

1944

NEW ZEALAND

# RAILWAYS STATEMENT

(BY THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, HON. R. SEMPLE)

MR. SPEAKER,—

This is the fourth Railways Statement it has been my pleasure to present, and I am gratified to be able to report another very good performance on the part of the railways.

## FINANCIAL

The financial results of the year's operations may be regarded as entirely satisfactory. The gross revenue, £15,325,306, set a new record, exceeding last year's revenue by £1,196,313 (8·47 per cent.). Expenditure for the twelve months amounted to £12,757,336, an increase of £1,454,923 (12·87 per cent.).

The net revenue of £2,567,970 showed a decrease of £258,610 (9·15 per cent.) compared with 1942-43, and on a percentage basis the net return on capital was 3·71 per cent., as compared with 4·31 per cent. last year.

A factor in the increased expenditure which warrants special mention is the provision of £410,500 for deferred maintenance. During the war period the extraordinarily heavy volume of traffic has meant abnormal wear-and-tear on the rolling-stock, track, and equipment generally, while the shortage of material due to war requirements, coupled with the difficult man-power situation, has necessarily meant that less renewal and replacement work could be done than would have been the case in time of peace. In such circumstances it is better, while railway finance is buoyant, to charge to working-expenses an amount estimated to meet maintenance expenditure which would have been incurred but for wartime conditions rather than to make a more favourable showing for the present and load such costs on to the post-war period.

## TRAFFIC

The amount of traffic handled during the year was greater than ever before in the history of the railways. The number of ordinary passenger journeys exceeded last year's record by 1,146,109 (6·67 per cent.), and the tonnage hauled also set a new record of 9,026,626 tons, an increase of 1·56 per cent. over last year's figure.

Both the traffic handled and the revenue would have been substantially greater had it not, unfortunately, been necessary to impose restrictions on both goods and passenger traffic in January of this year. Up till that time the results showed much greater increases over the comparable figures for last year than obtained at the end of the year.

## COAL POSITION

Following the mention of the restrictions which had to be imposed, it is of interest to note the heavy increase in the purchases and consumption of coal by the railways since the outbreak of war. For the year ended 31st March, 1940, the purchases of New Zealand coal amounted, in round figures, to 490,000 tons, while for the year under review the purchases reached 615,000 tons; the consumption figures for coal used by the Locomotive Branch in the same years were 492,000 tons, as against 634,000 tons, an increase of nearly 29 per cent.

## STAFF

The staff position has been eased somewhat by the return to railway duty of the 16th and 17th Railway Operating Companies, which had given splendid service overseas. There are still, however, 5,440 railwaymen serving with the Armed Forces, and the staff is still short of its pre-war strength by 2,123, or 8.24 per cent. While this gap remains, heavy demands will continue to be made on the railway employees, but with the easing of the situation they have been able to overtake at least some of the overdue leave and enjoy a well-deserved rest.

## PROSPECTS

One cannot overlook the fact that the phenomenal increase in railway traffic during the last four years has been largely brought about by the wartime conditions, resulting, as they have, in a shortage of tires and petrol, a shortage of coastal shipping, longer haulages due to the centralization of shipping, and the heavy movement of Armed Forces personnel and military stores and equipment. During the year under review the revenue from both military fares and freights showed substantial increases, and fares from this source provided 34 per cent. of the total passenger revenue, while military freights provided over 9 per cent. of the total goods revenue. Under present conditions, and apart altogether from the present restrictions, it cannot be expected that the existing high level of traffic will be maintained. The war has departed farther and farther from our shores, and a substantial decrease in military fares and freights must be anticipated.

No doubt some increase in production may be expected, but I do not think it can be nearly sufficient to counterbalance the loss.

In view of these conditions, it would not be prudent to expect anything but a substantial reduction in net revenue for the coming year.

## EXECUTIVE PERSONNEL

Since my last Statement a considerable number of changes in executive personnel have taken place. Among those who have retired on superannuation are Mr. E. Casey, General Manager, Mr. A. L. Smith, Transportation Superintendent, and Mr. W. Bishop, Chief Accountant. To these and to all those who have retired during the year I express my appreciation of the excellent service they have rendered. I should like particularly to thank Mr. E. Casey for his unfailing courtesy and consideration during the years I have held the portfolio of Railways, and to pay a tribute to the splendid work he has done during an extremely difficult and trying period.

As from 1st February, 1944, Mr. J. Sawers (Assistant General Manager) was appointed General Manager, and Mr. C. R. Riesop was appointed Assistant General Manager.

## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I should like to say that the relationships between the Minister, the Management, and the employees have continued to be thoroughly harmonious throughout the year, and I should like to record my appreciation of the splendid way in which the whole staff has responded to the special calls made upon them in handling a record traffic.

## RESULTS OF WORKING

The following is a statement of the results of working for the past five years:—

PARTICULARS.	Year ended 31st March,				
	1944.	1943.	1942.	1941.	1940.
Total miles open for traffic .. ..	3,504	3,460	3,390	3,390	3,390
Average miles open for year .. ..	3,469	3,403	3,390	3,390	3,371
Capital cost of opened and unopened lines	£74,289,351	£73,951,515	£73,723,223	£73,048,958	£71,087,455
Capital cost of open lines .. ..	£70,999,125	£68,685,063	£64,904,020	£64,762,794	£63,059,188
Capital cost per mile of open lines .. ..	£20,262	£19,851	£19,146	£19,104	£18,602
Gross earnings .. .. ..	£15,325,306	£14,128,993	£11,938,338	£11,160,218	£10,199,070
Working-expenses .. .. ..	£12,757,336	£11,302,413	£10,056,034	£9,465,574	£9,010,039
<b>NET EARNINGS</b> .. .. ..	<b>£2,567,970</b>	<b>£2,826,580</b>	<b>£1,882,304</b>	<b>£1,694,644</b>	<b>£1,189,081</b>
Interest charges .. .. ..	£2,765,724	£2,622,713	£2,756,146	£2,746,544	£2,575,196
<b>PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL WORKING-EXPENSES TO GROSS EARNINGS</b>	<b>83·24</b>	<b>79·99</b>	<b>84·23</b>	<b>84·82</b>	<b>88·34</b>
<b>PERCENTAGE OF NET EARNINGS TO AVERAGE CAPITAL INVESTED IN OPEN LINES</b> .. ..	<b>3·71</b>	<b>4·31</b>	<b>2·90</b>	<b>2·64</b>	<b>1·96</b>
Railway operating earnings .. ..	£13,464,979	£12,415,080	£10,383,880	£9,694,190	£8,761,637
Railway operating expenses .. ..	£11,365,917	£10,019,659	£8,902,592	£8,406,790	£7,943,120
<b>NET RAILWAY OPERATING EARNINGS</b>	<b>£2,099,062</b>	<b>£2,395,421</b>	<b>£1,481,288</b>	<b>£1,287,400</b>	<b>£818,517</b>
<b>PERCENTAGE OF RAILWAY OPERATING EXPENSES TO EARNINGS</b> ..	<b>84·41</b>	<b>80·71</b>	<b>85·73</b>	<b>86·72</b>	<b>90·66</b>
Operating earnings per average mile open	£3,881	£3,648	£3,063	£2,860	£2,599
Operating expenses per average mile open	£3,276	£2,944	£2,626	£2,480	£2,356
<b>NET OPERATING EARNINGS PER AVERAGE MILE OPEN</b> .. ..	<b>£605</b>	<b>£704</b>	<b>£437</b>	<b>£380</b>	<b>£243</b>
Operating earnings per train-mile ..	d. 210·82	d. 196·81	d. 178·28	d. 171·58	d. 157·31
Operating expenses per train-mile ..	177·95	158·83	152·85	148·80	142·62
<b>NET OPERATING EARNINGS PER TRAIN-MILE</b> .. .. ..	<b>32·87</b>	<b>37·98</b>	<b>25·48</b>	<b>22·78</b>	<b>14·69</b>
Passengers, ordinary .. ..	18,817,323	17,171,214	11,105,627	9,440,087	8,283,067
Season tickets .. .. ..	1,518,045	1,377,825	1,167,115	1,055,742	972,769
Total passenger journeys .. ..	38,611,267	36,133,268	28,610,945	26,276,923	24,454,014
Goods tonnage .. .. ..	8,233,489	8,035,046	7,734,650	7,754,768	7,077,298
Live-stock tonnage .. .. ..	793,137	852,043	739,115	671,414	596,652
Train-mileage (revenue) .. .. ..	15,328,987	15,139,882	13,978,961	13,559,646	13,366,798
Engine-mileage .. .. ..	21,095,680	20,736,574	19,147,871	18,625,115	18,199,622

For the current year it is anticipated that the revenue will reach £13,782,000 and the expenditure £12,282,000.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE NEW ZEALAND  
GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS

New Zealand Government Railways Department,  
Head Office, Wellington, 14th July, 1944.

The Hon. the MINISTER OF RAILWAYS.

SIR,—

I have the honour to submit my annual report on the working of the New Zealand Railways for the financial year ended 31st March, 1944.

The report covers only the more important aspects of the year's operations, the usual comprehensive review of activities having been again dispensed with in view of the need to conserve paper supplies.

**WORKING RESULT (Whole Undertaking)**

	1944.	1943.	Variation, 1944 with 1943.	
<b>Revenue .. . . .</b>	<b>£15,325,306</b>	<b>£14,128,993</b>	<b>+£1,196,313</b>	<b>8·47</b>
<b>Expenditure .. . .</b>	<b>£12,757,336</b>	<b>£11,302,413</b>	<b>+£1,454,923</b>	<b>12·87</b>
<b>Net revenue .. . .</b>	<b>£2,567,970</b>	<b>£2,826,580</b>	<b>— £258,610</b>	<b>9·15</b>
<b>Return on average capital invested in open lines, per cent. .. .</b>	<b>3·71</b>	<b>4·31</b>	<b>— 0·60</b>	<b>13·92</b>
<b>Interest charges .. . .</b>	<b>£2,765,724</b>	<b>£2,622,713</b>	<b>+ £148,011</b>	<b>5·45</b>
<b>Surplus of net revenue over interest charges</b>	<b>£197,754*</b>	<b>£203,867</b>	<b>— £401,621</b>	..

\* Deficit.

**Revenue.**—The gross revenue earned again established a new record, exceeding the previous record figure of last year by £1,196,313 (8·47 per cent.). The increased revenue was due to the higher earning-capacity of the community generally, increased industrial and commercial activity, and increased receipts from the movement of Armed Forces personnel and the carriage of military stores and equipment.

**Expenditure.**—The increased expenditure was chiefly due to the cost of handling the larger volume of traffic, the increased cost of stores and materials, increased wages-costs, and the provision of £410,500 for deferred maintenance. The last item was charged to operating expenditure and transferred to the general reserve.

The ratio of operating expenditure to revenue was 84·41, compared with 80·71 for the year 1942-43.

**Net Revenue.**—The net revenue showed a decrease of £258,610 (9·15 per cent.) compared with last year. This was a satisfactory result when allowance is made for the provision for deferred maintenance referred to above. In addition to that provision, the sum of £148,011 was set aside from the revenue account for depreciation, renewals, and other reserves, and superannuation subsidy prior to arriving at net revenue.

**INTEREST CHARGES**

Interest charges totalled £2,765,724, an increase of £148,011 compared with the previous year, and the net revenue fell short of the interest charges by £197,754.

