

TENTH REPORT

ON

THE POSTAL SERVICE OF NEW ZEALAND,

BY THE

POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

PRESENTED TO BOTH HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BY COMMAND OF
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SIR,—General Post Office, Wellington, 12th July, 1869.
I have the honor to submit to your Excellency the Tenth Report on the Postal Service of New Zealand, being the Report for the year 1868.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL,
Postmaster-General.

To His Excellency Sir George Ferguson Bowen, K.C.M.G.,
Governor of New Zealand.

REPORT.

No very important changes have taken place in the Postal Service of the Colony during the last year, beyond those necessary to be made in order to provide for the increasing requirements of the Colony, and some reductions in the Staffs of a few of the Post Offices. I am happy to be able to state that, notwithstanding the continued depression of the Colony, the amount of business both in the Post Offices, the Savings Banks, and the Money Order Departments, shows that this depression has not materially affected these branches of the public service. The Postal Revenue has remained very nearly the same as last year, while the expenditure, after deducting the payment of balance due for the New Post Office at Dunedin, shows a considerable decrease; this decrease has arisen from reductions in the working staff, and from some of the inland mail contracts being performed at cheaper rates.

DEPARTMENTAL.

The new Post Office lately erected at Dunedin having been found to exceed the requirements of the Department, an arrangement was effected with the Provincial Government to have it transferred to them, in exchange for which they undertook to erect another building to accommodate the Postal, Telegraph, Registrar of Deeds, and Duty Stamps Departments, at a cost not to exceed £4,500, for which a design was accepted and tenders called for its erection. Since then, however, the Provincial Government have proposed, instead of carrying out this design, to provide accommodation for these Departments in the Provincial Government Buildings.

The Chief Post Office at Napier has been removed from the Spit to a central position in the town itself, an office at the Spit being still continued in the same building as formerly, under the name of Port Ahuriri.

In consequence of the rapid development of the Thames Gold Fields, it has been necessary to establish a second-class Post Office at Shortland, as well as several sub-offices in the district; and as the present Post Office at Shortland was found to be inconveniently situated, steps have been taken to have it removed to a more central position.

A new Post and Telegraph Office is now being erected at Timaru, the building which these Departments formerly occupied having been burned down.

An addition has also been made to the Office at Oamaru, which will now accommodate the Post, Telegraph, and Customs Departments.

To facilitate public business, it has been found desirable at Telegraph Stations to appoint the Telegraphist to be Postmaster as well, and this has been done in all cases where practicable. The total amount of business transacted at all the Post Offices in the Colony, is shown by the following statements :—

The number of letters despatched have been 2,603,077 in 1868, against 2,402,909 in 1867.

The number of letters received have been 2,374,122 in 1868, against 2,408,331 in 1867.

The number of newspapers despatched have been 1,376,316 in 1868, against 1,390,368 in 1867.

The number of newspapers received have been 1,907,369 in 1868, against 1,670,520 in 1867.

From the 1st January to 31st December, 1868, twenty-seven new Post Offices have been opened, and three offices have been closed. The total number of offices and officers on the Postal Staff on 31st May, 1869, is shown by the annexed table :—

NUMBER OF POST OFFICES and POSTAL OFFICERS at the date of the Postmaster-General's Reports in the years 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, and 1869.

OFFICERS.	CHIEF POST OFFICES.						POST OFFICES.						SUB-POST OFFICES.					
	1864	1865	1866	1867	1868	1869	1864	1865	1866	1867	1868	1869	1864	1865	1866	1867	1868	1869
Postmasters ...	9	9	9	9	9	9	10	12	16	17	18	20	257	274	299	306	358	382
Clerks, &c. ...	78	77	76	68	60	57	7	7	10	12	13	9
Totals ...	87	86	85	77	69	66	17	19	26	29	31	29	257	274	299	306	358	382

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Notwithstanding that twenty-seven new Post Offices have been added to the number which were open last year, by departmental arrangements the Staff of Clerks required to carry on the duties has been decreased by five.

The Inland Mail Services have been generally punctually performed at a reduced cost of nearly £5,000 from that of the previous year, although both the number of services and the mileage performed have been increased.

Apart from the ordinary inquiries for missing correspondence—and these have materially decreased—no serious complaints affecting the conduct of the Postal Officers have been received, proving that the Department generally is attaining a greater degree of efficiency, which is doubtless to be attributed to the more frequent inspection of the various Offices than formerly.

DEAD LETTERS.

During the year 1868, 33,072 letters, including 446 registered letters, were received at the Dead Letter Office. Of these, 30,269, including 405 registered, were despatched from the Office by post, and 99 letters were delivered to personal applicants; 2,732 have been destroyed, as neither the writers nor the persons to whom they were addressed could be found. Of the above dead letters, 17,844, including 135 registered, originating in New Zealand, were opened in the Dead Letter Office and returned to the writers; and 12,365, including 270 registered, originating in places beyond the Colony, were returned unopened to the several Offices from whence they reached this Colony. The following Returns show the work performed in this branch of the Department:—

RETURN OF LETTERS RECEIVED at the DEAD LETTER OFFICE in the years 1866, 1867, and 1868, showing the manner in which they were disposed of.

	1866.		1867.		1868.	
	Ordinary Letters.	Registered.	Ordinary Letters.	Registered.	Ordinary Letters.	Registered.
Received at the Office	46,172	521	37,628	518	33,072	446
Opened in the Office	22,750	227	16,829	200	17,884	135
Despatched to places beyond the Colony ...	14,367	267	13,170	285	12,365	270
Despatched to places within the Colony ...	22,750	227	16,829	200	17,819	135
Delivered	100	...	79	...	90	...
Destroyed	9,000	...	7,550	...	2,732	...

RETURN OF PROPERTY found in DEAD LETTERS during the years 1866, 1867, and 1868.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.	1866.			1867.			1868.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bills of Exchange	5,642	4	4	4,214	6	2	3,640	18	0
Bank Notes	168	0	0	128	0	0	116	0	0
Money Orders	177	13	4	188	3	6	205	18	0
Coin	4	17	0	5	5	6	6	12	4
Postage Stamps	1	16	2	...	...	...	0	5	0
Cheques	190	6	11	69	19	0	150	0	0
Orders	56	9	7	35	1	0	30	0	0
Promissory Notes	1,516	13	4	52	0	2	121	8	10
Bank Receipts	55	17	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
Letters of Credit ... ..	...	...	...	3	0	0	...	...	...
Warrants	8	15	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rings, Lockets, Brooches, Chains, &c. ...	Five.	...	...	Ten.	...	...	Four.	...	...
Total	7,822	13	2	4,695	15	4	4,271	2	2

RETURN OF PROPERTY found in DEAD LETTERS and CLAIMED during the years 1866, 1867, and 1868.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.	1866.			1867.			1868.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bills of Exchange	1,460	7	10	2,541	13	10	546	16	9
Bank Notes	56	0	0	63	0	0	61	0	0
Money Orders	126	11	0	127	13	6	144	5	0
Coin	3	0	0	2	12	6	5	0	0
Promissory Notes, Acceptances, &c. ...	1,365	4	3	52	0	2	24	0	0
Bank Receipts	41	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Orders	6	5	7	30	0	0	5	0	0
Cheques	59	3	10	32	16	10	22	0	0
Postage Stamps	0	12	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Warrants	8	15	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rings, Lockets, &c.	Two.	One.
Totals	3,126	19	6	2,849	16	10	808	1	9

NEW ZEALAND POSTAL SERVICE.

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REGISTERED LETTERS.

This branch of the business of the Post Office shows, as will be seen by the following comparative Return, a slight decrease in the number of letters registered during the year as compared with the previous year. This may possibly be accounted for by the general commercial depression prevailing throughout the Colony.

RETURN of the NUMBER of LETTERS REGISTERED at the various Post Offices in the different Provinces in New Zealand during the years 1865, 1866, 1867, and 1868.

PROVINCES.	1865.			1866.			1867.			1868.		
	To Places		Totals.	To Places		Totals.	To Places		Totals.	To Places		Totals.
	Without the Colony.	Within the Colony.		Without the Co ony.	Within the Colony.		Without the Colony.	Within the Colony.		Without the Colony.	Within the Colony.	
Auckland ...	1,806	3,702	5,508	1,309	5,190	6,499	850	4,048	4,898	1,175	4,248	5,423
Taranaki ...	278	329	607	232	327	559	168	210	378	93	167	260
Hawke's Bay ...	122	297	419	165	363	528	157	444	601	127	532	659
Wellington ...	631	1,775	2,406	988	2,604	3,592	916	3,088	4,004	839	3,280	4,119
Nelson ...	419	1,035	1,454	572	841	1,413	811	1,191	2,002	1,430	1,029	2,459
Marlborough ...	225	1,076	1,301	170	565	735	124	435	559	117	446	563
Canterbury ...	2,608	3,936	6,544	6,217	6,302	12,519	5,467	5,565	11,032	1,286	2,307	3,593
Otago ...	3,772	5,016	8,788	2,960	5,711	8,671	2,810	4,761	7,571	2,734	3,279	6,013
Southland ...	479	479	958	329	483	812	422	832	1,254	303	704	1,007
Westland ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,602	1,445	4,047
Totals ...	10,340	17,645	27,985	12,942	22,386	35,328	11,725	20,574	32,299	10,706	17,437	28,143

MONEY ORDERS.

By Tables Nos. 1 and 2, appended, it will be seen that the number of Money Orders, both issued and paid during the year, have slightly increased, the greatest increase being on the number of Orders paid in the Colony.

The following is an analysis of the transactions in this branch of the service:—The amount of Orders issued in New Zealand on offices in the Colony during the year is £54,342, and of these the amount paid is £54,139. The amount of Orders issued on the United Kingdom is £40,581, and the amount paid in New Zealand of Orders issued in the United Kingdom is £6,502, showing that remittances to the amount of about £34,000 were required to be made to the Imperial Post Office to balance the account.

In like manner remittances were made to the several Australian Colonies to the amount of upwards of £16,000.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Considerable progress has also been made during the year in this branch of the Department. The interesting Tables appended, Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, show in great detail the various transactions at each Post Office Savings Bank throughout the Colony. The aggregate amount deposited has increased from the sum of £167,157 12s. 6d., on the 31st May, 1868, to £378,663 8s. 10d., on 30th April, 1869.

