An analysis of the expenditure by the Board and by local authorities on actual maintenance, as distinct from interest on loans and other overhead charges, is shown in the tabulation below:—

			Board's Contribution.	Local Authorities' Contribution.	Total.	Percentage Board's Contribution to Total.	Percentage Local Authorities' Contribution to Total.	
North Island South Island				£ 610,356 322,319	$\begin{array}{c} \pounds \\ 154,306 \\ 72,248 \end{array}$	£ 764,662 394,567	$79.82 \\ 81.69$	$20.18 \\ 18.31$
То	tal	• •	• •	932,675	226,554	1,159,229	80.46	19.54

An analysis of the actual expenditure by the Board on maintenance in each Island, as compared with the number of motor-vehicles in each Island at the 31st March shows the following comparisons for the last ten years:—

	1925–26.	1926-27.	1927–28.	1928–29.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932–33.	1933-34.	1934–35
North Island-							Ì			
Maintenance expen-	$65 \cdot 27$	$64 \cdot 86$	$67 \cdot 51$	$66 \cdot 13$	$62 \cdot 30$	$59 \cdot 23$	$62 \cdot 31$	$62 \cdot 84$	$63 \cdot 80$	$65 \cdot 44$
diture										
Motor-vehicles	$61 \cdot 41$	61.86	$62 \cdot 19$	63.08	$63 \cdot 63$	$63 \cdot 84$	$63 \cdot 77$	$63 \cdot 78$	$63 \cdot 94$	$64 \cdot 31$
South Island—						i	ĺ	ĺ		
Maintenance expen- diture	34.73	35.14	$32 \cdot 49$	33.87	37 · 70	40.77	37.69	37.16	36.20	34.56
Motor-vehicles	38.59	$38 \cdot 14$	$37 \cdot 81$	$36 \cdot 92$	$36 \cdot 37$	$36 \cdot 16$	$36 \cdot 23$	$36 \cdot 22$	36.06	$35 \cdot 69$

An analysis of the Board's expenditure and the expenditure by local authorities under the Construction Fund shows the following position:—

		Board's Contribution.	Local Authorities' Contribution.	Total.	Percentage of Board's Contri- bution to Total.	Percentage of Local Authorities' Contribution to Total.		
North Island South Island		£ 198,969 126,514	£ 39,971 18,004	£ 238,940 144,518	83·27 87·54	$16.73 \\ 12.46$		
Totals		325,483	57,975	383,458	84.88	15.12		

The following tabulation shows the amount which has been provided by the Board and the local authorities for expenditure on both maintenance and construction during the last ten years:—

	1925–26.	1926–27.	1927–28.	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931–32.	1932–33.	1933-34	1934–35.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Maintenance by Board	279,404	438,762			[1,049,249]		849,734	600,324		
Maintenance by local authorities	185,015	276,349	269,065	284,526	375,849	317,839	215,568	168,466	187,735	226,554
Construction by Board	421,880	540,362	449,904	936,148	1,007,957	667,902	361,969	159,323	198,295	325,483
Construction by local authorities	142,761	255,860	262,538	214,155	203,148	150,984	94,973	43,181	55,997	57,975
	1,029,060	1,511,333	1,505,088	2,191,228	2,636,203	2,009,302	1,522,244	971,294	1,116,053	1,542,687
Percentages.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.
Maintenance by Board	60.2	$61 \cdot 4$	66.0	$72 \cdot 7$	$73 \cdot 6$	73.3	79 · 8	$78 \cdot 1$	$78 \cdot 2$	80.5
Maintenance by local authorities	39.8	$38 \cdot 6$	34.0	$27 \cdot 3$	$26 \cdot 4$	$26 \cdot 7$	$20 \cdot 2$	$21 \cdot 9$	21.8	$19 \cdot 5$
Construction by Board	74.7	$67 \cdot 9$	$63 \cdot 1$	$81 \cdot 4$	$83 \cdot 3$	81.6	$79 \cdot 2$	$77 \cdot 6$	77.0	$84 \cdot 9$
Construction by local authorities	25.3	$32 \cdot 1$	36.9	18.6	16.7	18.4	20.8	22 · 4	23.0	15.1

The maintenance figures in the above table exclude indirect charges such as supervision, interest, &c., but include the cost of earthquake restoration.

It will be noticed that both maintenance and construction expenditure show an increase on the figures for the last few years.