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NEW ZEALAND.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.
(SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.)

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

MY LORD,—
I have the honor to submit to Your Excellency the Seventeenth Annual Report on the Postal Service of New Zealand.

General Post Office, Wellington, 21st August, 1876.

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

The Most Hon. the Marquis of Normanby, K.C.M.G.,
Governor of New Zealand.

R E P O R T .

SINCE the date of last report, the whole of the Chief and Head Post Offices have been visited, and a very large number of the Sub-Post Offices inspected. In several instances, many of the offices have been visited twice, and generally there has been found decided improvement. Too much importance cannot be attached to a thorough system of inspection, which largely contributes to introduce and maintain order, discipline, and efficiency.

The introduction of penny post cards for circulation within the colony has been decided upon. The cards will be issued to the public as early as practicable. Post cards supply a general want, by enabling messages, orders, notices, and other short communications to be transmitted through the post at a nominal rate of postage. The introduction of the post-card system in New South Wales and Victoria has been attended with success; and in the United Kingdom for the year 1874, no less than seventy-nine million post cards were posted.

Attention has been directed to the desirableness of establishing Penny Savings Banks in connection with schools, under regulations similar to those of the Penny-Bank system which has been worked with such marked success in the United Kingdom, and also in Ghent, in Belgium. The importance of the matter is fully recognized, and every facility will be afforded to Penny Banks established not only at schools but at factories and other establishments throughout the colony.

One of the immediate results of the Postal Conference held at Berne, in October, 1874, has been a considerable reduction in the postage on letters and printed matter from New Zealand for places in Europe, &c. Further and still more substantial advantages are likely to follow.

The following table shows to what extent the staff of the department has been augmented, and the expenditure on account of salaries increased, compared with the increase of revenue, during the seven years ended 30th June, 1876 :—

Financial Year.	Number of Officers employed.		Expenditure for Salaries.	Revenue Collected within the Colony.	Increase per Cent.	
	On the Permanent Staff.	Non-Permanent.			Salaries.	Revenue.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1868-69	158	326	24,884 0 0	45,561 0 2	...	...
1875-76	270	519	32,135 2 8	80,656 0 9	22 11 3	77 0 6

The total increase in the number of officers is about 72 per cent. The permanent officers increased 71 per cent., those not on the permanent staff, 59 per cent. Of the 789 officers on the strength of the department on the 30th June last, 152 are not in receipt of salary.

The number of letters and newspapers received and despatched during the years 1874 and 1875 was :—

			1875.			1874.	Increase.
Letters—Received ...	...	...	5,053,403	...	...	4,339,165	
Despatched	...	...	5,374,448	...	...	4,719,291	
			10,427,851	...	...	9,058,456	1,369,395
Newspapers—Received	...	...	4,026,457	...	...	3,872,668	
Despatched	...	...	2,784,820	...	...	2,434,024	
			6,811,277	...	...	6,306,692	504,585

The increase of letters was equal to 15½ per cent., and of newspapers 8 per cent.

Comparing the number of letters despatched with the population of the colony, it is found that the proportion is 14·29 letters to each head of population, as against 12·08 for 1874. During this year the average in Victoria was 16·39, and in New South Wales 16·38.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

The revenue collected for the financial year ended 30th June last amounted to £80,656 Os. 9d. Had the postages due by the Imperial Post Office, and the sums recoverable from non-contracting colonies for conveyance of mails by the San Francisco Service, been collected within this period, the gross sum to have been treated as revenue would have amounted to £94,591 Os. 9d.

The subjoined statement shows to what extent the Postal revenue increased during the past four years :—

Financial Year.		Revenue.		Increase.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1871-72	...	47,054 18 3	...	3,968 3 3
1872-73	...	50,586 6 4	...	3,531 8 1
1873-74	...	60,535 18 2	...	9,949 11 10
1874-75	...	72,037 0 0	...	11,501 1 10
1875-76	...	80,656 0 9	...	8,619 0 9

The revenue of 1874-75 included a sum of £1,345 recovered on account of contributions to the San Francisco Service, the actual amount collected in the colony being £70,692.

The revenue for the calendar year 1875, inclusive of the postage on franked correspondence, amounted to £122,495 18s. 9d., as shown by the summary table of the Report (No. 29). If the amounts admitted to be due, but not recovered, be added to this sum, £136,430 18s. 9d. would represent the gross earnings of the department for the year ended 31st December.

The transmission of franked correspondence is largely on the increase, as may be seen by the following table. The amount of official postage for 1874 was estimated at £42,223 6s. :—

ON THE SERVICE OF	AMOUNT OF POSTAGE FOR THE YEAR 1875.									TOTALS.
	Auckland.	Taranaki.	Hawke's Bay.	Wellington.	Nelson.	Marlborough.	Canterbury.	Otago.	Westland.	
Provincial Government	£ s. d. 463 14 6	£ s. d. 34 17 2	£ s. d. 26 7 4	£ s. d. 311 6 0	£ s. d. 56 17 4	£ s. d. 20 0 6	£ s. d. 87 4 8	£ s. d. 1,401 5 4	£ s. d. 212 1 6	£ s. d. 2,613 14 4
General Government ...	1,289 17 10	616 7 0	242 16 4	40,275 12 8	503 0 4	319 6 0	1,678 16 4	4,073 16 0	434 1 2	49,433 13 8
Totals ...	1,753 12 4	651 4 2	269 3 8	40,586 18 8	559 17 8	339 6 6	1,766 1 0	5,475 1 4	646 2 8	52,047 8 0

The actual expenditure for the financial year just ended amounted to £139,321 8s. 4d. Of this sum, £72,743 8s. 3d. represents the cost of conveyance of mails by sea. The payment for salaries was £32,135 2s. 8d., and Inland Mail Services absorbed £29,770 2s. 7d.

INLAND MAIL SERVICES.

The cost for the carriage of inland mails amounted to £28,699 Os. 10d for the calendar year 1875. There were 330 services in operation; of these 83 were carried out by coach and mail cart, 153 by horse, 29 on foot, 51 by water, and 14 by railway. These services exceeded 7,030 miles in length; and the gross number of miles travelled with the mails was 1,464,112, at an average cost of 4½d. per mile, a fraction higher than in 1874.

Daily communication has been established between Dunedin and Invercargill, and it may be of interest to remark that mails have been delivered between those places within fifteen hours. From Dunedin to Balclutha, and from Invercargill to Maitaia, the mails are carried by railway, while the intermediate stage, between Balclutha and Maitaia, is still travelled by mail coach.

The contract for the Napier and Tauranga coach service having expired, and no eligible offers received for continuing the service, temporary arrangements were made for the carriage of weekly mails by members of the mounted constabulary. The coach service will be re-established so soon as a favourable opportunity presents itself.

Forty-seven additional services were established, and in a number of cases the frequency of services increased. The extension of the railways has enabled many important districts to be supplied with daily mails, and in several instances with mails more than once daily.

The fact has forced itself upon the department that the strict and exact observance of schedule time appears to be considered by many contractors of secondary consideration. The department has

always made the most liberal allowance for the difficulties and delays incidental to bad roads and flooded rivers ; but it has become apparent that many of the delays are attributable to other causes, over which contractors or their servants have control. The department has determined to insist upon contractors observing schedule time ; and failing this, the penalty clauses will be enforced in every case of needless delay.

The Government have decided that contracts for inland mail services shall for the future extend over two years, instead of one, as is the general rule at present. By accepting tenders for two years the department will be relieved of a considerable amount of labour, while it is considered the change will tend to encourage greater competition than there has been hitherto.

DEPARTMENTAL.

41 additional Post Offices were opened, 6 re-opened, and 15 closed during the year. The number of Post Offices open on the 31st December, 1875, was 647 ; and the total number of officers employed, 783.

The following Return of Officers of the Postal Department for the Years 1874 and 1875 shows to what extent the staff was increased during the year :—

Officers.	1875.	1874.	Officers.	1875.	1874.
Postmaster-General ...	1	1	Postmasters ...	13	13
Secretary ...	1	1	Clerks ...	82	70
Inspector of Post Offices ...	1	1	Sub-Postmasters ...	620	598
Accountant, Money Order, and Savings Bank Department ...	1	1	Letter Carriers ...	33	29
Clerks in General Post Office ...	4	4	Messengers ...	6	6
Clerks in Money Order and Savings Bank Department ...	4	4	Mail-cart Drivers ...	2	1
Chief and Head Postmasters ...	14	14	Shipping Officers ...	1	1
			Totals ...	783	744

The following schedule shows the number of Post Offices open on the 31st December last, compared with the number open in 1874 :—

Postal Districts.	1875.				1874.			
	Chief and Head Post Offices.	Second-Class Post Offices.	Sub-Post Offices.	Totals.	Chief and Head Post Offices.	Second-Class Post Offices.	Sub-Post Offices.	Totals.
Auckland ...	1	2	126	129	1	2	124	127
Thames ...	1	...	8	9	1	...	4	5
Taranaki ...	1	...	11	12	1	...	10	11
Hawke's Bay ...	1	2	36	39	1	2	36	39
Wellington ...	1	1	51	53	1	1	51	53
Nelson ...	1	...	25	26	1	...	25	26
Westport ...	1	...	15	16	1	...	13	14
Marlborough ...	1	2	14	17	1	2	14	17
Canterbury ...	1	3	119	123	1	3	115	119
Hokitika ...	1	...	26	27	1	...	24	25
Greymouth ...	1	...	17	18	1	...	17	18
Otago ...	1	2	136	139	1	2	136	139
Southland ...	1	1	35	37	1	1	28	30
Chatham Islands ...	1	...	1	2	1	...	1	2
Totals ...	14	13	620	647	14	13	598	625

A new office has been opened at Mosgiel, and placed in charge of a permanent officer.

Seven additional pillar and receiving boxes have been established, and two closed.

An additional letter carrier has been appointed to Auckland, enabling the deliveries to be extended.

It is also proposed to extend the deliveries in Napier, Christchurch, and Invercargill, and to appoint an additional letter carrier to each office.

The postage on book packets and patterns posted for delivery within the colony has been reduced. The postage now is 1d. not exceeding 2 ounces, 2d. for four ounces, and 2d. for every additional 4 ounces.

The postage on letters for the United Kingdom, for transmission *via* Brindisi, has been reduced from 9d. to 8d. per half-ounce, and on newspapers from 3d. to 2d. per 4 ounces. This reduction applies generally to letters and newspapers for other places when sent in mails *via* Brindisi.

The letter postage for India has been reduced from 1s. to 6d. per half-ounce. Letters for the South Sea Islands are now forwarded at a postage rate of 2d. per half-ounce.

The business of the Insurance Department at Dunedin, formerly conducted at the Chief Post Office, was separated from that of the Post Office on the 2nd January. It is the intention to make similar changes throughout the colony at the larger offices.

REGISTERED LETTERS.

48,130 letters of all classes were registered, being an increase of 4,164 over the number registered during the previous year.

DEAD LETTERS.

55,531 unclaimed or dead letters were disposed of in the Dead Letter Office. The following table enumerates the number of this class of letters dealt with, year by year, since 1871 :—

Manner of Disposal.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.
Opened and returned to the writers	17,106	17,707	20,602	26,153	39,051
Returned unopened to other countries	6,192	5,512	5,393	6,828	10,321
Re-issued	97	85	75	105	78
Destroyed	2,173	2,884	3,801	4,227	6,081
Totals	25,568	26,188	29,871	37,313	55,531

The property found during the year in unclaimed letters, comprising cash remittances, amounted to nearly £5,000. A considerable number of articles of jewellery were also found in unclaimed packets. It has generally been practicable to return the property to the senders.

A large number of book packets and newspapers are received without covers in each mail from the United Kingdom, and although every effort is made to restore these articles to their owners, a considerable proportion remains undelivered. Much disappointment to the public and trouble to the department would be saved if, in the case of book packets, the senders were to use strong paper covers, and in the case of newspapers, if the addresses were written on the newspapers themselves, instead of on flimsy wrappers. Another cause of disappointment through non-receipt of newspapers from the United Kingdom is, that when they are posted later than eight days after the date of issue, they are liable to book-packet rates, and are detained on account of insufficient postage. And again, should any newspaper posted in the United Kingdom exceed four ounces in weight, it is detained unless it bears a double rate of postage.

Packets containing articles of wearing apparel, &c., alleged to have been posted in the United Kingdom, are frequently reported by the addressees as missing, and the explanation of the non-receipt is, that only *bonâ fide* patterns or samples are admissible for transmission through the post at less than letter rates of postage. When articles, obviously not patterns, are posted prepaid at packet rates only, they are not forwarded, but detained, and, if practicable, returned to the senders.

BUILDINGS.

The new Government offices erected at Lyttelton are now occupied by the several departments for the accommodation of which the building was erected. The Post Office was transferred to the new offices on the 6th December.

The new building at Hokitika was finished and occupied by the department on the 31st January.

The Napier Chief Post Office has been completed, and the business of the department transferred to the new premises on the 14th February last. The office is both roomy and convenient, and should be ample for all requirements for years.

The alterations necessary for adapting the building formerly known as the Greymouth Hospital to suit the requirements of the Post Office and Telegraph Departments were finished, and the building handed over on the 14th March last. The work has been faithfully carried out; and, although the external appearance of the building does not suggest its real character, the internal arrangements are all that could be desired.

The want of better accommodation at Invercargill has been felt for some time past, and it was also recognized that the ordinary requirements of the department could scarcely await the erection of the new offices contemplated to be built within the ensuing two years. It was therefore decided to appropriate a portion of the wing of the public buildings already in course of construction, on it being ascertained that desirable offices could thereby be readily and conveniently secured. The necessary fittings were put in hand without delay, and the business of the Post Office was transferred to the new offices on the 29th July last.

The Post Office at Timaru has been altered as far as possible to meet the growing requirements of the department. The plan of the building and the limited space at the disposal of the department, precluded alterations on a larger scale.

Plans for enlarging the accommodation at the Chief Post Office, Nelson, are in course of preparation, and the alterations proposed will give the department convenient offices. The Post Office will have the exclusive use of the building, the Telegraph having been transferred to new premises erected in Trafalgar Street.

The erection of new offices at Christchurch has not yet been commenced, and the remarks made in the last annual report, as to the want of better accommodation, are now still more applicable, owing to the very large increase of business which has taken place.

The want of a new Post Office at Wellington is seriously felt. Should business continue to increase at the present rate, it will be absolutely necessary to procure other and more commodious offices.

Increased office space is also required at Dunedin. This will be secured so soon as the Telegraph Department vacates its present offices.

The want of new offices at Port Chalmers, both from a departmental as well as a sanitary point of view, has been long felt. This want will shortly be supplied, as the erection of the new building is to be proceeded with at once.

The Post Office at Gisborne has been altered, and the accommodation improved.

Alterations to the Tauranga Post Office, for the better convenience of the public, have also been made.

The requirements of the department at Wanganui have rendered necessary increased accommodation, which has been satisfactorily provided.

Several additions and alterations to other less important offices have also been arranged, and in every case, where necessary, provision has also been made for the requirements of the Insurance Department.

In addition to those mentioned, new Post Offices have been erected and occupied at Ashburton, Masterton, Ohaewae, Riverhead, Turakina, Porangahau, St. Bathans, Mosgiel, Ohinemutu, and Havelock.

The following new offices are also in course of erection, or proposed to be erected :—Manuherikia, Oxford, Outram, Kaitangata, Temuka, Sandon, and Cambridge.

MAIL STEAM SERVICES.

Reference was made in the last report to the contract entered into by the Governments of New South Wales and New Zealand with the Pacific Mail Steam Ship Company for a mail service between the colonies and San Francisco, for a period of eight years, at an annual subsidy of £89,950, the cost to be equally divided between the two colonies.

The contract provides for thirteen services in the year, and an average speed of eleven knots per hour. The steamer from San Francisco proceeds through to Sydney, and, on the other hand, the steamer from Port Chalmers is the through boat to San Francisco,—transhipments in either case being made at Kandavau.

The service was appointed to commence at San Francisco on the 10th, and from Port Chalmers on the 17th November last. The contractors were not in a position to begin the service by the authorized route, and they requested permission for three months to perform the service from Sydney to San Francisco, and *vice versa*, *via* Auckland and Honolulu—the New Zealand coastal service being performed by local steamers. Acting in concert with New South Wales, the Government declined to accede to this request, and the contractors were informed they must adhere to the letter of their contract. Notwithstanding this refusal they persisted in their intention, and, as might have been expected, serious complications arose.

The “Vasco de Gama” was the steamer appointed to open the service from Sydney on the 19th November, and sailed from Sydney on that day for San Francisco, by way of Auckland, where she embarked the New Zealand mails. The “Mikado,” which should have begun the service from Port Chalmers, was not available, and the southern mails were therefore conveyed to the Manukau by local steamer. The “Vasco de Gama” sailed from Auckland on the 25th November, and called at Kandavau for the mails from New South Wales conveyed there by the “Cyphrenes.” The New South Wales Government had refused to forward their mails by the “Vasco de Gama,” as she was not to proceed by the contract route.

