

Level-crossing Warning-devices.—Warning signals have been installed at the following level crossings: Morningside—Argyle Street (flashlight signal); Taumarunui—173 m. 61 ch. (Pearson's wigwag); Mount Albert—Woodward Road (flashlight signal); Dannevirke—33 m. 79 ch. (Pearson's wigwag); Wanganui—Grey Street (Pearson's wigwag); Hamilton—Lake Road (Pearson's wigwag—previously bells only).

Warning signal has been taken out at the following level crossing: Ongarue—160 m. 57 ch. (bells).

The total number of level crossings fitted with warning devices is 100.

Expenditure on Signals, &c.—Capital expenditure for the year for signals, &c., amounted to £224,345, of which £31,998 was on signals and interlocking, £13,083 on electric lighting, £75,406 on electrification of locomotive workshops, and £99,571 on the electrification of the Lyttelton—Christchurch line. The maintenance expenditure chargeable against revenue was £112,206.

STORES.

Mr. E. J. GUINNESS, Comptroller of Stores, reports as follows:—

The value of stores material and plant (purchased under Railway vote) on hand at the 31st March, 1929, at the various stores, depots, and sawmills amounted to £1,065,114 17s. 3d., as against £1,114,989 5s. on the 31st March, 1928.

The whole of the stock is in good order, has been systematically inspected, and is value for the amount stated.