no prospect of coming to terms, no action has been taken with regard to the other suggestions submitted in your communication. The opinion of the Government remains unchanged, and, as the session is now nearing termination, presumably negotiations may be considered to be at an end for the present.

Yours faithfully,
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Wellington and Manawatu Railway Company (Limited).

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure (from the 1st March, 1900, to the 28th February, 1901).

Receipts.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance 28th February, 1900		41,396 9 7
Traffic		94,418 5 5
Land—		
Principal	11,304 7 6	
Interest	2,365 19 10	
Rents, &c. ..	369 7 6	
		14,039 14 10
Refunds, &c.		3,126 11 2
Transfer and scrip fees—		
Wellington ..	6 6 6	
London	6 13 6	
		13 0 0
		£152,994 1 0

Expenditure.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Debenture interest		34,000 0 0
Traffic		31,072 3 7
Deposits		20,000 0 0
Stores		11,777 16 8
Dividends		8,510 12 8
Rates and taxes		6,232 18 5
Rolling-stock and machinery		1,484 12 5
Directors' fees		1,000 0 0
Land		885 2 5
Construction		701 15 7
London office charges		546 5 0
Refunds, advances, &c.		309 14 4
Commission and discount		205 0 0
Auditors' fees		157 10 0
Cash balances—		
Bank of New Zealand,		
Wellington ..	£1,294 12 10	
London	34,117 12 1	
		35,412 4 11
In hand, Head Office, and stations ..		698 5 0
		£152,994 1 0

Profit and Loss: Railway Account.

28th February, 1901.

Dr.	£ s. d.
Interest on debentures	34,000 0 0
Rates and taxes	5,239 11 1
Directors' fees	1,000 0 0
London office charges	546 5 0
Commission and exchange	205 0 0
Auditors' fees	157 10 0
Balance carried down, available for dividends	9,791 5 8
	£50,939 11 9

Cr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Traffic proceeds (gross) ..	96,270 1 0	
Less expenditure ..	46,562 0 1	
		49,708 0 11
Interest		1,018 10 10
Transfer and scrip fees		13 0 0
Proportion of directors' fees transferred to Land Account		200 0 0
		£50,939 11 9

Balance brought down, £9,791 5s. 8d.

Profit and Loss: Land Account.

28th February, 1901.

Available for Dividends.

Dr.	£ s. d.
Proportion of directors' fees transferred from Railway Account	200 0 0
Land-tax paid on mortgages	220 6 3
Balance carried down, being net profit available for dividends	2,576 19 10
	£2,997 6 1

Cr.	£ s. d.
Interest on mortgages	2,617 18 7
Sundry revenue	379 7 6
	£2,997 6 1

Balance brought down, £2,576 19s. 10d.

Not Available for Dividends.

	£ s. d.
General charges	841 16 11
Proportion rates and taxes	773 1 1
Balance carried down, being net profit on land sales not available for dividends, and held as further security for debenture-holders	4,270 13 9
	£5,785 11 9

	£ s. d.
Gross profits on land sales	5,785 11 9
	£5,785 11 9

Balance brought down, £4,270 13s. 9d.