

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, 1897.

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.	Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Books, &c.	Newspapers.
Auckland	5,506,267	117,182	263,107	2,773,394	2,143,453	37,228	366,169	3,287	510,472	860,086	5,059	5,872,436	266,394	3,283,866	3,003,539
Thames	818,064	14,690	31,304	213,304	203,164	2,972	54,397	397	39,392	81,463	394	872,461	31,701	252,696	284,627
New Plymouth	905,502	27,378	59,592	277,069	281,021	2,427	60,249	740	50,968	112,765	326	965,751	60,332	328,037	393,786
Gisborne	286,546	2,548	7,176	85,449	78,221	1,748	19,085	87	15,801	31,301	231	305,631	7,263	101,250	109,522
Napier	1,697,852	42,848	72,254	685,191	452,322	7,872	112,917	900	126,140	181,437	1,000	1,810,769	73,154	811,331	633,759
Wanganui	1,476,462	63,895	119,158	872,508	491,856	6,036	98,534	1,492	162,632	161,323	816	1,574,816	120,650	1,035,140	563,179
Wellington	5,894,564	147,316	198,926	2,195,323	1,662,947	39,786	392,017	2,487	404,130	667,361	5,399	6,286,581	201,413	2,599,453	2,330,308
Nelson	566,553	13,689	22,607	163,280	182,013	4,882	37,705	275	30,092	73,036	652	604,258	22,882	193,372	255,049
Westport	209,859	1,950	3,783	37,245	105,833	1,710	13,965	45	6,858	42,538	231	223,824	3,828	44,103	148,371
Greymouth	398,008	5,590	11,128	110,904	167,154	2,443	26,467	137	20,424	67,017	330	424,475	11,265	131,418	234,171
Hokitika	203,762	4,459	4,498	21,762	81,367	1,431	13,566	55	4,048	32,555	190	217,328	4,553	25,810	113,922
Blenheim	374,725	12,649	13,884	89,635	109,915	1,634	24,937	170	16,560	44,143	217	399,662	14,054	106,195	154,058
Christchurch	4,466,995	104,364	179,998	1,638,637	1,732,536	28,436	297,055	2,250	301,815	695,453	3,862	4,764,050	182,248	1,940,452	2,427,989
Timaru	881,751	36,946	51,935	297,557	142,480	1,592	58,653	650	54,832	57,015	216	940,404	52,585	352,389	199,495
Oamaru	538,954	19,422	29,913	102,107	105,586	929	35,910	375	18,918	42,537	127	574,864	30,288	121,085	148,123
Dunedin	4,140,279	93,106	104,112	2,160,444	1,750,242	28,488	275,322	2,052	397,690	702,275	4,016	4,415,601	166,164	2,558,134	2,452,517
Invercargill	1,894,061	49,140	91,897	627,484	576,979	4,232	125,951	1,150	115,617	231,951	572	2,020,012	93,047	743,101	808,930
Totals	30,260,204	757,172	1,325,272	12,351,443*	10,177,089	173,856†	2,012,719	16,549	2,276,389	4,084,256	23,698	32,272,923	1,341,821	14,627,832	14,261,345
Previous year	27,874,353	654,290	1,226,550	10,048,597	9,521,525	166,702	1,913,410	5,285	2,598,674	3,694,996	19,909	29,787,763	1,231,835	12,647,271	13,216,521

* Of these, packets prepaid more than 3d. increased from 4,054,375 in 1896 to 5,643,339 in 1897—i.e., 39·19 per cent.

† Small increase due to the diversion of parcels below 3 lb. in weight to packet-post.