

EIGHTH REPORT

ON

THE POSTAL SERVICE OF NEW ZEALAND,

BY THE

POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

PRESENTED TO BOTH HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BY COMMAND OF
HIS EXCELLENCY.

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SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 28th July, 1867.

I have the honor to submit to your Excellency the Eighth Report on the Postal Service of New Zealand, being that for the year ended 31st December, 1866.

To His Excellency Sir George Grey, K.C.B.,
Governor of New Zealand.

JOHN HALL,
Postmaster-General.

REPORT.

DURING the year 1866 and the first half of the year 1867, several important changes have taken place in the Postal Service of New Zealand. The mail communication with Great Britain *via* Panama has been successfully inaugurated. Post Office Savings' Banks have been commenced, with every prospect of success. The rates of inland postage have been amended by an Act of the Legislature, and by the same authority a charge has been imposed for the conveyance of newspapers through the Post. A Conference of Delegates from the several Australian Colonies, held in Melbourne, has agreed upon a scheme of Ocean Postal Communication, which, if acceded to by the Imperial Government, will, I have no doubt, produce important and beneficent results.

DEPARTMENTAL.

With the exception of certain changes hereafter described, which have been rendered necessary by the introduction of the Post Office Savings' Bank system, no material alteration in the arrangements of the Department have been made during the past year. The amount of business transacted through the medium of the various Post Offices must be considered satisfactory when it is borne in mind that a considerable body of Imperial Troops has been removed from the Colony during the twelvemonths.

The letters despatched have been 2,353,856 in 1866 (see table No. 20), against 2,235,188 in 1865.

The letters received have been 2,404,788 in 1866 (see table No. 19), against 2,208,285 in 1865.

The newspapers despatched have been 2,413,511 in 1866 (see table No. 22), against 1,923,544 in 1865.

The newspapers received have been 1,959,528 in 1866 (see table No. 21), against 1,474,134 in 1865.

The Postal revenue (exclusive of money order commission) has been £47,836 10s. 6d. in 1866 (see table No. 32), against £46,475 9s. 3d. in 1865.

The Postal expenditure, exclusive of steam subsidies, has been £62,927 4s. 6d., in 1866—including £7,300 expended on buildings—(see table No. 32), against £55,641 6s. 3d., in 1865.

Twelve new offices have been opened during the year, and four offices have been closed. The total number of the Postal staff is shown by the subjoined table.

NUMBER of POST OFFICES and POSTAL OFFICERS during the years 1863, 1864, 1865, and 1866.

OFFICERS.	CHIEF POST OFFICES.				POST OFFICES.				SUB POST OFFICES.			
	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.
Postmasters	9	9	9	9	10	12	16	17	257	274	299	306
Clerks, &c.	78	77	76	68	7	7	10	12	...	...	...	...
TOTALS	87	86	85	77	17	19	26	29	257	274	299	306

It will be seen that a reduction has been effected in the staff of some of the chief Post Offices. The occurrence of every vacancy in the Department, has, moreover, been made the occasion, when practicable, of affording promotion to officers who have distinguished themselves by intelligence and zeal. I trust that this system will be continued. Nothing tends more to promote zealous and efficient service on the part of officers of the Department than an assurance that such services are not overlooked, but will eventually lead to the promotion of the persons by whom they are rendered.

Several of the Post Offices throughout the Colony have been visited by the Inspector during the past year. The demands, however, which have been made upon his time for carrying out the several alterations rendered necessary by the commencement of the Panama Mail Service, and for maturing various important improvements in the Postal Service of the Colony, have rendered it impossible for him to devote as much time to the performance of the duty of inspecting the various branches of the Department as I could have wished. Nothing contributes more to the regular and efficient conduct of a Postal Service than a frequent inspection of the whole of its branches by an experienced and trustworthy Inspector. The high character for efficiency maintained by the Post Office in the United Kingdom, is owing, in a very great measure, to the liberal provision which is made for a constant and efficient inspection of every part of it. The New Zealand Inspector is an excellent officer, but it is not possible for him unassisted to visit all the offices throughout the Colony, except at rare intervals. To remedy this evil, I have in some cases authorized Chief Postmasters to inspect several of their sub-offices, but this remedy is not an effectual one. An addition to the Inspecting Staff of the Department would be a wise and prudent economy.

FRANKING.

The recommendations of the Postal Committee of 1866, in favour of the abolition of the system of franking, have been very carefully considered by myself and the permanent officers of the Department. The result has been, that while the necessity for having all official correspondence paid by Postage Stamps, would, together with the keeping of the necessary accounts, involve a considerable addition to the labour of the several Departments, no plan for the issue and use of stamps for this purpose has yet been devised which would not be as much open to abuse as the limited system of franking which is now permitted. It has been therefore considered desirable to continue, at least for the present, the system now in operation. The system of paying the postage on official correspondence by postage stamps has been tried in Victoria; the result was so unsatisfactory that the system has been discontinued.

DEAD LETTERS.

During the year 46,172 letters, including 521 registered letters, were received at the Dead Letter Office. Of these 37,117, including 504 registered, were despatched from the office. Nearly 100 letters were delivered to personal applicants, and about 9,000 were destroyed, as neither the writers nor the persons to whom they were addressed could be found. 22,750 of the above total, including 227 registered letters, originating in New Zealand, were opened in the Dead Letter Office, and returned to the writers. And 14,367, including 267 registered letters, originating in places beyond the Colony, were returned to the several offices from whence they were forwarded to this Colony.

The following Return will show the property found in the dead letters dealt with during the year:—

	£	s.	d.
Bills of Exchange	5,642	4	4
Bank Notes	168	0	0
Money Orders	177	13	4
Acceptances, Promissory Notes, &c.	1,516	13	4
Cheques	190	6	11
Coin	4	17	0
Postage Stamps	1	16	2
Orders	56	9	7
Bank Receipts	55	17	6
Warrants	8	15	0
Gold Dust, two packets.			
Gold Rings, three.			
	£7,822	12	10

The following is a Return of the property claimed and returned during the year:—

	£	s.	d.
Bills of Exchange	1,460	7	10
Bank Notes	56	0	0
Money Orders	126	11	0
Acceptances, &c.	1,365	4	3
Cheques	59	3	10
Postage Stamps	0	12	0
Orders and Coin	9	5	7
Bank Receipts	41	0	0
Warrants	8	15	0
Half Notes and Land Orders, one packet.			
Gold Dust, one packet.			
Gold Rings, one.			
	£3,126	19	3

REGISTERED LETTERS.

The following comparative Return of the number of letters registered in New Zealand during the years 1865 and 1866 respectively, shows a considerable addition to the number of letters which are so treated. This is chiefly to be attributed to the influx of population on the West Coast Gold Fields; but independently of this, the Return shows an increased disposition on the part of the public to adopt such reasonable precautions when sending articles of value through the Post as persons of ordinary prudence ought not to neglect.

RETURN of the Number of LETTERS REGISTERED at the various Post Offices in the different Provinces in NEW ZEALAND, during the Years 1865 and 1866.

PROVINCES.	1865.			1866.		
	To Places without the Colony.	To Places within the Colony.	TOTALS.	To Places without the Colony.	To Places within the Colony.	TOTALS.
Auckland	1,806	3,702	5,508	1,309	5,190	6,499
Taranaki	278	329	607	232	327	559
Hawke's Bay	122	297	419	165	363	528
Wellington	631	1,775	2,406	988	2,604	3,592
Nelson	419	1,035	1,454	572	841	1,413
Marlborough	225	1,076	1,301	170	565	735
Canterbury	2,608	3,936	6,544	6,217	6,302	12,519
Otago	3,772	5,016	8,788	2,960	5,711	8,671
Southland	479	479	958	329	483	812
TOTALS	10,340	17,645	27,985	12,942	22,386	35,328

MONEY ORDERS.

The tables (Nos. 6 and 7) on this subject appended to this Report show a very considerable increase in the extent to which the public has availed itself of the facilities afforded by this branch of the Postal Services, for the transmission of small sums of money with safety and despatch. Notwithstanding a falling off in the number of money order transactions in those parts of the Colony from which considerable bodies of troops have been removed during the year, there has been an aggregate increase throughout the Colony of no less than 20 per cent. as compared with the business transacted during the previous year.

SAVING BANKS.

The Post Office Savings Bank system was brought into operation at five of the principal Post Offices in the month of February last, and at thirty-nine other offices on the 1st of April. Tables (Nos. 8 and 9) are appended showing the extent to which these banks have already been made use of by the public. The result cannot be considered as otherwise than very satisfactory. In the short space of time which has elapsed since the introduction of the system, 830 accounts have been opened, 1,552 deposits have been made, and there remained at the end of May an aggregate amount of £20,974 8s. 7d. to the credit of depositors in the several banks.

The organisation and initiation of the system have been effected principally by the Auditor-General, Dr. Knight, to whom my thanks are due for the time and trouble which he has devoted to this subject. The keeping of all accounts connected with the Savings Banks, and the general conduct of this branch of the Post Office service has been placed in the hands of a Controller, who undertakes also the management of all Money Order business. I have been able to secure for this duty the services of a very efficient officer, and the arrangement is found to be an economical and satisfactory one. As the work in these branches of the Department increases, an assistant will probably be required, but up to the present time, the duties mentioned have been discharged by the Controller with very little clerical assistance. I believe there is hardly an instance on record in the Public Service in which so important an improvement, as the opening of these Savings Banks really constitutes, has been introduced at so small an increase to the public expenditure.

STEAM POSTAL SERVICES.

Panama Service.

This service has now been in operation since June, 1866, and the Company's vessels have, to this date performed twelve voyages from Sydney to Panama, and twelve voyages from Panama to Sydney. In consequence of accidents to the machinery of the "Mataura," on her voyage from England, which prevented her arrival in Sydney in time to take up this service, the Company was unable to send a vessel to Panama in August last; with this exception the service has been performed without interruption.

The services to Panama have been effected with remarkable regularity, the mail steamer having only upon one occasion failed to effect a junction with the homeward-bound steamer from Colon. This failure was accounted for by the occurrence of weather of an extraordinarily tempestuous and unfavourable character. The services from Panama to New Zealand have been performed with less regularity, and it has been my duty to enforce the payment of several penalties for delays. Considering, however, the arduous character of the service, including as it does the longest steam voyage which has yet been attempted without an intermediate coaling station, the Company deserves much credit for the spirited and successful manner in which they have carried out their contract.

The experience of the past twelve months having shown the desirability of a coaling station for the use of these steamers on the voyage to New Zealand, the Company has taken steps for establishing such a station at the Island of Opara. A vessel has already been despatched to that island with a considerable supply of coals, and the necessary appliances for facilitating their transhipment. Looking at the character of the vessels which have been supplied for the performance of the Panama contract, it may confidently be expected that when this coaling station is available, it will be only under very exceptional circumstances that such delays as those I have mentioned will again occur.

The Imperial Post Office, in addition to conveying the mails sent by the Panama route free of all charge between Southampton and Colon, has, in other ways, rendered very valuable assistance in the carrying out of this service.

Owing to the excessive charge which the Panama Railroad Company had been in the habit of making for the conveyance of mails across the Isthmus, amounting to elevenpence per pound on the gross weight of the mails, it was necessary to impose on newspapers sent by that route, a postage of threepence each. I lost no time, however, in communicating with the Railroad Company on the subject, both direct, and through the Imperial Post Office, pointing out not only the serious inconvenience to which the public of this Colony was exposed by such an unusual charge, but the injurious effect which it could not fail to have upon the interests of the Company itself. I am glad to state that these representations have induced the Company to make such a reduction in their transit charges, as have enabled me to reduce from threepence to one penny the Colonial postage for the transmission of newspapers by this route to the United Kingdom.

With a view of reducing the heavy payment with which New Zealand has been charged on account of the Suez Mail Services, and of obtaining the greatest amount of benefit from the service *via* Panama, which is maintained at so large a cost to the Colony, directions have been given for correspondence between New Zealand and the mother country to be sent by the route of Panama, unless specially addressed *via* Suez. This has largely diminished the number of letters sent by the latter route, and has resulted in a very considerable saving to the New Zealand Government. Although some inconvenience may have resulted from this arrangement in the first instance, this will cease to be the case as the regulation becomes generally known and understood, and effectual means having been adopted both here and in Great Britain to make the regulation public, I trust that any such inconvenience may be of short duration.

