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NEW ZEALAND.

# POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT

(REPORT OF THE) FOR THE YEAR 1898.

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

MY LORD,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 13th July, 1899.

I have the honour to submit to your Excellency the Report of the Post and Telegraph Department for the year 1898, 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.

THE remarkable growth of the business of the department during the past few years has been well maintained. The rate of increase of letters, books, and newspapers was slightly less than in the previous year, while the rate of increase of letter-cards and post-cards was greater, letter-cards having increased no less than 21·19 per cent., and post-cards 10·30 per cent. Telegrams, which in 1897 increased at the rate of 8·07 per cent. in number and decreased 0·94 in value, showed in 1898 a gratifying increase of 10·05 in number and 4·73 in value.

The following table shows the revenue and expenditure for the year ended 31st March, 1899:—

### REVENUE.

	Postal.			Telegraph.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Stamps used for postage (estimated) .. .. .	255,000	0	0	..	..	..	255,000	0	0
Money-order and postal-note commission .. .. .	17,677	19	2	..	..	..	17,677	19	2
Money-order commission received from foreign offices .. .. .	586	8	8	..	..	..	586	8	8
Private box and bag fees .. .. .	5,631	0	0	..	..	..	5,631	0	0
Miscellaneous receipts .. .. .	21,580	5	8	4,471	13	8	26,051	19	4
Paid telegrams .. .. .	..	..	..	101,104	12	4	101,104	12	4
Telephone exchanges .. .. .	..	..	..	39,718	7	7	39,718	7	7
	300,475	13	6	145,294	13	7	445,770	7	1
Balance of expenditure over revenue (Telegraph) .. .. .	..	..	..	29,286	2	10	..	..	..
	£300,475	13	6	£174,580	16	5	£445,770	7	1

### EXPENDITURE.

Salaries .. .. .	89,225	1	2	136,142	1	8	225,367	2	10
Conveyance of mails by sea .. .. .	50,706	13	2	..	..	..	50,706	13	2
Conveyance of inland mails .. .. .	35,790	16	7	..	..	..	35,790	16	7
Conveyance of mails by railway .. .. .	17,067	18	10	..	..	..	17,067	18	10
Money-order commission credited to foreign offices .. .. .	1,676	15	0	..	..	..	1,676	15	0
Maintenance of telegraph-lines .. .. .	..	..	..	15,300	2	5	15,300	2	5
Miscellaneous .. .. .	21,149	7	4	21,710	12	5	42,859	19	9
Telegraph cable subsidies .. .. .	..	..	..	1,427	19	11	1,427	19	11
	215,616	12	1	174,580	16	5	390,197	8	6
Balance of revenue over expenditure (Postal) .. .. .	84,859	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
" " (combined department) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	55,572	18	7
	£300,475	13	6	£174,580	16	5	£445,770	7	1

The item "Stamps used for postage" is £20,000 more than last year, and includes the value of the large quantities of the new issue purchased entirely in the interests of stamp collectors.

The revenue of both branches exceeded that of the previous year by £37,386 11s. 10d., the rate of increase being 9·15 per cent.

The expenditure increased by £25,794 5s. 5d., or 7·08 per cent.

The balance of revenue over expenditure was £55,572 18s. 7d., as compared with £43,980 12s. 2d. during 1897–98.

Adding the value of the official correspondence and Government telegrams, there is a credit balance on the year's transactions of £151,803 4s. 5d.

32,465,875 letters were posted, an increase of 2,205,671.

The number of forwarded telegrams of all codes was 2,960,738, an increase of 264,505.

52 post-offices were established (including 3 reopened). The number of post-offices open at the close of the year was 1,561. The last published international statistics (1896) again placed New Zealand before all other countries in the world as regards the proportion of population to each post-office, the figures being 1 post-office for every 510 inhabitants, Canada being second with 1 to 531, New South Wales and Switzerland third and fourth with 1 to 647 and 1 to 859, the United States fifth with 1 to 897, and Great Britain twelfth with 1 to 1,906.

318,370 money-orders, for £1,029,241 7s. 7d., were issued, and 229,720 orders, representing £880,052 13s. 11d., paid.

431,449 postal notes, of the value of £139,957 4s. 0d., were sold.

The sum of £3,279,611 7s. 5d. was deposited in the Post-Office Savings-banks, and £3,194,893 16s. 7d. withdrawn.

The total amount to the credit of depositors on the 31st December last was £4,957,771 5s. 5d., as compared with £4,744,924 18s. 1d. at the close of the previous year.

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

At the close of the year there were 6,736 miles of telegraph-line and 18,746 miles of wire.

The net expenditure on telegraph construction was £28,550 14s.

There were 6,203 telephone-exchange connections on the 31st March last. The subscriptions received amounted to £39,718 7s. 7d.

#### STAFF.

The total number of officers on the staff on the 31st March was as under:—

	31st March, 1899.
Postmaster-General ... ..	1
Classified Staff.	
First Division ... ..	3
Clerical Division ... ..	886
Non-clerical Division ... ..	507
Distributors and Messengers ... ..	344
Total, Classified Staff ... ..	1,741
Employés not on Permanent Staff:—	
Country Postmasters ... ..	1,403
Nightwatchmen ... ..	2
Postmasters and Telegraphists or Telephonists who are Railway officers ... ..	149
Total ... ..	3,295

COMPARATIVE RETURN of OFFICERS of the Post and Telegraph Department for the Years ended 31st December, 1897, and 31st March, 1899.

	1897.	Mar. 31, 1899.		1897.	Mar. 31, 1899.
Postmaster-General .. ..	1	1	Brought forward .. ..	88	92
Secretary .. ..	1	1	Chief Postmasters .. ..	16	16
Superintendent of Electric Lines .. ..	1	1	Postmasters and Officers in Charge on Permanent Staff .. ..	113	111
Assistant Secretary and Inspector .. ..	1	1	Clerks (including Telephone Exchange)	888	917
Assistant Inspectors of Post-offices .. ..	3	3	Cadettes and Cadets in Post-offices)		
Controller of Money-orders and Savings-banks and Accountant .. ..	1	1	Operators (including Cadets in Telegraph-offices) .. ..	178	184
Telegraph Inspectors .. ..	3	3	Letter-carriers .. ..	26	38
Telegraph Sub-Inspector .. ..	1	1	Messengers (Post Office) .. ..	66	66
Electrician .. ..	1	1	Linemen .. ..	287	317
Assistant Electrician .. ..	1	1	Telegraph Message Boys .. ..	2	2
Mechanicians and Cadets .. ..	8	7	Nightwatchmen .. ..	140	149
Clerks in General Post Office—			Postmasters and Telegraphists or Telephonists who are Railway officers .. ..	1,335	1,403
Secretary's Office .. ..	12	13	Country Postmasters and Telephonists .. ..		
Inspector's and Dead-letter Branch .. ..	6	6			
Money-order and Savings-bank Branch .. ..	27	32			
Sorters in Clearing-room .. ..	16	14			
Storekeeper and Assistants .. ..	6	6			
Carried forward .. ..	88	92	Totals .. ..	3,189	3,295

#### HEALTH OF STAFF.

An unusual amount of sickness was experienced during the year, and the average absence was consequently high. The severe epidemic of measles affected the staff of nearly every office. The usual table is given hereunder:—

					Numbers comprised.	Average Absence per Sick Officer.	Average Sick Absence per each Officer employed.
						Days.	Days.
Men	...	...	...	...	979	10·81	5·35
Women	...	...	...	...	135	18·63	15·32

There were five deaths during the year.

#### APPEAL BOARD.

The term of the elected members having expired, a new election was held in February. Mr. W. McNickle was re-elected as representative of the Telegraph branch, and Mr. F. M. Scully elected as representative of the Postal branch.

Thirteen appeals were considered by the Board at its fourth meeting in May-June last year. Of these, eight were not sustained, and one was not sustained as to the main ground of appeal. Of the remaining four, one appellant was recommended for a country postmastership if a suitable vacancy occurred; in the second case the Board expressed the opinion that a specified position should be filled by an officer of higher rank than the appellant; the third appeal was met by a recommendation to remove a bar placed against the officer appealing; and the fourth was settled by the correction of a clerical error in fixing the numerical position of the officer in the list.

#### NIGHT STAFF.

With the view of relieving the pressure of work during ordinary business hours, a night staff has been at work at the Circulation Branch, Wellington, since the 7th December. The night staff is on duty from 10 p.m. till 5 a.m. This, with the duty from 5 a.m. till 1 p.m. and 1 p.m. till 10 p.m., enables work to be continued throughout the twenty-four hours, with considerable advantage to the office and the public. The officers on each staff are allowed from one to two hours for meals.

#### INSPECTION.

Visits of inspection were made to 1,330 post-offices, the Inspectors travelling 24,432 miles during 1898.

#### PENNY POSTAGE.

The question of universal penny postage has been more or less under consideration for some time. A statement of the probable effect of such a reduction of postage has been prepared, and it is estimated that the introduction of an inland penny letter rate, on the basis of the present business, would result in a diminution of the Post Office revenue to the extent of £82,000. With an increased letter posting of 10 per cent. the loss would be £74,000, and with 15 per cent. £70,000. It is not expected that there would be a greater increase in the number of letters posted in the first year than 10 or 15 per cent.

From a rough counting of letters posted at the principal offices, it is estimated that the proportion of business to domestic and social letters is about 60 per cent. of the total number posted, or as six to four.

The question of the reduction of the postage on newspapers addressed to the United Kingdom from the present Postal Union rate of 1d. for the first 4 oz. and  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for each succeeding 2 oz. to a uniform rate of 1d. for each newspaper, irrespective of weight, has also been under consideration. The Imperial Post Office, however, insists on the Postal Union rates being levied, and intimated that newspapers prepaid at a lesser rate would be surcharged double the deficiency before delivery.

#### NEW POSTAGE-STAMPS, ETC.

The printing of the new postage-stamps is now being done by the Government Printer. For the present the colours used in London are being continued, but those of the halfpenny, penny, and twopence-halfpenny labels will shortly give place to the colours selected by the Washington Conference—namely, green, red, and dark-blue respectively. At the same time the designs of the penny and fourpenny values will be transposed, and necessary changes made in the colours of the fourpenny, sixpenny, and, possibly, the ninepenny stamps.

The Government Printer has now in hand a series of post-cards bearing on the address side views of New Zealand scenery. These cards are intended to advertise to some extent the scenery of the colony, and, as they will be sold at the same price as plain cards, a large demand may be anticipated. It is hoped that a fair assortment will be ready in a few months.

The plates for the postal notes having become worn out, it is intended to shortly issue notes of an improved pattern and design.

#### OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

The payment of the old-age pensions has thrown a considerable amount of work on the department, and at the principal offices it has been found impossible to provide accommodation for the large number of pensioners who present themselves on the first day of each month. The want of accommodation has been met at Auckland, Christchurch, and Dunedin by engaging suitable offices outside the post-office, and at Wellington by utilising a portion of the telegraph counter. Notwith-

standing the pressure on the staffs, the officers to whom the duty of paying pensions has been allotted have, without exception, by the exercise of tact and patience, enabled the work to be done in such a way as to give rise to no complaint. On the 1st June 495 pensions were paid at Auckland, 210 at Wellington, 404 at Christchurch, and 318 at Dunedin. The total number for which warrants were issued was 8,345. The work entailed upon the General Post Office and the principal chief offices has been met by the appointment of several cadets; but, as it is intended to grant greater facilities to pensioners in country districts who may not live within a reasonable distance of and be able to attend personally at the paying money-order office, a considerable amount of additional clerical work will necessarily follow, and special accounting arrangements will probably be required.

#### USE OF BICYCLES.

The use of bicycles has been further extended during the year. There are now twenty-six bicycles belonging to the department in use by letter-carriers, ten by telegraph messengers, and eleven by telegraph linemen, while ten letter-carriers and nineteen telegraph messengers receive a small yearly allowance for the use of privately owned bicycles. The Imperial Post Office having adopted a standard specification, future bicycles for this department will be built according to it.

#### OFFENSIVE PUBLICATIONS SENT BY POST.

Test cases having resulted in the infliction of fines on booksellers offering for sale newspapers containing advertisements infringing the provisions of "The Offensive Publications Act, 1892," it may be determined to exercise the powers under section 3 of "The Post Office Acts Amendment Act, 1893," to detain and destroy all copies of newspapers or other publications containing advertisements, &c., interdicted by "The Offensive Publications Act, 1892."

#### POSTAGE ON MAGAZINES.

In order to bring the New Zealand postage on magazines into conformity with the postages existing in the principal Australian Colonies, a magazine post was established as from the 1st January last, the postages being fixed at 1d. for the first 8 oz., and  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for each succeeding 4 oz., as against  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per 2 oz. under the former regulations. As many magazines weigh as much as 1 lb., the concession is a considerable one, and is much appreciated by booksellers and their country customers.

#### AGREEMENT WITH RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

The agreement which subsisted for the three years prior to the 1st April last between the Post Office and the Railway Department in connection with the carriage of mails by railway, &c., and the telegraph and postal services performed for the Railway Department, has been revised. The following figures give the result of the revision. As will be seen, the Post Office will in future make the Railway Department a net annual payment of £18,072 6s. 3d., as against £20,937 per annum paid under the old agreement.

	As under old agreement.			As revised (from 1st April, 1899, to 31st March, 1901).					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To be paid to Railway—									
For post and telegraph business at combined offices	8,657	0	0	*8,932	0	0			
Carriage of mails by rail	30,129	0	0	31,612	1	0			
Handling mails	120	0	0	220	0	0			
Parcel-post	600	0	0	750	0	0			
	39,506	0	0	41,514	1	0	2,008	1	0
To be paid to Post and Telegraph—									
Railway telegrams	10,000	0	0	13,000	0	0			
Postage	4,000	0	0	5,000	0	0			
Telephone exchanges	521	0	0	1,004	0	0			
Private boxes	48	0	0	47	0	0			
Maintenance of wires, &c.	4,000	0	0	4,390	14	9			
	18,569	0	0	23,441	14	9	4,872	14	9
Net gain to the Post and Telegraph Department							2,864	13	9

#### RESULT OF REDUCED TELEGRAPH RATE.

For the first time in the history of the department, the net revenue from paid telegrams exceeded £100,000, the exact figures being £101,104 12s. 4d., an increase of £4,567 5s. 7d. on that of the previous year. The number of telegrams handled rose at the same time from 2,469,415 to 2,717,548: an increase of 248,133. In 1895-96, in which the old tariff obtained throughout the financial year, the number of telegrams was 1,899,632, and the net revenue £92,289 9s. 6d. In three years the revenue has increased by £8,815 2s. 10d. or 9·55 per cent., and the number of telegrams by 817,916,

\* Subject to adjustment during the currency of the agreement.

or 43·05 per cent. Considering the reduction in the cost of an ordinary telegram from 1s. to 6d., this increase of revenue is gratifying. Over three-quarters of a million telegrams, however, have been necessary to produce the additional revenue of under £9,000. This considerable volume of work has been overtaken at a cost for extra staff of less than £10,000; but heavy expenditure on additional wire-accommodation at the same time has had to be met.

The telegraph business appears to have settled down after the disturbance caused by the introduction of the sixpenny telegram. Instead of falling, the average value of each telegram has risen from 8·47d. to 8·85d., with the result that the increase in revenue bears a fair proportion to the number of telegrams transmitted. In 1898 the number of telegrams increased by 10·05 per cent., and the value by 4·73 per cent.; while in the previous year an increase of 8·07 telegrams resulted in a decrease in revenue of 0·94. The table hereunder discloses the business for each quarter during the last two years:—

TABLE showing the NUMBER of TELEGRAMS forwarded, and the Revenue derived therefrom, during the Four Quarters of the Financial Years 1897–98 and 1898–99 respectively.

