

APPENDIX G

ANNUAL REPORT ON PUBLIC WORKS BY THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF

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

SIR,—

Public Works Office, Wellington, 20th May, 1892.

I have the honour to submit the following report on the various works completed and in progress throughout the colony during the financial year ending the 31st March, 1892:—

RAILWAYS.

ABSTRACT.

The following table shows the expenditure and liabilities on Government railways in New Zealand up to the 31st March, 1892:—

Name of Railway.	Total Length of Railway or Section.	Open for Traffic.	Expenditure to 31st March, 1892.	Liabilities on 31st March, 1892.
	M. ch.	M. ch.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Kawakawa	7 41	7 41	90,337 11 5	
Whangarei-Kamo and Extension	24 20	6 52	72,090 19 1	9,632 18 8
Helensville Northwards	110 0	7 42	53,829 8 3	13,673 0 4
Kaipara-Waikato, with Branches	172 36	151 1	1 332,752 9 5	385 15 7
Waikato-Thames	62 55	30 55	208,810 7 1	21,080 8 11
Thames Valley—Rotorua and Lichfield Branch	73 6	41 60	288,761 7 9	30,936 3 3
Wellington—Napier and Palmerston North (including Te Aro Extension and Greytown Branch)	233 12	205 23	1 928 947 8 9	15,478 1 7
Wellington—Foxton			42 116 3 4	67 14 0
Foxton—New Plymouth, with Branches	202 63	197 60	1,425 225 1 11	1 011 3 0
North Island Main Trunk	216 0	53 7	361,549 4 7	40,475 17 7
Nelson—Roundell	52 0	22 73	178 109 8 4	
Greymouth—Nelson Creek	7 69	7 59	216,246 11 11	
Greymouth—Hokitika	24 27		117,748 1 0	7,850 11 0
Westport—Ngakawau	19 56	19 56	227 495 3 4	64 8 0
Picton—Hurunui—Picton—Awatere Section	34 40	17 79	251,639 19 4	5 974 10 4
Picton—Hurunui—Red Post Section	9 50	9 50	39,104 11 1	
Hurunui—Waitaki, with Branches	474 41	433 38	2 518 446 12 8	587 19 9
Oxford—Malvern	11 44	11 44	59 291 19 0	
Waitaki—Bluff, with Branches	565 26	445 58	3 542,866 15 0	9 923 1 3
Otago Central—Chain Hills—Lake Wanaka	182 56	41 57	554 318 12 2	8,158 15 11
Invercargill—Kingston, with Mararoa Branch	117 4	97 44	319 999 8 1	56 15 2
Western Railways	57 56	57 56	224,608 10 8	
Preliminary surveys			65 116 10 0	125 15 0
Miscellaneous			10 336 19 11	
Stock of permanent-way and rolling-stock on hand			47 378 9 4	11 113 17 9
Value of permanent-way in hands of Railway Department			25,000 0 0	
Total	2,658 62	1,867 5	14,252,122 13 10	176,596 17 1
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT LINES, ETC.				
Canterbury (lengths included above)			731,759 0 0	
Otago			372,522 2 5	
Gisborne to Ormond Tramway			4,975 1 7	
Forest Hill			556 5 2	
Kaihu Valley Railway			854 12 6	770 7 6
Grand total	2 658 62	1 867 5	*15,362,789 15 6	177 367 4 7

* Does not include the amount spent on the Westport—Ngakawau Railway Extension—namely, £18,322 5s. 4d., funds being provided by the Westport Harbour Board.

During the year a total length of 31 miles 8 chains of railway was opened for traffic. The following table contains particulars of the sections:—

Railway	Section.	Length.	Date opened for Traffic.
Catlins River	Glenomaru Section	M. ch. 6 18	9th July, 1891.
Otago Central	Hindon—Middlemarch	24 70	9th April, 1891.
Total		31 8	

Appended hereto is a coloured diagram showing the length of railway opened each year since the commencement of the public works.