Tables (Nos. 1 and 2) are appended to this Report showing the amount of correspondence sent and received by the Suez and Panama routes respectively, as well as the estimated cost of conveying the mails across the Isthmus of Panama, and the total amount of postage collected on such mails. The results shown by these tables are interesting and important.

Suez Service.

Since the establishment of the mail service *via* Panama, the constant irregularities which formerly characterized the performance of the Suez services, and which were the source of such serious expense and inconvenience to this Colony have disappeared, and the mails by this route are now delivered with commendable regularity. In December last, I pointed out in a Minute, which your Excellency forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that the then existing apportionment of the Colonial moiety of the cost of the Suez Mail Service was unfair to New Zealand. It was suggested in this Minute that instead of the Colonial moiety being apportioned once every three years on the basis of the average amount of correspondence for each Colony during the then preceding three years, it should be apportioned every year on the basis of the actual amount of correspondence carried during the year. This suggestion has been acceded to by the Imperial Post Office, and has, together with the diversion of the bulk of New Zealand correspondence to the Panama route, had the effect of very considerably reducing the contribution of this Colony to the cost of the Suez service. This contribution for the year 1866 was £23,494 9s. 6d., whereas for the year 1867 it is only £2,141 0s. 11d.

Intercolonial Steam Services.

The service between Auckland and Sydney continues to be performed in a satisfactory manner by the boats of the Panama, New Zealand, and Australian Royal Mail Company. The contract with the Otago Steam Company, for the mail service between Melbourne and Port Chalmers, expired in December last, and tenders were invited both in New Zealand and Australia for a new contract. The only tenders which were received were, however, for nearly double the sum paid under the previous contract. Under these circumstances, I made a temporary arrangement with the Panama, New Zealand, and Australian Royal Mail Company for carrying these mails; and, after some negotiations, eventually concluded a contract (see table No. 11) with the same Company for the performance of this service for the sum of £500 per month—being an advance of £100 per month on the sum paid under the previous contract. The present subsidy is, however, very much smaller than that paid two or three years ago. The Department was relieved from considerable embarrassment by the prompt manner in which the Manager of the Panama Company placed that Company's vessels at my disposal, in the emergency referred to, at the same rate of subsidy as had been paid under the expiring contract. I must express my acknowledgment of the liberal and considerate spirit which has characterized Captain Benson's dealings with the Department in this and other instances.

When in Melbourne, in March last, I pressed upon the attention of the postal authorities of Victoria the unfairness of the arrangement so long in operation under which the Victorian Government retained the sea postage collected by it on correspondence for New Zealand posted in Melbourne, and forwarded in mail steamers subsidised by the New Zealand Government. The reasonableness of this complaint was admitted, and the postage in question is now credited to this Department. The operation of an opposite system during the last few years has been the cause of considerable loss to the New Zealand Post Office.

Interprovincial Services.

These services have been performed up to the present time under the contracts which were in operation at the date of my predecessor's report. The services, comprising four trips per month each way, have been well performed, and the subsidies paid for them are very moderate. In compliance with the recommendation of the Select Committee of last session, the two supplementary services to Hawke's Bay, Nelson, and Taranaki, have been discontinued, whereby a saving of £3,600 per annum has been effected. In order to provide for the conveyance of the mails previously forwarded by these supplementary services, a modification in the Time Table of the remaining coastal services has been adopted, which, although somewhat less convenient than the old table to certain parts of the Colony, is the best arrangement of which circumstances admit. Notice has been received from the New Zealand Steam Navigation Company of their desire to terminate their present contract, and fresh tenders have been called for. The electric telegraph has been found during the past year to be of the greatest use in regulating the movements of these mail steamers, and in affording to the public such information as to their departure and arrival at the several ports as greatly facilitates the due despatch of the mails, and promotes the convenience of the public. A table (No. 12) is annexed to this Report, showing the cost of the existing Interprovincial Services.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

The Select Committee of the House of Representatives on the Postal Service, in 1866, in addition to the recommendations above quoted, proposed certain alterations in the rates of postage collected in New Zealand, with a view of removing to some extent, the serious disproportion which exists between the Revenue and Expenditure of the Department. In compliance with this proposition, a Bill was introduced into Parliament during the last session, and was passed into law, under which the following rates of postage have, since the 1st January last, been collected on all correspondence sent by Post within the Colony:—

Town Letters.

Posted at any Post Office within the Colony for delivery at or from the same Post Office—

Not exceeding half-an-ounce	One Penny.
Exceeding half-an-ounce but not exceeding one ounce	Twopence.
For every additional ounce or fraction of an ounce	Twopence.

Country Letters.

Posted at any Post Office within the Colony for delivery at or from any other Post Office within the same Province—

Not exceeding half-an-ounce	Twopence.
Exceeding half-an-ounce but not exceeding one ounce...	Fourpence.
For every additional ounce or fraction of an ounce ...	Fourpence.

Interprovincial Letters.

Posted at any Post Office within the Colony for delivery at or from any Post Office in any other Province within the Colony—

Not exceeding half-an-ounce	Threepence.
Exceeding half-an-ounce but not exceeding one ounce...	Sixpence.
For every additional ounce or fraction of an ounce ...	Sixpence.

Newspapers.

Posted at any Post Office within the Colony for delivery at or from any Post Office within the Colony—

Each	One Penny.
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As these rates have only been in operation for six months it is too early to speak with certainty of the exact effect upon the revenue which this change is likely to produce. As far, however, as an opinion can at present be formed, the result is very satisfactory, and there is little doubt that the additional revenue estimated by the Committee, will be actually realized. The number of newspapers sent through the Post during the six months ending 30th June was 1,511,317, as against 2,049,593 (see tables Nos. 16 and 17) sent during the corresponding period of 1866. Taking into consideration the number of newspapers which it is known are now distributed by private means, there is no reason to apprehend that the newspaper circulation throughout the Colony has been materially diminished.

MELBOURNE POSTAL CONFERENCE.

On the 22nd September, 1866, a Despatch was addressed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governors of the several Australasian Colonies, announcing that notice had been given for the termination of the existing contract for the conveyance of the mails between Point de Galle and Sydney, and inviting these Colonies in combination to provide for this service in future. In consequence of this communication, a Conference of Representatives of the Australasian Governments (except that of Western Australia) was held in Melbourne in March last, for the discussion of the whole question of Ocean Postal Communication, and with a view of arriving if possible at an arrangement on this subject which should secure the concurrence and support of all the Colonies. Your Excellency was pleased to appoint Mr. Crosbie Ward and myself to represent the Government of New Zealand at this Conference. A full account of its proceedings, and of the conclusions adopted by it, is furnished in papers which have, by your Excellency's command, been laid on the table of both Houses of Parliament. It will therefore suffice if I here briefly state that the Conference unanimously agreed in the desirability of establishing three lines of postal communication with the Mother Country—viz., one by Torres Straits and Suez, one by King George's Sound and Suez, and one by New Zealand and Panama;—the total cost of this scheme is estimated not to exceed £400,000, and is proposed to be divided equally between the Mother Country and the Colonies; the Colonial moiety to be again divided in the following proportions, viz.:—

	£
Victoria	50,000
New South Wales	50,000
New Zealand	50,000
Queensland	27,500
South Australia	15,500
Tasmania	4,000
Total	<u>£197,000</u>

A Memorial to Her Majesty, praying the concurrence of the Imperial Government in this scheme, was signed by all the members of the Conference on behalf of their respective Governments, and was sent home in March last. No answer to this Memorial has yet been received.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Inspector of Mails has at my request prepared a new set of Instructions to Postmasters in New Zealand. This task has been performed by Mr. Gray in a very creditable manner, and his compilation furnishes the several officers with rules for their guidance so clear and comprehensive, as cannot fail to contribute materially to the efficient discharge of the duties of the Department.

Appended to this Report is a Comparative Table (No. 4) of the Average Number of Letters and Newspapers in one year for each person in the United Kingdom, in Victoria, in New South Wales, and in New Zealand; from which it will be seen that the correspondence of this Colony contrasts very favourably with those of Victoria and New South Wales.

In compliance with the recommendations of the Civil Service Commissioners, the printing of Postage Stamps, which was formerly part of the work of my Department, has been transferred to the Government Printing Office.

JOHN HALL,
Postmaster-General.

PAPERS RELATIVE TO THE

Table No. 1.
STATEMENT of CORRESPONDENCE, &c., Received from and Despatched to LONDON and the CONTINENT of EUROPE *via* SUEZ, from July, 1866, to June, 1867.

DATE OF DESPATCH AND RECEIPT.	DESPATCHED TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE VIA SUEZ.						RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE VIA SUEZ.					Estimated Amount accruing to New Zealand on Mails to and from London <i>via</i> Suez.
	Letters.	Book Packets.	Newspapers.	Estimated Gross Receipts from Postage.	Estimated Amount accountable to London.	Estimated Net Amount accruing to New Zealand.	Letters.	Book Packets.	Newspapers.	Estimated Amount to Credit of London.	Estimated Amount to Credit of New Zealand.	
1866.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
July ...	24,836	726	37,986	684 12 10	86 2 7	598 10 3	25,789	2,162	30,338	1 1 3	2 8 8	599 17 8
August ...	14,699	540	37,546	431 6 4	118 9 1	312 17 3	25,429	1,621	30,982	1 4 5	2 11 0	814 3 10
September ...	14,679	412	30,296	426 5 10	83 18 1	342 7 9	24,710	1,246	29,764	0 16 2	3 0 2	344 11 9
October ...	16,491	519	32,985	471 4 2	96 12 2	374 12 0	24,174	1,292	24,226	1 6 3	2 6 10	375 12 7
November ...	14,016	404	20,170	412 6 3	85 14 6	326 11 9	23,956	1,141	49,023	0 18 10	2 18 4	328 11 3
December ...	7,178	161	19,985	226 4 7	52 16 4	173 8 3	21,658	1,124	39,470	0 19 4	2 8 6	174 17 5
1867.												
January ...	8,697	112	19,093	267 12 8	57 12 1	110 0 7	18,585	842	41,622	0 12 10	2 4 0	111 11 9
February ...	6,554	95	16,621	208 4 6	48 4 6	150 0 0	16,621	453	16,812	0 14 6	1 18 0	151 3 6
March ...	7,274	86	17,808	240 5 1	62 16 3	177 8 10	2,870	148	10,730	0 16 6	2 2 0	178 14 4
April ...	7,552	67	18,926	232 16 6	71 12 8	161 3 10	2,329	199	8,708	0 15 10	2 4 6	162 12 6
May ...	7,366	57	9,538	221 12 6	77 14 2	143 18 4	2,566	125	41,254	0 14 6	1 8 2	144 12 0
June ...	5,621	74	10,846	191 4 3	69 8 4	121 15 11	2,460	141	50,434	0 16 2	1 14 6	122 14 3
TOTALS ...	134,963	3,253	271,800	4,013 15 6	911 0 9	2,992 14 9	191,147	10,494	878,413	10 16 7	27 4 8	3,009 2 10

Table No. 2.
STATEMENT of CORRESPONDENCE, &c., Despatched from NEW ZEALAND in the Mails or PANAMA, and for LONDON *via* PANAMA, to the 8th June, 1867.

