

decrease, 13,142. Parcels, luggage, &c., revenue, £236,749 ; decrease, £14,654. Live-stock, 4,799,313 ; increase, 420,402. Goods tonnage, 3,021,997 ; decrease, 71,383. Timber decreased 69,465 tons. All other goods decreased 1,918 tons. The revenue per mile of railway decreased from £3,611 3s. 7d. to £3,336 4s. 5d., and decreased per train-mile from 14s. 8d. to 13s. 8d.

The variations in the individual districts were approximately as follows :—

Northern District.—Revenue, £2,053,021 ; increase, £4,590. Passengers decreased 374,003. Season tickets decreased 23,300. Parcels luggage, &c., decreased £611. Cattle increased 4,898, and sheep 123,479. Timber decreased 24,519 tons, and all other goods 4,475 tons.

Middle District.—Revenue, £545,205 ; decrease, £19,940. Passengers decreased 47,188, and season tickets 621. Parcels, luggage, &c., decreased £1,467. Cattle increased 5,385, and sheep 139,866. Timber decreased 39,423 tons, and all other goods 20,401 tons.

Western District.—Revenue, £480,394 ; decrease, £19,287. Passengers decreased 58,497, and season tickets 866. Parcels and luggage decreased £2,758. Cattle increased 8,095, and sheep 179,560. Timber decreased 4,946 tons, and all other goods increased 40,325 tons.

Southern District.—Revenue, £1,299,110 ; decrease, £122,579. Passengers decreased 607,247. Season tickets increased 11,645. Parcels, luggage, &c., decreased £9,818. Cattle decreased 15,963, and sheep 24,918. Timber decreased 577 tons. All other goods decreased 17,367 tons.

Picton Section.—Revenue, £38,389 ; decrease, £3,963. Passengers decreased 14,515, and season tickets increased 85. Cattle increased 274, and sheep 18,778. Timber decreased by 205 tons, and all other goods 8,455 tons.

Nelson Section.—Revenue, £23,346 ; decrease, £4,936. Passengers decreased 2,076, and season tickets 163. Timber decreased 1,088 tons, and all other goods 2,139 tons. Cattle decreased 160, and sheep 5,950.

Westport Section.—Revenue, £141,588 ; increase, £14,320. Passengers decreased 4,301, and season tickets 217. Parcels, luggage, &c., increased £3. All other goods increased 82,551 tons.

South Island Main Line and Branches Section.—Revenue, £2,799,315 ; decrease, £9,136. The principal items of traffic were : Passengers, 4,313,698 ; decrease, 400,183. Season tickets, 162,477 ; decrease, 1,692. Parcels, luggage, &c., revenue, £132,574 ; decrease, £16,682. Live-stock, 4,171,892 ; increase, 258,647. Timber, 274,459 tons ; decrease, 31,394 tons. All other goods, 2,704,964 tons ; increase, 59,343 tons. The revenue per mile of railway decreased from £1,752 2s. 6d. to £1,730 2s. 2d., and decreased from 14s. 7d. per train-mile to 14s.

The variations of traffic in the individual districts were approximately as follows :—

Northern District.—Revenue, £1,220,831 ; decrease, £3,969. Passengers decreased 155,393, and season tickets increased 1,266. Parcels, luggage, &c., decreased £8,687. Cattle decreased 5,795. Sheep increased 133,121. Timber decreased 17,870 tons, and all other goods increased 77,626 tons.

Middle District.—Revenue, £869,180 ; decrease, £10,161. Passengers decreased 188,175, and season tickets 1,093. Parcels, luggage, &c., decreased £5,021. Cattle increased 202, and sheep 38,125. Timber decreased 3,184 tons. All other goods decreased 19,589 tons.

Southern District.—Revenue, £709,304 ; increase, £4,994. Passengers decreased 56,615, and season tickets 1,865. Parcels, luggage, &c., decreased £2,974. Cattle increased 1,217, and sheep 91,777. Timber decreased 10,340 tons, and all other goods increased 1,306 tons.

Lake Wakatipu Steamers.—Revenue, £10,271 ; decrease, £354. Passengers increased 4,430. Parcels, &c., decreased £109. Timber decreased 241 tons, and all other goods 462 tons.

Train-services.—The following table shows the average late arrivals of the suburban, mixed, and express trains for the year :—

AVERAGE LATE ARRIVAL OF TRAINS, YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1927.

Year ended	Period ended													Average for year in mins.	
	May 1.	May 20.	June.	July.	August.	September	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March 5.	March 31.		
<i>Express and Mail Trains.</i>															
March 31st, 1927	..	8-54	6-57	4-86	3 09	5-38	3-15	4-65	6-54	4-83	9-76	5-49	5-58	8-79	5-94
March 31st, 1926	..	5-22	3-98	7-10	3-11	3-82	5-26	3-57	1-92	3-84	11-27	9-39	7-39	6-43	5-54
<i>Long-distance Mixed Trains.</i>															
March 31st, 1927	..	10-52	7-55	6-16	4-07	4-28	3-71	3-63	5-43	4-55	7-02	5-49	7-23	9-87	6-12
March 31st, 1926	..	8-08	6-27	4-86	3-82	3-83	3-98	2-63	3-50	4-77	9-24	8-84	11-19	10-69	6-27
<i>Suburban Trains.</i>															
March 31st, 1927	..	0-89	0-63	0-50	0-50	0-47	0-36	0-37	0-75	0-40	0-85	0-73	0-79	1-85	0-70
March 31st, 1926	..	0-77	1-16	0-88	0-68	0-72	0-57	0-27	0-41	0-26	0-72	0-73	0-95	0-76	0 68