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## ANNUAL REPORT ON WORKING RAILWAYS

BY THE NEW ZEALAND RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS.

*Presented to Parliament in pursuance of "The Government Railways Act, 1887."*

To the Hon. the MINISTER for PUBLIC WORKS.

N.Z. Government Railways, Head Office,

SIR,—

Wellington, 16th June, 1894.

We have the honour, in compliance with the direction in section 61 of "The Government Railways Act, 1887," to submit, for presentation to Parliament, the annual report on the working railways of New Zealand for the twelve months ended the 31st March, 1894.

## REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND TRAFFIC.

The returns of traffic, revenue, and expenses of the various sections of railways are presented in the same tabular form as in the annual reports of former years. Full details are given therein, under the various headings, and afford the means of comparison with those of other similar periods.

The result of the year's work is as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Gross earnings ..	1,172,792	17	2
Working-expenses ..	735,358	15	1
Net profit ..	<u>£437,434</u>	2	1

This gives a return of £2 17s. 9d. on £15,137,036, the capital cost of the working railways. The increase on the capital sum since last year is £403,916, due to 61 miles of new line being added to the system—viz., Putaruru to Tarukenga, on the Rotorua line, 23 miles 5 chains; Rangatira to Mangaonoho, on the Hunterville branch, 3 miles 72 chains; Greymouth to Hokitika, 24 miles 17 chains; Ngakawau to Mokihinui, 7 miles 12 chains; Blenheim to Omaka, 2 miles 43 chains.

These extensions, while generally of great advantage to their respective localities in opening up new country, and giving access to timber, coal, and settlement areas, thereby enlarging the productive powers of the colony, do not, and cannot be expected to add much to the net profit until such times as these resources and their attendant industries are developed. In such cases the question is not so much "Will the road or railway pay?" as "Is the district worth opening up by such means?"

There are extensive areas in the colony, especially in the North Island, which for productive purposes are useless until opened out by roads and railways.

The number of passengers carried has increased both in respect of ordinary and season tickets—on ordinary tickets an increase of 213,657, the number for this year being 3,972,701, against 3,759,044 last year, chiefly in the second class; on season-ticket journeys this year 2,020,926, against 1,986,729 last year, an increase of 34,197.

In the carriage of live-stock there is an increase in cattle, sheep, and pigs ; in goods, an increase in wool, timber, and chaff.

The chief items of decrease consist in the movement this year of 112,446 tons of grain, and 20,295 tons of merchandise less than last year. The Hurunui-Bluff Section is responsible for the shrinkage in tonnage. The chief, if not the sole, cause for this is to be looked for in the low yield of the harvest in the Middle Island this year, and the low prices which have been ruling for produce generally for some time.

The traffic for the last ten years has been as follows :—

COMPARISON OF TRAFFIC, REVENUE, AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE LAST TEN FINANCIAL YEARS.

Year.	Miles.	Revenue.	Expenditure	Expenditure Per Cent. of Revenue.	Tonnage.	Parcels, Horses, and Dogs.	Cattle, Sheep, and Pigs.	Passengers.	Season- tickets.	Cost of Construction.	Net Revenue.	Rate of Interest.
1884-85	1,477	1,045,712	690,026	65.99	1,749,856	347,425	729,528	3,232,886	8,999	11,810,194	355,686	3 0 3
1885-86	1,613	1,047,419	690,340	65.91	1,823,767	349,428	858,662	3,362,266	10,717	12,472,814	357,078	2 17 3
1886-87	1,727	998,768	699,072	69.99	1,747,754	372,397	942,017	3,426,403	11,821	13,017,567	299,696	2 6 0
1887-88	1,758	994,843	687,328	69.09	1,735,762	399,109	940,209	3,451,850	11,518	13,352,978	307,515	2 6 0
1888-89	1,777	997,615	647,045	64.86	1,920,431	399,056	919,392	3,132,803	11,817	13,472,837	350,570	2 12 0
1889-90	1,809	1,093,570	682,787	62.32	2,073,955	405,888	1,068,575	3,376,459	12,311	13,899,955	412,782	2 19 5
1890-91	1,842	1,121,701	700,703	62.47	2,086,011	413,074	1,349,364	3,433,629	13,881	14,278,586	420,998	2 18 11
1891-92	1,869	1,115,432	706,517	63.34	2,066,791	430,216	1,158,501	3,555,764	16,941	14,656,691	408,914	2 15 9
1892-93	1,886	1,181,522	732,142	61.97	2,193,330	460,388	1,393,457	3,759,044	16,504	14,733,120	449,880	3 1 0
1893-94	1,948	1,172,793	735,359	62.70	2,060,645	486,787	1,433,679	3,972,701	17,226	15,137,036	437,484	2 17 9

For the current year, ending 31st March, 1895, the revenue will also suffer from the diminished grain yield and from a less area being put under crop than formerly. The low prices are so discouraging that the farming districts in the Middle Island are in a transition state from grain cropping to grass ; and, while the low prices rule, the tendency will be to crop only as much as is necessary to provide winter-feed and to renew pastures.

This should result in an increase of wool, live-stock, and dairy produce ; but, as the yield in weight per acre of these products is very much less than grain, the deficit in railway traffic, as regards area for area, will not be made up. There is, however, some compensation in the extension of settlement, and the improvements which are going on from year to year. This is notably the case in the North Island, especially in the Taranaki, Hawke's Bay, and Wellington Provincial Districts, and for the Middle Island in Southland. During the last six years the railway returns from some of these districts have nearly doubled.

The fruit industry is attaining considerable dimensions. From the Teviot District, Otago, last year there were forwarded by horse-wagons to Lawrence Railway-station—a distance of forty to fifty miles by road—no less than 326 tons of green fruit for the Dunedin market, or about double the quantity for the previous year. The orchards are all on small holdings of a few acres each, and the above quantity was grown on an aggregate area of about 100 acres. The total weight of fruit carried to Dunedin last year was 500 tons. On the Auckland Section over 400 tons were carried from country stations to Auckland. There is considerable scope for the fruit industry in overtaking the colony's wants ; and still more if the business of drying and canning for export were established.

#### CONDITION OF LINES AND APPLIANCES.

From the reports of the Chief Engineer and Locomotive Superintendent, in the Appendix, it will be seen that the permanent-way and rolling-stock are being kept in good order and repair. The work of the two departments controlled by these officers result in the improvement of the railway property, the one by the construction of heavier and more powerful engines, and the other by strengthening the bridges and lines to carry heavier trains, so conducting to economy in working. The cost of these operations, and the providing and relaying of the main lines with heavier steel rails, is borne out of the vote for working-expenses, although a portion of it might fairly be charged to Capital Account.

The damage done to the lines by floods and slips has been unusually heavy during the year. The washing away of several spans of the Waipawa Bridge in

December, 1893, closed the line for through traffic for three weeks. The slips in the Manawatu Gorge closed the line to traffic several times, as did the washing away of three spans in the bridge over the Waitaki at Hakateramea in February, 1894. The celerity with which these obstructions were overcome, and the trains again enabled to run, reflect great credit on the Chief Engineer's Department.

The flattening of the grades at Swainson's, near Halcombe, on the Wanganui line, and at Makarewa, on the Invercargill-Kingston line, remove in each case the obstacle to the working of heavier trains over a considerable length of line.

A new passenger-station has been erected at Gore, in which an electric-light installation is now being placed. An extension of sidings and rearrangement of station-yards has been effected at Hastings and Edendale.

The extension of mileage, the increase in passenger traffic and in the carriage of live-stock, together with the urgent requirements of the freezing companies in the matter of quick delivery of their shipments at port, have made demands on the rolling-stock, which is being met by the conversion of old stock and the building of new vehicles to the standard type.

#### GENERAL.

The reduction of the charges on produce in such a way as to afford the greatest help to the settlers of the colony, such as by carrying at the lowest possible cost lime and other fertilisers, fencing materials, and such similar articles as are required in rendering the land more productive, and on which outlay there can be no return for some time, has received the careful consideration of the Commissioners. A good deal has been done in this direction already, but the Commissioners hope that it may be possible to do more without serious disturbance to the revenue.

There are frequent references to the fact that traction-engines compete with the railways in parts of the Canterbury District. This fact should cause no surprise, when it is considered that the roads and bridges are free to the owner of the traction-engine. He has no contribution to make either of interest on capital, cost of road, or for maintenance; the ratepayers do that for him. The railways, on the other hand, provide nearly 3 per cent. interest on capital cost, and bear the entire cost of maintenance, which averages £140 per mile per annum.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

JAMES MCKERROW,

J. RONAYNE,

J. L. SCOTT,

Railway Commissioners.

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Locomotive Superintendent's Office,  
Wellington, 25th May, 1894.

GENTLEMEN,—

I have the honour to report on the Locomotive Department for the year ending 31st March, 1894, as follows:—

The locomotives, carriages, wagons, vans, cranes, tarpaulins, machinery, and general plant have been maintained in good and efficient condition.

Improvements to locomotives and rolling-stock have been effected at every suitable opportunity.

Many valuable additions have been made to the machinery for workshops—notably, boiler-drilling machine, milling machine, quartering machine, &c., &c.

*Locomotive Repairs and Rebuilding.*—170 locomotives have passed through the shops. Of these, 3 have been rebuilt, 1 to F<sup>a</sup> and 2 to L<sup>a</sup>, and their tractive power largely increased; 18 were thoroughly overhauled; 53 received heavy repairs, and 94 received light repairs; 67 were wholly painted, and 44 had paintwork or varnish renewed. The following new work is in hand: Compounding 2 locomotives, rebuilding 5 class F locomotives to class F<sup>a</sup>, and building 6 new ones—viz., 2 class W<sup>a</sup>, and 4 new passenger locomotives class U. 123 boilers were overhauled, of which 18 had new tubes; 24 had tubes pieced; 7 received new barrels; 11 were supplied with new smoke-box tube-plates; 4 had new fire-boxes; 7 had new copper tube-plates; 50 were patched; 38 underwent heavy repairs, and 77 light repairs; and 8 were furnished completely with new boilers. There are also 20 new boilers in hand.

