

ESTIMATED COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAYS, ROLLING-STOCK, ETC., TO 31st March, 1918, AS FURNISHED BY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND BY GREYMOUTH AND WESTPORT HARBOUR BOARDS RESPECTIVELY.

Section.	Cost of Opened Lines.		Cost of Unopened Lines.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Whangarei	765,729	0 0	244,157	0 0
Kaihu	99,962	0 0	17,211	0 0
Tauranga .. .. .	..	..	352,761	0 0
Gisborne	682,706	0 0	179,919	0 0
North Island Main Lines and Branches	15,885,220	0 0	869,983	0 0
South Island Main Lines and Branches	14,591,671	0 0	191,516	0 0
Westland	2,089,946	0 0	687,544	0 0
Westport	605,880	0 0	96,059	0 0
Nelson	542,534	0 0	96,790	0 0
Piiton	680,832	0 0	18,968	0
Lake Wakatipu Steamer Service	43,708	0 0	..	..
In Suspense—	..	..	35,900	0 0
Surveys, North Island .. .. .	..	..	5,169	0 0
Miscellaneous, North Island .. .. .	..	..	5,752	0 0
Surveys, South Island .. .. .	..	..	5,168	0 0
Miscellaneous, South Island .. .. .	..	..	49,834	0 0
P.W.D. Stock of Permanent-way .. .. .	..	..	..	..
W.R.D. Stock of A.O.L. Stores	13,244	0 0	..	..
Totals	£36,001,432	0 0	£2,796,731	0 0

Railways Department, 3rd March, 1919.

J. MACDONALD,
Chief Accountant, New Zealand Railways.

Export of Hides and Calf-skins.—Permits for Export.

Customs Department,
Wellington, 5th March, 1919.

WHEREAS by Order in Council of the 16th day of April, 1918, the export of hides and calf-skins to any destination is prohibited save with the consent of the Minister of Customs: And whereas it is expedient to publish, for the information of all whom it may concern, the conditions on which such consent will be given: Now, therefore, it is hereby publicly notified as follows:—

1. The notice dated 6th December, 1918, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 12th December, 1918, is hereby cancelled.

2. Applications for permits for the export of hides and calf-skins must be made in writing to the Collector of Customs at the intended port of shipment.

3. The Board of Trade will at the ports of Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin appoint representatives of the tanners of New Zealand, and no permit will be granted unless the applicant satisfies the Collector of Customs at the intended port of shipment, by the production of documentary evidence and in such other manner as the Collector may require, that the hides or calf-skins have been offered for sale to the tanners of New Zealand through such representatives at each of the said ports at prices not exceeding those specified in the First Schedule hereto (or such other prices as may from time to time be substituted therefor by the Minister of Customs on the recommendation of the Board of Trade), and have been refused in such circumstances as to show that the goods are not required for local purchase at those prices.

4. No permit will be granted for the export of hides or calf-skins by or on behalf of any tanner carrying on business in New Zealand or by or on behalf of any person who has purchased hides or calf-skins from any such tanner.

5. Every application for a permit shall be in the form set out in the Second Schedule hereto.

6. When the ultimate destination is not the United Kingdom or a British possession, such further conditions and restrictions as the Minister of Customs thinks fit will be imposed on the grant of permits.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

1. FREE on board at the nearest port:—	Per lb.
Ox-hides, first quality, over 45 lb., up to freezing companies' best standard	s. d. 1 1
Others, first quality	1 0
Ox-hides, second quality	0 11½
Cow-hides, first quality, up to freezing companies' best-standard	1 0
Others, first quality	0 11

	Per lb.
Cow-hides, second quality	s. d. 0 10½
Bull-hides, good quality	0 9
Calf-skins, first quality, 10 lb. and under	1 6
All other grades and qualities, including cut and slippy hides and calf-skins at relative values.	..

2. Otherwise than free on board at the nearest port, prices equivalent as regards the seller to the foregoing prices.

The tare allowances shall be as follows: On all hides up to the best freezing-works' standard, which have been properly washed before salting, 4 per cent.

On all other hides the tare to be as under,—

Per hide, 6 lb. to 16 lb.	1 lb.
17 lb. to 32 lb.	2 lb.
33 lb. to 69 lb.	4 lb.
70 lb. and over	6 lb.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

APPLICATION TO EXPORT HIDES AND [OR] CALF-SKINS.

I, [Full name of person signing certificate], [Position held—e.g., partner, director, manager, chief clerk, or principal officer], of [Name of exporter(s)], (hereinafter referred to as the applicants), do hereby (on behalf of the said applicants) make application for permission to export, per [Name of exporting vessel], to from the port of [Port of shipment], the undermentioned hides and [or] calf-skins (the ultimate consignee of which is , of) [Name and address of ultimate consignee required only when goods are for foreign destinations].

Marks and Nos.	Number of Packages, and Number, Nature, Quality, and Grade of Hides and [or] Calf-skins.	Port and Probable Date of Final Departure of Vessel from New Zealand.

The above-mentioned goods have been offered for sale to, and refused by, the tanners' representatives appointed by the Board of Trade at each of the ports of Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin, at prices not exceeding those set out in the notification by the Comptroller of Customs dated the 5th day of March, 1919, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of 6th March, 1919, and shown on the back hereof; and the said goods are not intended for export by or on behalf of any tanner carrying on business in New Zealand, or by or on behalf of a purchaser from any such tanner.

[Signature.]