

General goods increased 3,163 tons.

Wanganui.—Revenue, £531,580; increase, £53,045.

Passengers increased 38,348.

Parcels, luggage, and mails increased £994.

Cattle and calves decreased 5,512, sheep 123,774, and pigs 10,223. Stock formerly carried by rail is now being dealt with at recently established local freezing-works.

Timber decreased 659 tons, and minerals (chiefly road-metal) 18,122 tons.

General goods increased 12,948 tons.

Wellington.—Revenue, £905,440; increase, £5,451.

Passengers decreased 129,511. The reduction was caused by the closing of the military training-camps at Trentham and Featherston.

Season tickets increased 8,468.

Parcels, luggage, and mails decreased £647.

Cattle and calves increased 8,742; sheep decreased 40,993, and pigs 1,667.

Timber decreased 86 tons.

General goods increased 3,269 tons, and minerals 3,680 tons.

Picton Section.

Revenue, £30,364; decrease, £919.

Passengers decreased 4,628.

Live-stock increased 1,951.

Goods tonnage decreased 11,483 tons owing to a shortage of shipping for the export of produce.

Nelson Section.

Revenue, £34,636; increase, £1,568.

Passengers increased 1,562.

Live-stock decreased 3,419.

Goods tonnage increased 862 tons.

Westport Section.

Revenue, £103,634; decrease, £4,177.

Passengers increased 2,334.

Goods tonnage decreased 91,663. Timber increased 2,000 tons, but minerals (chiefly coal) decreased 93,150 tons.

Westland Section.

Revenue, £151,970; increase, £2,045.

Passengers decreased 14,756.

Season tickets increased 1,413.

Parcels and luggage decreased £16.

Goods tonnage decreased 70,369 tons. Minerals (chiefly coal) decreased 57,300 tons, and timber 12,300 tons.

South Island Main Line and Branches.

Revenue, £1,721,101; increase, £123,971.

The principal items of traffic were—

Passengers (number), 3,863,225; decrease, 56.

Season tickets (number), 113,028; increase, 5,980.

Parcels (revenue), £93,777; increase, £456.

Live-stock (number), 3,263,545; increase, 346,927.

Goods (tons), 1,977,846; increase, 39,497.

The revenue per mile of railway increased from £1,137 11s. 1d. to £1,225 17s. 1d., and per train-mile from 12s. 5½d. to 13s. 3d.

The variations in traffic in the individual districts were approximately as follows:—

Christchurch.—Revenue, £733,983; increase, £51,657.

Passengers decreased 18,221.

Season tickets increased 4,171.

Parcels and luggage increased £638.

Cattle and calves increased 2,608, sheep 357,638, and pigs 981.

Timber decreased 6,292 tons, and minerals 11,567 tons.

General goods increased 44,346 tons, chiefly due to an early grain season and good crops.

Dunedin.—Revenue, £611,552; increase, £45,725.

Passengers increased 21,085.

Season tickets increased 1,786.

Parcels and luggage and mails normal.

Cattle and calves decreased 6,367, and sheep 58,992; pigs increased 1,031.

Timber decreased 4,316 tons. The fitting-out of troopships increased the timber traffic last year.

General goods increased 16,872 tons, and minerals 17,622 tons, the latter chiefly coal from local mines.

Invercargill.—Revenue, £375,666; increase, £26,689.

Passengers decreased 2,920.

Season tickets increased 23.

Parcels, luggage, and mails decreased £183.