**MILEAGE OF LINES OPEN FOR TRAFFIC**

The mileage of lines open for traffic at 31st March, 1944, was 3,504 miles 01 chains, being an increase of 44 miles 18 chains over the figure for the preceding year. The increased mileage is due to the Railways Department taking over the section between Inangahua and Te Kuha on 5th December, 1943, and the section between Clarence and Kaikoura on 13th March, 1944. Details of the additions made during 1943-44 are shown hereunder:—

	M. ch.
Mileage of lines open for traffic; 31st March, 1943 ..	3,459 63
Mileage opened for traffic during 1943-44—	M. ch.
Inangahua - Te Kuha .. .. ..	21 45
Clarence - Kaikoura .. .. ..	22 53
	44 18
Mileage of lines open for traffic as at 31st March, 1944 ..	3,504 01

**CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

On the 31st March, 1944, the capital invested in the lines open for traffic and subsidiary services was £70,999,125. This represents an increase of £2,314,062 as compared with the previous year.

### RENEWALS, DEPRECIATION, AND EQUALIZATION RESERVE FUNDS

The position with regard to the renewals, depreciation, betterments, and equalization accounts is as under :—

Account.	Credit Balance broughtforward from 1943.	Contributions, 1943-44.	Expenditure, 1943-44.	Credit Balance at 31st March, 1944.
Renewals (track) .. ..	£ 945,087	£ 226,824	£ 209,513	£ 962,398
Depreciation .. ..	1,966,613	959,362	870,033	2,055,942
Betterments .. ..	18,632	1,668	300	20,000
Slips, floods, and accidents .. ..	45,625	21,945	..	67,570
Workers' compensation .. ..	57,699	77,981	76,960	58,720
Insurance .. ..	84,722	8,195	31,679	61,238
	3,118,378	1,295,975	1,188,485	3,225,868

### RAILWAY OPERATION

The results of railway operation (excluding subsidiary services and miscellaneous non-operating revenue) on the various sections for the year ended 31st March, 1944, were as under :—

Section.	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Net Revenue.
North Island Main Line and Branches ..	£ 8,858,955	£ 7,128,390	£ 1,730,565
South Island Main Line and Branches ..	4,507,164	4,123,354	383,810
Nelson .. ..	15,044	25,560	-10,516
Picton .. ..	83,816	88,613	- 4,797
	13,464,979	11,365,917	2,099,062

### OPERATING REVENUE

The following table shows the operating revenue under the main headings, together with appropriate comparisons with the previous year's figures. Information regarding receipts from subsidiary services and miscellaneous non-operating revenue appears later in this report.

Operating Revenue.	Amount.		Variation 1944 with 1943.	Per Cent. of Operating Revenue.	
	1944.	1943.		1944.	1943.
Passengers, ordinary .. ..	£ 3,891,146	£ 3,351,832	+ 539,314	16.09	28.90
Season tickets .. ..	384,336	358,677	+ 25,659	7.15	2.85
Parcels, luggage, and mails .. ..	435,928	397,142	+ 38,786	9.77	3.24
Goods .. ..	8,479,387	8,044,563	+ 434,824	5.41	62.98
Labour, demurrage, &c. .. ..	274,182	262,866	+ 11,316	4.30	2.03
Total operating ..	13,464,979	12,415,080	+1,049,899	8.46	100.00
					100.00

Passenger traffic was again heavy, the number of passenger journeys (ordinary) being 18,317,323, an increase of 1,146,109 (6.67 per cent.) over last year's record figure. During the year ended 31st March, 1944, civilian travel restrictions operated in the South Island for the last eleven weeks and in the North Island for the last nine weeks of the year, while last year the restrictions were operative throughout both Islands over the Easter period and in the North Island for approximately five and one-half months.

There was also an increase in the movement of Armed Forces personnel, including the furlough travelling of soldiers returning from overseas.

The comparative figures for the revenue from the conveyance of goods and live-stock are set out in the table above. The tonnage hauled, 9,026,626 tons, set a new record and exceeded last year's figure by 139,537 tons (1.56 per cent.). The average haul increased from eighty-eight miles to ninety-two miles, and this increase of 4.55 per cent. was an appreciable factor in the freight revenue return.

The principal increases in freight revenue were in respect of fresh meat, £73,253; frozen meat, £24,860; root crops, £36,085; coal, £44,721; and general merchandise, £264,133.

### OPERATING EXPENDITURE

The following table shows the operating expenditure under the main headings, together with appropriate comparisons with the previous year's figures :—

Operating Expenditure.	Amount.		Variation 1944 with 1943.	Percentage of Operating Revenue.	
	1944.	1943.		1944.	1943.
Maintenance—					
Way and Works ..	2,146,448	1,829,311	+ 317,137	17·34	15·94
Signals ..	326,190	271,499	+ 54,691	20·14	2·42
Rolling-stock ..	2,868,006	2,380,260	+ 487,746	20·49	21·30
Examination, lubrication, and lighting of vehicles	128,896	119,213	+ 9,683	8·12	0·96
Transportation—					
Locomotive ..	2,427,060	2,311,134	+ 115,926	5·02	18·03
Traffic ..	3,207,782	2,862,653	+ 345,129	12·06	23·82
General charges ..	261,535	245,589	+ 15,946	6·49	1·94
Totals ..	11,365,917	10,019,659	+1,346,258	13·44	84·41
					80·71

### SUBSIDIARY SERVICES

The following table shows the variations in revenue and expenditure for the year as compared with 1942-43 :—

Subsidiary Services.	Revenue.			Expenditure.		
	Amount, 1944.	Variation. 1944 with 1943.	Per Cent.	Amount, 1944.	Variation. 1944 with 1943.	Per Cent.
Lake Wakatipu steamers ..	£ 9,168	+ 276	3·10	£ 15,216	+ 1,832	13·69
Refreshment service ..	397,513	+ 34,004	9·35	346,247	+ 27,785	8·72
Bookstall service ..	188,292	+ 3,426	1·85	182,226	+ 3,799	2·13
Advertising service ..	29,883	+ 2,246	8·13	26,991	+ 1,312	5·11
Dwellings ..	155,141	+ 1,531	1·00	212,621	- 201	0·09
Other buildings ..	43,142	- 129	0·30	27,969	+ 914	3·38
Road motor services ..	646,682	+ 91,703	16·52	580,149	+ 73,224	14·44
Miscellaneous revenue (non-operating)	390,506	+ 13,357	3·54	..	..	..
Totals ..	1,860,327	+146,414	8·54	1,391,419	+108,665	8·47

### STORES BRANCH

An analysis of the amount expended in connection with the purchase of stores during the year is as under :—

		Value of Purchases made, Year 1944.	Variation, 1944 with 1943.
To merchants, manufacturers, and others in New Zealand ..	£ 2,722,755	+1,090,023	
Through Supply Liaison Officer in Australia ..	633,374	+ 168,111	
Through High Commissioner in London ..	397,203	+ 209,205	
Material manufactured in Railways workshops ..	398,321	+ 58,430	
Coal and coke ..	916,751	- 62,576	
Manufactured and used material received from other branches, &c.	135,346	- 15	
Timber from Railways sawmill and stores used ..	47,802	+ 583	
Totals ..	5,251,552	+1,463,761*	

\* Net increase.

The increases in payments are due to the receipt of heavy shipments of munition materials and to higher prices for railway material.

The total issues to all branches (including coal and munition material) for the year amounted to £5,364,602, as against £3,870,859 for the previous year, an increase of £1,493,743.

### ACCIDENTS

It is with regret that I have to record two serious accidents during the year. In the first case the Cromwell-Dunedin passenger-train left the rails between Hyde and Rock and Pillar on 4th June, 1943, and twenty-one passengers were killed and forty-six injured.

In the second case the Upper Hutt - Wellington passenger-train was derailed between Haywards and Andrews on 8th November, 1943, and three passengers were killed and nineteen injured.

Both accidents were the subject of investigation by Boards of inquiry and the reports published.

Such of the recommendations of the Boards of inquiry as were capable of immediate implementation, and especially that dealing with the strengthening and maintenance of the track between Wellington and Upper Hutt, have been carried out, and the others will be dealt with immediately conditions permit.

### PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES

Although railway publicity has been curtailed by war conditions, every endeavour has been made to keep the public informed as to the Department's services and facilities. Friendly liaison has been maintained with the press generally, and I desire to express my appreciation of the courtesy and consideration extended from that quarter.

### TRACK, PLANT, AND ROLLING-STOCK

The track, bridges, structures, signalling appliances, rolling-stock, locomotives, and other plant are in good order and efficient for the work required of them.

### STAFF

The following table shows the staff position, together with appropriate comparisons with the previous year's figures (the figures do not include the railway employees serving in the Armed Forces):—

		1944.	1943.	Variation, 1944 with 1943.
Total staff as at 31st March—				
Permanent .. .. .. .. ..	13,598	12,647	+ 951	
Casual .. .. .. .. ..	10,044	9,903	+ 141	
Totals .. .. .. .. ..	23,642	22,550	+1,092	
Average staff throughout the year .. .. .. .. ..	23,422	22,237	+1,185	

At the outbreak of war the total staff employed by the railways was 25,765, so that as at 31st March, 1944, the number employed was less than the pre-war staff by 2,123, or 8·24 per cent. The Department has since the outbreak of war lost the services of 3,444 of the permanent staff through deaths, resignations, retirements, and dismissals.

The improved position as at 31st March, 1944, compared with 31st March, 1943, is due mainly to the return to duty with the Department of the majority of the members of the 16th and 17th Railway Operating Companies after a fine record of service abroad. From the Department 5,440 men are still serving with the Armed Forces, and it is regretfully recorded that since the outbreak of war 248 employees have made the supreme sacrifice, while 61 have been posted missing and 187 are known to be prisoners of war.

Railways employees have assisted the National Patriotic Fund by way of voluntary subscriptions deducted from their pay to the extent of £24,940 while deposits in the national savings accounts by way of fortnightly instalments have reached a total sum of £124,859.

A total of £76,960 was paid under the Workers' Compensation Act during the year to employees suffering injury in the course of their employment.

### WAR AND POST-WAR ACTIVITIES

Although the necessity for the continued vigorous prosecution of the war continues to dominate our efforts, some thought is naturally being given to the many problems which will arise in the post-war years.

One cannot lose sight of the fact that revenue from military sources forms a substantial portion of our present receipts. During the year under review, movements of Armed Forces personnel provided 34·09 per cent. of the total passenger revenue, while military freights provided 9·47 per cent. of the total goods revenue. This comprises what may be termed the direct traffic from the war, but there is undoubtedly a considerable amount of indirect traffic which will cease with the cessation of hostilities. A considerable amount of traffic has also been diverted to rail by the curtailment of road services, the immobilization of private cars, and the shortage of coastal shipping. Benefit has also been received in longer haulages from the centralization of shipping.

While there may be an intensification of industrial activity during the immediate post-war years, it does not appear that it will be sufficient to counterbalance the disappearance of those factors mentioned above which have so benefited the railways, and a fairly substantial decline in gross revenue would seem inevitable.

On the other hand, railway tariff rates have not been raised since the outbreak of war, and the increased revenue has been obtained solely by reason of the quantity of traffic handled. Average wage-rates, prices of materials and coal, and other expenditures have increased steadily, and it seems likely that the price-level of wages and materials will remain on a level higher than that of the pre-war years. In fact, despite the high net earnings during the war, an examination of the position over a number of years shows clearly that there is a constant tendency towards a higher ratio between expenditure and revenue—*i.e.*, the return on the annual outlay shows a constant tendency to diminish.

It may also be expected that the community will continue to require a constantly improved standard of service, with an accompanying increase in expenditure. It may here be mentioned that it is recognized that the efforts of the railways have during the past four years been directed almost solely to furthering the war effort, and while, from this point of view, the performance has been most satisfactory, there have of necessity been deficiencies and inconveniences from the viewpoint of a peacetime standard. While the public have been appreciative of the position, there is the danger that the service given may gradually come to be taken as typical of railway service, to the detriment of the railways in the post-war years.