Arrangements have been effected during the year whereby the control of the money transactions, both in Money Order and Savings Bank business, have been transferred from the Treasury to the Postmaster-General's Department.

STEAM POSTAL SERVICES.

After a period of two years and a half, during which the Panama, New Zealand, and Australian Royal Mail Company performed with considerable regularity the important service between Panama and New Zealand, the Company, through adverse circumstances, was compelled to give notice in December last that the "Rakaia," which had then just left Wellington for Panama, would be the last boat despatched under their contract, and that the service would cease with the mails which would arrive from England in February last.

The stoppage of this important service is not in any way attributable to deficiency in the arrangements of the Company, but is entirely owing to the unremunerative nature of the service itself. So soon as it was definitely ascertained that the Company would really cease its operations, steps were taken to obtain tenders for an Intercolonial Service between New Zealand and Victoria, with the view of re-establishing the postal communication with Great Britain *via* Suez.

The Steam Mail Service between Great Britain and Australia *via* Suez is now, and has been for some time past, performed with great regularity. During the existence of the Panama Service, the contribution paid by New Zealand to the Suez line was very much decreased in consequence of the bulk of the correspondence having been sent and received *via* Panama; but as the whole of the correspondence is now forwarded by the Suez route, the annual contribution to this line will consequently be largely increased.

In September 1868, the contract for the conveyance of the Suez Mails between New Zealand and Victoria was terminated; but in consequence of the cessation of the Panama Service, a fresh contract was entered into in April last with McMeekan, Blackwood, and Co., of Melbourne, to convey mails by this route between Victoria and New Zealand once every four weeks. In the interval between September and April, the European mails *via* Suez were conveyed between Victoria and New Zealand by unsubsidized vessels.

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Since the cessation of the Panama Service, the Interprovincial Services have been of necessity altered to four-weekly, to correspond with the Suez route.

There are two Interprovincial Services between Auckland and the Bluff, and one short service between Wellington and Napier.

The following tables show the subsidies for Intercolonial and Interprovincial Services during the past seven years :—

RATES OF SUBSIDIES per Annum payable under Contracts for Intercolonial Mail Services,
at the date of the Postmaster-General's Reports, from 1863 to 1869.

				£	s.	d.
1863	...	...	...	26,000	0	0
1864	...	...	...	36,000	0	0
1865	...	...	...	35,116	13	4
1866	...	...	...	21,675	0	0
1867	...	...	...	11,700	0	0
1868	...	...	...	6,000	0	0
1869	...	...	...	7,800	0	0

RATES OF SUBSIDIES per annum payable under Contracts for Interprovincial Mail Services,
at the date of the Postmaster-General's Reports, from 1863 to 1869.

				£	s.	d.
1863	...	...	...	23,300	0	0
1864	...	...	...	27,328	0	0
1865	...	...	...	33,729	0	0
1866	...	...	...	29,669	13	4
1867	...	...	...	31,000	0	0
1868	...	...	...	8,400	0	0
1869	...	...	...	10,650	0	0

Table No. 1.
TABLE showing the NUMBER and AMOUNT of MONEY ORDERS ISSUED in the Colony of New Zealand during the Year 1868; also during 1867.

PROVINCES.	No. of OPEN.	ISSUED ON NEW ZEALAND.		ISSUED ON UNITED KINGDOM.		ISSUED ON VICTORIA.		ISSUED ON SOUTH AUSTRALIA		ISSUED ON N. S. WALES.		ISSUED ON QUEENSLAND.		ISSUED ON W. AUSTRALIA.		ISSUED IN TASMANIA.		TOTAL ISSUED.	
		No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
AUCKLAND ...	13	2205	£ 9516 13 11	1407	£ 5979 17 0	117	£ 479 9 10	5	£ 18 17 0	173	£ 826 3 3	7	£ 43 5 0	...	£ ...	23	£ 114 13 6	3937	£ 16378 19 6
TARANAKI ...	1	274	£ 1214 15 8	117	£ 396 13 5	23	£ 51 6 4	3	£ 4 0 0	17	£ 14 11 0	1	£ 4 0 0	...	£ ...	2	£ 3 0 0	427	£ 1688 6 5
HAWKE'S BAY ...	2	274	£ 1254 9 8	191	£ 822 8 6	28	£ 103 15 3	...	£ ...	7	£ 94 1 2	2	£ 11 0 0	...	£ ...	1	£ 3 0 0	513	£ 2288 14 7
WELLINGTON ...	3	1503	£ 6679 12 11	1050	£ 4427 10 1	246	£ 1266 3 5	12	£ 36 7 0	189	£ 943 10 0	10	£ 36 1 0	1	£ 5 0 0	30	£ 154 1 6	3041	£ 13548 5 11
MARLBOROUGH ...	3	620	£ 3384 15 7	146	£ 844 3 1	46	£ 225 7 0	1	£ 1 1 0	10	£ 47 9 9	...	£ ...	...	£ ...	...	£ ...	823	£ 4502 16 5
NELSON ...	5	1173	£ 5770 13 7	583	£ 2733 14 4	364	£ 1827 8 2	15	£ 58 18 0	116	£ 545 0 1	17	£ 119 2 6	...	£ ...	19	£ 126 10 0	2287	£ 1181 6 8
WESTLAND ...	3	1170	£ 5933 3 9	753	£ 3896 11 5	1082	£ 5740 3 1	49	£ 258 18 7	169	£ 864 18 6	27	£ 174 3 6	4	£ 14 13 0	53	£ 317 10 6	3307	£ 17200 2 4
CANTERBURY ...	6	1298	£ 5612 16 10	1940	£ 8795 15 7	192	£ 874 14 6	2	£ 5 12 6	66	£ 304 15 0	9	£ 49 10 6	...	£ ...	36	£ 170 15 9	3643	£ 15814 0 8
OTAGO ...	16	3021	£ 13455 1 2	2572	£ 11104 2 4	1038	£ 4837 19 2	43	£ 183 10 0	105	£ 528 4 1	34	£ 222 14 6	...	£ ...	64	£ 364 15 5	6877	£ 30696 6 8
SOUTHLAND ...	3	360	£ 1520 15 5	372	£ 1580 18 0	203	£ 927 9 0	3	£ 3 16 0	20	£ 97 12 0	2	£ 14 0 0	...	£ ...	29	£ 167 14 1	999	£ 4312 4 6
TOTALS IN 1868	55	11898	£ 54842 18 6	9241	£ 40581 13 9	3339	£ 16333 15 9	133	£ 571 0 1	872	£ 4266 4 10	109	£ 673 17 0	5	£ 19 13 0	257	£ 1422 0 9	25854	£ 118211 3 8
TOTALS IN 1867	46	10293	£ 49496 13 0	9242	£ 40998 14 11	3479	£ 17392 18 5	142	£ 757 5 7	994	£ 5317 4 1	110	£ 561 0 2	3	£ 14 0 0	210	£ 1072 16 10	24473	£ 115610 13 0

Table No. 2.
TABLE showing the NUMBER and AMOUNT of MONEY ORDERS PAID in the Colony of New Zealand, during the Year 1868; also during 1867.

PROVINCES.	No. of OPEN.	ISSUED IN NEW ZEALAND.		ISSUED IN UNITED KINGDOM.		ISSUED IN VICTORIA.		ISSUED IN S. AUSTRALIA.		ISSUED IN N. S. WALES.		ISSUED IN QUEENSLAND.		ISSUED IN WEST AUSTRALIA.		ISSUED IN TASMANIA.		TOTAL PAID.	
		No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
AUCKLAND ...	13	2744	£ 12545 18 2	11	£ 32 3 6	621	£ 2749 1 1	140	£ 714 1 3	9	£ 60 10 0	179	£ 815 17 1	...	£ ...	20	£ 136 10 0	...	£ ...
TARANAKI ...	1	235	£ 1010 15 2	1	£ 1 0 0	38	£ 163 8 5	10	£ 49 16 6	4	£ 3 2 2	6	£ 36 12 0	...	£ ...	...	£ ...	...	£ ...
HAWKE'S BAY ...	2	116	£ 424 11 7	2	£ 10 0 0	14	£ 60 17 6	2	£ 14 10 0	1	£ 5 0 0	...	£ ...	...	£ ...	...	£ ...	...	£ ...
WELLINGTON ...	3	1561	£ 6636 0 4	6	£ 33 5 0	119	£ 510 13 8	53	£ 233 5 9	7	£ 34 5 6	40	£ 243 16 8	...	£ ...	11	£ 92 4 0	...	£ ...
MARLBOROUGH ...	3	304	£ 1327 5 3	1	£ 6 0 0	10	£ 33 5 0	6	£ 52 5 0	...	£ ...	...	£ ...	...	£ ...	...	£ ...	...	£ ...
NELSON ...	5	1150	£ 6002 17 6	4	£ 15 0 0	56	£ 300 16 10	59	£ 304 3 7	1	£ 4 0 0	14	£ 63 11 8	...	£ ...	...	£ ...	...	£ ...
WESTLAND ...	3	759	£ 3757 11 8	10	£ 31 19 0	30	£ 167 10 0	166	£ 950 15 9	10	£ 82 10 0	25	£ 135 3 2	...	£ ...	12	£ 62 2 0	...	£ ...
CANTERBURY ...	6	1500	£ 6487 13 8	4	£ 15 0 0	309	£ 1485 7 11	49	£ 214 0 9	9	£ 31 18 0	37	£ 203 1 7	...	£ ...	1	£ 4 0 0	...	£ ...
OTAGO ...	16	3231	£ 14820 1 1	12	£ 31 8 0	183	£ 944 6 9	253	£ 1296 17 10	12	£ 58 1 6	22	£ 101 19 0	...	£ ...	5	£ 21 9 0	...	£ ...
SOUTHLAND ...	3	247	£ 1126 18 4	5	£ 34 0 0	21	£ 86 15 10	40	£ 195 3 8	...	£ ...	...	£ ...	...	£ ...	...	£ ...	...	£ ...
TOTALS IN 1868	55	11847	£ 54139 12 9	56	£ 209 15 6	1401	£ 6502 3 0	778	£ 4025 0 1	56	£ 296 19 2	327	£ 1635 1 2	...	£ ...	56	£ 346 5 0	...	£ ...
TOTALS IN 1867	46	10353	£ 49981 17 2	...	£ ...	1198	£ 5649 2 10	638	£ 3342 2 5	39	£ 167 18 1	1327	£ 1487 8 11	...	£ ...	43	£ 271 10 2	...	£ ...

