

REVENUE.

Gross Revenue.—The revenue from all sources for the year was £8,460,762, as against £7,276,761 for the year 1924-25, an increase of £1,184,001.

The particulars of the gross revenue are as follows:—

	1925-26.	1924-25.
	£	£
Train-operation	7,589,274	7,014,649
Subsidiary services	511,947	262,112
Branch lines and isolated sections subsidy	359,541*	..
	<u>£8,460,762</u>	<u>£7,276,761</u>

* Payable in respect of developmental lines in terms of the Government Railways Amendment Act, 1925.

Train-operating Revenue.—The total operating revenue for the year represented 89·7 per cent. of the gross revenue, and amounted to £7,589,274, of which the North Island system yielded £4,582,922 and the South Island system £3,006,352. The increase from the whole system was £574,625 on the earnings of the previous year.

The particulars of the operating revenue earned are as follows:—

	1925-26.	Percentage of Operating Revenue.	1924-25.	Percentage of Operating Revenue.
	£		£	
Passengers, ordinary	2,271,498	29·93	2,073,456	29·56
Season tickets	265,549	3·50	210,742	3·00
Parcels, luggage, and mails	409,207	5·39	416,223	5·93
Goods and live-stock	4,499,160	59·28	4,117,746	58·70
Miscellaneous: Labour, demurrage, &c.	143,860	1·90	196,482	2·81
	<u>7,589,274</u>	..	<u>7,014,649</u>	..

The operating earnings per train-mile for all lines were 176·51d., as against 185·33d. for the preceding year—i.e., a decrease of 8·82d. per train-mile.

The North Island main line and branches gave a return of 176·43d., and the South Island main line and branches 174·88d. per train-mile.

Subsidiary Services Revenue.—The revenue received from subsidiary services amounted to £511,947, as against £262,112 for the corresponding services last year.

The particulars of the revenue earned are:—

	1925-26.	1924-25.
	£	£
Lake Wakatipu steamers	10,625	10,096
Refreshment Service	133,658	104,797
Advertising Service	45,454	30,731
Departmental dwellings	68,661	52,572
Leases refreshment-rooms, bookstalls, &c.	19,062	13,347
Non-operating—Miscellaneous	234,487	50,569
	<u>£511,947</u>	<u>£262,112</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Gross Expenditure.—The expenditure on all services during the year was £6,468,428, as against £5,709,652 for the year 1924-25, an increase of £758,776.

The particulars are—

	1925-26.	1924-25.
	£	£
Train operation	6,164,570	5,533,136
Subsidiary services	303,858	176,516
	<u>£6,468,428</u>	<u>£5,709,652</u>

£335,564 was expended in the Maintenance Branch and charged to Capital Account under the head “Additions to Open Lines.” These comprise additions to station-buildings, extension of sidings, bridge-work, additional dwellings, workshops, purchase of land, and tablet-installations.

£519,604 was expended in the Locomotive Branch and charged to Capital Account in the provision of additional rolling-stock, tarpaulins, electric lighting for cars, and workshop machinery.

The rolling-stock in respect of which the charges were incurred comprised forty-five locomotives, forty-six cars, eighteen guards-vans, and sixty-eight bogie and 299 four-wheeled wagons completed on the 31st March, 1926, and twenty-two locomotives, two rail motor-cars, nineteen cars, four brake-vans, forty bogie, and 302 four-wheeled wagons incomplete but in hand on that date.

Train-operating Expenditure.—The total operating expenditure for the year amounted to £6,164,570, an increase of £631,434 over that for last year.