DATE OF DESPATCH.	FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE VIA PANAMA.						FOR NORTH, SOUTH, AND CENTRAL AMERICA, AND THE WEST INDIES, VIA PANAMA.						Total estimated Amount accruing to New Zealand on Mails despatched to Panama, and London <i>via</i> Panama.					
	Letters.	Book Packets.	Newspapers.	Estimated Gross Receipts from Postage, &c.	Estimated Cost of Transit across the Isthmus of Panama.	Estimated Share of Postage payable to the British Post Office.	Estimated Net Amount accruing to New Zealand on Mails despatched to London.	Letters.	Book Packets.	Newspapers.	Estimated Gross Receipts from Postage, &c.	Estimated Amount of Postage payable to the British Post Office.		Estimated Net Amount accruing to New Zealand on Mails despatched to Panama.				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1866.																		
June 24	10,955	110	7,060	364 11 1	76 12 8	70 4 7	217 13 10	689	13	352	36 8 4	4 1 2	32 7 2	250 1 0	310 1 2			
July 24	14,137	132	7,250	443 2 5	79 14 6	78 1 2	285 6 9	572	11	250	30 0 2	5 5 9	24 14 5	310 1 2	351 0 4			
Sept. 8	14,157	190	6,073	477 5 7	75 4 3	94 0 5	308 0 11	852	8	711	45 11 3	2 11 10	42 19 5	320 7 3	325 14 1			
Oct. 8	12,345	172	4,561	421 3 6	58 16 4	81 12 6	279 14 8	819	3	518	44 14 10	4 2 3	40 12 7	320 7 3	382 2 10			
Nov. 8	12,570	198	3,862	434 12 4	53 14 8	80 14 3	300 3 5	545	...	522	29 0 10	3 10 2	25 10 8	325 14 1				
Dec. 8	15,625	208	4,610	526 1 6	59 7 4	107 1 2	359 13 0	494	...	388	26 6 4	3 16 6	22 9 10	382 2 10				
1867.																		
Jany. 8	18,416	225	2,226	641 7 2	54 18 7	124 4 4	462 4 3	846	3	398	46 12 0	5 1 3	41 10 9	503 15 0				
Feb. 6	19,761	195	2,136	646 12 6	56 10 1	121 3 10	468 18 7	745	...	370	39 10 0	4 1 2	35 8 10	504 7 5				
March 8	21,854	180	2,246	682 4 2	46 12 10	128 6 4	507 5 0	838	2	412	47 4 0	5 12 6	41 11 6	548 16 6				
April 8	20,342	155	2,764	650 5 8	31 4 2	129 12 2	489 9 4	927	1	342	51 10 0	4 19 4	46 10 8	536 0 0				
May 8	22,714	218	11,260	706 4 2	56 10 10	135 7 6	514 5 10	1,063	6	590	62 10 0	5 18 4	56 11 8	570 17 6				
June 8	24,156	355	13,475	724 6 3	69 14 6	132 8 10	522 2 11	1,021	12	646	58 6 10	5 10 7	52 16 3	574 19 2				
TOTALS.	207,032	2,338	67,523	6,717 16 4	719 0 9	1,283 17 1	4,714 18 6	9,411	59	5,499	517 14 7	54 10 10	463 3 9	5,178 2 3				

Table No. 3.

STATEMENT of CORRESPONDENCE, &c., Received in NEW ZEALAND from PANAMA, and from LONDON *via* PANAMA, to the 25th June, 1867.

DATE OF RECEIPT.	FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE VIA PANAMA.						FROM NORTH, SOUTH, AND CENTRAL AMERICA, AND THE WEST INDIES, VIA PANAMA.					Total estimated to Amount accruing to New Zealand on Mails received from Panama, and London <i>via</i> Panama.		
	Letters.	Book Packets.	Newspapers.	Estimated Postage due to London on unpaid Correspondence from Foreign Countries.		Estimated Cost of Transit across the Isthmus of Panama.	Estimated Amount accruing to New Zealand for share of Postage on contents of Mails received from London <i>via</i> Panama.		Estimated Net Amount to the Credit of New Zealand.	Letters.	Book Packets.		Newspapers.	Amount of Postage to Credit of New Zealand on Mails received from Panama.
				£.	s.		d.	£						
1866.														
July 23	3,047	66	7,158	1 8 7	60 1 0	192 5 0	62	...	43	2 17 8	133 13 1	133 13 1	133 13 1	
Aug. 25	3,412	104	6,564	1 11 0	59 14 5	214 5 6	175	...	59	7 2 10	161 2 11	161 2 11	161 2 11	
Oct. 2	4,126	286	7,872	2 2 7	79 4 0	262 10 4	181 3 9	37	333	25 7 6	206 11 3	206 11 3	206 11 3	
Nov. 23	4,747	472	11,172	1 11 10	216 7 8	222 14 6	4 15 0	93	1,214	70 16 7	75 11 7	75 11 7	75 11 7	
Dec. 23	7,677	241	11,016	2 10 10	206 8 9	252 16 9	43 17 2	38	665	42 19 10	86 17 0	86 17 0	86 17 0	
1867.														
Jan. 27	11,754	4,693	22,081	4 6 6	312 18 1	359 15 1	42 10 6	1	659	41 17 10	84 8 4	84 8 4	84 8 4	
Feb. 24	11,375	1,309	26,411	3 8 9	314 12 0	364 2 1	46 1 4	11	449	33 14 2	79 15 6	79 15 6	79 15 6	
April 11	28,198	2,232	45,594	9 3 4	196 0 3	749 7 1	544 3 6	6	1,002	59 17 9	604 1 3	604 1 3	604 1 3	
April 25	25,829	1,983	37,488	7 6 11	182 11 4	661 18 1	471 19 10	9	966	48 7 0	520 6 10	520 6 10	520 6 10	
May 25	25,262	1,918	4,554	8 4 4	63 19 4	652 11 2	580 7 6	52	1,149	54 18 6	635 6 0	635 6 0	635 6 0	
June 25	23,330	2,140	3,026	7 7 10	71 1 4	694 3 10	615 14 8	5	1,100	51 5 5	745 9 3	745 9 3	745 9 3	
TOTALS	148,757	15,444	182,936	49 2 6	1,762 18 2	4,626 9 5	2,815 8 9	252	7,639	439 5 1	3,333 3 0	3,333 3 0	3,333 3 0	

(Appendix.)

Table No. 4.
COMPARATIVE TABLE of the AVERAGE NUMBER of LETTERS and NEWSPAPERS to each Person in the United Kingdom, Victoria, New South Wales, and New Zealand, in One Year.

THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1865.*					VICTORIA, 1865.					NEW SOUTH WALES, 1865.					NEW ZEALAND, 1866.				
Population.	Number of Letters delivered.	Number of Books and Newspapers delivered.	Average Number of Letters to each person.	Average Number of Books and Newspapers to each person.	Popu-lation.	Number of Letters.	Number of News-papers.	Average Number of Letters to each person.	Average Number of News-papers to each person.	Popu-lation.	Number of Letters.	Number of News-papers.	Average Number of Letters to each person.	Average Number of News-papers to each person.	Popu-lation.	Number of Letters.	Number of News-papers.	Average Number of Letters to each person.	Average Number of News-papers to each person.
29,915,877	720,467,007	97,252,766	24	3·25	638,988	7,485,808	6,087,529	12	9·45	411,388	5,773,952	4,218,495	14	10·25	208,000	4,758,644	4,373,089	22·9	21

Table No. 5.
COMPARATIVE TABLE of the AVERAGE NUMBER of LETTERS and NEWSPAPERS to each Person in the different Provinces of NEW ZEALAND, in 1866.

AUCKLAND.		TARANAKI.		HAWKE'S BAY.		WELLINGTON.		NELSON.		MARLBOROUGH.		CANTERBURY.		OTAGO.		SOUTHLAND.	
Number of Letters to each person.	Number of Newspapers to each person.	Number of Letters to each person.	Number of Newspapers to each person.	Number of Letters to each person.	Number of Newspapers to each person.	Number of Letters to each person.	Number of Newspapers to each person.	Number of Letters to each person.	Number of Newspapers to each person.	Number of Letters to each person.	Number of Newspapers to each person.	Number of Letters to each person.	Number of Newspapers to each person.	Number of Letters to each person.	Number of Newspapers to each person.	Number of Letters to each person.	Number of Newspapers to each person.
18·53	18·73	19	18·9	30	32	24·4	23	16	19	22	26	25·27	20	24·8	21	22·5	23

* The Return for the United Kingdom is for Letters and Newspapers delivered only. Those for the Colonies are for delivered and despatched. To make the comparison a fair one, the number of Letters and Newspapers for the United Kingdom should be doubled.

(Appendix)

Table No. 6.
TABLE showing the NUMBER and AMOUNT of MONEY ORDERS ISSUED in the Colony of New Zealand during the Year 1866.

PROVINCE WHERE ISSUED.	ON UNITED KINGDOM.		ON VICTORIA.		ON NEW SOUTH WALES.		ON SOUTH AUSTRALIA.		ON QUEENSLAND.		ON WEST AUSTRALIA.		ON TASMANIA.		ON NEW ZEALAND.		TOTALS.	
	No.	Amount. £ s. d.	No.	Amount. £ s. d.	No.	Amount. £ s. d.	No.	Amount. £ s. d.	No.	Amount. £ s. d.	No.	Amount. £ s. d.	No.	Amount. £ s. d.	No.	Amount. £ s. d.	No.	Amount. £ s. d.
AUCKLAND ...	1676	6949 6 6	133	564 17 8	271	1206 8 4	9	34 9 5	10	53 0 0	...	...	26	174 14 9	1117	5926 7 9	3242	14909 4 5
TARANAKI ...	191	862 15 2	43	162 4 0	11	41 17 9	2	1 9 0	...	...	...	...	7	27 0 0	285	1152 12 1	539	2247 18 0
HAWKE'S BAY ...	197	1134 1 10	19	62 16 0	16	116 9 6	2	7 1 6	...	...	...	...	3	11 10 0	263	1341 8 9	500	2673 7 7
WELLINGTON ...	1117	5472 9 4	170	885 1 8	117	637 8 11	8	51 14 0	...	...	...	...	26	156 1 0	1100	4632 16 1	2545	11866 19 0
MARLBOROUGH ...	157	887 15 6	28	110 5 6	14	59 12 0	1	2 0 0	1	0 7 6	...	...	3	15 0 0	663	3619 2 1	867	4694 2 7
NELSON ...	356	1794 10 7	80	377 8 2	80	395 18 10	15	68 0 1	2	2 15 0	...	...	7	23 9 0	296	1372 10 7	836	4034 12 3
CANTERBURY ...	2765	13071 2 2	1476	8539 18 4	369	2186 16 9	21	126 0 0	22	121 8 6	8	70 0 0	73	440 16 3	2832	14226 9 9	7566	38782 11 9
OTAGO ...	2379	10179 17 0	1067	5286 6 11	83	352 18 7	31	117 19 0	15	88 2 7	...	...	36	157 1 9	1932	8932 11 4	5573	25114 17 2
SOUTHLAND ...	400	1635 16 11	206	1024 5 6	11	57 1 11	1	4 0 0	2	13 0 0	...	...	16	102 1 6	406	1619 6 2	1042	4455 12 0
TOTALS ...	9238	41987 15 0	3222	17013 3 9	972	5054 12 7	90	412 13 0	59	310 1 7	8	70 0 0	197	1,107 14 3	8924	42823 4 7	22710	108779 4 9

Table No. 7.
TABLE showing the NUMBER and AMOUNT of MONEY ORDERS PAID in the Colony of New Zealand, during the Year 1866.

PROVINCES WHERE PAID.	ISSUED IN UNITED KINGDOM.		ISSUED IN VICTORIA.		ISSUED IN NEW SOUTH WALES.		ISSUED IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.		ISSUED IN QUEENSLAND.		ISSUED IN WEST AUSTRALIA.		ISSUED IN TASMANIA.		ISSUED IN NEW ZEALAND.		TOTALS.	
	No.	Amount. £ s. d.	No.	Amount. £ s. d.	No.	Amount. £ s. d.	No.	Amount. £ s. d.	No.	Amount. £ s. d.	No.	Amount. £ s. d.	No.	Amount. £ s. d.	No.	Amount. £ s. d.	No.	Amount. £ s. d.
AUCKLAND ...	529	2437 1 6	93	473 17 0	131	537 6 2	15	89 4 6	24	137 5 6	...	...	10	55 7 3	1858	8879 6 1	2660	12709 8 0
TARANAKI ...	32	158 0 0	11	57 12 0	4	15 19 10	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	6 18 6	128	526 19 3	177	765 9 7
HAWKE'S BAY ...	14	67 17 0	3	10 0 0	1	4 8 7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	73	361 17 2	91	444 2 9
WELLINGTON ...	71	303 4 7	40	225 4 1	17	85 14 9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	864	3988 9 2	994	4622 12 7
MARLBOROUGH ...	4	31 15 0	1	6 0 0	1	4 10 5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	232	952 1 9	238	994 7 2
NELSON ...	51	246 17 4	21	93 10 8	10	31 5 9	2	4 10 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	785	4286 16 0	872	4672 19 7
CANTERBURY ...	222	981 15 11	161	918 0 4	38	213 5 0	20	139 5 0	7	24 19 3	...	...	10	49 18 6	1673	7742 15 1	2131	10069 8 9
OTAGO ...	137	626 8 11	194	992 18 6	39	197 5 8	8	27 2 6	7	30 2 0	...	...	13	93 18 6	2883	14238 1 4	3281	16205 17 5
SOUTHLAND ...	40	118 14 6	25	130 17 6	1	9 6 7	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	12 0 0	390	1792 4 11	459	2063 3 6
TOTALS ...	1100	5021 14 9	549	2908 0 1	242	1149 2 9	45	260 2 0	40	200 6 9	...	...	41	239 12 3	8886	42768 10 9	10903	52547 9 4

Table No. 8—(continued).
RETURN of the NUMBER and AMOUNT of DEPOSITS and WITHDRAWALS at each POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK in NEW ZEALAND, from 1st February to 31st May, 1867.

