

This summary includes the statistics of the air freight service between Paraparaumu and Woodbourne operated by New Zealand National Airways Corporation on behalf of the New Zealand Railways. Traffic statistics for this service for the year ended 31st March, 1948, were—

Trips .. .. .	1,786
Hours flown .. .. .	1,114
Miles flown .. .. .	138,266
Freight (lb.) .. .. .	13,081,232
Freight ton-miles .. .. .	448,891

A total of five Douglas C. 47c aircraft were used on the inter-Island freight service, and the remaining traffic was served by the following aircraft :—

Douglas D.C. 3	D.H. 83 Fox Moth.
Douglas C. 47c.	De Soutter.
Lockheed Lodestar.	Waco
Lockheed Electra.	Monospar S.T. 25.
D.H. 89A Rapide.	Beechcraft A.T. 11.

(c) EXTERNAL SCHEDULED SERVICES

(i) *Tasman Empire Airways, Ltd.*

During the year ended 31st March, 1948, the two Short S. 30 flying-boats operated by Tasman Empire Airways, Ltd., were withdrawn from service and an aircraft of the Short S. 25 type was acquired, bringing the total fleet operated by this company to four Short S. 25 flying-boats. During November the frequency was increased to eight trips weekly in each direction.

On 22nd February, 1948, the Short S. 25 aircraft operated by Tasman Empire Airways, Ltd., were grounded as a result of engine-cooling troubles. As from 23rd February, 1948, this service was operated by other airlines under charter to Tasman Empire Airways, Ltd.

Route details are as follows :—

Route .. .. .	Auckland-Sydney.
Route miles .. .. .	1,340

Traffic statistics for the year ended 31st March, 1948, were—

Hours flown .. .. .	6,128
Miles flown .. .. .	991,916
Passengers .. .. .	18,792
Freight (lb.) .. .. .	223,229
Mail (lb.) .. .. .	331,926
Passenger-miles created .. .. .	26,504,948
Passenger-miles used .. .. .	25,194,933
Percentage of seat utilization (per cent.) .. .. .	95
Passenger ton-miles .. .. .	2,364,653
Excess baggage ton-miles .. .. .	22,349
Freight ton-miles .. .. .	100,157
Mail ton-miles .. .. .	198,556
Total ton-miles created .. .. .	3,045,634
Total ton-miles used .. .. .	2,704,351
Percentage of aircraft utilization (per cent.) .. .. .	89