Table No. 3.
TABLE showing the NUMBER, AMOUNT, &c., of SAVINGS BANK TRANSACTIONS in the Colony of NEW ZEALAND during the Year 1868. Also, SUMMARY of TRANSACTIONS during 1867, and TOTAL TRANSACTIONS since commencement.

PROVINCES.	NOS. OF BANKS.	DEPOSITS.						WITHDRAWALS.						BALANCE OF PRINCIPAL REMAINING AT CREDIT OF OPEN ACCOUNTS.	
		NEW ACCOUNTS OPENED.		ADDITIONS TO OPEN ACCOUNTS.		TOTAL DEPOSITS.		No. OF ACCTS. DRAWN UPON.	No. OF WITH-DRAWALS	AMOUNT OF PRINCIPAL WITHDRAWN.	INTEREST PAID DURING THE YEAR ON CLOSED ACCOUNTS.	ACCOUNTS CLOSED.		£ s. d.	
		No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.					No.	Amount.		
AUCKLAND ...	13	541	14,818 10 1	1,294	12,047 8 0	1,835	26,865 13 1	1,151	1,382	20,401 12 3	£ 150 1 3	312	8,745 8 2	£ 6,464 5 10	
TARANAKI ...	1	89	2,945 8 0	172	1,949 14 0	261	4,895 2 0	137	166	1,890 10 3	£ 7 10 9	25	444 1 5	£ 3,004 11 9	
HAWKE'S BAY ...	2	38	790 6 0	68	463 10 6	106	1,253 16 6	27	30	303 17 6	£ 1 4 8	10	147 8 6	£ 949 19 0	
WELLINGTON ...	3	269	6,896 5 7	852	7,667 2 0	1,121	14,563 7 7	489	572	9,349 10 1	£ 48 1 6	100	2,730 8 11	£ 5,213 17 6	
MARLBOROUGH ...	3	45	1,434 12 0	91	606 17 0	136	2,041 9 0	30	33	467 18 5	£ 3 2 4	11	165 2 3	£ 1,573 10 7	
NELSON ...	5	268	9,080 16 0	716	8,153 0 2	984	17,233 16 2	369	459	7,442 17 5	£ 38 17 9	102	3,033 3 7	£ 9,790 18 9	
WESTLAND ...	3	413	16,564 19 0	1,147	14,701 0 6	1,560	31,265 19 6	671	801	16,948 11 11	£ 83 15 9	214	7,900 10 2	£ 14,317 7 7	
CANTERBURY ...	6	662	18,710 12 0	1,736	15,157 16 0	2,398	33,868 8 0	852	951	14,811 18 4	£ 64 14 1	200	5,436 2 1	£ 19,056 9 8	
OTAGO ...	16	797	24,039 13 4	3,074	28,191 5 4	3,871	52,230 18 8	1,361	1,674	28,440 15 1	£ 88 19 5	158	5,015 5 4	£ 23,790 3 7	
SOUTHLAND ...	3	160	4,886 1 0	582	5,430 15 0	742	10,316 16 0	260	297	6,509 14 10	£ 41 3 8	54	2,295 15 5	£ 3,807 1 2	
ALL New Zealand IN 1868	55	3,282	100,167 8 0	9,732	94,368 8 6	13,014	194,535 11 6	5,347	6,365	106,567 6 1	£ 527 11 2	1,186	35,913 5 10	£ 87,968 5 5	
" " 1867	46	2,520	63,768 9 1	4,457	32,603 18 9	6,977	96,372 7 10	1,592	1,919	26,344 18 2	£ 71 0 7	364	8,183 13 6	£ 70,027 9 8	
ALL New Zealand SINCE COMMENCEMENT	55	5,802	163,935 12 1	14,189	126,972 7 3	19,991	290,907 19 4	6,939	8,284	132,912 4 3	£ 598 11 9	1,550	44,096 19 4	£ 157,995 15 1	

Table No. 4.
TABLE showing the MONTHLY TRANSACTIONS with the Post Office SAVINGS BANK in the Colony of NEW ZEALAND during the Year 1868. Also, the TOTAL TRANSACTIONS during the Year 1867, and the INCREASE during 1868.

MONTHS.	No. OF OFFICERS.	DEPOSITS.				WITHDRAWALS.				BALANCE REMAINING AT CREDIT OF DEPOSITORS.				
		NEW ACCOUNTS OPENED.		ADDITIONS TO OPEN ACCOUNTS.		TOTAL DEPOSITS.		No. OF ACCTS. WITH-DRAWN UPON.	No. OF WITH-DRAWALS	PRINCIPAL WITHDRAWN.	INTEREST PAID ON CLOSED ACCOUNTS.	ACCOUNTS CLOSED.		
		No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.					No.	Amount.	
JANUARY	46	255	7,486 12 0	658	6,153 18 1	913	13,640 10 1	326	386	5,997 5 0	£ s. d.	69	2,524 0 5	7,643 5 1
FEBRUARY	46	245	6,526 12 3	705	6,267 14 1	950	12,794 6 4	325	396	7,631 19 9	10 7 8	97	3,462 13 1	5,162 6 7
MARCH	46	277	7,053 10 0	696	6,244 5 4	973	13,297 15 4	378	439	7,215 2 11	16 10 8	109	2,932 16 6	6,082 12 5
APRIL	46	264	8,239 7 0	717	7,099 9 0	981	15,338 16 0	419	503	7,688 10 10	23 19 0	96	2,882 11 3	7,650 5 2
MAY	46	271	8,317 1 0	742	7,418 1 0	1,013	15,735 2 0	426	513	9,286 12 9	37 12 6	116	3,363 10 11	6,448 9 2
JUNE	48	271	8,427 11 7	855	7,418 2 6	1,126	16,614 14 1	437	540	10,270 14 2	45 19 0	117	3,485 6 11	6,343 19 11
JULY	49	290	8,138 15 0	811	7,236 10 6	1,101	15,375 5 6	492	574	9,546 14 9	53 18 7	107	3,230 11 6	5,828 10 9
AUGUST	51	296	10,309 15 6	870	7,875 13 6	1,166	18,185 9 0	472	556	11,135 0 9	74 19 11	102	3,934 10 8	7,050 8 3
SEPTEMBER	52	290	7,971 15 4	916	8,890 5 6	1,206	16,862 0 10	535	645	10,395 11 7	81 3 9	104	3,535 7 4	6,466 9 3
OCTOBER	53	281	7,808 6 6	983	10,157 6 8	1,264	17,965 13 2	493	584	8,097 9 1	45 5 7	84	1,700 6 8	9,868 4 1
NOVEMBER	55	263	10,419 17 0	878	8,183 2 4	1,141	18,602 19 4	493	580	9,227 14 8	65 7 8	93	2,690 10 1	9,375 4 8
DECEMBER	55	279	9,467 19 10	901	10,655 0 0	1,180	20,122 19 10	551	649	10,074 9 10	72 6 10	92	2,671 0 6	10,048 10 0
TOTALS DURING 1868...	55	3,282	100,167 8 0	9,732	94,368 8 6	13,014	194,535 11 6	5,347	6,365	106,567 6 1	527 11 2	1,186	35,913 5 10	87,968 5 5
" " 1867...	46	2,520	63,768 9 1	4,459	32,603 18 9	6,979	96,372 7 10	1,592	1,919	26,344 18 2	71 0 7	364	8,183 13 6	70,027 9 8
INCREASE DURING 1868	9	762	36,398 13 11	5,273	61,764 9 9	6,035	98,163 8 8	3,755	4,446	80,222 7 11	456 10 7	822	27,729 12 4	17,940 15 9

Table No. 7.

TABLE showing the proportion of Post Office Savings Bank Depositors in the Colony of New Zealand, during the Year 1868, as compared with the Population; the Average Amounts of Deposits and Withdrawals remaining to credit of Depositors, &c., for the same year; with a similar Average of the Total Transactions for 1867, and for all New Zealand since the system commenced on 1st February, 1867.

