

coaling-crane and buckets; and building for Pintsch's gas plant. Bunnythorpe—Improved track alignment and new platform. Feilding—New luggage-room, and station verandah extended. Halcombe—New 4,000-gallon vat. Rangitikei Bridge—Two new 4,000-gallon vats. Marton—Completion of new station and sidings, new cattle-yards, subway for passengers. Turakina—Two new 4,000-gallon vats. Ratana—New station. Fordell—New 4,000-gallon vat. Wanganui—New signals, office for Inspector, 2 in. artesian well sunk, 20 chains of new siding. Kai Iwi—New 4,000-gallon vat, telephone at station. Patea—New 4,000-gallon vat. Manutahi—New 4,000-gallon vat. Hawera—New 4,000-gallon vat, new signals. Eltham—Two new 4,000-gallon vats. Stratford—Two new 4,000-gallon vats. Inglewood—New 4,000-gallon vat. Corbett Road—Shelter-shed and platform. Egmont Road—Shelter-shed and platform. Wellington—Building for Pintsch's gas plant. Petone—Workshops extension, new stockyards and pens, and siding, iron store and racks, signal-fitting shop. Lower Hutt—New signal. Kaitoke—Refreshment-room extension. Summit—New 2,000-gallon vat. Cross Creek—Completion of engine-shed. Masterton—New 2,000- and 4,000-gallon vats, goods-shed crane. Mauriceville—New 4,000-gallon vat, new house for Stationmaster. Eketahuna—New 2,000- and 4,000-gallon vats. Pahiatua—Engine-pit, new 4,000-gallon vat. Mangatainoka—Cattle-yards. Ngawapurua Bridge—New signals and cabins. Woodville—Station-yard rearrangement, station-buildings alteration. Makotuku—New 4,000-gallon vat and oil-engine and pump. Takapau—New 4,000-gallon vat. Wai-pukurau—Two new 4,000-gallon vats. Kaikora—Two new 4,000-gallon vats and windmill. Te Aute—Two new 4,000-gallon vats. Hastings—Gas-engine and pumps, and artesian well. Roy's Hill—Land compensation. Farndon—New 2,000-gallon vat. Napier—Coal-yard. Christchurch—12,000 gallons water-storage at engine depot. Addington Workshops—Boiler-shop extension, and lean-to addition to boiler-shop. Hornby—Two new 2,000-gallon tanks. Islington—Siding extension. Weedon's—Siding extension. Ealing—Additional siding. Timaru—Lamps in yard, goods-shed overhead traveller. Studholme—New signals. Rangiora—Siding alterations. Waikari—Cattle-yard and siding. Moeraki—Cattle-yard. Bennett's—Windmill. Rabbit Island—Windmill, and water-service improvements. $\frac{3}{4}$ m., Malvern Branch—New crossing-siding. Waimate—Cattle-yard. Bushey—Siding alterations. Palmerston—Additional tank. Seacliff—Water-service improvements. Warrington—Additional tank. Dunedin—Goods-shed and traversing crane. Hillside Workshops—Addition to paint-shop, new smith- and boiler-shop, foundations for hydraulic plant. Abbotsford—New signals. Wingatui—Racecourse-station. Mosgiel—Completion of station rearrangement, verandah. Allanton—New signals. Otakia—Goods-shed. Waiholā—Windmill. Balclutha—Improvements to station-buildings and water-service. Upper Waitaki—Stone protective works and raking piles in bridge. Papakaio—Loading-bank. Peebles—Stockyards and loading-bank. Borton's—Stockyards. Tokarahi—Windmill. Inch Valley—New junction and siding alterations for lime-quarry line. Port Chalmers—Extra lamps on George Street Pier. Ranfurly—50 ft. turntable. Otago Central Railway—Lightening rock cuttings. Fencing Edendale estate. Invercargill—Additions to engine-shed. Kelso—Additions to station-yard. Riversdale—Additions to goods-shed. Kingston Crossing—Goods-shed and siding extension. Balfour—Station additions and alterations, cattle-yards, new house for Stationmaster. Lintley—Platform and shelter-shed. Waimatua—Shelter-shed. Winton—Approach road. Josephville—New cottage. Lumsden—Completion of new signals. Five Rivers—New cottage. Sea View—Shelter-shed. Greymouth—Workshop addition. Westport—New station and offices and goods-shed, outbuildings Cottage No. 4, new cottage for District Engineer, five high-level coal-shoots on staiths, roadway under staiths. Sergeant's Hill—Loop siding, and removal of platform and shelter-shed. Fairdown—Siding. Waimangaroa—Urinals, &c. Granity—Station-buildings removed from Westport, Stationmaster's house removed from Westport, new 20-ton wagon weighbridge, new 2,000-gallon tank. Mokihinui—Shelter-shed removed from Seddonville. Seddonville—Station-buildings, station house, and weighbridge removed from Mokihinui.

General: Additions to telephone and telegraph services were carried out in various districts, additions, &c., to thirteen dwellinghouses, and improvements and lengthening of four station-platforms, besides numerous minor additions.

Expenditure.—The expenditure on maintenance of way and works during the past year amounts to £353,946, being at the rate of £172 per mile of railway. The expenditure shows an increase over the previous year of £28,247. This may be accounted for by the following abnormal items of expenditure:—

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| The extra 6d. a day allowed to certain classes of workmen | 2,243 |
| Additional charges due to new railway extensions | 1,200 |
| Additional sleepers laid over the number laid the previous year | 5,330 |
| Conversion of M wagons to ballast-hoppers, hire of ballast-wagons from Public Works Department, and transfer of ballast plant from South Island to Wellington | 1,255 |
| Additional ballasting | 1,346 |
| Ballasting Forest Hill Railway (recoverable) | 608 |
| Protective works, Wai-iti, Upper Waitaki, Pahau River, and Te Aro Breastwork | 1,023 |
| Flood-damages on Thames line | 500 |
| Reconstruction of bridges through floods of previous years, and strengthening for the running of heavier engines | 8,960 |
| Enclosure of Dunedin Station | 380 |
| Reconstruction of Greymouth and Nelson Wharves | 4,927 |
| Improvements to water-services | 500 |
| Total | £28,272 |