

RETURN NO. 17—*continued.*
STATEMENT OF STORES CONTRACTS CURRENT, ETC.—*continued.*

Service.	Period.	Name of Contractor.	Rate.
Dunedin and Invercargill Districts—			
75,000 sleepers for creosoting ..	31/3/1903	Settlers in district	1/6 to 1/7 each.
14,000 sup. ft. V.D.L. timber ..	"	Merchants in district	17/ to 17/6 per 100 ft.
8,000 sup. ft. droppers ..	"	"	17/7 "
1,300 sup. ft. clear-pine timber ..	"	"	50/ "
4,000 sup. ft. deal timber ..	"	"	37/6 to 42/6 "
92,000 sup. ft. kauri timber ..	"	Merchants in district and merchants in Auckland district	20/ to 23/ "
30,000 ft. red-pine moulding ..	"	Merchants in district	7/ to 9/6 "
Westland District—			
500 totara sleepers ..	"	Settlers	3/3 each.
127,000 silver-pine sleepers ..	"	"	3/3 to 4/ each.
108,000 sup. ft. silver-pine timber ..	"	Mills in district	10/ to 20/ per 100 ft.
99,000 sup. ft. red-pine timber ..	"	"	5/6 to 15/6 "
2,000 sup. ft. white-pine timber ..	"	"	7/ to 17/6 "
5,000 sup. ft. totara timber ..	"	"	15/ "
45,000 yellow-pine sleepers ..	"	Settlers	3/3 to 3/11 each.
161,000 sup. ft. red-pine timber ..	"	Mills in district	5/ to 14/ per 100 ft.
36,000 sup. ft. silver-pine timber ..	"	"	14/ to 29/ "
2,300 sup. ft. white-pine timber ..	"	"	8/6 to 15/ "
Nelson District—			
8,000 sup. ft. red-pine timber ..	"	"	7/6 to 15/6 "
3,000 sup. ft. white-pine timber ..	"	"	9/ "
1,000 sup. ft. totara timber ..	"	"	12/ to 20/ "
2,200 lin. ft. birch piles ..	"	"	8d. per foot.
4,700 lin. ft. birch saplings ..	"	"	4d. "
Picton District—			
17,000 birch sleepers ..	"	Settlers in district	2/9 to 3/ each.
1,400 sup. ft. birch timber ..	"	Merchants in district	16/ per 100 ft.
4,500 sup. ft. red-pine timber ..	"	"	11/ to 14/ per 100 ft.