

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

Service.	Period.	Name of Contractor.	Rate.
Uniform suits—			
Guards and porters	31/3/1904	A. Levy	As per tender.
Stationmasters	"	Jones and Ashdown	"
Uniform caps—			
Stationmasters	"	Charles Hill and Sons	15/ each.
Guards and porters	"	"	4/ "
"	"	Hallenstein Bros. and Co.	4/ "
Drivers and firemen	"	"	4/6 "
Freight on 60,000 birch sleepers, Marlborough Sounds to Lyttelton	30/4/1905	Thomas Eckford	1/ "
Auckland District—			
4,700 fire-lumps	31/3/1904	J. J. Craig	4/
511,000 sup. ft. kauri timber	"	Merchants and mills in district	5/ to 28/ per 100 ft.
7,000 sup. ft. kauri moulding	"	"	4/6 to 21/ "
62,000 sup. ft. red-pine timber	"	"	7/ to 13/6 "
68,000 sup. ft. totara timber	"	"	16/ to 17/ "
3,000 sup. ft. matai timber	"	"	14/ "
Wellington—Napier—New Plymouth District—			
139,000 sup. ft. kauri timber	"	Merchants and mills in Auckland district	10/ to 36/ "
630,000 sup. ft. red-pine timber	"	Merchants and mills in district	7/6 to 22/ "
65,000 sup. ft. matai timber	"	"	13/6 to 14/6 "
221,000 sup. ft. totara timber	"	"	14/6 to 27/ "
78,000 sup. ft. white-pine timber	"	"	6/ to 13/ "
43,000 ft. red-pine mouldings	"	"	5/ to 20/ "
2,000 sup. ft. clear-pine timber	"	Merchants in district	42/ to 55/ "
Christchurch District—			
11,000 ft. mouldings	"	Merchants in district	6/ to 17/6 "
12,000 sup. ft. birch timber	"	"	13/ to 14/6 "
7,500 sup. ft. blue-gum timber	"	"	18/ "
5,700 sup. ft. clear-pine timber	"	"	7½d. to 7¾d. per ft.
64,000 sup. ft. kauri timber	"	Merchants in Christchurch and Auckland district	12/9 to 29/3 per 100 ft.
Dunedin and Invercargill Districts—			
30,000 ft. V.D.L. timber	"	Merchants in district	16/ to 16/7 per 100 ft.
15,000 sup. ft. black-pine timber	"	"	13/ to 14/ "
450,000 sup. ft. kauri timber	"	Merchants in Dunedin and Auckland	12/6 to 28/ "
3,600 ft. deal timber	"	Merchants in district	35/ to 42/6 "
9,000 ft. droppers	"	"	17/7 to 19/ "
25,000 ft. red-pine moulding	"	"	11/6 to 15/ "
Nelson District—			
14,000 sup. ft. red-pine timber	"	"	7/6 to 14/ "
Picton District—			
3,400 sup. ft. red-pine timber	"	"	11/ to 14/6 "
Westport District—			
88,000 sup. ft. red-pine timber	"	"	9/ to 15/6 "
40,000 sup. ft. yellow-pine timber	"	"	14/ to 24/ "
Westland District—			
67,000 sup. ft. red-pine timber	"	"	5/ to 25/ "
30,000 sup. ft. silver-pine timber	"	"	14/ to 19/ "
Sleeper Supply—			
Auckland District—			
145,000 totara and puriri	"	Settlers and mills in district	2/6 to 4/3 each.
Wellington—Napier District—			
9,000 totara	"	"	3/6 "
Wellington—Wanganui District—			
42,000 totara	"	"	3/6 "
Wellington—Napier—New Plymouth District—			
73,000 for creosoting	"	"	1/7 "
Westland District—			
220,000 silver-pine	"	"	3/3 "
Westport District—			
112,000 yellow-pine	"	"	3/3 to 3/5 "
Dunedin District—			
11,700 totara and matai	"	"	3/3 and 2/3 "
Invercargill District—			
11,300 totara and matai	"	"	3/3 and 2/3 "
73,000 for creosoting	"	"	1/5½ to 1/6 "
Picton District—			
3,000 birch per month	"	"	3/ "