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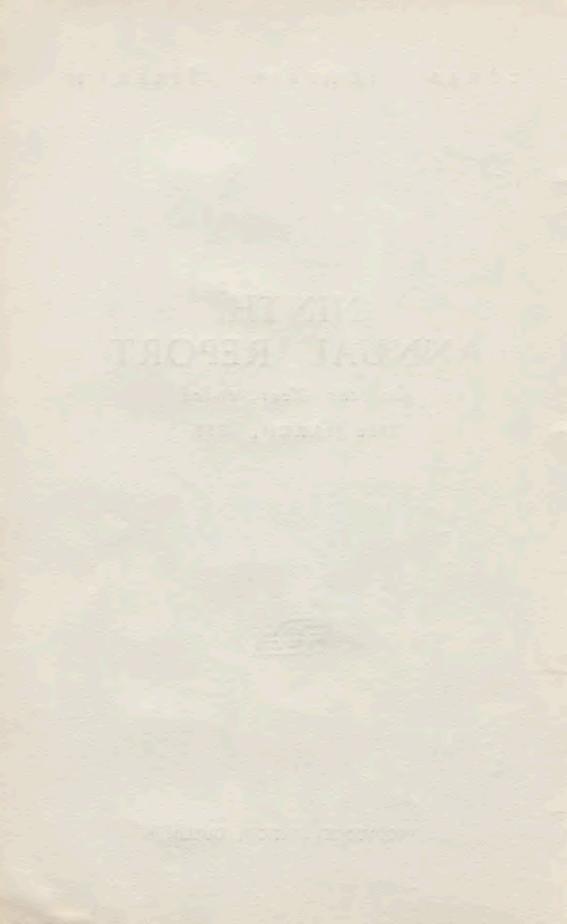


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# MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF CÓRAS IOMPAIR ÉIREANN ON THE $_{\rm 31ST}$ MARCH, 1959.

DR. C. S. Andrews (Chairman-Full-time),

MR. T. C. COURTNEY,

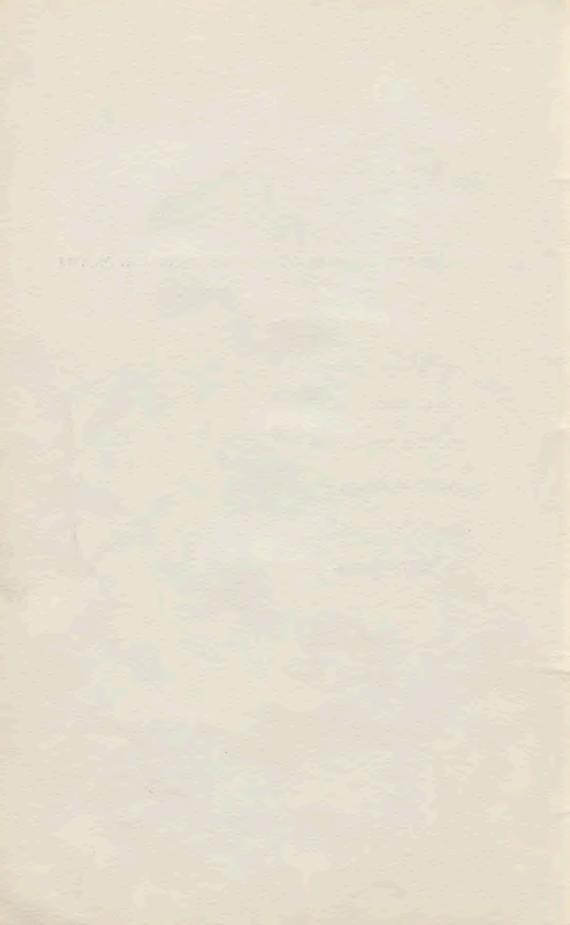
MR. L. FERRIS,

MR. T. P. HOGAN,

MR. W. McMullen,

MR. M. F. MOLONY,

Mr. J. T. O'FARRELL.



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Coras Iompair Eireann presents its Annual Report with Statement of Accounts and Statistics attached for the year ended 31st March, 1959.

# TRANSPORT ACT, 1958.

During the year the Transport Act, 1958, became effective. The purpose of this Act is to reorganise the undertaking to enable it to pay its way. To facilitate reorganisation, provision was made for a fixed subvention during a transition period of five years. The capital liability was reduced and the values of certain fixed assets were written down. Provision was made for the removal of common carrier and other obligations which restricted the commercial adaptability of the concern. The Act laid on the Board the obligation to work within the fixed subvention until March 31st 1964 and thereafter to pay its way.

Five months of the financial year had elapsed before the new Board, reconstituted to give effect to the provisions of the Act, took up duty on September 1st.

#### THE NEW BOARD.

Dr. C. S. Andrews was appointed Chairman of the Board.

His predecessor, Mr. T. C. Courtney, resigned as Chairman but continued as a member of the Board.

The membership of the Board was also altered by the appointments of Mr. W. McMullen and Mr. M. F. Molony, who were Directors of the Great Northern Railway Board, and by the resignations of Mr. P. J. Floyd, Mr. E. H. Murphy and Mr. William Murphy.

#### C.I.E.—G.N.R. MERGER.

The Great Northern Railway Act became operative on 1st October, 1958, when the G.N.R. road services and that part of its railway system within the State were amalgamated with C.I.E.

The cross-border rail service was worked in co-ordination between Coras Iompair Eireann and the Ulster Transport Authority. Railway rolling stock was

divided between the two undertakings. The former Great Northern Hotel at Bundoran was added to the number of Great Southern Hotels.

The workshops at Dundalk were vested in the Industrial Engineering Company, Limited. All employees of the Great Northern Railway Board working within the State at October 1st, except those employed in the Dundalk Works, became employees of Coras Iompair Eireann.

The road and rail services were fully integrated into the Board's services by the close of the financial year. The garage at Abercorn Road, Dublin, was closed and the staff and vehicles transferred to Broadstone, Summerhill or Clontarf garages.

N.B.—The dissolution of the G.N.R. Board has presented a special problem in compiling the statistics for the year. It should be borne in mind that, where appropriate, the figures listed include former G.N.R. assets—and the receipts derived from them—which were taken over on 1st October, 1958; on the other hand, comparative figures for traffic and receipts for the six months ended 31st March, 1958, were not always available in suitable form and in some instances are estimates.

