

1896.
NEW ZEALAND.

POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT

(REPORT OF THE) FOR THE YEAR 1895.

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

MY LORD,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 27th August, 1896.

I have the honour to submit to your Excellency the Report on the Post and Telegraph Department for the year 1895, with the usual statement of revenue and expenditure to the 31st March last.

I have the honour to be,

Your Lordship's most obedient servant,

R. J. SEDDON,

Postmaster-General and Electric Telegraph Commissioner.

His Excellency the Governor of New Zealand.

REPORT.

THERE was a considerable expansion of business in all branches of the department during the year.

The telegraph traffic was unusually heavy, a circumstance largely to be ascribed to the development of gold-mining in the Auckland and Thames districts, and to the large traffic in mining scrip and share transactions by telegraph.

The following statement shows the revenue and expenditure for the financial year ended the 31st March, 1896:—

REVENUE.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Stamps used for postage (estimated) ..	215,000	0 0	Salaries	196,072	12 10
Money-order and postal-note commission collected in the colony	14,158	16 0	Conveyance of mails by sea	36,670	1 8
Money-order commission received from foreign offices	536	5 5	Conveyance of inland mails	33,605	18 2
Private box and bag fees	5,010	10 0	Conveyance of mails by railway	11,911	15 8
Miscellaneous receipts (postal)	7,909	8 2	Money-order commission credited to foreign offices	1,262	12 9
Ordinary and Press telegrams	92,289	9 6	Maintenance and repairs of telegraph-lines, and miscellaneous	48,027	18 2
Telephone exchanges	25,933	12 9	Cable subsidies	4,774	5 5
Miscellaneous receipts (telegraph) ..	4,889	4 7			
				332,325	4 8
			Balance of revenue over expenditure ..	33,402	1 9
	<u>£365,727</u>	<u>6 5</u>		<u>£365,727</u>	<u>6 5</u>

The increase of revenue was £8,277 11s. 8d., or 2·31 per cent. There was an increase of revenue under all heads, except Postal miscellaneous receipts, which were £9,675 8s. 4d. less than the amount received the previous year.

The expenditure was £32,354 3s. 4d. in excess of that for the year 1894–95, an increase of 10·79 per cent. This increase is to be explained by the fact that the several items of expenditure of the year 1894–95 mentioned in the report for that year as not having been paid, have been included in last year's account, and that the payments of the year were further increased by £11,604 15s. 10d., the net amount paid the Railway Department for conveyance of mails by ordinary trains from the 1st April, 1895. The remainder is on account of increased expenditure consequent upon the expansion of the business of the department.

It is to be borne in mind that the many reductions in postage and telegraph rates and charges and other concessions made the public, while materially increasing the volume of business and adding to the expenditure, have not resulted in any appreciable increase of revenue.

The balance of revenue over expenditure was £33,402 1s. 9d., as compared with £57,478 13s. 5d. for the previous year.

The estimated postage value of official correspondence sent through the post was £65,348 10s. 3d., and the value of Government telegrams £25,843 11s. 11d.—a total of £91,192 2s. 2d., representing the value of services performed by the department for which no payment was received—a sum equal to 24·93 per cent. of the cash receipts.

As already stated, the balance of revenue over expenditure was £33,402 1s. 9d. If the value of the official correspondence and Government telegrams be added, there is a balance of £124,594 3s. 11d. in favour of the department on the year's transactions.

26,968,955 letters were posted in the colony, an increase of 1,144,988.

The number of forwarded telegrams of all codes was 2,124,211, an increase of 90,411.

63 post-offices were established and 4 re-opened. The number open at the close of the year was 1,404.

707 inland-mail services (excluding services by railway) were in operation during the year.

184 miles of telegraph-line and 883 miles of wire were erected. At the close of the year there were 6,245 miles of line, and 15,764 miles of wire.

The net expenditure on telegraph construction was £35,537 15s. 2d.

243,497 money-orders, for £812,604 14s. 11d., were issued, and 183,995 orders, amounting to £709,533 10s. 8d., paid.

349,627 postal notes, for £123,368 6s. 6d., were sold.

The amount deposited in the Post-Office Savings-banks was £2,794,506 16s., and the sum withdrawn £2,369,333 6s. 7d.

The total sum to the credit of depositors at the close of the calendar year was £3,895,543 0s. 3d., as compared with £3,340,879 11s. 4d. on 31st December, 1894.

There were 5,143 telephone-exchange connections on the 31st March last, a net increase of 527. The subscriptions received amounted to £25,933 12s. 9d.

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

Postal Districts.	Permanent Offices.										Non-permanent Country Offices.				Telephone Bureaux.		P.O. Clerks, Tel. Counter Clerks, Tel. Ex. Clerks and Cadettes, Cadets in P.O. Cadets not principally engaged in Tel. Operating, Tel. Dispatch Clerks, Tel. Distributors.				Tel. Operators, Clerks principally engaged in Operating Cadets principally engaged in Tel. Operating (with or without delivery of Telegrams).				Postmasters and Officers in Charge on Permanent Staff.		Letter-carriers.		Telegraph Messengers.		Linenmen (not already shown).
	Separate Telegraph in same town.	No Telegraph in same town.	Separate Post-office in same town.	No Post-office in same town.	Combined Post- and Tele-graph-offices.	Combined Railway				Post-offices (no Telephone in same town).	Post and Telephone (combined).	Post and Telephone (separate rate).	Telephone-offices (no Post-office in same town).	Receiving Office only.	Telephone Exchanges.	Shown in other Columns.	Not already shown.	Town.	Country.	Town.	Country.	Postmasters and Officers in Charge on Permanent Staff.	Town.	Country.	Post-office Messengers (including those performing other duties).		Town.	Country.			
						Post and Public Tele-graph.	Post and Public Telephone.	And Post.	And Public Tele-graph.																And Public Tele-phones.						
Auckland ..	1	..	1	..	23	13	5	..	1	..	175	97	3	7	..	1	21	1	73	12	29	..	44	20	6	4	16	21	12		
Blenheim ..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	22	7	1	2	..	1	9	..	6	..	6	2	6	2	1	..	2	2	3	..	..
Christchurch..	1	..	1	..	10	28	1	4	3	..	101	27	2	3	5	1	9	1	65	3	50	9	12	19	7	2	16	10	9	..	..
Dunedin ..	1	..	1	..	17	13	3	..	2	..	66	64	2	3	..	4	23	10	64	..	31	10	19	17	6	2	16	10	7	..	..
Gisborne ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	12	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	2	..	1	2	..	..	3	..	1	..	..
Greymouth ..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	27	6	..	..	..	1	..	..	6	1	6	3	4	2	2	..	4	2	..	..	..
Hokitika ..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	22	9	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	3	1	1	1	2	..	1	..	..
Invercargill ..	..	..	..	..	7	10	3	..	..	..	79	28	4	5	12	7	28	1	22	2	8	6	7	5	2	3	6	5	3	..	..
Napier ..	1	..	1	..	9	3	2	..	1	..	30	20	..	1	..	1	3	..	24	..	26	9	11	4	4	1	6	5	4	..	..
Nelson ..	..	..	..	1	4	3	..	..	..	..	13	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	1	9	..	6	3	..	1	5	1	1	..	..
New Plymouth ..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	22	9	1	..	..	1	5	..	8	2	4	1	4	3	..	..	3	3	1	..	..
Oamaru ..	..	..	..	..	1	4	3	1	..	..	10	9	..	..	..	1	10	..	7	..	6	..	1	2	..	1	3	..	1	..	..
Thames ..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	19	12	..	..	1	1	6	..	5	..	8	5	8	3	2	1	4	3	3	..	..
Timaru ..	..	..	..	..	4	11	..	..	1	..	32	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	7	..	7	2	4	3	3	1	3	3	1	..	..
Wanganui ..	..	..	..	..	7	6	1	..	..	..	36	15	..	1	..	1	3	..	11	1	18	10	15	3	2	2	5	6	4	..	..
Wellington ..	1	..	1	..	11	5	2	1	2	2	57	48	1	6	2	3	30	2	80	5	50	22	14	19	14	5	37	16	9	..	..
Westport ..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	13	13	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	3	..	3	1	..	..	3	2	1	..	..
Totals ..	5	..	5	1	122	97	22	6	10	4	786	402	14	32	20	25	147	15	396	27	267	79	162	109	50	24	134	91	63	..	..

COMPARATIVE RETURN of OFFICERS of the POST OFFICE and TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT for the Years 1894 and 1895.

	1894.	1895.		1894.	1895.
Postmaster-General	1	1	Chief Postmasters	16	16
Secretary	1	1	Postmasters and Officers in Charge on Permanent Staff	162	162
Superintendent	1	1	Clerks (including Telephone Exchange Cadettes and Cadets in Post-offices)	395	423
Assistant Secretary and Inspector	1	1	Operators (including Cadets in Telegraph-offices)	320	346
Assistant Inspectors of Post-offices	1	3	Country Postmasters and Telephonists	1,147	1,204
Sub-Inspectors of Post-offices	2	0	Letter-carriers	153	159
Controller of Money-orders and Savings-banks and Accountant	1	1	Messengers (Post Office)	23	24
Telegraph Inspectors	3	3	Linenmen	67	63
Telegraph Sub-Inspector	1	1	Telegraph Message Boys	219	225
Electrician	1	1	Nightwatchmen	2	2
Mechanicians and Cadet	4	5	Postmasters and Telegraphists or Telephonists who are Railway officers	135	139
Clerks in General Post Office—					
Secretary's Branch	9	10			
Inspector's and Dead-letter Branch	5	5			
Money-order and Savings-bank Branch	22	23			
Sorters in Clearing-room	13	13			
Storekeeper and Assistants	4	4			
			Totals	2,709	2,836

The health of the staff has been good. Of the officers at the principal offices during the half-year ended 30th September, 1895, the average absence on account of sickness was 2·38 days for men, and 3·37 days for women. In the succeeding half-year, which included the summer months, the average absence fell to 1·51 days for men, and 2·26 days for women. An analysis is shown below:—

					Numbers comprised	Average Absence per Sick Officer.	Average Sick Absence per Officer employed.
Men	...	...	...	...	800	8·6	3·8
Women	...	...	...	...	118	5·5	5·5

It is interesting to note that, although proportionately fewer men than women were absent on account of sickness, the average duration of their illness was longer. The New Zealand figures compare very favourably with those of the British Post Office, where the last published average for each man employed was 7·9 days, against 3·8 days in New Zealand, and for each woman 12·2 against 5·5 days.

The usual annual Intercolonial Postal and Telegraph Conference, which was to have met at Sydney at the beginning of this year, has been deferred until the receipt of the tenders for the Federal mail-service, which closed at London last month.

The Pacific-cable question has made but little progress. A special Postal and Telegraph Conference was held at Sydney in January last, at which the whole of the Australasian Colonies were represented, the Hon. W. P. Reeves attending on behalf of New Zealand. The conference was promoted in the hope that the colonies might be able to arrive at some definite basis of action on the question, and also to nominate two members to the Commission of representatives of the Imperial Government, Canada, and Australasia, to be appointed by the Imperial Government to fully consider the Pacific-cable proposals. The following resolutions were agreed to at the Sydney Conference:—

That the Pacific cable should be constructed and owned jointly by the various Governments interested.

That the landing-places of such cable should be only upon territory belonging to or under the control of the British Empire.

That the cost of its construction, working, and maintenance be borne in the following proportions, namely: Great Britain, one-third; the Dominion of Canada, one-third; and the contributing Australasian Colonies, one-third.

That the route from Fiji to Australia be *via* Norfolk Island, thence bifurcating to the nearest convenient landing-places in the north of New Zealand and Moreton Bay respectively.

That it is highly desirable that South Australia join the other colonies in the Pacific-cable project; and that, having regard to their vested interests in the transcontinental line, her representative be invited to make a proposition embodying the terms on which the South Australian Government would be prepared to join the other colonies in the said project.

The Conference nominated the Agents-General for New South Wales and Victoria to represent the Australasian Colonies on the Imperial Commission.

This Commission met at London at the beginning of June last; but, as the Australasian representatives had to attend the International Telegraph Convention at Buda-Pesth on the 16th, there was only one formal meeting, which was adjourned for six weeks.

The International Telegraph Convention assembled at Buda-Pesth on the above date, this colony being represented by the London Post Office delegate.

The only direction it was considered necessary to give the delegate was to oppose the adoption of the official telegraph-code vocabulary, and the obligation to use only the words included in the vocabulary. The objections entertained by this colony to the vocabulary were, it appeared, in entire harmony with those of the London Post Office. A cable message has been received from the colony's delegate at Buda-Pesth, advising that the Committee of the Conference had decided that the regulations shall contain no obligation to restrict the use of telegraph code-words to the words in the code vocabulary. This is satisfactory.

The agreement under which the Railway receives payment for the carriage of mails by ordinary trains and for other services,—and this department is given credit for the estimated postage on railway correspondence sent by post, and for the transmission of telegrams on railway business, &c.,—has been revised and renewed as from the 1st April last to the 31st December, 1897.

The amounts payable per annum to the Railway are—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Carriage of mails, and haulage of special mail-carriages	29,328	10	0			
For postal and telegraph duties at combined offices	8,537	0	0			
Parcel post, &c.	720	0	0			
				38,585	10	0

And the sums payable by the Railway to this department—

For telegrams	10,000	0	0
For postage	4,000	0	0
Telephone Exchange subscriptions, &c.	569	0	0
Maintenance, railway telegraph wires	4,000	0	0
	18,569	0	0

Leaving a balance in favour of the Railway Department of

£20,016 10 0

Other services performed by either department for the other are treated as matters of separate account. It should be explained that payment for combined postal and telegraph duties, and for conveyance of parcels, has been made the Railway Department for several years.

The first meeting of the Appeal Board under "The Post and Telegraph Department Act, 1894," to consider all appeals in relation to any question of classification, status, or salary arising under "The Classification Act, 1890," and amendments, was held in August last year.

There were in all eighty-two appeals, and the number favourably reported upon was twenty-two. Effect has been given completely or partially to all of the latter except four, which are still pending, for the reasons—(1) because requisite examination has not been passed; (2) because the facts relating to service have not been proved; (3) because no suitable vacancy; and (4) because no suitable vacancy has presented itself in the particular branch designated by the Board. Sixty of the appeals were either not favourably reported upon by the Board or were covered by general recommendations.

The second meeting of the Board took place on the 8th June last.

The two elected members of the Board retire in February next, necessitating an election early next year.

It will be observed that several of the statements and returns appear in different form to what they did in last year's report. This change has been made with the object of securing uniformity of postal and telegraph statistical information throughout the colonies.

In the report for 1894 attention was drawn to the steadily-increasing number of delayed, and the falling-off of the ordinary (or shilling), telegrams, giving evidence of the fact that the former code, under the then existing liberal conditions of transmission during the day, and posting immediately on arrival, bade fair to seriously displace the ordinary telegram, and to force the department to take steps to check the loss of revenue.

When the delayed system was introduced, in 1878, communication between the main centres of population, was comparatively infrequent, and a scheme by which a telegram might be sent at a cheap rate from one end of the colony to the other, and delivered by the first post next morning, met an appreciable want, and introduced a new class of business. At the beginning of 1886 a further concession was made in the direction of accelerating the delivery of such telegrams by posting them immediately on arrival, and in 1891 the number of words covered by the initial rate was increased to eighteen, with the result that the proportion of delayed to ordinary telegrams rose from 1 in 4·14 in 1885 to 1 in 1·52 in 1894.

Upon mature consideration it was decided to revert to the practice of posting delayed telegrams after office hours, as from the 1st December last. The effect of this was that the number of delayed telegrams, in comparison with December, 1894, fell off in December, 1895, 13,195, or about 26·18 in value, and ordinary telegrams increased 15,848, or 19·12 per cent., and £701 15s. 8d., or 15·07 in value—a net increase of £293 11s. 4d.

The Christmas month was one in which fluctuations in business were to be anticipated; but the returns indicated at least that the service given by the department by means of delayed telegrams was, even under the altered conditions, sufficiently prompt for a large proportion of the community. Continued representations, however, were made to the Postmaster-General in favour of a return to the system of immediate posting, but it was considered that it would give more general satisfaction to reduce the rate for ordinary messages and place all classes of the community in the enjoyment of a cheap rate for a message of a reasonable length, which would be promptly delivered by messenger on its arrival. The proposal was one which required much deliberation. Already the proportion of telegrams to each inhabitant of the colony was largely in excess of the proportion obtaining in the United Kingdom and the Australian Colonies, with the one exception of Western Australia. To maintain the revenue, assuming the average length of a message to be fifteen words, would require an increase of at least 23·32 per cent. in the number of messages forwarded; and the fact that a sixpenny telegram had been available under the old system had also to be taken into account as a disturbing element in the calculations which were made. Various rates were suggested, but it was felt that the sixpenny telegram would be the most popular one, as affording considerable relief to the users of the ordinary or shilling telegram, and at the same time meeting to a large extent the convenience of the patrons of the delayed code. Government, therefore, decided for the sixpenny telegram of twelve words, including address and signature, with 1d. for each additional word, and double rates for urgents, as from the 1st June last.

The time was a favourable one for making the change, as the mining industry in the North was assuming large proportions, and trade was showing signs of further improvement. The result has exceeded anticipation. The traffic for the months of June and July shows an increase in the number of paid messages of 28·97 per cent. and 21·13 per cent. in value, as compared with the traffic for the corresponding months of 1895. The increase in the number of urgent telegrams was 118·11 per cent.

The following statement of the telegraph traffic for June and July last, as compared with the corresponding months of the previous year, shows the increase since the introduction of the sixpenny telegrams:—

Period.	Bureau Messages.		Ordinary Telegrams.		Urgent Telegrams.	
	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.
June, 1895 (Delayed added to ordinary)	6,354	£ s. d. 151 18 0	114,552	£ s. d. 5,505 18 3	3,811	£ s. d. 474 9 6
June, 1896	7,915 Inc. 12-57	187 8 0 Inc. 23-03	148,231 Inc. 29-40	6,436 3 8 Inc. 16-89	8,033 Inc. 110-78	736 3 8 Inc. 55-27
July, 1895 (Delayed added to ordinary)	6,703	158 1 9	118,044	5,446 14 0	3,684	474 11 2
July, 1896	7,972 Inc. 18-93	189 10 8 Inc. 19-62	152,535 Inc. 29-22	6,435 16 6 Inc. 18-16	8,314 Inc. 125-68	770 7 4 Inc. 62-45
June and July, 1895 (Delayed added to ordinary)	13,057	309 19 9	232,596	10,952 12 3	7,495	949 0 8
June and July, 1896	15,887 Inc. 21-67	376 18 8 Inc. 21-68	300,766 Inc. 29-31	12,872 0 2 Inc. 17-53	16,347 Inc. 118-11	1,506 11 0 Inc. 58-69
Period.	Press Telegrams.		Total paid Telegrams.		Government Telegrams.	
	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Value.
June, 1895 (Delayed added to ordinary)	14,471	£ s. d. 681 9 3	139,188	£ s. d. 6,813 15 0	17,739	£ s. d. 1,984 15 0
June, 1896	17,353 Inc. 19-92	937 17 10 Inc. 37-74	181,532 Inc. 30-42	8,297 13 2 Inc. 21-81	19,279 Inc. 8-68	1,870 17 7. Dec. 5-74
July, 1895 (Delayed added to ordinary)	17,703	882 6 6	146,134	6,961 13 5	17,480	2,492 8 3
July, 1896	17,625 Dec. 0-44	992 0 8 Inc. 12-47	186,446 Inc. 27-59	8,887 15 3 Inc. 20-49	18,950 Inc. 8-41	1,876 10 11 Dec. 24-72
June and July, 1895 (Delayed added to ordinary)	32,174	1,563 15 9	285,322	13,775 8 5	35,219	4,477 3 3
June and July, 1896	34,978 Inc. 8-72	1,929 18 6 Inc. 23-42	367,978 Inc. 28-97	16,685 8 5 Inc. 21-13	38,229 Inc. 8-55	3,747 8 6 Dec. 16-31

The effect of the gold-mining boom in Auckland and Thames on the traffic in ordinary and urgent telegrams and cable messages in those postal districts, as compared with the telegraph business in Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin districts, for the months of June and July last, and for the corresponding months, 1895, may be seen by the following return:—

Postal District.	Period.	Ordinary Telegrams.		Urgent Telegrams.		Cable Messages.
		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Amount.
Auckland ..	June and July, 1895	44,618	£ s. d. 2,149 5 6	1,927	£ s. d. 215 10 0	£ s. d. 1,161 9 8
	" " 1896	65,813	3,095 16 6	4,861	448 8 10	5,353 7 3
		Inc. 47-50 p.c.	Inc. 44-07 p.c.	Inc. 152-26 p.c.	Inc. 107-41 p.c.	Inc. 361-07 p.c.
Thames ..	June and July, 1895	9,796	465 13 4	601	66 4 0	58 13 3
	" " 1896	20,173	820 7 9	2,388	189 10 11	169 8 10
		Inc. 105-93 p.c.	Inc. 75-97 p.c.	Inc. 297-34 p.c.	Inc. 187-88 p.c.	Inc. 186-44 p.c.
Wellington ..	June and July, 1895	41,741	1,705 17 7	1,435	194 14 5	2,770 16 3
	" " 1896	51,651	1,977 17 4	2,632	249 17 8	2,399 12 3
		Inc. 23-74 p.c.	Inc. 15-94 p.c.	Inc. 83-41 p.c.	Inc. 28-21 p.c.	Dec. 13-39 p.c.
Christchurch ..	June and July, 1895	25,000	1,205 7 11	734	88 6 4	730 6 2
	" " 1896	29,831	1,298 17 1	1,055	117 15 5	1,087 1 5
		Inc. 19-32 p.c.	Inc. 7-80 p.c.	Inc. 43-73 p.c.	Inc. 34-09 p.c.	Inc. 48-90 p.c.
Dunedin ..	June and July, 1895	29,538	1,436 15 3	793	111 18 0	630 19 4
	" " 1896	35,055	1,469 6 9	1,334	131 2 8	618 13 3
		Inc. 18-68 p.c.	Inc. 2-23 p.c.	Inc. 68-22 p.c.	Inc. 16-96 p.c.	Dec. 1-09 p.c.

Delayed are included with Ordinary in 1895 figures.

Prizes were offered last year for a series of designs for postage-stamps representing New Zealand subjects. Over two hundred sets, numbering about 2,400 single designs, many of them of conspicuous merit, were received from residents of New Zealand and the Australian Colonies, and were submitted to a board of experts, consisting of Messrs. A. D. Riley, Director, Wellington Technical School; S. Hurst Seager, of the Canterbury School of Art; C. D. Barraud, the well-known artist; the Government Printer; and the Assistant Secretary and Inspector of this Department. The Board unanimously decided to award prizes to the drawings sent in under the pseudonyms stated as follows:—

“Practical”: Three first prizes, two second prizes, and two honourable mentions. “Progress”: Two first and three second prizes. “Tongariro”: Two first prizes, one second prize, and four honourable mentions. “Arawa”: Two first prizes and one second. “Exegi”: Three second prizes. “Aotea-roa”: One first prize and two honourable mentions. “Maori”:

One first prize and one honourable mention. "O": One second prize. "Letterewe": One honourable mention. "Mahi": One honourable mention.

On opening the sealed envelopes, the names of the successful designers were found to be:—"Practical," W. R. Bock, Wellington; "Progress," E. T. Luke, Melbourne; "Tongariro," J. Gaut, Wellington; "Arawa," H. W. Young, Ponsonby, Auckland; "Exegi," El. Howard, North Fitzroy, Melbourne; "Aotea-roa," A. W. Jones, Christchurch; "Maori," A. E. Cousins, Wellington; "O," F. Sears, Wellington; "Letter-ewe," F. Sears, Wellington; "Mahi," R. Roy MacGregor, Wellington.

At the request of competitors and others the designs were exhibited at the principal centres in the colony, and attracted great attention. It is satisfactory to relate that the awards of the board were generally approved.

The engraving of the stamps from the designs finally selected by the Postmaster-General will shortly be put in hand, and it is believed that, when completed, the series will compare favourably with the stamps in use in any part of the world.

Messrs. Dunlop and Co., the well-known shipbuilders, of Port Glasgow, were the successful tenderers for the new cable-steamer, which is now on her way to the colony. The contract price was £30,770, and it is reported that the vessel is particularly well suited for lighthouse inspection and other work, as well as for cable-laying. The hero of the Maori legend of which the heroine was Hinemoa supplies the name "Tutanekai," by which the steamer will be known. The "Tutanekai" is expected to arrive at Wellington about the end of September.

The Hon. J. G. Ward, who assumed Ministerial control of the department on the 24th January, 1891, resigned office on the 16th June last. Many improvements in the service, and liberal concessions to the public, were made during his term of office. Among the latter may be mentioned the reduction of international and intercolonial telegraph-cable rates, the reduction of telephone-exchange rates, the introduction of £5 postal notes and letter-cards, liberal amendments in the commercial and printed-paper post, and other material reductions in the postage rates, following the colony entering the Postal Union, as well as the introduction of sixpenny telegrams on the 1st of June last.

The NUMBER and VALUE of CABLE MESSAGES forwarded to INTERNATIONAL COUNTRIES, to NEW CALEDONIA, and to the several AUSTRALIAN COLONIES, during 1895, are shown in the following Statement:—

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	No. of Messages.	Value.	No. of Messages.	Value.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
International	7,135	27,484 10 3	3	11 2 3
New Caledonia	16	11 18 11	...	...
New South Wales	16,476	3,654 3 3	1,036	388 14 3
Queensland	1,188	441 2 0	1	0 11 5
South Australia	1,073	338 10 0	...	...
Tasmania	1,262	475 16 10	...	...
Victoria	10,780	2,908 6 7	128	33 5 1
Western Australia	1,006	370 17 7	...	...
Total for 1895	38,936	35,685 5 5	1,168	433 13 0
Total for 1894	34,713	28,965 9 6	994	899 4 9

STATEMENT of TRAFFIC over the NEW ZEALAND-SYDNEY CABLE, for the Year from the 1st May, 1895, to the 30th April, 1896.

Amount guaranteed to Cable Company	£
Actual receipts during the above period	20,000
	14,076
Showing a loss to the Cable Company of	£5,924
Appportioned as follows:—	
New Zealand, one-third	1,975
Contributing colonies, including New Zealand, two-thirds	3,949
	£5,924

And the contributing colonies' proportions, on the basis of population:—

Colony.	Population (Census, 1891).	Amount. £ s. d.
Victoria	1,140,405	1,320 16 9
New South Wales	1,132,234	1,311 7 6
New Zealand	620,030	718 2 7
South Australia	320,431	371 2 7
Tasmania	146,667	169 17 5
Western Australia	49,782	57 13 2
Totals	3,409,549	£3,949 0 0

STATEMENT of the INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC on the EASTERN EXTENSION COMPANY'S EUROPEAN LINES in respect of the Cable Guarantee Fund, for the Year ended 30th April, 1896.

Amount guaranteed for the year	...	...	...	...	£	227,000	0	0
Actual revenue	...	...	...	...	...	360,970	19	2
Surplus	...	...	...	...	...	£133,970	19	2

The revenue derived by the company from the Australasian-international cable-traffic for the year ended April, 1895, was £238,712. The increase of revenue last year was, therefore, 51·22 per cent.

The increase of the telegraph cable-traffic resulted in a reduction in the payment by the colony to the Intercolonial Cable Guarantee Fund. The colony's outward international and inter-colonial cable business, not including Press, for the years 1894 and 1895 was as follows:—

International,—				Messages.				Value.			
				Number.				£ s. d.			
1894	...	...	...	5,963	...	21,431	6	4			
1895	...	...	...	7,135	...	27,484	10	3			
Increase				1,172	Increase	6,053	3	11			
				or 19·65 per cent.				or 28·24 per cent.			

Intercolonial,—

				Messages.				Value.			
				Number.				£ s. d.			
1894	...	...	...	28,750	...	7,534	3	2			
1895	...	...	...	31,801	...	8,200	15	2			
Increase				3,051	Increase	666	12	0			
				or 10·61 per cent.				or 8·84 per cent.			

A total increase in 1895 of 4,223 messages and £6,719 15s. 11d. in value.

The forwarded and received cable Press business for the past five years has been:—

Year.	Forwarded.			Received.		
	Number of		Value.	Number of		Value.
	Messages.	Words.		Messages.	Words.	
1891	837	45,285	£ 932 15 8	2,828	198,935	£ 2,739 6 0
1892	791	44,263	898 3 9	2,884	197,477	2,796 9 4
1893	796	57,390	504 9 9	2,883	202,170	1,540 17 10
1894	994	103,366	899 4 9	3,033	203,326	1,179 13 7
1895	1,168	68,682	433 13 0	3,926	314,136	1,782 13 5

NOTE.—The intercolonial cable Press rate was reduced from 3d. to 1d. per word on the 1st April, 1893.

There was a large increase in the number and value of the received messages, but a falling-off in the forwarded, in number of words and value. A comparison of the receipts from Press cable messages under the old tariff and the reduced rates which came into operation in April, 1893, is largely in favour of the former.

