

RETURN No. 16.

STATEMENT of STORES CONTRACTS current during the Year ending 31st March, 1898.

Service.	Period.	Name of Contractor.	Rate.
Uniform clothing ... Northern lines ...	3 years ending 31/12/97	A. Levi and Co. ...	As per schedule.
" ... Hurunui-Bluff Section	"	Ross and Glendining ...	"
Uniform caps ... All sections ...	"	Hallenstein Brothers and Co. ...	Guards and porters, 4/; drivers, &c., 4/9 each.
General stores—			As per schedule.
General ironmongery Auckland ...	For 1896-97	E. Porter and Co. ...	
Furnishing " ...	"	" ...	"
Iron and steel ...	"	" ...	"
Oils, colours, &c. ...	"	" ...	"
Ship-chandlery ...	"	" ...	"
Drain-pipes ...	"	W. and G. Winstone ...	"
Cement and lime ...	"	J. J. Craig ...	"
Brushware ...	"	E. Porter and Co. ...	"
Leather, &c. ...	"	" ...	"
General ironmongery Wellington ...	"	Briscoe, MacNeil, and Co. ...	"
Furnishing " ...	"	" ...	"
Iron and steel ...	"	" ...	"
Oils, colours, &c. ...	"	" ...	"
Ship-chandlery ...	"	" ...	"
Drain-pipes ...	"	W. Murphy ...	"
Cement and lime ...	"	Milburn Lime and Cement Co. ...	"
Brushware ...	"	Briscoe, MacNeil, and Co. ...	"
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. ...	"	A. Briscoe and Co. ...	"
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	"
Coal-supply ... Auckland ...	Till 31/3/98...	Taupiri Extended Coal-mining Company	6/6 per ton.
" ... Kaihu ...	"	Ditto ...	5/6 "
" ... Napier-Taranaki ...	"	Grey-Point Elizabeth Company (f.o.b., Greymouth)	9/10 "
" ... Wellington ...	"	Blackball Coal Company	19/6 "
" ... Nelson ...	"	"	19/ "
" ... Westport ...	"	Grey-Point Elizabeth Company	22/ "
" ... Greymouth ...	"	"	22/6 "
" ... Hurunui-Bluff—	"	"	21/ "
1st Section ...	"	Westport Coal Company	19/ "
" ...	"	Westport-Cardiff Company	18/3 "
" ...	"	Grey-Point Elizabeth Company	17/ "
" ...	"	"	22/ "
" ...	"	"	20/ "
" ...	"	Westport Coal Company	6/6 "
" ...	"	Grey-Point Elizabeth Company	8/ "
" ... 1st Section ...	"	Westport-Cardiff Company	16/ "
" ...	"	Blackball Coal Company	17/3 "
" ...	"	Grey-Point Elizabeth Company	18/3 "
" ...	"	Hartley Company	10/ "
" ... 2nd Section ...	"	Westport-Cardiff Company	17/9 "
" ...	"	Grey-Point Elizabeth Coal Company	19/6 "
" ... 3rd Section ...	"	Ditto ...	19/6 "
" ...	"	Shag Point Coal Company	10/ "
" ... 4th Section ...	"	Fernhill Coal Company	6/ "
" ...	"	Kaitangata Coal Company	6/1 "
" ... 5th Section ...	"	Nightcaps Coal Company	7/1 "
" ...	"	Blackball Coal Company	18/6 "
" ...	"	Grey-Point Elizabeth Company	20/6 "
Coal-supply ... Workshops—	"	Grey-Point Elizabeth Company (f.o.b., Greymouth)	9/10 "
Newmarket ...	"	Ditto ...	16/6 "
Petone ...	"	" ...	21/ "
Eastown ...	"	" ...	17/6 "
Addington ...	"	" ...	18/6 "
Hillside ...	"	Walton Park	5/6 "