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RAILWAYS STATEMENT

(1st August, 1906).

BY THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS, THE HON. SIR J. G. WARD, K.C.M.G.

MR. SPEAKER,—

The presentation of this my seventh Railways Statement affords me very great pleasure, inasmuch as it imposes the pleasing duty of having to announce that the result of the operations for the year ending the 31st March, 1906, has been most satisfactory; and, notwithstanding the liberality of the forecast made at the end of the previous year, the actual earnings have exceeded the estimate by £109,704. The result may be summarised thus:—

	Year 1906.	Year 1905.
	£	£
Total earnings	2,349,704	2,209,231
Total expenditure	1,621,239	1,492,900
Net profit on working	<u>£728,465</u>	<u>£716,331</u>

GENERAL.

The mileage of line open for traffic on the 31st March, 1906, was 2,406 miles, as against 2,374 miles for the previous year. The average miles operated during the year was 2,391. The following extensions were opened:—

	M.	Ch.
Kaiteratahi - Te Karaka	5	5
Ahuroa - Kaipara Flats	5	46
Scargill-Ethelton	8	52
Paeroa-Waihi	12	24
Total	31	47

The capital cost of lines open for traffic, including plant and steamers on Lake Wakatipu, has increased from £21,701,572 last year to £22,498,972 for the year under review.

The net revenue, £728,465, is equal to a return of 3·24 per cent. on the capital invested on the open lines, and 3·02 per cent. on the total capital of £24,092,085 invested in opened and unopened lines.

The Kawakawa Section is the only section that has failed to pay working-expenses, the deficit being £1,239.

The number of train miles run during the year was 6,413,573, being an increase of 306,494. The increased train mileage represents additional facilities to meet the requirements of the business, and has cost over £75,000. The permanent increase to the train-service represents 30,838 miles per annum.

The following figures, which give the record of the late arrivals of the principal trains during the year, indicate that the train-services have maintained punctuality.

	Average Late Arrival.
	Mins. Mins.
For long-distance passenger trains	0·87, against 1·07 last year.
For suburban trains	0·26, „ 0·3 „
For long-distance mixed trains	1·25, „ 1·15 „

The total number of ordinary passengers carried was 8,826,382, an increase of 312,270 over the previous year. Season tickets numbered 147,989, an increase of 7,536. The number of workers' twelve-trip tickets was 38,029, and of workers' weekly tickets available on suburban lines 77,556. These tickets continue to maintain their popularity, and the steady increase in the issue points to the fact that the workers for whose benefit they were introduced are forsaking in greater numbers the overpopulated city areas and making homes in the suburbs where more healthful conditions prevail.

Holiday-excursion tickets issued numbered 737,675, an increase of 44,222 over the previous year. School, factory, and friendly societies' excursion tickets numbered 120,220, an increase of 6,561. The number of school, factory, and friendly societies' excursions run in the principal districts was—Auckland, 24; Wanganui, 54; Wellington—Napier, 50; Christchurch, 161; Dunedin, 90; Invercargill, 39.

The coaching and goods traffic show large increases under each of the various headings under which the traffic is grouped, sheep, firewood, and merchandise excepted.

In coaching traffic the increases have been—parcels, 66,569; horses, 1,357; carriages, 148; dogs, 1,505; and in "Live-stock and goods traffic"—cattle, 8,387 head; pigs, 14,934 head; chaff, lime, &c., 13,170 tons; wool, 8,462 tons; timber, 41,206 tons; grain, 39,778 tons; minerals, 132,188 tons. The decrease in the firewood carried is 2,664 tons, merchandise, 2,230 tons, and sheep, 64,299 head. The decrease in the merchandise traffic is attributable to the increasing number of Home boats which now proceed direct to Dunedin instead of discharging all or part of their cargoes at Port Chalmers, and the consequent diversion of shipping traffic from Port Chalmers to Dunedin.

The decrease in sheep traffic is traceable to the mortality among the flocks in Otago and Canterbury during the severe winter of 1902, and to the depletion of flocks by over-export of ewe lambs during the years 1902 and 1903. There are, however, indications of a return to a more satisfactory condition of affairs in regard to sheep, the high prices of wool acting as an incentive to farmers to increase their flocks instead of selling for freezing.

The average number of men employed was 9,795, against 9,361, an increase of 434.

During the year 166 members of the permanent staff resigned, 70 retired on superannuation, 33 died, 62 were dismissed, and 658 engaged.

Six appeals against decisions of the Department were heard by the Railway Appeal Boards, all of which were disallowed.

Twenty-three members of the Second Division were promoted to the First Division during the year.

The sum of £4,833 has been paid as compensation and compassionate allowance to members retired from the service and to relatives of members deceased. This sum includes £4,603 paid under the Workers' Compensation for Accidents Act.

Steady progress continues to be made in the Railway workshops in the matter of building rolling-stock for the equipment of the lines of the colony, and profitable employment is thus found for a large number of artisans.

During the year 5 new locomotives, 42 47½ ft. bogie cars, 10 bogie brake-vans, and 238 wagons were built in the Railway workshops for the Working Railways in addition to 45 wagons for use by Public Works Department in railway-construction work. The additions thus made to the plant during the year have increased the tractive power by 3·81 per cent., passenger seating accommodation by 7·04 per cent., wagon carrying capacity by 3·54 per cent.

On the 31st March there were 13 locomotives, 91 bogie passenger-carriages, 18 bogie brake-vans, 143 bogie and 508 four-wheeled wagons under construction in the workshops of the colony. Ninety-two miles of main line were relaid with 70 lb. steel rails, and twenty miles of branch line were relaid with second-hand 53 lb. and 56 lb. steel rails taken out of main line.

REVENUE.

The gross revenue for the year amounted to £2,349,704, and exceeded the estimate by £109,704, and the gross revenue for the preceding year by £140,473. The net revenue, £728,465, was £12,134 in excess of that for the preceding year.

Passenger revenue shows an increase of £42,961, season tickets £5,754, coaching traffic £27,591, goods and live-stock £68,062; while miscellaneous and rents have decreased by £3,895. The receipts per train mile amounted to 87·75, as against 86·50 for the previous year.

The earnings of the Lake Wakatipu steamers amounted to £5,986, against £5,896 for last year. The net revenue was equal to a return of 4·62 per cent. on the capital cost.

EXPENDITURE.

The total expenditure amounted to £1,621,239, including £5,227 incurred in connection with the Lake Wakatipu steamers, being an increase of £128,339 over the previous year. The expenditure for working has absorbed 69 per cent. of the revenue, as against 67·58 for the previous year.

	Expenditure.		Per Cent. of Revenue.	
	1905-6. £	1904-5. £	1905-6.	1904-5.
Traffic	442,063	402,715	18·86	18·28
Locomotive	587,752	535,635	25·08	24·31
Maintenance	546,805	508,735	23·33	23·09
Management	70,539	68,353	3·01	3·10
	1,647,159	1,515,438	70·28	68·78
Less credit recoveries ..	31,147	27,736	1·33	1·26
	1,616,012	1,487,702	68·95	67·52
Lake Wakatipu steamers ..	5,227	5,198	0·05	0·06
	£1,621,239	£1,492,900	69·00	67·58

The expenditure for maintenance of line, buildings, and other structures has increased from £508,735 to £546,805, representing an average expenditure of £228·67 per mile of railway, against £216·64 for last year. The increased expenditure has been incurred on the Kawakawa Section, £762; Whangarei, £336; Auckland, £10,704; Gisborne, £514; Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth, £17,204; Hurunui-Bluff, £6,977; Westland, £1,815; Nelson, £1,158. The cost of maintenance has decreased on the Kaihu Section £172, Westport £348, Picton £879.

Additions and improvements to lines and structures costing £12,235, which might fairly have been debited to capital, have been made during the year and charged to working-expenses.

The increased expenditure in the Traffic Branch is due to the additional train mileage consequent on improved train-services and extra staff to meet requirements of the expanding business and for working interlocking-signalling and electric-tablet systems, cost of catering on the dining-cars previously run by contractors, the increase of wages and allowances to members of the Second Division, and the general increase of traffic.

In the Locomotive Branch the increase is due to extra train mileage, heavy renewals and repairs, increased consumption of coal, and increases in wages and allowances to the members of Division II.

The increase in the cost of management is mainly incidental to the scale increases of salaries of the staff under the Classification Act.

The sum of £353,025 was expended under the head "Additions to Open Lines," and charged to Capital Account. Of this amount £264,230 was expended on rolling-stock, tarpaulins, Westinghouse brake, and workshop machinery; the rolling-stock comprises 8 locomotives, 39 carriages, 9 brake-vans, 238 wagons, and 110 tarpaulins completed on the 31st March last; and 21 locomotives, 130 carriages, 22 brake-vans, 882 wagons, and 610 tarpaulins incomplete, but in hand on that date; and £88,795 on tablet and interlocking extension, signals, telegraph and telephone facilities, wharves, bridges, land, electric lighting, sidings, dwellings, station buildings, fencing, junction for Waihi Railway and reclamation of Mechanics' Bay, Auckland.

DUPLICATION OF LINES.

On duplication-works the following sums were charged to Capital Account under the provisions of the special Acts relating thereto passed in 1903, 1904, and 1905 respectively, viz. :—

	£
Wellington - Hutt duplication-works	44,864
Auckland-Penrose and Dunedin-Mosgiel duplication-works	11,848

RESULTS OF WORKING.

The following is a summary of results of working, for year ending the 31st March, 1906, as compared with 1905:—

PARTICULARS.	Year ended 31st March.	
	1905.	1906.
Total miles open for traffic	2,374	2,406
Average miles open for year	2,347	2,391
Capital cost of opened and unopened lines	£23,003,704	£24,092,085
Capital cost of open lines	£21,701,572	£22,498,972
Capital cost per mile of open lines	£9,141	£9,410
Gross earnings	£2,209,231	£2,349,704
Working-expenses	£1,492,900	£1,621,239
NET PROFIT ON WORKING	£716,331	£728,465
PERCENTAGE OF PROFIT TO CAPITAL INVESTED	3·30	3·24
PERCENTAGE OF WORKING-EXPENSES TO EARNINGS	67·58	69·00
Earnings per average mile open	£938	£980
Working-expenses per average mile open	£634	£676
NET EARNINGS PER AVERAGE MILE OPEN	£304	£304
Earnings per train mile	d. 86·50	d. 87·75
Working-expenses per train mile	58·46	60·47
NET EARNINGS PER TRAIN MILE	28·04	27·28
Passengers, ordinary	8,514,112	8,826,382
Season tickets	140,453	147,989
Goods tonnage	4,011,511	4,241,422
Live-stock tonnage	173,956	173,744
Train mileage	6,107,079	6,413,573
Locomotives	389	395
Passenger-cars	864	906
Wagons and brake-vans	13,885	14,127

CONCLUDING REMARKS AND FORECAST.

In my last year's Statement I alluded to the position of the lower-grade members of the railway staff, and intimated that the question of making some alteration in respect to such members was under consideration. After mature deliberation the Government decided to include in the supplementary estimates placed before Parliament during the session of 1905 an amount sufficient to enable an allowance of 1s. per day being paid to men in receipt of 7s. per day, and 6d. per day to other men. The allowances apply to all members except tradesmen, enginemen, firemen, guards, and signalmen in receipt of 8s. per day and over. It was also decided at the same time to reduce the hours of locomotive enginemen, firemen, guards, and signalmen from fifty-four to forty-eight per week of six days, such alteration to take effect from the 1st April, 1906. The cost of these concessions on the basis of the staff existing on the 1st November, 1905, was approximately £65,000 per annum, and it will, of course, increase proportionately with the growth of the staff. In view, however, of the enhanced cost of living and labour-conditions generally, I feel assured that the concessions made to the Railway staff are fully justified, and are, further, of a character to commend themselves to every one.

The duplication of the Auckland-Penrose and the Dunedin-Mosgiel lines has been put in hand. Surveys for the duplication of the Addington-Rolleston line are nearly complete, and the actual construction of the duplication will be gone on with as soon as the data are available.

The Lower Hutt - Wellington line has been duplicated and opened for traffic from Lower Hutt to Rocky Point, a distance of about three miles, and the new station-yards at Lower Hutt and Petone have been completed. Owing, however, to unforeseen circumstances the contractor has up to the present been unable to deliver the stone required for facing fast enough to keep pace with the work, and progress has been very much impeded in consequence. The matter has, however, been receiving attention, and the contractor, having now opened out a second quarry from which suitable stone is obtainable, anticipates being able to deliver regularly the full quantity specified under the contract, and is also hopeful of making up arrears. With a view to further facilitating the progress of the work, the Department has arranged to obtain a quantity of suitable stone from Paekakariki.

The approach to Wanganui Station has been materially improved by the deviation of the Aramoho - Wanganui Branch line for a distance of approximately three-quarters of a mile, which was put in hand and completed during the year.

It has also been decided to make an alteration in the railway approach to New Plymouth. Surveys have been completed, and it is intended to put the actual construction-work in hand as soon as the plans are available.

Good progress continues to be made in the matter of equipping the lines with safety appliances. During the year the signalling and interlocking system was brought into use at Woodville, Lower Hutt, Petone, Petone Junction, Rocky Point, Longburn, Te Aro, Heathcote, Christchurch (south end), and at Lincoln Road and Riccarton Road tramway crossings, and a commencement was made in installing similar appliances at Christchurch (north end), Lyttelton, Dunedin, and Upper Hutt. Tyre's electric train-signalling tablet instruments were installed between Hawera and New Plymouth, Awapuni to Racecourse, Mercer to Frankton, and Frankton to Morrinsville, and also at Kaiwarra, Pitcaithly's, Silverstream, and Trentham Stations. These installations cover a distance of ninety miles, and comprise ninety-two instruments. Considerable extensions of the system in hand are being pushed on as quickly as possible.

New stations were erected and brought into use at Longburn, Temuka, Seacliff, Petone, Lower Hutt, and Gore, the latter to replace the station that had been destroyed by fire. The new Dunedin Station is approaching completion, and will be ready for occupation very shortly. It will supply much-needed facilities for the transaction of public business.

The contract for equipping the rolling-stock of the Hurunui-Bluff Section with the Westinghouse brake was completed in December last, four months before the expiration of the contract time. All the vehicles on the Auckland, Wellington - Napier - New Plymouth and Hurunui-Bluff Sections are now equipped, and by arrangement made with the Westinghouse Brake Company all new rolling-stock built for these sections will be equipped with the brake in the Railway Workshops.

 One four-cylinder balanced compound engine, Class A, was built in the Addington Workshops, and one Class E Mallet articulated compound tank-engine at Petone, during the year. The former is for use in working passenger and goods trains on the Hurunui-Bluff Section, and the latter for use on the Rimutaka Incline. Both engines have been undergoing severe practical trials, and have fully demonstrated their entire suitability for the requirements of our railways. The A compound has been tested on the heavy grades of the Dunedin Section against the Baldwin Class Q, the most powerful type of locomotive previously in use on New Zealand railways. Under favourable circumstances and on a dry rail the two engines (A and Q) hauled an equal load, but under adverse conditions and on a wet rail the A easily outclassed the Q, for whereas the load taken by the Q on the wet rail was only about 66 per cent. of that hauled on a dry rail, the A was found to be unaffected by the condition of the rail, and was able to haul the same load as on a dry rail. The A further proved to be most economical in respect to both fuel and water, two very important items in everyday working. The trials have shown that a single A engine will be able to take on the express between Dunedin-Oamaru, a load that would frequently require the use of two Class Q engines.

The E class was tried between Upper Hutt and Summit, and readily hauled a load of forty-five vehicles. Two W.F. powerful double-ender tank engines would be required to haul a similar load between the same points. The E is now working on the Rimutaka Incline, up which it has hauled a load of 100 tons, which is 35 per cent. greater load than can be taken by a Fell engine.

I allude thus fully to this subject in order to remove any wrong impression that may have been created by the criticisms of the engines by irresponsible writers to the public Press.

The last three of the locomotives due under the contract of Messrs. A. and G. Price, Thames, were delivered during the year well within contract time. These engines as well as the seven previously built and delivered by the same firm have been in every respect satisfactory.

The system of numbering seats in carriages referred to in my last year's Statement has been introduced on the mail and express trains on the Hurunui-Bluff Section. It has not yet been availed of to any extent. I am, however, of opinion that as passengers become acquainted with the system and recognise its advantages it will come greatly into use.

On the 24th June a heavy flood occurred in the Waimakariri River, which overflowed its banks and saturated the railway-embankment at Chaney's, which gave way as a train was passing over it, causing a bad derailment, and, I regret to say, the death of two passengers, and injury to nine others.

As intimated in my last year's Statement, the question of using motor-cars on our lines has been receiving considerable attention, and, as a result of observations made and information obtained by the General Manager of Railways during his visit to America and Europe last year, it has been decided that the most suitable method of working such a service is by a small locomotive with a combination car and van attached. This system has been adopted on several of the principal railways in England, and is found to possess many advantages over the self-propelling motor-car, and is being adopted by lines which at the outset had favoured and even gone to the expense of running self-propelling motor-cars. In order to give the system a trial a car 60 ft. in length, having accommodation for twenty-four first-class and forty-eight second-class passengers, in addition to a compartment for guard, parcels, and luggage, has been built at Petone Workshops. Should the service prove successful it will be extended from time to time as circumstances warrant.

In view of the complaints that are made regarding shortage of rolling-stock, and the statements that the lines are not so well equipped in this respect as they were in 1890, I have had the matter looked into, and append a statement showing the position in 1890 and to-day, from which it will be seen that a very material improvement has taken place.

COMPARISON OF TONNAGE AND WAGONS, 1890-1906.

Year.	Goods Tonnage.	Goods Wagons.	Wagon-capacity.	Average Tonnage carried per Wagon.	
				Per Annum.	Per Day.
	Tons.	Number.	Tons.	Tons cwt. qr.	Tons cwt. qr.
1890	2,073,955	7,198	44,576	288 2 2	0 18 2
1906	4,241,422	12,292	94,047	345 1 0½	1 2 0
Increase	105 per cent.	71 per cent.	111 per cent.	...	...

This statement shows that the average load per truck is exceedingly small, due to the length of time the bulk of the trucks are allowed by consignees to remain under load; it also shows that the rolling-stock has increased at a greater rate than the traffic, the figures being—traffic increase, 105 per cent.; rolling-stock capacity increase, 111 per cent.: difference in favour of rolling-stock, 6 per cent.

The report and balance-sheet of the Government Railways Superannuation Fund for the year just ended shows that the fund is making satisfactory progress. On the 31st March, 1903, the accumulated fund amounted to £7,056 11s. 9d. In 1904 it was £40,357 17s. 3d. In 1905, £68,670 7s. 8d., and at the 31st March, 1906, it stood at £90,984 11s. 10d. The allowances paid during the year amounted to £21,521 10s. 1d., representing grants to 525 persons. £422 4s. 3d. was paid to legal representatives of deceased members, and £1,830 18s. 6d. refunded to contributors who left the service voluntarily or otherwise. The annual liability of the fund at the 31st March last was £25,462 1s. 10d.

The following statement shows in a concise form the progress of the railways during the period 1900 to 1906:—

COMPARISON OF THE RAILWAY TRAFFIC AND ROLLING-STOCK ACCOMMODATION IN 1900-1906.

	31st March, 1900.	31st March, 1906.	Increase.	Per Cent. of Increase.
Passengers (number)	5,468,284	8,826,382	3,358,098	61
Season tickets	63,335	147,989	84,654	134
Parcels	624,115	892,037	267,922	43
Horses	11,474	17,008	5,534	48
Carriages	1,159	2,376	1,217	105
Dogs	27,066	40,097	13,031	47
Drays	1,345	2,350	1,005	74
Cattle	65,063	119,311	54,248	83
Sheep	2,523,787	3,348,685	824,898	32
Pigs	36,049	92,702	56,653	157
Chaff, lime (tons)	77,292	144,884	67,592	87
Wool	104,621	116,086	11,465	11
Firewood	92,126	106,510	14,384	15
Timber	334,677	534,533	199,856	59
Grain	764,033	772,258	8,225	1·07
Merchandise	536,428	628,603	92,175	17
Minerals	1,218,698	1,938,548	719,850	59
Total tonnage	3,127,874	4,241,422	1,113,548	35
Total revenue	1,623,891	2,349,704	725,813	44
Locomotives (number)	304	395	91	30
„ tractive power (lb.)	2,407,279	3,920,993	1,513,714	63
Passenger-cars (number)	577	906	329	57
Passenger-cars, seating accommodation	22,090	37,083	14,993	68
Brake-vans	220	315	95	43
Sheep-trucks	609	846	237	39
Total trucks, all classes	10,075	13,812	3,737	37
Truck carrying-capacity (tons)	63,778	101,005	37,227	58
Train mileage run	4,187,893	6,413,573	2,225,680	53

In view of the increased settlement going on in our midst, the commercial activity and general prosperity of the community, I am confident that the traffic during the financial year now entered upon will be equally as satisfactory as in previous years, and therefore estimate the revenue for the year ending the 31st March, 1907, at £2,450,000 and the expenditure at £1,750,000.

Owing to the lamentable death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of the colony, and the assumption by me of the office held by him, necessitating my relinquishing the portfolio of Minister for Railways, this will be the last Railway Statement I shall have the honour of placing before the House. I look back with much pleasure to the seven years I have held the responsible position of Ministerial head of this great Department of State. Few people, if indeed any, will take exception to my saying that within that period great development and improvements in the service, both to the public and the staff, have been effected.

I take this opportunity of putting on record my appreciation of the loyal and capable assistance I have at all times received at the hands of the General Manager, Mr. T. Ronayne, and his responsible officers. I desire also to thank the members of all grades of the railway service for the assiduity displayed in the discharge of their onerous duties and for their uniformly good conduct.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER OF NEW
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER OF NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

New Zealand Government Railways, Head Office,
Wellington, July, 1906.

SIR,—

I have the honour to report upon the working of the open railways for the financial year ended the 31st March, 1906:—

The capital cost has increased from £21,701,572 to £22,498,972. The revenue was £2,349,704, against £2,209,231—an increase of £140,473. The net revenue was £728,465, as against £716,331 last year—an increase of £12,134. The expenditure for the year under review has been £1,621,239, against £1,492,900—an increase of £128,339. The expenditure per cent. of revenue was 69·00, as compared with 67·58 last year. The rate of interest on capital was £3 4s. 9d., as compared with £3 6s. last year. The revenue per train-mile was 7s. 3½d., and the cost per train-mile 5s. 0½d., as compared with 7s. 2½d. and 4s. 10½d. respectively last year.

The following extensions have been opened during the year:—

	M.	ch.
Kaiteratahi—Te Karaka	5	5
Ahuroa—Kaipara Flats	5	46
Scargill—Ethelton	8	52
Paeroa—Waihi	12	24

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The total mileage added to the system during the year under review was thus 31 miles 47 chains, making the total mileage open for traffic on the 31st March 2,406 miles, as against 2,374 miles at the close of the previous year.

During the year 8,826,382 ordinary passengers were carried, yielding a revenue of £723,867, and 147,989 season tickets were issued, the revenue derived therefrom being £63,006, being an increase of 312,270 ordinary passengers and £42,961 revenue, and 7,536 season tickets and £5,753 revenue over the traffic under these heads in the previous year.

63,193 children and teachers and 57,027 adults travelled by school and factory excursions during the year, the revenue derived therefrom being £7,883—an increase of 3,092 children and teachers, 3,469 adults, and £392 revenue over the preceding year. 737,675 passengers travelled at holiday excursion fares, yielding a revenue of £140,940—an increase of 44,222 excursionists and £10,871 revenue, as compared with last year. The coaching and goods traffic has been well maintained during the year, the aggregate of both classes of business showing substantial increases on the previous year's traffic, notwithstanding the falling-off recorded in firewood, merchandise, and sheep.

Increases.

Coaching.—Parcels, 66,569; horses, 1,357; carriages, 148; dogs, 1,505. Revenue, £27,592.

Goods.—Cattle, 4,665; calves, 3,722; pigs, 14,934 head; chaff, lime, &c., 13,170 tons; wool, 8,462 tons; timber, 41,206 tons; grain, 39,778 tons; minerals, 132,188 tons. Revenue, £64,167.

Total increase in goods and live-stock tonnage, 229,698 tons.

Decreases.

Firewood, 2,664 tons; merchandise, 2,230 tons; and 64,299 sheep.

Several additions were made to the train service during the year, the most important of which was the provision of an extra train between Woodville and Masterton to give an improved connection between the Wairarapa, Palmerston North, and Dannevirke; an extra train was also run during the summer months between Hastings and Waipukurau.

A tri-weekly passenger service in lieu of the previous mixed-train service has been inaugurated between Frankton Junction and Taumarunui, at which places the Wanganui River steamers connect, and with a view to facilitating through travel the journey-time on the days this service runs has been considerably reduced.

The experiment of running a Sunday service between Auckland and Otahuhu and a daily service between Waimate and Waiho Downs was made during the year. Both services, however, proved unremunerative and were consequently discontinued. The permanent increase to the train service represents 30,838 miles per annum, at a cost of over £7,700.

The contract for fitting the rolling-stock on the Hurunui—Bluff Section with the Westinghouse brake has been completed, and all engines and rolling-stock on the Auckland, Wellington—Napier—New Plymouth and Hurunui—Bluff Sections are now equipped with this brake.

Messrs. A. and G. Price, of Thames, completed their contract to build ten Class Wf tank locomotives. The engines have been exhaustively tried, and have given general satisfaction.

The following rolling-stock was built in the Railway Workshops during the year:—

For the Working Railways, 5 engines, 42 bogie carriages, 10 bogie brake-vans, 238 wagons.

For the Public Works Department, 45 wagons for railway-construction purposes.

On the 31st March 13 engines, 91 bogie cars, 18 bogie brake-vans, 143 bogie and 508 four-wheeled wagons were under construction in the Railway Workshops of the colony.

The Government having done me the honour of appointing me as its representative at the International Railway Congress, I left Auckland for Washington, D.C., United States of America, on the 22nd March, 1906, joining the Vancouver boat at Suva. During my journey through Canada and the United States I received every courtesy, and was afforded exceptional facilities for

inspecting all the important workshops, depots, and stations connected with the leading railway systems, and obtained much valuable information as to the methods adopted in dealing with all branches of railway-work. The International Conference opened on the 4th May and concluded its labours on the 13th May. The Conference was strikingly international in character. It was attended by the representatives of every important railway system in the world, and is an invaluable means by which railway experts can personally exchange views and acquire first-hand and reliable information on the many subjects connected with every-day railway-working.

After the conclusion of the Conference I visited the United Kingdom and the Continent, observing closely the methods adopted in the different countries and by various railway systems in dealing with every-day railway business. I arrived back in Wellington on the 31st August, 1905.

As a result of my observations, I am satisfied that, having regard to the circumstances and conditions of the colony, the New Zealand railways compare most favourably with the systems in operation in any of the countries I visited.

A full report concerning the deliberations of the International Railway Congress and the results of my observations of various railway methods has already been submitted to you.

MAINTENANCE.

Mr. J. Coom, Chief Engineer, reports as follows:—

Permanent-way.—The track has been well maintained, and at present is in thoroughly good condition.

Ninety-two miles of the main line have been relaid with 70 lb. steel rails, and the second-hand rails, mostly 53 lb. steel, taken out of the main line have been used in relaying 30 lb. and 40 lb. track on the branches. The rate of relaying for the year forms a record for the colony.

336,424 new sleepers have been laid: 26,732 were imported hardwood sleepers used mainly on curves, turnouts, and crossings; the balance, 309,692, were of native timber, of which 90,342 were creosoted.

The cost of track renewals this year is high, due to the length relaid, the higher cost of rails, and increase in wages.

Slips and Floods.—During the year some slips have occurred on the Otago Central and on the North Island Main Trunk lines, but there has been nothing of serious moment.

Ballasting.—A considerable quantity of ballast, amounting to 19,960 cubic yards of broken metal and 242,283 cubic yards of shingle and gravel ballast, has been used during the year.

Bridges.—Bridges have been maintained in a safe condition; a large amount of strengthening and renewal has been done. The principal works in hand or completed under this head are as follows: In the Wellington-Napier district, Ormondville Viaduct; in the Christchurch district, the Hurunui, Rakaiia, and Rangitata South bridges; in the Invercargill district, the Riverton bridges and deviation.

Water Services.—These have been maintained in good order.

Wharves.—These have been efficiently maintained.

Additions to the Nelson and Picton wharves are the most pressing works of the future.

Buildings.—The new station building at Dunedin is well on towards completion, and new stations at Petone and Lower Hutt have been completed. Station buildings at Gore, which were burnt down, have been rebuilt. New station buildings have been erected at Longburn, Temuka, and Seacliff, and a new building is in hand at Blenheim.

The expenditure under this head during the year amounts to £47,522, which is in excess of any previous year.

Miscellaneous Works.—Additions and improvements have been made during the year amounting to £12,235, which has been charged to working-expenses. The principal works are as follows: Additions and alterations to sidings—Marton, Woodville, Pigeon Bush, Kaiwarra, Lyttelton, Timaru, Barewood, Crichton, Waiwera, Palmerston, Invercargill, Riverton, Westport, Seddon. Additions to water services—Carterton, Palmerston, Omakau, Moana. Erection of new houses—Helensville, Te Kuiti (part), Cross Creek (part), Wellington, Gisborne Section (4) (part). Miscellaneous—Level crossing, Matamata; fencing, Mechanics Bay; drainage, Eltham; goods-shed, Longburn; purchase of land, Lower Hutt; library, Petone; overbridge, Petone; acetylene gas, Featherston; cattle-yards, Willowbridge; removal central filling George Street Pier, Port Chalmers (part); reclamation, Pelichet Bay; lining Mansford Tunnel; baths for trainmen, Christchurch, Dunedin, Invercargill (part); shifting locomotive depot, Bluff; verandah, Clifton; bracing piers Bridge No. 1, Arnold River; purchase of 7-ton crane for quarry, Aicken's; additions to twenty-seven dwellings; building twenty-eight portable huts; providing washing-coppers for twelve dwellings and bathrooms for twenty-six dwellings.

Additions to Open Lines.—The principal works carried out during the year are as follows:—

Additions to Station Buildings, Station-yards, and Sidings: Dunedin (part), Feilding (completion), Te Aro, Longburn, Palmerston North (completion), Seacliff, Rangiora, Invercargill, Mataura, Christchurch (part), Onehunga Wharf, Whangamarino, Temuka, Pareora, Paeroa, Hamilton, Utiku, Waipawa, Gore, Waipahi, Blenheim (part), Lovell's Flat (part), Upper Hutt (part), Trentham (part), Kumara (part), Huntly, Takapau (part), Hawarden (part), Woodville (part).

Purchase of Land: Christchurch, Seacliff.

Erection of New Houses: Mitcham, Balclutha, Middelmarsh, New Plymouth.

Erection of Weighbridges: Huntly, Frankton, and Rangiora.

Miscellaneous: Pile-driving engines and boilers, Wellington and Invercargill; additions engine-shed, Invercargill (completion); electric lighting, Port Chalmers (completion); additions Kaiwarra Wharf; oil-engines and pumps, Gore and Balclutha; lining Mansford Tunnel; fencing, Terrace End; Departmental Offices, Wellington; additions goods-sheds, Auckland and Wellington; filling-in, Mechanics Bay; viaduct, Mangarangiara (part); raising Manukau Road Bridge.

The cost, which has been charged to capital, amounts to £88,795.

Doubling and Improvement of Lines.—A commencement has been made with the doubling of the Auckland-Penrose and Dunedin-Mosgiel lines, and surveys are practically completed for the doubling of the Addington-Rolleston line.

Hutt Road and Railway Improvement: The line has now been opened between Lower Hutt and Rocky Point, a distance of about three miles. A contract has been entered into for quarrying and delivering stone from Pencarrow, but there has been considerable delay on the part of the contractor in supplying the material, whereby the progress of the work has been much hindered.

Railway Deviations, Wanganui and New Plymouth: A short deviation of the Wanganui-Aramoho Branch for a distance of about three-quarters of a mile was completed. This has considerably improved the approach to the station by the flattening of a very sharp curve and reducing a grade. Surveys to determine the proper location of the New Plymouth new approach-line have been put in hand.

Expenditure.—The expenditure on maintenance amounts to £543,039, equal to £227 per mile; of the increase nearly 50 per cent. is due to the increase in wages and extra allowances for the staff, the balance to additional lines and higher charges for materials.

Mileage.—The mileage open for traffic at the 31st March was 2,405 miles 74 chains, the length opened during the year being 31 miles 57 chains.

Private Sidings.—On the 31st March there were 307 private sidings, at an annual rental of £5,237. Fourteen new rights were issued during the year.

Leases.—2,506 leases were current on the 31st March, at an annual rental of £17,814. 365 new leases were issued.

Staff.—The working staff consisted of 3,105 men; office staff, 107: total, 3,212.

I attach the usual returns.

SIGNAL AND ELECTRICAL.

Fixed Signals.—During the past year four stations have been fitted with fixed signals—viz., Paeroa, Taihape, Hunterville, and Oporo.

The expenditure for the year on new work was £236 3s. 6d., and for maintenance £1,273 3s. 3d.

Interlocking of Points and Signals.—The signalling and interlocking at stations has worked with the most satisfactory results.

The following stations have been fully equipped with signalling and interlocking, and brought into operation during the year: Woodville, Lower Hutt, Petone, Petone Junction, Longburn, Te Aro, Heathcote, Christchurch (south end), Lincoln Road tram-crossing, Riccarton Road tram-crossing, and Rocky Point.

The work has also been commenced at Christchurch (north end), Lyttelton, Dunedin, and Upper Hutt.

The expenditure for the year on new work was £14,269 16s., and for maintenance £1,150 16s. 9d.

Block-working.—The electric train-tablet system of block-working has worked with every satisfaction.

During the year ninety-two tablet instruments and ninety miles of line have been fitted up and brought into operation, embracing the following sections: Hawera to New Plymouth, Awapuni to Racecourse, Mercer to Frankton, Frankton to Morrinsville. Tablet instruments have been installed at Kaiwarra, Pitheathly's, Silverstream, and Trentham Stations.