The “Colima” was appointed to open the service from San Francisco on the 18th November, but as the contractors were not prepared to despatch her by the contract route, the mails were forwarded by the “Macgregor,” employed under a temporary arrangement with the Australasian Steam Navigation Company. The “Colima” met with an accident after leaving San Francisco, which resulted in her being laid up for repairs on arrival at Sydney. The contractors through this mishap had not a suitable steamer for the carriage of the December mails to San Francisco, and the contracting colonies therefore chartered the “City of Melbourne” for a voyage to San Francisco and back *via* Auckland and Honolulu. In the meantime the “Cyphrenes” had been despatched to New Zealand by the contractors, and although her employment was protested against by the Government, she conveyed the mails to Kandavau, where they were transhipped to the “City of Melbourne.” The New Zealand Government was not aware until after the “Cyphrenes” had left Auckland that the “City of Melbourne” would call there *en route* to San Francisco. The “Cyphrenes,” while on the New Zealand coast, sprung her shaft, and was consequently precluded going further than Kandavau, from which port she returned to Sydney for repairs.

The “City of San Francisco” was ready to leave San Francisco in December, on the date appointed by the contract. As, however, she was not to proceed by the contract route, the mails were not entrusted to the contractors, but placed on board the “Mikado,” then returning under the agreement with the Australasian Steam Navigation Company. Both steamers reached Auckland on the 1st January. The mails for southern ports were delivered by local steamer, which also carried the return mails to Auckland to meet the “Mikado,” which had been specially chartered by the contractors to convey the outward January mails to San Francisco.

The “Granada” left San Francisco in January, and she was the first of the contractors’ steamers conveying the mails from that port. Unfortunately the “Granada” did not connect with the branch boat at Kandavau, which came on to New Zealand without waiting for her arrival. The “Granada” carried the New Zealand mails to Sydney, from which port they were forwarded to Auckland by ordinary steamer. The “City of San Francisco” took up the February service at Port Chalmers; and she was the first steamer which proceeded through to San Francisco in accordance with the contract.

The “City of Melbourne” sailed from San Francisco in February with the mails, under the charter made by the contracting colonies, as above mentioned; she came on to Auckland from Honolulu. The “Granada,” which had been awaiting at Kandavau, reached Auckland a few hours after the “City of Melbourne.” The “Granada” performed the coastal service, and carried the outward March mails.

The “Mikado” sailed from San Francisco on the 1st March with the mails, and connected at Kandavau with the “Colima,” which steamer delivered the mails at the New Zealand ports. This was the first inward service carried out in accordance with the contract. On arrival at Port Chalmers, the “Colima” was unable to enter, and on returning to Lyttelton she broke down off Banks Peninsula. This mishap again disarranged the service. Arrangements had to be made for conveying the Southern mails to Auckland for transmission to San Francisco by the “Zealandia,” which left Sydney on the 7th April, the contractors having obtained permission to perform the outward service in April, *via* Auckland.

The “City of San Francisco” sailed from San Francisco on the 3rd April (instead of 29th March), and, by permission of the contracting colonies in consequence of the break down of the “Colima,” came on to Auckland, the Southern mails being distributed by local steamer. The “Colima,” having been repaired, took up the outward service at Port Chalmers on the 4th May.

The “City of Sydney” was the April steamer from San Francisco connecting with the

“Australia” at Kandavau. The latter steamer brought the mails to New Zealand, and performed the outward service of the 31st May from Port Chalmers.

The “Zealandia” performed the May service from San Francisco, and transhipped the New Zealand mails to the “City of San Francisco” at Kandavau; and the latter vessel performed the return service in June.

The “City of New York” took up the June service from San Francisco, meeting the “City of Sydney” at Kandavau. This latter steamer conveyed the mails outwards from Port Chalmers in July.

The service appears to be now in thorough working order, and the contractors are carrying it out with regularity. That the service can be performed within the time stipulated by the contract is beyond question. From a statement laid before Parliament it will be seen that comparing the services *via* San Francisco and Suez, the advantage to the Colony as a whole, in point of time, is decidedly in favour of the former service.

It was considered advisable to appoint a Resident Agent at San Francisco for the purpose of giving special attention to the interests of the Colony in connection with the mail service. There can be little doubt that the appointment will be of great advantage to the contracting Governments; and there is reason to believe that the mails will be carried between New York and San Francisco with greater regularity than has hitherto been the case. The amount agreed to be paid to the Agent is only £30 per annum, for which payment he is to render any services required of him.

Negotiations have been opened with the view of effecting a modification in the service, but up to the present time nothing has been definitely decided. It is recognized that calling at Kandavau is attended with serious risk and inconvenience.

Owing to the failure of Messrs. H. H. Hall and Forbes, the payments on account of the San Francisco service have been unusually large.

Two of the services under the temporary arrangement with the Australasian Steam Navigation Company overlapped the services under the new contract, with the result of a considerably increased expenditure. Heavy penalties for the irregularities at the commencement of the new service were exacted. The Contractors still protest against the decisions arrived at, and ask for a reconsideration.

The following statement shows the payments made on account of the San Francisco and Galle mail services, and the postages estimated to be due, for the year 1875 :—

SAN FRANCISCO SERVICE.					
Dr.			£	s.	d.
Payments on account of Main Line	...	...	48,000	0	0
Interprovincial Services, Mail Agents, &c.	...	...	3,000	0	0
				51,000	0 0
Cr.			£	s.	d.
Postages from London	...	...	10,224	5	0
Postages collected in New Zealand	...	...	11,232	0	0
Recoveries from non-contracting colonies	...	...	1,483	12	7
				22,939	17 7
Net cost to the colony				£28,060	12 5
GALLE AND SUEZ SERVICE.					
Dr.			£	s.	d.
Payments to Victoria	...	...	9,373	10	7
Intercolonial Service, Gratuities, &c.	...	...	5,510	0	0
				14,883	10 7
Cr.			£	s.	d.
Postages from London	...	...	3,273	0	0
Postages collected in New Zealand	...	...	3,680	0	0
				6,953	0 0
Net cost to the colony				£7,930	10 7

In December last the United States Postmaster-General intimated to the London Post Office authorities that from the 1st January, 1876, the rate for the carriage of British closed mails between San Francisco and New York would be increased to 33 cents. per pound on both letters and newspapers, instead of 3½ cents. per ounce on letters, and 6 cents. per pound on newspapers—charges which it was stated were found to be wholly insufficient to represent the payments made by the United States Post Office to the Railway Companies. The closed mails in question were principally those sent and received by New South Wales and New Zealand; and, in order to meet the extra charge, the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury proposed to raise the rates of postage on newspapers and other printed matter sent in mails to the Colonies *via* San Francisco. The proposal was in effect to raise the postage on newspapers, &c., to 4d. per 4 ounces, and to be at liberty to demand a postage on newspapers sent in the colonial mails sufficient to cover the transit charges of the United States Post Office. This proposal was strongly protested against by the Agents-General of the two colonies as being contrary to the spirit and intention of the arrangement made in May, 1873, and which was regarded as binding for a period of five years. Eventually the Imperial Government withdrew their claim, but intimated that the basis of payment would have to be re-considered on the expiration of the existing arrangement.

The service between Nelson, Westport, Greymouth, and Hokitika, in connection with the San Francisco Mail Service, is continued month by month. Notwithstanding the difficulties encountered, the mails have, with a single exception, been delivered with regularity.

The frequency and regularity with which steamers have been running to and from the Manukau have rendered it unnecessary for the Department to provide for the receipt and delivery of the New Plymouth, Nelson, and Marlborough portions of the San Francisco mails. Until it be seen what direction the modifications of the San Francisco service take, special arrangements need not be entered into.

The contract for the conveyance of the Suez mails between Melbourne and New Zealand has been renewed for a period of two years, from September next, at the existing rate of subsidy.

The Middle Island Service expires in December. It is proposed to renew the contract. The total subsidy is £4,000 per annum, the whole of which will be a charge on the votes of the Department. Up to the present time, the Provincial Government of Otago have contributed £2,500 a year in aid of this service.

The Fiji Service has undergone one or two changes. The contract for running through to Dunedin was cancelled, and in December an arrangement was made with the contractors (the Auckland Steam Packet Company) for placing the steamer "Llewellyn" (specially fitted up for the trade) in the service, and running her between Auckland and the Islands every twenty-one days, for a payment of £150 each round trip. Owing to adverse circumstances, the arrangement did not prove an advantageous one to the contractors. They accordingly obtained permission to withdraw the "Llewellyn," and again employ the steamer "Star of the South," arranging the service so that the steamer should have a longer interval at the Islands to collect freight. This new arrangement will be commenced on the return of the "Star of the South" from Fiji; and in the meantime the "Llewellyn" has been withdrawn from the service.

Prior to withdrawing the "Llewellyn," the Company proposed to extend their service to New Caledonia, and arrange a time-table enabling the "Llewellyn" to connect with the inward and outward San Francisco mail boats at Kandavu and Auckland respectively. After carefully considering the matter, the Government were unable to agree to the proposal.

The service between Auckland, Gisborne, and Napier has been extended for a further period of twelve months. The service between Wellington, Napier, and Gisborne has also been extended for a similar period. The latter service expires in November, and the former in February next.

A service has been established between Wellington, Kaikoura, and Lyttelton. The service, which is a fortnightly one, is performed for a subsidy of £400 a year.

MONEY ORDERS.

The number of Money Order Offices in the colony had increased to 119 at the close of 1875, from 103 at the close of 1874; 16 new offices having been opened, namely, at Hokianga, Kawakawa, Hawera, Hastings, Taupo, Wairoa, Carterton, Turakina, Upper Hutt, Waitapu, Geraldine, Malvern, Rakaia, Clinton, Hyde, and Ophir.

The Money Orders issued during the year were 73,027 for £293,481 10s. 9d., against 62,712 for £263,164 7s. 9d. in 1874; the increase being 10,315 in number, and £30,317 3s. in amount.

The Money Orders paid were 52,132 for £211,516 16s. 2d., against 44,364 for £186,394 9s. 6d. in 1874; the increase being 7,768 in number, and £25,122 6s. 8d. in amount.

The Money Orders issued in New Zealand on offices in the United Kingdom and the Australian colonies were 24,416 for £99,929 17s., and there were 3,964 Orders for £18,603 9s. 6d., issued by those offices on New Zealand. There was accordingly an excess of upwards of £81,000 in the Money Orders sent out of the colony over those received.

The Telegraph was used during the year for the transmission of 10,144 Orders for £47,034 2s. 4d., against 9,060 for £44,026 12s. 6d. in 1874; the increase being 1,084 in number, and £3,007 9s. 10d. in amount.

The total amount of commission received from the issue of Money Orders was £4,950 19s. 4d., or £557 17s. 1d. more than the amount received in 1874.

SAVINGS BANKS.

The high rate of interest offered by the banks and investment institutions has diminished the Savings Bank deposits. A similar effect has been noticeable in some of the neighbouring colonies.

The following comparative statement of the Money Order and Savings Bank business of the Post Offices in Victoria and New Zealand during the year 1875, should be read with interest:—

	New Zealand.	Victoria.
Population	375,856	823,272
Money Order Offices	119	224
Savings Bank Offices	119	151
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Money Orders Issued	£ 293,481 10 9	£ 373,435 18 10
Money Orders Paid	211,516 16 2	393,383 6 2
Savings Bank Deposits	657,653 4 0	395,842 12 9
Savings Bank Withdrawals	729,759 17 9	476,752 12 8
Excess of Withdrawals	72,106 13 9	80,909 19 11
Balance at credit of Depositors	727,295 7 8	577,380 19 4

In Victoria interest at the rate of £4 per cent. on deposits up to £1,000 is allowed, while in New Zealand the rates are £4 10s. per cent. on deposits not exceeding £200, and £4 per cent. on deposits exceeding £200, but not exceeding £500.

The number of Savings Bank accounts opened during the year was 11,273, against 10,346 in 1874; the number of accounts closed, 8,681, against 5,736 in 1874. The number of accounts which remained open at the close of 1875 was 24,334, having increased from 21,742 at the end of 1874.

The number of deposits received during the year was 56,129 for a total amount of £657,653 4s., the average amount of each deposit was £11 14s. 4d. There were 36,977 withdrawals for a total amount of £729,759 17s. 9d., the average of each withdrawal was £19 14s. 8d.

The amount of interest credited to the account of depositors for the year was £28,565 3s. 5d., the rates allowed were $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum on sums not exceeding £200, and 4 per cent. on sums above this amount.

The balance at the credit of depositors at the close of the year was £727,295 7s. 8d., the average amount at the credit of each account was £29 17s. 9d.

Table No. 1.

TABLE showing the Number and Amount of Money Orders issued and of Money Orders made payable in New Zealand, Year by Year, since the Year 1863.

MONEY ORDERS ISSUED IN THE COLONY.																			
Year.	Commission received.			Where payable.								Total.							
				In the Colony.		United Kingdom.		Australian Colonies.											
				No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
1863	1,057	9	0	2,201	9,613	11	11	4,740	21,944	2	1	4,645	24,145	7	5	11,586	55,703	1	5
1864	1,619	2	6	4,267	19,427	4	4	7,700	35,741	5	0	4,625	23,388	10	2	16,592	78,556	19	6
1865	1,463	18	6	6,292	29,742	15	1	7,756	33,426	11	5	3,188	15,406	17	2	17,236	78,576	3	8
1866	1,761	14	0	8,924	42,823	4	7	9,238	41,987	15	0	4,548	23,968	5	2	22,710	108,779	4	9
1867	1,815	19	6	10,293	49,496	13	0	9,242	40,998	14	11	4,938	25,115	5	1	24,473	115,610	13	0
1868	1,863	1	6	11,898	54,342	18	6	9,241	40,581	13	9	4,715	23,286	11	5	25,854	118,211	3	8
1869	1,932	3	0	14,305	63,897	1	10	9,263	39,939	8	6	4,859	23,381	14	7	28,427	127,218	4	11
1870	2,367	3	6	16,821	73,344	11	9	9,624	41,472	3	7	5,419	25,637	12	7	31,864	140,454	7	11
1871	2,608	3	6	20,514	88,546	9	7	10,407	44,197	18	3	5,370	24,653	5	9	36,291	157,397	13	7
1872	3,068	17	6	28,156	120,125	14	8	10,619	44,535	9	9	5,885	26,347	17	7	44,660	191,009	2	0
1873	3,562	3	2	34,288	142,642	4	10	11,913	48,547	11	4	6,150	28,068	5	5	52,351	219,258	1	7
1874	4,393	2	3	40,968	171,683	6	1	14,379	57,821	2	6	7,395	33,659	19	2	62,712	263,164	7	9
1875	4,950	19	4	48,611	193,551	13	9	16,949	66,332	14	9	7,497	33,597	2	3	73,027	293,481	10	9

MONEY ORDERS DRAWN ON THE COLONY.									
Year.	Where Issued.						Total.		
	In the Colony.		United Kingdom.		Australian Colonies.				
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
1863	2,067	9,169 4 6	415	1,824 0 8	558	3,077 13 7	3,040	14,070 18 9	
1864	4,248	19,417 10 5	675	3,274 2 2	697	3,776 1 7	5,620	26,467 14 2	
1865	6,218	29,282 13 10	762	3,568 15 10	700	3,712 1 5	7,680	36,563 11 1	
1866	8,886	42,768 10 9	1,100	5,021 14 9	917	4,753 3 10	10,903	52,543 9 4	
1867	10,353	49,931 17 2	1,198	5,649 2 10	1,108	5,570 6 4	12,659	61,151 6 4	
1868	11,903	54,349 8 3	1,401	6,502 3 0	1,294	6,685 1 3	14,598	67,536 12 6	
1869	14,250	63,820 15 5	1,218	5,630 18 8	1,272	6,382 4 3	16,740	75,833 18 4	
1870	16,798	73,245 8 3	1,156	5,523 4 4	1,267	6,055 6 11	19,221	84,823 19 6	
1871	20,514	88,592 0 3	1,396	6,217 11 5	1,318	5,914 18 7	23,228	100,724 10 3	
1872	27,983	119,676 1 2	1,504	7,078 8 6	1,459	6,803 15 3	30,946	133,558 4 11	
1873	34,288	142,642 4 10	1,482	6,625 14 5	1,668	7,689 6 8	37,438	156,957 5 11	
1874	40,968	171,683 6 1	1,603	7,284 10 7	1,800	8,316 17 5	44,371	187,284 14 1	
1875	48,611	193,551 13 9	1,969	9,262 9 7	1,995	9,340 19 11	52,575	212,155 3 3	

Table No. 2.

