

The following table gives particulars of repairs, &c., to locomotives for the year ending the 31st March, 1898:—

—	Number.	Class of Engine.
Number passed through shops	223	4 A, 6 C, 14 D, 4 E, 52 F, 13 Fa, 4 Fb, 3 G, 5 H, 15 J, 6 K, 5 L, 9 La, 3 M, 8 N, 9 O, 12 P, 18 R, 3 S, 5 T, 8 U, 8 V, 2 W, 6 Wa, and 1 engine for Kaitangata Coal Company.
Built new	3	2 U, and 1 Wa.
Rebuilt	...	...
Converted	2	1 F to Fb, and 1 L to La.
Thoroughly overhauled	35	1 A, 4 D, 4 E, 12 F, 1 Fa, 1 H, 5 J, 2 K, 1 L, 1 M, 1 N, and 2 Wa.
Heavy repairs	75	6 D, 16 F, 4 Fa, 3 G, 1 H, 7 J, 1 K, 2 L, 1 M, 4 N, 4 O, 5 P, 11 R, 2 S, 2 T, 3 V, 2 W, and 1 Wa.
Light repairs	108	3 A, 6 C, 4 D, 24 F, 8 Fa, 3 Fb, 3 H, 3 J, 3 K, 2 L, 8 La, 1 M, 3 N, 5 O, 7 P, 7 R, 1 S, 3 T, 6 U, 5 V, 2 Wa, and 1 engine for Kaitangata Coal Company.
Painted and varnished	43	6 D, 3 E, 16 F, 1 Fa, 2 H, 7 J, 1 K, 1 L, 3 N, 1 O, 1 T, and 1 V.
Touched up and revarnished	73	2 C, 1 D, 15 F, 7 Fa, 1 G, 6 J, 2 K, 4 L, 2 La, 2 M, 1 N, 4 O, 7 P, 8 R, 1 S, 1 T, 1 U, 3 V, 2 W, and 3 Wa.

The following new work is in hand: Six locomotives, Class B, heavy consolidation for goods traffic; four locomotives, Class U, for passenger traffic; and two locomotives, Class Wa, for mixed traffic on heavy grades. The conversion of seven Class L locomotives to La is also in hand.

Carriage Repairs and Rebuilding.—Five hundred and eighteen carriages passed through shops. Fifteen new Class A cars were built, and two four-wheeled and six six-wheeled old-type cars were condemned and replaced by seven new bogie cars, Class A.

The following table gives particulars of repairs, &c., to carriages for the year ending the 31st March, 1898:—

—	Number.	Class of Car.
Number passed through shops	518	382 A, 52 B, 51 C, and 33 D.
Erected new	15	Class A.
Rebuilt	...	...
Converted	7	2 D to 1 A, and 6 C to 6 A.
Thoroughly overhauled... ..	55	40 A, 4 B, 7 C, and 4 D.
Heavy repairs	104	78 A, 15 B, 6 C, and 5 D.
Light repairs	337	242 A, 33 B, 38 C, and 24 D.
Wholly painted and varnished	178	120 A, 23 B, 20 C, and 15 D.
Paint or varnish renewed	135	95 A, 18 B, 20 C, and 2 D.
Fitted with standard draw-gear	6	Class A.

The following new work is in hand: Twelve Class A cars are under construction, and fifty-three cars of an old type are under conversion to double-bogie, Class A, cars.

Brake-van Repairs and Rebuilding.—Two hundred and twenty-three vans have passed through shops, three new bogie vans and one incline van were built, and ten four-wheeled vans were rebuilt to bogie type.

The following table gives particulars of repairs, &c., to brake-vans for the year ending the 31st March, 1898:—

Description.	Number passed through Shops.	Erected new.	Rebuilt.	Converted from 4-wheel to Bogie.	Thoroughly overhauled.	Heavy Repairs.	Light Repairs.	Painted or varnished.	Paint or Varnish renewed.	Fitted with Standard Draw-gear.
Brake-vans	223	4	...	10	16	52	141	80	34	3

The conversion of fourteen four-wheeled brake-vans to bogie vans is in hand.

Wagon Repairs and Rebuilding.—Four thousand and seventy-nine wagons have passed through shops. Seventy-seven bogie wagons and 280 four-wheeled wagons were completed and added to stock during the year.