

1898.
NEW ZEALAND.

POSTAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

(DETAILS RELATIVE TO).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 5th July, 1898.

Ordered, "That a return be laid before this House showing,—(a) (b) The articles upon which concessions have been made in the Postal and Telegraph service (including Telephone) since 1890, and the revenue conceded upon the same; (c) the total revenue and expenditure of the Postal service in 1890, and the same in 1898; and (d) the percentage of revenue to expenditure for both periods separately."—(Hon. J. G. WARD.)

(B.) ARTICLES upon which CONCESSIONS have been made in the POSTAL and TELEGRAPH SERVICE (including Telephone), and the Revenue conceded upon the same.

Name of Article.	Former Rates.	Altered to
LETTERS.		
1st January, 1891—		
For the United Kingdom	<i>Via</i> San Francisco and Plymouth, 6d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. <i>Via</i> Brindisi and Naples, 1s. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. . .	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. 6d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
1st October, 1891—		
For all countries beyond New Zealand, except Australia and South Sea Islands	6d. to 1s. 2d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	Uniform, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
POST-CARDS.		
1st October, 1891—		
For the United Kingdom	2d. per card	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per card.
For other British and foreign countries, except Australia	Not admitted	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per card.
COMMERCIAL PAPERS (including Accounts, &c.).		
1st October, 1891—		
For delivery in town at which posted ..	1d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{2}\text{d. up to } \frac{1}{2} \text{ oz.} \\ 1\text{d. up to } 4 \text{ oz.; } * \frac{1}{2}\text{d. each} \\ \text{additional } 2 \text{ oz.} \\ 2\frac{1}{2}\text{d. up to } 10 \text{ oz.; } \frac{1}{2}\text{d. each} \\ \text{additional } 2 \text{ oz.} \end{array} \right\} \text{Letter Rates.}$
For other places within the colony, also Australia	2d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	
For other countries, including United Kingdom	6d. to 1s. 2d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	
BOOKS, PRINTED PAPERS, ETC.		
1st October, 1891—		
For places within New Zealand	8d. per lb. (1d. per 2 oz.)	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 4\text{d. per lb.—i.e., } \frac{1}{2}\text{d. per} \\ 2 \text{ oz. Samples at} \\ \text{minimum of 1d.} \end{array} \right\}$
For foreign countries	1s. 4d. to 2s. 8d. per lb. (2d. to 4d. per 2oz.)	
NEWSPAPERS.		
1st October, 1891—		
For foreign countries	1s. 4d. to 2s. 8d. per lb. (2d. to 4d. per 2oz.)	4d. per lb. ($\frac{1}{2}$ d. per 2 oz., with minimum of 1d.).
REDIRECTED CORRESPONDENCE (of all Classes, except Parcels).		
1st October, 1891	Ordinary prepaid rates on all classes of correspondence	Free to all places.
PARCELS.		
1st January, 1891—		
For inland delivery	7d. for first lb.	6d. for first lb.
1st October, 1891—		
For Australia	1s. 2d. and 1s. 6d. first 2 lb.; 7d. and 9d. each succeeding lb.	8d. first lb.; 6d. each succeeding lb.
1st January, 1897—		
For the United Kingdom	Up to 2 lb., 1s. 6d.; each additional lb., 9d.	For 1 lb., 1s.; each succeeding lb., 6d.

* For Australia, subsequently altered to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. up to 10 oz., and $\frac{1}{2}$ d. each additional 2 oz.

(B.) ARTICLES upon which CONCESSIONS have been made in the POSTAL and TELEGRAPH SERVICE, &c.—continued.

Name of Article.	Former Rates.	Altered to
TELEGRAPH.		
1st February, 1892— Inland ordinary telegrams	1s. for first ten words; 1d. each additional word. Address and signature free up to ten words	1st Feb., 1892.—Maximum number of words in inland telegrams (with free address and signature up to six words) increased from ten to twelve in text for minimum rates; and on the 15th August, 1892, the number of words in text and signature made eighteen. 1st June, 1896.—Rates further reduced to 6d. for first twelve words, and 1d. for each additional word, address and signature being charged for. Delayed telegrams (half former rates for ordinary telegrams) abolished at same time.
CABLE TELEGRAMS.		
1st January, 1893—		
International	10s. 6d. per word	5s. 2d. per word.
Intercolonial	9s. 6d. first ten words; 1s. each additional word	3s. first ten words; 5d. each additional word.
Ditto, Press cable rate (New Zealand—Australian cable)	3d. per word	1d. per word.
TELEPHONE EXCHANGE (Connections).		
1st October, 1891	£10 and £9 per annum first year, and £8 the second; £7 second connections	1st Oct., 1891.—One uniform rate of £5 first half-mile,* £1 each subsequent mile or fraction of mile, with £1 entrance-fee. 1st April, 1897.—Rates raised at exchanges which give a continuous (all day and all night) service to £7 for business connections.†

The revenue conceded upon the same, £102,213.

* Private residences, one mile. † Ten shillings each additional quarter-mile after first half-mile for business connections, or one mile for private connections.

(C.) The TOTAL REVENUE and EXPENDITURE of the RAILWAY and POSTAL SERVICE in 1890, and the same in 1898.

Postal (not including Telegraph).						
1890-91—					£	s. d.
Revenue .. .. .	...	...	...	...	223,542	9 7
Expenditure .. .. .	...	...	...	...	158,205	10 8
1897-98—						
Revenue .. .. .	...	...	...	...	272,162	19 9
Expenditure .. .. .	...	...	...	...	197,355	6 11

(D.) The PERCENTAGE of REVENUE to EXPENDITURE for both Periods separately.

Percentage of revenue to expenditure—						
1890-91 .. .. .	...	...	...	...	...	141 per cent.
1897-98 .. .. .	...	...	...	...	...	138 per cent.
Percentage of expenditure to revenue—						
1890-91	71 per cent.
1897-98	72 per cent.

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