

**Table No. 18.**  
**TABLE SHOWING THE COST OF MAINTENANCE OF TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE LINES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1920.**

District.	Miles of Wire.	Miles of Line.	Travelling- expenses of Engineers and Linemen.	Extra Labour.	Material.	Rural Telephones: Assistance to Settlers.	Total Expenditure out of Item of 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 .. .. .	13,882	4,171	3,543	11,267	5,727	..	20,537	17,108	37,645	2 14 3	£ s. d. 9 0 6
Wellington .. .. .	17,880	4,320	3,547	9,021	11,977	..	24,545	24,727	49,272	2 15 1	11 8 1
Canterbury .. .. .	9,856	2,299	3,037	6,106	5,069	..	14,212	9,994	24,206	2 9 1	10 10 7
Otago .. .. .	9,133	2,931	2,515	6,962	4,268	..	13,745	9,760	23,505	2 11 6	8 0 5
<b>Totals .. .. .</b>	<b>50,751</b>	<b>13,721</b>	<b>12,642</b>	<b>33,356</b>	<b>27,041</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>73,039</b>	<b>61,589</b>	<b>134,628</b>	<b>2 13 1</b>	<b>9 16 3</b>
Cables .. .. .	416*	..	42	98	6,731	..	6,871	..	6,871	16 10 4†	..
Stores .. .. .	..	..	167	4,000	6,728	..	10,895	2,358	13,253	..	..
Rural telephones— Assistance to settlers	..	..	..	..	..	549	549	..	549	..	..
Laboratory .. .. .	..	..	137	3,799	1,772	..	5,708	..	5,708	..	..
Wireless stations .. .. .	..	..	79	1,867	945	..	2,881	..	2,881	..	..
<b>Total telegraph-lines .. .. .</b>	<b>51,167</b>	<b>13,721</b>	<b>13,067</b>	<b>43,110</b>	<b>43,217</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>99,943</b>	<b>63,947</b>	<b>163,890</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Telephone exchanges .. .. .</b>	<b>177,509</b>	<b>5,110</b>	<b>3,628</b>	<b>37,290</b>	<b>21,208</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>62,126</b>	<b>68,696</b>	<b>130,822</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Grand totals .. .. .</b>	<b>228,676</b>	<b>18,831</b>	<b>16,695</b>	<b>80,400</b>	<b>64,425</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>162,069</b>	<b>132,643</b>	<b>294,712</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>

\* Knots. † Per knot.