*Carriage and Wagon Repairs and Rebuilding.*—519 cars passed through shops; 5 new cars were built; and 6 old-type four-wheeled cars were entirely rebuilt to 5 class A bogie cars; 2 class C cars were converted to bogie, class B. The following work is in hand: 3 four-wheel type and 3 six-wheel type are under conversion to 6 class A bogie cars and 6 new bogie cars, class A. 100 cars were thoroughly overhauled; 68 received heavy repairs, 329 light repairs, and 16 were fitted with standard draw-gear; 187 carriages were wholly painted, and 161 had paintwork renewed. 232 brake-vans passed through shops, 4 of which were of the bogie type and entirely new. Two old four-wheel vans were rebuilt to the bogie type, and 2 others are now under conversion. Three new four-wheel vans and 3 new bogie vans are in hand; 38 were thoroughly overhauled; 39 received heavy repairs, and 145 light repairs; 4 were fitted with standard draw-gear; 76 were wholly painted, and 46 had paintwork renewed. 3,460 wagons passed through the shops: of these, 50 were entirely new, 19 were rebuilt, and 427 were thoroughly overhauled; 932 received heavy repairs, and 1,977 light repairs; 329 were fitted with standard draw-gear; and 1,208 were wholly painted, and 679 had paintwork renewed. The following new wagon-work is in hand: 15 class L (four-wheel high-side), 35 class O (four-wheel iron-hopper), 6 class R (bogie high-side), 10 class S (bogie sheep-trucks), and 5 class V (double bogie freezing-vans).

The work of balancing the car- and wagon-wheels is now fairly started.

*Steam Cranes and Stationary Boilers.*—51 passed through shops, of which 6 cranes were overhauled; 3 cranes received heavy repairs, and 21 light repairs; 4 stationary boilers received heavy repairs, and 16 light repairs.

*Tarpaulins.*—5,104 passed through shops; 474 were thoroughly overhauled; 2,252 received heavy repairs, and 1,877 light repairs; 390 new ones were manufactured.

*Expenditure.*—The expenditure per train-mile in pence has been as follows:—

Year.	Train-mileage.	Engine-mileage.	Locomotive, per Train-mile.	Car and Wagon, per Train-mile.	Total.
1893	3,002,174	3,882,516	d. 14·69	d. 4·32	d. 19·01
1894	3,113,231	4,005,511	d. 13·71	d. 4·35	d. 18·06

The usual returns are forwarded.

The New Zealand Railway Commissioners,  
Wellington.

I have, &c.,

T. F. ROTHERAM,  
Locomotive Superintendent.

## APPENDIX B.

## ANNUAL REPORT ON MAINTENANCE OF NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.

GENTLEMEN,—

Chief Engineer's Office, Wellington, 25th May, 1894.

I have the honour to report on the maintenance of the New Zealand railways for the year ending 31st March, 1894.

*Extensions.*—There have been about  $60\frac{3}{4}$  miles of new railway opened for traffic during the year. These are,—

	M. ch.
Rotorua Line—Putaruru—Tarukena	... 23 5
Hunterville Branch—Rangatira—Mangaonoho	... 3 72
Greymouth to Hokitika	... 24 17
Ngakawau—Mokihinui	... 7 12
Blenheim—Riverlands*	... 2 43
 Total	 60 69

*Mileage.*—The mileage of the railways is now 1,951 miles 30 chains.

*Permanent-way.*—The track generally is being kept up in good condition. Renewals of rails have been made to an aggregate length of 43 miles 67 chains, which is a greater length than has been relaid for many years.

*Sleepers.*—There were 177,502 sleepers laid during the year. About 155,502 were for ordinary renewals, and about 22,000 were laid to increase the number per rail-length. About fifty miles of main line were thus raised to a higher standard of stability. The consumption of sleepers in ordinary renewals amounts to eighty per mile, and an additional number of thirteen per mile is due to respacing. The rate of renewal of sleepers under ordinary maintenance shows a uniform rate of increase during the past four years.

The stipulations inserted in contracts for sleeper-supplies, with a view to securing winter-felled timber, are working satisfactorily, and an improved quality of timber is being obtained thereby.

*Improvements of Grades.*—An extensive alteration of grade in the railway has been carried out between Swainson's and Halcombe, on the Wanganui line. This is nearly completed. Another very heavy reduction of grade has been made near Makarewa, on the Invercargill and Kingston line, which will afford a great relief to the haulage towards Invercargill.

*Bridges and Culverts.*—There has been a considerable increase in bridgework generally. On the Auckland Section some very extensive renewals of truss-bridges have been made, replacing kauri trusses, which were getting to the end of their service, with ironbark. The Ngaruawahia Bridge has been redecked throughout, and ironwork painted. On the Wanganui Section provision has been made for extending the run of the heavier class of engines between Rangitikei and Palmerston North. Extensive renewals have been effected to the Rangitikei Bridge, to the bridge over the Oroua River at Aorangi, and also to bridges at Feilding, Taonui, Bunnythorpe, and Longburn. A new bridge has also been erected at the foot of Swainson's grade in connection with the alteration of grade. Several large bridges between Aramoho and Sentry Hill have also been extensively overhauled. Bridge repairs have been heavy on the Napier Section in consequence of damages caused by severe floods last December. Repairs and partial reconstruction were required at the Waipawa and Pakipaki bridges. On the Christchurch Section several new piles were driven for the Rakaia Bridge, to replace those washed out by flood; also a long length of the decking was renewed. On the Hakateramea Branch three 40ft. spans were washed down by heavy flood in the Waitaki River. These have been rebuilt. A considerable length of the decking was renewed on the Lower Waitaki Bridge. On the Greymouth, Westport, Nelson, and Picton Sections a great deal of bridge-work has been required and carried out. Many other large bridges have had heavy repairs, and several bridges have been entirely renewed. Numerous small repairs to other bridges have been carried out. The painting of iron bridges and also the ironwork of timber bridges has had special attention.

*Wharves.*—Extensive wharf repairs have been carried out at Port Chalmers, Greymouth, Westport, and Nelson. At Westport the work has mainly been due to the severe damages suffered by flood in the Buller River in June, 1893.

*River Protection.*—Numerous river-protective works have been carried out, to protect lines from effects of floods.

*New Works.*—A great number of new works and additions have been carried out, a few of the principal of which are noted, as follow:—

Auckland Section: Verandahs erected at Mercer and Helensville. New road to goods-shed at Tuakau.

Wanganui Section: Overbridge at Patea erected for new road-bridge traffic. A verandah erected at Hawera platform. At Eltham, new well, windmill, and water-service; alteration of station-yard, and additions to offices for postal department. A new station and siding at Waiononga. Palmerston North—Additions to goods-shed, goods-roads, and sidings. Stratford—Extension of goods-shed.

Napier Section: Waipawa—Extension of sidings; new stock-yards. At Hastings, the station-yard has been rearranged; new platform built further back from street-crossing; new cattle-yards.

Wellington Section: Coal-shed and water-tanks erected at Wellington Station, and platform lengthened. Ngahauranga—Additions to station-buildings. Petone—New north and south home signals, and new water-tanks. Lower Hutt—Extension of platform, extra sidings, and new north

\* Taken over but not opened for traffic.

home signal. Two new houses for employés were built at Cross's Creek. Featherston had a verandah built over platform. Masterton—Windmill, pump, and extra sidings. Eketahuna—Extension of sidings.

*Christchurch Division*: A new traverser has been built for one of the Lyttelton wharves. At Christchurch Station additional luggage accommodation has been provided, with extension of platform, and new latrines. An old turntable-pit has been converted into a reservoir for water for fire-extinction, capacity 45,000 gallons. Addington—Extension of sale-yards siding. Islington—Platform, shelter-shed, and urinals. Rolleston—Alteration of sidings and extension of platform. Rakaia—New level crossing at south end of station-yard. Ashburton—New office in goods-shed. A stock-bridge was added to the Rangitata Railway Bridge. Timaru—New coal-shed for locomotives, and extra room added to refreshment-rooms. Loading-banks were built at Southbridge and Homebush, and cattle-yards at Cust. Dwellinghouses to the number of nineteen have had one or two rooms added, to the aggregate of twenty-eight rooms.

*Dunedin Division*: The embankment at Kaka Creek commenced last year has been completed. Extra sidings have been laid at Waitati and Sawyer's Bay, and new cattle-yards erected at Sawyer's Bay and Warepa; Clinton platform lengthened; lining of Sawyer's Bay Tunnel lengthened.

*Invercargill Division*: A new station has been built for Gore, with extension of platform. Edendale Station has been rearranged. Woodlands—New Stationmaster's house. Bluff—A wagon-traverser supplied to wharf sidings. Dipton—Stationmaster's house enlarged. Cattle-yards erected at Wairoa and Wyndham.

*Greymouth Section*: New goods-shed on wharf at Greymouth.

*Westport Section*: Extension of merchandise wharf at Westport.

Throughout the various districts, a large number of dwellinghouses and station-buildings have had rooms and offices added to them.

*Expenditure*.—The expenditure for the year on maintenance of way and works was £268,451. Besides this, there has been an expenditure on works chargeable to vote for "Additions to open lines," a total of £6,331, and on recently opened extensions of existing lines, a total of £3,210; also, for works done for Government departments, public bodies, and private parties—expenditure for which is recovered—an aggregate of £3,708. This brings the total expenditure controlled by this branch of the department up to £281,700. Of the expenditure on maintenance, the amount of wages was £185,256, and of stores and materials, less credits, £83,195: total, £268,451.

The maintenance expenditure is at the rate of £140 per mile per annum, which is almost the same as the previous year.

*Lake Ellesmere*.—This lake was tapped by this department on 2nd September, 1893. The outlet closed again in November, 1893.

*Lake Forsyth*.—This lake has not required tapping since 1888, when it was last let out by the railway staff. The water-level is still low.

*Private Sidings*.—There were three new private sidings granted during the year, and twelve renewals, the aggregate rental on which is £327 per annum.

*Leases*.—There were 192 new leases entered into during the year. The number of leases current at the end of the financial year was 1,010, having a total rent-roll of £11,742 per annum.

I have, &c.,  
J. HENRY LOWE,  
Chief Engineer, Working Railways.

The New Zealand Railway Commissioners.

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SUMMARY of REVENUE ACCOUNTS for the Twelve Months ending 31st March, 1894.