PROVINCES AND ACCOUNTING OFFICES.	NUMBER OF BANKS.	DEPOSITS.										WITHDRAWALS.				REMARKS.
		Population as per Census of Dec., 1867.	Number of Depositors in 1868.	Number of Depositors in 1868, as compared with the Population, is as 1 to	Amount of Deposits during 1868.	Average amount deposited to each Account in 1868.	Average amount of each Deposit in 1868.	Number of Accounts remaining open on 31 Dec., 1868.	Amount at credit of the Year's Accounts on 31 Dec., 1868, including interest for the year.	Average amount at credit of each open Account in the Colony on 31 Dec., including interest.	Number of Withdrawals in 1868.	Amount of Withdrawals in 1868, including interest paid on closed Accounts.	Average Amount of each Withdrawal in 1868.	Percentage of Accounts closed in all New Zealand since commencement of the system is		
Auckland ...	13	48,321	541	1,835	26,866	£ s. d. 49 13 3	£ s. d. 14 12 3	229	£ s. d. 7,227 9 2	£ s. d. 36 13 9	1,382	20,552	£ s. d. 14 17 5	26 3/4 cent.	Nine new offices were opened in the course of the year, viz.,— Auckland 1 Hawke's Bay 1 Wellington 1 Nelson 2 Otago 3 Westland 1	
Taranaki ...	1	4,359	89	261	4,895	55 0 0	18 2 10	64	3,076 13 6	39 16 9	166	1,898	11 8 8	27 "		
Hawke's Bay ...	2	5,283	38	106	1,254	33 0 0	11 16 7	28	973 18 5	25 7 8	30	305	10 3 4	24 "		
Wellington ...	3	21,950	269	1,121	14,563	54 2 9	12 19 10	169	5,571 5 6	31 10 11	572	9,398	16 8 7	24 "		
Marlborough ...	3	4,371	45	136	2,141	47 11 6	15 14 10	34	1,637 18 10	34 1 2	33	471	14 5 5	17 "		
Nelson ...	3	18,059	72	296	3,948	54 16 8	13 6 9	36	1,163 17 8	42 3 7	154	2,910	18 17 11	30 "		
{ Charleston Westport Greymouth Hokitika }	1	4,255	76	256	5,702	75 0 0	22 5 5	62	4,130 0 3	60 9 3	91	1,629	17 18 0	42 "		
	1	1,500	120	432	7,584	63 4 0	17 11 1	68	4,710 3 5	45 13 1	214	2,943	13 15 0	18 "		
	1	6,473	198	653	14,669	74 1 9	22 9 3	118	8,101 11 8	68 13 3	331	6,892	21 1 1	33 "		
Canterbury ...	2	9,060	215	907	16,597	76 14 7	18 5 11	81	6,740 13 9	57 10 10	470	10,140	21 11 6	47 "		
	6	38,310	662	2,398	33,869	51 9 3	14 2 6	462	19,877 13 1	36 9 3	951	14,877	15 15 0	24 "		
Otago ...	16	48,569	797	3,871	52,231	65 10 9	13 9 9	639	25,047 16 2	35 9 7	1,674	28,530	17 0 10	12 "		
Southland ...	3	7,943	160	742	70,317	64 9 8	13 17 6	106	4,061 17 4	33 0 0	297	6,550	22 1 1	19 "		
All New Zealand in 1868 ...	55	218,443	3,282	13,014	194,536	59 5 6	14 11 3	2,096	92,320 18 9	44 0 11	6,365	107,095	16 16 6	36 3/4 cent.		
All New Zealand in 1867 ...	46	218,443	2,520	6,977	96,372	38 4 10	13 16 3	2,156	71,197 14 1	33 0 5	1,919	26,345	13 14 6	14 "		
All New Zealand since the commencement	55	218,443	5,802	19,991	290,908	50 2 9	15 0 0	4,252	163,518 12 10	38 9 2	8,284	133,440	15 19 2	26 3/4 cent.		

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Table No. 8.

TABLE showing the COMMISSION received on MONEY ORDERS during the Years 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, and 1868; also the Centesimal rate of Increase or Decrease.

PROVINCES.	1864.		1865.		1866.		1867.		1868.	
	Amount.	Centesimal rate of Increase.	Amount.	Centesimal rate of Increase or Decrease.	Amount.	Centesimal rate of Increase or Decrease.	Amount.	Centesimal rate of Increase or Decrease.	Amount.	Centesimal rate of Increase or Decrease.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Auckland ...	347 13 6	155·15	333 3 6	4 dec.	260 18 0	21·17dec.	223 3 6	16·02dec.	264 8 6	18·48inc.
Taranaki ...	46 4 6	97·86	48 6 0	4·35inc.	37 12 0	22·2 dec.	32 1 0	14·76dec.	23 5 0	27·45dec.
Wellington	63 1 0	35·6	138 13 0	119·05inc.	210 13 6	51·7 inc.	223 7 0	6·04inc.	209 1 0	6·40dec.
Hawke's Bay	29 13 6	60·3	36 14 0	24·14inc.	42 12 0	16 inc.	42 9 0	·35dec.	35 16 6	15·60dec.
Nelson ...	36 4 6	2·84	65 4 0	80·55inc.	106 7 9	63·19inc.	105 1 0	1·25dec.	151 8 0	44·07inc.
Marlborough	47 5 0	170	42 2 0	10·62dec.	50 13 6	20·36inc.	51 7 0	1·33inc.	49 13 0	3·31dec.
Canterbury	301 17 6	45·75	324 17 6	7·64inc.	561 8 6	72·8 inc.	575 15 6	2·55inc.	*316 3 6	3·22dec.
Otago ...	603 16 0	27·5	415 15 0	31·18dec.	416 3 0	0·1 inc.	484 9 6	16·41inc.	498 0 6	2·79inc.
Southland ...	125 15 6	30·8	59 3 6	52·8 dec.	75 6 0	27·25inc.	78 6 0	3·96inc.	74 7 0	5·04dec.
Westland ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	240 18 6	14·1 dec.
TOTALS ...	1601 11 0	51·9	1463 18 6	8·62dec.	1761 14 3	20·34inc.	1815 19 6	3·08inc.	1863 1 6	2·528inc.

* The Westland Returns have been rendered separately from those of Christchurch since 1st January, 1868.

Table No. 9.

RETURN of the NUMBER and VALUE of POSTAGE STAMPS printed during the Years 1864, 1865 1866, 1867, and 1868.

RATES.	1864.		1865.		1866.		1867.		1868.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
		£		£		£		£		£
At One Shilling	143,280	7,164	159,120	7,956	* ...	...	* ...	...	108,000	5,400
At Sixpence ...	950,400	23,760	548,400	13,710	242,880	6,072	714,240	17,856	605,040	15,126
At Fourpence	...	...	436,800	7,280	* ...	...	* ...	...	* ...	...
At Threepence	...	...	121,920	1,524	* ...	...	1,059,120	13,239	412,800	5,160
At Twopence...	1,892,400	15,770	1,998,000	16,650	1,989,840	16,582	1,600,080	13,334	1,668,000	13,900
At One Penny	457,920	1,908	774,960	3,229	714,000	2,975	1,315,920	5,483	1,869,600	7,790
TOTALS ...	3,444,000	48,602	4,039,200	50,349	2,946,720	25,629	4,689,360	49,912	4,663,440	47,376

* A large number of these postage stamps were in stock at the close of the previous year.

Table No. 10.

RETURN of INTERCOLONIAL MAIL STEAM SUBSIDIES, June, 1869.

SERVICE.	ANNUAL SUBSIDY.	CONTRACTS.		HOW OFTEN.	MILEAGE EVERY FOUR WEEKS.	EXPENSE PER MILE.
		Commence.	Terminate.			
* Wellington to Melbourne <i>via</i> Hokitika	£ 7,800	April, 1869	August, 1869	Once every four weeks	3,172	s. d. 3 9·4

* McMeckan, Blackwood, and Company.

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Table No. 11.
RETURN of INTERPROVINCIAL MAIL STEAM SUBSIDIES, June, 1869.

SERVICES.	ANNUAL SUBSIDY.	CONTRACTS.		HOW OFTEN.	MILEAGE EVERY 4 WEEKS.	EXPENSE PER MILE.
		Commence.	Terminate.			
* Manukau to Bluff and back ...	£ 5,000	Jan. 1869	Dec. 1869	Once every 4 weeks.	1,790	s. d. 4 3-568
* Manukau to Bluff and back ...	5,000	Jan. 1869	Dec. 1869	do.	1,790	4 3-568
* Wellington to Napier and back ...	650	April 1869	Aug. 1869	do.	404	2 5-702
TOTALS	10,650	...	...	...	3,984	4 1-349

* Circular Saw Steam Navigation Company.

Table No. 12.
STATEMENT of CORRESPONDENCE received from LONDON, &c., *via* PANAMA and SUEZ, during
the Year 1868.

DATE OF RECEIPT.	VIA PANAMA.			VIA SUEZ.		
	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.
JANUARY	24,871	2,014	8,311	3,017	233	60,592
FEBRUARY	27,574	2,449	8,002	3,036	282	67,017
MARCH	29,993	2,334	8,667	3,110	275	64,545
APRIL	20,722	1,557	6,049	2,012	160	62,328
MAY	26,300	2,045	5,844	3,117	1,198	64,915
JUNE	25,069	1,980	9,268	1,906	184	50,135
JULY	24,435	1,786	9,847	2,073	209	58,007
AUGUST	24,210	2,139	8,571	2,284	213	56,516
SEPTEMBER	31,107	2,508	10,768	2,080	238	51,204
OCTOBER	19,917	1,782	9,946	2,252	211	56,082
NOVEMBER	25,900	2,375	8,181	2,233	138	56,980
DECEMBER	29,482	2,327	9,613	2,490	139	53,270
TOTALS	309,580	25,296	103,067	29,610	3,480	701,591

Table No. 13.
STATEMENT of CORRESPONDENCE despatched to LONDON, &c., *via* PANAMA and SUEZ, during
the Year 1868.

DATE OF DESPATCH.	VIA PANAMA.			VIA SUEZ.		
	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.
JANUARY	19,409	315	12,703	4,981	38	4,958
FEBRUARY	21,586	185	13,864	4,947	62	7,391
MARCH	24,237	302	17,579	4,609	57	5,499
APRIL	24,125	194	18,077	3,558	7	3,305
MAY	24,311	191	17,560	3,140	33	4,418
JUNE	23,125	183	16,042	3,194	35	2,735
JULY	25,220	196	17,089	1,946	198	2,986
AUGUST	24,277	274	19,649	1,912	41	3,446
SEPTEMBER	24,604	380	19,198	913	27	769
OCTOBER	20,388	251	18,101	2,254	40	2,714
NOVEMBER	25,429	312	18,146	1,198	19	2,430
DECEMBER	24,007	230	24,325	7,139	89	6,345
TOTALS	280,718	3,013	212,333	39,791	646	46,996

Table No. 14.

COMPARATIVE TABLE showing the POSTAL REVENUE and LETTERS and NEWSPAPERS Received at and Despatched from the several PROVINCES of NEW ZEALAND, from 1858 to 1868, 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	453,535
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
1867	7,848 5 5	379,254	361,362	254,973	179,049
1868	8,754 16 7	461,861	411,812	293,742	130,546
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
1867	687 14 2	28,399	27,976	29,775	11,052
1868	645 12 2	28,554	29,452	26,153	15,423
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
1867	1,431 9 8	71,353	74,993	56,760	58,475
1868	1,390 0 4	62,539	73,216	50,198	52,572
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
1867	10,701 17 4	288,815	289,058	159,238	178,765
1868	12,579 4 7	328,180	311,476	179,923	179,042
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
1867	2,880 8 8	142,697	143,374	102,809	83,252
1868	3,651 12 8	203,537	200,665	135,027	112,948

Table No. 14—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
1867	838 19 6	47,890	47,215	45,477	34,264
1868	1,048 2 2	48,391	48,428	43,592	35,635
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
1867	15,471 9 8	864,123	801,774	571,558	269,852
1868	*8,525 19 4	539,610	436,125	398,326	176,402
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
1867	13,482 9 4	508,882	575,948	378,784	519,253
1868	13,605 12 3	595,062	535,909	545,450	502,521
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
1867	1,970 12 2	76,918	81,209	71,146	56,406
1868	2,106 1 6	84,235	84,560	82,232	64,357
WESTLAND—					
1868	4,771 7 11	251,108	242,479	152,666	106,860
CHATHAM ISLANDS—					
1863	3 0 0				
1864	7 19 5				
1865	9 9 8				
1866	12 11 4				
1867	18 12 2				
1868	29 4 6				
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
1867	55,331 18 1	2,408,331	2,402,909	1,670,520	1,390,368
1868	57,107 14 0	2,603,077	2,374,122	1,907,309	1,376,306

* The Westland Returns have been separated from those of Canterbury since the 1st of January, 1868.