The equipment of the sections from Waitati to Oamaru and Invercargill to Bluff is in progress.

Telegraph and Telephone Facilities.—During the year 252 miles of wire have been erected and brought into use, also various alterations and additions have been made to improve existing lines.

The construction of new telephone-lines between Te Awamutu and Otorohanga, Waitati and Oamaru, and Invercargill and Bluff is in progress; eighty-seven telephones have been fixed and brought into operation; also eight additional connections have been made with the public telephone exchanges, and six portable telephones brought into use.

Eight old-pattern telephones have been replaced by new and modern ones.

Greater facilities are still needed in some of the districts to suit the more pressing requirements.

The expenditure on the electric block working, telegraph and telephone facilities, for the year was: New work, £10,097 16s. 1d.; maintenance, £7,661 3s. 8d.; public telephone exchange connections, £1,696.

Electric Light.—The electric light at Wellington, Bluff, and Port Chalmers Stations is giving every satisfaction.

The Hawera Station has been fitted up with electric light, and the fitting-up of Dunedin New Station and Inglewood Station is in progress.

LOCOMOTIVE.

Mr. A. L. Beattie, Chief Mechanical Engineer, reports as follows:—

The engines, rolling-stock, machinery, plant, and appliances have been maintained in good and efficient working-order.

Locomotives.—The number of engines in service on the 1st April, 1905, was 389, and the number on the 31st March, 1906, was 395. Two small tank engines were sold and 8 new engines were built, 5 of these being built in Government Railway Workshops and 3 by Messrs. A. and G. Price, of Thames. The engines sold are being replaced with 2 larger engines.

The new locomotives, together with boiler renewals, increased the total tractive power by 144,079 lb., equal to 3·81 per cent.; the new engines building and boilers under construction will, when completed, still further augment the tractive power.

In the New Zealand Government Railway Workshops to date 50 locomotive engines have been built, and, in addition, 24 old locomotives have been rebuilt to more powerful types.

Four hundred and fifty-three locomotives passed through the workshops during the year, details as follows:—

Particulars.	Number and Type.							Total.
	Four-cylinder "balanced compound" Tender Engines.	Tender Engines.	"Articulated compound" Tank Engines.	Tank Engines.	Fell Engines.	Fairlies.		
						Single.	Double.	
Number passed through shops	1	195	2	224	5	24	2	453
Built new ...	1	...	1	3	...	...	...	5
Re-erected after shipment ...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	3
Thoroughly overhauled	...	19	...	20	...	1	...	40
Heavy repairs ...	...	88	...	87	5	12	1	193
Light repairs ...	...	88	1	111	...	11	1	212
Painted and varnished ...	1	41	1	26	3	4	...	76
Touched up and revarnished	...	72	...	46	1	9	...	128

Included in above return are 4 engines for Public Works Department.

The following locomotives are under construction in Government Railway Workshops—viz., 6 large tender engines of the four-cylinder "balanced compound" type, 1 large tender engine, and 6 Class Wf tank engines, making a total of 13 engines.

During the year Messrs. A. and G. Price, of Thames, completed their contract to build 10 Class Wf locomotives. This contract was completed well within the specified time, the engines being in every respect up to specification.

Boilers.—The work on boiler repairs, renewals, and new boilers has made satisfactory progress. Thirteen new boilers were made. The following statement shows the details of the work done during the year:—

Description.	Number passed through Shops.	Built new.	Heavy Repairs.	Light Repairs.	New Tubes.	Tubes pieced.	New Fire-box Tube-plates.	Boilers patched.
Boilers	194	13	91	90	53	27	7	53

Twenty new locomotive boilers are under construction, comprising 7 Class A, 1 Class D, 1 Class J, 5 Class R, and 6 Class Wf.

Carriages.—The car-stock on the 1st April, 1905, comprised 864 cars; the stock on the 31st March, 1906, was 906 cars. Forty-two new 47½ ft. bogie cars were built and added to stock. The additional cars have increased the seating-accommodation by 7·04 per cent.

During the year good progress has been made in equipping cars with lavatory-accommodation, cushion seats in second-class compartments, platform gates, and gangways.

The following table gives details of repairs, &c., to cars for the year:—

Particulars.	Number and Type of Cars.			Total.
	Bogie.	Six-wheel.	Four-wheel.	
Number passed through shops	1,393	62	17	1,472
Built new	42	...	...	42
Thoroughly overhauled	34	...	4	38
Heavy repairs	275	6	4	285
Light repairs	1,042	56	9	1,107
Painted and varnished	279	12	4	295
Touched up and revarnished	443	9	4	456

Ninety-one new bogie cars are under construction.

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

Axles.—During the year 1,311 car, van, and wagon axles were replaced with modern steel axles: this number is exclusive of the new stock built.

Westinghouse Brake.—The South Island contract for equipping with Westinghouse brake engines and rolling-stock on Hurunui-Bluff Section was completed in December, 1905, well ahead of contract time. All engines and rolling-stock used for traffic purposes on Auckland, Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth, and Hurunui-Bluff Sections are now equipped with quick-acting Westinghouse brake. As new engines and rolling-stock are built for these sections they are equipped in the Government Railway Workshops with the Westinghouse brake.

Car-lighting.—The oil and acetylene gas manufactured during the year for car-lighting at the five separate Pintsch gasworks amounted to 3,777,702 cubic feet, costing 2s. 8½d. per 100 cubic feet. During the year it was found necessary to increase the storage-capacity at Christchurch Gasworks by adding one high pressure storeholder.

Workshops.—The plant and appliances in workshops have been augmented during the year by additional tools and machinery.

Steamers.—The Railway Department's steamers on Lake Wakatipu have been maintained in good and efficient condition. Each steamer was thoroughly overhauled during the slack season, and many improvements effected for the comfort and convenience of the travelling public.

Train Running and Mileage.—There has again been a large increase in train-mileage. Compared with 1904-5 the increase for 1905-6 is 306,494 train-miles, equal to 5·02 per cent., and 491,976 engine-miles, equal to 5·98 per cent.

The increased cost per train-mile has been mainly caused by extra cost of fuel, wages, and generally enhanced cost of materials and stores.

The following statement shows particulars of the expenditure per train-mile:—

Year.	Train-mileage.	Engine-mileage.	Cost in Pence per Train-mile.		
			Locomotive Branch.	Car and Wagon Branch.	Total.
1905-6	6,413,573	8,713,762	17·52	4·47	21·99
1904-5	6,107,079	8,221,786	16·73	4·32	21·05

The usual returns are attached.

TRAFFIC.

Mr. H. Buxton, Chief Traffic Manager, reports as follows:—

Hurunui-Bluff Section.

Revenue, £1,107,351, an increase of £44,726.

	No.	Amount. £	Increase. £
Passengers	3,995,922	332,894	13,779
Season tickets	65,899	30,607	2,173
Parcels, luggage, and mails	...	70,703	12,570
Goods	Tons. 1,931,678	673,147	16,204
Live-stock	Head. 1,825,388		

The Canterbury District contributed £514,500, about £37,000 in excess of last year. The passenger business increased by nearly 65,000 passengers, both ordinary and excursion bookings showing considerable expansion.

The parcels traffic also shows a steady growth, the number of parcels carried having increased by 12,328.

The sheep traffic in Canterbury shows an increase of 189,957 head, and is exceptional in this respect, similar traffic in the other districts having declined.

The coal, timber, and general goods traffic was largely in excess of last year.

The Otago District contributed £367,300, an increase of over £7,000.

The returns show large increases in both ordinary and excursion passengers.

The parcels and other coaching traffic was also heavier than last year.

There was a falling-off of 53,764 sheep and 11,000 tons of merchandise, the latter due to the diversion of shipping from Port Chalmers to Dunedin, and to a decline in the exports of frozen meat.

The goods business was otherwise satisfactory.

The dairy industry continues to expand, the returns under this head being well in advance of last year.

The Southland District contributed £225,551, which is slightly below last year's figures.

The passenger and coaching business has improved, and shows an increase of over £4,000.

The goods traffic shows a decline in timber, agricultural produce, and merchandise.

In timber the falling-off is due to mills ceasing operations after exhausting supplies.

The decline in agricultural tonnage is chiefly on account of an exceptionally late season due to unfavourable weather conditions.

The closing of flax-mills and a decline in frozen-meat exports account for a decrease in the tonnage of merchandise.

Lake Wakatipu Steamer Service.

Revenue, £5,986; an increase of £89.

The passenger and parcels business has improved, but there is a slight falling-off in the goods traffic.

Picton-Nelson and West Coast Sections.

Picton.—Revenue, £21,279; an increase of £4,773. Both passenger and goods traffic show satisfactory increases.

Nelson.—Revenue, £18,448; an increase of £910. Excepting timber and live-stock, which have slightly fallen off, the business generally shows an all-round increase.

Westport.—Revenue, £81,074; a decrease of £2,496. The business has declined owing to a slackness at the coal-mines. The coal traffic was 20,842 tons less, and the passenger traffic over 5,000 passengers less than last year.

Westland.—Revenue, £92,775; an increase of £9,418. The coal tonnage increased by 67,611 tons and the timber export by 8,000,000 ft., as compared with last year.

Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth Section.

Revenue, £648,120; an increase of £44,869.

	No.	Amount. £	Increase. £
Passengers	2,802,174	234,008	16,543
Season tickets	45,618	19,336	2,161
Parcels, luggage, and mails	...	46,288	11,548
Goods	682,421 Tons.	348,486	14,617
Live-stock	1,403,784 Head.		

The Wellington-Napier District contributed £370,120, an increase of over £22,000.

The passenger business shows continued expansion, the number of passengers carried being 80,000 in excess of last year.

Parcels and coaching traffic also shows a steady growth.

The goods traffic has been well maintained, the receipts therefrom being nearly £3,000 more than last year. The sheep traffic fell off by 86,728; timber and merchandise (meat for export) also show a slight decline.

The Wanganui District contributed £278,000, nearly £23,000 more than last year. The passenger and coaching business was largely in excess of last year, and in goods traffic there are substantial increases under all headings except sheep, which declined by 53,774.

The weight of butter carried was 557 tons more than last year, but cheese fell off by 426 tons.

Auckland Section.

Revenue, £334,095; an increase of £35,072.

	No.	Amount. £	Increase. £
Passengers	1,213,553	109,887	9,688
Season tickets	31,483	9,919	667
Parcels, luggage, and mails	...	19,790	2,576
Goods	426,110 Tons.	194,499	22,141
Live-stock	229,488 Head.		

The traffic on this section shows considerable expansion, due to the development of the mining and timber resources and to the closer settlement of the land.

In the passenger business both ordinary, excursion, and tourist bookings show a steady growth.

The tonnage of coal was 20,000 tons in excess of last year, and timber increased by 9,000 tons.

The tonnage of dairy produce was about the same as last year.

The traffic on the Waihi branch, which was opened on the 9th November, has contributed largely to the general increase. The completion of the Taupo Totara Timber Company's line has also had a favourable effect.

North Auckland Sections.

Whangarei.—Revenue, £25,654; an increase of £788. Timber traffic fell off by 5,000 tons, and road-metal by 3,000 tons, but other goods business and passengers show good increases.

Kawakawa.—Revenue, £1,800; a decrease of £180. The falling-off is chiefly in the coal and merchandise traffic.

Kaihu.—Revenue, £7,073; a decrease of £255, which is due to a falling-off in the timber traffic.

Gisborne Section.

Revenue, £6,047; an increase of £2,759 in all classes of traffic. An addition of five miles from Kaiteratahi to Karaka was opened on 14th April, 1905.

The prospects for the ensuing year are favourable, and I anticipate that the revenue will again show a substantial increase.

As will be seen from the table below, the time-table has been maintained with punctuality.

Average Late Arrival of Trains.

	Period ending													Average for Year, in Minutes.
	April 29.	May 27.	June 24.	July 22.	Aug. 19.	S pt. 16.	Oct. 14.	Nov. 11.	Dec. 9.	Jan. 6.	Feb. 3.	Mar. 3.	Mar. 31.	
<i>Express and Mail Trains.</i>														
Year ending 31st March, 1906	1.76	0.5	1.23	0.68	0.18	0.23	0.3	0.67	0.71	2.33	1.18	0.63	0.85	0.87
Year ending 31st March, 1905	1.1	0.5	0.61	0.3	2.29	0.49	0.95	1.01	0.51	2.76	1.24	0.8	1.34	1.07
<i>Long-distance Mixed Trains.</i>														
Year ending 31st March, 1906	2.26	1.6	2.06	0.71	0.71	0.64	0.48	1.05	0.84	1.49	1.36	1.47	1.6	1.25
Year ending 31st March, 1905	1.96	0.9	1.21	0.58	1.38	0.7	0.86	1.11	0.8	1.9	1.21	1.1	1.28	1.15
<i>Suburban Trains.</i>														
Year ending 31st March, 1906	0.47	0.38	0.43	0.21	0.13	0.15	0.17	0.09	0.35	0.31	0.29	0.27	0.19	0.26
Year ending 31st March, 1905	0.57	0.17	0.42	0.23	0.27	0.17	0.55	0.17	0.17	0.44	0.28	0.29	0.21	0.3

STORES.

Mr. M. C. Rowe, Acting Stores Manager, reports as follows:—

The value of stores (purchased under the Railway vote) on hand on the 31st March, 1906, at the various depots amounted to £152,707 5s. 9d., as against £180,459 13s. 9d. on the 31st March, 1905.

The value of the stores on hand on account of additions to open lines amounted to £5,669 0s. 9d. on the 31st March, 1906, as against £7,649 18s. 3d. on the 31st March, 1905.

The stock is in good order, has been carefully and systematically inspected, and is value for the amounts stated.

The conduct of the staff as a whole has been very satisfactory.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister for Railways.

T. BONAYNE,
General Manager.

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Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Cash in hand, freights, &c., outstanding at stations, 1st April, 1905 ...	...	40,149	16 10	By Gross payment to Public Account ...	...	2,498,786	4 7
Revenue from passengers, parcels, and goods traffic, &c., as per Return No. 5 ...	...	2,349,704	8 3	Less Collections for refund ...	...	161,388	15 3
				Cash in hand, freights, &c., outstanding at stations, 31st March, 1906 ...	...	2,337,397	9 4
						52,456	15 9
						£2,389,854	5 1
To Net payment to Public Account ...	...	2,337,397	9 4	By Working expenses, as per Return No. 4 ...	...	...	...
Less Cash in hand, freights, &c., outstanding, 1st April, 1905, as above ...	...	40,149	16 10	Balance—Net earnings, available for interest ...	...	...	1,621,239 4 3
				* Receipts as per Treasury ...	...	42,338,418	3 5
				Balance Refund Account, 31st March, 1905, as below ...	...	12,404	18 4
						2,350,823	1 9
				Balance Refund Account, 31st March, 1906, as below ...	...	13,425	12 5
						£2,387,387	9 4
Cash in hand, freights, &c., outstanding, 31st March, 1906, as above ...	...	52,456	15 9			£2,349,704	8 3

COLLECTIONS for REFUND to HARBOUR BOARDS, SHIPPING COMPANIES, CARRIERS, &c., for the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward, 1st April, 1905 ...	...	12,404	18 4	By Treasury payments ...	...	...	...
Collections for refund ...	...	...	...	Balance, 31st March, 1906, carried forward ...	...	...	...
						160,368	1 2
						13,425	12 5
						£173,793	13 7

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RETURN NO. 2. GENERAL EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward:—							By Payments outstanding at 31st March, 1905, brought forward	...	...	108,054 11 6
Accounts due to the Department outstanding at 1st April, 1905.—							Classified expenditure, as per Return No. 4	...	...	1,621,239 4 3
Other Government Departments, for stores, work done, &c. ...	17,429	10	3				Recoveries to credit of Vote 71.—			
Personal accounts, for stores, work done, &c. ...	4,299	19	1	21,729	9	4	Other Government Departments, for stores, work done, &c. ...	180,776	4	11
							Personal accounts, for stores, work done, &c. ...	19,801	19	10
Stock of stores on hand at 1st April, 1905				180,459	13	9	Miscellaneous recoveries	31,149	2	3
										231,727 7 0
Payments per Treasury, Vote 71*				1,826,646	16	1	Deposit Account.—			
							Cash with High Commissioner in London	...	24,970	0 9
Deposit Account—Permanent-way material				25,000	0	0	Cash in Treasury	...	29	19 3
										25,000 0 0
Payments outstanding at 31st March, 1906, carried forward				103,381	3	5	Balance:—			
							Accounts due to Department outstanding at 31st March, 1906.—			
Notx.—Payments per Treasury	£1,826,646	16	1				Other Government Departments, for stores, work done, &c.	15,235	5	9
Recoveries	...	231,727	7 0				Personal accounts, for stores, work done, &c.	3,253	8	4
Net charge to Vote	£1,594,919	9	1							18,488 14 1
							Stock of stores in hand at 31st March, 1906	...	152,707	5 9
										£2,157,217 2 7

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RETURN No. 3.
CLASSIFIED EXPENDITURE for the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

Sections.	Maintenance of Way and Works.						Locomotive Power.						Carriages.	Wagons.	Traffic.	Head Office.	Departmental Offices.	Lake Wakatipu Steamers.	Less Credit Recoveries.	Total.
	Permanent-way.	Structures.	Buildings.	Miscellaneous.	General Charges.	Total.	Working Locomotives.	Fuel and Water.	Oil, Tallow, &c.	Renewals and Repairs.	General Charges.	Total.								
WAGES AND SERVICES.																				
Kawakawa	£ s. d. 602 16 8	£ s. d. 492 14 5	£ s. d. 14 1 3	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 1,109 12 4	£ s. d. 291 3 11	£ s. d. 39 12 11	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 35 13 7	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 366 10 5	£ s. d. 72 8 1	£ s. d. 118 7 0	£ s. d. 637 19 6	£ s. d. 18 17 9	£ s. d. 241 10 11	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 223 11 8	£ s. d. 2,341 14 4
Whangarei	1,785 7 6	310 18 3	180 12 10	..	..	2,276 18 7	1,362 5 6	119 16 8	..	710 7 6	..	2,192 9 8	92 13 6	621 7 2	2,528 3 1	269 15 5	667 16 7	..	159 3 11	8,490 0 1
Kaihu	1,113 1 10	86 10 5	40 6 9	..	..	1,239 19 0	417 13 10	5 19 2	..	211 3 4	..	634 16 4	25 16 4	255 18 11	1,003 3 10	75 0 4	333 16 0	..	101 0 0	3,467 10 9
Auckland	32,378 19 10	10,071 2 1	4,053 16 7	692 0 0	..	47,195 18 6	20,418 13 7	1,717 15 7	..	7,566 2 8	..	29,702 11 10	4,026 15 11	5,376 6 2	43,287 6 6	3,481 13 4	6,454 4 5	..	1,708 8 9	137,816 7 11
Gisborne-Karaka ..	996 19 0	73 18 3	31 5 7	130 7 3	..	1,232 10 1	532 6 5	94 11 2	..	303 11 11	..	930 9 6	101 9 2	39 18 8	448 2 8	63 1 4	253 14 9	..	117 4 0	2,952 2 2
Wellington - Napier - New Plymouth	64,149 4 0	19,406 7 4	6,850 12 0	2,185 18 9	..	92,592 2 1	49,612 13 9	4,350 12 11	..	20,761 5 9	..	74,724 12 5	9,664 6 0	9,503 0 7	97,413 11 11	6,739 4 11	12,353 3 9	..	2,779 8 2	300,210 13 6
Hurunui-Bluff	120,647 18 10	27,565 7 8	17,494 2 5	3,640 6 7	..	169,347 15 6	79,005 17 3	7,672 14 7	..	30,461 4 6	..	117,139 16 4	14,068 7 5	19,313 8 3	197,069 16 7	11,581 10 11	20,219 15 7	..	7,242 2 7	541,498 8 0
Westland	12,239 19 8	3,211 1 2	866 18 6	268 18 8	..	16,586 18 0	5,321 19 10	180 15 7	..	2,166 15 11	..	7,669 11 4	1,017 7 2	2,723 0 3	14,386 15 1	978 13 11	2,490 1 2	..	330 8 7	45,521 18 4
Westport	5,194 0 7	3,056 18 11	628 11 4	146 9 4	..	9,026 0 2	3,872 16 3	247 4 0	..	1,755 13 0	..	5,875 13 3	154 1 6	2,776 4 9	9,184 9 8	862 4 5	1,920 12 5	..	110 9 10	29,688 16 4
Nelson	3,084 2 5	1,556 0 11	240 0 2	..	..	4,880 3 6	1,172 6 6	66 12 8	..	378 14 6	..	1,617 13 8	264 3 5	332 8 5	3,588 0 7	191 8 5	559 11 0	..	290 15 1	11,142 13 11
Picton	2,701 10 6	892 3 8	229 3 11	43 6 6	..	3,866 4 7	1,431 16 6	74 14 8	..	526 14 0	..	2,033 5 2	175 6 4	387 10 3	3,116 4 7	220 11 9	562 19 9	..	43 11 8	10,318 10 9
Lake Wakatipu Steamers..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,967 0 5	..	3,967 0 5
Totals	244,894 0 10	66,723 3 1	30,629 11 4	7,107 7 1	..	349,354 2 4	163,439 13 4	14,570 9 11	..	64,877 6 8	..	242,887 9 11	29,662 14 10	41,447 10 5	372,663 14 0	24,482 2 6	46,057 6 4	3,967 0 5	13,106 4 3	1,097,415 16 6
STORES.																				
Kawakawa	186 1 6	325 2 2	10 8 11	6 17 3	..	528 9 10	..	38 8 10	11 13 0	10 4 5	..	60 6 3	25 2 4	33 2 4	33 13 6	..	..	..	4 5 1	676 9 2
Whangarei	270 12 4	185 12 7	165 2 6	..	..	621 7 5	..	821 12 5	87 3 10	239 0 10	..	1,147 17 1	111 5 9	245 2 6	124 6 11	..	..	..	1 18 5	2,248 1 3
Kaihu	377 11 5	26 16 6	29 3 5	..	..	433 11 4	..	245 12 7	19 2 1	25 16 3	..	290 10 11	0 13 2	22 18 7	55 5 9	..	..	..	..	802 19 9
Auckland	25,081 6 4	3,630 14 1	3,044 16 1	855 16 10	..	32,612 13 4	..	21,369 13 10	925 19 0	3,540 13 3	..	25,836 6 1	2,276 9 8	4,220 13 9	5,377 18 8	..	..	..	4,706 16 4	65,617 5 2
Gisborne-Karaka ..	24 5 5	0 7 11	2 6 0	..	..	26 19 4	..	370 3 2	48 19 11	113 10 7	..	532 13 8	17 6 6	15 13 5	86 15 0	..	..	..	49 13 2	629 14 9
Wellington - Napier - New Plymouth	36,411 6 10	5,207 18 8	5,008 11 7	1,632 8 3	..	48,260 5 4	..	63,962 18 3	3,198 17 2	8,303 13 1	..	75,465 8 6	4,837 3 7	4,678 10 7	11,491 2 6	..	..	..	4,634 11 8	140,097 18 10
Hurunui-Bluff	72,304 3 6	14,046 11 0	7,585 12 4	1,574 9 7	..	95,510 16 5	..	83,197 1 8	4,368 10 8	13,360 18 1	..	100,926 10 5	7,202 2 0	6,482 7 2	17,930 17 11	..	..	..	7,866 18 2	220,185 15 9
Westland	4,340 8 4	1,361 6 4	415 5 2	934 13 10	..	7,051 13 8	..	2,020 4 1	252 18 3	645 5 1	..	2,918 7 5	261 10 5	1,303 5 2	1,588 16 1	..	..	..	155 4 4	12,968 8 5
Westport	1,023 10 1	1,664 3 9	191 0 3	53 6 8	..	3,532 0 9	..	1,494 12 5	188 6 1	500 0 4	..	2,182 18 10	70 13 10	810 15 8	629 19 7	..	..	..	55 19 7	7,179 9 1
Nelson	1,318 9 4	639 7 2	145 5 10	8 3 0	..	2,111 5 4	..	968 14 10	67 2 9	176 8 2	..	1,212 5 9	57 11 2	264 5 10	330 10 1	..	..	..	325 7 8	3,650 10 6
Picton	393 16 5	602 6 8	274 5 11	16 10 5	..	1,286 19 5	..	1,061 6 1	99 12 10	176 11 6	..	1,337 10 5	84 12 11	178 8 10	252 5 8	..	..	..	240 15 6	2,899 1 9
Lake Wakatipu Steamers..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	910 4 10	..	910 4 10
Totals	142,331 11 6	27,690 6 10	16,871 18 0	5,082 5 10	..	191,976 2 2	..	175,550 8 2	9,268 5 7	27,092 1 7	..	211,910 15 4	14,944 11 4	18,264 3 10	37,901 11 8	..	..	910 4 10	18,041 9 11	457,865 19 3
MISCELLANEOUS.																				
Kawakawa	0 8 11	..	..	..	1 15 3	2 4 2	..	0 2 7	..	0 6 5	0 18 11	1 7 11	4 4 1	4 9 4	9 1 5	..	..	..	..	21 6 11
Whangarei	3 7 6	..	..	..	25 5 6	28 13 0	..	1 5 6	..	36 0 7	13 13 7	50 19 8	10 1 2	30 19 1	114 17 3	..	..	..	..	235 10 2
Kaihu	..	..	..	..	6 18 1	6 18 1	..	0 5 5	..	4 3 4	3 14 8	8 3 5	1 18 9	5 1 7	22 9 6	..	..	..	..	44 11 4
Auckland	166 13 11	47 1 1	6 13 4	1 2 2	381 7 7	702 18 1	..	39 15 7	..	1,235 4 9	204 18 0	1,479 18 4	711 19 2	1,155 11 9	4,197 15 2	..	..	..	..	8,248 2 6
Gisborne-Karaka ..	0 10 10	..	..	..	5 17 6	6 8 4	..	0 8 9	..	42 12 5	3 3 2	46 4 4	7 5 11	4 16 7	66 12 6	..	..	..	..	131 7 8
Wellington - Napier - New Plymouth	122 17 6	59 1 11	6 14 5	22 1 11	1,196 17 6	1,507 13 3	..	34 4 7	..	4,299 17 4	478 3 0	4,812 4 11	2,553 4 7	4,612 8 8	8,407 1 4	..	..	..	..	19,892 12 9
Hurunui-Bluff	667 2 3	144 18 9	6 14 4	20 2 11	1,904 11 10	2,743 10 1	..	3 4 9	..	5,567 19 6	820 7 2	6,391 11 5	2,954 2 1	3,894 11 10	15,627 15 10	..	..	..	..	31,611 11 3
Westland	61 11 5	54 16 4	..	0 1 8	102 19 10	219 9 3	..	6 9 0	..	240 8 2	49 12 0	296 9 2	58 5 8	457 14 4	1,154 10 1	..	..	..	..	2,186 8 6
Westport	53 7 6	53 19 2	..	0 15 7	99 6 8	207 8 11	..	1 5 7	..	300 3 0	44 16 4	346 4 11	49 19 8	491 16 2	1,385 3 1	..	..	..	..	2,480 12 9
Nelson	4 5 7	3 1 6	..	1 4 6	18 6 11	26 18 6	..	0 3 11	..	9 18 9	17 2 2	27 4 10	10 4 3	49 1 3	195 3 9	..	..	..	..	308 12 7
Picton	..	0 8 8	..	..	22 4 11	22 13 7	..	..	..	45 2 10	11 6 0	56 8 10	14 1 5	35 11 8	317 13 3	..	..	..	..	446 8 9
Lake Wakatipu Steamers..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	350 3 4	..	350 3 4
Totals	1,280 5 5	363 7 5	20 2 1	45 8 9	3,765 11 7	5,474 15 3	..	87 5 8	..	11,781 17 1	1,647 15 0	13,516 17 9	6,375 6 9	8,742 2 3	31,498 3 2	..	..	350 3 4	..	65,957 8 6
Grand totals	388,505 17 9	94,776 17 4	47,521 11 5	12,235 1 8	3,765 11 7	546,804 19 9	163,439 13 4	190,208 3 9	9,268 5 7	103,751 5 4	1,647 15 0	468,315 3 0	50,982 12 11	68,453 16 6	442,063 8 10	24,482 2 6	46,057 6 4	5,227 8 7	31,147 14 2	1,621,239 4 3

RETURN No. 4.
CLASSIFIED STATEMENT showing REVENUE and EXPENDITURE, and Proportion of each Class of Expenditure to Mileage and Revenue, for the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

