

RETURN No. 26.

HURUNUI-BLUFF SECTION.

RETURN of the NUMBER of VESSELS DISCHARGED and LOADED at the Ports of Lyttelton, Timaru, Oamaru, Port Chalmers, Dunedin, and Bluff, for the Year ending 31st March, 1896.

Port.	1895-96.	1894-95.	Increase.	Decrease.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
DISCHARGED :—				
Lyttelton ...	1,500	1,563	...	63
Timaru ...	264	294	...	30
Oamaru ...	102	147	...	45
Port Chalmers ...	366	290	76	...
Dunedin ...	65	54	11	...
Bluff ...	234	257	...	23
Totals ...	2,531	2,605	87	161
LOADED :—				
Lyttelton ...	1,466	1,605	...	139
Timaru ...	263	293	...	30
Oamaru ...	133	155	...	22
Port Chalmers ...	374	307	67	...
Dunedin ...	5	2	3	...
Bluff ...	232	260	...	28
Totals ...	2,473	2,622	70	219

RETURN No. 27.

HURUNUI-BLUFF SECTION.

SHOWING MILEAGE of TRACK in MAIN LINE and SIDINGS OPEN for TRAFFIC on 31st March, 1896, on the HURUNUI-BLUFF RAILWAY and BRANCHES.

Line of Railway.	Main Line.		Branches.	Total Railway.	Sidings.			Total Equivalent of Single Track.
	Single.	Double.			Main Line.	Branches.	Total.	
CHRISTCHURCH DIVISION :—	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.
Main Line ...	211 57	6 28	...	218 5	65 4	...	65 4	283 9
Rangiora - Sheffield and Eyreton Junction-Bennett's	...	...	53 56	242 65	...	4 52	23 44	58 28
Southbridge and Little River Branches	...	...	48 7			5 26		53 33
Springfield and Whitecliffs Branches	...	...	42 27			4 65		47 12
Rakaia and Ashburton Forks Branch	...	...	22 20			2 65		25 5
Mount Somers Branch	...	...	27 35			1 53		29 8
Albury Branch	...	...	36 13	187 25	...	2 45	16 61	38 58
Waimate Branch	...	...	12 67			1 58		14 45
Totals, Christchurch Division	211 57	6 28	242 65	460 70	65 4	23 44	88 48	549 38
DUNEDIN DIVISION :—	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.
Main Line ...	165 40	...	...	165 40	46 28	...	46 28	211 68
Duntroon Branch	...	...	37 41	187 25	...	2 57	16 61	40 18
Oamaru-Breakwater Branch	...	...	0 63			0 25		1 8
Ngapara & Livingstone Branches	...	...	27 4			2 2		29 6
Shag Point Branch	...	...	2 10			0 14		2 24
Waihero Branch	...	...	8 65			0 57		9 42
Port Chalmers Branch	...	...	1 26	187 25	...	3 47	16 61	4 73
Walton Park Branch	...	...	2 49			0 50		3 19
Fernhill Branch	...	...	1 68			0 20		2 8
Otago Central Railway	...	...	56 2			2 56		58 58
Outram Branch	...	...	9 0			0 65		9 65
Lawrence Branch	...	...	22 1	18 16	...	1 52	19 32	23 53
Catlin's River Branch	...	...	18 16			1 16		19 32
Totals, Dunedin Division	165 40	...	187 25	352 65	46 28	16 61	63 9	415 74
INVERCARGILL DIVISION :—	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.
Main Line ...	82 41	...	...	82 41	18 69	...	18 69	101 30
Tapanui Branch	...	...	20 4	241 71	...	2 2	19 60	22 6
Waima Plains Branch	...	...	36 41			2 6		38 47
Wyndham Branch	...	...	9 35			0 45		10 0
Seaward Bush Branch	...	...	18 7			1 11		19 18
Kingston Branch	...	...	87 0			6 25		93 25
Makarewa-Orepuki Branch	...	...	35 52	24 51	...	4 0	27 19	39 52
Thornbury-Wairio and Wairio-Nightcaps Branches	...	...	24 51			2 48		27 19
Lumsden-Mararoa Branch	...	...	10 41	...	...	1 3	...	11 44
Totals, Invercargill Division	82 41	...	241 71	324 32	18 69	19 60	38 49	363 1
Grand Totals—Whole Line	459 58	6 28	672 1	1,138 7	130 21	60 5	190 26	1,328 33
Riversdale-Switzers Line*	...	...	...	2 0	...	...	...	...
Forest Hill Tramway...	...	...	...	10 0	...	...	...	...

* Taken over, but not yet open for traffic.