POST OFFICE.

The number of articles posted in the colony, and received from places outside the colony, during the year, as compared with the number in 1894, was as under:—

		1895.	1894.	Increase.
Letters—				
Posted in the colony	..	26,968,955	25,823,967	
Received from places outside the colony	..	1,980,981	1,816,044	
		28,949,936	27,640,011	1,309,925
Letter-cards posted in the colony	..	637,013	Nil	637,013
Post-cards—				Decrease.
Posted in the colony	..	1,196,156	1,248,819	
Received from places outside the colony	..	5,477	5,021	
		1,201,633	1,253,840	52,207
Books and pattern-packets—				Increase.
Posted in the colony	..	8,337,680	6,900,049	
Received from places outside the colony	..	2,509,444	2,514,002	
		10,847,124	9,414,051	1,433,073
Newspapers—				
Posted in the colony	..	8,964,111	8,787,935	
Received from places outside the colony	..	3,711,862	3,545,773	
		12,675,973	12,333,708	342,265
Parcels—				
Posted in the colony	..	156,752	155,697	
Received from places outside the colony	..	19,454	18,567	
		176,206	174,264	1,942

The letters increased 4·74, the books and pattern-packets 15·22, newspapers 2·78, and parcels 1·11 per cent., but the post-cards show a decrease of 4·16 per cent.

The increase in 1894 was: Letters, 0·70; books and pattern-packets, 16·88; newspapers, 1·36 and parcels, 1·98 per cent. The post-cards decreased 9·94 per cent.

The average number of letters posted per head of population was estimated to be 38·95 (and with letter-cards, 39·87). The average in 1894 was 38·02.

The Post Office receipts for the financial year 1895–96 amounted to £242,614 19s. 7d., compared with £247,437 11s.: a decrease of £4,822 11s. 5d.

The decrease is more than explained by the fact that the miscellaneous receipts were £9,675 8s. 4d. less than they were the previous year.

There was, however, an increase in all other items of revenue.

The expenditure was £183,855 5s. 5d., as against £164,180 0s. 9d. for the previous year: an increase of £19,675 4s. 8d., or 11·98 per cent.

It should be explained that the Post Office expenditure for 1894–95, as may be seen by reference to the last report, was £5,873 2s. 8d. below that of the previous year, owing mainly to several payments not having been made within the financial year. And as the agreement under which the Railway Department is now paid for the carriage of mails by ordinary trains came into force on the 1st April, 1895, last year's expenditure was swelled by £11,604 15s. 10d., the net amount paid that department for such conveyance of mails, &c.

There was, however, a balance of revenue over expenditure of £58,759 14s. 2d. for the year.

The estimated value of the official correspondence was £65,348 10s. 3d. The gross earnings of the Post Office for the year were therefore £307,963 9s. 10d., and the credit balance £124,108 4s. 5d.

Customs duties amounting to £5,917 12s. 9d. were collected upon articles received through the post from places beyond the colony by parcel-post.

The sum of £1,408 was collected in connection with the sale of game-licenses.

Premiums amounting to £26,808 7s. 8d. were collected from policy-holders of the Government Insurance Department.

Income-tax amounting to £55,634 8s. 7d., and £204,468 19s. 11d. on account of land-tax, were received at post-offices.

The fees collected under the Live-stock Acts amounted to £13,328 15s.

£3,947 2s. 6d. on account of machinery fees were received.

The receipts derived from the sale of miners' licenses amounted to £1,552 17s.

£8,165 was lodged at post-offices for investment in New Zealand Consols.

Receipts on behalf of the Public Trust Office amounted to £157,855 16s., and the payments to £160,113 2s. 2d., as compared with £118,694 12s. 7d. and £119,149 12s. 10d. for the previous year.

£314,288 9s. 10d. was received on behalf of the Advances to Settlers' Office, and payments amounting to £308,746 5s. 7d. were made.

The fees collected for registration of births, deaths, and marriages amounted to £1,761 3s.

Fees were also collected on account of the Government Printing Office, Audit Department, Hospitals and Charitable Aid, Industrial Schools, Lunacy Department, Railway Department, public baths, totalisator-tax, and Marine Department—aggregating £9,481 1s. 8d.

The payments made at post-offices on behalf of the Treasury amounted to £400,588 4s. 11d.

The gross receipts dealt with for the year were: Departmental, £4,885,365 14s. 2d.; on account of other departments, £1,205,626 9s.: total, £6,090,992 3s. 2d., as compared with £5,186,265 8s. 5d. for the previous year.

The payments were: Departmental, £4,877,125 2s. 5d.; on behalf of other departments, £895,750 15s. 11d.; and to Government accounts, £333,527 12s. 11d.: total, £6,106,403 11s. 3d., as against £5,139,261 8s. 9d. during the former year.

The gross receipts and payments were therefore £12,197,395 14s. 5d., as against £10,325,526 17s. 2d. for the year 1894–95.

Deliveries by letter-carrier were established at Auckland—along the Birkenhead–Birkdale Road, by subsidised carrier; Bluff; Christchurch—in the suburbs of Addington, Linwood, Merivale, Phillipstown, Richmond, and in the more thickly populated parts of St. Albans; and Paeroa.

Deliveries were extended: Auckland—on foot in suburbs of Mount Eden, part of Mount Roskill, and western portion of Ponsonby; by mounted carrier over Remuera, along Paton's, Kingsland, Western Springs, and Old Mill Roads: Christchurch—in suburbs of Burwood, Shirley, and Windsor: Hutt—along Waiwetū Road and to Nae Nae: Invercargill—to include Hawthorn, thrice weekly: Mosgiel—over the whole borough: Oamaru—the afternoon delivery to Upper Severn, Towey, Mersey, and Lune Streets: Tauranga—to a distance about two miles from office: Temuka—to Frew's, corner Waitohi Road; Rutland's, on main road; and Murray Street East: Waipawa—to corner of Waipawa and Patangata Roads: Wellington—in city, and over part of suburbs of Ohoro, Brooklyn, Happy Valley, and Roseneath.

The delivery at Geraldine was increased from once to twice daily.

Deliveries were diminished in frequency, but extended in area, at Greytown North—from twice to once daily; and Oamaru—from four times to thrice daily.

The deliveries were changed at Christchurch, to enable the letter-carriers' half-holiday to be taken on Thursday instead of Saturday; and at Gisborne on Thursday instead of Wednesday.

Sixty-three post-offices were established, four reopened, and sixteen closed during the year, as under:—

Opened.

Alpine Hill, Westport.	Manapouri, Invercargill.	Rongomai, Wellington.
Anakoa Bay, Blenheim.	Mangakura, Auckland.	Ruahine, Wellington.
Aoroa, Auckland.	Marlow, Auckland.	Scarborough, Wellington.
Bankside, Christchurch.	Matahuru, Auckland.	Silverstream, Wellington.
Brightlands, Blenheim.	Moonlight's Point, Westport.	Southburn, Timaru.
Brooklyn, Wellington.	*Motu, Gisborne.	Springlands, Blenheim.
Dalefield, Wellington.	Moutoa, Wellington.	Staveley, Christchurch.
East Tamaki, Auckland.	Ngamatapouri, Wanganui.	Taikorea, Wellington.
Glenham, Invercargill.	Ngaturi, Wellington.	Tane, Wellington.
Granville, Greymouth.	Nihoniho, Auckland.	Tangawhine, Auckland.
Judgeford, Wellington.	Noble's, Greymouth.	Tapuae, Wellington.
Ingram's, Wanganui.	Oaonui, New Plymouth.	Tekinga, Greymouth.
Kakahu School, Timaru.	Okiwi Bay, Nelson.	Titirangi, Blenheim.
Katea, Dunedin.	Opononi, Auckland.	Tongaporutu, New Plymouth.
Kiwitahi, Auckland.	Oteramika, Invercargill.	Upper Matakaitaki, Westport.
Kokonga, Dunedin.	Pakipaki, Napier.	Waimai, Auckland.
Kowai Bush, Christchurch.	Palmer Road, New Plymouth.	†Waimamaku, Auckland.
Lee Stream, Dunedin.	Papatotara, Invercargill.	Wainuioru, Wellington.
Linwood, Christchurch.	Pohui, Napier.	Wangamomona, New Plymouth.
Little Wanganui, Westport.	Pongaroa, Wellington.	Waterfalls, Wellington.
Lower Awatere, Blenheim.	Reikorangi, Wellington.	Watershed Road, Wanganui.
Mahitahi, Hokitika.	Rock and Pillar, Dunedin.	Whakapirau, Auckland.
Mamuku, Auckland.		

* Name of original office at Motu changed to Whakarau, and a new office established called Motu.

† Name of original office at Waimamaku changed to Waitotemarama, and a new office established called Waimamaku.

Closed.

Albert Road, New Plymouth.	Marahau, Nelson.	Ratapapa, Wanganui.
Akuaku, Gisborne.	Maud Island, Blenheim.	Ruahine, Wellington.
Anakoa Bay, Blenheim.	Meremere, Wanganui.	Sandy Bay, Nelson.
Gap, Invercargill.	Moonlight's Point, Westport.	Upper Matakaitaki, Westport.
Hackthorne, Christchurch.	Nevesville, Thames.	Wordsworth Street, Wellington.
Lee Stream, Dunedin.		

Total number of post-offices open at the close of the year was 1,404.

The designations of offices were changed as follows: Auckland—Opanake to Kaihu, Oxford North to Tirau, Waimamaku to Waitotemarama (new office opened called Waimamaku); Blenheim—Titirangi to Hikoekoea; Dunedin—Greytown South to Allanton; Gisborne—Motu to Whakarau (new office on same line called Motu); Invercargill—Oteramika to Mokotua (former name given to new office at Railway-station), Oteramika (office at Railway-station) to Kapuka; Napier—Maraetaha to Moss Side; Wanganui—Three-log Whare to Mangaweka; Wellington—Pohangina to Palmer's, Pohangina Township to Pohangina. Spellings of name were corrected: Danevirke to Dannevirke, Rangitira Valley to Rangatira Valley.

Eighteen newspapers were registered for transmission by post, and seven ceased publication.

Nineteen receiving-boxes were established—Birkenhead—Birkdale Road (Auckland), 3; Takapuna, 1; Christchurch, 2; Ashburton, 1; Dunedin, 1; Caversham, 1; Gladstone (Invercargill), 1; North Invercargill, 2; Waipawa, 1; Paeroa, 1; Geraldine, 1; Eltham, 1; Hawera, 1; Wellington, 1; Mitchelltown, 1.

Four receiving-boxes were closed—Kumara, 1; Gladstone, 1; North Invercargill, 1; Wellington, 1.

There were 358 pillar, wall, and lamp-post receivers at the close of the year.

9,872,591 letters, 227,715 letter-cards, 511,114 post-cards, 1,996,932 books, circulars, &c., 2,589,515 newspapers, and 43,587 parcels were delivered by letter-carriers.

A rearrangement of the Postal Inspectors' districts has been made. The colony has been divided into four divisions. The Northern embraces Auckland, Thames, and Gisborne; the Central comprises Wellington, Wanganui, New Plymouth, and Napier; the Midland includes Blenheim, Nelson, Westport, Greymouth, Hokitika, Christchurch, and Timaru; and the Southern, Oamaru, Dunedin, and Invercargill postal districts. An Assistant Inspector has been appointed to each of the districts, except the Central, the inspection of which will be provided for from the office of the Assistant Secretary and Inspector.

During the year 1,018 visits of inspection were made, and 21,317 miles travelled by the inspecting officers.

The conditions under which commercial papers and printed matter may be sent through the post have been revised. The Postal Guide has been rearranged in a form more convenient for the public. A careful perusal of the Guide should do much to prevent the commercial and printed-paper regulations being misunderstood. The revised departmental regulations are to be brought into force in October next.

PARCEL-POST.

The following table shows the total number and the weight of inland, intercolonial, United Kingdom, and foreign parcels dealt with during the years 1890, 1892, 1894, and 1895 :—

Postal Districts.	1890.		1892.		1894.		1895.	
	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.
		lb. oz.		lb. oz.		lb. oz.		lb. oz.
Auckland	24,582	65,907 2	35,164	96,274 0	34,480	98,202 8	35,631	107,729 14½
Thames	1,677	4,102 2	2,011	4,858 4	2,103	5,702 8	2,235	6,134 10
New Plymouth	1,131	3,034 8	1,675	5,544 0	2,567	6,705 10	2,543	6,780 8
Gisborne	1,046	2,862 12	1,270	3,756 9	1,362	4,140 11½	1,136	3,581 8½
Napier	7,059	19,422 1	7,442	23,307 15	8,778	26,362 15	8,865	25,672 1
Wanganui	4,531	10,731 12	5,482	14,979 0	5,543	15,795 9	5,722	18,139 5
Wellington	29,093	83,998 11	36,183	124,516 5	43,035	143,652 3	43,591	158,124 1
Nelson	5,323	15,123 4	5,110	15,957 10	5,697	17,815 7	5,771	17,860 6
Westport	1,201	2,688 12	1,457	3,457 11	1,696	4,332 6	1,707	4,382 13
Greymouth	2,819	7,128 5	2,969	7,539 2	2,627	7,278 2	2,553	6,319 13
Hokitika	1,587	4,382 8	1,942	5,125 3	1,722	5,598 5	1,816	5,904 8
Blenheim	2,050	4,941 15	2,386	5,827 7	2,260	6,162 8	2,133	5,767 13½
Christchurch	21,819	65,881 6	26,338	85,782 9	26,523	87,776 10	27,053	96,386 9
Timaru	2,261	5,515 6	2,635	6,340 10	2,120	5,542 15½	1,908	5,060 9
Oamaru	955	2,415 11	986	2,545 3	1,010	2,618 4	988	2,563 8
Dunedin	25,301	73,616 10	27,563	85,822 10	28,316	90,554 9	28,132	99,186 10
Invercargill	3,892	8,768 11	4,090	10,490 14½	4,425	12,074 5	4,422	12,598 15
Totals	136,327	380,521 8	164,703	502,125 0½	174,264	540,315 8	176,206	582,193 8½

The increase in the number of parcels dealt with was 1,942, or 1.11 per cent. The increase in 1894 over 1893 was 3,393, or 1.99 per cent.

The postage collected on parcels posted in the colony amounted to £9,143 12s. 8d., as compared with £8,907 13s. 2d. in 1894.

The number of inland parcels posted was 149,454, as compared with 149,150 in 1894.

The following table shows the number and weight of parcels exchanged with the United Kingdom and foreign countries *via* London, and with the Australian Colonies and South Sea Islands, during the years 1894 and 1895 :—

Country.	Received.				Despatched.			
	1894.		1895.		1894.		1895.	
	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.
		lb. oz.		lb. oz.		lb. oz.		lb. oz.
United Kingdom and foreign offices (<i>via</i> London)	13,147	40,223 0	13,681	46,339 0	3,325	8,089 0	3,524	9,113 8
Victoria	2,560	7,357 4	2,558	7,629 0	1,246	2,607 10½	1,457	2,773 5½
New South Wales	2,225	6,691 15	2,504	7,850 12	1,075	2,535 12	1,343	3,123 1
South Australia	215	767 7	238	765 0	170	422 2½	176	474 15
Queensland	141	392 2	159	394 6	205	549 2	196	474 3½
Tasmania	144	462 4	133	382 5	279	636 0½	246	505 0
Western Australia	52	163 13	64	201 11	95	240 13	181	472 14
Samoa	21	67 11	26	81 11½	72	276 12	109	388 0½
Rarotonga	15	47 1	14	31 1	45	163 7	39	168 15
Tonga* .. .. .	..	..	..	..	12	31 10	..	..
Hawaiian Islands† .. .. .	..	..	15	25 9	..	..	8	2 8
Ceylon	25	61 6½	47	77 6	19	34 4	11	22 4
Straits Settlements	22	39 1	15	35 18	4	8 15	8	23 8
Totals	18,567	56,273 0½	19,454	63,813 10½	6,547	15,595 8½	7,298	17,547 2½

* Parcel-post service to Tonga temporarily suspended. † Parcel-post service to Hawaiian Islands commenced 1st September, 1895.

The declared value of parcels received from places outside the colony was £26,668 14s. 9d. The Customs duty collected amounted to £5,917 12s. 9d.

In 1894 the declared value was £27,601 14s. 1d., and the duty £5,340 7s. 4d.

The declared value of parcels despatched to places beyond the colony was £6,374 19s. 11d., as against £7,037 4s. 1d. in 1894.

The small expansion of the parcel business may be mainly ascribed to the inland and foreign book and packet rate affording a cheaper means of transit for printed matter.

Arrangements have been completed for the exchange of parcels with the under-mentioned countries, *via* Colombo, in lieu of *via* London as formerly: Mauritius, Egypt, Malta, Gibraltar, India, Siam, British North Borneo, Labuan, Hongkong, Chinese Ports, Corea, and Japan.

Advantage has also been taken of the direct steamers now calling at Montevideo on their way to London to provide for the distribution of parcels for Uruguay, the Argentine Republic, and Chili, from Montevideo, instead of London.

Parcel exchanges, *via* London, have been extended to St. Pierre and Miquelon and Buluwayo.

A direct exchange of parcels has been established with the Hawaiian Islands.

Negotiations for direct exchanges with the Cape Colonies, Canada, and the French Colonies are likely to terminate favourably.

Owing to the want of unanimity on the part of the Australian Colonies, the reduction in the parcel rates to and from the United Kingdom has not yet been settled. There is now, however, reason to suppose that the reduced rates of 1s. for the first, and 6d. for each succeeding pound, instead of 1s. 6d. for the first 2lb. and 9d. for each succeeding pound, will be adopted at the end of the year.

Reductions in parcel rates to the following countries, *via* London, have been made: Bechuana-land Protectorate and Mashonaland, Cameroons and Togo, Canada, Chili, Constantinople and Smyrna, Finland, France, Italy, and Switzerland.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The estimated number and value of official correspondence posted during the year are given in the statement below:—

District.	Letters.	Packets.	Registered Articles.	Newspapers.	Value
					£
Auckland	242,070	17,750	8,471	164,148	6,772
Thames	43,446	3,120	1,546	28,982	1,194
New Plymouth	77,736	5,689	2,729	51,998	2,149
Gisborne	28,080	2,036	1,024	18,873	777
Napier	116,014	8,430	4,096	78,384	3,232
Wanganui	132,142	9,601	4,643	88,968	3,676
Wellington	722,460	52,616	25,575	488,628	20,107
Nelson	56,455	4,073	2,008	37,844	1,559
Westport	26,088	1,885	974	17,520	722
Greymouth	38,403	2,768	1,372	25,743	1,055
Hokitika	16,433	1,164	726	10,784	448
Blenheim	43,513	3,183	1,538	28,982	1,194
Christchurch	232,872	16,866	8,123	157,368	6,499
Timaru	145,847	10,548	5,096	97,830	4,028
Oamaru	37,700	2,690	1,302	24,938	1,027
Dunedin	282,460	20,660	9,863	192,068	7,881
Invercargill	109,608	7,927	3,843	73,566	3,028
Totals	2,351,327	171,006	82,929	1,586,624	£65,348

The estimated value for 1894 was £59,074 10s. 2d.

DEAD LETTERS.

The following comparative table shows the number of unclaimed letters, letter-cards, and post-cards, dealt with from 1884 to date:—

Manner of Disposal.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.
Opened and returned to the writers ..	68,942	66,592	66,729	62,847	55,118	62,654	60,540	63,483	62,209	61,745	61,065
Returned unopened to other countries ..	9,134	8,115	8,359	7,287	6,892	6,220	7,779	7,751	8,255	8,941	12,929
Reissued	107	185	251	96	88	92	141	128	160	130	199
Destroyed	3,986	2,872	6,600	5,974	5,246	4,340	2,660	2,092	2,941	4,725	3,617
Returned unopened by Chief Postmasters ..	17,593	19,187	21,144	20,185	19,963	21,164	21,931	19,909	23,115	22,042	25,980
Totals	99,762	96,951	103,083	96,389	87,307	94,470	93,051	93,363	96,680	97,583	103,790

The exceptional increase of unclaimed letters dealt with in 1895 has been occasioned in a large measure by the return to the Australian Colonies of a considerable number of undeliverable racing-sweep circulars, which had been posted as letters.

The proportion of dead or unclaimed letters to the total number of letters dealt with in the colony was 0·34 per cent.

35,001 book-packets and circulars were returned to foreign countries, 34,304 were returned to senders through the Dead Letter Office, 10 were re-issued, and 24,764 were returned by Chief Postmasters: a total of 94,079 book-packets and circulars, as compared with 77,778 in 1894.

The under-mentioned articles of value were found in letters opened in the Dead Letter Office, and returned to the senders where practicable:—

	£	s.	d.
211 post-office orders	539	0	4
27 bank drafts	917	5	8
129 cheques	978	5	5
3 dividend warrants	2	3	9
6 promissory notes	66	19	10
Postal-notes	66	12	6
Stamps	22	17	5
Bank-notes	136	0	0
Gold	7	10	0
Silver and copper	1	1	1
Representing a total of	£2,737	16	0

In addition, 3 gentlemen's silver watches, 1 lady's silver watch; 1 silver watch, chain, and locket; 1 waterbury watch and steel chain, 2 gold masonic jewels, 2 pairs gold earrings, 2 gold brooches, 1 silver brooch, 1 mother-of-pearl brooch, 1 gold chain bracelet, 4 gold rings, 1 gold pin, 1 scarf pin, 1 pearl tie pin, 5 studs, 1 silver locket, 1 silver medal, 19 silk handkerchiefs, 1 silk scarf, 3 pairs of gloves, 1 woollen petticoat, 1 purse containing coin and stamps, 1 violin string; 1 steerage ticket, Melbourne to Bluff; 1 steerage return ticket, Brisbane to Napier; 1 order for steerage passage, San Francisco to New Plymouth; 1 Avonside 'bus ticket, value 3s.; 1 pawn ticket for 5s., 8 racing-sweep tickets, 4 sheets foreign stamps.

1,091 unclaimed registered letters were dealt with.
907 newspapers and 1,748 books and other articles without addresses were received, a considerable number of which were subsequently applied for and delivered.
722 newspapers were returned to the publishers.
270 letters were posted without addresses—at the rate of 10 per million.
168 letter-cards were posted without addresses—at the rate of 264 per million.
36 letters with libellous addresses were intercepted.
530 letters were wrongly addressed.
28 letters were discovered to have been posted with previously-used stamps.
The number of inland, intercolonial, and international unclaimed articles received and disposed of during the year 1895 was as under:—

	Letters.	Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Packets.	News-papers.
<i>Inland.</i>					
Returned, delivered, &c., through Dead-letter Office ...	48,631	1,202	2,212	34,314	722
Returned by Chief Postmasters direct	25,380	...	600	24,764	...
Destroyed in accordance with law	2,871	71	131	2,121	5,071
<i>Intercolonial.</i>					
Originally addressed to other colonies:—					
Returned to writers	5,148	...	14	452	...
Destroyed in accordance with law	304	...	1	24	...
Returned to other colonies as unclaimed	8,379	...	24	3,950	...
<i>International.</i>					
Originally addressed to other countries:—					
Returned to writers	4,046	...	11	510	...
Destroyed in accordance with law	238	...	1	27	...
Returned to other countries as unclaimed	4,513	...	13	31,051	...
Total	99,510	1,273	3,007	97,213	5,793

REGISTERED LETTERS.
The number of registered articles dealt with in 1895, compared with the numbers in 1885, 1890, and 1894, is shown below:—

Postal Districts.	1885.			1890.			1894.			1895.		
	From Places beyond the Colony.	Registered in the Colony.	Totals.	From Places beyond the Colony.	Registered in the Colony.	Totals.	From Places beyond the Colony.	Registered in the Colony.	Totals.	From Places beyond the Colony.	Registered in the Colony.	Totals.
Auckland ..	5,890	22,124	28,014	7,119	34,398	41,517	11,446	58,032	69,478	11,042	47,350	58,392
Thames ..	205	2,879	3,084	130	4,781	4,911	178	5,199	5,377	226	7,955	8,181
New Plymouth ..	675	2,876	3,551	341	3,372	3,713	360	7,180	7,540	505	8,576	9,081
Gisborne ..	108	922	1,030	118	2,120	2,238	199	3,319	3,518	228	3,812	4,040
Napier ..	892	5,453	6,345	999	10,911	11,910	833	16,302	17,135	1,195	16,917	18,112
Wanganui ..	283	4,500	4,783	211	6,060	6,271	689	11,753	12,442	397	16,300	16,697
Wellington ..	4,757	19,218	23,975	6,129	30,369	36,498	7,715	50,463	58,178	10,055	50,900	60,955
Nelson ..	559	2,432	2,991	322	3,430	3,752	268	5,726	5,994	1,239	6,956	8,195
Westport ..	45	1,438	1,483	112	3,254	3,366	129	2,977	3,106	194	4,409	4,603
Greymouth ..	125	2,835	2,960	102	8,879	8,981	299	6,866	7,165	365	4,989	5,354
Hokitika ..	173	1,907	2,080	95	2,579	2,674	70	4,060	4,130	206	3,624	3,830
Blenheim ..	181	1,413	1,594	92	3,193	3,285	101	3,624	3,725	120	4,447	4,567
Christchurch ..	3,717	13,678	17,395	3,659	20,404	24,063	4,480	24,944	29,424	4,465	28,302	32,767
Timaru ..	440	3,153	3,593	312	3,551	3,863	186	3,898	4,084	1,510	4,514	6,024
Oamaru ..	316	1,947	2,263	278	2,505	2,783	147	2,515	2,662	1,252	2,569	3,821
Dunedin ..	5,645	12,737	18,382	4,615	19,696	24,311	5,187	23,554	28,741	5,520	28,188	33,708
Invercargill ..	1,614	6,661	8,275	1,740	9,819	11,559	2,199	14,279	16,478	2,579	14,507	17,086
Totals ..	25,625	106,173	131,798	26,374	169,321	195,695	34,486	244,691	279,177	41,098	254,315	295,413

INLAND MAIL-SERVICES.

The number of contracts for inland mails in operation at the end of 1895 was 707, as compared with 668 in 1894.

The length of inland postal routes (counted one way only), exclusive of railway routes, was 9,992 miles, and the total number of miles travelled 1,982,727, at an average cost of 3·74d. per mile.

The railway postal routes aggregated 2,822 miles, and the trains with mails travelled 2,896,533 miles during the year.

For the conveyance of mails by ordinary railway-trains the department is now charged £29,328 10s. a year, based on a rate of £15 a mile for main lines, and 3d. extra per mile for haulage of the special sorting-carriages, and £10 per mile for conveyance over branch lines, as from the 1st April, 1895.

The following mail-services were established during the year :—

Auckland—

As required : Russell Post-office and vessels in harbour ; Waiwera Post-office and steamers.

Thrice weekly : Birkenhead and Birkdale (open mail delivery) ; Mamaku Post-office and Railway-station ; Otahuhu and East Tamaki.

Twice weekly : Morrinsville and Kiwitahi ; Whakapirau Post-office and steamers.

Weekly : Mangawai and Te Arai (making twice-weekly mail) ; Ongaruhe and Niho-niho ; Putaruru and Lichfield ; Tauhoa and Mangakura ; Topuni Wharf and Port Albert (extension of Wellsford and Topuni Wharf service) ; Towai and Marlow ; Waima and Taheke ; Waitemarama and Waimamaku ; Wairangi and Matahuru.

Blenheim—

Daily : Blenheim and Springlands (by Chief Post-office letter-carrier).

Weekly : Blenheim and Lower Awatere.

Fortnightly : Havelock, Maori Bay, Homewood, Brightlands, and Ketu Bay (by steamer).

Christchurch—

Thrice weekly : Hinds and Lismore ; Pigeon Bay Saddle and Little River (giving Little River a daily mail).

Twice weekly : Springfield and Kowai Bush.

Dunedin—

Five times weekly : Glenoamaru Post-office and Railway-station ; Owaka Post-office and Railway-station.

Weekly : Owaka and Katea.

Greymouth—

Twice weekly : Totara Flat, Granville, and Noble's.

Invercargill—

Thrice weekly : Oteramika Post-office and Railway-station.

Weekly : Clifden and Papatotara ; Manapouri and Hillside Creek.

Monthly : Bluff, Puysegur Point, and Cromarty (by steamer).—Renewal.

Napier—

Daily : Hastings and Pakipaki.

Weekly : Napier and Pohui ; Weber and Government Camp, Akitio ; Wimbledon and Weber.

Nelson—

Thrice weekly : Ngatimote and Pokororo.

Weekly : Turner's (Rai Valley) and Okiwi Bay.

New Plymouth—

Weekly : Strathmore and Wangamomona.

Thames—

Daily : Waitekauri and Paeroa.

Timaru—

Thrice weekly : Kakahu Bush and Kakahu School.

Weekly : Ashwick Flat and Sherwood Downs and Clayton (extension of Fairlie-Ashwick Flat service).

Wanganui—

Weekly : Marohema and Ngamatapouri.