To meet the post-war position which I have outlined it will be necessary to make research into, and take vigorous steps to establish, an improved service and better and more efficient and economical methods of operation.

#### CONCLUSION

I take great pleasure in acknowledging the efficiency and co-operation of all members of the staff. New Zealand has indeed been fortunate in having a railway personnel whose capability and loyalty have been so amply demonstrated under the exceptionally difficult conditions which have obtained during the past few years.



General Manager.

**STATEMENT No. 1**  
**CAPITAL ACCOUNT AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1944.**

	Total to 31st March, 1943.	Year ended 31st March, 1944.	Total to 31st March, 1944.	—	Total to 31st March, 1943.	Year ended 31st March, 1944.	Total to 31st March, 1944.
<i>Expenditure</i>				<i>Receipts</i>			
Permanent-way—Works, buildings, machinery, plant, and dwellings	£ 60,612,124	2,627,374	£ 63,239,498	Capital included in public debt	£ 70,046,792	£ 2,318,431	£ 72,365,223
Rolling-stock, lake steamers, and road motors	15,705,218	62,022	15,767,240	Other capital ..	9,033,902	..	9,033,902
Lines closed for traffic ..	132,079	Cr. 1,830	130,249	Deduct accrued depreciation and other losses of capital written off in accordance with subsection (2), section 23, of the Government Railways Amendment Act, 1931	79,080,694	2,318,431	81,399,125
Deduct accrued depreciation on existing assets	76,449,421	2,687,566	79,136,987	10,400,000	..	..	10,400,000
	9,730,971	402,833	10,193,804				
Add unexpended balances as per Depreciation Account	£66,718,450	2,224,733	£68,943,183		68,680,694	£2,318,431	£70,999,125
	1,966,613	89,329	2,055,942		4,369	4,369	..
	£68,685,063	£2,314,062	£70,999,125		£68,685,063	£2,314,062	£70,999,125

Note.—Unopened lines are under the control of the Public Works Department, and all expenditure out of the Public Works Account in connection therewith is included in the accounts of that Department.

**GENERAL BALANCE-SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1944**

<i>Liabilities</i>	<i>Assets</i>
Sundry creditors—	
General (including unpaid wages) ..	£ 1,190,645
Collections for refund ..	35,301
Items to be written off on receipt of parliamentary authority ..	..
Benevolies, Depreciation and Equalization Reserve ..	8,402
Accounts as per Statement No. 13 ..	4,984,788
Sick Benefit Fund ..	7,963
Sawmills, bush areas, and stocks of timber ..	..
Stores and materials on hand—	
Stores Branch ..	..
Subsidiary services ..	..
Work in progress, sundry debtors, and debit balances ..	..
Advance to capital ..	..
Accrued interest on investments ..	..
Outstanding at stations ..	..
Working Railways Investments ..	..
Sick Benefit Fund investments ..	..
Cash in Working Railways Account ..	..
£6,227,189	£6,227,189

F. H. McAULEY, A.R.A.N.Z., Chief Accountant.

I hereby certify that the Balance-sheet and accompanying accounts have been duly examined and compared with the relative books and documents submitted for audit, and correctly set out the position as disclosed thereby, subject to the above departmental note.—CYRIL G. COLLINS, Controller and Auditor-General.

**STATEMENT No. 2**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF THE WHOLE UNDERTAKING FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1944**

	Statement No.	Year 1943-44.			Year 1942-43.		
		Gross Revenue.	Expenditure.	Net Revenue.	Gross Revenue.	Expenditure.	Net Revenue.
Bal. Waka tipu steamers	..	..	..	..	13,464,979	11,365,917	12,415,080
Refreshment service	..	..	..	..	9,168	15,216	6,048
Bookstall service	..	..	..	..	397,513	346,247	51,266
Advertising service	..	..	..	..	188,392	182,226	6,066
Dwellings	..	..	..	..	29,883	26,991	2,892
Buildings occupied by refreshment service, bookstall proprietors, &c.	..	..	..	..	155,141	212,621	57,480
Road motor services	..	..	..	..	43,142	27,969	15,173
Miscellaneous revenue	..	..	..	..	646,682	580,149	66,533
					390,506	..	390,506
Total net revenue to Net Revenue Account	..	..	..	..	15,325,306	12,757,336	..
							14,128,993
							11,302,413
							..
							2,826,580

**NET REVENUE ACCOUNT**

Dr.	1943-44.	1942-43.	Cr.	1943-44.	1942-43.
Transfer to General Reserve	..	..	..	..	..
Interest charges	..	..	..	..	..
Balance carried down	..	..	..	..	..
2,969,591		2,826,580		2,969,591	2,826,580

  

Balance brought down	..	..	..
Net earnings before charging interest on capital	..	..	..
Reduction on account of interest charges, <i>vide section 14, Finance Act, 1930 (No. 2)</i>	..	..	..

**STATEMENT No. 3**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE IN RESPECT OF RAILWAY OPERATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1944**

Expenditure.	1943-44.		1942-43.		Per Cent. of Operating Revenue. 1943-44.   1942-43.	Per Cent. of Operating Revenue. 1943-44.   1942-43.	Per Cent. of Operating Revenue. 1943-44.   1942-43.
	£	£	£	£			
Maintenance of way and works ..	2,146,448	1,829,311	15.94	14.73	Passengers, ordinary ..	..	..
Maintenance of signals and electrical appliances ..	..	326,190	271,499	2.42	Passenger, season tickets ..	..	..
Maintenance of rolling-stock ..	..	2,368,006	2,330,260	21.30	19.17	384,336	328,677
Examination, lubrication, and lighting of vehicles ..	..	128,896	119,213	0.96	Parcels, luggage, and mails ..	..	..
Locomotive transportation ..	..	2,427,060	2,311,134	18.03	Goods ..	..	..
Traffic transportation ..	..	..	3,207,782	2,862,653	Labour, demurrage, &c. ..	..	..
General charges ..	..	..	85,465	72,634	0.63	..	..
Superannuation subsidy ..	..	..	..	0.39			
Less amount allocated to subsidiary services, &c. ..	..	..	17,130	..			
Total operating expenses ..	..	..	176,070	172,955	1.31	1.39	..
Net operating revenue ..	..	..	11,365,917	10,019,659	84.41	80.71	13,464,979
			2,099,062	2,395,421	15.59	19.29	12,415,080
			13,464,979	12,415,080	100.00	100.00	100.00

## SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE

Item.		North Island Main Line and Branches.	South Island Main Line and Branches.	Nelson.	Picton.	Total.
Maintenance of way and works ..	..	£ 1,345,530	£ 764,669	£ 8,730	£ 27,519	£ 2,146,448
Maintenance of signals and electrical appliances ..	..	210,745	113,317	135	1,993	326,190
Maintenance of rolling-stock ..	..	1,762,719	1,087,002	4,069	14,216	2,868,006
Examination, lubrication, and lighting of vehicles ..	..	81,465	46,058	247	1,126	128,896
Locomotive transportation ..	..	1,667,520	736,574	6,120	16,846	2,427,060
Traffic transportation ..	..	1,888,109	1,288,352	5,956	25,365	3,207,782
General expenses ..	..	56,305	28,555	99	506	85,465
Superannuation subsidy ..	..	115,997	58,827	204	1,042	176,070
Total ..	..	7,128,390	4,123,354	25,560	88,613	11,365,917
Per cent. of operating revenue ..	..	80·47	91·48	169·90	105·72	84·41
Per mile of railway ..	..	£ 4,230·50	2,503·55	426·00	1,150·82	3,276·42
Per total train-mile ..	..	pence 165·68	194·89	154·54	209·28	175·48

## STATEMENT No. 9A

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT IN RESPECT OF SUBSIDIARY SERVICES

Service.	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Payments to Railway Revenue for Interest, Rent, &c.	Total Expenses.	Net Profit.
Lake Wakatipu steamers ..	£ 9,168	£ 14,514	£ 702	£ 15,216	£ Dr. 6,048
Refreshment ..	397,513	327,356	18,891	346,247	51,266
Bookstall ..	188,292	164,239	17,987	182,226	6,066
Advertising ..	29,883	18,630	8,361	26,991	2,892
Departmental dwellings ..	155,141	142,880	69,741	212,621	Dr. 57,480
Buildings occupied by refreshment service, bookstall-proprietors, &c.	43,142	14,513	13,456	27,969	15,173
Road services ..	646,682	559,387	20,762	580,149	66,533
	1,469,821	1,241,519	149,900	1,391,419	78,402

## STATEMENT No. 10

## RAILWAY EMPLOYEES' SICK BENEFIT SOCIETY

## Income and Expenditure

EXPENDITURE.	1943-44.	1942-43.	INCOME.	1943-44.	1942-43.
Sick benefits paid to members ..	£ 51,488	£ 48,905	Contributions .. .. .. ..	£ 30,888	£ 24,445
			Entrance fees .. .. ..	111	190
			Interest on investments .. .. ..	347	713
			Subsidy as per section 5, subsection (1), of Government Railways Amendment Act, 1928, charged to Working Railways Account	8,000	8,000
			Special subsidy .. .. ..	2,000	2,000
			Balance being excess of expenditure over income for the year	10,142	13,557
	51,488	48,905		51,488	48,905
Excess of expenditure over income ..	10,142	13,557	Accumulated funds brought forward on 1st April	18,076	31,633
Balance accumulated funds as at 31st March ..	7,934	18,076		18,076	31,633
	18,076	31,633		18,076	31,633

## Balance-sheet

Liabilities		Assets	
Accumulated funds ..	£ 7,934	Investments .. .. .. ..	£ 8,598
Sick pay due not paid ..	53	Contributions outstanding at 31st March, 1944 ..	24
Working Railways Account ..	635	Cash in Working Railways Account .. ..	..
	8,622		4,787
	18,084		8,622
			18,084

## STATEMENT No. 12

## STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS—WORKING RAILWAYS ACCOUNT

<i>Receipts</i>	£	<i>Payments</i>	£
Balance brought forward ..	1,438,414	Wages and vouchers—	
Revenue receipts ..	15,633,084	Working Railways ..	14,389,947
“ Credits-in-aid ” (Working Railways) ..	2,626,002	Railways improvements and additions to open lines ..	47,547
“ Credits-in-aid ” (railway improvements and additions to open lines) ..	28,171	Refunds to Army Department, Harbour Boards, shipping companies, and other carriers ..	1,080,437
National Development Loans Account ..	5,000	Interest on Capital (year 1942-43) ..	122,713
Contributions to Sick Benefit Fund ..	41,376	Interest on capital (year 1943-44) ..	2,567,970
Interest on investments ..	29,274	Investments purchased ..	600,347
Investments realized ..	5,000	Balance as per General Balance-sheet ..	997,360
	<b>£19,806,321</b>		<b>£19,806,321</b>

## Reconciliation Statement

	£	s.	d.
Credit balance in Working Railways Account as per Treasury figures ..	808,020	18	10
Add imposts outstanding ..	189,338	12	1
Credit balance as per above statement ..	<b>£997,359</b>	10	11