PROVINCE.	OFFICE.	NUMBER OF ACCTS. OPENED.	DEPOSITS.			WITHDRAWALS.			ACCOUNTS CLOSED.			REMARKS.	
			NUMBER OF DEPOSITS.	AMOUNT AT EACH OFFICE.	AMOUNT IN EACH PROVINCE.	ACCTS. WITH- DRAWN UPON.	NUMBER OF WITH- DRAWALS.	AT EACH OFFICE.	IN EACH PROVINCE.	NUMBER.	AMOUNT AT EACH OFFICE.		AMOUNT IN EACH PROVINCE.
CANTERBURY...	Christchurch	146	310	£ s. d. 3,878 7 0	£ s. d. ...	28	31	£ s. d. 284 12 5	£ s. d. ...	3	£ s. d. 38 1 5	£ s. d. ...	(For Remarks vide preceding page.)
	Akaroa	2	10	7 7 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Kaipoi	6	6	86 15 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Lyttelton	38	59	371 12 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Timaru	4	6	57 12 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	196	391	...	4,401 13 0	28	31	...	284 12 5	3	...	38 1 5	
CANTERBURY...	Hokitika	35	64	...	1,275 3 0	13	15	...	214 17 0	1	...	150 0 0	
	Greymouth	25	39	...	464 16 6	nil.	nil.	nil.	...	nil.	nil.	...	
OTAGO	Dunedin	142	312	5,619 5 3	...	46	58	1,109 4 10	...	10	468 12 4	...	
	Arrow River	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Balclutha	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Clyde	13	33	183 1 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Lawrence	6	11	197 14 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Manuherikia	3	3	5 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Omamaru	17	25	291 17 6	...	1	1	25 0 0	...	...	...	...
	Port Chalmers	20	41	562 12 0	...	5	5	11 18 0	...	2	0 18 0	...	
	Queenstown	28	90	260 2 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Tokomairiro	5	5	133 0 0	...	1	1	2 0 0	...	...	...	...
	Waikouaiti	4	5	31 2 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total	247	525	...	7,289 14 9	53	65	...	1,148 2 10	12	...		469 10 4
SOUTHLAND ...	Invercargill	32	42	1,174 9 0	...	1	1	1 0 0	...	...	...	...
	Campbeltown	7	7	95 14 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Riverton	6	14	174 15 0	...	2	2	1 10 0	...	...	...	...
		Total	45	63	...	1,444 18 0	3	3	...	2 10 0	nil.	...	
	TOTAL IN NEW ZEALAND	830	1,552	...	23,320 18 5	163	200	...	2,846 10 9	33	...	934 8 1	

Auckland, Wellington, Hokitika, Christchurch, and Dunedin, were the only Offices opened before the 1st April, 1867.

Table No. 9.

SUMMARY—SAVINGS BANKS.

PROVINCE.	DEPOSITS.			WITHDRAWALS.			ACCOUNTS CLOSED.		BALANCE DUE TO DEPOSITORS, EXCLUSIVE OF INTEREST.
	Number of Accounts Opened.	Number of Deposits.	Amount of Deposits.	Number of Accounts Withdrawn upon.	Number of Withdrawals.	Amount of Withdrawals.	Number.	Amount.	
			£ s. d.			£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
AUCKLAND ...	116	200	2,735 18 8	24	35	168 17 0	10	97 18 0	2,567 1 8
TARANAKI ...	15	23	735 10 0	6	7	54 0 0	...	...	681 10 0
HAWKE'S BAY ...	7	10	71 13 0	...	...	...	...	...	71 13 0
WELLINGTON ...	111	188	3,714 8 0	31	37	395 1 6	7	178 18 4	3,319 6 6
NELSON ...	21	28	811 10 0	3	5	66 0 0	...	...	745 10 0
MARLBOROUGH ...	12	21	381 13 6	2	2	12 10 0	...	...	369 3 6
CANTERBURY ...	196	391	4,401 13 0	28	31	284 12 5	3	38 1 5	4,117 0 7
Greymouth ...	25	39	464 16 6	...	...	...	...	...	464 16 6
Hokitika ...	35	64	1,275 3 0	13	15	214 17 0	1	150 0 0	1,060 6 0
OTAGO ...	247	525	7,283 14 9	53	65	1,148 2 10	12	469 10 4	6,135 11 11
SOUTHLAND ...	45	63	1,444 18 0	3	3	2 10 0	...	...	1,442 8 0
TOTALS ...	830	1,552	23,320 18 5	163	200	2,346 10 9	33	934 8 1	20,974 7 8

Table No. 10.

RETURN of the NUMBER and VALUE of POSTAGE STAMPS printed during the Years 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, and 1866.

	1862.		1863.		1864.		1865.		1866.	
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£		£		£		£		£
At One Shilling	47,760	2,388	90,720	4,536	143,280	7,164	159,120	7,956	* ...	...
At Sixpence .	663,840	16,596	478,320	11,958	950,400	23,760	548,400	13,710	*242,880	6,072
At Fourpence .	...	...	...	...	...	...	436,800	7,280	* ...	...
At Threepence .	120,000	1,500	...	...	...	...	121,920	1,524	* ...	...
At Twopence .	819,120	6,826	1,710,240	14,252	1,892,400	15,770	1,998,000	16,650	1,989,840	16,582
At One Penny .	148,080	617	326,640	1,361	457,920	1,908	774,960	3,229	714,000	2,975
	1,798,800	£27,927	2,605,920	£32,107	3,444,000	£48,602	4,039,200	£50,349	2,946,720	£25,629

* A large number of these Postage Stamps were in stock at the end of 1865.

Table No. 11.

RETURN of INTERCOLONIAL MAIL STEAM SUBSIDIES, June, 1867.

SERVICES.	ANNUAL SUBSIDY.	MONTHLY PAYMENTS.	CONTRACTS.		HOW OFTEN.	MILEAGE PER MONTH.	EXPENSE PER MILE.
			Commence.	Terminate.			
Otago to Melbourne (1)...	£ 6,000	£ 500	Mar. 1867	By two months' notice being given on either side.	Monthly	2,666	s. d. 3 9
Auckland to Sydney (1)...	5,700	475	June, 1866		do.	2,630	3 7½
	11,700	975				5,296	3 8½

Table No. 12.

RETURN of INTERPROVINCIAL MAIL STEAM SUBSIDIES, June, 1867.

SERVICES.	ANNUAL SUBSIDY.	MONTHLY PAYMENTS.	CONTRACTS.		HOW OFTEN.	MILEAGE PER MONTH.	EXPENSE PER MILE.
			Commence.	Terminate.			
Auckland to Otago, East Coast (1)	£ 3,600	£ 300	June, 1866	By two months' notice being given on either side.	Monthly.	1,990	s. d. 3 0½
Manakau to Bluff, West Coast (1)	3,600	300	do.		do.	1,922	3 1½
Auckland to Otago, East Coast (2)	3,600	300	do.	Aug. 14, 1867	do.	1,990	3 0½
Manakau to Bluff, West Coast (2)	3,600	300	do.	do.	do.	1,922	3 1½
	14,400	1,200				7,824	3 0¼ 125

(1) Panama New Zealand and Australian Royal Mail Company.
(2) New Zealand Steam Navigation Company.

Table No. 13.

TABLE showing the COMMISSION received on MONEY ORDERS from the Establishment of the Money Order System in the Colony (1st August, 1862,) to 31st December, 1866; showing also the Centesimal rate of Increase or Decrease.

	1862.	1863.		1864.		1865.		1866.	
	Amount.	Amount.	Centesimal rate of Increase.	Amount.	Centesimal rate of Increase.	Amount.	Centesimal rate of Increase or Decrease.	Amount.	Centesimal rate of Increase or Decrease.
Auckland ...	£ s. d. 17 14 6	£ s. d. 136 5 6	220	£ s. d. 347 13 6	155·15	£ s. d. 333 3 6	4· dec.	£ s. d. 260 18 0	21·17 dec.
Taranaki ...	5 1 0	23 7 0	93·48	46 4 6	97·86	48 6 0	4·35 inc.	37 12 0	22·2 dec.
Wellington ...	17 5 0	46 10 6	12·31	63 1 0	35·6	138 13 0	119·05 inc.	210 13 6	51·7 inc.
Hawke's Bay	3 3 6	18 10 0	142·78	29 13 6	60·3	36 14 0	24·14 inc.	42 12 0	16· inc.
Nelson ...	13 11 0	35 4 0	8·92	36 4 6	2·84	65 4 0	80·55 inc.	106 7 9	63·19 inc.
Marlborough...	1 8 6	17 10 0	414·7	47 5 0	170·	42 2 0	10·62 dec.	50 13 6	20·36 inc.
Canterbury ...	32 17 0	207 4 0	162·77	301 17 6	45·75	324 17 6	7·64 inc.	561 8 6	72·8 inc.
Otago ...	45 10 0	473 11 0	333·65	603 16 0	27·5	415 15 0	31·18 dec.	416 3 0	0·1 inc.
Southland ...	7 9 0	96 3 0	438·65	125 15 6	30·8	59 3 6	52·8 dec.	75 6 0	27·25 inc.
TOTALS ...	143 19 6	1054 5 0	265·13	1601 11 0	51·9	1463 18 6	8·62 dec.	61761 14 3	20·34 inc.

(a) The amounts for 1862 are for five months only.
(b) The increase from the years 1862 to 1866 is at the rate of 410 per cent. nearly.

(Appendix.)

Table No. 14.

RETURN showing the Number of LETTERS Received at the CHIEF and other Post Offices in the different PROVINCES in NEW ZEALAND, during the Six Months ended 30th June, 1867.

PROVINCES.	WITHOUT THE COLONY.				WITHIN THE COLONY.			TOTALS WITHOUT AND WITHIN THE COLONY.
	United Kingdom.	Australian Colonies.	Other Places.	Total without the Colony.	Other Provinces in New Zealand.	Places within the Province.	Total within the Province.	
Auckland	43,650	13,078	2,532	59,260	32,809	87,953	120,762	180,022
Taranaki	3,662	1,760	36	5,458	10,262	654	10,916	16,374
Hawke's Bay	6,220	1,336	12	7,550	13,018	19,370	32,388	39,938
Wellington	19,684	8,387	515	28,589	51,554	57,097	108,651	137,240
Nelson	8,032	6,255	126	14,413	20,071	16,397	36,468	50,881
Marlborough	2,515	748	...	3,262	10,896	7,738	18,634	21,897
Canterbury	48,750	38,522	30	87,302	83,271	239,823	323,094	410,396
Otago	42,992	23,156	3,201	69,349	60,605	138,558	199,163	268,512
Southland	7,188	4,243	78	11,509	11,593	15,787	27,385	38,894
TOTALS	182,678	97,485	6,530	286,693	294,084	583,377	877,461	1,164,154

Table No. 15.

RETURN showing the Number of LETTERS Despatched from the CHIEF and other Post Offices in the different PROVINCES of NEW ZEALAND, during the Six Months ended 30th June, 1867.

