RETURN No.

ESTIMATED AMOUNT of Government Expenditure on Construction of Railways, Net Revenue, and Rate of Interest earned on Capital expended on Opened Lines.

Section.			State of Line.	1898.		
				Cost of Construction.	Net Revenue.	Rate of Interest.
				£	£	£ s. d.
Kawakawa			\mathbf{Opened}	91,681	-637	
Whangarei				144,105	3,984	2 15 3
"	• •	• • •	Unopened	6,696	• • .	
Kaihu			Opened	70,544	6,485	9 3 10
Auckland	• •	••		2,214,903	56,824	2 11 4
	• •		Unopened	217,156	••	
Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth			Opened	3,796,473	107,715	2 16 9
"		• • •	Unopened	140,048	••	
Wellington-Foxton (private line)			"	42,116	••	i
Surveys, North Island				30,182		· · ·
Miscellaneous			•••	5,169	••	
Hurunui-Bluff			Opened	8,666,899	301,834	3 9 8
,,	• •		${f Unopened}$	83,097		• • •
Greymouth-Brunner	• •		Opened	196,972	12,144	6 3 4
.,,	• •		Unopened	15,959	••	
Greymouth Harbour Wo	rks		••	127,234	••	••
Greymouth-Hokitika	• •		\mathbf{Opened}	195,127	3,687	1 17 9
Westport	• •		"	220,772	26,733	12 2 2
" Harbour Work	8			14,111	••	
Nelson	• •		Opened	165,192	792	0 9 7
,,		••	Unopened	12,537	• •	
Picton	• •		Opened	206,235	-744	•••
<i>"</i>			$\mathbf{Unopened}$	58,711	••	
Stock, permanent-way	• •	••	••	49,169		
Stock, A.O.L. stores				31,964		
Surveys, Middle Island	• •		[38,825		••
Miscellaneous				5,168	•• .	••
Stock in suspense	• •	••	Opened	25,000	••	••
Total opened			[15,993,903	518,817	3 4 10
Total unopened	••		••	878,142	••	••
Gross total				16,872,045	518,817	3 1 6

Note.—The amount stated as cost of construction of opened lines includes the Provincial and General Government expenditure on railways, but does not include expenditure on the Greymouth and Westport Harbour Works.

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