

Brake-vans.—The number of brake-vans on the line on the 1st April, 1913, was 385, and the number on the 31st March, 1914, was 406. Twenty-three new bogie vans were built; twenty-two were additional stock and one to replace second-hand van sold. One second-hand van was also sold and is being replaced.

The following table shows details of work on brake-vans during the year :—

Description.	Number passed through Shops.	Built new.	Heavy Repairs.	Light Repairs.	Painted.	Paint Touched up.
Brake-vans	698	23	332	343	161	180

Seventeen new bogie brake-vans are under construction.

Wagons.—The wagon stock on the 1st April, 1913, consisted of 19,130 vehicles, and the number on the 31st March, 1914, was 19,845. Seven second-hand wagons were sold, and seven old worn-out wagons were written off. Seven hundred and twenty-nine new wagons were built: of these 711 were additional stock, eleven were to replace wagons sold in the previous year, and seven were to replace the seven old worn-out wagons written off. The seven second-hand wagons sold are being replaced with new stock.

The carrying-capacity of the wagon stock was increased by 8,290 tons, equal to 5·23 per cent., or an equivalent of 1,381 ordinary wagons.

The following table gives particulars of the work done during the year :—

Description.	Number passed through Shops.	Built new.	Rebuilt.	Heavy Repairs.	Light Repairs.	Painted.	Touched up.
Wagons	18,715	729	88	5,461	12,437	3,828	5,834

One thousand three hundred and thirty-six wagons were under construction in Railway workshops at the close of the year, and these comprised 89 bogie and 1,247 four-wheel wagons.

Tarpaulins.—The tarpaulin stock on the 1st April, 1913, consisted of 15,222 sheets, and on the 31st March, 1914, the number was 17,282. Two thousand and sixty new tarpaulins were made and added to stock, 1,147 worn-out tarpaulins were written off and replaced with a similar number of new tarpaulins, fourteen second-hand tarpaulins were sold and replaced, and 102 new tarpaulins were made for other Departments. The following table gives details of the work on tarpaulins for the year :—

Description.	Number passed through Shops.	Manufactured new.	Condemned, and replaced with New Tarpaulins.	Repaired.
Tarpaulins	21,304	2,176	1,147	17,981

Stationary Engines and Cranes.—The repairs and renewals during the year were as follows :—

Description.	Number passed through Shops.	Re-erected.	Heavy Repairs.	Light Repairs.	Painted.	Touched up.	Boiler-repairs.				
							Heavy Repairs.	Light Repairs.	New Tubes (Sets).	Tubes pieced (Sets).	Boilers patched.
Hand-cranes	23	...	8	15	1	4	...	...	...	...	...
Steam-cranes	42	1	8	33	2	2	...	3	1	...	1
Stationary engines	17	...	...	17	...	...	5	12	4	1	7
Pile-drivers and hoisting-engines	4	...	...	4	...	...	...	4	1	...	...
Coaling-cranes	8	...	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hydraulic cranes	3	...	3	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...

Axles.—During the year 578 car, van, and wagon axles were replaced with modern steel axles; this number does not include axles for new rolling-stock. The steel axles increase the carrying-capacity of wagon stock by 2 tons.