

For the current year it is proposed to provide additional funds as under :—

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Balance of loan of 1911	1,050,000
Transfer from Consolidated Fund	750,000
Proposed new loan	1,750,000

The above, with the balance brought forward, gives a gross total of £3,632,580. The estimated expenditure for public works for the current year (excluding separate accounts having their own ways and means) amounts to £2,748,000, leaving an estimated balance of £884,580 to be carried forward to next year.

In addition to the above we have authority to raise the undermentioned sums :—

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Under the Aid to Water-power Works Act, 1910 ..	500,000
For irrigation-works (section 20, Appropriation Act, 1910)	100,000
Under the Waihou and Ohinemuri Rivers Improvement Act, 1910 (balance)	50,000

RAILWAY-CONSTRUCTION.

The following sections of railway were opened for traffic during the last financial year or since its close :—

	M.	ch.	
Kawakawa to Towai ..	21	18	.. April, 1911.
Seddon to Ward ..	14	44	.. April, 1911.
Waimahaka to Tokonui ..	8	27	.. September, 1911.
Kioreroa to Onerahi ..	2	50	.. October, 1911.
Waikohu to Otoko ..	7	75	.. April, 1912.
Westport to Te Kuha ..	5	74	.. April, 1912.
Te Wera to Pohokura ..	8	55	.. August, 1912.
Kiwi to Glenhope ..	12	58	.. September, 1912.
Total	82	1	

In addition to the above the following sections are approaching completion, and are expected to be ready to hand over to the Railway Department for regular traffic during the current year or shortly after its close :—

	Length.
	M. ch.
Kaihu Extension	2 44
Otiria to Kaikohe	16 25
Te Hana to Otamatea	11 30
Maunganui to Te Puke	13 0
Pohokura to Whangamomona	6 13
Mount Egmont Branch	2 56
Otoko to Rakauaroa	6 50
Cronadun to Inangahua Junction	12 70
Coal Creek Extension	3 58
Cass to Bealey	14 6
Mina to Parnassus	8 43
Big Hill to Athenæum Flat	3 0
Houipapa to Papatowai	12 72
Total	113 67

The total expenditure on railway-construction and improvement-works last year amounted to £1,178,968, as under :—

	£
Construction of new lines	763,711
Additions to open lines	362,194
Wellington-Hutt Railway duplication	1,635
Railways Improvement Account	51,428
Total	£1,178,968