

1889.  
NEW ZEALAND.

EUROPEAN MAILS RECEIVED AND DESPATCHED  
(NUMBER OF), AND AMOUNT OF POSTAGES COLLECTED, FOR YEAR 1888.

*Laid on the Table by the Hon. Sir H. A. Atkinson, by Leave of the House.*

RETURN showing the Total Number of European Mails (Letters, Books, and Newspapers) received at and despatched from New Zealand during the Year 1888; also the Amount of Postages collected on Correspondence by each Route Homewards, and the Amount Recovered from London by each Route Outwards; also the Estimated Cost of Conveyance of American Mails only to and from San Francisco.

Route.	Mails received from Europe.			Mails despatched to Europe.		
	Number of Letters.	Number of Books.	Number of Newspapers.	Number of Letters.	Number of Books.	Number of Newspapers.
Via San Francisco .. .. .	305,923	278,662	640,858	391,769	55,475	353,192
" Direct contract steamers .. .. .	282,036	254,819	590,721	167,640	22,007	112,638
" Direct non-contract steamers .. .. .	9,404	9,004	18,008	15,549	3,539	5,522
" P. and O. and Orient lines .. .. .	35,587	18,307	30,836	6,581	315	335
" French packets .. .. .	56	5	12	36	3	8
Totals .. .. .	633,006	560,797	1,280,435	581,575	81,389	471,695

Route.	Amount of Postages collected.	
	On Despatched Correspondence in the Colony.	On Received Correspondence from London.
Via San Francisco .. .. .	£ 14,274 s. 13 d. 6	£ 9,605 s. 12 d. 9
" Direct contract steamers .. .. .	5,894 2 0	10,994 19 11
" Direct non-contract steamers .. .. .	805 6 6	.. .. .
" P. and O. and Orient lines .. .. .	373 0 7	103 9 11
" French packets .. .. .	1 3 2	.. .. .
Totals .. .. .	21,348 5 9	20,704 2 7

*Estimated Cost of Conveyance of American Mails*

(If paid for at the rates now charged non-contracting colonies for the use of the San Francisco service—viz., letters, 1s. 7d. per ounce; books, 1s. 6d. per pound; and newspapers, 6d. per pound).

To San Francisco .. .. .	£ 2,180 s. 14 d. 8
From San Francisco .. .. .	3,637 0 5
Total .. .. .	£5,817 15 1

[Approximate Cost of Paper.—Preparation, nil; printing (1,200 copies) 17s. 6d.]

