

Table No. 21.

RETURN of the COST of MAINTENANCE of TELEGRAPH LINES for the Year ended 31st March, 1900.

| District.        | No. of Miles. | Travelling-expenses of Inspectors and Linemen. | Extra Labour. | Cost of Material purchased. | Value of Material issued from Stores. | Salaries of Inspectors and Linemen. | Total Cost of Maintenance. | Average Cost per Mile. |
|------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
|                  |               | £ s. d.                                        | £ s. d.       | £ s. d.                     | £ s. d.                               | £ s. d.                             | £ s. d.                    | £ s. d.                |
| Auckland .. ..   | ..            | 1,035 19 1                                     | 1,563 6 8     | 1,185 0 1                   | 574 7 2                               | 2,767 0 0                           | 7,125 13 0                 | ..                     |
| Wellington .. .. | ..            | 1,221 2 5                                      | 1,786 4 7     | 627 19 3                    | 1,890 10 0                            | 2,387 0 0                           | 7,912 16 3                 | ..                     |
| Nelson .. ..     | ..            | 709 15 4                                       | 861 7 3       | 237 5 0                     | 727 15 1                              | 1,890 0 0                           | 4,426 2 8                  | ..                     |
| Canterbury .. .. | ..            | 653 5 11                                       | 814 17 10     | 197 11 9                    | 975 11 0                              | 1,240 0 0                           | 3,881 6 6                  | ..                     |
| Otago .. ..      | ..            | 589 1 5                                        | 738 16 4      | 601 11 1                    | 678 6 2                               | 1,428 0 0                           | 4,035 15 0                 | ..                     |
| Cables .. ..     | ..            | 11 0 2                                         | 1,196 10 0    | 18 7 7                      | 1,051 8 7                             | ..                                  | 2,272 6 4                  | ..                     |
| Stores .. ..     | ..            | 69 19 8                                        | 285 11 8      | 181 16 8                    | ..                                    | ..                                  | 537 8 0                    | ..                     |
| Totals .. ..     | ..            | 4,290 4 0                                      | 7,246 14 4    | 3,044 11 5                  | 5,897 18 0                            | 9,712 0 0                           | 30,191 7 9                 | ..                     |

Table No. 22.

STATEMENT showing the EXPENDITURE on, and the COST of, TELEGRAPH CONSTRUCTION during the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1900.

| Line.                                  | Expenditure. | Material from Stores. | Total Expenditure during the Year. |
|----------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
|                                        | £ s. d.      | £ s. d.               | £ s. d.                            |
| Telephone exchanges,—                  |              |                       |                                    |
| Ashburton .. ..                        | 22 2 2       | 68 6 8                | 90 8 10                            |
| Auckland .. ..                         | 692 5 8      | 915 14 9½             | 1,608 0 5½                         |
| Blenheim .. ..                         | 14 9 0       | 51 14 1½              | 66 3 1½                            |
| Christchurch .. ..                     | 228 12 1     | 579 16 6½             | 808 8 7½                           |
| Dunedin .. ..                          | 575 17 6     | 1,147 19 8½           | 1,723 17 2½                        |
| Feilding .. ..                         | 372 14 9     | 835 5 5½              | 1,208 0 2½                         |
| Gisborne .. ..                         | 78 9 6       | 150 18 5¾             | 229 7 11¾                          |
| Greymouth .. ..                        | 7 3 4        | 52 0 0                | 59 3 4                             |
| Hawera .. ..                           | 463 1 0      | 1,103 3 11            | 1,566 4 11                         |
| Invercargill .. ..                     | 162 2 8      | 257 14 10½            | 419 17 6½                          |
| Masterton .. ..                        | 16 18 9      | 109 9 7½              | 126 8 4½                           |
| Napier .. ..                           | 24 13 2      | 121 14 4½             | 146 7 6½                           |
| Nelson .. ..                           | 35 13 9      | 131 7 5               | 167 1 2                            |
| New Plymouth .. ..                     | 331 12 2     | 680 2 0               | 1,011 14 2                         |
| Oamaru .. ..                           | 52 8 3       | 92 9 3½               | 144 17 6½                          |
| Palmerston North .. ..                 | 48 12 5      | ..                    | 48 12 5                            |
| Thames .. ..                           | 1 5 0        | 0 2 5½                | 1 7 5½                             |
| Timaru .. ..                           | 39 15 5      | 71 9 2¾               | 111 4 7¾                           |
| Wanganui .. ..                         | 91 15 8      | 431 16 7              | 523 12 3                           |
| Wellington .. ..                       | 466 11 5     | 1,314 13 3½           | 1,781 4 8½                         |
| Total exchanges .. ..                  | 3,726 3 8    | 8,115 18 9½           | 11,842 2 5½                        |
| Auckland-New Plymouth .. ..            | 245 13 7     | 4 13 0½               | 250 6 7½                           |
| Waipapa .. ..                          | 11 6 0       | ..                    | 11 6 0                             |
| Whitianga-Gumtown .. ..                | ..           | 45 4 5½               | 45 4 5½                            |
| Te Kao .. ..                           | 5 1 0        | 5 15 10½              | 10 16 10½                          |
| Opononi-Hokianga Heads .. ..           | 24 0 8       | 17 12 8               | 41 13 4                            |
| Mangonui-Peria-Oruru .. ..             | 125 5 3      | 51 16 2               | 177 1 5                            |
| Tokatea-Cabbage Bay-Coromandel .. ..   | 362 9 5      | 148 7 8               | 510 17 1                           |
| Coromandel-Driving Creek-Tokatea .. .. | ..           | 10 19 0               | 10 19 0                            |
| Whakatane-Taneatua .. ..               | 136 16 4     | 51 6 5¾               | 188 2 9¾                           |
| Paeroa-Paeroa Railway .. ..            | 38 0 2       | ..                    | 38 0 2                             |
| Waitara-Awakino-New Plymouth .. ..     | 4 11 8       | 92 16 6¾              | 97 8 2¾                            |
| Waitara-Tikorangi .. ..                | 9 10 10      | 66 18 5               | 76 9 3                             |
| Stratford-New Plymouth .. ..           | 29 12 5      | 402 5 8½              | 431 18 1½                          |
| Sentry Hill .. ..                      | 4 1 5        | 5 16 4½               | 9 17 9½                            |
| Eltham-Stratford .. ..                 | 7 0 0        | 56 18 11½             | 63 18 11½                          |
| Eltham-Ngaire .. ..                    | 4 16 0       | 47 12 11½             | 52 8 11½                           |
| Otakeho-Pihama .. ..                   | 13 9 0       | 84 18 10¾             | 98 7 10¾                           |
| Pipiriki-Te Horo .. ..                 | 1,687 17 8   | 638 8 5½              | 2,326 6 1½                         |
| Makirikiri .. ..                       | 70 13 6      | 27 4 5½               | 97 17 11½                          |
| Ohingaiti-Mangaweka .. ..              | 29 7 8       | ..                    | 29 7 8                             |
| Mangaweka-Moawhango .. ..              | 568 10 11    | 516 16 7              | 1,085 7 6                          |