STATEMENT of the Money Orders issued in New Zealand on the United Kingdom and the Australian Colonies, during the Years 1874 and 1875.

Where payable.				1874.		1875.	
				Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
					£	s.	d.
United Kingdom...	...	...	...	14,279	57,821	2	6
Victoria	...	...	...	5,255	23,346	13	5
South Australia	...	...	...	221	957	5	7
New South Wales	...	...	...	1,266	6,243	4	9
Queensland	...	...	...	91	430	7	5
Tasmania	...	...	...	523	2,619	8	0
Western Australia	...	...	...	9	63	0	0
Totals ...	...	...	...	21,044	91,481	1	8

STATEMENT of the Money Orders issued in the United Kingdom and the Australian Colonies on New Zealand, during the Years 1874 and 1875.

Where issued.				1874.		1875.	
				Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
					£	s.	d.
United Kingdom...	...	...	...	1,603	7,284	10	7
Victoria	...	...	...	892	4,191	2	11
South Australia	...	...	...	107	497	14	9
New South Wales	...	...	...	530	2,236	9	9
Queensland	...	...	...	98	475	16	6
Tasmania	...	...	...	160	831	14	6
Western Australia	...	...	...	13	83	19	0
Totals ...	...	...	...	3,403	15,601	8	0

Table No. 3.

TABLE showing the Number and Amount of Transactions at the several Money Order and Savings Bank Offices in the Colony of New Zealand during the Year 1875.

Offices.	Money Orders.					Savings Banks.						
	Issued.			Paid.		No. of New Accounts opened.	Deposits		No. of Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.		
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.	
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
AUCKLAND	4,661	337 2 0	18,599 10 2	8,310	33,474 0 3	975	5,635	63,605 15 10	914	4,853	84,912 18 8	
Alexandra	360	13 14 0	1,117 2 5	178	460 0 0	7	33	220 8 0	3	20	365 18 5	
Cambridge	487	22 15 2	1,738 19 0	150	599 8 10	19	99	706 11 0	15	64	833 0 11	
Drury	26	1 13 0	88 13 6	48	218 17 2	6	27	223 12 0	...	1	5 0 0	
Hamilton	739	35 6 6	2,499 16 8	291	883 5 9	62	258	1,661 15 8	17	68	706 11 0	
Hokianga	10	0 7 8	46 15 3	1	2 8 0	1	1	30 10 0	...	...	...
Kapanga	406	21 2 6	1,400 1 0	200	888 10 8	13	81	567 16 10	4	27	317 7 11	
Kawakawa	152	7 11 10	543 7 11	28	196 3 10	27	53	958 5 0	3	12	118 4 7	
Mangapai	64	2 3 6	207 12 8	27	143 9 8	2	14	109 0 0	2	4	38 7 9	
Mangawhare	116	6 10 0	649 4 3	7	41 10 4	28	58	736 18 0	2	11	80 1 4	
Mercer	233	10 13 6	784 11 7	55	222 0 8	20	82	809 6 0	2	14	136 11 2	
Mongonui	211	9 11 6	970 13 7	27	118 14 0	9	24	594 12 2	1	8	373 0 0	
Newcastle	491	26 19 8	1,742 7 7	241	818 15 1	28	137	936 14 0	7	23	313 18 6	
Onehunga	251	15 13 6	915 6 1	455	2,164 18 10	41	205	2,478 17 5	24	87	1,169 11 10	
Opotiki	382	20 11 10	1,337 7 7	73	275 7 7	15	31	452 16 6	7	18	496 16 7	
Otahuhu	192	12 10 0	685 15 6	209	814 11 7	9	68	421 13 1	4	9	233 3 1	
Pahi	16	1 4 6	49 16 9	1	3 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Port Albert	90	3 8 6	384 17 4	38	220 14 1	1	4	47 10 0	3	6	58 6 1	
Raglan	206	7 12 0	1,090 11 5	49	266 15 11	3	5	35 0 0	1	2	28 4 1	
Russell	318	16 0 4	1,250 14 8	69	398 0 2	16	53	848 17 4	4	10	107 0 2	
Tauranga	435	23 15 8	1,617 2 5	239	970 4 4	18	67	786 10 7	10	27	755 12 3	
Te Arai	59	2 7 6	214 8 8	13	48 10 6	10	22	353 17 0	1	2	45 7 0	
Te Awamutu	399	16 13 8	1,385 0 8	80	373 5 0	9	47	392 19 0	3	21	539 18 10	
Waiuku	75	2 18 6	254 2 2	45	165 16 11	1	2	39 3 4	1	2	84 18 4	
Wangarei	236	10 12 6	867 13 8	130	879 9 9	21	70	1,034 12 8	12	39	490 10 2	
Warkworth	250	9 18 2	1,045 6 4	68	322 0 9	29	116	718 0 0	7	26	400 11 7	
THAMES	2,075	112 6 8	8,051 10 11	1,462	5,428 3 7	320	2,093	18,032 18 0	255	1,766	20,664 0 0	
NEW PLYMOUTH	1,300	75 4 6	5,578 4 4	562	2,458 6 8	225	1,099	14,786 17 0	126	806	16,001 1 0	
Hawera	88	5 7 4	310 9 0	16	86 2 1	4	12	162 10 0	2	7	170 19 3	
Patea	398	24 5 2	1,499 8 0	185	878 8 8	22	69	1,230 15 6	13	33	1,420 11 0	
NAPIER	1,858	150 19 4	8,021 1 1	906	3,656 0 11	291	1,309	14,459 14 8	262	811	20,159 3 5	
Gisborne	622	42 12 0	2,501 15 1	192	656 9 6	41	139	1,585 4 8	13	26	980 18 6	
Hastings	16	1 10 6	72 2 0	3	8 7 6	2	3	79 15 8	...	...	...
Port Ahuriri	193	15 6 0	844 8 2	49	112 7 9	15	71	797 18 0	6	29	368 0 8	
Taupo	112	8 0 10	611 8 5	14	82 16 2	24	44	503 5 0	...	9	152 5 3	
Waipawa	262	21 3 8	1,123 7 4	37	149 5 6	39	136	1,311 16 4	20	52	1,731 4 10	
Waipukurau	339	22 19 0	1,495 14 2	68	216 13 3	28	109	1,942 3 5	11	28	860 11 7	
Wairoa	93	6 16 6	391 10 0	12	32 13 5	8	21	71 5 0	...	5	37 18 10	
WELLINGTON	6,519	421 7 4	23,236 5 9	7,265	27,751 3 5	1,369	7,786	88,546 18 10	1,031	5,534	96,729 6 3	
Bull's	371	23 2 10	1,565 13 4	87	451 14 2	19	65	1,137 1 11	9	30	1,205 18 1	
Carterton	99	4 5 8	306 16 4	18	100 19 6	18	56	334 14 0	2	11	77 10 5	
Featherston	337	16 5 6	1,656 0 1	63	280 0 9	24	65	573 15 1	12	38	510 14 1	
Foxton	286	17 5 4	1,070 2 4	156	698 6 1	23	98	962 17 3	18	39	1,278 14 10	
Greytown	513	30 5 6	2,246 18 3	158	743 9 11	48	256	2,291 6 0	26	94	2,605 10 2	
Hutt	220	11 19 0	953 13 0	123	419 8 8	60	269	2,790 8 4	10	60	1,465 19 11	
Marton	476	27 9 4	2,114 0 1	194	828 2 0	23	100	1,044 9 0	19	50	964 19 0	
Masterton	613	44 3 2	2,675 14 8	161	654 9 7	45	170	2,489 9 11	39	107	3,119 3 0	
Palmerston N.	349	15 16 10	1,353 12 6	159	542 15 5	64	180	2,274 8 2	66	120	3,247 2 2	
Turakina	5	0 3 6	25 3 0	2	2 19 0	2	3	36 0 0	...	...	...
Upper Hutt	89	4 9 10	225 6 4	35	204 5 9	54	124	1,878 14 4	4	8	91 9 3	
Wanganui	1,975	144 0 8	8,041 4 9	1,034	4,439 11 8	219	843	8,343 6 7	100	242	5,884 4 4	
BLENHEIM	1,037	64 3 8	4,494 4 0	428	1,873 1 7	140	663	6,345 2 0	91	302	6,716 12 0	
Havelock	660	39 9 10	3,399 3 4	145	793 19 2	26	103	1,162 12 0	13	31	712 5 3	
Kaikoura	464	28 6 2	2,505 1 4	83	420 10 8	15	39	1,344 0 9	12	26	1,381 14 5	
Pictou	471	28 0 6	1,943 19 10	327	1,443 10 6	52	241	2,909 15 10	25	79	1,847 15 10	
NELSON	1,623	104 0 8	6,223 11 5	3,416	15,212 17 0	222	1,277	13,047 15 10	174	702	11,893 14 10	
Collingwood	144	6 14 0	548 19 8	37	260 10 1	14	35	961 3 6	7	14	614 5 5	
Motueka	330	15 19 0	1,583 2 4	198	898 15 7	25	165	1,955 1 4	4	26	792 12 7	
Richmond	49	3 13 8	177 18 4	82	416 13 2	24	129	779 7 0	2	11	280 16 1	
Waitapu	5	0 3 0	16 16 6	6	19 3 0	1	1	0 1 0	...	...	...
WESTPORT	1,057	71 5 8	3,984 7 3	509	1,941 3 4	124	602	8,883 7 2	118	462	11,455 8 8	
Charleston	497	28 16 2	1,833 13 8	152	572 12 2	23	133	2,482 12 8	29	88	2,520 14 9	

Table No. 3—continued.

TABLE showing the Number and Amount of Transactions at the several Money Order and Savings Bank Offices in the Colony of New Zealand during the Year 1875—continued.

Offices.	Money Orders.					Savings Banks.						
	Issued.			Paid.		No. of New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		No. of Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.		
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.	
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
GREYMOUTH ...	1,573	112 13 10	6,627 6 6	1,155	4,860 8 4	128	772	10,824 17 9	141	643	18,131 15 2	
Ahaura ...	584	30 17 10	2,370 2 9	88	414 5 1	11	53	1,517 0 8	4	20	440 5 11	
Reefton ...	1,034	72 12 6	4,562 17 7	505	1,464 15 1	51	188	3,283 4 1	14	58	1,986 9 6	
HOKITIKA ...	1,360	98 5 4	5,708 17 9	1,168	4,790 5 6	100	545	7,437 16 2	144	656	16,768 13 5	
Ross ...	253	15 4 10	942 3 0	228	946 17 4	18	113	774 17 0	28	57	1,404 3 0	
CHRISTCHURCH ...	5,716	483 12 2	23,466 12 4	3,936	15,890 7 7	1,658	8,366	106,611 13 5	1,465	5,992	118,232 0 11	
Akaroa ...	306	18 14 2	1,274 15 4	127	491 8 4	24	89	1,061 6 0	9	34	1,251 4 11	
Ashburton ...	398	30 9 4	1,583 12 5	158	687 3 6	47	132	1,874 13 3	22	50	1,493 16 2	
Dunsandel ...	127	5 9 8	266 12 1	16	90 6 6	5	16	247 12 9	5	6	353 9 1	
Geraldine ...	175	12 8 2	682 3 10	23	58 14 10	13	28	373 0 0	7	21	454 15 11	
Hurunui ...	62	3 4 6	235 7 9	13	67 7 7	11	55	514 18 0	...	5	99 0 0	
Kaiapoi ...	332	21 12 2	1,207 9 11	170	683 9 9	58	292	3,102 18 0	53	127	2,739 17 4	
Kowai ...	144	7 2 10	441 16 0	48	189 17 11	18	53	781 1 0	10	40	841 14 0	
Lyttelton ...	828	62 1 10	3,209 19 8	400	1,597 8 10	171	998	8,241 12 1	78	274	5,688 11 2	
Malvern ...	17	0 18 4	61 6 6	11	52 19 0	2	6	62 6 0	...	2	10 0 0	
Oxford ...	147	6 19 4	528 4 5	64	259 14 10	11	53	726 12 5	10	29	965 3 10	
Rakaia ...	7	0 5 6	10 3 0	...	...	5	8	111 5 0	2	3	30 13 11	
Rangiora ...	227	16 5 6	760 8 4	145	571 10 2	36	184	2,548 7 0	29	111	2,891 6 2	
Southbridge ...	153	11 11 2	667 0 6	53	250 17 4	15	51	581 10 0	8	30	802 0 0	
Temuka ...	419	34 3 4	1,716 16 6	110	466 9 4	51	218	2,439 3 3	24	67	1,134 15 11	
Timaru ...	1,574	122 19 2	6,753 3 4	639	2,519 8 10	252	788	9,683 11 6	186	331	10,492 6 2	
Waiatu ...	107	7 2 6	506 10 7	30	126 15 0	5	32	556 1 0	1	13	302 17 8	
Waimate ...	656	40 11 4	2,480 14 3	113	412 9 2	60	197	3,281 10 3	42	97	3,019 12 9	
Washdyke ...	20	1 2 8	76 19 5	8	20 18 8	10	23	165 12 0	2	8	287 15 4	
DUNEDIN ...	6,841	579 1 2	29,371 3 0	8,729	34,448 5 4	2,008	10,868	127,272 1 10	1,860	8,484	153,135 17 5	
Albany St. ...	546	42 2 6	2,036 9 0	326	1,334 9 10	139	811	6,213 11 0	44	257	3,771 18 1	
Arrow River ...	274	19 3 6	1,092 8 9	99	422 11 9	3	21	478 16 0	8	13	727 10 1	
Balclutha ...	561	35 9 2	2,225 13 0	242	1,057 2 4	33	178	1,650 13 0	34	67	2,444 17 5	
Clinton ...	268	13 10 10	1,129 3 6	38	191 6 2	24	49	788 0 1	12	23	413 6 6	
Clyde ...	277	14 3 0	900 7 7	122	420 2 7	13	87	437 5 11	6	15	196 1 1	
Cromwell ...	518	32 10 0	2,153 10 9	140	453 16 6	22	76	583 11 4	22	32	1,495 10 7	
Green Island ...	93	10 18 0	428 15 10	19	81 19 5	36	154	1,570 3 0	13	37	556 5 8	
Hamilton's ...	128	9 8 6	664 11 11	27	196 15 2	12	39	1,194 13 0	2	10	220 9 7	
Hampden ...	382	21 5 6	1,579 15 11	75	358 13 11	36	151	1,834 19 4	28	45	1,227 10 5	
Hyde ...	6	0 4 0	18 12 0	3	17 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kakanui ...	318	13 13 2	1,488 5 4	38	155 3 3	5	43	530 15 11	7	20	804 0 11	
Lawrence ...	535	29 18 10	2,077 19 9	367	1,567 11 2	35	164	1,718 0 1	21	72	2,112 14 10	
Manuherikia ...	266	16 6 2	902 5 0	41	175 15 10	4	8	67 11 0	1	4	72 0 0	
Mataura ...	246	14 7 0	979 11 4	58	348 0 8	14	85	698 11 6	11	24	819 3 7	
Milton ...	645	40 9 10	2,538 0 7	327	1,550 19 8	102	434	5,405 5 2	41	144	4,511 3 7	
Naseby ...	376	22 15 8	1,213 5 5	140	550 14 6	5	60	670 14 0	11	28	1,054 4 10	
Oamaru ...	1,922	143 4 0	8,060 14 5	614	2,535 19 8	263	892	12,389 16 10	162	347	10,143 17 11	
Ophir ...	40	1 18 6	103 6 10	12	72 5 6	6	9	43 5 7	...	...	...
Otepopo ...	362	17 14 6	1,485 11 9	41	182 5 10	23	72	1,036 17 0	14	24	953 9 7	
Palmerston ...	427	20 19 0	1,410 0 6	130	569 7 1	26	115	1,325 10 9	14	27	912 19 0	
Port Chalmers ...	877	66 4 6	3,797 13 4	366	1,808 17 1	157	715	7,927 2 10	86	235	6,483 7 10	
Queenstown ...	353	24 15 2	1,263 6 7	187	701 10 8	15	78	707 9 8	11	25	829 17 9	
Switzers ...	385	16 19 0	1,414 16 1	77	357 8 3	8	38	714 2 11	8	32	1,322 17 4	
Tapanui ...	106	5 1 6	409 16 3	19	80 16 6	10	31	137 5 0	1	4	110 0 0	
Teviot ...	325	16 16 8	1,094 16 4	80	309 17 9	14	64	648 18 0	...	21	493 10 0	
Waikouaiti ...	344	16 2 10	1,331 9 2	78	362 8 3	21	89	558 8 0	14	35	788 12 8	
West Taieri ...	158	10 6 6	631 15 10	46	191 8 3	5	59	422 9 0	8	20	547 2 2	
INVERCARGILL ...	1,801	137 9 6	7,288 19 6	855	3,444 14 9	331	1,354	21,058 14 0	347	1,111	29,481 9 0	
Campbelltown ...	246	15 14 4	1,239 7 4	72	280 13 0	15	50	1,580 6 0	8	22	441 14 6	
Longbush ...	148	6 3 4	366 9 6	18	63 17 0	11	75	457 3 0	5	20	662 11 6	
Riverton ...	411	26 18 8	1,566 18 3	127	478 17 3	57	162	2,456 14 6	25	75	2,168 18 3	
Winton ...	213	15 0 8	906 2 3	35	126 5 11	44	138	1,962 7 0	7	30	479 10 9	
Totals ...	73,027	4,950 19 4	293,481 10 9	52,132	211,516 16 2	11,273	56,129	657,653 4 0	8,681	36,977	729,759 17 9	

Table No. 4.

