

*Appropriations for Consolidated Fund Services.*

CLASS V.—POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT—*continued.*

Item.		1897-98.	
		£	£
	<b>CONVEYANCE OF INLAND MAILS.</b>		
	<b>VOTE No. 34.</b>		
1	Auckland	4,900	
2	Thames	1,550	
3	New Plymouth	960	
4	Napier	2,220	
5	Gisborne	650	
6	Wanganui	2,250	
7	Wellington	4,500	
8	Blenheim	800	
9	Nelson	2,350	
10	Westport	260	
11	Greymouth	1,140	
12	Hokitika	940	
13	Christchurch	3,460	
14	Timaru	890	
15	Oamaru	370	
16	Dunedin	6,100	
17	Invercargill	1,950	
	<b>TOTAL—VOTE No. 34</b>		<b>35,290</b>
	<b>CARRIAGE OF MAILS BY RAILWAY.</b>		
	<b>VOTE No. 35.</b>		
1	Carriage of Mails by Special Trains	1,000	
2	Conveyance of ordinary Mails by Railway	£29,329 0 0	
	Less cost of Postage, Telegrams, Telephone Exchange connections, Post-office box-rents, &c.	14,569 0 0	
		14,760	
3	Additional contribution to Railway Department for sorting-carriage for mails on Wellington-Woodville Railway, from 13th November, 1897, to 31st March, 1898	306	
	<b>TOTAL—VOTE No. 35</b>		<b>16,066</b>
	<b>MAINTENANCE OF TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE LINES.</b>		
	<b>VOTE No. 36.</b>		
1	Travelling-expenses of Inspectors and Linemen	4,500	
2	Extra Labour and Material for Repairs	14,500	
3	Telephone-exchange Instruments (to replace old ones)	3,000	
		22,000	
	Less estimated credits under section 41 of "The Public Revenues Act, 1891"	4,000	
	<b>TOTAL—VOTE No. 36</b>		<b>18,000</b>
	<b>MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.</b>		
	<b>VOTE No. 37.</b>		
1	Stationery, &c.	4,500	
2	Special allowance to Telegraph Messengers during their first year's service	500	
3	Gas and Water	3,000	
4	Telephone Fees to Non-permanent Postmasters and Telephonists	6,000	
5	Contribution towards scientific and technical instruction of officers	200	
6	Amount required to make good moneys stolen or destroyed by fire: Tikokino, £2	2	
7	Robbery at Newmarket Office	11	
8	Defalcation by an officer now deceased	280	
9	Diving operations to recover mails from wreck of "Tasmania"	560	
10	Office Expenses, Fuel, Travelling-expenses, and Contingencies	23,500	
		38,553	
	Less estimated credits under section 41 of "The Public Revenues Act, 1891"	1,500	
	<b>TOTAL—VOTE No. 37</b>		<b>37,053</b>
	<b>TOTAL OF CLASS V.</b>		<b>£368,580</b>