

M.— RETURN showing the number of LETTERS despatched from the several Chief Post Offices in New Zealand, for the year closing 31st December, 1864.

FROM	WITHOUT THE COLONY.				WITHIN THE COLONY.			GENERAL TOTALS.	
	United Kingdom.	Austra- lian Colonies.	Other Places	Total Foreign.	Other Provinces of New Zealand.	Offices within the Province.	Total Inland	1864.	1863.
Auckland	121,522	45,853	5,849	173,224	73,836	284,219	358,055	631,279	322,595
New Plymouth ..	10,121	5,307	265	15,693	27,827	-	27,827	43,520	32,701
Wellington	22,258	7,567	598	30,423	45,507	63,621	109,128	139,551	113,888
Napier	8,951	1,839	1	10,791	19,754	30,140	49,894	60,685	48,717
Nelson	13,299	6,209	2,161	21,669	42,710	29,336	72,046	93,715	88,601
Picton	5,239	4,023	100	9,362	35,873	31,743	67,616	76,978	34,067
Christchurch .. .	78,445	20,011	1,103	99,559	61,644	233,635	301,279	400,838	312,212
Dunedin	109,011	113,502	4,158	226,671	114,074	412,121	412,121	638,792	660,889
Invercargill .. .	23,891	27,995	531	52,417	34,175	48,329	83,074	135,491	106,765
Totals	392,737	232,306	14,766	639,809	455,970	11,139,144	1,481,040	2,120,849	1,715,435

NOTE.—The Auckland and New Plymouth Returns are greatly affected by the presence of a large military force, both Imperial and of military settlers; that of Picton by a rush of the mining population.

M.— RETURN showing the number of NEWSPAPERS despatched from the several Chief Post Offices in New Zealand for the year closing 31st December, 1864.

FROM	WITHOUT THE COLONY.				WITHIN THE COLONY.			GENERAL TOTALS.	
	United Kingdom.	Austra- lian Colonies.	Other Places	Total Foreign.	Other Provinces of New Zealand.	Offices within the Provinces.	Total Inland	1864.	1863.
Auckland	169,171	46,840	6,078	222,089	114,609	476,754	591,363	813,452	453,535
New Plymouth ..	8,942	2,576	234	11,752	10,902	-	10,902	22,654	19,338
Wellington	35,852	9,866	771	44,489	47,864	125,200	173,064	219,553	209,692
Napier	7,020	1,046	-	8,066	10,334	47,820	58,054	66,120	56,777
Nelson	52,664	7,175	2,264	63,065	51,490	47,039	98,529	141,614	129,787
Picton	6,824	2,544	48	9,416	19,967	44,264	64,231	73,647	37,268
Christchurch .. .	115,258	16,616	1,712	133,586	61,903	181,832	243,735	377,321	362,154
Dunedin	189,923	118,206	1,982	310,111	99,868	270,933	370,806	680,917	549,869
Invercargill .. .	20,885	23,151	378	44,414	21,665	65,89	87,154	131,568	105,124
Totals	606,539	228,020	13,467	849,008	438,502	1,269,336	1,697,838	2,546,846	1,923,544

NOTE.—The causes which affect the letters despatched from Auckland, New Plymouth, and Picton would also partially affect the newspapers.

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