

The variations in the individual districts were approximately as follows :—

Northern District (Auckland).—Revenue, £2,048,431 ; increase, £257,958. Passengers decreased 246,558. Season tickets increased 5,821. Parcels, luggage, &c., increased £12,888. Cattle increased 3,748, and sheep 153,672. Timber increased 55,870 tons, and all other goods 190,423 tons.

Middle District (Ohakune).—Revenue, £565,145 ; increase, £45,210. Passengers increased 11,445, and season tickets 906. Parcels, luggage, &c., decreased £3,106. Cattle increased 587. Sheep decreased 73,526. Timber increased 14,317 tons, and all other goods 10,458 tons.

Western District (Wanganui).—Revenue, £499,681 ; decrease, £133,834. Passengers decreased 253,435, and season tickets 500. Parcels and luggage decreased £14,829. Cattle decreased 15,660, and sheep 177,468. Timber decreased 931 tons, and all other goods 2,438 tons.

Southern District (Wellington).—Revenue, £1,421,689 ; increase, £208,101. Passengers decreased 163,018. Season tickets increased 31,014. Parcels, luggage, &c., increased £10,782. Cattle increased 41,166, and sheep 285,410. Timber decreased 452 tons. All other goods increased 37,368 tons.

Picton Section.—Revenue, £42,352 ; increase, £8,229. Passengers increased 14,151, and season tickets 246. Cattle increased 344, and sheep 1,232. Timber increased by 557 tons, and all other goods 13,320 tons.

Nelson Section.—Revenue, £28,282 ; increase, £3,545. Passengers increased 21,989, and season tickets 212. Timber decreased 1,292 tons, and all other goods 2,884 tons.

Westport Section.—Revenue, £127,268 ; decrease, £3,098. Passengers decreased 13,697, and season tickets 369. Parcels, luggage, and mails decreased £214. All other goods decreased 3,150 tons.

South Island Main Line and Branches Section.—Revenue, £2,808,451 ; increase, £510,701. The principal items of traffic were : Passengers, 4,713,881 ; increase, 549,687. Season tickets, 164,169 ; increase, 41,251. Parcels, luggage, &c., revenue, £149,256 ; increase, £3,309. Live-stock, 3,913,245 ; increase, 38,530. Timber, 305,853 tons ; increase, 161,039 tons. All other goods, 2,645,621 tons ; increase, 484,814 tons. The revenue per mile of railway increased from £1,636 16s. 7d. to £1,752 2s. 6d., but decreased from 15s. 2d. per train-mile to 14s. 7d.

The variations of traffic in the individual districts were approximately as follows :—

Northern District (Christchurch).—Revenue, £1,224,800 ; increase, £259,744. Passengers increased 227,465, and season tickets 22,269. Parcels, luggage, &c., decreased £3,549. Cattle increased 5,823. Sheep decreased 297,975. Timber increased 175,680 tons, and all other goods 216,814 tons.

Middle District (Dunedin).—Revenue, £879,341 ; increase £98,485. Passengers increased 189,148, and season tickets 15,737. Parcels, luggage, &c., increased £5,248. Cattle increased 5,813, and sheep 365,637. Timber decreased 21,914 tons. All other goods increased 89,548 tons.

Southern District (Invercargill).—Revenue, £704,310 ; increase, £152,472. Passengers increased 133,074, and season tickets 3,245. Parcels, luggage, &c., increased £1,610. Cattle increased 5,924. Sheep decreased 46,692. Timber increased 7,273 tons, and all other goods 178,452 tons.

Lake Wakatipu Steamers.—Revenue, £10,625 ; increase, £529. Passengers decreased 1,176. Parcels, &c., decreased £261. Timber increased 259 tons, and all other goods 1,057 tons.

Train-services.—The following table shows the average late arrivals of the suburban, mixed, and express trains for the year :—

Average late Arrival of Trains, Year ended 31st March, 1926.

Year ended	Period ended													Average for Year, in Minutes.	
	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. 3.	Jan. 31.	Feb.	Mar.		
Express and Mail Trains.															
March 31, 1926	..	5-22	3-98	7-10	3-11	3-82	5-26	3-57	1-92	3-84	11-27	9-39	7-39	6-43	5-54
March 31, 1925	..	7-95	4-95	4-67	2-75	3-72	1-76	1-28	2-30	1-47	9-71	2-91	1-53	2-41	3-64
Long Distance Mixed Trains.															
March 31, 1926	..	8-08	6-27	4-86	3-82	3-83	3-98	2-63	3-50	4-77	9-24	8-84	11-19	10-69	6-27
March 31, 1925	..	7-81	6-36	4-38	2-80	2-49	1-93	1-80	3-09	3-79	7-22	4-88	6-49	7-20	4-63
Suburban Trains.															
March 31, 1926	..	0-77	1-16	0-88	0-68	0-72	0-57	0-27	0-41	0-26	0-72	0-73	0-95	0-76	0-68
March 31, 1925	..	2-90	1-25	0-74	0-42	0-34	0-23	0-24	0-33	0-23	0-64	0-41	0-38	0-45	0-65