

RETURN showing the CAPITAL COST of the TELEPHONE-EXCHANGES of under a Hundred Connections to the 31st March, 1897, and the Revenue and Estimated Working-expenses for the Financial Year 1896-97.

Exchange.	Number of Connections.	Capital Cost for Instruments, Wire, Poles, Labour, Freight, Superintendence, &c.		Revenue.	Working-expenses.					Balance of Revenue over Working-expenses.	Balance of Working-expenses over Revenue.
		Average Cost of each Connection.	Total for all Connections.		Salaries and Allowances of Clerks, &c.	Linenen, Batteries, and Material.	Wear-and-tear, 10 per cent.*	Rent, Light, Fuel, Paper, Printing, &c.	Total.		
Ashburton	..	£ s. d. 15 5 10	£ s. d. 1,468 1 10	£ s. d. 420 0 1	£ s. d. 78 15 7	£ s. d. 68 13 4	£ s. d. 146 16 2	£ s. d. 25 0 0	£ s. d. 319 5 1	£ s. d. 100 15 0	£ s. d. ..
Blenheim	..	30 5 9	1,938 8 3	295 5 5	88 6 8	105 13 2	193 16 10	28 17 7	416 14 3	..	121 8 10
Greymouth	..	22 17 4	1,646 6 9	381 6 10	74 2 10	98 17 1	164 12 8	27 9 6	365 2 1	16 4 9	..
Nelson	..	19 17 10	1,193 10 8	292 4 8	93 2 6	131 5 9	119 7 1	25 3 6	368 18 10	..	76 14 2
Oamaru	..	15 3 1	1,454 18 0	439 8 4	112 10 0	256 18 2	145 9 10	41 7 3	556 5 3	..	116 16 11
Palmerston North	..	25 17 11	2,227 3 5	423 2 11	160 8 4	93 15 10	222 14 4	55 12 4	532 10 10	..	109 7 11
Thames	..	20 13 3	1,756 5 8	385 2 10	180 0 0	140 5 0	175 12 8	35 0 6	530 18 2	..	145 15 4
Timaru	..	15 7 11	1,139 4 2	361 6 2	70 0 0	74 5 0	113 18 5	45 0 0	303 3 5	58 2 9	..

* This column includes 5 per cent. for wear-and-tear and 5 per cent. for debenture capital.

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