

APPENDICES TO THE PUBLIC WORKS STATEMENT, 1877.

APPENDIX A.

ANNUAL REPORT ON RAILWAYS BY THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF.

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

SIR,—

Public Works Office, Wellington, 18th July, 1877.

I have the honor to submit the following annual report on work done in railway construction during the past financial year:—

The expenditure on railways up to the 30th June, 1871, was	...	...	£12,160
During the year ending 30th June, 1872, it was	...	...	205,057
" " 1873 "	...	...	604,323
" " 1874 "	...	...	1,049,465
" " 1875 "	...	...	1,691,356
" " 1876 "	...	...	1,600,133
" " 1877 "	...	...	967,426

Total expenditure to 30th June, 1877 £6,129,920

This sum is subdivided thus—

North Island	...	...	£2,199,465
South Island	...	...	3,930,455

Total £6,129,920

Contracts have been entered into and other liabilities incurred to the extent of £530,333, apportioned as follows:—

North Island	...	...	£240,082
South Island	...	...	290,251

Total £530,333

The whole of this liability will have to be met during the present year, and a further sum of £809,766 will be required to carry on the works, including the purchase of land, which you have indicated to me as those to be done during the same period. This gives a total to be expended during the year of £1,340,099.

The following table shows the lengths of railway opened for traffic and under construction, including the Provincial railways, which, by "The Abolition of Provinces Act," have come under the charge of the Colonial Government:—

Name of Railway.	Expended to 30th June, 1877.	To be spent, 1877-78.	Total Estimated Cost on 30th June, 1877.	Total Length authorized.		Open for Traffic.	To be opened during 1877-78.		Will not be finished by 30th June, 1878.		
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NORTH ISLAND.											
Kawakawa	8	19	2	68	...	5	31	
Kaipara—Puniu	142	40	61	15	51	65	29	40
Napier—Manawatu	64	1	58	36	5	45
Wellington—Masterton	68	39	19	44	24	75	24	0
Waitara—Patea, North	33	33	11	13	13	40	8	60
Patea—Manawatu, North	9	31	...	...	9	31	...	...
" " Central	86	10	{ 20	26	{ 26	59	...	...
" " South	{ 39	5	{ ...	...	...	...
Total, North Island	412	13	212	47	131	75	67	51
SOUTH ISLAND.											
Nelson—Foxhill	20	11	19	10	1	1	...	...
Westport—Ngakawau	19	19	10	0	9	19	...	...
Picton—Blenheim	18	52	17	10	1	42	...	...
Greymouth—Brunnerton	7	50	7	50	...	...	...	...
Amberley—Waitaki and Branches—
General Government Lines	249	21	249	21	...	...	...	...
Provincial Government Lines	54	37	54	37	...	...	...	...
Waitaki to Bluff and Branches—
General Government Lines	323	63	214	7	109	56	...	...
Provincial Government Lines	122	19	76	0	20	73	25	26
Total, South Island	815	32	647	55	142	31	25	26
SUMMARY OF LENGTH.											
North Island	412	13	212	47	131	75	67	51
South Island	815	32	647	55	142	31	25	26
Total	1,227	45	860	22	274	26	92	77