Section.	Mileage.		Revenue.		Classified Expenditure.										Proportion of each Class of Expenditure to Mileage and Revenue.																	
	Length open for Traffic.	Train-mileage.	Total.	Per Mile of Railway per Annum (Average).	Per Train-mile.	Maintenance of Way.	Locomotive Power.	Repairs of Carriages and Wagons.	Traffic Expenses.	Head Office.	Departmental Offices.	Less Credit Recoveries.	Total.	Maintenance.		Locomotive.		Carriages and Wagons.		Traffic.		Head Office.		Departmental Offices.		Credit Recoveries.		Total.				
														Per Cent. of Revenue.	Per Mile of Railway per Annum.	Per Train-mile.	Per Cent. of Revenue.	Per Mile of Railway per Annum.	Per Train-mile.	Per Cent. of Revenue.	Per Mile of Railway per Annum.	Per Train-mile.	Per Cent. of Revenue.	Per Mile of Railway per Annum.	Per Train-mile.	Per Cent. of Revenue.	Per Mile of Railway per Annum.	Per Train-mile.	Per Cent. of Revenue.	Per Mile of Railway per Annum.	Per Train-mile.	Per Cent. of Revenue.
1905-6.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ d.	£	£ d.	£	£ d.	£	£ d.	£	£ d.	£	£ d.	£	£	£	£ d.			
Kawakawa	8	6,088	1,800 12 7	225 1 6	5 11	1,640 6 4	428 4 7	257 13 2	680 14 5	18 17 9	241 10 11	227 10 9	3,039 10 5	91 10 205 04 64 66	23 78 53 53 16 88	14 31 32 21 10 16	37 80 85 09 26 84	1 05 2 36 0 74	13 41 30 19 9 52	12 65 28 48 8 98	168 80 379 04 119 82											
Whangarei	23	55,112	25,653 16 1	1,115 7 8	9 31	2,926 19 0	3,391 6 5	1,111 9 2	2,767 7 3	269 15 5	667 16 7	161 2 4	10,973 11 6	11 41 127 26 12 75	13 22 147 45 14 77	4 33 48 32 4 84	10 79 120 32 12 05	1 05 11 73 1 17	2 60 29 04 2 91	0 62 7 01 0 70	42 78 477 11 47 79											
Kaihu	17	14,526	7,073 0 0	416 1 2	9 81	1,680 8 5	933 10 8	312 7 4	1,080 19 1	75 0 4	333 16 0	101 0 0	4,315 1 10	23 76 98 85 27 76	13 20 54 91 15 42	4 42 18 37 5 16	15 28 63 59 17 86	1 06 4 41 1 24	4 72 19 64 5 52	1 43 5 94 1 67	61 01 253 83 71 29											
Auckland	393	920,272	334,095 11 0	873 2 11	7 34	80,511 9 11	57,018 16 3	17,767 16 5	52,863 0 4	3,481 13 4	6,454 4 5	6,415 5 1	211,681 15 7	24 10 210 41 21 00	17 07 149 02 14 87	5 32 46 43 4 63	15 82 138 16 13 79	1 04 9 10 0 91	1 93 16 87 1 68	1 92 16 77 1 67	63 36 553 22 55 21											
Gisborne-Karaka	18	25,477	6,047 5 1	339 11 9	4 9	1,265 17 9	1,509 7 6	186 10 3	601 10 2	63 1 4	253 14 9	166 17 2	3,713 4 7	20 93 71 09 11 92	24 06 84 76 14 22	3 08 10 47 1 76	9 95 33 78 5 67	1 04 3 54 0 59	4 20 14 25 2 39	2 76 9 37 1 57	61 40 208 52 34 98											
Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth	484	2,001,200	648,120 2 8	1,339 1 10	6 51	142,360 0 8	155,002 5 10	33,848 14 0	117,311 15 9	6,739 4 11	12,353 3 9	7,413 19 10	460,201 5 1	21 97 294 13 17 07	23 91 320 25 18 59	5 22 69 94 4 06	18 10 242 38 14 07	1 04 13 93 0 81	1 91 25 52 1 48	1 14 15 32 0 89	71 01 950 83 55 19											
Hurunui-Bluff	1,249	3,019,617	1,107,351 7 5	890 5 10	7 4	267,602 2 0	224,457 18 2	53,914 18 9	230,628 10 4	11,581 10 11	20,219 15 7	7,15,109 0 9	793,205 15 0	24 17 215 15 21 27	20 27 180 46 17 84	4 87 43 35 4 28	20 83 185 42 18 33	1 04 9 31 0 92	1 82 16 26 1 61	1 36 12 15 1 20	71 64 637 80 63 05											
Westland	117	167,944	92,775 0 6	792 19 0	11 01	23,858 0 11	10,884 7 11	5,821 3 0	0 17,130 1 3	978 13 11	2,490 1 2	485 12 11	60,676 15 3	25 72 203 92 34 09	11 73 93 03 15 55	6 27 49 75 8 32	18 47 146 41 24 48	1 05 8 36 1 40	2 68 21 28 3 56	0 52 4 15 0 70	65 40 518 60 86 71											
Westport	31	96,503	81,074 6 10	2,615 6 0	16 91	12,765 9 10	8,404 17 0	4,362 11 7	11,199 12 4	862 4 5	1,920 12 5	166 9 5	39,348 18 2	15 75 411 79 31 75	10 37 271 12 20 90	5 38 40 73 10 85	13 81 361 28 27 85	1 06 27 81 2 14	2 37 61 96 4 78	0 21 5 37 0 41	48 53 1,269 32 97 86											
Nelson	33	49,531	18,447 19 0	559 0 7	7 51	7,018 7 4	2,857 4 3	977 14 4	4,113 14 5	191 8 5	559 11 0	616 2 9	15,101 17 6	38 04 212 68 34 01	15 49 86 58 13 84	5 30 29 63 4 74	22 30 124 66 19 93	1 04 5 80 0 93	3 03 16 95 2 71	3 34 18 67 2 98	81 86 457 63 73 18											
Picton	34	57,303	21,279 6 7	625 17 3	7 5	5,175 17 7	3,427 4 5	875 11 5	3,686 3 6	220 11 9	562 10 9	284 7 2	13,604 1 3	24 32 152 23 21 68	16 11 100 80 14 35	4 11 25 75 3 67	17 32 108 41 15 44	1 04 6 49 0 92	2 65 16 56 2 36	1 34 8 36 1 19	64 21 401 88 57 23											
Totals	2,407	6,413,573	2,343,718 7 9	980 2 5	7 31	546,804 10 9	468,315 3 0	119,436 9	5,442,063 8 10	24,482 2	64,057 6	43,147 14	2,161,611 15 8	23 33 228 67 20 46	19 98 195 84 17 52	5 10 49 95 4 47	18 86 184 87 16 54	1 04 10 24 0 92	1 97 19 26 1 72	1 33 13 03 1 16	68 95 675 80 60 47											
Lake Wakatipu Steamers			5,986 0 6										5,227 8 7																			
			2,349,704 8 3										1,621,239 4 3																			
1904-5.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ d.	£	£ d.	£	£ d.	£	£ d.	£	£ d.	£	£ d.	£	£	£	£ d.			
Kawakawa	8	6,022	1,981 8 10	247 11 4	6 7	877 18 4	437 14 2	184 11 1	800 3 10	21 2 5	245 9 1	222 8 8	2,344 10 3	44 33 109 74 34 99	22 10 54 71 17 44	9 32 23 07 7 36	40 40 100 02 31 89	1 07 2 64 0 84	12 39 30 68 9 78	11 23 27 80 8 86	118 38 293 06 93 44											
Whangarei	23	50,915	24,865 15 10	1,081 2 5	9 91	2,590 16 1	2,997 13 6	549 6 11	2,636 1 2	264 12 5	587 11 6	126 1 4	9,500 0 3	10 42 112 64 12 21	12 06 130 33 14 13	2 21 23 88 2 59	10 60 114 61 12 42	1 06 11 51 1 25	2 36 25 55 2 77	0 50 5 48 0 59	38 21 413 04 44 78											
Kaihu	17	15,075	7,328 4 1	431 1 5	9 81	1,852 13 7	939 11 8	401 13 5	1,117 6 0	77 18 1	328 8 11	102 15 7	4,614 16 1	25 28 108 98 29 50	12 82 55 27 14 96	5 48 23 63 6 39	15 25 65 72 17 79	1 06 4 58 1 24	4 48 19 32 5 23	1 40 6 04 1 64	62 97 271 46 73 47											
Auckland	374	864,107	299,023 5 11	799 10 7	6 11	69,807 10 9	48,481 0 9	14,675 5 11	49,208 10 9	3,174 7 9	6,033 7 3	3,423 7 9	187,950 15 5	23 34 186 65 19 39	16 21 129 62 13 47	4 91 39 24 4 07	16 46 131 58 13 67	1 06 8 49 0 88	2 02 16 13 1 67	1 14 9 15 0 95	62 86 502 56 52 20											
Gisborne-Karaka	13	18,561	3,287 15 4	252 18 1	3 61	752 9 5	1,370 0 4	115 1 4	432 0 10	34 17 8	245 17 4	43 16 0	2,906 10 11	22 88 57 88 9 73	41 67 105 39 17 71	3 50 8 85 1 49	13 14 33 24 5 59	1 06 2 68 0 45	7 48 18 91 3 18	1 33 3 37 0 57	88 40 223 58 37 58											
Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth	484	1,946,915	603,251 4 1	1,273 8 1	6 21	125,155 17 0	140,261 17 4	3,409 7 8	101,860 2 9	6,352 6 6	12,135 7 9	7,060 2 9	410,114 16 3	20 75 264 19 15 43	23 25 296 08 17 29	5 21 66 30 3 87	16 88 215 02 12 56	1 05 13 41 0 78	2 01 25 61 1 50	1 17 14 90 0 87	67 98 865 71 50 56											
Hurunui-Bluff	1,240	2,849,898	1,062,625 5 0	865 8 3	7 51	260,625 12 9	206,144 7 7	5,519 2 4	213,895 1 5	11,233 6 11	20,009 11 6	15,560 1 11	747,867 0 7	24 52 212 26 21 95	19 40 167 88 17 36	4 85 41 96 4 34	20 13 174 20 18 01	1 06 9 15 0 95	1 88 16 29 1 68	1 46 12 67 1 31	70 38 609 07 62 98											
Westland	117	160,034	83,356 16 5	733 11 0	10 5	22,042 18 4	9,983 3 4	1,543 1 11	14,998 19 7	888 2 2	2,437 17 4	207 14 3	55,686 8 5	26 44 193 98 33 06	11 98 87 85 14 97	6 65 48 78 8 31	17 99 131 99 22 49	1 07 7 82 1 33	2 92 21 45 3 66	0 25 1 82 0 31	66 80 490 05 83 51											
Westport	31	92,562	83,569 19 5	2,695 16 1	18 01	13,113 11 0	8,121 6 1	4,098 9 5	10,634 7 11	892 9 9	1,909 9 3	280 10 10	38,549 2 7	15 69 423 02 34 00	9 72 261 98 21 06	4 90 132 21 10 63	12 73 343 04 27 57	1 07 28 79 2 31	2 36 63 53 5 11	0 34 9 05 0 73	46 13 1,243 52 99 95											
Nelson	33	46,173	17,537 13 2	531 8 11	7 74	5,860 6 2	3,100 4 10	841 15 11	4,150 10 2	184 1 8	547 9 8	599 18 3	14,084 10 2	33 41 177 58 30 46	17 68 93 95 16 11	4 80 25 51 4 38	23 67 125 77 21 57	1 05 5 58 0 96	3 12 16 59 2 85	3 42 18 18 3 12	80 31 426 80 73 21											
Picton	34	56,817	16,506 7 11	485 9 8	5 91	6,054 19 3	3,880 3 3	580 3 7	2,982 4 8	173 8 0	516 6 9	109 13 0	14,077 12 6	36 68 178 09 25 58	23 51 114 12 16 39	3 51 17 06 2 45	18 07 87 71 12 60	1 05 5 10 0 73	3 13 15 19 2 18	0 66 3 22 0 46	85 29 414 05 59 47											
Totals	2,374	6,107,079	2,203,333 16 0	938 5 9	7 21	508,734 12 8	425,717 2 10	109,917 19	6,402,715 9 1	23,296 13	44,056 16	42,736 10	4,148,702 3 5	23 09 216 64 19 99	19 32 181 29 16 73	4 99 46 81 4 32	18 28 171 50 15 83	1 06 9 92 0 91	2 04 19 19 1 77	1 26 11 81 1 09	67 52 633 54 58 46											
Lake Wakatipu Steamers			5,896 17 3										5,197 13 2																			
			2,209,230 13 3										1,492,899 16 7																			

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RETURN No. 5.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of PASSENGER and GOODS TRAFFIC for the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

Sections.	Length Oper for Traffic.	Passengers.						Parcels, &c.						Live-Stock, Goods, &c.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																
		First Class.			Second Class.			Total.	Total Season Tickets.	Parcels.		Horses.	Carriages.		Dogs.	Total.	Drays, &c.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.	Total.	Equivalent Tonnage for Live-Stock, &c.		Chaff, Lime, &c.		Wool.		Firewood.		Timber.		Grain.		Merchandise.		Minerals.		Total.		Grand Total Tonnage.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
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RETURN No. 6.

ESTIMATED AMOUNT of Expenditure on Construction of Railways, &c., to 31st March, 1906;
Net Revenue, and Rate of Interest earned on Capital expended on Opened Lines for Year
ended same Date.

Section.	State of Line.	Cost of Construction.	Net Revenue.	Rate of Interest.
		£	£	£ s. d.
Kawakawa	Opened	92,765	-1,239	..
Whangarei	Unopened	46,611	..	..
.. .. .	Opened	177,761	14,680	8 5 2
.. .. .	Unopened	25,226	..	..
Kaibu	Opened	69,644	2,758	3 19 2
Auckland	Unopened	3,340,932	122,414	3 13 3
.. .. .	Unopened	328,603	..	..
Gisborne-Karaka	Opened	127,948	2,334	1 16 6
.. .. .	Unopened	8,273	..	..
Marton—Te Awamutu (Central)	..	18,085	..	..
Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth	Opened	5,298,916	187,919	3 10 11
.. .. .	Unopened	258,021	..	..
Wellington-Foxton (private line)	..	42,116	..	..
Surveys, North Island	..	24,660	..	..
Miscellaneous	..	5,169	..	..
Hurunui-Bluff	Opened	10,945,230	314,056	2 17 5
.. .. .	Unopened	543,195	..	..
Westland	Opened	1,304,772	32,098	2 9 2
.. .. .	Unopened	124,844	..	..
Westport	Opened	470,569	41,725	8 17 4
.. .. .	Unopened	7,279	..	..
Nelson	Opened	269,370	3,346	1 4 10
.. .. .	Unopened	71,105	..	..
Picton	Opened	353,960	7,615	2 3 0
.. .. .	Unopened	5,867	..	..
Lake Wakatipu steamer service	Opened	16,436	759	4 12 4
Stock, permanent-way	..	73,337	..	..
Stock, A.O.L. stores	Opened	5,669	..	..
Surveys, Middle Island	..	5,554	..	..
Miscellaneous	..	5,168	..	..
Stock in suspense	Opened	25,000	..	..
Total opened	..	22,498,972	728,465	3 4 9
Total unopened	..	1,593,113	..	..
Gross total	..	24,092,085	728,465	3 0 6

NOTE.—The amount stated in this return as the cost of construction of opened lines includes the Provincial and General Government expenditure on railways. It also includes the Midland Railway and expenditure by the Greymouth and Westport Harbour Boards on railways and wharves under the provisions of section 7 of "The Railways Authorisation Act, 1835," the information regarding the last mentioned being furnished by the respective Boards.

H. DAVIDSON, Accountant.

RETURN No. 7.

EXPENDITURE under VOTE for ADDITIONS to OPEN LINES, charged to Capital Account, for the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

						Total Expenditure.
						£ s. d.
Material on hand at 31st March, 1905	..	..	..	..	..	7,649 18 3
Expenditure charged to Vote 85 by Treasury	..	..	..	..	..	351,048 14 6
Less material on hand at 31st March, 1906						358,693 12 9
						5,669 0 9
Expenditure on Works, &c.—						
Way and Works Branch	..	..	..	..	£88,795 0 10	
Locomotive Branch	..	..	..	..	264,229 11 2	
						£353,024 12 0

WAY AND WORKS BRANCH: PARTICULARS OF WORKS, ETC.

Section.	Work, &c.	Amount.	Total.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	Additional works, &c., for Locomotive Branch ..	155 6 4	
	Sidings, loading-banks, stockyards, approaches, crossings, &c.	826 17 1	
	Additions to station buildings ..	1,248 19 1	
	Weighbridges ..	573 17 6	
	Filling in Mechanic's Bay ..	1,484 3 7	
	Junction for Waikato line ..	2,082 14 6	
	Bridge-work ..	154 18 5	
	Telegraph and telephone facilities ..	834 0 6	
Wellington—Napier—New Plymouth	Tablet-working ..	5,809 5 2	
			12,670 2 2
	Sidings, loading-banks, stockyards, approaches, crossings, &c.	4,041 12 5	
	Additions to station buildings ..	3,211 19 8	
	Additions to dwellings ..	372 19 2	
	Additions to Kaiwarra Wharf ..	296 10 7	
	Additions, Palmerston North ..	129 12 0	
	Pile-driving engine ..	400 7 5	
	Fencing ..	154 2 2	
	Viaduct, Mangarangiora ..	8,191 16 0	
	Departmental buildings, Wellington ..	1,416 13 11	
	Telegraph and telephone facilities ..	143 12 0	
Hurunui—Bluff— (Christchurch District)	Signals and interlocking ..	10,287 11 2	
	Tablet-working ..	1,421 17 11	
			30,068 14 5
	Sidings, loading-banks, stockyards, approaches, crossings, &c.	3,224 12 3	
	Additions to station buildings ..	2,473 11 8	
	Additions to dwellings ..	255 3 1	
	Weighbridges ..	204 19 10	
	Purchase of land ..	2,396 8 6	
(Dunedin District) ..	Signals and interlocking ..	4,210 15 0	
	Tablet-working ..	79 3 10	
			12,844 14 2
	Additional works, &c., for Locomotive Branch ..	251 17 1	
	Sidings, loading-banks, stockyards, approaches, crossings, &c.	937 4 8	
	Additions to station buildings ..	21,898 13 10	
	Additions to dwellings ..	797 7 11	
	Lining Mansford Tunnel ..	602 8 1	
(Invercargill District)	Purchase of land ..	150 0 0	
	Electric lighting, Port Chalmers ..	511 10 5	
	Tablet-working ..	2,309 16 8	
			27,458 18 8
	Additional works, &c., for Locomotive Branch ..	446 8 10	
	Sidings, loading-banks, stockyards, approaches, crossings, &c.	1,490 14 3	
	Additions to station buildings ..	739 5 4	
	Pile-driving engine ..	385 1 4	
Westland	Workshops ..	230 0 0	
			3,291 9 9
Picton	Siding accommodation ..	..	217 10 11
	New station building, &c. ..	..	2,243 10 9
			£88,795 0 10

RETURN No. 7—continued.

LOCOMOTIVE BRANCH: PARTICULARS OF ROLLING-STOCK, ETC.

Description of Stock ordered.	Order.	Number Incomplete on March 31, 1905.	Number Complete on 31st March, 1906.	Number Incomplete on 31st March, 1906.	Expenditure in Year ended 31st March, 1906.
					£ s. d.
Wagons, four-wheel, Class L, high-side ..	G—3	..	..	..	*488 13 6
Carriages, Class A ..	E—5	..	..	..	*228 1 2
Wagons, four-wheel, 1902-1903 programme ..	H—5	..	..	..	*61 6 5
" bogie, ..	J—5	11	11	..	648 16 3
Carriages, Class A, 1903-1904 programme ..	Q—5	13	13	..	6,175 1 5
Brake-vans, Class F, 1903-1904 programme ..	R—5	4	4	..	586 2 10
Wagons, four-wheel, 1903-1904 programme ..	S—5	53	53	..	2,388 15 10
" bogie, 1903-1904 programme ..	T—5	56	41	15	4,592 7 8
Locomotives, Class W _F ..	V—5	3	3	..	6,005 16 11
" Class W _F (contract) ..	W—5	3	3	..	8,759 8 11
Cranes, steam, 5-ton ..	Y—5	..	..	..	*71 10 7
Brake-vans, Class F ..	A—6	..	..	..	*17 10 1
Locomotive, double-ender, Class E ..	B—6	1	1	..	3,110 12 3
Refreshment-cars, Class A ..	C—6	..	..	..	*197 2 7
Carriages, Class A, 1904-1905 programme ..	D—6	55	26	29	29,131 14 7
Brake-vans, Class F, 1904-1905 programme ..	E—6	9	5	4	3,008 5 4
Wagons, four-wheel, 1904-1905 programme ..	F—6	337	122	215	29,369 1 6
" bogie, 1904-1905 programme ..	G—6	65	11	54	9,309 13 7
Tarpaulins, 1904-1905 programme ..	H—6	390	90	300	856 9 3
Locomotives, four-cylinder balanced compound, Class A ..	J—6	4	1	3	8,196 4 7
Wagons, four-wheel, Class G (bodies only for 12) ..	K—6	..	..	..	718 1 4
Tarpaulins ..	L—6	20	20	..	50 18 8
Locomotives, Class W _F ..	N—6	6	..	6	127 19 3
" four-cylinder balanced compound, Class A ..	O—6	3	..	3	..
" simple, Class A ..	P—6	1	..	1	..
Carriages, Class A, 1905-1906 programme ..	Q—6	62	..	62	9,612 4 0
Brake-vans, Class F, 1905-1906 programme ..	R—6	9	..	9	484 19 0
Wagons, four-wheel, 1905-1906 programme ..	S—6	286	..	286	7,567 16 10
" bogie, 1905-1906 programme ..	T—6	74	..	74	1,470 9 9
Tarpaulins, 1905-1906 programme ..	U—6	200	..	200	209 5 3
Gas-storeholders ..	V—6	2	2	..	516 11 6
Equipping second-class compartments of bogie-carriages with cushions ..	..	..	..	..	691 12 11
" rolling-stock with Westinghouse brake ..	..	..	..	..	124,984 12 5
" wagons for passenger traffic ..	..	..	..	..	953 10 0
Fitting gangways on cars ..	..	..	..	..	78 15 10
Machinery for workshops ..	..	..	..	..	3,559 19 2
Total ..	..	..	..	..	£264,229 11 2
Total locomotives ..	..	21	8	13	..
" carriages ..	..	130	39	91	..
" brake-vans ..	..	22	9	13	..
" wagons, bogie ..	..	206	63	143	..
" " four-wheel ..	..	676	175	501	..
" tarpaulins ..	..	610	110	500	..

* Additional charges.

EXPENDITURE under the Hutt Railway and Road Improvement Acts, 1903 and 1905, charged to Capital Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

	£ s. d.
Straightening and doubling Wellington-Hutt Railway, and building new stations, and extending station-yards at Petone and Lower Hutt ..	37,044 7 6
Land purchased ..	7,694 16 11
	44,739 4 5
Charges and expenses of raising funds, as per Treasury accounts ..	125 0 0
	£44,864 4 5

EXPENDITURE under "The Railways Improvements Authorisation Act, 1904," charged to Capital Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

	£ s. d.
Auckland-Penrose, duplication of line ..	6,545 0 2
Dunedin-Mosgiel, duplication and deviation of line ..	2,021 8 10
Charges and expenses of raising funds, as per Treasury accounts ..	3,282 0 3
	£11,848 9 3

RETURN No. 8.

RETURN of REVENUE received by Railway Department from other Departments of the Public Service for the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

Department.	Passengers.	Mails.	Goods.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Defence	4,311 12 1	..	1,569 5 6	5,880 17 7
Police	2,407 14 7	..	453 17 6	2,861 12 1
Public Works	1,915 4 10	..	26,314 1 2	28,229 6 0
Mines and State Coal	227 11 10	..	15,258 17 2	15,486 9 0
Agricultural	1,352 17 4	..	1,488 1 11	2,840 19 3
Lands and Survey and Roads	1,599 0 3	..	1,480 6 9	3,079 7 0
Customs	96 14 7	..	8 10 3	105 4 10
Colonial Secretary	190 15 8	..	18 3 2	208 18 10
Mental Hospitals	878 7 6	..	381 18 10	1,260 6 4
Marine and Machinery	371 1 4	..	8 13 0	379 14 4
Prisons	350 0 8	..	108 5 7	458 6 3
Audit	157 10 0	..	..	157 10 0
Education	12,121 15 0	..	118 9 2	12,240 4 2
Labour	1,089 8 3	..	22 11 3	1,111 19 6
Land and Income Tax and Valuation	208 6 0	..	0 1 3	208 7 3
Native and Justice	965 4 3	..	28 11 7	993 15 10
Tourist and Health Resorts	141 11 7	..	227 19 4	369 10 11
Public Trustees	17 10 0	..	0 4 0	17 14 0
Government Printer	..	..	50 13 11	50 13 11
Stamps and Deeds	14 1 6	..	0 4 11	14 6 5
Public Health	366 16 4	..	191 15 3	558 11 7
Meteorological	1 13 4	..	..	1 13 4
Old-age Pensions	30 0 0	..	..	30 0 0
Industry and Commerce	11 4 8	..	0 2 11	11 7 7
Postal and Telegraph	1,586 7 7	27,870 0 0	2,859 9 7	32,315 17 2
Totals	30,412 9 2	27,870 0 0	50,590 4 0	108,872 13 2

H. DAVIDSON, Accountant.

RETURN No. 9.

STATEMENT of SEASON TICKETS issued for the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

Description.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.
Travellers' tickets, all lines... .. .	5	315 0 0
Travellers' tickets, North Island	118	4,285 6 0
Travellers' tickets, Middle Island	61	3,190 10 0
Reporters' tickets	61	619 5 0
Sectional tickets, North Island	92	2,363 6 6
Sectional tickets, Middle Island	195	5,490 1 0
Tourists' tickets, North Island	271	1,086 0 0
Tourists' tickets, Middle Island	117	591 0 0
Tourists' tickets, all lines... .. .	225	1,590 0 0
Fifty-trip commutation tickets (ordinary)	1,972	1,498 3 5
Fifty-trip commutation tickets (family)	1,561	2,392 7 0
School tickets	15,484	9,002 19 9
Twenty-trip commutation tickets	341	249 4 10
Twelve-trip workmen's tickets	38,029	5,650 15 0
Weekly workmen's tickets	77,556	7,779 7 3
All other season tickets	11,901	16,902 12 4
Totals	147,989	63,005 18 1

H. DAVIDSON, Accountant.

RETURN NO. 10.
STATEMENT showing CLASSIFICATION of EXPENDITURE on MAINTENANCE of WAY and WORKS for the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

Classification of Work.	SECTIONS.														Total.																												
	Kawakawa.	Whangarei.		Kaihu.	Auckland.	Gisborne-Karaka.	Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth.		Christchurch.		Dunedin.	Invercargill.		Westland.		Westport.		Nelson.	Picton.																								
		£	s.				d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.			d.	£		s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.																	
Track-surfacing	498	10	7	1,358	19	10	840	12	823,514	18	1	952	16	11	41,176	3	833,131	18	332,252	19	10	23,407	3	7	7,968	16	42,981	5	9	1,991	9	92,040	13	5	172,116	8	8						
Track-renewals	287	1	3	494	5	8	574	7	328,891	6	11	16	4	11	46,128	15	439,132	3	426,698	4	6	22,943	10	3	6,016	16	82,315	13	42,220	3	5	748	11	11	176,467	4	9						
Ballasting	..	..	..	173	8	6	46	10	9	2,089	6	4	8	7	6	5,649	3	1	2,074	14	0	4,138	7	6	1,715	13	3	954	6	10	1,360	7	9	20	3	0	6	6	0	18,236	14	6	
Banks, cuttings, ditches, tunnels	3	15	3	32	13	4	29	2	7	3,231	8	9	44	5	11	7,829	6	3	2,680	15	1	2,249	17	0	3	193	18	0	1,701	19	7	213	11	4	175	1	2	299	15	7	21,685	9	10
Bridges, culverts, drains	702	16	4	199	0	7	94	14	4	7,656	0	1	48	1	5	16,136	12	9	13,182	0	10	6,287	8	1	6,700	6	4	2,925	17	43,093	11	7	799	8	9	1,076	8	6	58,902	6	11		
Fences, gates, cattle-stops, hedges	..	..	..	114	18	3	..	..	..	1,445	13	10	11	0	9	4,105	2	4	1,937	18	7	2,307	15	0	2,097	4	0	326	19	2	18	4	8	257	19	3	135	8	9	12,758	4	7	
Roads, approaches, &c.	..	..	..	28	12	3	..	..	..	1,193	15	0	12	12	6	804	16	2	382	18	11	826	12	6	760	4	1	91	3	0	114	11	3	22	0	10	20	15	2	4,258	1	8	
Water-services, signals, cranes, appliances	15	3	4	50	4	3	14	6	7	2,452	11	3	2	11	6	3,421	0	2	2,389	17	7	2,456	6	5	1,493	10	7	888	1	10	460	4	5	126	13	10	94	4	1	13,864	15	10	
Wharves	99	16	11	103	15	6	4	6	0	1,000	17	1	..	..	..	205	16	6	1	16	7	916	13	4	16	4	7	395	2	6	1,088	9	11	992	6	11	168	2	6	4,993	8	4	
Buildings	24	10	2	345	15	4	69	10	2	7,105	6	0	33	11	7	11,865	18	0	10,224	13	1	8,677	15	4	6,184	0	8	1,282	3	8	819	11	7	385	6	0	503	9	10	47,521	11	5	
Miscellaneous	6	17	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,548	19	0	130	7	3	3,840	8	11	1,184	18	6	3,274	16	9	775	3	10	1,203	14	2	200	11	7	9	7	6	59	16	11	12,235	1	8	
General charges	1	15	3	25	5	6	6	18	1	381	7	7	5	17	6	1,196	17	6	730	9	4	631	10	4	542	12	2	102	19	10	99	6	8	18	6	11	22	4	11	3,765	11	7	
Totals	1,640	6	4	2,926	19	0	1,680	8	580,511	9	11	1,265	17	9	11,265	0	8	107,054	4	190,718	6	7	69,829	11	4	423,858	0	11	12,765	9	10	7,018	7	4	5,175	17	7	546,804	19	9			
Rate per mile opened	205	0	10	127	5	2	98	17	0	210	8	3	71	1	9	294	2	8	224	1	0	220	3	10	197	5	2	203	18	3	411	15	10	212	13	6	152	4	8	228	13	5	

H. DAVIDSON, Accountant.

RETURN NO. 11.
STATEMENT showing NUMBER of PASSENGER TICKETS issued at CHEAP EXCURSION RATES for Year ending 31st March, 1906.

Sections.	SCHOOLS, FACTORIES, AND FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.					HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS.				GROSS TOTAL—SCHOOL AND HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS.	
	Schools, and Friendly Soc's. Children not exceeding 15 Years of Age.	Schools only. Senior Scholars over 15 but not exceeding 23 Years of Age, and Teachers.	Schools, Factories, and Friendly Societies. Adults.	Total.	Revenue. £ s. d.	1st Class.	2nd Class.	Total.	Revenue. £ s. d.	Number of Tickets.	Revenue. £ s. d.
	No.	No.	No.	No.		No.	No.	No.			
Kawakawa	217	6	47	270	17 18 4	47	286	333	24 15 6	603	42 13 10
Whangarei	479	55	352	886	30 5 5	21	613	634	64 2 0	1,520	94 7 5
Kaihu	382	11	178	571	23 11 6	31	427	458	48 4 0	1,029	71 15 6
Auckland	4,012	337	4,089	8,438	473 0 3	3,922	105,495	109,417	18,430 11 7	117,855	18,903 11 10
Gisborne	538	150	4,422	1,110	52 2 0	701	4,361	5,062	483 13 0	6,172	535 15 0
Wanganui	5,855	887	2,899	9,641	634 5 11	10,158	87,108	97,266	20,864 1 9	106,907	21,498 7 8
Wellington-Napier	7,056	1,530	5,780	14,366	719 14 0	25,725	99,285	125,010	23,168 3 6	139,376	23,887 17 6
Picton	1,846	329	555	2,730	57 13 1	3,818	14,580	18,398	1,076 2 2	21,128	1,133 15 3
Nelson	1,450	212	534	2,196	92 2 4	1,072	9,561	10,633	907 2 9	12,829	999 5 1
Westport	462	29	861	1,352	74 19 3	45	3,085	3,130	323 6 1	4,482	398 5 4
Westland	2,419	235	2,331	4,985	361 11 2	1,448	14,450	15,898	2,356 18 6	20,883	2,718 9 8
Christchurch	15,439	1,994	20,243	37,666	2,905 11 2	37,524	135,844	173,368	31,715 6 7	211,034	34,620 17 9
Dunedin	9,534	1,060	13,179	23,773	1,411 14 3	21,139	94,899	116,038	27,014 15 1	139,811	28,426 9 4
Invercargill	5,799	880	5,557	12,236	1,028 7 5	5,172	56,858	62,030	14,462 13 9	74,266	15,491 1 2
Totals { 1906	55,478	7,715	57,027	120,220	7,882 16 1	110,823	626,852	737,675	140,939 16 3	857,895	148,822 12 4
{ 1905	52,742	7,359	53,558	113,659	7,490 16 0	100,968	592,485	693,453	130,068 16 9	807,112	137,559 12 9
Increase	2,736	356	3,469	6,561	392 0 1	9,855	34,367	44,222	10,870 19 6	50,783	11,262 19 7
Decrease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total, year ending—											
31st March, 1896	63,598	5,949	38,467	108,014	7,246 5 9	50,511	239,164	289,675	50,232 12 11	397,689	57,478 18 8
31st March, 1897	44,610	5,993	33,925	84,528	5,616 2 8	58,464	313,724	372,188	63,439 0 0	456,716	69,055 2 8
31st March, 1898	39,963	5,398	35,064	80,425	5,569 18 1	66,012	383,569	449,581	80,822 8 1	530,006	86,392 6 2
31st March, 1899	45,748	6,192	39,955	91,895	6,215 11 8	70,531	411,747	482,278	84,794 15 6	574,173	91,010 7 2
31st March, 1900	37,839	5,616	31,164	74,619	4,752 3 10	81,528	501,176	582,704	96,154 7 5	657,323	100,906 11 3
31st March, 1901	38,864	5,602	34,550	79,016	5,234 16 8	87,544	541,624	629,168	102,932 10 9	708,184	108,167 7 5
31st March, 1902	42,506	5,736	37,708	85,950	5,466 16 9	95,628	588,813	684,441	136,813 0 1	770,391	142,279 16 10
31st March, 1903	41,540	6,048	41,555	89,143	6,050 11 3	84,448	517,566	603,014	103,279 8 6	691,157	109,329 19 9
31st March, 1904	50,364	6,975	54,344	111,683	7,424 19 7	100,417	594,967	695,384	125,624 4 0	807,067	133,049 3 7
31st March, 1905	52,742	7,359	53,558	113,659	7,490 16 0	100,968	592,485	693,453	130,068 16 9	807,112	137,559 12 9
31st March, 1906	55,478	7,715	57,027	120,220	7,882 16 1	110,823	626,852	737,675	140,939 16 3	857,895	148,822 12 4

STATEMENT of REVENUE and EXPENDITURE of each Station for the Year ended 31st March, 1906

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H. DAVIDSON, Accountant.

RETURN No. 13.

STATEMENT of CARRIAGE and WAGON STOCK, and TARPAULINS, for the Year ending 31st March, 1906.

Description.	Class.	Kawakawa.	Whangarei.	Kaiti.	Auckland.	Gisborne.	Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth.	Hurunui-Bluff.	Westland.	Westport.	Nelson.	Picton.	Total.
CARRIAGES.													
Royal saloon, bogie, 44 feet	A	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	3
Gallery-cars, " 44 feet	A	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	5
Saloon, bogie, 44 feet	A	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
" " 41 feet	A	...	...	...	3	...	2	4	...	...	...	...	9
" " 39½ feet	A	...	...	...	1	...	6	7	...	...	...	...	14
" " 37½ feet	A	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2
" " 35 feet	A	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	3
Refreshment-cars, bogie, 47½ feet	A	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2
" " 44 feet	A	...	...	...	3	...	3	4	...	...	...	...	10
First class, bogie, 47½ feet	A	...	...	...	7	...	16	15	...	...	...	...	38
" " 44 feet	A	...	...	...	1	...	1	6	...	...	...	...	8
" " 42½ feet	A	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	8
" " 30 feet	B	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	...	...	...	...	7
" 6-wheel	C	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	4
" 4-wheel	D	...	2	...	...	...	3	2	...	...	...	...	7
Composite, bogie, 47½ feet	A	...	...	...	21	...	27	47	3	1	...	...	99
" " 46 feet	A	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	12
" " 44 feet	A	...	...	...	46	...	66	98	9	2	2	5	228
" " 42½ feet	A	...	...	...	...	...	13	30	...	...	...	...	43
" " 39½ feet	A	...	...	...	2	...	2	4	2	1	1	1	13
" " 30 feet	B	...	...	...	5	...	15	22	...	...	...	...	42
" 6-wheel	C	...	4	2	...	2	...	6	2	...	2	...	18
" 4-wheel	D	...	2	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	5
Second class, bogie, 47½ feet	A	...	...	...	17	...	25	48	...	...	...	...	90
" " 44 feet	A	...	...	...	25	...	27	82	7	3	2	...	146
" " 42½ feet	A	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	...	...	...	...	7
" " 39½ feet	A	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	6
" " 35 feet	A	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	3
" " 30 feet	B	...	...	...	...	...	3	8	...	...	...	...	11
" " 30 feet	E	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
" 6-wheel	C	...	3	2	...	3	3	12	2	...	2	...	27
" 4-wheel	D	...	1	3	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	2	10
Postal, bogie, 44 feet	A	...	...	...	...	...	6	2	...	...	...	...	2
" " 39½ feet	A	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
" " 30 feet	B	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	5
" composite, 44 feet	A	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	4
Totals	...	3	12	5	143	5	232	453	28	7	10	8	906
WAGONS, ETC.													
Brake-vans, 4-wheel	F	2	4	2	12	1	19	56	7	2	4	3	112
" bogie	F	...	...	...	37	...	65	84	5	4	...	1	196
" Fell	F	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	7
Horse-boxes	G	...	...	...	28	...	76	71	4	...	1	1	181
Cattle	H	2	2	...	75	...	81	171	6	1	2	2	342
Sheep	J	...	...	...	84	...	331	306	3	...	2	24	750
Covered goods	K	1	6	1	73	...	85	318	15	3	6	3	511
Sleeping-vans	K	...	...	...	8	...	16	46	3	1	...	...	74
High-sides	L	4	12	4	728	16	1,393	3,952	123	12	63	99	6,406
"	LA	...	...	...	125	...	...	1,100	...	...	...	...	1,225
Low-sides	M	4	18	12	88	10	225	815	50	24	14	21	1,281
Work-train	MB	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	20
Timber	N	10	72	62	80	...	99	167	36	33	8	...	567
Iron hopper	O	...	...	...	40	...	...	...	232	159	...	...	431
Platform coal	P	10	95	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	105
Movable iron hopper	Q	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	314	...	...	364
Frozen meat	W	...	...	...	37	...	30	70	...	...	...	...	137
Cool, insulated	X	...	1	...	42	...	100	6	...	...	...	...	149
" ventilated	XA	...	...	...	33	...	39	63	...	...	...	7	142
Work-train hopper	Y	...	...	...	40	...	50	50	20	...	...	...	160
"	YB	...	...	...	...	...	26	25	...	...	...	...	51
High-side, bogie	R	...	...	2	68	...	84	51	9	...	...	...	214
"	RB	...	...	...	10	...	10	20	...	...	...	...	40
Sheep	S	...	...	...	8	...	37	51	...	...	...	...	96
Cattle	T	...	...	...	8	...	27	20	...	...	...	...	55
Platform, " bogie	U	1	2	...	45	2	129	42	42	...	2	...	265
Gas storeholders, "	UA	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	...	...	...	...	10
Platform, "	UB	...	...	...	16	...	51	20	14	...	...	...	101
Horse-boxes, "	UG	...	...	...	...	...	6	6	...	...	...	...	12
Frozen meat, "	V	...	...	...	...	...	32	55	...	...	...	...	87
Covered goods, "	Z	...	...	...	...	...	15	21	...	...	...	...	36
Totals	...	34	212	83	1,685	29	3,058	7,591	619	553	102	161	14,127
TARPAULINS	...	13	37	14	1,025	35	2,060	6,737	145	30	96	170	10,362

RETURN No. 14.

