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NEW ZEALAND AND QUEENSLAND RAILWAYS:

COMPARATIVE RETURN OF AMOUNTS PAID OUT OF REVENUE AND CAPITAL FOR COST AND MAINTENANCE.

Laid on the Table by leave of the House.

RETURN giving,—(1) A Comparison of the Cost of Works paid for out of "Revenue" and "Capital" during Financial Year, 1900-1901; (2) A Comparison of Cost of Maintenance per Mile charged to Revenue during last Ten Years; and (3) Amounts charged to Revenue for maintaining New Zealand Railways as compared with another Colonial Railway of same Gauge.

(1.) Statement giving Comparison of Cost of various Works paid for out of "Revenue" and "Capital" during the last Financial Year:—

	Revenue. \pounds	Capital. £	Total. £
Permanent-way, including sleepers	 142,595	29,663	172,258
Bridge strengthening and renewals	 43,400	12,193	55,593
Buildings (renewals)	 33,770		33,770
Additions to buildings and other works	 7,834	47,680	55,514
•	227,599	89,536	317,135

(2.) Statement giving Comparison of the Cost of Maintenance per Mile charged to Revenue during the last Ten Years:—

Year.	£		Year.	 £
1891 – 92	 130.89	·	1896-97 .	 $149 \cdot 14$
1892 – 93	 139.86	•	1897-98 .	 159.34
1893 – 94	 140.05		1898-99 .	 171.74
1894 – 95	 138.22	ĺ	1899-1900	 186.42
1895-96	 140.88		1900-01 .	 194.61

(3.) Statement showing Amounts charged to Revenue for maintaining the New Zealand Railways as compared with another Colonial Railway of the same Gauge:—

		NEW ZEALAND.		QUEENSLAND.	
		Per Mile.	Total.	Per Mile.	Total.
		£	£	£	£
Permanent-way, cost of wages a	nd				
materials		139.6	303,460	104.8	286,426
Bridges, works, and buildings		50.6	109,999	32.8	89,712

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