

The following table shows the brief particulars of the expenditure of the year* and also the total under each class of work from the inauguration of the public-works policy up to the 31st March last :—

TOTAL EXPENDITURE.		
Class of Work.	Expenditure.	
	Expenditure for Year ended 31st March, 1915.	Total Expenditure to 31st March, 1915.
Railways—	£	£
New construction	646,878	*24,187,621
Additions to open lines	499,875	8,851,741
Roads	514,430	10,615,759
Public buildings	†432,000	6,288,791
Immigration	33,219	2,321,739
Purchase of Native lands	...	2,063,803
Lighthouses, harbour-works, and harbour-defences	17,131	1,122,635
Tourist and health resorts... ..	8,232	252,748
Telegraph-extension	288,395	2,958,168
Development of goldfields	2,384	884,820
Defence-works (general)	15,222	989,616
Departmental	100,719	951,464
Development of water-power	...	18,451
Irrigation and water-supply	...	4,356
Payment to Midland Railway bondholders	...	150,000
Lands-improvement	13,810	134,565
Minor works and services	...	312,607
Cost and discount, raising loans, &c.	35,495	1,253,030
	2,607,790	63,361,914
Wellington-Hutt Railway improvement	...	228,373
New Hutt Road	368	101,516
Railways Improvement Account	9,024	641,605
Opening up Crown Lands for Settlement Account	92,975	788,373
National Endowment Account	9,151	33,271
Waikou and Ohinemuri Rivers Account	10,004	32,960
Aid to Water-power Works Account	74,291	252,129
Irrigation and Water-supply Account	32,089	80,380
Totals	2,835,692	65,520,521

* Includes expenditure under Wellington-Manawatu Railway Purchase Account. † Includes £15,000 expended under section 104 of the Reserves and Other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1914.

WAYS AND MEANS.

On the 1st April, 1914, the available ways and means for public-works purposes were £ 1,178,584
And further funds were received as under :—

Under the Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act, 1913	217,778
Under the Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act, 1914	1,525,000
Under the New Zealand Loans Act, 1908.. ..	26,114
Premium on sale of 4-per-cent. debentures	8,750
Transfer from revenue	350,000
Other receipts	9,422

Making a gross total of £3,315,648

The ordinary expenditure of the year amounted to £2,557,295, charges and expenses in respect of raising loans £35,495, redemption of debentures £11,800, and other expenditure £15,296, thus bringing the total disbursements up to £2,619,886, and leaving a credit balance at the end of the year of £695,762.