

STATEMENT of TELEGRAPH BUSINESS within the several POSTAL DISTRICTS of the DOMINION of NEW ZEALAND during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1917.

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	619	349,778	£ s. d. 13,674 2 9½	19,892	£ s. d. 1,558 18 0½	6,306	£ s. d. 709 13 8	241,729	£ s. d. 6,978 7 5	617,705	£ s. d. 22,921 1 11	
Blenheim	96	26,143	1,012 0 9½	1,730	103 1 3	353	137 11 8	26,670	591 12 1½	54,896	1,844 5 10	
Christchurch	229	159,270	6,747 17 0½	8,926	786 5 1	3,136	873 7 4	97,074	2,983 3 0	268,406	11,390 12 5½	
Dunedin	245	129,938	5,330 2 4½	5,460	483 19 10	2,906	406 0 3	76,352	2,338 9 9	214,656	8,558 12 2½	
Gisborne	39	38,767	1,714 13 5	2,584	225 16 4½	1,193	231 17 1	40,580	1,617 13 1	83,124	3,789 19 11½	
Greymouth	39	25,419	1,070 19 7½	1,099	103 12 9	493	209 6 8½	8,937	241 6 7½	35,948	1,625 5 8½	
Hokitika	53	8,519	325 16 1½	260	16 6 8½	168	137 4 8	7,489	165 6 3½	16,436	644 13 9½	
Invercargill	206	52,751	2,069 8 9½	1,719	132 9 7½	981	293 6 7	79,278	2,243 18 6	134,729	4,739 3 6	
Napier	90	78,969	3,120 12 11	5,442	370 3 9	1,588	441 15 6½	142,357	3,933 11 6	228,356	7,866 3 8½	
Nelson	101	36,250	1,457 17 10½	2,173	159 6 0½	18,496	224 1 5½	24,956	712 13 0	81,875	2,553 18 4½	
New Plymouth	111	58,289	2,326 5 2	3,030	197 10 2	1,009	378 15 5	66,686	1,550 1 10	129,014	4,452 12 7	
Oamaru	52	16,540	627 13 6	823	50 15 2½	259	208 4 7½	17,201	694 2 5½	34,823	1,580 15 9½	
Thames	82	49,850	1,850 17 3½	2,379	179 16 4½	368	243 1 0	35,892	955 9 6	83,489	3,229 4 2	
Timaru	74	32,029	1,197 14 11½	1,189	89 16 10	529	264 13 1½	49,292	1,618 2 4	83,039	3,170 7 3	
Wanganui	110	72,009	2,863 1 10	5,315	317 10 3	1,409	297 8 4	74,685	2,126 18 5½	153,418	5,604 18 10½	
Wellington	212	381,831	17,818 4 2	25,783	2,312 16 10	40,341	1,114 18 6	220,857	6,721 0 3	668,812	27,966 19 9	
Westport	51	15,189	604 12 11½	575	58 19 0	129	138 4 3	5,279	157 8 6½	21,172	959 4 9	
Totals 1st quarter in 1917	2,409	1,531,541	63,812 1 7½	88,379	7,147 4 1½	79,664	6,309 10 2½	1,215,314	35,629 4 8	2,914,898	112,898 0 7½	
Totals 1st quarter in 1916	2,413	1,531,277	63,118 15 7½	76,107	5,958 9 2	74,276	6,053 18 5½	1,053,745	30,150 11 9	2,740,405	105,281 15 0	

General Post Office, Wellington, 2nd May, 1917.

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

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