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Table No. 15.

RETURN showing the Number of LETTERS received by the different PROVINCES of NEW ZEALAND, during the Year ended 31st December, 1868.

PROVINCES.	FROM PLACES WITHOUT THE COLONY.				FROM PLACES 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	65,133	22,607	4,714	92,454	71,970	297,437	369,407	461,861
Taranaki	4,865	1,433	94	6,392	16,412	5,750	22,162	28,554
Hawke's Bay	10,299	2,322	15	12,636	29,365	20,538	49,903	62,539
Wellington	39,631	16,882	1,229	57,742	131,326	139,112	270,438	328,180
Nelson	20,449	12,567	150	33,166	103,157	67,214	170,371	203,537
Marlborough	4,713	1,123	...	5,836	20,686	21,869	42,555	48,391
Canterbury	75,102	17,465	1,553	94,120	112,261	333,229	445,490	539,610
Otago	82,070	46,934	7,683	136,687	93,180	365,195	458,375	595,062
Southland	13,407	8,543	303	22,253	22,358	39,624	61,982	84,235
Westland	17,775	53,575	...	71,350	106,325	73,433	179,758	251,108
TOTALS	333,444	183,451	15,741	532,636	707,040	1,363,401	2,070,441	2,603,077

Table No. 16.

RETURN showing the Number of LETTERS despatched from the different PROVINCES of NEW ZEALAND, during the Year ended 31st December, 1868.

PROVINCES.	TO PLACES WITHOUT THE COLONY.				TO PLACES 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	59,889	22,633	3,854	86,376	71,849	253,587	325,436	411,812
Taranaki	4,126	987	64	5,177	16,267	8,008	24,275	29,452
Hawke's Bay	9,722	2,009	214	11,945	27,197	34,074	61,271	73,216
Wellington	40,784	18,597	1,749	61,130	140,380	109,966	250,346	311,476
Nelson	19,356	8,657	417	28,430	104,210	68,025	172,235	200,665
Marlborough	3,945	763	18	4,726	18,537	25,165	43,702	48,428
Canterbury	70,221	16,394	2,126	88,741	90,343	257,041	347,384	436,125
Otago	78,213	44,843	7,102	130,158	92,834	312,917	405,751	535,909
Southland	12,310	8,325	520	21,155	20,848	42,567	63,405	84,560
Westland	16,831	51,704	22	68,557	104,164	69,758	173,922	242,479
TOTALS	315,397	174,912	16,086	506,395	686,629	1,181,098	1,867,727	2,374,122

Table No. 17.

RETURN showing the Number of NEWSPAPERS received by the different PROVINCES of NEW ZEALAND, during the Year ended 31st December, 1868.

PROVINCES.	FROM PLACES WITHOUT THE COLONY.				FROM PLACES WITHIN THE COLONY.			TOTALS WITHOUT AND WITHIN THE COLONY.
	United Kingdom.	Australian Colonies.	Other Places.	Totals without the Colony.	Other Provinces in New Zealand.	Places within the Province.	Totals within the Colony.	
Auckland	95,509	22,583	2,876	120,968	33,832	138,942	172,774	293,742
Taranaki	11,367	2,281	71	13,719	12,081	353	12,434	26,153
Hawke's Bay	24,846	2,790	3	27,639	20,898	1,661	22,559	50,198
Wellington	76,079	15,320	1,073	92,472	60,071	27,380	87,451	179,923
Nelson	48,561	12,878	62	61,501	53,208	20,318	73,526	135,027
Marlborough	10,311	2,408	...	12,719	20,595	10,278	30,873	43,592
Canterbury	223,950	19,821	1,164	244,935	57,826	95,565	153,391	398,326
Otago	231,026	73,600	5,188	309,814	41,125	194,511	235,636	545,450
Southland	39,703	13,458	122	53,283	20,098	8,851	28,949	82,232
Westland	9,248	59,435	...	68,683	67,616	16,367	83,983	152,666
TOTALS	770,600	224,574	10,559	1,005,733	387,350	514,226	901,576	1,907,309

Table No. 18.

RETURN showing the Number of NEWSPAPERS despatched from the different PROVINCES of NEW ZEALAND, during the Year ended 31st December, 1868.

PROVINCES.	TO PLACES WITHOUT THE COLONY.				TO PLACES WITHIN THE COLONY.			TOTALS WITHOUT AND WITHIN THE COLONY.
	United Kingdom.	Australian Colonies.	Other Places.	Totals without the Colony.	Other Provinces in New Zealand.	Places within the Province.	Totals within the Colony.	
Auckland	46,468	14,941	2,925	64,334	34,290	31,922	66,212	130,546
Taranaki	3,365	690	93	4,148	4,978	6,307	11,285	15,423
Hawke's Bay	7,442	1,606	131	9,179	15,402	27,991	43,393	52,572
Wellington	28,621	9,161	1,376	39,158	86,194	53,690	139,884	179,042
Nelson	16,561	4,164	269	20,994	59,200	32,754	91,954	112,948
Marlborough	3,183	287	20	3,490	5,561	26,584	32,145	35,635
Canterbury	52,421	9,492	1,742	63,655	62,455	50,292	112,747	176,402
Otago	73,493	29,600	6,773	109,866	52,618	340,037	392,655	502,521
Southland	8,652	3,727	375	12,754	10,653	40,950	51,603	64,357
Westland	14,742	20,072	15	35,829	50,928	20,103	71,031	106,860
TOTALS	254,948	94,740	13,719	363,407	382,279	630,630	1,012,909	1,376,316

TABLE showing REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, &c., of the POSTAL DEPARTMENT in the PROVINCE of AUCKLAND, in 1868.

PROVINCE OF AUCKLAND.	No. of OFFICERS.	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>												
I. Auckland to Mangaturoto (Northern)	12	20,580	12,001	2,250	80	Horse and Foot	1	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
II. " Mercer (Southern)	8	51,472	14,183	2,660	39	Coach ...	6	238 10 0	61 0 0	299 10 0	171 11 8	171 11 8
III. Drury to Raglan	4	21,856	13,601	2,550	67	Horse and Foot	2	450 0 0	97 0 0	547 0 0	428 18 8	428 18 8
								140 8 0	50 0 0	190 8 0	182 2 8	182 2 8
<i>Branches—</i>												
I. Auckland to Onehunga	2	44,192	11,371	2,132	6	Coach ...	12	120 0 0	70 0 0	190 0 0	368 5 4	368 5 4
II. " Howick	3	15,831	3,457	648	15	"	6	100 0 0	33 0 0	133 0 0	131 18 6	131 18 6
III. " Helensville	6	8,197	4,790	900	38	Spring Cart	1	110 0 0	25 0 0	135 0 0	76 12 10	76 12 10
IV. Papakura to Waeroa	1	3,722	2,087	392	9	Horse and Foot	3	37 0 0	5 0 0	42 0 0	31 0 4	31 0 4
V. Mercer to Newcastle	3	13,481	2,104	393	36	Horse	2	192 0 0	30 0 0	222 0 0	111 18 6	111 18 6
VI. Newcastle to Alexandra	3	8,878	4,218	790	35	"	2	117 0 0	25 0 0	142 0 0	73 19 8	73 19 8
VII. " Cambridge	2	21,655	8,818	1,653	26	"	2	90 0 0	45 0 0	135 0 0	180 19 2	180 19 2
VIII. Alexandra to Cambridge	1	3,921	2,961	555	30	"	2	60 0 0	10 0 0	70 0 0	32 13 6	32 13 6
IX. Whan Bridge to Muddy Creek	1	274	318	60	7	"	1	20 0 0	...	20 0 0	2 5 8	2 5 8
X. Kaitapaka to Komokoriki	1	567	491	92	10	Horse and Foot	1	24 0 0	...	24 0 0	4 14 6	4 14 6
XI. Helensville to Mangawhare	4	3,948	1,612	302	75	Boat	1	80 0 0	10 0 0	90 0 0	32 18 0	32 18 0
XII. " Matakohe	5	7,962	4,817	904	70	"	1	70 0 0	29 0 0	99 0 0	66 7 0	66 7 0
XIII. Auckland to Wangarei	1	10,706	4,014	753	96	Sailing Vessel...	Uncertain	17 8 2	20 0 0	37 8 2	89 4 4	89 4 4
XIV. " Wangarei Heads	1	3,660	1,175	220	80	"	"	20 16 0	5 0 0	25 16 0	30 10 0	30 10 0
XV. Wangarei Heads to Waipu	1	2,297	1,900	357	12	"	"	20 0 0	...	20 0 0	19 2 10	19 2 10
XVI. " Parao Bay	1	25,783	12,522	2,348	140	Sailing Vessel...	Uncertain	18 10 2	21 13 4	40 3 6	204 17 2	204 17 2
XVII. Auckland to Russell	1	6,668	2,756	517	45	Horse and Boat	1	60 0 0	15 0 0	75 0 0	55 11 4	55 11 4
XVIII. Russell to Hokianga	2	3,425	2,396	450	77	"	Fortnightly	95 0 0	15 0 0	110 0 0	23 10 10	23 10 10
XIX. " Ahupara	5	8,551	6,128	1,144	185	Sailing Vessel...	Uncertain	6 17 7	20 0 0	26 17 7	71 5 2	71 5 2
XX. Auckland to Mongonui	1	7,257	823	155	50	Steamer and Sailing Vessel	"	3 1 6	5 0 0	8 1 6	60 9 6	60 9 6
XXI. " Hastings	1	18,047	1,822	342	54	Steamer	Daily	144 0 11	8 5 0	372 5 11	150 7 10	150 7 10
XXII. " Grahamstown	1	141,056	15,595	2,925	56	"	"	8 0 0	220 0 0	8 0 0	1,175 9 4	1,175 9 4

Table No. 19—continued.
TABLE showing the REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, &c., of the POSTAL DEPARTMENT in the Province of AUCKLAND, in 1868.