Dr.	Cr.
To Cash in hand and outstanding, 1st April, 1893	... £ s. d.
Passengers, parcels, goods, &c., 31st March, 1894	... 20,834 11 9
	... 1,172,792 17 2
	<u>£1,193,627 8 11</u>
To Net amount paid into Public Account, 31st March, 1894	... 1,176,736 1 11
Less Cash in hand and outstanding, 1st April, 1893	... 20,834 11 9
	<u>1,155,901 10 2</u>
To Cash in hand and outstanding, 31st March, 1894	... 16,891 7 0
	<u>£1,172,792 17 2</u>
	<u>£1,193,627 8 11</u>
To Gross payments into Public Account to 31st March, 1894	... 1,268,617 3 11
Less Refunds	... 91,881 2 0
	<u>*1,176,736 1 11</u>
Cash in hand and outstanding, 31st March, 1894	... 16,891 7 0
	<u>£1,172,792 17 2</u>
By Expenditure to 31st March, 1894	... £ s. d.
Balance available for interest	... 735,358 15 1
* Receipts per Treasury—Consolidated Fund	... 437,434 2 1
Public Works Fund	... 388 14 0
Balance Refund Account, March 31, 1893	... 1,175,936 11 5
	6,933 2 1
Balance Refund Account, March 31, 1894	... 1,182,929 13 6
	6,193 11 7
	<u>£1,176,736 1 11</u>

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RETURN of REVENUE for HARBOUR BOARDS, &amp;c., for the Twelve Months ending 31st March, 1894.

Dr.	Cr.
To Balance, 31st March, 1893	... £ s. d.
Warfares, &c., 31st March, 1894	... 6,993 2 1
	... 91,881 2 0
	<u>£98,874 4 1</u>
By Treasury payments to 31st March, 1894	... £ s. d.
Balance due to Harbour Boards, &c.	... 92,680 12 6
	6,193 11 7
	<u>£98,874 4 1</u>

A. C. FIRE, Railway Accountant.

RETURN No. 2.

GENERAL EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Twelve Months ending 31st March, 1894.

D.—2.

Dr.	Cr.
To Balance brought forward:—	
Outstanding accounts,—	
Other Government departments, for—	
Stores     ...	55 2 9
Workshops ...	52 8 3
Way and works ...	177 5 4
Personal accounts, for—	
Stores     ...	284 16 4
Workshops ...	58 11 3
Miscellaneous ...	298 9 5
Stock of stores in hand	2 4 6
Payments per Treasury to 31st March, 1894,—	
Under "The Government Railways Act, 1887"	769,344 3 9
Under "The Permanent-way material Vouchers unpaid on 31st March, 1894"	3,220 3 3
Payments per Treasury to 31st March, 1893, brought forward	772,564 7 0
Deposit for purchase of permanent-way material	25,000 0 0
Vouchers unpaid on 31st March, 1894	56,669 5 0
By Vouchers unpaid on 31st March, 1893, brought forward	55,399 16 1
Classified expenditure as per Return No. 4	735,358 15 1
Recoveries per Treasury to credit of Vote 58,*—	
Other Government departments, for—	
Stores     ...	1,937 8 5
Workshops ...	8,699 19 5
Way and works ...	6,475 12 7
Miscellaneous ...	72 8 6
Personal accounts, for—	
Stores     ...	1,304 7 1
Workshops ...	5,333 8 4
Way and works ...	1,891 11 8
Miscellaneous ...	253 3 10
Miscellaneous recoveries	8,782 10 11
Deposit Account, —	
Permanent-way material on hand and in transit	14,335 12 0
Cash with Agent-General on imprest	3,753 4 7
Cash in Treasury	5,634 14 1
Vouchers dealt with by Treasury in 1894-95	{ Cr. 1,701 17 10 Dr. 425 8 6
Balance carried forward:—	
Outstanding accounts,—	
Other Government departments, for—	
Stores     ...	329 11 11
Workshops ...	1,433 19 1
Way and works ...	3,176 8 9
Miscellaneous ...	88 14 7
Personal accounts, for—	
Stores     ...	16 3 5
Workshops ...	904 16 1
Way and works ...	28 8 11
Miscellaneous ...	0 7 0
Stock of stores in hand	1,276 9 4
	25,000 0 0
* Note.—Payments per Treasury Recoveries, " "	£769,344 3 9 49,720 8 4
Net charge to Vote 58	£78,633 15 5
	949 15 5
	5,978 9 9
	98,318 5 4
	<u>£960,775 14 7</u>









## RETURN No. 7.

COMPARISON of TRAFFIC REVENUE and EXPENDITURE for the last FOURTEEN FINANCIAL YEARS.

Year.	Miles.	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Expenditure per cent. of Revenue.	Tonnage.	Parcels, Horses, and Dogs.	Cattle, Sheep, and Pigs.	Passengers.	Season Tickets.
1880-81	1,277	836,454	521,957	62·40	1,377,783	286,865	300,704	2,849,561	6,499
1881-82	1,319	892,026	523,099	58·64	1,437,714	316,611	343,751	2,911,477	7,207
1882-83	1,358	953,347	592,821	62·18	1,504,793	341,186	477,075	3,283,378	8,621
1883-84	1,396	961,304	655,990	68·24	1,700,040	359,896	686,287	3,272,644	9,036
1884-85	1,477	1,045,712	690,026	65·99	1,749,856	347,425	729,528	3,232,886	8,999
1885-86	1,613	1,047,419	690,340	65·91	1,823,767	349,428	858,662	3,362,266	10,717
1886-87	1,727	998,768	699,072	69·99	1,747,754	372,397	942,017	3,426,403	11,821
1887-88	1,758	994,843	687,328	69·09	1,735,762	399,109	940,209	3,451,850	11,518
1888-89	1,777	997,615	647,045	64·86	1,920,431	399,056	919,392	3,132,803	11,817
1889-90	1,809	1,095,570	682,787	62·32	2,073,955	405,838	1,068,575	3,376,459	12,311
1890-91	1,842	1,121,701	700,703	62·47	2,086,011	413,074	1,348,364	3,433,629	13,881
1891-92	1,869	1,115,432	706,517	63·34	2,066,791	430,216	1,153,501	3,555,704	16,341
1892-93	1,886	1,181,522	732,142	61·97	2,193,330	460,383	1,393,457	3,759,944	16,504
1893-94	1,948	1,172,793	735,359	62·70	2,060,645	486,787	1,433,679	3,972,701	17,226

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## RETURN No. 8.

TRAFFIC TON-MILEAGE, and RATE of WORKING, for FIVE CHIEF SECTIONS.

Section.	Ton-Mileage.	Rate of Working, in Pence per Ton-Mile.	Ton-Mileage.	Rate of Working, in Pence per Ton-Mile.	Ton-Mileage.	Rate of Working, in Pence per Ton-Mile.
	1884-85.		1885-86.		1886-87.	
Auckland	7,085,574	2·43	8,539,210	2·24	8,158,758	2·60
Napier	2,983,237	2·13	3,880,550	2·15	4,266,747	2·06
Wellington	3,388,925	3·18	3,992,644	2·78	4,167,454	2·87
Wanganui	2,536,332	3·38	3,497,669	3·81	3,465,445	4·33
Hurunui-Bluff	42,877,369	2·47	41,097,413	2·48	39,068,490	2·59
Totals	58,871,437	2·53	61,007,486	2·52	59,126,894	2·68
	1887-88.		1888-89.		1889-90.	
Auckland	8,276,481	2·55	7,950,854	2·19	8,177,770	2·16
Napier	4,094,397	2·30	4,182,146	1·95	4,963,864	1·65
Wellington	4,028,000	2·81	4,012,443	2·84	4,516,965	2·42
Wanganui	3,676,963	4·15	3,487,911	3·91	4,553,668	3·08
Hurunui-Bluff	39,781,108	2·47	39,557,567	2·37	46,789,728	2·07
Totals	59,856,955	2·60	59,190,921	2·44	69,001,995	2·14
	1890-91.		1891-92.		1892-93.	
Auckland	9,228,869	1·85	9,899,396	1·76	10,146,797	1·80
Napier-Taranaki	10,093,156	2·51	11,710,544	2·15	13,205,014	2·15
Wellington	5,003,457	2·35	5,632,828	2·11	5,816,437	2·21
Hurunui-Bluff	53,350,677	1·93	50,106,636	2·00	51,699,231	2·04
Totals	77,736,159	2·02	77,349,404	2·00	80,867,479	2·04
	1893-94.					
Auckland	10,508,134	1·80				
Napier-Taranaki	13,581,490	2·23				
Wellington	5,999,468	2·02				
Hurunui-Bluff	51,221,958	1·92				
Totals	81,311,050	1·97				

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**RETURN No. 9.**  
**STATEMENT showing CLASSIFICATION of EXPENDITURE on MAINTENANCE of WAY and WORKS for the Twelve Months ending 31st March, 1894.**

