SUBSIDIARY SERVICES.

Subsidiary Service Revenue.—The revenue from subsidiary services amounted to £887,047, as compared with £760,798 for the previous year, the figures for the past three years being as follow:—

			1936–37.	1935–36.	1934-35.
Lake Wakatipu steamer	š		 7,112	£ 10,598	10,647
Refreshment service			 103,351	89,132	79,817
Bookstall service			 54,417	45,798	36,846
Advertising service			 34,535	31,774	30,030
Departmental dwellings			 131,187	129,255	105,338
Leases of bookstalls, &c.			 19,020	17,909	17,346
Road motor services			 198,751	103,280	90,278
Miscellaneous	. • •	• •	 338,674	333,052	349,562
			£887,047	£760,798	£719,864

Subsidiary Service Expenditure.—The particulars of the expenditure in connection with subsidiary services over a period of three years are as follow:—

				1936–37. £	1935–36. £	1934–35, £
Lake Wakatipu steam	ers			10,855	9,399	10, 269
Refreshment service				101,125	84,976	77,685
Bookstall service	• •			51,245	43,042	34,564
Advertising service				31,151	29,391	27,942
Departmental dwelling	gs	• •		164,746	156,692	155,302
Leases of bookstalls, &	c.			12,233	11,464	11,481
Road motor services	••	• •	• •	177,053	94,682	84,606
				£548,408	£429,646	£401,849

The variations shown above are analysed under their separate heads later in this report.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC.

An analysis of the passenger traffic is as follows:-

Passenger journeys—			!	1937.	1936.	Variation.	
		Number.	Number.	Number.	Per Cent.		
5	• •	• •		8,284,956	7,963,824	+321,132	4.03
Season	• •	• •		12,950,472	12,394,700	+555,772	4.48
Total	• •	• •		21,235,428	20,358,524	+876,904	4.31
Revenue-			Ì	£	£	£	
Ordinary				1,421,633	1,286,059	+135,574	10.54
Season	• •	. • •		189,672	180,558	+ 9,114	5.05
${\bf Total}$	• •			1,611,305	1,466,617	+144,688	9.87
Passenger train-miles	ļ	••		5,066,860	4,747,525	+319,335	$6 \cdot 73$
Revenue— Per mile of line				£485	£449	+ £36	8.02

Compared with the year 1935–36, the variations in passenger traffic, other than season tickets, are as follow:—

	Journ	neys.		
Description.	1937.	1936.	Variat	ion.
Standard fare Suburban Day and special excursion and other reduced fares	Number. 3,480,655 2,360,962 2,443,339 8,284,956	Number. 3,285,197 2,298,021 2,380,606 7,963,824	Number. +195,458 + 62,941 + 62,733 +321,132	Per Cent. 5.95 2.74 2.64 4.03