PROVINCE OF AUCKLAND.	TOTAL RECEIVED AND DESPATCHED.			MAIL SERVICES.			EXPENDITURE.			TOTALS.		
	No. of Offices.	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>Branches—continued.</i>												
XXXVII. Mangapai to Mangakarama	1	513	759	143	7	Foot	1	16 0 0	...	...	£ s. d. 16 0 0	£ s. d. 4 5 6
XXXVIII. Onehunga to Awitu	1	718	284	54	20	Boat	1	20 0 0	...	...	20 0 0	5 19 8
XXXIX. Te Arai to Port Albert	...	...	...	...	11	Foot	...	22 0 0	...	...	22 0 0	...
XL. Auckland to Eden Terrace	2	23,615	5,578	1,045	2	Horse	12	36 10 0	25 0 0	...	61 10 0	196 15 10
XLI. " North Shore	1	6,616	1,568	294	3	Boat	6	24 0 0	10 0 0	...	34 0 0	55 2 8
XLII. North Shore to Takapuna	1	...	...	...	4	Foot	2	8 0 0	2 10 0	...	10 10 0	...
XLIII. Auckland to Onehunga*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	96 0 0	...	...	96 0 0	...
Country Mail Services—Totals	88	528,857	170,864	31,858	2,655	...	...	2,574 6 2	952 8 4	...	3,526 14 6	4,400 1 2
Chief Post Office, Auckland	1	344,816	253,424	47,696	...	...	...	67 15 6	2,392 8 1	167 9 8	2,627 13 3	4,354 15 5
Totals for the Province	89	873,673	424,288	79,554	2,655	...	...	2,642 1 8	3,344 16 5	167 9 8	6,154 7 9	8,754 16 7

* For conveying Sea-borne Mails to and from the Manukau.

Table No. 20.
TABLE showing REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, &c., of the POSTAL DEPARTMENT in the Province of TARANAKI, in 1868.

PROVINCE OF TARANAKI.	TOTAL RECEIVED AND DESPATCHED.			MAIL SERVICES.			EXPENDITURE.			TOTALS.		
	NO. OF OFFICES.	Letters.	Newspapers. in lbs.	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. New Plymouth to Clifton II. " Patea Country Mail Services—Totals ... Chief Post Office, New Plymouth Totals for the Province ...												
	5	982	430	71	30	Horse	1	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. 11 3 6
	7	12,184	6,230	1,024	100	"	$\frac{1}{2}$	120 0 0	17 0 0	...	137 0 0	139 2 10
	12	13,166	6,660	1,095	130	...	...	120 0 0	17 0 0	...	137 0 0	150 6 4
	1	44,840	34,916	4,851	...	...	...	...	343 15 0	115 2 0	458 17 0	495 5 10
	13	58,006	41,576	5,946	130	...	...	120 0 0	360 15 0	115 2 0	595 17 0	645 12 2

Table No. 21.
TABLE showing REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, &c., of the POSTAL DEPARTMENT in the Province of Hawke's Bay, in 1868.

PROVINCE OF HAWKE'S BAY.	TOTAL RECEIVED AND DESPATCHED.			MAIL SERVICES.			EXPENDITURE.			TOTALS.		
	NUMBER OF OFFICES.	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. Napier to Wairoa (Northern) ...	3	9,703	7,597	953	56	Horse	1	£ s. d. 142 0 0	£ s. d. 18 0 0	£ s. d. 0 3 0	£ s. d. 160 3 0	£ s. d. 51 2 0
Wairoa to Mahia ...	1	331	191	24	54	"	2	100 16 8	6 0 0	0 0 6	106 17 2	70 1 6
II. Napier to Waipawa (Southern) ...	5	16,524	3,744	449	43	Coach	1	145 0 0	28 0 0	0 7 0	173 7 0	51 3 0
Waipawa to Porangahau ...	3	9,970	4,797	576	31	"	1	66 0 0	26 0 0	0 2 0	92 2 0	
Porangahau to Wainui ...	1	185	81	10	15	"	1	60 0 0	6 0 0	0 1 0	66 1 0	
<i>Branches,—</i>												
I. Napier to Peka Peka ...	4	8,882	6,445	774	22	"	1	51 0 0	18 0 0	0 2 6	69 2 6	13 1 2
II. Clive to Pourerere ...	1	2,070	1,441	173	35	"	1	60 0 0	...	...	60 0 0	12 4 4
III. Te Aute to Patangata ...	1	1,981	1,520	182	5	"	1	26 0 0	6 0 0	0 0 6	32 0 6	4 2 0
IV. Waipukurau to Gwaras ...	3	3,056	2,625	315	50	"	1	52 16 0	12 0 0	0 1 6	64 17 6	2 0 6
V. Havelock to Kereru ...	2	1,910	1,211	145	36	"	1	48 0 0	12 0 0	0 1 0	60 1 0	553 5 6
Town Branch ...	1	36,315	32,361	3,882	1	Cart	24	36 11 6	25 0 0	0 4 0	61 15 6	
Country Mail Services—Totals	25	90,927	62,013	7,483	348	...	...	788 4 2	157 0 0	1 3 0	946 7 2	757 0 0
Chief Post Office, Napier	1	44,828	40,757	5,095	...	...	...	...	490 0 0	156 12 10	646 12 10	633 0 4
Totals for the Province ...	26	135,755	102,770	12,578	348	...	...	788 4 2	647 0 0	157 15 10	1,593 0 0	1,390 0 4

Table No. 22.
TABLE showing REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, &c., of the POSTAL DEPARTMENT in the Province of WELLINGTON, in 1868.

PROVINCE OF WELLINGTON.	TOTAL RECEIVED AND DESPATCHED.			MAIL SERVICES.			EXPENDITURE.			TOTALS.			
	NUMBER OF OFFICES.	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. North-western—Wellington to Wanganui	12	134,064	57,289	11,458	120	Coach	2	£ s. d. 1,282 0 0	£ s. d. 481 19 5	£ s. d. 104 14 2	£ s. d. 1,868 13 7	£ s. d. 1,322 17 5	
II. North-eastern—Wellington to Upper Hutt	3	25,319	7,060	1,412	19	"	6	95 0 0	75 0 0	6 0 0	176 0 0	116 10 0	
III. " Wellington to Masterton	7	56,592	12,078	2,416	64	"	2	395 0 0	102 10 0	14 0 0	511 10 0	315 15 0	
IV. " Masterton to Castle Point	3	6,702	4,223	844	34	Horse	1	69 0 0	21 0 0	6 0 0	96 0 0	28 15 0	
<i>Suburban Lines—</i>													
I. Wellington to Karori	1	1,244	394	79	4	Cart	2	15 0 0	7 10 0	2 0 0	24 10 0	2 10 0	
II. " Makara	1	261	26	5	7½	"	1	4 3 4	2 18 4	2 0 0	9 1 8	1 0 0	
Country Mail Services—Totals...	27	224,182	81,070	16,214	248½	...	...	1,860 3 4	690 17 9	134 14 2	2,685 15 3	1,787 7 5
Chief Post Office, Wellington	1	415,474	277,895	55,579	...	...	...	...	1,543 15 0	267 18 3	1,811 13 3	10,791 17 2
Totals for the Province	28	639,656	358,965	71,793	248½	...	...	1,860 3 4	2,234 12 9	402 12 5	4,497 8 6	12,579 4 7

Table No. 23.
TABLE showing REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, &c., of the POSTAL DEPARTMENT in the Province of NELSON, in 1868.

PROVINCE OF NELSON.	TOTALS RECEIVED AND DESPATCHED.				MAIL SERVICES.			EXPENDITURE.			TOTALS.	
	NUMBER OF OFFICES.	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 ...	5	17,515	6,375	1,062	36	Coach	2	£ 145 0 0	£ s. d. 69 0 0	£ s. d. 6 3 2	£ s. d. 220 3 2	£ s. d. 169 12 2
II. " Foxhill ...	6	21,897	7,482	1,247	24	" Horse	6	100 0 0	75 0 0	7 1 4	182 1 4	205 6 2
Spring Grove to Waimea West	1	3,368	942	156	3	"	3	19 0 0	12 0 0	1 12 0	32 12 0	31 1 3
Foxhill to Tadmor...	1	1,261	1,153	192	20	"	1	30 0 0	5 0 0	1 4 0	36 4 0	12 12 6
<i>Branches—</i>												
I. Hurunui to Hawkeswood ...	2	...	...	...	64	"	1	183 6 8	22 0 0	...	205 6 8	...
II. Nelson to Wakapuaka ...	1	1,956	770	130	12	Mail Cart	2	33 0 0	6 0 0	1 2 6	40 2 6	19 18 4
III. " Havelock ...	...	909	472	80	32	Horse	...	52 10 0	...	...	52 10 0	9 6 2
<i>Sea-borne Mails—</i>												
I. Nelson to Motupipi ...	1	1,485	946	158	35	Vessel	...	...	17 0 0	1 11 0	18 11 0	14 1 2
II. " Takaka ...	2	2,254	1,261	210	38	"	...	...	15 0 0	2 7 0	17 7 0	21 3 2
III. " Collingwood ...	2	5,139	1,576	262	52	"	...	...	30 0 0	5 7 1	35 7 1	50 4 6
IV. " Westport, &c. ...	10	176,198	76,384	10,912	175 } 72 }	"	As opportunities occur.	1,013 13 5	885 15 4	65 15 3	1,965 4 0	1,351 6 8
Country Mail Services—Totals	31	231,782	97,361	14,409	563	...	...	1,576 10 1	1,136 15 4	92 3 4	2,805 8 9	1,884 12 1
Chief Post Office, Nelson ...	1	172,420	150,614	25,102	...	...	...	200 0 0	865 0 0	43 18 7	1,108 18 7	1,767 0 7
Totals for the Province	32	404,202	247,975	39,511	563	...	...	1,776 10 1	2,001 15 4	136 1 11	3,914 7 4	3,651 12 8

Table No. 24.
TABLE showing REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, &c., of the POSTAL DEPARTMENT in the Province of MARLBOROUGH, in 1868.

