

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

| Service.                                     | Period.   | Name of Contractor.                | Rate.                  |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Dunedin District— <i>continued.</i>          |           |                                    |                        |
| 1,100 sup. ft. Oregon-pine timber            | 31/3/1909 | Merchants in district .. ..        | 21/ per 100 ft.        |
| 354,300 " jarrah timber                      | "         | Millar's Jarrah Company .. ..      | 18/ to 23/ per 100 ft. |
| 9,600 ft. mouldings .. ..                    | "         | Merchants in district .. ..        | Various.               |
| 2,000 V.D.L. palings .. ..                   | "         | " .. ..                            | 22/6 & 24/ per 100 ft. |
| Invercargill District—                       |           |                                    |                        |
| 9,000 sup. ft. kauri timber ..               | "         | " .. ..                            | 27/6 to 48/ "          |
| 16,900 " birch " ..                          | "         | " .. ..                            | 7/6 to 14/ "           |
| 7,200 " miro " ..                            | "         | " .. ..                            | 11/ "                  |
| 7,600 " V.D.L. " ..                          | "         | " .. ..                            | 18/6 to 22/ "          |
| 3,000 " Baltic-pine " ..                     | "         | " .. ..                            | 34/6 and 40/ "         |
| 10,600 ft. mouldings .. ..                   | "         | " .. ..                            | Various.               |
| Westland District—                           |           |                                    |                        |
| 144,400 sup. ft. red-pine timber ..          | "         | Mills and merchants in district .. | 7/ to 16/ "            |
| 20,200 " silver-pine " ..                    | "         | " .. ..                            | 17/ to 21/ "           |
| 9,900 " white-pine " ..                      | "         | " .. ..                            | 8/ "                   |
| 4,600 " birch " ..                           | "         | " .. ..                            | 10/ "                  |
| Westport District—                           |           |                                    |                        |
| 60,000 sup. ft. red-pine timber ..           | "         | " .. ..                            | 9/ to 14/6 "           |
| 47,000 " silver-pine " ..                    | "         | " .. ..                            | 17/6 to 25/ "          |
| 8,800 " white-pine " ..                      | "         | " .. ..                            | 9/ "                   |
| 7,400 " birch " ..                           | "         | " .. ..                            | 13/6 "                 |
| 2,000 ft. mouldings .. ..                    | "         | " .. ..                            | 9/6 to 14/6 "          |
| Nelson District—                             |           |                                    |                        |
| 14,900 sup. ft. red-pine timber ..           | "         | Merchants in district .. ..        | 11/ "                  |
| 12,800 " white-pine " ..                     | "         | " .. ..                            | 10/ to 11/ "           |
| 2,500 " totara " ..                          | "         | " .. ..                            | 28/ and 30/ "          |
| 6,800 " birch " ..                           | "         | " .. ..                            | 16/ and 16/6 "         |
| Picton District—                             |           |                                    |                        |
| 40,000 sup. ft. red-pine timber ..           | "         | " .. ..                            | 12/6 to 16/6 "         |
| 20,200 " white-pine " ..                     | "         | " .. ..                            | 8/6 to 11/6 "          |
| 3,900 " matai " ..                           | "         | " .. ..                            | 20/ to 23/6 "          |
| 3,200 " jarrah " ..                          | "         | " .. ..                            | 26/ and 27/ "          |
| 1,300 " totara " ..                          | "         | " .. ..                            | 25/6 "                 |
| 1,200 ft. mouldings .. ..                    | "         | " .. ..                            | 11/ to 25/ "           |
| 1,950 " birch piles .. ..                    | "         | " .. ..                            | 1/ per ft.             |
| Auckland District—                           |           |                                    |                        |
| 5,730 puriri sleepers .. ..                  | "         | Settlers and mills in district ..  | 4/ to 4/3 each.        |
| 540 " " .. ..                                | "         | " .. ..                            | 2/6 to 3/9 "           |
| 22,800 totara " .. ..                        | "         | " .. ..                            | 3/3 to 3/6 "           |
| Wellington - Napier - New Plymouth District— |           |                                    |                        |
| 1,910 totara sleepers .. ..                  | "         | " .. ..                            | 3/6 each.              |
| 73,660 creosoting sleepers .. ..             | "         | " .. ..                            | 1/9 "                  |
| Invercargill District—                       |           |                                    |                        |
| 50,700 creosoting sleepers .. ..             | "         | " .. ..                            | 1/6 & 1/8 each.        |
| 3,600 " " .. ..                              | "         | " .. ..                            | 2/ "                   |
| Westland District—                           |           |                                    |                        |
| 14,500 silver-pine sleepers .. ..            | "         | " .. ..                            | 3/3 each.              |
| 2,020 ironbark " .. ..                       | "         | E. D. Pike and Co. .. ..           | 3/11 "                 |
| 9,600 sup. ft. silver-pine crossing sleepers | "         | Mills in district .. ..            | 19/ per 100 ft.        |
| Westport District—                           |           |                                    |                        |
| 17,370 silver-pine sleepers .. ..            | "         | Settlers and mills in district ..  | 3/3 and 3/5 each.      |