

Table No. 21.

RETURN of the COST of MAINTENANCE of TELEGRAPH LINES for the Year ended 31st March, 1898.

District.	No. of Miles.	Travelling- expenses of Inspectors and Linemen.	Extra Labour.	Cost of Material purchased.	Value of Material issued from Stores.	Salaries of Inspectors and Linemen.	Total Cost of Maintenance.	Average Cost per Mile.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland ..	1,671½	850 8 4	1,386 17 4	288 5 5	650 8 4	2,403 15 0	5,579 14 5	..
Wellington ..	1,609½	1,327 16 4	2,424 10 11	437 8 3	3,825 0 6	2,917 0 0	10,931 16 0	..
Nelson ..	858	716 5 5	1,194 12 6	112 0 10	649 8 9	1,516 5 0	4,188 12 6	..
Canterbury ..	857	893 6 1	2,544 6 0	670 2 5	1,085 6 6	1,512 1 8	6,705 2 8	..
Otago ..	1,488	756 4 6	627 1 11	293 3 9	495 7 10	1,513 11 8	3,685 9 8	..
Cables ..	..	20 7 5	69 10 0	47 16 6	..	..	137 13 11	..
Stores ..	..	85 17 6	74 15 3	223 3 11	..	..	388 16 8	..
Totals ..	6,484	4,650 5 7	8,321 13 11	2,077 1 1	6,705 11 11	9,862 13 4	31,617 5 10	4 17 6

Table No. 22.

STATEMENT showing the EXPENDITURE on, and the COST of, TELEGRAPH CONSTRUCTION during the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1898.

Line.	Expenditure.	Material from Stores.	Total Cost during the Year.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Telephone exchanges,—			
Ashburton	4 2 6	22 7 2	26 9 8
Auckland	510 1 5	457 1 9	967 3 2
Blenheim	0 9 0	24 4 0	24 13 0
Christchurch	92 9 4	116 6 11	208 16 3
Dunedin	188 4 6	743 14 5	931 18 11
Gisborne	32 13 9	175 10 10	208 4 7
Greymouth	3 0 0	50 0 6	53 0 6
Hastings	6 2 3	61 11 4	67 13 7
Invercargill	4 16 5	7 15 8	12 12 1
Masterton	27 14 4	177 12 10	205 7 2
Napier	22 0 0	118 1 2	140 1 2
Nelson	1 10 0	..	1 10 0
New Plymouth	30 8 4	151 12 3	182 0 7
Oamaru	11 15 5	30 7 4	42 2 9
Palmerston North	5 15 6	34 2 8	39 18 2
Thames	9 7 2	..	9 7 2
Timaru	3 14 0	5 3 6	8 17 6
Wanganui	69 13 9	238 3 11	307 17 8
Wellington	522 9 1	3,958 17 4	4,481 6 5
Total exchanges	1,546 6 9	6,372 13 7	7,919 0 4
New copper wires,—			
Napier-Wanganui	516 1 10	587 8 3	1,103 10 1
Wanganui-New Plymouth	107 9 7	105 12 0	213 1 7
Blenheim-Kaikoura	395 6 10	130 4 9	525 11 7
Kaikoura-Waitaki	223 7 6	3,135 15 0	3,359 2 6
Waitaki-Dunedin	199 14 4	1,185 1 0	1,384 15 4
Waipapakauri	..	2 10 11	2 10 11
Kaeo-Totara North	159 18 9	61 18 0	221 16 9
Omanaia	16 10 6	20 17 4	37 7 10
Hikurangi-Hukerenui	52 9 1	..	52 9 1
Auckland-Whangarei	930 9 6	989 11 4	1,920 0 10
Mangapai-Maungakaramea	25 11 5	..	25 11 5
Onehunga-Mangere	44 12 5	63 16 2	108 8 7
Auckland-Henderson	9 7 4	22 1 3	31 8 7
Henderson-Waikomiti	2 3 8	14 11 4	16 15 0
Auckland-Waihi	4 19 9	..	4 19 9
Auckland-Mokau	4 10 0	157 6 4	161 16 4
Auckland-Manukau Heads	2 10 0	16 4 0	18 14 0
Pokeno-Mercer	18 10 1	..	18 10 1
Paeroa-Waikino	1 5 0	..	1 5 0
New Plymouth-Awakino	28 13 9	..	28 13 9
Oaonui	3 0 0	..	3 0 0
Inglewood-Tarata	88 18 5	98 17 9	187 16 2