

1892.

## NEW ZEALAND.

## ROLLING-STOCK ON NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.

*Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated 7th July, 1892.*

*Ordered*, "That a return be laid before this House showing the total quantity of the several descriptions of rolling-stock on each section of the New Zealand railways at each of the following dates: viz., 1st January, 1889, and 30th June, 1892 such return to show the number of engines and vehicles on each section (a) actually in use for traffic, (b) in shops, undergoing repairs, and (c) unfit for use or obsolete; the total amount expended on rolling-stock (exclusive of repairs) during the period referred to the numbers and descriptions of engines and vehicles purchased or built; the vote or fund to which the cost of the same was charged, and the sections of railway on which they are in use: the return to also show the numbers and descriptions of all classes of rolling-stock and engines sold, broken up or used up, laid aside as obsolete or useless, or otherwise disposed of during the same period, the amount derived from the sale or disposal of the same, and the account, vote, or fund to which the proceeds of the sale or disposal of the same have been credited."—(Mr. SANDFORD.)

THE return cannot be rendered for the precise dates named, because accounts and stocktaking, &c., are finally dealt with at the end of each financial year, and cannot now be made up for other past dates. The return, therefore, has been made out for the financial years from 31st March, 1889 (when the Commissioners were in office, to 31st March, 1892, the date of the last balance.

The total cost of repairs and improvements on the locomotives and stock, shown in Part I. of this return, during the three years has been £340,126. All this expenditure has been charged against vote, "Working Railways Department," Schedule B, Consolidated Fund.

The total value of additional new stock put on the railways and in hand, provided out of loan, shown in Part II. of the return, was £18,214 13s. 6d.

## PART I.

Particulars.	Section.									Totals.
	Kawakawa.	Whangarei.	Auckland.	Wellington and Napier- Taranaki.	Hurunui- Bluff.	Greymouth.	Westport.	Nelson.	Picton.	
<i>On 31st March, 1889</i>										
Total number of engines ..	3	3	36	73	139	5	6	4	3	272
Total number of vehicles	88	104	942	1,682	5,129	330	253	72	68	8,668
Number of engines and vehicles actually in use for traffic—										
Engines	1	1	15	31	75	2	3	2	1	131
Vehicles ..	87	103	921	1,605	4,980	315	248	72	67	8,398
Number of engines and vehicles in shops undergoing repairs—										
Engines	Nil	1	5	18	22	1	1	Nil	1	49
Vehicles	1	1	21	77	149	15	5	Nil	1	270
<i>On 31st March, 1892.</i>										
Total number of engines ..	3	2	32	71	139	5	6	4	3	265
Total number of vehicles	88	104	932	1,698	5,137	330	258	71	83	8,701
Number of engines and vehicles actually in use for traffic—										
Engines	1	1	16	31	77	2	3	2	1	134
Vehicles	84	104	883	1,629	5,001	322	255	71	79	8,428
Number of engines and vehicles in shops undergoing repairs—										
Engines ..	Nil	Nil	4	19	24	2	2	1	1	53
Vehicles	4	Nil	49	69	136	8	3	Nil	4	273