## STATEMENT No. 13

## RENEWALS, DEPRECIATION, AND EQUALIZATION RESERVE ACCOUNTS

	Credit Balance at 31st March, 1943.	Contributions Year ending 31st March, 1944.	Expenditure Year ending 31st March, 1944.	Credit Balance at 31st March, 1944.
General Reserve Account .. .. ..	1,144,553	614,367	..	1,758,920
Insurance Reserve Account .. .. ..	84,722	8,195	31,679	61,238
Workers' Compensation Reserve Account .. .. ..	57,699	77,981	76,960	58,720
Slips, Floods, and Accidents Equalization Reserve Account .. .. ..	45,625	21,945	..	67,570
Betterments Reserve Account : Refreshment Branch .. .. ..	18,632	1,668	300	20,000
Renewals Reserve Accounts .. .. ..	945,087	226,824	209,513	962,398
Depreciation Reserve Account .. .. ..	1,966,613	959,362	870,033	2,055,942
Totals .. .. ..	<b>4,262,931</b>	<b>1,910,342</b>	<b>1,188,485</b>	<b>4,984,788</b>

## STATEMENT No. 14

EXPENDITURE ON CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAYS, ROLLING-STOCK, ETC., TO 31ST MARCH, 1944; NET REVENUE AND RATE OF INTEREST EARNED ON CAPITAL EXPENDED ON OPENED LINES FOR YEAR ENDED SAME DATE

Section of Railway.	Opened Lines.			Net Revenue.	Rate of Interest earned.
	Lines and Works.	Rolling-Stock.	Total.		
North Island Main Line and Branches ..	37,339,932	6,690,030	44,029,962	1,730,565	£ s. d. 3 18 7
South Island Main Line and Branches ..	18,268,380	3,581,752	21,850,132	383,810	1 16 2
Nelson .. .. ..	496,902	9,383	506,285	-10,516	..
Picton .. .. ..	2,075,597	14,799	2,090,396	-4,797	..
	<b>58,180,811</b>	<b>10,295,964</b>	<b>68,476,775</b>	<b>2,099,062</b>	<b>3 2 3</b>
Lake Wakatipu steamer service .. ..	20,396	..	20,396	-6,048	..
Subsidiary services, &c. .. ..	2,492,058	..	2,492,058	474,956	..
<i>In suspense—</i>					
Surveys, North Island .. .. ..	..	..	..	..	..
Surveys, South Island .. .. ..	..	..	..	..	..
General .. .. ..	9,896	..	9,896	..	..
P.W.D. stock of permanent-way .. ..	..	..	..	..	..
	<b>60,703,161</b>	<b>10,295,964</b>	<b>70,999,125</b>	<b>2,567,970</b>	<b>3 14 3</b>
Total cost of opened lines at 31st March, 1944 ..	..	..	£70,999,125	..	..

NOTE.—The amount stated in this return as the cost of construction of opened lines includes the Provincial and General Government expenditure on railways. It also includes the Midland Railway and expenditure by the Greymouth and Westport Harbour Boards on railways and wharves under the provisions of section 7 of the Railways Authorization Act, 1885, the information regarding the last-mentioned being furnished by the respective Boards. The rate of interest earned has been computed on the average capital.

## STATEMENT No. 15

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE OUT OF WORKING RAILWAYS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1944

Way and Works Branch: Particulars of Works.	Depreciation Fund.	Improvements and Additions to Open Lines Vote.	Total.
Land	£	£	£
Grading, formation, tunnels, and permanent-way	11,735	Cr. 1,311	10,424
Bridges, overbridges, subways, and culverts	35,866	Cr. 21,693	14,173
Station buildings, engine-sheds, and other operating buildings	56,465	Cr. 2,465	54,000
Fences, gates, cattlestops, cattle-yards, and loading-banks	81,437	799	80,638
Dwellings and huts	6,453	562	7,015
Stores and workshops buildings and plant	33,430	..	33,430
Refreshment, advertising, and road-service buildings	37,442	..	37,442
Cranes, weighbridges, turntables, and water services	10,484	..	10,484
Miscellaneous (roads, sewerage, drainage, &c.)	6,225	Cr. 56	6,169
Signalling, communications, and electrification	8,378	Cr. 118	8,260
	114,683	..	114,683
Expenditure by Public Works Department: Grade easements and deviations	402,598	Cr. 25,880 41,730	376,718 41,730
	402,598	15,850	418,448

## Locomotive Branch: Particulars of Rolling-stock

Description of Stock ordered.	Number Incomplete on 31st March, 1943.	Number Complete on 31st March, 1944.	Number Incomplete on 31st March, 1944.	Expenditure, Working Railways Depreciation Fund.	Expenditure, Improvements and Additions to Open Lines Vote.	Total.
Locomotives, Classes KA and KB	10	3	7	£ 86,339	..	£ 86,339
Locomotives, Class JA and spares	35	..	35	..	..	..
Improvements for locomotives	..	..	..	2,194	..	2,194
Boilers	..	..	..	8,807	..	8,807
Spares for multiple units	..	..	..	7,057	..	7,057
Rail cars and spares	..	..	..	..	..	..
Carriages	49	8	68	21,772	..	21,772
Improvements for carriages	..	..	..	29,560	..	29,560
Brake-vans	23	12	11	24,962	..	24,962
Wagons, Class H	50	..	50	5,459	..	5,459
Wagons, Class Hc	100	1	99	1,209	..	1,209
Wagons, Class Jc	390	1	449	11,393	..	11,393
Wagons, Class LA	1,280	1	1,279	34,427	..	34,427
Wagons, Class MC	80	..	80	92	..	92
Wagons, Class Q	103	23	80	10,917	..	10,917
Wagons, Class RB	30	..	40	..	..	..
Wagons, Class S	..	..	15	..	..	..
Wagons, Class T	22	..	22	..	..	..
Wagons, Class UB	69	16	52	25,179	..	25,179
Wagons, Class Uc	..	1	..	813	..	813
Wagons, Class Ug	7	..	7	Cr. 10	..	Cr. 10
Wagons, Class Vb	30	20	30	18,612	..	18,612
Wagons, Class W	85	..	85	5	..	5
Wagons, Class XA	30	32	..	5,432	..	5,432
Wagons, Class XB	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wagons, Class Xc	193	1	192	6,068	..	6,068
Wagons, Class YB	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wagons, Class Z	135	..	155	16,252	..	16,252
Miscellaneous improvements for wagons	..	..	..	16,347	..	16,347
Tractors	..	..	..	874	..	874
Tarpaulins	..	..	..	1,374	..	1,374
Cranes	..	..	..	88	..	88
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,721</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>2,756</b>	<b>335,222</b>	..	<b>335,222</b>
<b>SUMMARY</b>						
Locomotives	45	3	42	..	..	..
Rail cars	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tractors	..	..	..	..	..	..
Carriages	49	8	68	..	..	..
Brake-vans	23	12	11	..	..	..
Wagons, bogie	293	37	321	..	..	..
Wagons, four-wheeled	2,311	59	2,314	..	..	..
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,721</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>2,756</b>	..	..	..

## Particulars of Workshop and Depot Machinery, Motor-buses, and Motor-lorries

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Workshops equipment	..	47,546	9	5	10,913	..
Machinery and equipment for locomotive running, and car and wagon depots	..	28,170	10	9	12,159	..
Motor-buses and motor-lorries	..	..	..	..	109,141	..

## RECONCILIATION STATEMENT, RAILWAYS: IMPROVEMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO OPEN LINES VOTE

Expenditure charged by Treasury	£	s.	d.	Expenditure: Way and Works Branch	£	s.	d.	
Less Recoveries	..	28,170	10	9	..	15,849	10	8
	19,375	18	8					
Deduct vouchers outstanding at 31st March, 1943	4,368	8	0					
	15,007	10	8					
Public Works Department: Administration charges	842	0	0					
	£15,849	10	8					

## STATEMENT No. 18

STATEMENT OF TRAFFIC AND REVENUE FOR EACH STATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1944

Stations.	OUTWARD.														INWARD.			
	TRAFFIC.						REVENUE.						TRAFFIC.					
	Number of Passenger Journeys.			Season Tickets.	Cattle and Calves.	Sheep and Pigs.	Timber, Hundreds of Superficial Feet.	Other Goods.	Ordinary Passengers.	Season Tickets.	Parcels, Luggage, and Mails.	Goods.	Miscellaneous.	Total Value forwarded.	Cattle and Calves.	Sheep and Pigs.	Timber, Hundreds of Superficial Feet.	Other Goods.
	First-class.	Second-class.	Total.															
NORTH ISLAND MAIN LINE AND BRANCHES—																		
Auckland .. ..	48,296	1,175,789	1,224,085	No. 45,395	No. ..	Tons. 289,648	£ 17,703	£ 51,291	£ ..	£ 4,068	£ 362,710	No. ..	No. ..					Tons.
" Goods .. ..	..	995	160,301	161,296	28,044	47	55	75,207	421,699	..	678,269	19,473	697,742	377	2,224	110,644	481,927	
Newmarket .. ..	..	665	46,826	47,491	7,448	75	147	6,159	13,610	9,407	5,462	1,052	30,537	163	46,621	442	429	135,558
Mount Eden .. ..	..	382	77,322	77,704	26,132	181	..	2,067	7,481	4,442	1,273	982	12,520	149	19,366	49	85	80,920
Avondale .. ..	..	274	124,173	124,447	18,315	14,049	22,226	1,607	6,928	5,226	4,707	1,789	10,139	45	19,910	156	6	76,038
Henderson .. ..	..	562	68,210	68,772	238	23,738	87,194	5,629	39,880	7,210	123	605	33,349	94	21,907	1,756	5,147	7,151
Helensville .. ..	..	901	85,186	86,087	14	16,743	46,725	4,778	37,985	12,813	3	402	26,380	57	39,655	2,098	8,633	1,985
Wellsford .. ..	..	687	26,054	26,741	..	14,724	40,881	3	5,816	5,026	..	238	10,450	28	15,742	1,706	6,441	1,124
Maungaturoto .. ..	..	282	7,701	7,983	44	3,580	10,667	131	10,093	1,699	..	14	6,059	4	7,875	449	1,231	271
Paparoa .. ..	..	207	11,894	12,101	42	15,665	47,273	9,410	51,574	1,551	49	773	72,281	537	75,191	2,579	4,119	122
Dargaville .. ..	..	1,224	33,817	35,041	237	30,444	37,911	3,552	8,180	7,905	167	778	17,008	110	25,968	2,645	11,251	9,848
Whangarei .. ..	..	3,263	67,122	70,385	1,093	28,043	35,533	3,320	66,669	15,138	529	2,639	53,521	380	72,207	2,716	9,720	3,039
Hikurangi .. ..	..	449	7,678	8,127	8	4,178	15,522	4,771	59,285	2,107	8	399	21,365	46	23,925	902	6,105	176
Otiria .. ..	..	1,481	19,800	21,281	91	8,650	14,395	4	11,183	7,257	75	515	23,259	15	31,121	604	2,424	413
Kaitaia .. ..	..	888	2,980	3,868	..	..	..	..	27	3,757	..	940	190	..	4,887			118
Kawakawa .. ..	..	531	11,147	11,678	117	143	..	661	595	2,391	..	76	258	1,211	8	3,944	63,011	102,233
Opua .. ..	..	1,295	31,352	32,647	62	92	79	..	15,129	4,667	44	282	16,061	37	21,091	24	142	814
Kaikohe .. ..	..	1,197	10,613	11,810	43	8,083	24,306	10,231	3,859	5,780	54	475	11,875	9	18,193	257	660	9,085
Okaihau .. ..	..	255	14,986	15,241	4	5,185	11,655	3,5770	5,500	2,210	7	232	25,554	27	28,030	292	320	637
Ellerslie .. ..	..	155	66,785	66,940	14,232	1,318	..	239	843	2,433	2,681	304	4,482	18	9,918	1,075	148	661
Penrose .. ..	..	56	54,322	54,378	10,036	928	7,061	3,265	128,423	1,303	1,790	267	98,589	109	102,058	412,353	1,537,046	294,940
Onehunga .. ..	..	140	12,224	12,364	4,093	..	..	31,739	6,861	1,181	767	203	8,084	231	10,466	198	1,329	66,623
Otahuhu .. ..	..	531	168,766	169,297	25,100	2,325	13,267	831	131,503	7,402	6,029	502	133,898	574	148,405	83,269	222,247	19,502
Papatoetoe .. ..	..	266	183,676	183,942	20,184	314	282	1,457	2,092	7,766	5,207	391	1,835	23	15,222	2,317	7,780	20,106
Papakura .. ..	..	1,127	453,678	454,805	33,627	3,065	4,930	41	2,124	24,171	8,681	830	6,621	81	40,384	4,096	12,815	14,397
Drury .. ..	..	203	16,517	16,720	183	7,006	16,474	4	6,803	1,206	142	81	7,598	49	9,076	688	6,878	220
Waiuku .. ..	..	120	9,654	9,774	..	22,432	21,242	..	694	1,470	..	186	2,953	2	4,611	2,033	13,217	4,262
Pukekohe .. ..	..	4,173	146,349	150,522	279	21,849	24,505	397	18,071	20,409	151	1,387	26,506	76	48,529	3,253	7,954	11,371
Tuakau .. ..	..	628	36,027	36,655	473	10,308	52,264	70	6,982	4,154	250	573	7,969	64	13,010	1,198	15,116	22,148
Pokino .. ..	..	45	19,765	19,810	186	13,268	54,356	26	15,801	1,436	148	79	8,578	4	10,245	2,202	5,293	12,069
Mercer .. ..	..	463	29,834	30,297	166	696	20,075	3,808	24,325	2,608	127	89	12,820	43	15,687	226	1,321	5,788
Te Kauwhata .. ..	..	232	15,880	16,112	58	28,120	80,075	197	9,708	2,528	33	448	14,120	10	17,139	2,832	12,532	11,593
Hunty .. ..	..	1,094	121,259	122,353	16,882	8,163	47,682	475	350,719	13,474	3,960	638	270,396	390	288,858	1,922	5,680	7,760
Glen Afton .. ..	..	76	25,580	25,656	699	1,077	21,382	520	214,525	1,772	274	71	134,064	2	136,183	730	6,756	59,277
Taupiri .. ..	..	170	12,234	12,404	132	4,608	19,084	213	8,712	1,596	78	152	15,486	23	17,335	1,311	4,080	18,535
Ngaruawahia .. ..	..	568	37,234	37,802	3,032	3,600	5,488	195	65,058	4,986	615	444	66,377	2,120	74,542	119,895	234,480	6,068
Frankton Junction .. ..	..	12,496	199,907	212,403	54	27,618	176,288	1,835	38,101	53,487	140	3,117	56,797	620	114,161	9,468	98,357	74,221
Hamilton .. ..	..	8,492	145,248	153,740	418	14,815	30,198	11,854	38,264	32,859	683	6,307	60,664	635	101,148	948	5,960	66,354
Cambridge .. ..	..	773	11,389	12,162	75	22,645	126,397	296	3,788	3,768	48	635	14,123	52	18,626	4,220	23,326	9,872
Morrisville .. ..	..	1,947	50,144	52,091	281	55,850	210,807	653	18,445	8,								

