

Table No. 18.
TABLE SHOWING THE COST OF MAINTENANCE OF TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE LINES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1919.

District.	Miles of Wire.	Miles of Line.	Travelling- expenses of Engineers and Linemen.	Extra Labour.	Material.	Upkeep of S.S. Tuta- nekal.	Rural Telephones— Assistance to Settlers.	Total Expenditure out of Item Maintenance.	Salaries of Engineers and Linemen.	Total Cost of Maintenance.	Average Cost per Mile of Wire.	Average Cost per Mile of Line.
Auckland	13,748	4,169	£ 3,508	£ 8,653	£ 7,523	£ ..	£ ..	£ 19,684	£ 13,243	£ 32,927	£ s. d. 2 7 11	£ s. d. 7 17 11
Wellington	15,907	3,546	2,230	6,708	8,275	..	..	17,213	18,882	36,095	2 5 5	10 3 7
Nelson	2,959	1,117	992	548	718	..	..	2,258	1,314	3,572	1 4 2	3 4 0
Canterbury	9,019	2,055	3,257	7,767	7,473	..	..	18,497	7,340	25,837	2 17 4	12 11 5
Otago	9,108	2,926	1,998	3,499	2,511	..	..	8,008	7,363	15,371	1 13 9	5 5 1
Total	50,741	13,813	11,985	27,175	26,500	..	..	65,660	48,142	113,802	2 4 1	8 4 9
Cables	416*	..	93	186	2,261	47	..	2,587	..	2,587	6 4 5†	..
Stores	..	..	..	3,130	7,737	..	..	10,867	1,752	12,619	..	..
Rural telephones— Assistance to settlers	..	..	..	..	..	..	882	882	..	882	..	..
Laboratory, &c.	..	..	7	1,566	923	..	..	2,496	..	2,496	..	..
Wireless stations	..	..	221	1,290	517	..	..	2,028	..	2,028	..	..
Total telegraph-lines	51,157	13,813	12,306	33,347	37,938	..	..	84,520	49,894	134,414	..	..
Telephone exchanges	165,962	4,789	2,455	27,770	19,871	..	..	50,096	60,175	110,271	..	..
Grand total	217,119	18,602	14,761	61,117	57,809	47	882	134,616	110,069	244,685	..	..

* Knots. † Per knot.