

Table No. 15.

RETURN of the Number of Letters registered at the Post Offices in the different Postal Districts during the Years 1870, 1871, 1872, and 1873.

Postal Districts.	1870.			1871.			1872.			1873.		
	To Places		Totals.	To Places		Totals.	To Places		Totals.	To Places		Totals.
	Without the Colony.	Within the Colony.		Without the Colony.	Within the Colony.		Without the Colony.	Within the Colony.		Without the Colony.	Within the Colony.	
Auckland ...	1,877	6,212	8,089	2,287	8,318	10,605	2,457	10,199	12,656	2,243	7,416	9,659
Taranaki ...	76	250	326	124	478	602	156	605	761	147	610	757
Hawke's Bay ...	170	471	641	169	721	890	196	877	1,073	304	1,217	1,521
Wellington ...	798	4,268	5,066	799	4,289	5,088	942	4,904	5,846	1,169	5,845	7,014
Nelson ...	736	1,112	1,848	677	1,086	1,763	568	1,504	2,072	509	1,317	1,826
Marlborough ...	98	518	616	111	583	694	126	721	847	158	836	994
Canterbury ...	1,483	2,590	4,073	1,573	2,897	4,470	1,637	3,286	4,923	1,864	3,689	5,553
Otago ...	2,076	3,967	6,043	2,083	4,578	6,661	1,983	4,763	6,746	2,368	4,404	6,772
Southland ...	258	547	805	232	803	1,035	237	927	1,164	325	1,371	1,696
Westland ...	1,869	1,173	3,042	1,567	1,304	2,871	1,567	2,052	3,619	1,310	2,202	3,512
Total ...	9,441	21,108	30,549	9,622	25,057	34,679	9,869	29,838	39,707	10,397	28,907	39,304

Table No. 16.

STATEMENT of Correspondence received from the United Kingdom *via* San Francisco and *via* Suez during the Year ended 31st December, 1873.

Date of Receipt.				<i>Via</i> San Francisco.			<i>Via</i> Suez.		
				Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.
January ...	...	...	...	...	53	14,392	2,999	374	4,541
February ...	...	...	...	39,798	4,798	100,601	3,414	466	8,571
March ...	...	...	...	19,512	2,655	56,289	6,483	559	18,065
April ...	...	...	...	20,239	2,624	53,363	2,830	451	9,591
May ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22,591	2,206	62,229
June ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20,763	2,788	85,258
July ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22,710	2,632	71,276
August ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21,161	2,488	66,628
September ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20,713	2,515	69,325
October ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20,685	2,486	72,438
November ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22,186	2,570	68,481
December ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22,998	2,732	71,335
December ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24,943	2,947	74,934
Total ...	...	...	...	79,549	10,130	224,645	214,476	25,214	682,672

Table No. 17.

STATEMENT of Correspondence despatched to the United Kingdom *via* San Francisco and *via* Suez during the Year ended 31st December, 1873.

Date of Despatch.				<i>Via</i> San Francisco.			<i>Via</i> Suez.		
				Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.
January ...	...	...	...	11,168	424	9,547	1,933	98	416
February ...	...	...	...	15,302	445	13,772	...	...	...
March ...	...	...	...	21,705	340	16,002	2,020	30	559
April ...	...	...	...	20,906	418	16,680	2,474	79	581
May ...	...	...	...	13,225	328	9,646	9,860	256	6,311
June ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17,628	395	14,019
July ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20,028	413	14,765
August ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29,888	614	22,128
September ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34,641	722	24,211
October ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19,058	643	21,459
November ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33,102	834	30,489
December ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26,803	421	21,591
December ...	...	...	...	11,249	282	8,588	10,402	115	9,992
Total ...	...	...	...	93,555	2,237	74,235	207,837	4,620	166,521