

*Brake-vans.*—The number of brake-vans on the 1st April, 1905, was 307, and the number on the line on the 31st March, 1906, was 315. One old four-wheel brake-van was sold and one written off, and are being replaced with standard bogie brake-vans. Ten new bogie brake-vans were built and put into service.

The repairs, &c., to brake-vans during the year were as follows :—

Description.	Number passed through Shops.	Built new.	Thoroughly overhauled.	Heavy Repairs.	Light Repairs.	Painted.	Touched up.
Brake-vans ... ..	528	10	2	90	426	85	196

Eighteen new bogie brake-vans are under construction.

*Wagons.*—The wagon-stock on the 1st April, 1905, comprised 13,578 wagons, and on 31st March, 1906, the number was 13,812 vehicles. Five old wagons were sold and are being replaced with 5 new wagons. One old obsolete brake-van was converted to Class K sleeping-van. Two hundred and thirty-eight new wagons were built and put into traffic. There were also built in the Government Railway Workshops 45 work-train wagons for Public Works Department.

The carrying-capacity of wagon-stock has been increased by 3,456 tons, equal to 3·54 per cent., being an equivalent of 576 ordinary wagons.

The following table gives particulars of repairs, &c., to wagon-stock :—

Description.	Number passed through Shops.	Built new.	Rebuilt.	Converted.	Heavy Repairs.	Light Repairs.	Painted.	Touched up.
Wagons ... ..	12,191	283	30	17	1,952	9,909	1,613	5,155

There were under construction at close of year in Government Railway Workshops 651 wagons, consisting of 143 bogie and 508 four-wheel wagons.

*Tarpaulins.*—The stock of tarpaulins on the 1st April, 1905, was 10,252 tarpaulins, and on the 31st March, 1906, the stock consisted of 10,362 tarpaulins. One hundred and ten tarpaulins were made and added to stock, and 1,375 old worn-out tarpaulins were written off the stock and replaced with a similar number of new tarpaulins manufactured in the Government Railway Workshops and charged to working-expenses.

Sixteen tarpaulins were also made for other Departments.

The following table shows the work on tarpaulins for the year :—

Description.	Number passed through Shops.	Manufactured new.	Condemned and replaced with New Sheets.	Repaired.
Tarpaulins ... ..	11,978	126	1,375	10,477

Five hundred new tarpaulins were under manufacture at close of year.

*Stationary Engines and Cranes.*—The repairs and renewals to stationary engines and cranes were as follows for the year :—

Description.	Number passed through Shops.	Built new.	Thoroughly overhauled.	Heavy Repairs.	Light Repairs.	Painted.	Touched up.	Boiler-repairs.			
								Heavy Repairs.	Light Repairs.	Boilers patched	New Boilers.
Hand cranes ... ..	24	...	2	5	17	2	9	...	...	...	...
Steam cranes ... ..	49	...	...	9	40	3	6	...	2	1	...
Stationary engines ... ..	3	...	...	...	3	...	1	2	5	1	...
Pile-drivers ... ..	7	2	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	2