Quarter.	Number of Telegrams forwarded.		Increase per Cent.	Revenue.		Increase per Cent.
	Year ended 31st March, 1898.	Year ended 31st March, 1899.		1897–98.	1898–99.	
June quarter ...	581,187	647,284	11·37	£ 23,189 13 1	£ 24,548 10 4½	5·86
September quarter ...	553,898	609,615	10·06	21,732 13 5	23,008 6 10	5·87
December quarter ...	643,801	712,121	10·61	25,182 7 6	26,231 18 5½	4·17
March quarter ...	690,529	748,528	8·40	26,432 12 9	27,315 16 8	3·34
	2,469,415	2,717,548	10·05	96,537 6 9	101,104 12 4	4·73

#### PACIFIC CABLE.

The Pacific-cable question is in a more concrete form than it was at the time of presenting the last report. It had been proposed by the Australasian Colonies, in January, 1896, that the cable should be jointly owned by the Governments of Great Britain, Canada, and the colonies, the two first named to contribute two-thirds of the cost and the colonies one-third. The proportions of contribution were later proposed to be altered to four-ninths from the colonies, New Zealand's proportion not to exceed, in any case, one-eighth of the whole cost. (See Public Accounts Committee Report, I.—7, 1898.) The Committee which was appointed in June, 1896, by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to inquire into the whole question of the Pacific cable, recommended joint ownership by the Governments interested, as proposed by the colonies. The report of the Committee, though made in January, 1897, has only been presented to the British Parliament within the last month or so; and the latest telegraphic advices announce that the Home Government has now unreservedly agreed that the cable should be an Imperial one, practically on the basis of the report of the Committee. The papers which are to be laid before Parliament disclose the nature of the negotiations and the present position of this important matter.

#### BUSINESS OVER EXISTING CABLES.

The number and value of cable messages forwarded from New Zealand during 1898 are shown in the following statement:—

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	No. of Messages.	Value.	No. of Messages.	Value.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
International ...	9,439	32,527 3 4	39	179 2 0
New South Wales ...	25,397	5,413 5 0	1,042	673 1 5
Queensland ...	1,409	444 1 6	...	...
South Australia ...	1,287	388 4 7	...	...
Tasmania ...	1,846	665 11 8	...	...
Victoria ...	14,112	3,547 0 10	72	54 16 3
Western Australia ...	1,652	575 15 5	1	0 7 4
Total for 1898 ...	55,142	43,561 2 4	1,154	907 7 0
Total for 1897 ...	51,317	46,208 16 7	1,294	945 4 8

The following is a statement of traffic over the New Zealand-Sydney cable for the year from the 1st May, 1898, to the 30th April, 1899, and amounts payable by guaranteeing colonies :—

Amount guaranteed to Cable Company	...	...	...	£	s.	d.
Actual receipts during the above period	...	...	...	20,000	0	0
				17,367	15	0
Showing a loss to the Cable Company of	...	...	...	£2,632	5	0
Apportioned as follows :—				£		
New Zealand, one-third	...	...	...	877		
Contributing colonies, including New Zealand, two-thirds	...	...	...	1,755		
				£2,632		

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

Colony.	Population (Census, 1891).	Amount.
		£ s. d.
Victoria	1,140,405	526 4 8
New South Wales	1,132,234	522 9 4
New Zealand	620,030	286 2 2
Queensland	393,718	181 13 7
South Australia	320,431	147 17 3
Tasmania	146,667	67 13 7
Western Australia	49,782	22 19 5
Totals	3,803,267	£1,755 0 0

New Zealand's proportion was therefore £1,163 2s. 2d.

The agreement under which this payment is guaranteed the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company expires in April, 1900.

The colony's outward international and intercolonial cable business, not including Press, for the years 1897 and 1898 was as follows :—

International,—	Messages. Number.	Value.
		£ s. d.
1897	9,725	36,051 10 3
1898	9,439	32,527 3 4
Decrease	286 or 2·94 per cent.	3,524 6 11 or 9·78 per cent.
Intercolonial,—	Messages. Number.	Value.
		£ s. d.
1897	41,592	10,157 6 4
1898	45,703	11,033 19 0
Increase	4,111 or 9·88 per cent.	876 12 8 or 8·63 per cent.

A total increase in 1898 of 3,825 messages, and a decrease in value of £2,647 14s. 3d.

The forwarded and received cable Press business for the past eight 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
1896	1,069	92,946	531 4 9	2,946	285,369	1,576 1 3
1897	1,294	128,839	945 4 8	3,665	323,617	1,752 7 5
1898	1,154	133,342	907 7 0	3,599	282,882	1,599 7 0

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

## POST OFFICE.

### ARTICLES POSTED AND DELIVERED.

The number of articles posted in the colony, and received from places outside the colony, during 1898, as compared with the number in 1897, was as under :—

Letters—	1898.	1897.	Increase.
Posted in the colony .. .. .	32,465,875	30,260,204	
Received from places outside the colony ..	2,271,441	2,012,719	
	<u>34,737,316</u>	<u>32,272,923</u>	2,464,393
Letter-cards—			
Posted in the colony .. .. .	917,681	757,172	160,459
Post-cards—			
Posted in the colony .. .. .	1,399,450	1,325,272	
Received from places outside the colony ..	80,514	16,549	
	<u>1,479,964</u>	<u>1,341,821</u>	138,143
Books and pattern-packets—			
Posted in the colony .. .. .	14,840,131	12,351,443	
Received from places outside the colony ..	2,277,970	2,276,389	
	<u>16,618,101</u>	<u>14,627,832</u>	1,990,269
Newspapers—			
Posted in the colony .. .. .	10,872,459	10,177,089	
Received from places outside the colony ..	4,223,023	4,084,256	
	<u>15,095,487</u>	<u>14,261,345</u>	834,142
Parcels—			
Posted in the colony .. .. .	177,559	173,856	
Received from places outside the colony ..	27,044	23,698	
	<u>204,603</u>	<u>197,554</u>	7,049

The letters increased 7·64; books and pattern-packets, 13·61; newspapers, 5·85; parcels, 3·57; letter-cards, 21·19; post-cards, 10·30 per cent.

The increase in 1897 was: Letters, 8·34; books, &c., 15·66; newspapers, 7·91; parcels, 5·86; letter-cards, 15·72; post-cards, 8·93 per cent.

The average number of letters posted per head of population was estimated to be 44·10, or 45·34 including letter-cards. The averages in 1897 were 41·93 and 42·98 respectively.

The Post Office receipts for the year amounted to £300,475 13s. 6d.—an increase of £28,312 13s. 9d., or 10·4 per cent.

The expenditure was £215,616 12s. 1d., as against £197,355 6s. 11d. for the previous year—an increase of £18,261 5s. 2d., or 9·25 per cent.

There was therefore a balance of revenue over expenditure of £84,859 1s. 5d.

The estimated value of official (free) correspondence was £70,730. The gross earnings of the Post Office for the year were £371,205, and the credit balance £155,589.

#### WORK PERFORMED FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

Customs duties amounting to £13,302 11s. 4d. were collected on articles received through the post from places beyond the colony, and £1,184 9s. 7d. on account of ordinary Customs work.

The sum of £2,234 8s. was collected from the sale of game-licenses.

Premiums amounting to £30,412 0s. 2d. were collected from policyholders on behalf of the Government Life Insurance Department.

£451 8s. 5d. was collected for the Government Printer on the sale of Government publications.

Income-tax amounting to £71,964 11s. 1d., and land-tax for £207,154 9s., were received at post-offices.

Fees under the Live-stock Acts amounting to £20,244 6s. were collected.

The sum of £3,684 12s. 6d. was received for machinery-fees.

The receipts from the sale of miners' licenses amounted to £1,265 3s.

£20,415 was lodged at post-offices for investment in New Zealand Consols.

Receipts on behalf of the Public Trust Office amounted to £264,378 18s. 7d., and payments to £263,587 5s. 7d., as compared with £302,358 6s. 7d. and £301,872 10s. 4d. the previous year.

Railway receipts amounting to £11,919 11s. 11d. were also accounted for through the Post Office Account.

The fees collected in respect of the registration of births, deaths, and marriages amounted to £2,143 18s.

The Advances to Settlers Office receipts amounted to £345,645 14s., and payments to £344,987 5s.

Fees, &c., were also collected on account of the Audit Office, Hospitals and Charitable Aid, County Councils, Harbourmasters, Alcoholic Liquors Act, Arms Act, fishing licenses, Lunacy Department, Miners' Guides, public baths, Factories Act, Education Department, Justice Department, and the Treasury.

The payments made by the Post Office on behalf of the Treasury were £474,440 16s. 7d.

#### GROSS RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

The gross receipts dealt with during the year were—Departmental, £11,949,906 12s. 7d.; on account of other departments, £1,525,968 17s. 11d.: total, £13,475,875 10s. 6d., as compared with £10,512,411 11s. for the previous year.

The payments were—Departmental, £11,983,900 13s. 7d.; on behalf of other departments—to individuals, £1,083,015 7s. 2d.; to Government accounts, £392,408 0s. 3d.: a total of £13,459,324 1s., as against £10,458,886 8s. 5d. dealt with the former year.

The gross receipts and payments were therefore £26,935,199 11s. 6d., as compared with £20,971,297 19s. 6d. for 1897.

#### LETTER-CARRIERS' DELIVERIES.

Deliveries by letter-carriers were established at: New Plymouth—Fitzroy, lying between Henui and Wawaikaho Bridges; Wanganui—Patea, at 9 a.m. over whole borough, at 2.30 p.m. in principal business streets.

Letter-carriers' deliveries were extended at: Auckland—Onehunga, the second delivery to limits of borough: hitherto, this delivery has been confined to the principal street; Christchurch—City, central area; Nelson—City, afternoon delivery extended to places served by morning delivery; Thames—Chief Post-office to Mount Pleasant, within the Parawai district; Wellington—Masterton, to include all the more populous portions of the borough.

Deliveries were increased in frequency at: Dunedin—Lawrence, from once to twice daily; Wanganui—Town, from one full delivery before noon and one partial delivery after noon, daily, to two full deliveries and a third delivery in principal streets after arrival of the south 3.20 p.m. train.

#### NEWSPAPERS REGISTERED.

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

#### RECEIVING-BOXES.

Twenty-two receiving-boxes were established at: Auckland—City, 2; Dargaville, 1. Christchurch—City, 1; Ashburton, 1; Leeston, 1. Greymouth—Kumara, 1. Napier—Town, 2. Nelson—Town, 1. New Plymouth, 1. Timaru—Town, 1. Wanganui—Patea, 1. Wellington—City, 1; Eketahuna, 1; Levin, 1; Mangatainoka, 1; Masterton, 5.

Three receiving-boxes were closed: Auckland—Epsom, 1; Newton Road, 1. Oamaru—Town, 1.

#### DESIGNATIONS OF OFFICES.

The designations of offices were changed as follows: Blenheim—Dieffenbach to Te Weka; Dunedin—Hamilton to Hamilton South; Wanganui—Otaihape to Taihape; Wellington—Wellington Railway to Thorndon Railway.

Names were corrected as follows: Auckland—Waikomiti to Waikumete; Oamaru—Maro-whenua to Maerewhenua; Totara-tahi to Totaratahi; Wellington—Ashurst to Ashhurst.

#### POST-OFFICES ESTABLISHED, ETC.

Fifty-two post-offices were established (of these three were reopened offices) and fifteen closed:—

##### Opened.

Akatarawa, Wellington	Momona, Dunedin	Spar Bush, Invercargill
Anaroa, Napier	Motiti, Thames	Stoneburn, Dunedin
Awahou, Wellington	Mungaroa, Wellington	Stronvar, Wellington
Cambridge West, Auckland	Muritai, Wellington	Sutton, Dunedin
Clarence River, Blenheim	North Taleri (reopened), Dunedin	Table Hill, Dunedin
Croixelles, Nelson	Okuku, Christchurch	Tarara, Dunedin
Epsom (R.O.), Auckland	Otaki Railway, Wellington	Tataraimaka, New Plymouth
Huiakama, New Plymouth	Otaua, Auckland	Tengawai, Timaru
Koriniti, Wanganui	Owen Junction (reopened), Nelson	Tikitapu, Wellington
Mahoenui, New Plymouth	Pohonui, Wanganui	Umutoi, Wellington
Manawaru, Auckland	Pukemiro, Auckland	Waiho Gorge, Hokitika
Mangamaire, Wellington	Purerua, Auckland	Warea, New Plymouth
Mangatiti, Wellington	Rakautaua, Wanganui	Warrington, Dunedin
Maungawera, Dunedin	Rapaki, Christchurch	Warwick Junction, Westport
Mauriceville, Wellington	Redcliffs, Christchurch	Whangamoa, Nelson
Millerton, Westport	Seatoun, Wellington	Wharekawa, Auckland
Mitimiti, Auckland	Sommerville, Wanganui	White's Point (reopened), Westport
Molesworth Street (R.O.), Wellington		

##### Closed.

Cass River, Christchurch	Pukewhau, Thames	Umutoi, Wellington
Maioara, Auckland	Rona, Wellington	Waitapu, Auckland
Nihoniho, Auckland	Tallaburn, Dunedin	Wheatstone, Christchurch
Oruoru, Auckland	Te Whariki, Thames	White's Point, Westport
Pakihikura, Wellington	Tikitapu, Wellington	Winchmore, Christchurch

The number of post-offices open at the close of the year was 1,561.

#### 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, 1895, 1897, and 1898:—

Postal Districts.	1890.		1895.		1897.		1898.	
	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.
		lb. oz.		lb. oz.		lb. oz.		lb. oz.
Auckland .. .. .	24,539	65,406 15	35,631	107,729 14½	42,287	134,523 4	43,147	140,528 7
Thames .. .. .	1,731	4,334 3	2,235	6,134 10	3,366	9,945 8	3,181	9,179 7
New Plymouth .. .. .	1,132	3,103 9	2,543	6,780 8	2,753	8,001 1	2,801	8,554 13
Gisborne .. .. .	1,061	2,977 10	1,186	3,581 8½	1,979	5,862 12	1,975	5,619 15
Napier .. .. .	7,021	19,512 13	8,865	25,672 1	8,932	26,526 12	9,048	27,216 14
Wanganui .. .. .	4,537	10,994 2	5,722	18,139 5	6,852	21,508 12	7,642	23,997 5
Wellington .. .. .	29,052	85,226 3	43,591	158,124 1	45,195	166,995 8	46,208	173,884 9
Nelson .. .. .	5,348	15,329 8	5,771	17,860 6	5,534	18,168 3	5,668	18,254 2
Westport .. .. .	1,201	2,718 4	1,707	4,382 13	1,941	4,977 3	1,964	5,038 11
Greymouth .. .. .	2,621	7,102 4	2,553	6,319 13	2,773	7,777 10	2,950	8,384 15
Hokitika .. .. .	1,600	4,476 11	1,816	5,904 8	1,621	5,583 6	2,398	7,606 2
Blenheim .. .. .	2,090	5,050 0	2,133	5,767 13½	1,851	5,441 5	1,811	5,736 4
Christchurch .. .. .	21,758	67,202 8	27,053	96,386 9	32,298	125,764 3	33,072	124,895 3
Timaru .. .. .	2,263	5,600 1	1,908	5,060 9	1,808	4,554 12	1,964	5,147 11
Oamaru .. .. .	978	2,409 8	988	2,563 8	1,056	3,436 13	1,166	3,796 2
Dunedin .. .. .	25,312	74,824 15	28,132	99,186 10	32,504	112,672 12	34,641	117,065 15
Invercargill .. .. .	3,883	8,614 6	4,422	12,598 15	4,804	14,314 9	4,967	13,394 12
Totals .. .. .	136,327	384,883 8	176,206	582,193 8½	197,554	676,054 5	204,603	698,801 3



The following table shows the number and weight of parcels exchanged with the United Kingdom, and foreign countries *via* London, the Australian Colonies and the South Sea Islands, during the years 1897 and 1898:—

Country.	Received.				Despatched.			
	1897.		1898.		1897.		1898.	
	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.
United Kingdom and foreign offices ( <i>via</i> London)	15,742	lb. oz. 53,002 4	17,823	lb. oz. 58,865 0	4,197	lb. oz. 9,510 8	4,023	lb. oz. 9,705 8
Victoria .. .. .	3,174	10,105 12	3,292	10,682 8	1,526	2,869 1	1,311	2,792 3
New South Wales .. .. .	3,521	9,875 6	4,614	13,384 3	1,681	3,838 4	1,779	4,601 15
South Australia .. .. .	239	791 12	235	688 2	179	414 4	190	517 13
Queensland .. .. .	374	858 12	343	704 0	256	540 14	267	686 15
Tasmania .. .. .	243	446 0	143	382 0	224	723 0	308	747 4
Western Australia .. .. .	185	454 6	190	459 11	270	676 12	236	543 2
Samoa .. .. .	4	33 0	17	65 11	117	299 14	123	382 4
Rarotonga .. .. .	11	22 7	5	18 5	48	163 8	62	218 4
Hawaiian Islands .. .. .	54	97 3	42	97 8	39	96 7	18	55 9
Ceylon .. .. .	150	343 5	326	701 12	126	289 6	145	249 0
Straits Settlements .. .. .	1	4 14	..	..	..	..	..	..
Uruguay .. .. .	..	..	..	..	7	4 4	15	18 13
Vancouver .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	101 8
Fiji .. .. .	..	..	14	53 12	..	..	27	112 3
Totals .. .. .	23,698	76,035 1	27,044	86,102 8	8,670	19,426 2	8,541	20,732 5

The declared value of parcels received from places outside the colony in 1898 was £57,627. The Customs duty collected amounted to £13,302 11s. 4d. In 1897 the value was £41,820, and the Customs duty collected amounted to £9,567 12s. 11d. The declared value of parcels despatched to places beyond the colony was £9,245, as against £8,153 in 1897.

