

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	36,790	0 0
Pioston	680,832	0 0	18,968	0
Lake Wakatipu Steamer Service	43,708	0 0	..	..
In Suspense—				
Surveys, North Island .. .. .	..	..	35,900	0 0
Miscellaneous, North Island .. .. .	..	..	5,169	0 0
Surveys, South Island .. .. .	..	..	5,752	0 0
Miscellaneous, South Island .. .. .	..	..	5,168	0 0
P.W.D. Stock of Permanent-way .. .. .	..	..	49,834	0 0
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, 31st March, 1919.

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Minister's Decisions under Customs Duties Act.

Customs Department, Wellington, 31st March, 1919.

IT is hereby notified for public information that the Hon. the Minister of Customs has decided to interpret the Customs Duties Act in relation to the undermentioned articles as follows:—

NOTE.—“Not otherwise enumerated” appears as n.o.e.; “other kinds” as o.k.; “articles and materials suited only for, and to be used solely in, the fabrication of goods in the Dominion” as a. & m.s. Articles marked thus † are revised decisions.

Record.	Goods.	Classification under Tariff, and Item No.	Rate of Duty.	
			General Tariff.	Preferential Surtax on Foreign Goods.
2/38	A. & m.s., viz. — Aeroplane varnish, composed of celluloid dissolved in wood-spirit, if declared for the manufacture or repair of aeroplanes	As a. & m.s. (482)	Free.	
†10/35/5	Colouring-liquids—viz., non-spirituous harmless vegetable solutions, and non-spirituous solutions of harmless aniline dyes (not being in either case flavourings or flavouring essences), for colouring beverages			
5/98/2	Furriers' accessories, viz. — Snouts, when declared solely for use in the manufacture of furs in New Zealand			
4/176	Magnesium chloride			
4/15/12	Soap compounds, “Barilla,” “Botax,” and “Universal,” being mixtures of crude essential oils, for the manufacture of soap			
13/61	Educational apparatus, &c., viz. — Plasticine, in bulk or otherwise	As educational apparatus, &c. (441)	Free.	
13/70	Knives, photographers' etching, specially shaped for retouching negatives	As artificers' tools n.o.e. (359)	Free.	
3/391	Motor vehicles, fittings for, viz. — Bevel-drive pinion } claimed as parts of	As parts of motor vehicles (194A)	10 per cent.	10 per cent.
3/391	Driving-ring gear } axles			
11/32/27	Door-grips, of leather cloth, specially suited for motor-cars	As parts of motor vehicles (194A)	10 per cent.	10 per cent.
†3/392	Radiators for motor vehicles or farm tractors	As parts of oil-engines (169A)	10 per cent.	10 per cent.
16/49/2	Scientific instruments, viz. — Illuminometer, “Macbeth,” for measuring illumination	As scientific instruments (280)	Free.	
4/117/2	Soap, “Aladdin Dye”	As dyes (455)	Free.	
27/2/48	Spirit of <i>Pulegium</i> or pennyroyal	As spirits in combination with other ingredients (49)	18s. the liquid gallon.	
12/39	Surgical appliances, viz. — Ambrine spray, being an apparatus for applying ambrine to wounds, &c.	As surgical appliances (279)	Free.	

NOTE.—The following decision is cancelled: “Machinery for preparing wool-waste and remnants for recording and spinning—as machinery, woollen-mill.” (See page 219, 1914 edition.)

Minister's Order D. 38.]

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