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ABBREVIATIONS

The form of abbreviations adopted follows the system used in K. Sinclair, William Pember Reeves: New Zealand Fabian (Oxford, 1965). Page numbers are used only when they are necessary for easy reference. Abbreviations used in the text are as follows:

AJHR  Appendices to the Journals of the New Zealand House of Representatives
PD   New Zealand Parliamentary Debates
NZYB  New Zealand Year Book
ASRS  Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants
FOL  Federation of Labour
MW   Maoriland Worker
NZLP  New Zealand Labour Party
RR   Railway Review
SDP   Social Democratic Party
UFL  United Federation of Labour
ULP  United Labour Party
WC   Wanganui Chronicle
WH   Wanganui Herald
WWF  Waterside Workers Federation