

Catlins River Branch. (Distance, 42 miles 57 chains.)

The operating revenue and expenditure per mile for this branch for the past four years was :—

Year.	Branch Revenue.	Feeder Value.	Total Revenue.	Working-expenses.	Interest.	Total Loss.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1927	475	97	472	534	445	407
1928	440	89	529	633	462	566
1929	466	88	455	608	471	524
1930	454	82	536	588	487	539

The operations for the whole of the branch and for the last year were as follows : Branch revenue, £19,515 ; feeder value, £3,533 ; total revenue, £23,048 ; working-expenses, £25,261 ; interest, £20,941 : total loss, £23,154.

The evidence submitted showed that the services on this line were being economically operated, but the result of working was so unsatisfactory that consideration was given to possible suggested curtailments.

Your Commission is, however, of opinion that no decrease in the time-table should be made at present, but that the position be reviewed at definite periods with a view to taking action and curtailing services if no improvement results.

Tapanui Branch. (Distance 26 miles 11 chains.)*Waikaka Branch.* (Distance 12 miles 55 chains.)*Switzers Branch.* (Distance 13 miles 66 chains.)

The operating revenue and expenditure per mile for these branches for the past four years was :—

Year.	Branch Revenue.	Feeder Value.	Total Revenue.	Working-expenses.	Interest.	Total Loss.
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Tapanui Branch.

	£	£	£	£	£	£
1927	257	109	366	465	209	308
1928	231	92	323	537	205	419
1929	249	104	353	510	205	362
1930	245	79	324	506	214	396

Waikaka Branch.

	£	£	£	£	£	£
1927	215	82	297	384	236	323
1928	185	73	258	350	233	325
1929	203	87	290	367	235	312
1930	190	65	255	399	247	391

Switzers Branch.

	£	£	£	£	£	£
1927	134	57	191	309	254	372
1928	116	54	170	298	254	382
1929	116	60	176	356	254	434
1930	134	52	186	306	265	385

The operations for the whole of the branches and for the last year were as follows :—

—	Branch Revenue.	Feeder Value.	Total Revenue.	Working-expenses.	Interest.	Total Loss.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tapanui ..	6,623	2,125	8,748	13,660	5,778	10,690
Waikaka ..	2,475	840	3,315	5,178	3,211	5,074
Switzers ..	1,881	723	2,604	4,298	3,710	5,404