#### NEW POLICY.

On appointment the Board made an assessment of the position with a view to giving effect to the obligations imposed by the Transport Act, 1958. The early months of the new undertaking were devoted to this task and to the acquisition of the assets and services of the Great Northern Railway Board. By December a new policy had been developed ready to go into effect from January, 1959.

The new policy may be summarised as follows:-

- (1) All services to be examined and where found to be uneconomic appropriate steps to be taken to remedy the situation. The first step in this direction was taken on January 1st when the rail services on the Harcourt Street/Bray line were discontinued and substitute road passenger services provided.
- (2) The new commercial freedom of the undertaking to be exploited. In this connection a number of salesmen were appointed and an advertising campaign was undertaken. The "Package Deal" campaign which offered specially negotiated contracts for the carriage of a firm's traffic was launched in January.
- (3) To keep the public informed of the Board's policy and of the reasons for the various courses of action adopted.
- (4) To improve the appearance, particularly the cleanliness, of rolling stock and buildings.

- (5) To improve the morale and general effectiveness of the staff. A system of joint consultation was put in train. The acquisition of premises at Amiens Street enabled the Administrative staff of the Traffic Department to be housed in one building in offices which were altered and redecorated to provide good working conditions.
- (6) To eliminate wasteful methods in all Departments. For this purpose a firm of consultants was engaged to assist the Board's officers. Work study at Inchicore Works was extended.
- (7) To review Management methods and organisation and to strengthen the management team to deal with the problems arising from new policies. A new organisation structure was planned and the initial steps taken to introduce it.

#### FINANCIAL RESULTS.

The new policy launched in January could not have a significant effect on the results for the year to March 31st, 1959, with which this report and the attached accounts deal; it will take considerable time before these and other contemplated measures can be expected to show effective results. The loss of £2,588,074 in the year 1957/58 was reduced to £1,798,917 in the year under review. This loss again includes a sinking fund provision of £105,000 and also depreciation provisions amounting to £1,594,000. No provision has been made for depreciation of fixed assets of the Great Northern Railway Board acquired at no cost to the Board. Renewals and replacements of £1,290,544 have been charged in the capital account. The Government granted the Board a sum of £701,483 towards meeting this expenditure to the extent that it was not covered by the moneys available from the working account.

The Government paid, in the form of a free grant, the amount (£719,188) required to meet the interest payable during the year on the Transport Stocks.

The expenditure for the year on capital additions was over £1,200,000 and to meet this the Government made a non-repayable advance to the Board of £1,190,000.

All payments by the Board to superannuation funds, pensions, etc., have been brought under one heading in the Profit and Loss Account. The 1958 figure includes non-recurring expenditure of £70,000 (arrears on the Pension Trust Fund) so that there is an increase this year of over £27,000 due largely to increased pensions paid to pensioners over 70 years of age.

The Transport Act, 1958, provided *inter-alia* that the State should take over from the Board on 31st March 1959, the liability for the principal and the interest on the 3% Transport Stock 1955/60 which falls due for repayment in 1960. The

Act provided also that the Board shall not be liable to repay any advances made up to 31st March, 1958, nor to pay interest thereon for the current year. These provisions of the Transport Act, 1958, required consequential amendments of the values of the Board's assets and liabilities and an explanatory schedule has been added to the accounts (see page 25) so that these changes can be followed.

The Great Northern Railway Act, 1958, also enacted during the year under review, provided that the Board take over from the 1st October, 1958, that portion of the Great Northern Railway Board in the Republic. Such fixed assets as were taken over under the provisions of the Act were acquired at no cost and no value for these assets has been included in the Balance Sheet.

#### SERVICES.

# Rail Passenger:

Passenger Receipts for the year increased from £2,982,574 in 1957/58 to £3,112,175 in 1958/59. This was partly due to the increased fares introduced in May and partly due to the fact that there were two Easters in the period covered by the present accounts. The exceptionally bad weather adversely affected excursion traffic and had a marked effect on seaside traffic on the Dublin Suburban and Waterford/Tramore lines.

The number of first class passengers declined by 18,500—a trend that has been in evidence for many years.

# Rail Freight:

There was a serious decrease in the number of livestock carried and receipts fell from £400,365 in 1957/58 to £300,639 in 1958/59. This fall in traffic is partly attributable to a fall in cattle exports, and partly to the growth of private transport, including the continued and extensive development of operators from Northern Ireland.

Beet traffic increased during the year; 397,757 tons were carried, or 18,243 more than the previous year. Coal, however, was down. Receipts at £61,826 showed a drop of £43,016 and the tonnage carried, 57,260, was down by 33,343. This serious decline was due to three causes:

Arigna coal, much of which formerly went by rail, is now burned locally at the new power station.

The demand from the Continent for anthracite coal dropped.

Many industrial and domestic consumers turned from coal to oil.

The carriage of tar and bitumen in bulk amounted to 51,340 tons, or an increase of 4,957 on the previous year's figures. This rise was due to the increasing

number of County Councils which are taking delivery of road dressing materials in bulk. For this traffic Coras Iompair Eireann operates a fleet of 90 special bulk tar tankers.

# Rail Working:

During the year the policy of maintaining and improving passenger facilities was continued. Twenty-one main line bogie second class coaches were completed and put into service in replacement of obsolete vehicles. The programme of dieselisation which has been steadily contributing to better running times and more economical working was extended by commissioning two "C" class 550 h.p. diesel electric locomotives, and one "E" class 400 h.p. diesel hydraulic locomotive.

As a further inducement to increased railway travel work was commenced on the conversion of six coaches to holiday camping coaches.

The net result of railway working for the year was a loss of £1,169,000. This is nearly £149,000 more than the previous year. Expenditure was higher by £209,000 and receipts were better by £60,000. In expenditure the wages bill was higher by £274,000 of which £268,000 was due to increases recommended by the Joint Industrial Council and the Labour Court. Depreciation is higher because of additional stock in traffic and higher replacement costs. There were increases in expenditure on stores and materials of over £137,000. Fuel economies amounted to over £270,000 and reductions in staff and other economies helped to offset these increases.

#### Canal:

The net working loss for the year was £14,781 greater than 1957/58. Wage increases added £9,500 to the expenditure but this was partly offset by staff reductions, £3,000, and other savings mainly in fuel costs amounting to £4,000.

Canal traffic dropped by approximately seven thousand tons, the principal decrease being sugar, fertilizers and malt. The fall in revenue amounted to  $f_{10,000}$ .

# Road Freight:

Both gross receipts and expenditure were down on the previous year's figures: expenditure declined by £94,782, reflecting a fall of £44,590 in fuel costs and £40,511 in maintenance charges due to reduced mileage.

