

RETURN No. 30.
HURUNUI-BLUFF SECTION.

RETURN of the NUMBER of VESSELS DISCHARGED and LOADED at the Ports of Lyttelton, Timaru, Oamaru, Port Chalmers, Dunedin, and Bluff, for the Year ending 31st March, 1897.

Port.	1896-97.	1895-96.	Increase.	Decrease.
DISCHARGED :—	No.	No.	No.	No.
Lyttelton	1,593	1,500	93	...
Timaru	284	264	20	...
Oamaru	123	102	21	...
Port Chalmers	325	366	...	41
Dunedin	72	65	7	...
Bluff	202	234	...	32
Totals	2,599	2,531	141	73
LOADED :—	No.	No.	No.	No.
Lyttelton	1,563	1,466	97	...
Timaru	284	263	21	...
Oamaru	133	133	...	...
Port Chalmers	355	374	...	19
Dunedin	3	5	...	2
Bluff	200	232	...	32
Totals	2,538	2,473	118	53

RETURN No. 31.
HURUNUI-BLUFF SECTION.

SHOWING MILEAGE of TRACK in MAIN LINE and SIDINGS OPEN for TRAFFIC on 31st March, 1897, on the HURUNUI-BLUFF RAILWAY and BRANCHES.

Line of Railway.	Main Line.		Branches.	Total Railway.	Sidings.			Total Equivalent of Single Track.
	Single.	Double.			Main Line.	Branches.	Total.	
CHRISTCHURCH DIVISION :—	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.
Main Line	211 57	6 28	...	218 5	65 58	...	65 58	283 63
Rangiora-Sheffield and Eyreton Junction-Bennett's	...	...	53 56	242 65	...	4 59	23 68	58 35
Southbridge and Little River Branches	...	...	48 7			5 26		53 33
Springfield and Whitecliffs Branches	...	...	42 27			4 65		47 12
Rakaia and Ashburton Forks Branch	...	...	22 20			2 65		25 5
Mount Somers Branch	...	...	27 35			1 70		29 25
Albury Branch	...	...	36 13			2 45		38 58
Waimate Branch	...	...	12 67			1 58		14 45
Totals, Christchurch Division	211 57	6 28	242 65	460 70	65 58	23 68	89 46	550 36
DUNEDIN DIVISION :—	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.
Main Line	165 40	...	...	165 40	47 15	...	47 15	212 55
Duntroon Branch	...	...	37 41	188 36	...	2 64	17 31	40 25
Oamaru-Breakwater Branch	...	...	0 63			0 25		1 8
Ngapara & Livingstone Branches	...	...	27 4			2 2		29 6
Shag Point Branch	...	...	2 10			0 14		2 24
Waihemo Branch	...	...	8 65			0 57		9 42
Port Chalmers Branch	...	...	1 26			3 47		4 73
Walton Park Branch	...	...	2 49			0 50		3 19
Fernhill Branch	...	...	1 68			0 8		1 76
Otago Central Railway	...	...	56 2			2 56		58 58
Outram Branch	...	...	9 0			0 65		9 65
Lawrence Branch	...	...	22 1			1 67		23 68
Catlin's River Branch	...	...	19 27			1 56		21 3
Totals, Dunedin Division	165 40	...	188 36	353 76	47 15	17 31	64 46	418 42
INVERCARGILL DIVISION :—	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.
Main Line	82 41	...	...	82 41	18 54	...	18 54	101 15
Tapanui Branch	...	...	20 4	241 71	...	2 2	21 48	22 6
Waimea Plains Branch	...	...	36 41			2 10		38 51
Wyndham Branch	...	...	9 35			0 45		10 0
Seaward Bush Branch	...	...	18 7			1 34		19 41
Kingston Branch	...	...	87 0			6 77		93 77
Makarewa-Orepuki Branch	...	...	35 52			4 69		40 41
Thornbury-Wairio and Wairio-Nightcaps Branches	...	...	24 51			2 48		27 19
Lumsden-Mararoa Branch	...	...	10 41			1 3		11 44
Totals, Invercargill Division	82 41	...	241 71	324 32	18 54	21 48	40 22	364 54
Grand Totals—Whole Line	459 58	6 28	673 12	1,139 18	131 47	62 67	194 34	1333 52
Riversdale-Switzers Line*	...	...	...	2 0	...	...	...	...
Forest Hill Tramway	...	...	...	10 0	...	...	...	...

* Taken over, but not yet open for traffic.