

ESTIMATED COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAYS, ROLLING-STOCK, ETC., TO 31st MARCH, 1920, 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	775,556	0 0	412,465	0 0
Kaihu	99,962	0 0	34,884	0 0
Tauranga .. .. .	..	..	478,723	0 0
Gisborne	682,922	0 0	212,951	0 0
North Island Main Lines and Branches	16,163,269	0 0	1,209,976	0 0
South Island Main Lines and Branches	14,710,176	0 0	188,730	0 0
Westland	2,122,303	0 0	789,534	0 0
Westport	606,236	0 0	96,073	0 0
Nelson	444,963	0 0	36,762	0 0
Pictou	680,466	0 0	19,250	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 .. .. .	..	..	75,888	0 0
W.R.D. Stock of A.O.L. and R.I.A. Stores	60,554	0 0
Totals	£36,390,115	0 0	£3,607,225	0 0

Railways Department, 7th March, 1921.

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Minister's Decisions under Customs Duties Act.

Customs Department, Wellington, 8th March, 1921.

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.
†5/37/9	A. & m.s., viz. :— Straw plait and imitation straw plait, mixed with chenille, for hat and bonnet making, not being hat and bonnet trimmings	As a. & m.s. (482)	Free.	
13/28/4	Beads—viz., amber beads (claimed as precious stones, unmounted)	As fancy goods (127)	20 per cent. . .	10 per cent.
3/262/3	Buckles, metal, with a slide ratchet grip, used in the manufacture of Boy Scouts' and other leather belts	As manufactured articles of metal, n.o.e. (183)	20 per cent. . .	10 per cent.
13/29/3	Lenses for cinematographs or magic lanterns, viz. :— Condenser lenses, mounted, not exceeding 4½ in. in diameter (even if claimed to be for enlarging cameras)	As parts of cinematographs or magic lanterns (131)	20 per cent. . .	10 per cent.
13/29/3	Lenses for cinematographs, magic lanterns, photographic cameras, and other optical instruments, if unmounted and without metal attachments	As opticians' lenses (279)	Free.	
2/190/2	Machinery, agricultural, viz. :— Steel box press, the “Cutler,” for pressing down fruit in a case so that lid may be nailed on	As agricultural machines, n.o.e. (357)	Free.	
13/64/2	Pedicure sets, “Dr. Scholl's,” consisting of articles for cutting, filing, and polishing the toe-nails (claimed as surgical instruments)	As fancy goods (127)	20 per cent.	10 per cent.
15/50	Scientific apparatus, viz. :— Bark-rippers, metal boxes with glass lids, butterfly nets, and pins, specially suited for the use of entomologists	As scientific apparatus (280)	Free.	
16/56	“Lovibond's” milk tintometer, an instrument for use in colour determinations			

Minister's Order No. 59.]

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