

The following cars, brake-vans, wagons, and tarpaulins were completed and added to stock during the year :—

	Cars.	Brake-vans.	Wagons.		Tarpaulins.
			4-wheel.	Bogie.	
Additions to open lines	12	8†	690	84	1,022
Working expenses	16*	8‡	4§	...	6
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	28	16	728	84	1,028

Twenty-five cars, fifteen brake-vans, and one hundred and thirty-six wagons were fitted with standard draw-gear.

Carriage Repairs and Rebuilding.—Six hundred and fifty-eight carriages passed through shops, thirteen new Class A cars were built, and fifteen four-wheeled and three six-wheeled old-type cars were condemned and replaced by thirteen new bogie-cars, Class A.

The following table gives particulars of repairs, &c., to carriages for the year ending the 31st March, 1899 :—

	Number.	Class of Car.
Number passed through shops	658	552 A, 48 B, 36 C, and 22 D.
Erected new	13	Class A.
Rebuilt	...	...
Converted	15	15 D and 3 C to 13 Class A, 1 B to A, and 1 C to B.
Thoroughly overhauled... ..	50	33 A, 9 C, and 8 D.
Heavy repairs	168	146 A, 16 B, 3 C, and 3 D.
Light repairs	412	346 A, 31 B, 24 C, and 11 D.
Wholly painted and varnished	207	160 A, 21 B, 13 C, and 13 D.
Touched-up and revarnished	188	154 A, 13 B, 16 C, and 5 D.
Fitted with standard draw-gear	25	24 A, 1 B.

The following new work is in hand: Seventy-one Class A cars; and forty-three old four- and six-wheeled cars are under conversion to double-bogie Class A cars.

Brake-van Repairs and Rebuilding.—Two hundred and twenty-eight vans have passed through shops. One incline van was built to replace one burnt, and fifteen 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, 1899 :—

Description.	Number passed through Shops.	Erected new.	Rebuilt.	Converted from 4-wheel to Bogie.	Thoroughly overhauled.	Heavy Repairs.	Light Repairs.	Painted and varnished.	Touched-up and Revarnished.	Fitted with Standard Draw-gear.
Brake-vans	228	...	1	15	11	70	131	77	26	15

Twelve new bogie-vans are in hand.

Wagon Repairs and Rebuilding.—Five thousand and thirty-eight wagons passed through shops. Eighty-four bogie wagons and seven hundred and twenty-four four-wheeled wagons were completed and added to stock during the year.

* Includes thirteen Class A cars converted from Classes C and D, one Class A car converted from Class B, and one Class B car converted from Class C.

† Converted from four-wheel vans, and one-third charged to "Additions to open lines" and two-thirds to "Working expenses."

‡ Seven converted from four-wheel vans, and one Incline van built to replace one burnt.

§ Four old four-wheel vans rebuilt to sleeping-vans.