

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, 1916.	Total Expenditure to 31st March, 1916.
Railways—	£	£
New construction	662,919	24,845,907
Additions to open lines	402,252	9,253,993
Roads	424,494	11,040,253
Public buildings	335,774	6,624,550
Immigration	10,010	2,331,739
Purchase of Native lands	...	2,062,831
Lighthouses, harbour-works, and harbour-defences	13,673	1,136,308
Tourist and health resorts... ..	5,167	257,415
Telegraph-extension	249,554	3,207,722
Development of mining	6,602	891,422
Defence-works (general)	37,619	1,027,235
Departmental	111,489	1,062,953
Development of water-power	...	18,451
Irrigation and water-supply	...	4,356
Payment to Midland Railway bondholders	...	150,000
Lands-improvement	5,936	140,501
Minor works and services	...	312,607
Plant, material, and stores	74,418	74,418
Cost and discount, raising loans, &c.	5,037	1,253,037
	2,344,944	65,695,698
Wellington-Hutt Railway and Road Improvement Account {	Railway ...	228,374
	Road ... 142	101,658
Railways Improvement Account	Cr. 4	641,275
Railways Improvement Authorization Act 1914 Account ...	139,754	139,754
Loans to Local Bodies Account—Roads to open up Crown lands ...	...	697,408
Opening up Crown Lands for Settlement Account—Roads to open up Crown lands ...	...	206,626
Land for Settlements Account—Roads to open up Crown lands ...	47,974	140,949
National Endowment Account—Roads to open up endowment lands ...	13,344	46,614
Aid to Water-power Works Account	*55,410	307,538
Irrigation and Water-supply Account	29,874	110,255
Waihou and Ohinemuri Rivers Improvement Account.. ...	9,225	42,185
Totals	2,640,663	68,358,334

*Including £1, cost of raising loan.

WAYS AND MEANS.

On the 1st April, 1915, the available ways and means for public-works purposes were £ 695,762

And further funds were received as under :—

Under the Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act, 1914	929,900
Under the Finance Act of 1915	2,000,000
Under the Finance Act, to cover expenses of raising	5,030
Other receipts and recoveries	7,353

Making a gross total of £3,638,045

The ordinary expenditure of the year amounted to £2,339,907, plus the expenses of raising loans £5,037, thus bring the total disbursements up to £2,344,944