

APPENDIX E.

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, Wellington, 1st July, 1899.

I have the honour to submit the following report on the various works completed and in progress throughout the colony during the past year.

RAILWAYS.

ABSTRACT.

The following table shows the expenditure and liabilities on Government railways in New Zealand up to the 31st March, 1899:—

Name of Railway.	Total Length of Railway or Section.	Open for Traffic.	Expenditure to 31st March, 1899.	Liabilities on 31st March, 1899.
	M. ch.	M. ch.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Kaihu Valley	19 40	17 21	54,858 19 2	66 0 0
Kawakawa	7 41	7 41	79,367 17 7	..
Whangarei-Kamo and Extension	46 74	21 26	135,970 8 2	458 0 0
Helensville Northwards	110 0	10 48	83,763 6 0	799 0 0
Kaipara-Waikato, with Branches	151 1	151 1	1,219,493 6 10	..
Waikato-Thames	62 58	62 58	315,554 16 6	3,941 0 0
Thames Valley-Rotorua	69 33	69 33	353,321 18 7	113 0 0
Wellington-Napier and Palmerston North (including Te Aro Extension and Greytown Branch)	233 12	233 12	1,926,870 2 9	137 0 0
Wellington-Foxton	..	..	42,116 3 4	..
Foxton-New Plymouth, with Branches	195 49	195 49	1,298,302 13 8	..
North Island Main Trunk	213 0	69 40	646,122 17 2	6,695 0 0
Nelson-Roundell	52 0	22 73	162,541 12 2	..
Midland Railway*	..	..	82,050 5 6	20,615 0 0
Greymouth-Nelson Creek	7 51	7 51	166,471 11 11	..
Greymouth-Hokitika	24 37	24 37	187,542 0 3	..
Westport-Ngakawau	19 56	19 56	187,512 15 7	..
Westport-Ngakawau Extension to Mokihiuit	7 12	7 12	..	..
Mokihiuit Colliery Line†	3 69	3 69	..	..
Pictou-Hurunui—				
Pictou-Blind River Section	37 5	20 42	254,308 7 8	800 0 0
Hurunui-Red Post Section	9 50	9 50	39,093 6 1	..
Hurunui-Waitaki, with Branches	474 41	433 38	2,135,046 7 6	56 0 0
Canterbury Interior Main Line—Oxford-Temuka	83 0	11 44	59,343 9 2	..
Waitaki-Bluff, with Branches	503 50	459 33	3,312,251 0 7	4,946 0 0
Otago Central	182 56	77 45	765,625 14 4	12,753 0 0
Invercargill-Kingston, with Mararoa Branch	117 4	97 44	279,214 13 2	..
Forest Hill Railway—Winton-Hedgehope§	12 40	..	15,275 15 1	1,789 0 0
Western Railways	57 56	57 56	214,413 12 3	..
Preliminary surveys	..	..	57,824 18 7	591 0 0
Miscellaneous	..	..	10,336 19 11	..
Stock of permanent-way on hand	..	..	33,262 3 5	17,296 0 0
Value of permanent-way in hands of Railway Department	..	..	25,000 0 0	..
Rolling-stock	..	..	1,884,533 14 0	6,816 0 0
Total	2,701 35	2,091 19	16,027,390 16 11	77,871 0 0
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT LINES, ETC.				
Canterbury (lengths included above)	..	..	731,759 0 0	..
Otago	..	..	372,522 2 5	..
Gisborne to Ormond Tramway	..	..	4,975 1 7	..
Grand total	2,701 35	2,091 19	17,136,647 0 11	77,871 0 0

* The amount shown as expenditure represents the proportionate amount unrecovered from the Midland Railway Company.

† The funds for this extension—namely, £35,501 2s. 11d.—were provided by the Westport Harbour Board.

‡ The funds for purchase of this line, £15,745, were provided by the Westport Harbour Board.

§ The expenditure on this line as a tramway was made by the Lands Department.