Since the issue of the last report foreign parcel exchanges have been established with Russia, Guatemala, Bolivia, and Formosa.

The principal alteration in parcel rates has been the reduction of postage to almost all British colonies and possessions by the abolition of the former 1lb. progression, and the substitution thereof of a three-stage scale—(1) Under 3lb.; (2) over 3lb., but not over 7lb.; (3) over 7lb., but not over 11lb.

An insurance scheme for parcels was inaugurated on the 10th April last. So far the system applies to parcels for places within the colony, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania, the United Kingdom, and other places with which the United Kingdom has exchanges, but the time during which insurance has been in operation has been too short to permit of any conclusion as to the extent to which it is likely to be availed of.

The other colonies having now consented to join in the adoption of the scheme, arrangements will probably, from the 1st October next, be made to enable senders of parcels to and from the United Kingdom and the Australian Colonies and New Zealand to insure delivery of parcels to the addressees free of Customs duty and all other charges.

#### OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The estimated volume and value of official and other free correspondence posted during the year 1898 is given in the statement below:—

District.	Letters.	Packets.	Registered Articles.	Newspapers.	Value of Official Correspondence.
Auckland .. .. .	266,642	24,770	12,714	98,915	£ 7,524
Thames .. .. .	48,476	3,158	1,426	22,850	1,382
New Plymouth .. .. .	102,550	10,280	1,645	31,632	2,657
Gisborne .. .. .	20,752	2,856	904	11,024	637
Napier .. .. .	114,036	9,152	2,240	46,488	3,128
Wanganui .. .. .	174,037	11,946	2,656	78,420	4,859
Wellington .. .. .	920,711	144,521	22,298	168,956	22,819
Nelson .. .. .	68,319	4,686	3,622	31,890	1,965
Westport .. .. .	24,316	156	682	18,720	800
Greymouth .. .. .	57,600	2,849	1,957	33,188	1,729
Hokitika .. .. .	19,757	1,799	896	9,784	582
Blenheim .. .. .	40,018	2,000	500	21,000	1,146
Christchurch .. .. .	266,890	17,925	14,615	108,800	7,415
Timaru .. .. .	57,718	2,400	1,033	24,200	1,547
Oamaru .. .. .	31,759	1,144	864	28,080	1,126
Dunedin .. .. .	288,440	39,456	2,949	89,031	7,634
Invercargill .. .. .	133,272	11,850	3,106	59,439	3,780
Totals .. .. .	2,635,293	290,948	74,107	882,417	70,730

## DEAD LETTERS.

The following comparative table shows the number of unclaimed letters, letter-cards, and post-cards dealt with during the under-mentioned years :—

Manner of Disposal.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1892.	1894.	1896.	1897.	1898.
Opened and returned to the writers	68,942	66,592	66,729	62,847	55,118	62,654	60,540	63,483	61,745	63,112	66,886	68,872
Returned unopened to other countries	9,134	8,115	8,359	7,287	6,892	6,220	7,779	7,751	8,941	7,546	7,648	8,899
Reissued .. ..	107	185	251	96	88	92	141	128	130	148	132	219
Destroyed .. ..	3,986	2,872	6,600	5,974	5,246	4,340	2,660	2,092	4,725	4,069	3,245	3,368
Returned unopened by Chief Postmasters	17,593	19,187	21,144	20,185	19,963	21,164	21,931	19,909	22,042	26,414	34,260	33,273
Totals ..	99,762	96,951	103,083	96,389	87,307	94,470	93,051	93,363	97,583	101,289	112,171	114,631

The proportion of dead or unclaimed letters, letter-cards, and post-cards to the total number dealt with in the colony was 0·31 per cent., as against 0·33 per cent. in 1897.

22,734 book-packets and circulars were returned to foreign countries, 60,309 were returned to senders through the Dead-letter Office, 45 were reissued, and 47,232 were returned by Chief Postmasters—a total of 130,320 book-packets and circulars, as compared with 126,535 in 1897.

427 letters were wrongly addressed. 51 letters were discovered to have been posted with previously used stamps.

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.
255 Post-office orders	...	...	...
25 bank drafts	...	...	...
203 cheques	...	...	...
19 dividend warrants	...	...	...
6 promissory notes	...	...	...
Postal notes	...	...	...
Stamps	...	...	...
Bank-notes	...	...	...
Gold	...	...	...
Silver and copper	...	...	...
Representing a total of	...	...	...
	£5,000	10	0

In addition, 1-ladies' gold watch, 3 silver watches, 1 silver watch and chain, 1 silver watch, yellow-metal chain, and greenstone pendant, 1 Waterbury watch, 1 gold locket, 3 gold brooches, 1 gold-mounted greenstone brooch, 3 silver brooches, 1 gilt brooch, 5 gold rings, 2 ladies' gold rings, 6 gold wedding-rings, 1 silver ring, 1 pair gold sleeve-links, 2 gold-mounted greenstone pendants, 6 greenstone pendants, 1 pair gold-rimmed spectacles, 1 gold-mounted boar's tusk bracelet, 1 silver spoon, 1 silver thimble, 2 kauri-gum necklaces, 22 sheets foreign stamps, 9 pawn-tickets, 84 share-certificates, 7 silk handkerchiefs, 18 pairs woollen socks, 21 neckties, 3 shirts, 1 felt hat, 1 wooden pipe, 2 pairs woollen drawers, 1 woollen singlet, 6 tobacco-pouches, 1 pair bicycle-pedals, 1 bicycle-bell, 1 bicycle-chain, 1 suit boy's navy-blue clothes, 2 bunches of keys, 1 wig, 2 lace collars, 9 pairs gloves, 1 blue-serge skirt, 2 pieces dress material, 3 pairs ladies' shoes, 1 pair ladies' boots, 1 fancy bag, 1 ladies' cape, 1 petticoat, 1 box frilling, 3 pairs woollen bootees.

1,914 unclaimed registered letters were dealt with.

2,193 newspapers and 1,330 books and other articles without addresses were received, many of which were subsequently applied for and delivered.

518 unclaimed newspapers were returned to the publishers.

372 letters and 81 letter-cards were posted without addresses.

16 letters with libellous addresses were intercepted.

The number of inland, intercolonial, and international unclaimed articles received and disposed of during the years 1897 and 1898 was as under :—

	1897.					1898.				
	Letters.	Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Packets.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Packets.	Newspapers.
<i>Inland.</i>										
Returned, delivered, &c., through Dead-letter Office	54,306	1,155	2,311	50,958	727	55,517	1,182	2,362	58,777	518
Returned by Chief Postmasters direct ..	30,577	..	3,683	43,032	..	30,262	..	3,011	47,232	..
Destroyed in accordance with law ..	2,629	56	112	688	33,616	2,706	58	115	704	30,956
<i>Intercolonial.</i>										
Originally addressed to other colonies :—										
Returned to writers .. ..	4,719	..	26	656	..	4,821	..	32	1,001	..
Destroyed in accordance with law ..	228	..	2	46	..	233	..	3	56	..
Returned to other colonies as unclaimed	3,180	..	32	15,794	..	3,800	9	20	3,573	..
<i>International.</i>										
Originally addressed to other countries :—										
Returned to writers .. ..	4,475	..	26	564	..	5,137	..	40	576	..
Destroyed in accordance with law ..	217	..	1	42	..	251	..	2	33	..
Returned to other countries as unclaimed	4,392	..	44	15,531	..	5,020	10	40	19,161	..
Totals .. ..	104,723	1,211	6,237	127,313	34,343	107,747	1,259	5,625	131,113	31,474

## MISSING LETTERS.

889 inquiries for letters and 595 for other articles alleged to have been posted and not delivered were made during 1898. In 420 of the inquiries for letters and 340 for other articles—over one-half the total number—the investigations by the department resulted in the missing articles being traced. These may be summarised as follows:—

Number of "Traced" Cases.		...	Found to have been
Letters.	Other Articles.		
43	35	...	Missent, misdelivered, or otherwise delayed through fault of Post Office.
40	32	...	Delayed in delivery through fault of addressees.
25	20	...	Not posted.
36	30	...	Posted later than advised; forwarded by slower routes than letters of advice, &c.
77	63	...	Defectively or wrongly addressed.
47	39	...	Mislaid or lost after delivery.
17	13	...	Returned through Dead-letter Office as unclaimed, &c.
135	108	...	Delivered. Reason for inquiry not given, but probably in most cases omission by addressees to acknowledge receipt.
420	340		

## REGISTERED LETTERS.

The number of registered articles dealt with in 1898, compared with the numbers in 1890, 1895, and 1897, is shown below:—

Postal Districts.	1890.			1895.			1897.			1898.		
	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 ..	7,119	34,398	41,517	11,042	47,350	58,392	12,517	62,903	75,420	13,891	94,138	108,029
Thames ..	130	4,781	4,911	226	7,955	8,181	206	18,038	18,244	289	16,654	16,943
New Plymouth ..	341	3,372	3,713	505	8,576	9,081	830	14,246	15,076	1,031	15,003	16,034
Gisborne ..	118	2,120	2,238	228	3,812	4,040	231	4,850	5,081	232	5,034	5,266
Napier ..	999	10,911	11,910	1,195	16,917	18,112	1,379	19,545	20,924	948	18,853	19,801
Wanganui ..	211	6,060	6,271	397	16,300	16,697	1,484	17,801	19,285	1,584	18,569	20,153
Wellington ..	6,129	30,369	36,498	10,055	50,900	60,955	11,594	54,235	65,829	13,107	69,297	82,404
Nelson ..	322	3,430	3,752	1,239	6,956	8,195	610	10,279	10,889	709	10,270	10,979
Westport ..	112	3,254	3,366	194	4,409	4,603	196	5,472	5,668	179	7,100	7,279
Greymouth ..	102	8,879	8,981	365	4,989	5,354	425	6,496	6,921	540	7,360	7,900
Hokitika ..	95	2,579	2,674	206	3,624	3,830	74	3,444	3,518	60	3,586	3,646
Blenheim ..	92	3,193	3,285	120	4,447	4,567	66	4,318	4,384	68	4,397	4,465
Christchurch ..	3,659	20,404	24,063	4,465	28,302	32,767	4,687	53,212	57,899	5,371	54,528	59,899
Timaru ..	312	3,551	3,863	1,510	4,514	6,024	232	5,478	5,710	507	6,737	7,244
Oamaru ..	278	2,505	2,783	1,252	2,569	3,821	109	4,197	4,306	170	5,040	5,210
Dunedin ..	4,615	19,696	24,311	5,520	28,188	33,708	7,392	37,322	44,714	6,352	33,522	39,874
Invercargill ..	1,740	9,819	11,559	2,573	14,507	17,086	3,220	17,866	21,086	3,357	19,740	23,097
Totals ..	26,374	169,321	195,695	41,098	254,315	295,413	45,252	339,702	384,954	48,395	389,828	438,223

From the 24th October last the Postmaster-General assumed liability up to £2 for the loss of any inland registered letter or registered letter from any country with which New Zealand has a reciprocal agreement as to indemnities.

## INLAND MAIL-SERVICES.

Beyond occasional stoppages on account of flooded rivers on the west coast of the Middle Island, on the Springfield-Kumara Road, and in the Napier district, inland mail-communication has been well carried out by the several contractors.

The duties imposed by law on the masters of vessels in regard to mails have been satisfactorily undertaken, the only exception of consequence being the failure of the master of a steamer to give notice of his intended departure, with the result that mails were delayed. As a warning the master was prosecuted under the Post Office Act, and a penalty inflicted. In a few cases it has been necessary to administer cautions for the careless handling of mails.

As the general contracts expire at the end of the current year, tenders will shortly be called for their renewal for the three years ending on the 31st December, 1902. In framing the list of services for the triennium, provision will be made for the establishing of mail-lines to meet the progress of settlement, and the frequency of the existing services will be increased or an acceleration proposed whenever the circumstances warrant such a course.

After lengthy negotiations a contract has been let for a mail-service between Taupo and Tokaanu by steam-vessel. The contractor is under bond to commence running on the 1st November next, and to provide a steamer capable of maintaining a speed of ten knots an hour, and of carrying fifty passengers. This service should serve to popularise the tourist route between Wanganui and the hot lakes. The payment is to be £200 per annum for a period of five years.

From the 1st December the express trains between Wellington and New Plymouth commenced running in both directions four times a week instead of twice a week, and at the same time the Union Steam Ship and Northern Steamship Companies rearranged their time-tables to insure con-

nection with the through trains at New Plymouth. The increased frequency has not only enabled a greater number of through mails to be exchanged between Auckland and Wellington than formerly, but has materially added to the postal facilities of places on the line of railway.

The number of contracts for inland mails in operation in 1898 was 755, as compared with 750 in 1897. There are, in addition, 308 services not under bond.

The length of inland postal routes by road (counted one way only) was 9,457, and the total number of miles travelled 2,168,451, at an average cost of 3·26d. per mile. In 1897 the respective mileages were 9,112 and 2,049,001, and the average cost 3·35d. per mile.

Ordinary trains with mails travelled 2,618,051 miles.

The estimated sum payable to the Railway Department for the conveyance of mails by ordinary trains was £30,129, being an average of 2·76d. per mile.

The following services were established during the year :—

Auckland—

As required : Okupu Post-office and vessels in harbour.

Twice daily : Cambridge—Cambridge West.

Daily : Auckland—Epsom, to serve Epsom (R.O.) ; Frankton Junction—Hamilton (extra service), daily throughout the year, and, in addition, twice weekly during the summer months.

Twice weekly : Te Aroha—Manawaru.

Weekly : Huntly—Pukemiro ; Kawakawa—Ohaeawai—Ngawha ; Kaikohe (giving twice-weekly mail) ; Raglan Road—Te Mata ; Ruakaka—Mangapai (giving Mangapai twice-weekly mail) ; Russell—Pururua ; Tauhoa—Port Albert (giving Port Albert twice-weekly mail) ; Whangamata—Wharekawa.

Blenheim—

Twice weekly : Blenheim—Renwicktown—Kaituna.

Christchurch—

As required : Little Akaloa Post-office and Wharf.

Daily : Barrhill—Highbank.

Thrice weekly : Loburn—Okuku.

Dunedin—

As required : Hyde Post-office and Railway-station.

Daily : Allanton—Momona ; North Taieri Post-office and Railway-station (re-established) ; Wylie's Crossing Post-office and North Taieri Railway-station.

Thrice weekly : Henley Railway-station—Henley West.

Twice weekly : Dunback—Stoneburn ; Milton—Table Hill.

Weekly : Pembroke—Maungawera.

Greymouth—

As required : Ahaura Post-office—Railway-station.

Hokitika—

Weekly : The Forks—Waiho Gorge.

Invercargill—

Twice daily : Middlevale Post-office—Railway-station.

Daily : Gore—Waikaka Valley—Waikaka.

Thrice weekly : Makarewa Post-office—Railway-station ; Waianiwa—Spar Bush ; Waikaka—Wendon Valley.

Napier—

Twice weekly : Mangatoro Valley and Mangatoro Station (junction on Dannevirke-Weber Road), while Dannevirke—Weber coach runs so, otherwise once weekly.

Nelson—

Weekly : Whangamoa—Croixelles.

New Plymouth—

Weekly : Awakino—Mahoenui.

Thames—

As required : Ohiwa—Opotiki ; Opotiki Post-office and Wharf.

Daily : Paeroa—Karangahake—Waikino—Waihi (one way only ; additional service).

Twice weekly : Hikutaia—Maratoto ; Tapu—Waipatukahu.

Monthly : Tauranga—Motiti.

Timaru—

Thrice weekly : Albury—Tengawai.

Weekly : Lake Tekapo—Tasman Downs Homestead (not a post-office).

Wanganui—

Daily : Wanganui—Rakautaua.

Twice weekly : Punihu Stream—Opunake.

Weekly : Mangaonoho—Ohingaiti—Mangaweka—Utiku—Taihape—Te Horo—Moawhango (separate service, giving twice-weekly mail during winter) ; Pukeroa—Pohonui ; Taihape—Sommerville.