STATEMENT of LOCOMOTIVE STOCK for the Year ending 31st March, 1906.

Class.	Type.	Cylinder.		Coupled Wheels.		Truck Wheels.		Kawakawa.	Whangarei.	Kaihu.	Auckland.	Gisborne.	Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth.	Huronui-Bluff.	Westland.	Westport.	Nelson.	Picton.	Total Engines.
		Dia-meter.	Stroke.	No.	Dia-meter.	No.	Dia-meter.												
A	Tender(4 cyl. balanced compound)	12 & 19	22	6	4 6	6	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
B	"	16	22	8	3 6½	4	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	8
C	Tank	9½	18	4	2 6½	2	18	1	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	6
D	"	9½	18	4	3 0½	2	18	1	...	...	...	2	8	15	1	...	1	1	29
E	" (articulated compound)	9½ & 16	18	12	3 0½	2	26½	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
F	"	10½	18	6	3 0½	...	...	...	...	2	13	...	11	37	5	3	1	...	72
FA	"	12	18	6	3 0½	2	24½	...	2	...	4	...	2	8	...	2	2	...	20
G	"	10½	18	4	3 0½	4	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4
H	" "Fell"	14	16	4	2 8	2	30	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	6
J	Tender	14	20	6	3 6½	2	24½	...	...	...	7	...	10	15	...	...	...	...	32
K	"	12	20	4	4 0½	4	30½	...	...	...	2	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	8
L	Tank	12	18	4	3 6½	6	26½	...	...	...	4	...	5	1	...	...	...	...	10
LA	"	12	18	4	3 9	4	26½	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	5
M	"	13	20	4	3 6½	6	28½	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	4
N	Tender	15	20	6	4 1	4	28½	...	...	...	4	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	10
O	"	15	18	8	3 0½	2	28½	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	6
P	"	15	20	8	3 5	2	26½	...	...	...	4	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	10
Q	"	16	22	6	4 1	2	30	...	...	...	6	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	13
R	Single Fairlie	12½	16	6	3 0½	4	36½	...	...	...	1	...	9	8	...	...	...	...	18
S	"	13	16	6	3 0½	4	36½	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	4
T	Tender	15	18	8	3 0½	2	25½	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	6
U	"	16	20	6	4 6	4	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	9
UA	"	16	20	6	4 1	4	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	6
UB	"	16	20	6	4 1½	4	26½	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	20
UB	"	16	22	6	4 1	4	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2
UC	"	16	22	6	4 1	4	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	10
V	"	15	20	6	4 1½	4	26½	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	10
W	Tank	14	20	6	3 0½	4	26½	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2
WA	"	14	20	6	3 3½	4	28½	...	...	...	1	...	8	2	...	...	...	...	11
WB	"	14	20	6	3 3½	4	25	...	2	...	...	...	7	...	...	3	...	...	12
WD	"	14	20	6	3 3½	6	25	...	...	...	2	...	12	4	...	...	...	...	18
WE	"	16	22	6	3 6½	8	30	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2
WF	"	14	22	6	3 9	6	30	...	...	...	5	...	6	9	...	...	...	...	20
	Totals	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	5	2	53	2	109	190	13	10	4	5	395

RETURN No. 15.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the MILEAGE OPENED, CAPITAL EXPENDED, EARNINGS, EXPENSES, &c., of RAILWAYS in the following Colonies (taken from latest Official Records) :—

Colony.	Area in Square Miles.	Population.	Average Miles open.	Gauge.	Total Cost.	Cost per Mile.	Population per Mile of Railway.	Cost per Head of Population.	Train Miles run.	Gross Earnings.	Earnings per Train Mile.	Working expenses per Train Mile.	Profit on Working.	Net Earnings per Train Mile.	Percentage of Net Earnings to Capital.	Percentage of Working expenses to Earnings.	Earnings per Head of Population.	Passengers carried.	Tonnage of Goods.	Earnings per Average Mile open.	Working expenses per Average Mile open.	Net Earnings per Average Mile.	Expenses.					Number of Locomotives.	Number of Passenger-carriages.	Number of Wagons and Brake-vans.	Year ending.
																							£	d.	£	d.	£				
Victoria	87,884	1,211,003	3,384	5 3	41,279,045	12,162,358	34 1	9 0	2,336,5	3,582,266	95,282	2,119,623	56,38	1,462,643	38,90	3,54,59	2 19	259,702,050	3,628,237	1,059	626	433,148	20,30	15,70	1-22	520	1,214	10,809	30 June, 1905.		
New South Wales	310,700	1,478,260	3,281	4 8½	43,062,550	13,126,451	29 2	7 10	4,67	3,884,016	84,462	2,192,147	50,26	1,491,869	34,20	3,46,59	2 9	10,35,158	150	724,215	1,123	668	455,149	23,47	16,18	2-20	623	691	13,044	" 1903.	
Cape of Good Hope	221,311	580,380	2,417	3 6	24,945,974	10,229,240	42 19	8 12	7,01	5,329,868	100,71	4,522,590	85,46	807,278	15,25	3,24,84	9 3	8,22,295,680	2,464,276	2,205	1,871	334,407	37,90	19,50	5,78	648	829	10,761	31 Dec. 1905.		
Queensland	668,224	521,655	3,066	3 6	21,610,980	6,989,168	41 8	7 4	9,17	1,413,439	69,00	814,744	39,75	598,695	29,25	2,77,57	64 2	4,019,831	1,712,243	461	266	195	91,15	31,14	1-30	349	457	7,451	30 June, 1905.		
South Australia	908,690	370,257	1,890	3 6	14,766,465	7,813,196	39 17	8 3	8,03	1,288,750	81,31	749,860	47,31	538,890	34,00	3,65,58	19 3	9,870,821	1,684,793	682	397	285,113	22,91	12,03	1-36	342	436	6,487	" 1905.		
Natal	20,461	97,109	783	3 6	12,957,544	16,837,124	133 8	8 4	4,83	2,052,488	109,88	1,307,010	69,97	745,478	39,91	5,75,63	68,21	2,668,028	2,165,191	2,622	1,670	952,207	34,14	19,41	5,30	326	412	3,450	31 Dec. 1905.		
Western Australia	975,876	254,000	1,568	3 6	9,808,458	6,255,162	38 12	4 4	4,28	1,610,129	90,18	1,256,003	70,34	354,126	19,84	3,61,78	01 6	9,11,845,839	2,443,711	1,027	801	226,203	32,82	18,77	2,02	327	305	5,930	30 June, 1905.		
Tasmania	26,215	177,964	462	3 6	3,920,508	8,476,385	22 0	7 9	45,852	243,556	61,79	171,630	43,50	71,926	18,29	1,83,70	47 1	823,911	393,838	518	365	155,116	16,10	17,98	4,00	76	184	1,573	30 June, 1905.		
New Zealand	104,471	746,673	2,090	3 6	16,404,076	7,849,357	21 19	5 3	3,968,708	1,469,665	89,00	929,737	56,22	539,928	32,78	3,29,63	26 1	4,955,553	2,624,059	712	450	262,173	18,46	16,67	3,00	293	550	9,792	31 Mar. 1899.		
"	104,471	758,616	2,099	3 6	16,703,887	7,958,361	22 0	5 4	4,187,893	1,623,891	93,00	1,052,358	60,31	571,533	32,69	3,42,64	80 2	5,468,284	3,127,824	774	501	273,188	21,32	16,17	2,93	304	577	10,295	31 Mar. 1900.		
"	104,471	815,849	2,174	3 6	17,207,328	7,915,375	21 2	1 4	6,20,971	1,727,236	89,75	1,127,848	58,58	599,388	31,17	3,47,65	30 2	6,243,593	3,339,687	794	519	275,196	19,99	17,15	2,09	306	608	10,868	31 Mar. 1901.		
"	104,471	833,137	2,227	3 6	18,170,722	8,159,374	21 16	2 5	5,066,360	1,874,586	88,75	1,252,237	59,32	622,349	29,43	3,43,66	80 2	7,356,136	3,529,177	842	562	280,196	21,35	17,78	3,03	362	701	12,444	31 Mar. 1902.		
"	104,471	857,985	2,262	3 6	19,081,735	8,436,379	22 4	10 5	5,443,333	1,974,038	87,00	1,343,415	59,23	630,623	27,77	3,30,68	05 2	7,575,390	3,730,394	873	594	279,204	21,36	18,24	3,19	372	751	12,992	31 Mar. 1903.		
"	104,471	882,097	2,305	3 6	20,692,911	8,977,383	23 9	2 5	5,685,399	2,180,641	91,75	1,438,724	60,48	741,917	31,27	3,58,65	98 2	8,306,383	4,072,576	943	622	321,213	22,21	17,22	3,14	377	809	13,433	31 Mar. 1904.		
"	104,471	908,114	2,347	3 6	21,701,572	9,141,387	23 17	11 6	6,107,079	2,209,231	86,50	1,492,900	58,46	716,331	28,04	3,30,67	58 2	8,514,112	4,011,511	938	634	304,217	21,05	18,28	3,10	389	864	13,885	31 Mar. 1905.		
"	104,471	933,111	2,391	3 6	22,498,972	9,410,391	24 2	3 6	6,413,573	2,349,704	87,75	1,621,239	60,47	728,465	27,28	3,24,69	00 2	8,826,382	4,241,422	980	676	304,229	21,99	18,86	3,01	395	906	14,127	31 Mar. 1906.		

RETURN No. 16.
RETURN showing the MILEAGE, CAPITAL COST, TRAFFIC, REVENUE, and EXPENDITURE of the New Zealand Government Railways from 1883 to 31st March, 1906.
MILEAGE, CAPITAL COST, TRAFFIC, AND REVENUE.

Year.	Miles.	Capital Cost.	Train-mileage.	Passengers.		Season Tickets.		Coaching.					Days.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.	Lime, Chaff.	Wool.	Firewood.	Timber.	Grain.	Merchandise.	Minerals.	Total.	Goods Revenue.	Miscellaneous Revenue.	Rents and Commission.	Total Revenue.	Revenue per Train-mile.
				No.	Revenue.	No.	Revenue.	Parcels.	Horses.	Carriages.	Dogs.	Revenue.																	
1882-83 ..	1,858	£ 10,478,998	2,785,685	3,283,378	£ 362,106	8,621	£ ..	308,620	9,850	975	22,716	34,658	928	27,605	421,671	27,799	11,810	51,703	75,740	197,231	367,428	350,823	510,088	1,564,823	518,330	29,496	8,757	953,847	82-00
1883-84 ..	1,896	11,078,500	2,841,745	3,272,644	321,615	9,036	14,763	325,675	9,555	906	24,666	35,142	939	29,675	627,090	29,522	16,470	62,067	81,255	183,449	432,223	350,263	574,313	1,700,040	548,918	31,644	9,221	961,304	81-00
1884-85 ..	1,477	11,810,194	2,882,422	3,232,886	348,628	8,999	16,406	313,047	10,358	793	24,020	35,592	756	32,738	666,522	30,268	17,030	68,523	86,670	178,909	414,590	365,623	618,511	1,749,856	611,504	23,160	10,422	1,045,712	87-00
1885-86 ..	1,613	12,472,814	3,020,550	3,362,266	346,895	10,717	16,482	317,242	9,518	653	22,668	33,271	660	36,634	781,470	40,558	14,985	74,778	80,280	202,571	413,847	368,225	669,081	1,823,767	622,810	16,732	11,229	1,047,419	83-00
1886-87 ..	1,727	13,017,567	3,008,949	3,426,403	339,255	11,821	16,998	341,634	9,165	689	21,598	33,749	597	37,435	856,431	48,151	22,110	82,963	73,040	175,581	345,254	329,227	719,579	1,747,754	581,350	14,893	12,523	998,768	73-50
1887-88 ..	1,758	13,352,978	2,944,786	3,451,850	334,926	11,518	17,800	368,680	9,301	619	21,128	34,727	592	32,766	857,397	50,046	22,190	84,147	65,860	158,024	358,022	347,379	700,140	1,735,762	579,359	14,611	13,420	994,843	81-00
1888-89 ..	1,777	13,472,837	2,796,007	3,132,803	305,632	11,817	17,816	370,707	8,378	650	19,971	34,101	547	29,426	842,840	47,126	24,335	78,203	67,045	160,399	447,027	356,732	786,690	1,920,431	610,488	15,663	13,915	997,615	85-50
1889-90 ..	1,809	13,899,955	2,868,203	3,376,459	347,844	12,311	21,504	375,271	9,358	708	21,209	37,097	678	31,700	985,336	51,539	37,900	91,214	77,454	172,814	498,198	399,258	797,117	2,073,955	655,007	18,091	16,027	1,095,570	91-50
1890-91 ..	1,842	14,278,586	2,894,776	3,433,629	333,122	13,881	20,471	380,319	9,790	757	22,965	38,997	582	35,209	1,258,471	54,684	29,800	87,701	73,650	153,078	528,683	385,020	828,079	2,086,011	690,779	20,718	17,615	1,121,701	93-00
1891-92 ..	1,869	14,656,691	3,010,489	3,555,764	342,563	16,341	22,054	393,407	11,370	819	25,439	41,795	653	36,248	1,067,614	49,639	26,605	85,888	87,834	170,520	442,277	379,768	873,899	2,066,791	671,469	19,388	18,163	1,115,432	88-75
1892-93 ..	1,886	14,733,120	3,002,174	3,759,044	367,594	16,504	23,025	420,610	12,993	921	26,780	44,801	796	33,597	1,321,046	38,814	34,314	96,841	88,186	163,910	523,637	397,411	884,031	2,193,330	707,786	18,830	19,486	1,181,522	94-50
1893-94 ..	1,948	15,137,036	3,113,231	3,972,701	378,480	17,226	23,540	448,770	12,350	793	25,667	45,206	831	39,223	1,356,434	38,022	38,610	101,340	84,658	183,192	411,191	377,116	864,538	2,060,645	686,469	18,563	20,535	1,172,793	90-25
1894-95 ..	1,993	15,352,613	3,221,620	3,905,578	360,243	28,623	24,906	444,981	11,185	750	23,517	43,270	705	40,890	1,519,921	43,292	36,972	103,328	85,102	198,578	388,556	377,938	857,917	2,048,391	683,726	17,265	21,441	1,150,851	85-75
1895-96 ..	2,014	15,425,532	3,307,226	4,162,426	359,822	36,233	29,412	455,511	11,115	716	22,551	54,736	693	39,651	1,839,712	53,346	53,260	99,363	78,804	213,132	374,699	389,881	878,659	2,087,798	698,115	18,466	22,490	1,183,041	85-75
1896-97 ..	2,018	15,577,392	3,409,218	4,439,987	378,684	43,069	31,476	489,825	11,347	778	22,891	58,084	841	35,909	1,964,110	52,327	60,542	98,958	80,014	257,825	423,888	415,448	1,032,252	2,368,927	774,163	20,225	23,526	1,286,158	90-50
1897-98 ..	2,055	15,993,903	3,666,483	4,672,264	399,262	48,660	34,168	530,993	9,936	862	23,069	60,872	926	44,935	2,356,595	42,784	77,226	103,055	83,656	313,073	427,448	465,041	1,048,868	2,518,367	837,590	19,631	24,485	1,376,008	90-00
1898-99 ..	2,090	16,404,076	3,968,708	4,955,553	438,367	55,027	37,186	589,372	10,348	998	24,963	66,418	1106	55,878	2,518,233	34,512	83,084	97,396	87,038	310,256	420,071	478,851	1,147,353	2,624,050	882,077	20,328	25,289	1,469,665	89-00
1899-1900 ..	2,104	16,703,887	4,187,893	5,468,234	474,799	63,835	40,228	624,115	11,474	1159	27,066	68,488	1345	65,063	2,523,787	36,049	77,292	104,621	92,126	334,677	764,033	536,428	1,218,698	3,127,874	985,723	25,135	29,524	1,623,891	93-00
1900-1901 ..	2,212	17,207,328	4,620,971	6,243,593	503,051	82,921	41,925	633,770	11,421	1336	30,658	72,712	1566	72,868	2,412,191	51,059	78,844	96,519	92,830	380,803	772,571	551,879	1,366,241	3,339,687	1,051,695	28,691	29,253	1,727,236	89-75
1901-1902 ..	2,235	18,170,722	5,066,360	7,356,136	575,697	100,778	45,322	677,804	11,926	1506	30,404	79,561	1564	83,458	2,724,860	55,159	86,378	101,878	100,236	427,153	813,345	556,395	1,443,792	3,529,177	1,110,575	30,303	33,129	1,874,586	88-75
1902-1903 ..	2,291	19,081,735	5,443,333	7,575,390	576,529	118,431	49,169	731,762	12,737	1646	34,202	87,273	1921	102,461	3,821,333	61,844	121,092	116,309	100,498	436,068	718,376	633,685	1,604,426	3,730,394	1,189,101	29,960	42,006	1,974,038	87-00
1903-1904 ..	2,328	20,692,911	5,685,399	8,306,383	652,080	129,919	52,580	798,800	14,629	2056	36,816	110,151	2340	107,435	3,756,378	70,268	132,562	101,316	106,066	509,712	820,453	658,144	1,744,323	4,072,576	1,293,169	33,074	39,587	2,180,641	91-75
1904-1905 ..	2,374	21,701,572	6,107,079	8,514,112	680,905	140,453	57,252	825,468	15,651	2228	38,592	115,051	2307	110,924	3,412,984	77,768	131,714	107,625	109,174	493,327	732,479	630,832	1,806,360	4,011,511	1,277,976	40,067	37,980	2,209,231	86-50
1905-1906 ..	2,406	22,498,972	6,413,573	8,926,382	723,867	147,969	63,006	892,037	17,008	2376	40,097	142,642	2350	119,311	3,348,685	92,702	144,884	116,086	106,510	534,533	772,258	623,603	1,938,548	4,241,422	1,346,038	38,518	35,633	2,349,704	87-75

EXPENDITURE.

Year.	Expenditure Train-mile.	Expenditure Per Cent. of Revenue.	Maintenance of Way.				Locomotive Power.			Carriages and Wagons.			Traffic.			Head and Departmental Offices.			General Charges and Sundries.			Less Credit Recoveries.			Total Expenditure.			
			Amount.	Per Cent. of Revenue.	Per Mile of Railway.	Per Train-mile.	Amount.	Per Cent. of Revenue.	Per Train-mile.	Amount.	Per Cent. of Revenue.	Per Train-mile.	Amount.	Per Cent. of Revenue.	Per Train-mile.	Amount.	Per Cent. of Revenue.	Per Train-mile.	Amount.	Per Cent. of Revenue.	Per Train-mile.	Amount.	Per Cent. of Revenue.	Per Train-mile.				
1882-83	d. 51-07	£ 62-18	£ 209,823	£ 22-01	£ 155-54	d. 18-08	£ 153,607	£ 16-11	d. 13-23	£ 38,887	£ 4-08	d. 3-35	£ 156,334	£ 16-40	d. 13-47	£ ..	£ ..	d. ..	£ 34,170	£ 3-58	d. 2-94	£ ..	£ ..	d. ..	£ 592,821			
1883-84	.. 55-40	68-24	233,936	24-34	169-29	19-76	162,558	16-91	13-73	51,304	5-34	4-33	166,848	17-36	14-09	..	..	..	41,345	4-30	3-49	..	..	..	655,990			
1884-85	.. 57-45	65-99	254,329	24-32	176-87	21-18	166,576	15-93	13-87	56,245	5-38	4-68	171,822	16-43	14-30	..	..	..	41,055	3-93	3-42	..	..	..	690,026			
1885-86	.. 54-85	65-91	247,566	23-64	160-32	19-67	162,860	15-55	12-94	55,303	5-28	4-40	180,352	17-22	14-33	..	..	..	44,259	4-22	3-51	..	..	..	690,340			
1886-87	.. 55-76	69-99	252,530	25-28	149-85	20-14	166,407	16-66	13-27	59,107	5-92	4-72	177,825	17-80	14-18	..	..	..	43,203	4-33	3-45	..	..	..	699,073			
1887-88	.. 56-02	69-09	246,340	24-76	141-35	20-08	159,757	16-06	13-02	65,018	6-54	5-30	173,991	17-49	14-18	..	..	..	42,222	4-24	3-44	..	..	..	687,328			
1888-89	.. 55-54	64-86	232,915	23-35	131-31	19-99	153,807	15-42	13-20	55,422	5-55	4-76	176,995	17-74	15-19	..	..	..	27,906	2-80	2-40	..	..	..	647,045			
1889-90	.. 57-13	62-32	242,075	22-10	134-70	20-26	159,180	14-53	13-32	67,211	6-13	5-62	182,427	16-65	15-27	..	..	..	31,894	2-91	2-66	..	..	..	682,787			
1890-91	.. 58-09	62-47	241,330	21-51	132-27	20-01	172,064	15-34	14-26	66,228	5-91	5-49	193,461	17-25	16-04	..	..	..	27,623	2-46	2-29	..	..	..	700,703			
1891-92	.. 56-32	63-34	245,163	21-98	131-41	19-54	177,156	15-88	14-12	57,723	5-17	4-60	198,654	17-81	15-84	..	..	..	27,822	2-50	2-22	..	..	..	706,517			
1892-93	.. 58-53	61-97	262,600	22-23	140-18	20-99	183,774	15-55	14-69	53,962	4-57	4-32	202,153	17-11	16-16	..	..	..	29,653	2-51	2-37	..	..	..	732,142			
1893-94	.. 56-69	62-70	268,451	22-89	140-35	20-70	177,833	15-16	13-71	56,470	4-82	4-35	201,166	17-15	15-51	..	..	..	31,440	2-68	2-42	..	..	..	735,359			
1894-95	.. 54-54	63-62	272,718	23-70	138-57	20-32	175,758	15-27	13-09	50,949	4-43	3-79	201,641	17-52	15-02	..	..	..	31,095	2-70	2-32	..	..	..	732,160			
1895-96	.. 54-53	63-51	282,593	23-89	141-45	20-51	185,669	15-69	13-47	51,692	4-62	3-97	207,253	17-52	15-04	37,979	3-21	2-76	..	..	..	16,818	1-42	1-22	751,368			
1896-97	.. 55-55	61-35	301,981	23-48	149-77	21-26	190,543	14-82	13-41	65,825	5-12	4-64	213,914	16-63	15-06	39,072	3-03	2-75	..	..	..	22,280	1-73	1-57	789,054			
1897-98	.. 56-11	62-30	327,987	23-84	160-53	21-47	209,289	15-21	13-70	65,344	4-75	4-27	232,646	16-91	15-23	41,062	2-98	2-69	..	..	..	19,137	1-39	1-25	857,191			
1898-99	.. 56-22	63-26	357,189	24-30	172-92	21-60	231,532	15-75	14-00	73,680	5-01	4-46	244,932	16-67	14-81	44,319	3-02	2-68	..	..	..	21,914	1-49	1-33	929,738			
1899-1900	.. 60-31	64-80	394,619	24-30	187-99	22-61	295,542	18-20	16-93	76,555	4-71	4-39	262,552	16-17	15-05	47,717	2-93	2-74	..	..	..	24,627	1-51	1-41	1,052,358			
1900-1901	.. 58-58	65-30	426,405	24-69	196-14	22-15	293,383	16-98	15-24	91,532	5-30	4-75	236,159	17-15	15-38	51,590	2-99	2-68	..	..	..	31,221	1-81	1-62	1,127,848			
1901-1902	.. 59-32	66-80	436,847	23-30	196-17	20-69	351,172	18-73	16-64	99,522	5-31	4-71	333,211	17-78	15-79	56,756	3-03	2-69	..	..	..	25,271	1-35	1-20	1,252,237			
1902-1903	.. 59-23	68-05	460,398	23-32	203-55	20-30	378,575	19-18	16-69	105,976	5-37	4-67	360,061	18-24	15-83	62,997	3-19	2-77	..	..	..	24,592	1-25	1-08	1,343,415			
1903-1904	.. 60-48	65-98	490,819	22-58	212-94	20-72	414,168	19-05	17-48	111,988	5-15	4-73	374,347	17-22	15-80	68,223	3-14	2-88	Lake Wakatipu Steamers.			6,048	86-45	..	26,869	1-23	1-13	1,438,724
1904-1905	.. 58-46	67-58	508,735	23-09	216-64	19-99	425,717	19-32	16-73	109,918	4-99	4-32	402,715	18-28	15-83	68,353	3-10	2-68	5,198	88-14	..	27,736	1-26	1-09	1,492,900			
1905-1906	.. 60-47	69-00	546,805	23-33	228-67	20-46	468,315	19-98	17-52	119,437	5-10	4-47	442,064	18-86	16-54	70,539	3-01	2-61	5,227	87-33	..	31,148	1-33	1-16	1,621,239			

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STATEMENT of STORES CONTRACTS current during the Year ending 31st March, 1906.

Service.	Period.	Name of Contractor.	Rate.
General stores—			
Auckland—			
General ironmongery	31/3/1908	John Burns and Co.	As per tender.
Furnishing ironmongery	"	Briscoe and Co.	"
Ironmongery—Bolts, nuts, and rivets	"	John Burns and Co.	"
" Tools, &c.	"	Briscoe and Co.	"
" Plumbers' and gas-fitters'	"	A. and T. Burt	"
Weighing machines and balances	"	John Burns and Co.	"
Galvanised iron and tinware	"	"	"
Chemicals, drugs, &c.	"	Kempthorne, Prosser, and Co.	"
Disinfectants	"	"	"
Oils, colours, &c.	"	John Burns and Co.	"
Oils, kerosene	"	Colonial Oil Company	"
Ship-chandlery	"	Briscoe and Co.	"
Drain-pipes, &c.	"	J. J. Craig	"
Indiarubber goods	"	A. and T. Burt	"
Iron and steel	"	Briscoe and Co.	"
Iron, sheet, galvanised, N.Z. manufacture	"	Southern Cross Galvanised-iron Manufacturing Company	"
Leather, &c.	"	John Burns and Co.	"
Colonial cement and lime	"	J. J. Craig	"
Brushware, N.Z. manufacture	"	Briscoe and Co.	"
Wellington—			
General ironmongery	"	Briscoe and Co.	"
Furnishing ironmongery	"	Geo. Winder	"
Ironmongery—Bolts, nuts, and rivets	"	Briscoe and Co.	"
" Tools, &c.	"	"	"
" Plumbers' and gas-fitters'	"	A. and T. Burt	"
Weighing machines and balances	"	Briscoe and Co.	"
Galvanised iron and tinware	"	"	"
Explosives	"	Bannatyne and Co.	"
Chemicals, drugs, &c.	"	Kempthorne, Prosser, and Co.	"
Disinfectants	"	"	"
Oils, colours, &c.	"	Smith and Smith	"
Oils, kerosene	"	Colonial Oil Company	"
Ship-chandlery	"	Briscoe and Co.	"
Drain-pipes	"	"	"
Indiarubber goods	"	A. R. Hislop	"
Brushware, N.Z. manufacture	"	George Winder	"
Iron and steel	"	Briscoe and Co.	"
Leather, &c.	"	"	"
Colonial cement and lime	"	P. Hutson and Co.	"
Christchurch—			
General ironmongery	"	Ashby, Bergh, and Co.	"
Furnishing ironmongery	"	"	"
Ironmongery—Bolts, nuts, and rivets	"	"	"
" Tools, &c.	"	"	"
" Plumbers' and gas-fitters'	"	"	"
Explosives	"	"	"
Weighing machines and balances	"	"	"
Galvanised iron and tinware	"	"	"
Chemicals, drugs, &c.	"	Kempthorne, Prosser, and Co.	"
Disinfectants	"	"	"
Oils, colours, &c.	"	E. Reece and Sons	"
Oils, kerosene	"	Colonial Oil Company	"
Ship-chandlery	"	E. Reece and Sons	"
Drain-pipes, &c.	"	Ashby, Bergh, and Co.	"
Indiarubber goods	"	"	"
Brushware, N.Z. manufacture	"	Aitken and Roberts	"
Iron and steel	"	Anderson's (Limited)	"
Leather, &c.	"	Ashby, Bergh, and Co.	"
Colonial cement and lime	"	"	"
Dunedin—			
General ironmongery	"	Briscoe and Co.	"
Furnishing ironmongery	"	John Edmond	"
Ironmongery—Bolts, nuts, and rivets	"	"	"
" Tools, &c.	"	"	"
" Plumbers' and gas-fitters'	"	Briscoe and Co.	"
Explosives	"	"	"
Weighing machines and balances	"	John Edmond	"
Galvanised iron and tinware	"	Briscoe and Co.	"
Chemicals, drugs, &c.	"	Kempthorne, Prosser, and Co.	"
Disinfectants	"	"	"

RETURN NO. 17—*continued.*STATEMENT of STORES CONTRACTS current, &c.—*continued.*

Service.	Period.	Name of Contractor.	Rate.
General stores—<i>continued.</i>			
Dunedin—<i>continued.</i>			
Oils, colours, &c.	31/3/1908	Briscoe and Co.	As per tender.
Oil, kerosene	"	Colonial Oil Company	"
Ship-chandlery	"	Brace, Windle, and Co.	"
Drain-pipes	"	C. and W. Gore	"
Indiarubber goods	"	A. and T. Burt	"
Brushware, N.Z. manufacture	"	John Allen	"
Iron and steel	"	John Edmond	"
Leather, &c.	"	"	"
Colonial cement and lime	"	Milburn Lime and Cement Company	"
20,000 gallons castor-oil	31/5/1905	Briscoe and Co.	2/0 ³ gal.
20,000 "	31/12/1905	National Mortgage and Agency Company	2/5 ¹ "
21,600 gallons dark mineral axle-oil	31/3/1906	James Service and Co.	9 ¹ / ₂ d. to 10d. "
12,500 " high - pressure filtered valve-oil	"	"	2/3 "
4,200 " pale machine-oil	"	"	1/ "
34,750 " mineral colza-oil	"	"	9d. "
5,000 fire-lumps, Auckland	"	J. J. Craig	4/ each.
15 tons fire-lumps, Greymouth	"	Grey - Point Elizabeth Company	£6 ton.
Freight of birch sleepers, Marlborough Sounds to Lyttelton	"	Cranby and Co.	1/1 each.
Iron castings at Auckland	31/7/1905	Massey Brothers	12/ and 12/6 cwt.
"	31/10/1906	C. Collings	As per tender.
Horse-forage, at Auckland	31/3/1906	J. J. Craig	"
" Christchurch	"	T. Wreaks	"
Printed stationery	31/3/1908	Government Printer	"
Chrome tanned-leather hose-pipes	"	R. A. Cleland	"
Native-timber supply—			
Christchurch	31/3/1906	William White and Co.	"
Dunedin and Invercargill	"	Massey and Co.	"
Coal-supply—			
Whangarei	31/3/1906	Hikurangi Coal Company	8/4 per ton.
Auckland	"	Taupiri Coal-mines	8/ "
Dunedin-Gore	"	New Zealand Coal and Oil Company	8/6 "
South of Gore	"	Nightcaps Coal Company	7/6 and 5/ per ton.
Ironbark timber at Auckland			
piles	6/6/1905	W. Flannery	19/ per 100 sup. ft.
" timber at Wellington	"	"	1/11 per lin. ft.
" " Wanganui	"	N. Cain	21/ per 100 sup. ft.
" " Lyttelton	"	J. Breckenridge	21/ "
" piles at	"	"	2/9 per lin. ft.
" timber at Bluff	"	Murray, Arnold, and Co.	18/6 per 100 sup. ft.
" piles	"	"	2/ per lin. ft.
" timber at Nelson	"	"	22/6 per 100 sup. ft.
" piles	"	"	2/3 per lin. ft.
" timber at Picton	"	Fraser and Co.	23/ per 100 sup. ft.
" piles	"	"	2/6 per lin. ft.
" timber at Westport	"	E. D. Pike and Co.	24/ per 100 sup. ft.
" piles	"	"	2/4 per lin. ft.
Tallow-wood timber—			
Auckland	16/5/1905	H. and W. Flannery	19/ per 100 sup. ft.
Wellington	"	"	19/6 "
Port Chalmers	"	"	20/6 "
Grey ironbark sleepers—			
1,200 sawn at Wanganui	31/1/1906	E. D. Pike and Co.	5/ each.
5,800 hewn	"	"	4/3 ¹ "
1,000 sawn at Wellington	"	Joseph Reid	4/4 ¹ "
5,000 hewn	"	Allen Taylor and Co.	3/8 ¹ "
8,000 sawn at Lyttelton	"	E. D. Pike and Co.	4/6 "
2,000 hewn	"	"	3/9 ¹ "
8,000 sawn at Dunedin	"	Maurice O'Connor	4/4 ¹ "
5,000 hewn	"	Allen Taylor and Co.	3/8 ¹ "
2,000 sawn at Bluff	"	Joseph Reid	4/4 ¹ "
3,000 hewn	"	E. D. Pike and Co.	3/8 ¹ "
551 sawn, special sizes, at Grey-mouth	"	Scott, Sibbald, and Co.	7/ "
450 hewn at Greymouth	"	E. D. Pike and Co.	4/3 ¹ "
1,500 " Westport	"	"	4/3 ¹ "
450 " Nelson	"	"	4/3 ¹ "
Ironbark timber at Lyttelton			
Brush box	2/6/1906	Murray, Arnold, and Co.	23/6 per 100 sup. ft.
Ironbark timber at Dunedin	1/3/1906	Gollin and Co.	19/ "
" Auckland	1/9/1906	Fraser and Co.	47/ per pole.
Brush-box timber at Auckland	"	"	21/6 per 100 sup. ft.
Ironbark piles	"	"	20/ "
" timber at Wanganui	"	"	2/3 per lin. ft.
Brush-box	"	"	22/6 per 100 sup. ft.
Ironbark piles at Wanganui	"	"	20/ "
" timber at Wellington	"	"	2/3 per lin. ft.
" "	"	N. Cain	21/6 per 100 sup. ft.
" "	"	"	21/6 "