Wellington—

Daily : Dalefield Post-office and Railway-station ; Feilding, Awahuri, and Campbelltown ; Foxton, Moutoa, and Shannon ; Levin and Foxton ; Pahautanui and Judgeford (extension of Paremata-Pahautanui service) ; Silverstream Post-office and Railway-station.

Thrice weekly : Eketahuna, Kaitawa, Rongomai, Tane, and Pahiatua ; Waikanae and Reikorangi.

Twice weekly : Campbelltown and Taikorea ; Pemberton and Ruahine.

Weekly : Alfredton and Waterfalls ; Gladstone and Wainuioru ; Makuri and Pongaroa ; Pohangina Township and Upper Pohangina (open mail-bag) ; Waituna West and Tapuae.

Westport—

Twice weekly : Lyell and Alpine Hill.

Weekly : Murchison and Upper Matakītaki (re-established) ; Upper Matakītaki and Moonlight's Point.

Monthly : Westport and Little Wanganui (by steamer).

The frequency of the following services was increased :—

Auckland—

Thrice weekly to daily : Birkenhead and Birkdale ; Coromandel, Driving Creek, and Tokatea.

Thrice to five times weekly : Auckland, Tarukenga, and Rotorua (by train).

Twice to thrice weekly : Rotorua, Atiamuri, Wairakei, and Taupo.

Weekly to thrice weekly : Waiwera, Puhoi, and Warkworth (section of Devonport-Wellsford service).

Blenheim—

Weekly to twice weekly : Picton, Kenepuru, and Manaroa.

Christchurch—

Thrice weekly to daily : Ashburton, Elgin, Wakanui, and Riverside ; Flemington and Longbeach Road ; Medbury Post-office and Railway-station ; Willowby and Eiffelton.

Thrice to five times weekly : Lyttelton, Little Akaloa, and Okain's Bay.

Twice to four times weekly : Valetta and Mayfield.

Twice to thrice weekly : Christchurch and Gebbie's Flat.

Weekly to twice weekly : Lyttelton and Port Levy.

Additional mail on Saturday evenings from Christchurch to Belfast, Southbrook, Styx, and Waipara (by railway).

Dunedin—

Twice to thrice weekly : Palmerston and Morrison's.

Weekly to twice weekly : Outram and Clark's.

Gisborne—

Weekly to twice weekly : Gisborne, Pakarae, Hauti, and Tolaga Bay.

Greymouth—

Thrice weekly to daily : Ngahere and Nelson Creek.

Invercargill—

Twice to thrice weekly : Gore, Waikaka, Waikaka Valley, and Wendon Valley.

Napier—

Fortnightly to weekly : Nuhaka, Morere, and Maraetaha (Moss Side) ; Tokaanu and Taupo ; Wairoa, Nuhaka, and Mahia.

Nelson—

Fortnightly to weekly : Turner's (Rai Valley) and Okiwi Bay.

New Plymouth—

Twice to thrice weekly : Stratford and Cardiff.

Oamaru—

Daily to twice daily : Enfield Post-office and Railway-station ; Ngapara Post-office and Railway-station ; Weston Post-office and Railway-station ; Windsor Post-office and Railway-station.

Twice to thrice weekly : Livingstone and Marowhenua.

Timaru—

Twice to thrice weekly : Hilton, Kakahu Bush, and Kakahu School.

Wanganui—

Thrice weekly to daily : Ohingaiti and Mangaweka.

Twice to thrice weekly : Manaia, Kapuni and Kaponga ; Ohingaiti and Three-log Whare (re-named Mangaweka) ; Otakeho and Awatuna.

Weekly to twice weekly : Mangaonoho and Waiouru, and Waiouru and Pipiriki, during summer months.

Wellington—

Twice to thrice daily : Levin Post-office and Railway-station.

Thrice weekly to daily : Cuninghams and Waituna West ; Feilding and Makino ; Pahiatua and Makuri.

Twice to thrice weekly : Eketahuna, Pleckville, Tawataia, and Alfredton ; Pahiatua, Mangahao, and Ballance.

Weekly to twice weekly : Makuri and Coonor.

Westport—

Monthly to fortnightly : Westport and Karamea, by steamer.

The frequency of the following services was diminished :—

Auckland—

Thrice to twice weekly : Auckland, Pahi, Paparoa, and Matakoe.

Twice to once weekly : Auckland and Batley ; Oxford North and Lichfield ; Waotu and Lichfield.

Christchurch—

Four to three times daily : Christchurch and Sydenham.

Invercargill—

Twice to once weekly : Te Anau and Mararoa (during winter).

Nelson—

Weekly to fortnightly : Turner's (Rai Valley) and Okiwi Bay (during winter).

New Plymouth—

Twice to once weekly : New Plymouth and Albert Road (during winter).

Timaru—

Twice to once weekly : Fairlie and Ashwick Flat.

Wanganui—

Twice to once weekly: Ohingaiti, Otaihape, Moawhango, and Tokaanu (during winter); Pipiriki, Mangaituroa, Ohakune, and Karioi (during winter).

Wellington—

Daily to thrice weekly: Greytown North and Morrison's Bush.

The following services were abolished:—

Auckland—

Paparoa Post-office and Wharf; Warkworth and Puhoi horse-service (Puhoi served by Devonport-Warkworth coach).

Nelson—

Riwaka, Marahau, and Sandy Bay.

New Plymouth—

New Plymouth and Albert Road.

Thames—

Waitekauri and Junction on Tauranga-Paeroa Road (Waitekauri-Paeroa service substituted).

Wellington—

Foxton and Kereru (replaced by Foxton-Moutoa-Shannon service); Morrison's Bush and Martinborough; Pahiatua and Kaitawa; Pemberton and Ruahine.

Westport—

Murchison and Upper Matakitaki (but subsequently re-established); Upper Matakita and Moonlight's Point.

The river-steamer service between Wanganui and Pipiriki—hitherto maintained by the Lands and Survey Department, but used for mail purposes—has been renewed jointly by that department and the Post Office from May last for five years, at an annual subsidy of £350. From October to March the steamer will run twice weekly, and for the remainder of the year weekly.

The agreement provides that, at the end of the first year, the contractors may be required to extend the service once a week to Kohuratahi, on the Tangarakau River, on payment of an additional subsidy of £400 per annum for five years. Kohuratahi is about forty-eight miles beyond Pipiriki, where some of the finest river scenery is to be met with. The service to Kohuratahi will not only be a popular one with tourists, but settlement in the Wangamomona, and indeed in a far wider district will be materially aided, as communication by steamer will be much easier than by road from Stratford. Meanwhile, the river beyond Pipiriki is being cleared of snags and the rapids improved. A special steamer has already been ordered for the proposed extended service.

The coach service between Pipiriki and Tokaanu has been renewed for three years at a greatly reduced subsidy. It will continue to connect regularly with the Wanganui River service.

The contract for the Springfield and Kumara coach service expired on the 31st December last. The service was re-advertised, and renewed for three years from the 1st January last, at a considerable reduction in cost.

The re-letting of the inland mail-services takes place this year. It has been decided that the contract term shall be three, in the place of two, years, a change which should prove advantageous to the department and tenderers.

BUILDINGS.

The new offices at Cheviot, Hastings, Queenstown, and Stratford have been completed.

The following general repairs, additions, &c., were carried out during the year: Additions to Akaroa office; enlarging, repairing, and painting Coromandel office; additional room to office at Clinton; quarters enlarged and repairs to Carterton office; additions and alterations to Dunedin Telephone Exchange; Feilding, buildings painted; Telephone Exchange accommodation provided at Grey-mouth; Hokitika, Kumara, and Lyell, buildings repaired and painted; Lower Hutt, office painted; Lyttelton, office repaired and painted; repairs to Milton office; repairs and additions to Mataura quarters; repairs to Dunedin North office; repairs to Naseby office; alterations to Oamaru Telephone Exchange; Porangahau office repaired; additions to Paeroa office; alterations to Parliament Buildings office; repairs and painting Reefton and Rangiora offices; repairs to Roxburgh office; alterations to Timaru Telephone Exchange; alterations to office, Otago Heads; general repairs, General Post Office, and additions to Telephone Exchange; additions to Whakatane office.

The new office at Hawera, which had just been completed, and not even occupied, was destroyed by the fire which broke out in the township on the night of the 29th August last. The work of rebuilding is in hand.

The Marton office was also destroyed by fire on the morning of the 1st May last. The fire originated in one of the neighbouring business houses. A new office is to be erected without delay.

An office at Martinborough is about completed.

New buildings are to be erected at Waihi, Waitekauri, and Ashurst. Additions and alterations are to be made to the offices at Kuaotunu, Geraldine, Wakapuaka, Bealey, and Riverton.

OCEAN MAIL-SERVICES.

The "Monowai" has replaced the "Arawa" in the San Francisco service, the contractors not finding it practicable to re-employ the latter vessel, which had been temporarily withdrawn in May, 1894, for repairs.

Information is to hand that a Bill has passed the United States Congress providing for an increased annual contribution of 80,000 dollars, for a term of years, in aid of the San Francisco mail-service. This should lead to a general improvement of the service.

The contractors for the San Francisco mail-service have decided to replace the "Monowai" by a larger and more powerful steamer of about 4,000 tons, to be fitted with all modern improvements and appliances. She is to steam sixteen knots on her trial trip, and, when loaded, is to maintain an average sea-going speed of between fourteen and fifteen knots. The new steamer is expected to be running in the service early next year.

The question of establishing a mail-service *via* Vancouver was submitted to the House of Representatives at the close of last session in connection with the provisional agreement entered into between the Postmaster-General and Mr. James Huddart on the 19th April, 1895. (See F.-9, 1895.) The proposals of the Government, however, were withdrawn for the time being on the understanding that the matter would be brought forward the ensuing session.

The regularity of the San Francisco service has been maintained. The average time within which the mails were delivered in London and Auckland was slightly less than during the previous year. The net cost of the service to the colony was £7,310 10s. 4d., as compared with £7,963 15s. 3d. for 1894. The direct payment by the colony for its own mails was £7,588 14s. 7d. The total sum paid over to the contractors, inclusive of amounts recovered from the Imperial Post Office and non-contracting colonies, was £18,134 19s. 5d.

The average time within which mails were delivered by the San Francisco service was: From Auckland to London, 33·08 days (the same as in 1894); and from London to Auckland, 32·85 days, as compared with 33·00 days in the previous year. The shortest delivery was made in 32 days.

The maximum, minimum, and average number of days within which the mails were delivered at and from London and Auckland, Wellington, Dunedin, and Bluff during 1895 by the San Francisco contract service, and by the Peninsular and Oriental and Orient lines, were:—

	San Francisco Service.			P. and O. Line.			Orient Line.		
London to Auckland ..	34	32	32·85	48	38	41·00	49	38	42·50
Auckland to London ..	35	32	33·08	44	38	39·54	46	38	39·74
London to Wellington ..	36	34	34·85	48	38	41·50	49	39	41·42
Wellington to London ..	37	34	35·08	46	40	43·78	46	38	42·86
London to Dunedin ..	37	35	36·08	53	39	42·60	51	39	42·90
Dunedin to London ..	38	35	36·08	47	40	41·85	49	39	42·25
London to Bluff ..	38	36	36·83	52	38	41·85	50	38	42·15
Bluff to London ..	39	36	36·83	46	39	41·10	48	38	41·50

RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS ON Account of the San Francisco, Peninsular and Oriental, and Orient Mail-services for the Year 1895.

San Francisco Service.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Payments by weight—									
On mails from New Zealand...	7,588	14	7						
On mails from the United Kingdom ...	5,028	2	5						
On mails from the Australian Colonies, Fiji, &c.	5,518	2	5						
							18,134	19	5
Interprovincial service, Mail Agents, &c.				3,704	10	8			
Transit costs { San Francisco to New York ...				4,633	2	7			
{ New York to Queenstown ...				1,902	5	5			
							28,374	18	1
CR.									
Postages collected in the colony ...				10,518	2	11			
Postages from London ...				5,028	2	5			
Contributions from non-contracting colonies ...				5,518	2	5			
							21,064	7	9
Net cost to the colony ...							£7,310	10	4

475,321 letters, 494,845 books, and 1,054,203 newspapers were received from, and 505,538 letters, 89,772 books, and 406,237 newspapers despatched to, the United Kingdom *via* San Francisco.

The letters received from the United Kingdom by this route show an increase of 4·30 per cent., the books an increase of 4·81 per cent., and the newspapers an increase of 4·81 per cent.; and the letters despatched thereto show an increase of 1·04 per cent., the books a decrease of 0·82 per cent., and the newspapers a decrease of 0·82 per cent., against the numbers forwarded in 1894.

P. and O. and Orient Lines (Federal Mail-service).

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Payments to P. and O. and Orient Lines ...	3,122	8	5			
Transit charges across Australia ...	143	12	3			
Transit charges across European Continent ...	488	11	3			
Gratuities (to and from Australia) ...	1,597	14	9			
				5,352	6	8
CR.						
Postages collected in the colony ...	2,728	0	10			
Postages from London and foreign offices ...	921	19	6			
				3,650	0	4
Net cost to the colony ...				£1,702	6	4

The numbers of letters, books, and newspapers conveyed from and to the United Kingdom by the P. and O. and Orient packets were: Received—410,027 letters, 269,158 books, and 1,084,299 newspapers; despatched—129,982 letters, 22,916 books, and 92,158 newspapers.

RETURN showing the several Subsidised Mail Sea Services, the Subsidy Payments for the Year 1895, 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 terminable.			
	£ s. d.					s. d.
Auckland and San Francisco ..	7,588 14 7	Nov., 1885	Nov., 1897	13	11,916	0 11-76
Auckland and Fiji ..	1,690 0 0	June, 1880	*	13	2,334	1 1-37
Auckland and South Pacific Islands ..	1,200 0 0	June, 1885	*	12	6,992	0 3-43
Auckland and Great Barrier ..	250 0 0	Oct., 1891	Dec., 1896	52	112	0 10-30
Helensville and Matakohē ..	480 0 0	Jan., 1881	Dec., 1896	52	118	0 4-84
Helensville and Dargaville ..				104	170	
Horeke, Kohukohu, Rawene, Waitapu, and Omapere ..	†194 10 0	Jan., 1889	Dec., 1896	52	48	1 6-70
Russell and Opuā ..	90 0 0	Jan., 1889	Dec., 1896	104	16	1 0-98
Wellington, Ketu Bay, Maud Island, Maori Bay, Homewood, and Havelock ..	150 0 0	Dec., 1891	Nov., 1896	26	183	0 7-57
Nelson, Motueka, Totaranui, Takaka, and Collingwood ..	125 0 0	..	Dec., 1896	52	130	0 4-44
Westport and Karamea ..	170 0 0	June, 1886	Dec., 1896	26	102	0 11-22
Westport and Little Wanganui ..		Jan., 1895	Dec., 1896	12	82	
Hokitika, Okarito, Bruce Bay, Paringa, Haast River, Okuru, Waitoto, and Jackson's Bay ..	500 0 0	Jan., 1886	Dec., 1896	6	384	4 4-08
Lyttelton and Chatham Islands ..	300 0 0	..	March, 1898	6	1,050	0 11-43
Bluff and Half-moon Bay ..	250 0 0	July, 1886	Dec., 1896	52	48	2 0-04
Bluff, Puysegur Point, and Cromarty ..	360 0 0	April, 1893	March, 1897	12	208	2 10-62
Paterson's Inlet and Half-moon Bay ..	29 0 0	April, 1892	Dec., 1896	52	12	0 11-15
Half-moon Bay and Port Pegasus ..	5 0 0	June, 1894	*	10	84	0 1-43
Interprovincial service in connection with San Francisco line ..	3,000 0	Nov., 1886	Nov., 1897	..	..	..

* On three months' notice.

† Three services merged into one, January, 1895.

MONEY-ORDERS.

Eleven money-order offices were opened during the year—namely, Blackball Mine, Fairfax, Kaikohe, Linwood, Makuri, Mangaweka, New Brighton, Raetihi, Rangiwhia, Rimu, and Te Aute; and the office at Panmure was closed.

The number of offices open at the end of the year was 364, as against 354 the previous year.

243,497 money-orders, for £812,604 14s. 11d., were issued, as compared with 222,678 orders, for £776,783 4s. 11d., in 1894—an increase of 20,819 orders and £35,821 10s. in amount.

183,995 money-orders, amounting to £709,533 10s. 8d., were paid, as against 174,810, for £678,556 1s., paid during 1894—an increase of 9,185 in number and £30,977 9s. 8d.

The number of telegraph money-orders issued was 25,856, for £95,546 9s. 10d., as compared with 22,721, for £82,148 9s. 6d., in 1894—an increase of 3,135 orders and £13,398 0s. 4d.

80,897 orders, for £177,541 17s., were issued on the United Kingdom, Australian Colonies, and other places beyond New Zealand.

21,458 orders, for £75,018 6s. 7d., were issued at places beyond New Zealand for payment in the colony.

The commission received for money-orders amounted to £11,433 13s. 8d., as compared with £10,600 19s. 7d. received in 1894.

POSTAL NOTES.

The sale of postal notes was extended to the following post-offices not money-order offices: Apiti, Colyton, Crookston, Ellerslie, Kirikiriroa, Manaroa, Niagara, Okarito, Port Fitzroy, Toko, Waihopo, Waituna West, and Whananaki; and the postal-note offices at Hawea Flat, Panmure, and Whangapoua were closed.

The number of offices at which postal notes were sold at the end of the year was 418, as compared with 394 at the end of 1894.

349,627 postal notes, of the value of £123,368 6s. 6d., were sold, as against 319,368, of the value of £112,307 10s., sold in 1894.

The postal notes paid numbered 346,510, of the value of £122,538 14s. 6d., as compared with 317,519, of the value of £111,789 19s., paid during the previous year—an increase of 28,991 in number and £10,748 15s. 6d. in value.

The postal-note commission amounted to £2,411 0s. 9½d., an increase of £187 13s. 6d. on the amount received in 1894.

SAVINGS-BANKS.

Ten savings-bank offices were opened—namely, Blackball Mine, Fairfax, Kaikohe, Linwood, Makuri, Mangaweka, New Brighton, Raetihi, Rimu, and Te Aute; and the office at Panmure was closed.

The number of offices open at the close of the year was 357—an increase of 9.

30,261 new accounts were opened, being 1,592 more than the number opened the previous year.

22,001 accounts were closed, as compared with 21,930 in 1894—an increase of 71.

The number of accounts remaining open at the end of the year was 137,683, as against 129,423 in 1894—an increase of 8,260. The proportion of accounts to the population was 1 to 5·07. The proportion in 1894 was 1 to 5·3.

The number of deposits was 217,393, for £2,794,506 16s.—an increase of 12,848 deposits and £541,644 9s. 1d. over 1894.

The average of each deposit was £12 17s. 1d. In 1894 the average was £11 0s. 3d.

159,904 withdrawals, amounting to £2,369,333 6s. 7d., were made, as compared with 152,136, for £2,268,624 8s. 4d., during 1894—an increase of 7,768 in number and £100,708 18s. 3d. in amount.

The average of each withdrawal was £14 16s. 4d., as against £14 18s. 3d. in 1894.

The excess of deposits over withdrawals was £425,173 9s. 5d., as compared with an excess of withdrawals over deposits of £15,762 1s. 5d. in 1894.

The interest credited to depositors for the year was £129,489 19s. 6d., being £14,846 14s. 7d. more than the sum credited the previous year.

The total amount of interest placed to the credit of depositors' accounts since the establishment of the Post-Office Savings-Bank in 1867 has been £1,514,008 16s. 3d.

The balance standing to the credit of depositors at the close of the year amounted to £3,895,543 0s. 3d.—a sum equal to £5 11s. 6d. per head of the population.

In 1894 the balance was £3,340,879 11s. 4d., representing £4 17s. 5d. per head.

The average cost of each savings-bank transaction, deposit or withdrawal, for the year was 4·45d., and for the period of the existence of the savings-banks 4·83d.

The number of accounts with balances of £20 and under increased by 5,840; with balances exceeding £20 but not exceeding £200 by 1,336, as compared with 216 the previous year; and exceeding £200 by 1,084, as against 286 in 1894.

A statement of accounts, with classified balances, is given in Table No. 9.

The reduction of the deposit rates by private banks, and the difficulty experienced in investing money except at unusually low rates of interest, resulted in large sums being diverted to the Post-Office savings-banks to await permanent investment. For the first three quarters of the year the deposits were £2,136,027 8s. 1d., and the withdrawals £1,762,593 14s. 4d.: the deposits exceeding the withdrawals by no less than £373,433 13s. 9d. For the December quarter the excess of deposits was £51,739 15s. 8d., as compared with £106,534 7s. 6d. for September quarter. In March quarter of this year the deposits amounted to £732,934 12s., and the excess over withdrawals increased to £61,721 4s. 6d., notwithstanding a reduction of one-half per cent. in the interest rates.

The reduction in the interest—from 4 per cent. to 3½ per cent. on deposits up to £200, and from 3½ per cent. to 3 per cent. on deposits exceeding £200 up to £500—took effect on the 1st January last.

TELEGRAPHS.

There has been a general increase of business. The increased number of forwarded telegrams is, in a large measure, to be attributed to the business activity in gold-mining at Auckland and Thames. This particularly applies to cable messages and urgent telegrams. The latter increased 46·25 per cent. in number and 45·96 per cent. in value for the year.

The delayed telegrams decreased 8·63 per cent. in number, the result of the change made in the delivery on the 1st December last, under which these telegrams were not posted until the evening, in the place of being posted as received throughout the day. A diminished business in delayed telegrams was anticipated, and an increase in the number of ordinary telegrams looked for. The latter increased 13·17 per cent.

The total value of the telegraph and telephone business for the year ended 31st March last, including Government telegrams and miscellaneous receipts, was £148,955 18s. 8d., as compared with £136,062 11s. 2d. in 1894–95—an increase of £12,893 7s. 6d., or 9·48 per cent.

The following is a comparison of the business in paid telegrams for the past three years:—

Number.		Value.	
1893–94	1,839,094	...	£88,371
1894–95	1,802,182	Decrease, 2·01 per cent.	85,388 Decrease, 3·38 per cent.
1895–96	1,899,632	Increase, 5·41 per cent.	92,289 Increase, 8·08 per cent.

The number of telegrams of all codes forwarded was 2,124,211—an increase of 90,411, or 4·45 per cent., over the number forwarded in 1894–95.

The proportion of telegrams per head of population was 3·05, as compared with 2·99 the previous year.

The number of ordinary telegrams forwarded was 1,015,248, of the value of £56,515 15s. 3d., as against 897,114, of the value of £50,503 11s. 5d., the former year.

The urgent telegrams numbered 59,038, of the value of £7,510 10s. 4d.—an increase of no less than 46·25 and 45·96 per cent. respectively.

The number of delayed telegrams fell from 588,826, of the value of £18,213 12s. 10d., in 1894–95 to 537,984, of the value of £16,645 2s.; due, as already explained, to the delivery on receipt throughout the day having been abolished. The proportion of delayed telegrams to ordinary telegrams fell from 1 to 1·52 in 1894–95 to 1 to 1·89. The change in the delivery, which was made on the 1st December last, was in operation for only four months of the year.

198,108 Press telegrams, of the value of £9,507 18s. 8d. (including proportions to other lines), were forwarded, as compared with 197,414 messages, valued at £9,586 0s. 7d., forwarded in 1894–95—an increase of 694, or 0·35 per cent., in number.

The value of each Press telegram averaged 11·56d., as against 11·65d. in 1894–95.

The bureau messages forwarded numbered 89,254, of the value of £2,110 3s. 2d., as compared with 78,461 messages, of the value of £1,939 2s. 3d., sent during the previous year—an increase in number of 10,793, or 13·76 per cent.

The average value of each bureau message was 5·67d., as against 5·93d. in 1894–95.

The number of Government telegrams forwarded was 224,579, of the value of £25,843 11s. 11d., as compared with 231,618, valued at £26,050 7s. 5d.—a decrease of 7,039 in number and £206 15s. 6d. in value.

25,856 money-orders, for £95,546 9s. 10d., were transmitted by telegraph, as against 22,721, for £82,148 9s. 6d., forwarded in 1894–95—an increase of 3,135 messages, or 13·8 per cent.

The number of forwarded telegrams to every hundred letters posted in the colony for delivery within the colony was 8·38, which was also the proportion for the previous year.

The telegraph cash receipts for the financial year (including telephone-exchange subscriptions, private-wire rents, &c.) amounted to £123,112 6s. 9d., compared with £110,012 3s. 9d. in 1894–95—an increase of £13,100 3s., or 11·91 per cent.

The expenditure was £143,665 14s., as compared with £135,791 0s. 7d. the former year—an increase of £7,874 13s. 5d., or 5·8 per cent.

The credit balance for the year, after taking into account the value of Government telegrams, &c., was £5,290 4s. 8d.

61 knots of single-core cable were laid. The length of the single-core cables is now 209 knots.

There were 6,245 miles of line and 15,764 miles of wire at the close of the year, an increase of 184 and 883 miles respectively.

The net expenditure out of loan for telegraph extension was £35,537 15s. 2d., as compared with £19,228 19s. in 1894–95.

The number of private wires and subsidised lines was 115, compared with 123 in 1894–95. The amount received for rent, maintenance, &c., was £971 6s. 9d., as against £1,278 6s. 8d. in 1894–95.

The Taupiri and Sanson offices were converted from Morse to telephone, and Waihi from telegraph to Morse.

Twenty-two bureau offices were opened and one closed during the year. The total number of telegraph- and telephone-offices open at close of the year was 743. Of these, 233 were telegraph, and 510 telephone, offices. Thirty-eight telephone-offices were opened, and one closed. The offices opened were,—

Albert Town.	Linwood.	Robin Hood Bay.
Apiti.	Luggate.	Rock and Pillar.
Babylon.	Makakahi.	St. Albans.
Bennett's	Mangatera.	St. Clair.
Cape Maria Van Diemen.	Maropiu.	Tamahere.
Closeburn.	Maxwelltown.	Tapanui Railway.
Driving Creek.	Newman.	Tutaekara.
Eskdale.	Ocean Bay.	Upper Queen Street.
Flaxbourne.	Ogilvie's.	Waitekauri.
Hohoura.	Parenga.	Waituna West.
Hurleyville.	Pohangina.	Whakataki.
Kaihu.	Pohui.	Woolston.
Kiripaka.	Raumai.	

One telegraph-office was closed, namely, White's Bay; and one telephone-office, namely, Mornington.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGES.

There were, on the 31st March last, 16 central exchanges and 10 sub-exchanges, a total of 26.

The following table gives the number of subscribers or connections for 1895–96 and 1894–95 respectively:—

Exchange.	No. of Subscribers or Connections:	
	Mar. 31, 1896.	Mar. 31, 1895.
Ashburton	80	...
Auckland	938	811
Blenheim	64	58
Christchurch	849	814
Dunedin	859	819
Balclutha	19	19
Milton	14	14
Port Chalmers	17	16
Greymouth	65	65
Invercargill	216	205
Bluff	20	20
Gore	48	49
Mataura	8	9
Riversdale	14	13
Winton	9	9
Woodlands	8	7
Napier	275	249
Nelson	61	61
New Plymouth	100	...
Oamaru	87	84
Palmerston North	81	79
Thames	78	74
Timaru	73	70
Wanganui	118	107
Wellington	1,041	963
Hutt	1	1
Total	5,143	4,616

The total increase in number was, therefore, 527, and the rate of increase 11·42 per cent.

The connections may be classified as follows: Paying, 4,876; free, 105; bureaux, 162: total, 5,143.

The telephone-exchange receipts during the financial year amounted to £25,933 12s. 9d., as compared with £21,552 12s. 10d. the previous year, an increase of £4,380 19s. 11d.

The working-expenses, interest on capital cost, and allowance for depreciation for the year amounted to £29,452 17s. 3d.

The total expenditure in connection with the telephone-exchange system to 31st March, 1896, was £125,108 4s. 1d.

There were 475 miles of exchange-wires erected, and 30 miles of line constructed, during the year.

On the 31st March last there were 389 miles of line, and 4,947 miles of wire, connected with the telephone-exchanges.

Particulars of the working of the exchanges are given in Table No. 20.

The following telegraph works have been carried out during the year in the several districts:—

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Construction.

During the year the following new lines have been completed and opened for traffic, viz.: Hamilton to Morrinsville, Wangarei to Kiripaka, Awanui North to Cape Maria Van Diemen with branches, Waitekauri loop-line, Dargaville to Kaihu, Driving Creek loop-line, Auckland to Onehunga, Taupiri to Huntly, Frankton Junction loop-wire, Takapuna Racecourse wire.

Of the works in progress, the following was the condition on 31st March last: Copper wire, Wellington and Auckland, erected from Auckland as far as Hamilton; copper wire, Auckland to Paeroa, erected from Auckland to Hamilton. The construction work for the year was 113 miles of line, and 294 miles of wire.

The telephone line from Wangarei to Poroti has been marked off, and the material is in course of delivery. The construction will be commenced forthwith.

Telephone sound-proof boxes were fitted at Waiuku, Howick, Te Kopuru, and Onehunga.

