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* In these cases the dates given are the dates on which the railways became the property of the Government.
† This comprises 3m. 46cb. of railways constructed by the Government, and 1m. 60cb. of lines constructed by private company and afterwards purchased by the Government.
‡ This comprises 45cb. of railways constructed by the Government, and 45m. 79cb. of lines constructed by private companies under the District Railways Act and afterwards purchased by the Government.
§ This comprises 11m. 38cb. of railways constructed by the Government, and 36m. 39cb. of lines constructed by private companies under the District Railways Act and afterwards purchased by the Government.
|| This comprises 23m. 40cb. of railways constructed by the Government, and 5m. 69cb. of lines constructed by private company and afterwards purchased by the Government.
** 9 miles 76 chains formerly returned as opened tramway.
†† In these cases the dates given are the dates on which the title to the railway was actually vested in the Government. Possession was taken of the railway by Government on 25th May, 1896.
‡‡ This comprises 20m. 70cb. constructed by Government, and 74m. 3cb. constructed by New Zealand Midland Railway Company, and 9m. 46cb. partly constructed by New Zealand Midland Railway Company and partly by Government.