

Your Commission recommends that in each of the above cases the passenger service be discontinued, and that the locomotive depots at Edievale and Waikaka be closed and the staff removed, arrangements to be made to work branch goods traffic as required.

Estimated saving, £1,500 per annum.

Glenham Branch. (Distance, 9 miles 25 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	201	178	379	757	235	613
1928	163	139	302	657	234	589
1929	151	153	304	783	240	719
1930	159	114	273	578	248	553

The operations for the whole of the branch for last year were as follows : Branch revenue, £1,590 ; feeder value, £1,140 ; total revenue, £2,730 ; working-expenses, £5,778 ; interest, £2,480 : total loss, £5,528.

Your Commission recommends that the locomotive depot at Wyndham be closed and staff removed, and that passenger traffic be discontinued. Arrangements to be made to work goods traffic on the branch as required.

Estimated saving, £1,250 per annum.

Seaward Bush Branch. (Distance, 33 miles 64 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	527	54	581	517	251	187
1928	426	46	472	529	242	299
1929	415	48	463	535	243	315
1930	445	48	493	561	253	321

The operations for the whole of the branch and for last year were as follows : Branch revenue, £15,133 ; feeder value, £1,629 ; total revenue, £16,762 ; working-expenses, £19,083 ; interest, £8,602 : total loss, £10,923.

At the present time one mixed train each way is run daily. Since 1927 the passenger revenue has declined by £3,000 per annum. Your Commission recommends that, unless a distinct improvement is shown in the revenue from this branch within the next six months, the passenger service be discontinued, and that a goods service be operated as business warrants.

Orawia Extension of the Tuatapere Branch. (Distance, 8 miles 23 chains.)

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

Year.	Branch Revenue.	Feeder Value.	Total Revenue.	Working-expenses.	Interest.	Total Loss.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1927	77	61	138	367	514	743
1928	77	80	157	339	521	703
1929	81	76	157	310	523	676
1930	81	59	140	273	539	672