

APPENDIX I.

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, 31st March, 1887.

I have the honour to submit the following report on railway works executed and in progress throughout the colony during the year ending 31st March, 1887 :—

ABSTRACT.

The following statement shows the expenditure and liabilities on Government railways in New Zealand up to the 31st March, 1887 :—

Name of Railway.	Total Length of Railway or Section.	Open for Traffic.	Expenditure to 31st March, 1887.		Liabilities on 31st March, 1887.	
	M. ch.	M. ch.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Kawakawa.. .. .	7 41	7 41	90,527	15 2	852	4 0
Whangarei-Kamo	9 20	6 52	69,960	11 0	41	13 9
Extension North of Auckland	4 25	..	238	15 5	152	4 7
Kaipara-Waikato, with Branches	172 36	151 1	1,366,675	7 8	6,994	16 11
Waikato-Thames	62 55	30 55	190,590	11 7	6,912	12 10
Morrinsville-Rotorua	73 36	41 60	166,705	3 8	50,945	12 1
Wellington-Napier and Palmerston North	230 22	181 67	1,616,078	0 3	108,552	11 5
Wellington-Foxton .. .. .	..	..	41,815	7 2	478	4 7
Foxton-New Plymouth	202 63	197 60	1,398,737	5 9	1,901	8 3
Main North Island Trunk	210 0	14 20	182,868	2 2	135,976	3 0
Nelson-Roundell	52 0	22 73	176,464	3 3	7	11 5
Greymouth-Nelson Creek	16 3	7 69	205,351	6 11	63	10 2
Greymouth-Hokitika	24 0	..	54,548	19 2	9,293	18 8
Westport-Ngakawau	19 63	19 19	214,803	9 11	..	..
Picton-Hurunui—Picton-Awatere Section	34 40	17 73	226,699	14 7	5,397	18 1
Red Post Section	9 50	9 50	39,025	14 6	25	19 11
Hurunui-Waitaki, with Branches	474 41	429 30	2,468,107	18 4	4,195	10 2
Oxford-Malvern	11 44	11 44	59,210	11 0	..	..
Waitaki to Bluff, with Branches	560 53	416 33	3,308,104	16 7	20,881	14 2
Otago Central—Chain Hills-Blair-Tairi Section	37 0	..	328,211	12 8	66,554	8 3
Invercargill-Kingston, with Mararoa Branch	117 4	97 44	317,753	0 4	1,357	6 10
Western Railways	57 56	57 56	223,616	0 7	390	10 1
Preliminary Surveys .. .. .	..	..	54,428	3 7	360	13 6
Miscellaneous .. .. .	..	..	10,336	19 11	..	..
Stock of permanent-way and rolling-stock on hand .. .. .	..	..	162,594	18 6	65,039	10 6
Total	2,387 12	1,721 52	12,973,454	9 8	486,376	3 2
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT LINES.						
Canterbury (lengths included above) .. .. .	..	..	731,759	0 0	..	..
Otago .. .. .	..	..	372,522	2 5	..	..
Grand Total .. .. .	..	..	14,077,735	12 1	486,376	3 2

Including certain lines purchased by Government from private companies, a total length of 106 miles 67 chains has been opened during the year—59 miles in the North Island, and 47 miles 67 chains in the Middle Island. The sections making up these lengths are as follows :—