

GOODS STATISTICS.

The principal statistical figures dealing with the operation of goods traffic are shown below :—

	1937.	1936.	Variation.	Per Cent.
Goods-train mileage	6,801,223	6,302,851	+ 498,372	7·91
Goods earnings	£4,846,417	£4,359,750	+£486,667	11·16
Revenue goods tonnage	6,813,240	6,188,805	+ 624,435	10·09
Average haul (miles)	73	72	+ 1	1·39
Average revenue per ton-mile	2·37d.	2·39d.	— 0·02d.	0·84
Average revenue per ton	14s. 5d.	14s. 4d.	+ 1d.	0·58

Goods revenue per goods train-mile increased by 3·02 per cent. The increase in the average haul has resulted in a slight decrease in the average revenue per ton-mile.

	1937.	1936.	Variation.	Per Cent.
Total gross ton-miles revenue freight	1,626,352,414	1,499,094,741	+127,257,673	8·49
Goods-vehicle miles (loaded) ..	132,714,557	122,293,680	+ 10,420,877	8·52
Goods-vehicle miles (empty) ..	62,108,142	58,215,380	+ 3,892,762	6·69
Total goods-vehicle miles ..	194,822,699	180,509,060	+ 14,313,639	7·93

The smaller increase in the empty goods-vehicle miles is no doubt due to the better loading due to the improved trade conditions.

Averages : Revenue, Freight Traffic.

<i>Per Mile of Line :—</i>	1937.	1936.	Variation.	Per Cent.
Goods revenue	£1,474	£1,334	+ £140	10·49
Total tonnage	2,072	1,894	+ 178	9·40
Net ton-miles	150,973	135,797	+15,176	11·18
Gross ton-miles	494,633	458,860	+35,773	7·80
<i>Per Train :—</i>				
Gross load (tons)	239·13	237·84	+ 1·29	0·54
Net load (tons)	72·99	70·38	+ 2·61	3·71
Number of vehicles (loaded) ..	19·51	19·40	+ 0·11	0·57
Number of vehicles (empty) ..	9·13	9·24	— 0·11	1·19
<i>Per 1,000 Gross Ton-miles :—</i>				
Revenue	£2·980	£2·908	+£0·072	2·48
Net ton-miles	305	296	+ 9	3·14
<i>Per Train-mile :—</i>				
Revenue	171·02d.	166·01d.	+ 5·01d.	3·02
<i>Wagon User :—</i>				
Revenue per 4-wheeled goods vehicle ..	£175	£157	+ £18	11·46
Revenue per 4-wheeled live-stock vehicle ..	£166	£156	+ £10	6·41
Average wagon-load (tons)	3·74	3·63	+ 0·11	3·03
Average miles per wagon per day	24·09	22·24	+ 1·85	8·32
Average net ton-miles per wagon per annum (ordinary goods)	18,592	16,492	+ 2,100	12·73
Average net ton-miles per wagon per annum (live-stock)	12,854	12,092	+ 762	6·30

The above figures all disclose a very satisfactory position.

ADVERTISING SERVICE.

	1937.	1936.	Variation.	Per Cent.
	£	£	£	
Revenue	34,535	31,774	+ 2,761	8·69
Expenditure	31,151	29,391	+ 1,760	5·99
Net revenue	£3,384	£2,383	+£1,001	42·01

	1937.	1936.	Variation.
	£	£	£
An analysis of the revenue is as under :—			
Outdoor advertising	26,067	24,971	+ 1,096
Publications	5,314	4,326	+ 988
Miscellaneous	2,851	2,276	+ 575
Advertising in buses	303	201	+ 102
	<u>£34,535</u>	<u>£31,774</u>	<u>+£2,761</u>