

The operating earnings for the last three years for the North and South Island Main Lines and Branches per average mile open and per train mile are as follow :—

	North Island Main Line and Branches.		South Island Main Line and Branches.	
	Per Average Mile open.	Per Train-mile.	Per Average Mile open.	Per Train-mile.
	£	d.	£	d.
1939	3,287	140·48	1,841	156·94
1938	3,086	137·13	1,778	150·12
1937	2,767	134·21	1,660	147·23

PASSENGER TRAFFIC.

—	1939.	1938.	Variation.	
Passenger journeys—	Number.	Number.	Number.	Per Cent.
Ordinary	7,813,436	8,069,018	— 255,582	3·17
Season	15,452,332	14,372,194	+1,080,138	7·52
Total	23,265,768	22,441,212	+ 824,556	3·67
Revenue—	£	£	£	
Ordinary	1,538,881	1,475,829	+ 63,052	4·27
Season	246,765	222,192	+ 24,573	11·06
Total	1,785,646	1,698,021	+ 87,625	5·16
Passenger train-miles	5,551,026	5,322,050	+ 228,976	4·30
„ vehicle-miles	42,767,572	42,342,681	+ 424,891	1·00
Revenue—				
Per mile of line operated	£540	£513	+ £27	5·26

While passenger train miles and vehicle miles increased by 4·30 per cent and 1·00 per cent. respectively, passenger revenue increased by 5·16 per cent.

Compared with the year 1937–38, the variations in passenger traffic, other than season tickets, are as follows :—

Description.	1939.	1938.	Variation.	
<i>Journeys.</i>	Number.	Number.	Number.	Per Cent.
Standard fare	3,429,365	3,431,168	— 1,803	0·05
Suburban	1,758,576	1,933,535	—174,959	9·05
Day and special excursion and other reduced fares	2,625,495	2,704,315	— 78,820	2·91
Total	7,813,436	8,069,018	—255,582	3·17
<i>Revenue.</i>	£	£	£	Per Cent.
Standard fare	1,229,908	1,155,946	+ 73,962	6·40
Suburban	61,540	61,363	+ 177	0·29
Day and special excursion and other reduced fares	247,433	258,520	— 11,087	4·29
Total	1,538,881	1,475,829	+ 63,052	4·27

The variations in ordinary passenger traffic were distributed between first class and second class as follow :—

—	First Class.		Second Class.		Total.	
	Number.	Per Cent.	Number.	Per Cent.	Number.	Per Cent.
Journeys	—31,969	7·95	—223,613	2·92	—255,582	3·17
Revenue	£		£		£	
	+ 13,129	4·92	+ 49,923	4·13	+ 63,052	4·27