

RETURN No. 17—continued.

STATEMENT of STORES CONTRACTS CURRENT, &c.—continued.

Service.	Period.	Name of Contractor.	Rate.
Wellington—Napier—New Plymouth Section—			
4,000 totara sleepers	30/11/98	Roy and Alberthsen	3/ each.
2,500 "	31/10/98	John Stewart	3/ "
500 "	30/11/98	W. J. Taylor	2/10 "
2,000 "	"	T. and G. Williams	2/9 "
Greymouth Section—			
20,000 silver-pine sleepers	31/3/99	Stratford, Blair, and Co.	2/6 "
Hokianga District—			
40,400 puriri sleepers	"	Settlers	2/ to 3/9 each.
Kaipara District—			
1,700 manoaio sleepers	"	"	2/6 each.
8,000 totara sleepers	"	"	2/6 "
Auckland District—			
22,500 puriri sleepers	"	"	2/ to 4/ each.
10,000 totara sleepers	"	"	2/ to 4/ "
Wellington—Napier—New Plymouth Section—			
67,600 totara sleepers	"	"	2/ to 3/10 "
2,500 black-birch sleepers	"	"	2/ each.
2,300 hinau and maire sleepers	"	"	3/6 to 4/ each.
Greymouth District—			
35,000 silver-pine sleepers	"	"	2/6 each.
Westport District—			
64,500 yellow-pine sleepers	"	"	1/6 to 2/6 each.
Pictou District—			
3,000 birch sleepers	"	"	2/ each.
Whangarei District—			
1,000 totara sleepers	"	"	2/ to 3/ each.
Kaipara District—			
4,000 puriri sleepers	"	"	3/3 each.
Christchurch Section—			
3,000 birch sleepers	"	"	2/2 "
Dunedin and Invercargill Districts—			
40,000 totara sleepers	"	"	2/9 to 3/ each.
12,000 matai sleepers	"	"	2/ to 2/3 "
Christchurch Section—			
36,500 sup. ft. birch timber	"	"	13/ per 100 sup. ft.
Kaipara District—			
303,500 sup. ft. kauri, in the log	"	E. Mitchelson	6/6 to 9/6 per 100 ft.
295,000 sup. ft. sawn kauri	"	"	12/ per 100 sup. ft.
15,900 ft. sawn totara	"	"	14/ "
2,500 ft. totara	"	"	20/ "
5,500 ft. silver-pine timber	"	"	14/ to 15/ "
Nelson Section—			
4,000 ft. birch timber	"	Mills in district	9/ to 10/ "
23,000 ft. rimu timber	"	"	6/ to 13/ "
Westport Section—			
5,000 ft. birch timber	"	"	10/ to 11/6 "
112,000 ft. rimu timber	"	"	6/ to 12/ "
4,200 ft. silver-pine timber	"	"	14/ to 20/ "
6,200 ft. yellow-pine timber	"	"	20/ "
4,750 fencing-posts	"	Settlers	9d. each.
Greymouth Section—			
39,400 lin. ft. silver-pine timber	"	Mills in district	4½d. per lin. ft.
28,500 ft. birch timber	"	"	8/ to 14/6 per 100 sup.ft.
46,800 ft. rimu	"	"	6/ to 11/ "
29,400 sup. ft. silver-pine	"	"	10/ to 13/ "
2,000 sup. ft. white-pine	"	"	17/6 "
General stores—			
Auckland—			
General ironmongery	2½ years, to 31/3/1900	E. Porter and Co.	As per schedule.
Furnishing ironmongery	Ditto	"	"
Iron and steel	"	"	"
Oils, colours, &c.	"	"	"
Ship-chandlery	"	"	"
Brushware	"	"	"
Leather, &c.	"	"	"
Drain-pipes	"	J. J. Craig	"
Lime, ordinary and hydraulic	"	"	"
Cement, colonial	"	J. Wilson and Co.	"
Wellington—			
General ironmongery	"	E. W. Mills and Co.	"
Furnishing ironmongery	"	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.	"