graph Engineers. Engineers are to advise Chief Postmasters from time to time as to any changes in staffing arrangements that may be considered necessary to meet the requirements of the equipment, and Chief Postmasters will, as required, consult Engineers on any such point.

## OFFICES.

- 12. (a.) The following descriptions of offices correspond to the duties performed in them. Two or more of these duties may be combined in the same office. The descriptions are—
  - 1. Post-office.
  - 2. Telegraph (Morse instrument) office.
  - 3. Telephone-office.
  - 4. Money-order office.
  - 5. Post-office savings-bank.
  - 6. Postal-note office.
  - 7. British postal-order office.
  - 8. Telephone exchange.
  - 9. Telephone bureau.
  - 10. Parcel-post office.
- (b.) Offices are of two classes chief offices and sub-offices. The following are chief post-offices:—

Greymouth Apia Oamaru Thames Auckland Hamilton Blenheim Invercargill Timaru Christchurch Napier Wanganui Dunedin NelsonWellington Gisborne New Plymouth Westport.

(c.) There are four principal telegraph-offices, operated independently of any chief post-office, namely:—

Auckland Christchurch Dunedin Wellington.

- (d.) Sub-offices are divided into three classes—namely, permanent, non-permanent, and railway. Permanent offices are those in charge of officers who are wholly employed on the permanent or classified staff of the Post and Telegraph Department. Non-permanent offices are those in charge of persons who are not on the permanent or classified staff of the Department, such as storekeepers and school-teachers. They hold office only during pleasure. Railway offices are offices in charge of members of the Railway Department, for the conduct of which payment is made to that Department. They do not include offices in charge of employees of the Railway Department for the conduct of which payment is made direct to the Postmasters or Telephonists. These are non-permanent. Sub-offices are under the direction of the Chief Postmaster of the district in which they are situated.
- 13. Storekeepers in charge of non-permanent offices are not permitted, when disposing of the storekeeping business, to include as part of the goodwill the management of the post or telephone office. On any advertisement of the kind coming under the notice of a permanent officer the Chief Postmaster is to be informed, and he will require the Postmaster concerned at once to withdraw mention of disposing of the Department's business. Mentioning the fact that the storekeeper has a departmental office is not objected to; but the right to dispose of it should be disclaimed.
- 14. Offices of all descriptions are established, closed, and reopened from time to time by the authority of the Minister alone.
- 15. (a.) When application is made for the establishment of a post-office, the Chief Postmaster should require that form P.O. 10 be filled up and signed by the residents to be served by the