

The following table shows the brief particulars of the expenditure of the year, and also the total under each class of work from the inauguration of the public-works policy up to the 31st March last:—

TOTAL EXPENDITURE.

Class of Work.	Expenditure.	
	Expenditure for Year ended 31st March, 1917.	Total Expenditure to 31st March, 1917.
	£	£
Railways—		
New construction	335,404	25,176,466
Additions to open lines	285,543	9,539,536
Roads	220,845	11,261,098
Public buildings	256,131	6,880,681
Immigration	6,533	2,338,272
Purchase of Native lands ... ..	...	2,061,963
Lighthouses, harbour-works, and harbour-defences	3,767	1,140,075
Tourist and health resorts... ..	1,094	258,509
Telegraph-extension ... ..	...	3,207,722
Development of mining	4,592	896,014
Defence-works (general)	9,742	1,036,977
Departmental	131,701	1,194,654
Development of water-power ... ..	...	18,451
Irrigation and water-supply	16,049	20,405
Payment to Midland Railway bondholders ... ..	...	150,000
Lands-improvement	Cr. 2,731	137,770
Minor works and services ... ..	...	312,607
Plant, material, and stores	9,778	84,196
Cost and discount, raising loans, &c.	35	1,253,072
	1,278,483	66,968,468
Wellington-Hutt Railway and Road Improvement {	Railway	...
Account	Road ...	...
Railways Improvement Account ... ..	...	228,374
Railways Improvement Authorization Act 1914 Account ... ..	...	101,658
Loans to Local Bodies Account—Roads to open up Crown lands	225,597*	641,275
Opening up Crown Lands for Settlement Account—Roads to open up Crown lands ... ..	...	365,351
Land for Settlements Account—Roads to open up Crown lands ... ..	...	697,408
National Endowment Account—Roads to open up endowment lands	24,730	206,626
Aid to Water-power Works Account	6,787	165,679
Irrigation and Water-supply Account	49,032*	53,401
Waihou and Ohinemuri Rivers Improvement Account... ..	4,745	...
Telegraph Extension Account	10,407	356,570
	203,311*	115,000
	...	52,592
	203,311*	203,311
Totals	1,803,092	70,155,713

* Including £1, cost of raising loan.

WAYS AND MEANS.

On the 1st April, 1916, the available ways and means for public-works purposes were	£	1,293,102
And further funds were received as under:—		
Under the Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act, 1914	500,000	
Other receipts and recoveries	6,906*	
Making a gross total of	1,800,008	
The ordinary expenditure of the year amounted to £1,278,448, plus the expenses of raising loans £35, thus bringing the total disbursements up to	£1,278,483*	

* Exclusive of expenditure of £439 under Ellesmere Land Drainage Act, 1908.