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## STATEMENT OF TRAFFIC AND REVENUE FOR EACH STATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1944—continued

Stations.	OUTWARD.													INWARD.						
	TRAFFIC.						REVENUE.							TRAFFIC.						
	Number of Passenger Journeys.			Season Tickets.	Cattle and Calves.	Sheep and Pigs.	Timber, Hundreds of Superficial Feet.	Other Goods.	Ordinary Passengers.	Season Tickets.	Parcels, Luggage, and Mails.	Goods.	Miscellaneous.	Total Value forwarded.	Cattle and Calves.	Sheep and Pigs.	Timber, Hundreds of Superficial Feet.	Other Goods.		
	First-class.	Second-class.	Total.																	
NORTH ISLAND MAIN LINE AND BRANCHES—continued																				
Hunterville ..	..	762	18,395	19,157	25	8,515	138,221	12,982	4,998	3,298	34	370	17,662	5	21,369	3,498	18,924	2,576	11,040	
Marton ..	..	4,928	47,671	52,599	43	6,255	243,279	3,607	11,420	14,683	44	1,379	23,497	282	39,885	1,862	41,824	17,478	16,180	
New Plymouth ..	..	9,197	123,422	132,619	186	1,614	5,496	13,657	131,445	46,154	394	2,823	87,542	12,750	149,663	2,177	9,986	33,232	108,761	
" Breakwater ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	283	23,470	..	..	..	..	6,619	2	6,619	..	1,585	32,781		
Waitara ..	..	385	33,394	33,779	375	1,273	16,409	488	24,864	4,313	313	367	37,751	63	42,810	57,678	327,746	2,343	18,131	
Inglewood ..	..	543	26,009	26,552	261	18,452	48,448	7,661	42,503	4,828	186	331	28,050	11	33,406	1,067	13,750	3,288	37,838	
Tariki ..	..	45	5,816	5,861	183	3,526	4,904	..	1,291	539	127	35	892	2	1,595	39	3,288	177	3,207	
Midhurst ..	..	50	7,829	7,879	373	5,616	11,384	..	2,586	694	124	23	3,073	1	3,915	111	3,720	26	6,180	
Stratford ..	..	3,317	73,800	77,117	323	23,583	72,407	1,535	10,057	17,833	230	1,425	14,652	89	34,229	3,312	22,541	9,210	22,640	
Te Wera ..	..	42	1,454	1,466	..	730	9,224	122	1,471	167	..	23	1,063	55	1,308	1,195	7,233	93	3,455	
Whangamomona ..	..	78	2,524	2,599	16	2,955	48,930	8,854	10,419	642	15	61	13,525	2	14,245	1,104	7,167	731	4,317	
Obura ..	..	246	11,418	11,664	16	3,635	50,337	22,531	5,032	2,853	12	212	14,925	6	18,008	944	11,264	723	4,990	
Eitham ..	..	1,233	40,927	42,160	470	18,879	75,133	972	14,975	6,865	307	487	26,097	25	33,781	2,236	27,836	9,620	18,420	
Opunake ..	..	241	2,542	2,783	..	9,088	20,577	1,907	1,871	1,379	..	43	4,343	13	5,778	2,773	29,091	2,226	28,994	
Normanby ..	..	62	7,697	7,759	64	42,129	51,742	..	11,261	769	53	77	13,337	4	14,240	788	5,388	76	4,721	
Hawera ..	..	4,493	62,380	66,873	136	19,405	82,740	1,557	20,646	19,452	112	1,580	29,390	79	50,613	5,596	85,367	11,624	40,878	
Patea ..	..	952	23,240	24,192	83	2,594	29,302	1,199	23,950	5,482	106	432	44,723	198	50,941	91,709	235,978	5,138	38,969	
Waverley ..	..	709	21,736	22,445	29	11,007	121,259	163	16,152	3,831	24	364	15,345	55	19,619	6,633	53,020	2,135	9,321	
Aramoho ..	..	1,835	31,845	33,680	41	7,009	61,242	102	46,506	6,486	31	1,167	30,186	44	37,914	1,549	10,465	2,802	40,943	
Wanganui ..	..	7,188	101,536	108,724	215	4,096	42,811	6,517	44,655	28,770	386	2,746	73,800	1,469	107,171	10,772	361,460	44,854	56,507	
" (Wharf) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	9,560	..	..	..	8,773	4,950	13,723	..	..	..	4,628	
Fordell ..	..	152	7,856	8,008	30	3,928	47,055	..	456	828	27	99	3,299	3	4,256	900	15,312	1,588	3,011	
Turakina ..	..	132	10,448	10,580	73	2,454	79,765	66	1,412	1,334	61	243	4,808	9	6,455	928	22,208	842	6,140	
Greatford ..	..	578	11,867	12,445	..	2,774	92,149	1,769	17,279	1,857	..	325	17,549	170	19,901	732	10,307	1,065	11,560	
Halcombe ..	..	144	9,563	9,707	76	1,234	36,752	..	4,651	1,037	64	83	5,116	1	6,301	411	11,393	340	5,338	
Feilding ..	..	3,415	32,574	35,989	8	22,337	331,595	643	25,150	11,503	8	1,188	60,709	54	73,462	23,004	156,201	5,326	49,321	
Palmerston North ..	..	30,720	415,084	445,804	240	11,607	59,790	13,774	65,738	98,900	734	7,259	125,496	1,333	233,722	9,554	211,040	99,843	122,086	
Ashhurst ..	..	276	13,514	13,790	3	4,152	46,396	85	2,020	1,311	2	105	6,560	24	8,002	3,119	15,957	3,362		
Longburn ..	..	146	20,383	20,529	105	10,051	80,445	2,416	24,129	1,228	26	140	49,090	87	50,571	16,970	213,937	1,585	11,937	
Foxton ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,185	5,960	150	2,717	..	..	125	5,276	285	5,686	1,455	15,194	7,694	15,089	
Shannon ..	..	439	47,623	48,062	101	14,227	84,676	36	5,452	5,444	76	1,409	11,100	18	18,047	2,204	33,828	2,639	10,566	
Levin ..	..	4,303	123,029	127,332	228	14,440	89,204	107	6,274	19,820	166	3,489	14,682	62	38,219	9,530	86,617	6,415	17,223	
Otaki ..	..	1,537	68,509	70,046	126	6,416	36,700	137	3,627	10,400	80	11,448	5,259	37	27,224	1,180	9,481	1,880	6,834	
Paekekakariki ..	..	4,597	497,500	502,097	34,409	1,092	32,675	665	4,172	38,225	10,638	1,094	7,370	113	57,440	715	5,433	8,152	26,650	
Johnsonville ..	..	94	135,757	135,851	49,177	884	11,069	..	92	4,077	9,807	104	707	22	14,717	25,459	167,188	594	1,252	
Wellington—																				
Passenger and Parcels ..	..	81,284	1,978,963	2,060,247	413,347	..	211	1,817	112,327	325,934	..	343,532	88,910	40,760	..	3,025	476,227	..	..	
Goods ..	..	..	..	..	..	211	..	869	5,484	..	..	561,983	7,513	569,496	737	1,741	162,123	277,983		
Wharf ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	968	..	1	..	257	41,126			
Courtenay Place ..	..	4,378	32,101	36,479	857	..	..	..	..	22,807	631	2,654								

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STATEMENT OF TRAFFIC AND REVENUE FOR EACH STATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1944—continued

