

ESTIMATED COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAYS, ROLLING-STOCK, ETC., TO 31st MARCH, 1919, 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 .. .. .	767,510	0 0	324,852	0 0
Kaihu .. .. .	99,962	0 0	18,065	0 0
Tauranga .. .. .	..	..	398,376	0 0
Gisborne .. .. .	682,157	0 0	193,510	0 0
North Island Main Lines and Branches .. .. .	16,006,227	0 0	959,507	0 0
South Island Main Lines and Branches .. .. .	14,616,816	0 0	222,340	0 0
Westland .. .. .	2,099,420	0 0	735,766	0 0
Westport .. .. .	606,225	0 0	96,071	0 0
Nelson .. .. .	542,534	0 0	36,736	0 0
Pictou .. .. .	683,683	0 0	19,117	0 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 .. .. .	..	..	46,872	0 0
W.R.D. Stock of A.O.L. Stores .. .. .	19,439	0 0	..	..
Totals .. .. .	£36,167,681	0 0	£3,093,201	0 0

Railways Department, 2nd February, 1920.

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Minister's Decisions under Customs Duties Act.

Customs Department, Wellington, 3rd February, 1920.

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
	A. & m.s., viz. :—			
13/17/2	Pianos, materials for the manufacture of, viz.—	As a. & m.s. (482) .. .. .	Free.	
13/17/2	Nose bolts .. .. .			
5/4/9	Springs, bottom board, specially suited for the manufacture of piano-key frames			
†13/17/2	Plateaux, flat, circular, of felt, for the manufacture of hats			
20/36	Springs, spiral, on declaration that they will be used in the manufacture of musical instruments, including pianos			
9/8/2	Twine (claimed as sewing-thread), of quality approved by the Minister, for the manufacture of cement-sacks	As travelling-bags (107) .. .. .	25 per cent.	12½ per cent.
17/14/3	Bags, travelling, of fibre-board, 10 in. in length and upwards	As n.o.e. (483) .. .. .	Free.	
13/76	Board, viz., Schumacher's wall-board, consisting of two layers of thick paper enclosing a layer of mineral composition	As brushes (245) .. .. .	25 per cent.	12½ per cent.
3/31/5	Brushes, viz., electric hair-brushes, being wire brushes with a small electric generator fixed on the back	As electric appliances n.o.e. (176) ..	20 per cent.	10 per cent.
5/4/8	Electric appliances, viz. :—	As textile piece-goods n.o.e. (85) ..	20 per cent.	10 per cent.
13/28/2	Relays (claimed as parts of telephones)	As n.o.e. (483) .. .. .	Free.	
2/127/6	“Fur strips,” or “Beaver strips,” being pieces of textile about 3 ft. by 1½ ft. composed of cotton and fur, for the manufacture of ladies' hats	As machinery n.o.e. (182) .. .. .	20 per cent.	10 per cent.
†2/137	Imitation half pearls, for the manufacture of jewellery			
20/116	Machinery n.o.e., viz. :—			
	Cylinder, imported separately, claimed as part of hydraulic wool-press, but not being identifiable as peculiar thereto			
	Machines, miscellaneous, viz. :—			
	Machine, electric cloth-cutting (the parts to be separately classified as under)—			
	Cloth-cutting machine .. .. .	As machinery n.o.e. (182) .. .. .	20 per cent.	10 per cent.
	Electric motor .. .. .	As electric motors (169B) .. .. .	10 per cent.	10 per cent.
	Rollers, castor, of compressed fibre, for use in the manufacture of office furniture	As hardware n.o.e. (178) .. .. .	20 per cent.	10 per cent.

Minister's Order D. 47.]

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