

*Appropriations for Consolidated Fund Services.*CLASS II.—COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT—*continued.*

| Item. | MINISTERS' SECRETARIES. | 1897-98. | |
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| | | £ | £ |
| | Total number of officers ... 1897-98. 9 | | |
| | VOTE No. 7. | | |
| | SALARIES— | | |
| 1 | Secretary to Cabinet (also Clerk of Executive Council, £50) ... | 450 | |
| 2 | 8 Private Secretaries to Ministers at £25 each ... | 200 | |
| | TOTAL—VOTE No. 7 ... | | 650 |
| | MESSENGERS AND OFFICE-KEEPERS. | | |
| | Total number of officers ... 1897-98. 38 | | |
| | VOTE No. 8. | | |
| 1 | SALARIES— | | |
| | Messengers— | | |
| | Chief Messenger and Housekeeper (also Fire Inspector, £50) ... | 225 | |
| | 17 Messengers: 1 at £180, 1 at £130, 7 at £120, 2 at 6s. 6d. per diem, 6 at 6s. per diem ... | 2,044 | |
| | 5 Night-watchmen: 4 at 7s. 6d. per diem, 1 at 6s. per diem (7 months) ... | 612 | |
| | Office-keepers, &c.— | | |
| 2 | Custodian £100, and Housekeeper £50, Government House, Auckland ... | 150 | |
| 3 | Auckland—1 at £121, 1 at £104 ... | 225 | |
| 4 | New Plymouth ... | 75 | |
| 5 | Gisborne ... | 30 | |
| 6 | Nelson—Office-keeper £150, Messenger £50 ... | 200 | |
| 7 | Blenheim ... | 120 | |
| 8 | Christchurch—2 Office-keepers: 1 at £52, 1 at 4s. per diem ... | 125 | |
| | 1 Watchman at 6s. 6d. per diem ... | 119 | |
| 9 | Dunedin—Office-keeper £110, Office-cleaner £104, and Watchman £45 ... | 259 | |
| | TOTAL—VOTE No. 8 ... | | 4,184 |
| | ELECTORAL DEPARTMENT. | | |
| | Total number of officers ... 1897-98. 19 | | |
| | VOTE No. 9. | | |
| 1 | SALARIES— | | |
| | For payment of Registrars who do not hold other appointments in the Civil Service ... | 600 | |
| | OTHER CHARGES— | | |
| 2 | Expenses of General Election ... | 850 | |
| 3 | Expenses under Election Petitions Act ... | 100 | |
| 4 | Expenses under "The Awarua Seat Inquiry Act, 1897" ... | 116 | |
| 5 | Expenses of printing Rolls, Advertising, Elections, and Contingencies ... | 2,500 | |
| | TOTAL—VOTE No. 9 ... | 3,566 | 4,166 |
| | AUDIT OFFICE. | | |
| | Total number of officers ... 1897-98. 24 | | |
| | VOTE No. 10. | | |
| 1 | SALARIES— | | |
| | Chief Clerk ... | 350 | |
| | 11 Clerks: 2 at £275, 1 at £250, 1 at £235, 3 at £210, 1 at £180, 1 at £130, 1 (Shorthand- and Type-writer) at £82, 1 (extra) at 15s. per diem ... | 2,291 | |
| | Cadet ... | 75 | |
| | Clerk, Audit of Local Bodies, &c. ... | 350 | |
| | | 3,066 | |