

STORES.

Mr. H. Baxter, Comptroller of Stores, reports as follows :—

The value of stores, material, and plant (purchased under the Railway vote) on hand at the 31st March, 1916, at the various stores, depots, and sawmills amounted to £428,065 15s. 5d., as against £418,093 19s. 11d. on the 31st March, 1915.

The value of stores on hand on account of additions to open lines amounted to £25,945 5s. 6d., as against £13,688 18s. 10d. on the 31st March, 1915.

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

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

The Hon. the Minister of Railways.

I have, &c.,
E. H. HILEY,
General Manager.