Stations.	OUTWARD.														INWARD.				
	TRAFFIC.			REVENUE.							TRAFFIC.								
	Number of Passenger Journeys.			Season Tickets.	Cattle and Calves.	Sheep and Pigs.	Timber, Hundreds of Superficial Feet.	Other Goods.	Ordinary Passengers.	Season Tickets.	Parcels, Luggage, and Mails.	Goods.	Miscellaneous.	Total Value forwarded.	Cattle and Calves.	Sheep and Pigs.	Timber, Hundreds of Superficial Feet.	Other Goods.	
	First-class.	Second-class.	Total.																
SOUTH ISLAND MAIN LINE AND BRANCHES—																			
Lyttelton Wharf ..	30,319	147,488	177,807	53,520	No. 346	No. 19,458	17,727	Tons. 290,992	£ 8,832	£ 8,990	£ 4,310	£ 150,477	£ 55,786	£ 228,395	No. 853	No. 5,869	79,941	Tons. 334,172	
Heathcote ..	822	36,794	37,616	10,416	..	..	..	15,684	..	..	..	3,748	..	3,748	..	..	..	46,272	
Woolston ..	677	39,596	40,273	20,012	9	..	..	9,136	648	1,597	141	5,661	4	8,051	..	..	80	16,136	
Christchurch—																			
Passenger and parcels ..	43,899	811,070	854,969	70,574	..	..	..	13,678	141,598	..	..	141,540	4,415	145,955	..	..	..	325,500	
Goods ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Central Booking-office ..	23,477	82,414	105,891	97	..	..	..	..	64,705	981	678	..	10	66,374	..	..	..	..	
Bus Office ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Addington ..	303	36,017	36,320	2,103	5,333	267,933	33,674	57,041	2,511	416	535	44,681	643	48,786	26,211	509,570	120,339	99,996	
Riccarton ..	60	3,568	3,628	524	..	..	..	3,127	4,735	319	113	142	2,106	1	2,654	2	..	62,345	
Papanui ..	421	10,867	11,288	1,690	31	..	8,385	10,636	1,215	524	350	8,041	8	10,138	43	..	47,379	11,194	
Belfast ..	57	6,093	6,150	545	104	3,946	4,125	29,326	412	185	150	20,199	33	20,979	13,464	564,778	6,659	15,257	
Kaiapoi ..	123	20,021	20,144	2,182	1,891	12,270	1,951	18,565	1,630	633	220	10,785	29	13,297	555	165,712	13,659	19,165	
Rangiora ..	422	25,826	26,248	13,159	1,145	31,881	1,598	13,818	2,563	3,619	1,609	9,799	81	17,671	838	12,067	7,687	16,013	
East Oxford ..	12	1,125	1,137	..	445	45,996	250	2,858	145	..	26	3,795	..	3,966	142	18,168	930	12,134	
Sefton ..	6	7,213	7,219	282	315	9,503	1,260	5,446	532	151	338	3,046	1	4,068	91	3,696	93	4,788	
Aberley ..	113	4,831	4,944	80	485	67,932	544	10,160	701	88	132	6,466	4	7,391	157	23,649	663	2,793	
Waipara ..	183	14,156	14,339	22	2,006	126,615	14,423	7,713	2,144	20	393	12,948	5	15,510	301	5,811	353	1,741	
Mina ..	100	3,880	3,930	..	972	57,659	6,747	5,885	1,036	..	183	7,052	2	8,273	480	11,053	1,067	6,807	
Parnassus ..	195	1,484	1,679	..	1,016	26,102	3,819	675	409	..	84	2,643	7	3,143	96	2,277	72	2,825	
Hundalee ..	102	1,951	2,053	..	2,655	46,553	227	2,663	601	..	90	7,585	532	8,808	132	1,531	1,823	7,352	
Oaro ..	82	1,944	2,026	..	66	20,863	..	146	740	..	78	1,420	..	2,238	2	208	1,342	1,168	
Kaikoura ..	273	1,572	1,845	..	..	..	..	974	..	199	..	..	..	1,173	..	..	..	..	
Waikari ..	25	268	293	..	194	26,615	..	36,754	67	..	62	15,348	..	15,477	48	2,216	676	4,109	
Hawarden ..	..	50	50	..	1,016	80,021	8,281	10,453	Cr. 24	..	128	9,990	1	10,095	207	4,518	479	2,499	
Culverden ..	28	1,334	1,362	..	1,732	73,769	18,534	5,129	330	..	139	10,819	7	11,295	325	4,663	1,475	8,926	
Waiau ..	14	120	134	..	574	40,072	1	2,144	63	..	64	4,472	2	4,601	389	5,220	605	4,023	
Hornby ..	31	15,015	15,046	671	1,257	1,354	819	59,482	1,364	155	92	26,421	14	28,046	1,401	4,350	9,920	58,608	
Lincoln ..	24	12,696	12,720	137	1,595	61,705	27	14,528	887	105	63	6,985	2	8,042	163	5,291	547	6,017	
Leeston ..	34	10,730	10,764	50	2,585	23,556	..	6,470	1,221	51	448	3,972	3	5,695	365	27,177	583	8,384	
Southbridge ..	28	9,443	9,471	23	441	27,896	..	9,531	1,109	19	468	5,629	6	7,231	108	12,834	333	3,388	
Little River ..	31	16,824	16,855	124	7,468	138,324	817	2,090	2,303	137	254	7,610	18	10,322	1,305	25,034	2,006	7,622	
Islington ..	21	5,707	5,728	584	203	3,692	66	17,553	525	129	73	10,872	38	11,637	4,577	217,156	7,154	17,247	
Rolleston ..	36	9,551	9,587	28	167	12,616	..	3,039	593	21	32	1,657	2	2,305	172	6,895	96	1,192	
Kirwee ..	4	3,235	3,239	31	127	16,108	..	4,039	307	25	63	2,413	1	2,809	59	19,478	229	4,446	
Darfield ..	103	5,892	5,995	80	322	45,440	2	8,077	688	68	93	5,345	3	6,197	282	9,770	661	2,453	
Coalgate ..	10	231	241	..	438	50,888	12,921	26,682	101	..	32	19,740	4	19,877	162	11,942	1,028	7,584	
Sheffield ..	44	2,237	2,281	137	394	28,412	..	6,581	370	125	207	4,805	1	5,508	45	8,742	417	2,570	

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STATEMENT OF TRAFFIC AND REVENUE FOR EACH STATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1944 - continued

Stations.	OUTWARD.												INWARD.												
	TRAFFIC.			REVENUE.						TRAFFIC.			REVENUE.						TRAFFIC.			REVENUE.			
	Number of Passenger Journeys.	Season Tickets.	Cattle and Calves.	Sheep and Pigs.	Timber, Hundreds of Superficial Feet.	Other Goods.	Ordinary Passengers.	Season Tickets.	Parcels, Luggage, and Mails.	Goods.	Miscellaneous.	Total Value forwarded.	Cattle and Calves.	Sheep and Pigs.	Timber, Hundreds of Superficial Feet.	Other Goods.									
First-class.	Second-class.	Total.	No.	No.	Tons.	£	£	£	£	£	£	No.	No.	£	£	£	£	£	No.	No.	£	£	£	Tons.	
SOUTH ISLAND MAIN LINE AND BRANCHES - continued.																									
Maheno	66	10,781	10,847	96	521	29,060	4	6,434	801	60	653	5,184	10	6,708	246	10,499	147	4,249							
Hampden	133	7,498	7,631	64	427	23,338	1	4,358	852	59	191	4,960	2	3,067	171	6,715	284	3,088							
Palmerston	510	26,462	26,972	154	678	65,797	32	2,785	3,802	129	524	5,074	52	9,578	935	8,369	618	6,799							
Makarewa																									
Waikouaiti	78	9,725	9,803	214	1,000	27,616	244	1,490	1,180	143	109	2,293	5	3,730	1,043	5,429	521	4,100							
Seacliff	112	14,371	14,483	374	141	3,513	1	793	1,452	142	72	723	7	2,390	282	1,371	311	6,064							
Waiatiki	8	8,119	8,127	2,284	203	2,891	253	327	522	705	70	334	5	1,736	189	1,551	21	2,302							
Port Chalmers Upper	17	4,314	4,331	737	158	4,042	1	44	453	114	124	148	2	841	3	359	1	280							
Sawyer's Bay	20	17,923	17,943	8,344	124	361	65	114	1,457	26	206	1	2,123	66	59	1,028	1	1,284							
Port Chalmers Wharf																									
Port Chalmers	139	35,976	36,115	23,179	2	5	440	15,632	2,014	1,570	177	6,213	1,715	17,749	3	21	3,725	49,812							
St. Leonards	19	5,505	5,524	6,738	9	1	1	211	1,434	9	1	1,362	7	45	52										
Ravensbourne	4	27,465	27,469	9,555	1	1	1	40,668	199	1,163	19	20,514	73	29,560	1	1	208	11,720							
Dunedin	26,562	517,423	513,985	71,359	1	1	1	120,853	13,231	11,179	1	145,830	567	145,830	1	1	1	1							
Goods																									
Caversham	284	24,275	24,559	3,572	1	1	1	161	808	1,494	181	153	831	5	2,964	1	1	8,139	9,065						
Burnside	24	15,913	15,937	7,839	2,634	19,770	5	67,704	431	976	136	75,430	52	77,025	19,927	607,189	1,492	102,000							
Green Island	89	31,419	31,508	24,714	1	1	1	25	8,966	1,496	3,700	76	11,714	8	16,688	1	1	617	22,206						
Wingatui	178	107,087	107,265	4,112	1,010	21,230	7	5,235	3,635	838	133	6,164	12	11,084	690	1,952	310	3,249							
Middlemarch	269	3,376	3,615	20	728	66,273	5,472	3,496	889	12	3,800	7,799	12	9,092	259	7,104	492	3,988							
Waipatia	126	3,360	3,788	2	598	41,629	1	1,577	1,323	1	136	4,730	12	6,202	245	8,137	462	5,299							
Ranfurly	737	5,073	5,810	20	245	49,182	2	1,432	1,989	13	249	5,567	13	7,831	181	7,360	578	3,667							
Oturuhua	175	1,317	1,492	2	556	57,546	1	1,858	580	2	192	6,831	1	7,606	17	3,761	230	2,008							
Onakau	664	2,809	3,470	1	628	78,293	1	1,455	1,720	1	386	7,863	7	9,976	399	9,845	322	3,998							
Alexandra	589	4,127	4,716	1	218	15,422	246	3,712	2,582	1	455	8,117	6	11,160	235	5,248	1,522	8,111							
Clyde	141	2,112	2,253	106	45	1,351	9	1,808	807	58	268	3,693	4	4,829	15	778	619	1,370							
Cromwell	774	5,712	6,516	1	908	62,107	96	6,726	3,124	1	481	11,609	20	18,231	85	3,190	2,121	7,424							
Mosgiel	584	66,014	66,628	24,672	604	7,558	45	3,795	4,324	5,271	401	3,124	14	13,134	828	9,890	1,444	6,919							
Outram	20	4,089	4,109	149	187	3,572	241	1,515	322	111	63	963	3	1,462	56	528	293	5,731							
*Allerton	8	11,548	11,556	702	1,123	29,857	750	9,000	803	205	259	4,606	3	5,876	1,586	18,488	670	3,168							
Milburn	9	2,640	2,649	4	276	7,917	158	89,643	283	3	35	32,223	392	32,936	135	2,003	490	13,167							
Milton	2,783	32,315	35,088	24	1,240	44,127	23	5,516	7,075	31	843	6,206	96	11,251	502	10,226	1,900	16,565							
Lawrence	48	940	988	1	360	30,004	1	2,345	379	1	177	4,435	3	1,694	203	3,500	449	10,283							
Miller's Flat	4	365</td																							

