

RETURN No. 17.

STATEMENT of STORES CONTRACTS current during the Year ending 31st March, 1899.

Service.	Period.	Name of Contractor.	Rate.
Coal-supply—			
Auckland	31/3/1900	Taupiri Extended Coal Company ..	5/5 per ton.
"	"	Taupiri Reserve Coal Company ..	5/5 "
"	"	Waikato Coal Company ..	4/9 "
Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth	31/3/1899	Blackball Coal Company ..	19/6 "
"	"	Grey-Point Elizabeth Coal Company ..	22/ "
"	"	"	22/6 "
"	"	"	22/ "
"	"	Blackball Coal Company ..	18/9 "
"	"	Grey-Point Elizabeth Coal Company ..	21/ "
"	"	Westport Coal Company ..	19/ "
"	"	Grey-Point Elizabeth Coal Company ..	17/ "
Pictou	"	Blackball Coal Company ..	20/ "
"	"	Grey-Point Elizabeth Coal Company ..	22/ "
Nelson	"	"	20/ "
Westport	"	Westport Coal Company ..	6/4 "
Greymouth	"	Grey-Point Elizabeth Coal Company ..	8/ "
"	"	Blackball Coal Company ..	7/ "
Lyttelton	"	Grey-Point Elizabeth Coal Company ..	18/ "
"	"	Westport-Cardiff Coal Company ..	15/6 "
"	"	H. Levich	9/6 "
"	"	Wairiri Coal Company ..	9/6 "
Timaru	"	Grey-Point Elizabeth Coal Company ..	19/6 "
"	"	Westport-Cardiff Coal Company ..	16/6 "
Oamaru	"	Blackball Coal Company ..	18/ "
"	"	Grey-Point Elizabeth Coal Company ..	19/6 "
Port Chalmers and Gore	"	Fernhill Coal Company ..	6/ "
"	"	Walton Park Coal Company ..	5/6 "
"	"	Lowdon and Howarth ..	5/9 "
"	"	Gibson and Lees	5/6 "
"	"	Kaitangata Coal Company ..	6/1 "
South of Gore	"	Nightcaps Coal Company ..	7/1 "
"	"	Grey-Point Elizabeth Coal Company ..	20/6 "
"	"	Blackball Coal Company ..	18/6 "
Workshops, Wanganui	"	Grey-Point Elizabeth Coal Company ..	21/6 "
"	"	"	16/6 "
"	"	"	17/6 "
"	"	"	18/6 "
"	"	"	9/10 "
		(f.o.b. Greymouth)	
Timber-supply—			
Wanganui	"	Rangitikei Sawmillers' Co-operative Association (Limited)	As per schedule.
"	"	Taranaki Sawmillers' Co-operative Association (Limited)	"
Christchurch	"	W. White and Co.	"
Southland	"	J. More	"
Napier	"	R. Holt	"
5,000 gallons castor oil	"	E. W. Mills and Co.	2/7½ per gallon.
"	"	National Mortgage and Agency Company	2/4½ "
Iron castings, Wellington	"	Smith Brothers	As per schedule.
"	"	J. Anderson	"
"	"	A. and T. Burt	"
Steel castings, Auckland	"	Dunedin Foundry and Engineering Company (Limited)	5½d. per lb.
"	"	Ditto	5d. "
"	"	"	5d. "
"	"	"	5d. "
Forage, Auckland	"	J. J. Craig	As per schedule.
"	"	T. Wreaks	"
Uniform caps—			
Stationmasters	31/3/1901	T. Parker and Co.	15/ each.
Guards and porters	"	"	3/11 "
Drivers and firemen	"	"	4/8 "
Uniform suits—			
Stationmasters	"	Wellington Woollen Company ..	As per schedule.
Guards	"	"	"
Porters	"	"	"
Timber, ironbark	Sept., 1899	Murray, Arnold, and Co.	"
"	June, "	E. D. Pike and Co.	"
"	Oct., "	W. Flannery	"
Timber, tallow-wood	June, "	Murray, Arnold, and Co.	19/ per 100 sup. ft.
"	31/3/1900	E. D. Pike and Co.	16/9 "
Greymouth—			
30,000 silver-pine sleepers	31/12/98	Baxter Brothers and Foord	2/6 each.
5,000	30/9/98	O. Butler	2/6 "
Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth			
Section—			
2,000 totara sleepers	30/4/98	F. Burbush	2/6 "
1,000	31/8/98	"	2/6 "
800	15/10/98	Power and Bussell	3/ "
1,000	30/9/98	W. and F. De Malmanch	2/9 "
8,000	31/3/99	J. Drysdale	3/ "
1,500	20/10/98	J. T. Entwistle	3/ "
1,000	31/8/98	Kenny and Martin	2/6 "