

RETURN No. 17—*continued.*STATEMENT of STORES CONTRACTS CURRENT, &c.—*continued.*

Service.	Period.	Name of Contractor.	Rate.
<i>General stores—continued.</i>			
Dunedin—			
General ironmongery ..	31/3/1900	New Zealand Hardware Company	As per schedule.
Furnishing ironmongery ..	"	Thomson, Bridger, and Co. ..	"
Iron and steel ..	"	New Zealand Hardware Company	"
Oils, colours, &c. ..	"	Smith and Smith ..	"
Ship-chandlery ..	"	New Zealand Hardware Company	"
Drain-pipes ..	"	A. Briscoe and Co. ..	"
Lime, ordinary ..	"	Milburn Lime Company	"
Cement, colonial ..	"	"	"
Brushware ..	"	A. Briscoe and Co. ..	"
Leather, &c. ..	"	New Zealand Hardware Company	"
Timber, tallow-wood ..	"	E. D. Pike and Co. ..	16/9 per 100 sup. ft.
" and piles, ironbark ..	30/6/99	Murray, Arnold, and Co. ..	19/
" " " ..	Sept., 1899	"	As per schedule.
" " " ..	June, "	E. D. Pike and Co. ..	"
" " " ..	Sept., "	W. Flannery ..	"
" " " ..	31/3/1900	Murray, Arnold, and Co. ..	"
" " " ..	"	E. D. Pike and Co. ..	"
Native timber supply—			
Napier Section ..	"	Robert Holt ..	"
Wanganui " ..	"	Palmerston North Sash, Door, and Timber Company	"
Christchurch " ..	"	William White and Co. ..	"
Invercargill " ..	"	Massey and Co. ..	"
Sleeper supply—			
Wellington—Napier—New Plymouth—			
3,000 totara sleepers ..	31/10/99	A. Bergerson ..	3/ each.
2,000 " ..	30/11/99	R. E. Johnson ..	2/6 "
1,500 " ..	"	B. De Malmanche ..	2/10 "
2,000 " ..	"	A. Quinlan ..	3/ "
8,000 " ..	31/1/1900	James Drysdale ..	3/ "
2,000 " ..	31/12/99	T. and G. Williams ..	2/10 "
400 " ..	"	A. Hansen ..	3/ "
800 " ..	"	Joseph McHalick ..	2/9 "
2,000 " ..	"	Henry Carlson ..	3/ "
1,000 " ..	31/3/1900	L. C. Anderson ..	3/ "
1,000 " ..	"	C. F. Frederiksen ..	3/ "
1,000 " ..	31/7/99	Patrick Scally ..	3/ "
2,000 " ..	31/3/1900	Hawke's Bay Timber Company (Limited)	3/ "
1,000 " ..	31/12/99	John Stewart ..	3/ "
1,500 " ..	"	J. T. Entwistle ..	3/ "
800 " ..	"	Power and Bussell ..	3/ "
5,000 " ..	"	Einar Andresen ..	3/ "
Southland District—			
400 totara sleepers ..	"	James Mackay ..	3/ "
22,000 creosoted sleepers ..	31/3/1900	Campbell and Co. ..	2/6 "
22,900 totara sleepers ..	"	Settlers ..	3/ to 3/3 each.
1,200 matai sleepers ..	"	" ..	2/ each.
Dunedin District—			
9,300 totara sleepers ..	"	" ..	3/ "
Christchurch District—			
2,900 birch sleepers ..	"	" ..	2/2 "
2,200 puriri sleepers ..	"	Lane and Brown ..	3/ and 4/3 each.
Greymouth Section—			
120,720 silver-pine sleepers ..	"	Settlers ..	2/6 to 2/9 each.
320 " ..	"	" ..	1/ each.
120 " ..	"	" ..	2/8 to 3/ each.
1,170 silver-pine posts ..	"	" ..	4½d. each.
Westport Section—			
37,320 yellow-pine sleepers ..	"	" ..	1/9 to 3/ each.
860 birch sleepers ..	"	" ..	2/3 and 2/4 each.
Nelson Section—			
450 birch sleepers ..	"	" ..	1/10 each.
Pictou Section—			
2,460 birch sleepers ..	"	" ..	2/ "
Wellington—Napier—New Plymouth—			
21,600 totara sleepers ..	"	" ..	2/6 to 3/ each.
2,300 hinau sleepers ..	"	" ..	3/ and 4/ "
Auckland District—			
13,800 totara sleepers ..	"	" ..	2/6 to 3/ "
42,400 puriri sleepers ..	"	" ..	2/6 to 3/9 "
300 manao sleepers ..	"	" ..	2/6 each.
Dunedin and Invercargill Districts—			
14,400 sup. ft. V.D.L. timber ..	"	Mills in districts ..	17/7 to 19/ per 100 sup. ft.
87,600 sup. ft. red-pine timber ..	"	" ..	6/6 to 17/ "
2,300 sup. ft. miro timber ..	"	" ..	7/ "
28,300 sup. ft. black-pine timber ..	"	" ..	11/ to 15/ "
1,800 sup. ft. totara timber ..	"	" ..	14/9 to 18/ "
48,800 sup. ft. kauri timber ..	"	Merchants in district ..	10/ to 22/6 "
Christchurch Section—			
4,300 sup. ft. kauri timber ..	"	" ..	20/6 to 22/6 "
4,300 sup. ft. black-birch timber ..	"	Mills in district ..	13/ "
6,700 sup. ft. V.D.L. timber ..	"	" ..	18/ "
2,600 palings ..	"	" ..	20/ to 22/6 per 100.