

STATEMENT of TELEGRAPH BUSINESS within the several POSTAL DISTRICTS of the DOMINION of NEW ZEALAND during the Quarter ended 30th September, 1918.

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 .. .. .	605	315,272	£ 11,854 19 1½	21,074	£ 1,762 7 10	3,747	£ 845 0 1½	294,298	£ 8,454 18 10½	634,391	£ 22,917 5 11½	
Blenheim .. .. .	97	20,243	818 3 5½	1,213	97 5 7	18	156 19 2	27,185	595 12 0	48,659	1,668 0 2½	
Christchurch .. .. .	225	141,473	5,798 14 9	12,734	1,034 12 3	4,838	771 18 9	91,965	2,902 11 7	251,060	10,507 17 4	
Dunedin .. .. .	243	106,205	4,441 19 0	5,749	513 10 10	2,094	378 1 1½	83,167	2,851 3 4	197,215	8,184 14 3½	
Gisborne .. .. .	40	32,821	1,451 17 5½	1,992	172 1 7	332	250 7 2	46,161	1,790 3 8	81,306	3,664 9 10½	
Greymouth .. .. .	41	21,619	903 11 4½	1,192	110 0 1½	961	244 2 4½	11,487	303 3 2	35,259	1,560 17 0½	
Hokitika .. .. .	52	7,399	277 12 5½	285	18 13 6½	107	87 15 6	8,711	200 19 0	16,502	585 0 6	
Invercargill .. .. .	202	43,862	1,703 19 4	1,287	108 12 5½	263	327 10 0	84,416	2,552 8 2½	129,828	4,692 10 0	
Napier .. .. .	90	65,875	2,622 8 5	4,080	317 17 7½	515	513 1 0½	145,187	3,990 6 4½	215,657	7,443 13 5½	
Nelson .. .. .	102	27,325	1,085 1 11	1,656	122 9 2	265	198 16 7	25,120	692 12 8½	54,366	2,099 0 4½	
New Plymouth .. .. .	108	53,070	2,065 8 7	3,398	246 12 5	646	452 0 4	70,289	1,588 4 5½	127,403	4,352 5 9½	
Oamaru .. .. .	53	13,008	481 2 6½	445	36 12 0	153	224 3 4½	17,701	720 18 10	31,307	1,462 16 9	
Thames .. .. .	78	44,786	1,692 10 9½	2,299	169 1 4	198	292 0 0	42,775	1,107 12 4	90,058	3,261 4 5½	
Timaru .. .. .	73	27,704	1,088 9 7½	1,413	96 14 2½	563	306 4 5	49,812	1,741 5 1	79,492	3,182 13 4	
Wanganui .. .. .	104	64,792	2,548 1 10½	3,967	303 10 6½	657	347 13 4	79,459	2,433 5 8	148,875	5,632 11 5	
Wellington .. .. .	202	358,209	17,922 4 4½	32,709	3,427 15 6	53,124	898 7 6	241,164	7,820 11 7½	685,206	30,068 19 0	
Westport .. .. .	54	12,693	497 2 3½	862	80 2 6	266	171 8 4	8,243	210 1 0½	22,064	958 14 2	
Totals, 3rd quarter in 1918 .. .. .	2,369	1,356,356	57,203 7 4½	96,405	8,617 19 6	68,747	6,465 9 1½	1,327,140	39,955 17 11½	2,848,648	112,242 13 11½	
Totals, 3rd quarter in 1917 .. .. .	2,390	1,338,636	56,398 7 4	78,971	7,460 12 5	68,470	6,614 18 6½	1,191,801	35,480 2 5	2,677,878	105,954 0 8½	

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

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