PROVINCE OF MARLBOROUGH.	TOTALS RECEIVED AND DESPATCHED.				MAIL SERVICES.			EXPENDITURE.			TOTALS.	
	NUMBER OF OFFICES.	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. Blenheim to Picton ...	2	31,651	30,284	2,839	20	Coach	3	£ 200 0 0	£ s. d. 177 0 0	£ s. d. 26 4 6	£ s. d. 403 4 6	£ s. d. 264 15 1
II. " Awaitea ...	1	1,232	1,509	142	15	Horse	1	20 16 0	10 0 0	0 1 9	30 17 9	3 10 0
III. " Hawkeswood ...	4	5,745	6,813	639	140	"	...	185 0 0	11 0 0	1 2 1	197 2 1	44 5 0
IV. " Renwicktown ...	1	2,730	1,470	138	7	"	1	23 8 0	20 0 0	0 6 0	43 14 0	13 0 0
V. " Wairau Valley ...	1	1,684	1,011	94	25	Spring Cart	1	65 0 0	15 0 0	0 3 6	80 3 6	7 0 0
<i>Branch Lines—</i>												
I. Picton to Havelock ...	3	8,670	5,337	500	25	Boat	3	200 0 0	44 0 0	0 8 0	244 8 0	70 4 4
II. Havelock to Deep Creek ...	1	66	164	15	20	Horse	1	52 0 0	6 0 0	0 0 9	58 0 9	1 10 0
Country Mail Services—Totals	13	51,778	46,588	4,367	252	...	...	746 4 0	283 0 0	28 6 7	1,057 10 7	404 4 5
Chief Post Office, Blenheim	1	45,041	32,639	3,060	...	...	...	...	387 10 0	109 16 6	497 6 6	643 17 9
Totals for the Province	14	96,819	79,227	7,427	252	...	...	746 4 0	670 10 0	138 3 1	1,554 17 1	1,048 2 2

Table No. 25.
TABLE showing REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, &c., of the POSTAL DEPARTMENT in the Province of CANTERBURY, in 1868.

PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY.	TOTALS RECEIVED AND DESPATCHED.				MAIL SERVICES.			EXPENDITURE.			REVENUE.	
	NUMBER OF OFFICES.	Letters.	Newspapers.	Weight of Newspapers in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of times weekly.	Cost of Conveyance.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.
											£ s. d.	
<i>Trunk Lines,—</i>												
I. Northern—	5	90,323	21,326	3,999	27	Coach	6	£ 366 13 4	302 0 0	13 17 4	£	s. d.
Christchurch to Kowai	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kowai to Hurunui	2	9,789	6,648	1,246	25	"	3	...	...	...	...	...
Hurunui to Hawkeswood	2	8,630	1,947	365	49	"	1	...	...	...	...	...
II. Southern—	3	12,407	2,265	425	23	Railway	6	Prov. Govt.	45 0 0	1 0 10	46 0 10	106 3 9
Christchurch to Selwyn	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Selwyn to Waitaki	11	132,619	42,823	8,029	134	Coach	3	2,000 0 0	385 0 0	12 1 6	2,397 1 6	1,143 15 0
III. Western—	9	15,781	4,780	896	150	"	2	2,000 0 0	25 0 0	0 15 0	2,025 15 0	136 10 1
Christchurch to Hokitika	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Branches,—</i>												
I. Christchurch to Lyttelton	2	104,973	24,266	4,550	9	Railway	12	Prov. Govt.	490 0 0	7 2 9	497 2 9	905 7 5
II. " Addington	3	9,032	1,817	341	2½	Horse	6	65 0 0	30 0 0	0 2 6	95 2 6	77 17 10
III. " Ferry Road	1	5,916	1,387	260	2	Coach	3	40 0 0	12 0 0	0 10 9	52 10 9	51 0 5
IV. Selwyn to Snowdon	3	7,531	5,236	982	43	Horse	1	100 0 0	20 0 0	...	120 0 0	64 18 11
V. Kaipoi to Rangiora	3	35,987	8,592	1,611	6	Coach	6	70 0 0	40 0 0	...	110 0 0	308 12 10
VI. Rangiora to Oxford	1	13,123	2,285	428	22	Cart	2	50 0 0	15 0 0	0 10 6	65 10 6	113 3 1
VII. Kaipoi to Eyreton	1	2,466	807	151	12	Horse	1	40 0 0	5 0 0	0 2 6	45 2 6	21 5 0
VIII. Christchurch to Southbridge	5	22,835	4,160	780	32	Coach	3	35 0 0	30 0 0	1 10 3	66 10 3	196 18 10
IX. Ashburton to Mount Somers	1	4,845	2,867	537	40	Horse	1	110 0 0	5 0 0	...	115 0 0	41 5 6
X. Orari to Upper Rangitata	1	4,153	925	173	10	"	2	100 0 0	20 0 0	...	120 0 0	36 15 7
XI. Timaru to Lake Tekapo	2	2,605	702	132	70	"	1	160 0 0	10 0 0	...	170 0 0	22 9 4
XII. Christchurch to Tai Tapu (lately called Clannricarde)	2	2,058	451	84	12	Coach	1	31 4 0	10 0 0	...	41 4 0	17 15 0
XIII. Lyttelton to Akaroa	5	27,535	4,422	829	30	Boat and horse	3	350 0 0	72 0 0	1 17 0	423 17 0	227 1 2
XIV. Pigeon Bay to O'Kain's Bay	2	3,403	940	176	10	Foot	1	40 0 0	10 0 0	0 12 3	50 12 3	29 7 0
XV. Lyttelton to Port Levy	1	891	911	171	9	Boat and horse	1	50 0 0	...	...	50 0 0	7 13 9
XVI. " Little River	3	6,251	1,572	295	32	Horse	1	80 0 0	25 0 0	0 13 3	105 13 3	53 17 7
XVII. Boating Services at Lyttelton	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	123 0 0	...	...	123 0 0	...
XVIII. Railway " Christchurch	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70 0 0	...	...	70 0 0	...
Country Mail Services—Totals	68	523,152	141,129	26,460	749½	...	...	5,880 17 4	1,551 0 0	40 16 5	7,472 13 9	4,494 7 7
Chief Office, Christchurch	1	452,583	433,599	81,239	...	...	...	...	2,241 2 1	429 3 4	2,670 5 5	4,931 11 9
Totals for the Province	69	975,735	574,728	107,759	749½	...	...	5,880 17 4	3,792 2 1	469 19 9	10,142 19 2	8,525 19 4

Table No. 26.
TABLE showing REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, &c., of the POSTAL DEPARTMENT in the County of WESTLAND, in 1868.

COUNTY OF WESTLAND.	TOTALS RECEIVED AND DESPATCHED.			MAIL SERVICES.			EXPENDITURE.				TOTALS.	
	NUMBER OF OFFICES.	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. Hokitika to Greymouth, &c.	7	210,691	91,976	15,329	26	Coach	6	£ 702 0 0	£ 839 2 0	£ 139 11 0	£ 1,680 13 0	£ 1,243 11 8
II. " Christchurch	1	43,564	44,078	7,346	150	"	2	2,000 0 0	...	...	2,000 0 0	373 13 4
III. " Hobo	2	3,417	1,145	143	6	Foot	2	99 10 0	10 0 0	...	109 10 0	12 0 0
IV. " Kanieri	1	5,855	2,389	299	4	"	3	64 5 0	20 0 0	...	84 5 0	16 5 0
V. " Okarita	1	6,025	2,891	362	58	Horse	1	182 0 0	20 0 0	...	202 0 0	52 0 0
VI. " Ross	1	29,692	7,985	991	18	"	3	150 0 0	25 16 8	...	175 16 8	322 17 0
VII. " Waimea	2	26,693	6,664	883	17	"	3	100 0 0	20 0 0	...	120 0 0	266 15 6
<i>Branches,—</i>												
I. Six-mile to Chesterfield	1	1,668	394	49	5	Foot	3	75 0 0	8 15 0	...	83 15 0	8 7 6
II. Teremakan to Greenstone	1	877	151	20	12	Boat	1	...	...	...	...	16 4 0
Country Mail Services—Totals	17	328,422	157,623	25,422	296	...	...	3,372 15 0	943 13 8	139 11 0	4,455 19 8	2,311 14 0
Post Office, Hokitika	1	165,165	101,908	14,558	...	...	...	...	1,092 0 0	79 6 3	1,171 6 3	2,459 13 11
Totals for the County	18	493,597	259,526	39,980	296	...	...	3,372 15 0	2,035 13 8	218 17 3	5,627 5 11	4,771 7 11

Table No. 27.
TABLE showing REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, &c., of the POSTAL DEPARTMENT in the Province of OTAGO, in 1868.

PROVINCE OF OTAGO.	TOTALS RECEIVED AND DESPATCHED.			MAIL SERVICES.			EXPENDITURE.				TOTALS.	
	NUMBER OF OFFICES.	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: Dunedin to Waiaki	9	141,026	84,858	16,971	92	Coach	3	£ 1,300 0 0	£ 360 0 0	£ 20 8 4	£ 1,680 8 4	£ 1,711 1 6
II. Southern: Dunedin to Mataura,—												
Dunedin to Tokomairiro	8	82,439	83,725	16,745	38	"	6	500 0 0	300 0 0	3 0 0	803 0 0	980 10 0
Tokomairiro to Balclutha	2	28,650	11,737	2,347	17	"	6	150 0 0	47 10 0	1 4 9	198 14 9	312 10 0
Balclutha to Mataura	3	16,458	14,170	2,834	56	Coach and horse	2	239 0 0	20 0 0	...	259 0 0	201 13 4

Table No. 27—continued.
TABLE showing REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, &c., of the POSTAL DEPARTMENT in the Province of Otago, in 1868.

