

APPENDIX F.

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, 1st July, 1896.

I have the honour to submit the following report on the various works completed and in progress throughout the colony during the past year.

RAILWAYS.

ABSTRACT.

The following table shows the expenditure and liabilities on Government railways in New Zealand up to the 31st March, 1896:—

Name of Railway.	Total Length of Railway or Section.	Open for Traffic.	Expenditure to 31st March, 1896.		Liabilities on 31st March, 1896.	
	M. ch.	M. ch.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Kaihu Valley	19 40	16 46	51,981	12 4	565	14 0
Kawakawa	7 41	7 41	90,638	8 1	..	..
Whangarei-Kamo and Extension	23 77	14 52	130,813	11 1	3,923	19 5
Helensville Northwards	110 0	7 42	64,239	9 5	6,809	0 9
Kaipara-Waikato, with Branches	151 1	151 1	1,390,451	5 11	..	..
Waikato-Thames	62 58	43 38	255,318	5 8	5,321	18 2
Thames Valley—Rotorua and Lichfield Branch	73 36	73 36	359,768	4 1	63	12 0
Wellington—Napier and Palmerston North (including Te Aro Extension and Greytown Branch)	233 12	208 42	2,039,572	0 0	18,465	18 4
Wellington—Foxton .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	42,116	3 4	..	..
Foxton—New Plymouth, with Branches	197 60	195 49	1,441,568	15 11	..	..
North Island Main Trunk	216 0	56 77	516,854	11 5	16,175	8 10
Nelson—Roundell	52 0	22 73	179,099	8 7	..	..
Midland Railway .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	10,808	15 6	7,142	2 0
Greymouth—Nelson Creek	7 51	7 51	216,246	11 11	..	..
Greymouth—Hokitika	24 37	24 37	191,409	5 4	582	16 7
Westport—Ngakawau	19 56	19 56	227,493	15 7	..	..
Westport—Ngakawau Extension to Mokihinui*	7 12	7 12	..	..	..	..
Mokihinui Colliery Line†	3 69	3 69	..	..	..	..
Picton—Hurunui—	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Picton—Awatere Section	34 40	20 42	263,872	1 6	14	0 6
Hurunui—Red Post Section	9 50	9 50	39,093	6 1	..	..
Hurunui—Waitaki, with Branches	474 41	433 38	2,533,068	7 5	..	..
Canterbury Interior Main Line—Oxford—Temuka	83 0	11 44	59,343	9 2	..	..
Waitaki—Bluff, with Branches	628 23	458 27	3,632,786	18 4	11,843	12 1
Otago Central	182 56	56 20	682,203	19 2	14,751	0 7
Invercargill—Kingston, with Mararoa Branch	117 4	97 44	320,902	18 4	..	..
Western Railways	57 56	57 56	225,225	9 9	..	..
Preliminary surveys .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	65,391	9 6	660	13 10
Miscellaneous .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	10,336	19 11	..	..
Stock of permanent-way and rolling-stock on hand .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	28,540	8 2	9,160	10 3
Value of permanent-way in hands of Railway Department .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	25,000	0 0	..	..
Total	2,797 20	2,006 3	15,094,145	11 6	95,485	7 4
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 Tramway .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	556	5 2	..	..
Grand total	2,797 20	2,006 3	16,203,958	0 8	95,485	7 4

* The funds for this extension—namely, £35,501 2s. 11d., were provided by the Westport Harbour Board.

† The funds for purchase of this line, £15,745, were provided by the Westport Harbour Board.

During the year a total length of 20 miles 15 chains of railway was opened for traffic. The following table contains particulars of the sections:—

Railway.	Section.	Length.	Date opened for Traffic.
		M. ch.	
Waikato-Thames	Te Aroha—Paeroa... .. .	12 63	20th December, 1895.
Wellington—Woodville... .. .	Eketahuna—Newman	2 4	16th March, 1896.
Waitaki—Bluff	Fernhill Colliery Line	1 60	19th December, 1895.
Catlin's River	Hunt's Road Section (part)	3 48	16th " "
	Total	20 15	

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