RETURN No. 17—*continued.*
STATEMENT of STORES CONTRACTS current, &c.—*continued.*

Service.	Period.	Name of Contractor.	Rate.
Ironbark piles at Wellington ..	1/9/1906	N. Cain ..	1/11 per lin. ft.
" timber at Lyttelton ..	"	Fraser and Co. ..	21/6 per 100 sup. ft.
" piles ..	"	" ..	2/1 per lin. ft.
" timber at Dunedin ..	"	" ..	21/ per 100 sup. ft.
Brush-box timber at Dunedin ..	"	" ..	21/
Ironbark piles at Dunedin ..	"	" ..	2/4 per lin. ft.
Ironbark timber at Bluff ..	"	E. D. Pike and Co. ..	22/ per 100 sup. ft.
" piles ..	"	" ..	2/3 per lin. ft.
Hewn ironbark timber at Greymouth	"	" ..	22/ per 100 sup. ft.
Sawn ..	"	" ..	24/
" piles at Greymouth ..	"	" ..	2/3 per lin. ft.
" timber at Westport ..	"	" ..	25/ per 100 sup. ft.
" piles ..	"	" ..	3/ per lin. ft.
" timber at Picton ..	"	J. Breckenridge ..	23/ per 100 sup. ft.
" Nelson ..	"	Fraser and Co. ..	23/6
" piles at Nelson ..	"	" ..	2/6 per lin. ft.
" timber at Dunedin ..	"	Murray, Arnold, and Co. ..	20/6 per 100 sup. ft.
Uniform suits—			
Guards and porters ..	31/3/1907	A. Levy ..	As per tender.
Stationmasters ..	"	Ross and Glendining ..	"
Uniform caps—			
Guards and porters, summer ..	"	Hallenstein Bros. and Co. ..	3/5 each.
Guards and porters, winter ..	"	Charles Hill and Sons ..	3/9 "
Drivers and firemen, summer ..	"	Hallenstein Bros. and Co. ..	3/7 "
Drivers and firemen, winter ..	"	" ..	4/4 "
Stationmasters ..	"	Charles Hill and Sons ..	9/ "
Puggarees ..	"	Hallenstein Bros. and Co. ..	11d. "
Rain-proof covers ..	"	" ..	1/3 "
Auckland District—			
329,000 sup. ft. kauri timber ..	31/3/1906	Merchants and mills in district ..	10/6 to 25/ per 100 ft.
5,300 ft. mouldings ..	"	" ..	4/9 to 23/ "
281,000 sup. ft. red-pine timber ..	"	" ..	8/6 to 14/6 "
1,700 sup. ft. matai timber ..	"	" ..	15/ "
28,000 sup. ft. white-pine timber ..	"	" ..	7/ to 8/6 "
3,500 sup. ft. mangiao timber ..	"	" ..	15/6 to 20/ "
185,000 sup. ft. totara timber ..	"	" ..	16/ to 21/6 "
1,400 sup. ft. clear-pine timber ..	"	Merchants in district ..	7d. per ft.
2,600 sup. ft. teak timber ..	"	Henry Markwald ..	6½d. "
Wellington—Napier—New Plymouth District—			
249,000 sup. ft. kauri timber ..	"	Merchants in Auckland District ..	15/6 to 41/ per 100 ft.
922,000 sup. ft. red-pine timber ..	"	Merchants and mills in district ..	8/6 to 22/6 "
126,000 sup. ft. white-pine timber ..	"	" ..	7/6 to 11/6 "
68,000 sup. ft. matai timber ..	"	" ..	12/ to 22/6 "
342,000 sup. ft. totara timber ..	"	" ..	18/3 to 24/ "
61,000 sup. ft. jarrah timber ..	"	Millar's West Australian Hardwood Company ..	19/ to 23/ "
3,500 sup. ft. clear-pine timber ..	"	Merchants in district ..	7d. per ft.
5,000 sup. ft. teak timber ..	"	Henry Markwald ..	6½d. to 7½d. per ft.
Christchurch District—			
93,000 sup. ft. kauri timber ..	"	Merchants in Auckland District ..	12/6 to 33/ per 100 ft.
13,000 ft. mouldings ..	"	Merchants in District ..	6/6 to 18/6 "
6,000 sup. ft. jarrah timber ..	"	" ..	27/ to 30/ "
24,000 sup. ft. blue-gum timber ..	"	" ..	16/ to 18/ "
2,500 sup. ft. clear-pine timber ..	"	" ..	7½d. to 8d. per ft.
1,200 sup. ft. hickory timber ..	"	" ..	10d. per ft.
Dunedin and Invercargill Districts—			
180,000 sup. ft. kauri timber ..	"	Merchants in Auckland District ..	15/6 to 26/6 per 100 ft.
6,000 sup. ft. black-pine timber ..	"	Merchants in district ..	14/ to 20/ "
9,500 sup. ft. V.D.L. timber ..	"	" ..	15/ to 15/3 "
13,300 ft. V.D.L. droppers ..	"	" ..	15/6 to 16/ "
1,960 sup. ft. teak timber ..	"	Henry Markwald ..	6½d. to 7d. per ft.
Picton District—			
1,000 sup. ft. matai timber ..	"	Merchants and mills in district ..	21/6 per 100 ft.
2,000 sup. ft. totara timber ..	"	" ..	13/ to 29/6 per 100 ft.
17,000 sup. ft. red-pine timber ..	"	" ..	9/ to 17/6 "
Nelson District—			
1,600 ft. birch piles ..	"	" ..	8d. per ft.
1,700 sup. ft. birch timber ..	"	" ..	12/6 to 14/ per 100 ft.
8,000 sup. ft. red-pine timber ..	"	" ..	7/6 to 19/ "
2,000 sup. ft. totara timber ..	"	" ..	20/6 to 25/ "
Westport District—			
40,500 sup. ft. red-pine timber ..	"	" ..	8/ to 15/6 "
8,000 sup. ft. silver-pine timber ..	"	" ..	20/ "
11,000 sup. ft. white-pine timber ..	"	" ..	8/6 to 17/ "

RETURN No. 17—continued.

STATEMENT of STORES CONTRACTS current, &c.—continued.

Service.	Period.	Name of Contractor.	Rate.
Westland District—			
750,000 sup. ft. red-pine timber ..	31/3/1906	Merchants and mills in district ..	5/6 to 12/ per 100 ft.
14,000 sup. ft. silver-pine timber ..	"	" ..	10/ to 20/ "
7,200 sup. ft. white-pine timber ..	"	" ..	6/ to 17/6 "
Sleeper supply—			
Auckland District—			
40,000 puriri	"	Settlers and mills in district ..	3/9 to 4/3 each.
60,000 totara and manao ..	"	" ..	3/8 "
Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth District—			
61,000 for creosoting	"	" ..	1/6 "
Picton District—			
1,500 birch per month.. ..	31/12/1905	" ..	3/
300 birch	"	H. L. Beauchamp ..	2/9 "
Westport District—			
88,000 yellow-pine	31/12/1906	Settlers and mills in district ..	3/3 to 3/5 "
Westland District—			
71,500 silver pine	"	" ..	3/8 "
Christchurch District—			
8,000 totara	"	Akitio Totara Company ..	4/ "
Invercargill District—			
73,000 for creosoting	31/3/1906	Settlers and mills in district ..	1/5 to 1/6 "

RETURN No. 18.

STATEMENT of WEIGHING-MACHINES, WEIGHBRIDGES, TRAVERSERS, TURNABLES, CRANES, and PUMPS for the Year ending 31st March, 1906.

Description.	Kawakawa.	Whangarei.	Kaiti.	Auckland.	Gisborne.	Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth.	Hurunui-Bluff.	Westland.	Westport.	Nelson.	Picton.	Total.
WEIGHING-MACHINES :—												
16 lb	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
1/2 cwt.	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
1 "	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	3	...	...	...	6
1 1/2 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
2 "	...	...	...	1	...	8	10	...	1	...	...	20
2 1/2 "	...	...	1	3	...	1	20	1	...	...	...	26
2 3/4 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2
3 "	...	...	...	4	...	2	4	5	...	2	...	17
3 1/2 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
4 "	...	1	...	19	...	27	30	5	1	...	...	83
5 "	...	1	...	11	...	12	33	...	...	6	...	63
5 1/2 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	5
6 "	...	...	1	18	2	11	35	...	1	...	...	68
7 "	...	1	...	9	...	4	6	...	...	...	...	20
8 "	...	...	...	1	...	4	4	...	...	...	...	9
9 "	...	...	...	...	...	2	5	...	...	...	...	7
10 "	...	2	...	4	...	7	41	9	...	...	3	66
11 "	1	...	1	1	...	18	31	...	2	2	...	56
12 "	...	...	...	1	...	2	7	...	...	...	...	10
13 "	...	...	...	...	...	5	7	...	...	...	...	12
14 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2
15 "	...	...	...	2	...	8	8	...	...	...	...	18
16 "	...	...	...	...	...	10	23	...	1	2	...	36
20 "	...	...	...	2	...	2	3	...	...	...	1	8
21 "	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	3
22 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2
23 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
25 "	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
27 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2
60 "	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Total	2	5	5	77	2	126	287	23	6	12	4	549

RETURN No. 18—continued.

STATEMENT of WEIGHING-MACHINES, &c.—continued.

Description.	Kawakawa.	Whangarei.	Kaihu.	Auckland.	Gisborne.	Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth.	Hurunui-Bluff.	Westland.	Westport.	Nelson.	Pictou.	Total.
WEIGHBRIDGES:—												
3 tons (cart) ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2
6 " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
7 " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
8 " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2
10 " (wagon) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	3
11 " " ...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
12 " " ...	...	...	...	1	...	5	2	...	...	1	1	10
14 " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2
15 " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
18 " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
20 " " ...	1	1	...	4	...	4	16	1	4	...	1	32
25 " " ...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	4
30 " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2
40 " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Total ...	1	1	...	10	...	11	32	2	4	1	2	64
TRAVERSERS ...												
...	...	...	...	2	...	...	17	...	...	1	1	21
TURNABLES:—												
43-feet (engine) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
50 " " ...	...	...	...	8	...	8	30	...	...	...	...	46
55 " " ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	6
12 " (wagon) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	3
13 " " ...	...	...	...	2	...	6	32	...	...	1	...	41
14 " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	5	8	1	...	1	...	15
Total ...	...	...	...	11	...	19	79	1	...	2	...	112
CRANES:—												
½-ton, stationary, hand ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
1 " " " ...	...	...	...	7	...	3	10	...	...	...	...	20
1½ " " " ...	...	...	...	5	...	35	12	3	...	3	2	60
2 " " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	5	13	...	...	1	...	19
3 " " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	3
4 " " " ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	21	...	...	...	...	22
5 " " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	3	5	...	...	...	...	8
7 " " " ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	4
10 " " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	4	...	...	...	...	6
15 " " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2
20 " " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
8 " " hydraulic	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2
½ " " travelling, overhead	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
1 " " " ...	...	...	...	3	...	9	2	2	2	...	...	18
2 " " hand ...	...	...	...	3	...	7	...	2	1	1	1	15
3 " " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	6	2	...	...	...	...	2
5 " " " ...	...	...	...	3	...	...	4	2	1	1	1	18
6 " " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
10 " " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	3
1½ " " steam ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	1	...	4
2 " " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	9	...	1	...	...	11
3 " " " ...	2	...	...	...	...	2	8	...	1	...	...	13
5 " " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	3
7 " " " ...	...	2	...	1	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	7
12 " " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	2
15 " " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
20 " " " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Pile-driving and Hoisting-engines, steam	...	...	...	...	...	7	4	3	2	...	...	17
Total ...	2	2	...	24	...	84	112	17	11	8	5	265
WATER-SERVICES:—												
Steam ...	...	1	2	3	...	4	12	2	1	...	...	25
Hand ...	1	...	1	15	4	30	71	3	...	1	2	128
Windmill ...	...	...	1	2	...	15	48	...	...	1	5	72
Hot-air ...	1	...	...	1	1	3	11	...	...	1	...	18
Hydraulic ...	...	...	...	10	...	15	26	1	...	1	...	53
Oil ...	...	...	...	7	1	6	11	...	...	...	...	25
Gravitation ...	...	3	2	13	...	30	36	14	6	2	...	106
Gas-engine ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total ...	2	4	6	51	6	104	215	20	7	6	7	428

RETURN No. 19.

STATEMENT of RAILS RELAID during the Year ending 31st March, 1906.

Weight.	Kawakawa.	Whangarei.	Kaihu.	Auckland.	Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth.	Gisborne.	Hurunui-Bluff.	Westland.	Westport.	Nelson.	Picton.	Total.
RAILS RELAID :—												
70 lb. steel ...	...	...	...	3,968	7,148	...	15,676	330	310	...	6	27,438
Total ...	...	...	...	3,968	7,148	...	15,676	330	310	...	6	27,438

RETURN No. 20.

STATEMENT of SLEEPERS RELAID and REMOVED during the Year ending 31st March, 1906.

Description.	Kawakawa.	Whangarei.	Kaihu.	Auckland.	Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth.	Gisborne.	Hurunui-Bluff.	Westland.	Westport.	Nelson.	Picton.	Total.
SLEEPERS RELAID :—												
Maire ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Black-pine ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,464	...	...	...	...	2,464
Totara ...	249	673	2,603	39,263	17,080	...	6,396	...	...	...	...	66,264
Birch ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,881	...	...	...	3,277	11,158
Jarrah ...	...	...	...	...	103	...	1,202	...	...	...	...	1,305
Silver-pine ...	...	...	...	...	285	...	93,946	16,611	693	7,386	...	118,921
Puriri ...	1,402	57	117	12,695	201	...	131	...	...	...	...	14,603
Kauri ...	...	...	...	1,419	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,419
Rimu ...	...	...	...	...	55	...	476	...	...	...	...	531
Creosoted ...	...	...	...	2,990	29,896	...	57,456	...	...	...	...	90,342
Yellow-pine ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,990	...	...	3,990
Ironbark ...	...	...	...	540	9,303	...	8,918	978	214	226	...	20,179
Mixed hardwoods ...	...	...	...	...	1,628	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,628
Grey-gum ...	...	...	...	350	617	...	2,648	...	...	...	...	3,615
Blue-gum ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	5
Total ...	1,651	730	2,720	57,257	59,168	...	181,523	17,589	4,897	7,612	3,277	336,424
SLEEPERS REMOVED :—												
Black-pine ...	...	...	...	196	862	...	27,812	...	...	...	...	28,870
Totara ...	...	3	...	5,479	33,938	...	32,092	...	...	79	6	71,597
Birch ...	...	...	...	...	2,014	...	23,889	13,042	3,031	4,109	2,890	48,975
Jarrah ...	...	...	...	...	223	...	10,856	...	...	...	...	11,079
Silver-pine ...	...	...	...	229	8,434	...	58,443	2,471	...	2,477	31	72,085
Puriri ...	57	460	...	31,850	3,051	...	9,055	...	...	...	...	44,473
Kauri ...	1,186	171	2,800	7,150	30	...	1,001	...	...	...	...	12,338
Maire ...	...	...	...	...	414	...	...	...	...	...	...	414
Blue-gum ...	...	...	...	...	36	...	1,686	...	...	...	...	1,722
Oregon ...	...	...	...	784	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	784
Rimu ...	...	...	...	...	289	...	31	1	...	...	...	321
Kamai ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,084	...	...	...	...	2,084
Ironbark ...	...	...	...	21	1,035	...	2,348	...	...	...	...	3,404
Mixed hardwoods ...	...	...	...	...	980	...	...	...	...	...	...	980
Yellow-pine ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	120	...	1,616	...	...	1,736
Creosoted ...	...	...	...	...	520	...	2,258	...	...	...	...	2,778
Grey-gum ...	...	...	...	50	477	...	5,016	...	...	...	...	5,543
Total ...	1,243	634	2,800	45,759	52,303	...	176,691	15,514	4,647	6,665	2,927	309,193

RETURN No. 21.

RETURN of NUMBER of STATIONS and PRIVATE SIDINGS on each Section for the Year ending 31st March, 1906.

Sections.	Miles. Chains.	Number of Stations and Stopping-places on the Time-tables.	Number of Private Sidings.		
			At Stations.	Out of Stations.	Total.
Kawakawa ...	7 39	4	...	1	1
Whangarei ...	22 44	12	3	8	11
Kaihu ...	17 15	10	...	2	2
Auckland ...	392 69	143	22	7	29
Gisborne ...	18 2	10	1	...	1
Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth	484 50	170	53	14	67
Hurunui-Bluff ...	1,250 17	464	123	23	146
Westland ...	117 5	64	13	14	27
Westport ...	30 17	15	2	...	2
Nelson ...	32 12	14	3	...	3
Picton ...	33 44	16	3	2	5
Total ...	2,405 74	922	223	71	294

RETURN NO. 22.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF MILEAGE OF RAILWAYS OPEN FOR TRAFFIC AND UNDER MAINTENANCE ON 31st March, 1906.

Section.	Mileage open for Traffic on 31st March, 1905.	Additional Lengths opened during Year.			Reduced Mileage equivalent to Maintenance for whole Period.	Length closed during Year.		Net Addition to Mileage open for Traffic.	Net Addition to Mileage under Maintenance.	Total Mileage open on 31st March, 1906.	Equivalent Total Mileage maintained during Financial Year ended 31st March, 1906.
		Line opened.	Date of Opening.	Length opened.		Line.	Length.				
Kawakawa	M. ch. 7 39	...	...	M. ch. ...	M. ch. ...	...	M. ch. ...	M. ch. ...	M. ch. ...	M. ch. 7 39	M. ch. 7 39
Whangarei	22 44	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22 44	22 44
Kaihu	17 15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17 15	17 15
Auckland	374 79	Alhuroa-Woodcocks Woodcocks - Kaipara Flats Paeroa-Waihi	12th May, 1905 1st Dec., 1905 9th Nov., 1905	2 40 3 6 12 24	2 17 1 2 4 65	...	...	17 70	8 4	392 69	383 3
Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth	484 40	Wanganui Branch - Deviation of Line	5th Feb., 1906	0 10	0 1	...	...	0 10	0 1	484 50	484 41
Gisborne	12 77	Kaiteratahi - Te Karaka	13th April, 1905	5 5	4 72	...	...	5 5	4 72	18 2	17 69
Hurunui-Bluff	1,237 11	Scargill-Ethelton	1st Nov., 1905	8 52	3 46	...	...	8 52	3 46	1,245 63	1,240 57
Ditto, Private Lines—											
Shag Point Branch	2 10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 10	2 10
Nightcaps Branch	2 24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 24	2 24
Westland	117 5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	117 5	117 5
Westport	30 17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30 17	30 17
Nelson	32 12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32 12	32 12
Pictou	33 44	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33 44	33 44
Total	2,374 17	...	...	31 57	16 43	...	...	31 57	16 43	2,405 74	2,390 60

RETURN NO. 23.
STATEMENT showing WEIGHTS of RAILS in various LINES on 31st March, 1906.

Line.	30 lb. Iron.	40 lb. Iron.	40 lb. Steel.	45 lb. Steel.	52 lb. Iron.	52 lb. Steel.	53 lb. Steel.	55 lb. Steel.	56 lb. Iron.	56 lb. Steel.	70 lb. Iron.	70 lb. Steel.	Total.
Kawakawa Section—													
Opua-Kawakawa ..	..	0 2	..	..	..	..	5 67	..	1 12	0 38	..	..	7 39
Whangarei Section—													
Opau Wharf-Hukerenui ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18 3	..	..	4 41	..	..	22 44
Kaihu Section—													
Dargaville-Kaihu ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17 15	..	..	..	..	..	17 15
Auckland Section—													
Auckland-Taumarunui ..	..	2 71	..	..	..	..	106 16	..	..	42 28	..	22 56	174 11
Auckland-Kaipara Flats ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38 27	..	..	18 47	..	3 6	60 0
Penrose-Onehunga ..	..	..	0 10	..	..	..	2 23	..	..	..	..	0 26	2 59
Frankton-Thames ..	..	..	2 19	..	..	..	26 23	..	..	18 77	..	15 36	62 75
Paeroa-Waihi ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12 24	..	..	12 24
Cambridge Branch ..	..	..	9 32	..	..	..	2 48	..	..	..	..	..	12 0
Morrinsville-Rotorua ..	..	..	0 21	..	..	..	68 39	..	..	..	..	..	68 60
Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth Section—													
Longburn-Waitara ..	..	0 42	2 63	..	0 10	..	62 19	..	..	51 14	..	46 18	163 6
Foxton Branch ..	..	2 41	..	..	9 68	..	7 05	..	..	..	..	10 79	19 34
Hunterville Branch ..	..	..	..	..	9 55	..	24 7	..	..	..	..	1 1	44 61
Aramoho-Wanganui ..	..	..	..	..	0 21	..	..	..	..	1 78	..	..	3 20
Stratford-Toko ..	..	..	10 68	..	..	..	..	..	..	0 22	..	..	11 10
Sentry Hill-New Plymouth ..	..	0 2	0 3	..	..	..	2 59	..	..	35 67	..	7 43	10 27
Palmerston-Spit ..	..	2 15	3 29	..	..	..	69 29	..	..	..	..	3 12	113 72
Wellington-Woodville ..	..	..	..	..	3 58	..	53 13	..	..	17 43	..	41 19	115 53
Greytown Branch ..	..	..	..	..	3 7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 7
Gisborne Section—													
Gisborne-Kaiteratahi ..	..	0 20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17 62	..	..	18 2
Hurunui-Bluff Section—													
Lytelton-Bluff ..	..	0 11	..	..	..	..	..	..	0 12	31 57	..	161 29	392 1
Addington-Culverden ..	..	3 69	11 56	..	..	..	36 76	..	7 27	0 12	12 57	10 45	67 57
Oxford Branch ..	13 27	5 70	0 44	..	..	..	11 62	..	..	2 74	..	..	33 45
Eyreton Branch ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0 30	..	..	..	..	..	20 11
Wairara-Ethelton ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23 12	..	..	23 12
Southbridge Branch ..	..	5 66	5 1	1 26	..	..	11 6	1 0	..	1 20	..	..	25 39
Little River Branch ..	..	1 34	13 60	5 2	1 59	..	..	..	0 53	..	..	..	22 48
Springfield Branch ..	..	0 68	..	..	..	..	4 57	4 60	..	25 13	..	..	35 38
White Cliffs Branch ..	11 3	..	0 15	0 28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11 46
Rakaia Forks Branch ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22 20
Mount Somers Branch ..	..	4 8	23 28	..	..	..	0 21	..	..	..	..	..	27 36
Albury Branch ..	..	26 34	9 38	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36 13
Waimate Branch ..	..	4 46	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 46
Waimate Gorge Branch ..	..	..	..	..	8 21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8 21
Duntroon Branch ..	..	15 38	0 12	..	4 54	..	17 17	..	..	..	..	..	37 41
Oamaru Breakwater Branch ..	..	0 23	..	..	..	..	0 40	..	..	..	..	..	0 63
Carried forward	27 54	77 20	93 19	6 56	41 33	24 70	782 64	5 60	9 24	303 9	12 57	323 50	1,711 36

RETURN NO. 23—continued.
STATEMENT showing WEIGHTS of RAILS in Various LINES on 31st March, 1906—continued.

Line.	30 lb. Iron.	40 lb. Steel.	45 lb. Steel.	52 lb. Iron.	52 lb. Steel.	53 lb. Steel.	55 lb. Steel.	56 lb. Iron.	56 lb. Steel.	70 lb. Iron.	70 lb. Steel.	Total.
Brought forward	M. ch. 27 54	M. ch. 77 20	M. ch. 93 19	M. ch. 6 56	M. ch. 41 83	M. ch. 24 70	M. ch. 782 64	M. ch. 9 24	M. ch. 306 9	M. ch. 12 57	M. ch. 923 50	M. ch. 1,711 86
Harunui—Bluff Section—continued.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ngapara Branch	..	4 59	4 30	..	..	..	2 35	..	3 45	..	..	15 9
Livingston Branch	..	11 46	0 29	..	..	..	0 27	..	..	..	..	11 75
Shag Point Branch	..	0 22	1 41	..	..	..	0 1	..	1 0	..	..	2 10
Waihero Branch	..	..	7 5	..	0 59	..	0 1	..	..	..	..	8 65
Port Chalmers Branch	..	..	..	..	0 12	..	0 1	..	..	..	0 10	1 26
Walton Park Branch	..	2 48	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 49
Fernhill Branch	..	..	1 57	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 57
Otago Central Railway	..	..	..	..	..	..	65 73	..	45 21	..	..	111 14
Outram Branch	..	5 58	1 19	..	..	..	0 26	..	1 57	..	..	9 0
Lawrence Branch	..	0 18	..	..	..	..	1 29	..	14 76	..	0 2	22 1
Catlin's River Branch	..	..	..	..	0 25	..	19 2	..	3 37	..	..	22 64
Tapanui Branch	..	10 4	7 6	..	..	..	2 32	..	6 59	..	..	26 21
Wyndham Branch	..	..	..	..	..	..	9 85	..	..	..	..	9 35
Seaward Bush Branch	..	..	16 62	..	..	..	1 66	..	6 71	..	..	25 39
Invercargill—Kingston	..	57 35	..	..	0 20	..	1 9	..	9 55	18 19	0 22	87 0
Makarewa—Waihoaka	..	..	7 26	..	..	..	22 59	..	10 9	0 2	..	40 16
Thornbury—Nightcaps	..	0 3	22 36	..	..	..	0 15	..	1 77	..	..	24 51
Forest Hill Branch	..	12 66	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12 66
Mararoa Branch	..	..	10 41	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 41
Waimea Plains Railway	..	..	..	..	32 55	..	2 74	..	0 72	..	..	36 41
Westland Section—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greymouth—Oira	..	..	..	..	..	..	35 14	..	11 28	..	4 6	50 48
Greymouth—Hokitika	..	..	..	..	..	..	21 17	..	3 8	..	..	24 25
Stillwater—Reefton	..	..	..	..	..	..	37 13	..	..	..	..	37 13
Coal Creek Branch	..	..	..	..	..	..	0 20	..	4 57	..	0 2	4 79
Westport—Mokihinui	..	..	..	..	0 36	..	20 2	..	4 47	..	5 12	30 17
Nelson—Motupiko	..	10 30	3 5	..	1 1	..	11 9	..	6 47	..	..	32 12
Pictou—Seddon	..	9 16	3 18	..	1 24	..	3 35	..	16 29	..	0 2	33 44
Total	27 54	202 25	179 74	6 56	78 25	24 70	1,042 22	9 24	459 4	30 78	338 26	2,405 74

RETURN NO. 24.
PARTICULARS of PRIVATE-SIDING TRAFFIC, showing Value of Traffic done during Twelve Months ending 31st March, 1906.

Ref. No.	Papers.	Date of Grant.	Present Holder.	Posi- tion.	Nearest Station.	By whom paid for.	Term of Grant.	Amount of Traffic guaranteed per Annum.	Liquidated Damages or Premium.	Value of the Traffic through the Siding during the Year ending 31st March, 1906.				
										£	s.	d.	Total.	
														In.
KAWAKAWA SECTION.														
823	R. 02/2358 ..	Jan. 1, 1902	John Culley ..	M. ch. 6 79	Kawakawa ..	Govt. and grantees	5 years* ..	†	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 78 8 6	£ s. d. 78 8 6		
WHANGAREI SECTION.														
660	R. 97/4385 ..	Oct. 26, 1897	F. and W. G. Foote ..	18 15	Whakapara ..	Govt. and grantees	10 years* ..	Premium ..	248 0 0	1 16 0	1,122 11 7	1,124 7 7		
793	R. 97/3107 ..	Jan. 1, 1902	Kauri Timber Company (Limited)	..	Mangaharuru ..	Govt. ..	5 " ..	†	..	0 19 0	232 9 8	233 8 3		
798	R. 02/550 ..	Jan. 1, 1902	M-nnie and Brown ..	..	Waro ..	" ..	5 " ..	†	..	4 3 7	387 0 9	391 4 4		
799	R. 02/551 ..	Jan. 1, 1902	Hikurangi Coal Company (Limited)	..	" ..	" ..	5 " ..	†	..	102 15 0	6,530 18 1	6,633 13 1		
824	R. 02/2569 ..	July 1, 1902	Northern Coal Company (Limited)	14 71	" ..	Govt. and grantees	5 " ..	†	..	..	1,350 0 0	1,350 0 0		
877	R. 03/3629 ..	Jan. 1, 1904	Macklow Bros. ..	16 71	Otonga ..	Grantees	5 " ..	Premium ..	138 0 0	0 11 0	238 1 10	238 12 10		
929	R. 04/3983 ..	Mar. 1, 1905	Northern Coal Company (Limited)	15 22	Waro ..	" ..	5 " ..	" ..	457 0 0	16 16 0	3,520 4 7	3,537 0 7		
950	R. 00/241 ..	April 1, 1905	Mander and Bradley ..	18 32	Whakapara ..	" ..	5 " ..	†	..	15 0 5	2,455 8 5	2,470 8 10		
963	R. 05/3060 ..	July 1, 1905	R. P. Gibbons ..	..	Hikurangi ..	" ..	5 " ..	Premium ..	120 0 0	..	..	..		
KAIHU SECTION.														
814	R. 96/2155 ..	Jan. 1, 1902	Mitchelson Timber Company (Li- mited) and James Trounson	16 15	Kaihu Booms ..	Govt. ..	5 years* ..	†	..	2 12 9	3,859 0 4	3,861 13 1		
968	R. 00/2111 ..	Nov. 1, 1905	Mitchelson Timber Company (Li- mited)	13 62	Ahikiwi ..	Govt. and grantees	5 " ..	†	..	6 3 7	990 13 1	996 16 8		
969	R. 00/2111 ..	Nov. 1, 1905	Kauri Timber Company (Limited)											
AUCKLAND SECTION.														
720	R. 00/107 ..	Jan. 1, 1900	Kempthorne, Prosser, and Co.'s New Zealand Drug Company (Li- mited)	7 48	Westfield ..	Grantees	10 years* ..	Premium ..	160 0 0 Rental, £25	1,233 10 6	2,205 17 1	3,439 7 7		
721	R. 99/1601 ..	Jan. 1, 1900	R. and W. Hellaby (Limited)	7 52	" ..	Govt. ..	10 " ..	† Alter'n's ..	120 0 0 Rental, £25	493 19 4	265 0 6	758 19 10		
744	R. 00/668 ..	July 1, 1900	New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited)	1 5	Hamilton ..	Grantees	10 " ..	Premium ..	175 0 0 Rental, £25	301 2 1	56 9 3	357 11 4		
796	R. 00/2203 ..	Nov. 1, 1901	Taupiri South Coal Company (Starr may also use siding)	64 51	Huntly ..	" ..	5 " ..	" ..	220 0 0	..	2,551 1 1	2,551 1 1		
829	R. 02/670 ..	Oct. 1, 1902	Union Collieries (Limited)	44 33	Mercer ..	" ..	5 " ..	" ..	565 0 0	24 2 5	4,994 12 3	5,018 14 8		
838	R. 00/613 ..	Nov. 1, 1902	Avondale Brick and Pottery Com- pany (Limited)	6 29	New Lynn ..	" ..	5 " ..	†	..	352 18 7	1,875 18 6	2,228 17 1		
850	R. 98/1868 ..	May 1, 1903	Taupiri Coal mines (Limited)	..	Huntly ..	" ..	5 " ..	†	..	105 8 0	8,380 6 0	8,485 14 0		
855	R. 03/600 ..	July 1, 1903	W. and G. Winstone ..	..	Auckland ..	" ..	5 " ..	Premium ..	32 0 0 Rental, £50	2,034 13 2	244 11 0	2,279 4 2		
866	R. 93/3515 ..	Oct. 1, 1903	Assets Realisation Board	..	Morrinsville ..	" ..	10 " ..	†	..	84 2 2	30 2 8	114 4 5		
871	R. 03/4153 ..	Jan. 1, 1904	Gardner Bros. and Parker	..	New Lynn ..	" ..	5 " ..	Premium ..	96 0 0	210 18 7	880 15 9	1,091 14 4		
884	R. 03/1660 ..	April 1, 1904	Taupo Totara Timber Company (Limited)	..	Putaruru ..	" ..	5 " ..	" ..	330 0 0	196 3 7	8,752 17 3	8,949 0 10		

	R. 04/956	May 11, 1904	A. and G. Price	..	Thames	Govt. ..	Indefinite	Premium..	98 0 0	122 17 0	263 1 2	385 18 2
887	R. 04/945	June 1, 1904	New Zealand Brick, Tile, and Pottery Company	..	New Lynn	..	Grantees	..	..	..	..	..
898	R. 04/1751	Aug. 1, 1904	Frank Coughland	..	Halsville South	..	"	"	262 0 0	38 12 7	39 6 4	77 18 11
900	R. 04/2378	June 1, 1904	Auckland Veneer and Timber Company (Limited)	..	Orehunga	..	"	"	Rental, £25	1,349 5 0	9 11 0	1,358 16 0
909	R. 98/3564	Aug. 1, 1904	R. and W. Hellaby (Limited)	..	Auckland	..	Govt. and	"	..	186 9 10	230 13 5	417 3 3
912	R. 99/1973	July 1, 1904	Firth Pulp Company (Limited)	..	Onitewai	..	Grantees	"	Rental, £50	64 5 5	197 9 4	261 14 9
917	R. 99/3007	June 1, 1904	Taupiri Coal-mines (Limited)	..	Huntly	..	Grantees	"	..	74 5 2	21,355 18 9	21,430 3 11
918	R. 00/1840	June 1, 1904	Prisons Department	..	Munt Eden	..	Govt. ..	"	..	137 2 11	306 6 5	443 9 4
919	R. 04/2322	Oct. 1, 1904	Auckland Farmers' Freezing Company (Limited)	..	Westfield	..	Grantees	"	..	1,971 16 7	717 16 11	2,689 13 6
926	R. 99/1934	Dec. 1, 1904	J. J. Craig (Limited)	..	Auckland	..	"	"	393 0 0	..	..	..
936	R. 05/867	April 1, 1905	Shaw, Savill, and Albion Company	..	"	..	"	"	Rental, £50	4,879 8 8	56 4 5	4,935 13 1
947	R. 04/3883	Mar. 1, 1905	Drury Coal Company (Limited)	..	Drury ..	..	"	"	Rental, £50	47 5 9	125 18 2	173 3 11
959	R. 04/1368	Oct. 1, 1905	Leyland L.O'Brien Timber Company (Limited)	..	Auckland	..	"	"	80 0 0	101 7 5	56 10 9	157 18 2
967	R. 02/2630	Oct. 1, 1905	J. Wilsen and Co. ..	..	Te Kuiti	..	Govt. ..	"	386 0 0	..	3 14 8	3 14 8
977	R. 02/1392	Mar. 1, 1906	Bartholomew Land and Timber Company (Limited)	..	Ngatira	..	Grantees	"	Rental, £12	65 5 8	215 10 4	280 16 0
986	R. 00/990	Feb. 1, 1906	The Union Oil, Soap, and Candle Company (Limited)	..	Westfield	..	"	"	898 0 0	823 15 2	487 14 8	1,311 9 10
987	R. 06/157	Jan. 1, 1906	The Maphan Ferguson Patent Locking Bar, Steel Pipe Company (Limited)	..	New Lynn	..	"	"	Rental, £25	385 8 4	..	385 8 4
989	R. 05/2841	Nov. 9, 1905	Watini Gold-mining Company (Limited)	..	Waikino	..	Govt. ..	"	..	4,712 0 0	27 12 7	4,739 12 7
956	R. 05/901	July 1, 1905	New Zealand Shipping Company (Limited)	..	Gisborne	..	Grantees	"	250 0 0	36 13 5	..	36 13 5

GISBORNE SECTION.

