

*Appropriations for Consolidated Fund Services.*CLASS V.—POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT—*continued.*

Item.	No. of Officers.	1897-98.	POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH SALARIES— <i>continued.</i>	1897-98.	
				£	£
			VOTE No. 31— <i>continued.</i>		
			NON-CLERICAL DIVISION— <i>continued.</i>		
38	...		1,272 Country Postmasters ...	11,000	
39	...		New Stations, Telegraphists, Cadets, and Messengers	1,500	
				12,500	
				224,846	
			Less proportion of increases to Salaries provided for, but not payable during current year ...	1,948	
				222,898	
		1,623	Less estimated credits under section 41 of "The Public Revenues Act, 1891" ...	6,300	
			TOTAL—VOTE No. 31 ...		216,598
			TELEGRAPH CABLE SUBSIDIES.		
			VOTE No. 32.		
1			Contingent Subsidy ...	120	
2			Proportion payable on account of reduction of intercolonial and European rates ...	1,800	
			TOTAL—VOTE No. 32 ...		1,920
			CONVEYANCE OF MAILS BY SEA.		
			VOTE No. 33.		
1			Bluff and Stewart Island Services ...	300	
2			Invercargill, Cromarty, and Te Oneroa ...	360	
3			Chatham Islands Service ...	300	
4			Blind Bay Service ...	125	
5			San Francisco Service ...	18,250	
6			Cost of Transit from San Francisco to New York and from New York to Queenstown of Homeward Mails ..	6,122	
7			Interprovincial Service (San Francisco Service) ...	3,000	
8			Suez Services ...	3,400	
9			Mail Agents and Travelling-allowance ...	1,000	
10			Auckland Steam Services ...	900	
11			Hokitika and Southern Ports and Westport and Karamea Services ...	800	
12			Fiji Service ...	1,690	
13			New Zealand and Pacific Islands Service ...	1,200	
14			Great Barrier Service ...	250	
15			Pelorus Sound Service ...	180	
16			Vancouver mail-service ...	2,608	
17			Cost of transit from Vancouver to New York, and New York to Queenstown, of homeward mails ...	838	
18			Interprovincial service (Vancouver service), Mail Agents and travelling-allowance ...	950	
19			Penalty remitted in respect of late arrival of mail-steamer "Monowai" at San Francisco, February, 1896 ...	200	
20			Salary, Resident Agent, San Francisco ...	30	
21			Postal Union Transit Charges ...	300	
22			Contingencies, Gratuities, &c. ...	11,500	
				54,303	
			Less estimated credits—San Francisco Service ..	10,650	
			TOTAL—VOTE No. 33 ...		43,653