

	Part I.	Part II.	Total.
	£	£	£
Cash balances on 31st March, 1892	299,578	276,977	576,555
Credit from surplus revenue and Government Loans to Local Bodies Act ..	250,000		250,000
Probable recoveries during the year ..	2,000		2,000
	551,578	276,977	828,555
Amount proposed for actual expenditure during 1892-93	501,621	160,144	661,765
Estimated cash balances on 31st March, 1893, available for expenditure after that date	49,957	116,833	166,790

	Part I.	Part II.	Total.
	£	£	£
Cash balances on the 31st March, 1892 ..	299,578	276,977	576,555
Credit from surplus revenue and Government Loans to Local Bodies Act ..	250,000		250,000
Probable recoveries during the year.	2,000		2,000
	551,578	276,977	828,555
Total appropriation proposed for expenditure during 1892-93, and to cover liabilities at end of year	560,376	218,840	779,216
Estimated balance on the 31st March, 1893, available for future appropriation	Dr 8,798	58,137	49,339

The debit balance of £8,798, shown under Part I. in the above table, will be extinguished by the transfer of a sum of about £10,000 from Part II. of the fund for Native land purchases within the area mentioned in the Schedule to the North Island Main Trunk Railway Loan Application Act Amendment Bill, which have already been defrayed out of Part I. of the fund, but which will be transferred to Part II. on the Bill becoming law

The expenditure on all works and services throughout the colony under the Public Works Fund up to the 31st March last, including the purchase of the provincial and district railways, has amounted to a total sum of £28,379,541, the principal items being as follows, viz Railways, £15,362,110, roads, £3,604,925, immigration, £2,145,967, public buildings, £1,815,577, purchase of Native lands, £1,248,875, lighthouses, harbour works, and harbour defences, £889,165, defence purposes generally, £429,719, telegraph extension, £634,421, waterworks on goldfields, £513,358, cost of, and discount on, raising loans, &c., £1,021,472, and departmental, £359,965.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION.

As mentioned in my Public Works Statement last year, considerable reductions have been made in the departmental staff, and a great saving has thereby been effected. This reduction in the number of the officers necessarily entailed a large amount of additional work on the part of those retained, so much so, indeed, that I have at times had some doubt as to whether, in making the reductions referred to, I had not gone too far

I am pleased, however, to say that the officers retained have fully justified the selection made, and the work has been performed in a highly creditable manner, and that no further changes in the staff are necessary at present.

On account of the largely increased amount of work now performed by most of the officers, and also on account of the retirement of a number of senior and