

*Appropriations for Consolidated Fund Services.*CLASS III.—POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT—*continued.*

Item.		1916-17.	
	CARRIAGE OF MAILS BY RAILWAY.	£	£
	VOTE No. 15.		
	CHARGES FOR AND INCIDENTAL TO—		
1	Carriage of Mails by Railway— £ Special trains and trucks ... 2,600 Ordinary mails ... 69,330	71,930	
	TOTAL—VOTE No. 15 ...		71,930
	MAINTENANCE OF TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE LINES.		
	VOTE No. 16.		
	CHARGES FOR AND INCIDENTAL TO—		
1	Maintenance of Telegraph and Telephone Lines— £ Extra labour ... 40,000 Material for repairs ... 57,000 Rural telephones (assistance to settlers) 1,700 Travelling-expenses of telegraph engineers and linemen ... 11,000 Upkeep of s.s. "Tutanekai" ... 5,500	115,200	
	Less estimated credits under section 48 of the Public Revenues Act, 1910 ...	5,500	
	TOTAL—VOTE No. 16 ...		109,700
	MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.		
	VOTE No. 17.		
	CHARGES FOR AND INCIDENTAL TO—		
1	Allowances— £ Forage ... 1,300 Lodging to cadets and cadettes, and non-clerical officers ... 14,000 Night clerks and miscellaneous ... 5,000 Special allowances to telegraph messengers ... 100 Tellers and for calculation of Savings-bank interest ... 3,200	23,600	
2	Cash Deficiencies— Cash destroyed by fire, Waitomo Caves 28 Forged allotment warrant, Adelaide Road 8 Irregularities, Frankton Junction ... 5 Lost remittances, Kotoku ... 4		45
3	Fees— Carriage of private bags ...	1,100	
4	Mechanical Appliances, Bicycles, &c.— Allowance to officers using their own bicycles, and to motor-cycle riders 3,000 Cash-registers for telegraph counters 320 Dickie stamp-vending machines (hire of) 300 Home savings-banks, purchase of ... 1,200 Post-marking machines ... 100 Purchase of motor-cycles, cars, and bicycles ... 5,000		