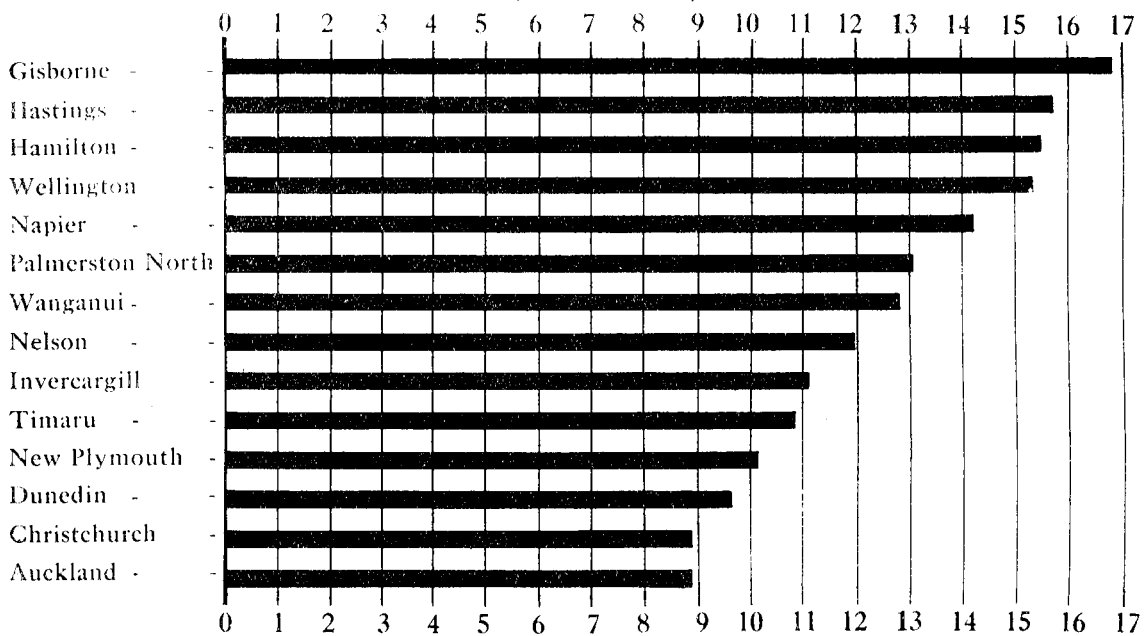


TELEPHONES PER 100 POPULATION IN THE CITIES AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS OF NEW ZEALAND, 31st MARCH, 1927.



TELEPHONE STATISTICS.

The steady growth of the telephone system is exemplified in the following table, which shows annually since 1919 the number of exchanges, the total wire-mileage, the revenue, and the total number of telephone-stations, together with the number of telephones for each 1,000 of population of the Dominion:—

Year.	Number of Exchanges.	Miles of Wire.	Revenue.	Number of Telephone-stations.	
				Total.	Per 1,000 Population.
1919	287	165,962	373,169	72,561	61.59
1920	291	177,509	419,318	80,723	65.26
1921	296	192,027	533,535	88,439	69.80
1922	301	207,529	614,367	94,683	72.78
1923	320	229,882	595,967	107,036	80.78
1924	327	269,421	830,470	111,441	82.67
1925	340	331,453	867,218	120,097*	87.09
1926	341	402,433	980,281	130,186*	94.40
1927	342	440,253	995,071	137,307*	95.48
1928	344	463,356	1,057,177	144,552*	99.40

\* Includes approximately 5,000 non-exchange stations.

The manner in which the exchanges are classified, the number of exchanges in each class, and the number of stations connected therewith on the 31st March, 1928, are shown in the following table:—

	Class I. Exchanges or Networks observing Continuous Attendance and having more than 3,500 Paying Subscribers' Main Stations connected therewith.	Class II. Exchanges or Networks observing Continuous Attendance and having 1,001 to 3,500 Paying Subscribers' Main Stations connected therewith.	Class III. Exchanges or Networks observing Continuous Attendance and having 201 to 1,000 Paying Subscribers' Main Stations connected therewith.	Class IV. Exchanges or Networks where the Attendance is restricted.	Dominion Totals.
Subscribers' main stations	39,774	23,180	25,855	25,270	114,079
Toll and service stations	583	495	894	1,908	3,880
Public call offices	387	102	51	6	546
Extension stations—					
P.B.X.	6,080	1,475	477	72	8,104
Ordinary	7,301	3,110	1,836	884	13,131
Telephone-stations: Class totals	54,125	28,362	29,113	28,140	139,740
Number of exchanges in each class	4	12	57	271	344
Percentage of new connections made with each class of exchange during the year	40	17	20	23	..

In addition to the stations shown in the preceding table there were 4,344 stations connected by private telephone-lines with departmental toll stations, and 468 stations connected with non-departmental rural exchanges, making a grand total of 144,552 telephone-stations on the 31st March, 1928.