The following offices were opened during the year, viz.: Telephone offices—Hohoura, Parenga, Cape Maria Van Diemen, Waitekauri, Driving Creek, Babylon, Maropiu, Kaihu, and Tamahere.

Five number annunciators were fitted at Te Kopuru, Wangarei, Ohaeawai, Hamilton, Kawakawa, Te Awamutu, Devonport Bureau, Onehunga, and Waipu.

On the following circuits the constant current Morse instruments have been introduced with much advantage: Ohaupo and Hamilton, Takapuna Racecourse and Auckland, Kaikohe and Ohaeawai, Opua and Kawakawa.

The telephone office at Waihi has been converted to a Morse station, while Taupiri has been converted to a telephone station, terminal with Huntly.

The Thames office has been fitted with a set of duplex instruments to work with Auckland. This has, so far, met the increased business.

Maintenance.

On the section from Kaipara Lighthouse (Poutu) to Te Kopuru, 22 miles of corroded wire have been renewed, and 8 poles replaced.

One mile of old wire has been replaced with copper wire on Tiritiri Island.

At Mongonui, one mile of line has been diverted from the harbour route to follow the road, and re-erected on iron poles.

The overhauling for the year comprised 205 miles of poles and wires examined and left in good order. Where necessary, poles were renewed and others butted.

There are several sections on which important renewals will, in the near future, be necessary. This reconstruction it is proposed should be effected with iron poles, so soon as a sufficient stock can be obtained.

The sections requiring early attention are Otahuhu to Taupiri, Hamilton to Cambridge, Thames to Coromandel, and Kawakawa to Russell.

The lines to the north of Auckland suffered considerably through the late bush-fires, an aggregate of 48 poles having been destroyed. The use of iron poles will, of course, prevent similar losses in future.

Auckland Exchange.

The enlargement to this Exchange has been very marked. Since the date of last report 134 new subscribers have been added. This large increase is mainly due to the development of the mining industry.

The following will show the extension work in connection with the Exchange: New wires erected, 95 miles; old wires renewed, 19 miles; 30 wire cables erected, 51 chains; 1 bureau station (Upper Queen Street) fitted up and opened.

Thames Exchange.

During the year eleven telephones have been added, with one mile of new wire. The diversion of mining operations to Coromandel and Paeroa will explain the non-fulfilment of the progress anticipated here at the date of last yearly report.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Construction.

Thirteen new telephone stations have been opened during the year, viz.: Apiti, Eskdale, Hurleyville, Makakahi, Mangatera, Maxwelltown, Newman, Pohangina, Pohui, Raumai, Tutakaera, Waituna West, and Whakataki; and in connection therewith 49 miles of poles and 50 miles of wire have been erected.

Additional wire accommodation being required to overtake the increased traffic in rising districts throughout the North Island, a new copper wire has been erected between Wellington and Auckland, so that the old iron wire might be available for the minor stations. Taking advantage of the fact that the gap in the Forty-mile Bush, between Eketahuna and Pahiatua, had been bridged over by the opening of Newman, Makakahi, and Hamua offices, this new wire was taken by that route, it being twenty miles shorter than the old one. By the same route another wire has been run between Masterton and Pahiatua, connecting with Woodville, Palmerston North, and Feilding, thereby giving a second route to those offices, as well as direct communication with Wellington.

A new line has been constructed between Wellington and Makara (a second wire having been run since last report) to carry the wires connected with the cables at Oterangi Bay.

Separate wires have been erected between Bunnythorpe and Feilding (Bunnythorpe being cut out of the main telegraph wire) and between Bulls and Sanson, and the latter office converted into a telephone-station.

A total of 65 miles of poles and 380 miles of wire have been erected in connection with extensions.

Maintenance.

The main lines, generally, throughout the district are in good order. The Paikakariki to Marton section of the West Coast main line, however, especially that portion between Paikakariki and Foxton, is somewhat unsafe. This line has always given a considerable amount of trouble, owing to leakage in consequence of its close proximity to the sea. To overcome this, and seeing that a large sum of money would be required to put the old line in thorough order, it has been deemed more advisable to reconstruct the line from Paikakariki by way of the Manawatu Railway-line, and to continue it *via* Palmerston North, along the line of Government Railway as far as Marton, where it will join the old line. It is anticipated that this diversion will save a considerable expenditure annually in maintenance, besides giving better results in dealing with the traffic.

The New Plymouth telegraph-office has been entirely refitted. The other offices in the district are in good order.

Telephone Exchanges.

Since last report, an exchange has been opened at New Plymouth. There are now a hundred subscribers. The exchanges at Wellington, Napier, Palmerston North, and Wanganui are all in good working order, and the number of subscribers is steadily increasing. The large number of subscribers now connected with the Wellington Exchange has made it necessary to order a "Multiple" extension-board from England, in order that the work of the Exchange may be more satisfactorily and expeditiously overtaken.

Cables.

The second new cable, referred to in last report, was laid between Oterangi Bay and White's Bay, on 6th January, with the best results. The old No. 4 Cable was overhauled, and the fault indicated last year cut out. The cable has worked most satisfactorily since.

NELSON DISTRICT.

Construction.

New lines erected: White's Bay to Ocean Bay, about seven miles, on iron-rail poles; shunt line to Flaxbourne from main line, 1 mile (iron): total, eight miles.

New wires run: Extra wire, White's Bay to Blenheim, fourteen miles; Nelson to Wakapuaka, fifteen miles; Tuamarina to Koromiko, seven miles; copper wire, No. 12½, has been substituted for old No. 1 between Blenheim and Kaikoura, which was No. 8 iron (about eighty-six miles): Total wire run, 130 miles.

Overhauls and Repairs.

The line from Belgrove to Sherry River (22 miles) has been thoroughly overhauled and repaired. Iron rails have been used to replace decayed wooden poles where required. The sections, Motueka to Takaka (40 miles) and Westport to Inangahua (27 miles), have been thoroughly cleared of scrub, and doubtful poles attended to.

The condition of lines is generally satisfactory throughout the district, and beyond the usual attention necessary in rough parts of country, nothing in the way of extra outlay is to be anticipated during the ensuing year.

New Stations.

Telephone offices have been opened at Ogilvie's, Ocean Bay, Robin Hood Bay, and Flaxbourne.

Telephone Exchanges.

The three exchanges, namely, Nelson, Greymouth, and Blenheim, are in a satisfactory condition.

CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT.

The following new works were completed in this district during the year, namely:—

Telephone offices opened at Bennett's and St. Albans, the erection of six miles of wire, and establishing a Telephone Exchange at Ashburton, the subscribers to which number eighty.

Christchurch to Kaikoura and Branches.

The line between Papanui and Kaiapoi, nine miles, must be entirely rebuilt this year. The poles are now altogether too weak to carry so many wires. All crossings must be raised on 30ft. or 35ft. poles.

Waipara to Kaikoura.

This line is being diverted, and will run alongside the main coach road. Copper instead of iron wire is being used. The line between Waipara and Waiau at different points is being diverted and strengthened for the purpose of carrying new wires. When completed, this will be a good line, and one that will be easily and cheaply maintained. Between Waiau and Kaikoura, old railway-metals will be used in the place of wooden poles.

One wire will be left standing on the old line for Cheviot and Hawkswood, and an office opened at the latter place so soon as the new line is completed.

Christchurch to Akaroa Branch.

This line will have to be overhauled, as many of the poles are much decayed. The Peninsula lines are all in good order.

Christchurch Loop-line and Branches.

The line from Bealey to Taipo has received a thorough overhaul during the year, and is in as good and safe condition as it possibly can be. That portion between Old John's and the Loopline will be dismantled and the line taken into Kumara, thereby saving many miles of wire.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

Construction.

The new works completed during the year were as follows: Removal of the main line from the old road to the railway-line between Kennington and Ota Creek. Extension of the Woodlands Bureau wire to Mataura, Tapanui to Crookston, Hyde to Rock and Pillar, Highcliff to Sandy-mount, Dunedin to The Camp, Mataura to Gore Bureau wire, Balfour to Lumsden: total $24\frac{1}{2}$ miles of poles, and 157 miles of wire. Sixteen miles of old line and ninety-six of wire were dismantled. Nine new stations were opened, namely: Albert Town, Closeburn, Luggate, Rock and Pillar, and Tapanui Railway-station. The office at Mornington was closed.

Maintenance.

At the end of May last year there was an exceptionally severe snow-storm, which more or less wrecked some five hundred miles of line throughout the district, principally in Central Otago, and between Mosgiel and Kingston. The snow having adhered to the wires to such an extent that in many cases it was about 4in. in diameter, the weight was so great that either the poles, wires, or arms gave way, and double iron rail-poles in some instances were thrown to the ground. Seven hundred new poles have been used in repairing and strengthening the damaged lines. Fortunately, such damage from snow is rare; the only previous instance of any importance being in 1878, when about thirty miles of line between Mataura and Invercargill were similarly wrecked.

One hundred and seventy-five miles of line have also been thoroughly overhauled, and renewed where necessary. The rest of the district lines required no special attention.

The mileage of telegraph and telephone lines in the district at the end of the year was, 1,504 miles of poles, and 4,057 of wire.

The usual charts showing the position of telegraph lines accompany the report.

Table No. 1.

TABLE showing the Number and Amount of Money Orders issued and of Money Orders payable in New Zealand, Year by Year, since the Year 1880.

ISSUED IN THE COLONY.																			
Year.	Commission received.			Where payable.										Total.					
				In the Colony.		United Kingdom and Foreign Offices.		Australia and other British Possessions.											
				No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
1880	7,943	15	4	97,275	320,260	19	11	27,587	104,149	5	10	10,786	40,994	15	4	135,648	465,405	1	1
1881	7,582	8	5	99,523	321,635	3	3	25,376	90,229	5	3	10,657	40,317	19	2	135,556	452,182	7	8
1882	8,267	9	8	108,916	360,196	4	9	25,898	91,530	17	9	13,348	47,641	7	5	148,162	499,368	9	11
1883	9,022	10	6	132,232	402,558	12	11	26,211	91,634	4	7	14,113	46,939	17	11	172,556	541,132	15	5
1884	9,525	3	8	144,227	430,446	18	10	28,712	96,901	14	0	13,113	45,317	12	4	186,052	572,666	5	2
1885	9,553	0	7	146,406	439,870	3	9	28,722	95,920	9	10	13,494	45,604	15	2	188,622	581,395	8	9
1886	8,541	7	10	113,598	412,276	3	0	27,389	87,904	9	10	14,693	47,574	9	11	155,680	547,755	2	9
1887	8,532	10	5	119,091	426,194	13	9	26,057	84,264	12	9	14,431	45,285	6	11	159,579	555,744	13	5
1888	8,377	6	4	122,042	432,056	6	2	26,636	81,488	10	3	13,709	42,451	4	4	162,387	555,996	0	9
1889	8,696	13	5	127,323	458,469	7	7	26,206	79,167	0	4	18,547	51,909	6	10	172,076	589,545	14	9
1890	8,823	10	0	130,641	472,967	4	7	25,053	74,566	13	9	20,733	54,543	3	7	176,427	602,077	1	11
1891	9,649	14	9	138,555	504,834	16	9	26,590	77,481	2	9	30,094	69,674	0	0	195,239	651,989	19	6
1892	9,452	0	0	140,672	540,763	15	0	27,451	78,848	1	7	31,315	75,235	7	10	199,438	694,847	4	5
1893	10,248	14	5	146,133	576,358	17	2	29,616	86,544	19	11	35,208	88,025	8	9	210,957	750,929	5	10
1894	10,600	19	7	155,534	608,042	2	11	28,513	79,348	10	2	38,631	89,392	11	10	222,678	776,783	4	11
1895	11,433	13	8	162,600	635,062	17	11	28,882	78,465	0	4	52,015	99,076	16	8	243,497	812,604	14	11

DRAWN ON THE COLONY.

Year.	Where issued.						Total.	
	In the Colony.		United Kingdom & Foreign Offices		Australia and other British Possessions.			
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1880	97,275	320,260 19 11	3,466	14,811 14 8	3,913	15,829 0 3	104,654	350,901 14 10
1881	99,523	321,635 3 3	3,466	14,078 17 3	4,649	18,863 4 2	107,638	354,577 4 8
1882	108,916	360,196 4 9	3,421	13,416 1 9	5,076	21,090 4 10	117,413	394,702 11 4
1883	132,232	402,558 12 11	3,725	15,553 3 11	5,697	23,299 12 11	141,654	441,411 9 10
1884	144,227	430,446 18 10	4,535	17,679 0 6	6,755	27,429 18 6	155,517	475,555 17 9
1885	146,406	439,870 3 9	5,204	20,091 17 4	7,725	30,724 6 4	159,335	490,686 7 5
1886	113,598	412,276 3 0	5,824	22,650 1 10	9,545	36,513 3 11	129,242	471,185 7 0
1887	119,091	426,194 13 9	6,334	23,423 16 2	8,963	33,254 2 3	133,910	482,437 17 4
1888	122,042	432,056 6 2	7,336	26,262 14 5	15,365	56,141 4 1	144,450	513,728 8 2
1889	127,323	458,469 7 7	7,469	26,887 17 9	15,859	56,402 1 4	150,651	541,759 6 8
1890	130,641	472,967 4 7	7,775	27,975 15 5	13,331	47,890 2 6	151,747	548,833 2 6
1891	138,555	504,834 16 9	7,910	28,518 14 0	13,604	48,700 9 6	160,069	582,054 0 3
1892	140,672	540,763 15 0	8,152	29,349 14 7	11,291	41,064 6 6	160,115	611,177 16 1
1893	146,133	576,358 17 2	8,746	32,616 17 2	10,679	40,929 2 5	165,558	649,904 16 9
1894	155,534	608,042 2 11	9,293	33,786 17 6	10,690	38,571 3 1	175,517	680,400 3 6
1895	162,600	635,062 17 11	9,938	35,155 7 9	11,520	39,862 18 10	184,058	710,081 4 6

Table No. 2.

TABLE showing the Money Orders issued in New Zealand on Offices beyond the Colony, and Money Orders issued at Offices beyond the Colony on New Zealand, during the Years 1894 and 1895.

ISSUED IN NEW ZEALAND.					
Where payable.	1894.		1895.		
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	
United Kingdom	23,822	£ 65,153 19 11 s. d.	24,064	£ 63,952 19 6 s. d.	
Foreign Offices through London	2,109	8,629 18 5	2,146	8,743 7 11	
United States of America	2,582	5,564 11 10	2,672	5,768 12 11	
Canada	197	643 3 0	225	664 16 4	
Cape Colony	23	139 16 6	40	157 9 9	
Ceylon	16	79 5 7	37	171 18 1	
Hongkong	76	468 1 11	134	734 0 3	
India	108	327 17 3	266	1,409 4 9	
New South Wales	9,200	29,071 18 6	10,815	29,132 8 2	
Queensland	15,569	21,184 18 2	27,984	33,277 13 10	
South Australia	606	1,664 17 5	606	1,772 7 9	
Straits Settlements	6	18 9 2	4	10 13 8	
Tasmania	1,471	3,845 12 1	1,460	3,634 19 3	
Victoria	11,171	31,013 8 9	10,130	26,550 7 3	
Western Australia	188	935 3 6	314	1,560 17 7	
Totals	67,144	168,741 2 0	80,897	177,541 17 0	

ISSUED BEYOND NEW ZEALAND.

Where issued.	1894.		1895.		
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	
United Kingdom and Foreign Offices	8,574	£ 30,538 9 8 s. d.	8,940	£ 30,809 14 10 s. d.	
United States of America	719	3,248 7 10	998	4,345 12 11	
Canada	187	1,095 14 1	158	771 0 7	
Cape Colony	82	616 19 8	160	914 12 5	
Ceylon	16	41 11 5	19	54 13 5	
Hongkong	10	23 12 7	27	117 5 10	
India	26	131 15 1	52	226 7 6	
New South Wales	4,519	15,839 2 2	4,591	14,595 17 1	
Queensland	736	2,957 1 4	784	2,959 4 2	
South Australia	472	1,405 10 1	575	1,684 14 4	
Straits Settlements	1	2 10 0	7	13 18 6	
Tasmania	948	3,782 4 1	898	3,214 19 7	
Victoria	3,281	11,067 16 8	3,167	9,993 8 6	
Western Australia	412	1,607 5 11	1,082	5,316 16 11	
Totals	19,983	72,358 0 7	21,458	75,018 6 7	

Table No. 3.

TABLE showing the Number and Value of Postal Notes sold from the 1st January, 1886—the date upon which they were first issued—to the 31st March, 1896.

Year.	Number of Postal Notes sold.											Total.	
	At 1s.	At 2s. 6d.	At 5s.	At 7s. 6d.	At 10s.	At 12s. 6d.	At 15s.	At 17s. 6d.	At £1.	At £5.*	Number.	Value.	
Quarter ended 31st March, 1886	3,019	2,046	1,012	2,039	969	2,379	695	992	525	2,866	16,542	£ 6,997	s. d. 5 6
1886-87	16,605	6,647	11,566	5,729	13,103	4,090	5,187	2,375	14,961	..	92,546	37,659	7 0
1887-88	22,467	9,162	15,553	7,671	17,487	5,278	6,940	2,952	17,578	..	122,255	47,729	5 0
1888-89	27,428	11,912	19,741	9,477	21,149	6,618	8,243	3,633	19,778	..	149,879	56,841	18 0
1889-90	32,754	14,478	23,550	10,894	24,011	7,809	9,886	4,158	22,596	..	175,023	65,484	2 0
1890-91	35,915	16,092	25,204	12,229	25,906	7,969	10,172	4,366	23,503	..	189,915	69,721	18 6
1891-92	42,416	19,383	29,550	14,019	30,132	9,058	11,611	4,953	25,839	..	220,683	79,325	16 6
1892-93	48,612	22,038	33,012	16,072	32,747	9,904	12,330	5,369	28,969	..	247,902	87,856	18 0
1893-94	56,761	25,461	37,771	18,096	37,687	11,016	13,800	6,156	33,935	..	285,389	101,002	7 6
1894-95	62,306	28,975	43,829	20,423	43,167	11,864	15,567	6,790	36,601	..	319,368	112,307	10 0
1895-96	68,454	32,801	49,204	22,802	47,787	13,601	17,191	7,020	33,390	1,192	349,627	123,368	6 6
	416,737	187,961	291,019	138,381	295,555	87,902	111,419	48,297	260,016	1,192	2,169,129	£788,294	14 6

* First issued on 17th June, 1895.

Table No. 4.

TABLE showing the Number and Amount of Transactions at the several Money Order and Savings Bank Offices in New Zealand during the Year 1895.

Office.	Money Orders.						Savings Banks.					
	Issued.			Paid.			New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.	
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.			£ s. d.			£ s. d.	
AUCKLAND ..	17,819	1,051 8 3	64,129 4 9	28,551	101,843 7 8	2,162	13,086	299,688 5 1	2,166	16,721	297,553 10 2	
Alexandra ..	151	4 9 3	500 13 4	62	342 1 9	7	34	232 6 0	3	60	566 4 1	
Aratapu ..	719	30 17 6	2,040 2 9	140	740 13 5	47	372	1,996 19 0	14	79	1,245 8 7	
Avondale ..	65	2 11 3	199 2 10	90	347 16 5	5	40	156 17 0	2	17	126 4 2	
Bombay ..	144	4 2 9	489 7 0	69	375 0 2	7	73	570 3 0	5	58	602 4 4	
Cambridge ..	668	26 4 0	1,848 2 3	446	1,748 12 10	63	451	6,970 1 8	26	225	3,494 15 5	
Clevedon ..	166	5 1 6	430 18 3	87	352 11 1	8	127	547 17 0	8	38	363 16 5	
Coromandel ..	1,716	89 11 3	5,716 1 1	776	7,611 14 1	138	582	10,533 15 8	17	219	3,383 13 3	
Dargaville ..	1,168	103 15 3	5,005 9 5	190	750 3 9	151	703	9,404 19 6	55	136	3,604 6 5	
Devonport ..	357	15 16 0	840 18 3	317	1,314 12 4	54	416	2,939 9 0	9	149	570 17 7	
Drury ..	177	5 14 6	520 13 3	81	399 15 9	7	57	332 13 0	1	20	121 15 0	
Hamilton ..	931	35 19 3	2,596 17 10	675	2,491 5 4	95	684	7,781 7 8	55	368	7,904 10 2	
Helensville ..	513	20 8 6	1,537 19 11	182	620 6 6	26	215	1,277 15 0	11	91	593 13 1	
Hikurangi ..	498	16 5 9	1,632 14 6	97	644 16 6	25	127	945 19 0	10	54	1,022 11 0	
Huntly ..	519	19 13 3	1,548 4 11	207	979 6 10	36	181	2,243 11 0	21	85	1,097 19 8	
Kaeo ..	207	8 15 3	589 4 9	47	170 12 3	15	140	976 4 0	6	44	371 9 0	
Kaikohu ..	287	22 19 3	994 18 4	22	112 16 7	49	198	1,428 11 0	4	33	287 4 2	
Kaitia ..	330	12 18 9	872 2 3	63	381 19 4	13	107	769 0 0	3	36	547 2 10	
Kamo ..	342	11 0 9	876 7 0	156	749 7 3	33	213	3,734 19 0	12	138	2,601 5 10	
Kaukapakapa ..	164	7 6 9	513 13 6	22	74 17 2	19	143	769 5 0	4	36	255 16 5	
Kawakawa ..	509	19 4 0	1,460 11 0	197	624 7 3	36	269	3,677 18 4	22	118	2,175 1 10	
Kihikihi ..	181	6 6 6	478 8 1	93	300 17 8	16	91	1,029 9 0	16	68	327 1 5	
Kohukohu ..	196	12 3 0	855 2 10	63	318 6 8	17	97	700 10 0	5	40	583 10 9	
Kuaotunu ..	926	58 4 0	7,038 12 11	206	2,368 3 11	62	256	5,572 8 5	7	92	1,188 17 7	
Mangapai ..	280	10 0 9	1,021 5 5	60	286 7 7	13	49	851 13 10	2	17	389 16 8	
Mangawai ..	211	7 7 6	488 9 3	34	178 6 5	23	145	1,199 12 0	2	26	231 1 11	
Mangawhare ..	195	6 14 6	553 10 4	25	61 13 6	14	100	933 9 0	1	30	443 15 0	
Matakana ..	125	3 17 6	326 8 2	44	187 6 3	11	59	505 18 0	2	34	297 7 4	
Matakohe ..	65	2 13 0	151 7 1	14	39 6 4	12	44	284 3 0	2	19	351 19 1	
Matamata ..	102	3 19 3	371 13 10	31	211 11 9	8	72	569 19 0	4	31	555 4 6	
Mauku ..	50	1 13 0	134 13 10	20	77 19 4	5	37	383 18 0	5	17	217 9 1	
Maungaturoto ..	107	4 14 9	371 9 11	80	217 18 10	9	63	761 0 0	7	23	184 8 9	
Mercer ..	211	6 14 6	649 1 3	82	341 11 7	16	80	1,303 8 4	3	60	765 0 4	
Mititai ..	173	5 6 9	431 15 10	33	118 6 0	11	61	554 2 10	3	30	587 17 1	
Mongonui ..	647	37 5 6	2,216 6 6	132	502 10 8	34	190	1,788 15 0	8	57	638 11 1	
Morrinsville ..	146	5 19 9	418 9 6	100	472 12 4	13	120	1,183 11 0	2	43	1,052 4 0	
Mount Eden ..	41	1 6 9	43 3 4	135	457 6 8	3	15	21 5 0	2	6	23 6 9	
Newmarket ..	355	15 4 9	947 11 2	287	972 14 4	16	129	481 11 7	2	28	84 5 1	
Newton ..	831	37 19 9	1,761 2 7	1,217	4,024 5 8	71	657	4,674 2 2	9	84	680 0 2	
Ngaruawahia ..	282	11 9 0	854 0 1	182	717 11 7	33	235	1,270 13 11	18	130	1,140 1 4	
Ohaeawai ..	265	11 14 0	714 5 0	63	260 5 1	28	128	966 16 0	9	47	511 2 1	
Ohaupo ..	152	5 16 0	507 16 2	75	336 15 11	12	73	929 6 0	7	27	324 18 0	
Omapere ..	257	19 6 6	1,437 13 4	39	226 6 4	4	69	366 8 0	7	24	124 3 4	
Onehunga ..	513	25 15 9	1,361 15 0	954	3,423 12 4	36	205	2,052 1 8	15	100	887 0 3	
Otahuhu ..	220	10 4 6	554 0 7	287	1,059 8 10	31	204	1,727 8 11	18	122	1,196 4 11	
Otorohanga ..	211	11 12 0	757 5 7	58	245 14 4	39	154	1,678 9 0	24	89	1,404 1 0	
Oxford N. (Tiran)	180	6 16 0	565 15 4	27	105 2 5	13	97	648 13 0	2	40	1,052 6 2	
Pahi ..	218	8 9 9	532 10 10	70	260 11 4	15	88	750 11 0	6	49	236 12 1	
Panmure ..	10	0 7 6	21 10 1	16	53 3 0	..	..	.. ..	..	..	.. ..
Papakura ..	176	5 16 0	454 16 11	148	691 7 10	20	122	742 4 1	5	56	545 8 1	
Paparoa ..	212	7 13 6	718 6 4	48	159 0 1	7	52	393 14 0	3	28	494 15 5	
Parnell ..	263	12 12 0	761 0 8	577	2,012 15 4	61	532	795 13 11	11	50	139 13 7	
Parua Bay ..	181	5 9 3	574 14 4	35	176 8 5	4	20	144 5 0	3	17	71 5 9	
Pokeno ..	68	2 0 0	214 16 6	29	195 2 10	6	49	580 4 0	1	17	128 2 2	
Ponsonby ..	315	12 0 6	710 19 4	547	1,725 14 8	12	107	512 0 0	13	33	221 3 8	
Port Albert ..	340	9 13 0	844 4 4	92	348 17 11	17	129	761 9 0	6	57	556 5 7	
Pukekohe ..	417	16 1 9	1,446 5 4	173	820 8 8	31	188	2,149 15 0	14	116	1,632 10 3	
Raglan ..	198	8 12 3	681 4 10	115	600 19 2	15	125	823 8 7	10	57	725 2 7	
Rangiriri ..	129	3 12 6	280 10 0	46	207 7 10	3	10	68 19 0	2	13	54 17 4	
Rawene ..	183	7 15 3	602 4 0	123	502 7 7	12	71	443 18 0	4	41	357 16 6	
Rotorua ..	1,219	66 6 3	5,213 11 10	459	2,652 8 10	98	308	4,045 10 11	35	194	2,193 17 0	
Russell ..	267	9 12 6	760 12 5	156	786 6 1	20	74	1,526 14 2	7	40	705 13 1	
Tairua ..	175	10 7 9	517 18 11	81	705 7 5	16	73	409 8 5	6	16	116 8 11	
Taupo ..	133	5 16 0	484 1 3	23	128 17 11	22	31	1,177 0 8	2	7	102 3 4	
Te Awamutu ..	268	11 4 9	788 5 3	204	806 18 0	30	210	2,404 4 7	21	112	1,691 6 11	
Te Kopuru ..	845	32 14 9	2,425 17 2	180	988 6 9	49	296	2,355 1 2	11	62	814 18 9	
Te Kuiti ..	137	5 8 6	627 6 0	15	105 16 8	15	43	650 0 0	7	24	441 11 11	
Tokatoka ..	212	11 11 0	730 0 5	15	77 14 5	6	39	314 13 0	3	13	137 12 7	
Tuakau ..	198	6 9 0	676 13 6	103	508 17 8	6	32	337 9 0	5	35	422 4 4	
Upper Symonds Street	250	11 6 3	590 11 2	97	350 1 11	9	110	319 8 0	..	30	81 6 0	
Wade ..	117	3 11 0	260 16 10	40	179 8 7	15	76	1,583 6 0	6	23	134 3 3	
Waipu ..	501	16 9 3	1,453 2 5	109	559 1 6	20	156	1,829 9 10	5	68	773 3 11	
Waiuku ..	575	21 4 3	1,833 16 1	174	860 10 9	32	147	1,461 12 0	11	84	869 13 5	
Waiwera ..	82	2 17 0	303 1 9	35	136 13 8	4	47	680 5 0	1	19	360 9 3	
Wangarei ..	1,525	67 14 6	4,781 19 8	640	2,477 11 1	164	798	12,819 2 3	65	360	6,828 11 2	
Wangaroa ..	150	6 17 6	422 14 6	55	219 12 6	12	87	534 4 8	6	20	105 4 9	
Waotu ..	51	1 19 6	110 0 9	24	144 18 2	4	17	101 6 0	1	5	45 3 1	
Warkworth ..	378	13 0 9	1,439 12 6	163	687 12 0	15	167	2,264 11 2	9	85	1,432 17 5	
Wellsford ..	74	2 10 3	193 6 9	45	201 6 6	4	32	228 13 0	5	11	61 19 4	
Whitianga ..	1,010	42 17 0	3,276 12 11	128	636 6 1	62	441	3,157 12 0	16	170	1,600 14 3	

Table No. 4—continued.

