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NEW ZEALAND.

SLOT TELEPHONES

(PARTICULARS RELATIVE TO).

*Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 22nd September, 1915.*

*Ordered*, "That there be laid before this House a return showing—(1) How the estimates of cost of the slot telephones asked for at the corner of Yaldhurst and Racecourse Roads, Upper Riccarton, and Pepper's Corner, Papanui, were arrived at; and (2) how the Department estimated the loss on the working of a slot telephone at each of the two sites."—(Mr. WITTY.)

RETURN showing—(1) How the Estimated Cost of a Slot Telephone at the Corner of Yaldhurst and Racecourse Roads (Coach Corner), Upper Riccarton, was arrived at; and (2) how the Department estimated the Loss on the Working of a Slot Telephone at the Site.

| (1.) Capital Cost.           |    |    |    |    | £        | s.                                      | d.      |
|------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----------|-----------------------------------------|---------|
| Material                     | .. | .. | .. | .. | 107      | 10                                      | 0       |
| Labour and cartage           | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5        | 16                                      | 0       |
|                              |    |    |    |    | £113     | 6                                       | 0       |
| (2.) Annual Cost of Working. |    |    |    |    | £        | s.                                      | d.      |
| Total revenue (estimated)    | .. | .. | 10 | 0  | 0        | Interest at 4 per cent. on capital cost | 4 10 7  |
| Estimated loss               | .. | .. | 13 | 10 | 6        | Maintenance                             | 12 18 0 |
|                              |    |    |    |    | £23 10 6 | Exchange attendance and coin collecting | 6 1 11  |
|                              |    |    |    |    | £23 10 6 |                                         |         |

RETURN showing—(1) How the Estimated Cost of a Slot Telephone at Pepper's Corner, Papanui, was arrived at; and (2) How the Department estimated the Loss on the Working of a Slot Telephone at the Site.

| (1.) Capital Cost.                                                  |    |    |    |    | £        | s.                                      | d.      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----------|-----------------------------------------|---------|
| Material                                                            | .. | .. | .. | .. | 124      | 6                                       | 0       |
| Labour and cartage                                                  | .. | .. | .. | .. | 9        | 4                                       | 0       |
|                                                                     |    |    |    |    | £133     | 10                                      | 0       |
| (2.) Annual Cost of Working of a Slot Telephone at Pepper's Corner. |    |    |    |    | £        | s.                                      | d.      |
| Total revenue (estimated)                                           | .. | .. | 10 | 0  | 0        | Interest at 4 per cent. on capital cost | 5 6 9   |
| Estimated loss                                                      | .. | .. | 15 | 19 | 0        | Maintenance                             | 12 18 0 |
|                                                                     |    |    |    |    | £25 19 0 | Exchange attendance and coin collecting | 7 14 3  |
|                                                                     |    |    |    |    | £25 19 0 |                                         |         |

In estimating the amount of revenue the population in the vicinity of a proposed site, and also the number of persons who pass the site, are taken into consideration. These conditions are compared with the conditions obtaining at sites where slot telephones are already installed, and the estimates deduced therefrom.

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