Wellington—

As required : Petone Post-office and Railway-station.

Twice daily : Wellington—Seatoun.

Daily : Matarawa Post-office and Railway-station ; Wellington—Worser Bay.

Thrice weekly : Hutt—Muritai.

Twice weekly : Mauriceville—Tikitapu—Ditton (not a post-office) ; Pohangina—Awahou ; Post-office—Cunningham's and junction Main Road.

Weekly : Brancepeth—Stronvar ; Pongaroa—Mangatiti.

## Westport—

Thrice weekly : Granity Creek—Millerton.

Weekly : Upper Matakitaki—Warwick Junction.

The frequency of the following services was increased :—

## Auckland—

Daily to twice daily : Frankton Junction—Hamilton.

Twice to thrice weekly : Marsden Point—Ruakaka—Waipu (summer months, 1897–98) ;  
Pahi—Paparua ; Rotorua—Atiamuri—Wairakei—Taupo (during summer).

Once to twice weekly : Coromandel—Opitonui—Whangapoua ; Kawakawa—Ohaeawai—  
Ngawha—Kaikohe ; Raglan—Te Mata ; Ramarama—Ararimu South ; Whangarei—  
Maungatapere—Poroti.

## Christchurch—

To thrice daily from Sumner : Christchurch—Sumner (now twice outward, thrice inward).

Twice to thrice daily : On Christchurch—Lyttelton line, mails to and from Linwood, Opawa, Woolston, and Heathcote Valley ; Christchurch—Sumner line, from Christchurch to Woolston and Sumner (from Sumner and Woolston, inward, twice daily).

Thrice weekly to daily : Annat—Russell's Flat ; Rakaia—Barrhill.

Once to twice weekly : Waiau—Kaikoura.

## Dunedin—

Twice to thrice weekly : Abbotsford—Taieri Beach.

## Greymouth—

Twice weekly to daily : Blackball—Ngahere.

## Invercargill—

Twice to thrice weekly : Colac Bay—Round Hill ; Gore—East Chatton—Chatton—Otama.

Once to twice weekly : Edendale—Seaward Downs ; Lumsden—Mossburn—Te Anau  
(1st November–30th April, altering terms of contract) ; Mararoa—The Key (1st  
November–30th April, altering terms of contract).

## Napier—

Once to twice daily : Ormondville—Norsewood.

Once to twice weekly : Taupo—Tokaanu (periodical, 1st November–30th April, in  
alteration of contract).

## Nelson—

Twice to thrice weekly : Nelson—Wakapuaka (telegraph-office).

Once to twice weekly : Collingwood—Bainham.

## New Plymouth—

Thrice weekly to daily : New Plymouth—Bell Block.

Twice to thrice weekly : New Plymouth—Waiongona.

## Wanganui—

Twice to thrice weekly : Mangaonoho—Moawhango (extra service continued to end of  
year from 13th April).

## Wellington—

Daily to twice daily : Shannon—Foxton.

Twice to thrice daily : Bunnythorpe—Hiwinui.

## Westport—

Thrice weekly to daily : Caplestone—Cronadon ; Granity Creek—Millerton.

The frequency of the following services was diminished :—

## Auckland—

Thrice to twice weekly : Marsden Point—Ruakaka—Waipu (during running of reduced  
steamer-service).

## Thames—

Thames—Hikutaia—Marototo, from twice weekly throughout the year to once weekly  
(1st April–15th November) and twice weekly (16th November–31st March).

The following coach service was curtailed by railway extension :—

## Dunedin—

Dunedin—Hyde—Clyde (and intermediate offices) and Hyde—Naseby (and intermediate  
offices) : railway extended from Hyde to Kokonga, whence coaches now start  
(18th October, 1897).

The following services were abolished :—

## Auckland—

Kaikohe—Oruoru ; Okupu—Whangaparapara ; Ongaruhe—Nihoniho.

## Christchurch—

Methven—Highbank.

## Dunedin—

North Taieri Post-office—Railway-station.

## Invercargill—

Gore—Waikaka Valley—Waikaka—Wendon Valley (two separate services established  
instead).

## Napier—

Dannevirke—Mangatoro Valley.

Nelson—  
 Nelson—Okiwi Bay.  
 Thames—  
 Golden Cross—Te Whariki; Hikutaia—Pukewhau.  
 Wellington—  
 Foxton—Levin; Hutt—Rona; Mangatainoka—Woodville; Woodville—Pahiatua.

The following services were otherwise altered :—

Auckland—  
 Tokatea—Kennedy's Bay, by closing of Omoho.  
 Blenheim—  
 Blenheim—Kaikoura, by inclusion of new office, Clarence Bridge; Havelock—Pelorus Sound service temporarily suspended (correspondence forwarded fortnightly, by s.s. "Wairoa," in Wellington—Havelock service).  
 Christchurch—  
 Christchurch—Ashburton—Winchmore, by closing of post-office at Winchmore (service now terminates at Ashburton Forks); Chief Office delivery of suburban letter-carriers' bags (an additional cart employed); Christchurch—Sumner, to include Redcliffs; Lyttelton—Governor's Bay, to include new office, Rapaki.  
 Dunedin—  
 City, supplying mail-carts, horses, &c., now to include service in carrying officer to clear receiving-boxes; Dunedin—Palmerston (railway), by inclusion of new office at Warrington; Hyde—Clyde, Wedderburn is substituted for St. Bathans as stopping-place; Taioana—Kokonga, by inclusion of new office, Sutton.  
 Nelson—  
 Nelson—Belgrove—Inangahua Junction, by inclusion of Owen Junction (office reopened); Belgrove—Reefton, by closing of White's Point (Westport); Belgrove—Reefton, by reopening of White's Point (Westport); Nelson—Blenheim, by inclusion of new office, Whangamoa.  
 New Plymouth—  
 New Plymouth—Opunake, by inclusion of new offices, Tataraimaka and Warea.  
 Oamaru—  
 Oamaru—Hillgrove, by inclusion of new office, Totaratahi.  
 Thames—  
 Thames—Paeroa—Waihi, by closing Owharoa.  
 Timaru—  
 Timaru—Fairlie, by inclusion of new office, Cricklewood.  
 Wanganui—  
 The two services, Holden's—Pukeroa and Pukeroa—Pohonui, performed as one—Holden's—Pukeroa—Pohonui, weekly; Wanganui—Pipiriki, by inclusion of new office, Koriniti.  
 Wellington—  
 Wellington—Apiti—Utuwai, by closing of Umutoi; Mauriceville—Ditton, by closing of Tikitapu; Utuwai—Apiti, by inclusion of new post-office at Umutoi; Waituna West—Pakihikura, by closing of Tapuae; Wellington—Longburn, by inclusion of Otaki Railway (new office); Wellington—Woodville (railway-service), by inclusion of new offices at Mungaroa and Mangamaire.  
 Westport—  
 The Warwick Junction mail is now carried from Murchison: read, "Murchison—Warwick Junction."

#### OCEAN MAIL-SERVICES.

The San Francisco mail-service was, as usual, satisfactorily performed during the year, and the deliveries by the Vancouver route were more regular during the latter part of the term.

On the 3rd November last the House of Representatives authorised the Government to extend both services for twelve months, ending the 31st March, 1900. The extension of the San Francisco service was agreed to by the contractors, but the Canadian-Australian Royal Mail Steamship Company did not respond to the invitation to renew the Vancouver service, although repeatedly solicited to do so. The company allowed the service practically to expire before giving notice of the intention not to renew with the colony, but to substitute Brisbane for Wellington as a port of call. It would appear that negotiations had been in progress with the Queensland Government for some time, and the failure of the company to extend to this colony ordinary business courtesy seriously embarrassed the department. The withdrawal of the steamers was to be regretted in many ways. The initial difficulties had been overcome, and the service was becoming reliable and popular as an alternative mail route.

Every effort has been made to minimise the effect of the loss of the mail-connection *via* Canada by utilising as far as possible the Federal mail-service; but, as the intercolonial steamers are not under contract, and are run to suit the exigencies of the passenger and cargo traffic, a reliable alternative connection has not been possible so far. Negotiations were opened up with the Union Steam Ship Company with the object of securing a regular outward service to Sydney; but, owing mainly to the company having decided to revert to the usual winter running, under which the Wellington—Sydney and Bluff—Melbourne services were reduced from once weekly to once in about ten days, this has not been practicable. The intercolonial running, however, secures a fairly close connection from Australia for mails from London. In May and June it was possible to connect

with the outward Vancouver packet at Fiji by the contract steamer from Auckland. This was particularly fortunate, as the disturbance of the ordinary running of the intercolonial lines, caused by the search for the s.s. "Perthshire," which was disabled between Sydney and New Zealand, rendered the Suez route of little value for homeward correspondence. It is not yet decided whether the Vancouver steamers will continue to call at Fiji, but if they should the Suva connection will be continued meanwhile.

Before the Vancouver mail-service was established the homeward mails *via* San Francisco left Auckland five days before the arrival of the incoming steamer, giving all parts of the colony about three weeks for replies. To secure a regularly alternating fortnightly receipt and despatch by the United States and Canadian routes, the departure of the San Francisco mail from London was put forward a week, and the inward mail timed to reach Auckland between three and four days before the departure of the outward one. This caused some inconvenience to merchants in Wellington and the South, as letters from the United Kingdom and America could not be answered by the outgoing mail. On the shortening of the time by rail across the American Continent by five hours from the beginning of this year, the department determined to try the experiment of despatching the San Francisco steamer from Auckland on the Monday instead of the Saturday, in the hope of still being able to connect with the Wednesday fast steamer from New York to Southampton. During the three months the accelerated service has been in operation this has been secured. The time allowed, however, does not leave a margin for failure in making any of the several connections between the colony and New York. The change has reduced the course of post from Auckland to London from thirty-two to thirty days, and has enabled replies by return mail to be sent from places as far south as Dunedin. While the time-table is an acceptable one for mails to and from the colony and the United Kingdom, the alteration has led to complaints by merchants in the Eastern States of America that the interval of twelve days between the arrival and departure of the mail-steamer at and from San Francisco does not allow sufficient time for replies to letters from the colonies by return mail.

A new provisional agreement has also been made with the Union Steam Ship Company under which an improved coastal delivery of the inward San Francisco mails has been secured. The steamer is to leave the Manukau immediately the mails are shipped, weather and tide permitting. The detention at New Plymouth is not to exceed three hours, and a close connection is to be provided at Wellington for the South Island mails. The due day of departure from the Manukau with the inward mails is every fourth Tuesday. Should the mails arrive on Wednesday, they will be forwarded by one of the Northern Steamship Company's vessels to New Plymouth, thence by train to Wellington; but on all other days one of the Union Company's steamers will be available.

In respect to the outward mails, a steamer will leave Lyttelton every fourth Friday evening after the arrival of the express train from Dunedin; Wellington on Saturday afternoon or evening; New Plymouth on Sunday, and arrive at the Manukau early on Monday morning.

The subsidy is at the rate of £4,000 a year—an increase of £1,000. Demurrage for detention at the rate of £50 a day is also to be paid.

The question of a fortnightly instead of a four-weekly San Francisco service deserves the attention of Parliament this session—the continuance of the present service in any case will have to be considered. In the meantime, inquiries are being made of the London Post Office whether the fortnightly service would be favourably entertained, and what contribution might be expected from the Imperial Government.

It is understood that much larger steamers are to replace the "Alameda" and "Mariposa." The new vessels, which are being built at Philadelphia, U.S.A., will be of 6,000 tons gross register, and be capable of steaming seventeen knots an hour. The accommodation for passengers will, it is claimed, be equal to anything afloat. Should the steamers prove equal to expectations, a considerable increase in the passenger traffic across the Pacific will no doubt follow.

Further particulars relating to the ocean services will be found in the printed papers laid before Parliament.

RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS on Account of the SAN FRANCISCO, VANCOUVER, PENINSULAR and ORIENTAL, and ORIENT MAIL-SERVICES for the Year 1898.

*San Francisco Service.*

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Payments by weight—									
On mails from New Zealand ...	10,288	8	2						
On mails from the United Kingdom ...	5,415	8	9						
On mails from the Australian Colonies, Fiji, &c. ...	5,526	8	5						
				21,230	5	4			
Interprovincial service, mail agents, &c. ...				3,658	8	11			
Transit charges { San Francisco to New York ...				4,193	1	8			
{ New York to Queenstown ...				1,822	10	8			
							30,904	6	7
Cr.									
Postages collected in the colony ...				10,398	17	9			
Postages from London ...				5,415	8	9			
Contributions from non-contracting colonies ...				5,526	8	5			
							21,340	14	11
Net cost to the colony ...							£9,563	11	8

500,847 letters, 7,741 post-cards, 535,402 books, and 1,140,552 newspapers were received from, and 473,741 letters, 7,322 post-cards, 113,960 books, and 396,650 newspapers despatched to, the United Kingdom *via* San Francisco.

The average time within which mails were delivered by the San Francisco service was: From Auckland to London, 31·77 days, as against 32·54 days in 1897; and from London to Auckland, 31·92 days, as compared with 32·62 days in the previous year. The shortest delivery was made in 30 days.

<i>Vancouver Mail-service.</i>					
DR.			£	s.	d.
Payments by weight—					
Payments by New Zealand*	...	...	7,500	0	0
Interprovincial service, mail agents, &c.	...	...	3,651	10	1
Transit costs across	Canada	...	468	13	4
	United States...	...	431	14	5
	Atlantic	...	969	8	7
			13,021 6 5		
CR.					
Postages collected in the colony	...	...	5,226	9	0
Penalties	...	...	1,048	0	0
			6,274 9 0		
Net cost to the colony			£6,746 17 5		

401,539 letters, 6,205 post-cards, 468,391 books, and 997,800 newspapers were received from, and 243,495 letters, 3,763 post-cards, 62,183 books, and 192,395 newspapers despatched to, the United Kingdom *via* Vancouver.

*Peninsular and Oriental and Orient Lines (Federal Mail-service).*

DR.			£	s.	d.
Payments to P. and O. and Orient lines			1,476	16	2
Transit charges across Australia			68	11	4
Transit charges across Europe			138	18	11
Gratuities (to and from Australia)			635	6	9
			2,319 13 2		
CR.					
Postages collected in the colony			1,281	0	0
Postages from London and foreign offices			293	10	9
			1,574 10 9		
Net cost to the colony			£745 2 5		

The numbers of letters, post-cards, books, and newspapers conveyed from and to the United Kingdom by the Peninsular and Oriental and Orient packets were: Received—120,208 letters, 1,858 post-cards, 44,516 books, and 179,334 newspapers; despatched—53,758 letters, 831 post-cards, 7,152 books, and 19,242 newspapers.

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 1898 by the San Francisco and Vancouver contract services, and by the Peninsular and Oriental and Orient lines, was:—

	San Francisco Service.				Vancouver Service.				P. and O. Line.				Orient Line.			
	Max.	Min.	Average.		Max.	Min.	Average.		Max.	Min.	Average.		Max.	Min.	Average.	
London to Auckland ..	33	31	31·92		..	42	36	38·00	..	39	38	38·15	..	46	38	39·96
Auckland to London ..	34	30	31·77		..	40	37	39·00	..	42	37	40·56	..	45	37	40·40
London to Wellington ..	34	32	33·08		..	40	35	36·54	..	41	36	39·00	..	44	38	40·27
Wellington to London ..	35	31	32·77		..	38	34	36·31	..	44	38	41·83	..	46	38	41·70
London to Dunedin ..	36	33	34·54		..	41	36	37·85	..	46	39	40·87	..	47	38	40·87
Dunedin to London ..	37	33	34·77		..	39	35	37·62	..	45	36	41·20	..	46	38	41·36
London to Bluff ..	37	34	35·29		..	42	37	38·60	..	45	38	40·12	..	46	37	40·12
Bluff to London ..	38	34	35·52		..	40	36	38·37	..	44	35	40·45	..	45	37	40·61

The several subsidised mail sea-services, the subsidy-payments for the year 1898, the dates when established, and the date on which each terminates are shown as follows:—

\* Minimum payment under contract; at poundage rates the amount would have been £5,167 7s. 1d.