STATEMENT of the Business of the Post Office Savings Banks in New Zealand, Year by Year, from the Date of their Establishment to the 31st December, 1875.

Postal Districts.	Number of Post Office Savings Banks open at the close of the Year.	Number of Deposits received during the Year.	Total Amount of Deposits received during the Year.	Average Amount of each Deposit received during the Year.	Number of Withdrawals during the Year.	Total Amount of Withdrawals during the Year.	Average Amount of each Withdrawal during the Year.	Excess of Deposits over Withdrawals during the Year.	Excess of Withdrawals over Deposits during the Year.	Cost of Management during the Year.	Average Cost of each Transaction, Deposit, or Withdrawal.	Interest for the Year.	Number of Accounts opened during the Year.	Number of Accounts remaining open at close of the Year.	Total Amount of Credit open Accounts, inclusive of Interest to the close of the Year.	Average Amount standing to the Credit of each open Account at close of the Year.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	26	7,102	78,771 1 5	10 19 0	5,354	92,611 0 3	17 5 11	...	13,839 18 10	...	...	3,743 2 3	1,370	1,047	90,723 3 6	27 2 7
Thames	1	2,093	18,032 18 0	8 12 3	1,766	20,664 0 0	11 14 0	...	2,631 2 0	...	...	885 16 3	320	255	21,532 7 11	25 0 2
Taranaki	3	1,180	16,180 2 6	13 14 2	846	17,592 11 3	20 15 10	...	1,412 8 9	...	...	581 7 9	321	141	14,866 18 5	26 15 8
Hawke's Bay	8	1,832	20,751 2 9	11 6 6	960	24,290 3 1	25 6 0	...	3,539 0 4	...	...	841 13 5	448	312	22,747 19 5	29 1 9
Wellington	13	10,015	112,703 9 5	11 5 1	6,333	117,180 11 6	18 10 0	...	4,477 2 1	...	...	4,019 14 6	1,968	1,336	108,431 19 5	28 14 11
Marlborough	4	1,046	11,761 10 7	11 4 10	438	10,658 7 6	24 6 8	1,103 3 1	...	...	...	681 11 9	231	141	17,784 9 2	30 0 9
Nelson	5	1,607	16,743 8 8	10 8 4	753	13,581 18 11	18 0 9	3,161 9 9	...	...	...	1,027 10 9	286	187	21,933 15 6	33 7 5
Westport	2	735	11,365 19 10	15 9 3	550	13,976 3 5	25 8 2	...	2,610 3 7	...	...	493 7 5	147	147	11,742 6 11	30 18 0
Hokitika	2	658	8,212 13 2	12 9 7	713	18,172 16 5	25 9 9	...	9,960 3 3	...	...	612 5 7	118	172	12,355 14 2	28 17 4
Greymouth	3	1,013	15,625 2 6	15 8 6	721	20,558 10 7	28 10 3	...	4,933 8 1	...	...	728 17 6	190	159	19,025 10 3	24 15 5
Canterbury	10	11,589	142,964 12 11	12 6 8	7,240	151,091 1 3	20 17 4	...	8,136 8 4	...	...	6,532 3 4	2,452	1,953	167,197 17 1	30 10 1
Otago	28	15,390	177,025 17 9	11 10 0	10,045	196,148 8 10	19 10 6	...	19,122 11 1	...	...	7,062 6 7	3,039	2,439	180,884 7 2	32 3 8
Southland	5	1,779	27,515 4 6	15 9 4	1,258	33,234 4 9	26 8 4	...	5,719 0 3	...	...	1,355 6 4	453	392	32,068 18 9	35 1 8
Totals for Colony in 1875...	119	56,129	657,653 4 0	11 14 4	36,977	729,759 17 9	19 14 8	...	72,106 13 9	2,500	6 1/2	28,565 3 5	11,273	8,681	727,395 7 8	29 17 9
" " " 1874...	103	52,627	609,249 14 3	13 5 8	29,778	620,155 8 9	20 16 5	79,094 5 6	...	2,250	0 6 1/2	26,935 6 8	10,346	5,736	770,836 18 0	35 9 0
" " " 1873...	97	39,223	580,542 5 0	14 16 2	21,268	425,908 3 5	20 0 5	154,634 2 0	...	1,800	0 7 1/2	20,106 16 10	7,352	3,816	664,807 5 10	38 16 1
" " " 1872...	92	31,681	430,877 0 5	13 12 0	17,254	313,176 7 11	18 3 0	117,700 12 1	...	1,556	0 7 1/2	14,711 0 5	6,205	3,188	490,066 7 0	36 2 5
" " " 1871...	81	24,642	312,338 18 4	12 13 6	14,773	261,347 16 3	17 13 9	50,991 2 1	...	1,351	0 8 1/2	11,291 10 10	4,615	3,383	357,054 14 6	35 18 1
" " " 1870...	70	20,489	264,328 5 7	12 18 0	11,934	200,509 13 2	17 11 1	54,818 12 5	...	1,264	0 9 1/2	9,242 3 11	4,304	2,277	295,372 1 7	35 10 3
" " " 1869...	59	17,133	240,898 5 9	14 1 2	9,292	180,518 4 1	19 8 7	60,380 1 8	...	1,186	0 10 1/2	7,412 8 0	3,839	1,801	231,311 5 3	36 15 5
" " " 1868...	55	13,014	194,535 11 6	14 18 11	6,365	107,094 17 3	16 16 6	87,440 14 3	...	789	0 9 1/2	4,880 7 3	3,282	1,186	163,518 15 7	38 9 1
" " " from 1st Feb. to 31st Dec., 1867...	46	6,977	96,372 7 10	13 16 3	1,919	26,415 18 9	13 15 3	69,956 9 1	...	822	* 1 10 1/2	1,241 5 0	2,520	364	71,197 14 1	33 0 5

* The high cost of each transaction during 1867 is attributable to the payment during that year of charges properly belonging to the subsequent years.

Table No. 5.
NUMBER and Value of Postage Stamps printed during the Years 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874,
and 1875.

Denomination.	1871.		1872.		1873.		1874.		1875.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
At One Shilling ...	109,920	£ 5,496	*...	£ ...	60,000	£ 3,000	129,120	£ 6,456	323,520	£ 16,176
At Sixpence ...	770,400	19,260	366,240	9,156	282,000	7,050	1,000,800	25,020	299,520	7,488
At Fourpence ...	84,000	1,400	48,000	800	79,200	1,320	224,400	3,740	...	...
At Threepence ...	246,240	3,078	474,000	5,925	90,000	1,125	358,320	4,479	...	...
At Twopence ...	1,620,000	13,500	2,898,000	24,150	3,064,800	25,540	4,410,480	36,754	4,155,840	34,632
At One Penny ...	3,172,320	13,218	2,046,000	8,525	1,868,400	7,785	3,114,960	12,979	2,421,360	10,089
At One Halfpenny ...	...	...	717,600	1,495	688,080	1,433	1,648,320	3,434	1,224,000	2,550
Totals ...	6,002,880	55,952	6,549,840	50,051	6,132,480	47,253	10,886,400	92,862	8,424,240	70,935

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

Table No. 6.
RETURN of Intercolonial and Interprovincial Mail Steam Subsidies, Year 1875.

Service.	Annual Subsidy.	Contract.		Number of Trips per Annum.	Mileage per Trip.	Cost per Milc.		
		Commence.	Terminate.			£	s.	d.
Melbourne and New Zealand ...	5,000	August, 1873	August, 1876	13	3,440	£	0	2 2½
Auckland and Napier ...	1,200	Feb., 1875	Feb., 1877	26	736	0	1	3
Wellington and Napier and Gisborne ...	1,000	Nov., 1875	Nov., 1876	52	408	0	0	9½
Wellington and Kaikoura ...	400	Dec., 1875	Dec., 1876	26	180	0	1	8½
Nelson and Hokitika ...	1,300	Jan., 1875	On month's notice	13	480	0	4	2
Middle Island Service ...	4,000	Nov., 1874	Nov., 1876	12	1,213	0	5	6

Table No. 7.
TABLE showing the Number of Officers employed in the several Chief and Head Post Offices and Second-Class Post Offices in the Colony during the Years 1874 and 1875.

Post Offices.	1875.							1874.						
	Chief and Head Postmasters.	Postmasters.	Clerks.	Letter Carriers.	Messengers.	Mail-cart Drivers.	Shipping Officers.	Chief and Head Postmasters.	Postmasters.	Clerks.	Letter Carriers.	Messengers.	Mail-cart Drivers.	Shipping Officers.
Auckland ...	1	...	15	5	2	...	...	1	...	13	4	2	...	...
Thames ...	1	...	2	2	1	...	...	1	...	2	2	1	...	...
Onehunga ...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Tauranga ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Gisborne ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
New Plymouth ...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	1	...	...	...
Napier ...	1	...	3	1	...	...	...	5	1	...	2	1	...	...
Port Ahuriri ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
Wellington ...	1	...	10	3	1	...	...	15	1	...	8	3	1	...
Wanganui ...	...	1	2	1	...	...	...	4	...	1	1	1	...	...
Nelson ...	1	...	2	2	...	...	...	5	1	...	2	2	...	...
Westport ...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	3	1	...	1	...	...	...
Blenheim ...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	3	1	...	1	1	...	...
Picton ...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	1	...	...	...
Kaikoura ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
Christchurch ...	1	...	13	4	1	1	...	20	1	...	12	4	1	...
Lyttelton ...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	3	...	1	1	1	...	...
Timaru ...	...	1	2	1	...	...	...	4	...	1	1	1	...	...
Akaroa ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
Dunedin ...	1	...	16	6	1	1	...	25	1	...	16	4	1	...
Port Chalmers ...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	1	...	...
Oamaru ...	...	1	2	1	...	...	...	4	...	1	1	1	...	...
Invercargill ...	1	...	4	1	...	...	...	6	1	...	3	1	...	...
Campbelltown ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
Hokitika ...	1	...	2	1	...	...	...	5	1	...	2	1	...	...
Greymouth ...	1	...	2	1	...	...	...	4	1	...	2	1	...	...
Chatham Islands ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Totals ...	14	13	82	33	6	2	1	151	14	13	70	29	6	1

Table No. 8.

COMPARATIVE TABLE showing the Postal Revenue and Number of Letters and Newspapers received at and despatched from the several Postal Districts, from 1865 to 1875, both Years inclusive.

Postal Districts.	Revenue.	Letters.		Newspapers.	
		Received.	Despatched.	Received.	Despatched.
	£ s. d.				
Auckland— 1865	11,548 4 5	514,421	528,509	318,569	727,170
1870	10,264 15 3	653,700	619,466	436,809	262,471
1871	12,549 7 9	692,462	603,928	515,532	227,121
1872	10,950 12 11	627,212	584,915	524,094	243,543
1873	11,108 4 2	691,154	626,188	575,954	259,285
1874	12,523 2 4	740,502	786,279	626,164	352,197
1875	13,133 11 0	782,329	779,617	647,325	326,248
Thames— 1873	1,787 19 4	118,904	95,398	45,532	40,670
1874	1,618 0 1	110,131	97,859	52,244	44,382
1875	1,664 0 6	119,418	109,954	52,323	52,886
Taranaki— 1865	984 14 3	52,498	52,082	66,448	25,128
1870	593 6 4	30,767	28,320	27,315	15,308
1871	820 2 5	42,191	39,806	30,759	15,457
1872	982 0 5	57,029	50,739	38,105	18,275
1873	1,068 3 5	66,572	58,889	44,354	25,545
1874	1,336 1 3	80,112	71,108	56,384	30,217
1875	1,815 9 5	97,040	89,469	72,462	49,632
Hawke's Bay— 1865	1,107 13 7	68,721	71,546	94,718	68,780
1870	1,476 14 2	72,744	76,553	61,963	54,157
1871	1,569 13 2	85,003	92,297	63,339	67,293
1872	1,789 14 4	99,046	109,083	64,315	72,628
1873	2,000 2 3	139,189	150,948	88,172	93,090
1874	2,972 17 11	148,837	179,703	109,157	136,825
1875	4,076 19 8	186,993	230,973	128,480	150,750
Wellington— 1865	5,176 6 10	259,152	237,907	206,566	261,080
1870	12,074 5 3	354,815	336,375	262,631	216,621
1871	24,040 10 0	361,442	369,343	283,917	216,181
1872	41,883 4 0	458,702	472,016	315,314	236,486
1873	38,274 5 0	675,258	564,991	370,149	313,347
1874	40,588 16 2	691,956	743,776	506,428	390,085
1875	51,050 5 8	802,950	922,177	596,768	470,650
Nelson— 1865	2,012 15 10	99,661	126,143	128,317	130,436
1870	3,093 5 8	188,860	185,179	191,671	123,821
1871	2,556 9 6	205,159	208,766	154,687	133,805
1872	3,004 17 6	266,774	263,147	190,304	157,988
1873	3,030 6 8	256,566	249,349	210,467	187,005
1874*	2,262 14 7	176,606	172,461	162,202	89,568
1875	2,399 11 10	205,716	180,707	145,470	111,769
Westport— 1875	1,053 6 2	73,527	57,447	95,237	51,258
Marlborough— 1865	853 17 6	59,507	62,672	62,212	73,354
1870	1,099 16 7	87,174	92,124	71,467	72,202
1871	1,201 14 11	62,647	58,003	54,948	36,279
1872	1,317 0 4	75,067	67,928	55,264	36,585
1873	1,417 17 11	107,658	96,920	91,968	53,764
1874	1,368 7 3	125,314	128,954	128,956	76,205
1875	1,719 9 0	153,723	131,624	153,124	60,787
Canterbury— 1865	10,158 1 9	472,284	486,007	381,360	480,238
1870	8,905 19 6	623,794	410,938	353,651	168,635
1871	9,072 1 10	718,910	455,536	338,356	179,077
1872	10,324 5 1	876,786	497,326	373,763	195,346
1873	12,191 14 8	951,020	541,341	511,109	238,416
1874	13,382 13 11	844,327	858,393	476,098	231,718
1875	17,582 19 8	1,052,071	1,000,864	529,554	295,420
Hokitika— 1870	2,252 4 4	212,689	225,157	165,380	123,906
1871	3,395 7 3	235,179	240,405	215,463	162,782
1872	3,386 18 1	220,470	208,028	241,495	156,729
1873	3,393 3 7	230,294	201,940	282,207	178,257
1874†	1,996 8 3	116,644	125,049	149,035	62,182
1875	1,816 0 9	121,517	121,743	151,832	68,695
Greymouth— 1875	2,171 13 7	146,702	167,980	130,734	153,106
Otago— 1865	12,611 18 1	588,545	568,001	439,733	551,303
1870	13,667 14 1	711,479	578,299	582,593	558,799
1871	15,044 12 9	893,997	716,623	651,633	833,137
1872	17,339 7 2	653,141	873,132	828,490	414,275
1873	18,418 7 1	824,495	959,219	672,038	821,988
1874	18,262 18 8	923,165	1,145,452	1,197,172	746,427
1875	20,891 5 9	1,106,168	1,343,748	1,142,015	872,706
Southland— 1865	2,012 7 4	93,396	102,321	111,660	79,920
1870	1,758 15 2	82,910	74,536	113,454	26,808
1871	1,696 5 10	92,903	91,657	83,616	58,328
1872	1,691 19 3	118,941	131,687	74,877	68,888
1873	1,962 11 11	160,867	148,825	71,220	94,658
1874	2,368 14 4	173,311	181,248	186,758	70,419
1875	3,121 5 9	205,249	238,145	181,133	120,913
Totals— 1865	46,475 9 3	2,208,285	2,235,188	1,809,583	2,397,409
1870	55,780 18 3	3,018,932	2,626,947	2,266,934	1,622,728
1871	70,249 19 7	3,296,990	2,784,707	2,308,634	1,871,150
1872	94,733 14 8	3,588,073	3,370,470	2,767,682	1,643,409
1873	94,706 16 0	4,221,977	3,694,008	2,963,170	2,306,025
1874	104,361 2 11	4,339,165	4,719,291	3,872,668	2,434,024
1875	122,495 18 9	5,053,403	5,374,448	4,026,457	2,784,820

* The Westport returns have been separated from those of Nelson. † The Greymouth returns have been separated from those of Nelson and Hokitika

Table No. 9.