Classification of Work.	SECTIONS.												Total.					
	Kawakawa	Whanga-rei	Kaihiu.	Auckland.	Napier-Taranaki.	Wellington.	Christchurch.	Dunedin.	Invercargill.	Grey-Brunner.	Grey-Hastings.	Westport.	Nelson.	Picton.				
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
Track surfacing ..	356 2	8 190 0	0 445 13	10 13,738 16	10 20,475 4	0 6,507 19	2 27,802 18	0 22,060 6	6 13,150 7	3 929 19 11	301 13 11 1,314 17	2 965 7 10 1,165 16	0 109,405 3	1				
Track renewals ..	62 2	6 269 15	4 132 7	8 7,228 19	0 12,020 19	0 3,394 7	9 10,719 19	5 10,235 9	1 6,565 8 11	257 9 3	1 4 11,2,235 14	0 1,036 19 7 1,193 1 0	55,353 17	5				
Ballasting ..	57 13 5	..	..	393 13 7	1,167 16 7	56 8 11	484 14 8	952 7 2	227 7 10	16 3 6	0 8 9	164 18 2	7 1 9 9 6 11	3,538 1 3				
Banks, cuttings, ditches, tunnels ..	81 9	8 12 17	2 108 10	6 1,473 9	8 2,965 0	4 1,060 8	3 1,298 12 2	4 1,162 18 4	1,110 19 7	44 12 2	2 11 9	10 11 4 49 19 11	43 13 4 12,425 4 2					
Bridges, culverts, drains ..	84 16 1	6 14 6	36 14 6	3,393 2 8	9,031 0 5	2,023 1 9	6,906 6 0	6,694 13 9	3,277 2 5	874 3 9	..	972 5 0 1,167 16 2	900 4 9 35,368 1 9					
Fences, gates, cattle-stops, hedges ..	6 6 9	3 18 6	..	914 3 5	1,225 9 11	265 0 8	1,541 8 4	2,460 1 4	1,066 12 6	23 14 1	0 7 0	2 8 9 82 13 0	54 13 11 7,586 18 2					
Roads, approaches, &c. ..	5 2 0	8 5 6	2 15 0	385 3 9	285 10 10	76 15 11	526 9 6	677 8 4	201 9 1	43 19 11	3 13 8	3 13 9 42 10 6	9 4 0 2,272 1 9					
Water-services, signals, cranes, appliances ..	..	2 13 1 15 0	3 410 4 8	529 16 9	244 8 6	1,299 13 10	748 15 1	479 3 0	101 18 5	..	53 19 10	5 6 4	51 12 1 3,942 11 10					
Wharves ..	..	0 7 0	..	239 10 5	3 17 5	..	15 1 7	4,182 16 0	12 14 0	1,780 19 1	..	1,528 3 11	820 7 11 55 6 5	8,639 3 9				
Buildings ..	..	47 8 8	64 4 9 17 0	1 2,127 6	8 2,156 6 7	632 13 3	6,208 16 10	3,351 11 9	1,447 10 7	236 4 5	0 15 9	112 11 2	95 5 7 81 12 5	16,579 8 6				
Miscellaneous ..	..	25 10 1	..	63 13 1	861 12 10	2,992 2 10	1,201 14 1	2,343 6 5	2,635 3 0	2,506 15 2	311 16 6	..	250 12 11	39 6 7	108 9 5 13,340 2 11			
Totals ..	726 11	10 558 15	10 821 14 11	31,166 3	6 52,853 4	8 15,402 18	3 59,147 6	9 53,161 10 4	30,045 10 44,621 1	0 310 5 9 6,649 16	0 4,312 15	23,673 0	3,268,450 14 7					
Rate per mile opened : ..	90 16 6	79 16 6	48 6 9	114 3 6	159 6 10	167 8 5	129 19 10	162 0 2	104 13 9	577 12 7	44 16 4	273 11 4	187 10 3	176 7 2	140 7 0			

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## RETURN No. 11.

STATEMENT of STORES CONTRACTS current during the Year ending 31st March, 1894.

Service.	Period.	Name of Contractor.	Rate.
Uniform clothing	Northern Lines...	3 years ending 31/12/94	Hallenstein Brothers and Co. As per schedule.
"	Hurunui-Bluff ...	"	Ross and Glendining "
Uniform caps	N.Z. Railways ...	"	W. H. Fenton and Co. 4/7 each.
Iron castings	Auckland ...	Delivery by 30/6/93	A. Hawkeswood ... 12/6 and 10/3 p. cwt.
"	Wellington ...	"	Smith Brothers ... 14/ " "
"	Christchurch ...	"	John Anderson ... 13/ and 12/6 "
"	Dunedin ...	"	A. and T. Burt ... 13/6 and 12/6 "
Horse forage	Christchurch ...	"	Collie Brothers ... As per schedule.
Timber-supplies, as under—			
Native timber	Napier and Wanganui	Delivery by 31/12/93	Hawke's Bay Timber Company As per schedule.
"	Christchurch ...	"	J. T. Brown and Son "
"	Southland ...	"	Findlay and Murdoch "
Kauri and foreign	Christchurch ...	"	R. W. England "
"	Dunedin ...	"	Findlay and Murdoch "
Sawn totara for long	Lyttelton ...	Delivery by 7/5/93	Williams, Stephens, and Co. 18/ per 100ft.
sleepers			
General stores, as under—			
Ironmongery, ship-chandlery, oils and colours, iron and steel	Auckland ...	2 years ending 31/12/94	T. and S. Morrin and Co. As per schedule.
Drain-pipes	...	"	J. J. Craig "
Ironmongery, oils and Wellington colours, iron and steel	...	"	E. W. Mills and Co. "
Ship-chandlery	...	"	J. Duthie and Co. "
Drain-pipes	...	"	W. Murphy "
Ironmongery, ship-chandlery, oils and colours, iron and steel	Christchurch ...	"	Ashby, Bergh, and Co. "
Iron and steel	...	"	John Anderson "
Ironmongery, ship-chandlery, oils and colours, iron and steel	Dunedin ...	"	Arthur Briscoe and Co. "
Drain-pipes	...	"	N.Z. Hardware Company "
Coal-supply	Auckland ...	For 1893	Taupiri Reserve Colliery Co. 3/10 per ton.
"	Napier ...	"	Grey Valley Coal Company 23/3 "
"	Foxton, Wanganui, and New Plymouth	"	22/6 "
"	Wellington ...	"	19/9 "
"	Picton ...	"	24/ "
"	Nelson ...	"	21/ "
<i>Hurunui-Bluff.</i>			
"	Lyttelton ...	"	William Leeming and Co. 20/3 "
"	Whitecliffs ...	"	8/9 "
"	Timaru ...	"	Grey Valley Coal Company 20/9 "
"	Oamaru ...	"	19/6 "
"	Stirling ...	"	Kaitangata Railway and Coal Company 7/ "
"	Nightcaps ...	"	Nightcaps Coal Company 6/ "
"	Newmarket shops ...	"	J. J. Craig 16/ "
"	Petone ...	"	Grey Valley Coal Company 19/ "
"	Addington ...	"	19/6 "
"	Hillside ...	"	18/6 "
Sleepers, as under—			
2,500 totara and broadleaf	Dunedin ...	Delivery by 30/6/93	George Foster 3/9 each.
2,000 totara, broad-leaf, and black-pine	Mibiwaka ...	"	Burrows Irwin 3/6 "
4,000 totara and kamai	Ringway ...	"	George Harrington 3/3 and 1/11 each.
4,000 kamai	Wakapatu ...	"	W. J. Perry 1/9½ each.
5,000 "	Riverton ...	"	James More 1/11½ "
3,000 "	Wakapatu ...	"	Watson Brothers 1/11¼ "
5,000 silver-pine	Bluff ...	"	J. D. Gillies 3/10 "
5,000 "	Port Chalmers ...	"	Gardiner Wilson 3/10 "
2,000 "	Belgrave ...	Delivery by 31/7/93	Harry Feary 3/10 "
1,000 birch	Belgrave ...	"	Price and Higgins 1/11½ "
2,000 "	Wakefield ...	"	Henry Baigent 1/11 "

**RETURN No. 11—continued.**  
**STATEMENT of STORES CONTRACTS, &c.—continued.**

Service.	Period.	Name of Contractor.	Rate.
Sleepers, as under— <i>continued.</i>			
4,000 totara ... Wellington ...	Delivery by 14/7/93 ...	Whiley and Co. ...	3/- each.
2,000 " Eketahuna ...	"	George Gardner ...	2/- 10 "
2,000 " Koromiko ...	Delivery by 30/6/93 ...	Freeth and Standen ...	2/- 6 "
1,000 " Para ...	"	Nathaniel Bragg ...	2/- 6 "
2,000 totara ... Oringi ...	Delivery by 31/7/93 ...	G. W. Grainger ...	2/- 6 "
4,000 " " ...	"	C. N. Clausen ...	2/- 6 "
1,000 " " ...	"	Charles Smith ...	2/- 6 "
1,000 " Bunnythorpe ...	Delivery by 18/7/93 ...	G. H. Christensen ...	2/- 5 "
2,000 " Taonui ...	"	P. Rugsted ...	2/- 4 1/2 "
2,000 " Manchester Mill ...	"	J. Stewart ...	2/- 4 "
1,000 birch ... Westport ...	Delivery by 10/5/93 ...	W. and J. Marris ...	2/- 2 1/2 "
7,000 silver-pine ... Port Chalmers ...	Delivery by 31/3/94 ...	Saddler and Gosling ...	3/- 5 "
2,000 hewn silver-pine Lyttelton ...	Delivery by 30/6/93 ...	Osmond Butler ...	3/- 9 "
2,000 " " ...	"	Butler Brothers ...	3/- 8 "
2,000 sawn silver-pine " ...	"	" ...	3/- 9 "
2,000 sawn birch ... " ...	"	" ...	2/- 9 1/2 "
2,000 " " ...	"	" ...	2/- 10 1/2 "
2,000 " " ...	"	E. B. Youngman ...	3/- "
3,000 " View Hill ...	"	Alice Perham ...	3/- "
5,000 " " ...	"	John Lace ...	3/- "
5,000 " " ...	"	John Rossiter ...	3/- "
5,000 " West Oxford ...	"	Walter Ryde ...	3/- "
2,500 " " ...	"	Alexander Vallance ...	3/- "
2,500 " " ...	"	Sharplin and Co. ...	2/- 11 "
10,000 " Springburn ...	"	Boyd and Sharplin ...	3/- "
10,000 " " ...	"	John M. Booth ...	3/- 11 "
3,500 sawn totara ... Rangitata ...	"	Robert T. Button ...	3/- 9 "
1,500 " " ...	"	National Mortgage and Agency Company ...	3/- 11 "
10,000 sawn jarrah ... Port Chalmers ...	"	Small and Co. ...	2/- 3 "
2,000 sawn black-pine Riverton ...	"	Massey and Co. ...	2/- 6 "
2,000 " Woodlands, Massey's, Waianawa ...	"	Francis Henry ...	2/- 8 "
2,000 " Otautau ...	"	T. Roff ...	3/- 5 "
2,000 sawn totara " ...	"	Kettle Brothers ...	1/- 11 "
5,000 sawn black-pine West Plains ...	Delivery by 30/11/93 ...	W. and J. Marris ...	2/- 4 "
2,000 silver-pine ... Port Chalmers ...	Delivery by 20/10/93 ...	R. and J. Mitchelson ...	3/- 9 "
1,500 birch ... Westport ...	Delivery by 2/5/94 ...	Higgins and Bryant ...	1/- 8 1/2 "
1,000 hewn puriri ... Maropiu and Opunake ...	Delivery by 30/4/94 ...	J. A. Jacobson ...	2/- 8 "
1,000 black-birch ... Belgrove ...	Delivery by 30/6/94 ...	Grainger and Smith ...	2/- 9 "
1,000 hewn totara ... Oringi ...	Delivery by 30/6/94 ...	C. N. Clausen ...	2/- 7 1/2 "
1,000 " " ...	"	Andrew Quinlan ...	2/- 10 "
2,000 " Tamaki ...	"	Henry Carlson ...	2/- 10 "
1,000 " " ...	"	James Tannahill ...	3/- "
1,000 birch ... Upper Hutt ...	Delivery by 2/6/94 ...	E. and J. Hoult ...	8/- 3 per rooфт.
110 " long Picton ... lengths	Delivery by 2/4/94 ...	Sundry settlers ...	3/- 9 to 4/- each.
13,012 puriri, 1st class Auckland Section	Year ending 31/3/94 ...	"	3/- 3 "
2,537 " 2nd " "	"	"	3/- "
2,029 totara ... " ...	"	"	2/- 4 to 2/- 6 "
10,253 " Wangani Section ...	"	"	2/- 6 "
8,054 yellow-pine ... Westport ...	"	"	2/- 6 "
6,150 birch ... Picton Section ...	"	"	2/- 6 "
Timber-supplies, as under—			
Ironbark ... N.Z. Railways ...	Delivery by 27/1/93 ...	National Mortgage and Agency Company ...	20/- per rooфт., hewn; 2/- 2 per lin. ft., piles.
" ... " ...	Delivery by 13/2/94 ...	Murray, Arnold, and Co. ...	18/- per rooфт., and 1/- 8 per lin. ft. piles.
" ... Port Chalmers ...	Delivery by 19/1/95 ...	"	18/- per rooфт., and 1/- 5 per lin. ft. piles.
Puriri junk ... Auckland ...	Delivery by 14/3/93 ...	John Howland ...	11/- per rooфт.
" " ...	"	M. Mackenzie ...	11/- "
Kauri junk ... Ringway ...	Delivery by 30/4/94 ...	The Kauri Timber Company ...	5/- 6 "
Sawn totara ... Christchurch ...	Delivery by 26/1/94 ...	George Harrington ...	16/- 5 "
Clear-pine ... Dalefield ...	Delivery by 24/2/94 ...	R. W. England ...	52/- "
White-pine ... Eketahuna ...	Delivery by 20/12/93 ...	Thomas Price ...	5/- and 5/6 per rooфт.
Red-pine ... Totara ...	" ...	" ...	7/- to 10/6 "
Red- and white-pine Eketahuna and Petone	Delivery by 22/12/93 ...	" ...	14/- 6 and 18/- 6 per rooфт.
Birch piles ... Belgrove ...	Delivery by 16/10/93 ...	Joseph Price ...	6/- 9 to 14/- per rooфт.
Birch timber ... Wakefield ...	Delivery by 6/12/93 ...	Henry Baigent ...	30/- each.
" ... Felgrave ...	Delivery by 15/1/94 ...	Joseph Price ...	9/- per rooфт.
" ... Wakefield ...	Delivery by 28/8/93 ...	Henry Baigent ...	9/- "
" ... Waimangaroa ...	"	Griffiths Brothers ...	12/- "

