

RETURN No. 16—*continued*.
STATEMENT OF STORES CONTRACTS, &c.—*continued*.

Service.	Period.	Name of Contractor.	Rate.
2,500 totara sleepers, Whangarei District	31/3/98	Settlers	3/3 to 3/5 each.
13,300 puriri sleepers, Kaipara District...	"	"	3/6 each.
3,000 manaoa sleepers, Kaipara District...	"	"	2/6 "
3,000 totara sleepers, Kaipara District ...	"	"	2/6 "
4,500 totara sleepers, Auckland District...	"	"	3/ "
62,100 puriri sleepers, Auckland Section	"	"	3/9 "
3,000 totara sleepers, Napier Section ...	"	Sidney West	3/ "
75,000 rimu, matai, maire, and totara sleepers, Napier-Taranaki Section	"	Settlers	2/ to 4/ each.
2,000 totara sleepers, Wellington Section	"	F. Burbush	2/6 each.
11,500 birch and totara sleepers, Wellington Section	"	Settlers	2/ to 2/6 each.
4,300 birch sleepers, Picton Section ...	"	"	2/ each.
41,000 yellow-pine sleepers, Westport ...	"	"	2/4 to 2/6 each.
66,000 silver-pine sleepers, Greymouth ...	"	"	2/4 to 2/6 "
10,000 silver-pine sleepers, Greymouth ...	28/2/98	Baxter Brothers and Foord	2/6 each.
30,000 silver-pine sleepers, Greymouth ...	31/12/98	"	2/6 "
4,000 birch sleepers, Greymouth ...	31/3/98	Settlers	2/3½ to 2/6 each.
1,000 puriri sleepers, Canterbury Section	"	Settlers in the Hokianga District	3/3 each.
50,700ft. birch timber, Christchurch Section	"	Settlers	13/ per cent.
10,800 birch sleepers, Christchurch Section	"	"	2/2 each.
80,000 matai and totara sleepers, in the Dunedin and Invercargill districts	"	"	2/ to 2/3 and 2/6 to 2/9 each.

GEO. FELTON, Railway Stores Manager.