

Hon. Mr. Ward.

POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Law relating to the Post and Telegraph Department. Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

5 1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Post and Telegraph Department Act, 1894." Short Title.

2. The Post and Telegraph Departments of the public service are hereby declared to be combined into one department, called the "Post and Telegraph Department," which shall be administered by 10 the Minister holding the offices of Postmaster-General and Commissioner of Telegraphs (hereinafter called "the Minister"). Post and Telegraph Department.

3. The Governor may, from time to time, appoint such persons as he shall think fit to be respectively the Secretary of the Post and Telegraph Department, and the Superintendent of Electric Lines. Appointment of Secretary and Superintendent.

15 4. The Secretary shall, under the direction of the Minister, have the control of the Post and Telegraph Department, save in so far as the Superintendent of Electric Lines (hereinafter called "the Superintendent") has the administration of "The Electric Lines Act, 1884" (which is to be read with this Act); and the Governor may, 20 from time to time, define the respective functions of the Secretary and the Superintendent. Duties of Secretary.

5. (1.) The Secretary, the Superintendent, and one other person (to be elected from among their number by the officers of the Post and Telegraph Department) are hereby constituted a Board of 25 Appeal, to which all appeals in relation to any question of classification, status, or salary arising under "The Post and Telegraph Classification and Regulation Act, 1890," or any amendment thereof, shall be referred. Board of Appeal.

(2.) The Board shall inquire into every such appeal, with power 30 to summon and examine witnesses (upon oath if need be), and to call for the production of papers and documents; and shall make report Powers thereof.

thereon to the Minister, whose decision shall be final: Provided that, save with the consent of the Minister, no appeal shall lie in respect of any matter already disposed of by any Board heretofore existing.

Repeal.

6. The First and Second Schedules of "The Post and Telegraph Classification and Regulation Act, 1890," and section four of "The Post and Telegraph Classification and Regulation Act Amendment Act, 1891," are hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof the following is enacted, that is to say:—

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Officer or Class.	Mini- mum.	Maxi- mum.	Increment.
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Scale of salaries
and increments.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

FIRST DIVISION.

	£	£
Secretary	700
Superintendent of Electric Lines	525	650
Assistant Secretary and Inspector	525	650

CLERICAL DIVISION.

First Class—			
1st Grade ...	470	500	Two annual increments of £15 each.
2nd Grade ...	420	450	Two annual increments of £15 each.
Second Class ...	370	400	Two annual increments of £15 each.
Third Class ...	315	355	Two annual increments of £15 each, and one of £10.
Fourth Class ...	260	300	Two annual increments of £15 each, and one of £10.
Fifth Class—			
1st Grade ...	235	250	One annual increment of £15.
2nd Grade ...	190	220	Three annual increments of £10 each.
Sixth Class ...	115	180	Three annual increments of £15 each, and two of £10 each. Officers in this class who have served more than twenty years to have two additional annual increments of £10 each, commencing not earlier than 1st April, 1895, but without being transferred from the class: but salary in next class to start at same rate as that received in this class at time of transfer.
Cadets ...	40	100	One annual increment of £10, one of £15, one of £20, and one of £15; with lodging-allowance of £26 a year for the first two years, and £13 the third, when officer stationed from home.
Chief Postmasters—			
1st Grade ...	445	500	Two annual increments of £20 each, and one of £15.
2nd Grade ...	370	425	Three annual increments of £15 each, and one of £10.
3rd Grade ...	310	350	Two annual increments of £15 each, and one of £10.
Postmasters—			
1st Grade ...	260	300	Two annual increments of £15 each, and one of £10.
2nd Grade ...	220	250	Three annual increments of £10 each.
3rd Grade ...	185	210	One annual increment of £10, and one of £15.
4th Grade ...	140	175	Two annual increments of £10 each, and one of £15.

Officer or Class.	Mini- mum.	Maxi- mum.	Increment.
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SECOND SCHEDULE.

NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.

	£	£	
Cadettes ...	40	120	Three annual increments of £10 each, one of £15, and seven of £5 each; with lodging-allowance of £26 for the first year, £20 the second, £15 the third, and £10 the fourth year, when cadette stationed from home.
Cadettes (Telephone Exchange)	40	80	Four annual increments of £10 each; with lodging-allowance of £20 for the first year, £10 the second, and £5 the third, when cadette stationed from home.
Linemen—			
1st Grade ...	130	140	Two annual increments of £5 each.
2nd Grade ...	110	125	Three annual increments of £5 each.
Letter-carriers—			
1st Grade ...	130	140	Two annual increments of £5 each.
2nd Grade ...	95	120	Two annual increments of £10 each, and one of £5.
3rd Grade (country offices)	50	85	Two annual increments of £10 each, and three of £5 each.
P.O. Messengers—			
1st Grade ...	85	120	Two annual increments of £10 each, and three of £5 each.
2nd Grade ...	50	80	Two annual increments of £10 each, and two of £5 each.

THIRD SCHEDULE.

Junior and assistant counter-clerks (Telegraph) ...	} Minimum and maximum salaries and annual increments to be fixed by Governor in Council.
Junior and assistant exchange clerks ...	
Despatch clerks ...	
Distributors ...	
Auxiliary letter-carriers and Post Office messenger lads ...	
Night-watchmen ...	
Telegraph message-boys ...	

7. This Act shall be read with "The Post and Telegraph Classification and Regulation Act, 1890," and "The Post and Telegraph Classification and Regulation Act Amendment Act, 1891." Construction of Act.