

STATEMENT of TELEGRAPH BUSINESS within the several POSTAL DISTRICTS of the DOMINION of NEW ZEALAND during the Quarter ended 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1924.

| POSTAL DISTRICTS.                   | Number of Offices open at End of Quarter. | Ordinary Telegrams, including Paid Government Telegrams. |                | Urgent Ordinary Telegrams. |              | Night Letter Telegrams. |             | Press Telegrams. |               | Toll Communications. |                | Total.    |               |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|----------------|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------|---------------|
|                                     |   | Number.  | Amount.        | Number.                    | Amount.      | Number.                 | Amount.     | Number.*         | Amount.†      | Number.              | Amount.        | Number.   | Amount.       |
| Auckland .. .. .                    | 399                                       | 254,456  | £ 12,545 14 9½ | 13,475                     | £ 1,452 13 3 | 11,754                  | £ 593 1 4   | 10,746           | £ 2,047 6 6   | 305,778              | £ 10,970 17 6½ | 596,209   | £ 27,609 18 5 |
| Blenheim .. .. .                    | 94  | 17,947   | 880 5 3½       | 651                        | 71 5 7       | 934                     | 41 5 8      | 834              | 380 9 4       | 40,172               | 1,268 4 1½     | 60,538    | 2,541 10 0    |
| Christchurch .. .. .                | 200                                       | 141,691  | 6,926 17 7     | 9,730                      | 922 18 11½   | 5,900                   | 282 5 7½    | 8,220            | 2,542 18 6    | 187,529              | 7,862 9 6      | 353,070   | 18,537 10 2   |
| Dunedin .. .. .                     | 225                                       | 106,588  | 5,178 16 2½    | 3,633                      | 424 4 3      | 5,278                   | 261 6 2     | 4,653            | 1,081 18 11   | 182,151              | 6,248 13 6     | 252,243   | 13,144 19 0½  |
| Gisborne .. .. .                    | 59  | 31,987   | 1,654 15 8½    | 1,743                      | 148 8 0      | 2,698                   | 136 3 11    | 1,342            | 658 15 3      | 57,797               | 3,111 9 1      | 95,547    | 5,709 11 11½  |
| Greymouth .. .. .                   | 77  | 30,218   | 1,478 2 4½     | 872                        | 106 16 4     | 1,564                   | 74 18 10    | 1,055            | 657 19 3      | 30,120               | 1,184 14 0     | 63,829    | 3,502 10 9½   |
| Hamilton .. .. .                    | 194                                       | 89,571   | 4,228 9 4      | 3,665                      | 371 14 0     | 1,339                   | 62 6 1      | 1,272            | 444 13 5      | 206,810              | 7,784 15 8½    | 302,657   | 12,891 18 6½  |
| Invercargill .. .. .                | 194                                       | 49,427   | 2,310 19 0     | 1,295                      | 146 12 1     | 2,121                   | 102 2 11    | 710              | 921 8 2       | 122,090              | 4,509 19 7     | 175,643   | 7,991 1 9     |
| Napier .. .. .                      | 90  | 64,117   | 3,039 14 10½   | 3,174                      | 269 15 4     | 2,906                   | 132 18 7    | 1,652            | 1,082 6 2     | 178,395              | 7,010 4 5½     | 250,244   | 11,534 19 5   |
| Nelson .. .. .                      | 110                                       | 28,166   | 1,352 11 10½   | 1,138                      | 120 13 5     | 929                     | 43 0 7      | 1,170            | 356 17 0      | 43,828               | 1,414 18 6     | 75,231    | 3,288 1 4½    |
| New Plymouth .. .. .                | 109                                       | 52,428   | 2,649 5 10½    | 2,316                      | 234 16 9     | 2,211                   | 105 5 1     | 1,381            | 984 8 4       | 124,925              | 4,021 12 2     | 183,261   | 7,995 8 2½    |
| Oamaru .. .. .                      | 54  | 14,084   | 647 3 3½       | 319                        | 34 5 11      | 424                     | 19 3 1      | 355              | 473 15 10     | 19,918               | 1,006 9 11     | 35,100    | 2,180 18 0½   |
| Thames .. .. .                      | 71  | 38,190   | 1,718 2 2      | 1,380                      | 143 11 5     | 707                     | 36 16 10    | 538              | 257 5 2       | 73,423               | 2,664 8 4½     | 114,238   | 4,820 3 11½   |
| Timaru .. .. .                      | 66  | 30,479   | 1,398 10 1½    | 808                        | 92 16 7      | 1,069                   | 47 9 11     | 1,477            | 599 14 8      | 69,997               | 3,080 10 7     | 103,830   | 5,214 1 10½   |
| Wanganui .. .. .                    | 101                                       | 60,890   | 2,872 9 10½    | 3,448                      | 258 11 10    | 1,564                   | 71 15 7     | 2,151            | 745 5 0       | 106,759              | 4,633 13 2     | 174,812   | 8,581 15 5½   |
| Wellington .. .. .                  | 175                                       | 282,846  | 18,636 14 3    | 14,218                     | 1,574 19 0   | 9,650                   | 461 17 1    | 74,853           | 1,894 3 9½    | 311,555              | 13,255 18 9½   | 693,122   | 35,823 12 11  |
| Westport .. .. .                    | 58  | 13,311   | 654 5 10       | 289                        | 32 5 8       | 581                     | 26 12 9     | 240              | 214 5 7       | 13,711               | 401 0 5        | 28,132    | 1,323 10 3    |
| Totals, 3rd quarter in 1924 .. .. . | 2,276                                     | 1,306,316  | 68,167 18 5½   | 62,154                     | 6,406 8 4½   | 51,629                  | 2,498 10 0½ | 112,649          | 15,293 10 10½ | 2,024,958            | 80,429 19 5    | 3,557,706 | 172,796 7 2   |
| Totals, 3rd quarter in 1923 .. .. . | 2,302                                     | 1,279,487  | 67,042 10 3½   | 60,168                     | 6,314 8 11½  | 23,443                  | 1,207 11 5½ | 108,887          | 15,696 13 1½  | 1,928,338            | 75,752 17 0½   | 3,400,323 | 166,014 5 10½ |

\* Forwarded Press telegrams the bulk of which are "collect" upon delivery.

† Amount received from prepaid and "collect" Press telegrams.

General Post Office, Wellington, 23rd October, 1924.

G. McNAMARA, Acting-Secretary.