

## EXPENDITURE.

The total net expenditure under all votes and accounts appearing on the public-works estimates for the financial year ended 31st March, 1931, was £8,388,529. Of this sum £4,810,659 was expended out of General Purposes Account, and the balance, £3,577,870, out of special accounts.

A brief summary of this expenditure, as well as the total expenditure since the inception of the public-works policy to the 31st March last, follows in tabular form:—

Class of Work.	Expenditure for Year ended 31st March, 1931.	Total Expenditure to 31st March, 1931.
Railways—	£	£
New construction .. .. .	1,478,689	39,095,904
Additions to open lines .. .. .	508,507	16,871,808
Payment to Midland Railway bondholders .. .. .	..	150,000
Roads .. .. .	1,475,522	20,334,817*
Public buildings .. .. .	423,021	11,099,895
Immigration .. .. .	33,544	3,309,850
Purchase of Native lands .. .. .	..	2,061,147
Lighthouses, harbour-works, and harbour defences .. .. .	10,845	1,291,817
Tourist and health resorts .. .. .	60,288	576,708
Telegraph extension .. .. .	419,756	10,930,501
Development of mining .. .. .	..	881,065
Defence works (general) .. .. .	13,812	1,406,587
Departmental .. .. .	131,816	2,740,866
Irrigation and water-supply .. .. .	62,614	968,743
Lands-improvement .. .. .	70,534	661,216
Minor works and services .. .. .	..	312,607
Plant, material, and stores .. .. .	Cr. 44,772	274,633
Quarries (acquisition and operating) .. .. .	4,219	9,636
Timber-supply and sawmills for Public Works Department .. .. .	Cr. 2,271	Cr. 5,489
Motor-transport services .. .. .	..	33,635
Cost and discount, raising loans, &c. .. .. .	164,535	3,713,744
Total General Purposes Account .. .. .	4,810,659†	116,719,690†
Aid to Water-power Works and Electric Supply Account .. .. .	1,187,797‡	10,270,384
Waihou and Ohinemuri Rivers Improvement Account .. .. .	22,080‡	709,740‡
Total Public Works Fund .. .. .	6,020,536	127,699,814
Wellington-Hutt Railway, &c.—		
Railway .. .. .	..	228,374
Road .. .. .	..	101,658
Railways Improvement Account .. .. .	..	641,275
Railways Improvement Authorization Act 1914 Account .. .. .	1,018,615§	8,727,918§
Loans to Local Bodies Account—Roads to open up Crown lands .. .. .	..	697,408
Opening up Crown Lands for Settlement Account—Roads to open up Crown lands .. .. .	..	206,626
Lands for Settlement Account—Roads to open up Crown lands .. .. .	..	590,025
National Endowment Account .. .. .	..	53,401
Education Loans Account .. .. .	503,174§	4,678,965§
Main Highways Account—Construction Fund.. .. .	757,906	4,536,977
Hauraki Plains Settlement Account .. .. .	33,468	942,095
Rangitaiki Land Drainage Account.. .. .	6,767	499,935
Swamp Land Drainage Account .. .. .	48,063	538,626
	8,388,529	150,143,097

\* Includes £4,500 expended under section 16, subsection (1), Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1923. † Does not include expenditure under the Ellesmere Land Drainage Act, 1905.  
‡ Excludes interest during construction and loan charges. § Includes proportionate cost of loan raised under these accounts. || Includes total expenditure under votes only for construction and maintenance—for commercial accounts see Table 6 *infra*.