

Table No. 18.

TABLE SHOWING THE COST OF MAINTENANCE OF TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE LINES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1917.

District.	Miles of Wire.	Miles of Line.	Travelling expenses of Engineers and Linemen.	Extra Labour.	Material.	Upkeep of s.s. Tunnels.	Rural Telephones: Assistance to Settlers.	Total Expenditure out of Vote Maintenance.	Salaries of Engineers and Linemen.	Total Cost of Maintenance.	Average Cost per Mile of Wire.	Average Cost per Mile of Line.
Auckland	..	13,351	£ 3,173	£ 5,104	£ 6,937	£ ..	£ ..	£ 15,214	£ 7,586	£ 22,800	£ s. d. 1 14 2	£ s. d. 5 12 6
Wellington	..	16,149	2,394	5,979	12,460	..	..	20,833	11,787	32,620	2 0 5	8 12 9
Nelson	..	3,012	1,061	838	802	..	..	2,701	1,348	4,049	1 6 11	3 11 11
Canterbury	..	8,826	993	1,120	1,909	..	..	4,022	4,761	8,783	0 19 11	4 6 1
Otago	..	8,982	1,723	1,106	4,519	..	..	7,348	5,008	12,356	1 7 6	4 5 3
Total	..	50,320	9,344	14,147	26,627	..	..	50,118	30,490	80,608	1 12 0	5 16 0
Cables	..	374*	444	1,908	248	4,703	..	7,303	..	7,303	19 10 6†	..
Stores	..	..	29	1,617	6,133	..	..	7,779	1,877	9,656	..	..
Rural telephones— Assistance to settlers	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,633	1,633	..	1,633	..	..
Laboratory, &c.	..	..	8	2,156	1,771	..	..	3,935	..	3,935	..	..
Wireless stations	..	..	124	1,027	1,144	..	..	2,295	..	2,295	..	..
Total telegraph-lines	..	50,694	9,949	20,855	35,923	4,703	1,633	53,063	32,367	105,430	..	..
Telephone exchanges	..	142,469	2,182	21,452	11,476	..	..	35,110	35,912	71,022	..	..
Grand total	..	193,163	12,131	42,307	47,399	4,703	1,633	108,173	68,279	176,452	..	..

* Knots. † Per knot.