

RETURN No. 17—*continued.*
STATEMENT of STORES CONTRACTS CURRENT, ETC.—*continued.*

Service.	Period.	Name of Contractor.	Rate.
<i>General stores—continued.</i>			
Christchurch—			
General ironmongery	31/3/1905	Ashby, Bergh, and Co.	As per tender.
Furnishing ironmongery	"	"	"
Drain-pipes	"	"	"
Cement	"	"	"
Brushware	"	"	"
Leather, &c.	"	"	"
Iron and steel	"	John Anderson	"
Oils, colours, &c.	"	Edward Reece and Sons	"
Ship-chandlery	"	"	"
Lime	"	Luke Adams	"
Indiarubber goods	"	W. J. Crawford	"
Dunedin—			
General ironmongery	"	John Edmond	"
Furnishing ironmongery	"	"	"
Oils, colours, &c.	"	"	"
Ship-chandlery	"	"	"
Drain-pipes	"	"	"
Leather, &c.	"	"	"
Iron and steel	"	Briscoe and Co.	"
Brushware	"	"	"
Cement	"	Milburn Lime and Cement Company	"
Lime	"	"	"
Indiarubber	"	W. J. Crawford	"
Uniform suits—			
Guards and porters	"	A. Levy	"
Stationmasters	"	Jones and Ashdown	"
Uniform caps—			
Stationmasters	31/3/1904	Charles Hill and Sons	15/ each.
Guards and porters	"	"	4/ "
"	"	Hallenstein Bros. and Co.	4/ "
Drivers and firemen	"	"	4/6 "
Native-timber supply—			
Christchurch Section	31/3/1903	William White and Co.	As per tender.
Dunedin and Invercargill Sections ..	"	Massey and Co.	"
Ironbark timber and piles	16/1/1903	E. D. Pike and Co.	"
"	"	Murray, Arnold, and Co.	"
"	"	Justin McSweeney	"
"	"	Fraser and Co.	"
Tallow-wood timber	16/6/1902	E. D. Pike and Co.	26/ per 100 sup. ft.
"	"	Murray, Arnold, and Co.	23/3 "
"	"	Joseph Reid	25/ "
Freight on 60,000 birch sleepers, Marlborough Sounds to Lyttelton	30/4/1905	Thomas Eckford	1/ each.
28,000 gallons dark axle-oil	31/3/1903	James Service and Co.	10½d. per gallon.
10,500 gallons filtered valve-oil	"	"	2/3 "
1,700 gallons pale machine-oil	"	"	1/ "
37,585 gallons oil for gas-making	"	New Zealand Coal and Oil Company	7½d. "
Auckland District—			
5,200 fire-lumps	"	J. J. Craig	4/ each.
19,000 puriri sleepers	"	Settlers	2/6 to 4/3 each.
5,000 totara sleepers	"	"	3/ to 3/6 "
495,000 sup. ft. kauri timber	"	Mills in district	5/ to 29/ per 100 s. ft.
7,300 sup. ft. kauri moulding	"	"	6/ to 21/ per 100 ft.
52,000 sup. ft. red-pine timber	"	"	5/ to 13/6 "
74,000 sup. ft. totara timber	"	"	16/ to 17/ "
3,000 sup. ft. matai timber	"	"	14/ "
Wellington—Napier—New Plymouth District—			
36,000 totara sleepers	"	Mills and settlers in district	3/6 each.
33,500 sleepers for creosoting	"	"	1/4 to 1/6 each.
108 birch piles	"	Greenwood and Whiteman	5/ to 25/ "
1,130 lin. ft. house blocks	"	W. G. Bassett	5d. per ft.
175,000 sup. ft. matai timber	"	Mills in district	13/6 to 19/ per 100 s. ft.
186,000 sup. ft. kauri timber	"	Merchants and mills in Auckland district	7/ to 35/ "
28,000 lin. ft. red-pine moulding	"	Mills in district	6/6 to 40/ per 100 lin. ft.
757,000 sup. ft. red-pine timber	"	"	6/ to 26/ per 100 s. ft.
265,000 sup. ft. totara timber	"	"	16/6 to 26/ "
63,000 sup. ft. white-pine timber	"	"	6/ to 11/6 "
1,000 sup. ft. clear-pine timber	"	Stewart Timber Company	50/ to 55/ "
Christchurch District—			
14,000 ft. mouldings	"	Merchants in district	5/ to 20/ per 100 t.
2,300 sup. ft. Baltic timber	"	"	38/ "
6,700 sup. ft. blue-gum timber	"	"	18/ to 20/ "
3,300 sup. ft. clear-pine timber	"	"	52/ to 62/6 "
148,000 sup. ft. kauri timber	"	Merchants in district and merchants in Auckland district	11/5 to 25/3 "
9,000 sup. ft. totara timber	"	Merchants in district	22/ to 22/6 "