

Train-operating Revenue.—The total operating revenue for the year represented 86·15 per cent. of the gross revenue, and amounted to £7,343,845, of which the North Island system yielded £4,361,902 and the South Island system £2,981,943. The figures for the whole system show a decrease of £79,627 on the earnings of the previous year.

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

	1927-28.	Percentage of Operating Revenue.	1926-27.	Percentage of Operating Revenue.
	£		£	
Passengers, ordinary	1,886,833	25·69	2,045,348	27·56
Season tickets	258,463	3·52	258,832	3·49
Parcels, luggage, and mails	379,933	5·17	377,367	5·08
Goods and live-stock	4,680,135	63·73	4,596,166	61·91
Miscellaneous—Labour, demurrage, &c.	138,481	1·89	145,759	1·96
	7,343,845	..	7,423,472	..

The operating earnings per train-mile for all lines were 162·62d., as against 166·14d. for the preceding year—i.e., a decrease of 3·52d. per train-mile.

The North Island main line and branches gave a return of 160·05d. and the South Island main line and branches 165·05d. per train-mile.

Subsidiary Services Revenue.—The revenue received from subsidiary services amounted to £691,125, as against £565,961 for the corresponding services last year.

The particulars of the revenue earned are :—

	1927-28.	1926-27.
	£	£
Lake Wakatipu steamers	9,885	10,273
Refreshment service	122,220	129,612
Advertising service	52,600	47,387
Departmental dwellings	93,643	83,375
Leases refreshment-rooms, bookstalls, &c.	20,542	20,462
Road motor services	32,487	8,744
Non-operating—Miscellaneous	359,748	266,108
	£691,125	£565,961

EXPENDITURE.

Gross Expenditure.—The expenditure on all services during the year was £6,685,123, as against £6,490,880 for the year 1926-27, an increase of £194,243.

The particulars are :—

	1927-28.	1926-27.
	£	£
Train-operation	6,302,119	6,158,283
Subsidiary services	383,004	332,597
	£6,685,123	£6,490,880

£173,858 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, water-services, cranes, weighbridges, turntables, additional dwellings, and purchase of land.

£93,174 was expended in the Locomotive Branch and charged to Capital Account in the provision of additional rolling-stock and electric lighting for cars.

The rolling-stock in respect of which the charges were incurred comprised four locomotives, four cars, twenty-one guards’ vans, and five bogie and 247 four-wheeled wagons completed on the 31st March, 1928, and three locomotives, sixteen cars, six guards’ vans, and fifteen bogie and 385 four-wheeled wagons in hand but incomplete on that date.

Train-operating Expenditure.—The total operating expenditure for the year amounted to £6,302,119, an increase of £143,836 as compared with last year.