

## Traffic Returns.

NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.—Traffic Returns for the period ending 31st March, 1923, and for the corresponding period, 1922:—

| WHANGAREI SECTION.    |         |            |            | NORTH ISLAND MAIN LINES AND BRANCHES. |         |               |                |
|-----------------------|---------|------------|------------|---------------------------------------|---------|---------------|----------------|
|                       |         | 1923.      | 1922.      |                                       |         | 1923.         | 1922.          |
| PASSENGERS,—          | No.     | No.        | No.        | PASSENGERS,—                          | No.     | No.           | No.            |
| 1st Class             | .. ..   | 2,596      | 2,385      | 1st Class                             | .. ..   | 99,853        | 84,832         |
| 2nd Class             | .. ..   | 14,840     | 11,918     | 2nd Class                             | .. ..   | 640,957       | 518,580        |
| Total                 | .. ..   | 17,436     | 14,303     | Total                                 | .. ..   | 740,810       | 603,412        |
| Season Tickets        | .. ..   | 118        | 120        | Season Tickets                        | .. ..   | 26,129        | 24,325         |
| GOODS,—               | No.     | No.        | No.        | GOODS,—                               | No.     | No.           | No.            |
| Cattle                | .. ..   | 21         | 180        | Cattle                                | .. ..   | 16,566        | 13,845         |
| Sheep and Pigs        | .. ..   | 5,024      | 5,424      | Sheep and Pigs                        | .. ..   | 479,843       | 495,407        |
| Total                 | .. ..   | 5,045      | 5,604      | Total                                 | .. ..   | 496,409       | 509,252        |
|                       |         | Tons.      | Tons.      |                                       |         | Tons.         | Tons.          |
| Timber                | .. ..   | 2,624      | 3,744      | Timber                                | .. ..   | 29,646        | 25,624         |
| Other Goods           | .. ..   | 13,985     | 10,918     | Other Goods                           | .. ..   | 189,304       | 162,785        |
| Total                 | .. ..   | 16,609     | 14,662     | Total                                 | .. ..   | 218,950       | 188,409        |
| REVENUE,—             | £ s. d. | £ s. d.    | £ s. d.    | REVENUE,—                             | £ s. d. | £ s. d.       | £ s. d.        |
| Passengers            | .. ..   | 1,941 1 7  | 1,726 15 0 | Passengers                            | .. ..   | 144,309 2 0   | 107,598 10 6   |
| Parcels               | .. ..   | 272 19 6   | 276 19 8   | Parcels                               | .. ..   | 20,318 12 0   | 10,256 2 8     |
| Goods                 | .. ..   | 4,428 2 0  | 4,186 10 8 | Goods                                 | .. ..   | 181,538 12 8  | 166,180 16 1   |
| Miscellaneous         | .. ..   | 301 12 10  | 284 15 1   | Miscellaneous                         | .. ..   | 7,368 5 1     | 5,786 12 1     |
| Rents and Commissions | .. ..   | 92 8 6     | 98 2 4     | Rents and Commissions                 | .. ..   | 4,941 18 7    | Cr. 1,671 5 5  |
| Total                 | .. ..   | £7,036 4 5 | £6,573 2 9 | Total                                 | .. ..   | £358,496 10 4 | £288,150 15 11 |

