

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF TRAFFIC ON ALL SECTIONS from 1st April, 1915, to 5th February, 1916.

All Sections.	First-class Passengers.		Second-class Passengers.		Total.	Season Tickets.
	S.	R.	S.	R.		
*1916	389,740	1,213,554	2,442,580	8,076,028	12,121,902	271,033
†1915	383,304	1,263,426	2,297,355	7,324,310	11,268,395	244,122
Increase	6,436	..	145,225	751,718	853,507	26,911
Decrease .. .. .	..	49,872	..	..	..	..

All Sections.	Parcels, &c.	Drays.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
*1916	1,221,104	2,919	274,881	27,857	4,995,821	135,732	5,437,210
†1915	1,196,420	2,576	219,756	30,284	4,554,199	120,951	4,927,766
Increase	24,684	343	55,125	..	441,622	14,781	509,444
Decrease .. .. .	..	..	..	2,427	..	..	..

All Sections.	Chaff, Lime, &c.	Wool.	Firewood.	Timber.	Grain.	Merchandise.	Minerals.	Total.
	Tons c.	Tons c.	Tons c.	Tons c.	Tons c.	Tons c.	Tons c.	Tons c.
*1916	251,036 0	128,176 10	88,242 0	525,443 2	886,652 4	742,724 9	2,392,918 4	5,015,192 9
†1915	184,106 0	128,885 16	100,673 0	520,449 9	896,795 4	706,026 18	2,498,244 17	5,035,181 4
Increase	66,930 0	..	..	4,993 13	..	36,697 11	..	..
Decrease .. .. .	..	709 6	12,431 0	..	10,143 0	..	105,326 13	19,988 15

* 311 days. † 305 days.

ESTIMATED COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAYS, ROLLING-STOCK, ETC., to 31st March, 1915, as furnished by Public Works Department and by Greymouth and Westport Harbour Boards respectively.

Section.	Cost of Opened Lines.			Cost of Unopened Lines.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Whangarei	754,565	0	0	35,799	0	0
Kaihu	108,913	0	0	89	0	0
Tauranga .. .. .	..	..	..	194,459	0	0
Gisborne	573,189	0	0	175,538	0	0
North Island Main Lines and Branches	14,554,271	0	0	676,960	0	0
South Island Main Lines and Branches	14,321,252	0	0	60,738	0	0
Westland	2,052,264	0	0	514,115	0	0
Westport	591,045	0	0	86,638	0	0
Nelson	538,615	0	0	26,807	0	0
Pictou	587,361	0	0	79,128	0	0
Lake Wakatipu Steamer Service	43,661	0	0	..	..	..
In Suspense—	..	..	..	..	..	..
Surveys, North Island .. .. .	..	..	..	34,368	0	0
Miscellaneous, North Island .. .. .	..	..	..	5,169	0	0
Surveys, South Island .. .. .	..	..	..	5,752	0	0
Miscellaneous, South Island .. .. .	..	..	..	5,168	0	0
P.W.D. Stock of Permanent-way .. .. .	..	..	..	98,592	0	0
W.R.D. Stock of A.O.L. Stores	13,689	0	0
Totals	£34,133,825	0	0	£1,999,330	0	0

Railway Department, 6th March, 1916.

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