

STATEMENT of TELEGRAPH BUSINESS within the several POSTAL DISTRICTS of the DOMINION of NEW ZEALAND during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1916.

POSTAL DISTRICTS.	Number of Offices open at End of Quarter.	Ordinary Telegrams, including Paid Govern- ment Telegrams.			Urgent Ordinary Telegrams.		Press Telegrams.*		Bureau Communications.		Total.					
		Number.	Amount.	£ s. d.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.				
Auckland	622	352,876	13,626	4 10	17,039	1,301	11 2	8,046	778	14 10	201,532	5,860	1 2½	579,493	21,566	12 0½
Blenheim	97	25,874	1,005	6 8½	1,275	94	5 10	65	120	1 0½	22,975	513	19 10	50,189	1,733	13 5
Christchurch	231	156,743	6,485	1 1½	8,311	727	17 6	3,577	846	7 2½	81,922	2,500	4 4	250,553	10,559	10 2
Dunedin	246	133,430	5,476	7 3½	4,957	424	14 0	3,695	398	15 8½	67,955	2,119	14 11½	210,037	8,419	11 11½
Gisborne	38	39,046	1,654	2 8	2,120	174	0 3	785	246	16 9½	34,958	1,296	3 1½	76,909	3,371	2 10
Greymouth	38	28,045	1,145	13 5	895	70	10 2	409	223	4 9	9,390	248	17 10	38,739	1,688	6 2
Hokitika	52	8,633	336	16 5	233	17	18 8	96	113	2 4	7,554	164	18 4	16,576	632	15 9
Invercargill	203	52,984	2,008	5 6	1,276	94	12 0	787	259	19 7½	76,165	2,195	3 3½	131,212	4,558	0 5
Napier	93	80,024	3,161	5 9	4,274	300	18 10	2,028	422	2 3½	127,730	3,280	4 5½	214,056	7,164	11 4
Nelson	99	38,822	1,549	0 8½	1,661	117	18 0	23,483	232	14 2½	22,261	596	8 2	86,227	2,496	1 1
New Plymouth	112	60,012	2,381	14 8½	3,207	190	12 7	964	342	14 7	57,223	1,224	15 7½	121,406	4,139	17 6
Oamaru	51	16,299	674	5 0½	653	46	13 7	307	189	15 6	15,880	616	0 9	33,139	1,526	14 10½
Thames	81	50,425	1,876	13 8	2,059	153	7 9	423	220	10 2½	29,513	760	18 0½	82,420	3,011	9 8
Timaru	74	33,972	1,295	5 0½	1,325	81	11 5	838	239	8 10½	45,589	1,425	16 7	81,724	3,042	1 11
Wanganui	108	75,174	2,931	1 11	4,510	281	13 9	1,599	288	4 5	60,068	1,556	8 7½	141,351	5,057	8 8½
Wellington	217	361,985	16,849	0 1	21,406	1,810	2 1	27,041	1,014	18 3	193,095	5,636	8 8	603,527	25,310	9 1
Westport	51	16,873	662	10 9	906	70	1 7	133	116	7 10	4,935	154	7 11	22,847	1,003	8 1
Totals first quarter in 1916	2,413	1,531,277	63,118	15 7½	76,107	5,959	9 2	74,276	6,053	18 5½	1,058,745	30,150	11 9	2,740,405	105,281	15 0
Totals first quarter in 1915	2,386	1,575,692	51,712	2 5½	79,601	5,502	13 3	111,500	4,893	19 2	945,636	26,264	15 11½	2,712,429	88,373	10 10

* The bulk of Press telegrams are forwarded as "Collect" on delivery.

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