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Hon. Mr. Seddon.

PUBLIC WORKS APPROPRIATION.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to appropriate certain Sums of Money for Public Works and Other Purposes.

5 MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,—Whereas under the authority of several Acts in that behalf certain unexpended balances of loans raised or to be raised were, upon the thirty-first day of March, in the present year, standing to the credit of the two parts of the Public Works Fund, particularly described in “The Public Works Appropriation Act, 1887,” that is to say, to the credit of Part I., two hundred and ninety-nine thousand five hundred and seventy-eight pounds; to the credit of Part II., two hundred and seventy-six thousand nine hundred and seventy-six pounds: And whereas it is expedient that a portion of such sums severally, and of such other moneys as may become payable into the Public Works Fund, should be appropriated to the several purposes and services to which the same are applicable:

10 We, Your Majesty’s most dutiful and loyal subjects, the House of Representatives of New Zealand, in Parliament assembled, have resolved to grant unto Your Majesty, towards making good the Supply which we have cheerfully granted to your Majesty in this session of Parliament, the sums hereinafter mentioned, and do therefore most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and

15 BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act is “The Public Works Appropriation Act, 1892.”

Grants.
Of £337,695.

2. The Colonial Treasurer may issue and apply—

(1.) Out of the said balance standing to the credit of Part I., amounting to the sum of two hundred and ninety-nine thousand five hundred and seventy-eight pounds, and of such other moneys as may become payable into Part I. of the Public Works Fund, and in addition to the sum of one hundred and eighty-four thousand nine hundred and forty-one pounds authorised to be issued by the several Acts mentioned in the first part of the First Schedule hereto, any sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of three hundred and thirty-seven thousand six hundred and ninety-five pounds towards defraying the expenses of the several works and services mentioned in the Second Schedule :

f £143,873

(2.) And, out of the said balance of two hundred and seventy-six thousand nine hundred and seventy-six pounds standing to the credit of Part II., and in addition to the sum of sixteen thousand two hundred and seventy-one pounds authorised to be issued by the several Acts mentioned in the second part of the First Schedule hereto, any sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of one hundred and forty-three thousand eight hundred and seventy-three pounds towards defraying the expenses of the several works and services mentioned in the Third Schedule.

Appropriation
of grants.

3. All sums so issued shall be applied as mentioned in the several votes set forth in the first column in the Second and Third Schedules towards defraying so much of the expenses incurred or to be incurred in the several works and services mentioned in the said Schedules as shall come in the course of payment during the year ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, and to no other purposes whatsoever.

Amount of liabilities
which may be
incurred.

4. It shall be lawful for the Governor, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, to enter into any contract or contracts, or to incur any liabilities, for carrying on the works and services for which money is appropriated by this Act: Provided that the amount of liability so incurred in respect of each vote shall not, together with the sum appropriated by such vote, exceed the sum set down in the second column in the Second and Third Schedules opposite to each vote severally.

Moneys may be
issued after 31st
March, 1893.

5. For the purpose of the thirty-ninth section of "The Public Revenues Act, 1891," the unexpended balance of any vote under this Act shall be deemed to be the unexpended balance of the vote in the first column of the appropriations, together with an amount not exceeding the difference between the amount of the vote and the amount to which the Government is authorised to enter into contracts under the provisions of this Act; and, notwithstanding anything in "The Public Revenues Act, 1891," or any other Act, moneys may be issued under the authority of this section after the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three.

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6. Nothing in this Act shall limit the authority of the Colonial Treasurer to issue and pay any moneys which he may be otherwise authorised to issue and pay under the authority of the forty-eighth section of "The Public Revenues Act, 1891."

Unauthorised expenditure.

5 7. And whereas the Colonial Treasurer has, under the authority of the forty-eighth section of "The Public Revenues Act, 1891," issued from the Public Account, during the twelve months ended the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety two, moneys in excess of or without the appropriation of Parliament, amounting in the whole to seven thousand five hundred and
10 ninety-four pounds one shilling and twopence, and has applied the said sum to the several purposes and services mentioned in the Fourth Schedule hereto annexed: Be it enacted that the application of the said sums is hereby sanctioned.

Indemnity.