TABLE showing the Number and Amount of Transactions at the several Money Order and Savings Bank Offices in New Zealand during the Year 1895—continued.

Office.	Money Orders.					Savings Banks.							
	Issued.			Paid.		New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		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.		£ s. d.
BLENHEIM ..	2,321	108 7 3	7,397 15 5	1,350	4,900 1 2	312	2,380	31,874 16 2	341	2,240	35,070 13 4		
Cullensville ..	367	15 7 9	1,051 0 5	38	285 14 5	14	69	823 3 0	10	62	671 17 11		
Havelock ..	571	20 19 6	2,185 12 4	196	985 2 2	37	270	1,984 3 3	17	139	1,383 7 10		
Kaikoura ..	579	25 4 6	1,829 5 4	170	665 11 0	75	279	4,208 4 9	32	104	2,398 4 10		
Kekerangu ..	147	6 8 3	340 3 8	6	17 19 11	..	42	274 3 0	1	3	201 11 9		
Pictou ..	796	27 18 6	2,344 12 1	440	1,700 11 2	66	439	7,327 0 7	30	212	4,489 17 11		
Renwicktown ..	76	2 14 6	224 3 1	14	39 3 0	17	107	803 15 7	4	29	518 18 0		
Spring Creek ..	167	6 19 9	599 0 4	58	198 1 8	7	71	440 8 0	1	15	58 6 6		
CHRISTCHURCH ..	14,438	754 2 6	47,589 16 10	18,666	65,624 8 4	3,462	32,368	427,111 1 10	2,761	27,312	394,769 13 8		
Akaroa ..	466	20 13 0	1,325 13 5	195	624 14 0	52	294	3,599 7 3	20	118	2,332 5 0		
Alford Forest ..	98	2 0 6	256 8 4	4	35 4 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Amberley ..	302	11 12 0	802 9 4	171	597 15 7	23	258	3,010 2 2	8	98	1,431 3 10		
Ashburton ..	2,218	90 13 3	7,233 18 10	834	3,189 3 1	239	1,871	18,252 11 3	134	866	13,867 6 7		
Bealey ..	93	3 6 9	279 8 3	8	57 11 6	5	33	382 12 0	..	8	142 0 0		
Belfast ..	108	3 12 0	252 10 8	20	51 18 11	9	84	458 11 0	..	11	92 0 0		
Chertsey ..	74	2 2 6	203 17 1	11	43 9 2	9	62	470 10 0	1	14	112 19 4		
Cheviot ..	558	21 18 0	3,213 4 8	148	927 16 6	26	128	2,061 1 10	16	120	1,724 5 6		
Coalgate ..	105	3 18 3	353 15 9	29	108 9 5	10	61	681 2 3	1	21	260 9 11		
Culverden ..	152	7 7 0	552 4 4	62	306 4 5	12	77	1,882 8 1	4	27	843 9 1		
Darfield ..	144	7 10 0	562 16 9	17	54 1 5	8	81	423 10 0	6	21	164 6 4		
Dunsandel ..	93	5 13 9	319 15 3	36	139 3 0	17	64	510 17 0	9	32	230 3 6		
Duvauchelle ..	195	6 18 0	593 2 9	120	342 15 5	20	80	817 12 5	2	22	401 16 4		
Ellesmere ..	18	0 16 0	42 1 4	5	15 4 9	4	29	504 14 0	..	2	2 0 0		
Hanmer Plains ..	88	2 19 0	283 9 1	13	65 19 10	14	46	702 7 0	1	7	115 16 10		
Hinds ..	118	3 2 0	306 6 10	32	118 19 4	15	45	118 4 0	6	16	304 7 5		
Hororata ..	134	4 17 3	415 14 11	22	58 9 9	2	39	356 14 0	4	22	172 7 9		
Kaipoi ..	536	22 18 9	1,657 15 3	372	1,859 14 0	110	887	8,799 8 9	62	364	5,766 7 3		
Kiari ..	115	5 1 6	507 14 5	42	118 2 1	9	48	414 5 0	2	28	210 14 6		
Leeston ..	315	12 0 0	973 12 0	351	1,015 10 7	38	312	4,018 5 4	11	126	1,766 13 9		
Lincoln ..	128	8 9 9	444 0 8	116	431 15 8	7	100	720 18 8	1	16	126 0 2		
Linwood ..	42	1 19 6	76 17 7	11	28 14 6	7	57	180 7 6	..	5	6 11 0		
Little River ..	379	14 1 6	1,167 15 2	94	482 12 8	24	133	2,127 9 6	4	40	689 10 8		
Lytelton ..	1,863	91 16 0	6,523 5 0	746	2,819 7 5	180	1,625	14,685 13 6	79	616	9,043 4 2		
Methven ..	236	8 4 6	703 19 7	33	130 16 8	18	188	1,162 18 5	12	64	795 15 3		
Mount Somers ..	107	5 13 0	380 8 3	33	136 8 2	11	54	483 12 8	3	27	319 13 7		
New Brighton ..	7	0 5 0	4 10 4	2	9 5 6	6	8	2 15 0	..	..	..
Oxford ..	427	15 15 3	1,378 12 1	228	1,176 2 9	46	232	3,348 12 11	18	136	3,318 0 3		
Papanui ..	73	3 13 3	210 19 1	99	370 16 5	10	89	459 0 0	3	30	178 14 8		
Pigeon Bay ..	110	5 1 0	349 12 10	25	135 17 2	15	55	765 7 0	..	15	169 19 0		
Rakaia ..	327	12 4 9	1,020 11 10	106	454 4 2	25	207	2,132 3 7	14	96	1,853 2 9		
Rangiora ..	940	38 19 3	2,766 13 10	588	2,113 9 8	214	1,193	20,628 11 9	102	587	9,715 13 9		
Rollerton ..	23	0 14 0	48 19 7	10	27 13 5	2	18	64 7 0	1	9	47 3 8		
Sheffield ..	182	7 1 0	613 13 2	61	227 4 4	7	91	924 18 8	1	46	493 16 4		
Southbridge ..	284	10 18 9	1,002 18 10	175	642 5 6	51	271	4,296 1 5	24	130	2,108 3 7		
Springfield ..	289	10 13 6	830 4 8	110	1,215 4 5	3	96	764 12 0	3	46	320 18 10		
Sydenham ..	564	28 10 6	1,599 18 4	422	1,398 8 7	135	1,325	5,161 3 9	36	186	753 4 0		
Tinwald ..	61	2 16 3	226 19 9	30	87 12 10	4	71	396 19 0	5	60	596 13 11		
Waiau ..	307	13 15 6	1,030 8 7	45	227 18 11	26	185	1,889 15 0	6	67	1,018 10 9		
Waikari ..	264	10 17 3	977 14 7	85	379 6 5	21	119	1,453 6 11	7	47	453 18 4		
Whitecliffs ..	160	4 19 0	408 5 9	40	134 1 0	4	84	598 17 0	2	30	214 11 8		
Woolston ..	83	3 2 6	279 11 5	42	125 2 7	15	172	1,140 19 0	1	15	162 5 1		
DUNEDIN ..	10,187	529 2 3	33,666 17 1	22,985	82,828 13 10	2,524	21,612	304,542 2 9	2,336	20,568	272,459 17 5		
Alexandra South ..	779	31 18 6	2,699 5 10	129	506 7 10	37	217	1,422 4 9	18	75	1,249 12 11		
Balclutha ..	989	37 8 3	3,125 19 6	486	1,987 11 10	66	550	6,377 19 3	35	214	3,977 9 6		
Caversham ..	134	5 15 6	390 13 8	333	973 9 5	52	530	1,006 0 1	3	31	193 5 6		
Clinton ..	558	19 4 9	1,756 15 6	105	388 3 6	23	188	1,450 10 6	13	51	882 0 1		
Clyde ..	337	12 13 0	1,155 8 8	129	362 16 2	17	126	1,129 17 0	8	33	768 17 6		
Cromwell ..	754	27 13 9	2,237 16 11	186	781 11 3	40	129	1,808 3 6	17	62	1,534 0 11		
Dunback ..	79	2 12 3	248 10 1	36	137 14 1	6	25	672 1 0	2	10	120 3 5		
Dunedin North ..	1,295	59 2 9	3,220 12 11	607	2,366 14 5	343	3,423	20,082 16 2	114	907	8,729 0 1		
Green Island ..	133	5 11 3	340 11 7	182	563 7 10	31	212	963 10 0	12	43	303 9 10		
Greytown South* ..	50	1 19 0	174 12 5	29	122 4 1	1	7	18 25 9 5	5	17	367 5 5		
Hamilton's ..	185	6 17 9	891 9 4	8	23 18 4	4	27	184 10 3	3	7	174 16 4		
Heriot ..	193	5 3 6	398 19 4	39	138 13 1	5	33	257 7 0	3	8	86 11 6		
Hyde ..	985	45 18 0	4,044 8 7	87	467 18 4	15	82	432 9 1	9	47	295 9 8		
Kaitangata ..	861	30 6 3	2,557 1 0	289	1,345 3 11	45	497	2,593 3 0	64	197	2,465 6 1		
Kelso ..	178	6 11 3	692 14 4	43	167 15 6	8	45	305 15 0	7	28	318 2 2		
Lawrence ..	872	31 12 3	2,522 5 8	499	1,730 1 5	88	563	6,102 13 2	39	172	2,917 11 2		
Macrae's Flat ..	366	12 7 9	1,383 8 8	22	63 7 6	2	9	69 13 0	..	6	52 0 0		
Middlemarch ..	464	16 5 3	1,539 17 10	70	374 5 8	12	69	879 9 0	6	28	244 14 0		
Miller's Flat ..	157	5 12 9	588 7 2	9	32 1 10	3	32	634 13 8	2	13	477 10 4		
Milton ..	681	27 1 0	2,170 4 11	387	1,261 18 11	62	465	5,735 14 10	55	241	4,001 9 3		
Mosgiel ..	287	11 0 0	616 5 9	300	889 3 6	41	253	2,713 2 11	23	81	1,406 18 9		
Naseby ..	828	32 3 0	2,895 16 4	239	831 6 0	36	273	1,938 14 10	9	62	873 19 11		
Nenthorn ..	71	1 18 6	164 14 6	6	31 6 8	..	5	15 4 0	1	1	21 15 3		
Ophir ..	626	22 16 3	1,907 16 0	62	209 5 3	8	53	664 0 10	7	13	306 14 2		
Outram ..	218	7 16 0	588 10 10	111	424 5 5	34	206	1,685 13 2	9	54	702 3 8		
Owaka ..	928	24 13 9	2,980 15 2	219	899 0 9	25	94	1,108 17 0	9	99	1,207 16 0		
Palmerston ..	587	21 0 3	1,734 2 8	388	1,581 1 4	56	509	2,841 18 7	50	176	2,244 11 4		
Patearoa ..	216	7 9 6	682 4 2	17	74 18 8		

* Name changed to Allanton, 1st December, 1895.

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Office.	Money Orders.					Savings Banks.						
	Issued.			Paid.		New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.		
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.	
DUNEDIN—cont'd.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.			£ s. d.			£ s. d.	
Pembroke ..	248	20 2 9	1,235 18 3	32	104 7 7	8	35	235 7 0	1	6	72 0 8	
Port Chalmers ..	854	42 8 6	2,756 11 7	712	2,659 18 9	156	1,442	8,790 15 6	103	549	4,596 18 1	
Puerua ..	92	1 16 0	244 14 3	22	115 11 8	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh ..	662	24 8 9	2,338 11 7	116	509 16 10	45	307	4,501 11 0	33	98	2,144 18 10	
St. Bathans ..	386	13 13 6	1,021 11 9	55	180 17 2	13	94	597 4 0	5	20	272 12 0	
Seacliff ..	213	6 10 6	541 14 6	108	496 15 0	7	138	961 19 0	3	35	316 16 6	
South Dunedin ..	283	13 2 6	645 12 11	323	1,192 11 3	83	651	2,595 6 4	32	141	655 16 7	
Stirling ..	177	5 18 9	505 5 2	66	338 11 8	5	70	718 1 0	6	30	575 16 2	
Tapanui ..	614	19 18 0	1,837 8 3	115	421 9 1	35	275	2,064 4 0	21	92	1,154 12 4	
Waitohia ..	82	2 18 6	263 4 8	43	148 7 7	10	69	512 18 3	6	34	571 12 9	
Waikaiti ..	496	17 14 0	1,697 16 10	51	205 3 7	23	103	657 0 4	9	52	644 10 11	
Waikouaiti ..	56	1 12 0	131 9 1	14	43 2 4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Waikouaiti ..	464	14 3 3	1,231 1 0	259	948 4 10	23	126	2,521 12 5	11	74	1,785 1 1	
Waipori ..	58	1 17 0	139 17 4	16	64 19 5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Waitahuna ..	200	6 11 6	618 9 7	54	253 12 2	11	81	802 14 0	5	26	429 5 10	
Waitati ..	79	2 12 0	219 2 9	118	487 11 11	11	91	299 4 0	8	24	251 9 4	
GISBORNE ..	2,989	176 18 3	10,193 5 9	1,124	4,632 8 7	505	2,861	33,208 15 3	469	2,720	33,724 10 3	
Tolaga Bay ..	220	11 3 3	599 13 7	38	191 1 10	11	62	511 7 2	1	12	86 2 0	
Waipiro Bay ..	297	16 2 3	1,024 1 6	65	410 1 10	34	180	1,937 2 3	11	58	1,020 19 1	
GREYMOUTH ..	2,303	117 18 6	7,677 19 0	1,825	6,125 11 0	246	1,796	28,810 4 9	277	1,727	31,106 14 11	
Ahaura ..	351	14 7 6	1,458 19 6	55	198 19 10	17	86	832 11 0	4	34	272 11 6	
Blackball Mine ..	148	5 9 0	363 0 8	2	10 8 9	12	58	489 16 10	1	12	60 15 0	
Brunnerton ..	559	24 12 6	1,599 11 11	265	940 17 11	35	261	3,426 5 0	23	134	2,243 16 2	
Jackson's ..	218	8 7 6	782 14 1	27	114 18 0	5	21	176 16 0	1	11	67 12 4	
Nelson Creek ..	237	8 1 3	616 13 0	16	112 17 0	5	66	378 0 0	3	21	155 13 8	
Ngahere ..	159	8 1 0	570 6 6	15	54 0 0	13	65	596 0 0	3	16	95 10 0	
Reefton ..	1,202	59 9 3	3,790 6 5	682	2,581 17 9	82	415	4,963 7 8	46	191	3,274 0 10	
Stillwater ..	91	4 11 6	302 2 9	35	119 16 5	6	26	239 0 0	2	15	128 16 0	
Totara Flat ..	169	5 2 9	435 13 8	27	84 18 9	3	29	148 17 0	1	15	129 8 6	
HOKITIKA ..	1,505	70 5 0	4,468 6 5	781	2,839 4 7	152	901	22,087 5 4	107	581	14,207 9 4	
Goldsborough ..	116	6 0 6	332 19 10	20	80 15 4	13	39	1,162 2 0	4	17	204 8 3	
Kumara ..	904	37 6 3	2,309 13 11	268	853 10 3	67	357	7,847 16 10	43	164	3,515 5 1	
Rimu ..	90	3 0 3	186 8 6	13	53 12 6	27	118	880 19 0	3	30	261 1 0	
Ross ..	392	17 0 6	1,151 0 5	106	453 8 3	28	169	3,092 15 0	13	87	1,146 2 6	
Stafford ..	267	9 1 9	603 10 6	28	122 16 11	7	56	334 16 0	3	49	351 1 4	
INVERCARGILL ..	3,912	176 12 9	12,141 4 10	4,618	16,446 16 11	646	4,439	63,346 4 2	626	3,735	57,957 15 10	
Arrowtown ..	497	19 9 9	1,353 12 1	137	629 15 7	17	121	873 6 0	18	43	734 6 2	
Balfour ..	84	3 11 9	260 6 0	20	84 17 9	9	65	322 2 0	1	26	310 5 2	
Bluff ..	816	33 4 0	2,598 2 4	259	933 19 6	59	377	4,070 1 1	24	153	2,149 0 2	
Dipton ..	164	5 16 3	552 8 9	43	126 0 0	12	56	577 17 11	5	27	154 11 6	
Endendale ..	150	5 13 9	527 13 3	38	177 9 0	7	50	416 3 1	5	24	272 14 11	
Fairfax ..	5	0 2 6	7 8 10	..	..	..	2	2 11 6	..	2	35 0 0	
Fortrose ..	428	13 11 6	1,432 14 6	49	244 7 5	26	81	984 18 8	14	36	299 17 10	
Gore ..	1,633	62 8 0	5,396 15 11	642	2,161 7 8	143	923	9,331 5 10	62	344	5,838 6 4	
Half-Moon Bay ..	74	3 1 6	420 6 9	32	156 6 0	1	13	30 14 0	..	3	16 0 0	
Kingston ..	183	5 15 6	600 2 11	9	54 10 11	1	25	147 10 0	..	5	37 0 0	
Lumsden ..	260	10 11 0	875 10 5	107	356 3 3	25	124	815 12 2	17	44	509 14 6	
Mataura ..	626	22 13 0	1,686 8 2	182	567 8 0	38	261	3,346 3 4	13	107	1,663 8 3	
Orepuki ..	460	16 9 6	1,609 4 4	59	213 15 0	25	137	1,037 0 0	15	64	742 13 7	
Otautau ..	268	9 0 3	821 13 9	59	212 16 2	13	86	802 0 2	8	32	359 2 11	
Pukerau ..	91	2 19 9	260 2 7	27	76 7 0	9	59	243 8 0	5	23	165 18 2	
Queenstown ..	590	24 1 9	1,888 3 9	232	823 4 2	49	293	3,611 8 4	20	60	1,395 17 9	
Riversdale ..	370	14 15 0	1,193 10 7	85	300 3 4	19	112	1,025 9 8	9	45	496 14 5	
Riverton ..	530	17 17 6	1,571 14 7	387	1,420 2 9	68	511	5,462 17 4	52	195	3,659 17 11	
Thornbury ..	118	4 0 9	388 18 0	20	93 12 0	9	78	706 2 0	5	30	168 4 7	
Waikaka ..	75	2 0 3	182 15 6	3	19 15 6	2	3	35 0 0	2	5	48 14 4	
Waipahi ..	160	4 16 6	421 9 1	41	102 5 10	6	33	724 2 0	5	18	202 7 11	
Wairoa ..	138	5 18 0	524 1 2	36	205 0 3	5	38	311 8 0	6	24	415 2 1	
Winton ..	490	18 9 6	1,475 5 2	199	633 14 7	55	243	3,251 0 11	16	69	1,763 14 3	
Woodlands ..	150	5 9 3	456 4 7	81	281 9 2	8	45	323 12 0	5	24	256 18 6	
Wyndham ..	355	12 19 0	990 13 9	145	560 10 7	37	205	1,912 13 0	18	112	1,348 8 6	
NAPIER ..	5,424	292 4 7	19,014 18 11	4,448	17,334 10 2	980	6,574	75,932 13 3	982	6,003	86,210 2 4	
Danevirke ..	1,357	52 6 0	4,126 18 3	468	1,533 13 3	123	480	6,578 3 3	82	369	5,715 2 4	
Hastings ..	2,150	110 9 3	6,341 15 10	1,070	3,829 16 0	253	1,400	13,054 7 11	140	742	8,253 0 1	
Herbertville ..	203	11 2 6	698 0 1	38	134 5 4	16	63	562 9 1	3	19	143 13 11	
Kaikora North ..	309	15 9 3	1,069 12 1	83	319 18 11	19	104	1,082 15 3	6	46	850 14 2	
Kumeroa ..	119	3 9 3	343 16 6	16	47 0 3	5	9	115 4 5	..	..	..
Makaretu ..	174	5 3 9	501 16 4	28	150 8 3	6	22	133 13 0	4	23	226 5 9	
Makotuku ..	175	6 16 3	563 2 7	72	263 17 6	6	63	468 3 0	2	35	395 1 10	
Mohaka ..	124	6 3 9	362 14 2	30	95 17 5	10	29	273 8 0	1	10	40 16 5	
Norsewood ..	579	25 15 3	3,583 15 5	80	339 0 3	10	78	776 14 3	13	86	615 14 4	
Ongaonga ..	185	5 9 0	531 8 6	17	45 6 3	7	77	230 1 0	2	28	196 19 4	
Ormondville ..	295	9 1 9	902 16 1	85	406 2 2	13	61	1,155 3 1	8	44	551 5 0	
Porangahau ..	292	15 4 6	1,037 1 4	34	180 4 9	15	62	590 7 7	6	31	470 1 6	
Port Ahuriri ..	662	35 3 0	1,979 14 3	161	510 12 0	49	560	2,851 10 2	7	80	721 13 0	
Takapau ..	460	19 10 3	1,561 4 4	69	251 3 1	19	112	1,066 17 0	6	34	317 2 2	
Taradale ..	135	6 13 3	369 13 2	89	308 16 0	2	18	72 10 0	..	9	54 0 0	
Taupo ..	129	5 13 6	562 13 0	26	109 14 1	3	20	243 14 0	..	2	6 3 10	
Te Aute ..	7	0 5 3	31 10 0	3	1 2 0	..	2	7 0 0	
Tikokino ..	180	7 4 6	614 4 4	37	212 7 1	4	54	460 2 6	2	34	362 10 6	

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TABLE showing the Number and Amount of Transactions at the several Money Order and Savings Bank Offices in New Zealand during the Year 1895—continued.

Office.	Money Orders.					Savings Banks.						
	Issued.			Paid.		New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.		
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.	
NAPIER—continued.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
Waipawa ..	979	43 12 9	3,052 12 1	663	1,812 18 11	82	491	7,443 14 2	47	265	4,404 16 9	
Waipukurau ..	824	34 12 6	2,492 2 10	244	756 17 5	66	413	4,625 10 4	29	188	3,575 11 5	
Wairoa ..	630	37 2 0	2,623 2 4	230	971 14 5	54	253	3,778 4 11	30	146	1,826 9 5	
NELSON ..	3,114	146 1 3	10,068 14 8	3,859	15,051 13 1	423	3,271	70,142 4 6	333	2,917	50,298 12 5	
Belgrove ..	90	3 7 0	193 18 7	29	80 1 6	14	106	1,039 16 4	6	28	422 12 4	
Brightwater ..	160	6 7 2	456 3 3	74	236 13 7	9	81	829 1 5	6	39	297 1 4	
Collingwood ..	853	33 4 3	3,839 3 4	116	1,177 0 2	34	152	2,604 2 4	12	102	1,776 5 7	
Motueka ..	532	16 19 0	1,798 4 3	239	1,036 15 2	62	354	3,566 9 9	28	144	1,647 19 5	
Motupiko ..	41	1 11 6	108 12 0	30	181 6 4	4	33	96 7 0	..	1	2 7 6	
Ngatimote ..	44	1 11 9	122 14 10	20	76 17 3	9	29	412 12 0	2	24	311 15 6	
Richmond ..	181	7 5 0	524 11 7	138	684 8 3	25	201	3,377 4 8	6	78	2,287 12 10	
Takaka ..	383	14 8 11	1,254 18 7	132	768 15 11	46	225	2,339 6 2	9	90	925 13 2	
The Port ..	235	13 3 3	675 12 11	116	381 1 11	18	119	567 12 0	3	29	212 17 0	
Upper Moutere ..	70	3 12 6	147 6 3	7	36 15 9	9	27	98 0 0	3	8	63 1 8	
Wakefield ..	211	7 18 6	605 19 1	104	515 12 2	16	188	1,942 10 0	7	59	1,310 16 0	
NEW PLYMOUTH ..	3,425	151 14 3	10,564 5 9	3,438	15,820 14 7	506	3,090	48,519 4 0	531	2,924	49,834 3 9	
Inglewood ..	850	30 1 3	3,066 2 3	313	1,454 7 2	116	730	6,633 10 4	70	399	5,260 14 5	
Midhurst ..	297	10 3 9	993 12 4	66	274 0 7	26	124	990 1 2	12	81	795 19 10	
Opunake ..	599	22 7 0	2,103 12 4	139	650 14 7	40	184	2,041 1 10	16	80	1,113 0 5	
Pungarehu ..	240	9 4 6	878 4 7	111	592 2 2	12	69	901 2 11	2	30	270 6 10	
Stratford ..	2,048	78 13 3	7,535 8 2	549	2,058 16 1	183	573	8,252 7 7	79	343	5,520 18 7	
Waitara ..	552	24 19 9	1,925 14 3	249	804 4 0	65	323	4,278 5 9	30	163	2,354 13 10	
OAMARU ..	2,819	120 8 0	9,268 3 5	1,851	6,509 4 2	433	2,906	41,005 3 6	320	2,057	28,817 16 10	
Duntroon ..	212	6 11 6	702 9 8	51	366 17 7	16	74	998 6 7	7	31	474 13 9	
Hampden ..	460	14 8 0	1,428 6 9	323	1,179 13 6	7	40	348 0 0	9	28	266 19 7	
Herbert ..	224	7 6 6	723 3 1	60	276 19 2	14	50	903 7 11	2	29	674 3 8	
Kakanui ..	77	2 11 10	244 11 10	42	143 15 4	2	16	67 0 0	..	1	23 0 0	
Kuraw ..	316	12 9 3	1,066 19 6	183	708 11 11	13	68	516 8 10	8	30	467 18 1	
Maheno ..	133	6 2 6	435 3 0	40	184 11 4	8	77	746 15 2	6	26	351 8 5	
Ngapara ..	166	5 1 6	436 3 2	50	170 17 3	10	47	153 10 0	5	23	106 13 10	
Shag Point ..	193	5 12 3	372 14 1	72	213 8 4	26	110	550 12 6	5	14	263 15 8	
THAMES ..	2,533	119 16 9	8,497 19 6	2,134	9,677 11 11	373	3,072	46,899 10 3	276	2,451	34,672 4 11	
Karangahake ..	713	31 3 3	2,840 13 7	100	580 18 5	46	182	1,304 16 9	7	79	1,171 9 9	
Katikati ..	180	7 6 6	487 15 5	129	650 6 0	9	78	271 17 0	4	40	426 15 3	
Maketu ..	146	6 11 6	510 8 1	63	342 13 5	6	29	314 2 1	..	32	314 3 8	
Miranda ..	44	1 9 3	130 3 1	21	92 11 6	4	7	15 0 6	..	..	..
Opotiki ..	594	23 14 0	2,067 0 0	266	1,149 5 1	112	578	5,783 10 9	34	135	3,101 13 4	
Paeroa ..	1,004	49 11 9	3,550 7 1	440	3,162 0 2	93	375	4,827 19 5	32	168	2,329 4 0	
Tauranga ..	739	30 19 3	2,065 19 4	557	2,116 9 0	73	450	7,711 0 3	25	219	4,116 6 11	
Te Aroha ..	1,072	38 3 0	3,431 12 4	299	1,401 5 10	63	336	3,256 1 6	19	208	2,256 19 10	
Te Puke ..	213	11 6 6	677 0 0	90	491 13 2	21	66	667 19 0	13	46	761 13 2	
Waihi ..	1,392	61 11 0	5,493 15 7	161	935 6 4	88	398	4,457 10 7	13	155	2,491 3 0	
Waiorongomai ..	88	3 5 9	219 3 3	21	86 17 2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Waitekauri ..	394	17 17 0	1,543 11 5	52	451 7 8	40	117	1,346 12 2	2	47	903 13 0	
Whakatane ..	312	17 15 0	1,047 15 4	74	327 0 10	17	62	534 8 1	12	19	250 14 7	
TIMARU ..	3,153	137 19 3	10,949 13 4	1,801	6,652 13 7	576	4,006	60,011 5 1	558	3,232	52,699 12 9	
Albury ..	56	1 14 0	142 3 6	23	80 3 8	5	35	316 15 0	..	10	84 0 0	
Fairlie ..	285	11 14 9	918 16 11	49	183 14 8	22	93	1,240 9 6	10	57	858 7 9	
Geraldine ..	799	27 4 6	2,523 11 8	234	920 0 0	69	496	5,456 5 4	36	188	2,637 14 4	
Makikihi ..	112	4 1 0	348 11 10	15	56 12 2	9	38	355 16 0	2	17	168 1 0	
Orari ..	91	2 7 0	247 19 3	29	108 19 11	4	14	130 16 0	2	12	91 0 0	
Pleasant Point ..	164	6 12 9	477 10 3	54	229 17 3	7	55	322 5 8	1	25	237 15 6	
St. Andrew ..	164	6 6 9	601 0 10	109	468 11 9	13	51	437 8 3	1	22	303 2 3	
Temuka ..	679	24 11 3	1,909 17 5	248	921 10 1	77	430	7,951 14 4	25	156	1,722 12 7	
Waimate ..	1,075	37 15 0	4,101 13 5	426	1,509 6 0	119	656	10,170 16 0	58	316	6,496 3 8	
Waitaki ..	128	2 16 0	450 18 0	55	302 3 11	6	28	421 5 6	1	8	349 2 0	
Winchester ..	37	1 1 3	85 16 2	13	40 5 6	7	38	615 0 0	1	25	403 8 11	
WANGANUI ..	5,098	244 15 0	17,756 4 3	3,468	12,577 8 10	832	5,730	68,224 13 6	831	5,390	71,414 7 3	
Bull's ..	586	29 9 1	1,674 0 7	166	721 14 1	52	381	3,653 17 10	37	153	2,897 19 4	
Eltham ..	726	29 15 6	2,437 9 5	223	826 17 10	76	316	3,618 9 11	29	148	2,287 2 9	
Fordell ..	221	9 2 6	723 12 10	42	182 7 0	19	86	555 14 0	4	27	358 14 6	
Hawera ..	2,050	97 6 0	6,533 7 6	1,056	3,811 19 11	249	1,167	16,145 17 9	104	498	10,768 18 3	
Hunterville ..	891	35 5 6	3,287 2 2	274	978 16 0	70	288	3,921 1 11	24	133	3,382 8 11	
Kaimanuka ..	20	1 5 0	121 15 7	..	..	2	7	80 0 0	1	3	25 0 10	
Kaponga ..	275	8 12 0	890 15 9	38	172 1 6	19	71	880 10 7	15	52	671 7 5	
Manaiia ..	666	25 14 9	3,081 2 9	193	787 5 10	82	320	5,514 13 9	37	167	2,601 12 9	
Mangaweka ..	41	1 1 6	81 12 1	4	30 19 6	4	4	25 2 0	..	4	59 17 6	
Manutahi ..	63	2 7 3	214 12 4	21	95 8 8	11	30	340 8 1	6	26	402 13 5	
Marton ..	1,492	62 9 3	8,456 6 11	666	2,309 9 9	147	677	12,911 14 2	71	363	7,135 7 9	
Normanby ..	244	10 6 0	703 4 0	126	532 19 2	23	144	1,346 0 0	13	96	1,496 1 5	
Ohingaiti ..	846	35 14 5	3,096 19 8	119	592 8 9	59	226	1,873 15 10	24	97	1,411 8 4	
Patea ..	763	32 12 3	2,504 18 2	379	1,661 13 5	90	515	5,263 2 7	56	245	3,129 7 7	
Raitihi ..	17	0 10 6	63 9 7	..	..	2	3	19 2 0	..	..	..
Turakina ..	196	8 0 3	757 11 6	77	266 13 9	7	75	456 17 0	7	42	589 17 11	
Waitotara ..	338	23 0 9	1,566 13 7	102	697 13 3	23	92	1,294 14 4	13	40	878 10 9	
Waverley ..	565	21 2 3	1,895 18 8	211	895 5 11	55	331	4,061 2 11	25	125	1,951 18 1	
WELLINGTON ..	17,499	1,203 15 6	56,696 8 6	26,593	111,453 4 10	3,428	28,058	363,602 12 5	3,374	26,217	382,382 0 1	
Adelaide Road ..	208	8 7 9	452 1 10	18	39 15 11	83	568	1,637 2 0	3	73	456 11 4	
Ashurst ..	406	13 7 9	1,364 12 7	168	693 12 11	29	175	684 8 0	26	124	1,240 15 11	

