

OAMARU—TOKARAHI.

		1936. £	1935. £	Variation. £	Per Cent.
Revenue	..	1,835	1,823	+ 12	0·66
Expenditure	..	1,825	1,798	+ 27	1·50
Net revenue	..	<u>£10</u>	<u>£25</u>	<u>—£15</u>	<u>60·0</u>
Passenger journeys	..	47,662	42,297	+5,365	12·68

The greater proportionate increase in journeys as compared with revenue is due to a big increase in the number of school-children carried. There was a slight falling-off in ordinary passenger traffic.

DUNEDIN—PORT CHALMERS.

		1936. £	1935. £	Variation. £	Per Cent.
Revenue	..	6,635	5,762	+ 873	15·15
Expenditure	..	5,943	5,174	+ 769	14·86
Net revenue	..	<u>£692</u>	<u>£588</u>	<u>+£104</u>	<u>17·69</u>
Passenger journeys	..	224,869	207,650	+17,219	8·29

Both revenue and expenditure show substantial increases due to an expansion in operation. This service, which numbers five vehicles, maintains the run between Dunedin and Port Chalmers and also the seasonal tourist service between Dunedin and Eglinton Valley. The latter service was taken over from the Dunedin City Corporation, the first trip being run on 9th February, 1935.

WAIPAHI—EDIEVALE.

		1936. £	1935. £	Variation. £	Per Cent.
Revenue	..	1,196	1,207	—11	0·91
Expenditure	..	1,102	1,156	—54	4·67
Net revenue	..	<u>£94</u>	<u>£51</u>	<u>+£43</u>	<u>84·31</u>
Passengers journeys	..	9,071	9,063	+ 8	0·09

Although revenue shows a slight decrease, this has been more than compensated for by the decrease in expenditure.

Through the operation of this service a substantial saving is being effected by the discontinuance of the running of mixed trains, the passenger portion of which the bus service was inaugurated to supplant.

LAKE WAKATIPU STEAMERS.

		1936. £	1935. £	Variation. £	Per Cent.
Revenue	..	10,598	10,647	— 49	0·46
Expenditure	..	9,399	10,269	— 870	8·47
Net revenue	..	<u>£1,199</u>	<u>£378</u>	<u>+ £821</u>	<u>217·20</u>

The revenue showed little variation during the year. Passenger traffic showed an increase of £264, but this was more than offset by a decrease of £319 in goods traffic.

With regard to expenditure, the main decrease occurred under the head of repairs, £1,002. Last year special propellers were fitted to the s.s. "Earnslaw," while boiler alterations were made to the "Ben Lomond." There was no expenditure for similar items in the accounts for this year.

DEPARTMENTAL DWELLINGS.

		1936. £	1935. £	Variation. £	Per Cent.
Revenue	..	129,255	105,338	+23,917	22·71
Expenditure	..	156,692	155,302	+ 1,390	0·90
Loss	..	<u>£27,437</u>	<u>49,964</u>	<u>—£22,527</u>	<u>45·09</u>

During the year ended 31st March, 1935, a total refund of £24,304 was made to the staff consequent upon an agreement reached between the Department and its tenants in the matter of a claim for reductions in rent under the provisions of the National Expenditure Adjustment Act, 1932. In order to establish a true comparison with 1935–36, the amount of £24,304 granted in refunds must be added to the figures for 1934–35, the position then being as follows:—

		1935–36. £	1934–35. £	Variation. £
Revenue	..	129,255	129,642	—387

The slight rise in expenditure was due to an increase in the charge for depreciation.