

APPENDIX E.

ANNUAL REPORT ON PUBLIC WORKS BY THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF.

The ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF to the Hon. the MINISTER of PUBLIC WORKS.

SIR,—

Public Works Office, Wellington, 1st September, 1908.

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, 1908:—

Name of Railway.	Total Length of Railway or Section.	Open for Traffic.	Expenditure to 31st March, 1908.	Liabilities on 31st March, 1908.
	M. ch.	M. ch.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Kaihu Valley	19 40	17 21	55,044 17 1	..
Kawakawa-Grahamtown—				
Opua Wharf-Hukerenui	32 64	7 41	137,169 16 9	..
Hukerenui-Grahamtown	25 20	22 52	183,811 0 6	737 6 11
Helensville Northwards to Maungatapere	75 29	26 52	269,742 1 11	1,586 18 5
Kaipara-Waikato, with Branches	151 1	151 1	1,307,546 0 10	..
Waikato-Thames, with Branches	75 18	75 18	479,789 16 6	..
Thames Valley-Rotorua	69 33	69 33	355,576 11 1	..
Gisborne-Motu	50 25	20 5	165,562 17 10	8,397 4 6
Wellington-Napier and Palmerston North (including Te Aro Extension and Greytown Branch)	233 12	233 12	2,155,742 12 3	..
Wellington-Foxton	..	..	42,116 3 4	..
Foxton-New Plymouth, with Branches	205 42	196 22	1,535,518 14 1	970 19 5
Stratford-Ongarue	101 0	11 18	95,239 15 6	2,873 13 4
North Island Main Trunk	209 69	125 11	2,496,430 15 10	13,236 17 6
Picton-Waipara—				
Picton-Cheviot	138 15	33 45	376,054 4 1	667 10 6
Waipara-Cheviot	35 35	31 68	238,658 10 1	..
Nelson-Roundell	22 73	22 73	168,096 19 7	..
Midland Railway*	241 23	113 11	806,657 4 9	622,325 7 3
Westport-Ngakawau	19 56	19 56	188,008 17 3	..
Westport-Ngakawau Extension to Mokihinui†	7 12	7 12	..	..
Mokihinui Colliery Line‡	3 69	3 69	..	..
Westport-Inangahua	26 0	..	24,358 19 3	1,649 14 2
Ngahere-Blackball	3 30	..	67,973 11 6	2,516 15 5
Greymouth-Coal Creek	5 1	5 1	65,547 12 5	..
Greymouth-Brunner	7 51	7 51	150,512 11 11	..
Greymouth-Ross	40 21	31 47	314,116 19 11	5,126 5 11
Culverden-Hammer Motor-cars and Repairs to Road	..	..	3,819 14 0	..
Hurunui-Waitaki, with Branches	483 72	443 8	2,337,796 17 6	..
Canterbury Interior Main Line—Oxford-Temuka	83 0	11 44	59,343 9 2	..
Waitaki-Bluff, with Branches	616 58	478 12	3,853,229 0 10	2,098 2 11
Otago Central	182 56	134 78	1,279,306 6 6	..
Invercargill-Kingston, with Mararoa Branch	117 4	97 44	334,649 2 9	..
Forest Hill Railway—Winton-Hedgehope§	12 40	12 40	22,983 14 5	..
Western Railways	71 6	62 24	292,074 17 0	723 6 9
Preliminary Surveys	..	..	35,467 5 7	58 1 4
Miscellaneous	..	..	10,336 19 11	..
Stock of Permanent-way on hand	..	..	90,966 17 2	6,805 6 10
Value of Permanent-way in hands of Railway Department	..	..	25,000 0 0	..
Rolling-stock	..	..	4,183,766 18 5	127,927 0 0
Total	3,366 15	2,472 9	24,208,017 17 6	797,700 11 2
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	..
Midland Railway, Valuation of Works constructed by Company	..	..	683,460 3 1	..
Grand total	3,366 15	2,472 9	26,000,734 4 7	797,700 11 2

* The amount shown as expenditure represents the net amount charged against the colony.

† 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.

|| Does not include expenditure under "Hutt Road and Railway Improvement" and "Railway Improvement Authorisation Act" Accounts.