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Office.	Money Orders.					Savings Banks.					
	Issued.			Paid.		New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.	
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.
WELLINGTON— continued.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Campbelltown ..	205	7 7 9	712 9 9	33	120 17 1	13	64	651 14 7	8	33	326 19 2
Carterton ..	960	39 4 6	2,803 15 10	337	1,273 3 11	100	681	6,834 8 0	64	313	5,280 5 5
Castlepoint ..	41	2 9 9	180 16 10	7	22 17 9	1	2	59 0 0	3	6	191 15 3
Chatham Islands	115	4 11 6	522 7 10	20	150 18 8	6	20	70 9 0	..	3	88 10 0
Eketahuna ..	1,071	37 10 0	3,973 8 8	284	1,565 15 11	74	374	5,149 0 1	31	256	3,297 9 1
Featherston ..	637	24 1 3	1,822 0 5	193	930 7 0	48	255	4,348 11 11	17	109	1,526 5 1
Feilding ..	1,833	79 9 0	6,587 12 11	980	3,339 13 5	188	1,105	14,930 17 9	109	525	8,022 6 11
Fowler's ..	462	13 8 0	1,785 15 7	75	350 3 6	21	65	865 14 4	1	57	773 11 7
Foxton ..	570	23 16 0	1,566 0 10	353	1,181 13 1	37	438	4,317 5 9	34	245	3,024 4 4
Greytown North	643	32 12 9	2,278 8 1	296	1,067 3 11	62	425	4,060 0 11	42	209	2,464 18 3
Halcombe ..	334	12 17 9	1,084 14 2	114	381 19 8	34	163	1,056 2 6	26	88	1,081 2 7
Hutt ..	354	16 5 9	1,078 1 9	160	633 16 9	90	629	7,390 12 5	36	179	2,660 16 5
Johnsonville ..	179	7 9 0	737 5 2	45	165 3 10	23	374	1,755 17 11	10	122	1,004 2 5
Kaitoke ..	68	2 4 6	243 11 7	28	79 13 5	4	35	154 12 0	..	6	7 0 4
Kaiwarawara ..	80	3 5 3	143 9 1	24	96 16 6	9	176	346 18 0	2	39	130 5 0
Levin ..	620	21 10 0	1,651 5 0	157	696 1 9	53	272	1,785 5 4	9	121	1,210 3 3
Makuri ..	20	0 12 6	62 3 8	..	..	3	4	88 0 0	..	1	5 0 0
Manukau ..	262	10 16 9	765 6 8	52	260 19 11	11	66	437 1 0	2	38	277 2 4
Martinborough	441	18 5 6	1,129 1 4	61	262 8 11	23	142	1,824 7 0	8	70	730 7 1
Masterton ..	2,542	112 18 3	10,085 4 3	1,241	4,401 2 4	259	1,367	13,293 14 7	160	853	10,394 7 8
Mauriceville ..	306	9 15 6	1,178 5 5	39	173 10 9	10	75	815 16 0	3	75	661 1 1
Ngahauranga ..	110	4 2 11	193 6 4	7	26 16 0	17	143	299 15 0	8	22	87 1 1
Otaki ..	681	29 3 0	2,151 18 5	339	1,187 10 0	47	297	2,658 14 9	23	161	1,562 1 0
Pahiatua ..	1,896	59 0 9	8,410 12 8	426	2,125 18 11	144	600	9,221 6 0	85	422	7,634 0 11
Palmerston North	3,478	152 0 3	12,373 17 11	2,670	9,227 8 2	473	2,663	31,815 2 4	264	1,651	20,207 4 5
Petone ..	573	25 10 6	1,316 17 8	348	1,142 3 3	95	959	5,707 16 11	41	337	3,494 8 11
Porirua ..	53	2 3 9	215 7 0	34	97 15 1	7	41	183 16 6	2	8	56 13 3
Rangiwahia ..	5	0 6 0	38 2 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sanson ..	204	7 15 6	747 2 11	70	256 14 1	15	136	2,290 13 2	9	47	964 14 11
Shannon ..	279	10 18 3	861 16 9	90	404 0 3	17	75	647 2 2	8	53	718 1 2
Te Aro ..	1,867	80 7 0	4,727 3 11	107	472 8 7	356	4,065	14,757 19 6	49	288	1,947 1 9
Te Nui ..	429	17 1 9	1,257 12 8	57	233 14 2	19	109	1,666 6 0	12	59	1,087 9 10
Upper Hutt ..	190	7 9 0	523 8 0	91	367 4 0	23	138	1,942 12 0	9	91	1,463 10 11
Wellington South	213	9 19 6	615 3 10	84	236 0 5	49	399	1,353 3 6	14	59	445 11 9
Woodville ..	1,700	56 11 3	6,409 3 2	578	2,093 18 4	117	529	7,974 18 0	82	343	6,442 5 0
WESTPORT ..	2,068	95 17 9	6,866 7 5	1,264	4,427 0 6	195	1,200	19,815 11 2	236	1,195	18,601 11 0
Cape Foulwind ..	50	1 16 9	147 6 6	5	9 7 6	1	16	108 17 0	..	1	12 0 0
Capleston ..	30	1 6 6	69 18 1	7	31 6 0	..	11	107 8 0	1	6	94 15 0
Charleston ..	436	16 14 6	1,287 16 8	61	275 14 11	29	171	4,057 9 10	4	44	366 17 2
Denniston ..	1,054	46 10 9	2,973 12 1	78	292 10 11	44	528	3,201 7 3	25	170	1,942 7 1
Granity Creek ..	171	6 16 9	406 11 7	26	149 5 1	6	43	118 1 7	2	21	416 8 2
Longford ..	112	5 6 6	413 14 0	22	106 18 11	3	9	301 10 0	2	11	213 8 6
Lyell ..	687	27 12 3	2,387 5 7	119	585 15 8	21	148	1,521 2 0	22	63	1,386 13 5
Mokihinui ..	123	4 18 9	518 18 3	23	95 8 0	3	13	242 10 0	2	13	70 1 2
Murchison ..	400	17 16 0	1,646 11 9	26	179 1 10	10	62	295 7 6	3	13	259 9 3
Seddonville ..	187	7 12 0	495 9 1	18	63 6 6	12	79	456 16 0	1	16	156 16 6
Waimangaroa ..	169	7 1 6	459 2 4	28	118 5 1	7	45	264 2 2	3	10	27 19 2

SUMMARY.

POSTAL DISTRICT OF—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland ..	45,249	2,294	9 3	154,087	15 8	41,583	161,156	7 9	4,353	26,325	434,945	12 0	2,936	21,921	367,813 18 9
Blenheim ..	5,024	214	0 0	15,971	12 8	2,272	8,792	4 6	528	3,657	47,741	14 4	436	2,795	44,792 18 1
Christchurch ..	27,224	1,292	13 0	89,771	17 0	24,259	88,109	3 10	4,915	43,240	538,023	15 5	3,370	31,593	457,095 18 0
Dunedin ..	28,953	1,245	1 9	92,804	15 11	30,106	109,735	7 2	4,020	33,787	393,158	10 7	3,102	24,425	322,274 3 3
Gisborne ..	3,506	204	3 9	11,817	0 10	1,227	5,233	12 3	550	3,103	35,657	4 8	481	2,790	34,831 11 4
Greymouth ..	5,437	256	0 9	17,607	7 6	2,949	10,344	5 5	424	2,823	40,060	18 3	361	2,176	37,534 18 11
Hokitika ..	3,274	142	14 3	9,951	19 7	1,216	4,403	7 10	294	1,640	35,405	14 2	173	928	19,685 7 6
Invercargill ..	12,627	501	8 3	39,636	11 7	7,510	26,881	18 4	1,289	8,440	103,710	11 2	951	5,250	81,001 15 7
Napier ..	15,392	748	12 1	52,364	12 5	7,988	29,614	3 6	1,742	10,946	121,496	8 2	1,370	8,196	114,944 4 1
Nelson ..	5,914	255	10 1	19,795	19 4	4,864	20,227	1 1	669	4,786	87,015	6 2	415	3,519	59,556 14 9
New Plymouth ..	8,011	327	3 9	27,066	19 8	4,865	21,654	19 2	948	5,093	71,615	13 7	740	4,020	65,149 17 8
Oamaru ..	4,600	180	11 4	14,677	14 6	2,672	9,753	18 7	529	3,388	45,289	4 6	362	2,239	31,446 9 10
Thames ..	9,424	420	10 6	32,563	4 0	4,407	21,465	6 6	945	5,750	77,190	8 4	437	3,599	52,796 1 5
Timaru ..	6,743	264	3 6	22,757	12 7	3,056	11,473	18 6	914	5,940	86,529	16 8	695	4,068	66,051 0 9
Wanganui ..	15,098	678	9 9	55,846	17 4	7,165	27,141	3 2	1,822	10,463	129,466	18 2	1,297	7,609	111,462 14 9
Wellington ..	41,534	2,168	11 8	139,110	1 0	36,179	147,212	12 2	5,988	45,687	516,708	17 4	4,574	33,393	479,347 5 6
Westport ..	5,487	239	10 0	17,672	13 4	1,677	6,334	0 11	331	2,325	30,490	2 6	301	1,563	23,548 6 5
Totals ..	243,497	11,433	13 8	812,604	14 11	183,995	709,533	10 8	30,261	217,393	2,794,506	16 0	22,001	159,904	2,369,333 6 7

POST OFFICE SAVINGS-BANKS.—GENERAL STATEMENT.

TABLE showing the Business of the Post Office Savings-Banks in New Zealand Year by Year, from the Date they were established, in February, 1867, to the 31st December, 1895.

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.	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 standing to the Credit of all 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.	
Auckland	79	26,325	434,945	12	0	16	10	5	21,921	367,813	18	9	16	15	7	6
Blenheim	8	3,657	47,741	14	4	13	1	1	2,795	44,792	18	1	16	0	6	3
Christchurch	42	43,240	538,023	15	5	12	8	10	31,503	457,095	18	0	14	10	2	9
Dunedin	41	33,787	393,158	10	7	11	12	9	24,425	322,274	3	13	11	4	0	10
Gisborne	3	3,103	35,657	4	8	11	9	10	2,790	34,831	11	4	12	9	8	9
Grey mouth	10	2,823	40,060	18	3	14	3	10	2,176	37,534	18	11	17	5	0	5
Hokitika	6	1,640	35,495	14	2	21	11	9	928	19,685	7	6	21	4	3	8
Invercargill	26	8,440	103,710	11	2	12	5	9	5,250	81,001	15	7	15	8	7	4
Napier ...	21	10,946	121,496	8	2	11	2	0	8,196	114,944	4	1	14	0	6	4
Nelson ...	12	4,786	87,015	6	2	18	3	7	3,519	59,556	14	9	16	18	6	8
New Plymouth	7	5,093	71,615	13	7	14	1	3	4,020	65,149	17	8	16	4	2	8
Oamaru	9	3,388	45,289	4	6	13	7	4	2,239	31,446	9	10	14	0	11	6
Thames	13	5,750	77,190	8	4	13	8	6	3,599	52,796	1	5	14	13	5	4
Timaru	12	5,940	86,520	16	8	14	11	4	4,068	66,591	0	9	16	4	9	4
Wanganui	19	10,463	129,466	18	2	12	7	6	7,609	111,402	14	9	14	13	0	7
Wellington	37	45,687	516,708	17	4	11	6	2	33,303	479,347	5	6	14	7	10	2
Westport	12	2,325	30,490	2	6	13	2	3	1,563	23,548	6	5	15	1	4	3
Totals for Colony in 1895	357	217,393	2,794,506	16	0	12	17	1	159,904	2,369,333	6	7	14	16	4	10
"	348	204,545	2,252,862	6	11	11	0	3	152,136	2,268,024	8	4	14	18	3	5
"	327	202,276	2,386,089	10	7	11	15	11	136,739	2,122,321	16	8	15	10	5	6
"	1892	186,945	1,878,270	6	4	10	0	11	120,628	1,821,348	18	1	15	2	0	3
"	1891	176,971	1,842,987	15	2	10	8	3	111,603	1,693,515	9	3	15	3	5	0
"	1890	162,938	1,658,543	3	5	10	3	6	106,868	1,500,437	9	5	14	0	9	0
"	1889	153,920	1,515,281	11	3	9	16	0	99,185	1,457,081	5	0	14	13	9	2
"	1888	145,355	1,544,747	7	11	10	12	6	96,204	1,387,471	1	10	14	8	5	4
"	1887	136,197	1,312,151	1	5	9	12	8	89,962	1,182,499	7	6	13	2	10	1
"	1886	137,989	1,248,495	6	11	9	0	11	89,182	1,336,287	6	4	14	19	8	1
"	1885	131,373	1,341,001	3	2	10	4	1	84,832	1,264,395	8	3	14	16	0	3
"	1884	129,279	1,227,909	11	4	9	9	11	88,800	1,195,931	0	11	14	16	0	5
"	1883	127,609	1,178,474	4	1	10	4	8	78,405	1,295,719	18	3	16	10	6	2
"	1882	129,952	1,325,852	2	11	10	4	8	69,308	1,142,599	0	1	16	9	8	3
"	1881	125,855	1,189,012	2	7	9	8	11	60,137	1,042,195	1	8	15	0	8	5
"	1880	116,600	864,441	18	10	10	11	9	57,446	780,594	13	4	13	11	8	1
"	1879	71,865	812,399	11	11	11	6	1	54,698	729,759	17	9	19	14	8	0
"	1878	69,968	762,084	12	0	10	18	0	42,746	742,033	14	3	17	7	4	9
"	1877	60,953	681,294	13	2	11	3	6	39,363	667,023	7	5	16	18	10	5
"	1876	57,295	664,134	12	6	11	11	9	39,486	696,281	7	9	17	12	8	9
"	1875	56,129	657,653	4	0	11	14	4	36,977	729,759	17	9	19	14	8	0
"	1874	52,627	609,249	14	3	13	5	8	29,778	620,115	8	9	20	16	5	6
"	1873	39,223	580,542	5	5	14	16	2	21,368	425,998	3	5	20	0	5	1
"	1872	31,681	430,877	0	0	13	12	0	17,254	312,338	18	4	12	13	6	1
"	1871	24,642	312,338	18	4	12	13	6	14,773	261,347	16	3	17	13	9	3
"	1870	20,489	264,328	5	7	12	18	0	11,934	209,509	13	2	17	11	1	3
"	1869	17,133	240,868	5	9	14	1	2	9,202	180,518	4	1	19	8	7	6
"	1868	13,014	194,535	11	6	14	18	11	6,365	107,094	17	3	16	16	6	3
Totals for Colony 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	0

BALANCE-SHEET of the New Zealand Post Office Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1895.

	Balances on 1st January, 1895.		Transactions.		Balances on 31st December, 1895.	
	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.
MONEY ORDER ACCOUNTS:—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Money orders (General) ..	20,015 16 0	..	888,398 11 7	887,494 18 2	20,919 9 5	..
United Kingdom, &c. ..	7,526 15 8	..	73,821 5 5	75,845 19 6	5,502 1 7	..
United States of America ..	..	451 4 1	5,866 7 1	5,445 19 9	..	30 16 9
Canada ..	..	419 2 5	1,240 15 2	774 17 8	46 15 1	..
Cape Colony ..	..	142 8 11	505 1 2	923 15 4	..	561 3 1
Ceylon ..	45 2 7	..	175 12 3	61 4 5	159 10 5	..
Hongkong ..	143 15 10	..	741 7 1	423 12 4	461 10 7	..
India ..	..	2 18 3	1,416 5 7	766 11 8	646 15 8	..
New South Wales ..	..	2,103 4 1	29,377 14 10	24,817 19 9	2,456 11 0	..
Queensland ..	1,059 9 6	..	33,478 15 1	32,408 7 9	2,129 16 10	..
South Australia ..	..	435 13 6	2,385 0 0	1,698 4 0	251 2 6	..
Straits Settlements ..	24 14 6	..	10 15 9	14 1 3	21 9 0	..
Tasmania ..	..	93 5 8	3,668 12 3	3,241 5 1	334 1 6	..
Victoria ..	1,200 15 2	..	26,711 0 4	25,406 1 2	2,505 14 4	..
Western Australia ..	..	310 2 0	3,977 3 9	5,412 8 8	..	1,745 6 11
Commission ..	..	368 7 3	1,213 12 0	1,256 17 2	..	411 12 5
SAVINGS-BANK ACCOUNTS:—						
Deposits and withdrawals ..	3,340,879 11 4	..	2,923,996 15 6	2,369,333 6 7	3,895,543 0 3	..
Transfers ..	829 2 2	..	153,268 3 1	153,224 9 9	872 15 6	..
TELEGRAPH ACCOUNTS:—						
Receipts ..	..	4,374 16 8½	155,266 16 4	150,716 15 0½	175 4 7	..
New South Wales ..	1,612 13 3	..	28,302 10 9	27,638 16 1	2,276 7 11	..
New Zealand & Australian Cable ..	490 6 2	..	7,319 16 8	7,151 3 7	658 19 3	..
POSTAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS:—						
Stamps ..	108,190 1 3½	..	326,645 14 0½	312,950 9 10	121,885 5 6	..
Postal Guides ..	0 2 6	..	339 9 6	336 5 0	3 7 0	..
Private box and bag rents ..	..	..	5,089 0 0	5,089 0 0	..	..
Miscellaneous receipts ..	237 5 10½	..	1,354 3 6½	1,402 13 7	188 15 10	..
Money-order commission ..	..	..	11,433 13 8	11,433 13 8	..	..
Total revenue ..	..	908 1 3	222,776 12 9	219,710 17 9	2,157 13 9	..
GENERAL ACCOUNTS:—						
Post Office Account ..	..	113,176 16 4	2,458,917 6 10	2,430,005 8 2	..	84,264, 17 8
Postmasters and Telegraphists ..	..	210,472 8 2	5,164,447 8 3½	5,197,378 4 2½	..	243,403 4 1
Investments ..	..	3,218,452 7 8	532,404 0 0	1,114,200 0 0	..	3,800,248 7 8
Accrued interest on investments ..	..	28,071 17 11	28,071 17 11	33,665 8 4	..	33,665 8 4
Postal notes ..	41,390 9 3	..	151,133 2 6	122,094 18 11	70,428 12 10	..
Maintenance of private wires ..	..	..	1,166 4 7	1,166 4 7	..	..
Registration of code addresses ..	..	..	310 10 0	310 10 0	..	..
Telephone exchanges ..	..	..	25,488 6 4	25,488 6 4	..	..
Foreign postage ..	7,093 0 9	..	8,953 12 8	11,137 13 2	4,909 0 3	..
Miscellaneous expenses ..	..	4,947 1 6	400,588 4 11	426,891 8 2	..	31,250 4 9
General Post Office Fine Fund ..	1 0 0	..	6 0 0	6 10 0	0 10 0	..
Cable Subsidy Account ..	..	..	2,430 2 10	2,430 2 10	..	..
FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS:—						
Alcoholic Liquors Act ..	..	..	2 1 0	..	2 1 0	..
Advances to settlers ..	87 13 6	..	314,288 9 10	308,746 5 7	5,629 17 9	..
Clerks of Court ..	..	..	4 9 3	4 9 3	..	..
County Clerks ..	..	..	198 2 8	198 2 8	..	..
Customs duty (parcels) ..	624 7 6½	..	5,917 12 9½	5,953 12 10	588 7 6	..
(H.M.C.) ..	..	..	1,105 14 11	1,003 3 2	102 11 9	..
Factories Act ..	..	..	2 5 0	2 5 0	..	..
Game licenses ..	..	..	1,408 0 0	1,408 0 0	..	..
Goldfields revenue ..	0 3 0	..	..	..	0 3 0	..
Government Insurance ..	1,723 5 3	..	26,808 7 8	27,231 10 6	1,300 2 5	..
Government Printer ..	63 11 9	..	313 4 4	284 0 9	92 15 4	..
Government Audit ..	..	..	6 6 8	1 6 8	5 0 0	..
Harbourmasters ..	..	..	42 4 7	42 4 7	..	..
Hospital and charitable aid ..	..	..	9 0 10	9 0 10	..	..
Income-tax ..	652 10 9	..	55,634 8 7	56,229 3 4	57 16 0	..
Industrial schools ..	..	..	18 0 0	9 0 0	9 0 0	..
Land-tax ..	219 9 5	..	204,468 19 11	204,368 15 9	319 13 7	..
Licensing Act ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Live-stock ..	..	..	13,328 15 0	13,328 15 0	..	..
Lunacy ..	..	..	11 0 0	9 10 0	1 10 0	..
Machinery ..	210 10 0	..	3,947 2 6	3,860 12 6	297 0 0	..
Miners' Guides ..	0 10 6	..	1 5 6	1 2 6	0 13 6	..
Mining Act ..	2,983 0 0	..	1,552 17 0	1,288 17 0	3,247 0 0	..
New Zealand consols ..	1,000 0 0	..	8,165 0 0	9,165 0 0	..	..
Official Assignee ..	0 12 6	..	..	..	0 12 6	..
Oyster licenses ..	..	..	1 10 0	1 10 0	..	..
Probation Officers ..	..	..	1 10 0	1 10 0	..	..
Public baths ..	25 5 6	..	204 4 6	209 7 8	20 2 4	..
Public Trust ..	4,165 3 10	..	157,855 16 0	160,113 2 2	1,907 17 8	..
Railways ..	..	..	7,385 11 11	6,541 7 11	844 4 0	..
Registration of births, &c. ..	155 19 6	..	1,761 3 0	1,769 17 6	147 5 0	..
Rents ..	15 0 0	..	176 10 8	176 18 2	1 12 6	..
Totalisator-tax ..	..	..	4 18 6	4 18 6	..	..
Marine Department ..	..	..	423 0 0	423 0 0	..	..
Receiver-General's Deposit A/c. ..	..	..	3 0 0	..	3 0 0	..
Property-tax ..	..	..	0 11 6	0 11 6	..	..
Profit and loss ..	42,062 10 10	..	185,559 10 1	181,153 15 8	46,468 5 3	..
Totals ..	3,584,729 15 8½	3,584,729 15 8½	14,673,295 6 3	14,673,295 6 3	4,195,581 1 8	4,195,581 1 8

No. 7.

SECURITIES, &c., standing in the Name of the Postmaster-General on Account of the Post-Office Savings-Bank Fund on the 31st December, 1895.

Description of Securities, &c.	Nominal Value.			Value at Cost Price.			Accrued Interest on 31st December, 1895.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Consolidated Loan 1867 Debentures, 4 per cent.	13,000	0	0	12,480	0	0	109	13	11
"Consolidated Stock Act 1884" Debentures, 4½ per cent. ..	1,064,384	0	0	1,064,384	0	0	4,330	8	9
"Consolidated Stock Act 1884" Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	75,900	0	0	75,900	0	0	274	9	9
Defence Loan 1870 Debentures, 4 per cent.	75,000	0	0	72,000	0	0	632	17	6
Defence Loan 1870 Debentures, 4½ per cent.	8,100	0	0	8,100	0	0	..		
District Railways Purchasing Act Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	42,000	0	0	36,076	17	8	418	17	0
District Railways Purchasing Act Scrip, 4 per cent.	34,100	0	0	34,100	0	0	340	1	3
General Purposes Loan 1873 Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	5,200	0	0	4,342	0	0	43	17	7
"Government Loans to Local Bodies Act 1886" Debentures, 4½ per cent. ..	249,800	0	0	249,800	0	0	3,726	9	5
"Government Loans to Local Bodies Act 1886" Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	159,000	0	0	159,000	0	0	1,992	4	3
Greymouth Harbour Board Debentures, 5 per cent.	100,000	0	0	100,000	0	0	2,488	14	0
Hamilton Borough Debentures, 5½ per cent.	3,000	0	0	3,000	0	0	68	14	3
Hokitika Harbour Board Debentures, 5 per cent.	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	0	*568	9	10
"Immigration and Public Works Loan Act 1870" Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	174,200	0	0	167,272	0	0	1,469	19	2
"Immigration and Public Works Loan Act 1870" Debentures, 4½ per cent. ..	20,900	0	0	20,527	10	0	198	8	2
Imperial Guaranteed Immigration and Public Works Loan 1870 Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	400,000	0	0	400,000	0	0	1,340	1	0
Land for Settlements Acts, 1892 and 1894, Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	129,100	0	0	129,100	0	0	842	15	0
"Land for Settlements Act 1892" Debentures, 4½ per cent. ..	53,966	0	0	53,966	0	0	405	17	0
"Lands Improvement and Native Lands Acquisition Act 1894" Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	264,000	0	0	264,000	0	0	2,353	15	0
"Native Land Purchases Act 1892" Debentures, 4½ per cent. ..	125,000	0	0	125,000	0	0	940	1	4
North Rakaia River Board Debentures, 5 per cent.	2,000	0	0	2,000	0	0	41	12	10
Oamaru Borough Consolidated Loan 1893 Debentures, 5 per cent. ..	13,800	0	0	13,800	0	0	345	0	0
Oamaru Harbour Bonds, 5½ per cent.	32,000	0	0	32,000	0	0	737	15	1
Oamaru Harbour Advances 1887, 5 per cent.	30,000	0	0	30,000	0	0	628	15	4
Patea Harbour Board Debentures, 4½ per cent.	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	0	225	0	0
Thames Borough Debentures, 6 per cent.	6,500	0	0	6,500	0	0	190	3	10
Thames Harbour Board Debentures, 5 per cent.	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	0	250	0	0
Treasury Bills, 4 per cent.†	367,700	0	0	367,700	0	0	..		
Westport Harbour Board Debentures, 5 per cent.	339,200	0	0	339,200	0	0	8,349	2	1
Accrued Interest on Post Office Account .. ..	..			..			352	5	0
Totals	3,817,850	0	0	3,800,248	7	8	33,665	8	4

* Includes interest due, 11th May, £250; and 11th November, £250.

† Reduced to 3½ per cent. from 1st January, 1896.

Table No. 8.
POST-OFFICE SAVINGS-BANKS.
BALANCE-SHEET for the Year ended 31st December, 1895.