Excluding credit from the Rail Section for collection and delivery of railborne traffic, the gross receipts were £1,675,577, compared with £1,758,887 during the previous year. Net receipts from hauliers employed as sub-contractors also fell by £8,339 to £42,710.

The decline in gross receipts and in the net revenue from sub-contractors was mainly due to the sharp fall in the carriage of ground limestone. Gross receipts

from this traffic at £166,714 were £88,232 less than the previous year. The reduction of 4/-d. a ton in the subsidy from June 1st affected the business adversely. There was some recovery in February 1959. The wet weather during 1958 also contributed to the fall in demand for limestone.

There was a decline in the hire of vehicles to County Councils and revenue from this source fell by £19,448 to £128,487.

Livestock receipts fell by £17,828 to £155,005.

Heavy haulage earned a record revenue of £84,081, an increase of £41,600.

There was also an increase in beet traffic which improved by £9,084 to turnover £57,531 for the year.

Costs of tyres and fuel were lower due to reduced mileage and there was a further economy in fuel due to the import of fuel in bulk. The net working profit for the year, £81,000, was £3,000 better than the result for 1957/58.

# Road Passenger:

In Road Passenger working expenditure was increased by higher wages and additional services, but this was offset by a reduction in maintenance costs due to the reduced average age of the fleet; there was also a reduction in fuel costs due to importation in bulk.

Fares on the City and Provincial services were increased in May, 1958. A minimum fare of 3d. was introduced on all City omnibus routes, resulting in an increase in revenue of £321,923.

Other City services revenue increased by £45,555. Long-distance bus passenger revenue was up by £34,259.

Two new 'bus services were introduced during the year in Dublin; one to Artane and the other to replace the Harcourt Street/Bray rail line.

The continuous expansion of Dublin's residential suburbs was reflected in the extended 'bus services which it was found necessary to provide on four suburban routes.

A new service was provided to Mayorstone Park in Limerick and the itineraries of services in Cork were revised on eight routes.

#### Coach Tours:

The bad Summer weather did not have any apparent effect on extended coach tours. The returns showed a steady improvement; 299 extended tours were operated and carried 6,623 passengers, an increase of 835 passengers on the previous year.

Two experimental tours were introduced; the inclusive air-coach tours in June from London to Parknasilla and Killarney were continued in modified form but the night tour of Dublin was discontinued for lack of public interest.

A specialised but profitable branch of tour business is the inclusive tour for special parties. Sixteen of these were operated during the year and carried a total of 516 passengers.

In spite of the weather, our Day tours continued to thrive; in all they carried over 105,000 passengers during the year. Dublin was the busiest centre, but they operated also from Dun Laoghaire, Cork, Youghal, Waterford, Killarney, Tralee, Galway and Limerick.

Private hire operations also expanded. Revenue was £183,782 compared with £142,630 in the previous year. Tours were operated on a private hire basis for 305 parties and the return was £35,988.

#### Aran Steamer Service:

Receipts for the Galway/Aran steamer service were up by £2,051 during the year. This increase was due to two reasons; the new vessel, "Naomh Eanna", which carries more passengers in greater comfort, was put into service on 7th May, 1958; in addition, afternoon trips every Thursday between Galway and Kilronan were operated during the Summer.

#### **Shannon Cruises:**

The number of passengers on the River Shannon cruises decreased by 1,867 and receipts by £287. This was due to the very wet Summer; the river services, of their nature, are particularly dependent on good weather.

Revenue from charter parties dropped by £855, although it had in the past usually accounted for well over 50 per cent of the total receipts from Shannon services.

There was, however, an increase of £568 in revenue from ordinary scheduled trips; this was mainly due to increased support from the local people and, in particular, from local school parties.

# Hotels and Catering:

The gross hotel and catering receipts for the year were higher by nearly £88,000 with a consequential increase in stock and provisions. Increased rates of pay amounted to £9,000 and maintenance of buildings and equipment was higher by £12,000. Many overseas tourists who visited this country on their way to or from the Lourdes Centenary celebrations and the Brussels Fair contributed to the increased business.

Improvements were carried out at all the hotels. New bedrooms and bathrooms were constructed, bedroom-telephones installed, dining rooms and bars refurnished and, at Killarney, the Hotel was enhanced by the addition of Waterford chandeliers and Donegal carpets in the main lounge.

On the dissolution of the Great Northern Railway Board the Bundoran Hotel came into the chain of Great Southern Hotels. The total number of these hotels has now been increased to seven. They now provide a total of 879 beds, 164 private bathrooms with *en suite* accommodation for 320 people.

## PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN.

Advertising, publicity and public relations campaigns were directed at the home and foreign markets. In co-operation with Irish and British tourist organisations, "briefing" tours were arranged for visiting travel agents and journalists, Apart from the routine advertising at home of passenger services, tourist transport facilities were publicised widely in the Irish newspapers and in a number of British, U.S. and Canadian journals. Experimental advertising was also carried out in France, Germany, South Africa and Australia. As far as possible advertising abroad was arranged to tie in with that of Bord Failte and Aer Lingus.

Advertising filmlets were shown in an additional number of cinemas and a short film on tourist amenities at Killarney was made in co-operation with Gael Linn. The colour film, "Ireland—Land of Welcome", which publicises the Board's services was shown 25 times on television networks, and, including other showings, the estimated viewing audience during the year amounted to more than 20 millions.

#### NEW EQUIPMENT.

The Telecord Dictaphone was installed at Amiens Street. The first of its kind in this country, the system makes it possible to dictate directly by internal telephone on to one of a battery of dictaphones in the Typing Bureau.

During the year on a site leased from Dublin Port and Docks Board at Alexandra Road, North Wall, a new oil storage depot was completed. It holds 10,000 tons of fuel oil in two tanks and has rail and road loading points. By facilitating the import of oil in bulk this installation makes possible substantial savings in the cost of fuel.

At Conyngham Road garage nine new pits with sunken workshops were constructed and put into use and new staff offices were being built at the end of the year.

The programme, undertaken with the agreement of the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, to substitute telephones for telegraphs together with the provision of a network of selective ringing telephones radiating from the principal centres, was nearly complete by March 31st.

#### ENGINEERING.

Extensive repairs to portion of the loop line Liffey Viaduct were undertaken by the Board's staff and successfully carried through.

The bridge carrying the main Belfast line over the North Wall branch was renewed. The first railway bridge of this type in the country, it has a span of 32 ft. with three all-welded main girders.

