

this year. The fall in parcels traffic is, however, somewhat compensated for by an increase in revenue from the carriage of mails, particulars of which appear below.

The miscellaneous-luggage group showed an increase of £5,020 (11·58 per cent.). Revenue from the carriage of dogs, bicycles, &c., and from left and checked luggage showed the satisfactory increase of 12·85 per cent., which is considerably in excess of the increase in passenger travel. Revenue from bulk newspaper traffic again showed a substantial increase (10·31 per cent.), due to a continued improvement in the circulation of newspapers and periodicals.

The following table shows the variations under the heading of "Mails":—

	1937. £	1936. £	Variation. £	Per Cent.
Mails in guards' vans at half parcels rates	50,904	48,101	+2,803	5·83
Railway travelling post-office service ..	27,627	27,743	— 116	0·42
Mails carried in wagons	12,465	6,188	+6,277	101·44
Total	90,996	82,032	+8,964	10·93

The travelling post-office service is paid for on a mileage basis.

GOODS AND LIVE-STOCK.

The revenue and tonnage of goods and live-stock for 1937 compare with the previous year as follows:—

	1937.	1936.	Increase.	Per Cent.
Revenue ..	£4,846,417	£4,359,750	+£486,667	11·16
Tonnage ..	6,813,240	6,188,805	+624,435	10·09

A comparison of tonnage and revenue from 1930 to 1937 is afforded in the following table:—

Year.	Tons.	Revenue.	Variation as compared with Previous Year in each Case.			
			Tons.	Per Cent.	Revenue.	Per Cent.
		£			£	
1930	7,788,973	4,904,324	+ 175,324	2·31	+ 58,199	1·20
1931	6,957,709	4,487,357	— 831,264	10·67	—416,967	8·50
1932	5,824,811	4,019,600	—1,132,898	16·28	—467,757	10·42
1933	5,490,686	3,745,777	— 334,125	5·74	—273,823	6·81
1934	5,642,199	3,911,245	+ 151,513	2·76	+165,468	4·42
1935	6,023,960	4,138,434	+ 381,761	6·77	+227,189	5·81
1936	6,188,805	4,359,750	+ 164,845	2·74	+221,316	5·35
1937	6,813,240	4,846,417	+ 624,435	10·09	+486,667	11·16

A comparison with 1936 of the tonnage of commodities under six main headings is as follows:—

	1937. Tons.	1936. Tons.	Variation.	
			Tons.	Per Cent.
Agricultural products	588,255	477,928	+110,327	23·08
Animals and their products	1,298,848	1,249,003	+ 49,845	3·99
Products of mines	2,070,207	1,894,891	+175,316	9·25
Products of forests	531,111	493,342	+ 37,769	7·66
Benzine, cement, and manures	959,542	844,494	+115,048	13·62
Miscellaneous	1,365,277	1,229,147	+136,130	11·08
Totals	6,813,240	6,188,805	+624,435	10·09

A further comparison on the same basis of the composition of the revenue from goods traffic, as shown immediately above, for the last five years is as under:—

	1937.	1936.	1935.	1934.	1933.
	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.
Agricultural products	7·47	6·95	8·78	8·64	9·17
Animals and their products	25·95	27·36	27·98	30·50	29·73
Products of mines	19·75	20·23	20·16	20·51	20·49
Products of forests	9·54	9·62	8·69	7·52	6·67
Benzine, cement, and manures	13·90	13·46	13·12	12·61	13·42
Miscellaneous	23·39	22·38	21·27	20·22	20·52
Totals	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00