

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS on account of the San Francisco, Direct, Peninsular and Oriental, and Orient Mail Services for the Year 1889.

*San Francisco Service.*

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Subsidy to contractors ... ..	20,686	13	8			
Bonus ... ..	1,190	0	0			
Light-dues (charged on estimates) ... ..	663	0	0			
Interprovincial service, Mail Agents, &c. ... ..	4,854	14	4			
Cr.				27,394	8	0
Postages from London Post Office ... ..	9,245	11	2			
Postages collected in the colony ... ..	16,050	2	11			
Receipts from non-contracting colonies ... ..	5,011	8	4			
				30,307	2	5
Net profit to the colony ... ..				£2,912	14	5

In 1888 the net cost of the service was £23 8s. 7d.

289,197 letters, 206,988 books, and 634,082 newspapers were received from, and 376,584 letters, 56,386 books, and 350,729 newspapers despatched to, the United Kingdom, &c., by the San Francisco service.

*Direct Contract, New Zealand Shipping Company.*

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Payments on weight of correspondence ... ..	10,667	3	6			
Bonus, &c. ... ..	5,877	13	4			
Light-dues (charged on estimates) ... ..	936	0	0			
Interprovincial service ... ..	3,000	0	0			
Cr.				20,480	16	10
Postages from London, &c. ... ..	10,074	16	4			
Postages collected in the colony ... ..	5,114	3	10			
				15,189	0	2
Net cost to the colony ... ..				£5,291	16	8

The estimated net cost of the service for 1888 was £6,680 3s. 4d.

251,628 letters, 189,639 books, and 590,720 newspapers were received from the United Kingdom, &c., by the Direct contract service; and 146,193 letters, 17,012 books, and 98,535 newspapers despatched.

*P. and O. and Orient Lines (Federal Mail Service).*

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Payments to P. and O. and Orient Lines ... ..	519	8	4			
Transit charges across European Continent ... ..	28	13	2			
Union Steamship Company (to and from Australia) ... ..	212	19	4			
Cr.				761	0	10
Postages from London Post Office ... ..	146	5	8			
Postages collected in the colony ... ..	716	12	3			
				862	17	11
Net profit to the colony ... ..				£101	17	1

The number of letters, books, and newspapers conveyed from and to the United Kingdom, &c., by the Peninsular and Oriental and the Orient packets were: Received, 59,847 letters, 9,258 books, and 29,955 newspapers; despatched, 6,132 letters, 210 books, and 170 newspapers.

RETURN showing the several Subsidised Mail Steam Services, the Subsidy Payments for the Year 1889, the Dates when established, and the Date on which each terminates.

Service.	Subsidy or Payment.	Duration of Service.		Number of Voyages per Annum.	Mileage for Complete Voyage.	Cost per Mile.
		When established.	When terminated or when terminable.			
	£ s. d.					s. d.
Auckland and San Francisco .. ..	21,876 13 8	Nov., 1885	Nov., 1890	13	11,916	2 9-89
Direct Steam Service .. ..	16,544 16 10	Dec., 1884	Dec., 1890	13	23,019	1 1-27
Auckland and Fiji .. ..	1,690 0 0	June, 1880	..	13	2,334	1 1-37
New Zealand and South Pacific Islands .. ..	1,200 0 0	June, 1885	..	8	6,992	0 5-15
New Zealand and Chatham Islands .. ..	200 0 0	..	March, 1891	4	1,050	0 11-43
Helensville and Matakohē .. ..	450 0 0	Jan., 1881	Dec., 1890	52	118	0 4-53
Helensville and Dargaville .. ..	..	..	..	104	170	..
Rawene and Omapere .. ..	..	..	..	52	34	..
Rawene and Horeke .. ..	240 0 0	Jan., 1889	Dec., 1890	52	12	1 3-82
Russell and Opua .. ..	..	..	..	156	8	..
Auckland and Great Barrier Island .. ..	150 0 0	Dec., 1884	Dec., 1889	52	120	0 5-77
Nelson and Golden Bay .. ..	200 0 0	..	Dec., 1890	72	130	0 5-13
Hokitika, Bruce Bay, Paringa, Haast, River, Okuru, Okarito, and Jackson's Bay .. ..	375 0 0	Jan., 1886	Dec., 1890	6	280	4 5-57
Westport and Karamēa .. ..	120 0 0	June, 1886	Dec., 1890	13	102	1 9-72
Bluff and Stewart Island .. ..	200 0 0	July, 1886	Dec., 1891	52	40	1 11-08
Interprovincial Service in connection with San Francisco Line .. ..	4,423 0 6	Nov., 1886	Nov., 1890	..	..	..
Interprovincial Service in connection with Direct Contract Steamers .. ..	3,000 0 0	Dec., 1884	Dec., 1890	..	..	..