

NEW AND PENDING INSTALLATIONS

The following schedule indicates the new equipment recently installed and that at present under installation to provide relief at the larger automatic exchanges :—

Place.	Capacity of Equipment provided during Year.	Capacity of Equipment under Installation.	Expected Date of Completion.
	Subscribers.	Subscribers.	
Auckland—			
*Ponsonby	..	900	June, 1948.
*Tamaki	..	120	July, 1948.
*Three Kings	..	900	June, 1948.
Christchurch—			
*Central exchange	900	..	..
Dunedin—			
Anderson's Bay	740	..	..
Green Island	380	..	..
*North-east Valley	560	..	..
Roslyn	400	..	..
South Dunedin	..	440	July, 1948.
Wellington—			
Johnsonville	600	..	..
*Karori	415	..	..
Khandallah	400	..	..
†Lower Hutt	..	5,000	May, 1949.
Other Towns—			
Blenheim	200	..	..
Dannevirke	..	300	June, 1948.
Gisborne	..	400	July, 1948.
*Hamilton	900	..	..
Hawera	..	300	July, 1948.
Marton	..	100	April, 1948.
Oamaru	200	..	..
*Palmerston North	900	..	..

*This equipment is of a temporary nature and will be converted to automatic working when the necessary apparatus is received from overseas.

†New exchange replacing existing exchange.

PLANS FOR FURTHER RELIEF AT EXISTING EXCHANGES

Place.	Proposals.	Expected Date of Completion.
Ellerslie, Auckland ..	Temporary manual exchange to serve 675 subscribers	June, 1949.
Riccarton, Christchurch ..	Temporary manual exchange to serve 900 subscribers	December, 1948.
Kilbirnie, Wellington ..	Temporary manual exchange to serve 675 subscribers	May, 1949.
Naenae, Lower Hutt ..	Temporary manual exchange to serve 675 subscribers	May, 1949.
Hamilton East ..	Temporary manual exchange to serve 675 subscribers	November, 1948.
Palmerston North ..	Capacity of existing manual exchange to be increased from 900 subscribers to 1,400 subscribers	October, 1948.

NEW EXCHANGES ESTABLISHED

A new manual exchange with 216 subscribers was opened on the 19th January, 1948, at Brown's Bay, in the Waitemata County.

A new rural automatic exchange with 114 subscribers was opened on the 18th February at Ngatimoti, in the Waimea County.

Continuous service for both local calls and toll calls is provided at both exchanges.