WELLINGTON-NAPIER-NEW PLYMOUTH SECTION.

24	C.R. 75/845	1875	Napier Gas Company	..	2 30 Napier	..	Govt. ..	Undefined	..	512 8 0	172 11 3	684 19 3
221	R. 80/1588	Dec. 13, 1880	Gear Meat Preserving and Freezing Company (Limited)	..	6 37 Petone	..	Grantees	"	117 19 11	903 11 8	3,002 13 7	3,906 5 3
559	R. 99/2390	Year to Year	Palmerston North Sash and Door Company	..	..	..	"	1 year*†	..	2,192 9 8	227 18 10	2,420 8 6
614	R. 97/2622	May 1, 1897	N. King	..	7 53 New Plymouth	..	"	"	..	571 8 7	54 12 4	626 0 11
617	R. 02/3212	Mar. 26, 1897	Wellington Meat Export Company (Limited)	..	62 10 Waingawa	..	"	"	..	85 1 1	2,594 12 5	2,679 13 6
627	R. 97/4085	Nov. 1, 1897	Murray, Roberts, and Co.	..	113 72 Port Ahuriri	..	Govt. ..	"	Rental, £25	906 3 7	140 3 7	1,046 7 2
633	R. 97/4854	Dec. 1, 1897	Aramoho Meat Company	..	147 45 Aramoho	..	Grantee	"	70 0 0	82 15 4	114 19 6	197 14 10
637	R. 97/3534	Mar. 1, 1898	Levin and Co. (Limited)	..	65 45 Masterton	..	Govt. and	"	130 0 0	1,095 16 2	1,361 3 7	2,456 19 9
647	R. 98/3351	Oct. 1, 1898	W. G. Bassett	..	2 14 Wanganui	..	Grantee	"	188 0 0	1,191 3 4	37 7 8	1,928 11 0
656	R. 98/2734	Feb. 1, 1899	C. N. Clausen	..	87 39 Palmerston North	..	"	"	69 0 0	1,728 18 3	106 2 2	1,835 0 5

* Three months' notice.

† Siding originally laid under old agreement.

‡ Use of siding granted in connection with lease of land.

§ One week's notice.

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PARTICULARS of PRIVATE-SIDING TRAFFIC up to 31st March, 1906—continued.

H.A. Office No.	Papers.	Date of Grant.	Present Holder.	Position.	Nearest Station.	By whom paid for.	Term of Grant.	Amount of Traffic guaranteed per Annum.	Liquidated Damages or Premium.	Value of the Traffic through the Siding during the Year ending 31st March, 1906.				
										In.	Out.	Total.		
WELLINGTON—NAPIER—NEW PLYMOUTH SECTION—continued.														
705	R. 97/2271 ..	Aug. 1, 1899	Bartholomew Bros. ..	M. ch. 99 30	Feilding ..	Govt. ..	10 years* ..	†	Repairs, £2 Rental, £25	£ 2,100	s. 3	d. 7	2,106	1 7
725	R. 99/854 ..	Jan. 1, 1900	Waitara Freezing and Cool-storage Company (Limited)	246 53	Waitara ..	Grantees ..	10 " " ..	Premium..	80 10 0 Alter'ns, £35 Rental, £25	612	7	2	625	16 5
735	R. 00/1180 ..	Jan. 1, 1900	Williams and Kettle (Limited) ..	113 55	Port Ahuriri ..	" ..	10 " " ..	Premium..	125 0 0 Rental, £25	1,970	18	4	2,087	6 2
736	R. 00/1192 ..	May 1, 1900	R. Holt ..	99 72	Hastings ..	" ..	10 " " ..	†	Rental, £25	1,070	5	9	1,073	3 0
758	R. 98/3937 ..	Oct. 1, 1900	J. Garnett ..	99 71	Hastings ..	" ..	10 " " ..	†	Repairs, £1 5s. Rental, £25	670	10	2	670	10 2
759	R. 99/2633 ..	April 1, 1901	Henry Brown and Co. ..	235 43	Inglewood ..	" ..	10 " " ..	Premium..	200 0 0 Rental, £25	87	3	7	338	3 3
760	R. 01/299 ..	April 1, 1901	Nelson Bros. (Limited) ..	96 17	Woodville ..	" ..	10 " " ..	†	Repairs, £42; Rental, £25	472	14	4	1,216	14 4
770	R. 01/1231 ..	June 1, 1901	Ellis Bros. ..	50 66	Kopua ..	" ..	5 " " ..	†	..	0	0	9	148	3 0
771	R. 01/182 ..	June 1, 1901	W. A. Chote and J. Wright ..	..	Silverstream ..	" ..	5 " " ..	Premium..	380 0 0	363	18	1	1,864	7 4
777	R. 01/1659 ..	Aug. 1, 1901	Totara Sawmill Company ..	..	Oringi ..	" ..	5 " " ..	..	90 0 0	1	9	0	1,107	17 0
781	R. 00/2262 ..	Oct. 1, 1905	H. Judd ..	50 68	Matarawa ..	" ..	1 " " ..	†	..	5	16	7	75	14 3
786	R. 96/5010 ..	Oct. 1, 1901	Napier Gas Company (Limited) ..	..	Hastings ..	" ..	5 " " ..	†	Repairs, £3 6s. Rental, £25	390	8	0	10	14 4
788	R. 01/886 ..	Nov. 1, 1901	West Coast Refrigerating Company (Limited)	..	Patea ..	" ..	10 " " ..	Premium..	200 0 0 Rental, £25	1,330	14	6	154	3 5
789	R. 01/2396 ..	Nov. 1, 1901	H. Brown and Co. ..	..	Morley Street ..	" ..	5 " " ..	" ..	156 0 0 Rental, £25	146	2	9	18	17 8
792	R. 02/384 ..	Jan. 1, 1902	Nelson Bros. (Limited) ..	68 3	Waipukurau ..	Govt. ..	10 " " ..	†	Rental, £25	..	..	..	985	12 10
811	R. 02/231 ..	April 1, 1902	Palmerston North Sash, Door, and Timber Company (Limited)	..	Oringi ..	Grantees ..	5 " " ..	Premium..	177 0 0	0	2	11	..	..
828	R. 02/2624 ..	July 1, 1902	B. L. Knight ..	91 52	Newman ..	Grantee ..	5 " " ..	†	192 0 0 Rental, £25	130	6	9	269	9 8
830	R. 02/2178 ..	Sept. 1, 1902	Waverley Co-operative Dairy Factory Company (Limited)	..	Aramoho ..	Grantees ..	10 " " ..	Premium..	Rental, £25	278	13	0	155	13 0
831	R. 92/1948 ..	Sept. 1, 1902	Williams and Kettle ..	..	Hastings ..	" ..	10 " " ..	†	..	40	11	7	562	12 2
837	R. 03/478 ..	Dec. 1, 1902	New Plymouth Sash and Door Factory and Timber Company (Ltd.)	..	Tariki ..	" ..	5 " " ..	†	..	..	..	..	12	0 7
839	R. 02/2734 ..	Nov. 1, 1902	G. Syme ..	..	Ngairi ..	" ..	5 " " ..	†	..	17	0	0	41	6 0
848	R. 00/2314 ..	April 1, 1903	Kendrick Bros. ..	..	Aramoho ..	" ..	5 " " ..	†	..	94	7	7	4,647	9 2
851	R. 02/1854 ..	April 1, 1903	W. F. Knight ..	..	Mangatera ..	" ..	5 " " ..	†	237 5 6	137	13	9	429	7 6
852	R. 00/2784 ..	June 1, 1903	Mauriceville Lime Company (Ltd.)	..	Mauriceville ..	" ..	5 " " ..	Premium..	Rental, £25	67	14	10	27	1 8
857	R. 99/2453 ..	Oct. 1, 1903	(New Plymouth Sash and Door Factory and Timber Company (Ltd.)	..	Eltham ..	" ..	10 " " ..	†	Rental, £25	189	12	1	171	5 11
858	R. 99/2453 ..	Oct. 1, 1903	Egmont Co-operative Box Company (Limited)	..	..	" ..	10 " " ..	†	Rental, £25	481	12	5	84	11 11
868	R. 96/3827 ..	Nov. 1, 1903	Nelson Bros. (Limited) ..	..	Tomoana ..	" ..	10 " " ..	†	Rental, £25	243	0	0	266	1 6
869	R. 03/3688 ..	Nov. 1, 1903	R. and W. Piteathley ..	11 71	Belmont ..	" ..	5 " " ..	Premium..	100 0 0	0	19	5	291	2 5
874	R. 03/2618 ..	Sept. 1, 1903	A. Quinlan ..	93 37	Hukarui ..	" ..	5 " " ..	..	..	2	6	3	291	2 5
875	R. 98/3766 ..	Jan. 1, 1904	Dalgely and Co. (Limited)	..	Port Ahuriri ..	" ..	5 " " ..	†	Rental, £25	537	6	10	17	4 0

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										In.	Out.	Total.		
HURUNUI-BLUFF SECTION—continued.														
33	P. W. 76/823	April 22, 1876	J. Deans	M. ch.	Glentunnel	Govt.	For ever	..	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
37	P. W. 76/3721	July 18, 1876	Clark Bros.	8 75	Maheno	"	Undefined	..	..	178 7 5	2,763 17 10	2,942 5 3	5 3	3 0
104	R. 83/2136	1877	Dunedin City Corporation	166 27	Dunedin	"	Indefinite	..	..	180 3 0	325 0 0	455 3 0	..	..
120	P. W. 77/4412	Jan. 23, 1878	Oamaru Harbour Board	157 65	Oamaru (1st sidg.)	"	"	300 0 0	50 0 0	1,991 6 3	1,107 7 4	3,098 13 7	7	7
178	R. 82/379	1878	Mosgiel Woollen-factory Company	0 73	Mosgiel Township	"	"	..	..	177 5 8	45 2 8	222 8 4	4	4
258	R. 82/554	Jan. 10, 1882	Wigram Bros.	10 71	South Malvern	"	For ever	..	..	232 10 10	232 10 10	232 10 10	10	10
586	R. 02/3668	Mar. 24, 1882	S. Bailey	15 0	Templeton	Grantees	10 years*	Premium..	153 0 0	21 7 7	21 7 7	21 7 7	7	7
593	R. 96/3013	Nov. 1, 1905	T. Teschemaker..	165 26	Teschemaker's	Govt.	1 "	+	Rental, £50	3,318 6 1	94 12 4	3,412 18 5	5	5
595	R. 96/2443	July 1, 1896	James Macfie and Co. (Limited)	235 44	Dunedin	Grantees	10 "	+	350 0 0	75 9 6	43 3 1	118 12 7	7	7
604	R. 95/2198	July 1, 1896	Nelson Bros. (Limited)	12 0	Hornby	"	10 "	+	Rental, £25	4,589 19 3	4,269 13 8	8,859 12 11	11	11
608	R. 97/1122	Dec. 1, 1896	Christchurch Meat Company (Ltd.)	103 70	Smithfield	"	10 "	+	Rental, £25	119 13 6	106 4 8	119 13 6	6	6
612	R. 97/671	Mar. 1, 1897	Guinness and Le Gren	90 75	Winchester	"	10 "	+	Rental, £25	158 7 8	106 4 8	264 12 4	4	4
630	R. 97/4426	Nov. 1, 1897	Bruce Woollen Manufacturing Com-pany (Limited)	271 41	Milton	"	10 "	Premium..	45 0 0	858 14 3	551 0 9	1,439 15 0	0	0
631	R. 97/4377	Oct. 1, 1897	P. McGill	106 25	Timaru	Govt.	10 "	+	Rental, £50	591 1 11	1,043 0 10	1,634 2 9	9	9
634	R. 01/600	Jan. 1, 1898	Evans and Co. (Limited)	271 42	Milton	"	10 "	+	Rental, £25	596 1 7	512 13 10	1,108 15 5	5	5
636	R. 98/4774	Feb. 1, 1898	A. Moritzson and Co.	105 75	Timaru	Grantees	10 "	Premium..	336 0 0	339 18 2	92 14 8	432 12 10	10	10
639	R. 98/1147	Jan. 1, 1898	John Deans	236 48	Dunedin	"	10 "	+	Rental, £50	1,393 7 4	15 11 5	1,378 18 9	9	9
644	R. 98/2669	Sept. 1, 1898	J. H. Lambert	6 10	Christchurch	Govt.	10 "	+	Rental, £50	257 6 0	25 4 8	282 10 8	8	8
646	R. 98/4050	Sept. 1, 1898	Canterbury Frozen Meat and Dairy-produce Export Company (Ltd.)	55 3	Kensington	"	10 "	+	680 0 0	2,259 13 9	5,949 4 0	8,208 17 9	9	9
655	R. 99/490	Jan. 1, 1899	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited)	0 21	Fairfield	Grantees	10 "	Premium..	Rental, £50	721 0 11	341 1 9	1,062 2 8	8	8
658	R. 98/3247	April 1, 1899	Friedlander Bros. (Limited)	16 40	Lyttelton	"	10 "	+	Rental, £25	26 11 10	929 6 10	955 18 8	8	8
662	R. 99/1727	May 1, 1899	Wm. Goss	6 62	Lyndhurst	Govt.	10 "	+	Rental, £50	2,069 1 9	136 12 0	2,205 13 9	9	9
663	R. 99/1738	May 1, 1899	Canterbury (N.Z.) Seed Company (Limited)	2 4	Christchurch	"	10 "	+	Repairs, £6;	258 18 11	268 10 11	527 9 10	10	10
665	R. 99/1728	May 1, 1899	Dalgely and Co. (Limited)	6 45	Christchurch	"	10 "	+	Rental, £50	3,898 3 0	810 6 6	4,638 9 6	6	6
666	R. 99/1832	May 1, 1899	Belford Mills Company	106 8	Timaru	"	10 "	+	Repairs, £22;	511 12 7	296 17 0	793 9 7	7	7
668	R. 99/1922	May 1, 1899	Friedlander Bros. (Limited)	60 68	Tinwald	"	10 "	+	Rental, £50	46 9 7	1,537 8 5	1,583 18 0	0	0
669	R. 99/1936	May 1, 1899	Friedlander Bros. (Limited)	58 73	Ashburton	"	10 "	+	Rental, £25	573 4 5	365 6 2	938 10 7	7	7
670	R. 99/1934	May 1, 1899	Fleming and Henderson	335 5	Gore	"	10 "	+	Repairs, £6;	735 7 8	577 7 4	1,362 15 0	0	0
671	R. 99/1935	May 1, 1899	J. B. Hobart	6 19	Christchurch	Govt. and grantees	10 "	+	Rental, £25	427 7 0	138 12 4	565 19 4	4	4
673	R. 99/2066	June 1, 1899	National Mortgage and Agency Company of New Zealand (Limited)	236 32	Dunedin	Grantees	10 "	+	Rental, £50	1,120 2 7	172 7 2	1,292 9 9	9	9

674	R. 99/2065 ..	Aug. 1, 1899	New Zealand Provision and Produce Company	7 2	Belfast	..	..	10	"	"	650 2 0	469 4 8	1,119 6 8
675	R. 99/2092 ..	May 1, 1899	National Mortgage and Agency Company of New Zealand (Limited)	374 56	Invercargill	..	Govt. ..	10	"	"	898 7 8	975 15 4	1,874 3 0
677	R. 99/2174 ..	May 1, 1899	Fleming and Co. (Limited)	374 5	Elles Road	..	"	10	"	"	738 12 10	327 19 2	1,111 12 0
679	R. 99/2218 ..	Aug. 1, 1899	T. Hodgkinson ..	6 44	Lind's Bridge	..	"	5	"	"	21 9 6	105 11 10	127 1 4
680	R. 99/1120 ..	July 1, 1899	Wright, Stephenson, and Co.	375 11	Invercargill	..	Grantees	10	"	"	1,353 14 0	1317 19 4	2,671 13 4
683	R. 97/2821 ..	Aug. 1, 1899	Dalgaty and Co. (Limited)	236 21	Dunedin	..	"	10	"	"	2,739 0 10	517 15 10	3,256 16 8
686	R. 99/2422 ..	May 1, 1899	Friedlander Bros. (Limited)	58 72	Ashburton	..	Govt. ..	10	"	"	(Included with No. 669.)		
691	R. 99/2406 ..	Aug. 1, 1899	Christchurch Meat Company (Limited)	13 10	Islington (1st sdg.)	..	Govt. ..	10	"	"	9,627 16 9	6,934 1 4	16,561 18 1
692	R. 99/2427 ..	May 1, 1899	Canterbury Roller Flour-mills Coy.	58 3	Ashburton	..	Grantees	10	"	"	296 12 9	419 0 8	715 13 5
695	R. 99/1968 ..	Aug. 1, 1899	W. Scott and Co.	25 39	Southbridge	..	Govt. ..	10	"	"	363 2 3	436 5 4	799 7 7
697	R. 99/2523 ..	Aug. 1, 1899	T. W. and A. Buxton ..	6 41	Lind's Bridge	..	"	5	"	"	12 9 1	169 3 3	181 12 4
698	R. 99/2537 ..	June 1, 1899	Christchurch Meat Company (Limited)	155 23	Eveline	..	Grantees	10	"	"	266 5 4	751 16 7	1,018 1 11
699	R. 99/2042 ..	Oct. 1, 1899	New Zealand Shipping Company (Limited)	391 47	Bluff	..	"	10	"	"	67 11 0	455 18 5	2,787 14 7
700	R. 99/2653 ..	May 1, 1899	W. White and Co.	7 46	Addington	..	Govt. ..	10	"	"	1,638 3 0	454 9 7	2,092 12 7
702	R. 99/1967 ..	June 1, 1899	Crown Milling Company (Limited)	236 26	Dunedin	..	"	10	"	"	1,520 6 9	104 14 5	1,625 1 2
703	R. 99/2225 ..	Aug. 1, 1905	W. Quinn ..	121 76	Otaio	..	Govt. and grantees	1	"	"	146 7 2	171 10 3	317 17 5
708	R. 99/2801 ..	Sept. 1, 1904	(Wright, Stephenson, and Co. Factory)	351 64	Edendale	..	Govt. ..	10	"	"	121 18 7	231 9 4	353 7 11
709	R. 99/2416 ..	Nov. 1, 1899	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited)	391 48	Bluff	..	"	10	"	"	1,058 15 7	491 9 5	1,550 5 0
715	R. 99/1719 ..	Aug. 1, 1899	Bowron Bros. ..	3 73	Woolston	..	Grantees	10	"	"	1,663 8 6	451 6 10	2,114 15 4
716	R. 99/2905 ..	Oct. 1, 1899	Milburn Lime and Cement Company (Limited)	235 25	Dunedin	..	"	10	"	"	1,639 16 9	700 17 8	2,340 14 5
722	R. 00/141 ..	Jan. 1, 1900	H. Harraway ..	0 14	Burnside	..	Govt. and grantees	10	"	"	1,057 15 3	542 12 1	1,600 7 4
729	R. 00/991 ..	April 1, 1900	G. G. Stead and Co.	7 59	Addington	..	Grantees	10	"	"	728 10 8	443 0 0	1,171 10 8
731	R. 99/3088 ..	May 1, 1900	Wright, Stephenson, and Co.	26 50	Balfour	..	"	10	"	"	344 15 6	1,006 3 2	1,350 18 8
732	R. 00/1193 ..	May 1, 1900	J. and T. Meek	158 18	Oamaru	..	Govt. ..	10	"	"	969 3 4	531 2 1	1,500 5 5
739	R. 99/367 ..	Feb. 1, 1900	N.Z. Farmers Co-operative Association of Canterbury (Limited)	59 4	Ashburton	..	Grantees	10	"	"	851 17 1	136 1 5	1,007 18 6
740	R. 99/2357 ..	May 1, 1900	J. Craig and Co.	157 45	Oamaru	..	Govt. ..	10	"	"	862 7 2	173 11 6	1,085 18 8
749	R. 00/2042 ..	Oct. 1, 1900	D. Thomas ..	58 76	Ashburton	..	Grantees	10	"	"	202 9 4	675 10 0	877 19 4
751	R. 00/1147 ..	Aug. 1, 1900	Christchurch Gas, Coal, and Coke Company (Limited)	6 1	Christchurch	..	Govt. and grantees	10	"	"	2,791 0 8	86 5 3	2,877 5 11
754	R. 00/694 ..	Oct. 1, 1900	Timaru Harbour Board (National Mortgage and Agency Company, Ltd., Mill and Co., Shaw, Savill, and Albion Company, and Westland-Timaru Timber and Coal Company, Ltd., tenants)	105 74	Timaru	..	Grantees	10	"	"	95 0 0	685 1 3	2,717 7 2

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* Three months' notice.

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PARTICULARS of PRIVATE-SIDING TRAFFIC up to 31st March, 1906—continued.

No. of Sidings	Papera.	Date of Grant.	Present Holder.	Position.	Nearest Station.	By whom paid for.	Term of Grant.	Amount of Traffic guaranteed per Annum.	Liquidated Damages or Premium.	Value of the Traffic through the Sidings during the Year ending 31st March, 1906.		
										In.	Out.	Total.
				M. ch.					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
757	R. 00/1040 ..	Dec. 1, 1900	(Otago Farmers' Co-operative Association of New Zealand (Ltd.) Wright, Stephenson, and Co. ...)	236 35	Dunedin	Grantees	10 years ..	Premium ..	Rental, each £50	1,470 4 4	204 1 6	1,674 5 10
767	R. 00/478 ..	Feb. 1, 1901	Canterbury (N.Z.) Seed Company (Limited), and H. Matson and Co. ...	7 60	Addington	"	8 " ..	+	Rental, each £25	2,535 6 2	356 7 1	2,891 13 3
768	R. 01/1045 ..	April 1, 1901	Timpany Bros. ...	14 72	Timpany's Gore	"	5 " ..	+		1,470 16 6	911 0 0	2,381 16 6
769	R. 01/776 ..	May 1, 1901	J. E. Watson and Co. ...	..		"	5 " ..	Premium ..	Rental, £25	254 12 9	53 2 8	53 2 8
772	R. 01/1375 ..	May 1, 1901	McCallum and Co. ...	15 0	Kapuka	"	5 " ..	+	Rental, £25	..	181 16 8	436 9 5
774	R. 01/1837 ..	Sept. 1, 1901	National Mortgage and Agency Company of N.Z. (Limited)	7 57	Addington	"	10 " ..	+	Rental, £25	232 1 7	823 14 8	823 14 8
775	R. 01/1661 ..	July 1, 1901	Kempthorne, Prosser, and Co.'s N.Z. Drug Company (Limited)	239 24	Cattle-yards	"	10 " ..	+	Rental, £25	1,446 3 5	276 13 6	508 15 1
776	R. 01/1650 ..	Aug. 1, 1901	Moir and Co. ...	16 69	Southbrook	Govt. ...	10 " ..	+	Rental, £25	560 4 9	3,259 19 6	4,706 2 11
778	R. 01/1604 ..	July 1, 1901	W. Borlase ...	238 62	Sawyer's Bay	Grantees	5 " ..	+	Rental, £25	79 4 0	553 14 6	1,113 19 3
779	R. 03/2323 ..	Sept. 14, 1901	Federal Steam Navigation Company (Limited). (Birt and Co. may also use siding)	390 12	Ocean Beach	"	10 " ..	+	Rental, £25	999 3 2	79 4 0	79 4 0
782	R. 95/1853 ..	Oct. 1, 1901	N.Z. Provision and Produce Coy. ...	..	Belfast	"	10 " ..	+	Rental, £25	277 1 11	217 5 3	494 7 2
784	R. 01/2438 ..	Oct. 1, 1901	Wood Bros. (Limited) ...	..	Addington	"	10 " ..	+	Rental, £25	1,952 15 7	1,027 18 8	2,980 14 3
785	R. 99/2623 ..	Oct. 1, 1901	Otago Iron-rolling Mills Company (Limited)	..	Burnside	"	5 " ..	+		793 1 5	175 10 5	968 11 10
790	R. 99/2990 ..	Jan. 1, 1902	Corporation of Invercargill	..	Greenhills	Govt. ...	5 " ..	+	Rental, £25	897 5 1	400 13 3	400 13 3
791	R. 01/2857 ..	Dec. 1, 1901	D. H. Brown and Son ..	7 29	Addington	Govt. and grantees	10 " ..	+		..	701 14 7	1,598 19 8
795	R. 00/1690 ..	Jan. 1, 1902	Christchurch Meat Company (Ltd.)	239 27	Cattle-yards	Grantees	10 " ..	+	Rental, £25	1,229 3 5	3,313 4 3	4,542 7 8
809	R. 99/2324 ..	Feb. 1, 1902	Canterbury Farmers' Co-operative Association (Limited)	..	Timaru	"	10 " ..	+	Rental, £50	2,228 9 2	1,106 14 10	3,335 4 0
813	R. 98/3339 ..	April 1, 1902	Otago Dock Trust	..	Port Chalmers	Govt. ...	5 " ..	+	Rental, £25	1,467 5 10	375 5 8	1,842 11 6
815	R. 02/1454 ..	Feb. 1, 1902	Canterbury Farmers' Co-operative Association (Limited)	..	Studholme	Grantees	10 " ..	+	Rental, £25	233 7 2	484 5 5	717 12 7
816	R. 92/806 ..	Mar. 1, 1902	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited)	..	Christchurch	"	10 " ..	+	Rental, £50	1,587 18 6	454 6 5	2,042 4 11
817	R. 97/2053 ..	April 1, 1902	N.Z. Trust and Loan Coy. (Ltd.)	257 62	Henley	"	5 " ..	+	Rental, £25	20 3 10	12 10 9	32 14 7
818	R. 01/2143 ..	April 1, 1902	Wright, Stephenson, and Co. ...	..	Keiso ..	"	10 " ..	Premium ..	207 0 0	169 17 7	251 12 8	421 10 3
819	R. 92/1000 ..	April 1, 1902	Southland Frozen Meat and Produce Export Company (Limited)	..	Mataura	"	10 " ..	+	Repairs, £48; Rental, £25	1,203 7 1	2,516 11 8	3,719 18 9
820	R. 01/1860 ..	July 1, 1902	Christchurch City Council	..	Sockburn	"	5 " ..	Premium ..	550 0 0	148 7 1	2 4 10	150 11 11
821	R. 01/1450 ..	Dec. 18, 1901	Friedlander Bros. (Limited)	..	Ashburton	"	7 " ..	+	Rental, £25	(Included with No. 669.)		
822	R. 02/2929 ..	Feb. 1, 1902	Guthnes and LeCren (Limited)	..	Studholme	"	10 " ..	+	Rental, £25	56 9 1	376 5 11	432 15 0
834	R. 02/3673 ..	Nov. 1, 1902	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited)	..	Timaru	Grantees	10 " ..	+	Rental, £50	821 16 8	255 8 3	1,077 4 11
835	R. 03/477 ..	Dec. 1, 1902	Donald Reid and Co. (Limited)	..	Dunedin	"	10 " ..	+	Rental, £50	3,482 1 8	322 16 4	3,804 18 0
840	R. 02/3422 ..	Jan. 1, 1903	William H. Martyn ..	..	Wetheral	"	10 " ..	+	Rental, £25	45 8 0	120 16 9	166 4 9
841	R. 02/754 ..	Mar. 1, 1902	Lyttelton Harbour Board	..	Lyttelton	Govt. ...	5 " ..	..		(Included with No. 984.)		

RETURN NO. 24—continued.
PARTICULARS of PRIVATE-SIDING TRAFFIC up to 31st March, 1906—continued.