The railway bridge over the Lough Ree canal at Athlone which has a 35 ft. span was replaced by a deck-type structure. This was fabricated at Inchicore and was erected during a single week-end.

Apart from these and other special construction tasks, the routine work of track maintenance and safety precautions was continued during the year. Sleepers, for instance, were renewed on 61 miles of track, compared with 49\frac{3}{4} miles in the previous year, and 1,943 miles were sprayed with weed-killer.

## STAFF.

The number of C.I.E. employees on 31st March, 1959, was 22,109 and the salaries and wages bill for the year was £10,014,242. Pay increases and better conditions of service granted during the year cost £40,740.

Work study was introduced in June 1958, into the railway workshops at Inchicore with the assistance of a firm of industrial consultants. Members of the staff were trained so that they could undertake a substantial portion of the task.

Although the unions and the men, on the whole, co-operated in the introduction of this new technique, an unofficial strike of fitters took place when work study was applied in the Diesel Locomotive Overhaul Shop. This dispute ended after 12 weeks but not before causing a considerable disruption of the maintenance programme. On the resumption of work, work study was re-started in the Locomotive Overhaul Shop.

Six disputes were investigated publicly by the Labour Court and there were two meetings of the Joint Industrial Council. In addition, ten Conciliation conferences were held under the auspices of the Labour Court. In all instances, the Court's recommendations and those of the Joint Industrial Council were accepted by both parties.

A total of 21 locomotive firemen were transferred during the year to the Traffic Rail Department as a result of the progress of the dieselisation programme. This brought the number of firemen thus transferred to alternative employment to 206.

The system of staff training was continued and extended during the year.

The Board wishes to pay tribute to its staff for their loyal service and co-operation in what is essentially a transition period.

C. S. Andrews, Chairman.

M. J. Hayes, Secretary.

R. G. WATT,

Chief Accountant.

# Statement of Accounts

and

**Statistics** 

for the year ended

31st March 1959

# REVENUE ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR

## RAILWAY

1958	EXPENDITURE	1959		
£				£
1,261,509	Maintenance of Lines and Works		***	1,413,950
1,120,552	Maintenance of Rolling Stock Traffic Expenses:—	• • •	£	1,374,096
961.411	Fuel		689,192	
3,160,668	Other Expenses	• • •	3,196,463	
4,122,079				3,885,655
470,018	Other Expenditure	• • •		467,832
1,064,346	Depreciation	• • •		1,106,000
8.038.504				£8,247,533

# ROAD PASSENGER

1958	EXPENDITURE	1959	
£ 11,333 805,080 776,264 246,773 2,805,013	Maintenance of Buildings  Maintenance of Vehicles and Equipment Traffic Expenses:  Fuel  Road Tax and Licences  Other Expenses	£ 698,621 249,103 2,975,449	£ 17,450 779,662
3,828,050			3,923,173
295,448 358,000	Other Expenditure Depreciation		324,341 363,000
5,297,911 389,517	Balance to Profit and Loss Account		5,407,626 743,412
£5,687,428			£6,151,038

# ROAD FREIGHT

1958	EXPENDITURE	1959
£		£
10,876	Maintenance of Buildings	10,930
343,800	Maintenance of Vchicles, and Equipment  Traffic Expenses:—	303,235
258,244	Fuel 213,654	
25,909	Provender 24,672	
77,829	Road Tax and Licences 73,738	
814,706	Other Expenses 826,470	
1,176,688		1,138,534
110,221	Other Expenditure	109,104
140,000	Depreciation	125,000
1,781,585		1,686,803
78,232	Balance to Profit and Loss Account	81,484
1.859,817		£1,768,287

# ENDED 31st MARCH, 1959

# WORKING

1958	RECEIPTS	1959	
£ 2,982,574 3,977,000	Passenger Train Traffic	•••	£ 3,112,175 3,904,192
6,959,774 58,512	Miscellaneous	•••	7,016,367 62,101
7,018,086 1,020,418	Balance to Profit and Loss Account	***	7,078,468 1,169,065
8,038,504			£8,247,533

# WORKING

1958	RECEIPTS				
£ 5,522,911 164,517	Missellansana	5,983,200 167,83			
5,687,428		£6,151,038			

# WORKING

1958	RECEIPTS	1959	
£ 1,798,622 11,195 50,000	Goods Services	£ 1,710,382 7,905 50,000	
£1,859,817		£1,768,287	

# REVENUE ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR

VESSEL

1958	EXPENDITURE						
£ 5,212	Maintenance of Vessels and Equipment Traffic Expenses:— £	£ 7,953					
6,663	Fuel 2,281						
10,189	Other Expenses 13,326	1					
16,852		15,60					
5,915	Other Expenditure	10,463					
£27,979		£34,02					

CANAL

1958	EXPENDITURE							
£ 2,131 49,804 10,018 145,514	Maintenance of Buildings             Maintenance of Waterways and Works             Traffic Expenses:         £         7,724           Other Expenses          151,021	£ 1,892 51,615						
155,532		158,748						
14,670	Other Expenditure	14,600						
£222,137		£226,852						

# Hotels, Refreshment Rooms

1958	EXPENDITURE						
£ 18,417 28,799 129,679 330,799	Maintenance of Buildings and Cars	30,128					
54,247	Other Expenses 60,13						
27,787	Other Expenditure	. 34,766					
589,728 39,574	Balance to Profit and Loss Account	672,999 44,173					
£629,302		£717,172					

# DOCKS, HARBOURS AND

1958	EX	1959				
£ 7,696 6,309 8,750 1,573	Maintenance of Docks, Equipment Operating Expenses Dredging Other Expenditure	Harbours	and	•••	and	£ 7,954 6,591 8,750 3,283
£24,328						£26,578

# ENDED 31st MARCH, 1959—(continued)

#### WORKING

1958		RE	CEIPTS				1959
£ 10,143 5,518 810	Passenger Goods Miscellaneous			• • •	•••	•••	£ 11,906 6,025 1,252
16,471							19,183
11,508	Balance to Profit	and Lo	ss Account		***		14,840
£27,979	74. 3						£34,023

## WORKING

1958			RECEIP	rs				1959
£ 133,971	Goods Traffic	•••						£ 124,024
4,752	Miscellaneous	• • •	• • •			***		3,732
19,124	Rents	• • •	• • •	***			•••	20,025
157,847	TE -							147,781
64,290	Balance to Prof.	it and	Loss A	ccount	•••			79,071
£222,137								£226,852

