

The increased revenue from parcels traffic is due to an improvement in parcels traffic generally, together with an increase in the consignments of milk and cream, principally in the Auckland District.

The decline in luggage receipts is a reflection of the falling-off in passenger traffic.

GOODS AND LIVE-STOCK.

The revenue from goods and live-stock was £4,904,324, an increase of £58,199 as compared with the figures for the year ended 31st March, 1929. A comparison of the total revenue and tonnage of this year's traffic with those of the previous year is as follows:—

			1930.	1929.	Variation.	Per Cent.
Revenue	..	..	£4,904,324	£4,846,125	+£58,199	1·20
Tonnage	..	..	7,788,973	7,613,445	+175,528	2·31

A comparison of the tonnage of goods and live-stock carried, together with the revenue from the same, for the past six years is as follows:—

<i>Tonnage.</i>							
Year.				Tons.	Increase over Previous Year.	Tons.	Per Cent.
1930	..	..	..	7,788,973	175,528	2·31	
1929	..	..	..	7,613,445	255,057	3·47	
1928	..	..	..	7,358,388	49,939	0·68	
1927	..	..	..	7,308,449	52,307	0·72	
1926	..	..	..	7,256,142	222,683	3·17	
1925	..	..	..	7,033,459	107,942	1·56	

<i>Revenue.</i>							
Year.				£	Increase over Previous Year.	£	Per Cent.
1930	..	..	..	4,904,324	58,199	1·20	
1929	..	..	..	4,846,125	165,990	3·55	
1928	..	..	..	4,680,135	83,969	1·83	
1927	..	..	..	4,596,166	97,006	2·15	
1926	..	..	..	4,499,160	381,414	9·28	
1925	..	..	..	4,117,746	168,159	4·25	

While the tonnage carried during the past year has increased by 2·31 per cent. the gain has been principally in the low-graded commodities.

The principal variations during the year are as follow:—

		<i>Increases.</i>				<i>Decreases.</i>	
		Tons.	Revenue.			Tons.	Revenue.

NORTH ISLAND.

£				£			
Potatoes	..	1,810	2,122	Grain	..	2,109	3,322
Frozen meat	..	1,080	3,563	Fodder	..	1,361	2,094
Butter	..	20,978	9,751	Cheese	..	8,262	3,805
Agricultural lime	..	18,025	1,667 <i>dec.</i>	Wool	..	4,634	6,941
Road-metal	..	39,107	8,552	Coal	..	45,647	12,380
Benzine	..	14,869	29,299	Manures	..	56,978	56,912
Cement	..	3,019	1,514				

SOUTH ISLAND.

£				£			
Potatoes	..	2,822	922	Grain	..	38,650	9,506
Fodder	..	2,669	797	Wool	..	11,513	8,258
Frozen meat	..	9,511	7,470				
Cheese	..	1,707	1,112				
Coal	..	100,358	45,504				
Road-metal	..	15,930	1,385				
Benzine	..	5,977	8,478				
Cement	..	8,755	4,460				
Manures	..	25,187	2,163 <i>dec.</i>				

The decrease in coal traffic in the North Island is due to the flooding of the Hikurangi Mine and to the loss of traffic in coal from the Waikato mines to the Auckland Power Board due to the change-over to hydro-electric power. The increase in the South Island is due to the coal strike in Australia necessitating the use of New Zealand coal for industrial purposes. During the past year the tonnage of imported coal carried was 5,749 tons, a decrease of 54,214 tons compared with the previous year.