PROVINCES.	WITHOUT THE COLONY.				WITHIN THE COLONY.			TOTALS WITHOUT AND WITHIN THE COLONY.
	United Kingdom.	Australian Colonies.	Other Places.	Total without the Colony.	Other Provinces in New Zealand.	Places within the Province.	Total within the Province.	
Auckland	36,840	12,134	1,245	50,219	35,423	99,632	135,055	185,274
Taranaki	3,318	1,620	34	4,972	9,408	1,230	10,638	15,610
Hawke's Bay	5,925	1,300	55	7,280	11,615	21,690	33,305	40,581
Wellington	20,666	8,640	934	30,240	56,045	52,868	108,913	139,153
Nelson	6,653	3,663	...	10,316	21,661	17,750	39,411	49,727
Marlborough	2,105	723	94	2,922	9,432	9,830	19,263	22,185
Canterbury	45,265	39,189	1,034	85,488	75,263	235,718	310,981	396,469
Otago	41,473	22,995	3,868	68,336	56,159	160,278	216,437	284,773
Southland	6,657	4,337	267	11,261	10,504	15,477	25,981	37,242
TOTALS	168,902	94,601	7,531	271,034	285,509	614,475	899,984	1,171,018

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Table No. 16.

(Appendix.)

RETURN showing the Number of NEWSPAPERS Received at the CHIEF and other Post OFFICES in the different PROVINCES of NEW ZEALAND, during the Six Months ended 30th June, 1867.

PROVINCES.	WITHOUT THE COLONY.				WITHIN THE COLONY.			TOTALS WITHOUT AND WITHIN THE COLONY.
	United Kingdom.	Australian Colonies.	Other Places.	Total without the Colony.	Other Provinces in New Zealand.	Places within the Province.	Total within the Colony.	
Auckland	60,301	12,604	1,576	74,481	16,831	10,637	27,468	101,949
Taranaki	6,834	1,626	16	8,476	7,170	36	7,206	15,682
Hawke's Bay	12,166	1,096	1	13,263	12,629	6,936	19,565	32,328
Wellington	36,643	5,999	310	42,952	24,819	6,616	31,435	74,387
Nelson	27,475	6,116	95	33,686	11,583	919	12,502	46,188
Marlborough	4,239	703	6	4,948	8,809	7,686	16,495	21,443
Canterbury	97,318	33,183	51	130,552	48,056	73,151	121,207	251,759
Otago	96,609	29,015	2,073	127,697	27,443	37,891	65,334	193,031
Southland	16,928	6,319	9	23,256	9,139	2,069	11,208	34,464
TOTALS	358,513	96,661	4,137	459,311	166,479	145,941	312,420	771,731

Table No. 17.

RETURN showing the Number of NEWSPAPERS Despatched from the CHIEF and other Post OFFICES in the different PROVINCES of NEW ZEALAND, during the Six Months ended 30th June, 1867.

PROVINCES.	WITHOUT THE COLONY.				WITHIN THE COLONY.			TOTALS WITHOUT AND WITHIN THE COLONY.
	United Kingdom.	Australian Colonies.	Other Places.	Total without the Colony.	Other Provinces in New Zealand.	Places within the Province.	Total within the Colony.	
Auckland	21,786	3,677	748	31,210	17,457	67,313	84,770	115,980
Taranaki	1,212	424	6	1,642	3,132	1,158	4,234	5,926
Hawke's Bay	3,693	991	29	4,713	5,790	19,892	25,781	30,495
Wellington	13,775	3,491	434	17,700	44,810	27,097	71,907	89,607
Nelson	5,202	1,644	...	6,846	16,495	11,954	28,449	35,295
Marlborough	3,852	805	4	4,661	7,938	8,883	16,821	21,482
Canterbury	28,787	14,668	592	44,047	32,219	65,141	97,360	141,407
Otago	49,032	15,043	2,608	66,683	31,151	175,021	206,172	272,855
Southland	3,172	2,181	100	5,453	5,405	15,681	21,086	26,639
TOTALS	130,510	47,924	4,521	182,955	164,497	392,134	556,631	739,586

(Appendix.)

Table No. 18.

COMPARATIVE TABLE showing the POSTAL REVENUE and LETTERS and NEWSPAPERS Received at and Despatched from the several PROVINCES of NEW ZEALAND, from 1858 to 1866, both inclusive.

PROVINCE.	REVENUE.	LETTERS.		NEWSPAPERS.	
		Received.	Despatched.	Received.	Despatched.
AUCKLAND—	£ s. d.				
1858	1,978 1 7	65,874	67,447	104,379	114,988
1859	2,521 16 7	82,678	90,595	108,523	136,789
1860	3,079 1 5	122,807	125,535	133,367	177,839
1861	3,679 16 4	170,065	177,070	157,017	238,642
1862	4,045 5 3	185,755	196,282	179,256	302,815
1863	5,254 10 10	284,834	322,595	211,426	453,525
1864	8,507 13 1	528,633	531,279	312,248	813,452
1865	11,548 4 5	514,421	528,509	318,569	727,170
1866	9,653 16 5	438,945	440,613	327,937	561,148
TARANAKI—					
1858	274 17 8	14,017	14,554	19,142	9,812
1859	300 0 2	15,676	16,223	18,474	10,720
1860	506 11 1	31,100	33,781	26,834	21,549
1861	528 16 0	33,120	35,110	29,599	23,948
1862	463 0 2	22,227	23,195	24,818	14,341
1863	498 2 1	28,672	32,701	31,668	19,338
1864	818 19 5	42,274	43,520	57,547	22,654
1865	984 14 3	52,498	52,082	66,448	25,128
1866	821 10 8	42,705	43,285	61,194	20,170
HAWKE'S BAY—					
1858	153 6 11	...	...	...	...
1859	296 6 7	14,228	12,507	15,037	7,018
1860	444 17 10	19,006	18,109	21,261	10,472
1861	505 7 11	38,516	36,895	27,885	13,245
1862	593 9 1	36,116	38,847	35,434	39,512
1863	679 10 10	43,342	48,717	67,441	56,777
1864	889 17 4	58,943	60,685	88,979	66,120
1865	1,107 13 7	68,721	71,546	94,718	68,780
1866	1,372 7 8	88,599	88,134	82,945	81,922
WELLINGTON—					
1858	1,299 11 5	84,687	87,111	131,413	126,441
1859	1,397 10 7	93,220	92,805	112,235	105,099
1860	1,501 0 7	83,359	84,060	83,950	120,586
1861	1,662 8 11	93,635	15,642	96,067	145,768
1862	1,959 17 11	101,613	104,794	102,730	191,873
1863	2,043 17 5	117,936	113,756	131,854	209,692
1864	2,469 1 4	139,717	132,551	148,741	219,553
1865	5,176 6 10	259,152	237,907	206,566	261,080
1866	6,663 14 2	270,563	253,988	210,306	286,889
NELSON—					
1858	731 1 1	18,796	14,771	26,535	31,123
1859	831 8 1	42,280	57,911	60,177	83,272
1860	995 3 6	42,771	58,767	72,356	97,120
1861	1,114 2 2	72,626	76,048	95,575	113,843
1862	1,189 10 9	56,132	68,348	102,889	117,150
1863	1,157 6 6	63,356	83,601	106,743	129,787
1864	1,423 6 0	75,807	93,715	132,484	161,614
1865	2,012 15 10	99,661	126,143	128,317	130,436
1866	2,012 4 9	104,282	115,829	126,047	158,877

Table No. 18—(continued).

COMPARATIVE TABLE, &c.

PROVINCE.	REVENUE.	LETTERS.		NEWSPAPERS.	
		Received.	Despatched.	Received.	Despatched.
MARLBOROUGH—	£ s. d.				
1861	206 12 7	14,500	14,171	16,480	5,591
1862	294 11 4	12,800	12,334	7,895	10,289
1863	347 6 2	40,967	34,067	40,526	37,268
1864	843 13 7	83,990	76,978	108,658	67,778
1865	853 17 6	59,507	62,672	62,212	73,354
1866	794 4 0	64,117	57,430	78,335	65,419
CANTERBURY—					
1858	1,049 11 4	50,954	22,582	41,392	27,161
1859	1,563 11 6	53,616	60,675	61,214	48,817
1860	2,052 15 8	73,109	72,881	91,478	66,951
1861	2,790 1 5	130,500	130,899	124,485	138,001
1862	4,016 16 7	215,742	234,459	181,881	198,500
1863	5,498 18 1	317,011	312,212	405,404	362,154
1864	7,326 15 9	378,585	400,838	307,616	384,090
1865	10,158 1 9	472,284	486,007	381,360	480,238
1866	14,342 11 10	734,852	671,720	512,138	597,220
Otago—					
1858	546 8 8	20,477	21,786	23,742	28,229
1859	902 7 5	36,249	39,207	30,902	41,099
1860	1,489 3 10	62,168	62,916	42,418	63,175
1861	3,508 11 5	153,354	154,201	69,692	114,433
1862	9,319 9 2	360,246	389,231	187,132	310,883
1863	14,324 2 7	693,496	660,889	368,449	549,869
1864	14,273 0 7	678,349	638,792	459,095	680,917
1865	12,611 18 1	588,545	568,001	439,733	551,303
1866	12,030 6 10	581,353	599,861	470,820	561,341
SOUTHLAND—					
1861	112 11 3	13,500	14,796	13,636	4,444
1862	828 14 0	31,104	33,007	32,751	23,947
1863	2,482 7 5	100,331	106,765	110,632	105,124
1864	2,741 17 10	126,473	135,491	142,903	131,568
1865	2,012 7 4	93,396	102,321	111,660	79,920
1866	1,894 17 1	79,372	82,996	89,806	80,525
CHATHAM ISLANDS—					
1863	3 0 0				
1864	7 19 5				
1865	9 9 8				
1866	12 11 4				
TOTALS—					
1858	6,024 5 8	254,605	228,251	346,603	337,745
1859	7,812 19 1	337,947	369,923	406,562	432,823
1860	10,068 13 11	434,320	456,049	471,664	557,692
1861	14,108 8 8	603,209	633,559	630,436	797,915
1862	22,710 14 3	1,021,735	1,100,497	854,786	1,209,337
1863	32,329 1 11	1,687,945	1,715,303	1,474,125	1,923,544
1864	39,302 4 4	2,051,265	2,099,877	1,758,271	2,547,746
1865	46,475 9 3	2,208,285	2,235,188	1,809,583	2,397,409
1866	49,598 4 9	2,404,788	2,353,856	1,959,528	2,413,511

(Appendix.)

Table No. 19.

RETURN showing the Number of LETTERS received and despatched at the several Chief Post Offices in NEW ZEALAND for the Year closing 31st DECEMBER, 1866.
RECEIVED.

	WITHOUT THE COLONY.			WITHIN THE COLONY.			GENERAL TOTALS.
	United Kingdom.	Australian Colonies.	Other Places.	Total.	Other Provinces.	Offices within the Provinces.	Total.
AUCKLAND	114,176	31,410	5,284	150,870	87,081	200,994	288,075
TARANAKI	9,006	2,897	44	11,947	29,170	1,588	30,758
HAWKE'S BAY	9,339	2,481	...	11,820	29,659	47,120	76,779
WELLINGTON	37,177	13,591	424	51,192	117,893	101,478	219,371
NELSON	14,490	13,482	445	28,417	49,392	26,473	75,865
MARLBOROUGH	3,996	1,455	...	5,451	49,901	8,765	58,666
CANTERBURY	89,839	66,814	97	156,750	209,590	368,512	578,102
OTAGO	86,783	51,798	5,610	144,191	136,628	300,534	437,162
SOUTHLAND	14,538	9,189	96	23,823	26,321	29,228	55,549
TOTALS	379,344	193,117	12,000	584,461	735,635	1,084,692	1,820,327
							2,404,788

Table No. 20.

D E S P A T C H E D.

	WITHOUT THE COLONY.			WITHIN THE COLONY.			GENERAL TOTALS.
	United Kingdom.	Australian Colonies.	Other Places.	Total.	Other Provinces.	Offices within the Provinces.	Total.
AUCKLAND	91,421	28,722	1,138	121,281	100,898	218,434	319,332
TARANAKI	10,355	3,134	23	13,512	26,768	3,005	29,773
HAWKE'S BAY	11,399	2,741	62	14,202	26,945	46,987	73,932
WELLINGTON	40,903	16,317	1,205	58,425	110,883	84,680	195,563
NELSON	13,884	8,703	31	22,618	57,293	35,918	93,211
MARLBOROUGH	4,485	1,533	29	6,047	48,582	2,801	51,383
CANTERBURY	94,984	73,481	520	168,985	176,557	326,178	502,735
OTAGO	89,360	52,552	10,754	152,666	145,039	302,156	447,195
SOUTHLAND	14,110	9,426	454	23,990	24,902	34,104	59,006
TOTALS	370,901	196,609	14,216	581,726	717,867	1,054,263	1,772,130
							2,353,856

(Appendix.)