TABLE showing the Number of Letters received for delivery in New Zealand during the Year ended 31st December, 1875.

Postal Districts.	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 Districts in New Zealand.	Places within the District.	Totals within the Colony.	
Auckland	67,879	41,256	11,250	120,385	221,154	440,790	661,944	782,329
Thames	7,095	...	...	7,095	96,045	16,278	112,323	119,418
Taranaki	6,300	1,693	152	8,145	41,508	47,387	88,895	97,040
Hawke's Bay	16,363	2,737	563	19,663	93,824	73,506	167,330	186,993
Wellington	51,612	32,246	6,682	90,540	372,806	339,604	712,410	802,950
Nelson	19,882	8,308	21	28,211	120,915	56,590	177,505	205,716
Westport	2,943	66	...	3,009	39,261	31,257	70,518	73,527
Marlborough	5,811	2,137	81	8,029	47,835	97,859	145,694	153,723
Canterbury	109,942	39,008	2,223	151,173	176,887	724,011	900,898	1,052,071
Hokitika	4,714	15,491	417	20,622	59,431	41,464	100,895	121,517
Greymouth	4,915	17,309	...	22,224	42,539	81,939	124,478	146,702
Otago	118,393	67,395	8,914	194,702	213,503	697,963	911,466	1,106,168
Southland	13,910	11,949	306	26,165	64,073	115,011	179,084	205,249
Totals	429,759	239,595	30,609	699,963	1,589,781	2,763,659	4,353,440	5,953,403

Table No. 10.

TABLE showing the Number of Letters despatched by New Zealand during the Year ended 31st December, 1875.

Postal Districts.	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 Districts in New Zealand.	Places within the District.	Totals within the Colony.	
Auckland	70,056	40,897	13,361	124,314	233,906	421,397	655,303	779,617
Thames	5,513	...	525	6,038	81,632	22,284	103,916	109,954
Taranaki	4,717	...	129	4,846	40,451	44,172	84,623	89,469
Hawke's Bay	12,453	...	...	12,453	92,340	126,180	218,520	230,973
Wellington	63,304	37,856	3,669	104,829	390,824	426,524	817,348	922,177
Nelson	9,319	8,333	1,257	18,909	115,347	46,451	161,798	180,707
Westport	1,545	20	...	1,565	24,516	31,366	55,882	57,447
Marlborough	5,432	1,370	188	6,990	41,995	82,639	124,634	131,624
Canterbury	86,925	33,124	3,257	123,306	73,342	804,216	877,558	1,000,864
Hokitika	2,753	15,714	250	18,717	58,327	44,699	103,026	121,743
Greymouth	6,954	13,112	9	20,075	51,201	96,704	147,905	167,980
Otago	104,171	61,671	8,475	174,317	236,702	932,729	1,169,431	1,343,748
Southland	15,393	10,395	428	26,216	86,364	125,565	211,929	238,145
Totals	388,535	222,492	31,548	642,575	1,526,947	3,204,926	4,731,873	5,374,448

Table No. 11.

TABLE showing the Number of Newspapers received for delivery in New Zealand during the Year ended 31st December, 1875.

Postal Districts.	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 Districts in New Zealand.	Places within the District.	Totals within the Colony.	
Auckland ...	162,438	47,076	15,849	225,363	137,322	284,640	421,962	647,325
Thames ...	12,850	...	...	12,850	30,809	8,664	39,473	52,323
Taranaki ...	15,768	1,972	705	18,445	28,266	25,751	54,017	72,462
Hawke's Bay ...	37,466	7,104	759	45,329	76,007	7,144	83,151	128,480
Wellington ...	122,634	63,429	4,158	190,221	211,176	195,371	406,547	596,768
Nelson ...	20,137	12,460	9	32,606	79,267	33,597	112,864	145,470
Westport ...	7,625	13	...	7,638	48,004	39,595	87,599	95,237
Marlborough ...	14,114	5,945	258	20,317	39,969	92,838	132,807	153,124
Canterbury ...	156,813	73,253	2,067	233,033	92,296	204,225	296,521	529,554
Hokitika ...	17,684	37,714	495	55,893	49,413	46,526	95,939	151,832
Greymouth ...	13,214	36,608	...	49,822	35,385	45,527	80,912	130,734
Otago ...	205,385	85,246	7,613	298,244	122,711	721,060	843,771	1,142,015
Southland ...	36,139	24,147	741	61,027	21,800	98,306	120,106	181,133
Totals ...	822,267	394,967	33,554	1,250,788	972,425	1,803,244	2,775,669	4,026,457

Table No. 12.

TABLE showing the Number of Newspapers despatched by New Zealand during the Year ended 31st December, 1875.

Postal Districts.	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 Districts in New Zealand.	Places within the District.	Totals within the Colony.	
Auckland ...	55,389	25,577	12,196	93,162	147,767	85,319	233,086	326,248
Thames ...	4,331	...	333	4,664	46,666	1,556	48,222	52,886
Taranaki ...	3,380	...	95	3,475	33,268	12,889	46,157	49,632
Hawke's Bay ...	9,301	...	...	9,301	52,101	89,348	141,449	150,750
Wellington ...	42,457	23,152	4,799	70,408	247,640	152,602	400,242	470,650
Nelson ...	24,343	2,801	837	27,981	78,757	5,031	83,788	111,769
Westport ...	1,145	2	...	1,147	26,680	23,431	50,111	51,258
Marlborough ...	5,089	766	175	6,030	22,530	32,227	54,757	60,787
Canterbury ...	54,934	16,075	1,486	72,495	102,496	120,429	222,925	295,420
Hokitika ...	3,302	5,828	161	9,291	45,859	13,545	59,404	68,695
Greymouth ...	8,931	8,064	...	16,995	59,474	76,637	136,111	153,106
Otago ...	132,105	41,248	9,417	182,770	217,435	472,501	689,936	872,706
Southland ...	10,084	6,179	257	16,520	64,320	40,073	104,393	120,913
Totals ...	354,791	129,692	29,756	514,239	1,144,993	1,125,588	2,270,581	2,784,820

Table No. 13.

RETURN of the Number of Letters registered at the Post Offices in the several Postal Districts during the Years 1872, 1873, 1874, and 1875.

Postal Districts.	1872.			1873.			1874.			1875.		
	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 ...	2,457	10,199	12,656	1,889	6,652	8,541	2,029	6,513	8,542	1,669	6,640	8,309
Thames ...	...	...	...	354	764	1,118	415	567	982	334	657	991
Taranaki ...	156	605	761	147	610	757	147	647	794	217	652	869
Hawke's Bay ...	196	877	1,073	304	1,217	1,521	320	1,934	2,254	345	1,338	1,683
Wellington ...	942	4,904	5,846	1,169	5,845	7,014	1,783	6,254	8,037	1,674	6,893	8,567
Nelson ...	568	1,504	2,072	258	815	1,073	249	814	1,063	256	981	1,237
Westport ...	...	...	...	115	260	375	187	381	568	164	629	793
Marlborough ...	126	721	847	158	836	994	132	907	1,039	175	848	1,023
Canterbury ...	1,637	3,286	4,923	1,864	3,689	5,553	2,260	4,508	6,768	2,648	4,988	7,636
Hokitika ...	1,567	2,052	3,619	636	991	1,627	514	1,046	1,560	460	959	1,419
Greymouth ...	...	...	...	674	1,211	1,885	798	1,346	2,144	778	1,415	2,193
Otago ...	1,983	4,763	6,746	2,368	4,404	6,772	3,679	4,824	8,503	4,056	5,617	10,273
Southland ...	237	927	1,164	284	960	1,244	338	1,174	1,512	605	2,532	3,137
Totals ...	9,869	29,838	39,707	10,220	28,254	38,474	12,851	30,915	43,766	13,981	34,149	48,130

Table No. 14.

STATEMENT of Correspondence received from the United Kingdom *via* San Francisco and *via* Suez during the Year ended 31st December, 1875.

Date of Receipt.				<i>Via</i> San Francisco.			<i>Via</i> Suez and Melbourne.		
				Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.
January ...	...	...	...	17,591	1,958	44,993	7,128	1,302	10,064
February ...	...	...	...	21,411	3,841	30,356	7,774	1,563	8,274
March ...	...	...	...	23,879	3,118	57,058	7,049	1,473	7,681
" ...	...	...	...	22,769	2,961	55,048	...	...	...
April ...	...	...	...	24,044	3,105	56,881	6,270	1,037	9,032
May ...	...	...	...	19,815	7,056	46,590	6,689	1,014	9,177
June ...	...	...	...	20,989	5,191	44,008	7,101	1,288	10,004
July ...	...	...	...	20,143	3,908	46,603	7,002	1,525	9,452
" ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,485	2,604	10,871
August ...	...	...	...	25,120	3,361	48,919	6,227	1,709	9,612
September ...	...	...	...	22,855	3,362	56,194	5,579	1,782	7,583
October ...	...	...	...	24,043	3,804	60,938	6,828	3,386	10,242
November ...	...	...	...	22,764	4,721	58,375	7,216	3,739	8,611
December ...	...	...	...	32,563	4,032	73,354	7,676	2,491	5,107
Totals ...	...	...	...	297,986	50,418	679,317	89,024	24,913	115,710

Table No. 15.

STATEMENT of Correspondence despatched to the United Kingdom *via* San Francisco and *via* Suez during the Year ended 31st December, 1875.

Date of Despatch.				<i>Via</i> San Francisco.			<i>Via</i> Melbourne and Suez.		
				Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.
January ...	...	...	...	20,836	416	16,750	5,773	177	6,233
February ...	...	...	...	25,095	470	18,835	7,768	162	6,789
March ...	...	...	...	21,395	365	14,772	7,945	120	7,359
April ...	...	...	...	24,988	495	15,875	5,918	98	6,913
May ...	...	...	...	25,459	428	16,695	6,651	174	6,326
June ...	...	...	...	23,604	369	15,930	6,738	109	5,557
July ...	...	...	...	27,508	748	20,048	8,544	205	7,972
August ...	...	...	...	25,245	577	23,560	11,645	197	11,600
September ...	...	...	...	27,481	614	22,232	7,760	133	5,960
October ...	...	...	...	25,061	1,109	19,608	7,760	146	6,542
" ...	...	...	...	23,947	646	19,577	...	...	...
November ...	...	...	...	19,921	457	17,291	11,623	122	7,403
December ...	...	...	...	19,882	424	12,731	9,541	129	7,819
Totals ...	...	...	...	310,422	7,118	233,994	97,666	1,772	86,473

Table No. 16.
TABLE showing the Revenue and Expenditure, &c., of the Post Office in the Postal District of Auckland for the Year 1875.

Mail Services.	Correspondence received and despatched.			Mail Services.			Expenditure.			Total.		
	No. of Offices.	Letters.	Books and Newspapers.	Weight of Books and Newspapers, in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of Times weekly.	Cost of Conveyance to the Department.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.
<i>Trunk Lines :</i>												
I. Auckland to Waipou	6	23,351	16,644	3,121	89	Steamer & Horse	1	£ s. d. 75 0 0	£ s. d. 53 6 8	£ s. d. ... 4 5 0	£ s. d. 128 6 8	£ s. d. 170 5 4
II. Auckland to Cambridge	17	205,112	68,859	12,911	110	Railway & Coach	3	854 0 6	235 3 4		1,093 8 10	1,495 12 2
<i>Branches :</i>												
I. Auckland to Devonport	1	13,796	2,061	386	3	Steamer	12	30 0 0	10 0 0	...	40 0 0	100 11 11
II. Auckland to Onehunga	2	72,137	18,209	3,414	6	Railway	12	...	97 10 0	...	103 7 6	525 19 11
III. Auckland to Eden Terrace	1	11,767	2,609	489	2	Horse	12	25 0 0	8 0 0	...	33 0 0	85 16 0
IV. Auckland to Ponsonby	2	28,607	7,751	1,453	4	Coach	12	50 0 0	35 0 0	...	85 0 0	208 11 10
V. Auckland to Howick	3	18,830	5,637	1,057	15	"	1	62 8 0	33 0 0	...	95 8 0	137 6 0
VI. Papakura to Wairoa	1	6,441	2,664	499	9	Horse	3	40 0 0	5 0 0	...	45 0 0	46 19 3
VII. Drury to Waikau	2	18,535	12,572	2,357	21	"	2	54 0 0	30 0 0	...	84 0 0	135 3 0
VIII. Waikau to Port Waikato	1	18,678	481	90	22	"	1	14 0 0	...	...	14 0 0	4 18 10
IX. Onehunga to Awitu	1	1,597	914	171	20	Steamer	1	...	5 0 0	...	5 0 0	11 12 10
X. Drury to Tuakau	2	4,786	2,876	539	23	Railway & Foot	6	17 5 0	10 0 0	...	27 5 0	34 17 11
XI. Pukekohe East to Pukekohe West	2	3,632	2,008	377	7	Horse	3	26 6 8	8 6 8	...	34 13 4	26 9 8
XII. Mercer to Churchill	1	942	389	73	12	Boat	1	...	...	...	...	6 17 4
XIII. Hamilton to Alexandra	3	35,120	19,191	3,598	33	Coach	2	200 0 0	55 0 0	...	255 0 0	256 1 8
XIV. Te Awamutu to Kihikihi	1	2,527	2,398	450	5	Horse	2	...	5 0 0	...	5 0 0	18 8 6
XV. Newcastle to Raglan	3	12,700	6,763	1,268	31	"	2	138 0 0	30 0 0	...	168 0 0	92 12 1
XVI. Raglan to Aotea	1	76	22	4	11	"	1	2 1 1	...	...	2 1 1	0 11 1
XVII. Whatawhata to Alexandra	1	669	1,058	198	23	"	1	46 0 0	4 3 4	...	50 3 4	4 17 7
XVIII. Auckland to Henderson's Mill	2	3,851	3,328	624	12	"	2	30 0 0	10 0 0	...	40 0 0	28 1 7
XIX. Whau Bridge to Muddy Creek	2	633	857	161	7	"	1	13 0 0	...	...	13 0 0	4 12 3
XX. Auckland to Waitemata Mills	1	5,816	1,684	316	15	"	6	130 0 0	5 0 0	...	135 0 0	42 8 2
XXI. Waitemata Mills to Helensville	2	7,010	4,658	873	15	Coach	3	250 0 0	13 3 4	...	263 3 4	51 2 3
XXII. Helensville to Whapu	5	17,032	8,878	1,664	75	Steamer	1	...	20 0 0	...	20 0 0	124 3 10
XXIII. Helensville to Matakoho	3	6,517	3,625	680	75	"	1	...	19 0 0	...	19 0 0	47 10 10
XXIV. Pahi to Paparoa	1	1,665	1,373	257	7	Horse	1	14 0 0	5 0 0	...	19 0 0	12 2 9
XXV. Auckland to Wade	4	6,538	4,684	878	16	Cart	2	110 0 0	10 0 0	...	120 0 0	47 13 8
XXVI. Wade to Puhou	2	1,618	679	127	12	Boat	1	36 0 0	5 0 0	...	41 0 0	11 15 11
XXVII. Wade to Parakau	1	1,603	1,062	199	7	Horse	1	13 0 0	5 0 0	...	18 0 0	11 13 9
XXVIII. Wade to Wairoa	2	3,661	1,698	318	7	"	1	24 0 0	5 0 0	...	29 0 0	26 13 10
XXIX. Wade to Wangaparaoa...	1	267	448	84	5	"	1	10 0 0	...	...	10 0 0	1 18 11
XXX. Waiwera to Orewa	...	...	...	...	3	"	1	12 0 0	...	...	12 0 0	...
XXXI. Waiwera to Puhou	...	...	...	...	8	Boat	1	25 0 0	...	...	25 0 0	...
XXXII. Waitemata Mills to Kaukapakapa	2	4,559	3,432	644	15	Horse	2	40 0 0	10 0 0	...	50 0 0	33 4 10
XXXIII. Kaukapakapa to Komokoriki	1	514	351	66	7	"	1	20 6 8	5 0 0	...	25 6 8	3 14 11
XXXIV. Te Kapa to Lower Matakana	1	705	809	152	7	"	1	16 0 0	5 0 0	...	21 0 0	5 2 9
XXXV. Warkworth to Port Albert	2	5,247	3,734	700	32	"	1	28 0 0	15 0 0	...	43 0 0	38 5 2
XXXVI. Warkworth to Kaipara Flats	1	431	357	74	4	"	1	20 0 0	5 0 0	...	25 0 0	3 0 2

