

APPENDIX B.

ANNUAL REPORT ON PUBLIC WORKS BY THE ACTING
ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF.

The ACTING ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF to the Hon. MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

SIR,—

I have the honour, in the absence of the Engineer-in-Chief (Mr. Furkert) abroad, to submit the following report upon the various works under my control completed and in progress throughout the Dominion during the period from the 1st July, 1925, to the 30th June, 1926.

RAILWAYS.

ABSTRACT.

The following table shows the expenditure on Government railways in New Zealand up to the 31st March, 1926:—

Name of Railway.	Total Length of Railway or Section.	Open for Traffic.	Expenditure to 31st March, 1926.
	M. ch.	M. ch.	£
Kaihu Valley	24 32	24 32	179,118
Otiria-Ngapuhi	13 45	13 45	125,987
Opua Wharf - Onerahi	58 6	58 6	608,292
Kioreroa-Waiotira	19 79	19 79	417,357
North Auckland Main Trunk Railway (from Helensville) ..	172 35	80 63	2,942,998
Helensville - Te Awamutu, with Branches (including Auckland-Westfield Deviation)	215 35	160 63	3,990,288
Frankton Junction - Thames, with Branches	127 35	87 20	1,395,748
Thames Valley - Rotorua	69 33	69 33	421,748
Tauranga-Opotiki, with Branches	145 32	..	1,386,420
Gisborne-Opotiki	93 44	49 32	623,558
Napier-Gisborne (including Waikokopu Branch)	281 44	23 44	1 621,738
Wellington-Napier and Palmerston North (including Te Aro Extension, Greytown and Martinborough Branches, and Hutt Valley Railway)	258 62	233 12	2,950,164
Wellington-Waitara, with Branches	350 11	285 59	3,493,145
Stratford-Okahukura	112 47	47 40	1,439,172
North Island Main Trunk (Marton - Te Awamutu), including Raetihi Branch and Waipa Gravel-access Branch	225 79	218 39	3,058,705
Picton-Waipara (South Island Main Trunk Railway)—			
Picton southwards	92 38	56 6	656,027
Waipara northwards	90 45	44 14	378,740
Nelson-Greymouth	177 51	125 57	714,819
Stillwater - Arthur's Pass	51 41	50 41	2,045,196
Rolleston - Arthur's Pass (including Whitecliffs Branch) ..	92 59	84 45	1,029,453
Westport-Ngakawau	19 56	19 56	193,883
Westport - Ngakawau Extension to Mokihinui*	7 12	7 12	..
Mokihinui Colliery Line†	3 69	3 69	..
Westport-Inangahua	26 0	5 74	198,048
Ngahere-Blackball	3 40	3 40	147,532
Greymouth-Rewanui and Branches	11 34	11 34	329,743
Greymouth-Waitaha	50 32	38 68	355,853
Waipara-Waitaki, with Branches	459 34	413 70	2,835,798
Canterbury Interior Main Line—Oxford-Temuka	83 0	11 44	59,942
Waitaki-Bluff, with Branches	600 21	561 2	5,375,265
Otago Central	182 51	147 27	1,436,626
Invercargill-Kingston, with Mararoa Branch	117 4	97 44	393,767
Forest Hill Railway—Winton-Hedgehope‡	12 40	12 40	23,337
Western Railways	94 8	78 49	447,437
Preliminary surveys	.. *	..	45,452
General charges not yet apportioned	..	..	3,698
Miscellaneous	..	..	10,337
Stock of permanent-way on hand	..	..	22,458
Rolling-stock	..	..	10,124,091
Suspense Account, being proportion of cost of raising loan for Railways Improvement Authorization Act 1914 Account. ..	..	..	23,580
Total	4,275 49	3,145 79	\$51,455,270
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT LINES, ETC.			
Canterbury (lengths included above)	..	..	731,759
Otago and Southland	..	..	372,522
Gisborne to Ormond Tramway	..	..	4,975
Midland Railway, valuation of works constructed by company ..	..	..	683,460
Grand total	4,275 49	3,145 79	53,247,986

* The funds for this extension—namely, £35,501 2s. 11d.—were provided by the Westport Harbour Board.

† The funds for purchase of this line, £15,745, were provided by the Westport Harbour Board.

‡ The expenditure on this line as a tramway was made by the Lands Department.

§ Includes expenditure on railways under Hutt Road and Railway Improvement, Railway Improvement Authorization Act, and Railway Improvement Authorization Act 1914 Accounts.

|| Includes value for £150,000 paid to debenture-holders under the Midland Railway Petitions Settlement Act Amendment Act, 1903.