

## WANGANUI.

The installation of the equipment at the automatic exchange at Wanganui has been completed, and the change-over to automatic took place in December. The cut-over was accomplished with a minimum of trouble, and the installation has since been giving satisfactory service.

## AUTOMATIC EXTENSIONS.

Extensions to the automatic system during the year to meet the increasing demands for telephone service comprised the following: Courtenay Place, 200 individual lines, 100 two-party lines; Wellington South, 140 individual lines, 100 two-party lines; Kelburn, 400 individual lines; Masterton, 200 individual lines; Palmerston North, 200 individual lines; Wanganui (new exchange), 2,000 individual lines, 100 four-party lines.

Hereunder is a return showing automatic-exchange equipment installed and in use in the Dominion on the 31st March, 1924:—

Exchange.	Number of Individual Lines installed.	Number of Party Lines installed.		Number of Individual Line Stations.	Number of Party-line Stations.	Total Number of Main Stations.	Number of Extension Stations.	Total Number of Automatic Telephone Stations.
		Two-party.	Four-party.					
Auckland Exchange Area—								
Fort Street* .. ..	1,900	..	..	1,866	34	1,900	377	2,277
Remuera* .. ..	600	..	..	599	2	601	109	710
Mount Eden* .. ..	500	..	..	496	8	504	39	543
Christchurch Exchange Area—								
Hereford Street* .. ..	1,500	..	..	1,433	..	1,433	130	1,563
St. Albaus* .. ..	500	..	..	500	..	500	48	548
Sydenham* .. ..	300	..	..	294	..	294	29	323
Wellington Exchange Area—								
Courtenay Place .. ..	3,400	100	100	2,943	146	3,089	757	3,846
Wellington South .. ..	1,000	100	100	885	399	1,284	87	1,371
Kelburn .. ..	1,200	..	..	779	..	779	48	827
Khandallah .. ..	..	100	100	62†	217	279	7	286
Single-office exchanges—								
Blenheim.. ..	700	..	100	648	92	740	81	821
Hamilton.. ..	1,400	..	100	1,384	327	1,711	322	2,033
Masterton .. ..	1,000	..	100	884	194	1,078	190	1,268
Oamaru .. ..	600	..	100	600	64	664	86	750
Palmerston North .. ..	1,800	..	100	1,546	151	1,697	283	1,980
Wanganui .. ..	2,000	..	100	1,857	226	2,083	323	2,406
Totals .. ..	18,400	300	900	16,776	1,860	18,636	2,916	21,552

\* Auxiliary apparatus.

† 62 lines used for individual stations.