

## RETURN No. 6.

ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE ON CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAYS, ROLLING-STOCK, ETC., TO 31ST MARCH, 1917; NET REVENUE, AND RATE OF INTEREST EARNED ON CAPITAL EXPENDED ON OPENED LINES FOR YEAR ENDED SAME DATE.

Section of Railway.	Cost of Construction.		Net Revenue.	Rate of Interest earned.
	Opened Lines.	Unopened Lines.		
Whangarei .. .. .	£ 763,410	£ ..	£ 19,045	£ s. d. 2 9 11
Kaibu .. .. .	99,962	180,028	— 1,344	..
Tauranga .. .. .	..	17,244	..	..
Gisborne .. .. .	597,241	309,786	10,709	1 15 10
North Island Main Lines and Branches ..	15,421,989	246,557	1,143,290	7 8 3
South Island Main Lines and Branches ..	14,541,345	973,881	560,127	3 17 0
Westland .. .. .	2,075,217	155,044	63,341	3 1 0
Westport .. .. .	602,317	644,771	62,721	10 8 3
Nelson .. .. .	542,406	95,828	7,787	1 8 9
Picton .. .. .	675,857	36,988	7,687	1 2 9
Lake Wakatipu steamer service	43,708	18,593	583	1 6 8
<i>In suspense—</i>				
Surveys, North Island .. .. .	..	35,900	..	..
Miscellaneous, North Island .. .. .	..	5,169	..	..
Surveys, South Island .. .. .	..	5,752	..	..
Miscellaneous, South Island .. .. .	..	5,168	..	..
P.W.D. stock of permanent-way .. .. .	..	77,805	..	..
W.R.D. stock of A.O.L. stores .. .. .	15,212	..	..	..
	£35,378,664	£2,808,509	£1,873,946	£5 5 11
<b>Total cost of opened and unopened lines at 31st March, 1917</b>	<b>£38,187,173</b>		<b>..</b>	<b>£4 18 2</b>

NOTE.—The amount stated in this return as the cost of construction of opened lines includes the Provincial and General Government expenditure on railways. It also includes the Midland Railway and expenditure by the Greymouth and Westport Harbour Boards on railways and wharves under the provisions of section 7 of the Railways Authorization Act, 1885, the information regarding the last mentioned being furnished by the respective Boards.

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## RETURN No. 6A.

SPECIAL EXPENDITURE UNDER THE APPROPRIATION ACT, 1916.

War bonus to members of the Railway service ... .. £189,606 1s. 6d.