

RETURN No. 16—continued.

STATEMENT of STORES CONTRACTS, &c.—continued.

Service.	Period.	Name of Contractor.	Rate.
Timber-supply ... Auckland ...	Till 31/3/98 ...	Kauri Timber Company ...	As per schedule.
" ... Napier-Taranaki ...	" ...	Cairns and Co. ...	"
" ... " ...	" ...	Hawke's Bay Sawmillers' Co-operative Association (Ltd.)	"
" ... " ...	" ...	Taranaki Sawmillers' Co-operative Association (Limited)	"
" ... " ...	" ...	Manawatu Timber Company...	"
" ... Wellington ...	" ...	Thomas Price ...	"
" ... Nelson ...	" ...	Henry Baigent ...	"
" ... Greymouth ...	" ...	Feary Brothers ...	"
" ... " ...	" ...	West Coast Timber Trading Company	"
" ... Hurunui-Bluff—North Division	" ...	Williams, Stephens, and Co. ...	"
" ... South Division	" ...	George Harrington... ..	"
Iron castings ... Auckland ...	" ...	C. and A. Collings ...	"
" ... Wellington ...	" ...	Smith Brothers ...	"
" ... Hurunui-Bluff ...	" ...	A. and T. Burt ...	"
Uniforms for Stationmasters ...	For 1897 ...	Hallenstein Brothers and Co. ...	"
Uniform caps for Stationmasters ...	For 1897 ...	T. Parker and Co. ...	"
Forage ... Auckland ...	To 31/3/98 ...	W. and G. Winstone ...	"
" ... Christchurch ...	" ...	Treleaven and Co. ...	"
Timber, ironbark ...	1897 ...	Murray, Arnold, and Co. ...	17/ per 100 ft., and 1/9 p. lin. ft. piles
" " ...	" ...	E. C. Whitney ...	17/ and 1/9.
" tallow-wood ...	" ...	William Brown ...	15/6.
General stores—			
General ironmongery Auckland ...	24 years, to 31/3/1900	E. Porter and Co. ...	As per schedule.
Furnishing " ...	" ...	" ...	"
Iron and steel ...	" ...	" ...	"
Oils, colours, &c. ...	" ...	" ...	"
Ship-chandlery ...	" ...	" ...	"
Brushware ...	" ...	" ...	"
Leather, &c. ...	" ...	" ...	"
Drain-pipes ...	" ...	J. J. Craig ...	"
Lime, ordinary & hydraulic "	" ...	" ...	"
Cement, colonial ...	" ...	J. Wilson and Co. ...	"
General ironmongery Wellington ...	" ...	E. W. Mills and Co. ...	"
Furnishing " ...	" ...	Cameron and Christie ...	"
Iron and steel ...	" ...	Briscoe, MacNeil, and Co. ...	"
Oils, colours, &c. ...	" ...	Smith and Smith ...	"
Ship-chandlery ...	" ...	E. W. Mills and Co. ...	"
Brushware ...	" ...	T. Bunting and Co. ...	"
Leather, &c. ...	" ...	E. W. Mills and Co. ...	"
Drain-pipes ...	" ...	P. Hutson and Co. ...	"
Lime, ordinary ...	" ...	Milburn Lime Company ...	"
Cement, colonial ...	" ...	P. Hutson and Co. ...	"
General ironmongery Christchurch ...	" ...	Ashby, Bergh, and Co. ...	"
Furnishing " ...	" ...	" ...	"
Iron and steel ...	" ...	J. Anderson ...	"
Oils, colours, &c. ...	" ...	E. Reece and Sons ...	"
Ship-chandlery ...	" ...	" ...	"
Drain-pipes ...	" ...	Ashby, Bergh, and Co. ...	"
Lime, ordinary ...	" ...	J. J. Craig ...	"
Cement, colonial ...	" ...	Ashby, Bergh, and Co. ...	"
Brushware ...	" ...	" ...	"
Leather, &c. ...	" ...	" ...	"
General ironmongery Dunedin ...	" ...	New Zealand Hardware Company	"
Furnishing " ...	" ...	Thomson, Bridger, and Co. ...	"
Iron and steel ...	" ...	New Zealand Hardware Company	"
Oils, colours, &c. ...	" ...	Smith and Smith ...	"
Ship-chandlery ...	" ...	New Zealand Hardware Company	"
Drain-pipes ...	" ...	A. Briscoe and Co. ...	"
Lime, ordinary ...	" ...	Milburn Lime Company ...	"
Cement, colonial ...	" ...	" ...	"
Brushware ...	" ...	A. Briscoe and Co. ...	"
Leather, &c. ...	" ...	New Zealand Hardware Company	"
20 coal-hoppers, Auckland ...	11/3/98 ...	Seagar Brothers, Auckland ...	£13 each.
12,000 gals. dark axle-oil, at Auckland, Wellington, Lyttelton, and Pt. Chalmers	31/3/98 ...	Philips and Pike ...	9½d. per gall. c.i.f.
3,000 fencing-posts, Dunedin Section ...	" ...	Settlers ...	22/6 per 100.
15,000ft. super. birch timber, Westport Section	" ...	Mills in district ...	10/ to 11/ per cent.
97,000ft. super. rimu timber, Westport Section	" ...	" ...	6/ to 12/ "
10,000ft. super. silver-pine timber, Westport Section	" ...	" ...	18/ to 20/ "
8,000ft. super. yellow-pine timber, Westport Section	" ...	" ...	20/ per cent.
400 puriri sleepers, Kawakawa District ...	" ...	Settlers ...	1/6 to 3/6 each.