

In witness whereof the parties hereto have respectively executed these presents this fifteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two.

The seal of the Company was hereunto affixed this fifteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, at a meeting of Directors, and by order of the Directors.

W. H. LEVIN,  
G. V. SHANNON,  
Directors.

JAS. WALLACE,  
Secretary of the Company.

(L.S.) Seal of the Wellington and Manawatu  
Railway Company (Limited).

D.—EXTRACTS FROM CENSUS RETURNS, 1881.

Provinces.	Area Occupied Holdings.	Population (exclu- sive of Maoris).	Cattle.	Sheep.
	Acres.			
Wellington-West Coast .. ..	2,130,000	54,483	132,417	729,002
Taranaki .. .. .	234,169	14,858	21,475	2,048,740
Napier .. .. .	2,136,646	17,367	37,373	14,368
	4,500,815	86,708	191,765	2,792,110

MEMORANDUM in reply to Hon. MINISTER for PUBLIC WORKS.

Public Works Office, Wellington, 6th September, 1882.

In accordance with your instructions, I have examined the detailed estimate of the cost of constructing the Wellington-Manawatu Railway, prepared by the Engineer to the Company, Mr. H. P. Higginson, amounting to the sum of £551,532—that is, over and above the value of the work executed by the New Zealand Government and handed over to the Company.

This corresponds very closely with an estimate prepared for your information by the Public Works Department, after survey of the line by the Government, which amounted to £560,000.

The cost of any land required for the railway (excepting £1,000) is not included in this amount. Estimate returned herewith.

JOHN BLACKETT,  
Engineer-in-Charge, North Island, New Zealand.

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