

EXTENSION OF TELEPHONE-EXCHANGE SERVICES

NEW AND PENDING INSTALLATIONS IN AUTOMATIC AREAS

The following schedule indicates the new exchange equipment installed during the year 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.
Auckland area—	Subscribers.	Subscribers.
*Tamaki	..	200
Christchurch area—		
*Christchurch	..	600
*Lyttelton	150	..
*Riccarton	900	600
*Sumner	500	..
Dunedin area—		
Andersons Bay	60	..
*Dunedin Central	1,500	..
*Ravensbourne	225	..
Wellington area—		
*Kilbirnie	1,125	..
Lower Hutt	5,000	..
*Lower Hutt	1,000	..
*Naenae	1,125	..
Other centres—		
*Blenheim	..	600
Gisborne	400	..
*Hamilton	450	..
*Hamilton East	..	600
*Masterton	..	1,000
Napier	400	..
†New Plymouth	4,800	..
*New Plymouth	1,400	..
*Oamaru	..	400
Whangarei	1,100	..

* This equipment is of a temporary nature and will later be replaced with new automatic switching equipment.

† New exchange replacing manual exchange.

The new building for the Nelson automatic exchange is in course of erection, and the work of installing the automatic switching equipment to replace the existing inadequate manual exchange will commence as soon as the building is ready.

It is also expected that during the next twelve months or so the Upper Hutt manual exchange and the temporary manual exchanges at Island Bay, Karori, and Kilbirnie (Wellington), and Naenae (Lower Hutt) will be replaced with automatic systems and that a new automatic exchange will be installed at Hataitai (Wellington), and the equipment in the Wellington central exchange extended.

EXTENSION OF EXISTING MANUAL EXCHANGES

Additional switchboard equipment providing exchange facilities for hundreds of additional subscribers was installed at fifty-nine manually-operated exchanges. At Timaru work is now under way which will provide switchboard accommodation for 900 additional subscribers.