

Carriage and Wagon Repair Staff.

The following are details of the staff employed in the several workshops and sheds in connection with the building and repair of carriages and wagons :—

Workshop or Running-shed.	Repair Staff.	Train Examiners.	Gasmen.	Total Staff.
<i>Workshop—</i>				
Petone	328	..	..	328
Napier	65	..	..	65
East Town	142	..	..	142
Newmarket	273	..	..	273
Addington	323	..	..	323
Hillside	237	..	..	237
Invercargill	68	..	..	68
Greymouth	53	..	..	53
Westport	39	..	..	39
<i>Running-sheds—</i>				
Wellington	22	12	2	36
Paekakariki	..	1	..	1
Cross Creek	..	2	..	2
Napier	..	2	..	2
Waipukurau	..	2	..	2
Palmerston North	1	8	2	11
Woodville	5	3	..	8
Taihape	..	2	..	2
Ohakune	..	1	..	1
Taumarunui	..	3	..	3
Wanganui	5	4	..	9
Hawera	..	2	..	2
New Plymouth	1	2	..	3
Marton	..	4	..	4
Stratford	..	1	..	1
Auckland	16	6	3	25
Mercer	1	1	..	2
Helensville	..	2	..	2
Frankton	10	4	..	14
Huntly	..	2	..	2
Morrinsville	..	2	..	2
Rotorua	1	..	..	1
Paeroa	..	1	..	1
Te Kuiti	..	1	..	1
Whangarei	12	1	..	13
Christchurch	6	6	3	15
Lyttelton	..	1	..	1
Rangiora	..	1	..	1
Waipara	..	1	..	1
Springfield	..	2	..	2
Ashburton	..	2	..	2
Timaru	3	2	..	5
Dunedin	10	5	2	17
Oamaru	6	2	..	8
Invercargill	5	3	..	8
Wairio	..	1	..	1
Milton	..	1	..	1
Kaitangata	..	1	..	1
Greymouth	..	3	..	3
Otira	1	2	..	3
Westport	..	2	..	2
Conn's Creek	..	1	..	1

Comparative Costs of Carriage and Wagon Maintenance.

The following table will show that the average cost of maintenance per vehicle in stock is higher in New Zealand than in Great Britain, even after making allowance for increased costs, which have been put to us as 60 per cent. higher than Great Britain in respect of wages and 20 per cent. material :—

Railway.	Cost of Coaching- stock Main- tenance.	Number of Coaching Vehicles.	Average Cost per Coaching Vehicle.	Revised on Great Britain Basis.	Cost of Goods-wagon Maintenance.	Number of Goods- wagons (excluding Service Wagons).	Average Cost per Wagon.	Revised on Great Britain Basis.
	£		£	£	£		£	£
New Zealand ..	193,403	1,527	127	90	357,500	25,486	14	10
Great Britain ..	5,328,765	68,033	78	78	5,886,207	706,452	8	8