**RETURN No. 11—*continued.***  
**STATEMENT of STORES CONTRACTS, &c.—*continued.***

Service.	Period.	Name of Contractor.	Rate.
Timber-supplies, as under— <i>continued.</i>			
Birch piles ... Westport ...	Delivery by 29/7/93 ...	Griffiths Brothers ...	1/8 per lin. ft.
Birch timber ... "	Delivery by 6/7/93 ...	W. and J. Marris ...	13/ per 100ft.
	Delivery by 17/7/93 ...	A. and S. Marris ...	13/ "
Red-pine timber ... Mokihinui ...	Delivery by 11/11/93 ...	A. and S. Marris ...	As per list.
" ... Waimangaroa ...		Griffiths Brothers ...	
Birch piles ... Mokihinui ...	Delivery by 6/3/94 ...	Nixon and Martin ...	1/10 per lin. ft.
" ... Westport ...	"	B. Gannon ...	1/10 "
Red-pine timber ... Brunner ...	Delivery by 12/4/93 ...	Butler Brothers ...	5/ per 100ft.
Silver-pine " ... Greymouth ...	" ...	Otto Peterson ...	11/6 "
Red-pine " ... "	"	"	6/ "
Black-birch " ... "	Delivery by 25/4/93 ...	Elisha Lockington ...	10/6 "
Red-pine " ... "	Delivery by 16/5/93 ...	Butler Brothers ...	5/6 "
Black-pine " ... "	Delivery by 11/6/93 ...	Elisha Lockington ...	9/6 "
	"	Stratford and Blair ...	10/6 "
Red-pine " ... "	"	Otto Peterson ...	5/3 "
" ... "	Delivery by 10/7/93 ...	Feary Brothers ...	8/ "
Black-pine " ... "	"	Elisha Lockington ...	9/6 "
Birch " ... "	Delivery by 29/8/93 ...	G. Perotti ...	7/6 "
Red-pine " ... "	Delivery by 25/9/93 ...	"	4/11 and 8/ per 100ft.
Black-pine " ... "	"	Elisha Lockington ...	12/6 per 100ft.
Birch " ... "	Delivery by 11/11/93 ...	G. Perotti ...	11/2 "
Red-pine " ... "	Delivery by 29/11/93 ...	Butler Brothers ...	5/ "
Birch " ... "	"	Gustav Hahn ...	9/6 "
Totara " ... For Invercargill district	Delivery by 26/1/94 ...	George Harrington ...	16/5 "
Native timber ... Napier ...	For 1894 ...	Hawke's Bay Timber Company	As per schedule.
" ... Wanganui ...	"	Manawatu Timber Company ...	"
" ... Wellington ...	"	Thomas Price ...	"
" ... Greymouth ...	"	Butler Brothers ...	"
" ... Christchurch ...	"	R. W. England ...	"
" ... Invercargill ...	"	New Zealand Pine Company ...	"
Kamai fencing-posts Tisbury ...	Delivery by 15/8/93 ...	W. P. Lawrence ...	25/ per 100.
" ... Seaward Bush ...	"	L. Woollett ...	22/6 "
" ... Wakapatu ...	"	Thomas Fireash ...	25/ "
Iron castings " ... Auckland ...	Delivery by 30/6/94 ...	C. and A. Collings ...	11/9 and 10/ per cwt.
" ... Wellington ...	"	Smith Brothers ...	14/ per cwt.
" ... Christchurch and Dunedin	"	A. and T. Burt ...	11/6 and 10/3 per cwt.
Horse-forage ...	Christchurch ...	Thomas Wreaks ...	As per schedule.
Coal-supply ...	Auckland ...	Taupiri Extended Coal-mining Company	6/6 and 5/6 per ton.
" ... Kaihu ...	"	J. J. Craig ...	19/6 per ton.
" ... Whangarei ...	"	"	10/ "
" ... Napier ...	"	Grey Valley Coal Company ...	23/3 "
" ... Foxton ...	"	"	22/6 "
" ... Wanganui ...	"	"	22/6 "
" ... New Plymouth (or Waitara)	"	"	22/6 "
" ... Wellington ...	"	"	19/9 "
" ... Picton ...	"	"	24/ "
" ... Nelson ...	"	"	21/ "
<i>Hurunui-Bluff.</i>			
" ... Lyttelton ...	"	William Leeming and Co. ...	20/3 "
" ... Whitecliffs ...	"	Grey Valley Coal Company ...	8/9 "
" ... Timaru ...	"	"	20/9 "
" ... Oamaru ...	"	"	19/6 "
" ... Stirling ...	"	Kaitangata Railway and Coal Company	7/ "
" ... Nightcaps ...	"	Nightcaps Coal Company ...	5/5 "
" ... Winton ...	"	Hokonui Coal Company ...	6/6 "
" ... Newmarket Shops ...	"	J. J. Craig ...	15/6 "
" ... Petone ...	"	Grey Valley Coal Company ...	19/ "
" ... Addington ...	"	"	10/6 "
" ... Hillside ...	"	Mokihinui Coal Company ...	18/6 "
Freight, birch sleepers Picton to Wanganui	January, 1894	Union Steamship Company ...	1/7 each.

R. CARRON, Railway Stores Manager.





















**RETURN NO. 19.**  
**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of MILEAGE of RAILWAYS OPEN for TRAFFIC and UNDER MAINTENANCE on 31st March, 1894.**

Section.	Mileage Open for Traffic on 31st March, 1893.	Additional Length Opened during Year.		Reduced Mileage equivalent to Maintenance for whole Period.	Length Closed during Year.		Net Addition to Mileage Open for Traffic.	Net Addition to Mileage under Maintenance.	Total Mileage Open for Traffic on 31st March, 1894.
		Line Opened.	Date of Opening.		Length Opened.	Line.			
Kawakawa	... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ...	7 39 6 52 16 47 265 32 328 45 92 18 1,098 33*	... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ...	M. ch. ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ...	M. ch. 7 39 6 52 16 47 288 37 332 37 92 18 1,098 34†				
Whangarei	...	...	...						
Kaihu	...	...	...						
Auckland	...	...	...						
Napier-Taranaki	...	...	...						
Wellington	...	...	...						
Hurunui-Bluff	...	...	...						
Ditto, Private Lines—									
Shag Point Branch	...	2 10	•	...	...	...	...	...	2 10
Nightcaps Branch	...	2 24	•	...	...	...	...	...	2 24
Grey mouth	...	7 69	•	Grey mouth-Hokitika	24 17	6 72	...	...	32 6
Westport	...	19 56	•	Ngakawau-Mokihinui	8th August, 1893	7 12	4 50	...	26 68
Nelson	...	23 5	•		...	...	...	...	23 5
Picton	...	17 79	•	Blenheim-Riverlands	18th April, 1893	2 43	2 34	2 34	20 42
Total	...	1,888 29	...		60 69	25 29	...	...	1,949 19
Forest Hill Tramway	...	10 0	...		...	...	...	...	10 0

\* Does not include Riversdale-Switzers (2 miles).

† Rechainage, Catlin's River Branch Extension.











## RETURN No. 24.

## HURUNUI-BLUFF SECTION.

RETURN of COAL TRAFFIC from LOCAL MINES during the Year ending 31st March, 1894.

