

principles have been established, a comparison with the 1926 figures (when the old workshops were in existence) shows that a greater number of men are now employed and that the output is less :—

PERSONNEL.

—			Permanent Employees.	Casuals.	Term Casuals.	Emergency Casuals.	Totals.
1926	..	..	2,332	494	687	16	3,529
1927	..	..	2,355	475	674	33	3,537
1928	..	..	2,241	389	653	44	3,327
1929	..	..	2,211	413	643	383	3,650
1930	..	..	2,330	461	664	761	4,216

A total increase between 1926 and 1930 of 687. Although a large proportion of this increase in staff comes under the heading of “Emergency Casuals,” many of whom were tradesmen and unskilled labourers and were engaged to relieve unemployment and were partly utilized in constructional work, it will be noted that the decrease in numbers under the other three headings totals only fifty-eight, a very small reduction when compared with the original estimates which anticipated a reduction in staff totalling approximately eight hundred.

The following is a statement of the output of the workshops for the years 1926 to 1930 inclusive :—

Repairs to			Heavy Repairs.	Light Repairs.	Repairs to			Heavy Repairs.	Light Repairs.
Locomotives—					Vans—				
1926	..	..	262	420	1926	..	..	423	314
1927	..	..	229	445	1927	..	..	361	313
1928	..	..	215	455	1928	..	..	343	291
1929	..	..	185	473	1929	..	..	295	277
1930	..	..	267	319	1930	..	..	402	200
Cars—					Wagons—				
1926	..	..	1,449	812	1926	..	..	14,397	11,023
1927	..	..	1,356	786	1927	..	..	13,446	10,080
1928	..	..	1,409	751	1928	..	..	12,612	7,634
1929	..	..	1,151	798	1929	..	..	11,431	8,246
1930	..	..	1,463	495	1930	..	..	14,878	6,105

The foregoing figures show that the volume of repair work carried out in the old workshops was in excess of similar work undertaken in the new workshops.

The work undertaken, covering the erection of new locomotives, cars, vans, and wagons in the years 1926 to 1930 inclusive, is as under :—

—			Locomotives.	Cars.	Vans.	Wagons.
1926	..	..	6	46	18	367
1927	..	..	12	6	6	216
1928	..	..	2	4	21	252
1929	..	..	..	10	6	497
1930	..	..	..	11	3	399

This again shows a greater volume of work carried out in 1926 in comparison with 1930.

Overhead Expenses.—As previously stated in this report, it was estimated when proposals for the reorganization of the workshops were formulated and approved that an annual saving of £230,000 would be effected, but that this saving would be reduced to a net figure of £115,000 by the increased overhead expenses.