**STATEMENT NO. 19**  
**CLASSIFICATION OF GOODS AND LIVE-STOCK TRAFFIC AND EARNINGS BY COMMODITIES**

Commodity.	Tonnage carried.	Per Cent. of Gross.	Tons One Mile (000 omitted).	Average Haul.	Year ended 31st March, 1944.			
					Total.	Per Cent. of Gross.	Per Ton.	Per Ton Mile.
<i>Products of Agriculture</i>								
Grain .. ..	280,450	3.11	15,091	54	157,850	1.82	0 11 3	2.51
Meals .. ..	133,807	1.48	8,856	66	88,612	1.02	0 13 3	2.40
Fruit and vegetables .. ..	96,534	1.07	17,164	178	146,762	1.70	1 10 5	2.05
Root crops and fodder .. ..	200,370	2.22	19,607	98	155,413	1.80	0 15 6	1.90
Flax, green and pressed .. ..	14,078	0.16	1,531	109	15,172	0.18	1 1 7	2.38
Seeds .. ..	31,922	0.35	2,546	80	30,173	0.35	0 18 11	2.84
	757,161	8.39	64,795	86	593,992	6.87	0 15 8	2.20
<i>Animals and other Products</i>								
Cattle, calves, horses .. ..	271,785	3.01	23,616	87	317,133	3.66	1 3 4	3.22
Sheep and pigs .. ..	521,352	5.78	39,016	75	556,948	6.43	1 1 4	3.43
Meat, fresh .. ..	94,510	1.05	13,532	143	181,300	2.09	1 18 5	3.22
Meat, chilled .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Meat, frozen .. ..	235,408	2.60	14,015	60	267,123	3.09	1 2 8	4.57
Butter .. ..	118,497	1.31	13,074	110	161,615	1.87	1 7 3	2.97
Cheese .. ..	101,620	1.13	6,459	64	100,588	1.16	0 19 10	3.74
Wool .. ..	218,781	2.42	14,273	65	269,167	3.11	1 4 7	4.53
Dairy by-products .. ..	31,409	0.35	3,233	103	45,116	0.52	1 8 9	3.35
Fat, hides, and skins .. ..	60,549	0.67	4,677	77	84,635	0.98	1 7 11	4.34
Fish .. ..	12,277	0.14	2,982	170	20,736	0.24	1 13 10	2.39
	1,666,188	18.46	133,977	80	2,004,361	23.15	1 4 0	3.59
<i>Products of Mines</i>								
Agricultural lime .. ..	651,871	7.22	40,555	62	249,217	2.88	0 7 8	1.47
Coal, imported .. ..	1,575	0.02	239	152	2,010	0.02	1 5 6	2.02
Coal, New Zealand hard .. ..	953,572	10.56	55,687	58	408,119	4.71	0 8 7	1.76
Coal, New Zealand brown .. ..	1,128,898	12.51	137,878	122	791,673	9.14	0 14 0	1.38
Road-metal .. ..	43,125	0.48	2,027	47	18,039	0.21	0 8 5	2.14
Lime and coke .. ..	42,694	0.47	2,903	68	26,426	0.31	0 12 4	2.18
	2,821,735	31.26	239,289	85	1,495,484	17.27	0 10 7	1.50
<i>Products of Forests</i>								
Timber, imported .. ..	7,636	0.08	784	103	9,780	0.11	1 5 7	2.99
Timber, New Zealand .. ..	659,821	7.31	87,773	133	712,781	8.23	1 1 7	1.95
Firewood, posts, &c. .. ..	89,305	0.99	7,747	87	46,424	0.54	0 10 5	1.44
	756,762	8.38	96,304	127	768,985	8.88	1 0 4	1.92
<i>Manufactures, &amp;c.</i>								
Benzine, gasoline, kerosene .. ..	201,722	2.23	15,430	76	315,520	3.64	1 11 3	4.91
Cement .. ..	110,842	1.23	14,639	132	145,089	1.68	1 6 2	2.38
Manure .. ..	588,037	6.52	53,065	90	381,972	4.41	0 12 11	1.73
	900,601	9.98	83,134	92	842,581	9.73	0 18 9	2.43
Miscellaneous .. ..	2,124,179	23.53	215,095	101	2,952,379	34.10	1 7 10	3.29
Totals .. ..	9,026,626	100.00	832,594	92	8,657,782	100.00	0 19 2	2.50

**STATEMENT NO. 20**

STATEMENT SHOWING MILEAGE, CAPITAL COST, TRAFFIC, OPERATING REVENUE, AND OPERATING EXPENDITURE OF NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS FROM 1ST APRIL, 1943, TO 31ST MARCH, 1944

MILEAGE, CAPITAL COST, TRAFFIC, AND REVENUE

Year.	Average Miles open.	Capital Cost.	Train-mileage. (Revenue.)	Passenger Journeys.	Passenger Revenue.	Other Coaching Revenue.	Cattle and Calves.	Sheep and Pigs.	Timber.
1942-1943 ..	No. 3,403	£ 66,189,962	No. 15,139,882	No. 36,133,268	£ 3,710,509	£ 397,142	No. 1,389,876	No. 14,101,744	Tons. 687,158
1943-1944 ..	3,469	68,476,775	15,328,987	36,611,267	4,275,482	435,928	1,384,600	12,891,891	667,457
<b>Year.</b>									
<b>Goods.</b>									
<b>Tons.</b>									
1942-1943 ..	7,347,888	8,035,046	8,044,563	262,866	£ 12,415,080	£ d.	196.81		
1943-1944 ..	7,566,032	8,233,489	8,479,387	274,182	13,464,979	12,891,891	210.82		

EXPENDITURE

Year.	Maintenance of Way and Works.			Maintenance of Signals and Electrical Appliances.			Maintenance of Locomotives, Carriages, and Wagons.					
	Amount.	Per Cent. of Revenue.	Per Mile of Railway.	Amount.	Per Cent. of Revenue.	Per Mile of Railway.	Amount.	Per Cent. of Revenue.	Per Train-mile.			
<b>1942-1943 ..</b>												
<b>1943-1944 ..</b>												
<b>Locomotive Transportation.</b>				<b>Traffic Transportation.</b>			<b>General Charges.</b>					
Year.	Amount.	Per Cent. of Revenue.	Per Train-mile.	Amount.	Per Cent. of Revenue.	Per Train-mile.	Amount.	Per Cent. of Revenue.	Expenditure per Revenue Train-mile.			
	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	Expenditure per Cent. of Revenue.			
1942-1943 ..	£ 2,430,347	19.58	38.53	£ 2,862,653	23.06	45.38	£ 245,589	1.98	3.89	£ 10,019,659	158.83	80.71
1943-1944 ..	2,555,956	18.99	40.02	3,207,782	23.82	50.22	261,535	1.94	4.09	11,365,917	177.95	84.41

**STATEMENT NO. 21**  
**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES FOR YEARS**  
**1943-44 AND 1942-43**

Branch.		Nelson.		Picton.		Stores Branch.		Refreshment Branch.		Advertiser's Branch.		Publicity Branch.		Road Services Branch.		Total.			
General	..	..	..	777	204	4	501	647	36	618	2,791								
Traffic	..	..	..	4,408	3,042	14	61	..	..	..	7,525								
Maintenance	..	..	..	2,683	1,885	18	54	..	..	..	4,340								
Locomotive running (including depot staff)	..	..	..	2,189	1,175	10	31	..	..	..	3,405								
Workshops	..	..	..	3,130	2,231	..	..	..	..	..	5,361								
Totals ..	..	..	..	12,187	8,237	46	150	501	647	36	618	23,422							
1942-43																			
General	..	..	..	747	202	5	485	613	40	554	2,661								
Traffic	..	..	..	4,026	2,905	12	44	..	..	..	6,987								
Maintenance	..	..	..	2,647	1,518	20	49	..	..	..	4,234								
Locomotive running (including depot staff)	..	..	..	2,037	1,119	9	23	..	..	..	3,188								
Workshops	..	..	..	3,096	2,081	..	..	..	..	..	5,177								
Totals ..	..	..	..	12,553	7,825	46	121	485	613	40	554	22,237							

**STATEMENT NO. 22**  
**STATEMENT OF ACCIDENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1944**

Section.	Train Accidents.				Accidents on Line (other than Train Accidents).				Shunting Accidents.				Employees proceeding to or from Duty within the Railway Boundary.				Persons killed or injured at Crossings.				Total.			
	Passengers.	Employees.	Passengers.	Employees.	Other Persons.	Passengers.	Employees.	Other Persons.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.		
North Island Main Line and Branches	..	1	7	..	2	6	34	5	4	8	6	..	7	1	103	1	1	..	12	16	34	180		
South Island Main Line and Branches	..	22	45	..	2	1	4	..	5	..	..	..	3	54	..	..	..	..	8	20	34	139		
Nelson	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Picton	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Totals ..	..	23	52	..	4	7	38	5	9	8	10	..	7	4	157	..	6	1	..	20	36	68	319	

NOTE.—This return includes only casualties in connection with train-working and the movement of rolling-stock.

## STATEMENT No. 23

STATEMENT OF CARRIAGE, RAIL CAR, MULTIPLE UNIT, BRAKE VAN AND WAGON STOCK, AND TARPAULINS, FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1944

Description.	Class.	North Island Main Line and Branches.	South Island Main Line and Branches.	Nelson.	Picton.	Total.
<b>CARRIAGES—</b>						
First class .. .. .. .. ..	..	97	68	..	2	167
Second class .. .. .. .. ..	..	632	458	3	18	1,111
Composite .. .. .. .. ..	..	118	61	7	..	186
Sleeping .. .. .. .. ..	..	16	1	..	..	17
Combination day-sleeping .. .. .. .. ..	..	6	4	..	..	10
Ambulance .. .. .. .. ..	..	12	3	..	..	15
Totals .. .. .. .. ..	..	881	595	10	20	1,506
<b>RAIL CARS</b>						
.. .. .. .. ..	..	13	9	..	..	22
<b>MULTIPLE UNITS—</b>						
Power units .. .. .. .. ..	..	6	..	..	..	6
Trailers .. .. .. .. ..	..	6	..	..	..	6
Totals .. .. .. .. ..	..	12	..	..	..	12
<b>VANS—</b>						
Postal vans .. .. .. .. ..	..	4	4	..	..	8
Brake vans .. .. .. .. ..	..	277	211	3	5	496
Totals .. .. .. .. ..	..	281	215	3	5	504
<b>WAGONS—</b>						
Special-purpose wagons .. .. .. .. ..	E	943	423	1	21	1,388
Horse-boxes .. .. .. .. ..	G	64	74	1	4	143
Cattle .. .. .. .. ..	H	582	225	3	8	818
Cattle .. .. .. .. ..	H <sub>c</sub>	..	1	..	..	1
Sheep .. .. .. .. ..	J	1,823	1,452	11	53	3,339
Sheep .. .. .. .. ..	J <sub>c</sub>	..	1	..	..	1
Covered goods .. .. .. .. ..	K	258	155	6	3	422
High sides .. .. .. .. ..	L	3,225	3,515	88	147	6,975
High sides .. .. .. .. ..	L <sub>a</sub>	5,351	4,052	..	..	9,403
High sides .. .. .. .. ..	L <sub>b</sub>	15	410	14	47	486
Low sides .. .. .. .. ..	M	480	855	14	37	1,386
Low sides, steel .. .. .. .. ..	M <sub>a</sub>	127	..	..	..	127
Low sides .. .. .. .. ..	M <sub>b</sub>	6	14	..	1	21
Low sides .. .. .. .. ..	M <sub>c</sub>	70	20	..	..	90
Timber .. .. .. .. ..	N	90	141	8	12	251
Platform, coal .. .. .. .. ..	P	204	..	..	..	204
Petrol inspection .. .. .. .. ..	P <sub>w</sub>	1	1	..	..	2
Movable hopper .. .. .. .. ..	Q	..	1,205	..	..	1,205
Frozen meat .. .. .. .. ..	W	302	77	..	..	379
Frozen meat .. .. .. .. ..	W <sub>a</sub>	233	29	18	..	280
Covered goods .. .. .. .. ..	X	130	16	..	..	146
Cool, ventilated .. .. .. .. ..	X <sub>a</sub>	498	562	..	7	1,067
Cool, ventilated .. .. .. .. ..	X <sub>b</sub>	2	30	..	..	32
Cool, ventilated .. .. .. .. ..	X <sub>c</sub>	..	1	..	..	1
Work-train .. .. .. .. ..	Y	58	16	..	9	83
Work-train .. .. .. .. ..	Y <sub>b</sub>	308	177	..	10	495
Special-purpose wagons, bogie .. .. .. .. ..	E	91	66	..	1	158
High sides, bogie .. .. .. .. ..	R	190	76	..	3	269
High sides, bogie .. .. .. .. ..	R <sub>a</sub>	9	..	..	..	9
High sides, bogie .. .. .. .. ..	R <sub>b</sub>	69	24	..	..	93
Sheep, bogie .. .. .. .. ..	S	27	37	..	..	64
Cattle, bogie .. .. .. .. ..	T	38	17	..	..	55
Platform, bogie .. .. .. .. ..	U	245	111	4	10	370
Gas storeholder, bogie .. .. .. .. ..	U <sub>a</sub>	10	4	..	..	14
Platform, bogie .. .. .. .. ..	U <sub>b</sub>	243	297	..	..	540
Fuel oil, bogie .. .. .. .. ..	U <sub>c</sub>	..	2	..	..	2
Platform, bogie .. .. .. .. ..	U <sub>d</sub>	1	..	..	..	1
Horse-boxes, bogie .. .. .. .. ..	U <sub>g</sub>	57	68	..	..	125
Frozen meat, bogie .. .. .. .. ..	V	49	64	..	..	113
Chilled beef, bogie .. .. .. .. ..	V	6	..	..	..	6
Frozen meat, bogie .. .. .. .. ..	V <sub>b</sub>	157	85	..	..	242
Chilled beef, bogie .. .. .. .. ..	V <sub>b</sub>	99	..	..	..	99
Covered goods, bogie .. .. .. .. ..	Z	77	58	..	..	135
Covered goods, bogie .. .. .. .. ..	Z <sub>p</sub>	70	72	..	2	144
Totals .. .. .. .. ..	..	16,208	14,433	168	375	31,184
TARPAULINS .. .. .. .. ..	..	12,308	11,354	195	380	24,237

