

STATEMENT of TELEGRAPH BUSINESS within the several POSTAL DISTRICTS of the DOMINION of NEW ZEALAND during the Quarter ended 30th September, 1917.

| POSTAL DISTRICTS. | Number of Offices open at End of Quarter. | Ordinary Telegrams, including Paid Government Telegrams. | | | Urgent Ordinary Telegrams. | | Press Telegrams.* | | Bureau Communications. | | Total. | |
|------------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------|--------|----------------------------|---------|---------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|------------------------|---------|
| | | Number. | Amount. | | Number. | Amount. | Number. | Amount. | Number. | Amount. | Number. | Amount. |
| Auckland | 611 | 312,136 | £ s. d. 12,240 0 3 | 17,140 | £ s. d. 1,399 8 3½ | 3,993 | £ s. d. 878 10 9 | 248,282 | £ s. d. 7,232 2 11 | 581,551 | £ s. d. 21,750 2 2½ | |
| Blenheim | 96 | 19,041 | 734 13 6½ | 984 | 67 0 10 | 101 | 150 18 11 | 24,030 | 503 18 5½ | 44,156 | 1,456 11 9 | |
| Christchurch | 228 | 140,983 | 5,903 16 7½ | 8,226 | 665 18 3½ | 3,428 | 937 6 9½ | 93,643 | 2,923 9 1 | 246,280 | 10,430 10 9½ | |
| Dunedin | 245 | 109,767 | 4,836 13 1 | 4,592 | 418 7 0½ | 1,869 | 568 2 11 | 75,401 | 2,486 12 2 | 191,629 | 8,309 15 2½ | |
| Gisborne | 39 | 32,286 | 1,386 10 1½ | 1,865 | 166 15 4½ | 596 | 310 15 7 | 37,091 | 1,425 6 7 | 71,838 | 3,289 7 8 | |
| Greymouth | 41 | 22,634 | 944 11 2½ | 983 | 86 0 2 | 266 | 215 1 7 | 9,929 | 262 15 6½ | 33,812 | 1,508 8 6 | |
| Hokitika | 53 | 7,218 | 281 6 3½ | 185 | 12 1 0½ | 158 | 63 18 0 | 7,552 | 174 8 1½ | 15,113 | 531 13 5½ | |
| Invercargill | 205 | 44,537 | 1,741 2 3½ | 1,218 | 107 18 7½ | 241 | 379 16 1½ | 77,909 | 2,214 14 3½ | 123,905 | 4,443 11 4 | |
| Napier | 89 | 65,846 | 2,517 15 9½ | 3,338 | 241 5 4 | 855 | 480 10 1½ | 134,734 | 3,696 10 8½ | 204,773 | 6,936 1 11½ | |
| Nelson | 101 | 26,832 | 1,076 16 5½ | 1,382 | 106 10 11½ | 10,192 | 162 3 2 | 23,075 | 632 12 10 | 61,481 | 1,978 3 5 | |
| New Plymouth | 109 | 50,849 | 1,988 6 0 | 2,290 | 173 8 7½ | 260 | 399 14 2 | 66,341 | 1,535 12 2 | 119,740 | 4,097 0 11½ | |
| Oamaru | 51 | 13,149 | 498 9 4½ | 413 | 35 15 9 | 150 | 231 2 11 | 15,117 | 610 9 2 | 28,829 | 1,375 17 2½ | |
| Thames | 80 | 45,579 | 1,713 12 4½ | 2,133 | 158 13 8½ | 276 | 247 17 0 | 37,588 | 992 9 8 | 85,576 | 3,112 12 9 | |
| Timaru | 74 | 26,566 | 996 6 8 | 875 | 68 1 6½ | 429 | 282 0 7 | 44,412 | 1,501 11 2½ | 72,282 | 2,848 0 0 | |
| Wanganui | 108 | 61,032 | 2,353 1 11 | 3,349 | 252 5 9 | 723 | 298 10 4 | 73,472 | 2,215 5 5½ | 138,576 | 5,119 3 5½ | |
| Wellington | 207 | 346,817 | 16,648 1 6 | 29,432 | 3,447 6 1 | 44,818 | 613 16 3 | 217,621 | 6,920 12 9 | 638,688 | 27,629 16 7 | |
| Westport | 53 | 13,364 | 537 3 10 | 566 | 53 15 0 | 115 | 138 5 0 | 5,604 | 151 11 3½ | 19,649 | 880 15 1½ | |
| Totals 3rd quarter in 1917 | 2,390 | 1,338,636 | 56,398 7 4 | 78,971 | 7,460 12 5 | 68,470 | 6,358 10 2½ | 1,191,801 | 35,480 2 5 | 2,677,878 | 105,697 12 4½ | |
| Totals 3rd quarter in 1916 | 2,406 | 1,312,497 | 55,033 9 3½ | 67,772 | 5,252 16 5 | 75,941 | 6,408 14 5 | 1,029,194 | 29,212 19 8 | 2,485,404 | 95,907 19 9½ | |

General Post Office, Wellington, 24th October, 1917.

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

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