

Hereunder is a return showing automatic-exchange equipment installed and in use in the Dominion on the 31st March, 1928 :—

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.	Rural.					
Auckland Exchange Area—									
Wellesley Street .. ..	7,200	..	100	..	5,986	258	6,244	2,372	8,616
Remuera .. ..	1,900	..	100	..	1,871	341	2,212	176	2,388
Mount Eden .. ..	2,000	..	100	..	1,867	347	2,214	118	2,332
Ponsonby .. ..	1,320	..	100	..	1,255	291	1,546	110	1,656
Onehunga .. ..	400	..	..	..	400	..	400	42	442
Devonport .. ..	560	..	..	..	536	..	536	33	569
Takapuna .. ..	400	..	..	..	315	..	315	21	336
Christchurch Exchange Area—									
Hereford Street* .. ..	1,500	..	..	..	1,493	..	1,493	202	1,695
St. Albans* .. ..	500	..	..	..	499	..	499	61	560
Sydenham* .. ..	300	..	..	..	299	..	299	36	335
Dunedin Exchange Area—									
Dowling Street .. ..	4,000	100	100	..	3,384	179	3,563	1,484	5,047
Roslyn .. ..	1,000	..	..	..	861	..	861	59	920
South Dunedin .. ..	1,400	100	..	..	1,397	76	1,473	99	1,572
Wellington Exchange Area—									
Courtenay Place .. ..	3,800	100	100	..	3,508	204	3,712	1,003	4,715
Wellington South .. ..	2,000	100	100	..	1,922	458	2,380	159	2,539
Kelburn .. ..	1,200	..	100	..	1,177	123	1,300	86	1,386
Khandallah .. ..	200	100	100	..	171	291	462	10	472
Stout Street .. ..	7,400	100	100	..	4,242	310	4,552	3,250	7,802
Miramar .. ..	200	..	..	..	186	..	186	6	192
Single-office Exchanges—									
Blenheim .. ..	700	..	100	..	725†	165	890	102	992
Dannevirke .. ..	700	..	100	50	579	331	910	110	1,020
Hamilton .. ..	1,600	..	100	..	1,589	294	1,883	319	2,202
Hawera .. ..	800	..	100	50	726	274	1,000	149	1,149
Masterton .. ..	1,000	100	100	..	997	263	1,260	228	1,488
Napier .. ..	2,200	100	..	100	1,812	45	1,857	648	2,505
Oamaru .. ..	700	..	100	..	765†	91	856	103	959
Palmerston North .. ..	2,000	..	100	..	2,000	247	2,247	311	2,558
Stratford .. ..	500	..	100	50	411	191	602	64	666
Wanganui .. ..	2,500	200	100	..	2,322	411	2,733	593	3,326
	49,980	1,000	1,900	250	43,295	5,190	48,485	11,954	60,439

\* Auxiliary apparatus.

† Party lines used for individual stations.

#### PUBLIC CALL OFFICES (COIN-IN-THE-SLOT TELEPHONES).

The publication in the Post and Telegraph Guide of the list of public call offices has been discontinued, as such publication served no useful purpose.

During the year 113 additional public call offices were established, and two were closed, making the total number in existence in the Dominion on the 31st March 546, of which 519 were one-penny call machines, 10 twopenny, and 17 threepenny.

Fifty-five concrete cabinets and 21 steel cabinets were erected.

*Auckland Engineering District.*—The automatically-operated public call offices at Auckland have been increased by the installation of 23 additional offices. New public call offices (one each) were provided also at Hamilton, Opotiki, Pukekohe, Rotorua, and Tauranga. Notwithstanding these installations, the demand for public-telephone facilities is still unsatisfied. More public call offices will be installed during the coming year.

*Wellington Engineering District.*—The number of public call offices (including pay stations—see page 48) connected with the Wellington Exchange was increased by 37 during the year. Additional public call offices were installed also at Wanganui (4), Palmerston North (4), Napier (2), and Dannevirke. Feilding, Gisborne, Marton, Otaki, Waipawa, Waipukurau (one each).