Service.	Annual 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 ..	10,288 8 2	April, 1871	Mar., 1900	13	11,850	1 4·08
Wellington and Vancouver ..	7,500 0 0*	Dec., 1897	Mar., 1899	13	13,320	0 10·40
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 Devonport ..	60 0 0	Aug., 1863	Dec., 1899	939	6	0 2·56
Auckland and Great Barrier ..	250 0 0	Oct., 1891	Dec., 1899	52	120	0 9·62
Dargaville and Tangihua ..	75 0 0	Nov., 1893	Dec., 1899	52	46	0 7·53
Helensville and Matakoho ..	500 0 0	Jan., 1881	Dec., 1899	52	118	0 5·04
Helensville and Dargaville ..				104	170	
Horeke, Kohukohu, Rawene, Wai- tapu, and Opononi ..	148 10 0	Jan., 1889	Dec., 1899	52	48	1 2·28
Russell and Opuā ..	90 0 0	Jan., 1889	Dec., 1899	104	16	1 0·98
Whangaroa and Totara North ..	25 0 0	Jan., 1891	Dec., 1899	52	2	4 9·69
Wellington, Ketu Bay, Homewood, Maori Bay (and other offices), and Havelock ..	180 0 0	Dec., 1891	June, 1898	13	183	0 9·08
Nelson, Motueka, Tataranui, Ta- kaka, and Collingwood ..	†260 0 0	July, 1898	..	13		1 1·11
Westport and Karamoa ..	125 0 0	..	Dec., 1899	52	130	0 4·44
Westport and Little Wanganui ..	200 0 0	June, 1886	Dec., 1899	26	102	1 1·20
Hokitika, Okarito, Bruce Bay, Pa- ringa, Haast River, Okuru, Wai- toto, and Jackson's Bay ..		Jan., 1895	Dec., 1899	12	82	
Lyttelton and Chatham Islands ..	600 0 0	Jan., 1886	Dec., 1899	6	384	5 2·50
Bluff and Half-moon Bay ..	300 0 0	..	Mar., 1899	6	1,050	0 11·43
Bluff, Te Oneroa, and Cromarty ..	300 0 0	July, 1886	Dec., 1899	52	48	2 4·85
Interprovincial service in connection with San Francisco line ..	360 0 0	April, 1893	..	12	208	2 10·62
Interprovincial service in connection with Vancouver line ..	3,000 0 0	Nov., 1886	Mar., 1900	13	..	..
	3,000 0 0	Dec., 1897	Mar., 1899	..	..	..

\* Minimum subsidy.

† Service carried on at £10 per trip, temporarily, from 1st July, 1898.

## BUILDINGS.

In last year's report attention was called to the pressing need for additional accommodation at the Chief Post Office, Dunedin, the Circulation Branch, Wellington, and the Chief Post Office, Auckland. Beyond temporary alterations at Dunedin and a rearrangement of the counter space at Wellington, nothing has yet been done to meet urgent requirements, and it will be impossible to carry on at these offices much longer with satisfaction to the department and the public unless steps are taken to provide additional space for handling mail matter, and to enable prompt attention to be given the public at the counters. The volume of mail work has increased so enormously during the past few years that at times it is only with difficulty that arrangements for its prompt disposal can be made at the offices mentioned, particularly at Dunedin and Wellington. The duties connected with collecting and paying money for other departments having been so largely increased, much greater counter space is required than was contemplated would be needed for many years to come.

New offices were opened at Miller's Flat and Otahuhu, and the building at Owaka was removed and re-erected on another site.

The following general repairs, additions, &c., were carried out during the year: Renovating and altering rooms to accommodate new telephone-switchboard, &c., Auckland; additions and alterations, painting, &c., Arrowtown; enlargement of mail-room, building strong-room, &c., Ashburton; renovations, repairs, improving lighting, &c., Christchurch; alterations and repairs, Dunedin; painting and repairs, Dargaville; repairing damage done by flood, Hutt; repairs, painting, &c., Hokitika; erecting new chimney, concrete water-tank, repairs, &c., Kawakawa; painting and repairs, Lyell; additions to building, repairs, &c., Mangonui; improving drainage, alterations, repairs, fittings, &c., Napier; water-supply and repairs to quarters, Ophir; alterations to office and Postmaster's quarters, Opotiki; painting and repairs, Palmerston North; additions to Postmaster's quarters, Palmerston; alteration, &c., Picton; repairs, &c., Rakaia, Sanson, and St. Bathans; additions and repairs, Timaru; repairs and painting, Te Kopuru; improving drainage, erection of passenger and goods hydraulic lift, repairs, fittings, &c., General Post Office building, Wellington; hot-water service, fire-service, &c., Telephone Exchange, Wellington; repairs, &c., Westport; general repairs to staff quarters and residence of Officer-in-Charge, Wakapuaka; alterations and additions, drainage, &c., Waitara; additions, Waitekauri and Whangarei; repairs, &c., Warkworth.

## MONEY-ORDERS.

Twenty-three money-order offices were opened during the year—namely, Addison's, Aoroa, Blackburn, Burnett's Face, East Oxford, Ellerslie, Gladstone, Golden Cross, Komata, Mauriceville, Molesworth Street (Wellington), Mount Roskill, Oponui, Puhoi, Studholme Junction, Taheke, Tokatea, Waerenga, Waihou, Waikanae, Whananaki, Wharekawa, and Woodend.

Two offices were closed—namely, Cape Foulwind and Mokihinui.

The number of offices open at the end of the year was 417, as against 396 twelve months previously.

318,370 money-orders were issued for £1,029,241 7s. 7d., as compared with 293,659 for £970,830 14s. 11d. in 1897—an increase of 24,711 in number and £58,410 12s. 8d. in amount.

229,720 money-orders, amounting to £880,052 13s. 11d., were paid, as against 215,240 for £837,208 14s. 8d. during 1897—an increase of 14,480 orders, and £42,843 19s. 3d.

There were 35,204 telegraph money-orders issued for £114,622 13s. 1d., as compared with 33,601 for £113,584 17s. 8d. in 1897—an increase of 1,603 in number and £1,037 15s. 5d. in amount.

112,105 orders for £230,515 11s. 11d. were issued on places beyond New Zealand, as against 99,792 orders for £208,238 4s. 8d. during 1897.

23,424 orders for £80,665 0s. 8d. were issued at places beyond New Zealand for payment in the colony, as compared with 21,492 orders for £75,343 12s. 2d. during the previous year.

The commission received for money-orders amounted to £14,795 16s., as against £13,835 15s. 4d. received during 1897.

On the 1st October, 1898, the commission on money-orders drawn on the United Kingdom and foreign offices through London, United States of America, Canada, Cape of Good Hope, Ceylon, Germany, Hawaii, Hongkong (including Japan), India, and Straits Settlements was reduced to 6d. per £1 or fraction of £1.

#### POSTAL NOTES.

The following new offices were opened during 1898: Addison's, Aoroa, Awanui, Elmslie's Bay, Golden Cross, Kenepuru, Komata, Maharahara, Mauriceville, Molesworth Street (Wellington), Mount Roskill, Opitonui, Puhoi, Pukeuri Junction, Rockville, Studholme Junction, Taheke, Tina-kori Road (Wellington), Waihou, Waikanae, Wedderburn, Wharekawa, and Woodend.

The offices at Kenepuru, Mokihinui, and Te Whariki were closed.

The number of offices at which postal notes were sold at the end of the financial year was 472, as compared with 452 on the 31st March, 1898.

431,449 notes, of the value of £139,957 4s., were sold, as against 409,866, for £134,378 9s. 6d., sold during the previous year.

The postal notes paid numbered 429,193, of the value of £139,476 2s. 6d., as compared with 407,610, for £134,045 7s., paid during 1897-98.

The postal-note commission amounted to £2,871 19s. 1d.

#### SAVINGS-BANKS.

The marked growth of the business of the Post-Office Savings-Bank since established on the 1st February, 1867, furnishes undoubted proof of the popularity and advantages of the system in the promoting of thrift, and in the State security offered by the Post Office.

Commencing with forty-six offices on the 1st February, 1867, the amount left on deposit by the 2,156 depositors on the 31st December of that year was £71,197 14s. 1d. Year by year the number of offices and volume of business rapidly increased, and on the 31st December, 1898, there were 409 savings-bank offices open, an increase of 363. The number of accounts remaining open was 169,968, or 167,812 more than in 1867, and the amount at credit £4,957,771 5s. 5d., an increase of £4,886,573 11s. 4d.

During the eleven months in 1867 2,520 accounts were opened, and in 1898 37,265, an increase of 34,745.

The total number of transactions—deposits and withdrawals—in 1867 was 8,896, and in 1898 478,513, or an increase of 469,617.

The deposits during 1867 amounted to £96,372 7s. 10d., compared with £3,279,611 7s. 5d. in 1898. The balance at credit increased by the sum of £3,183,238 19s. 7d.

In 1867 £26,415 18s. 9d. was withdrawn, and in 1898 £3,194,893 16s. 7d., a difference of £3,168,477 17s. 10d.

Interest amounting to £1,241 5s. was credited depositors in 1867, and £128,128 16s. 6d. in 1898, an increase of £126,887 11s. 6d.

The population on the 31st December, 1867, exclusive of Maoris, was 218,668, and on 31st December, 1898, 736,260.

The proportion of depositors to population in the former year was one in 51.43, and in 1898 one in 4.33.

The average amount at credit of each depositor at the end of 1867 was £38 9s. 1d., or 14s. 11d. per head of population.

The average amount at credit of each depositor on the 31st December, 1898, was £29 3s. 5d., while the average amount per head of population had risen to £6 14s. 8d. Of the total number of accounts open at the end of 1898, 125,190, or 73.66 per cent., were accounts with balances under £20.

The history of the enormous expansion of the business of the Post-Office Savings-Bank, as outlined in this brief recital, and in the following statement for the decennial periods ended 1878, 1888, and 1898, may be accepted as conclusive evidence of the general development of the colony and the material progress of its people.



Delayed telegrams were abolished, and the ordinary-telegram rate reduced from 1s. to 6d., on 1st June, 1896.

The number of telegrams of all codes forwarded during last financial year was 2,960,738—an increase of 264,505, or 9·81 per cent., over 1897-98.

The proportion of telegrams per head of population was 4·02, as compared with 3·72 the previous year.

The number of ordinary telegrams forwarded was 2,242,387, of the value of £78,499 11s. 2d., compared with 2,023,421, for £72,848 8s. 2d., in 1897-98—an increase of 218,966 and £5,651 3s. 0d.

The urgent telegrams numbered 113,438, of the value of £8,387 18s. 5d.—an increase of 6,841 messages, but a decrease of £582 6s. 8d.

217,783 Press telegrams, of the value of £10,140 14s. 6d., were forwarded in 1898-99, as compared with 220,754, valued at £9,207 18s. 3d., forwarded in 1897-98—a decrease of 2,971, or 1·35 per cent., in number, but an increase of 10·13 per cent. in value.

The value of each Press telegram averaged 11·18d., as against 10·01d. in 1897-98.

The bureau messages numbered 143,940, of the value of £3,726 18s. 4d., as compared with 118,643, of the value of £2,909 3s. 2d.—an increase of 25,297 in number and £817 15s. 2d. in amount.

The average value of each bureau message was 6·21d., as against 5·88d. in 1897-98.

The number of Government telegrams forwarded was 243,190, valued at £25,500 5s. 10d., as compared with 226,818, of the value of £24,504 9s. 8d.—an increase of 16,372 in number and of £995 16s. 2d. in amount.

35,204 money-orders for £114,622 13s. 1d. were transmitted by telegraph, as against 33,601 for £113,584 17s. 8d. in 1897-98—an increase of 1,603 telegrams, or 4·77 per cent.

The number of forwarded telegrams to every hundred letters posted in New Zealand for delivery within the colony was 9·12, as against 8·91 in 1897-98.

The telegraph cash receipts for the financial year, including telephone-exchange subscriptions, private-wire rents, &c., amounted to £145,294 13s. 7d., compared with 136,220 15s. 6d. in 1897-98—an increase of £9,073 18s. 1d., or 6·66 per cent.

The expenditure, excluding cable subsidy, was £173,152 16s. 6d., as compared with £165,198 13s. 5d. the previous year—an increase of £7,954 3s. 1d., or 4·81 per cent.

There were 6,736 miles of line and 18,747 miles of wire at the close of the year—an increase of 252 and 723 miles respectively.

The net expenditure out of loan for telegraph extension was £28,550 14s., as compared with £29,384 2s. 11d. in 1897-98.

The number of private wires and subsidised lines was 201, compared with 157 in 1897-98. The amount received for rent, maintenance, &c., was £1,390 18s. 3d., as against £1,364 5s. 5d. in 1897-98.

The total number of telegraph- and telephone-offices open at the close of the year was 878. Of these, 235 were telegraph and 643 telephone-offices.

Sixty telephone-offices were opened and six closed. The following telephone-offices were opened:—

Annandale.	Great North Road.	Owen Junction.	Ti-tree Point.
Aorere.	Hawarden.	Paeroa Railway.	Toiro.
Aorua.	Heddon Bush.	Papanui Bureau.	Tongaporutu.
Arch Hill.	Inangahua Landing.	Porocotara.	Tongaporutu Ferry.
Ashley Bank.	Kaituna.	Ranfurly.	Upper Onechunga.
Awakino.	Lepperton.	Rockville.	Urenui.
Bainham.	Mahoenui.	Round Hill.	Uruti Road.
Black's Point.	Mayfield.	Saies.	Waihopo.
Clifden.	Mokau.	Seatoun.	Waipapa.
Crushington.	Mokau Pilot-station.	Strathmore.	Wairau Ford.
Cunningham's.	Molesworth Street.	Tataramaka.	Warea.
Drayerton.	Murital.	Tawataia.	Warepa.
Eastern Bush.	Onaero.	Te Kao.	Whatatutu.
Fernside.	Opitonui.	Te Karaka.	Windsor.
German Bay.	Orawia.	Te Kuiti.	Woodend.

The offices at Mokihiui, Oamaru Railway, Sandymount, Sumner Bureau No. 2, and Wai-kaka Siding were closed.

#### TELEPHONE EXCHANGES.

There were on the 31st March last eighteen central exchanges and thirteen sub-exchanges.

The following is a comparative return of the telephone-exchange connections for the years 1897-98 and 1898-99:—

Exchange.	Number of Subscribers or Connections:	
	Mar. 31, 1898.	Mar. 31, 1899.
Ashburton	96	102
Auckland	1,039	1,041
Blenheim	65	67
Christchurch	848	894
Rangiora	...	14
Dunedin	907	954
Balclutha	13	14
Kaitangata	6	6
Milton	19	19
Port Chalmers	17	17
Gisborne	97	123
Greymouth	81	86
Invercargill	211	216

Exchange.	Number of Subscribers or Connections:	
	Mar. 31, 1898.	Mar. 31, 1899.
Bluff ... ..	23	22
Gore ... ..	48	54
Mataura ... ..	10	9
Otautau ... ..	...	15
Riversdale ... ..	11	12
Winton ... ..	9	8
Woodlands ... ..	7	5
Masterton ... ..	69	72
Napier ... ..	291	298
Hastings ... ..	27	40
Nelson ... ..	57	59
New Plymouth ... ..	150	165
Oamaru ... ..	103	118
Palmerston North ... ..	91	131
Thames ... ..	83	80
Timaru ... ..	73	78
Wanganui ... ..	173	205
Wellington ... ..	1,163	1,279
Totals ... ..	5,787	6,203

The connections may be classified as follows: Paying, 5,826; free, 129; bureaux, 248: total, 6,203.

The telephone-exchange receipts amounted to £39,718 7s. 7d., an increase of £3,296 0s. 11d. as compared with the subscriptions received during the previous year.

The working-expenses and 5 per cent. interest on capital cost for the year amounted to £40,606 4s. 3d.

Sixty bureaux were established during the year, and two were closed.

The following are the particulars of telegraph and telephone-wires, &c., in the colony on 31st March, 1899:—

	Telegraph.	Telephone.
Miles of line, 1st April, 1898 ... ..	6,484	413
" 31st March, 1899 ... ..	6,736	436
Miles of wire, 1st April, 1898 ... ..	18,024	5,648
" 31st March, 1899 ... ..	18,746	5,803
Increase during year—		
Miles of line ... ..	252	23
Miles of wire ... ..	723	155
Submarine cable, 1st April, 1898 ... ..	242 knots	8 knots.
" 31st March, 1899 ... ..	242 knots	8 knots.

#### TELEGRAPH CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE.

There has been a considerable demand for the extension of telephone lines during the year. Fifty-three lines were applied for of a total mileage of 642, to erect which would have required an expenditure of over £30,000. With the exception of a few short lines which promised to be self-supporting, and others erected for departmental purposes, offers were as far as possible made to grant communication on a guarantee against loss—generally for five years—being given by the Council of the county in which the proposed line was to run, or on a lump sum being paid in advance by the settlers. In twenty-two cases, however, applications were altogether declined.