PROVINCE OF OTAGO.	NUMBERS OF OFFICES.	TOTALS 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.
III. Palmerston to Queenstown—												
Palmerston to Clyde	6	53,490	38,562	7,712	120	Coach	2	£ 1,567 0 0	£ 258 1 1	£ 41 18 0	£ 1,866 19 1	£ s. d. 650 10 0
Clyde to Queenstown	6	43,272	33,836	6,767	73	"	2	385 0 0	238 10 0	35 17 6	659 7 6	530 10 0
IV. Tokomairiro to Clyde—												
Tokomairiro to Lawrence	3	48,958	26,147	5,229	34	"	6	288 0 0	255 0 0	16 12 6	559 12 6	550 10 0
Lawrence to Clyde	6	29,578	17,820	3,364	74	" and horse	1	379 0 0	88 0 0	...	467 0 0	328 15 0
Branches—												
I. Oamaru to Oamaru	3	3,844	810	162	78	Horse	1	250 0 0	15 0 0	...	265 0 0	32 10 0
II. East Taieri to West Taieri	3	21,217	15,271	3,054	10	"	6	100 0 0	56 0 0	...	156 0 0	212 1 0
III. West Taieri to Waipori	1	9,625	10,010	2,022	18	"	2	115 0 0	20 0 0	...	135 0 0	120 4 1
IV. " Lake Waipori	2	2,670	2,627	525	11	"	2	35 0 0	15 0 0	...	50 0 0	25 12 0
V. North Taieri to Hindon	1	1,036	1,818	363	20	"	1	16 0 0	10 0 0	...	26 0 0	12 10 0
VI. Waihola to Taieri Beach	1	920	1,001	200	9	"	1	24 0 0	10 0 0	...	34 0 0	11 5 0
VII. Balclutha to Kaitangata	2	7,020	5,052	1,010	10	"	3	45 0 0	20 0 0	...	65 0 0	87 10 0
VIII. " Port Molyneux	3	12,610	11,324	2,264	19	"	2	80 0 0	30 0 0	...	110 0 0	150 0 0
IX. Longford to Switzers	1	9,159	7,099	1,419	52	"	1	86 0 0	10 0 0	...	96 0 0	112 15 0
X. Lawrence to Weatherstones via Blue Spur	2	8,342	4,978	995	5	"	6	99 0 0	30 0 0	...	129 0 0	102 0 0
XI. Beaumont to Tapanui	1	6,508	4,114	863	20	"	1	120 0 0	5 0 0	...	125 0 0	81 0 0
XII. Waihimo to Macrae's	1	6,978	2,949	589	13	"	2	163 0 0	10 0 0	...	173 0 0	87 5 0
XIII. Kyebrum to Hamilton's	2	11,442	9,526	1,905	28	"	2	150 0 0	42 0 0	...	192 0 0	142 10 0
XIV. Hamilton's to Linburn	1	1,820	2,348	469	7	"	1	80 0 0	10 0 0	...	90 0 0	15 0 0
XV. Kyebrum to Mount Ida	1	16,248	9,661	1,932	10	"	2	78 0 0	20 0 0	...	98 0 0	201 10 0
XVI. Blackstone Hill to St. Bathans	1	7,526	5,822	1,164	8	"	2	78 18 6	15 0 0	...	93 18 6	93 15 0
XVII. Black's to Drybread	2	2,038	727	145	11	"	1	75 0 0	6 0 0	...	81 0 0	24 18 0
XVIII. Clyde to Nevis	2	1,387	911	162	22	"	1	90 0 0	10 0 0	...	100 0 0	15 5 0
XIX. Kawarau to Cardrona	4	6,517	5,223	1,044	43	"	...	150 0 0	25 0 0	...	175 0 0	77 0 0
XX. Arrow River to Twelve-mile	1	...	...	...	12	"	...	...	10 0 0	...	10 0 0	...
XXI. Queenstown to Skipper's	2	2,162	1,202	240	37	"	1	120 0 0	15 0 0	...	135 0 0	25 12 6
XXII. " Kingstown	1	292	378	78	30	Boat	1	100 0 0	5 0 0	...	105 0 0	3 2 6
XXIII. Athol to Nokomai	1	694	1,360	272	10	Horse	1	60 0 0	10 0 0	...	70 0 0	8 15 0
XXIV. Dunedin to Anderson's Bay	1	3,844	3,559	712	2	Coach	6	15 0 0	5 0 0	...	20 0 0	49 10 0
XXV. " Mornington	1	2,261	1,077	215	2	Foot	6	...	10 0 0	...	10 0 0	32 10 0
XXVI. " Waikari	1	1,532	1,036	207	2	Horse	6	...	8 0 0	...	8 0 0	18 15 0
XXVII. " Port Chalmers, including Sea-borne												
Mails	1	24,116	14,907	2,981	9	Steamer	12	520 10 0	200 0 0	3 16 6	724 6 6	301 0 0
" North-east Harbour and Portobello	2	2,133	2,621	544	12	"	2	...	16 0 0	...	16 0 0	25 0 0
Waikari to Catlin's River	2	755	282	56	...	Boat	...	...	...	...	...	9 3 9
Country Mail Services—Totals	89	618,047	438,548	87,561	1,016	...	...	7,458 8 6	2,205 1 1	122 17 7	9,786 7 2	7,343 18 8
Chief Post Office, Dunedin	1	512,934	609,423	121,884	...	...	...	...	3,134 3 10	9,225 0 6*	12,359 4 4	6,261 13 7
Totals for the Province	90	1,130,971	1,047,971	209,445	1,016	...	...	7,458 8 6	5,339 4 11	9,347 18 1	22,145 11	613,605 12 3

* This sum includes payments made on account of new Post Office.

Table No. 28.
TABLE showing REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, &c., of the POSTAL DEPARTMENT in the Province of Southland, in 1868.

PROVINCE OF SOUTHLAND.	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.
								£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<i>Trunk Lines—</i>												
I. Invercargill to Maitara ...	3	20,394	13,138	2,589	35	Horse	2	270 0 0	23 15 0	3 7 10	297 2 10	251 11 0
II. " Campbelltown ...	1	7,465	1,551	292	18	Railway	6	400 0 0	25 0 0	14 11 0	439 11 0	92 3 3
<i>Branches—</i>												
I. Invercargill to Kingston ...	6	15,347	10,142	1,902	91	Coach	1	325 0 0	35 0 0	1 3 7	361 3 7	189 6 6
II. " Riverton ...	2	18,114	8,090	1,517	22	"	2	90 0 0	45 0 0	4 0 3	139 0 3	226 19 9
III. " Flint's Bush ...	2	4,362	4,207	788	17	Horse	1	25 0 0	10 0 0	0 3 4	35 3 4	53 16 1
IV. Maitara to Gore ...	1	5,073	3,566	668	8	"	1	35 0 0	5 0 0	0 3 0	40 3 0	62 11 6
V. Bridge Inn to Oteramika ...	1	1,426	1,138	214	6	"	1	30 0 0	5 0 0	0 1 0	35 1 0	17 11 9
VI. Riverton to Mararoa ...	3	5,483	5,527	1,036	77	"	1	80 0 0	17 10 0	0 3 0	97 13 0	67 12 7
<i>Otago Branches served from Southland—</i>												
I. Gore to Switzers ...	...	2,202	2,361	443	38	"	1	...	...	...	...	...
II. Athol to Nokomai ...	...	807	495	93	10	"	1	...	...	...	...	...
Country Mail Services—Totals	19	80,673	50,215	9,542	322	...	...	1,255 0 0	166 5 0	23 13 0	1,444 18 0	961 12 5
Chief Post Office, Invercargill	1	88,122	96,374	18,070	...	...	...	...	654 0 7	38 4 0	692 4 7	1,120 8 9
Totals for the Province	20	168,795	146,589	27,612	322	...	...	1,255 0 0	820 5 7	61 17 0	2,137 2 7	2,082 1 2

Table No. 29.
TABLE showing REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, &c., of the POSTAL DEPARTMENT in the different PROVINCES of NEW ZEALAND, in 1868.

PROVINCES.	No. of OFFICES.	TOTALS 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 ...	89	873,673	424,288	79,554	2,642 1 8	3,344 16 5	167 9 8	6,154 7 9	8,754 16 7	
TARANAKI ...	13	58,006	41,576	4,154	120 0 0	360 15 0	115 2 0	595 17 0	645 12 2	
HAWKE'S BAY ...	26	135,755	102,770	12,578	788 4 2	647 0 0	157 15 10	1,593 0 0	1,390 0 4	
WELLINGTON ...	28	639,656	358,965	71,793	1,860 3 4	2,234 12 9	402 12 5	4,497 8 6	12,579 4 7	
TOTALS FOR NORTH ISLAND ...	156	1,707,090	927,599	168,079	5,410 9 2	6,537 4 2	842 19 11	12,840 13 3	23,369 13 8	
NELSON ...	30	404,202	247,975	39,511	1,776 10 1	2,001 15 4	136 1 11	3,914 7 4	3,651 12 8	
MARLBOROUGH ...	14	96,819	79,227	7,427	746 4 0	670 10 0	138 3 1	1,554 17 1	1,048 2 2	
CANTERBURY ...	69	975,735	574,728	107,759	5,880 17 4	3,792 2 1	469 19 9	10,142 19 2	8,525 19 4	
OTAGO ...	90	1,130,971	1,047,971	209,445	7,458 8 6	5,339 4 11	9,347 18 1	22,145 11 6	13,605 12 3	
SOUTHLAND ...	20	163,795	146,589	27,612	1,255 0 0	820 5 7	61 17 0	2,137 2 7	2,106 1 6	
WESTLAND ...	18	493,587	259,526	39,980	3,372 15 0	2,035 13 8	218 17 3	5,627 5 11	4,771 7 11	
CHATHAM ISLANDS ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29 4 6	
TOTALS FOR MIDDLE ISLAND ...	242	3,270,109	2,356,016	431,734	20,489 14 11	14,659 11 7	10,372 17 1	45,522 3 7	33,738 0 4	
TOTALS FOR THE COLONY ...	398	4,977,199	3,283,615	599,813	25,900 4 1	21,246 15 9	11,215 17 0	58,362 16 10	57,107 14 0	