

The s.s. "Wakatu" made during the year forty-one trips from the north and forty-three from the south, and on seven occasions she had to pass on owing to stormy weather; the s.s. "Himitangi" made three trips from the north and two from the south. The schooner "Maud Graham" arrived from Lyttelton for a cargo of wheat; owing to her cable breaking she drifted ashore and became a total wreck. The sea at the time was moderately calm.

During the months of July and October the landing-service was closed for repairs to slip and cargo-boat.

Everything has worked satisfactorily during the year. The groyne erected for the protection of the foreshore is now finished, and the shingle is accumulating in front as intended.

WORKING-EXPENSES and REVENUE from 31st March, 1899, to 31st March, 1900.

Working-expenses and Repairs.				Revenue.			
1900.		£	s. d.	1900.		£	s. d.
Mar. 31.—Shipping wages	592	13	9	Mar. 31.—Inward revenue	667	19	8
Casual-labour wages	121	0	9	Outward revenue	492	3	0
Ropes, oils, and general requisites	41	4	7				
Coals for engine	29	11	4				
Fat for slip	5	5	5				
Stationery and printing	4	4	9				
Advertising	10	11	0				
Stamps and telegrams	6	0	0				
Insurance	31	6	6				
Ironwork for general repairs ..	7	8	0				
New mooring-chain and cartage	17	1	9				
Ironbark and ironwork for slip							
repairs	42	15	2				
Diver's wages, hire of dress and							
pump	74	12	0				
Repairs to boat and boiler ..	46	12	7				
Balance of accounts owing for							
new store	8	3	10				
Auditor's fees	3	6	8				
Wages for roadwork	37	9	0				
Balance to credit.. ..	80	15	7				
	£1,160	2	8			£1,160	2 8

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT showing Difference between last Year's Trade and Year just ended.

Inwards.

Period.	Goods.	Coals.	Timber.	Posts.	Flour.	Flour.	Bran.	Oat-meal.	Sharps	Standards.	Black and Galvanised Wire.	Barb-wire.
	Tons cwt.	Tons cwt.			Sks.	Bags.	Sks.	Sks.	Sks.		Cwt.	Cwt.
1898-1899 ..	1,291 9	428 17	365,984	1,170	936	328	135	84	58	34,410	1,365	640
1899-1900 ..	1,136 11	569 11	258,262	1,909	1,062	458	116	89	79	25,944	1,214	268
Increase	..	140 14	..	739	122	130	..	5	21	..	..	..
Decrease	154 18	..	107,722	..	..	..	19	..	..	8,466	151	372

Outwards.

Period.	Wool.	Wool.	Skins.	Peas.	Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.	Potatoes.	Chaff.	Onions.	Grass-seed.	Sundries.
	Bales.	Sacks.	Bales.	S'ks.	Sacks.	Sacks.	S'ks.	Sacks.	Sacks.	Sacks.	Sacks.	
1898-1899 ..	2,731	16	97	71	8,811	442	28	38	72	13	32	447
1899-1900 ..	2,903	32	95	62	10,428	361	1,009	28	74	35	37	431
Increase	172	16	..	..	1,617	..	981	..	2	12	5	..
Decrease	..	..	2	9	..	81	..	10	..	..	..	16

Revenue.

Period.	Inwards.	Outwards.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1898-1899 ..	735 4 7	499 15 7	1,235 0 2
1899-1900 ..	667 19 8	492 3 0	1,160 2 8
Decrease ..	67 4 11	7 12 7	74 17 6