Mine.	1893-94.	1892-93.	Increase.	Decrease.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Austin Bros., Sheffield	715	1,341	...	626
Springfield Coal Company, Springfield	243	81	162	...
Smith and Taylor, Springfield	...	66	...	66
Leeming and Co., Whitecliffs	2,430	2,047	383	...
McIlraith, J. A., Glentunnel	3,095	2,814	281	...
Goss, Glentunnel	37	...	37	...
Knight and Harris, Mount Somers	...	1,200	...	1,200
Harris, W. and J., Mount Somers	380	...	380	...
Park, G., Mount Somers	115	...	115	...
Albury	172	193	...	21
Studholme and McPherson, Waimate	15	21	...	6
Kurow	185	217	...	32
Abbotsford	...	65	...	65
Ngapara	16	36	...	20
Herbert	54	160	...	106
Shag Point	9,604	3,102	6,502	...
Allendale Coal Company	12,739	12,720	19	...
Walton Park	15,726	17,716	...	1,990
Fernhill	5,294	74	5,220	...
Saddle Hill	12	420	...	408
Freeman's	9,418	12,053	...	2,635
Salisbury	1,946	2,078	...	132
Nelson's	1,138	1,124	14	...
Lovell's Flat	138	110	28	...
Milton	...	4	...	4
Kaitangata	67,605	53,392	14,213	...
Carson's	28	56	...	28
Castle Hill	6	...	6	...
Cormack's	330	460	...	130
Conical Hills	1,665	2,115	...	450
Mosgiel	10	366	...	356
McKenzie, J., Pukerau	...	25	...	25
Hagan, C. O., Pukerau	531	354	177	...
Dudley, J., Pukerau	26	40	...	14
Hoffman, Gore	40	88	...	48
Fryer's, Gore	24	34	...	10
Adams', Gore	...	146	...	146
Stark's, Gore	361	...	361	...
Town, C., Mataura	74	116	...	42
Slleeman, C. P., Mataura	30	25	5	...
Slattery, N., Fairfax	...	5	...	5
Brazier, J., Wairio	...	10	...	10
Reed, W., Wairio	747	380	367	...
Benson, S., Wairio	...	4	...	4
Nightcaps Coal Company, Nightcaps	14,050	7,137	6,913	...
Reed, W., Nightcaps	...	428	...	428
Cassels, A., Orepuki	72	330	...	258
Hokonui Coal Company, Winton	10,538	2,360	8,178	...
Totals	159,609	125,513	43,361	9,265

## RETURN No. 25.

## HURUNUI-BLUFF SECTION.

RETURN of the NUMBER of VESSELS DISCHARGED and LOADED at the Ports of Lyttelton, Timaru, Oamaru, Port Chalmers, Dunedin, and Bluff, for the Year ending 31st March, 1894.

Port.		1893-94.	1892-93.	Increase.	Decrease.
DISCHARGED :—		No.	No.	No.	No.
Lyttelton	...	...	1,545	1,614	69
Timaru	...	...	316	297	19
Oamaru	...	...	130	156	26
Port Chalmers	...	...	307	365	58
Dunedin	...	...	47	51	4
Bluff	...	...	281	306	25
Totals	...	2,626	2,789	19	182
LOADED :—					
Lyttelton	...	...	1,648	1,311	337
Timaru	...	...	317	290	27
Oamaru	...	...	154	156	2
Port Chalmers	...	...	317	377	60
Dunedin	...	...	...	1	1
Bluff	...	...	282	309	27
Totals	...	2,718	2,444	364	90

## RETURN No. 26.

## HURUNUI-BLUFF SECTION.

SHOWING MILEAGE of TRACK in MAIN LINE and SIDINGS OPEN for TRAFFIC on 31st March, 1894, on the HURUNUI-BLUFF RAILWAY and BRANCHES.

Line of Railway.	Main Line.		Branches.	Total Railway.	Sidings.			Total Equivalent of Single Track.
	Single.	Double.			Main Line.	Branches.	Total.	
CHRISTCHURCH DIVISION :—								
Main Line	211	57	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.
Rangiura - Sheffield and Eyreton Junction-Bennett's	...	...	53	56	218	5	64	49
Southbridge and Little River Branches	...	...	48	7			5	26
Springfield and Whitecliffs Branches	...	...	42	27	242	65	4	60
Rakaia and Ashburton Forks Branch	...	...	22	20			2	65
Mount Somers Branch	...	...	27	35			1	53
Albury Branch	...	...	36	13			2	45
Waimate Branch	...	...	12	67			1	58
(Totals, Canterbury Division)	211	57	6 28	242 65	460 70	64 49	23 18	87 67
DUNEDIN DIVISION :—								
Main Line	175	20	...	...	175	20	47 10	222 30
Duntroon Branch	...	...	37	41			2	57
Oamaru-Breakwater Branch	...	...	0	63			0	25
Ngapara & Livingstone Branches	...	...	27	4			1	77
Shag Point Branch	...	...	2	10			0	14
Waitemo Branch	...	...	8	65			0	57
Port Chalmers Branch	...	...	1	26	185	20	3	41
Walton Park Branch	...	...	2	49			0	52
Otago Central Railway	...	...	39	62			2	1
Outram Branch	...	...	9	0			0	65
Lawrence Branch	...	...	22	0			1	78
Catlin's River Branch	...	...	14	16			1	2
Tapanui Branch	...	...	20	4			2	7
(Totals, Dunedin Division)	175	20	...	185 20	360 40	47 10	17 76	65 6
INVERCARGILL DIVISION :—								
Main Line	72	61	...	...	72	61	17 61	90 42
Waimea Plains Branch	...	...	36	41			2	6
Wyndham Branch	...	...	9	35			0	45
Seaward Bush Branch	...	...	11	25			0	56
Kingston Branch	...	...	87	0	215	5	6	5
Makarewa-Orepuki Branch	...	...	35	52			3	78
Thornbury-Wairio and Wairio-Nightcaps Branches	...	...	24	51			2	34
Lumsden-Mararoa Branch	...	...	10	41			1	3
(Totals, Invercargill Division)	72	61	...	215 5	287 66	17 61	16 67	34 48
Grand Totals—Whole Line	459	58	6 28	643 10	1,109 16	129 40	58 1	187 41
Riversdale-Switzers Line	...	...	...	...	2 0	...	...	...
Forest Hill Tramway	...	...	...	...	10 0	...	...	...

\* Taken over, but not yet open for traffic.

## RETURN No. 27.

STATEMENT of NET EXPENDITURE from Vote for ADDITIONS to OPEN LINES, Public Works Fund, 1893–94.

Vote No.	Name of Vote.	Appropriation.	Expenditure.	Credits.	Net Expenditure.
88	PUBLIC WORKS FUND. PART I. CLASS III.—RAILWAYS. Additions to open lines .. .. ..	£ s. d. 18,978 0 0	£ s. d. 8,041 18 4	..	£ s. d. 8,041 18 4

Accountant's Office, New Zealand Railways,  
18th April, 1894.

A. C. FIFE,  
Railway Accountant.

Correct.

JAMES EDWARD FITZGERALD,  
19th April, 1894. Controller and Auditor-General.

## RETURN No. 28.

STATEMENT of ALTERATIONS effected in and ADDITIONS made to the SCALE of CHARGES during the Year ending 31st March, 1894.

## PART I.—PASSENGERS.

Ordinary tickets: Single fares for 1 mile reduced.

Return tickets over 200 miles and up to 300 miles made available for two months, previously available for one month.

Single commutation tickets made available for two months, previously available for one month. Rates for special trains amended.

## LOCAL FARES AND REGULATIONS.

## Suburban Traffic.

Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin: Single fares, 1 and 2 miles, reduced.

## Kaihu Section.

First-class fares inserted.

## Napier-Taranaki and Wellington Sections.

Te Aro included in list of through booking stations to and from Napier Section stations.

## Greymouth Section.

Fares reduced.

## Westport Section.

Fares reduced.

## Hurunui-Bluff Section.

Oamaru to Breakwater, fare removed. Single fares, Pelichet Bay and Ravensbourne, reduced.

## PART II.—LUGGAGE, PARCELS, HORSES, ETC.

Commercial travellers' luggage, when consigned as goods, to be charged Class B.

Regulation re lost luggage amended.

Parcel Rates: Dress-stands, basketware, basket-chairs, bicycles, and tricycles to be charged rate and a quarter.

Rate for conveyance of stereotype casts reduced.

Shetland ponies to be charged same rate as asses.

Concession granted to horses of members of hunt-clubs returning from meets extended to horses of members of polo-clubs.

Bicycles, tricycles, and perambulators: Rates, when conveyed as passengers' luggage, removed; each passenger to be allowed to take one bicycle, or tricycle, or one perambulator as "personal luggage."

Rate for conveyance of corpses reduced.

## PART III.—GOODS.

## REGULATIONS.

Regulation 2: Scale for small lots amended.

Charge for small lots of rabbit-, sheep-, and calfskins, wool, hides, lard, fat, and tallow reduced.

Charge for reloading goods of Class F provided.

Regulation for measurement of rusticated timber and moulded boards inserted.

Live-stock: Rate for store cattle in large mobs reduced.

Rock-salt and salt for agricultural or pastoral purposes included under the  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -ton minimum.

Charge for handling transhipment goods in Government sheds at port-stations amended.

Demurrage-charge for double-bogie trucks inserted.

Stock, implements, dogs, and poultry exhibited at Agricultural Shows, and entire horses exhibited at Horse Parades: Regulation amended to provide for free conveyance back when part of consignment is sold.

Regulation inserted providing for threshing-machines, chaff-cutters, and hay-presses, with engines (portable or traction), consigned to country stations for threshing, &c., and returned within one month, being conveyed back at half rates.

West Coast, New Zealand, Co-operative Exhibition: Free conveyance of exhibits provided for. Hawera Exhibition: Free conveyance of exhibits provided for.

Tasmanian Exhibition, Launceston: Regulation *re* free carriage of exhibits removed.

Convalescent Home, Wellington: Contributions to Gift Auction in aid of Home to be conveyed free.

#### PART IV.—GOODS: LOCAL RATES.

##### *Auckland Section.*

Terminal charge on A, B, C, D, and E goods at Auckland amended.

Rate for goods of Class H, between Auckland or Newmarket and Onehunga Town and Wharf, reduced.

Rates for A, B, C, and D goods, Te Aroha to Auckland and Newmarket, and rates for A, B, C, and D goods between Onehunga and Te Aroha, reduced.

Rate of £4 10s. per ton for Classes A, B, C, and D, Auckland or Newmarket to Oxford or Putaruru for Rotorua, removed.