No. of Papers.	Date of Grant.	Present Holder.	Position.	Nearest Station.	By whom paid for.	Term of Grant.	Amount of Traffic guaranteed per Annum.	Liquidated Damages or Premium.	Value of the Traffic through the Siding during the Year ending 31st March, 1906.		
									In.	Out.	Total.
HURUNUI-BLUFF SECTION—continued.											
933	R. 94/3949 ..	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited)	M. oh.	Invercargill	Grantees	10 years*	+	£ s. d. Rental, £50	£ s. d. 494 1 1	£ s. d. 260 18 3	£ s. d. 754 19 4
937	R. 99/2209 ..	D. McGregor ..	..	Centre Bush	"	5 "	Repairs ..	2 0 0	..	91 13 9	91 13 9
948	R. 01/2761 ..	J. E. Watson and Co. (Limited)	..	Bluff ..	Govt. and grantees	10 "	+	Rental, £50	580 4 1	434 14 8	964 18 9
949	R. 00/1774 ..	Lytelton Harbour Board	..	Lytelton	Govt. and grantees	5 "	..	..	..	(Included with 984).	..
952	R. 95/2127 ..	G. McClatchie and Co. ..	6 9	Christchurch	Govt. ..	10 "	+	Rental, £50	7,832 15 11	71 19 3	7,904 15 2
953	R. 00/992 ..	J. G. Ward and Co. ..	23 2	Limehills	Govt. ..	5 "	+	Repairs, £7 5s.	251 2 2	70 16 5	321 18 7
957	R. 05/2585 ..	C. P. Sleeman ..	342 70	Mataura	Grantees	5 "	+	..	..	1,076 7 3	1,076 7 3
961	R. 00/568 ..	Christchurch City Council	9 22	Chaney's	Grantees	5 "	+	..	623 17 1	..	623 17 1
962	R. 94/2207 ..	John Murdoch and Co. ..	..	Dunedin	Govt. and grantees	5 "	+	Rental, £50	1,282 2 1	149 8 8	1,431 10 9
964	R. 05/2953 ..	Dalgety and Co. (Limited)	..	Timaru	Grantees	10 "	Premium..	75 0 0	321 16 6	72 17 3	394 13 9
974	R. 98/111 ..	Broad, Small, and Co. ..	374 46	Invercargill	Govt. ..	10 "	"	Rental, £50	565 3 10	99 0 8	664 4 6
979	R. 03/1149 ..	T. D. Ward (Mrs.) and R. Cleave ..	374 39	"	Grantees	10 "	+	Rental, £50	950 1 7	1,253 5 5	2,203 7 0
981	R. 00/2041 ..	McCallum and Co. ..	7 22	Fairfax	"	5 "	Premium..	3 0 0	143 4 6	884 19 5	1,028 3 11
982	R. 05/2912 ..	R. Meek and Co. ..	..	Lake Road	"	10 "	"	30 0 0	12 3 3	..	12 3 3
984	R. 01/1037 ..	Lytelton Harbour Board	0 15	Lytelton	"	5 "	+	Rental, £25	6,222 0 4	1,779 1 11	8,001 2 3
WESTLAND SECTION.											
344	R. 86/2585 ..	Greymouth - Point Elizabeth Rly. and Coal Company (Limited)	8 0	Brunner	Greyw'th Har. Bd.	Undefined	..	..	42 12 6	3,666 7 4	3,708 19 1
764	R. 01/356 ..	Teravera Sawmill Company (Ltd.)	..	Inchbonnie	Grantees	5 years*	Premium..	163 0 0	34 13 1	663 6 0	697 19 1
773	R. 00/2624 ..	Despatch Foundry Company (Ltd.)	..	Greymouth	Ditto	5 "	..	185 0 0	76 3 7	140 2 0	216 5 7
787	R. 01/456 ..	Jack Bros. ..	..	Kotuku	"	5 "	"	Rental, £25	53 15 7	1,555 16 6	1,609 12 1
804	R. 02/555 ..	Andrew Matheson ..	..	Ahaura	Taken over with Mid-land Rly.	5 "	..	..	..	239 11 8	239 11 8
805	R. 02/556 ..	Lake Brunner Sawmill Company ..	..	Moana	"	5 "	..	..	46 16 8	2,094 18 4	2,141 15 0
827	R. 01/1152 ..	D. H. Roberts ..	..	Baxter's	Grantees	5 "	Premium..	161 12 0	26 3 11	470 0 5	496 4 4
836	R. 02/2451 ..	Tyneside Colliery Company ..	..	Brunner	"	5 "	"	93 10 0	67 11 4	4,486 1 2	4,553 12 6
861	R. 99/1729 ..	Stratford, Blair, and Co. ..	..	Arnold's	"	5 "	"	88 0 0	17 3 0	945 1 9	962 4 9
863	R. 03/1446 ..	O. Butler ..	6 58	Gladstone	"	5 "	+	..	13 19 10	324 12 6	338 12 4
872	R. 03/2385 ..	G. D. Wilson and Co. ..	13 47	Chesterfield	"	5 "	Premium..	75 0 0	433 10 10	16 14 4	450 5 2
873	R. 03/2385 ..	Westland Sawmilling Company (Limited)	13 47	"	"	5 "	"	169 0 0	513 14 10	6 6 10	520 1 8
892	R. 03/4189 ..	The Red Jacks Sawmilling Company	4 71	Ngahere	"	5 "	"	231 0 0	0 6 5	712 12 7	712 19 0

897	R. 99/1780 ..	Jan. 1, 1904	Stratford, Blair, and Co. ..	..	Greymouth	..	Govt. ..	10	"	"	..	..	Rental, \$25	446 13 6	51 5 2	497 18 8
903	R. 03/3096 ..	Aug. 1, 1904	W. Morris ..	..	Kumara	..	Grantees	5	"	"	..	..	..	8 12 4	459 19 1	468 11 5
908	R. 03/4351 ..	July 1, 1904	Craig and Sheedy ..	..	Te Kōinga	..	Grantees	5	"	"	..	Premium..	321 0 0	24 12 1	1,087 8 2	1,111 15 3
934	R. 03/2764 ..	Feb. 1, 1905	Greymouth Timber and Land Company (Limited)	22 7	Moana	..	"	5	"	"	..	..	150 0 0	9 14 0	457 5 4	466 19 4
941	R. 99/2900 ..	Nov. 1, 1904	Malfroy and Co. ..	..	Ho Ho	..	Govt. and grantees	5	"	"	..	..	..	836 3 6	6 0 5	842 3 11
942	R. 04/2611 ..	Nov. 1, 1904	The Ngahere Milling Company	..	Ngahere	..	Govt. and grantees	5	"	"	..	Premium..	100 0 0	2 0 3	678 17 10	680 18 1
946	R. 00/197 ..	Jan. 1, 1905	G. D. Wilson and Co. ..	10 77	Kumara	..	Govt. and grantees	5	"	"	..	..	..	3 13 2	137 5 3	140 18 5
966	R. 05/1908 ..	Dec. 1, 1905	Lincoln Bros. and Toomey & Peebles	..	Stafford	..	Grantees	5	"	"	..	Premium..	200 0 0	393 5 7	2 0 0	395 5 7
970	R. 05/1881 ..	Nov. 1, 1905	Southern and Co. ..	..	Ngahere	..	Grantees	5	"	"	..	..	200 0 0	..	223 6 0	223 6 0
971	R. 02/553 ..	Oct. 1, 1905	Kotuku Sawmilling Company	..	Kotuku	..	Taken over with Mid-land Rly.	5	"	"	..	..	5 0 0	21 5 10	632 5 2	633 11 0
975	R. 02/557 ..	Oct. 1, 1905	Stratford, Blair, and Co.	..	Kokiri	..	Ditto.	5	"	"	..	..	49 0 0	10 9 4	489 19 8	500 9 0
976	R. 02/554 ..	Oct. 1, 1905	Moana Sawmilling Company (Ltd.)	..	Moana	..	"	5	"	"	..	..	8 0 0	7 0 5	1,049 4 8	1,056 5 1
980	R. 02/552 ..	Oct. 1, 1905	Blackball Coal Company (Limited.)	..	Ngahere	..	"	5	"	"	..	..	48 0 0	18 15 4	7,612 17 4	7,631 12 8
983	R. 02/558 ..	Oct. 1, 1905	Baxter Bros. ..	..	Kokiri	..	"	5	"	"	..	..	5 0 0	29 17 5	1,146 8 3	1,176 5 8
WESTPORT SECTION.																
810	R. 00/2091 ..	Mar. 1, 1902	W. and J. Marris ..	..	Mokihinui	..	Govt. ..	5 years*	..	..	..	..	..	8 0 8	343 4 6	351 5 2
915	R. 00/2091 ..	Aug. 1, 1904	D. P. Mumm ..	..	"	..	Grantee	5	"	"	..	Premium..	100 0 0	27 5 8	21 7 5	48 13 1
NELSON SECTION.																
288	R. 81/1947 ..	Aug. 31, 1881	Neale and Haddow ..	..	Nelson	..	Grantees	Undefined	..	..	..	Premium..	150 0 0	334 18 2	21 4 7	356 2 9
956	R. 05/892 ..	July 1, 1905	E. Buxton and Co. (Limited)	..	"	..	"	10 years*	..	..	..	..	180 0 0	11 13 5	2 19 4	14 12 9
--	R. 00/1834 ..	Oct. 1, 1899	M. Lightband ..	..	"	..	(Right held in connection with lease).	..	..	..	..	..	67 18 0	207 6 8	3 9 0	210 15 8
PICTON SECTION.																
794	R. 99/2880 ..	Dec. 1, 1901	Christchurch Meat Company (Ltd.)	13 35	Spring Creek	..	Grantees	10 years*	..	..	..	..	Repairs, \$15; Rental, \$25	32 8 6	13 7 10	45 16 4
797	R. 01/2132 ..	Feb. 1, 1902	Levin and Co. (Limited) ..	17 69	Blenheim	..	"	10	"	"	..	..	Repairs, \$9; Rental, \$25	407 4 6	410 12 9	817 17 3
800	R. 91/3490 ..	Nov. 1, 1901	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited)	..	Picton	..	"	10	"	"	..	..	Repairs, \$5; Rental, \$25	292 11 9	116 1 3	408 13 0
870	R. 93/3737 ..	Nov. 1, 1903	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited)	17 62	Blenheim	..	"	10	"	"	..	..	Repairs, \$5; Rental, \$25	520 13 4	610 9 7	1,131 2 11
916	R. 04/1190 ..	Sept. 1, 1904	Wellington and Marlborough Cement, Lime, and Coal Coy. (Limited)	..	Elevation	..	"	5	"	"	..	Premium..	200 0 0	1,086 1 10	470 8 1	1,556 9 11

* Three months' notice. † Siding originally laid under old agreement.

RETURN No. 25.

STATEMENT showing approximately SLEEPERS LAID and REMOVED up to 31st March, 1906.

Year.	Approximate Length opened each Year.			Sleepers.	
	North Island.	Middle Island.	Total.	Laid during Construction. (2,100 per mile.)	Removed during Maintenance.*
	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.		
1867	..	45 70	45 70	96,338	..
1870-71	..	18 58	18 58	39,323	..
1871-72	..	11 68	11 68	24,885	..
1872-73	..	27 62	27 62	58,327	..
1873-74	10 55	11 21	21 76	46,095	..
1874-75	61 19	126 78	188 17	395,246	..
1875-76	69 23	248 4	317 27	666,409	..
1876-77	64 24	152 39	216 63	455,254	..
1877-78	103 76	94 58	198 54	417,217	..
1878-79	27 19	56 46	83 65	176,006	..
1879-80†	26 33	40 73	67 26	141,382	..
1880-81	68 39	32 71	101 30	212,888	74,261
1881-82	22 67	40 16	63 3	132,379	73,947
1882-83	2 2	40 19	42 21	88,751	106,763
1883-84	22 19	22 50	44 69	94,211	125,632
1884-85	56 0	24 0	80 0	168,000	148,325
1885-86	43 26	47 52	90 78	191,048	137,993
1886-87	58 72	11 39	70 31	147,814	139,040
1887-88	11 47	17 32	28 79	60,874	122,027
1888-89	18 31	..	18 31	42,814	108,690
1889-90	11 57	20 68	32 45	68,381	129,634
1890-91	28 21	5 68	34 9	71,636	133,954
1891-92	..	27 27	27 27	57,408	139,912
1892-93	17 26	..	17 26	36,382	132,569
1893-94	28 38	33 58	62 16	130,620	155,827
1894-95	16 62	27 24	44 6	92,558	170,681
1895-96	14 73	3 48	18 41	38,876	188,291
1896-97	3 64	1 11	4 75	10,370	210,588
1897-98	27 46	10 2	37 48	78,960	243,479
1898-99	22 46	11 13	33 59	70,848	282,326
1899-1900	..	19 26	19 26	40,582	302,354
1900-1901	4 30	103 38	107 68	226,485	345,433
1901-1902	11 20	12 32	23 52	49,665	369,339
1902-1903	28 40	27 43	56 3	117,679	330,029
1903-1904	33 12	4 44	37 56	79,170	309,296
1904-1905	17 61	27 75	45 56	95,970	302,252
1905-1906	23 5	8 52	31 57	66,596	309,183
Totals	..	..	..	4,987,447	4,091,825

* Complete information not recorded until 1880-81.

† Nine months only.

RETURN No. 26.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the NUMBER of EMPLOYEES for March, 1905, and March, 1906.

Department.	Kawakawa.	Whangarei.	Kahurangi.	Auckland.	Gisborne.	Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth.	Hurunui-Bluff.	Westland.	Westport.	Nelson.	Pictou.	Total.
1905-6.												
General	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	240
Traffic	8	19	9	388	4	816	1,615	104	68	27	18	3,076
Maintenance	6	15	12	572	9	880	1,451	151	61	40	41	3,238
Locomotive	3	18	5	398	3	927	1,687	93	79	14	14	3,241
Totals	17	52	26	1,358	16	2,623	4,753	348	208	81	73	9,795
1904-5.												
General	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	231
Traffic	7	18	9	361	3	746	1,553	101	68	27	19	2,912
Maintenance	4	24	8	379	15	924	1,560	144	49	29	31	3,167
Locomotive	3	15	5	363	5	910	1,559	85	78	16	12	3,051
Totals	14	57	22	1,103	23	2,580	4,672	330	195	72	62	9,361

RETURN NO. 28.
LOCOMOTIVE RETURNS for the Year ending 31st March, 1906.

Type.	Number of Engines.		Average Speed—Miles per Hour.		Engine-Mileage.			Quantity of Stores.				Cost.				Cost per Engine-Mile in Pence.				Days in Steam.
	Detail.		Total.	Work-train.	Running.				Running.				Repairs.		Running.		Repairs.			
					Coal.	Oil.	Tallow.	Waste.	Stores.	Fuel.	Wages.	Total.	Wages and Material.	Stores.	Fuel.	Wages.	Total.			
Train.	Shunting.																			

KAWAKAWA SECTION.

C	1	15	3,300	1,151	74	4,525	Cwt.	Qt.	lb.	lb.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	100
	D	1	2,788	1,047	284	4,119	707	116	9	70	18	5	17	18	4	130	170	182	182	182	88
Total	2	...	6,088	2,198	358	8,644	1,512	247	16	140	25	9	35	...	...	283	352	76	76	76	188
General charges...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

WHANGAREI SECTION.

C	1	15	1,458	2,085	1,407	5,850	1,876	158	8	126	59	6	40	125	230	242	25	164	513	944	155
	FA	2	26,211	6,960	...	33,171	13,004	706	23	449	456	26	276	548	1,306	330	19	200	396	945	445
	WB	2	27,443	9,124	159	36,726	20,691	1,314	21	445	300	37	438	604	1,379	196	24	286	395	901	408
Total			55,112	19,069	1,566	75,747	35,571	2,178	52	1,020	815	69	754	1,277	2,915	258	22	239	405	924	1,008
Less recoverable mileage			...	...	368	368	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
General charges			...	...	1,198	75,379	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	476	...	...	...	...	150	...
Total			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,391	...	...	...	...	1074	...

KAIHU SECTION.

F	2	15	14,526	5,311	446	20,283	4,443	464	24	182	182	15	243	385	825	215	18	288	455	976	318
	General charges...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	109	...	...	...	...	129	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	934	...	...	...	...	1105	...

RETURN NO. 28—continued.
LOCOMOTIVE RETURNS for the Year ending 31st March, 1906—continued.

Type.	Number of Engines.	Average Speed—Miles per Hour.	Engine-Mileage.		Quantity of Stores.				Cost.				Cost per Engine-Mile in Pence.				Days in Steam.	
			Detail.			Running.				Repairs.		Running.		Repairs.				
			Train.	Shunting.	Work- train.	Coal.	Oil.	Tallow.	Waste.	Repairs.	Wages and Mate- rial.	Stores.	Fuel.	Wages.	Stores.	Fuel.		Wages.

AUCKLAND SECTION.

F	13	20	57,664	84,648	46,896	219,208	68,057	4,905	347	1,924	£	1588	£	2,070	£	4,061	7,887	1'74	18	227	444	8'63	2,909
FA	4	20	59,592	10,831	17,933	88,356	32,846	1,895	119	791	1,045	65	1,058	1,382	3,550	284	18	287	375	9'64	923	...	
J	7	25	162,058	23,818	601	186,477	91,533	3,729	230	1,828	2,843	132	3,431	2,484	8,890	3'66	17	441	320	11'44	1,059	...	
K	2	25	26,484	1,827	86	28,397	11,105	572	43	286	1,409	21	614	358	2,402	11'91	18	519	3'02	20'30	318	...	
L	4	25	84,744	16,632	360	101,736	37,986	2,308	116	886	992	79	1,240	1,492	3,803	234	19	292	352	8'97	899	...	
N	4	25	98,357	7,096	...	105,453	50,219	2,252	127	983	424	79	2,829	1,236	4,568	97	18	644	281	10'40	847	...	
P	4	18	49,540	5,644	...	55,184	37,786	1,403	99	761	1,160	51	1,251	919	3,381	5'04	22	544	400	14'70	660	...	
Q	6	25	193,029	10,307	...	203,336	102,440	4,295	214	1,933	1,125	152	3,130	2,186	6,593	1'33	18	369	258	7'78	1,440	...	
R	1	20	8,638	13,047	...	21,685	8,790	456	42	282	266	18	263	510	1,057	294	20	291	5'05	11'70	307	...	
WA	1	20	13,305	3,782	11	17,098	8,497	556	35	306	42	21	237	378	678	59	29	333	531	9'52	278	...	
WD	2	20	26,703	8,795	447	35,945	24,714	1,112	60	514	342	39	772	664	1,817	2'28	26	516	443	12'13	472	...	
WF	5	25	110,158	13,847	832	124,837	50,997	3,118	162	1,340	277	110	2,905	1,851	5,143	53	21	558	356	9'88	1,179	...	
Total	53	...	920,272	200,274	67,166	1,187,712	524,970	26,601	1,594	11,834	11,513	935	19,800	17,521	49,769	2'33	19	400	354	10'06	11,891	...	
Less recoverable, mileage			...	...	12,069	12,069	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
General charges			...	...	55,097	1,175,643	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,250	...	...	...	1'46	...	...	
Total			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57,019	...	...	...	11'52	...	...	

GISBORNE SECTION.

D	2	12	25,477	4,691	948	31,116	6,148	1,167	24	413	268	32	430	473	1,203	2'07	25	331	365	928	340
Less recoverable, mileage			...	...	560	560	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
General charges			...	...	388	30,556	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	307	...	...	...	...	237	...
Total			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,510	...	...	...	...	1165	...

RETURN NO. 28—continued.
LOCOMOTIVE RETURNS for the Year ending 31st March, 1906—continued.

Type.	Engine-Mileage.			Quantity of Stores.				Cost.				Cost per Engine-Mile in Pence.				Days in Steam.
	Detail.		Total.	Running.				Repairs.	Running.			Repairs.	Running.		Total.	
	Train.	Shunting.		Work-train.	Coal.	Oil.	Tallow.		Waste.	Wages and Material.	Stores.		Fuel.	Wages.		
Average Speed—Miles per Hour.			Number of Engines.													
#	12	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85
A	...	2,073	4,835	6,908	398	46	7	21	3	2	19	119	143	66	413	496
C	2	19,732	8,014	27,758	5,515	506	30	285	280	16	293	623	1,212	14	538	1047
D	8	82,740	12,551	112,654	28,205	3,275	220	1,519	1,407	99	1,494	2,498	5,498	21	532	1171
E+	4	6,102	41,107	93,613	35,003	2,539	133	1,114	689	77	2,003	1,316	4,085	20	513	1047
E	1	882	191	1,073	939	208	4	33	84	7	51	28	170	156	1140	3802
F	11	80,684	98,778	216,708	58,330	5,985	371	2,622	1,410	176	3,242	4,082	8,910	20	359	447
FA	2	33,578	21,236	54,892	18,412	1,983	72	751	580	61	998	866	2,595	27	436	378
H	6	34,800	25,260	61,331	62,658	6,085	145	1,994	2,622	193	3,647	2,129	8,591	76	1427	833
J	10	291,532	27,563	319,106	125,095	9,826	375	3,319	3,797	278	7,295	3,836	15,206	21	549	288
L	5	66,981	22,451	11,733	35,600	3,214	201	1,594	374	117	1,920	1,632	4,043	89	285	387
M	4	68,008	12,561	81,904	26,356	2,536	96	1,006	840	78	1,459	1,069	3,446	246	22	428
N	6	185,516	17,219	202,735	75,831	5,659	219	2,115	2,180	184	4,292	2,131	8,787	22	508	252
O	6	148,250	21,968	170,281	76,022	6,992	181	2,235	1,987	212	4,302	2,716	9,217	30	606	383
R	9	97,983	33,357	185,929	58,793	6,018	357	2,773	1,980	194	3,304	2,980	8,458	25	426	385
S	4	85,157	32,292	118,919	40,041	4,709	216	1,492	1,430	143	2,113	1,829	5,515	29	426	369
WA	8	189,870	7,475	219,308	83,952	6,006	293	2,154	3,103	175	4,876	2,727	10,881	19	534	298
WB	7	170,206	14,968	198,433	93,418	6,993	155	2,038	2,356	212	5,432	2,472	10,472	26	657	299
WD	12	323,209	55,467	383,460	195,010	16,436	565	4,525	2,890	544	10,327	5,437	19,198	34	646	340
WE	2	2,691	1,529	4,220	4,617	486	28	339	498	18	269	199	984	102	1530	1132
WF	6	158,014	16,243	174,435	66,207	5,946	169	1,715	553	169	3,874	2,100	6,696	23	533	289
Totals 113	...	533,783	199,849	2,734,832	1,090,402	94,548	3,837	33,644	29,063	2,955	61,210	40,789	134,017	26	537	358
Less recoverable, mileage	...	...	50,870	50,870	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
General charges	...	...	148,979	2,683,962	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20,985	...	...	184
Totals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	155,002	...	...	1360

* Sold. + Old type.

RETURN NO. 28—continued.
LOCOMOTIVE RETURNS for the Year ending 31st March, 1906—continued.

Type.	Engine-Mileage.			Quantity of Stores.				Cost.				Cost per Engine-Mile in Pence.				Days in Steam.						
	Detail.			Running.				Repairs.				Running.										
	Train.	Shunting.	Work-train.	Total.	Coal.	Oil.	Tallow.	Waste.	Repairs.	Running.		Total.	Repairs.	Running.			Total.					
										Stores.	Fuel.			Wages.	Stores.			Fuel.	Wages.			
Average Speed—Miles per Hour.																						
Number of Engines.																						
					Cwt.	Qr.	lb.	lb.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
A	1	30	...	98	206,153	134,049	7,726	242	2,924	2,504	...	263	6,919	3,523	13,299	3,02	...	31	8,05	4,10	15,48	2,042
B	8	20	184,625	21,430	208,383	49,732	5,606	278	2,554	1,428	188	2,054	2,954	5,161	8,831	1,64	...	22	2,37	5,94	10,17	3,492
D	15	18	23,246	184,978	80,180	650,678	190,991	15,514	615	5,842	4,611	599	6,393	14,038	25,551	1,70	...	18	2,36	5,18	9,42	8,599
F	37	20	184,504	385,994	10,575	113,780	34,144	3,242	142	1,466	1,384	117	1,640	2,294	5,435	2,92	...	24	3,46	4,84	11,46	1,749
E A	15	25	330,295	39,956	515	370,766	196,160	9,537	394	3,963	3,847	337	5,639	5,360	15,183	2,49	...	22	3,05	3,47	9,83	3,602
J	6	25	87,469	7,355	175	95,029	39,074	1,921	131	1,234	719	79	1,899	1,344	4,041	1,82	...	20	4,80	3,39	10,21	1,236
K	1	25	23,245	3,769	...	27,014	7,455	389	34	245	31	16	364	381	792	28	...	14	3,33	3,38	7,03	245
L	6	18	93,776	23,759	222	117,757	65,720	4,481	114	1,424	2,645	155	2,846	2,001	7,047	5,39	...	31	5,80	4,08	15,58	1,185
P	7	30	214,235	13,591	40	227,866	126,415	5,738	191	2,171	2,307	219	4,091	2,367	8,984	2,43	...	23	4,31	2,49	9,46	1,532
Q	8	20	24,862	63,357	26,901	115,150	39,821	2,891	171	1,571	1,466	103	1,642	2,633	5,847	3,06	...	21	3,42	5,49	12,18	1,670
R	6	18	87,918	12,121	16,469	116,508	57,321	3,786	128	1,481	2,503	141	2,949	1,956	7,549	5,16	...	29	6,07	4,03	15,55	1,249
T	6	30	235,815	22,653	30	261,498	119,420	7,133	273	3,056	2,214	251	6,099	3,543	12,107	2,03	...	23	5,60	3,25	11,11	1,222
U	9	30	160,419	12,957	...	173,376	82,615	5,583	165	1,951	2,260	188	4,275	2,199	8,922	2,42	...	26	5,92	3,04	12,35	1,430
U A	22	30	591,724	34,907	1,182	627,813	285,637	15,703	636	7,273	9,034	587	14,977	7,057	31,655	3,45	...	22	5,73	2,70	12,10	4,866
U B	10	30	230,680	19,789	9,366	259,835	123,332	6,130	277	2,943	2,619	220	6,250	3,475	12,504	2,42	...	20	5,77	3,21	11,60	2,271
U C	20	25	205,360	27,210	605	233,175	141,480	6,218	265	2,590	2,597	219	3,888	3,492	10,196	2,67	...	23	4,00	3,59	10,49	2,363
V	4	20	25,783	12,121	5,530	43,434	21,221	1,567	46	609	565	54	1,088	861	2,571	3,12	...	30	6,01	4,77	14,20	514
W A	2	20	79,563	17,277	197	97,037	44,720	3,369	107	1,182	718	106	2,275	1,527	4,626	1,77	...	26	5,63	3,78	11,44	1,023
W D	4	20	159,789	37,835	5,197	202,821	90,560	6,436	243	2,763	568	221	4,642	3,727	9,158	67	...	26	5,49	4,41	10,83	2,356
W F	9	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total 190	190	...	3,019,617	971,015	157,446	4,148,078	1,849,858	112,970	4,452	47,242	44,113	3,973	79,930	66,944	194,960	2,55	...	23	4,63	3,87	11,28	43,646
Less recoverable, mileage	...	...	...	...	8,452	...	8,452	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
General charges	...	...	...	148,994	4,139,626	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29,498	...	...	...	...	...	1,70	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	224,458	...	...	...	...	12,98	...

RETURN NO. 28—*continued.*
LOCOMOTIVE RETURNS for the Year ending 31st March, 1906—*continued.*

Type.	Number of Engines.		Average Speed—Miles per Hour.		Engine-Mileage.		Quantity of Stores.				Cost.				Cost per Engine-Mile in Pence.				Days in Steam.
	Type.	Count.	Miles.	Per Hour.	Detail.		Total.	Running.			Repairs.	Running.			Repairs.	Running.			
					Train.	Shunting.		Work-train.	Coal.	Oil.		Tallow.	Waste.	Wages and Material.		Stores.	Fuel.	Wages.	
WESTLAND SECTION.																			
D	1	20	218	15,556	...	15,774	3,804	491	42	261	312	15	99	402	838	4,75	1,50	6,12	220
F	5	20	67,367	29,497	8,205	105,039	30,440	3,268	266	1,491	736	93	793	1,878	3,500	1,68	1,81	4,29	1,309
LA	5	10	74,017	11,105	18,301	103,423	28,811	3,225	249	1,388	1,099	92	750	1,508	4,109	3,94	2,1	3,64	1,130
W	2	15	26,342	8,952	163	35,457	13,429	1,524	117	621	170	42	350	697	1,259	1,15	2,37	4,72	479
Total	13	...	167,944	65,080	26,669	259,693	76,484	8,448	674	3,761	2,917	242	1,992	4,545	9,696	2,70	1,84	4,20	3,138
General charges															1,188	...	...	1,10	...
Total															10,884	...	...	10,06	...
WESTPORT SECTION.																			
C	2	12	102	23,336	...	23,438	4,906	965	73	425	310	28	137	620	1,095	3,17	1,40	6,35	338
F	3	15	14,891	19,389	20,206	54,486	10,172	1,485	141	773	590	47	284	983	1,904	2,60	1,25	4,33	641
FA	2	15	28,708	14,172	55	42,935	11,529	990	104	581	303	34	302	728	1,367	1,69	1,69	4,07	457
WB	3	20	52,802	12,737	...	65,539	31,659	2,250	149	852	862	68	624	1,011	2,565	3,16	2,28	3,70	614
Total	10	...	96,503	69,634	20,261	186,398	58,266	5,690	467	2,631	2,065	177	1,347	3,342	6,931	2,66	1,73	4,30	2,050
General charges															1,474	...	...	1,90	...
Total															8,405	...	...	10,82	...
NELSON SECTION.																			
D	1	20	761	427	9,115	10,303	1,471	283	13	104	55	10	71	172	308	1,28	1,65	4,01	144
F	1	20	11,609	1,701	357	13,667	3,793	415	25	120	50	14	184	214	468	1,98	3,23	3,76	156
FA	2	20	37,161	5,706	31	42,898	13,697	1,279	62	502	178	44	667	690	1,579	1,00	3,73	3,86	488
Total	4	...	49,531	7,834	9,593	66,868	18,961	1,982	100	726	289	68	922	1,076	2,355	1,04	3,31	3,86	788
Less recoverable, mileage					124	57,489													
General charges																			
Total															502	...	...	1,80	...
															2,857	...	...	10,25	...
PICTON SECTION.																			
D	1	15	1,966	1,633	3,017	6,616	1,500	284	14	120	28	9	76	127	240	1,01	2,76	4,61	154
G	4	15	55,337	15,388	2,768	73,493	18,979	3,071	78	628	573	88	957	1,214	2,832	1,87	3,13	3,96	877
Total	5	...	57,303	17,021	5,785	80,109	20,479	3,355	92	748	601	97	1,033	1,341	3,072	1,80	3,09	4,02	1,031
Less recoverable, mileage					4,020	4,020													
General charges					1,765	76,089													
Total															355	...	...	1,06	...
															3,427	...	...	10,26	...

RETURN No. 29.
HURUNUI-BLUFF SECTION.

RETURN of COAL TRAFFIC from LOCAL MINES during the Year ending 31st March, 1906.

Mine.	1905-6.	1904-5.	Increase.	Decrease.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Springfield Coal Company, Springfield ...	16	853	...	837
St. Helen's, White Cliffs ...	857	1,318	...	461
Homebush, Glentunnel ...	11,641	10,062	1,579	...
Mount Somers Coal Company, Mount Somers ...	3,843	3,595	248	...
Woolshed Creek Company, Mount Somers ...	2,089	2,244	...	155
Albury ...	199	285	...	86
Waihao Forks ...	238	252	...	14
Gibson's ...	24	56	...	32
Kurow ...	160	...	160	...
Ngapara ...	144	114	30	...
Shag Point ...	139	450	...	311
Allandale Coal Company ...	19,139	19,865	...	726
Saddle Hill ...	35,313	31,055	4,258	...
Fernhill ...	20,604	9,333	11,271	...
Freeman's ...	...	7,157	...	7,157
Mosgiel ...	343	725	...	382
Taratu Mine, Lovell's Flat ...	18,063	19,099	...	1,036
Lovell's Flat Coal Company, Lovell's Flat ...	5,690	17,596	...	11,906
Hewitson, Lovell's Flat ...	6	20	...	14
Benhar ...	194	199	...	5
Kaitangata ...	110,007	107,791	2,216	...
Bruce Coal Company ...	5,897	5,033	864	...
Real Mackay Coal Company, Milton ...	3,471	...	3,471	...
Anderson's, Stirling ...	145	58	87	...
Conical Hills ...	3,003	2,887	116	...
O'Hagan, C., Pukerau ...	52	72	...	20
Penny, G., Gore ...	...	...	...	...
New Zealand Express Company, Gore ...	645	282	363	...
Sleeman, C. P., Maitaura ...	7,228	7,291	...	63
Beattie and Co., Maitaura ...	2,745	2,786	...	41
Cameron and Duncan, Maitaura ...	1,489	228	1,261	...
Mutch and Hurst, Maitaura ...	...	4	...	4
Groves, G., Nightcaps ...	50	...	50	...
Nightcaps Coal Company, Nightcaps ...	43,669	39,757	3,912	...
McKenzie, D., Nightcaps ...	119	...	119	...
Clapp, J. O., Nightcaps ...	...	8	...	8
Grant, J., Nightcaps ...	...	...	...	...
Spence, J., Nightcaps ...	431	298	133	...
Clark, Nightcaps ...	...	5	...	5
McBride, A., Nightcaps ...	...	6	...	6
Quested, J., Nightcaps ...	...	22	...	22
Lamont, D., Nightcaps ...	...	18	...	18
McAlister, E., Pyramid ...	...	84	...	84
Robson, R. W., Bush Siding ...	1,215	655	560	...
Bowden's Bush Siding ...	...	270	...	270
Causar, Glenham ...	6	...	6	...
Smith, Fairfax ...	27	...	27	...
Totals ...	298,901	291,833	30,731	23,663

RETURN No. 30.
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, 1906.

Port.	1905-6.	1904-5.	Increase.	Decrease.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
DISCHARGED :—				
Lyttelton ...	1,726	1,506	220	...
Timaru ...	347	340	7	...
Oamaru ...	200	195	5	...
Port Chalmers ...	174	162	12	...
Dunedin ...	97	74	23	...
Bluff ...	232	241	...	9
Totals ...	2,776	2,518	258	...
LOADED :—				
Lyttelton ...	1,757	1,755	2	...
Timaru ...	348	341	7	...
Oamaru ...	187	183	4	...
Port Chalmers ...	197	170	27	...
Dunedin ...	25	7	18	...
Bluff ...	232	241	...	9
Totals ...	2,746	2,697	49	...

RETURN No. 31.

HURUNUI-BLUFF SECTION.

SHOWING MILEAGE of TRACK in MAIN LINE and SIDINGS OPEN for TRAFFIC on 31st March, 1906,
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 :—									
Main Line	M. ch. 211 57	M. ch. 6 28	M. ch. ...	M. ch. 218 5	M. ch. 82 23	M. ch. ...	M. ch. 82 23	M. ch. 300 28	
Rangiora-Sheffield and Eyreton Junction - Bennett's	...	...	53 56	270 55	...	4 40	26 60	58 16	
Waipara-Ethelton	...	...	23 12			1 38		24 50	
Southbridge and Little River	...	...	48 7			5 67		53 74	
Branches	...	...	...			...		...	
Springfield and White Cliffs	...	...	47 4			5 0		52 4	
Branches [Branch	...	...	...			...		...	
Rakaia and Ashburton Forks	...	...	22 20			2 70		25 10	
Mount Somers Branch	...	...	27 36	1 70	29 26				
Albury Branch	...	...	36 13	2 70	39 3				
Waimate Branch	...	...	12 67	2 25	15 12				
Totals, Christchurch Division	211 57	6 28	270 55	488 60	82 23	26 60	109 3	597 63	
DUNEDIN DIVISION :—									
Main Line	165 40	...	...	165 40	58 59	...	58 59	224 19	
Duntroon Branch	...	...	37 41	246 74	...	2 79	23 35	40 40	
Oamaru-Breakwater Branch	...	...	0 63			0 25		1 8	
Ngapara & Livingston Branches	...	...	27 4			2 14		29 18	
Shag Point Branch	...	...	2 10			0 14		2 24	
Waihemo Branch	...	...	8 65			0 63		9 48	
Port Chalmers Branch	...	...	1 26			3 65		5 11	
Walton Park Branch	...	...	2 49			0 52		3 21	
Fernhill Branch	...	...	1 57	0 23	2 0				
Otago Central Railway	...	...	111 14	7 39	118 53				
Outram Branch	...	...	9 0	0 65	9 65				
Lawrence Branch	...	...	22 1	1 67	23 68				
Catlin's River Branch	...	...	22 64	2 9	24 73				
Totals, Dunedin Division	165 40	...	246 74	412 34	58 59	23 35	82 14	494 48	
INVERCARGILL DIVISION :—									
Main Line	82 41	...	...	82 41	29 70	...	29 70	112 31	
Tapanui Branch	...	...	26 21	272 70	...	2 46	29 11	28 67	
Waimea Plains Branch	...	...	36 41			3 6		39 47	
Wyndham Branch	...	...	9 35			0 45		10 0	
Seaward Bush Branch	...	...	25 39			2 3		27 42	
Kingston Branch	...	...	87 0			9 3		96 3	
Makarewa-Orepuki Branch	...	...	40 16			6 34		46 50	
Thornbury-Wairio and Wairio-Nightcaps Branches	...	...	24 51			3 26		27 77	
Forest Hill Railway	...	...	12 66	1 5	13 71				
Lumsden-Mararoa Branch	...	...	10 41	1 3	11 44				
Totals, Invercargill Division	82 41	...	272 70	355 31	29 70	29 11	59 1	414 32	
Grand Totals—Whole Line	459 58	6 28	790 39	1,256 45	170 72	79 26	250 18	1,506 63	

RETURN NO. 32.

