

Abstract of Railways Working Account.

FOUR-WEEKLY PERIOD ENDED 9TH DECEMBER, 1939, WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR.

1ST APRIL, 1939, TO 9TH DECEMBER, 1939 (253 days), WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR PERIOD 1ST APRIL, 1938, TO 10TH DECEMBER, 1938 (254 days).

Section.	Revenue.			Expenditure.			Net Revenue.	
	1939-40.	1938-39.	Variation.	1939-40.	1938-39.	Variation.	1939-40.	1938-39.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Kaihu .. .. .	237	306	- 69	768	980	- 212	531	674
Gisborne .. .. .	2,691	2,895	- 204	2,639	2,659	- 20	52	236
North Island main line and branches	443,470	409,182	+ 34,288	370,820	355,091	+ 15,729	72,650	54,091
South Island main line and branches	227,539	237,717	- 10,178	224,717	224,700	+ 17	2,822	13,017
Westport .. .. .	5,784	6,859	- 1,075	6,212	5,836	+ 376	428	1,023
Nelson .. .. .	529	705	- 176	1,752	1,647	+ 105	1,223	942
Picton .. .. .	2,769	3,130	- 361	3,936	3,096	+ 840	1,167	34
Total railway operation ..	683,019	660,794	+ 22,225	610,844	594,009	+ 16,835	72,175	66,785
Miscellaneous revenue .. ..	30,172	26,710	+ 3,462	..	..	..	30,172	26,710
Lake Wakatipu steamers .. ..	434	410	+ 24	818	864	- 46	384	454
Refreshment-rooms, advertising, road services, and other subsidiary services	55,293	66,090	- 10,797	59,940	63,851	- 3,911	4,647	2,239
Departmental dwellings .. ..	11,225	10,502	+ 723	17,035	15,517	+ 1,518	5,810	5,015
Total .. .. .	780,143	764,506	+ 15,637	688,637	674,241	+ 14,396	91,506	90,265

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	1939-40.	1938-39.	Variation.	1939-40.	1938-39.	Variation.	1939-40.	1938-39.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Kaihu .. .. .	1,905	2,313	- 408	7,171	8,869	- 1,698	5,266	6,556
Gisborne .. .. .	19,390	20,448	- 1,058	23,331	22,888	+ 443	3,941	2,440
North Island main line and branches	3,445,501	3,099,083	+ 346,418	3,256,291	3,158,848	+ 97,443	189,210	59,765
South Island main line and branches	2,021,804	1,904,895	+ 116,909	2,069,263	2,034,567	+ 34,696	47,459	129,672
Westport .. .. .	68,859	63,717	+ 5,142	57,518	55,715	+ 1,803	11,341	8,002
Nelson .. .. .	6,135	6,303	- 168	17,507	15,758	+ 1,749	11,372	9,455
Picton .. .. .	25,958	19,952	+ 6,006	33,737	29,226	+ 4,511	7,779	9,274
Total railway operation ..	5,589,552	5,116,711	+ 472,841	5,464,818	5,325,871	+ 138,947	124,734	209,160
Miscellaneous revenue .. ..	263,938	241,840	+ 27,098	..	..	..	263,938	241,840
Lake Wakatipu steamers .. ..	4,452	3,789	+ 663	7,650	7,655	- 5	3,198	3,866
Refreshment-rooms, advertising, road services, and other subsidiary services	572,991	514,107	+ 58,884	577,386	506,750	+ 70,636	4,395	7,357
Departmental dwellings .. ..	96,969	91,752	+ 5,217	142,357	130,179	+ 12,178	45,388	38,427
Total .. .. .	6,532,902	5,968,199	+ 564,703	6,192,211	5,970,455	+ 221,756	340,691	2,256

ANALYSIS OF RAILWAY OPERATING REVENUE AND TRAFFIC.

	Four-weekly Period.			Year to Date.		
	1939-40.	1938-39.	Variation.	1939-40.	1938-39.	Variation.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Passengers .. .. .	154,438	179,460	- 25,022	1,207,786	1,169,743	+ 38,043
Parcels, luggage, and mails ..	25,831	25,036	+ 795	228,261	216,995	+ 11,266
Goods .. .. .	487,841	440,415	+ 47,426	4,012,880	3,598,934	+ 413,946
Labour and demurrage .. ..	14,909	15,883	- 974	140,625	131,039	+ 9,586
Total railway operating revenue	683,019	660,794	+ 22,225	5,589,552	5,116,711	+ 472,841
Passengers .. .. . No.	1,585,450	1,624,799	- 39,349	16,023,260	15,722,786	+ 300,474
Live-stock .. .. . Tons	24,825	32,044	- 7,219	295,174	313,361	- 18,187
Timber .. .. .	44,582	42,524	+ 2,058	375,610	353,197	+ 22,413
Other goods .. .. .	523,750	495,182	+ 28,568	4,494,950	4,337,280	+ 157,670
Total goods .. .. .	593,157	569,750	+ 23,407	5,165,734	5,003,838	+ 161,896
Road Services—						
Passengers .. .. . No.	497,338	408,002	+ 89,336	4,270,062	3,898,307	+ 371,755
Revenue: Passenger .. .. . £	25,398	27,387	- 1,989	226,829	221,439	+ 5,390
Goods .. .. . £	5,821	17,629	- 11,808	131,875	92,547	+ 39,328

ANALYSIS OF RAILWAY OPERATING EXPENDITURE.

	Four-weekly Period.			Year to Date.		
	1939-40.	1938-39.	Variation.	1939-40.	1938-39.	Variation.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Maintenance—						
Way and works .. .. .	110,779	105,998	+ 4,781	1,007,545	972,393	+ 35,152
Signals and electrical appliances	15,639	13,293	+ 2,346	132,626	129,176	+ 3,450
Rolling-stock .. .. .	154,081	152,013	+ 2,068	1,340,658	1,293,252	+ 47,406
Transportation—						
Locomotive .. .. .	141,828	134,845	+ 6,983	1,280,020	1,242,048	+ 37,972
Traffic .. .. .	167,916	167,905	+ 11	1,539,280	1,514,521	+ 24,759
General charges .. .. .	7,082	6,498	+ 584	60,271	65,367	- 5,096
Superannuation subsidy .. ..	13,519	13,457	+ 62	104,418	109,114	- 4,696
Total operating expenses .. ..	610,844	594,009	+ 16,835	5,464,818	5,325,871	+ 138,947
Net operating revenue .. .. .	72,175	66,785	+ 5,390	124,734	209,160	+ 333,894
Total railway operating revenue	683,019	660,794	+ 22,225	5,589,552	5,116,711	+ 472,841

Capital cost of open lines as at 31st March, 1939 .. .. . £ 58,676,608  
 Capital cost of open lines as at 31st March, 1938 .. .. . £ 56,065,187