

Christchurch—Lyttelton.—This line is becoming too heavy, and will in all probability be repoled shortly.

Christchurch—Southbridge.—Beyond rebutting a few poles, nothing will be required this year.

Christchurch—Akaroa.—This line, beyond rebutting a few poles, is in good order.

The lines are otherwise in good working-order.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

The following new lines have been erected: Palmerston to Shag Point, 6 miles; Lumsden to Five Rivers, 5 miles.

Reconstruction.—Twenty-three miles of main line between Dunedin and Palmerston, and 3 miles of branch to Port Chalmers. The reconstruction of the line, Clinton to Kelso, has been completed. Sections Clyde to Queenstown, Clyde to Naseby, and Clyde to Roxburgh have been repaired, and iron-rail poles put in. Other sections have been seen to and overhauled.

The main requirements for maintenance at present are—Reconstruction of about 10 miles between Oamaru and Waitaki, and the erection of new line, Riversdale to Waikaia, 14 miles.

Otherwise the district is in very good order.

The usual telegraph circuit plans, and a post-office and telegraph map, corrected up to the 1st April last, accompany the report.