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	Letters.	Books and Newspapers.	Weight of Books and Newspapers in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of Times weekly.	Cost of Conveyance to the Department.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.
<i>Branches—continued.</i>											
XXXVII. Port Albert to Taupo.	1,706	1,541	289	5	Horse	1	£ 22 10 0	£ 5 0 0	£ 7 10 0	£ 35 0 0	£ 12 8 9
XXXVIII. Te Arai to Mangatoro	4,841	4,734	887	35	"	1	60 0 0	15 0 0	"	75 0 0	35 5 11
XXXIX. Paparoa to Mangatoro	...	...	...	8	"	1	20 0 0	"	"	20 0 0	"
XL. Te Arai to North Orua-wharo	597	519	97	6	"	1	7 10 0	"	"	7 10 0	3 13 11
XLI. Wangarei Heads to Waipu	...	...	...	12	Boat	1	15 0 0	"	"	15 0 0	"
XLII. Wangarei Heads to Paroa Bay	...	...	...	5	Horse	1	30 0 0	"	"	30 0 0	"
XLIII. Limestone Island to Mangapai	4,207	4,814	902	12	Boat	1	25 0 0	15 0 0	"	40 0 0	30 13 6
XLIV. Russell to Waimate	9,415	3,728	699	14	Boat	2	76 11 8	5 8 4	"	82 0 0	68 13 0
XLV. Waimate to Hokianga...	8,602	5,455	1,023	31	Boat and Horse	1	60 0 0	10 8 4	"	70 8 4	62 14 5
XLVI. Hokianga to Omahere ...	1,362	879	165	18	Boat	1	40 0 0	"	"	40 0 0	9 18 7
XLVII. Kawakawa and Vessels in the River	9,559	1,472	276	7	"	As required	40 0 0	5 0 0	"	45 0 0	69 14 0
XLVIII. Wangaroa to Kaio ...	3,480	1,527	286	7	"	1	16 0 0	5 0 0	"	21 0 0	25 7 6
XLIX. Mongonui to Ahipara ...	6,233	3,370	632	31	Horse	1	80 0 0	15 0 0	"	95 0 0	45 8 11
L. Ahipara to Parenga ...	1,398	42	8	40	"	Once monthly	25 0 0	"	"	25 0 0	10 3 10
LI. Kapanga to Tokatea ...	9,802	3,353	628	3	"	6	40 0 0	22 10 0	"	62 10 0	71 9 5
LII. Kapanga to Wangapoua	1,211	262	49	12	"	1	46 0 0	"	"	46 0 0	8 16 7
LIII. Kapanga to St. Andrew's	1,110	239	45	12	"	1	20 0 0	"	"	20 0 0	8 1 10
LIV. Kapanga to Tiki ...	330	51	10	4	"	1	"	"	"	"	2 8 1
LV. Whitianga to Tairua ...	2,420	1,373	257	11	"	1	10 0 0	"	"	10 0 0	17 12 11
LVI. Tauranga to Opotiki ...	19,799	8,574	1,607	20	"	1	32 10 0	31 0 0	2 10 0	66 0 0	144 7 4
LVII. Tauranga to Taupo ...	7,310	2,692	505	49	Coach	2	750 0 0	10 0 0	"	760 0 0	53 6 0
LVIII. Maketu to Rotorua ...	1,039	133	25	18	Horse	1	29 0 0	"	"	29 0 0	7 11 6
LIX. Gisborne to Waipua ...	...	...	...	50	"	1	45 12 6	"	"	45 12 6	"
LX. Wangarei Heads to Waikare	19,067	8,365	1,568	16	Boat	1	29 5 0	20 0 0	1 2 0	50 7 0	139 0 7
LXI. Waitemata Mills to Waikare	...	...	...	7	Horse	3	2 10 0	"	"	2 10 0	"
LXII. Newmarket and Railway Station	...	...	...	1	Foot	12	10 0 0	"	"	10 0 0	"
LXIII. Otahuhu and Railway Station	...	...	...	1	Cart	6	6 10 0	"	"	6 10 0	"
LXIV. Woodside and Railway Station	...	...	...	2	Horse	6	6 0 11	"	"	6 0 11	"
LXV. Papakura and Railway Station	...	...	...	1	Foot	6	7 5 0	"	"	7 5 0	"
LXVI. Pukekohe and Railway Station	...	...	...	1	Horse	6	19 2 0	"	"	19 2 0	"
LXVII. Tuakau and Railway Station	...	...	...	2	"	6	8 17 0	"	"	8 17 0	"
LXVIII. Mongonui and Wharf ...	...	...	...	1	Foot	1	3 6 0	"	"	3 6 0	"
LXIX. Chief Post Office and Wharf	...	...	...	1	Cart	As required	97 14 0	"	"	97 14 0	"
LXX. Chief Post Office and Railway Station	...	...	...	1	"	As required	60 17 6	"	"	60 17 6	"
LXXI. Otahuhu to Woodside ...	...	...	...	2	"	1	8 10 0	"	"	8 10 0	"
LXXII. Ohiwa to Opotiki ...	...	...	...	8	Foot	As required	6 0 0	"	"	6 0 0	"
LXXIII. Landing Service, Auckland	...	...	...	1	Boat	"	26 0 0	"	"	26 0 0	"
LXXIV. Landing Service, Onchunga	...	...	...	3	"	"	35 0 0	"	"	35 0 0	"
LXXV. Landing Service, Te Kapa	1	"	"	8 12 0	"	"	8 12 0	"
LXXVI. Landing Service, Matakana	3	"	"	6 10 0	"	"	6 10 0	"

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	No. of Offices.	Letters.	Books and Newspapers.	Weight of Books and Newspapers in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of Times weekly.	Cost of Conveyance to the Department.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.
Branches—continued.												
LXXXVII. Landing Service, Wangarei Heads	1 ½	Boat	As required	£ s. d. 3 6 8	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. 3 6 8	...
LXXXVIII. Landing Service, Warkworth	1	"	"	5 4 0	...	...	5 4 0	...
LXXXIX. Landing Service, Russell	35	Steamer	2	15 0 0	10 0 0	3 19 6	13 19 6	...
LXXX. Auckland to Warkworth	...	2,489	2,593	469	65	"	1	...	...	...	...	...
LXXXI. Auckland to Wangarei Heads	...	4,564	2,726	511	25	Sailing Vessel	Uncertain	...	...	...	...	...
LXXXII. Auckland to Kawau	...	2,049	1,583	297	50	"	"	...	...	...	...	...
LXXXIII. Auckland to Great Barrier	...	760	277	52	130	"	"	...	5 0 0	...	...	...
LXXXIV. Auckland to Russell	...	39,420	11,689	2,192	140	Steamer	1	...	20 0 0	1 15 0	21 15 0	...
LXXXV. Auckland to Warkworth	...	5,129	2,063	387	160	"	1	...	15 0 0	...	15 0 0	...
LXXXVI. Auckland to Mongonui	...	27,079	14,073	2,638	47	"	1	...	40 0 0	0 6 0	40 6 0	...
LXXXVII. Auckland to Kapanga	...	66,483	23,653	4,435	80	"	1	...	155 0 0	3 0 0	158 0 0	...
LXXXVIII. Auckland to Whitianga	...	3,917	2,777	520	130	"	1	...	...	...	...	...
LXXXIX. Auckland to Tauranga	...	65,565	38,822	7,279	...	"	1	...	50 0 0	5 7 6	55 7 6	...
Chief Post Office, Auckland	131	850,823	368,052	69,010	2,099½	...	...	4,281 12 2	1,216 0 0	35 12 6	5,533 4 8	6,203 14 5
	1	711,123	605,521	113,535	...	...	...	369 0 10	3,514 10 5	563 18 1	4,447 9 4	6,929 16 7
Totals	132	1,561,946	973,573	182,545	2,099½	...	...	4,650 13 0	4,730 10 5	599 10 7	9,980 14 0	13,133 11 0

Table No. 17.
TABLE showing the Revenue and Expenditure, &c., of the Post Office in the Postal District of Thames for the Year 1875.

I. Thames to Tararu	2	5,419	1,108	222	2	Horse	6	85 0 0	10 0 0	...	105 0 0	22 15 0
Tararu to Hastings	1	2,752	1,959	392	14	"	3	...	10 0 0	...	...	11 11 0
II. Thames to Puriri	1	1,039	1,204	241	10	Steamer	Every opportunity	...	...	...	...	5 10 0
III. Puriri to Neversville	1	96	45	9	...	Horse	2	4 10 0	...	...	4 10 0	1 0 0
IV. Thames to Hikutaia	1	977	1,089	218	14	Steamer	2	0 14 3	...	...	0 14 3	3 10 0
V. Thames to Paeroa	1	9,662	1,558	312	30	"	2	6 10 0	10 0 0	...	16 10 0	41 12 0
VI. Paeroa to Mackaytown	1	4,438	1,002	200	4	Horse	6	40 0 0	5 0 0	...	45 0 0	18 17 0
VII. Grahamstown Wharf and Vessels in Port	...	...	...	...	...	Boat	As required	52 0 0	...	...	52 0 0	...
VIII. Tramway Terminus and Tararu Wharf	...	...	...	...	...	Trap	"	50 0 0	...	...	50 0 0	...
Post Office, Thames	8	24,383	7,965	1,594	74	...	...	238 14 3	35 0 0	...	273 14 3	104 15 0
Totals	9	229,372	105,209	21,043	74	...	...	...	846 13 4	93 0 9	939 14 1	1,559 5 6

Table No. 18.
TABLE showing the Revenue and Expenditure, &c., of the Post Office in the Postal District of Taranaki for the Year 1875.

Mail Services.	No. of Offices.		Correspondence received and despatched.				Mail Services.			Expenditure.			Total.	
			Letters.	Books and Newspapers.	Weight of Books and Newspapers in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of Times weekly.	Cost of Conveyance to the Department.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.	
<i>Trunk Lines :</i>														
I. New Plymouth to Inglewood	1	295	104	11	8	Horse	1	£ ...	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
II. New Plymouth to Manutahi (North)	1	360	111	13	10	Coach	1	...	...	...	...	2 10 6	
III. New Plymouth to Patea	8	79,490	36,456	4,557	100	"	2	594 0 0	46 5 0	...	640 5 0	3 0 0	
IV. New Plymouth to Waitara	2	10,115	1,969	246	10	"	2	17 10 0	5 0 0	...	22 10 0	559 17 2	
V. Landing and shipping Mails	Boat	As required	150 0 0	...	...	150 0 0	33 15 0	
													282 5 0	
		12	90,260	38,640	4,827	128	...	...	761 10 0	51 5 0	...	812 15 0	881 7 8
Chief Post Office, New Plymouth	1	96,249	83,454	10,432	...	...	...	...	442 18 7	45 18 2	488 16 9	934 1 9	
Totals	13	186,509	122,094	15,259	128	...	...	761 10 0	494 3 7	45 18 2	1,301 11 9	1,815 9 5	

Table No. 19.
TABLE showing the Revenue and Expenditure, &c., of the Post Office in the Postal District of Hawke's Bay for the Year 1875.

<i>Trunk Lines :</i>												
I. Napier to Wairoa ...	2	16,294	13,424	2,237	54	Horse	1	175 10 0	16 0 0	0 5 9	191 15 9	63 10 0
II. Wairoa to Mahia ...	1	821	475	79	26	"	2	50 0 0	5 0 0	0 1 3	55 1 3	2 10 0
III. Napier to Porangahau ...	8	65,629	32,836	5,473	74	Coach	2	290 0 0	89 0 0	6 16 9	385 16 9	508 18 0
IV. Porangahau to Castlepoint ...	2	1,648	1,204	201	43	Horse	1	150 0 0	6 0 0	0 3 3	156 3 3	6 10 0
V. Napier to Taupo ...	3	8,258	4,468	745	110	Coach	2	600 0 0	26 0 0	0 1 6	626 1 6	18 15 0
<i>Branches :</i>												
I. Te Aute to Patangata ...	1	2,941	3,083	512	1	Horse	2	30 0 0	6 0 0	0 14 6	36 14 6	29 0 0
II. Hastings to Havelock ...	1	13,347	3,951	659	6½	Coach	6	25 0 0	6 0 0	1 5 6	32 5 6	51 0 0
III. Gisborne to Ormond ...	1	5,611	3,056	509	12	"	2	40 0 0	5 0 0	0 7 6	45 7 6	14 10 0
IV. Waipawa to Tamumu ...	1	461	358	59	7	Horse	1	25 0 0	...	...	25 0 0	...
V. Maraekakaho to Hampden ...	1	3,157	2,918	486	19	"	2	50 0 0	6 0 0	0 9 3	56 9 3	18 12 0
VI. Hastings to Pourere ...	1	2,621	1,597	266	30	Coach	1	85 0 0	...	0 4 9	85 4 9	9 10 0
VII. Napier to Port Ahuriri ...	1	38,301	7,026	1,171	1	"	12	74 13 0	50 0 0	...	124 13 0	160 0 0
VIII. Napier to Taradale ...	2	17,957	6,144	1,022	8	"	6	49 10 0	11 0 0	3 18 0	64 8 0	119 0 0
IX. Taradale to Pekaeka ...	3	5,958	3,673	612	24	Horse	1	50 0 0	5 0 0	0 5 5	55 5 0	10 0 0
X. Waipawa to Ongaonga ...	2	4,030	3,176	529	3	"	2	69 10 0	5 0 0	0 5 6	74 15 6	11 8 6
XI. Hastings to Maraekakaho ...	1	3,195	2,658	443	18	"	2	50 0 0	6 0 0	0 6 0	56 6 0	12 2 0
XII. Maraekakaho to Kereru ...	1	1,454	765	147	17	"	1	46 0 0	6 0 0	0 3 0	52 3 0	6 0 0
XIII. Woodthorpe to Erehon ...	1	1,019	544	91	50	"	1	50 0 0	...	0 2 6	50 2 6	55 0 0
XIV. Farndon to Clive ...	1	11,773	4,600	767	2	Coach	6	5 0 0	6 0 0	1 11 0	12 11 0	62 0 0
XV. Napier to Puketapu ...	1	3,517	2,019	336	12	Boat	2	25 0 0	200 0 0	0 2 0	31 2 0	4 3 6
XVI. Landing Mails at Gisborne ...	...	...	...	...	...	Coach	As required	39 0 0	...	...	220 0 0	441 10 10
XVII. Chief Post Office and Railway Station ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"	...	...	...	39 0 0	...
Chief Post Office, Napier ...	35	207,992	97,975	16,344	517½	...	...	1,999 3 0	460 0 0	17 3 0	2,476 6 0	1,603 19 10
Totals	36	417,966	279,230	46,553	517½	...	...	1,999 3 0	745 0 0	77 16 6	822 16 6	2,472 19 10
	36	417,966	279,230	46,553	517½	...	...	1,999 3 0	1,295 0 0	94 19 6	3,299 2 6	4,076 19 8

Table No. 20.
TABLE showing the Revenue and Expenditure, &c., of the Post Office in the Postal District of Wellington for the Year 1875.

Mail Services.	No. of Offices.	Correspondence received and despatched.			Mail Services.			Expenditure.			Total.		
		Letters.	Books and Newspapers.	Weight of Books and Newspapers in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of Times weekly.	Cost of Conveyance to the Department.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.	
<i>Trunk Lines :</i>													
I. Wellington to Hawera	...	461,679	237,042	37,840	182	Coach	2	£ 1,481 0 0	£ 683 1 9	£ 45 8 7	£ 2,209 10 4	£ 2,578 13 0	
II. Wellington to Porirua	...	11,045	3,857	642	12	"	6	35 0 0	30 0 0	0 9 0	65 9 0	66 13 4	
III. Wellington to Hutt	...	19,857	6,361	1,060	8	Railway	6	...	67 10 0	...	67 10 0	108 0 0	
IV. Wellington to Masterton	...	141,554	73,706	10,534	64	Coach	6	400 0 0	130 16 8	1 19 8	532 16 4	855 3 0	
V. Masterton to Castlepoint	...	17,199	5,701	950	34	Horse	1	85 0 0	37 0 0	1 12 11	123 12 11	103 16 4	
<i>Branches :</i>													
I. Wanganui to Bull's	...	46,154	11,351	1,891	43	Coach	6	85 0 0	...	...	85 0 0	286 10 0
II. Wellington to Makara	...	2,539	1,179	196	7½	Horse	2	25 0 0	10 0 0	0 4 0	35 4 0	15 16 4	
III. Hutt to Wainuiomata	...	1,962	726	121	8	"	2	...	40 0 0	0 4 0	40 4 0	12 0 4	
IV. Wellington to Ohariu	...	1,354	631	105	15	"	2	12 0 0	...	...	12 0 0	8 0 0
V. Tauherikau to Kaiwairai	...	511	311	52	3	"	2	20 0 0	...	...	20 0 0	3 12 0
VI. Hutt to Taia	...	5,940	1,590	265	3½	Coach	6	6 0 0	15 0 0	0 17 0	21 17 0	33 0 0	
VII. Masterton to Alfredton	...	Included in Masterton			30	Horse	Fortnightly	40 0 0	...	...	40 0 0	...
VIII. Foxton to Waipukurau	...					Coach	1	600 0 0	...	...	600 0 0	...
IX. Greytown and Wairarapa	...					Horse	1	70 0 0	...	...	70 0 0	...
X. Greytown and East Coast	...					"	1	50 0 0	...	...	50 0 0	...
XI. Castlepoint to Glenburn	...					"	1	35 0 0	...	...	35 0 0	...
XII. Feilding to Awahuri	...					"	1	52 0 0	...	...	52 0 0	...
XIII. Te Nui to Alfredton, <i>via</i> Tiraumea	...					"	1	28 0 0	...	...	28 0 0	...
XIV. Chief Post Office and Railway Station	Express	As required	20 0 0	...	...	20 0 0	...	
XV. Chief Post Office and Wharf	"	"	40 0 0	...	...	40 0 0	...	
Chief Post Office, Wellington	...	700,794	342,455	53,656	411	...	...	3,084 0 0	1,013 8 5	50 15 2	4,148 3 7	4,071 4 4
	...	1,015,333	724,963	120,827	...	...	...	...	2,266 18 5	491 4 8	2,758 3 1	46,979 1 4
Totals	...	1,725,127	1,067,418	174,483	411	...	...	3,084 0 0	3,280 6 10	541 19 10	6,906 6 8	51,050 5 8

Table No. 21.