Rates for timber, Kanohi to Auckland and Onehunga Wharf, reduced. Rate for white-pine, Whangarata to Newmarket or Auckland, reduced. Rate for timber, Auckland to Tarukenga, reduced. Rate for timber, Auckland to Oxford for Rotorua, removed (line opened to Tarukenga).

Rate for sulphur, Oxford to Westfield or Auckland, reduced. Rate for sulphur, Tarukenga to Westfield or Auckland, reduced. Rate for sulphur, Oxford to Westfield or Auckland, removed (line opened to Tarukenga).

Rate for sheet-iron and tram-rails, Onehunga to Auckland, reduced.

Rate for bone-dust, manure, &c., over Rotorua District Railway reduced.

##### *Napier-Taranaki Section.*

Rates for goods of Class D reduced.

Rates for rock-salt, and salt for agricultural purposes, reduced.

Rate for soap, Awatoto to Napier or Spit, removed.

Rate for goods of Classes A, B, C, and D, between the New Plymouth Breakwater and New Plymouth Station, reduced.

##### *Napier-Taranaki and Wellington Sections.*

Minimum quantity per truck of dead meat, consigned by way of Manawatu Railway Company's line to Wellington, or to stations on the Wellington Section, inserted.

##### *Wellington Section.*

Rates for goods of Class D reduced.

Rate for potatoes, Lower Hutt to Wellington, removed.

Rates for rock-salt, and salt for agricultural purposes, reduced.

##### *Greymouth-Brunnerton Section.*

Rate for clay and bricks, Brunnerton sidings to Greymouth, to include weighing.

Rate for timber, Dobson to Greymouth, reduced.

Shunting-rate for slack between Brunnerton and Wallsend inserted.

Rate for coal for Greymouth, from Blackball Coal Company's line, reduced.

##### *Greymouth-Hokitika Section.*

Local rates inserted.

Rate on beer in bulk, Hokitika to Greymouth, reduced.

##### *Nelson Section.*

Bark extract, regulation removed.

Rate for bark, native, Wai-iti to Nelson, reduced.

##### *Picton Section.*

Rate for timber from Mount Pleasant, &c., removed.

Rate for timber, Picton to Blenheim, ex ship, reduced.

##### *Hurunui-Bluff Section.*

Rate for ships' goods, Classes A, B, C, and D, Timaru and Bluff, inserted.

Rate for ships' goods, Oamaru to Port Chalmers, removed.

Terminal charge of 1s. 2d. per ton on goods of classes A, B, C, D, and E, at Dunedin, not to be made when goods are consigned to the Railway Wharf for shipment in vessels lying there.

Class H, Wool, &c.: Rates from stations on the Waimate District Railway to Timaru, Oamaru, and Breakwater, reduced.

Class K, Timber: Rate, Buccleugh to Tinwald and Ashburton, reduced. Rate, Rangitata to Ashburton, Timaru, and intermediate stations, reduced.

Ships' ballast, Hornby to Lyttelton, rate removed.

Rate for pelts, Maheno to Woolston, reduced.

Charge for goods landed for Customs examination at Lyttelton removed.

Rate for tallow, Washdyke to Dunedin, reduced.

Fat, Oamaru Refrigerating Siding to Dunedin: Rate removed; and rate for fat, Eveline to Dunedin and Burnsside, reduced.

Preserved meat from factories exempted from District Railways rate.

Grass-seed-cleaning machines, and flock and kapok in bales, added to list of goods to be charged half-measurement rates on port lines.

#### PART V.—CLASSIFICATION OF GOODS.

	Class.
Acid, acetic, packed	A
Barley, pearl, packed. Owners' risk	Reduced to E
Baskets and basketware. Rate and a half (if through parcels, rate and a quarter)	A
Beehives. Owners' risk	Reduced to C
Bicycles, unpacked. Rate and a quarter. Owners' risk	As parcels: see Part II.
Cake, linseed. Owners' risk	Reduced to E
Cardboard-boxes, colonial manufacture, packed in crates	Reduced to rate and a half, A
Chairs, bath and basket. Rate and a half (if through parcels, rate and a quarter)	A
Coverings used for fresh meat conveyed by rail (returned, free).	
Dress-stands. Rate and a quarter	As parcels: see Part II.
Empties: Casks, cases, kegs, jars, tins, and tubs for butter, cement, cheese, cider, fish, fruit, honey, preserved meat, and tallow, and crates for poultry, not "returned empties," but to be reconsigned over the railway full	As returned empties: see Part III.
Fish, fresh, under 2 tons. Owners' risk	Reduced to D
Fish, fresh, 2 ton lots and over. Owners' risk	Reduced to half rates, C
Garden-roots	Reduced to D
Glassware, native, packed, consigned direct from local factories, in lots of not less than 30cwt., reduced to half rate, Class B. Any less quantity will be charged as such minimum, or at the classified rates for Class D.	
Kapok, in bales	A
Leather, in bales or bundles	B
Magnite, packed. Owners' risk	A
Marble images, packed. If unpacked, double rate. Owners' risk. <i>Special goods</i>	A
Oatina, packed. Owners' risk	Reduced to E
Rails, iron and steel, new, and fastenings	N
Roburite. Double rate. Owners' risk. <i>Dangerous</i>	A
Rock-salt.	Reduced to P
Salt, manure, or for agricultural or pastoral purposes	Reduced to P
Shags' heads consigned from country stations to Acclimatisation Societies	Free.
Sleepers, railway	Reduced to Q
Snow, packed. Owners' risk	Reduced to C
Stereotype-casts consigned by or to newspaper proprietors.	See Part II.
Tricycles, unpacked. Rate and a quarter. Owners' risk	As parcels: see Part II.
Twine, binder	Reduced to D
Wine, New Zealand-made	Reduced to C
Removed.—Velocipedes, packed.	
Removed.—Velocipedes, unpacked.	

#### PART VI.—WHARVES.

##### *Kaihu Section.*

Dargaville Wharf: Charges for use of wharf reduced.

##### *Auckland Section.*

Helensville Wharf: Rate for Class F inserted.

Onehunga Wharf: Rate for calves inserted.

##### *Greymouth Section.*

Greymouth Wharf: Charge for tug-steamers removed.

##### *Nelson Section.*

Nelson Wharf: Rate for Classes E and F inserted.