**STATEMENT No. 24**  
**LOCOMOTIVE STOCK FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1944**

Class.	Type.	North Island Main Line and Branches.	South Island Main Line and Branches.	Nelson.	Picton.	Total.
A ..	Tender (4-cylinder balanced compound)	8	20	..	..	28
A ..	Tender (2-cylinder simple) .. .. ..	6	22	..	2	30
AA ..	Tender .. .. ..	10	..	..	..	10
AB ..	Tender .. .. ..	87	54	..	..	141
B ..	Tender .. .. ..	..	7	..	..	7
BA ..	Tender .. .. ..	..	10	..	..	10
B <sub>B</sub> ..	Tender .. .. ..	30	..	..	..	30
C ..	Tender .. .. ..	12	12	..	..	24
E <sub>C</sub> ..	Electric .. .. ..	..	6	..	..	6
E <sub>D</sub> ..	Electric .. .. ..	10	..	..	..	10
E <sub>O</sub> ..	Electric .. .. ..	..	5	..	..	5
F ..	Tank .. .. ..	2	18	..	..	20
G ..	Tender .. .. ..	..	6	..	..	6
H ..	Tank .. .. ..	6	..	..	..	6
J ..	Tender .. .. ..	30	10	..	..	40
K ..	Tender .. .. ..	30	..	..	..	30
K <sub>A</sub> ..	Tender .. .. ..	28	..	..	..	28
K <sub>B</sub> ..	Tender .. .. ..	..	6	..	..	6
Q ..	Tender .. .. ..	..	10	..	..	10
U ..	Tender .. .. ..	..	9	..	..	9
U <sub>B</sub> ..	Tender .. .. ..	..	7	..	..	7
U <sub>C</sub> ..	Tender .. .. ..	..	7	..	..	7
W ..	Tank .. .. ..	..	2	..	..	2
W <sub>A</sub> ..	Tank .. .. ..	3	3	..	..	6
W <sub>A</sub> <sub>B</sub> ..	Tank .. .. ..	22	8	..	..	30
W <sub>B</sub> ..	Tank .. .. ..	..	4	..	..	4
W <sub>E</sub> ..	Tank .. .. ..	..	3	..	..	3
W <sub>F</sub> ..	Tank .. .. ..	7	16	4	6	33
W <sub>G</sub> ..	Tank .. .. ..	10	..	..	..	10
W <sub>w</sub> ..	Tank .. .. ..	57	3	..	..	60
X ..	Tender (4 cylinder balanced compound) ..	17	..	..	..	17
Totals .. .. .. ..		375	248	4	8	635

**STATEMENT No. 25**  
**ALL SECTIONS**  
**\* Locomotive Running Costs, Year Ended 31st MARCH, 1944**

Section.	Cost per Locomotive-mile.				Cost per Locomotive-mile.				Cost per Locomotive-mile.				Total Cost.	Days in Steam.	Average Number of Days in Stream per locomotive.	Section.
	Repairs.	Wages, Stores.	Fuel.	Wages.	Total.	Depreciation.	Conversions and Alterations.	Water.	General Charges.	General Charges.	Water.	Depreciation.	Operations and Alterations.			
N.I.M.I. and branches	d. 9.59	d. 0.80	d. 14.16	d. 11.23	f. 35.78	f. 161,205	f. 23,581	f. ..	f. 245,001	f. 3.14	d. 0.46	d. 4.77	£ 2,269,017	d. 44.15	96,662	264 N.I.M.I. and branches.
S.I.M.I. and branches	.. 12.46	.. 0.75	.. 9.03	.. 11.52	.. 33.76	.. 82,576	.. 11,753	..	.. 124,972	.. 3.07	.. 0.44	.. 4.65	.. 1,125,872	.. 41.92	56,534	238 S.I.M.I. and branches.
Nelson	.. 9.35	.. 0.68	.. 14.95	.. 11.20	.. 36.18	.. 55	.. 67	..	.. 436	.. 0.26	.. 0.32	.. 2.07	.. 8,187	.. 38.83	507	127 Nelson.
Pictor	.. 10.49	.. 0.66	.. 12.37	.. 11.49	.. 35.01	.. 324	.. 227	..	.. 2,529	.. 0.56	.. 0.39	.. 4.38	.. 23,274	.. 40.34	1,353	150 Pictor.
Total, steam	.. 10.57	.. 0.78	.. 12.40	.. 11.33	.. 35.08	.. 244,160	.. 35,528	..	.. 372,938	.. 3.09	.. 0.45	.. 4.72	.. 3,423,350	.. 43.34	155,056	251 Total, steam.
Electric Locos., Eo 2-6	.. 15.87	.. 0.08	.. 13.96	.. 4.20	.. 34.12	.. 1,216	..	..	.. 1,455	.. 2.16	..	.. 2.58	.. 21,905	.. 38.86	1,066	213 Electric Locos., Eo 2-6.
Electric Locos., Eo 7-12	.. 12.37	.. 0.29	.. 8.61	.. 5.65	.. 26.32	.. 2,349	..	..	.. 1,748	.. 3.83	..	.. 2.85	.. 20,557	.. 33.50	1,437	240 Electric Locos., Eo 7-12.
Electric Locos., Ed 101-110	.. 12.95	.. 0.26	.. 7.65	.. 5.16	.. 26.02	.. 8,553	..	..	.. 7,171	.. 3.79	..	.. 3.18	.. 74,394	.. 32.99	2,894	289 Electric Locos., Ed 101-110.
Multiple units, D.M. 1-6	.. 10.27	.. 0.16	.. 4.12	.. 4.84	.. 19.39	.. 4,921	..	..	.. 2,251	.. 4.02	..	.. 1.84	.. 30,898	.. 25.25	1,880	313 Multiple units, D.M. 1-6.
Diesel rail cars	.. 7.46	.. 0.68	.. 1.82	.. 2.72	.. 12.68	.. 40,146	..	..	.. 4,998	.. 10.93	..	.. 1.36	.. 91,715	.. 24.97	4,712	214 Diesel rail cars.
Tractors	.. 8.96	.. 1.11	.. 7.55	.. 6.27	.. 23.89	.. 6,821	..	..	.. 11.51	..	..	..	.. 20,983	.. 35.40	7,201	225 Tractors.

STATEMENT NO. 25—*continued*

PERFORMANCES OF LOCOMOTIVES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1944.

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Type	Locomo- tive-milage.			Quantity of Stores.			Cost.			Cost per Locomotive-mile.			Days in Stream	Number of Locomotives in Service.	Average Number per Locomotive.	Type.			
	Details.		Shunting, Assisting, Light, and Mis- cellaneous.		Total.	Running.		Repairs.	Running.		Repairs.	Wages, Material, and Overhead.	Stores.	Fuel.	Wages.				
	Average Mileage per Locomo- tive.	Train.	Oil.	Coal.		Stores.	Fuel.	Total.	Wages.	Fuel.	Wages.								
NORTH ISLAND MAIN LINE AND BRANCHES																			
A	14	326,742	90,588	417,330	29,809	Cwt.	Quarts.	£	£	£	£	£	d.	d.	d.	A.			
AA	10	230,355	55,549	285,904	28,590	201,127	15,173	10,324	1,056	16,740	14,555	42,675	8.66	0.89	14.06	AA.			
AB	87	2,902,557	692,540	3,595,097	41,323	2,322,755	142,622	117,136	10,932	193,373	149,966	471,407	7.82	0.73	12.91	AB.			
B	30	244,800	465,176	709,776	23,659	531,980	37,148	2,601	44,221	51,307	136,540	12,98	0.88	14.95	24,655				
B <sub>B</sub>	12	782	270,350	271,132	22,592	193,939	11,088	12,031	851	16,135	22,955	51,972	10.65	0.75	14.28	BB.			
C	2	..	17,002	8,501	8,853	..	..	45	730	550	1,440	1,62	0.64	10.30	7.76	C.			
F	..	..	11,632	27,760	39,392	6,565	51,880	6,160	11,794	377	4,325	5,679	22,175	71.86	2.30	26.35	22,922		
H	..	..	1,487,167	151,924	1,588,191	1,212,625	45,074	50,402	4,250	100,582	56,980	188,704	3.84	0.64	15.25	213,275			
J	..	..	30,1,323,652	115,493	1,439,145	47,972	1,217,440	45,059	71,940	4,640	101,456	55,003	233,038	12.00	0.77	16.92	28,528		
K	..	..	28,1,183,271	88,634	1,271,005	45,425	930,646	38,284	45,698	4,455	77,530	46,367	174,050	8.62	0.84	14.63	8,202		
KA	..	..	3	512	13,672	14,184	4,728	7,113	1,324	3,813	91	592	1,219	5,715	64.52	1.54	10.02	7,145	
WA	..	..	22	694,102	114,280	808,382	36,745	526,733	34,934	34,172	2,522	43,864	34,279	114,837	10.5	0.75	13.02	96.71	
WAB	..	..	7	18,455	83,571	102,026	14,575	63,423	4,379	2,873	334	5,281	7,361	15,849	6.75	0.79	12.42	31.3	
WF	..	..	10	13,826	176,539	190,365	19,037	132,108	9,369	7,093	665	10,979	15,473	34,210	8.94	0.84	13.84	104	
WG	..	..	57	396,408	668,533	1,064,941	18,683	694,965	54,383	57,373	3,836	57,782	71,728	190,719	12.93	0.86	13.02	230	
WW	..	..	17	440,470	59,324	499,794	29,399	307,657	41,637	28,187	2,674	30,617	22,674	84,152	13.64	1.28	14.70	2,230	
X	..	..	1	..	4,815	4,815	2,635	159	18	12	224	52	306	0.90	0.60	11.17	40.41		
Hunslett	..	..	Total, steam	366	9,224,531	3,095,450	12,319,981	33,661	8,728,840	498,893	492,460	40,835	726,705	576,330	1,836,330	9.59	0.80	14.16	11.23
																	35.78		
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