# AND RESTAURANT CARS WORKING

1958	RECEIPTS	1959
£ 629,302	Receipts from Hotels, Refreshment Rooms and Restaurant Cars	£ 717,172
£629,302		£717,172

# WHARVES WORKING

1958	RECEIPTS				1959
£ 450 5,475 7,932	Harbour, Light and Dock Dues Wharf and Pier Dues Cranage and Other Services	***	•••		£ 419 5,701 7,382
13,857				1	13,502
10,471	Balance to Profit and Loss Account	•••		•••	13,076
£24,328					£26,578

1958	EXPENDITURE	1959
£	Balances from:—	£
1,020,418	Railway Working	1,169,065
11,508	Vessel Working	14,840
64,290	Canal Working	79,071
10,471	Docks, Habours and Wharves Working	13,076
1,106,687		1,276,052
	Interest on Transport Stocks:—	
296,672	3% Transport Stock, 1955/60	222,504
75,000	$2\frac{1}{2}\%$ Transport Stock, 1965,75	75,000
105,434	3% Transport Stock, 1975/85	105,434
125,000	5% Transport Stock 1972/77	125,000
191.250	41% Transport Stock, 1972/77	191,250
793,356		719,188
37,500 67,500	Sinking Funds:—  5% Transport Stock, 1972/77  4½% Transport Stock, 1972/77	37,500 67,500
105,000		105,000
43,529 6,534 205,301 545,646 295,778	Guaranteed Interest—Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Company (in Ireland) Joint Lines, County Donegal Railways Joint Committee Interest on Advances under Section 18, Transport Act, 1944, and Section 30 Transport Act, 1950 Board's Contributions to Superannuation Funds, Pensions, etc. Interest	43,503 3,754 502,838 27,785
£3,101,831		£2,678,120

#### APPROPRIATION

1958	EXPENDITURE	1959
£ 7,443,042	Balance from last year	£ 7,536,398
2,588,074 E10,031,116	Balance from Profit and Loss Account	1,798,917 £9,335,315

The foregoing Revenue Accounts include the operating results of that section of the comparative purposes the 1957/58 figures have been adjusted (estimated as necessary) March, 1958.

# ENDED 31st MARCH, 1959—(continued).

#### LOSS ACCOUNT

1958	RECEIPTS	1959
£	Balances from:	£
389,517	Road Passenger Working	743,412
78,232	Road Freight Working	81,484
39,574	Hotels, Refreshment Rooms and Restaurant Cars Working	44,173
507,323		869,069
6,102	Rents	9,804
332	Transfer Fees	330
2,588,074	Balance to Appropriation Account	1,798,917
£3,101,831		£2,678,120

#### ACCOUNT

1958	RECEIPTS	1959
£ 2,167,588	Non-repayable State Advances to meet Expenditure chargeable to Revenue	£
327,130	Estimated deficit of the Great Northern Railway Board for the half-year ended 31st March, 1958, included for comparative purposes	_
	Balance written off to Capital Reserve	7,914,644
7,536,398	Balance to next Account	
10,031,116		£9,335,315

Great Northern Railway system taken over by the Board from 1st October, 1958. For to include the corresponding Great Northern Railway figures for the six months to 31st

# BALANCE SHEET

1958		Amount of Stock at 1st April, 1958	Written Off as per Notes on page 25	TOTAL
£ 9,889,083 3,000,000 3,514,460 2,500,000 4,500,000	Capital Issues:  3% Transport Stock, 1955/60  2½% Transport Stock, 1965/75  3% Transport Stock, 1975/85  5% Transport Stock, 1972/77  4½% Transport Stock, 1972/77	£ 9,889,083 3,000,000 3,514,460 2,500,000 4,500,000	9,889,083	\$ 3,000,000 3,514,460 2,500,000 4,500,000
23,403,543		23,403,543	9,889,083	13,514,460
	1			
113,651 2,965,860 4,820,400 1,803,000 104,778	CUBRENT LIABILITIES: Amount due to Bankers (see vestments) Sundry Creditors and Accrued Advances under Section 18, Tr. 1944, and Section 30, Tra 1950 Repayable State advances for penditure	Charges ansport Act, nsport Act, Capital Ex-	2,908,555 — — — — 70,490	9.070.045
2,965,860 4,820,400 1,803,000	Amount due to Bankers (see vestments) Sundry Creditors and Accrued Advances under Section 18, Tr. 1944, and Section 30, Tra 1950	Charges ansport Act, nsport Act, Capital Ex-	-	2,979,045
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		72.00	Addi- tions		ctions Year	
1958		Amount at 1st April, 1958	During Year, New Assets and Re- newals	Depreciation and Sales	Written Off as per Notes on page 25	Total
£		£	£	£	£	£
e 400 000	Fixed Assets: Railway Lines and Works	6,420,880	525,098	492,661	6,453,317	
6,420,880 12,757,866	Railway Rolling Stock	12,757,866		682,412		12,326,54
2,021,198	Road Passenger Vehicles Road Freight Vehicles	2,021,198		363,000		1,743,49
373,702	and Equipment	373,702	58,743	126,022	102,254	204,16
155,519	Vessels	155,519	31,119	6,710	-	179,92
669,230	Canal Barges and Equip-	669,230	-	3,584	665,646	_
20,237	ment	20,237		228	20,009	
1,907,405	Land and Buildings	1,907,405	16,933	5,063		
612,868	Plant and Machinery Docks, Harbours and	612,868	157,801	6,425	292,610	
223,325	Wharves Hotels, including Catering	223,325		- 07	175,305	
510,237	Equipment	510,237	54,672	97	342,270	222,54
25,672,467		25,672,467	2,492,519	1,686,202	10,774,280	15,704,50
5,037,215	Less: Capital Reserve					3,423,06
20,635,252						12,281,44
2,531,620 1,231,708 3,055 42,330	CURRENT ASSETS: Stock of Stores (less reser Sundry Debtors and Paym Cash at Bank and in Har Cash on Deposit Investments at Cost (less	nents in Adv			1,852,136 1,542,266 296,820	
457,868	Value £499,255)				520,843	
4,266,581						4,212,06
570,526 29,801	FISHGUARD AND ROSSLAR: COMPANY BARROW NAVIGATION		YS AND	HARBOUR		_
372,784	INVESTMENT ON SINKING F ISSUE OF TRANSPORT STOCK	UND ACCOUNTS - DISCOUNT	T AND EX	•••	less	497,12
172,674	Appropriation Account (		neferred)	•••		-
7,536,398	APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT (	Dalaillo ua	instorrouj	•••		-

R. G. WATT, Chief Accountant.

### AUDITORS' REPORT.

As Auditors appointed by the Board under Section 34 (2) of the Transport Act, 1950, with the consent of the Minister for Industry and Commerce, we report that we have examined the foregoing Balance Sheet together with the notes thereon and the Revenue Accounts connected therewith, and we have obtained all the information and explanations which we have required.