| KAIHU SECTION.        |         |           |          | SOUTH ISLAND MAIN LINES AND BRANCHES. |         |               |                |
|-----------------------|---------|-----------|----------|---------------------------------------|---------|---------------|----------------|
|                       |         | 1923.     | 1922.    |                                       |         | 1923.         | 1922.          |
| PASSENGERS,—          | No.     | No.       | No.      | PASSENGERS,—                          | No.     | No.           | No.            |
| 1st Class             | .. ..   | 110       | 202      | 1st Class                             | .. ..   | 69,133        | 55,658         |
| 2nd Class             | .. ..   | 3,273     | 2,001    | 2nd Class                             | .. ..   | 330,332       | 261,881        |
| Total                 | .. ..   | 3,383     | 2,203    | Total                                 | .. ..   | 399,465       | 317,539        |
| Season Tickets        | .. ..   | 2         | 2        | Season Tickets                        | .. ..   | 9,361         | 9,322          |
| GOODS,—               | No.     | No.       | No.      | GOODS,—                               | No.     | No.           | No.            |
| Cattle                | .. ..   | 5         | ..       | Cattle                                | .. ..   | 6,032         | 5,923          |
| Sheep and Pigs        | .. ..   | 33        | 20       | Sheep and Pigs                        | .. ..   | 667,398       | 667,292        |
| Total                 | .. ..   | 38        | 20       | Total                                 | .. ..   | 673,430       | 673,215        |
|                       |         | Tons.     | Tons.    |                                       |         | Tons.         | Tons.          |
| Timber                | .. ..   | 800       | 950      | Timber                                | .. ..   | 13,546        | 9,514          |
| Other Goods           | .. ..   | 274       | 404      | Other Goods                           | .. ..   | 211,107       | 192,252        |
| Total                 | .. ..   | 1,074     | 1,354    | Total                                 | .. ..   | 224,653       | 201,766        |
| REVENUE,—             | £ s. d. | £ s. d.   | £ s. d.  | REVENUE,—                             | £ s. d. | £ s. d.       | £ s. d.        |
| Passengers            | .. ..   | 322 17 4  | 232 10 3 | Passengers                            | .. ..   | 74,862 10 9   | 50,176 6 11    |
| Parcels               | .. ..   | 82 17 4   | 74 9 0   | Parcels                               | .. ..   | 13,378 17 7   | 5,059 19 5     |
| Goods                 | .. ..   | 440 19 9  | 527 0 4  | Goods                                 | .. ..   | 130,003 13 8  | 116,697 9 0    |
| Miscellaneous         | .. ..   | 56 10 6   | 42 13 7  | Miscellaneous                         | .. ..   | 6,004 9 2     | 5,164 19 3     |
| Rents and Commissions | .. ..   | 8 11 10   | 9 12 0   | Rents and Commissions                 | .. ..   | 2,100 9 8     | Cr. 1,274 11 3 |
| Total                 | .. ..   | £911 16 9 | £886 5 2 | Total                                 | .. ..   | £226,350 0 10 | £175,824 3 4   |

| GISBORNE SECTION.     |         |             |            | WESTLAND SECTION.     |         |             |              |
|-----------------------|---------|-------------|------------|-----------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
|                       |         | 1923.       | 1922.      |                       |         | 1923.       | 1922.        |
| PASSENGERS,—          | No.     | No.         | No.        | PASSENGERS,—          | No.     | No.         | No.          |
| 1st Class             | .. ..   | 937         | 782        | 1st Class             | .. ..   | 3,205       | 2,826        |
| 2nd Class             | .. ..   | 5,220       | 4,477      | 2nd Class             | .. ..   | 19,991      | 20,860       |
| Total                 | .. ..   | 6,157       | 5,259      | Total                 | .. ..   | 23,196      | 23,686       |
| Season Tickets        | .. ..   | 27          | 37         | Season Tickets        | .. ..   | 1,066       | 1,142        |
| GOODS,—               | No.     | No.         | No.        | GOODS,—               | No.     | No.         | No.          |
| Cattle                | .. ..   | 64          | 64         | Cattle                | .. ..   | 433         | 205          |
| Sheep and Pigs        | .. ..   | 24,021      | 21,306     | Sheep and Pigs        | .. ..   | 8,287       | 3,835        |
| Total                 | .. ..   | 24,085      | 21,370     | Total                 | .. ..   | 8,720       | 4,040        |
|                       |         | Tons.       | Tons.      |                       |         | Tons.       | Tons.        |
| Timber                | .. ..   | 1,291       | 1,181      | Timber                | .. ..   | 8,648       | 9,494        |
| Other Goods           | .. ..   | 3,388       | 3,170      | Other Goods           | .. ..   | 24,522      | 23,663       |
| Total                 | .. ..   | 4,679       | 4,351      | Total                 | .. ..   | 33,170      | 33,157       |
| REVENUE,—             | £ s. d. | £ s. d.     | £ s. d.    | REVENUE,—             | £ s. d. | £ s. d.     | £ s. d.      |
| Passengers            | .. ..   | 932 16 1    | 744 17 7   | Passengers            | .. ..   | 3,261 12 9  | 3,080 10 4   |
| Parcels               | .. ..   | 217 2 1     | 179 14 5   | Parcels               | .. ..   | 659 0 10    | 539 0 3      |
| Goods                 | .. ..   | 2,109 15 5  | 2,437 7 5  | Goods                 | .. ..   | 9,002 3 2   | 9,226 9 4    |
| Miscellaneous         | .. ..   | 59 11 0     | 65 16 8    | Miscellaneous         | .. ..   | 847 18 5    | 758 12 4     |
| Rents and Commissions | .. ..   | 114 7 5     | 78 9 5     | Rents and Commissions | .. ..   | 215 11 6    | 231 0 6      |
| Total                 | .. ..   | £3,433 12 0 | £3,506 5 6 | Total                 | .. ..   | £13,986 6 8 | £13,835 12 9 |