

1928.
NEW ZEALAND.

STORES CONTROL BOARD
(ANNUAL REPORT OF).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Leave.

SIR,—
Stores Control Board, Wellington, 7th August, 1928.
I have the honour to submit herewith the annual report of the Stores Control Board for the period ended 31st March, 1928.
I have, &c.,
F. J. BROOKER, Secretary.
The Hon. K. S. Williams, Chairman, Stores Control Board.

REPORT.

PURCHASES.

DURING the year ended 31st March, 1928, the total expenditure on stores amounted to the sum of £3,947,117 11s. 6d., made up as follows:—

Department.	Amount.		
	£	s.	d.
New Zealand Railways	1,806,594	7	6
Public Works	843,006	15	0
Post and Telegraph	459,054	16	8
Mental Hospitals	169,409	11	3
Naval	114,878	14	1
Defence	105,328	10	10
Printing and Stationery	67,676	15	5
Health	61,763	2	6
Prisons	48,144	8	4
Education	43,068	1	5
Agriculture	29,473	9	5
Lands and Survey	29,427	10	9
Mines	27,674	15	10
State Forest Service	23,787	4	7
Other Departments	117,829	7	11
	£3,947,117	11	6

With the exception of a few instances, in which the circumstances were too urgent to allow of the usual procedure being followed, tenders or quotations were invited for the whole of the stores required. For the requisitioning Departments 10,518 requisitions were dealt with, and 448 contracts were arranged for daily supplies, mostly perishable foodstuffs, &c. These figures do not include the requisitions and contracts dealt with by the three purchasing Departments (Railways, Public Works, Post and Telegraph) on account of their own Departments.