Table No. 21.
RETURN showing the Number of NEWSPAPERS received and despatched at the several Chief Post Offices in New Zealand for the Year closing 31st DECEMBER, 1886
RECEIVED.

	WITHOUT THE COLONY.				WITHIN THE COLONY.			TOTALS.
	United Kingdom.	Australian Colonies.	Other Places.	Total.	Other Provinces.	Offices within the Provinces.	Total.	
AUCKLAND	209,429	31,555	3,220	244,204	52,750	30,983	83,733	327,937
TARANAKI	28,974	3,788	5	32,767	28,091	336	28,427	61,194
HAWKE'S BAY	23,808	2,558	...	26,366	36,341	20,238	56,579	82,945
WELLINGTON	87,326	10,508	656	98,490	89,999	21,817	111,816	210,306
NELSON	75,175	12,272	279	87,726	35,016	3,305	38,321	126,047
MARLBOROUGH	24,321	2,237	...	26,558	48,036	3,741	51,777	78,335
CANTERBURY	246,102	69,630	132	315,864	129,970	66,304	196,274	512,138
OTAGO	206,601	63,964	5,002	275,567	104,863	90,890	195,753	470,880
SOUTHLAND	44,038	14,756	15	58,809	26,967	4,080	30,997	89,806
TOTALS	945,774	211,268	9,309	1,166,351	551,533	241,644	793,177	1,959,528

Table No. 22.
D E S P A T C H E D.

	WITHOUT THE COLONY.				WITHIN THE COLONY.			TOTALS.
	United Kingdom.	Australian Colonies.	Other Places.	Total.	Other Provinces.	Offices within the Province.	Total.	
AUCKLAND	87,852	27,694	1,301	116,847	82,057	362,244	444,301	561,148
TARANAKI	6,350	1,594	3	7,947	9,165	3,058	12,223	20,170
HAWKE'S BAY	14,188	2,538	74	16,800	14,040	51,082	65,122	81,922
WELLINGTON	42,039	11,774	857	54,670	103,947	128,272	232,219	286,889
NELSON	28,979	9,265	13	38,257	57,948	62,672	120,620	158,877
MARLBOROUGH	4,005	1,036	18	5,059	41,201	19,159	60,360	65,419
CANTERBURY	122,462	42,529	511	165,502	102,650	329,068	431,718	597,220
OTAGO	122,142	41,777	8,362	172,281	88,690	300,370	389,060	561,341
SOUTHLAND	9,510	8,701	229	18,440	16,745	45,340	62,085	80,525
TOTALS	437,527	146,908	11,368	595,803	516,443	1,301,265	1,817,708	2,413,511

Table No. 23.

TABLE showing REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, &c., of the POSTAL DEPARTMENT in the Province of AUCKLAND, in 1866.

PROVINCE OF AUCKLAND.	No. of OFFICES.	TOTAL RECEIVED AND DESPATCHED.			MAIL SERVICES.			EXPENDITURE.			TOTALS.	
		Letters.	Newspapers.	Weight of Newspapers in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of times weekly.	Cost of Conveyance.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.
<i>Trunk Lines.</i> —								£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
I. Auckland to Mangaturoto (Northern)	12	19,494	19,642	362	80	Horse ...	1	419 0 0	76 0 0	1 10 0	496 10 0	138 7 4
II. " " Pokeno (Southern)	8	76,007	97,189	18,223	35	Coach ...	6	400 0 0	137 0 0	2 7 0	539 7 0	652 14 8
III. Drury to Raglan	4	32,355	23,632	4,431	65	Horse and foot	2	317 16 0	90 0 0	1 6 0	409 2 0	273 13 4
<i>Main Branches.</i> —												
I. Auckland to Onehunga	2	47,838	37,789	7,085	6½	Coach ...	12	144 0 0	95 0 0	1 2 6	240 2 6	339 3 0
II. " " Howick	3	17,764	26,355	4,942	15	Horse ...	6	59 0 0	29 0 0	0 12 6	88 12 6	106 12 8
III. " " Mangawhare	9	11,990	11,317	2,122	105	Cart and boat	1	247 0 0	47 0 0	1 13 0	295 13 0	86 11 0
<i>Branches.</i> —												
I. Papakura to Waihoa	1	3,816	6,070	1,138	9	Horse ...	3	37 0 0	12 0 0	0 6 6	49 6 6	24 8 4
II. Pokeno to the Bluff	...	...	...	...	4	Cart and boat	2	78 0 0	...	...	78 0 0	...
III. " " Te Awamutu (1)	6	62,315	42,186	7,910	80	Steamer	2	...	86 10 0	1 4 3	87 14 3	644 14 8
IV. Newcastle to Cambridge (1)	2	21,642	20,958	3,930	25	" "	2	...	40 0 0	1 1 3	41 1 3	167 19 8
V. Whau Bridge to Muddy Creek	1	302	666	125	7	Horse ...	1	20 0 0	5 0 0	...	25 0 0	0 17 4
VI. Helensville to Matakohu	3	5,725	4,892	919	70	Boat ...	1	70 0 0	20 0 0	0 6 4	90 6 4	40 9 4
VII. Auckland to Wangarei (2)	1	12,407	13,712	2,571	96	Vessel ...	...	31 0 0	...	2 9 10	73 9 10	90 1 4
VIII. " " Wangarei Heads (2)	1	3,668	3,490	654	80	" "	...	31 6 0	5 0 0	...	36 6 0	30 8 0
IX. Wangarei Heads to Waipu	1	1,857	4,146	777	12	Foot ...	...	22 0 0	...	...	22 0 0	10 8 4
X. " " Paroa Bay	...	...	...	...	5	" "	...	60 0 0	...	...	60 0 0	...
XI. Auckland to Russell (2)	1	19,469	19,820	3,716	140	Vessel ...	...	64 4 0	25 0 0	2 5 0	87 5 0	138 18 8
XII. Russell to Hokitanga	2	1,500	550	103	51	Horse and boat	1	90 0 0	20 0 0	0 8 4	84 12 4	11 13 4
XIII. " " Ahipara	4	1,432	505	95	77	" "	Fortnightly	15 0 0	25 0 0	0 10 2	115 10 2	12 5 0
XIV. Auckland to Mongonui (2)	1	6,841	7,199	1,350	185	Vessel ...	...	20 0 0	20 0 0	0 6 6	35 6 6	50 4 8
XV. " " Coromandel (2)	2	8,184	6,799	1,275	47	" "	...	20 0 0	20 0 0	0 5 3	40 5 3	59 15 0
XVI. " " Port Fitzroy (2)	1	1,021	1,526	286	71	" "	...	2 10 0	...	0 4 2	2 14 2	8 3 4
XVII. " " Mercury Bay (2)	1	829	265	50	121	" "	...	2 10 0	...	1 17 2	4 7 2	4 4 4
XVIII. " " Tauranga (2)	2	31,847	25,473	4,776	195	" "	...	40 0 0	58 5 0	0 4 2	98 9 2	239 9 8
XIX. " " Opoiki (2)	1	1,490	742	139	240	" "	...	5 0 0	12 0 0	0 5 0	17 5 0	13 16 0
XX. " " Poverty Bay (2)	1	1,809	2,528	474	375	" "	...	3 0 0	5 0 0	0 2 6	8 2 6	12 3 0
XXI. " " Kawaau (2)	1	767	440	83	36	" "	...	2 0 0	...	...	2 0 0	5 18 0
XXII. Limestone Island to Mangakaramea	2	3,508	3,469	650	15	Boat ...	2	42 0 0	15 0 0	0 13 2	57 13 2	29 17 8
<i>Suburban Branches.</i> —												
I. Auckland and Newton	1	19,096	8,555	1,604	1½	Foot ...	12	15 13 0	15 0 0	1 2 3	31 15 3	138 7 4
II. " " North Shore	1	4,425	3,312	621	3	Boat ...	6	25 0 0	10 0 0	0 6 8	35 6 8	24 19 0
<i>Special Services.</i> —												
I. Auckland to Onehunga (3)	...	...	...	...	7	Coach ...	...	200 0 0	...	...	200 0 0	...
II. " " Matakana (4)	...	...	...	...	41	Vessel ...	...	10 0 0	...	...	10 0 0	...
Country Mail Services—Totals	75	419,428	393,227	70,411	2309	...	...	2,472 19 0	907 15 0	22 9 6	3,403 3 6	3,356 2 0
Chief Post Office, Auckland	1	460,130	495,858	92,973	...	...	...	...	3,325 7 0	149 7 0	3,474 14 0	6,036 16 5
Total for the Province	76	879,558	889,085	163,384	2309	...	...	2,472 19 0	4,233 2 0	171 16 6	6,877 17 6	9,392 18 5

(1) Conveyed in Government Steamers from the Bluff to Alexandra and Cambridge respectively.

(2) Despatched and received as opportunities offer.

(3) For conveying Sea-borne Mails between Auckland and the Manakau.

(4) For conveying Newspapers only.

(Appendix.)

Table No. 24.
TABLE of REVENUE and EXPENDITURE of the POSTAL DEPARTMENT in the Province of TARANAKI, in 1866.

PROVINCE OF TARANAKI.	TOTALS RECEIVED AND DESPATCHED.			MAIL CONTRACTS.		EXPENDITURE.			TOTAL EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE.	
	No. of OFFICES.	Letters.	Newspapers.	Weight of Newspapers in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	No. of Voyages Weekly.	Cost of Conveyance.	Salaries.	Contingencies.
<i>Trunk Lines.</i> —										
I. New Plymouth to Clifton	3	3,250	2,354	447	37	Horse	1	£ 52 0 0	£ 27 7 6	£ 79 7 6
II. New Plymouth to Okato	3	1,343	884	166	27	"	1	£ 52 0 0	£ 19 17 6	£ 71 17 6
Country Mail Services—Totals	6	4,593	3,238	613	64	"	...	£ 104 0 0	£ 47 5 0	£ 151 5 0
Chief Post Office, Duneedin	1	81,397	78,096	14,278	...	"	...	£ 407 10 0	£ 592 6 10	£ 759 17 7
Totals for the Province	7	85,990	81,364	14,891	64	"	...	£ 104 0 0	£ 454 15 0	£ 743 11 10

Table No. 25.
TABLE showing REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, &c., of the POSTAL DEPARTMENT in the Province of HAWKE'S BAY in 1866.

PROVINCE OF HAWKE'S BAY.	TOTAL RECEIVED AND DESPATCHED.			MAIL CONTRACTS.		EXPENDITURE.			TOTALS.	
	No. of OFFICES.	Letters.	Newspapers.	Weight of Newspapers in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of Voyages Weekly.	Cost of Conveyance.	Salaries.	Contingencies.
<i>Trunk Lines.</i> —										
I. Napier to Wairoa (Northern)	3	11,376	8,794	1,099	56	Pack Horse	1	£ 120 0 0	£ 18 0 0	£ 138 2 6
Wairoa to Turanga	2	3,432	3,102	886	54	"	1	£ 60 0 0	£ 6 0 0	£ 66 1 0
II. Napier to Waipawa (Southern)	5	15,916	7,728	988	43	Cart	1	£ 150 0 0	£ 28 0 0	£ 178 3 6
Waipawa to Porangahau	3	10,060	7,721	965	31	Pack Horse	1	£ 66 0 0	£ 26 0 0	£ 92 2 0
Porangahau to Wairau	1	242	198	25	15	"	1	£ 40 0 0	£ 6 0 0	£ 46 0 6
<i>Branches.</i> —										
I. Napier to Peha Peha	4	6,196	8,011	1,002	22	"	1	£ 42 0 0	£ 18 0 0	£ 60 4 0
II. Chive to Pourerere	1	2,444	2,026	256	35	"	1	£ 60 0 0	£ 6 0 0	£ 66 1 0
III. Te Aute to Patangata	1	3,208	1,708	213	5	"	1	£ 24 0 0	£ 0 0 0	£ 30 0 6
IV. Waipukurau to Gwaryas	3	3,732	2,806	351	50	"	1	£ 49 10 0	£ 12 0 0	£ 61 11 6
V. Havelock to Kereu	2	2,618	1,989	249	36	"	1	£ 48 0 0	£ 12 0 0	£ 60 1 0
Town Branch Office	1	34,883	27,237	3,405	1	Cart	14	£ 21 2 6	£ 25 0 0	£ 46 8 6
Country Mail Services—Totals	26	94,107	71,320	8,917	348	"	...	£ 680 12 6	£ 157 0 0	£ 838 16 0
Chief Post Office, Napier	1	82,626	93,547	11,694	...	"	...	£ 483 15 0	£ 483 15 0	£ 565 9 7
Total for the Province	27	176,733	164,867	20,611	348	"	...	£ 680 12 6	£ 640 15 0	£ 1,404 5 7

(Appendix.)