In 1898 ten bonds were entered into by County Councils guaranteeing an annual sum of £169 5s., and £233 16s. was paid by way of commuted guarantee for five lines erected during the year. The total annual value of telephone guarantees at this date is £683 10s.

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

#### AUCKLAND.

##### Construction.

The following new lines have been erected and completed:—

	Miles of Poles.	Miles of Wire.
Opitonui loop ... ..	1	2
Waihopo loop ... ..	...	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Manukau Heads Signal-station ... ..	...	0 $\frac{1}{8}$
Saies ... ..	0 $\frac{1}{8}$	0 $\frac{1}{4}$
Upper Onehunga Bureau ... ..	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	3
Arch Hill Bureau ... ..	...	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Aratapu-Aoroa ... ..	...	4
Waipapa line ... ..	...	9
Whakapara-Hukerenui ... ..	1	7
Auckland-Mahoenui ... ..	45 $\frac{1}{2}$	155 $\frac{1}{2}$
Katikati-Bowentown ... ..	1	4
Putaruru-Rotorua ... ..	33	33

	Miles of Poles.	Miles of Wire.
For Railway Department—		
Frankton Junction—Ruakura ... ..	0½	4½
Auckland—Ellerslie Railway ... ..	...	7
Paeroa Railway-station to Post-office ... ..	0½	0½
Rangiriri Railway-station ... ..	1	1
Helensville—Waitakerei ... ..	...	19
Te Aroha Railway to Post-office ... ..	0½	0½
Thames Railway-station to Frankton Junction ... ..	...	68
Ellerslie Railway blocks ... ..	...	3½
For Public Works Department—		
Otorohanga—Porootarao ... ..	1	1
Total ... ..	85	324½

The new wire from Auckland to Mahoenui, which continues thence to New Plymouth, gives an alternate route between Auckland and Wellington, and direct communication between Auckland and the New Plymouth district.

#### Maintenance.

The following sections have been overhauled and repaired, the aggregate length being 246 miles: Hamilton to Cambridge and Pirongia; Kawakawa to Rawene and branches; Maketu to Rotorua; Waipu to Maungaturoto; Auckland to Howick; Auckland to Drury; Mercer to Rangiriri; Thames to Morrinsville and Frankton Junction.

Diversions on the main line at Kawakawa and at Whangarei have been made, involving the removal and re-erection of 35 poles.

Between Auckland and Rangiriri, on the Waikato line, the repairs and renewals have been considerable, all decayed and weak poles having been removed and replaced by wooden poles of larger dimensions or by iron poles. All angles have been renewed. In the Thames River 700 yards of three-core submarine cable were laid to replace the old cable, which had failed.

The following sections, of a total length of 230 miles, are being overhauled and repaired: Cape Maria van Diemen to Awanui; Coromandel to Tairua; Hamilton to Raglan and Kawhia; Rangiriri to Hamilton; Drury to Mercer.

#### Offices.

The Kawakawa and Pirongia offices have been, and the Taupo building is now being, painted. The whole of that portion of the Auckland Post-office building used for telegraph and exchange purposes has been painted and well renovated. A number of offices has been rewired and fitted with new test-boards, and a number of others supplied with bridging bell telephones in place of the old-type instruments. Eight new offices have been opened for railway business only—three on the Morse system and five with bridging bell telephones.

A railway cadets' learning gallery has been fitted up at the Auckland Railway-station.

#### Telephone Exchanges.

A branching multiple switchboard was erected in a new exchange-room, and came into use on the 12th November last. A power-room for the gas-engine, dynamo, magnetos, and accumulators was built. The arrangements are convenient; everything has worked smoothly, and the new system has given great satisfaction. The number of subscribers is 1,041, a slight increase on the previous year.

600 new-type telephones have been used to replace the old ones.

#### THAMES.

The exchange is in good order. The number of subscribers does not vary much, being now 80, as compared with 83 last year.

#### WELLINGTON.

##### Construction.

The following extensions of lines and wires were completed during the year:—

	Miles of Poles.	Miles of Wire.
Ormond to Te Karaka and Whatatutu ... ..	15½	15½
New Plymouth to Mahoenui ... ..	72	135
Wanganui to New Plymouth ... ..	...	104
Bell Block to Lepperton ... ..	1	6½
Rona to Muritai ... ..	0½	0½
Worser Bay to Seatoun ... ..	0½	0½
Feilding Racecourse ... ..	...	1
Cunningham's ... ..	0½	0½
Dannevirke to Takapau ... ..	...	21
Dreyerton loop ... ..	...	0½
For Railway Department—		
Petone to Upper Hutt (along railway) ... ..	13	13
Upper Hutt to Featherston, on railway-line <i>via</i> Summit ... ..	...	24
Woodville to Ngawapurua ... ..	3½	4
Wangaehu to Aramoho Junction ... ..	15	15
Wanganui semaphore circuit ... ..	0½	1
New Plymouth Railway to Stationmaster's house... ..	0½	0½
Total ... ..	122½	342½

The New Plymouth to Mahoenui extension comprises one copper wire to Waitara, 13 miles; two from Waitara to Awakino, 50 miles; and one for a further distance of 22 miles to Mahoenui. One wire, Waitara to Awakino, provides telephonic communication to several settlements along this route, and the other gives direct communication between New Plymouth district and Auckland, and is available as an alternative circuit between Wellington and Auckland in the event of the East Coast wires being crippled. No 11½ copper wire has been used throughout.

#### Maintenance.

The following sections have been overhauled and strengthened :—

Waipukurau to Pakipaki	...	...	...	...	27 miles.
Wairoa to Moeangiagi	...	...	...	...	38 "
Gisborne to Port Awanui	...	...	...	...	97 "

Total ... .. 162 miles.

The Lower Hutt to Upper Hutt Section—a distance of twelve miles—was overhauled and strengthened, 155 25 ft. poles being put in, and the wires given increased spread.

During the running of the extra copper wire—New Plymouth to Wanganui—erected to replace a wire sold to the Railway Department, the whole of the line, 104 miles, was overhauled and strengthened generally.

The Featherston to Kaitoke Section has had special work done upon it by the lineman, to lessen the liability to faults on the Rimutaka Range, which is high and exposed to the wind.

The railway-line from Upper Hutt to Cross Creek was put in good repair during the running of the railway-wire, and new cable leads were put in at Upper Hutt and Kaitoke. From Cross Creek to Featherston the railway telegraph-line—the poles of which were much weakened by decay—was removed to the lee side of the railway-track. A good substantial line now exists on this section.

Two miles of wire between Marton and Marton Railway-station were dismantled.

A new aerial cable was put across the river at Waipawa.

A section of No. 8 iron wire, from Kaikora North to Woodville—60 miles—was sold to the Railway Department. In lieu of this, 21 miles of wire, from Dannevirke to Takapau, were run.

The work referred to in last report—erecting three new wires, from Masterton to Woodville, to take the place of those on the old line *via* Tenui—is now in progress.

Instruments in the Masterton and Featherston offices have been rearranged and refitted. The completion of the Masterton-to-Wellington wire, to be used by the Railway Department instead of a combined wire, will give increased accommodation between Wellington and the Wairarapa district, by leaving the wire formerly used for combined railway and public purposes wholly available for public business.

The quadruplex system has been in operation between Wellington and Auckland for some months, and, although the circuit is about 500 miles, has given every satisfaction. It is intended to introduce this system on some of the principal circuits where required during this year.

Bridging bell telephones have been substituted for seven-series instruments on the Gisborne-Port Awanui line; this has enabled transmitting to be avoided.

#### Cables.

The No. 1 Oterangi Bay cable became interrupted on the 9th May, 1898. The cable-steamer "Tutanekai" left with a repairing staff on the 16th June, and repairs were completed on the 27th June. The break was about 2½ knots from Oterangi Bay. The cable has worked well since the repair, and the other two cables from this terminus have worked satisfactorily during the year. They all test well. The No. 4 Lyall Bay cable likewise has been working satisfactorily.

#### Telephone Exchanges.

The branching multiple switchboard at Wellington continues to give satisfaction. The number of subscribers is now 1,279.

The total number of exchanges in the district is eight, and at all these the number of subscribers is on the increase.

Two new exchanges, one at Feilding and one at Hawera, will be opened shortly.

The total number of subscribers at all exchanges in the district is 2,277.

#### NELSON.

##### Construction.

The following new lines have been erected :—

					Miles of Poles.	Miles of Wire.
Reefton to Crushington	...	...	...	...	23½	23½
Collingwood to Bainham	...	...	...	...	8½	8½
Renwicktown to Kaituna	...	...	...	...	3	3
Belgrove to Tophouse	...	...	...	...	...	27
Total	...	...	...	...	14½	41½

##### Maintenance.

The section Westport to Inangahua Junction has been thoroughly overhauled, and poles brought down from high points to the road to facilitate repairs. All poles between Nelson and Inangahua Junction, and Nelson and Blenheim, have been examined, and renewed where necessary. Three No. 8 copper wires have been substituted for iron wires between Blenheim and White's Bay—the cable terminus. The total length renewed is 42 miles.

No. 8 copper wire is at present being substituted for an old iron wire between Blenheim and Kaikoura.

The lines, generally, are in fair condition. On the Hokitika-Ross line a complete renewal of 130 poles may be necessary.

#### Telephone Exchanges.

The exchanges at Nelson, Greymouth, and Blenheim are in good order. At each place the number of subscribers is slightly in advance of last year, the total number for the district being 212.

#### CHRISTCHURCH.

##### Construction.

The following works have been completed:—

						Miles of Poles.	Miles of Wire.
Waikare-Hawarden	...	...	...	...	...	4½	4½
Ashburton-Mayfield	...	...	...	...	...	4	22½
For Railway Department—							
Waimate loop	...	...	...	...	...	0½	1
Total	...	...	...	...	...	9	28

##### Maintenance.

The following lines have been overhauled: Amberley-Rangiora, Rangiora-Addington, Rangiora-Oxford, Hornsby-Southbridge, Christchurch-Akaroa (about 4 miles), Christchurch-Sumner (about 3 miles), and Jackson's-Otira. On the last-named section large arms have been put up so as to give the wires greater spread than is usual. The section Waiau to Kaikoura is being strengthened by reducing the spans to about 3 chains and erecting extra double poles.

During the current year the following works may require to be undertaken: Completion of overhaul of sections Christchurch-Akaroa, Akaroa-Akaroa Lighthouse, Christchurch-Sumner; removal of a large number of poles between Jackson's and Old John's; rebutting and renewal of arms on Darfield-White Cliffs Section; strengthening of the main line between Studholme and Waitaki; shortening of spans and general strengthening of the Christchurch-Lyttelton line.

Morse sets on the closed-circuit system have been fitted on the following circuits: Timaru-Fairlie, six sets; Christchurch-Ashburton, one set; Ashburton-Timaru, one set. At Waiau and Jackson's, open-circuit sets have been fitted to facilitate testing.

Between Rangiora and Oxford 17 miles, and between Southbridge and Ellesmere 10 miles of wire have been dismantled making a total of 27 miles for the district.

#### Telephone Exchanges.

A sub-exchange was opened at Rangiora during the year with eight subscribers. There are now four exchanges in the district—viz., Christchurch, Ashburton, Timaru, and Rangiora.

The total number of subscribers last year was 1,017. This year there are 1,093, or an increase of 76.

A multiple switchboard on the branching system will be erected at Christchurch during this year.

#### DUNEDIN.

##### Construction.

The following extension-works were carried out during the year:—

						Miles of Poles.	Miles of Wire.
Dunedin to Burke's (railway-wire)...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Balclutha to Toiro and Warepa	...	...	...	...	...	6½	9
Eweburn to Ranfurly	...	...	...	...	...	1½	1½
Colac to Round Hill	...	...	...	...	...	3	3
Drummond to Heddon Bush	...	...	...	...	...	6	6
Wairio to Annandale	...	...	...	...	...	5	5
Merrivale to Eastern Bush and Clifden	...	...	...	...	...	12½	12½
Invercargill to Otautau (trunk telephone-wire)	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
Wingatui semaphore and block wires	...	...	...	...	...	...	1½
Total	...	...	...	...	...	34½	73½

##### Maintenance.

376 miles of line have been carefully overhauled by repairing parties, some portions being reconstructed where necessary. There have been no faults or interruptions of any importance during the year. The total mileage of lines at the end of the year was 1,513 of line and 3,342 of wire in the telegraph branch, and 97 of line and 1,149 of wire in the telephone-exchange branch of the service.

#### Telephone Exchanges.

A new sub-exchange was opened at Otautau, with 8 ordinary subscribers and 9 bureau connections, the whole being connected to the Invercargill Exchange as required by means of a copper wire 31 miles in length.

There are now 14 ordinary and branch exchanges in the district, with 1,600 telephones in use in connection therewith. The net increase of subscribers during the year amounted to 95.

A multiple switchboard on the branching system will be erected at Dunedin during this year





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 1897 and 1898.

ISSUED IN NEW ZEALAND.				
Where payable.	1897.		1898.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
United Kingdom and Foreign Offices ..	28,244	84,593 11 3	31,788	98,373 3 9
United States of America .. ..	3,043	7,529 3 6	3,169	7,520 3 5
Canada .. ..	224	943 19 0	230	877 5 11
Cape Colony .. ..	100	361 1 1	96	333 2 5
Ceylon .. ..	53	358 1 0	28	68 18 1
Fiji .. ..	..	..	59	211 19 2
Germany .. ..	481	1,523 6 6	414	1,235 16 2
Hawaii .. ..	2	3 0 0	6	11 4 1
Hongkong .. ..	244	1,326 16 6	288	1,622 1 8
India .. ..	252	1,222 16 8	250	1,119 8 6
New South Wales .. ..	11,173	30,137 14 5	13,283	35,839 7 2
Queensland .. ..	750	2,567 13 9	724	2,132 13 8
South Australia .. ..	767	1,918 15 6	925	2,159 17 11
Straits Settlements .. ..	13	49 0 9	22	47 1 1
Tasmania .. ..	43,158	44,483 15 4	48,524	46,712 8 4
Victoria .. ..	10,898	29,326 9 10	11,728	29,782 16 2
Western Australia .. ..	390	1,892 19 7	571	2,468 4 5
Totals .. ..	99,792	208,238 4 8	112,105	230,515 11 11

## DRAWN ON NEW ZEALAND.

Where issued.	1897.		1898.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
United Kingdom and Foreign Offices ..	9,198	31,431 18 2	9,500	31,929 2 6
United States of America .. ..	772	3,025 18 11	1,065	3,662 2 6
Canada .. ..	143	638 16 11	177	715 7 1
Cape Colony .. ..	292	1,441 3 6	384	2,099 19 1
Ceylon .. ..	14	38 3 9	26	65 1 3
Fiji .. ..	..	..	116	232 15 1
Germany .. ..	109	769 5 4	86	483 5 3
Hawaii .. ..	6	11 7 10	20	31 19 7
Hongkong .. ..	15	39 12 11	50	84 0 5
India .. ..	127	487 1 7	123	482 8 1
New South Wales .. ..	4,038	12,024 0 8	4,693	14,349 7 0
Queensland .. ..	652	2,813 14 11	781	2,838 15 7
South Australia .. ..	532	1,755 1 6	504	1,806 9 10
Straits Settlements .. ..	9	27 10 6	30	79 1 0
Tasmania .. ..	983	3,655 17 8	1,150	4,847 0 6
Victoria .. ..	2,895	8,808 3 2	3,105	9,566 12 1
Western Australia .. ..	1,707	8,375 14 10	1,614	7,391 13 10
Totals .. ..	21,492	75,343 12 2	23,424	80,665 0 8

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, 1899.

Year.	Number of Postal Notes sold.											Total.	
	At 1s.	At 1s. 6d.	At 2s. 6d.	At 5s.	At 7s. 6d.	At 10s.	At 13s. 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 5 6
1886-87	16,605	12,283	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	17,167	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	21,900	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	25,387	14,478	23,550	10,894	24,011	7,809	9,386	4,158	22,596	..	175,023	65,484 2 0
1890-91	35,915	28,559	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	33,722	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	38,849	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	44,706	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	49,846	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	56,185	32,801	49,204	22,802	47,787	13,601	17,191	7,020	33,390	1,192	349,627	123,368 6 6
1896-97	74,534	62,056	35,322	54,219	24,871	51,963	14,365	18,102	7,406	32,868	1,090	376,796	129,011 18 0
1897-98	81,958	69,981	38,617	60,843	26,968	55,748	15,463	19,477	7,904	32,179	728	409,866	134,378 9 6
1898-99	86,529	72,710	41,991	64,386	28,448	59,631	16,202	19,990	8,193	32,696	673	431,449	139,957 4 0
	659,758	535,397	303,891	470,467	218,668	462,897	133,932	168,988	71,800	357,759	3,683	3,387,240	1,191,642 6 0

\* First issued on 17th June, 1885.

