

COMPARATIVE EXPENDITURE.

The following Table shows the working and expenditure of the Department for the past seven corresponding half-years:—

	Half-years ended 31st July.						
	1876.	1875.	1874.	1873.	1872.	1871.	1870.
Expenditure for Maintenance of Passenger Train Cars	£7,894	£14,318	£13,766	£11,926	£11,605	£10,551	£15,440
Mileage	4,449,229	4,628,035	4,466,456	3,869,384	3,765,078	3,024,349	2,946,782
Cost per Mile, including Reserve Fund	0·74d.	0·74d.	0·74d.	0·73d.	0·71d.	0·84d.	1·25d.
Expenditure for maintenance of Merchandise Cars	£19,339	£30,102	£36,026	£35,078	£29,425	£22,978	£15,135
Mileage	21,172,426	20,017,364	23,668,735	22,761,572	19,093,292	15,530,636	12,013,375
Cost per Mile, including Reserve Fund	0·369d.	0·369d.	0·365d.	0·369d.	0·359d.	0·355d.	0·302d.
Reserve Fund charge for future renewals of Cars	£19,109	£693	£450	..	£1,117
Total Expenditure	£46,342	£45,113	£50,242	£47,004	£41,029	£33,529	£30,575
Mileage	25,621,646	24,645,399	28,135,191	26,630,956	22,858,370	18,554,985	14,960,157
Total cost per Mile all Cars ..	0·43d.	0·44d.	0·43d.	0·42d.	0·43d.	0·43d.	0·49d.

BUILDINGS AND TOOLS.

These have been maintained in efficient order, and new Stationary Engine Boilers are building.

Yours respectfully,

H. CHILDS,
Car Superintendent.