TABLE showing the Revenue and Expenditure, &c., of the Post Office in the Postal District of Nelson for the Year 1875.

Mail Services.	No. of Offices.	Correspondence received and despatched.			Mail Services.			Expenditure.			Total.		
		Letters.	Books and Newspapers.	Weight of Books and Newspapers in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of Times weekly.	Cost of Conveyance to the Department.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.	
<i>Trunk Lines :</i>													
I. Nelson to Riwaka	30,721	8,844	1,474	36	Coach	3	£ 181 13 4	£ 72 0 0	£ 23 3 1	£ 276 16 5	£ 190 15 4	
II. Nelson to Foxhill	35,323	10,158	1,693	24	"	6	120 0 0	63 0 0	26 10 1	209 10 1	219 4 5	
III. Nelson to Sherry River	2,679	4,566	761	29	Horse	1	50 0 0	10 0 0	2 0 6	62 0 6	16 12 9	
<i>Branches :</i>													
I. Moultre to Nga Timoti	2,158	2,211	368	7	"	3	24 5 0	5 0 0	1 12 6	30 17 6	13 8 0	
II. Moultre to Thorpe	1,127	387	64	6	"	1	10 0 0	10 0 0	0 17 0	20 17 0	7 0 0	
III. Spring Grove to Waimea West	4,368	1,179	196	3	"	3	28 0 0	12 0 0	3 5 10	43 5 10	27 2 6	
IV. Nelson to Wakapuaka	2,408	1,850	508	12	"	2	25 10 0	8 0 0	1 16 4	35 6 4	14 18 10	
V. Collingwood to Bedstead Gully	11½	"	As required	15 0 0	10 0 0	...	25 0 0	...	
VI. Chief Post Office and Wharf	1	" Spring Cart	"	45 0 0	...	...	45 0 0	...	
VII. Landing Service, Motueka	"	"	5 0 0	...	...	5 0 0	...	
VIII. Landing Service, Motupipi	"	"	10 0 0	...	...	10 0 0	...	
IX. Landing Service, Waitapu	"	"	5 0 0	...	...	5 0 0	...	
X. Nelson to Golden Bay	15,864	7,231	1,205	52	Vessel	As opportunity offers	...	47 0 0	11 19 2	58 19 2	98 10 3	
Chief Post Office, Nelson	27	94,628	36,426	6,269	181½	...	...	519 8 4	237 0 0	71 4 6	827 12 10	587 12 1
	1	291,795	220,813	36,802	...	...	...	...	965 0 0	220 0 10	1,185 0 10	1,811 19 9
Totals	28	386,423	257,239	43,071	181½	...	...	519 8 4	1,202 0 0	291 5 4	2,012 13 8	2,399 11 10

Table No. 22.

TABLE showing the Revenue and Expenditure, &c., of the Post Office in the Postal District of Westport for the Year 1875.

<i>Trunk Lines :</i>												
I. Westport to Reefton ...	3	17,541	13,984	2,622	54	Horse	2	340 0 0	5 0 0	...	345 0 0	3 10 0
II. Westport to Charleston ...	2	23,502	33,523	6,467	18	"	6	230 0 0	100 0 0	...	330 0 0	129 0 0
III. Westport to Rockfort ...	2	1,037	1,309	246	8	"	2	39 0 0	5 0 0	...	44 0 0	9 5 0
IV. Westport to Karamea ...	1	740	523	98	51	Foot & Steamer	...	...	2 10 0	...	2 10 0	...
<i>Branches :</i>												
I. Charleston to Brighton ...	2	1,769	1,326	249	10	Horse	1	40 0 0	15 0 0	...	55 0 0	11 5 0
II. Christy's to Lyell ...	1	10,668	8,970	1,682	10	"	2	90 0 0	40 0 0	...	130 0 0	83 10 0
III. Lyell to Matakita ...	2	1,428	2,143	402	23	"	1	95 0 0	10 0 0	...	105 0 0	7 10 0
IV. Lyell to Zalatown ...	1	1,056	210	41	3	"	1	30 0 0	...	...	30 0 0	3 10 0
V. Reefton to Boatman's ...	2	2,375	802	150	8	Foot	1	47 0 0	10 0 0	...	57 0 0	5 10 0
VI. Post Office and Vessels in River	...	...	...	...	...	Boat	As required	39 0 0	...	...	39 0 0	...
Post Office, Westport ...	16	60,116	62,790	11,957	185	...	...	950 0 0	187 10 0	...	1,137 10 0	253 0 0
Totals	17	130,974	146,495	28,191	185	...	...	950 0 0	407 10 0	169 19 0	1,714 19 0	1,053 6 2

Table No. 23.
TABLE showing the Revenue and Expenditure, &c., of the Post Office in the Postal District of Marlborough for the Year 1875.

Mail Services.	Correspondence received and despatched.			Mail Services.			Expenditure.				Total.	
	No. of Offices.	Letters.	Books and Newspapers.	Weight of Books and Newspapers, in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of Times weekly.	Cost of Conveyance to the Department.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.
<i>Trunk Lines:</i>												
I. Blenheim to Picton...	5	89,521	65,961	6,183	20	Coach & Railway	6	£ s. d. 180 0 0	£ s. d. 108 3 4	£ s. d. 3 8 0	£ s. d. 381 11 4	£ s. d. 355 2 6
III. Picton to Havelock...	2	39,892	27,708	2,597	25	Horse and Boat	3	80 0 0	52 0 0	...	132 0 0	133 13 0
III. Havelock to Nelson	...	4,057	1,792	168	36	Horse	1	110 0 0	...	...	110 0 0	...
IV. Blenheim to Hawkswood	3	28,421	21,831	2,046	140	"	1	350 0 0	22 0 0	...	372 0 0	84 4 10
V. Blenheim to Renwicktown	1	6,867	2,763	259	7	"	1	20 0 0	10 0 0	...	30 0 0	29 0 0
VI. Blenheim to Wairau Valley	1	2,675	3,140	294	25	"	1	85 0 0	15 0 0	...	100 0 0	20 0 0
<i>Branches:</i>												
I. Havelock to Deep Creek	1	357	529	49	20	"	1	27 0 0	6 0 0	...	33 0 0	...
II. Havelock to Homewood	1	465	439	41	25	Boat	Fortnightly	50 0 0	...	...	50 0 0	...
III. Blenheim to Southside	1	1,264	746	69	1	Foot	6	...	5 0 0	...	5 0 0	5 10 0
IV. Blenheim and Wharf	...	...	...	...	...	"	As required	15 0 0	...	...	15 0 0	...
V. Picton and Wharf	...	...	...	...	...	"	"	15 0 0	...	...	15 0 0	...
VI. Kaikoura and Wharf	...	...	...	...	...	"	"	6 0 0	...	...	6 0 0	...
VII. Blenheim and Railway Station	...	...	...	...	...	Trap	"	3 11 8	...	...	3 11 8	...
VIII. Picton and Railway Station	...	...	...	...	...	Foot	"	2 7 9	...	...	2 7 9	...
Chief Post Office, Blenheim	16	173,519	124,909	11,766	299	...	...	943 19 5	308 3 4	3 8 0	1,255 10 9	627 10 4
	1	111,828	89,002	20,054	...	...	...	...	392 10 0	53 16 3	446 6 3	1,091 18 8
Totals	17	285,347	213,911	31,760	299	...	...	943 19 5	700 13 4	57 4 3	1,701 17 0	1,719 9 0

Table No. 24.
TABLE showing the Revenue and Expenditure, &c., of the Post Office in the Postal District of Canterbury for the Year 1875.

<i>Trunk Lines:</i>												
I. Christchurch to Ashley Bank	7	141,841	21,502	4,318	22	Railway	6	...	320 0 0	...	320 0 0	1,182 0 2
Kaiapoi to Hurunui	7	59,093	10,222	2,044	38	...	6	400 0 0	82 0 0	52 15 0	446 15 0	492 8 10
Hurunui to Hawkswood	1	8,075	4,487	897	50	...	1	1,215 1 0	12 0 0	42 14 8	1,700 4 0	67 5 10
II. Christchurch to Timaru	15	514,886	144,361	28,872	104	Railway & Coach	6	...	404 3 4	8 10 0	1,005 18 4	4,290 11 0
Timaru to Waitaki	3	25,775	14,458	2,891	41	Coach	6	970 0 0	29 15 0	...	1,005 18 4	214 15 10
III. Christchurch to Hokitika	10	30,763	5,391	1,078	150	"	2	...	35 18 4	...	422 2 10	256 7 2
IV. Christchurch to Lyttelton	3	189,187	42,673	8,534	7	Railway	6	...	412 18 4	9 4 6	422 2 10	1,576 11
<i>Branches:</i>												
I. Christchurch to Suburban Offices	9	43,558	6,647	1,329	7	Horse	6	78 0 0	81 0 0	...	159 0 0	362 19 8
II. Christchurch to Woolston	2	10,688	1,543	308	3	Coach	6	30 0 0	12 0 0	...	47 0 0	89 1 4
III. Christchurch to Sumner	1	3,205	399	80	9	"	6	...	5 0 0	...	47 0 0	26 14 2

Table 0. 24—continued.
TABLE showing the Revenue and Expenditure, &c., of the Post Office in the Postal District of Canterbury for the Year 1875—continued.

Mail Services.	No. of Offices.	Correspondence received and despatched.			Mail Services.			Expenditure.			Total.	
		Letters.	Books and Newspapers.	Weight of Books and Newspapers in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of Times weekly.	Cost of Conveyance to the Department.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.
<i>Branches—continued.</i>								£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
IV. Christchurch to Southbridge	8	88,217	11,114	2,223	27	Coach	6	135 9 8	80 0 0	11 12 0	227 1 8	735 2 10
V. Flaxton to Swannanoa	3	3,134	621	124	17	Railway & Horse	2	40 0 0	9 0 0	...	49 0 0	26 2 4
VI. Cust to West Oxford	6	46,981	976	1,395	10	Coach	6	85 0 0	42 6 8	...	127 6 8	391 10 2
VII. Weedon's Gate to West Melton	...	2,628	483	97	12	Horse	2	17 10 0	5 0 0	...	22 10 0	21 18 0
VIII. Dunsandel to Lake Coleridge	2	2,994	747	149	46	Coach	1	120 0 0	5 0 0	...	125 0 0	24 19 0
IX. Dunsandel to Upper Hororata	1	6,767	1,129	226	20	"	1	60 0 0	5 0 0	...	65 0 0	56 7 10
X. Dunsandel to Greendale	...	932	220	44	9	"	2	50 0 0	3 0 0	...	55 0 0	7 15 4
XI. Dunsandel to Killinchy	1	2,193	503	101	7	Horse	2	20 0 0	...	...	23 0 0	18 5 6
XII. Irwell to Brookside	1	2,914	395	79	1	"	2	25 0 0	...	...	25 0 0	24 5 8
XIII. Rakaia to Drayton	1	1,680	339	68	17	"	2	150 0 0	10 0 0	...	150 0 0	14 0 0
XIV. Ashburton to Mount Somers	...	7,417	1,917	383	45	Coach	2	52 14 8	...	...	62 14 8	61 16 2
XV. Mount Somers to Ashburton Gorge	4	1,367	438	88	20	Horse	1	30 0 0	...	...	30 0 0	11 7 10
XVI. Ashburton Forks to Alford Forest	1	1,742	447	90	6	"	2	25 0 0	...	...	25 0 0	14 10 4
XVII. Kaiapoi to Kaiapoi Island	1	372	174	35	5	"	1	10 0 0	...	...	10 0 0	3 2 0
XVIII. Waiau to Hammer Plains	1	2,506	1,528	306	7	Coach	1	70 0 0	5 0 0	...	75 0 0	20 17 8
XIX. Leithfield to Cheviot	1	1,613	988	108	45	Horse	1	150 0 0	...	...	150 0 0	13 8 10
XX. Hurunui to Lake's Station	1	785	419	84	35	"	1	80 0 0	...	...	80 0 0	6 10 10
XXI. Geraldine to Mount Peel	1	33,861	7,356	1,471	84	Coach	2	119 9 0	19 0 0	...	138 9 0	282 3 6
XXII. Timaru to Lake Tekapo	2	659	93	19	65	"	1	220 0 0	10 0 0	...	230 0 0	5 9 10
XXIII. Timaru to Pleasant Point	4	9,735	2,448	498	11	Coach	3	75 0 0	15 0 0	...	90 0 0	81 2 6
XXIV. Timaru to Pareora	1	1,004	212	42	8	"	3	50 0 0	10 0 0	...	60 0 0	8 7 4
XXV. Christchurch to Greenpark	1	2,457	484	97	12	Coach	2	45 0 0	5 0 0	...	50 0 0	20 9 6
XXVI. Lyttelton to Pigeon Bay	1	4,541	474	95	18	Steamer	3	300 0 0	19 3 4	...	319 3 4	37 16 10
XXVII. Lyttelton to Port Levy	1	1,276	287	57	9	Boat and Horse	2	60 0 0	...	...	60 0 0	10 12 8
XXVIII. Lyttelton to Gebbie's Flat	3	4,113	656	131	6	Horse	2	55 0 0	10 0 0	...	65 0 0	34 5 6
XXIX. Duvauchelle's Bay to Okain's Bay	2	5,281	1,246	249	9	"	2	60 0 0	10 0 0	...	70 11 8	44 0 2
XXX. German Bay to Le Bon's Bay	1	2,094	1,006	201	11	"	2	30 0 0	5 0 0	...	35 0 0	17 9 0
XXXI. Christchurch to Akaroa	8	61,854	13,453	2,691	51	Coach	3	300 0 0	112 0 0	...	412 0 0	515 9 0
XXXII. Pigeon Bay to Akaroa	...	...	...	...	...	"	3	115 0 0	...	...	115 0 0	...
XXXIII. Akaroa to Wainui	1	939	433	87	3	Steam Launch	1	25 0 0	...	...	25 0 0	7 16 6
XXXIV. Burke's Pass to Dr. Fisher's Station	...	...	...	...	20	Horse	1	25 0 0	...	...	25 0 0	...
XXXV. White Cliffs Junction to Surveyor's Gully	2	1,718	102	20	...	Railway	6	...	2 10 0	...	2 10 0	14 6 4
XXXVI. Middleton Railway Station and Upper Riccarton	...	...	...	...	...	Foot	...	10 9 0	...	...	10 9 0	...
XXXVII. Cust Post Office and Railway Station	...	...	...	...	...	"	...	10 0 0	...	...	10 0 0	...
XXXVIII. Oxford Post Office and Railway Station	...	...	...	...	...	"	...	9 0 0	...	...	9 0 0	...
XXXIX. Malvern Railway Station and Kowai Pass	...	...	...	...	6	Coach	6	2 10 0	...	...	2 10 0	...
XL. Lyttelton Railway Station and Vessels in Port	...	...	...	...	...	Boat and Foot	As required	150 0 0	...	...	150 0 0	...
XLI. Irwell Post Office and Railway Station	...	...	...	...	...	Foot	...	10 13 10	...	...	10 13 10	...
Chief Post Office, Christchurch	121	1,330,845	308,461	61,999	998	...	...	5,485 16 8	1,781 15 0	125 7 10	7,392 19 6	11,090 4 2
Totals	122	2,052,935	824,974	165,301	998	...	...	5,485 16 8	3,111 13 7	704 17 3	3,816 10 10	6,492 15 6

Table No. 25.
TABLE showing the Revenue and Expenditure, &c., of the Post Office in the Postal District of Hokitika for the Year 1875.

