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NEW ZEALAND.

STORES CONTROL BOARD
(ANNUAL REPORT OF).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Leave.

SIR,—
Stores Control Board, Wellington, 9th August, 1929.
I have the honour to submit herewith the annual report of the Stores Control Board for the period ended 31st March, 1929.
I have, &c.,
F. J. BROOKER, Secretary.
The Hon. E. A. Ransom, Chairman, Stores Control Board.

REPORT.

PURCHASES.

DURING the year ended 31st March, 1929, the total expenditure on stores amounted to the sum of £4,199,822 15s. 5d., made up as follows:—

Department.	Amount.		
	£	s.	d.
Railways	1,951,127	19	9
Public Works	928,608	2	1
Post and Telegraph	484,218	18	4
Mental Hospitals	185,755	13	1
Naval	110,142	15	5
Defence	83,671	17	10
Printing and Stationery	64,414	19	2
Health	53,707	0	9
Prisons	48,922	16	3
Lands and Survey	39,258	17	0
Education	35,678	15	10
State Forest Service	35,621	7	5
Mines	33,950	6	2
Agriculture	32,777	9	8
Marine	21,592	12	7
Other Departments	90,373	4	1
Total	£4,199,822	15	5

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 10,465 purchase requisitions were dealt with, and 478 departmental contracts were arranged for daily supplies, mostly perishable foodstuffs, &c. These figures do not include the requisitions or contracts dealt with by the three purchasing Departments (Railways, Public Works, Post and Telegraph) on account of their own Departments. The number of items in a purchase requisition is often very considerable, sometimes exceeding one hundred, and they are additional to the purchases made by Departments under the general contracts referred to in the next following paragraph.