

REPORT.

Mr. JOHN HAYES, F.S.Sc., Inspecting Engineer, to the Hon. JAMES MCGOWAN, Minister of Mines.
Mines Department, Wellington, 21st May, 1906.

SIR,— I have the honour to submit my annual report, together with those of other departmental officers, Inspectors of Mines, Wardens, Managers of Water-races, &c., for the year ending the 31st December, 1905.

In accordance with the usual practice, the tables showing expenditure through the Mines Department on roads, bridges, tracks, prospecting operations, &c., are for the period covered by the financial year—viz., from the 1st April, 1905, to the 31st March, 1906.

SUBSIDISED ROADS AND TRACKS.

The expenditure (as subsidies) and the liabilities on outstanding authorities for the year ending the 31st March, 1906, are as follows:—

Name of Local Body.	Expenditure for the Year ending 31st March, 1906.	Liabilities on Authorities on 31st March, 1906.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Great Barrier Island ... ..	...	150 0 0
Coromandel County... ..	160 0 0	15 0 0
Ohinemuri County	15 5 6	...
Thames County ... ..	...	25 0 0
Moturoa Petroleum Company	229 0 0	...
Buller County	200 0 0	100 0 0
Inangahua County	18 10 2	...
Ross Borough ... ..	...	100 0 0
Lake County	25 0 0	25 0 0
Westland County	65 0 0	25 0 0
Grey County	275 0 0	...
Roads Department	3,512 0 4	529 11 0
Contingencies	52 5 10	...
Compensation for accidents	73 12 6	...
Totals	4,625 14 4	969 11 0

ROADS CONSTRUCTED BY DIRECT GRANTS.

The following statement shows the expenditure and liabilities on authorities issued on roads from direct grants to the several local bodies during the year ending the 31st March, 1906:—

Name of Local Body.	Expenditure for the Year ending 31st March, 1906.	Liabilities on Authorities on 31st March, 1906.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Coromandel County	3,873 14 11	2,737 5 0
Thames County	2,940 17 2	2,400 15 7
Thames Borough... ..	340 0 0	210 0 0
Ohinemuri County	1,654 10 6	1,892 9 3
Pelorus Road Board	95 3 9	717 16 3
Takaka County	376 12 3	1,243 7 9
Collingwood County	587 17 2	1,477 10 4
Waimea County	1,261 7 6	998 18 2
Buller County	5,382 0 0	5,218 0 0
Inangahua County	2,453 0 10	3,281 17 2
Grey County	3,295 4 7	1,100 0 0
Brunner Borough ... ..	...	300 0 0
Westland County	4,269 17 0	844 18 6
Tuapeka County	627 3 7	557 16 9
Vincent County	1,520 0 0	604 12 6
Lake County	480 0 0	295 0 0
Southland County	600 0 0	1,150 0 0
Makarewa-Hedghope River Board	400 0 0	...
Wallace County ... ..	...	300 0 0
Stewart Island County	70 0 0	380 0 0
Roads Department	5,421 14 5	6,797 1 10
Public Works Department... ..	4,863 12 10	45 0 0
Totals	40,512 16 6	32,552 9 1