15 8. And whereas, in pursuance of the proposal set forth in the Financial Statement of the Colonial Treasurer in the last session of Parliament, the sum of one hundred thousand pounds, being part of the sinking funds set free under the provisions of "The Consolidated Stock Act, 1884," has been applied in the reduction of the deficiencies
20 of former years; and the said sum of one hundred thousand pounds has for such purpose been transferred from the Public Works Fund to the Consolidated Fund: Be it enacted, the said transfer of the sum of one hundred thousand pounds is hereby sanctioned.

Transfer of £100,000 from Public Works Fund to Consolidated Fund sanctioned.

25 9. The moneys appropriated by this Act for the construction of public roads, and such other public works as are usually constructed by or are under the control of local governing bodies, may be paid over to such local governing body or bodies as the Minister for Public Works or other Minister acting on his behalf, may determine, upon such terms and conditions as shall be agreed upon between the said
30 Minister and any such local governing body, to be expended by such body upon any of the works or services for which the same are appropriated by this Act; and the Colonial Treasurer shall make all such payments in accordance with any such agreement.

Moneys may be paid over to local bodies for expenditure.

Schedules.

SCHEDULES.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

GRANTS OUT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS FUND.

Out of Part I.

	£	£
Under "The Public Revenues Act, 1891" ...	54,941	
Under "The Imprest Supply Act, 1892" ...	30,000	
Under "The Imprest Supply Act, 1892 (No. 2)" ...	50,000	
Under "The Imprest Supply Act, 1892 (No. 3)" ...	50,000	
Under this Act	337,695	
		522,636

Out of Part II.

Under "The Public Revenues Act, 1891" ...	16,271	
Under this Act	143,873	
		160,144
Total Grants		£682,780

SECOND SCHEDULE.

A SCHEDULE of Sums appropriated out of PART I. of the Public Works Fund, to defray the Charges of PUBLIC WORKS and other Services herein particularly mentioned, which will come in the Course of Payment during the Year ending the 31st March, 1893.

				Column 1.	Column 2.
				Amount appropriated by this Act for Expenditure.	Limit of Amount to be expended and Liabilities incurred.
Abstract of Schedule.				£	£
Class	I.—Immigration	...	...	500	500
"	II.—Public Works, Departmental	...	...	5,700	5,700
"	III.—Railways	...	...	237,755	292,755
"	IV.—Roads	...	...	172,442	176,197
"	V.—Waterworks on Goldfields	...	...	5,000	5,000
"	VI.—Telegraph Extension	...	...	26,852	26,852
"	VII.—Public Buildings	...	...	57,287	58,287
"	VIII.—Lighthouses and Harbour Defences	...	...	10,000	10,000
"	IX.—Rates on Native Lands	...	...	1,100	1,100
"	X.—Charges and Expenses of raising Loans	6,000	6,000
	Total	522,636	582,391

Public Works Appropriation.

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Vote.	—	Column 1.		Column 2.	
		£	£	£	£
	CLASS I.—IMMIGRATION.				
71	Immigration	500	500	500	500
	CLASS II.—PUBLIC WORKS, DEPARTMENTAL.				
72	Public Works, Departmental	5,700	5,700	5,700	5,700
	CLASS III.—RAILWAYS.				
73	Kaihu Valley	1,543		1,543	
74	Whangarei-Kamo Extension	15,000		20,000	
75	Helensville Northwards	12,000		15,000	
76	Grahamstown—Te Aroha	18,000		22,000	
77	Putaruru-Rotorua	35,000		48,000	
78	Woodville-Palmerston	2,000		2,000	
79	Wellington-Woodville	29,000		39,000	
80	Blenheim-Awatere	6,000		6,000	
81	Greymouth-Hokitika	20,000		26,000	
82	Otago Central	30,000		36,000	
83	Catlin's River Branch	7,500		7,500	
84	Seaward Bush	12,000		15,000	
85	Land Claims	1,800		1,800	
86	Surveys New Lines	300		300	
87	Additions to Open Lines	12,612		12,612	
88	Permanent-way, Sleepers, and Rolling-stock	35,000		40,000	
			237,755		292,755
	CLASS IV.—ROADS.				
89	Main Roads	16,000		16,000	
90	Miscellaneous Roads and Bridges	18,985		18,985	
91	Grants-in-aid	11,159		11,159	
92	Roads to open up Lands before Sale	88,310		88,310	
93	Village Settlements	5,788		5,788	
94	Roads on Goldfields	32,200		35,955	
			172,442		176,197
	CLASS V.—WATERWORKS ON GOLD-FIELDS.				
95	Water-races	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
	CLASS VI.—TELEGRAPH EXTENSION.				
96	Telegraph Extension	26,852	26,852	26,852	26,852
	CLASS VII.—PUBLIC BUILDINGS.				
97	General Departmental Offices	2,000		2,000	
98	Judicial	12,137		12,137	
109	Postal and Telegraph	9,700		9,700	
100	Customs	400		400	
101	Lunatic Asylums	25,050		26,050	
102	Hospitals and Charitable Institutions	8,000		8,000	
			57,287		58,287