Table No. 26.
TABLE showing REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, &c., of the POSTAL DEPARTMENT, in the Province of WELLINGTON, in 1866.

PROVINCE OF WELLINGTON.	No. OF OFFICES.	TOTAL RECEIVED AND DESPATCHED.			MAIL CONTRACTS.				EXPENDITURE.				TOTALS.	
		Letters.	Newspapers.	Weight of Newspapers in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of times weekly.	Cost of Conveyance.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.		
I. North-western.—Wellington to Wanganui ...	11	113,512	111,086	20,828	120	Coach ...	2	£ s. d. 1,387 0 0	£ s. d. 430 0 0	£ s. d. 150 14 3	£ s. d. 1,967 14 3	£ s. d. 1,172 0 1		
II. North-eastern.—Wellington to Castle Point ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " Upper Hutt ...	3	24,680	15,139	2,838	19	Coach ...	6	61 5 0	70 0 0	6 0 0	137 5 0	96 5 0		
" " Masterton ...	4	38,844	19,148	3,596	64	" ...	2	217 10 0	90 0 0	8 0 0	315 10 0	213 0 0		
" " Masterton to Castle Point ...	2	4,219	4,219	791	34	Horse ...	2	140 0 0	21 0 0	4 0 0	165 0 0	21 0 0		
Suburban Line,—														
Wellington to Karori ...	1	1,094	497	93	4	Cart ...	2	12 0 0	10 0 0	2 0 0	24 0 0	2 0 0		
COUNTRY MAIL SERVICES.—Totals ...	21	182,349	150,089	28,146	241	...	...	1,817 15 0	621 0 0	170 14 3	2,609 9 3	1,504 5 1		
Chief Post Office, Wellington—Official Postage	1	342,202	347,106	65,082	...	...	...	...	1,502 10 0	406 13 8	1,909 3 8	4,948 15 7		
Total for the Province ...	22	524,551	497,195	93,228	241	...	...	1,817 15 0	2,123 10 0	577 7 11	4,518 12 11	6,453 0 8		

Table No. 27.
TABLE showing REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, &c., of the POSTAL DEPARTMENT in the PROVINCE of NELSON, in 1866.

PROVINCE OF NELSON.	No. of OFFICES.	TOTAL RECEIVED AND DESPATCHED.			MAIL CONTRACTS.			EXPENDITURE.				TOTALS.	
		Letters.	Newspapers.	Weight of Newspapers in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of times Weekly.	Cost of Conveyance.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.	
<i>Trunk Lines.</i> —													
I. Nelson to Riwaka (North-western)	5	16,957	18,445	2,017	36	Coach ...	2	£ 160 0 0	£ 71 0 0	£ 11 8 0	£ 224 8 0	£ 163 5 0	£ s. d.
II. " Wakefield (Southern)	5	20,912	17,615	1,928	18	" ...	6	90 0 0	55 0 0	5 16 10	150 16 10	204 8 10	204 8 10
Wakefield to Fox Hill	1	745	1,068	117	6	" ...	...	10 0 0	...	0 9 2	10 9 2	7 17 5	7 17 5
Fox Hill to Tadmor	1	700	1,279	141	20	Horse ...	1	24 0 0	24 0 0	0 8 7	48 8 7	6 18 6	6 18 6
<i>Branches.</i> —													
I. Nelson to Waimea West	1	3,157	6,641	727	13	Van ...	2	50 0 0	12 0 0	1 2 0	63 2 0	30 4 9	30 4 9
II. Waimea West to "Horse and Jockey"	...	...	...	...	3	" ...	...	20 0 0	...	...	20 0 0	...	...
III. Nelson to Wakapuaka	1	1,586	2,771	303	12	Cart ...	2	28 0 0	6 0 0	0 6 4	34 6 4	14 3 10	14 3 10
IV. " Amuri ...	1	387	1,033	113	...	Vessel and horse	1	...	12 0 0	0 1 4	12 1 4	3 6 6	3 6 6
<i>Sea-borne Mails.</i> —													
I. Nelson to Motupipi	1	1,221	1,916	210	...	Vessel ...	...	4 16 2	17 0 0	1 17 2	23 13 4	11 1 7	11 1 7
II. " Takaka	1	1,375	5,589	611	...	" ...	...	3 5 10	12 0 0	6 3 0	21 8 10	12 2 0	12 2 0
III. " Collingwood	2	3,356	7,008	767	...	" ...	...	8 12 6	30 0 0	9 18 10	48 11 4	30 4 2	30 4 2
IV. " Westport	1	3,415	1,963	215	...	" ...	...	6 8 7	12 0 0	1 16 8	20 5 3	33 11 8	33 11 8
V. " Cobden	1	2,535	646	65	...	" ...	...	2 11 3	30 0 0	1 19 4	34 10 7	23 0 0	23 0 0
VI. Cobden to Twelve-mile	1	...	...	...	12	On foot	2	55 0 0	10 0 0	...	65 0 0	...	...
Country Mail Services	22	56,346	65,977	7,214	120	...	...	462 14 4	291 0 0	41 7 3	795 1 7	540 4 3	540 4 3
Chief Post Office, Nelson	1	140,841	218,947	23,948	...	...	...	...	1,082 10 0	78 10 7	1,161 0 7	1,365 12 9	1,365 12 9
Totals	23	197,187	284,924	31,162	120	...	...	462 14 4	1,373 10 0	119 17 10	1,956 2 2	1,905 17 0	1,905 17 0

Table No. 28.
TABLE showing REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, &c., of the POSTAL DEPARTMENT in the PROVINCE of MARLBOROUGH, in 1866.

PROVINCE OF MARLBOROUGH.													
No. of OFFICES.	TOTAL RECEIVED AND DESPATCHED.			MAIL CONTRACTS.				EXPENDITURE.				TOTALS.	
	Letters.	Newspapers.	Weight of Newspapers in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	No. of times Weekly.	Cost of Conveyance.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.		
<i>Trunk Lines.</i> —													
I. Blenheim to Pictou	2	26,634	29,410	4,595	20	Coach ...	6	235 0 0	£ 293 15 0	£ 41 12 1	£ 570 7 1	£ 325 5 10	
II. " Awatere	1	1,403	2,172	352	15	Horse ...	1	336 0 0	30 3 4	2 9 9	368 13 1	14 4 11	
III. " Hawkswood	4	2,684	2,784	435	120	" ...	1	95 0 0	40 0 0	0 15 0	135 15 0	16 10 0	
IV. " Wairau Valley	2	1,743	2,444	382	25	" ...	1	75 0 0	6 0 0	0 6 0	81 6 0	6 0 0	
V. " Benopai	1	846	417	65	35	" ...	1	246 9 0	81 9 4	5 15 0	333 8 4	37 19 0	
<i>Branches.</i> —													
I. Pictou to Havelock	3	6,787	6,352	992	25	Boat ...	3	30 0 0	15 0 0	0 7 6	45 7 6	7 16 2	
II. Havelock to Deek Creek	2	1,196	1,177	183	20	Horse ...	1	1,017 9 0	466 7 8	51 5 4	1,534 17 0	407 15 11	
III. Wairau Valley to Birch Hill	1	360	521	81	18	" ...	1	...	225 0 0	23 4 8	248 9 8	335 14 7	
Country Mail Services—Totals	16	41,653	45,277	7,085	278	...	...	1,017 9 0	691 7 8	74 10 0	1,783 6 8	743 10 6
Chief Post Office, Blenheim	1	79,894	98,477	15,387	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	17	121,547	143,754	22,472	278	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

(Appendix.)

Table No. 29.
TABLE showing the REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, &c., of the POSTAL DEPARTMENT in the PROVINCE of CANTERBURY, in 1866.

PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY.	No. of OFFICES.	TOTAL RECEIVED AND DESPATCHED.			MAIL CONTRACTS.			EXPENDITURE.			REVENUE.			
		Letters.	Newspapers.	Weight of Newspapers in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of times Weekly.	Cost of Conveyance.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.		
<i>Trunk Lines.</i> —														
I. Northern—														
Christchurch to Kowai	5	88,265	58,303	9,100	27	Coach	6	900 0 0	230 10 8	57 10 0	1,188 0 8	690 7 6		
Kowai to Kurunui	2	8,963	13,441	2,040	24	"	2	...	13 5 0	...	13 5 0	68 10 0		
Kurunui to Hawkswood	2	7,087	134	23	50	Cart	1	200 0 0	...	...	200 0 0	65 15 0		
II. Southern—														
Christchurch to Waitaki	13	112,678	95,182	10,945	161	Coach	3	3,500 0 0	304 11 8	61 2 6	3,865 14 2	1,001 5 0		
III. Western—														
Christchurch to Hokitika and Grey	10	325,318	217,358	38,735	150	"	2	3,700 0 0	1,329 0 10	28 12 10	5,057 13 8	3,291 10 9		
I. Main Branch—														
Christchurch to Lyttelton, including Letters posted at both towns for delivery therein	4	190,732	46,134	15,200	8	"	12	1,153 17 6	528 11 2	115 1 7	1,797 10 3	909 7 0		
<i>Branches.</i> —														
I. Christchurch to St. Alban's	1	2,156	960	143	2	Foot	2	18 0 0	10 0 0	...	28 0 0	18 10 6		
II. Christchurch to Addington	1	2,871	688	107	2	"	3	20 0 0	10 0 0	...	30 0 0	23 5 0		
III. Selwyn to Snowdon	3	7,549	7,128	1,113	60	Horse	6	86 13 4	17 10 0	...	104 3 4	66 1 0		
IV. Kaiapoi to Rangiora	1	35,514	36,820	5,753	8	Cart	3	24 14 0	40 0 0	...	64 14 0	312 8 6		
V. Rangiora to Oxford	2	11,277	9,288	1,451	20	"	3	31 4 0	15 0 0	...	46 4 0	101 0 0		
VI. Templeton to Prebbleton	1	2,268	920	140	4	Horse	1	20 0 0	5 0 0	...	25 0 0	20 2 4		
VII. Weeden to Leeston	1	7,967	5,334	834	6	"	2	35 0 0	10 0 0	...	45 0 0	67 4 0		
VIII. Ashburton to Mount Somers	1	5,417	4,306	673	40	"	1	133 6 8	...	...	133 6 8	50 1 0		
IX. Timaru to Lake Tekapo	1	802	594	93	50	"	1	188 0 0	5 0 0	...	193 0 0	9 10 6		
X. Lyttelton to Akaroa	4	25,998	24,019	3,752	30	Boat and horse	3	350 0 0	72 0 0	8 0 0	430 0 0	200 6 0		
XI. Pigeon to O'Kain's Bay	2	3,661	2,745	429	10	Horse	1	66 13 4	10 0 0	...	76 13 4	29 3 0		
XII. Lyttelton to Port Levy	1	1,075	1,369	207	9	Boat and horse	1	50 0 0	...	...	50 0 0	10 2 8		
XIII. Lyttelton to Governor's Bay	1	1,925	3,859	603	10	Horse	1	33 6 8	10 0 0	...	43 6 8	11 0 0		
XIV. Hokitika to Kanieri	1	15,542	4,367	680	3½	Foot	3	138 0 0	20 0 0	...	158 0 0	150 8 0		
XV. Hokitika to Waimea	2	16,642	3,164	5,000	17	Horse	2	240 0 0	22 0 0	...	262 0 0	160 10 0		
XVI. Hokitika to Ross	1	29,901	6,589	1,013	17½	"	2	144 0 0	10 0 0	...	154 0 0	220 6 0		
XVII. Hokitika to Holo	1	1,467	292	47	5½	Foot	2	...	10 0 0	...	10 0 0	9 1 0		
XVIII. Hokitika to Okarita	1	25,893	8,921	1,393	58	Horse	1	780 0 0	20 0 0	...	800 0 0	200 3 0		
XIX. Hokitika to Greymouth	3	114,236	51,270	16,159	25	Coach	2	336 0 0	699 19 2	55 11 3	1,091 10 5	1,267 4 6		
Boating Service at Lyttelton						Boat	...	96 0 0	...	...	96 0 0	...		
Country Mail Services—Totals	65	1,045,204	603,185	111,133	798		...	12,244 15 6	3,392 8 6	325 18 2	15,963 2 2	8,953 2 3		
Chief Post Office, Christchurch	1	361,368	506,173	75,150	...		...	...	2,187 2 8	970 18 3	3,158 0 11	4,828 1 1		
Totals for the Province	66	1,406,572	1,109,358	186,283	798		...	12,244 15 6	5,579 11 2	1,296 16 5	19,121 3 1	13,781 3 4		

Table No. 30.
TABLE showing REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, &c., of the POSTAL DEPARTMENT in the Province of OTAGO, in 1866.

