

REPORT OF THE TELEGRAPHIC ENGINEER.

3 D.—No. 1. E.

APPENDIX.

Before closing my report, I should recommend that where the Telegraphic service is attached to the Post-office, a Telegraphist should be appointed to the office of Post-master, and not the Post-master to the office of Telegraphist.

Several of the Telegraphists now in the office have exercised the functions of Post-masters in the neighbouring Colonies, and are consequently capable of filling both appointments, while it is almost impossible to make many of the Post-masters Telegraphists, and assistant Telegraphists have consequently to be given them at a great additional cost to the original estimate for working the combined offices.

I have &c.,

ALFRED SHEATH,

Telegraphic Engineer.

The Post-master General, Wellington.

RETURN—A. No. 1.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

Return of business transacted at each Station from May 23rd to May 31st, 1865.

Stations.	Cash.	Press Messages.	Provincial Government.	General Government.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Christchurch	11 19 0	1 6 9	1 7 0	14 12 9
Dunedin	32 11 6	0 10 0	1 2 0	2 18 6	37 2 0
Invercargill	21 19 6	4 3 0	1 12 0	0 7 0	28 1 6
	66 10 0	5 19 9	2 14 0	4 12 6	79 16 3

ALFRED SHEATH.

RETURN—A. No. 2.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

Return of business transacted at each Station during the month of June, 1865.

Stations.	Cash.	Press Messages.	Provincial Government.	General Government.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bluff	9 13 0	1 16 0	5 11 6		17 0 6
Invercargill	47 18 0	3 1 3	12 6 0	1 19 0	65 4 3
Dunedin	81 13 0	5 12 0	8 18 6	9 19 6	106 3 0
Oamaru, opened the 20th	6 8 0		2 7 6		8 15 6
Timaru, opened the 19th	6 5 0			0 7 0	6 12 0
Christchurch	63 2 0	6 1 9	14 14 0	5 4 6	89 2 3
Heathcote Valley ..	0 11 0		0 9 0		1 0 0
Lyttelton	23 11 6	0 3 0	1 12 6	5 4 0	30 11 0
	239 1 6	16 14 0	45 19 0	22 14 0	324 8 6

ALFRED SHEATH.