

Hereunder is a return showing automatic-exchange equipment installed and in use in the Dominion on the 31st March, 1926 :—

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—								
Wellesley Street	7,200	..	100	5,501	120	5,621	1,906	7,527
Remuera	1,600	..	100	1,493	235	1,728	129	1,857
Mount Eden	1,600	..	100	1,579	274	1,853	83	1,936
Ponsonby	1,200	..	100	1,049	94	1,143	95	1,238
Onehunga	400	..	..	307	..	307	31	338
Devonport	500	..	..	432	..	432	22	454
Christchurch Exchange Area—								
Hereford Street* ..	1,500	..	..	1,498	..	1,498	155	1,653
St. Albans*	500	..	..	497	..	497	53	550
Sydenham*	300	..	..	299	..	299	30	329
Wellington Exchange Area—								
Courtenay Place ..	3,800	100	100	3,058	316	3,374	733	4,107
Wellington South ..	1,400	100	100	1,355	489	1,844	113	1,957
Kelburn	1,200	..	100	925	128	1,053	61	1,114
Khandallah .. ..	..	100	100	115†	235	350	7	357
Stout Street	7,600	..	100	3,430	192	3,622	2,608	6,230
Single-office exchanges—								
Blenheim	700	..	100	687	142	829	93	922
Hamilton	1,600	..	100	1,461	311	1,772	283	2,055
Masterton	1,000	..	100	987	188	1,175	192	1,367
Oamaru	700	..	100	681	73	754	92	846
Palmerston North ..	1,800	..	100	1,827‡	207	2,034	248	2,282
Wanganui	2,500	200	100	2,046	352	2,398	533	2,931
Totals	37,100	500	1,500	29,227	3,356	32,583	7,467	40,050

* Auxiliary apparatus.

† Party lines used for individual stations.

‡ Twenty-seven party lines used

In the telephone statistics of the world (compiled on the 1st January, 1924) the United States leads as regards density, with 13·7 telephones per 100 of population; Canada is second, with 11 telephones; Denmark is third, with 8·7 telephones; while New Zealand takes fourth place, with 8·3 telephones. Australia and Great Britain occupy seventh and eleventh places respectively, with 5 and 2·5 telephones per 100 of population. The number of telephones per 100 of population of the world is 1·4.