

^a In these cases the dates given are the dates on which the railways became the property of the Government.

^b This comprises 3m. 46ch. of railways constructed by the Government, and 1m. 0ch. of lines constructed by private company and afterwards purchased by the Government.

^c This comprises 4m. 65ch. of railways constructed by the Government, and 45m. 79ch. of lines constructed by private companies under the District Railways Act and afterwards purchased by the Government.

^d This comprises 1m. 29ch. of railways constructed by the Government, and 36m. 8ich. of lines constructed by private companies under the District Railways Act and afterwards purchased by the Government.

^e This comprises 23m. 40ch. of railways constructed by the Government, and 3m. 0ch. of lines constructed by private company and afterwards purchased by the Government.

^f 9 miles 16 chains formerly returned as open tramway.

^g 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 23th May, 1895.

^h This comprises 20m. 70ch. constructed by Government, and 74m. 5ch. constructed by New Zealand Midland Railway Company, and 3m. 46ch. partly constructed by New Zealand Midland Railway Company and finished by Government.