

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF TRAFFIC ON ALL SECTIONS from 1st April, 1915, to 4th March, 1916.

All Sections.				First-class Passengers.		Second-class Passengers.		Total.	Season Tickets.
				S.	R.	S.	R.		
*1916	..	..	..	428,996	1,309,952	2,668,311	8,844,804	13,252,063	303,596
†1915	..	..	..	424,766	1,388,606	2,524,626	8,064,364	12,402,362	274,740
Increase	..	..	..	4,230	..	143,685	780,440	849,701	28,856
Decrease	..	..	..	..	78,654	..	..	..	..

All Sections.				Parcels, &c.	Drays.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.	Total.
				No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
*1916	..	..	..	1,364,782	3,153	306,609	33,504	6,158,138	157,629	6,659,033
†1915	..	..	..	1,337,625	2,806	246,632	35,141	5,795,994	139,255	6,219,828
Increase	..	..	..	27,157	347	59,977	..	362,144	18,374	439,205
Decrease	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,637	..	..	..

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	..	..	..	270,754 0	148,233 10	95,904 0	575,984 2	965,493 4	820,854 1	2,619,413 6	5,496,636 3
†1915	..	..	..	197,896 0	151,326 12	109,768 0	565,257 7	976,833 13	786,739 11	2,732,984 17	5,520,806 0
Increase	..	..	..	72,858 0	..	..	10,726 15	..	34,114 10	..	..
Decrease	..	..	..	..	3,093 2	13,864 0	..	11,340 9	..	113,571 11	24,169 17

* 339 days. † 333 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	103,913	0 0	99	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
Picton	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, 3rd April, 1916.

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