

SESS. II.—1897.
NEW ZEALAND.

POST OFFICE ACCOUNT

(BALANCE-SHEET OF), TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1896.

PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 74TH SECTION OF "THE PUBLIC REVENUES ACT, 1891."

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

BALANCE-SHEET of the New Zealand Post Office Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1896.

	Balances on 1st January, 1896.		Transactions.		Balances on 31st December, 1896.	
	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.
MONEY ORDER ACCOUNTS:—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Money orders (General) ..	20,919 9 5	..	979,294 18 7	979,806 10 1	20,407 17 11	..
United Kingdom, &c. ..	5,502 1 7	..	76,994 11 11	70,874 7 2	11,622 6 4	..
United States of America ..	..	30 16 9	6,665 17 7	5,458 2 7	1,176 18 3	..
Canada ..	46 15 1	..	669 10 10	718 3 11	..	1 11
Cape Colony ..	..	561 3 1	1,680 0 8	1,391 16 1	..	272 18
Ceylon ..	159 10 5	..	170 18 11	283 4 1	47 5 3	..
Hongkong ..	461 10 7	..	1,331 0 2	1,362 3 10	430 6 11	..
India ..	646 15 8	..	1,445 9 8	1,746 5 7	345 19 9	..
New South Wales ..	2,456 11 0	..	28,918 2 3	28,473 19 7	2,900 13 8	..
Queensland ..	2,129 16 10	..	2,351 14 6	4,752 6 10	..	270 11
South Australia ..	251 2 6	..	1,688 6 10	1,775 16 5	163 12 11	..
Straits Settlements ..	21 9 0	..	22 17 5	32 13 4	11 13 1	..
Tasmania ..	334 1 6	..	38,385 15 3	37,889 15 4	830 1 5	..
Victoria ..	2,505 14 4	..	30,772 5 7	29,149 19 8	4,128 0 3	..
Western Australia ..	..	1,745 6 11	8,907 5 5	9,049 2 5	..	1,887 3 1
Commission ..	..	411 12 5	1,287 6 6	1,313 6 11	..	437 12 10
SAVINGS-BANK ACCOUNTS:—						
Deposits and withdrawals ..	3,895,543 0 3	..	3,007,650 12 6	2,591,558 19 4	4,311,634 13 5	..
Transfers ..	872 15 6	..	168,143 0 4	167,355 14 3	1,660 1 7	..
TELEGRAPH ACCOUNTS:—						
Receipts ..	175 4 7	..	183,741 3 9	182,867 1 0	1,049 7 4	..
New South Wales ..	2,276 7 11	..	42,375 4 4	42,240 18 6	2,410 13 9	..
New Zealand & Australian Cable ..	658 19 3	..	8,616 2 4	8,719 4 10	555 16 9	..
POSTAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS:—						
Stamps ..	121,885 5 6	..	345,360 10 6½	345,081 1 1½	122,164 14 11	..
Postal Guides ..	3 7 0	..	320 1 0	322 7 0	1 1 0	..
Private box and bag rents ..	..	..	5,384 0 0	5,384 0 0	..	..
Miscellaneous receipts ..	188 15 10	..	1,820 6 1	1,712 8 1	296 13 10	..
Money-order commission ..	..	..	12,734 6 7	12,734 6 7	..	..
Total revenue ..	2,157 13 9	..	223,772 13 7	224,734 11 11½	1,195 15 4½	..
GENERAL ACCOUNTS:—						
Post Office Account ..	..	84,264 17 8	3,284,226 3 3	3,405,473 5 5	..	205,511 19 10
Postmasters and Telegraphists ..	..	243,493 4 1	5,604,598 17 0	5,607,142 10 0½	..	245,946 17 1½
Investments ..	..	3,800,248 7 8	1,293,071 0 0	1,683,400 0 0	..	4,190,577 7 8
Accrued interest on investments ..	..	33,665 8 4	33,665 8 4	33,321 10 7	..	33,321 10 7
Postal notes ..	70,428 12 10	..	126,893 2 6	130,559 3 2	66,762 12 2	..
