

Table No. 18.
TABLE SHOWING THE COST OF MAINTENANCE OF TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE LINES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1918.

District.	Miles of Wire.	Travelling expenses of Engineers and Linemen.	Extra Labour.	Material.	Upkeep of S.S. Transmitters.	Rural Telephones: Assistance to Settlers.	Total Expenditure out of Vote Maintenance.	Salaries of Engineers and Linemen.	Total Cost of Maintenance.	Average Cost per Mile of Wire.	Average Cost per Mile of Line.
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	s. d.	s. d.
Auckland	13,714	3,263	8,214	9,709	..	..	21,186	10,648	31,834	2 6 5	7 13 0
Wellington	15,637	2,205	5,376	10,617	..	..	18,198	16,001	34,199	2 3 9	9 18 4
Nelson	2,961	738	485	704	..	..	1,927	1,310	3,237	1 1 10	2 18 0
Canterbury	8,947	1,061	2,133	2,440	..	..	5,634	5,505	11,139	1 4 11	5 8 5
Otago	9,032	1,582	2,299	4,505	..	..	8,386	5,916	14,302	1 11 8	4 18 4
Total	50,291	8,849	18,507	27,975	..	..	55,331	39,380	94,711	1 17 8	6 18 5
Cables	416*	527	1,538	3,693	3,504	..	9,262	..	9,262	22 5 3†	..
Stores	..	12	2,643	7,576	..	..	10,231	1,645	11,876	..	..
Rural telephones— Assistance to settlers	..	..	..	..	..	1,363	1,363	..	1,363	..	..
Laboratory, &c.	..	2	2,355	1,893	..	..	4,250	..	4,250	..	..
Wireless stations	..	13	1,236	815	..	..	2,064	..	2,064	..	..
Total telegraph-lines	50,707	9,403	26,279	41,952	3,504	1,363	82,501	41,025	123,526	..	..
Telephone exchanges	154,799	1,897	21,162	18,819	..	..	41,878	45,786	87,664	..	..
Grand total	205,506	11,300	47,441	60,771	3,504	1,363	124,379	86,811	211,190	..	..

* Knots. † Per knot.