

STATEMENT of TELEGRAPH BUSINESS within the several POSTAL DISTRICTS of the DOMINION of NEW ZEALAND during the Quarter ended 31st December, 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.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.									
Auckland	618	343,553	£ 13,384	s. 0	d. 7	18,759	£ 1,412	s. 11	d. 7½	6,086	£ 680	s. 7	d. 4½	221,876	£ 6,321	s. 6	d. 9½	590,274	£ 21,798	s. 6	d. 4½
Blenheim	96	23,791	910	12	2	1,178	79	12	3	106	130	9	3½	23,543	511	6	6½	48,618	1,632	0	3
Christchurch	227	148,047	6,223	16	4	9,024	699	17	4	4,203	913	16	5½	87,447	2,675	13	11	248,721	10,513	4	0½
Dunedin	245	123,803	5,134	7	4	5,083	429	0	10½	3,291	413	4	3½	74,435	2,254	6	4	206,612	8,230	18	10
Gisborne	38	37,240	1,605	19	4	2,240	180	6	2	446	229	11	11	34,001	1,344	17	0	73,927	3,360	14	5
Greymouth	39	28,348	1,154	12	8	1,070	94	11	3	737	194	9	3½	9,166	244	14	2½	39,321	1,688	7	5
Hokitika	52	8,751	334	18	5½	216	12	7	8½	166	125	7	8	7,445	159	12	5½	16,578	632	6	3½
Invercargill	207	50,036	2,012	3	11½	1,294	109	11	11	385	312	8	3	78,472	2,242	6	5½	130,187	4,676	10	7
Napier	90	77,024	2,944	16	0	3,754	297	1	0½	680	423	7	3	136,729	3,561	14	4	218,187	7,226	18	7½
Nelson	100	33,599	1,320	3	10½	1,761	133	17	10	21,723	227	1	8½	23,096	604	8	7	80,179	2,285	12	0
New Plymouth	112	56,793	2,268	10	1½	2,337	175	9	8½	529	348	5	8	61,883	1,373	13	10	121,592	4,165	19	4
Oamaru	52	15,879	600	10	6½	532	33	2	2½	237	208	4	4½	15,633	620	9	7½	32,281	1,462	6	9
Thames	81	50,681	1,895	10	1	2,212	166	3	11½	310	212	17	2	33,584	867	7	11	86,787	3,141	19	1½
Timaru	74	32,228	1,195	10	6	1,154	75	3	8	577	266	14	10	44,634	1,434	17	8	78,593	2,972	6	8
Wanganui	110	69,766	2,768	16	1½	3,396	275	10	7	667	283	8	4	69,046	1,834	8	8½	142,875	5,167	3	9
Wellington	213	366,527	17,018	5	8	23,628	1,962	5	9½	31,012	944	10	9	204,426	6,278	11	1	625,593	26,203	13	3½
Westport	51	16,669	651	7	2	631	57	6	1	88	134	15	0	4,804	145	4	9	22,192	988	13	0
Totals 4th quarter in 1916	2,405	1,482,735	61,424	0	11	78,319	6,194	0	0	71,243	6,053	19	7½	1,130,220	32,475	0	2½	2,762,517	106,147	0	9
Totals 4th quarter in 1915	2,409	1,508,029	61,685	7	7	72,171	5,733	7	5	80,875	6,344	16	6	996,146	28,175	7	6½	2,657,221	101,938	19	0½

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

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