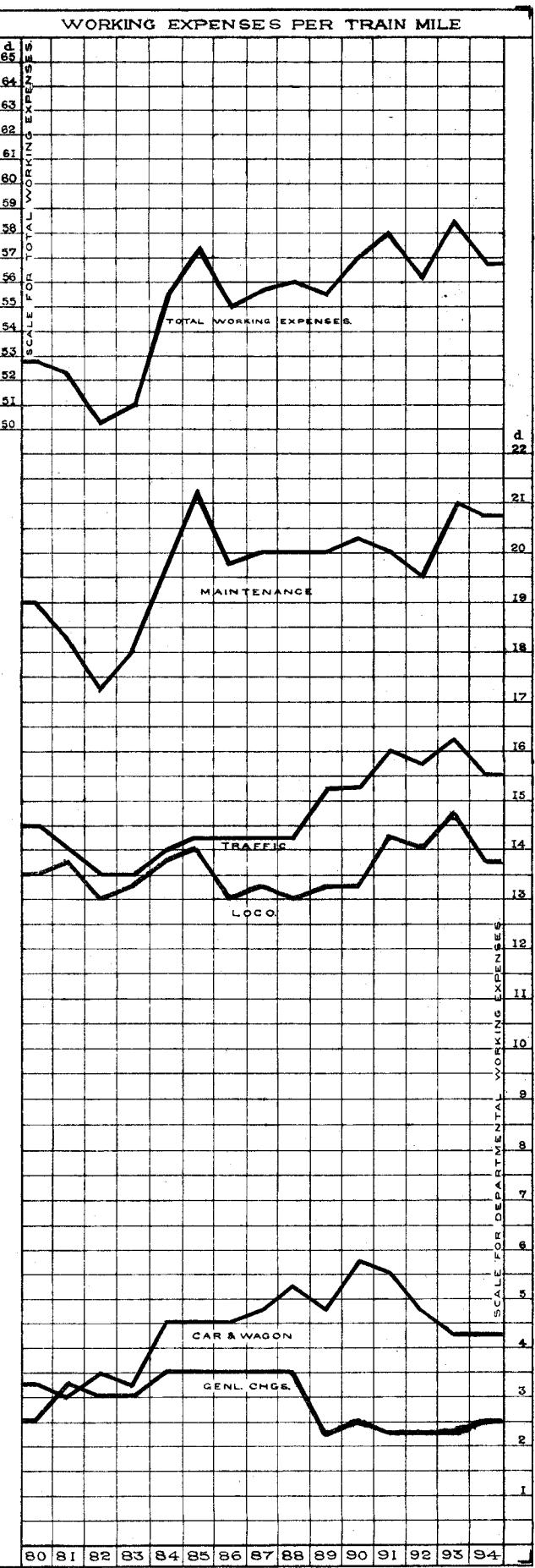
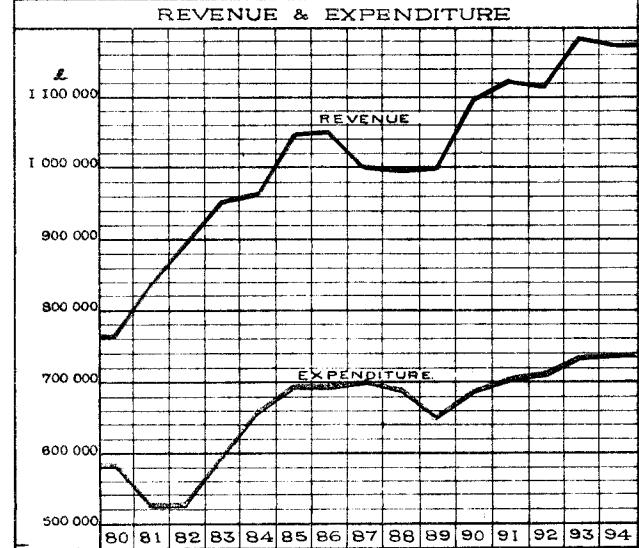
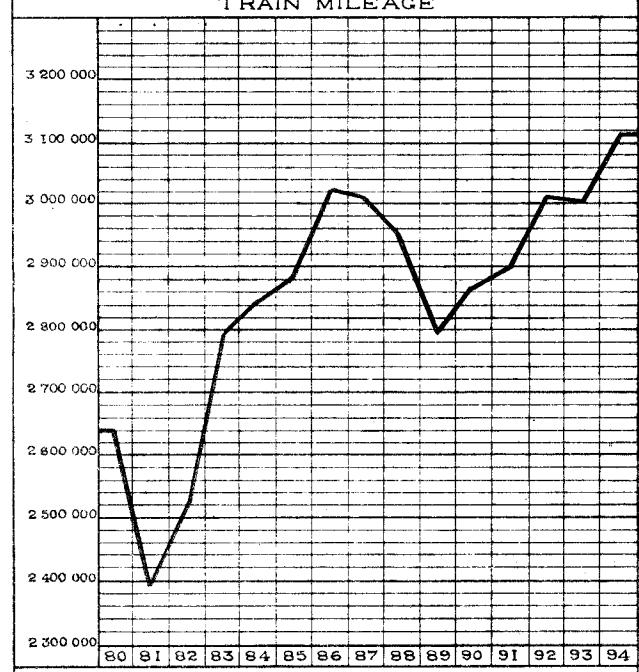
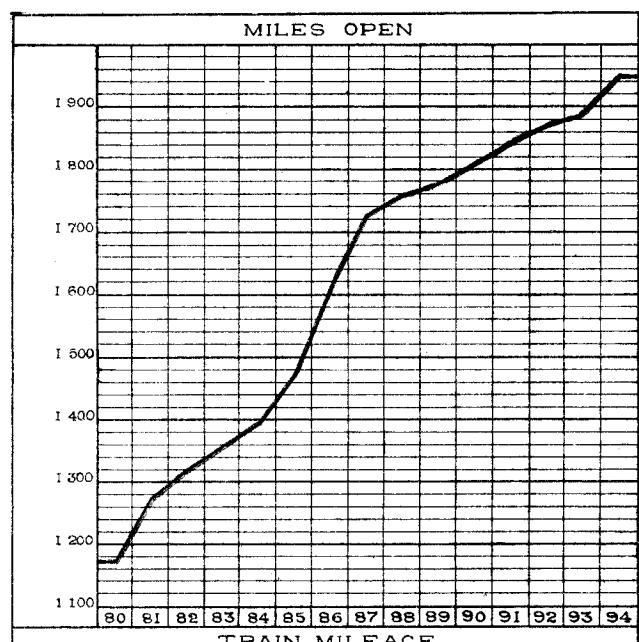
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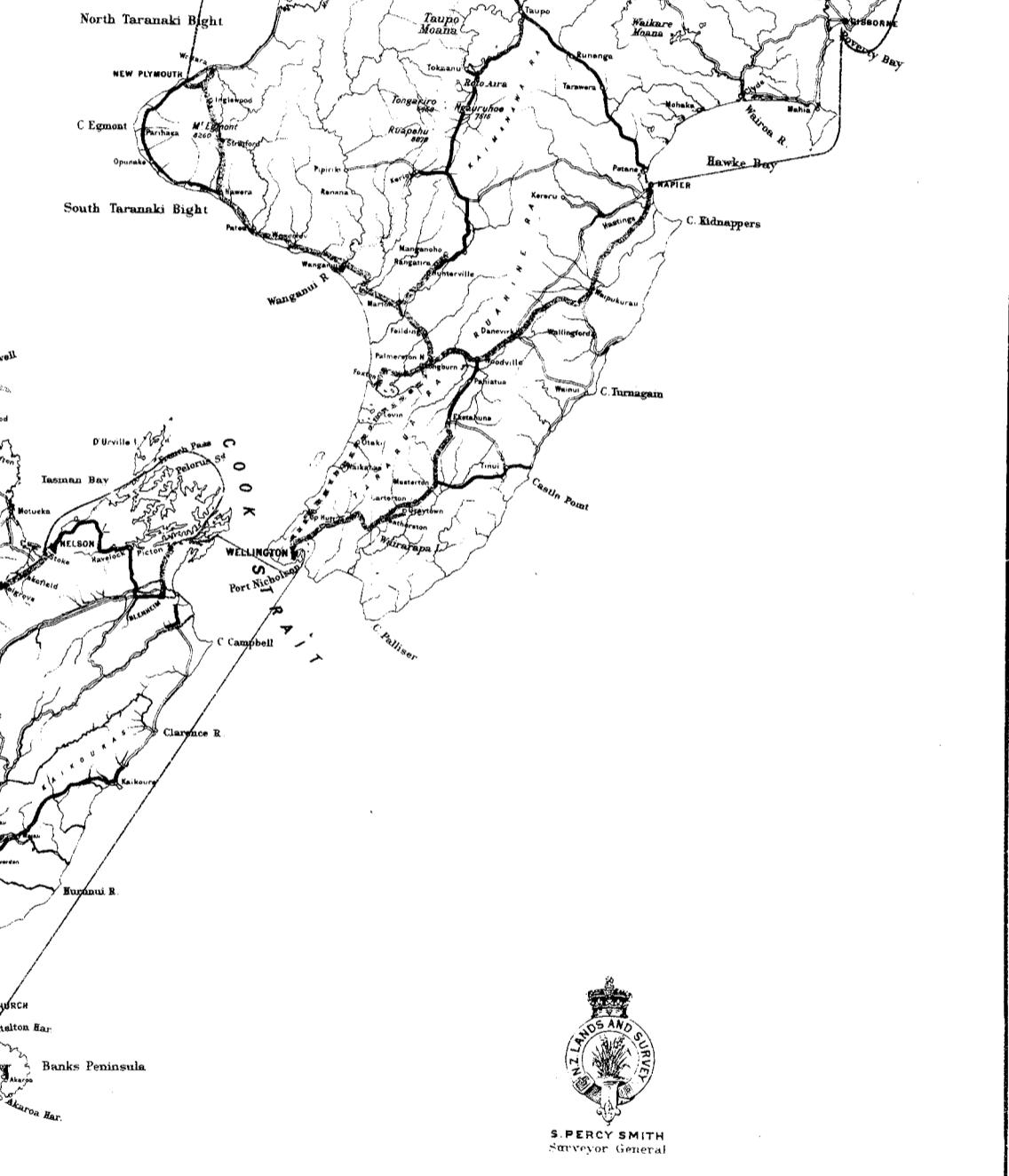
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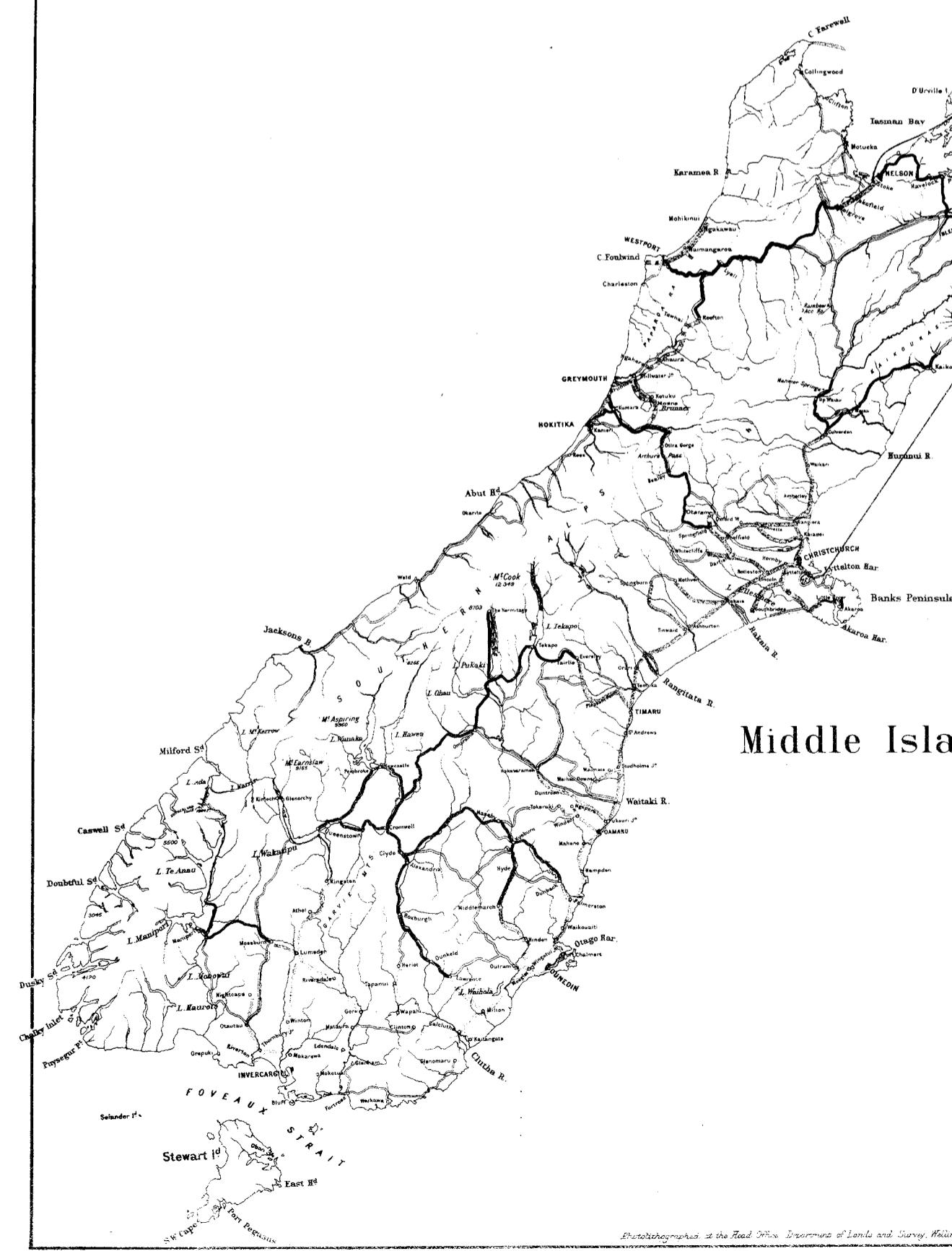


**MAP OF  
NEW ZEALAND  
SHEWING  
RAILWAYS OPEN FOR TRAFFIC  
MARCH 1894.**

North Island



Middle Island



S. PERCY SMITH  
Surveyor General

Scale of English Miles.  
40 30 20 10 0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100 110 120 130 140 150 160

Reference	
Government Railways open for traffic.	1948 miles
Private Lines	184
Coach routes	
Roads and tracks	
Steamer routes	