Dr.			Cr.		
£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
Balance to credit of depositors, 1st January, 1895	3,340,879	11 4	Withdrawals during the year	2,369,833	6 7
Deposits during the year	2,794,506	16 0	Balance to credit of depositors, 31st December, 1895	3,895,543	0 3
Interest credited depositors	129,489	19 6			
	£6,264,876	6 10		£6,264,876	6 10
Dr.			Cr.		
£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
Balance to credit of depositors, 31st December, 1895	3,895,543	0 3	Securities (vide Table No. 7)	3,800,248	7 8
	£3,895,543	0 3	Cash in Post Office Account on 31st December, 1895	95,294	12 7
				£3,895,543	0 3
Dr.			Cr.		
£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
Balance forward, 1st January, 1895	42,062	10 10	Interest credited to depositors, 1895	129,489	19 6
Interest received	£151,389	4 9	1894 accrued interest written off	28,071	17 11
Interest accrued on 31st December, 1895	33,665	8 4	Paid Public Account, for expenses of management	7,000	0 0
	185,054	13 1	Savings-bank profits carried to revenue	16,500	0 0
Net profit on sale of £50,000 inscribed stock	412	18 9	Balance to next account	46,468	5 3
	£227,530	2 8		£227,530	2 8

Table No. 9.

RETURN showing the Total Number of Post-Office Savings-Bank Accounts open on the 31st December, 1895, with Classified Balances, and the Number open at the end of 1894.

Postal District.	Not exceeding £20.	Exceeding £20 and up to £50.	Exceeding £50 and up to £100.	Exceeding £100 and up to £200.	Exceeding £200 and up to £300.	Exceeding £300 and up to £400.	Exceeding £400 and up to £500.	Exceeding £500.	Total.
Auckland	12,505	1,847	1,221	1,151	462	122	89	69	17,466
Blenheim	2,351	249	146	138	43	20	7	8	2,962
Christchurch	19,799	2,851	1,775	2,280	501	176	109	85	27,576
Dunedin	14,866	2,254	1,404	1,201	441	118	81	75	20,440
Gisborne	1,290	181	105	61	18	5	5	3	1,668
Greymouth	1,742	236	192	156	63	21	10	9	2,429
Hokitika	770	167	103	115	70	13	10	16	1,264
Invercargill	4,006	717	455	349	106	27	18	10	5,688
Napier	4,953	704	464	334	130	39	11	15	6,650
Nelson	3,101	447	295	267	108	29	20	16	4,233
New Plymouth	2,615	412	226	154	52	12	11	5	3,487
Oamaru	1,630	292	185	175	57	15	8	6	2,368
Thames	3,019	410	237	203	88	22	11	19	4,009
Timaru	2,904	456	304	248	97	12	12	19	4,052
Wanganui	5,172	694	370	305	94	24	28	17	6,704
Wellington	19,488	2,338	1,400	1,155	396	142	84	62	25,065
Westport	1,126	162	106	107	46	13	6	6	1,572
Totals, 1895	101,337	14,417	8,988	8,399	2,772	810	520	440	137,683
Totals 1894	95,497	14,251	9,537	6,680	2,131	669	371	287	129,423

Table No. 10.—SAN FRANCISCO MAIL-SERVICE.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails between London and the under-mentioned Places by the San Francisco Mail-service.

FROM LONDON VIA SAN FRANCISCO.

AUCKLAND.				WELLINGTON.				DUNEDIN.				SYDNEY.				MELBOURNE.			
Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Auckland.	No. of Days.		Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Wellington.	No. of Days.		Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Dunedin.	No. of Days.		Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Sydney.	No. of Days.		Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Melbourne.	No. of Days.	
1895. January 26 February 23 March 23 April 20 May 18 June 15 July 13 August 10 September 7 October 5 November 2 December 30 January 31	1895. March 1 March 29 April 26 May 22 June 19 July 17 August 14 September 11 October 10 November 6 December 4 1896. January 3 January 31	34 34 34 32 32 32 32 32 32 32 32 34 34		1895. January 26 February 23 March 23 April 20 May 18 June 15 July 13 August 10 September 7 October 5 November 2 December 28 January 28	1895. March 26 March 31 April 28 May 24 June 21 July 19 August 16 September 13 October 12 November 8 December 6 1896. January 5 February 2	36 36 36 34 34 34 34 34 35 34 34 36 36		1895. January 26 February 23 March 23 April 20 May 18 June 15 July 13 August 10 September 7 October 5 November 2 December 28 January 28	1895. March 26 March 31 April 28 May 24 June 21 July 19 August 16 September 13 October 12 November 8 December 6 1896. January 5 February 2	37 37 37 36 35 36 35 35 35 37 37 37		1895. January 26 February 23 March 23 April 20 May 18 June 15 July 13 August 10 September 7 October 5 November 2 December 28 January 28	1895. March 26 March 31 April 28 May 24 June 21 July 19 August 16 September 13 October 12 November 8 December 6 1896. January 5 February 2	38 39 39 37 37 36 37 37 37 37 37 39 39		1895. January 26 February 23 March 23 April 20 May 18 June 15 July 13 August 10 September 7 October 5 November 2 December 28 January 28	1895. March 26 March 31 April 28 May 24 June 21 July 19 August 16 September 13 October 12 November 8 December 6 1896. January 5 February 2	39 40 39 38 38 38 38 38 38 38 38 40 40	
Maximum	...	34	...	...	...	37	...	...	...	39	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
Minimum	...	32	...	...	...	35	...	...	...	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38
Average	...	32.85	...	...	...	36.08	...	...	...	37.62	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38.69

TO LONDON VIA SAN FRANCISCO.

MELBOURNE.				SYDNEY.			DUNEDIN.			WELLINGTON.			AUCKLAND.				
Date of Despatch from Melbourne.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Sydney.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Dunedin.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Wellington.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Auckland.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.			
1895. January 19 February 16 March 16 April 13 May 11 June 8 July 6 August 3 September 31 October 28 November 26 December 23 January 21	1895. March 1 March 29 April 25 May 24 June 22 July 18 August 14 September 11 October 9 November 6 December 6 1896. January 1 January 30	41 41 40 41 42 40 39 39 39 41 39 40	1895. January 21 February 18 March 18 April 15 May 13 June 10 July 8 August 5 September 2 September 30 October 28 November 25 December 23	1895. March 21 March 25 April 22 May 19 June 16 July 14 August 11 September 8 October 6 November 3 December 31 1896. January 1 January 30	39 39 38 39 39 38 37 37 37 37 39 37 38	1895. January 23 February 20 March 20 April 17 May 15 June 12 July 10 August 7 September 4 September 2 October 30 November 27 December 25	1895. March 23 March 28 April 25 May 22 June 19 July 17 August 14 September 11 October 9 November 6 December 6 1896. January 30 January 27	37 37 36 37 38 36 35 35 35 37 35 36 38	1895. January 24 February 21 March 21 April 18 May 16 June 13 July 11 August 8 September 5 September 3 October 31 November 28 December 26	1895. March 24 March 29 April 25 May 24 June 22 July 18 August 14 September 11 October 9 November 6 December 6 1896. January 1 January 30	36 36 35 35 36 37 35 34 34 36 34 35	1895. January 26 February 23 March 23 April 20 May 18 June 15 July 13 August 10 September 7 October 5 November 2 December 28 January 28	1895. March 26 March 31 April 28 May 24 June 21 July 19 August 16 September 13 October 12 November 8 December 6 1896. January 5 January 30	34 34 33 34 35 33 32 32 34 32 30 32 33			
Maximum	...	42	...	...	40	...	...	38	...	...	37	...	...	35
Minimum	...	39	...	...	37	...	...	35	...	...	34	...	...	32
Average	...	40.08	...	...	38.08	...	...	36.08	...	...	35.08	...	...	33.08

Table No. 11.—PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL MAIL-SERVICE.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails between London and the under-mentioned Places by the Packets of the Peninsular and Oriental Lines.

FROM LONDON *via* BRINDISI (P. AND O. PACKETS).

MELBOURNE.			SYDNEY.			BLUFF.			CHRISTCHURCH.			WELLINGTON.			AUCKLAND.		
Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Melbourne.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Sydney.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival at Bluff.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Christchurch.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Wellington.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Auckland.	No. of Days.
1895.	1895.		1895.	1895.		1895.	1895.		1895.	1895.		1895.	1895.		1895.	1895.	
Jan. 11	Feb. 13	33	Jan. 11	Feb. 14	34	Jan. 11	Feb. 19	39	Jan. 11	Feb. 20	40	Jan. 11	Feb. 21	41	Jan. 11	Feb. 23	43
Jan. 25	Feb. 28	34	Jan. 25	March 1	35	Jan. 25	March 5	39	Jan. 25	March 7	41	Jan. 25	March 6	40	Jan. 25	March 9	43
Feb. 8	March 12	32	Feb. 8	March 13	33	Feb. 8	March 19	39	Feb. 8	March 20	40	Feb. 8	March 20	40	Feb. 8	March 18	43
Feb. 22	March 26	34	Feb. 22	March 27	35	Feb. 22	April 1	39	Feb. 22	April 2	39	Feb. 22	April 3	40	Feb. 22	April 1	38
March 8	April 11	34	March 8	April 12	35	March 8	April 16	39	March 8	April 18	41	March 8	April 19	42	March 8	April 19	42
March 22	April 23	32	March 22	April 24	33	March 22	April 30	39	March 22	May 1	40	March 22	May 3	42	March 22	April 30	39
April 5	May 9	34	April 5	May 10	35	April 5	May 17	42	April 5	May 16	41	April 5	May 15	40	April 5	May 17	42
April 19	May 21	32	April 19	May 22	33	April 19	May 31	42	April 19	May 30	41	April 19	May 29	40	April 19	May 27	38
May 3	June 4	32	May 3	June 5	33	May 3	June 14	42	May 3	June 12	40	May 3	June 11	39	May 3	June 10	38
May 17	June 19	33	May 17	June 20	34	May 17	July 5	49	May 17	July 5	49	May 17	July 4	48	May 17	July 1	45
May 31	July 5	35	May 31	July 6	36	May 31	July 12	42	May 31	July 13	43	May 31	July 14	44	May 31	July 12	42
June 14	July 16	32	June 14	July 17	33	June 14	July 27	43	June 14	July 29	45	June 14	July 24	40	June 14	July 22	38
June 28	July 30	32	June 28	July 31	33	June 28	August 5	38	June 28	August 6	39	June 28	August 7	40	June 28	August 5	38
July 12	August 15	34	July 12	August 16	35	July 12	August 22	41	July 12	August 24	43	July 12	August 23	42	July 12	August 26	45
July 26	Sept. 2	38	July 26	Sept. 3	39	July 26	Sept. 16	52	July 26	Sept. 17	53	July 26	Sept. 10	46	July 26	Sept. 9	45
August 9	Sept. 11	33	August 9	Sept. 12	34	August 9	Sept. 26	48	August 9	Sept. 27	49	August 9	Sept. 20	42	August 9	Sept. 18	40
August 23	Sept. 24	32	August 23	Sept. 25	33	August 23	October 4	42	August 23	October 5	43	August 23	Sept. 30	38	August 23	Sept. 30	38
Sept. 6	October 10	34	Sept. 6	October 11	35	Sept. 6	October 21	45	Sept. 6	October 19	43	Sept. 6	October 18	42	Sept. 6	October 19	43
Sept. 20	October 22	32	Sept. 20	October 23	33	Sept. 20	Nov. 5	46	Sept. 20	Nov. 6	47	Sept. 20	Nov. 4	45	Sept. 20	Nov. 2	43
October 4	Nov. 8	35	October 4	Nov. 9	36	October 4	Nov. 16	43	October 4	Nov. 18	45	October 4	Nov. 20	47	October 4	Nov. 21	48
October 18	Nov. 18	31	October 18	Nov. 19	32	October 18	Nov. 26	39	October 18	Nov. 27	40	October 18	Nov. 26	39	October 18	Nov. 25	38
Nov. 1	Dec. 3	32	Nov. 1	Dec. 4	33	Nov. 1	Dec. 9	38	Nov. 1	Dec. 10	39	Nov. 1	Dec. 12	41	Nov. 1	Dec. 11	40
Nov. 15	Dec. 20	35	Nov. 15	Dec. 21	36	Nov. 15	Dec. 27	42	Nov. 15	Dec. 26	41	Nov. 15	Dec. 25	40	Nov. 15	Dec. 27	42
Nov. 29	Dec. 30	31	Nov. 29	Dec. 31	32	Nov. 29	1896.		Nov. 29	1896.		Nov. 29	1896.		Nov. 29	1896.	
Dec. 13	Jan. 16	34	Dec. 13	Jan. 17	35	Dec. 13	Jan. 25	43	Dec. 13	Jan. 24	42	Dec. 13	Jan. 22	40	Dec. 13	Jan. 25	43
Dec. 27	Jan. 28	32	Dec. 27	Jan. 29	33	Dec. 27	Feb. 5	40	Dec. 27	Feb. 6	41	Dec. 27	Feb. 5	40	Dec. 27	Feb. 3	38
Maximum	...	38	...	...	39	...	...	52	...	...	53	...	...	48	...	...	48
Minimum	...	31	...	...	32	...	...	38	...	...	39	...	...	38	...	...	38
Average	...	33'08	...	...	34'08	...	...	41'85	...	...	42'46	...	...	41'50	...	...	41'00

Table No. 11.—PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL MAIL-SERVICE—continued.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails between London and the under-mentioned Places by the Packets of the Peninsular and Oriental Line—continued.

TO LONDON VIA BRINDISI (P. AND O. PACKETS).														
AUCKLAND.			WELLINGTON.			BLUFF.			SYDNEY.			MELBOURNE.		
Date of Despatch from Auckland.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Wellington.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Bluff.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Sydney.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Melbourne.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.
1895. January 9	1895. February 16	38	1895. ..	1895. ..	..	1895. January 8	1895. February 16	39	1895. January 14	1895. February 16	33	1895. January 15	1895. February 16	32
January 23	March 4	40	..	..	..	January 22	March 17	41	January 28	March 4	35	January 29	March 4	34
February 6	March 17	39	January 31	March 17	45	February 19	April 1	39	February 11	March 17	34	February 26	March 17	33
February 21	April 1	39	..	..	..	March 5	April 14	40	March 11	April 1	35	March 26	April 1	34
March 6	April 14	39	February 28	April 14	45	March 19	April 28	40	March 25	April 14	34	March 26	April 14	33
March 20	April 28	39	March 14	April 28	45	April 2	May 12	40	April 8	May 12	34	April 9	May 12	33
April 3	May 12	39	..	..	..	April 16	May 25	39	April 22	May 25	33	April 23	May 25	32
April 15	May 25	40	..	..	..	April 30	June 9	40	May 6	June 9	34	May 7	June 9	33
May 1	June 9	39	..	..	..	May 10	June 23	44	May 20	June 23	34	May 21	June 23	33
May 14	June 23	40	May 10	June 23	44	..	..	..	June 3	July 21	36	June 4	July 21	35
..	..	..	May 29	July 9	41	June ..	..	..	June 17	July 21	34	June 18	July 21	33
June ..	..	..	June 8	July 21	43	June ..	..	..	July 1	August 4	34	July 16	August 4	33
June 10	August 21	41	June 21	August 4	44	July ..	..	..	July 15	August 19	35	July 30	August 19	34
July ..	August 19	40	..	..	..	July ..	..	..	July 29	September 14	37	July 30	September 14	36
July 22	September 4	44	..	..	..	..	..	..	August 12	September 14	33	August 13	September 14	32
August 7	September 14	38	August 1	September 14	44	..	..	..	August 26	September 14	33	August 27	September 14	32
August 20	September 28	39	August 17	September 28	42	..	..	..	September 9	October 14	35	September 10	October 14	34
September 4	October 14	40	August 29	October 14	46	August 30	October 14	45	September 23	October 26	33	September 24	October 26	32
September 17	October 26	39	September 12	October 26	44	September 17	October 26	39	September 23	October 26	33	September 24	October 26	32
October 2	November 11	40	October 1	November 11	41	October 1	November 11	41	October 7	November 11	35	October 28	November 11	34
October 16	November 23	38	October 8	November 23	46	October 8	November 23	46	October 21	November 23	33	October 22	November 23	32
October 29	December 8	40	October 29	December 8	40	..	..	..	November 4	December 8	34	November 5	December 8	33
November 13	December 22	39	November 8	December 22	44	November 12	December 22	40	November 18	December 22	34	November 19	December 22	33
..	..	..	November 22	December 22	44	..	..	..	December 2	December 22	34	December 3	December 22	33
December 11	..	..	December 5	..	..	November 26	..	..	December 16	..	..	December 17	..	..
December 24	January 18	38	December 19	January 18	44	December 24	January 18	41	December 30	January 18	35	December 31	January 18	34
..	February 2	40	..	February 2	45	..	..	40	..	February 2	34	..	February 2	33
Maximum	..	44	..	..	46	..	..	46	..	..	37	..	..	36
Minimum	..	38	..	..	40	..	..	39	..	..	33	..	..	32
Average	..	39.54	..	..	43.78	..	..	41.10	..	..	34.15	..	..	33.15

Table No. 12.—ORIENT MAIL-SERVICE.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails between London and the under-mentioned Places by the Packets of the Orient Line.

FROM LONDON VIA NAPLES (ORIENT PACKETS).																	
MELBOURNE.			SYDNEY.			BLUFF.			CHRISTCHURCH.			WELLINGTON.			AUCKLAND.		
Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Melbourne.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Sydney.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival at Bluff.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Christchurch.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Wellington.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Auckland.	No. of Days.
1895.	1895.		1895.	1895.		1895.	1895.		1895.	1895.		1895.	1895.		1895.	1895.	
Jan. 4	Feb. 7	34	Jan. 4	Feb. 8	35	Jan. 4	Feb. 14	41	Jan. 4	Feb. 13	40	Jan. 4	Feb. 14	41	Jan. 4	Feb. 17	44
Jan. 18	Feb. 20	33	Jan. 18	Feb. 21	34	Jan. 18	Feb. 25	38	Jan. 18	Feb. 26	39	Jan. 18	Feb. 28	41	Jan. 18	March 2	43
Feb. 1	March 5	32	Feb. 1	March 7	34	Feb. 1	March 12	39	Feb. 1	March 13	40	Feb. 1	March 12	39	Feb. 1	March 13	40
Feb. 15	March 20	33	Feb. 15	March 21	34	Feb. 15	March 26	39	Feb. 15	March 27	40	Feb. 15	March 27	40	Feb. 15	March 30	43
March 1	April 11	41	March 1	April 12	42	March 1	April 16	46	March 1	April 18	48	March 1	April 19	49	March 1	April 19	49
March 15	April 16	32	March 15	April 17	33	March 15	April 23	39	March 15	April 24	40	March 15	April 23	39	March 15	April 22	38
March 29	May 1	33	March 29	May 2	34	March 29	May 14	46	March 29	May 15	47	March 29	May 10	42	March 29	May 9	41
April 12	May 15	33	April 12	May 16	34	April 12	May 24	42	April 12	May 25	43	April 12	May 23	41	April 12	May 22	40
April 26	May 28	32	April 26	May 29	33	April 26	June 4	39	April 26	June 5	40	April 26	June 7	42	April 26	June 3	38
May 10	June 12	33	May 10	June 13	34	May 10	June 26	47	May 10	June 21	42	May 10	June 20	41	May 10	June 22	43
May 24	June 26	33	May 24	June 27	34	May 24	July 5	42	May 24	July 5	42	May 24	July 4	41	May 24	July 8	45
June 7	July 13	36	June 7	July 15	38	June 7	July 27	50	June 7	July 25	48	June 7	July 24	47	June 7	July 22	45
June 21	July 25	34	June 21	July 26	35	June 21	August 3	43	June 21	August 2	42	June 21	August 1	41	June 21	August 1	41
July 5	August 8	34	July 5	August 9	35	July 5	August 19	45	July 5	August 16	42	July 5	August 15	41	July 5	August 17	43
July 19	August 21	33	July 19	August 22	34	July 19	August 30	42	July 19	August 31	43	July 19	August 30	42	July 19	Sept. 2	45
August 2	Sept. 4	33	August 2	Sept. 5	34	August 2	Sept. 16	45	August 2	Sept. 7	36	August 2	Sept. 10	39	August 2	Sept. 11	40
August 16	Sept. 18	33	August 16	Sept. 19	34	August 16	Sept. 26	41	August 16	Sept. 27	42	August 16	Sept. 26	41	August 16	Sept. 28	43
August 30	October 2	33	August 30	October 3	34	August 30	October 15	46	August 30	October 16	47	August 30	October 18	49	August 30	October 15	46
Sept. 13	October 17	34	Sept. 13	October 18	35	Sept. 13	October 25	42	Sept. 13	October 26	43	Sept. 13	October 25	42	Sept. 13	October 23	40
Sept. 27	October 30	33	Sept. 27	October 31	34	Sept. 27	Nov. 5	39	Sept. 27	Nov. 6	40	Sept. 27	Nov. 5	39	Sept. 27	Nov. 9	43
October 11	Nov. 13	33	October 11	Nov. 14	34	October 11	Nov. 20	40	October 11	Nov. 21	41	October 11	Nov. 20	40	October 11	Nov. 21	43
October 25	Nov. 28	34	October 25	Nov. 29	35	October 25	Dec. 9	45	October 25	Dec. 6	42	October 25	Dec. 5	41	October 25	Dec. 7	43
Nov. 8	Dec. 11	33	Nov. 8	Dec. 12	34	Nov. 8	Dec. 16	38	Nov. 8	Dec. 18	40	Nov. 8	Dec. 19	41	Nov. 8	Dec. 20	42
Nov. 22	Dec. 26	34	Nov. 22	Dec. 27	35	Nov. 22	1896. Jan. 3	42	Nov. 22	1896. Jan. 2	41	Nov. 22	Dec. 31	39	Nov. 22	1896. Jan. 4	43
Dec. 6	1896. Jan. 8	33	Dec. 6	1896. Jan. 9	34	Dec. 6	Jan. 13	38	Dec. 6	Jan. 14	39	Dec. 6	1896. Jan. 14	39	Dec. 6	Jan. 16	41
Dec. 20	Jan. 23	34	Dec. 20	Jan. 24	35	Dec. 20	Jan. 31	42	Dec. 20	Jan. 30	41	Dec. 20	Jan. 29	40	Dec. 20	Feb. 3	45
Maximum	...	41	...	...	42	...	...	50	...	...	48	...	...	49	...	...	49
Minimum	...	32	...	...	33	...	...	38	...	...	36	...	...	39	...	...	38
Average	...	33.58	...	...	34.65	...	...	42.15	...	...	41.85	...	...	41.42	...	...	42.50

Table No. 12.—ORIENT MAIL-SERVICE—continued.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails between London and the under-mentioned Places by the Packets of the Orient Line—continued.

TO LONDON VIA NAPLES (ORIENT PACKETS).

AUCKLAND.			WELLINGTON.			BLUFF.			SYDNEY.			MELBOURNE.		
Date of Despatch from Auckland.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Wellington.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Bluff.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Sydney.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Melbourne.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.
1895. January 2	1895. February 11	40	1895. January 16	1895. February 23	38	1895. January 1	1895. February 11	41	1895. January 7	1895. February 11	35	1895. January 8	1895. February 11	34
January 16	February 23	38	January 30	March 1	32	January 15	February 23	39	January 21	February 23	33	January 22	February 23	32
February 13	March 23	38	February 9	March 23	42	February 12	March 23	39	February 18	March 23	33	February 19	March 23	32
February 27	April 8	40	February 26	April 21	41	March 4	April 21	39	March 18	April 8	35	March 5	April 21	34
March 13	April 21	39	March 13	April 21	39	March 13	April 21	39	March 18	April 21	34	March 19	April 21	33
March 27	May 4	38	March 27	May 18	41	April 10	May 18	38	April 1	May 18	33	April 16	May 18	32
April 10	May 18	38	April 10	May 18	38	April 10	May 18	38	April 15	May 18	33	April 30	June 3	34
April 18	June 3	46	April 19	June 3	45	May 2	June 16	45	April 29	June 3	35	May 30	June 3	34
May 8	June 16	39	May 2	June 16	45	May 22	June 16	40	May 13	June 16	34	May 14	June 16	33
May 22	July 1	40	May 20	July 1	42	May 29	July 15	47	May 27	July 1	35	May 28	July 1	34
June 4	July 15	41	June 29	July 15	47	June 29	July 15	47	June 10	July 15	35	June 11	July 15	34
June 20	July 29	39	June 29	July 29	46	July 9	August 25	47	June 24	July 29	37	June 25	July 29	34
July 17	August 25	39	July 17	August 25	39	July 9	August 25	47	July 8	August 14	37	July 9	August 14	36
August 14	September 24	41	August 9	September 24	46	August 8	September 24	47	August 5	September 11	37	August 23	September 11	33
September 11	October 20	39	September 21	October 20	40	August 21	September 8	48	August 19	September 24	36	August 20	September 24	35
September 23	November 2	40	September 21	October 20	42	September 9	October 20	41	September 16	October 20	34	September 17	October 20	33
October 21	November 30	40	October 21	November 30	40	October 22	November 30	39	September 30	November 2	33	October 1	November 2	32
November 6	December 16	40	October 21	November 30	40	November 6	December 16	40	October 14	November 16	33	October 15	November 16	32
November 18	December 30	42	November 15	December 30	45	November 19	December 30	41	October 28	December 16	35	October 29	December 16	34
December 4	January 12	39	November 29	January 12	44	December 3	January 12	40	November 25	December 30	35	November 26	December 30	34
December 16	January 26	41	December 13	January 26	44	December 16	January 26	41	December 9	January 12	34	December 10	January 12	33
December 31	February 8	39	December 28	February 8	42	December 31	February 8	39	January 6	February 8	33	December 24	January 26	33
Maximum	..	46	..	..	46	..	..	48	..	..	37	..	..	36
Minimum	..	38	..	..	38	..	..	38	..	..	33	..	..	32
Average	..	39.74	..	..	42.86	..	..	41.50	..	..	34.33	..	..	33.33

Table No. 13.
TABLE showing the estimated Number of Letters, Letter-cards, Post-cards, Book-packets, Newspapers, and Parcels dealt with in the several Postal Districts of New Zealand, during the Year ended 31st December, 1895.

Postal Districts.	Posted in the Colony.					Received from places outside the Colony.					Total correspondence dealt with.						
	Letters.	Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Books, &c.	Newspapers.	Parcels.	Letters.	Post-cards.	Books, &c.	Newspapers.	Parcels.	Letters.	Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Books, &c.	Newspapers.	Parcels.
Auckland	4,224,779	51,454	209,482	1,634,698	1,814,189	31,710	310,435	952	493,275	748,834	3,921	4,535,214	51,454	210,434	2,127,973	2,563,023	35,631
Thames	473,655	9,269	16,237	88,270	131,833	1,971	34,380	60	27,411	53,873	264	508,035	9,269	16,297	115,681	185,706	2,235
New Plymouth	607,827	20,683	39,195	173,797	230,282	2,285	51,570	178	50,895	96,971	258	749,397	20,683	39,373	224,602	327,253	2,543
Gisborne	239,603	2,093	6,760	65,520	68,536	949	17,190	31	19,569	26,936	187	256,793	2,093	6,791	85,089	95,472	1,136
Napier	1,554,943	34,333	63,973	513,838	460,369	7,925	114,620	297	152,681	188,555	940	1,669,563	34,333	64,270	666,519	648,924	8,865
Wanganui	1,497,925	53,079	96,733	585,780	390,715	5,126	109,845	476	176,170	161,619	596	1,607,770	53,079	97,209	761,950	552,334	5,722
Wellington	5,419,128	131,092	195,403	1,790,425	1,463,644	38,812	398,311	895	540,252	668,764	4,779	5,817,439	131,092	196,298	2,330,677	2,072,408	43,591
Nelson	567,164	11,245	30,628	120,926	124,293	5,167	42,020	117	35,235	53,881	604	609,184	11,245	30,745	156,161	178,174	5,771
Westport	105,702	1,859	3,978	25,025	85,293	1,517	14,325	18	7,830	37,711	190	210,027	1,859	3,996	32,855	123,004	1,707
Greymouth	370,227	4,706	6,188	75,595	135,278	2,283	26,740	30	23,490	53,873	270	396,967	4,706	6,218	99,085	189,151	2,553
Hokitika	168,519	3,055	5,343	19,097	76,960	1,639	12,415	29	3,915	32,323	177	180,934	3,055	5,372	23,012	109,283	1,816
Blenheim	382,486	14,313	13,000	70,629	128,752	1,872	27,695	59	19,581	53,879	261	410,181	14,313	13,959	90,210	182,631	2,133
Christchurch	4,031,755	90,909	161,620	908,362	1,619,865	24,046	296,105	726	274,937	668,029	3,007	4,327,860	90,909	162,355	1,182,399	2,287,894	27,953
Timaru	839,215	32,799	51,376	257,231	142,519	1,712	61,120	238	78,300	59,260	196	900,335	32,799	51,614	335,531	201,779	1,908
Oamaru	527,514	14,326	26,039	89,908	113,789	810	39,155	121	27,399	48,485	178	566,669	14,326	26,160	117,307	162,274	988
Dunedin	4,102,800	105,716	189,046	1,452,243	1,432,834	24,982	301,840	893	438,467	592,603	3,150	4,404,640	105,716	189,939	1,890,710	2,025,437	28,132
Invercargill	1,675,713	56,082	81,146	466,336	544,960	3,946	123,215	357	140,937	226,266	476	1,798,928	56,082	81,593	607,273	771,226	4,422
Totals	26,968,955	637,013	1,196,156	8,337,680	8,964,111	156,752	1,980,981	5,477	2,509,444	3,711,862	19,454	28,949,936	637,013	1,201,633	10,847,124	12,675,973	176,206
Previous year	25,823,967	..	1,248,819	6,900,049	8,787,935	155,697	1,816,044	5,021	2,514,002	3,545,773	18,567	27,640,011	..	1,253,840	9,414,051	12,333,708	174,264

Table No. 14.

