

RETURN No. 23.

STATEMENT SHOWING APPROXIMATELY SLEEPERS LAID AND REMOVED UP TO 31ST MARCH, 1917.

Year.	Approximate Length opened each Year.			Sleepers.	
	North Island.	Middle Island.	Total.	Laid during Construction. (2,100 per mile.)	Removed during Maintenance.*
	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.		
1867	..	45 70	45 70	96,338	..
1870-71	..	18 58	18 58	39,323	..
1871-72	..	11 68	11 68	24,885	..
1872-73	..	27 62	27 62	58,327	..
1873-74	10 55	11 21	21 76	46,095	..
1874-75	61 19	126 78	188 17	395,246	..
1875-76	69 23	248 4	317 27	666,409	..
1876-77	64 24	152 39	216 63	455,254	..
1877-78	103 76	94 58	198 54	417,217	..
1878-79	27 19	56 46	83 65	176,006	..
1879-80†	26 33	40 73	67 26	141,382	..
1880-81	68 39	32 71	101 30	212,888	74,261
1881-82	22 67	40 16	63 3	132,379	73,947
1882-83	2 2	40 19	42 21	88,751	106,763
1883-84	22 19	22 50	44 69	94,211	125,632
1884-85	56 0	24 0	80 0	168,000	148,325
1885-86	43 26	47 52	90 78	191,048	137,993
1886-87	58 72	11 39	70 31	147,814	139,040
1887-88	11 47	17 32	28 79	60,874	122,027
1888-89	18 31	..	18 31	42,814	108,690
1889-90	11 57	20 68	32 45	68,381	129,634
1890-91	28 21	5 68	34 9	71,636	133,954
1891-92	..	27 27	27 27	57,408	139,912
1892-93	17 26	..	17 26	36,382	132,569
1893-94	28 38	33 58	62 16	130,620	155,827
1894-95	16 62	27 24	44 6	92,558	170,681
1895-96	14 73	3 48	18 41	38,876	188,291
1896-97	3 64	1 11	4 75	10,370	210,588
1897-98	27 46	10 2	37 48	78,960	243,479
1898-99	22 46	11 13	33 59	70,848	282,326
1899-1900	..	19 26	19 26	40,582	302,354
1900-1901	4 30	103 38	107 68	226,485	345,433
1901-1902	11 20	12 32	23 52	49,665	369,339
1902-1903	28 40	27 43	56 3	117,679	330,029
1903-1904	33 12	4 44	37 56	79,170	309,296
1904-1905	17 61	27 75	45 56	95,970	302,252
1905-1906	23 5	8 52	31 57	66,596	309,183
1906-1907	..	50 7	50 7	105,184	283,293
1907-1908	10 38	4 61	15 19	31,999	331,678
1908-1909	186 21	23 21	209 42	440,003	279,190
1909-1910	3 60	31 43	35 23	74,104	236,390
1910-1911	14 64	29 76	44 60	93,975	282,682
1911-1912	23 30	23 1	46 31	97,414	273,586
1912-1913	25 37	26 77	52 34	110,092	235,378
1913-1914	..	3 6	3 6	6,458	261,748
1914-1915	40 22	51 3	91 25	191,756	227,674
1915-1916	7 43	7 73	15 36	32,445	157,970
1916-1917	..	..	..	..	86,595
Totals	..	..	..	6,170,877	7,748,009

* Complete information not recorded until 1880-81.

† Nine months only.