Maintenance of private wires ..	..	..	776 8 7	776 8 7	..	..
Registration of code addresses ..	..	..	351 10 0	351 10 0	..	..
Telephone exchanges ..	..	..	28,901 11 2	28,901 11 2	..	..
Foreign postage ..	4,909 0 3	..	12,758 3 11	11,163 10 2	6,503 14 0	..
Cable Subsidy Account ..	..	..	2,730 19 5	2,730 19 5	..	..
Miscellaneous expenses ..	..	31,250 4 9	463,565 15 3	415,017 9 4	17,298 1 2	..
General Post Office Fine Fund ..	0 10 0	..	6 0 0	6 0 0	0 10 0	..
FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS—						
Advances to settlers ..	5,629 17 9	..	608,943 2 9	597,241 9 6	17,331 11 0	..
Clerks of Court ..	..	..	0 3 0	0 3 0	..	..
County Clerks ..	..	..	152 14 5	152 14 5	..	..
Customs duty (parcels) ..	588 7 6	..	7,693 11 2	7,590 14 5	691 4 3	..
“(H.M.C.) ..	102 11 9	..	1,300 11 5	1,297 4 8	105 18 6	..
Factories Act ..	..	..	15 11 0	15 11 0	..	..
Game licenses ..	..	..	1,356 0 0	1,356 0 0	..	..
Goldfields revenue ..	0 3 0	..	..	..	0 3 0	..
Government Insurance ..	1,300 2 5	..	26,626 14 4	25,928 13 7	1,998 3 2	..
Government Printer ..	92 15 4	..	404 16 1	466 7 2	31 4 3	..
Government Audit ..	5 0 0	..	14 10 0	19 10 0	..	..
Gum licenses ..	..	..	7 10 0	7 10 0	..	..
Treasury deposits ..	..	..	7 16 0	7 16 0	..	..
Hospital and charitable aid ..	..	..	7 11 3	7 11 3	..	..
Income-tax ..	57 16 0	..	50,840 19 5	50,855 0 0	43 15 5	..
Industrial schools ..	9 0 0	..	18 0 0	27 0 0	..	..
Land-tax ..	319 13 7	..	200,818 15 6	200,814 0 0	324 9 1	..
Licensing Act ..	..	..	40 0 0	40 0 0	..	..
Live-stock ..	..	..	17,131 2 0	17,131 2 0	..	..
Lunacy ..	1 10 0	..	69 5 0	47 5 0	23 10 0	..
Machinery ..	297 0 0	..	3,594 5 0	3,650 0 0	241 5 0	..
Miners' Guides ..	0 13 6	..	0 4 6	..	0 18 0	..
Mining Act ..	3,247 0 0	..	1,487 13 0	1,594 16 0	3,139 17 0	..
New Zealand consols ..	..	..	7,570 2 0	7,570 2 0	..	..
Official Assignee ..	0 12 6	..	..	..	0 12 6	..
Native schools ..	..	..	1 1 8	1 1 8	..	..
Geraldine County Council ..	..	..	477 6 4	477 6 4	..	..
Receiver-General's Deposit A/c. ..	3 0 0	..	5 0 0	8 0 0	..	..
Property-tax ..	..	..	2 0 0	2 0 0	..	..
Public baths ..	20 2 4	..	266 4 3	262 12 11	23 13 8	..
Public Trust ..	1,907 17 8	..	205,731 11 8	202,664 7 0	4,975 2 4	..
Railways ..	844 4 0	..	12,343 15 10	11,690 12 6	1,497 7 4	..
Registration of births, &c. ..	147 5 0	..	2,029 12 0	1,980 6 6	196 10 6	..
Rents ..	1 12 6	..	158 1 0	146 3 6	13 10 0	..
Totalisator-tax ..	..	..	6 0 4	6 0 4	..	..
Alcoholic Liquors Act ..	2 1 0	..	56 1 0	58 2 0	..	..
Auctioneers' license-fees ..	..	..	29 10 0	29 10 0	..	..
Education Department ..	..	..	1 0 0	1 0 0	..	..
Fishing licenses ..	..	..	35 0 0	32 0 0	3 0 0	..
Profit and loss ..	46,468 5 3	..	201,682 17 3	174,163 4 7	73,987 17 11	..
Totals ..	4,195,581 1 8	4,195,581 1 8	17,382,975 1 8½	17,382,975 1 8½	4,678,228 3 11½	4,678,228 3 11½

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Controller and Auditor-General.

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