

RETURN NO. 12—*continued.*
STATEMENT OF STORES CONTRACTS, &c.—*continued.*

Service.	Period.	Name of Contractor.	Rate.
General stores—<i>continued.</i>			
Brushware ... Wellington ...	For 1896-97	Briscoe, MacNeill, and Co. ...	As per schedule.
Leather, &c. ... "	"	"	"
General Ironmongery Christchurch ...	"	Ashby, Bergh, and Co. ...	"
Furnishing " ...	"	"	"
Iron and steel ... "	"	J. Anderson ...	"
Oils, colours, &c. ... "	"	E. Reece and Sons ...	"
Ship-chandlery ... "	"	Ashby, Bergh, and Co. ...	"
Drain-pipes ... "	"	Springfield Coal Company ...	"
Cement and lime ... "	"	Ashby, Bergh, and Co. ...	"
Brushware ... "	"	T. Bunting ...	"
Leather, &c. ... "	"	Ashby, Bergh, and Co. ...	"
General Ironmongery Dunedin ...	"	A. Briscoe and Co. ...	"
Furnishing " ...	"	"	"
Iron and steel ... "	"	"	"
Oils colours, &c. ... "	"	"	"
Ship-chandlery ... "	"	Thomson, Bridger, and Co. ...	"
Drain-pipes ... "	"	A. Briscoe and Co. ...	"
Cement and lime ... "	"	Milburn Lime and Cement Company	"
Brushware ... "	"	A. Briscoe and Co. ...	"
Leather, &c. ... "	"	New Zealand Hardware Company	"
Timber supply—			
Ironbark ... At all ports ...	1896	Murray, Arnold, and Co. ...	15/6 per 100ft. ; 1/5 per lin. ft. piles.
Native ... Auckland ...	"	D. Goldie ...	As per schedule.
" ... Napier ...	"	Hawke's Bay Timber Company	"
" ... Wanganui ...	"	Manawatu Timber Company...	"
" ... Wellington ...	"	A. Falkner ...	"
" ... Nelson ...	"	H. Baigent ...	"
" ... Greymouth ...	"	West Coast Timber Trading Company	"
" ... Northern Division, Hurunui-Bluff ...	"	Williams, Stephens, and Co. ...	"
" ... Southern Division, Hurunui-Bluff ...	"	George Harrington ...	"
Birch timber for bridges, 5,000ft., Westport	Delivery, April, 1895	W. and J. Marris ...	12/ per 100 sup. ft.
Native timber, about 15,000ft., Picton ...	" October, 1895	R. Stratford and Son ...	8/6, 10/, and 16/.
88,000ft. birch timber and 10,000 birch sleepers	" 31st Oct., 1895	Sawmillers, Oxford District ...	13/ per 100 sup. ft. ; 2/ each
15,000ft. birch timber, Westport	" June, 1895	W. and J. Marris ...	11s. per 100ft.
3,000ft. timber, Westport	" "	Griffiths Brothers ...	£14 11/ the lot.
4,000ft. birch timber, Greymouth	" July, 1895	A. Matheson ...	7/ per 100ft.
About 5,000ft. birch timber, Nelson	" "	White Brothers ...	8/3 "
50,000ft. kauri junk, Auckland	" January, 1896	Kauri Timber Company ...	7/ to 10/ per 100ft.
300,000ft. sawn kauri, Wanganui, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin Workshops	" February, 1896	"	As per schedule.
4,000 birch sleepers, Picton	" 31/3/96	Settlers in Sounds ...	2/ each.
42,000 silver-pine sleepers, Greymouth	" "	Settlers in district ...	2/4 "
32,000 yellow-pine sleepers, Westport	" "	"	2/2 "
27,000 totara sleepers, Napier	" "	"	2/6 "
17,000 totara sleepers, Wanganui	" "	"	2/6 "
6,000 puriri sleepers, Auckland	" "	"	4/ and 3/ "
6,000 birch sleepers, Wellington	" "	"	2/6 "
1,400 totara sleepers, Wellington	" "	"	2/6 "
4,000 puriri sleepers, Hokianga District	" "	"	3/ and 2/ "
9,000 black-pine sleepers, Southland District	" "	"	2/ "
25,000 totara sleepers, Southland District	" "	"	2/6 and 2/9 "
Freight on 4,000 birch sleepers, Pelorus Sounds to Picton	" "	J. S. Cross ...	/9 each.
Freight on 39,000 puriri sleepers and 38,000ft. kauri timber, Auckland to various ports	" "	Union Steamship Company ...	/5 to /8 each (less 10 p.c.); 1/10 per 100ft. (less 10 p.c.)
Freight on 23,000 yellow-pine sleepers, Westport to other ports	" "	"	/7 each.
Freight on 23,000 silver-pine sleepers, Greymouth to other ports	" "	Pavitt Brothers ...	2/3 per 100ft.
Freight on 70,000ft. rimu timber, Wanganui to Lyttelton	" "	Cook Brothers ...	2/6 per 100ft.
Freight on 35,000ft. rimu timber, Wanganui to Dunedin	" "	"	3/ per 100ft.
Uniforms for Stationmasters	" "	Ross and Glendinning ...	102/6 and 93/ per suit.
Uniform caps for Stationmasters	" "	C. Hill and Sons ...	18/ and 10/ each.

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