

The number of inland parcels posted increased by 4,546, the figures being 148,059 or 1893 and 143,513 for 1892.

55 post-offices were established, 3 reopened, and 16 closed. The number open at the close of the year was 1,305.

The inland mail-services in operation numbered 707, and the subsidies paid amounted to £28,547 5s. 6d.

The number of telegrams of all codes forwarded was 2,069,691—an increase of 165,548, or 8·69 per cent.

The total number of telegraph and telephone offices open at the end of 1893 was 640.

34 miles of telegraph line were constructed. At the close of the year there were 5,513 miles of line and 13,515 miles of wire.

The net expenditure out of loan on telegraph extension amounted to £16,126 17s. 10d. for the year.

The number of money-orders issued was 210,957 for a total of £750,929 5s. 10d., and 165,503 orders for £648,490 13s. 4d. were paid.

277,105 postal-notes, representing £100,007 15s. 6d., were sold—an increase of 37,086 in number and £13,045 12s. 11d. in amount, over the previous year's business.

The deposits in the Post-office Savings Banks during the calendar year amounted to £2,386,089 10s. 7d., and the withdrawals to £2,122,521 16s. 8d.

The total amount to credit of depositors on 31st December 1893, was £3,241,998 7s. 10d.

The number of telephone exchange subscribers or connections on 31st March last was 4,244, and the subscriptions received for the financial year amounted to £21,771 4s. 4d., compared with £19,155 11s. 5d. in 1892.

The following table and return give the numbers of offices and officers of all classes on the 31st December last :—

Postal Districts.	Permanent Offices.								Country Offices.				Telephone Bureaux.	Clerks and Postal Cadets.*		Operators (including Cadets).†		Postmasters and Officers in Charge on Permanent Staff.	Letter-carriers.		Post-office Messengers (including those performing other duties).‡		Telegraph Messengers.		Linenmen (not performing other duties).
	Post-offices (separate Telegraph in same town).	Post-offices separate in same town.	No Post-offices in same place.	Combined Post- and Telegraph-offices.			And Public Telegraph or Telephone.	Post-offices (no Telephone in same town).	Post and Telephone (combined or separate).	Telephone-offices (no Post-office in same place).	Telephone Exchanges.	Town.		Country.	Town.	Country.	Town.		Country.	Town.	Country.	Town.	Country.		
				Post and Public Telegraph.	Post and Public Telephone.	And Post.																			
Auckland	1	1	1	26	11	5		1	174	79	5	1	1	59	6	24	6	46	18	6	3	15	19	8	
Blenheim			1	6					21	6	1	1	6	8		40	2	7	2	1		2	2	3	
Christchurch.	1	1		11	27		4	3	109	19		1	8	53	2	30	9	13	19	6	2	15	9	8	
Dunedin	1	1		17	13	2		2	67	56	10	4	4	57		28	9	19	17	6	2	15	10	5	
Gisborne				1					13	12				3		2		1	2			3		1	
Greyhound				4					22	4				6	1	5	3	4	2	2		3	4	2	
Hokitika				3					22	8				2		3	1	3	1	1	1	2		1	
Invercargill				7	4	1		8	74	27	6	7	20	21	2	7	6	7	5	1	2	6	5	3	
Napier	1	1		8	4	3		1	31	16	1	1	1	20		25	6	12	4	2	1	6	4	3	
Nelson			1	4	3				14	22				7	1	9		6	3		1	4		1	
New Plymouth				4	1				18	8				5	2	4	1	3	2			2	3	1	
Oamaru				1	4	3	1		10	9			1	10	5		6		1	2		1	3	1	
Thames				7					20	11			1	5	6	1	7	4	7	3	1	1	3	3	4
Timaru				4	11			1	30	3			1	7		7	2	4	2	3	1	3	2	1	
Wanganui				7	5	2			33	9	1	1	2	11	3	12	4	12	3	2	2	4	8	3	
Wellington	1	1		12	5	1		5	62	30	2	3	14	73	7	47	15	14	16	8	4	37	14	16	
Westport				4		2			10	11				5		2		4	1			3	3	1	
Totals	5	5	3	126	88	19	5	21	730	330	26	24	71	348	25	258	68	163	102	39	21	126	86	62	

* Post-office clerks, telegraph counter clerks, telephone exchange clerks, cadets in post-office, cadets not principally engaged in telegraph operating, and telegraph despatch clerks and distributors.
† Telegraph operators, clerks, and cadets principally engaged in telegraph operating.

COMPARATIVE RETURN OF OFFICERS of the POST OFFICE and TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT for the Years 1892 and 1893.

	1892.	1893.		1892.	1893.
Postmaster-General	1	1	Chief Postmasters	16	16
Superintendent	1	1	Postmasters and Officers in Charge on Permanent Staff	266*	163
Secretary	1	1	Clerks (including Telephone Exchange Cadettes and Cadets in Post offices)	283	373†
Inspector of Post-offices	1	1	Operators (including Cadets in Telegraph offices)	371	326†
Assistant Inspector of Post-offices	1	1	Country Postmasters and Telephonists	1,049	1,086
Sub-Inspectors of Post-offices	2	2	Letter-carriers	129	141
Controller of Money-orders and Savings-banks and Accountant	1	1	Messengers (Post Office)	19	21
Telegraph Inspectors	3	3	Linenmen	52	62
Telegraph Sub-Inspectors	2	2	Telegraph Message Boys	202	212
Electrician	1	1	Nightwatchmen	2	2
Mechanicians and Cadet	4	4	Postmasters and Telegraphists or Telephonists who are Railway officers		183
Clerks in General Post Office—					
Secretary's Branch	8	9			
Dead-letter Branch	5	5			
Money-order and Savings-bank Branch	20	20			
Sorters in Clearing-room	13	13	Totals	2,468	2,603
Storekeeper and Assistants	5	5			

* This number includes Railway officers. † These numbers show the officers as more exactly classified.