

One hundred and four new bogie cars are under construction in Railway Workshops.

Brake-vans.—The number of brake-vans on 1st April, 1907, was 326, and the number on 31st March, 1908, was 333. Eighteen new bogie brake-vans were built; seven of these were additional stock, and eleven, debited to revenue, replaced eleven old four-wheel brake-vans written off.

The repairs, &c., to brake-vans were as follows :—

Description.	Number passed through Shops.	Built new.	Rebuilt.	Thoroughly overhauled.	Heavy Repairs.	Light Repairs.	Painted.	Touched up.
Brake-vans	498	18	2	2	126	350	128	145

Twenty-nine new bogie brake-vans are under construction in Railway Workshops.

Wagons.—The wagon stock on 1st April, 1907, comprised 14,279 vehicles, and on 31st March, 1908, the number was 15,142 vehicles. One new wagon was built to replace a similar wagon sold. Eight hundred and fifty-five new wagons were built for ordinary traffic. Eight old cars were converted to goods-wagons. One obsolete brake-van was altered to a sleeping-van. Two worn-out obsolete wagons were written off, and are being replaced with standard wagons at the cost of revenue.

In addition, there were built in the Railway Workshops, 25 wagons for Mines Department, and 2 wagons for Napier Harbour Board.

The carrying-capacity of wagon stock was increased by 9,670 tons, equal to 9 per cent., being an equivalent of 1,612 ordinary wagons.

The following table gives particulars of repairs, &c., to wagon stock for the year :—

Description.	Number passed through Shops.	Built new.	Rebuilt.	Converted.	Heavy Repairs.	Light Repairs.	Painted.	Touched up.
Wagons	13,495	883	29	12	2,616	9,955	2,724	4,275

One thousand seven hundred and thirty-six wagons are under construction, comprising 75 bogie and 1,661 four-wheelers.

Tarpaulins.—The stock on 1st April, 1907, was 10,987 tarpaulins, and on 31st March, 1908, the stock was 11,422 tarpaulins. Four hundred and thirty-five new tarpaulins were made and added to stock, and 2,454 worn-out tarpaulins were written off and replaced with a similar number of new tarpaulins, made in the Railway Workshops, and charged to working-expenses.

The following table shows the work on tarpaulins for the year :—

Description.	Number passed through Shops.	Manufactured new.	Condemned and replaced with New Tarpaulins.	Repaired.
Tarpaulins	15,491	435	2,454	12,602

There were 1,075 new tarpaulins in hand at close of year.

Stationary Engines and Cranes.—The repairs and renewals to stationary engines and cranes were as follows :—

Description.	Number passed through Shops.	Built new.	Erected.	Re-erected.	Converted.	Heavy Repairs.	Light Repairs.	Painted.	Touched up.	Boiler-repairs.					
										Heavy Repairs.	Light Repairs.	New Tubes.	New Boilers.	New Smoke-box Tube-plate.	Boiler patched.
Hand-cranes	20	...	...	...	1	6	13	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Steam-cranes	49	2	1	1	...	10	35	8	9	2	5	...	4	...	3
Hydraulic cranes	3	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stationary engines	14	...	...	...	...	...	14	...	...	3	9	2	...	1	5
Pile-drivers and hoisting-engines	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...