

APPENDIX B.

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

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

SIR,—

I have the honour 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, 1926, to the 30th June, 1927.

RAILWAYS.

ABSTRACT.

The following table shows the expenditure on Government railways in New Zealand up to the 31st March, 1927:—

Name of Railway.	Total Length of Railway or Section.	Open for Traffic.	Expenditure to 31st March, 1927.
	M. ch.	M. ch.	£
Kaihu Valley	24 32	24 32	179,068
Otiria-Ngapuhi	13 45	13 45	125,987
Opua Wharf - Onerahi	58 6	58 6	607,558
Kioreroa-Waiotira	19 79	19 79	418,756
North Auckland Main Trunk Railway (from Helensville)	172 35	80 63	3,240,615
Helensville - Te Awamutu, with Branches (including Auckland-Westfield Deviation)	215 35	160 63	4,433,549
Frankton Junction - Thames, with Branches	127 35	87 20	1,613,119
Thames Valley - Rotorua	69 33	69 33	421,985
Tauranga-Opotiki, with Branches	145 32	..	1,407,081
Gisborne-Opotiki	93 44	49 32	623,379
Napier-Gisborne (including Waikokopu Branch)	231 44	23 44	1,857,161
Wellington-Napier and Palmerston North (including Te Aro Extension, Greytown and Martinborough Branches, and Hutt Valley Railway)	258 62	233 12	3,212,928
Wellington-Waitara, with Branches	350 11	308 42	3,711,522
Stratford-Okahukura	112 47	47 40	1,583,407
North Island Main Trunk (Marton-Te Awamutu), including Raetihi Branch and Waipa Gravel-access Branch	225 79	218 39	3,101,830
Picton-Waipara (South Island Main Trunk Railway)—			
Picton southwards	92 38	56 6	656,093
Waipara northwards	90 45	44 14	380,533
Nelson-Greymouth	177 51	129 50	738,263
Stillwater - Arthur's Pass	51 41	50 41	2,048,842
Rolleston - Arthur's Pass (including Whitecliffs Branch)	92 59	84 45	1,030,417
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	208,751
Ngahere-Blackball	3 40	3 40	147,547
Greymouth-Rewanui and Branches	11 34	11 34	329,898
Greymouth-Waitaha	50 32	38 68	356,506
Waipara-Waitaki, with Branches	459 34	413 70	2,958,009
Canterbury Interior Main Line—Oxford-Temuka	83 0	11 44	59,942
Waitaki-Bluff, with Branches	600 21	561 2	5,540,279
Otago Central	182 51	147 27	1,438,542
Invercargill-Kingston, with Mararoa Branch	117 4	97 44	394,602
Forest Hill Railway—Winton-Hedgehope‡	12 40	12 40	23,337
Western Railways	94 8	78 49	448,971
Preliminary surveys	..	..	46,100
General charges not yet apportioned	..	..	7,575
Miscellaneous	..	..	10,337
Stock of permanent-way on hand	..	..	10,730
Rolling-stock	..	..	10,184,805
Suspense Account, being proportion of cost of raising loan for Railways Improvement Authorization Act 1914 Account	..	..	15,380
Total	4,275 49	3,172 55	£53,767,291
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	3,172 55	55,560,007

* 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.