Depreciation has been written off on the same basis as in the previous year (as set out in paragraph 12 of the Annual Report of the Board for the year 1956).

Nothing is included in the Balance Sheet in respect of Fixed Assets acquired at no cost from the Great Northern Railway Board under the Great Northern Railway Act, 1958, and no depreciation has been charged in respect of such assets.

The Income Tax position of the Great Northern Railway Board has not yet been determined but as far as it is possible to ascertain full liability has been provided for.

In our opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Board's affairs at 31st March, 1959, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Board.

Dublin, 30th July, 1959.

CRAIG, GARDNER & COMPANY, Chartered Accountants.

Particulars of the Amendments arising from and consequent Financial Provisions of the Transport Act, 1958.	UPON THE
	£
Transfer to the Minister of Finance of the liability for the due payment of the principal and the interest thereon of the Board's 3% Transport Stock, 1955/60	9,889,083
Release of the Board from the liability to repay State advances to meet the interest on Transport Stocks (Transport Act, 1958, Part III, Section 12.)	4,820,400
Release of the Board from the liability to repay State advances for Capital expenditure (Transport Act, 1958, Part III, Sections 12 and 13.)	1,803,000
Total amount of liability from which the Board has been released, as above, and now transferred to Capital Reserve £	16,512,483
State advances during year to 31/3/59 to meet Capital expenditure       1,190,000         Miscellaneous balances (net)       551,909         Capital reserve at 31st March, 1958       5,037,215	2 770 104
	6,779,124
	£23,291,607
DEDUCT: Appropriation Account—debit balance at 31st March, 1959, written off	7,914,644
	£15,376,963
The amount of this capital reserve has been reduced by the following:  Capital Expenditure on fixed assets incurred prior to the 1st June, 1950, —balance written off  Capital Expenditure, 1st June, 1950—31st March, 1959—balance written off:  On Railway Lines and Works 3,470,144 On sundry capital works now unproductive 128,930	7,175,206 3,599,074
	£10,774,280
TILL TO THE TOTAL OF THE TOTAL	210,112,200
Holding in Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Company in Ireland now written down	499,999
Barrow Navigation now written off	29,801
Stores and Materials—Provision for obsolescence owing to change-over from steam to diesel traction	500,000
Discount and expenses on Transport Stocks issued prior to 31st March,	
1959,—balance written off	149,819
	£11,953,899
LEAVING BALANCE ON CAPITAL RESERVE AT 31ST MARCH, 1959	£3,423,064

# STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March, 1959

#### STATISTICS OF ASSETS

#### MILEAGE OF RAILWAY LINES

	Fir Tra	1	Oth		Sidir	ngs	Тот	AL
Lines owned by Board	M. 1,987 2,005	Ch. 21	M. 351 355	Ch. 25 23	M. 337 339	Ch. 13 70	M. 2,675 2,700	Ch 59 73
Lines jointly owned (Board's share of ownership)	33 33	24 24		39 39	3 3	31 31	37 37	14
Lines leased or worked by the Board	128 128	40 40	4 4	75 75	11 11	77 77	145 145	32 32
TOTAL	2,149 2,167	5 44	356 360	59 57	352 355	41	2,858 2,883	25

#### MILEAGE OF CANALS

			Open Navig		Supply not of fo Naviga	pen
GRAND CANAL:			M.	Ch.	M.	Ch.
Main Line and Branches			190	55	13	35
Manual Ma	****	 ****	190	55	13	35
Shannon Navigation		 	123	- 0		
			123	0		
Barrow Navigation		 	30	0	13	
			30	0		
ROYAL CANAL		 	95	31	7	
			95	31		
TOTAL		 	439	06	13	35
			439	06	13	35

#### LOCOMOTIVES

					1959	1958
STEAM:					No.	No.
Tender Engines			 		288	288
Tank Engines			 		48	48
Diesel Electric Eng			 		113	111
Non-Standard Gaug	e-Stea	m	 		11	11
Diesel Mechanical			 		3	3
Diesel Hydraulic			 		23	22
TOTAL			 		486	483
Tenders			 	-	339	368

Figures in italics are in respect of year 1958 and include Great Northern Railway Board assets acquired on the 1st October, 1958.

# STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1959—continued.

## RAIL MOTOR VEHICLES

			EATS	
	No.	lst	2nd	TOTAL
Diesel Rail Cars Standard Gauge	90 89	897 897	3,863 3,804	4,760 4,701
Diesel Rail Cars Non-Standard Gauge	4 4	_	164 164	164 164
Petrol Rail Car Standard Gauge	1 1	-	28	28

#### COACHING VEHICLES

Турь		SE.	ATS		Number		
TYPE	Fi	rst	Sec	ond	Vehicles		
	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	
Carriages of Uniform Class	1,042	1,162	30,256	30,641	477	497	
Composite Carriages	3,508	3,965	5,780	6,375	170	191	
Restaurant Cars	-	-	1,299	1,355	38	35	
TOTAL	4,550	5,127	37,335	38,371	685	72:	
Ambulance Coaches	•••	•••			4		
Radio Vans		***			4		
Holiday Camping Coaches					1	_	
Post Office Vans	•••			***	23	1:	
Luggage, Parcel and Brake	Vans	***		•••	237	24.	
Carriage Trucks and Flat T	rucks	•••			66	6	
Horse Boxes	***		.,.		135	16.	
Miscellaneous	***				79	8.	
TOTAL		•••			1,234	1,31	

# RAIL SERVICE VEHICLES

			1959	1958
			No.	No.
Gasholder Trucks		 	31	31
Locomotive Coal Wagons		 	275	332
Ballast Trucks		 	494	496
Mess and Tool Vans		 	92	92
Breakdown Cranes		 	10	10
Travelling Cranes		 	14	14
Miscellaneous		 	176	177
Departmental Steam Locos		 	1	1
Departmental Petrol Rail Motors		 	7	7
TOTAL	-	 	1.100	1,160

Figures in italics are in respect of the year 1958 and include Great Northern Railway Board assets acquired on the 1st October, 1958.

## STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1959-continued.

#### RAIL MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL VEHICLES

	77 1	8 tons			Tonnage	Capacity
	Under 8 tons	and up to 12 tons	Over 12 tons	Number	Total	Average per Vehicle
FREIGHT VEHICLES Open Wagons	201 211	5,629 5,584	_	5,830 5,795	60,439 59,313	10·37 10·24
Covered Wagons	318 389	5,542 5,688	158 158	6,018 6,235	62,197 63,621	10·34 10·20
Special wagons for lo	eads of ex	cceptional		47 47	842 842	17·91 17·91
Cattle Trucks				2,163 2,202	20,456 20,421	9·46 9·27
Rail and Timber True	cks (inclu	ding twin	trucks)	472 416	4,887 4,201	10·35 10·10
Miscellaneous				181 <i>181</i>	2,363 2,363	13·05 13·06
TOTAL				14,711 14,876	151,184 150,761	10·28 10·12
CONTAINERS Large Covered				29 29	110 110	3·79 3·79
Small Covered	****			42 42	111 111	2·64 2·64
Open Bulk	****			115 115	259 259	2·25 2·25
Insulated				25 25	100 100	4·00 4·00
Mobile Milk Tanks				6		_
Small Wheeled				6	6	1.00
Bicycle Containers		****		3 3	12 12	4·00 4·00
Furniture Vans		* *		1 1	1 1	1·00 1·00
TOTAL				227 227	599 599	2·64 2·64
Brake Vans				282 302		

Figures in italics are in respect of the year 1958 and include Great Northern Railway Board assets acquired on the 1st October, 1958.

## ROAD VEHICLES

## PASSENGER VEHICLES:

	27	-lean	Seating Capacity					
	Nun	nber	To	tal	Average per Vehicle			
	 1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958		
Double-deck Buses	 723	710	46,393	44,509	64.1	62.7		
Single-deck Buses	 537	537	20,754	20,804	38.6	38.7		
Touring Coaches	 60	60	1,912	1,920	31.8	32.0		
0			Berths	Berths	Berths	Berths		
Ambulances	 4	4	32	32	8.0	8.0		
TOTAL	 1.324	1.311	69,091	67,265	52.1	51.3		

# GOODS AND PARCELS VEHICLES AND HORSEBOXES:

			Under 6 tons capacity		ns capac		ity	TOTAL	
		19	959	1958	195	9	1958	1959	1958
Lorries		9	260	260	37	16	380	636	640
Vans			69	67	_	-	_	69	67
Tractors			5	5	8	34	84	89	89
Horseboxes		-	-	-	-	-	-	34	34
TRAILERS:					-1			828	830
Special purposes								46	46
Articulated								196	196
Flat 4-wheel	•••	•••				•••	•••	162	162
Horse Drawn Vehic	CLES:							339	339
TOTAL						•••	•••	1,571	1,573
Horses for Road Veh	icles				***	• • •		241	239
CONTAINERS:									
Cement				- * *				15	15
Furniture			3.7		0. *			116	116
Livestock						***	•••	174	174
Grain				***				10	10
Meat							•••	57 24	56
Tar and Oil		**	**	**			•••	24	24
								396	395
STAFF CARS (includin	g 6 St	tation	Wagor	ns)	• • • •			96	101
SERVICE VEHICLES							•••	44	45

Figures in italics are in respect of the year 1958 and include Great Northern Railway Board assets acquired on the 1st October, 1958.

# STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1959—continued.

#### STATISTICS OF OPERATIONS

Tonnage of the Principal Classes of Merchandise and Minerals Carried by Goods Train

Originating on B	oarus by	S VOIII	
		1959	1958
Ale and Porter (including empties)		159,777	169,678
Bacon and Hams, Butter and Eggs		23,597	28,403
Beet		397,757	379,514
Flour and Bran Sharps and other Flour Mill	Offal	49,856	55,797
Grain		168,118	167,647
Groceries (excluding bacon, hams and butter	)	205,704	193,059
Manure		112,887	89,030
Oil Cake and Cattle Foods		10,603	10,397
Oil Cake and Cattle Foods, Beet Pulp		46,788	35,179
Potatoes		5,975	5,666
Timber		9,919	10,888
Turf		1,778	474
TOTAL		1,192,759	1,145,732

## NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK CARRIED BY GOODS TRAIN

						1959	1958
Horses			 	 		7,830	8,917
Cattle			 ***	 		367,689	505,927
Calves			 		1.0	21,770	31,328
Sheep			 	 		91,802	110,743
Pigs			 	 		28,367	31,475
Other A	Animals		 	 ***		300	310
	То	TAL	 	 		517.758	688,700

#### ENGINE MILEAGE

	Coaching	Goods	Other	Total
Steam Tender and Tank Engines	453,483	587,871	1,095,082	2,136,436
	675,971	804,847	1,654,716	3,135,534
Diesel Electric Engines	2,999,554	2,253,544	557,344	5,810,442
	2,658,371	2,217,579	360,605	5,236,555
Diesel Rail Cars	1,828,120 2,038,814	_	4,123 6,460	1,832,243 2,045,274
Total Engine Miles	5,281,157	2,841,415	1,656,549	9,779,121
	5,373,156	3,022,426	2,021,781	10,417,363

# STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1959—continued. Statistics of Rail Operations

					1959	1958
TOTAL ENGINE HOURS PER TRAI	n Eng	INE F	IOUR:			
Steam						
Coaching	***				1.86	1.80
Freight					3.07	3.55
Diesel Rail Cars						
Coaching		***			1.00	1.00
The state of the s						
Diesel Locomotives						
					1.22	1.20
Freight (Shunters excluded)					1.88	1.76
D. 101					-	
Diesel Shunters						
Coaching				2.1	66.54	-
Freight					20.20	
TRAIN MILES PER TRAIN ENGINE	Нопи	,				
THE THE PARTY OF THE PARTY IN THE PARTY OF T	. 11001					
Coaching				-		
Steam					13.50	13.15
Diesel Locomotives (Standar	d Gaug		1		29.86	29.43
do. (Narrow					20.85	21.78
Diesel Rail Cars (Standard (					27.32	27.01
do. (Narrow Ga	auge)				18-12	18.76
Diesel Shunters					10.23	-
Freight				3		
Steam			***	• • •	9.50	9.76
Diesel Locomotives (Standar					16.00	15.50
do. (Narrow	Gauge	)			13.13	12.96
Diesel Shunters	***	***	***		7.59	7.21
W 1/ T					1915 619	
Ton Miles PER ENGINE HOUR				-	000	20.1
Per Train Engine Hour	***		***	•••	862	784
		***	* * *		639	629
Per Total Engine Hour	***		***	•••	367	349
TON MILES BED TO THE MENT					- (- 1)	
TON MILES PEB TRAIN MILE					The same of	
Train Load in tons					80.60	66 20
Train Load in tons			***	***	69.69	66.30
WAGON MILES PER TRAIN MILE				1	- 7	
(Number of Wagons per train)						
					20.42	20.18
Loaded	***	***	***	•••	7.39	7.08
Empty	• • • •	***	• • •	•••	1.99	7.08
Total				-	27.81	27.26
Total			***	•••	21.01	21.20
WAGON MILES PER HOUR						
TI AGON MILLES FEB 1100B						
Per Train Engine Hour					343-94	322.36
Per Engine Shunting Hour					255.00	258.44
Per Total Engine Hour			***	- •••	146.43	143.44
For Total Eligine Hour		• • •			140.49	140.44
					Tons	Tons
Average Wagon Load					3.41	3.29
AVERAGE WAGUN LUAD	000	0.00			0.41	0.73

## STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1959-continued

#### STATISTICS OF RECEIPTS

#### RAIL PASSENGER TRAFFIC

Class of Passenger	Number	Receipts	Average Receipts per Journey
		£	s. d.
Ordinary:— lst Class	152,404 171,064	130,667 127,237	17 1·77 14 10·51
2nd Class	6,697,139 6,715,208	2,034,273 1,921,946	6 0.90 5 8.69
TOTAL	6,849,543 6,886,272	2,164,940 2,049,183	6 3.86 5 11.42
Season:—			Land I
lst Class	202,534 208,592	8,203 7,351	9·72 8·46
2nd Class	2,700,462 2,583,379	69,974 64,166	6·22 5·96
TOTAL	2,902,996 2,791,971	78,177 71,517	6·46 6·15
		Total Units	Average Receipt
Passonger Miles		289,372,600 281,445,700	1·86d. 1·81d.
Passenger Journeys		9,752,539 9,678,243	55·20d. 52·59d.
Loaded Train Miles		5,135,282 5,175,634	8s. 9d. 8s. 2d.
Miles of Road (First Track)		2,149	£1,044
		2,168	£978

# STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1959-continued

## STATISTICS OF RECEIPTS

#### FREIGHT TRAIN TRAFFIC

				Average	Avera	ige ]	Receipts
Classification	Receipts	Tons Carried	Ton Miles	length of haul in miles	per to	on	per ton mile
	£				£ s.	d.	Pence
Merchandise	3,096,160	1,542,316	137,092,236	88-89	2 0	2	5.42
	3,062,359	1,587,014	133,241,121	83.96	1 18	7	5.52
Minerals	445,567	518,714	33,501,988	64.59	17	2	3.19
	419,714	501,424	31,944,182	63.71	16	9	3.15
Coal and Coke	61,826	57,260	5,274,929	92.12	1 1	7	2.81
	104,842	90,603	8,124,295	89.67	1 3	2	3.10
175 - P1							
TOTAL	3,603,553	2,118,290	175,869,153	83.02	1 14	0	4.92
	3,586,915	2,179,041	173,309,598	79.53	1 12	11	4.97
Livestock	£ 300,639	No. 517,758		81.65			
	400,365	688,700	_	80.78			
				Total Ur	nits	R	verage eccipts er unit
Loaded Train Mi	les	•••		2,730,98	- 7	£1	
				2,850,69		£1	
Loaded Wagon N	Iiles	***	***	58,136,86			12 pence
Design of the second			-2-2	60,970,61	14	15.	70 ,,
Miles of Road (F	'irst Track)			2,14	19	£	1,817
				2,16	88	£	1,839

## STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1959-continued.

#### STATISTICS OF RECEIPTS

#### ROAD PASSENGER SERVICES

		Receipts	Passengers Carried	Vehicle Miles	Passenger Miles (Estimated)	
Dublin City Services		£ 3,958,242	235,975,498	31,105,229	586,509,142	
		3,636,319	249,499,970	30,899,397	543,255,024	
Other City Services		514,865	36,166,330	3,944,873	61,391,25	
		469,310	39,297,378	3,926,410	63,592,413	
Provincial Services		1,211,173	12,816,267	11,140,230	111,223,772	
		1,176,914	13,345,982	11,045,474	112,986,942	
Tours and Private Hire		298,923	1,280,502	1,599,481	-	
		240,368	984,195	1,341,858	_	
TOTAL		5,983,203	286,238,597	47,789,813	_	
		5,522,911	303,127,525	47,213,139	-	
		Per Journey	Per Mile	Per Passenger Mile		
Average Receipts:		d.	d.	d.		
Dublin City Services		4.03	30.54	1.62		
	- 4	3.50	28.24	1.61		
Other City Services	•••	3.42	31.32	2.01		
		2.87	28-69	1.77		
Provincial Services		22.68	26.09	2.61		
	-	21.16	25.57	2.50		

# STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1959-continued.

#### STATISTICS OF RECEIPTS

#### ROAD FREIGHT SERVICES

Туре	Vehicle Miles	Tonnage	Receipts	Average Rate per ton	
Scheduled Services	1,808,629 1,792,388	163,557 162,779	£ 241,803 238,253	8. 29 29	d. 6.8 3.3
Railhead C. & D. Services	653,888 622,164	229,035 217,153	140,695 135,772	12 12	3·4 6·6
Direct Road Services	7,388,083 8,640,033	1,577,724 1,884,753	938,288 1,007,716	11 10	10·7 8·3
Total	9,850,600 11,054,585	1,970,316 2,264,685	1,320,786 1,381,741	13 12	4.9
Livestock	1,307,101 1,448,533	No. 203,903 240,030	155,005 172,833		

#### GRAND CANAL TRAFFIC

Classification			Tonnage Carried by C.I.E. Barges	Receipts	Average Rate per Ton	
Merchandise			74,782 80,803	£ 121,122 129,170	8. 32 31	d. 4.7 11.7
Coal, Coke and Patent Fuel			143 91	211 133	29 29	6.1
Other Minerals	***		3,940 5,060	2,691 4,668	13 18	7·9 5·4
TOTAL	-15		78,865 85,954	124,024 133,971	31 31	5·4 2·1