STATEMENT OF ALTERATIONS in and ADDITIONS to SCALE of CHARGES during the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

PART I.—PASSENGERS.

GENERAL FARES AND REGULATIONS.

Season tickets: General reduction in rates.
 Sectional annual tickets: Rate reduced.
 List of stations at which tourist excursion tickets are issued amended.

LOCAL FARES AND REGULATIONS.

Auckland Section.

Suburban fares to and from Auckland and Newmarket from or to Glasgow: Inserted.

PART II.—LUGGAGE, PARCELS, HORSES, ETC.

Motor bicycles with trailers attached: Rate inserted.
 Milk test-boxes, Full or returned empty: Rate inserted.
 Left luggage: Regulation amended.
 Luggage, Commercial travellers': Regulation amended, providing for issue of annual tickets for luggage (*bond fide* samples).

PART III.—GOODS: REGULATIONS.

Class N: Regulation amended.
 Coal, Native brown: Rates reduced for distances over seventy-five miles.
 Coal, Anthracite or bituminous: Rates reduced for distances over seventy-five miles.

PART IV.—GOODS: LOCAL RATES.

Terminal cartage charges at Auckland amended.
 Timber (other than white-pine)—Putaruru to Mount Eden, Auckland, Onehunga Wharf, and intermediate stations, and to Komata, Thames, and intermediate stations: Rate inserted.
 Goods of A, B, C, D class from or to Westfield to or from Te Aroha, Thames, and intermediate stations: Rate inserted.
 Goods of A, B, C, D class from or to Auckland, Newmarket, Onehunga, or Westfield to or from stations on Waihi Branch: Rate inserted.
 Sugar, fencing-wire, and materials, galvanised iron, &c., from or to Auckland, Newmarket, Onehunga, or Westfield to or from stations on Waihi Branch: Rate inserted.
 Goods of A, B, C, D class between Paeroa and stations on Waihi Branch: Rate inserted.
 Rates for goods from or to Auckland, Newmarket, Mount Eden, and Onehunga to and from Westfield: Extended to Glasgow.
 Rate inserted for slack coal from Huntly or Kimihia to Thames and Shortland.
 Through booking of goods from stations on Auckland Section to Manakau ports: Rates amended.
 Rate inserted for tinned fish, in 5-ton lots, Helensville to Auckland.

TIMBER RATES.

Gisborne Section.

Rate inserted for white-pine timber, Te Karaka to Gisborne.

Picton Section.

Rate inserted for limestone from Picton to Elevation.
 Rate inserted for cement for export from Elevation to Picton.
 Through booking between Wellington or the Port (Nelson) and stations on the Picton Section: Regulation amended.

Hurunui-Bluff Section.

Terminal cartage charge at Invercargill amended.
 Charge inserted for shunting grain, in 20-ton lots, carried between private sidings at Christchurch and private sidings at Riccarton and Addington.

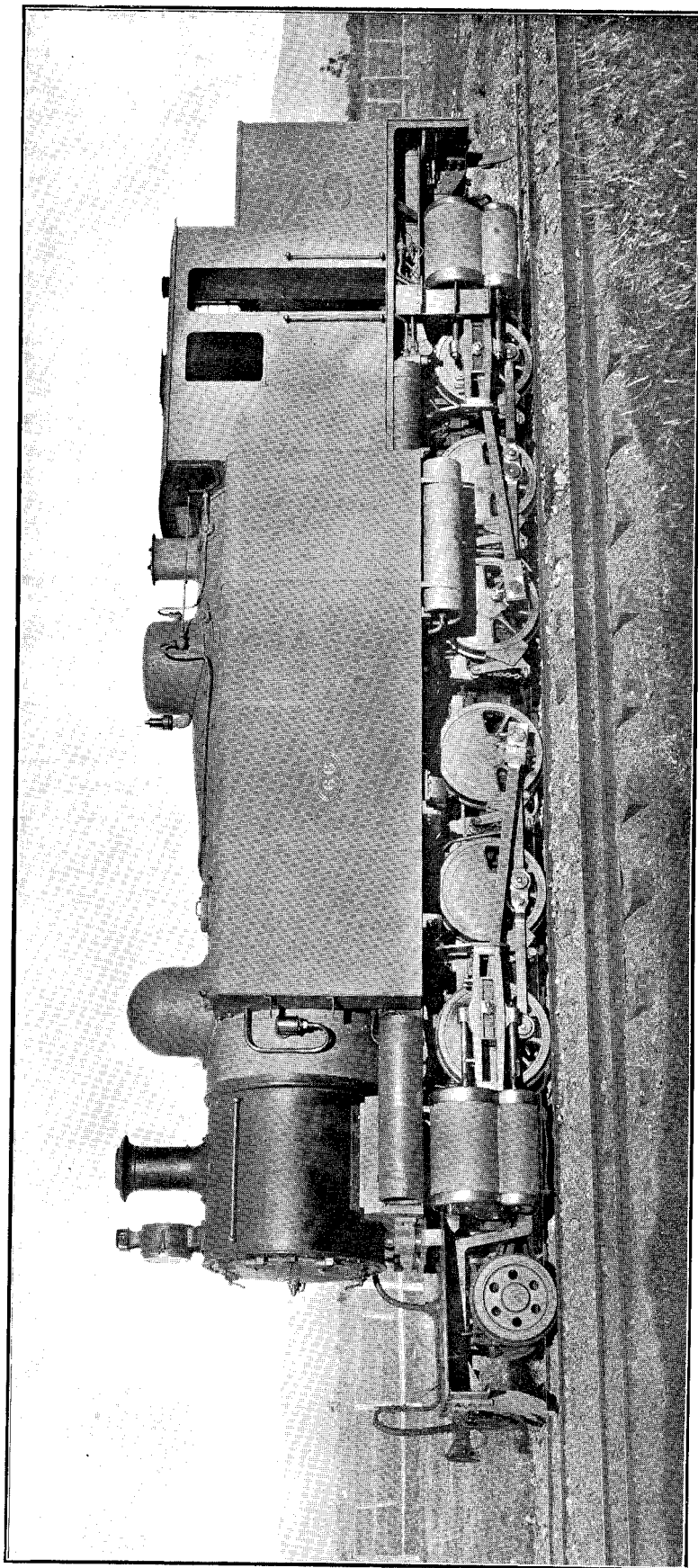
PART V.—CLASSIFICATION OF GOODS.

	Class.
Phosphates, Ground, New Zealand product. Owners' risk	Q
Bedsteads, Brass and iron, consigned from factory in lots of 10 cwt., New Zealand manufacture. Owners' risk	B
Removed: Ice, packed. Owners' risk	C
Ice, packed: Not otherwise specified. Owners' risk	D
Ice, in 4-ton lots. Owners' risk	N
Meal: Imported for cattle-feeding	D
Egg-preserver, New Zealand manufacture: Packed. Owners' risk	C
Seaweed, Edible: Packed. Owners' risk	D

PART VI.—WHARVES.

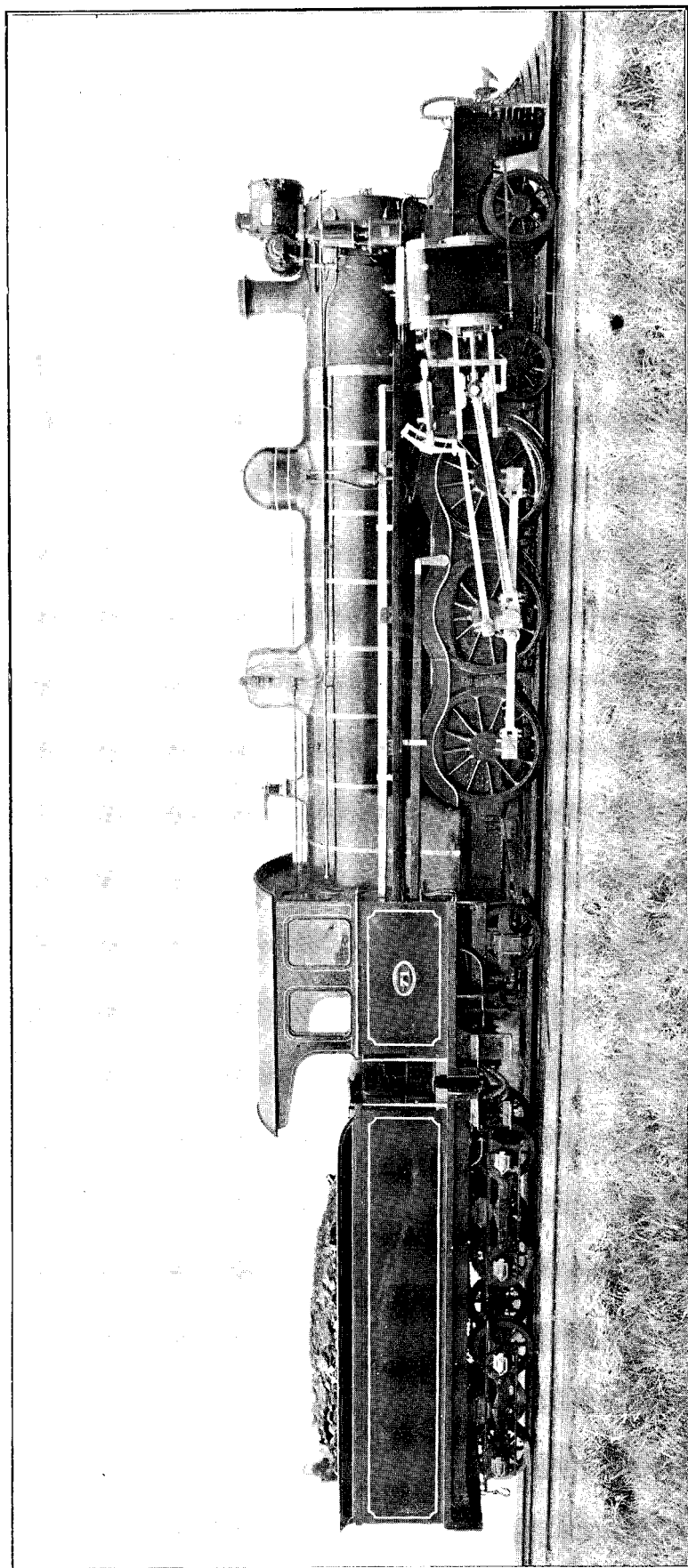
Helensville Wharf.

Wharfage charge for calves inserted.



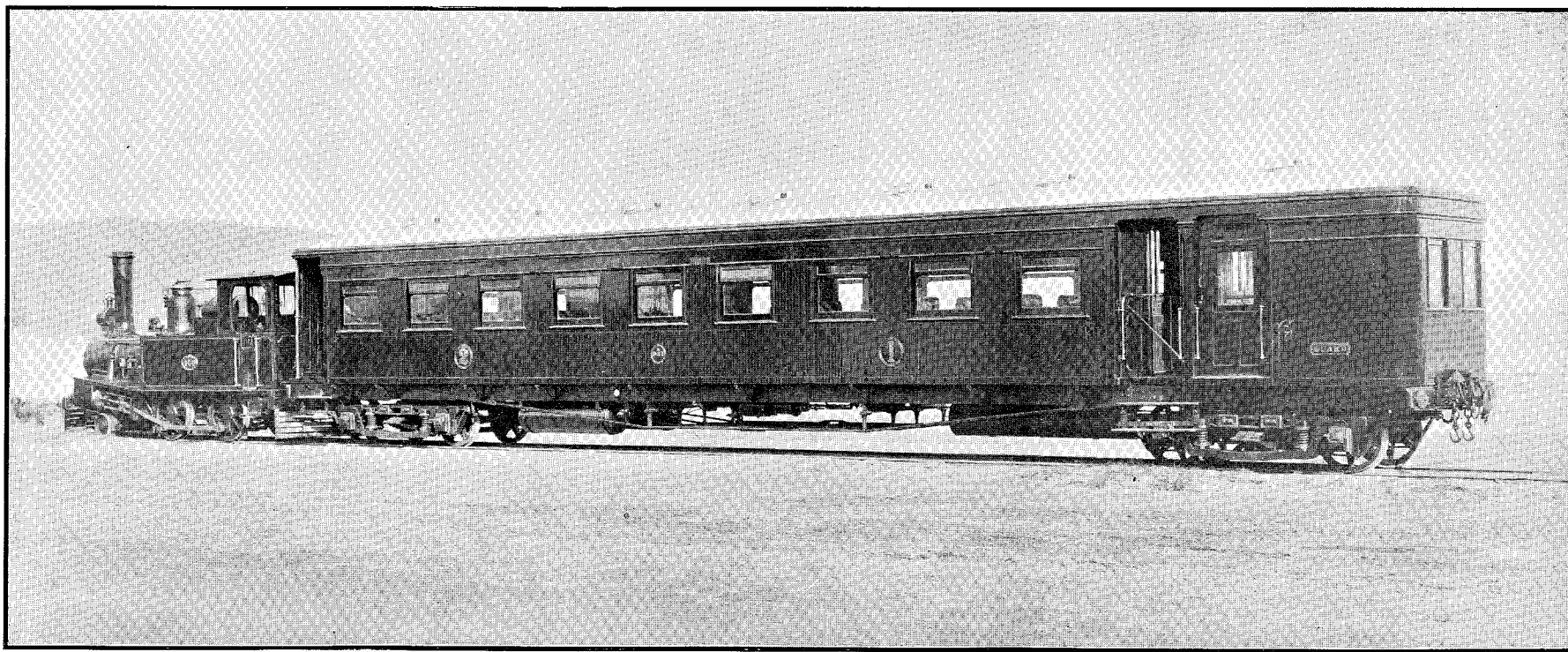
EIGHT-CYLINDER COMPOUND ARTICULATED TANK LOCOMOTIVE, CLASS E, FOR SERVICE ON STEEP GRADIENTS. BUILT IN NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT RAILWAY WORKSHOPS.

Cylinders, $9\frac{1}{2}$ in. and 16 in. diameter; stroke, 18 in.; diameter of coupled wheels, 3 ft.; tractive power (at 80 per cent. boiler-pressure), 28,500 lb.; boiler-pressure, 200 lb.; total weight in working-trim, 66 tons. Gauge, 3 ft. 6 in.



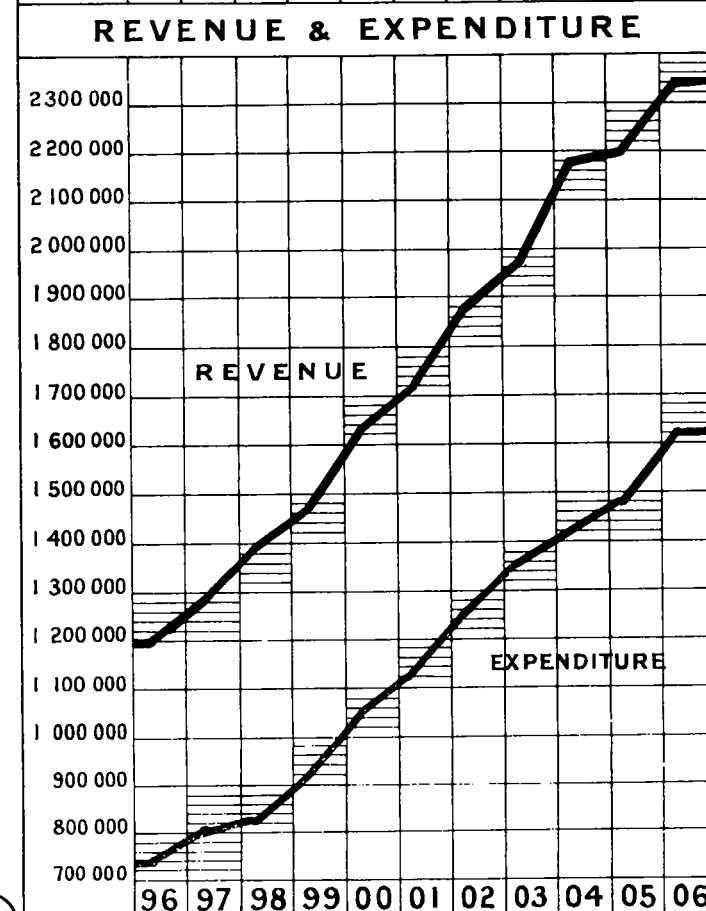
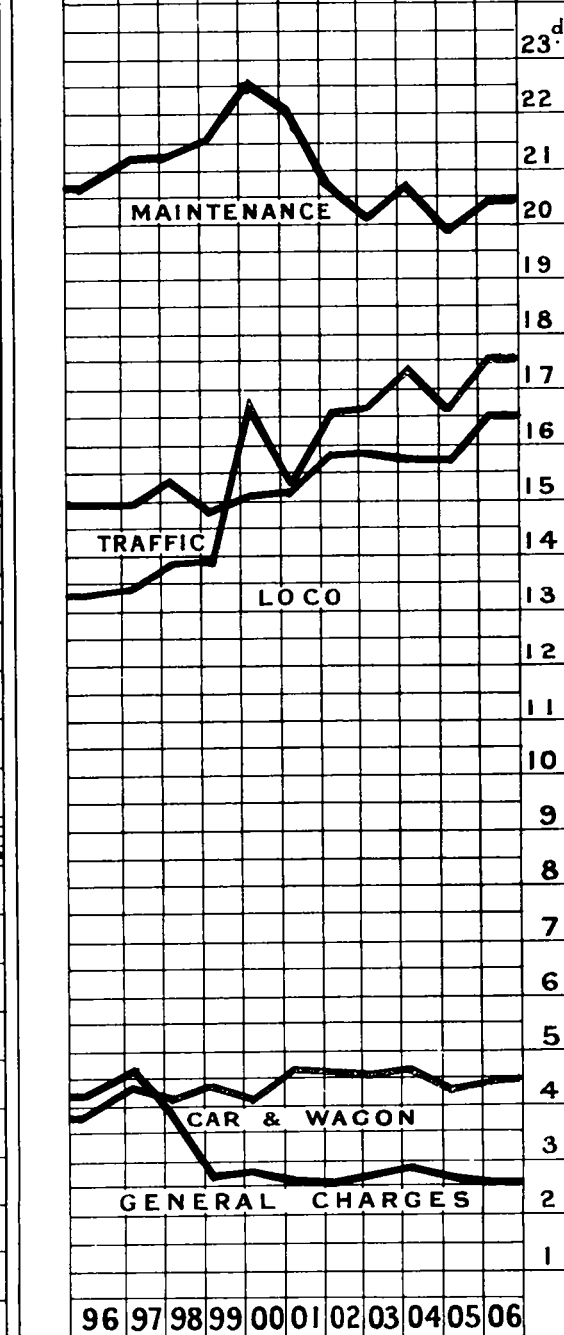
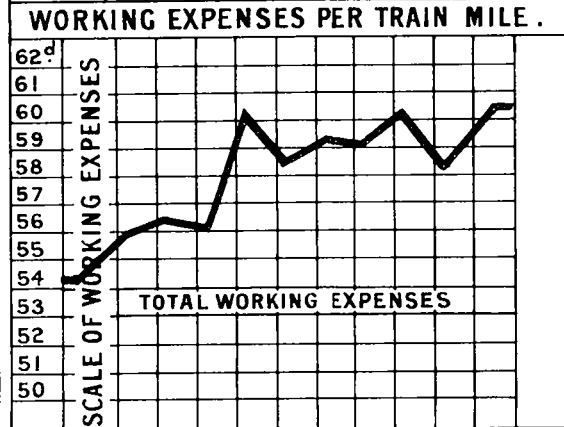
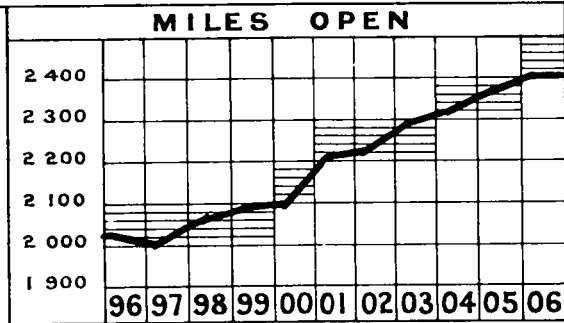
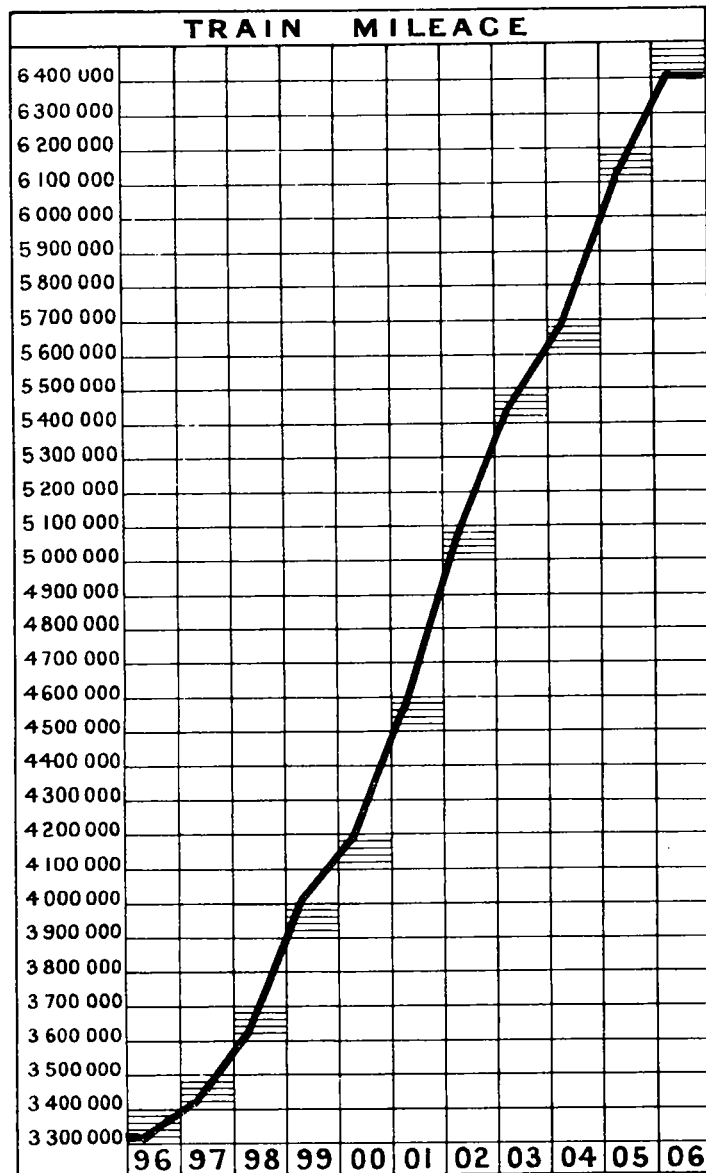
FOUR-CYLINDER BALANCED COMPOUND LOCOMOTIVE, CLASS A, FOR PASSENGER AND MIXED TRAIN SERVICE. BUILT IN NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT RAILWAY WORKSHOPS.

Cylinders, 12 in. and 19 in. diameter; stroke, 22 in.; diameter of coupled wheels, 4 ft. 6 in.; tractive power (at 80 per cent. boiler-pressure), 19,000 lb.; boiler-pressure, 225 lb.; total weight in working-trim, 72 tons. Gauge, 3 ft. 6 in.

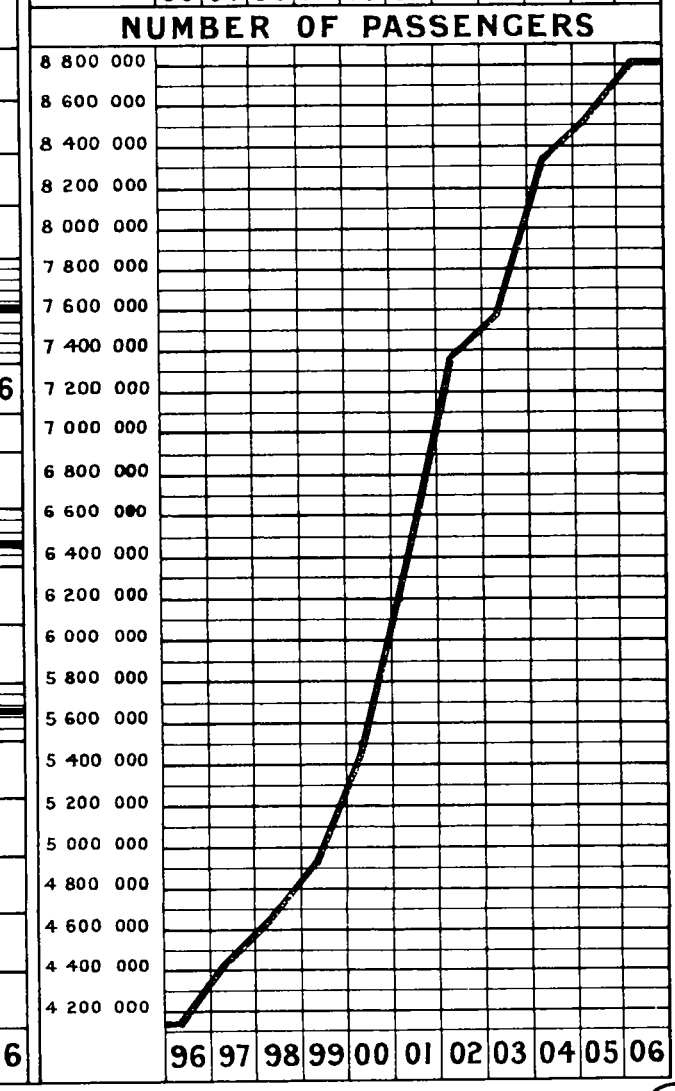
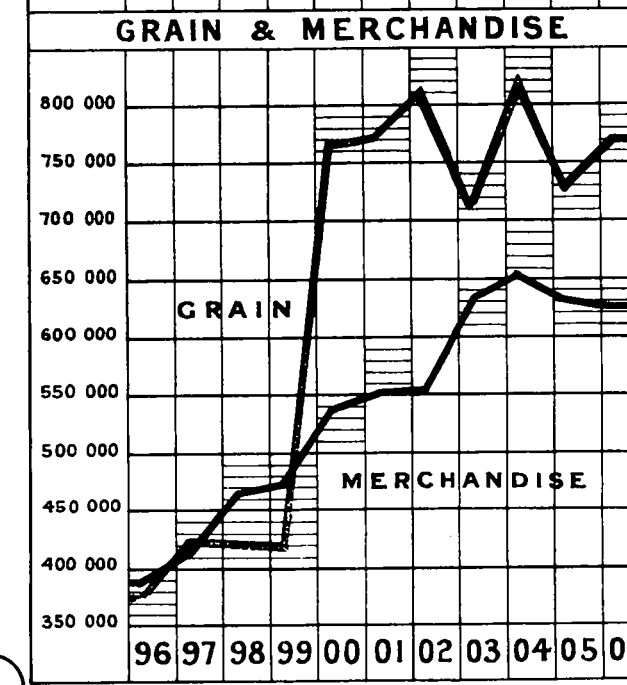
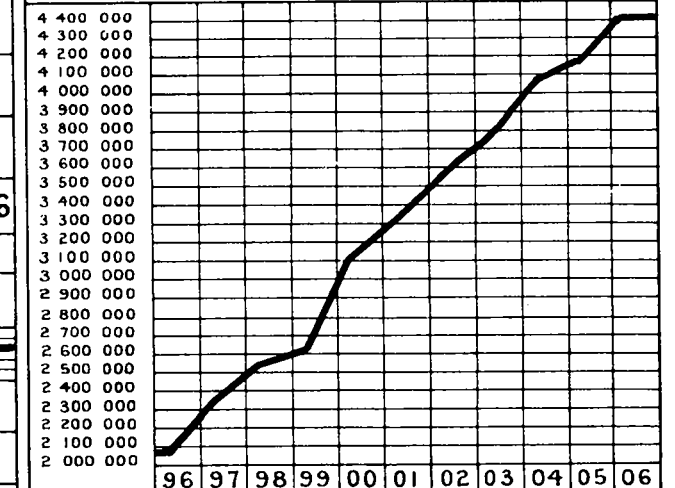
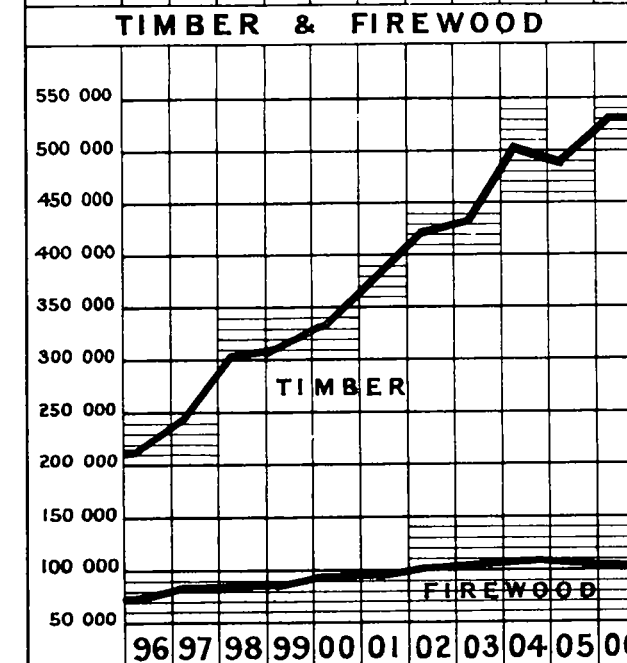
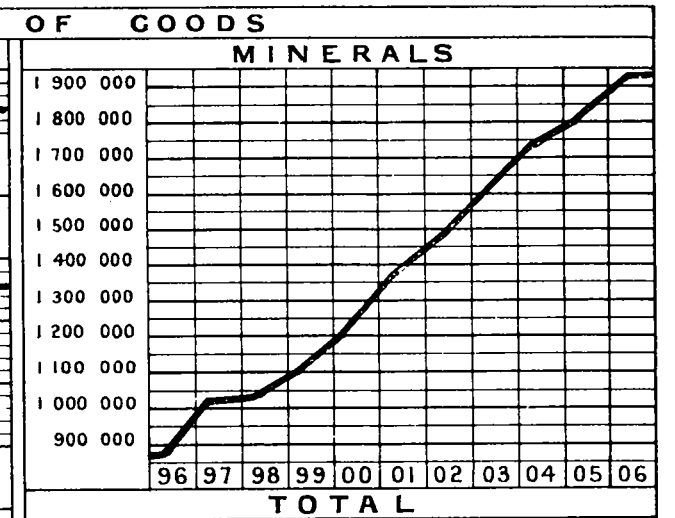
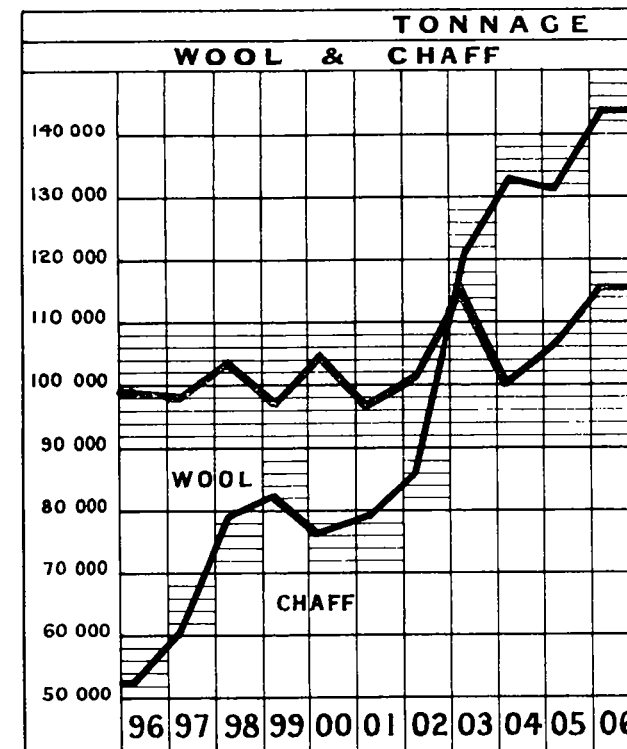


MOTOR TRAIN. CAR BUILT IN NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT RAILWAY WORKSHOPS.
Length over headstocks, 60 ft.; with guard's compartment, and seating-accommodation for seventy-two passengers.

NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS



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MAP OF NEW ZEALAND

SHEWING
RAILWAY, STEAMER, AND COACH ROUTES.

STATISTICS.

Government Railways open for traffic on 31st March, 1906	2406 miles
Private companies' lines	113 "
Capital cost of Government Railways open on 31st March, 1906	£22,436,972
Revenue from Government Railways, year ending 31st March, 1906	£2,349,704
Expenditure on	£1,521,239
Passengers carried	8,826,382
Number of season tickets issued	147,989
Cattle, sheep, and pigs carried	3,560,698
Tonnage carried	4,241,422
Number of miles travelled by trains	6,413,513
Number of locomotives	395
Number of passenger-carriages	906
Number of wagons and brake-vans	14,127
Area of colony, square miles	104,471
Population, estimated at 31st March, 1904	933,111
Chief Cities:—	
Auckland	67,226
Wellington	49,344
Christchurch	37,041
Dunedin	52,390

North Island

Middle Island

Scale of English Miles.

REFERENCE.	
Government Railways open for traffic	—
Private Lines	—
Coach routes	—
Roads and tracks	—
Steamer routes	—

DISTANCES BY RAILWAY.

	Miles.
Auckland to Kaipara Flats	82
to Hotorua	171
to Taurarunui	178
to Cambridge	101
to Thames	148
New Plymouth to Wanganui	107
to Napier	278
to Wellington (via W. & M. Railway)	251
to Wellington (via Rimutaka)	296
Napier to Wellington (via W. & M. Railway)	199
to (via Rimutaka)	270
Christchurch to Culverden	89
to Dunedin	280
Dunedin to Dunedin	18
Dunedin to Ida Valley	108
to Invercargill	139
to Lawrence	80
to Bluff	156
to Kingston (via Waimea Plains Line)	174
to (via Invercargill)	228
Bluff to Kingston	104

