

Sheklung and Shek Ha was damaged 4 days later, also on the 14th the track was broken in the neighbourhood of Shek Ha, and, as the unsettled conditions continued until the end of October, the morning down and the afternoon up through expresses did not run from October the 6th, until the 2nd of November; and the afternoon down, and the morning up expresses were cancelled between the 24th of October and the 1st of November.

The running of the two slow through trains had to be discontinued for 10 days during this period; and it was not until the 2nd November, that the full train service was resumed.

The Local Traffic Earnings have improved. The receipts amounted to \$194,041.14 against \$179,434.14 or \$14,607.00 more than the previous year, the increase being under passenger receipts. In May, it was decided that the Railway should discontinue its custom of debiting other departments for the transport of Government passengers travelling on duty and other services rendered, and accordingly the sum of \$4,577.77 is not included in the Railway earnings.

Through and Joint Sectional Traffic Receipts were \$318,345.37 an increase of \$16,017.63 when compared with 1919.

The Gross Receipts for the year were \$520,176.10 as against \$490,092.77 for 1919 an increase of \$30,083.33.

The balance after paying working expenses stands at \$33,032.06.

The Through and Joint Sectional Passengers carried were as follows :—

	1918.	1919.	1920.
Passangers booked by Stations in British Territory to Stations in China	307,491	344,716	365,665
Passengers booked by Stations in China to Stations in British Territory	323,642	354,699	373,776

The Local Passengers carried were as follows :—

	1918.	1919.	1920.
Main line.....	296,379	345,314	392,206
Fanling Branch	45,187	48,917	47,787

VI.—GOVERNMENT AND AIDED INSTITUTIONS.

(a.)—HOSPITALS.

Government Hospitals consist of the Civil Hospital, to which is attached an isolated Maternity Hospital, the Victoria Hospital for Women and Children, and the Kennedy Town Infectious Diseases Hospital. There is an Observation Station capable of accommodating 1,500 persons in the event of an outbreak of infectious disease on board a ship arriving in the Harbour.