TABLE showing the Number of LETTERS, LETTER-CARDS, POST-CARDS, PACKETS, NEWSPAPERS, and PARCELS Posted in New Zealand and the Number received from beyond the Colony.

Posted.

Service.	Articles subject to Postage.							Articles exempt from Postage.					Parcels.			
	Letters.		Letter-cards.	Post-cards.		Packets including Printed Matter (except Newspapers), Commercial Papers, and Samples of Merchandise.		News-papers.	Registered Articles.	Packets.	Letters.	News-papers.	Number.	Weight.	Postage.	Declared Value.
						With Reply paid.	Registered.									
	Ordinary.	Registered.	Single.	With Reply paid.	Ordinary.	Registered.	Letters.	Packets.	Registered Articles.	News-papers.	Number.	Weight.	Postage.	Declared Value.		
Inland ..	22,878,915	82,806	637,013	1,188,578	3,096	7,835,252	12,785	6,160,246	2,307,775	167,879	77,787	1,585,896	149,454	500,833	8,399 11 9	..
Intercolonial ..	659,870	43,398	..	2,044	5	148,585	6,677	536,043	35,718	2,545	2,251	593	3,774	8,434	283 6 0	..
International ..	847,379	22,331	..	2,427	6	159,986	3,389	631,198	7,834	582	2,891	135	3,524	9,113	460 14 11½	6,374 19 11
Totals ..	24,386,164	148,535	637,013	1,193,049	3,107	8,143,823	22,851	7,377,487	2,351,327	171,006	82,929	1,586,624	156,752	518,380	9,143 12 8½	6,374 19 11

Received.

Intercolonial ..	893,123	14,149	..	2,553	6	1,604,898	2,177	1,272,431	15,741	1,164	2,572	256	5,773	17,475	484 19 8	26,668 14 9	26,668 14 9
International ..	1,033,346	16,377	..	2,911	7	897,438	2,519	2,438,894	2,369	1,248	3,304	281	13,681	46,339	1,958 14 6	..	..
Totals ..	1,926,469	30,526	..	5,464	13	2,502,336	4,696	3,711,325	18,110	2,412	5,876	537	19,454	63,814	2,443 14 2	26,668 14 9	26,668 14 9

Table No. 15.

TABLE showing the Number of Letters, Letter-cards, Post-cards, Books, Newspapers, and Parcels delivered by the Letter-carriers from the Post Offices within the several Postal Districts during the Year ended 31st December, 1895.

Postal Districts.				Letters.	Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Books, &c.	Newspapers.	Parcels.
Auckland	..	..	..	2,713,477	64,103	103,374	329,582	557,231	9,967
Thames	..	..	..	193,968	4,571	14,466	44,077	66,201	1,264
New Plymouth	..	..	..	215,349	5,078	17,308	39,421	119,939	1,390
Gisborne	..	..	..	96,726	2,285	2,116	10,828	31,737	676
Napier	..	..	..	492,056	11,611	25,694	106,914	108,056	3,052
Wanganui	..	..	..	359,890	8,494	35,410	181,322	114,650	2,260
Wellington	..	..	..	1,800,079	42,519	68,012	234,760	427,407	6,612
Nelson	..	..	..	171,329	4,939	8,732	25,126	76,286	1,126
Westport	..	..	..	48,919	1,154	2,612	14,066	24,882	388
Greymouth	..	..	..	117,946	2,770	4,364	31,236	61,466	702
Hokitika	..	..	..	77,712	1,823	4,154	13,867	58,493	562
Blenheim	..	..	..	80,588	1,893	4,602	43,604	61,530	580
Christchurch	..	..	..	1,547,879	36,564	79,430	312,156	332,647	5,686
Timaru	..	..	..	224,539	5,286	23,139	84,767	59,477	1,344
Oamaru	..	..	..	122,014	2,862	11,015	24,039	29,308	732
Dunedin	..	..	..	1,225,821	23,591	59,144	390,875	316,220	4,942
Invercargill	..	..	..	384,299	9,072	47,542	110,292	143,985	2,304
Totals	..	..	..	9,872,591	227,715	511,114	1,996,932	2,589,515	43,587
Previous year	..	..	..	9,628,385	..	451,157	1,773,479	2,563,892	42,507

Table No. 16.
COMPARATIVE TABLE showing the Progress of the Telegraphs during the Financial Years ended 30th June, 1866, to 30th June, 1879; 31st March, 1880, to 31st March, 1882; and Calendar Years ended 31st December, 1882, to 31st December, 1893.

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Stations Open.	Number of Telegrams forwarded during the Year.		Telegraph Revenue from all Sources.	Value of Government Messages.	Total Value of Business done during the Year.	Cost of Maintenance of Stations.		Cost of Maintenance of Lines, excluding Australian Cable Subsidy.	Total Expenditure.	Cost of Maintenance of Lines per Mile.	Tariff in Operation.
				Private, and Press.	Government.				Total.	£					s. d.
30th June, 1866	699	1,390	13	24,761	2,746	27,407	£ s. d. 5,561 19 2	£ s. d. 483 3 2	£ s. d. 6,045 2 4	£ s. d. 3,934 3 4	£ s. d. 2,443 2 11	£ s. d. 6,377 6 3	£ s. d. 3 9 10	Mileage tariff.
" 1867	757	1,498	21	55,621	15,331	70,952	9,070 10 1	3,770 4 8	12,840 14 9	8,017 14 7	2,541 4 11	10,558 19 6	3 7 1	
" 1868	1,110	2,223	31	72,241	26,244	98,485	11,632 3 7	6,672 0 3	18,324 3 10	9,489 17 10	5,406 7 3	14,896 5 1	4 17 4	
" 1869	1,329	2,495	45	106,070	50,097	156,167	18,520 10 4	13,430 11 9	31,951 2 1	14,266 12 7	8,547 4 9	22,813 17 4	6 8 6	Mileage tariff in operation up to 1st Sept., 1869; uniform 2s. 6d. tariff from 1st Sept., 1869, to 31st March, 1870; and 1s. tariff from 1st April, 1870.
" 1870	1,661	2,897	56	122,545	62,878	185,423	17,218 1 4	12,252 6 0	29,470 7 4	16,417 7 4	14,120 4 10	30,537 12 2	8 9 11	
" 1871	1,976	3,247	72	253,582	59,292	312,874	22,419 8 8	9,876 17 6	32,296 6 2	21,254 4 3	11,344 3 8	32,598 7 11	5 19 6	
" 1872	2,185	3,823	81	344,524	67,243	411,767	28,121 10 0	11,043 3 9	39,164 13 9	23,593 9 9	8,858 19 7	32,452 9 4	4 2 3	From 1st November, 1873 address and signature given in free.
" 1873	2,356	4,574	93	485,597	83,453	568,960	39,680 18 9	11,105 2 0	50,786 0 9	27,040 18 10	9,479 5 4	36,520 4 2	4 1 11	
" 1874	2,530	5,782	105	645,067	107,832	752,899	46,508 18 10	12,618 11 6	59,127 10 4	38,801 19 4	15,021 17 11	53,823 17 3	6 3 11	
" 1875	2,986	6,626	127	786,237	130,891	917,128	55,301 12 3	13,679 10 9	68,981 3 0	45,814 11 4	14,240 19 7	60,055 10 11	4 16 4	From 1st Jan., 1886, delayed telegrams posted to addressees immediately after their receipt at offices of destination.
" 1876	3,154	7,247	142	890,382	160,704	1,051,086	62,715 10 4	16,154 6 0	78,869 16 4	61,696 14 5	21,074 8 8	82,771 3 1	5 18 10	
" 1877	3,259	7,423	155	952,283	172,159	1,124,442	65,644 15 3	17,024 8 9	82,669 4 0	63,353 10 10	17,931 8 0	81,284 18 10	5 12 11	
" 1878	3,434	8,035	182	1,065,481	194,843	1,260,324	73,284 1 10	19,148 12 4	92,432 14 2	69,340 1 8	18,259 4 9	87,599 6 5	5 10 0	From 1st November, 1873 address and signature given in free.
" 1879	3,512	8,117	195	1,201,982	246,961	1,448,943	85,402 0 2	26,949 2 2	112,351 2 4	79,502 0 5	17,299 7 10	96,801 8 3	5 0 9	
31st March, 1880	3,638	9,333	214	824,734	183,675	1,008,409	58,120 3 3	19,797 6 3	77,827 9 6	68,651 10 10	14,758 4 5	83,409 15 3	4 3 4	
" 1881	3,758	9,587	227	1,058,342	246,370	1,304,712	73,002 2 0	27,021 3 8	100,023 5 8	78,224 1 8	23,154 8 3	101,378 9 11	6 6 7	From 1st Jan., 1886, delayed telegrams posted to addressees immediately after their receipt at offices of destination.
" 1882	3,824	9,653	234	1,215,849	222,923	1,438,772	78,828 19 8	22,737 16 4	101,566 16 0	69,165 5 0	18,292 13 4	87,457 18 4	4 17 4	

Table No. 16—continued.

COMPARATIVE TABLE showing the Progress of the Telegraph Department during the Financial Years ended 30th June, 1866, to 30th June, 1879; 31st March, 1880, to 31st March, 1882; and Calendar Years ended 31st December, 1882, to 31st December, 1893—continued.

Year ended.	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Stations Opened.	Number of Telegrams forwarded during the Year.			Telegraph Revenue from all Sources.	Value of Government Messages.	Total Value of Business done during the Year.	Cost of Maintenance of Stations.	Cost of Maintenance of Lines, excluding Australian Cable Subsidy.	Total Expenditure.		Cost of Maintenance of Lines per Mile.	Tariff in Operation.
			Private, and Press.	Government.	Total.						£	s. d.		
31st Dec., 1882	3,974	264	1,361,817	208,372	1,570,189	£ 90,633 11 2	£ 20,608 11 11	£ 111,242 3 1	£ 73,554 9	£ 122,451 6 3	£ 96,005 15 4	£ 5 17 5		From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 1883	4,074	302	1,379,483	210,917	1,590,400	93,822 3 3	21,555 19 2	115,378 2 5	73,054 4	619,210 6 6	92,264 11 0	4 16 8		
" 1884	4,264	330	1,433,458	220,847	1,654,305	95,634 5 5	20,855 19 7	116,490 5 0	70,036 6	220,041 15 10	90,078 2 0	4 18 4		
" 1885	4,463	375	1,533,406	240,867	1,774,273	101,652 8 0	24,860 9 0	126,512 17 0	77,082 4	420,900 6 2	97,982 10 6	4 15 9		
" 1886	4,546	412	1,583,717	252,549	1,836,266	106,638 12 2	27,281 4 9	133,919 16 11	77,473 10	721,402 18 2	98,875 8 9	4 15 11		From 1st Jan., 1886, delayed telegrams posted to addressees immediately after their receipt at offices of destination.
" 1887	4,646	437	1,589,771	245,623	1,835,394	106,548 4 0	30,205 11 10	136,753 15 10	76,580 10	621,321 2 9	97,901 12 9	4 13 9		
" 1888	4,790	473	1,548,233	217,630	1,765,863	106,311 11 6	23,164 13 11	129,476 5 5	72,201 13	523,262 1 0	95,463 14 5	5 0 1		
" 1889	4,874	489	1,589,157	213,830	1,802,987	106,462 18 4	24,218 9 3	130,681 7 7	75,426 9	726,007 1 5	101,433 11 0	5 8 7		
" 1890	5,148	520	1,734,381	226,780	1,961,161	110,696 17 8	26,070 12 7	136,767 10 3	76,845 1	1027,546 2 0	104,391 3 10	5 13 0		
" 1891	5,349	573	1,746,115	222,149	1,968,264	117,633 15 9	24,840 5 7	142,474 1 4	85,658 4	1128,986 10 10	114,644 15 9	5 12 7		
" 1892	5,479	615	1,686,064	218,079	1,904,143	103,813 8 6½	24,342 7 0	128,155 15 6½	87,472 13	329,580 10 11	117,053 4 2	5 8 0		
" 1893	5,513	640	1,825,646	244,045	2,069,691	112,465 15 9	28,317 7 10	140,783 3 7	92,109 17	629,141 6 0	121,251 3 0	5 5 9		

For the Financial Years 1894-95 and 1895-96.

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Stations Opened.	Number of Telegrams forwarded during the Year.			Revenue.		Value of Government Messages.	Total Value of Business done during the Year.	Total Expenditure (excluding Cable Subsidy).	Remarks.
				Private, and Press.	Government.	Total.	Telegraph.	Telephone.				
31st March, 1895	5,961½	14,881½	705	1,802,182	231,618	2,033,800	£ 88,459 10 11	£ 21,552 12 10	£ 26,050 7 5	£ 136,062 11 2	£ 135,791 0 7	Cable subsidy ..6,492 11 8 " ..4,774 5 5
" 1896	6,243½	15,704½	743	1,899,632	224,579	2,124,211	£ 99,178 14 0½	£ 25,933 12 9	£ 25,843 11 11	£ 148,955 18 8½	£ 143,665 14 0	

Table No. 17.

TABLE showing the CASH REVENUE derived from PRIVATE and PRESS MESSAGES, the VALUE of GOVERNMENT MESSAGES, and the NUMBER of MESSAGES, transmitted in the several Postal Districts of New Zealand, for the Twelve Months ended 31st March, 1896.

Postal Districts.	Revenue derived from Private and Press Messages.	Value of Government Messages.	Total Value of Messages of all Codes.	Number of Private and Press Messages.	Number of Govt. Messages.	Total Number of Messages of all Codes.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			
Auckland	17,411 6 4½	3,899 13 0	21,310 19 4½	351,516	35,813	387,329
Blenheim	1,565 7 2½	525 5 8	2,090 12 10½	29,134	5,305	34,439
Christchurch	10,853 4 0	2,186 14 6	13,039 18 6	195,269	19,923	215,192
Dunedin	11,803 12 4½	2,214 15 11	14,018 8 3½	237,865	19,579	257,444
Gisborne	2,036 16 5½	494 15 0	2,531 11 5½	37,023	4,396	41,419
Greymouth	2,597 8 11½	771 9 6	3,368 18 5½	46,562	5,723	52,285
Hokitika	1,026 9 3	339 8 2	1,365 17 5	18,238	2,611	20,849
Invercargill	4,696 18 3	869 14 4	5,566 12 7	106,792	7,423	114,215
Napier	5,724 4 6	970 3 0	6,694 7 6	103,569	8,906	112,475
Nelson	2,094 6 6	666 6 1	2,760 12 7	45,810	6,735	52,545
New Plymouth	2,373 3 8½	783 0 3	3,156 3 11½	44,878	6,888	51,766
Oamaru	1,617 16 5½	212 1 1	1,829 17 6½	25,706	1,978	27,684
Thames	4,100 18 1½	590 16 0	4,691 14 1½	76,788	6,023	82,811
Timaru	2,283 1 5	335 9 9	2,618 11 2	38,944	3,522	42,466
Wanganui	4,842 17 10	989 19 4	5,832 17 2	90,863	9,065	99,928
Wellington	15,671 19 2½	9,487 12 1	25,159 11 3½	419,915	76,230	496,145
Westport	1,589 18 10	506 8 3	2,096 7 1	30,760	4,459	35,219
Totals, 1895-96	92,289 9 5½	25,843 11 11	118,133 1 4½	1,899,632	224,579	2,124,211
Totals, 1894-95	85,388 8 11	26,050 7 5	111,438 16 4	1,802,182	231,618	2,033,800

Table No. 18.

RETURN of PAID TELEGRAMS of all Codes forwarded during the Twelve Months ended 31st March, 1896, and the REVENUE received.

Class of Telegrams.	June Quarter, 1895.		September Quarter, 1895.		December Quarter, 1895.		March Quarter, 1896.		Totals.	
	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Ordinary	224,455	21,162 10 10½	222,659	21,611 9 11½	265,215	24,217 6 8	302,919	27,496 5 5½	1,015,248	94,487 12 11½
Urgent	11,839	1,496 14 9	13,714	1,748 7 0	15,920	2,037 10 10	17,565	2,227 17 9	59,038	7,510 10 4
Delayed	141,859	4,387 0 11½	148,583	4,643 10 3½	142,152	4,364 10 2	105,390	3,250 0 7½	537,984	16,645 2 0½
Press	46,415	2,075 6 5	52,002	2,771 11 2	49,760	2,343 14 7	49,931	2,317 6 6	198,108	9,507 18 8
Bureau	20,645	488 3 8	19,999	476 17 4	23,017	540 16 5	25,593	604 5 9	89,254	2,110 3 2
Gross totals	445,213	29,609 16 8	456,957	31,251 15 9	496,064	33,503 18 8	501,398	35,895 16 1	1,899,632	130,261 7 2
Less other lines and credits .. .. .	..	9,061 16 3½	..	9,113 12 10½	..	9,215 19 1	..	10,580 9 5½	..	37,971 17 8½
Net totals, 1895-96	445,213	20,548 0 4½	456,957	22,138 2 10½	496,064	24,287 19 7	501,398	25,315 6 7½	1,899,632	92,289 9 5½
Net totals, 1894-95	444,172	21,310 19 1½	421,105	19,978 0 5½	457,089	21,663 4 7½	479,816	22,436 4 8½	1,802,182	85,388 8 11

Table No. 19.

RETURN of the NUMBER and VALUE of TELEGRAPH MONEY-ORDERS issued within the several Postal Districts during the Year ended 31st December, 1895.

Districts.	Number.	Telegraph Commission.	Value of Orders.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	5,365	268 5 0	24,968 4 5
Blenheim	639	31 19 0	2,236 1 4
Christchurch	1,760	88 0 0	6,674 0 8
Dunedin	2,011	100 11 0	7,230 18 4
Gisborne	923	46 3 0	3,564 9 7
Greymouth	811	40 11 0	2,661 3 1
Hokitika	368	18 8 0	1,361 5 2
Invercargill	863	43 3 0	2,639 3 9
Napier	2,149	107 9 0	7,212 4 1
Nelson	495	24 15 0	1,824 15 4
New Plymouth	888	44 8 0	2,463 17 11
Oamaru	225	11 5 0	774 5 4
Thames	1,397	69 17 0	5,277 9 8
Timaru	350	17 10 0	1,219 12 8
Wanganui	2,224	111 4 0	7,049 9 5
Wellington	4,595	229 15 0	15,909 6 3
Westport	793	39 13 0	2,480 2 10
Totals, 1895	25,856	1,292 16 0	95,546 9 10
Totals, 1894	22,721	1,136 1 0	82,148 9 6

Table No. 20.
RETURN showing the CAPITAL COST, WORKING-EXPENSES, and REVENUE of the TELEPHONE EXCHANGES, Year by Year, from the Date of their Establishment.

Year.	Number of Connections.	Capital Cost for Instruments, Wire, Poles, Labour, Freight, Superintendence, &c.		Revenue.		Annual Rate at Close of Year.		Working-expenses.						Balance of Revenue over Working-expenses.	Annual Rate per Cent. yielded on Capital Cost.
		Average Cost of each Connection.	Total for all Connections.	Salaries and Allowances of Clerks, &c.		Linemen, Batteries, and Materials.		• Wear-and-tear, &c. Ten per Cent.	Rent, Fuel, Light, Paper, Printing, Binding, &c.	Total.					
				£	s. d.	£	s. d.				£	s. d.	£			s. d.
Total for the year ended 31st March,—		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1882	116	21 16 6	2,531 14 0	613 5 2	1,170 16 0	285 0 0	275 0 0	253 0 0	150 0 0	963 0 0	207 16 0	8 17			
1883	379	21 16 6	8,271 13 6	5,014 9 2	6,809 8 8	595 0 0	595 0 0	827 0 0	300 0 0	2,317 0 0	4,492 8 8	54 31			
1884	715	21 16 6	15,604 17 6	7,746 16 7	7,028 7 4	695 0 0	770 0 0	1,560 0 0	950 0 0	3,375 0 0	8,653 7 4	23 41			
1885	1,075	21 18 6	23,461 17 6	10,008 3 6	10,008 3 6	1,770 0 0	1,590 0 0	2,346 0 0	475 0 0	6,181 0 0	8,827 3 6	16 31			
1886	1,710	20 8 6	37,319 12 1	12,294 1 2	13,997 0 0	2,849 1 3	1,704 0 0	3,731 19 2	700 0 0	8,985 0 5	5,011 19 7	13 42			
1887	2,038	19 19 5	40,686 3 1	15,477 16 2	15,477 16 2	2,873 0 0	1,580 10 0	4,068 12 2	320 0 0	8,842 2 2	6,635 14 0	16 30			
1888	2,153	22 19 0	49,407 5 0	16,881 8 6	16,881 8 6	3,119 10 0	2,252 0 0	4,940 14 6	330 0 0	10,642 4 6	6,239 4 1	12 63			
1889	2,249	23 18 10	53,849 11 6	17,613 4 0	17,613 4 0	3,315 10 0	2,249 7 0	5,344 9 2	335 0 0	11,244 6 2	6,368 17 10	11 82			
1890	2,402	24 4 1	58,229 3 0	18,581 11 7	18,581 11 7	3,790 0 0	2,206 10 0	5,823 0 1	375 0 0	12,194 10 1	6,397 1 6	11 00			
1891	2,587	24 17 1	64,294 4 4	19,961 4 2	19,961 4 2	4,192 0 0	2,249 18 5	6,429 8 5	394 3 9	13,265 10 7	6,695 13 7	10 43			
1892	3,080	24 16 11	76,579 1 8	18,571 7 8	18,571 7 8	4,630 0 0	2,345 2 9	7,658 7 11	393 1 6	15,026 12 2	8,544 15 6	4 63			
1893	3,690	24 16 11	91,687 11 1	19,155 11 5	19,155 11 5	7,405 0 0	2,695 19 10	9,168 15 1	464 6 2	19,734 1 1	-578 9 8	Loss.			
1894	4,244	24 12 1	104,425 3 0	21,771 4 4	21,771 4 4	7,720 0 0	3,313 1 1	10,442 10 4	741 18 9	22,217 10 2	-446 5 10	Loss.			
1895	4,616	25 6 3	116,845 10 4	21,552 12 10	22,621 0 0	9,285 0 0	4,253 11 4	11,684 11 0	817 19 5	26,041 1 9	-3,420 1 9	Loss.			
1896	5,143	24 6 6	125,108 4 1	25,933 12 9	25,933 12 9	9,686 0 10	5,303 11 9	12,510 16 5	1,952 8 3	29,452 17 3	-3,519 4 6	Loss.			

* This column includes 5 per cent. for wear-and-tear, and 5 per cent. for debenture capital.

Table No. 21.

RETURN of the COST of MAINTENANCE of TELEGRAPH LINES for the Year ended 31st March, 1896.

Section.	No. of Miles.	Travelling Expenses of Linemen and Inspectors.	Extra Labour.	Cost of Material used for Repairs.	Salaries of Linemen and Inspectors.	Total Cost of Maintenance.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Riverton to Balclutha	468½	247 19 1	131 13 2	178 6 6	337 10 0	895 8 9
Milton to Queenstown	422	311 7 11	532 10 1	372 9 3	345 0 0	1,561 7 3
Balclutha to Waitaki	574½	458 16 10	528 2 2	717 0 4	550 0 0	2,253 19 4
Waitaki to Christchurch	410½	201 13 10	187 6 1	225 9 10	511 10 0	1,125 19 9
Christchurch to Kumara	157	410 10 4	661 18 7	393 15 7	375 0 0	1,841 4 6
Hokitika to Lyell	271	114 15 1	99 11 7	115 0 7	525 0 0	854 7 3
Lyell to Nelson	807½	170 10 2	99 15 4	63 14 5	440 0 0	773 19 11
Nelson to Blenheim	140	218 13 8	228 13 6	177 5 4	230 16 8	855 9 2
Blenheim to Kaikoura	100½	118 10 2	63 8 6	64 9 4	313 6 8	559 14 8
Kaikoura to Christchurch	266	194 18 3	213 3 10	89 9 5	660 0 0	1,157 11 6
Wellington to New Plymouth	598	376 15 4	497 2 10	990 14 8	1,062 0 0	2,926 12 10
Wellington to Napier	504½	404 15 11	295 0 10	663 13 4	1,178 6 8	2,541 16 9
Napier to Taupo	359	157 13 3	111 4 2	90 9 4	550 16 8	910 3 5
Taupo to Thames	483	252 10 5	323 18 7	93 13 8	880 0 0	1,550 2 8
Auckland South	468	322 5 10	223 5 11	351 5 10	585 0 0	1,481 17 7
Auckland North	716	317 1 5	329 10 1	295 2 10	860 0 0	1,801 14 4
P. and T. Stores .. ..	..	..	242 10 6	8 1 6	..	250 12 0
P.s. "Terranora" and cable repairs .. ..	..	6 6 9	693 4 0	..	..	699 10 9
Totals	6,245½	4,285 4 3	5,461 19 9	4,890 1 9	9,404 6 8	24,041 12 5

6,245½ miles of line; average cost per mile, £3 17s.

Table No. 22.

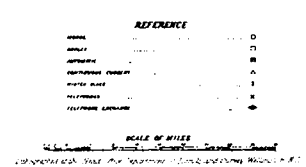
STATEMENT showing the EXPENDITURE on, and the COST of, TELEGRAPH CONSTRUCTION during the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1896.

Line.	Expenditure.	Material from Stores.	Total Expenditure during the Year.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Telephone exchanges	2,169 0 4	6,093 13 5	8,262 13 9
Hamilton-Morrinsville	353 12 2	68 18 5	422 10 7
Awanui-Cape Maria van Diemen	1,602 0 6	314 2 7	1,916 3 1
Ngunguru .. ..	..	48 11 2	48 11 2
Wangarei-Kiripaka	209 16 6	..	209 16 6
Dargaville-Opanaki	391 5 2	122 14 7	513 19 9
Waihi-Waitekauri	129 3 11	38 18 2	168 2 1
Auckland-Onehunga	18 0 0	..	18 0 0
Wangarei-Poroti	47 13 6	..	47 13 6
Taupiri-Huntly .. ..	..	29 14 1	29 14 1
Driving Creek	11 9 2	..	11 9 2
Napier-Pohui	0 10 0	8 13 9	9 3 9
Wairoa-Nuhaka	1 0 0	..	1 0 0
Postmaster's house, Waipawa	0 18 0	..	0 18 0
Petane-Eskdale	2 12 6	..	2 12 6
Danevirke-Mangatera	1 16 9	5 1 3	6 18 0
Ormond-Waimata Valley	11 13 6	..	11 13 6
Alton-Hurleyville	96 5 8	52 18 11	149 4 7
Apiti extension	171 13 5	181 4 10	352 18 3
Pohangina extension	173 10 5	182 18 2	356 8 7
Bull's-Sanson	27 7 0	30 16 4	58 3 4
Cardiff extension	11 18 8	..	11 18 8
Waitotara-Maxwelltown	9 11 6	7 7 4	16 18 10
Pahiatua-Eketahuna	425 4 2	393 3 9	818 7 11
Feilding-Waituna West	108 19 9	142 12 3	251 12 0
Wanganui Racecourse	2 8 0	..	2 8 0
Masterton-Pahiatua	62 5 0	..	62 5 0
Tenui-Whakataki	90 13 10	10 6 1	100 19 11
Pemberton extension	12 14 0	..	12 14 0
Taita Bureau	1 0 0	..	1 0 0
Cheltenham-Waituna	72 7 8	..	72 7 8
Feilding-Bunnythorpe	24 17 0	18 5 0	43 2 0
Oterangi Bay, No. 1 (land line)	268 18 4	144 12 5	413 10 9
" No. 2	54 15 5	175 12 1	230 7 6

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LINES AND OFFICES, 31st MARCH, 1896.

	Telegraph.	Exchanges.
Miles of line	6,245	389
" wire	15,704	4,947
Knots single-core cable	204	

	Telegraph.	Telephone.
Offices	233	510
Exchanges		26
Subscribers		5,143

Miles of Telegraph wire erected during year	883
" Telegraph poles	184
" Exchange wire	475
" poles	30
Exchanges opened during year	2
New subscribers	527
Knots single-core cable laid	61

