

RETURN No. 16—*continued.*STATEMENT of STORES CONTRACTS, &c.—*continued.*

Service.	Period.	Name of Contractor.	Rate.
Uniform caps for Stationmasters ...	For 1897 ...	T. Parker and Co. ...	As per schedule.
Forage ... Auckland ...	To 31/3/98 ...	W. and G. Winstone ...	"
" ... Christchurch ...	" ...	Treleaven and Co. ...	"
Double-boiled oil ...	1897 ...	E. W. Mills and Co. ...	2/5½ per gal.
" ...	" ...	E. Reece and Sons ...	2/5 "
Raw oil ...	" ...	E. W. Mills and Co. ...	2/3½ "
Castor oil ...	" ...	" ...	2/1½ "
Colza oil ...	" ...	" ...	2/7½ "
Genuine white lead ...	" ...	" ...	£20/19 per ton.
Castor oil ...	August, 1896 ...	National Mortgage and Agency Company	1/10½ per gal.
Timber, ironbark ...	1897 ...	Murray, Arnold, and Co. ...	17/ per 100 ft., and 1/9 p. lin. ft. piles
" " tallow wood ...	" ...	E. C. Whitney ...	17/ and 1/9.
" " William Brown ...	" ...	William Brown ...	15/6.
Gold passes (130) ...	March, 1897 ...	S. Kohn, Wellington ...	20/ each.
6,000ft. birch timber, Westport ...	1896 ...	Mokihinui Sawmill Company ...	10/6 per 100 sup. ft.
3,000ft. birch timber, Picton ...	1896-97 ...	T. A. Price, Belgrove ...	7/6 "
91,000ft. silver-pine timber ...	1897 ...	West Coast Timber Company, Greymouth	12/6 "
120,000ft. silver-pine timber ...	" ...	Ditto ...	12/6 "
12,000ft. silver-pine timber ...	" ...	Butler Brothers ...	7/ "
340,000ft. kauri for Southern sections ...	" ...	D. Goldie ...	12/ "
8,000ft. silver-pine ...	1896 ...	G. D. Wilson and Co. ...	11/6 "
4,000ft. red-pine ...	" ...	" ...	6/ "
1,000 white-kauri sleepers, for South ...	1897 ...	D. Goldie ...	4/ each.
32,000 puriri sleepers, Auckland ...	31/3/97 ...	Settlers in district ...	3/9 and 2/6 each.
4,500 birch and totara sleepers, Wellington ...	" ...	" ...	2/ and 2/6 "
7,000 matai, totara, and maire sleepers, Napier-Taranaki Section	" ...	" ...	2/ to 4/ "
40,000 silver-pine sleepers, Greymouth ...	" ...	" ...	2/ to 2/4 "
43,000 yellow-pine sleepers, Westport ...	" ...	" ...	2/ to 2/4 "
4,000 birch sleepers, Picton ...	1896-97 ...	" ...	2/ each.
114,000ft. birch timber, and 13,000 birch sleepers	" ...	Settlers, Oxford district ...	13/ per 100ft., and 2/ each.
8,200 black-pine and totara sleepers, Dunedin	" ...	Settlers in district ...	2/ and 2/6 each.
50,000 black-pine and totara sleepers, Southland	" ...	" ...	2/ and 2/6 "

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