

PROVINCE OF TARANAKI,—				£	s.	d.
Wai-iti-Patea	...	...	...	36,402	14	1
Hawera-New Plymouth, inland	...	...	...	1,205	12	8
				£37,608 6 9		
PROVINCE OF HAWKE'S BAY,—						
Napier	...	...	...	13,428	11	7
Seventy-Mile Bush	...	...	...	16,636	10	9
Wairoa	...	...	...	891	6	9
				£30,956 9 1		
PROVINCE OF WELLINGTON,—						
Wanganui-Patea	...	...	...	24,688	13	2
Wanganui-Taupo	...	...	...	2,091	18	2
Seventy-Mile Bush	...	...	...	5,889	16	8
Manawatu	...	...	...	24,754	5	11
Manawatu Tramway	...	...	...	21,656	19	6
				£79,081 13 5		

It will be seen by reference to the Tables that the amount expended to the 30th June, 1872, out of the North Island Road Fund was—

				£	s.	d.
In the Province of Auckland	...	...	...	30,840	6	11
Taranaki	...	...	...	19,913	15	0
Hawke's Bay	...	...	...	22,448	19	8
Wellington	...	...	...	47,034	7	0
Unapportionable Recoveries	...	...	...	1,747	11	5
Total				£121,985 0 0		

That the amount expended during the year 1872-73 was—

				£	s.	d.
In the Province of Auckland	...	...	...	35,555	2	5
Taranaki	...	...	...	17,694	11	9
Hawke's Bay	...	...	...	8,507	9	5
Wellington	...	...	...	32,047	6	5
Total				£93,804 10 0		

And that the amount of the works which have been let during the year 1872-73 was—

				£	s.	d.
In the Province of Auckland	...	...	...	45,852	11	9
Taranaki	...	...	...	10,205	16	2
Hawke's Bay	...	...	...	9,301	6	3
Wellington	...	...	...	21,480	1	0
In all, this year				£86,839 15 2		

The North Island Road Fund Account now stands thus:—

				£	s.	d.
Expended in Province of Auckland	...	...	...	66,395	9	4
Taranaki	...	...	...	37,608	6	9
Hawke's Bay	...	...	...	30,956	9	1
Wellington	...	...	...	79,081	13	5
Unapportionable	...	...	...	1,747	11	5
				£215,789 10 0		
Liabilities for contracts in hand 30th June, 1873:—						
Auckland	...	...	...	35,934	18	4
Taranaki	...	...	...	5,631	16	7
Hawke's Bay	...	...	...	8,972	10	0
Wellington	...	...	...	24,424	1	10
Together showing a total out of the £400,000 voted of				£290,752 16 9		
Leaving an amount of				£109,247 3 3		

for future allocation and expenditure,—subject, however, to a balance of £43,270 13s. 5d. out of the £60,000 set aside by Resolution of last Session for Roads North of Auckland.

A glance at the map now within this House will give honorable Members a very fair idea as to how far the North Island is opened up by roads.

At the end of the year 1871 and 1872 there were in the North Island 421