

REVENUE.

Gross Revenue.—The revenue for the year from all sources was £8,434,654, as against £8,460,762 for the year 1925-26, a decrease of £26,108.

The particulars of the gross revenue are as follows:—

	1926-27.	1925-26.
	£	£
Train-operation	7,423,472	7,589,274
Subsidiary services	565,961	511,947
Branch lines and isolated sections subsidy	445,221*	359,541*
	<u>£8,434,654</u>	<u>£8,460,762</u>

* Payable in respect of developmental lines in terms of the Government Railways Act, 1926.

Train-operating Revenue.—The total operating revenue for the year represented 88·01 per cent. of the gross revenue, and amounted to £7,423,472, of which the North Island system yielded £4,420,834 and the South Island system £3,002,638. The figures for the whole system show a decrease of £165,802 on the earnings of the previous year.

The particulars of the operating revenue earned are as follows:—

	1926-27.	Percentage of Operating Revenue.	1925-26.	Percentage of Operating Revenue.
	£		£	
Passengers, ordinary	2,045,348	27·56	2,271,498	29·93
Season tickets	258,832	3·49	265,549	3·50
Parcels, luggage, and mails	377,367	5·08	409,207	5·39
Goods and live-stock	4,596,166	61·91	4,499,160	59·28
Miscellaneous: Labour, demurrage, &c.	145,759	1·96	143,860	1·90
	<u>7,423,472</u>	..	<u>7,589,274</u>	..

The operating earnings per train-mile for all lines were 166·14d., as against 176·51d. for the preceding year—i.e., a decrease of 10·37d. per train-mile.

The North Island main line and branches gave a return of 164·11d. and the South Island main line and branches 167·79d. per train-mile.

Subsidiary Services Revenue.—The revenue received from subsidiary services amounted to £565,961, as against £511,947 for the corresponding services last year.

The particulars of the revenue earned are:—

	1926-27.	1925-26.
	£	£
Lake Wakatipu steamers	10,273	10,625
Refreshment service	129,612	133,658
Advertising service	47,387	45,454
Departmental dwellings	83,375	68,661
Leases refreshment-rooms, bookstalls, &c.	20,462	19,062
Non-operating—Miscellaneous	266,108	234,487
Road motor services	8,744	..
	<u>£565,961</u>	<u>£511,947</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Gross Expenditure.—The expenditure on all services during the year was £6,490,880, as against £6,468,428 for the year 1925-26, an increase of £22,452.

The particulars are:—

	1926-27.	1925-26.
	£	£
Train-operation	6,158,283	6,164,570
Subsidiary services	332,597	303,858
	<u>£6,490,880</u>	<u>£6,468,428</u>

£220,589 was expended in the Maintenance Branch and charged to Capital Account under the head “Additions to Open Lines.” These comprise additions to station buildings, extension of sidings, bridge-work, cranes, weighbridges, turntables, additional dwellings, and purchase of land.

£91,608 was expended in the Locomotive Branch and charged to Capital Account in the provision of additional rolling-stock and electric lighting for cars.

The rolling-stock in respect of which the charges were incurred comprised eighteen locomotives, seven cars, six guards’ vans, and twenty-four bogie and 192 four-wheeled wagons completed on the 31st March, 1927, and four locomotives, eighteen cars, twenty brake-vans, and forty bogie and 290 four-wheeled wagons in hand but incomplete on that date.