

1910.
NEW ZEALAND.

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS:
COMPARATIVE RETURNS OF SYSTEMS, WAGES, FREIGHTS, ETC.

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 11th November, 1909.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing,—(1) The average wages and salaries paid per capita to the railway employees in the service of the Government of New Zealand and the different States of the Commonwealth of Australia, respectively; (2) the number of isolated sections in the railway systems of New Zealand and the different States of Australia, respectively; (3) the length of each section in the railway systems of New Zealand and the different States of Australia, respectively; (4) the cost of coal per ton for railway use in New Zealand and the different States of Australia, respectively; (5) a plan of the Commonwealth of Australia and of New Zealand respectively, showing prominently the lines of railway respectively which come into competition with the water carriage; (6) the length of mileage and rates for workmen's tickets in New Zealand and the different States of Australia, respectively; (7) the passenger-fares for first and second class for 25, 50, 100, 200, 300, 400, and 500 miles in New Zealand and the different Australian States, respectively; (8) the freight on wool, grain, meat, sheep, cattle, horses, milk, cream, butter and cheese, timber (imported and native), fruit and poultry, coal, and general merchandise, in New Zealand and the different Australian States, respectively."—(Mr. ELL.)

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RETURN prepared in conformity with motion of Mr. H. G. Ell, M.P., and ordered by the House on the 11th November, 1909. Tables and maps attached hereto.

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2nd December, 1910.

(1.) STATEMENT SHOWING THE AVERAGE RATE OF PAY PER CAPITA OF RAILWAY EMPLOYEES, NEW ZEALAND, VICTORIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, AND QUEENSLAND.

Country.	Average Rate. £
New Zealand	141
Victoria	136
New South Wales	120
South Australia	119
Queensland	122

(2) AND (3). LENGTH OF RAILWAY-LINES IN NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA.

New Zealand.			Australia.		
Section.	M.	ch.	State.		Miles.
Kawakawa	7	39	New South Wales		3,472
Whangarei	22	44	Victoria		3,415
Kaihu	17	15	South Australia		2,033
North Island main line and branches	1,072	67	Western Australia		2,045
Gisborne	23	68	Queensland		3,498
South Island main line and branches	1,321	27			
Westland	137	62	Total		14,463
Westport	30	17			
Nelson	47	55			
Picton	33	44			
Total	2,714	38			

NOTE.—Of the above the Western Australia system is by itself, but the other railways are all connected with the exception of 1,304 miles of isolated lines as per attached schedule.