Vote.	—	Column 1.		Column 2.	
		£	£	£	£
103	CLASS VIII.—LIGHTHOUSES AND HARBOUR DEFENCES. Lighthouses and Harbour Defences	10,000		10,000	
			10,000		10,000
104	CLASS IX.—RATES ON NATIVE LANDS, N.I. Rates on Native Lands	1,100		1,100	
			1,100		1,100
105	CLASS X.—CHARGES AND EXPENSES OF RAISING LOANS. Charges and Expenses of raising Loans	6,000		6,000	
			6,000		6,000

THIRD SCHEDULE.

A SCHEDULE of Sums appropriated out of PART II. of the Public Works Fund to defray the Charges herein particularly mentioned, which will come in the Course of Payment during the Year ending the 31st March, 1893.

—		Column 1.	Column 2.
		Amount appropriated by this Act for Expenditure.	Limit of Amount to be expended and Liabilities incurred.
Abstract of Schedule.		£	£
Class	I.—Public Works, Departmental	1,800	1,800
"	II.—Railways	57,000	107,000
"	III.—Roads	46,300	54,996
"	IV.—Purchase of Native Lands	55,044	55,044
Total		160,144	218,840

FIFTH SCHEDULE.

SCHEDULE showing the Railways on which Expenditure for Construction is authorised by this Act; the Railways or Sections thereof on which the Expenditure is to be incurred; the Definition and Length of such Railways or Sections; the estimated Expenditure required to render the same available for Use; the Amounts appropriated for the Year ending 31st March, 1893; and the Balances for future Appropriation.

1. Railway Name.	2. Estimated Length of the whole Line.		3. The Railway or Sections thereof for which Appropriation is made in this Act.		5. Estimated Length of Section.	6. Estimated Expenditure required on the Length stated in Column 5.	7. Amount appropriated for Expenditure during the Year ending 31st March, 1893.	8. Balance for future Appropriation.
	M.	ch.	From	To					M.	ch.
Kamo-Hikurangi ..	15	0	Kamo ..	Hikurangi ..	8	0	15,000	12,000
Marton-Te Awamutu ..	216	0	Mokau ..	Poro-o-tarao ..	18	0	25,000	63,000
Helensville Northwards ..	110	0	Rangaitira ..	Powhakarua ..	22	0	200,000	170,000
Waikato-Thames ..	63	0	Kanohi ..	Makarau ..	3	0	15,000	3,000
Thames Valley-Rotorua ..	69	0	Grabamstown ..	Te Aroha ..	32	0	63,000	45,000
Napier-Woodville and Palmerston North ..	114	0	Putaruru ..	Rotorua ..	32	0	48,000	13,000
Wellington-Woodville ..	116	0	Woodville ..	Palmerston ..	18	0	2,000	2,000
Picton-Awatare ..	35	0	Eketahuna ..	Woodville ..	27	0	103,000	15,000
Grey-mouth-Hokitika ..	24	0	Wellington Station ..	Te Aro ..	2	0	14,000	14,000
Seaward Bush ..	23	0	Blenheim ..	Dashwood Pass ..	11	0	8,000	6,000
Otago Central ..	183	0	Grey-mouth ..	Hokitika ..	24	0	26,000	20,000
Catlin's River Branch ..	24	0	Mokotua ..	Gorge Road ..	6	0	15,000	12,000
			Middlemarch ..	Hyde ..	16	0	50,000	30,000
			Romahapa ..	Big Creek ..	16	0	14,000	7,500

NOTES.—The amounts in columns 6, 7, and 8 are exclusive of permanent-way, sleepers, and rolling-stock. In addition to the appropriations shown above, provision is also made for the following services: Kaihu Valley Railway, £1,543; for maintenance, working expenses, improvements, and outstanding land claims; to meet land claims and other old liabilities on construction account, £1,800; and surveys, new lines of railway, £300.