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 1898.

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 ..	21,711	1,199 11 3	71,865 10 10	38,222	134,063 16 6	2,541	17,466	307,980 1 3	2,867	21,162	369,068 17 3	
Aoroa ..	22	0 13 6	50 11 1	2	7 0 0	8	16	102 11 0	..	9	52 1 0	
Aratapu ..	1,000	40 14 0	2,989 12 9	130	471 6 5	86	729	4,415 13 1	30	147	1,655 3 7	
Avondale ..	42	1 12 0	90 18 7	147	536 18 8	5	118	504 16 0	..	13	192 2 4	
Bombay ..	168	4 16 3	399 15 6	112	581 10 11	13	105	818 15 0	9	62	898 17 3	
Cabbage Bay ..	205	5 17 6	555 5 3	26	62 3 1	15	53	245 6 0	..	7	65 19 0	
Cambridge ..	785	30 9 9	2,560 10 1	588	2,300 6 0	79	646	9,501 6 6	40	334	7,458 16 5	
Clevedon ..	169	5 3 0	370 3 5	79	278 17 11	12	96	257 6 0	4	30	130 19 10	
Coromandel ..	2,633	123 12 3	7,093 6 7	778	2,859 0 5	178	1,727	12,613 10 11	95	559	5,752 18 9	
Dargaville ..	1,345	143 15 9	6,844 3 2	1,043	17,242 17 9	126	559	7,552 15 2	42	199	3,786 11 0	
Devonport ..	457	18 2 9	1,090 3 0	616	1,777 11 2	73	676	3,040 18 9	16	210	1,983 5 7	
Drury ..	174	5 15 6	522 18 3	147	910 10 2	7	62	422 12 8	3	34	290 12 0	
Ellerslie ..	10	0 7 9	27 2 10	2	0 17 6	..	3	1 11 0	..	..	..	
Hamilton ..	1,166	43 10 3	3,220 4 7	763	2,696 3 6	103	916	8,840 13 4	48	379	6,150 10 5	
Helensville ..	424	14 10 0	1,137 6 0	152	503 7 5	34	250	1,894 2 11	19	146	1,173 18 11	
Hikurangi ..	460	15 14 3	1,398 18 6	160	759 14 2	30	227	2,492 12 0	14	108	1,678 0 8	
Huntly ..	780	28 11 9	2,167 9 11	232	984 17 2	58	309	2,823 12 9	35	179	2,560 4 10	
Kaeo ..	343	15 15 0	1,006 13 11	75	302 17 0	23	163	1,150 15 3	13	67	625 18 2	
Kaihu ..	661	33 6 3	2,755 14 2	65	419 19 7	58	305	1,932 16 8	17	102	1,051 19 1	
Kaikohe ..	290	35 0 9	1,431 9 2	28	114 5 6	34	187	2,387 1 0	10	37	396 5 10	
Kaitia ..	533	42 17 6	2,450 19 10	65	364 2 3	16	124	1,992 16 5	5	61	867 10 7	
Kaiwaka ..	192	28 19 6	1,242 1 4	9	29 13 0	18	78	1,126 15 0	..	11	168 19 0	
Kamo ..	375	12 10 3	802 4 9	96	445 12 7	23	246	1,634 15 0	12	119	1,468 18 11	
Kaukapakapa ..	186	6 8 6	576 19 0	49	230 1 2	12	148	1,081 5 0	3	54	640 6 1	
Kawakawa ..	616	46 13 6	2,528 11 6	277	1,024 8 9	37	285	4,223 9 11	10	109	1,146 19 5	
Kihikihi ..	146	5 10 0	474 10 6	87	382 8 3	21	114	844 16 5	9	67	686 1 6	
Kohukohu ..	201	12 18 0	935 15 5	64	285 12 1	10	66	637 1 4	6	39	1,084 7 4	
Kuaotunu ..	657	27 11 3	2,188 14 6	114	618 10 7	36	234	1,793 16 1	9	124	894 6 0	
Mangapai ..	348	11 1 6	1,306 13 1	55	243 6 8	4	34	461 4 0	1	28	592 6 0	
Mangawai ..	975	152 10 9	6,415 14 3	84	596 3 6	48	363	5,729 2 0	8	46	804 2 11	
Mangawhare ..	253	10 17 6	684 2 6	61	198 4 5	24	130	830 5 0	5	27	509 1 2	
Mangonui ..	972	111 3 1	5,268 16 3	140	608 19 5	43	212	3,748 5 6	12	58	779 7 7	
Matakana ..	126	6 12 3	400 19 2	53	218 14 5	10	70	1,299 15 7	2	44	926 19 3	
Matakohe ..	186	9 0 3	609 3 4	49	221 6 9	23	102	1,153 1 3	4	34	391 1 2	
Matamata ..	131	4 4 0	361 18 0	50	331 5 5	10	95	636 8 0	5	30	205 18 10	
Maungaturoto ..	134	5 4 0	411 0 10	92	273 12 3	4	55	1,492 11 0	4	23	373 13 1	
Mercer ..	298	8 18 9	721 19 10	118	502 4 6	19	93	1,873 17 0	3	35	917 14 4	
Mititai ..	217	6 14 0	605 5 10	27	121 2 5	9	45	570 17 0	3	30	309 6 9	
Morrinsville ..	167	7 0 6	503 3 4	92	306 0 1	18	141	1,040 9 0	8	38	902 4 7	
Mount Eden ..	74	3 2 9	163 0 3	130	385 3 5	..	25	81 0 0	1	2	3 10 2	
Mount Roskill ..	5	0 5 3	6 15 0	1	4 0 0	..	5	1 2 0	..	1	0 11 0	
Newmarket ..	613	21 9 3	1,222 5 8	296	931 5 10	36	238	914 7 8	10	27	122 7 9	
Newton ..	1,279	55 14 6	2,726 11 3	1,182	3,776 5 8	118	1,248	7,376 2 8	43	202	2,565 5 0	
Ngaruawahia ..	441	14 7 9	1,227 18 11	317	1,137 17 0	43	284	1,865 4 8	30	122	1,344 2 9	
Ohaeawai ..	311	18 8 6	1,073 16 2	100	580 15 5	12	114	903 11 4	4	34	347 17 7	
Ohaupo ..	158	5 8 0	451 1 0	91	375 10 2	15	105	1,103 1 3	7	36	922 14 11	
Okaihau ..	96	3 14 6	248 18 3	60	435 9 0	11	68	706 3 0	1	14	112 13 9	
Okupu ..	158	4 17 6	480 5 8	30	312 6 7	8	37	386 15 8	..	3	10 0 0	
Omapere ..	259	21 12 6	1,574 17 6	54	327 1 1	12	58	314 14 5	3	31	295 17 7	
Onehunga ..	756	36 3 3	2,056 6 5	852	2,956 18 0	37	314	2,913 10 0	16	108	1,798 1 5	
Opitonui ..	305	16 12 0	1,137 8 7	14	87 13 3	26	142	1,286 1 11	2	23	208 6 1	
Otahuhu ..	292	10 6 6	570 12 7	399	1,358 18 10	31	274	1,462 9 0	16	104	920 17 8	
Otorohanga ..	437	21 14 9	1,188 6 4	124	608 14 4	16	133	2,270 9 4	14	73	900 12 3	
Pahi ..	214	8 5 9	511 13 4	53	246 10 1	13	70	473 11 0	4	40	208 2 8	
Papakura ..	243	8 9 3	561 2 4	173	821 18 1	23	140	993 1 8	8	62	854 7 4	
Paparoa ..	212	7 15 6	572 10 3	57	216 3 4	13	84	1,259 10 0	2	37	487 6 9	
Parnell ..	311	12 8 3	590 8 0	510	1,762 1 2	46	657	1,780 2 8	23	102	529 14 7	
Parua Bay ..	208	7 1 9	593 5 8	56	317 8 8	5	47	506 5 0	3	28	251 0 2	
Pirongia ..	187	6 2 9	637 7 1	77	280 18 1	11	59	411 4 0	2	68	515 14 9	
Pokeno ..	78	2 6 6	236 3 7	43	213 16 1	11	59	504 2 0	3	36	1,912 14 5	
Ponsonby ..	377	12 13 3	739 1 0	1,037	3,354 18 7	13	259	722 14 3	11	52	306 7 4	
Poroti ..	416	74 12 0	3,064 0 9	17	103 16 4	18	84	1,399 6 0	4	15	409 19 5	
Port Albert ..	220	9 6 6	620 10 11	72	324 17 11	11	143	1,216 8 0	3	59	763 3 1	
Puhoi ..	10	0 6 6	21 0 4	2	1 7 0	1	1	13 0 0	..	1	25 0 0	
Pukekohe ..	415	15 11 6	1,164 12 7	241	988 19 11	39	259	3,050 7 3	21	152	2,186 9 5	
Raglan ..	186	7 16 3	601 1 11	108	427 13 10	12	88	804 5 10	12	46	652 16 5	
Rangiriri ..	128	3 16 3	262 3 10	68	215 0 8	8	37	129 19 0	0	5	81 8 4	
Rawene ..	134	5 2 9	420 10 0	139	531 14 4	16	64	707 14 8	7	41	568 11 1	
Rotorua ..	1,733	79 8 3	6,954 9 4	583	2,823 2 4	95	491	4,481 13 5	47	287	4,210 19 11	
Russell ..	274	9 5 11	864 0 0	104	453 13 0	19	134	866 4 10	1	42	414 16 3	
Taheke ..	16	0 14 9	76 1 6	5	32 3 4	5	10	30 0 0	1	1	5 0 3	
Tairua ..	877	70 0 0	3,804 0 2	109	874 3 0	81	441	5,095 3 11	11	72	1,047 18 1	
Taupo ..	289	13 17 6	1,202 4 10	88	488 19 5	16	81	878 7 5	3	28	297 4 11	
Te Awamutu ..	338	13 19 9	1,047 8 0	212	792 1 4	44	413	3,730 4 7	18	95	2,320 4 9	
Te Kopuru ..	842	35 14 3	2,818 3 3	134	959 9 3	45	400	2,691 8 0	25	108	1,747 7 7	
Te Kuiti ..	470	15 5 6	1,616 15 8	69	296 4 8	19	60	402 19 11	10	43	540 2 1	
Te Mata ..	46	1 17 6	115 2 2	18	142 9 0	5	19	439 9 0	1	21	586 4 7	
Tirau ..	147	4 14 9	402 18 9	49	265 15 4	7	102	521 7 3	1	12	78 13 6	
Tokatea ..	281	11 4 0	863 9 4	35	135 15 9	26	158	786 19 0	3	45	350 14 10	
Tokatoka ..	1,091	95 9 6	17,487 6 9	35	171 14 2	18	66	732 3 0	6	17	276 13 2	
Tuakau ..	235	8 4 3	772 1 10	103	566 5 1	24	86	1,066 11 1	9	59	539 0 2	
Up'r Symonds St.	409	17 19 6	954 1 7	156	602 6 0	9	141	783 9 0	6	33	94 13 2	
Wade ..	201	6 16 0	368 9 0	57	233 13 7	25	129	826 4 6	4	30	260 1 8	
Waerenga ..	19	0 13 6	49 18 9	7	30 14 9	12	42	107 2 0	1	5	37 10 0	
Waihou ..	125	3 15 6	415 2 6	36	323 9 1	11	16	454 10 9	..	5	128 0 0	
Waipu ..	596	23 8 6	1,843 13 0	105	674 5 6	25	138	2,022 8 11	7	66	774 15 2	
Waiuku ..	539	20 8 9	1,611 16 1	221	886 12 0	51	289	1,989 7 0	21	108	1,059 14 9	
Waiwera ..	126	4 15 9	487 10 2	34	145 3 5	8	37	712 13 0	3	13	185 0 7	

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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 1898—continued.

