

1898.
NEW ZEALAND.

POSTAGES ON AUSTRALASIAN AND FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

(RETURN OF DETAILS RELATIVE TO).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated Wednesday, the 31st August, 1898.

Ordered, "That there be laid before the House a return showing separately, in parallel columns, the rates levied and the numbers carried for each year since 1888 of letters posted to beyond Australia; letters posted to Australia; letters posted within towns in New Zealand to South Sea Islands; letters posted inland to and beyond towns where posted in New Zealand; same information *re* letter-cards. Also, a return showing the number, rates, and revenue of letters posted beyond Australasia for a period of four years prior to the reduction to 2½d. per half-ounce to England; and similar information for a like period since the reduction was effected."—(Hon. J. G. WARD.)

RETURN showing the RATES and NUMBERS of LETTERS and LETTER-CARDS posted for all Places within and beyond New Zealand from 1888 to 1897 inclusive.

Year.	Beyond Australasia.		Australia.		South Sea Islands.		Inland (excluding Official).				Letter-cards (issued 1st Jan., 1895.)*				
							Town Letters (for Delivery from Office where posted).		Country Letters (for Delivery beyond Places where posted).		Year.	Australia.		Inland.	
	Rate.	Number.	Rate.	Number.	Rate.	Number.	Rate.	Number.	Rate.	Number.		Rate.	Number.	Rate.	Number.
1888	6d. to 1s. 2d. per 2½ oz. † 2½d. per ½ oz. †	650,570	2d. per ½ oz.	590,359	2d. per ½ oz.	19,858	1d. per ½ oz.	3,545,946	2d. per ½ oz.	11,850,174	1895	1½d. each	25,071	1½d. each	611,942
1889		615,394		602,984		19,885		3,823,061		12,844,296					
1890		638,887		650,895		20,424		3,909,443		13,725,023					
1891		725,534†		659,376		22,893		4,317,357		15,610,620					
1892		772,907		641,259		26,090		4,641,964		17,061,036					
1893		828,491		674,381		30,829		4,680,863		17,110,763					
1894		828,588		701,543		32,352		4,695,267		17,327,275					
1895		846,994		741,237		33,441		4,903,446		18,092,510	1896		25,445		628,845
1896		858,740		731,909		34,223		5,068,064		18,087,950	1897		27,966		729,206
1897		891,956		778,520		39,835		5,501,855		20,299,050					

* Letter-cards are only available for despatch to places within the colony and Australia. † Letter rate to United Kingdom reduced to 2½d. on 1st January, 1891; to other countries on 1st October, 1891.

RETURN showing the RATES, NUMBER, and REVENUE of LETTERS posted for all Places beyond Australasia for Four Years prior to the Postage Reduction to 2½d. per ½ oz. to the United Kingdom, and for the Four Years thereafter.

Year.			Rates.	Number.	Revenue.
1887	...	...	6d. to 1s. 2d. per ½ oz.	582,079	£ 17,824 s. 0 d. 0
1888	...	...		650,570	19,862 0 0
1889	...	...		615,394	18,815 0 0
1890	...	...		638,887	19,514 0 0
1891	2½d. per ½ oz.	725,534	9,747 0 0
1892		772,907	9,585 0 0
1893		828,491	10,274 0 0
1894		828,588	10,275 0 0

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