

(b.) The Chief Telegraph Engineer, subject to the control of the Secretary, is responsible for the supply, construction, maintenance, and operation of telegraph, telephone, and wireless plant, and in all matters, other than staff, relating thereto. He is authorized to engage and discharge casual workmen as required.

(c.) The First Assistant Secretary and the Second Assistant Secretary assist generally in the duties of administration.

8. Chief Postmasters and Superintendents, and in other than engineering matters District Telegraph Engineers (through the Chief Telegraph Engineer), receive the direct instructions of the Secretary. They also receive instructions from the Controller of Savings-banks and Accounts in money-order and savings-bank and accounting matters; and from the Chief Inspector in regard to the inspection of offices, reports on the staffing thereof and the allocation of duties, the investigation of breaches of regulations, questions of overtime, and the investigation and recording of missing-letter inquiries. Chief Postmasters and Superintendents are required to take action on matters brought to their notice by Telegraph Engineers and inspecting officers. Postmasters are directly subordinate to their Chief Postmasters, and in communicating with the General Post Office must do so through their chief offices, or through the District Telegraph Engineer in connection with matters for which the Chief Telegraph Engineer is responsible. Telegraph Engineers are required to inform Chief Postmasters and other officers in charge of districts or offices of alterations in circuits or powers of offices made by them in following out instructions.

9. The inspection of the Department, apart from the audit of accounts at chief post-offices and the inspection of the manual and technical work of the Engineering Branch, is carried out by officers under the control of the Chief Inspector. Accounts at chief post-offices are audited by an officer under the control of the Controller of Savings-banks and Accounts; and the inspection of the manual and technical work of the Engineering Branch is carried out by an officer under the control of the Chief Telegraph Engineer.

10. For the purposes of construction, maintenance, and inspection of telegraph-lines the Dominion is divided into four districts, as follows, each in charge of a District Telegraph Engineer:—

Districts.	Boundaries.
Auckland ..	Comprising all that portion of the North Island bounded on the south by the southern boundary of the Thames Postal District, thence by a line drawn immediately south of Taupo and extended to Mokau.
Wellington ..	Comprising the remainder of the North Island and that portion of the South Island north of a line drawn between Clarence Bridge, Molesworth, Tophouse, and Lyell, and thence to a point ten miles south of Golden Ridge.
Christchurch ..	Comprising the postal districts of Christchurch, Greymouth, and Timaru, and those portions of the Blenheim, Nelson, Westport, and Greymouth Postal Districts not included in the Wellington District.
Dunedin ..	Comprising the postal districts of Oamaru, Dunedin, and Invercargill.

11. The telephone exchanges at Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, and Wellington are wholly under the control of the respective District Telegraph Engineers. At all other places the exchanges are under the control of the respective Chief Postmasters, with the exception that the equipment is controlled by the District Tele-