PROVINCE OF OTAGO.	NUMBER OF OFFICERS.	TOTAL RECEIVED AND DESPATCHED.			MAIL CONTRACTS.			EXPENDITURE.			TOTALS.	
		Letters.	Newspapers.	Weight of Newspapers in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	No. of times weekly.	Cost of Conveyance.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.
								£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<i>Trunk Lines.</i> —	8	151,732	74,430	12,405	92	Coach	3	1,480 0 0	415 13 1	11 7 6	1,907 0 7	1,474 10 2
I. Northern, Dunedin and Waitaki	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
II. South-Western, Dunedin and Mataura—	8	88,145	72,223	12,037	38	"	12	623 0 0	305 0 0	1 14 0	929 14 0	807 19 5
In three Contracts—Dunedin and Tokomairiro	2	20,463	10,320	1,720	18	"	6	298 0 0	60 0 0	...	358 0 0	198 17 0
Tokomairiro and Balclutha	2	9,777	8,073	1,345	56	"	2	400 0 0	20 0 0	...	420 0 0	95 0 4
Balclutha and Mataura...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Main Branches.</i> —	3	5,328	1,617	269	110	Horse	1	450 0 0	30 0 0	...	480 0 0	51 15 5
I. Waitaki, Oamaru to Morven Hills	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
II. Waikouaiti to Queenstown,—	6	64,222	50,237	8,373	120	Coach	2	1,725 0 0	295 0 0	21 16 0	2,041 16 0	624 1 8
In two Contracts—Palmerston to Clyde	5	42,499	30,588	5,098	73	Horse	2	400 0 0	155 16 8	2 0 0	557 16 8	412 19 9
Clyde to Queenstown	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
III. Clutha Valley, Tokomairiro to Lawrence	3	49,872	31,608	5,268	34	Coach	6	650 0 0	255 0 0	8 6 0	913 6 0	484 12 8
In two Contracts—Tokomairiro to Lawrence	5	25,758	15,851	2,642	74	Horse	1	497 10 0	82 0 0	...	579 10 0	250 6 2
Laurence to Clyde	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Branches.</i> —	3	19,033	16,932	2,822	10	"	6	212 10 0	53 13 7	...	266 3 7	184 19 2
I. East Taieri to West Taieri	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
II. West Taieri to Waipari	1	12,397	8,086	1,349	18	"	2	175 0 0	10 0 0	...	185 0 0	120 9 4
III. West Taieri to Lake Waipari	1	1,655	1,952	325	11	"	1	75 0 0	10 0 0	...	85 0 0	16 1 7
IV. North Taieri to Hindon	1	1,655	1,945	324	20	"	1	45 10 0	10 0 0	...	55 10 0	16 3 7
V. Dunedin to Port Chalmers	1	23,401	12,540	2,090	9	Steamer	12	630 0 0	200 0 0	21 15 6	851 15 6	227 8 0
VI. Dunedin to Anderson's Bay	1	1,239	1,966	328	3	Cart	6	6 5 0	2 1 8	...	8 6 8	12 0 9
VII. Waitohia to Taieri Beach	1	1,392	1,048	175	9	Horse	2	30 0 0	10 0 0	...	40 0 0	13 10 6
VIII. Balclutha to Kaitangata	1	6,777	5,668	945	10	"	2	55 0 0	20 0 0	...	75 0 0	65 17 2
IX. Balclutha to Port Molyneux	3	12,689	12,088	2,015	19	"	2	98 0 0	30 0 0	...	128 0 0	123 6 2
X. Popotunoa to Pomahaka	1	5,529	3,886	648	30	"	2	100 0 0	10 0 0	...	110 0 0	53 14 6
XI. Longford to Switzers	1	2,684	2,939	490	52	"	1	110 0 0	10 0 0	...	120 0 0	26 1 7
XII. Laurence to Weatherstone	1	6,418	3,235	539	4	"	3	19 0 0	20 0 0	...	39 0 0	62 7 4
XIII. Waihemo to Macraes	1	10,273	8,599	600	13	"	2	150 0 0	10 0 0	...	160 0 0	99 16 6
XIV. Kyebrun to Linburn	3	18,740	9,677	1,613	35	"	2	450 0 0	50 0 0	...	500 0 0	182 2 2
XV. Kyebrun to Mount Ida	1	14,344	4,440	740	10	"	2	370 0 0	20 0 0	...	390 0 0	139 7 9
XVI. Blackstone Hill to St. Bathans	1	9,886	3,741	623	8	"	2	156 0 0	20 0 0	...	176 0 0	96 1 4
XVII. Clyde to Nevis	1	2,420	1,547	258	22	"	1	130 0 0	10 0 0	...	140 0 0	23 10 3
XVIII. Cronwell to Cardrona	2	4,008	2,369	395	45	"	2	240 0 0	20 0 0	...	260 0 0	38 18 11
XIX. Arrow to Twelve-mile Creek	1	...	...	...	...	"	1	...	10 0 0	...	10 0 0	...
XX. Queenstown to Maori Point	2	2,158	2,115	352	30	"	1	89 0 0	15 0 0	...	104 0 0	20 19 4
XXI. Queenstown to Moke Creek	1	526	534	89	11	"	1	46 12 7	15 0 0	...	61 12 7	5 2 4
XXII. Queenstown to Kingstown	1	322	487	81	30	Steamer	1	180 0 0	10 0 0	...	190 0 0	3 2 6
XXIII. Athol to Nokomai	1	3,028	1,700	283	10	Horse	1	60 0 0	10 0 0	...	70 0 0	29 8 5
Timaru (Canterbury)	...	6,952	2,609	435	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	67 11 2
Mataura (Southland)	...	5,749	3,740	623	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55 17 3
Country Mail Services—Totals	74	626,081	403,800	67,299	1,024	...	...	9,951 7 7	2,194 5 0	66 19 0	12,212 11 7	6,084 0 3
Chief Post Office	1	556,133	628,361	104,727	...	...	...	...	3,892 18 0	7,525 19 5	11,418 17 5*	5,530 3 7
Total for the Province	75	1,181,214	1,032,161	172,026	1,024	...	...	9,951 7 7	6,087 3 0	7,592 18 5	23,631 9 0	11,614 3 10

* Including £6980 18s. 2d. on account of new Post Office at Dunedin.

Table No. 31.
TABLE showing REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, &c., in the POSTAL DEPARTMENT of the Province of Southland, in 1866.

PROVINCE OF SOUTHLAND.	No. of OFFICES.	TOTAL RECEIVED AND DESPATCHED.				MAIL CONTRACTS.			EXPENDITURE.			TOTALS.	
		Letters.	Newspapers.	Weight of Newspapers in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of times weekly.	Cost of Conveyance.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.	
<i>Trunk Lines,—</i>													
I. Invercargill to Mataura ...	2	10,935	8,863	1,661	32	Horse ...	Twice	£ s. d. 287 0 0	£ s. d. 35 0 0	£ s. d. 1 3 3	£ s. d. 323 3 3	£ s. d. 106 6 3	
II. Invercargill to Campbelltown ...	2	6,746	3,651	684	18	Coach ...	"	542 15 0	131 18 10	66 7 0	741 0 10	65 11 8	
<i>Main Branches,—</i>													
I. Invercargill to Kingston ...	6	14,981	12,487	2,341	91	Coach ...	Once	395 0 0	40 0 0	1 13 0	436 13 0	145 12 11	
II. Invercargill to Riverton ...	1	17,518	11,779	2,208	22	"	Twice	125 0 0	29 5 6	1 15 0	156 0 6	170 6 3	
<i>Branches,—</i>													
I. Mataura to Gore ...	1	1,624	2,117	396	8	Horse ...	Once	...	10 0 0	0 2 0	10 2 0	15 15 9	
II. Wallacetown to Waianiwa ...	1	1,138	1,575	295	6	"	"	40 0 0	10 0 0	...	50 0 0	11 1 3	
III. Riverton to Mararoa ...	3	4,660	5,716	1,071	77	"	Fortnightly	100 0 0	20 0 0	0 2 0	120 2 0	45 6 1	
IV. Riverton to Gummy's Bush ...	1	455	678	127	8	"	Twice	20 0 0	6 3 0	...	26 3 0	4 8 5	
<i>Otago Branches served from Southland,—</i>													
I. Mataura to Switzer's ...	...	1,122	993	186	38	Horse ...	Once	...	...	...	...	...
II. Athol to Nokonai ...	...	2,428	1,511	287	10	"	"	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Country Mail Services—Total</i>													
Chief Post Office, Invercargill	17	61,607	49,370	9,256	310	...	...	1,509 15 0	282 7 4	71 2 3	1,863 4 7	564 8 7
	1	100,761	120,961	22,681	...	...	...	...	934 4 0	93 7 2	1,027 11 2	1,255 2 6
	18	162,368	170,331	31,937	310	1,509 15 0	1,216 11 4	164 9 5	2,890 15 9	1,819 11 1	

NEW ZEALAND POSTAL SERVICE.

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(Appendix.)

Table No. 32.
TABLE showing REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, &c., of the POSTAL DEPARTMENT in the different PROVINCES of NEW ZEALAND, in 1866.

NAMES OF PROVINCES.	No. of OFFICES.	TOTAL RECEIVED AND DESPATCHED.				EXPENDITURE.			TOTALS.	
		Letters.	Newspapers.	Weight of Newspapers in lbs.	Country Services.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.	
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
AUCKLAND	76	879,558	889,085	163,384	2,472 19 0	4,233 2 0	171 16 6	6,877 17 6	9,392 18 5	
TARANAKI	7	85,990	81,364	14,891	104 0 0	454 15 0	184 16 10	743 11 10	783 18 8	
HAWKE'S BAY	27	176,733	164,867	20,611	630 12 6	640 15 0	82 18 1	1,404 5 7	1,329 15 8	
WELLINGTON	22	524,551	497,195	93,228	1,817 15 0	2,123 10 0	577 7 11	4,518 12 11	6,453 0 8	
TOTALS FOR NORTH ISLAND	132	1,666,832	1,632,511	292,114	5,075 6 6	7,452 2 0	1,016 19 4	13,544 7 10	17,959 13 5	
NELSON	23	220,111	284,924	31,162	462 14 4	1,373 10 0	119 17 10	1,956 2 2	1,905 17 0	
MARLBOROUGH	18	121,547	143,754	22,472	1,017 9 0	691 7 8	74 10 0	1,783 6 8	743 10 6	
CANTERBURY	66	1,406,572	1,109,358	186,283	12,244 15 6	5,579 11 2	1,296 16 5	19,121 3 1	13,781 3 4	
OTAGO	75	1,181,214	1,032,161	172,026	9,951 7 7	6,087 3 0	7,592 18 5	23,631 9 0	11,614 3 10	
SOUTHLAND	17	162,368	170,331	31,937	1,509 15 0	1,216 11 4	164 9 5	2,890 15 9	1,819 11 1	
CHATHAM ISLANDS	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12 11 4	
TOTALS FOR MIDDLE ISLAND	200	3,091,812	2,740,528	443,880	25,186 1 5	14,948 3 2	9,248 12 1	49,382 16 8	29,876 17 1	
COMMISSION ON MONEY ORDERS ISSUED ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,761 14 3	
TOTALS FOR THE COLONY	382	4,758,644	4,373,039	735,994	30,261 7 11	22,400 5 2	10,265 11 5	62,927 4 6	49,598 4 9	

