

Table No. 19.

TABLE SHOWING THE COST OF MAINTENANCE OF TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE LINES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1916.

District.	Miles of Wire.	Miles of Line.	Travelling-expenses of Engineers and Linemen.	Extra Labour.	Material.	Upkeep of s.s. Tuta-neka.	Rural Telephones: Assistance to Settlers.	Total Expenditure out of Vote Maintenance.	Salaries of Engineers and Linemen.	Total Cost of Maintenance.	Average Cost per Mile of Wire.	Average Cost per Mile of Line.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	s. d.	s. d.
Auckland	12,526	3,984	2,929	6,929	8,372	..	..	18,230	10,463	28,693	2 5 10	7 4 0
Wellington	15,544	3,708	2,674	5,646	15,988	..	..	24,308	10,380	34,688	2 4 8	9 7 1
Nelson	2,988	1,121	513	465	805	..	..	1,788	1,466	3,249	1 1 9	2 18 0
Canterbury	8,482	2,025	1,010	1,115	1,646	..	..	3,771	6,900	10,671	1 5 2	5 5 5
Otago	8,512	2,846	1,430	2,055	4,254	..	..	7,739	6,270	14,009	1 12 11	4 18 5
Total	48,052	13,684	8,556	16,210	31,065	..	..	55,831	35,479	91,310	1 18 0	6 13 5
Cables	..	374*	51	258	91	2,715	..	3,115	..	3,115	8 6 7†	..
Stores	..	..	1	1,812	6,629	..	..	8,442	1,948	10,390	..	..
Rural telephones— Assistance to settlers	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,650	1,650	..	1,650	..	..
Laboratory, &c.	..	..	15	995	919	..	..	1,929	..	1,929	..	..
Wireless stations	..	..	112	1,372	803	..	..	2,287	..	2,287	..	..
Total telegraph-lines	..	..	8,735	20,647	39,507	2,715	1,650	73,254	37,427	110,681	..	..
Telephone exchanges	128,525	3,437	2,070	18,646	18,305	..	..	39,021	23,661	62,682	..	..
Grand total	..	..	10,805	39,293	57,812	2,715	1,650	112,275	61,088	173,363	..	..

* Knots. † Per knot.