Mail Services.	Correspondence received and despatched.			Mail Services.			Expenditure.			Total.	
	No. of Letters.	Books and Newspapers.	Weight of Books and Newspapers in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of Times weekly.	Cost of Conveyance to the Department.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.
<i>Trunk Lines:</i>											
I. Hokitika to Greymouth	6	66,549	7,816	40	Coach	6	£ s. d. 575 0 0	£ s. d. 45 0 0	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. 620 0 0	£ s. d. 145 0 0
II. Hokitika to Christchurch	8	36,439	4,039	147	"	2	970 0 0	...	...	970 0 0	17 0 0
III. Hokitika to Ross	2	27,711	4,203	20	"	6	129 0 0	40 0 0	...	169 0 0	182 0 0
IV. Ross to Gillespie's	5	9,102	1,324	71	Horse	1	250 0 0	32 18 4	...	282 18 4	36 0 0
<i>Branches:</i>											
I. Hokitika to Hobo	3	7,612	756	5	Horse	6	40 0 0	25 0 0	...	65 0 0	34 0 0
II. Waimea to Fox's	2	1,332	333	3	"	2	16 0 0	10 0 0	...	26 0 0	6 0 0
III. Waimea to Callaghan's Gully	1	705	231	4½	"	2	10 0 0	5 0 0	...	15 0 0	4 0 0
IV. Arahura to Teremakau	2	491	199	10	"	1	26 0 0	...	...	26 0 0	5 0 0
Chief Post Office, Hokitika	29	149,941	18,901	300½	...	...	2,016 0 0	157 18 4	...	2,173 18 4	429 0 0
	1	93,319	17,850	...	...	...	...	760 18 6	146 18 3	907 16 9	1,387 0 9
Totals	30	243,260	36,751	300½	...	...	2,016 0 0	918 16 10	146 18 3	3,081 15 1	1,816 0 9

Table No. 26.
TABLE showing the Revenue and Expenditure, &c., of the Post Office in the Postal District of Greymouth for the Year 1875.

<i>Trunk Line:</i>											
I. Greymouth to Hokitika	3	44,375	34,760	40	Coach	6	...	5 0 0	0 6 6	5 6 6	13 0 0
<i>Branches:</i>											
I. Marsden to Clifton	1	3,834	2,424	6	Horse	2	25 0 0	5 0 0	0 12 0	30 12 0	24 0 0
II. Marsden to Rutherglen	1	746	615	3	"	1	...	5 0 0	0 3 6	5 3 6	7 0 0
III. Greymouth to Arnold	1	3,616	3,574	16	"	1	...	5 0 0	0 6 3	5 6 3	12 10 0
<i>Nelson Branches served from Greymouth:</i>											
I. Greymouth to Reefton	7	71,675	54,350	48	Coach	3	482 10 0	285 0 0	73 12 0	841 2 0	597 10 4
II. Reefton to Black's Point	1	5,661	1,959	3	Horse	2	...	5 0 0	1 3 0	6 3 0	46 0 0
III. Twelve-Mile Landing to No Town	1	6,742	3,662	7	"	2	...	5 0 0	0 15 6	5 15 6	31 0 0
IV. Camp Town to Nelson Creek	1	5,834	3,334	5	"	1	...	5 0 0	0 10 6	5 10 6	21 0 0
V. Reefton to Antonio's Flat	1	659	89	11	"	1	20 0 0	5 0 0	0 2 6	25 2 6	5 0 0
VI. Greymouth to Cobden	1	2,923	1,536	4	Boat	6	11 13 3	10 0 0	0 6 3	21 19 6	12 10 0
Post Office, Greymouth	18	146,065	106,003	139½	...	...	539 3 3	335 0 0	77 18 0	952 1 3	769 10 4
	1	168,617	177,827	...	...	...	...	705 0 0	130 7 9	835 7 9	1,402 3 3
Totals	19	314,682	283,840	139½	...	...	539 3 3	1,040 0 0	208 5 9	1,787 9 0	2,171 13 7

Table No. 27.
TABLE showing the Revenue and Expenditure, &c., of the Post Office in the Postal District of Otago for the Year 1875.

Mail Services.	Correspondence received and despatched.				Mail Services.			Expenditure.		Total.		
	No. of Offices.	Letters.	Books and Newspapers.	Weight of Books and Newspapers in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of Times weekly.	Cost of Conveyance to the Department.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.
Trunk Lines :												
I. Dunedin to Balclutha	13	218,776	213,931	35,655	55	Coach	6	£ 3,397 10 0	£ 412 4 1	£ 80 7 9	£ 5,614 7 8	£ 1,433 15 1½
II. Milton to Lawrence	5	107,859	123,596	20,599	34	"	6		271 10 0		271 10 0	544 11 7½
III. Dunedin to Oamaru	13	439,908	238,038	39,672	85	"	6		736 19 2		736 19 2	2,397 11 0
IV. Palmerston to Naseby	4	39,084	35,077	5,846	54	"	2		120 0 0		120 0 0	278 7 9½
Naseby to Clyde	5	60,008	62,128	10,354	62	"	2		181 5 0		181 5 0	241 5 5½
V. Clyde to Queenstown	8	87,183	88,537	14,756	73	"	3		281 0 0		281 0 0	781 2 1½
VI. Lawrence to Clyde	8	34,111	25,719	4,286	74	"	2		85 15 0		85 15 0	254 8 9½
VII. Oamaru to Waitaki	1	...	...	...	10	"	3		...		...	...
VIII. Palmerston to Naseby <i>via</i> Macrae's and Hyde	2	10,069	9,010	1,501	54	"	1		27 0 0		27 0 0	68 17 7½
IX. Balclutha to Kaitangata	2	11,698	9,437	1,572	10	"	2		20 16 8		20 16 8	44 17 2
X. Balclutha to Long Bush	...	46,168	57,588	9,598	...	"	...		53 15 0		53 15 0	320 10 0½
XI. Dunedin to Port Chalmers	1	118,277	50,214	8,369	9	Railway	12		247 18 4	8 12 6	256 10 10	445 15 10
Branches :												
I. Dunedin to Portobello	2	4,942	7,123	1,187	8	Horse	2	69 0 0	21 0 0		90 0 0	22 7 6
II. Portobello to Kaik	1	1,183	632	105	7	"	2	13 10 0	5 0 0		18 10 0	1 1 1
III. East Taieri to West Taieri <i>via</i> North Taieri...	4	41,132	23,436	3,906	9	Coach	6	60 0 0	53 10 0	0 5 0	113 15 0	238 0 10
IV. North Taieri to Hindon	1	1,919	1,562	260	20	Horse	1	20 0 0	10 0 0		30 0 0	3 12 3½
V. West Taieri to Waipori	1	8,979	7,733	1,288	18	Coach	2	94 0 0	15 0 0		109 0 0	53 5 1
VI. West Taieri to Waipori Lake	2	3,702	5,709	951	11	"	2	35 0 0	15 0 0		50 0 0	20 0 9½
VII. Waipori to Taieri Beach	1	1,227	2,439	406	9	Horse	1	20 0 0	5 0 0		25 0 0	8 19 11½
VIII. Port Molyneux to Owaki	3	10,590	15,834	2,639	13	"	2	33 0 0	20 0 0		53 0 0	61 3 4
IX. Lawrence to Bluespur	2	4,818	5,358	893	5	"	6	25 0 0	20 0 0		45 0 0	46 15 2
X. Lawrence to Tuapeka Mouth	1	2,949	1,396	232	16	"	1	30 0 0			30 0 0	12 2 7
XI. Lawrence to Waipori	...	...	...	...	16	"	1	27 10 0			27 10 0	...
XII. Beaumont to Welshman's	2	11,177	10,224	1,704	50	"	2	217 0 0	26 5 0		243 5 0	87 5 5½
XIII. Switzers to Waikaka	1	1,405	653	108	20	"	1	50 0 0	5 0 0	11 9 6	66 9 6	22 13 3
XIV. Maheno to Kakanui	1	8,196	6,394	1,065	3	Cart	6	45 0 0	25 0 0	4 0 0	74 0 0	37 13 6
XV. Oamaru to Maerewhenua <i>via</i> Omarama	5	5,562	6,899	1,149	75	Coach	1	185 0 0	15 0 0		200 0 0	63 11 11
XVI. Waikato to Macrae's	...	...	...	...	10	"	1	30 0 0			30 0 0	...
XVII. Kyebrum to Hyde	1	7,909	7,192	1,108	28	Horse	1	58 0 0	30 0 0		88 0 0	44 18 3
XVIII. Hamilton's to Linburn	1	632	2,315	385	7	"	1	59 0 0	10 0 0		69 0 0	7 12 2
XIX. Linburn to Serpentine	1	524	1,425	238	12	"	1	35 0 0			35 0 0	6 0 0
XX. Blackstone Hill to St. Bathans	1	11,389	8,006	1,334	8	"	2	155 0 0	15 0 0	0 10 0	70 10 0	82 2 6½
XXI. St. Bathans to Cambrian	1	680	536	89	4	"	1	155 0 0		0 8 0	25 8 0	14 0 10½
XXII. Naseby to Kyebrum Diggings	1	826	1,192	198	8	"	1	35 0 0	5 0 0		40 0 0	5 5 11
XXIII. Black's to Tinker's	2	2,787	4,136	689	16	"	1	20 10 0	6 0 0	3 5 0	29 15 0	15 6 2
XXIV. Cromwell to Nevis	5	5,512	5,547	924	25	"	1	145 10 0	12 18 4	2 0 0	160 8 4	32 6 9½
XXV. Cromwell to Cardrona	5	11,070	10,411	1,735	45	Buggy	1	167 10 0	25 0 0	29 12 6	222 2 6	75 12 1

Table No. 28.

TABLE showing the Revenue and Expenditure, &c., of the Post Office in the Postal District of Southland for the Year 1875.

Mail Services.	No. of Offices.	Correspondence received and despatched.			Mail Services.			Expenditure.			Total.		
		Letters.	Books and Newspapers.	Weight of Books and Newspapers in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of Times weekly.	Cost of Conveyance to the Department.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.	
<i>Trunk Lines :</i>													
I. Invercargill to Balclutha	2	29,385	19,886	3,684	75	Railway & Coach	3	£ s. d. 885 10 8	£ s. d. 22 18 4	£ s. d. 11 5 0	£ s. d. 919 14 0	£ s. d. 87 10 0	
II. Invercargill to Campbelltown	4	40,613	8,000	1,392	18	Railway	12	...	58 6 8	25 13 11	84 0 7	128 17 5	
III. Invercargill to Kingston	6	47,510	34,213	5,879	90	Railway & Coach	2	97 0 0	32 10 0	1 0 0	130 10 0	203 7 0	
IV. Invercargill to Riverton	1	47,113	27,181	4,336	21	Coach	12	66 0 0	22 10 0	...	88 10 0	384 1 6	
V. Invercargill to Oteramika	2	2,618	3,606	641	11	Horse	1	40 0 0	5 0 0	...	45 0 0	4 6 7	
VI. Invercargill to Flint's Bush	5	12,438	12,351	2,324	18	"	2	75 0 0	20 0 0	...	95 0 0	32 14 5	
<i>Branch Lines :</i>													
I. Mataura to Switzer's	2	9,316	4,683	763	36	Coach	1	107 0 0	5 0 0	...	112 0 0	26 11 8	
II. Edendale to Wyndham	1	7,484	4,738	709	4	"	3	78 0 0	5 0 0	...	83 0 0	39 5 0	
III. Wyndham to Fortrose	1	1,647	1,144	284	26	Horse	1	50 0 0	...	...	50 0 0	5 1 11
IV. Long Bush to Dacre	1	1,168	637	106	4	"	3	12 10 0	...	...	12 10 0	6 4 9
V. Flint's Bush to Limestone Plains	1	797	1,068	194	6	"	1	10 0 0	...	...	10 0 0	2 12 9
VI. Athol to Nokomai	...	1,869	1,761	311	9	"	2	25 0 0	...	...	25 0 0	1 2 11
VII. Riverton to Otautau	3	5,004	4,688	784	20	"	1	20 0 0	15 0 0	...	35 0 0	9 11 1	
VIII. Otautau to Dunrobin	...	1,314	842	132	27	"	1	50 0 0	...	...	50 0 0	0 1 6
IX. Otautau to Bellemont	2	4,301	2,797	428	32	"	1	60 0 0	5 0 0	...	65 0 0	1 19 0	
X. Elbow to Mararoa	1	2,892	1,991	356	36	"	1	69 0 0	...	...	69 0 0	2 3 3
XI. Winton to Hokonui	1	779	648	118	12	"	1	27 10 0	...	...	27 10 0	0 3 4
XII. Winton to Forest Hill	1	87	76	12	5	"	1	2 3 4	...	...	2 3 4	...
XIII. Riverton to Orepuki	1	2,331	2,838	462	24	Foot	1	85 0 0	5 0 0	...	90 0 0	19 7 2	
XIV. Campbelltown and Wharf and Railway Station	...	...	...	...	...	"	As required	25 13 11	...	...	25 13 11	...
XV. Long Bush and Railway Station	...	...	...	...	...	"	"	8 0 0	...	...	8 0 0	...
XVI. Mataura and Railway Station	...	...	...	...	...	"	"	3 5 0	...	...	3 5 0	...
Post Office, Invercargill	35	218,666	133,148	22,915	474	...	...	1,796 12 11	196 5 0	37 18 11	2,030 16 10	955 1 3
	1	224,728	168,898	29,142	...	...	...	...	451 7 4	171 7 6	622 14 10	2,166 4 6
Totals	36	443,394	302,046	52,057	474	...	...	1,796 12 11	647 12 4	209 6 5	2,653 11 8	3,121 5 9

Table No. 29.
SUMMARY.—Table showing the Revenue, Expenditure, &c., of the Post Office in the several Postal Districts of New Zealand for the Year 1875.

Postal Districts.	No. of Offices.	Total Correspondence received and despatched.				Expenditure.			Total.		
		Letters.	Books and Newspapers.	Weight of Books and Newspapers in lbs.	Cost of Conveyance to the Department.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.		
AUCKLAND	132	1,561,946	973,573	182,545	£ s. d. 4,650 13 0	£ s. d. 4,730 10 5	£ s. d. 599 10 7	£ s. d. 9,980 14 0	£ s. d. 13,133 11 0		
THAMES	9	229,372	105,209	21,043	238 14 3	881 13 4	93 0 9	1,213 8 4	1,664 0 6		
TARANAKI	13	186,509	122,094	15,259	761 10 0	494 3 7	45 18 2	1,301 11 9	1,815 9 5		
HAWKE'S BAY	36	417,966	279,230	46,553	1,999 3 0	1,205 0 0	94 19 6	3,299 2 6	4,976 19 8		
WELLINGTON	59	1,725,127	1,067,418	174,483	3,084 0 0	3,280 6 10	541 19 10	6,906 6 8	51,050 5 8		
TOTALS FOR NORTH ISLAND	249	4,120,920	2,547,524	439,883	10,734 0 3	10,591 14 2	1,375 8 10	22,701 3 3	71,740 6 3		
NELSON	28	386,423	257,239	43,071	519 8 4	1,202 0 0	291 5 4	2,012 13 8	2,399 11 10		
WESTPORT	17	130,974	146,495	28,191	950 0 0	595 0 0	169 19 0	1,714 19 0	1,953 6 2		
MARLBOROUGH	17	285,347	213,911	31,760	943 19 5	700 13 4	57 4 3	1,701 17 0	1,719 9 0		
CANTERBURY	122	2,052,935	824,974	165,301	5,485 16 8	4,893 8 7	830 5 1	11,209 10 4	17,582 19 8		
HOKITIKA	30	243,260	220,527	36,751	2,016 0 0	918 16 10	146 18 3	3,081 15 1	1,816 0 9		
GREYMOUTH	19	314,682	283,840	35,480	539 3 3	1,040 0 0	208 5 9	1,787 9 0	2,171 13 7		
OTAGO	132	2,449,916	2,014,721	335,729	5,714 0 0	7,045 6 9	730 12 3	13,489 19 0	20,891 5 9		
SOUTHLAND	36	443,394	302,046	52,057	1,796 12 11	647 12 4	209 6 5	2,653 11 8	3,121 5 9		
TOTALS FOR MIDDLE ISLAND	401	6,306,931	4,263,753	728,340	17,965 0 7	17,042 17 10	2,643 16 4	37,651 14 9	59,755 12 6		
TOTALS FOR THE COLONY	650	10,427,851	6,811,277	1,168,223	28,699 0 10	27,634 12 0	4,019 5 2	60,352 18 0	*122,495 18 9		
TOTALS FOR PREVIOUS YEAR	638	9,058,456	6,306,692	1,091,064½	25,263 1 7	24,729 0 11	3,902 2 1	53,894 4 7	*104,361 2 11		

* This includes postage on franked correspondence.