waro-Whakapara	3	16
Kaihu Extension	0	48
Tahora-Owaka (Catlin's River)	1	11
Total	4	75

Following are the comparisons of the traffic, revenue, and expenses for the past seventeen years :—

Year.	Miles.	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Expenditure per Cent. of Revenue.	Tonnage.	Parcels, Horses, and Dogs.	Cattle, Sheep, and Pigs.	Passengers.	Season Tickets.
		£	£			No.	No.	No.	No.
1880-81	1,277	836,454	521,957	62·40	1,377,783	286,865	300,704	2,849,561	6,499
1881-82	1,319	892,026	523,099	58·64	1,437,714	316,611	343,751	2,911,477	7,207
1882-83	1,358	953,347	592,821	62·18	1,564,793	341,186	477,075	3,283,378	8,621
1883-84	1,396	961,304	655,990	68·24	1,700,040	359,896	686,287	3,272,644	9,036
1884-85	1,477	1,045,712	690,026	65·99	1,749,856	347,425	729,528	3,232,886	8,999
1885-86	1,613	1,047,419	690,340	65·91	1,823,767	349,428	858,662	3,362,266	10,717
1886-87	1,727	998,768	699,072	69·99	1,747,754	372,397	942,017	3,426,408	11,821
1887-88	1,758	994,843	687,328	69·09	1,735,762	399,109	940,209	3,451,850	11,518
1888-89	1,777	997,615	647,045	64·86	1,920,431	399,056	919,392	3,132,803	11,817
1889-90	1,809	1,095,570	682,787	62·32	2,073,955	405,838	1,068,575	3,376,459	12,311
1890-91	1,842	1,121,701	700,703	62·47	2,086,011	413,074	1,348,364	3,433,629	13,881
1891-92	1,869	1,115,432	706,517	63·34	2,066,791	430,216	1,153,501	3,555,764	16,341
1892-93	1,886	1,181,522	732,142	61·97	2,193,330	460,383	1,393,457	3,759,044	16,504
1893-94	1,948	1,172,793	735,359	62·70	2,060,645	486,787	1,433,679	3,972,701	17,226
1894-95	1,993	1,150,851	732,160	63·62	2,048,391	479,683	1,604,103	3,905,578	23,623
1895-96	2,014	1,183,041	751,368	63·51	2,087,798	489,177	1,932,709	4,162,426	36,233
1896-97	2,018	1,286,158	789,054	61·35	2,368,927	524,063	2,052,346	4,439,387	43,069

And also of the traffic in local products for the past twelve years :—

Year.	Wool.	Timber.	Grain.	Minerals.	Horses and Cattle.	Sheep and Pigs.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	No.	No.
1885-86	74,778	202,572	413,847	669,081	46,152	822,028
1886-87	82,963	175,581	345,254	719,579	46,600	904,582
1887-88	84,147	158,024	358,021	700,140	42,067	907,443
1888-89	78,203	160,399	447,027	786,690	37,804	889,966
1889-90	91,214	172,814	498,199	797,117	41,058	1,036,875
1890-91	87,701	153,078	528,683	828,079	44,999	1,313,155
1891-92	85,888	170,521	442,277	873,899	47,618	1,117,253
1892-93	96,842	168,910	523,637	884,031	46,590	1,359,860
1893-94	101,340	183,192	411,191	864,538	51,573	1,394,456
1894-95	103,328	198,578	388,556	857,917	52,075	1,563,213
1895-96	99,363	213,132	374,699	878,659	50,766	1,893,058
1896-97	98,958	257,825	423,888	1,032,252	47,256	2,016,437