A total of £65,963 was paid under the Workers' Compensation Act during the year to members of the Second Division who suffered injury in the course of their employment.

The undermentioned executive officers commenced their retiring leave or retired from the Service during the year:-

Mr. S. S. Millington, Comptroller of Stores, Wellington.

Mr. J. McNair, District Engineer, Christchurch.

Mr. L. W. Robertson, Locomotive Engineer, Auckland. Mr. E. S. Brittenden, District Traffic Manager, Christchurch.

Mr. H. C. Couch, District Traffic Manager, Auckland.

Mr. W. Schierning, District Traffic Manager, Wellington.

Mr. D. St. George, District Traffic Manager, Wanganui.

Mr. W. A. Woodger, District Traffic Manager, Wellington.

Mr. J. A. Lindsay, District Traffic Manager, Invercargill.

Mr. S. C. Doyle, Superintendent, Road Services, Wellington.

It is with regret that I have to record the death of Mr. J. McNair, late District Engineer, Christchurch, within a few months of his retirement.

In concluding this review of the year's operations it affords me much pleasure to record my appreciation of the successful efforts of the staff to cope with the demands made upon their services and for their loyal and efficient co-operation. I am also grateful to the travelling public and other clients of the Department for their many expressions of appreciation of the satisfactory service rendered by the staff.

General Manager.