

Exchange.	Number of Subscribers or Connections :	
	March 31, 1903.	March 31, 1904.
Hokitika	122	129
Kumara	...	10
Ross	7	6
Invercargill	313	335
Bluff	29	30
Edendale	5	5
Gore	78	83
Lumsden	16	16
Mataura	9	10
Otautau	28	25
Riversdale	18	17
Riverton	17	18
Winton	21	22
Woodlands	5	5
Wyndham	11	12
Masterton	134	155
Carterton	29	33
Eketahuna	15	18
Greytown North	11	10
Napier	357	384
Hastings	65	118
Weber	1	1
Nelson	185	220
New Plymouth	299	320
Inglewood	17	18
Waitara	14	16
Oamaru	183	210
Ngapara	1	2
Pahiatua	78	79
Woodville	21	20
Palmerston North	223	264
Foxton	...	24
Rotorua	37	70
Stratford	95	98
Thames	79	78
Paeroa	23	25
Timaru	185	206
Fairlie	12	12
St. Andrew's	...	8
Studholme Junction	...	6
Temuka	17	17
Waimate	...	29
Wanganui	379	425
Hunterville	6	5
Marton	36	47
Okaiawa	1	1
Waverley	11	8
Wellington	1,902	2,103
Westport	87	109
Whangarei	...	36
	10,633	12,105

The connections are classified : Paying, 11,136 ; free, 259 ; bureaux, 710 : total, 12,105.

The following are particulars of telegraph and telephone wires, &c., in the colony on the 31st March, 1904, exclusive of those now maintained by the Railway Department :—

	Telegraph.	Telephone.
Miles of line, 1st April, 1903	7,749	667½
" 31st March, 1904	7,779½	721½
Miles of wire, 1st April, 1903	22,672½	8,727
" 31st March, 1904	22,920½	9,834½
Increase during the year—		
Miles of line	30½	54
Miles of wire	248½	1,007½
Cables—		
Submarine, 1st April, 1903	282·378 knots.	3·392 knots.
" 31st March, 1904	283·107 "	3·392 "