Office.	Money Orders.					Savings Banks.					
	Issued.			Paid.		New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.	
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.
AUCKLAND—cont'd.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Waotu ..	51	2 6 0	139 13 9	26	126 14 6	..	11	85 10 0	..	4	36 0 0
Warkworth ..	400	13 16 0	1,098 1 1	216	957 3 10	41	257	2,815 14 5	11	98	1,307 14 11
Wellsford ..	80	3 8 0	190 1 11	33	198 18 9	12	84	605 0 0	1	18	306 0 8
Whananaki ..	6	0 7 6	19 0 9	..	..	5	7	50 15 0	..	1	3 6 0
Whangarei ..	1,955	79 6 6	5,994 16 6	607	2,143 16 7	214	1,185	14,881 10 3	82	539	9,512 18 8
Whangaroa ..	195	10 15 0	667 14 11	94	341 13 8	13	112	1,435 11 0	3	45	920 17 7
Wharekawa ..	1	0 0 6	1 12 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Whitianga ..	1,431	64 14 3	4,373 19 6	176	882 0 0	46	463	4,485 5 9	19	134	1,586 5 2
BLENHEIM ..	2,804	131 7 9	9,076 10 1	1,520	5,213 17 7	427	3,017	40,054 14 2	325	2,335	39,158 15 0
Cullensville ..	152	4 17 3	329 1 4	26	128 8 1	6	27	40 18 0	3	17	102 6 3
Havelock ..	813	29 14 6	2,621 5 6	219	905 10 6	40	245	2,054 12 1	15	111	1,124 6 4
Kekerangu ..	198	8 2 6	461 10 4	4	14 2 9	6	63	455 16 11	1	2	107 15 4
Pictou ..	980	32 17 9	2,649 14 3	400	1,642 15 10	73	491	4,668 4 4	25	216	3,471 8 11
Renwicktown ..	137	5 10 9	467 18 10	34	111 14 4	21	127	540 17 0	2	20	95 15 7
Spring Creek ..	257	11 19 9	824 14 5	44	182 7 9	17	101	597 12 0	3	18	93 12 6
CHRISTCHURCH ..	17,392	862 3 6	53,299 14 3	23,091	90,202 17 1	4,261	40,985	553,929 8 2	3,462	34,769	573,746 19 10
Akaroa ..	481	21 13 3	1,688 5 5	236	797 12 1	54	336	3,551 1 9	29	120	2,309 9 0
Amberley ..	327	11 8 3	918 6 0	188	580 11 8	44	297	4,215 3 4	9	122	2,304 11 1
Ashburton ..	2,657	100 14 0	8,925 13 9	1,068	3,911 9 3	220	1,912	18,672 7 6	144	1,011	17,943 17 3
Bealey ..	40	1 19 0	105 5 9	24	85 18 2	4	39	475 0 0	..	5	433 0 0
Belfast ..	177	5 7 0	371 3 6	47	156 16 2	17	78	502 5 0	3	26	192 8 4
Chertsey ..	108	3 3 9	354 16 8	23	76 18 10	10	50	593 14 10	1	22	246 6 8
Cheviot ..	684	21 19 3	6,962 16 5	286	1,599 14 9	36	334	4,448 9 10	9	171	2,801 15 2
Coalgate ..	77	3 4 6	232 8 10	22	55 18 5	5	31	363 17 10	7	19	400 10 2
Culverden ..	237	10 0 6	1,170 7 1	64	184 1 4	12	107	981 14 0	4	32	808 13 0
Darfield ..	89	3 11 3	292 4 8	41	217 1 11	12	58	663 13 0	4	21	286 17 7
Dunsandel ..	93	3 8 3	291 18 0	29	106 14 3	7	55	438 19 0	4	24	421 3 8
Duvanchelle ..	197	7 5 6	538 0 2	58	199 16 10	9	68	825 16 0	6	33	351 0 0
East Oxford ..	40	1 8 3	100 1 9	7	23 11 6	6	29	218 19 0	1	19	815 16 0
Ellesmere ..	32	1 1 0	50 0 2	5	30 7 9	9	37	275 9 6	..	16	46 15 0
Glentunnel ..	58	2 13 9	128 17 3	29	85 10 0	11	82	395 11 11	..	12	121 8 0
Greendale ..	39	1 5 9	105 1 4	14	35 16 7	..	16	42 6 6	..	4	249 10 0
Hammer Plains ..	208	7 7 3	612 8 11	38	159 2 6	18	103	982 16 0	2	18	233 19 3
Hinds ..	103	2 18 6	247 18 5	21	58 10 4	8	36	181 2 2	4	13	68 1 5
Hornby ..	142	5 18 0	407 4 8	28	77 3 0	12	81	452 9 5	..	13	142 5 0
Hororata ..	152	7 15 6	437 2 10	35	113 1 11	7	80	452 14 2	6	29	663 6 5
Kaiapoi ..	530	23 2 9	1,481 13 10	303	910 17 5	121	1,021	9,883 2 4	57	402	6,918 8 10
Kaikoura ..	1,408	55 9 9	5,288 17 6	185	692 0 2	83	379	5,693 16 11	33	138	3,995 7 4
Kirwee ..	87	3 11 6	352 13 6	41	145 3 6	13	58	647 16 11	5	23	286 18 6
Leeston ..	387	12 17 3	1,381 9 2	391	1,080 5 2	46	534	3,065 16 2	4	111	1,930 15 3
Lincoln ..	148	7 14 0	440 3 8	171	691 8 7	8	159	1,056 3 0	8	36	188 18 11
Linwood ..	128	4 19 0	269 10 11	204	713 16 5	21	192	512 17 0	3	13	45 14 6
Little River ..	445	17 13 9	1,428 3 1	101	509 1 5	18	178	2,183 0 0	9	76	2,005 0 11
Lytelton ..	2,357	115 9 9	7,105 0 9	940	3,332 19 8	237	2,278	18,127 4 4	120	830	11,285 7 9
Methven ..	380	11 15 6	1,318 14 11	53	194 19 3	21	144	1,619 5 11	9	61	1,346 18 2
Mount Somers ..	150	5 8 6	414 15 3	31	127 19 11	17	105	1,126 9 0	3	23	451 5 0
New Brighton ..	79	2 18 3	137 4 1	72	238 17 11	19	235	483 9 0	3	98	594 4 4
Oxford ..	543	16 16 11	1,565 13 8	277	1,053 17 4	59	366	4,415 11 1	24	141	3,938 19 10
Papanui ..	89	3 11 9	155 0 10	83	274 14 7	11	129	806 1 0	4	25	130 15 9
Pigeon Bay ..	92	3 12 0	257 3 9	21	112 11 10	19	81	1,165 14 0	1	11	388 18 1
Rakaia ..	474	14 9 6	1,323 19 8	136	516 18 11	32	235	2,563 9 1	16	125	1,406 15 11
Rangiora ..	1,100	42 7 3	3,033 2 10	624	2,101 15 7	188	1,407	22,911 7 10	93	634	14,909 1 1
Rolleston ..	42	1 9 0	103 12 5	23	85 0 3	2	25	230 5 0	2	5	52 10 9
St. Albans ..	72	2 8 9	142 17 6	96	304 6 10	9	62	104 0 0	2	9	7 7 0
Sefton ..	52	2 0 9	120 3 2	50	307 1 0	7	63	384 2 0	3	25	359 10 6
Sheffield ..	170	6 15 9	563 0 6	115	484 10 1	18	116	2,207 11 6	7	67	1,350 1 10
Southbridge ..	259	8 13 0	654 1 11	196	773 6 10	29	262	2,616 3 1	19	132	4,114 7 9
Springfield ..	1,054	32 8 6	3,825 3 5	129	1,600 17 2	20	154	1,295 12 3	6	28	444 18 7
Springston ..	65	2 8 6	173 10 5	53	160 11 9	11	75	1,178 7 1	..	27	374 3 0
Sydenham ..	875	40 6 3	2,513 18 8	739	2,278 12 4	174	1,812	6,567 9 7	40	275	2,080 13 1
Tinwald ..	78	3 11 9	216 6 10	46	136 18 10	12	74	629 9 0	9	51	433 7 9
Upper Riccarton ..	91	3 14 0	190 3 5	30	152 16 10	8	48	156 7 0	..	7	43 6 0
Waiau ..	303	11 5 0	773 5 1	78	283 13 10	21	176	2,340 18 3	5	67	536 3 2
Waikari ..	253	9 2 0	930 11 3	91	450 9 1	22	151	2,256 17 6	5	69	1,851 15 2
Whitecliffs ..	101	3 9 6	283 2 6	12	61 9 7	4	64	288 3 0	5	43	462 18 2
Woodend ..	12	0 7 6	20 8 4	2	5 8 0	1	1	26 5 0	1	9	49 10 7
Woolston ..	183	6 12 0	344 19 9	87	474 7 6	23	147	1,428 12 0	15	80	827 18 4
DUNEDIN ..	15,004	683 13 0	42,577 13 8	27,544	106,274 6 8	2,979	27,677	351,739 17 10	2,479	24,031	377,837 9 5
Alexandra South ..	1,304	54 8 6	4,512 19 8	242	815 18 8	57	256	1,883 18 3	23	134	1,656 12 7
Allanton ..	93	2 15 3	219 9 3	28	95 14 9	12	48	522 3 8	3	18	215 16 1
Balclutha ..	1,132	38 17 6	2,963 7 0	476	1,739 5 2	87	637	8,005 16 1	35	220	4,934 9 5
Caversham ..	246	9 16 9	703 15 10	365	1,037 15 5	57	766	1,943 8 2	4	38	144 12 8
Clinton ..	704	23 10 0	1,937 13 1	99	455 19 10	28	188	1,796 10 2	10	72	1,122 10 3
Clyde ..	341	13 4 3	1,138 10 4	171	599 2 1	24	108	890 2 9	7	38	786 15 1
Cromwell ..	832	31 12 9	2,440 16 3	258	1,164 18 1	36	170	2,109 4 1	20	79	1,772 19 6
Dunback ..	166	4 6 3	630 13 9	26	82 9 2	9	44	238 13 5	2	22	163 7 11
Dunedin North ..	1,773	73 16 9	3,642 10 7	692	2,497 14 7	389	4,209	21,700 7 8	152	941	7,169 16 5
Green Island ..	136	5 10 3	354 12 4	143	443 10 2	31	227	1,509 1 7	17	50	701 16 2
Hamilton ..	216	5 17 6	929 19 6	10	37 16 10	5	30	183 8 0	2	5	33 9 8
Heriot ..	256	8 0 6	605 2 4	43	156 9 11	12	44	470 2 8	6	15	229 14 0
Hyde ..	386	12 11 9	1,247 15 6	78	279 5 6	7	37	228 6 3	1	18	226 5 1
Kaitangata ..	662	22 16 9	1,931 6 11	225	813 11 2	51	314	2,160 13 6	32	109	1,277 6 5
Kelso ..	271	9 4 3	840 10 3	42	187 18 2	13	48	371 15 2	8	27	705 18 1
Lawrence ..	1,094	36 7 0	2,789 6 7	570	2,116 14 4	111	721	8,295 15 11	48	263	5,705 12 6
Lovell's Flat ..	75	2 14 0	208 19 10	13	29 2 6	2	14	52 10 0	2	7	57 15 5
Macrae's Flat ..	372	11 10 6	1,235 19 5	27	327 18 6	8	26	331 14 0	1	30	192 8 5
Middlemarch ..	523	14 9 3	1,758 5 5	64	306 3 5	19	63	1,263 15 0	5	30	350 1 7
Miller's Flat ..	454	15 1 0	1,264 4 10	50	184 2 8	20	79	800 11 0	7	36	541 7 1
Milton ..	1,079	37 16 6	2,977 19 0	497	1,895 11 10	113	649	8,570 3 10	50	252	6,299 0 3

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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.
<b>DUNEDIN—cont'd.</b>		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Mosgiel ..	351	12 19 9	725 7 3	301	1,092 11 6	40	281	3,314 14 2	22	93	1,930 5 0
Naseby ..	1,379	39 17 6	5,790 18 6	363	1,403 4 11	39	327	2,332 10 10	14	74	1,162 7 3
Nenthorn ..	37	1 2 0	105 3 7	5	87 17 6	..	15	5 1 0	..	..	..
Ophir ..	770	25 7 6	2,640 13 7	109	456 10 9	20	67	678 13 4	8	28	863 15 10
Outram ..	279	9 15 3	739 16 9	89	362 6 3	18	124	825 19 8	7	34	463 14 3
Owaka ..	815	20 2 3	2,453 8 1	205	891 11 3	13	106	1,156 19 0	15	111	1,363 7 7
Palmerston South	710	23 6 6	2,208 8 4	440	1,828 9 2	53	384	3,513 14 1	26	177	2,568 8 10
Patearoa ..	304	9 11 0	950 8 1	32	87 6 11	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pembroke ..	234	8 8 0	687 8 4	51	243 1 0	15	63	474 0 0	3	17	223 18 1
Port Chalmers	1,407	63 13 0	3,852 13 0	797	2,811 11 5	196	1,691	11,489 18 6	99	539	6,146 6 10
Puerua ..	123	3 7 3	345 2 4	62	223 1 8	9	48	565 0 0	4	14	225 10 3
Roxburgh ..	718	24 4 6	2,748 1 10	174	662 10 5	40	226	2,642 7 9	25	96	1,924 9 9
St. Bathans ..	409	13 19 0	1,282 16 5	68	243 4 11	11	60	424 5 0	3	23	256 9 9
Seacliff ..	191	5 19 9	529 13 6	111	494 12 11	10	114	967 19 0	1	16	200 12 2
South Dunedin	550	20 5 9	923 1 7	474	1,225 10 7	127	1,137	4,172 1 1	38	197	1,248 11 10
Stirling ..	299	10 0 3	772 6 5	72	241 4 1	16	90	949 14 11	10	33	702 2 2
Tapanui ..	706	23 5 3	2,069 2 11	170	629 5 11	53	321	3,935 6 0	17	68	1,731 1 6
Waiholo ..	141	4 10 9	353 12 0	30	163 5 2	16	78	886 13 2	3	29	363 5 4
Waikaia ..	558	23 3 0	2,154 19 0	80	469 15 3	32	187	900 5 0	21	65	912 17 1
Waikoikoi ..	52	1 15 0	133 15 5	10	35 18 7	..	..	..	..	..	..
Waikouaiti ..	402	11 17 6	1,277 0 9	227	789 14 11	22	133	862 1 2	15	76	1,460 15 2
Waipori ..	231	8 16 9	727 12 10	31	167 17 8	..	..	..	..	..	..
Waitahuna ..	308	8 19 9	816 6 0	124	737 3 4	18	73	1,028 11 6	5	35	1,349 3 10
Waitati ..	96	3 3 3	270 6 11	106	481 9 7	13	62	457 14 0	6	26	243 3 4
<b>GISBORNE</b>	3,172	170 8 6	9,824 4 8	1,069	4,378 16 5	644	3,993	45,395 10 1	480	3,092	39,488 16 1
Tolaga Bay ..	155	8 4 9	459 16 3	49	173 19 2	13	69	652 8 0	5	14	85 19 7
Waipiro Bay ..	237	14 2 3	651 3 1	44	259 8 1	39	190	1,685 4 0	14	64	607 5 0
<b>GREYMOUTH</b>	3,350	169 4 9	10,020 19 5	2,563	9,559 15 6	393	2,485	33,353 1 3	346	2,306	38,762 15 8
Ahaura ..	378	13 1 9	974 16 1	68	295 4 2	11	59	432 0 0	4	21	241 6 1
Blackball ..	387	12 18 6	1,064 0 6	38	120 11 1	23	108	780 4 5	7	37	487 6 9
Brunnerton ..	601	25 19 3	1,744 17 2	306	967 10 4	54	367	3,036 8 5	17	167	1,671 2 0
Jackson's ..	973	40 15 9	4,210 10 0	34	113 15 9	39	157	988 2 6	9	35	272 3 10
Nelson Cr ..	246	7 8 0	674 5 7	4	20 0 0	3	33	306 13 0	..	11	67 0 0
Ngahere ..	103	3 14 3	276 9 1	17	80 1 0	7	48	107 11 0	4	13	80 8 8
Reefton ..	1,879	92 7 9	5,990 7 8	748	2,611 1 0	134	710	8,644 17 5	86	309	4,924 10 4
Stillwater ..	98	3 18 3	216 3 1	29	94 10 3	10	27	275 16 0	..	17	142 15 0
Totara Flat ..	171	5 10 3	384 10 3	39	146 8 2	11	38	390 1 4	4	17	302 8 4
<b>HOKITIKA</b>	1,560	71 5 0	4,605 6 4	1,124	4,443 1 7	110	744	12,186 13 5	136	756	16,084 8 0
Goldsborough ..	99	4 13 6	248 4 9	31	176 8 4	1	31	422 2 0	2	14	302 11 3
Kumara ..	939	37 3 6	2,293 16 7	453	1,912 12 8	63	437	3,839 19 8	39	219	3,422 15 5
Rimu ..	104	3 13 6	170 3 0	18	92 12 6	14	119	1,304 13 0	7	55	400 8 5
Ross ..	380	14 12 0	932 5 0	237	901 0 0	29	184	2,262 6 1	10	60	995 13 7
Stafford ..	255	9 4 3	680 12 2	34	99 16 3	7	72	445 9 0	2	34	332 11 8
<b>INVERCARGILL</b>	4,376	196 17 3	13,253 12 6	4,863	16,724 11 8	747	5,138	70,656 19 5	677	4,105	76,042 11 5
Arrowtown ..	718	26 16 6	2,076 7 1	160	827 11 5	59	260	2,570 6 1	14	65	803 13 7
Balfour ..	86	3 6 6	190 5 9	20	97 13 9	13	59	561 14 0	4	19	219 13 0
Bluff ..	943	35 19 0	2,388 17 10	368	1,457 7 10	74	462	3,842 12 10	30	176	2,354 15 8
Dipton ..	204	6 17 6	579 9 10	37	104 8 2	21	77	600 3 5	11	34	369 15 4
Edendale ..	163	5 14 6	427 9 7	51	157 19 1	21	68	345 17 0	6	17	293 10 7
Fairfax ..	52	2 5 0	146 16 9	41	103 12 3	6	25	97 4 8	..	10	147 8 0
Fortrose ..	289	9 17 9	929 3 11	57	266 2 0	12	41	275 12 10	6	21	107 15 2
Gore ..	1,935	77 1 3	6,505 8 7	807	2,644 7 3	164	936	10,834 0 11	99	414	9,580 3 1
Half-moon Bay	86	2 18 6	263 0 7	31	216 12 3	6	41	202 15 0	7	16	84 13 8
Kingston ..	182	5 12 0	435 14 6	10	41 1 0	6	23	177 10 10	2	6	125 5 9
Lumsden ..	327	12 12 9	977 15 5	110	407 5 6	28	126	1,271 3 0	16	36	707 14 6
Mataura ..	810	26 11 3	2,263 14 4	166	550 4 6	48	284	2,846 6 0	29	144	2,708 16 10
Nightcaps ..	167	6 11 8	665 17 3	24	95 10 11	18	50	305 15 0	2	9	102 0 6
Orepuki ..	583	19 6 0	1,774 7 11	46	195 0 2	25	209	1,719 2 3	7	75	1,581 1 3
Otautau ..	328	10 6 6	808 18 11	152	517 6 10	21	113	663 18 6	18	58	773 8 9
Pukerau ..	123	4 18 1	369 15 11	38	105 7 10	10	99	774 16 7	10	50	977 15 1
Queenstown ..	904	34 16 3	2,856 15 5	299	1,206 17 11	50	324	3,068 11 8	23	100	1,490 9 3
Riversdale ..	385	14 2 6	1,231 9 9	66	219 3 4	15	98	748 0 0	16	47	484 16 4
Riverton ..	607	21 0 3	1,797 19 11	357	1,247 18 0	67	487	3,938 19 2	32	171	3,010 7 8
Thornbury ..	145	4 14 0	345 15 11	13	42 10 10	8	60	309 7 5	7	24	415 8 9
Waikaka ..	214	6 14 10	618 10 10	16	88 13 6	3	15	101 19 0	1	10	57 4 5
Waipahi ..	132	3 17 3	304 7 5	47	136 11 3	2	20	206 12 0	1	10	94 19 2
Wairio ..	174	6 10 6	487 1 1	20	94 1 10	19	46	526 8 0	8	21	394 19 5
Winton ..	679	24 12 6	1,808 16 4	226	865 10 0	54	232	3,202 12 3	26	83	2,278 4 0
Woodlands ..	161	6 13 3	476 16 3	72	240 0 2	15	71	1,031 19 0	6	26	262 13 1
Wyndham ..	441	15 17 0	1,368 9 11	164	553 10 10	41	190	1,652 17 10	35	102	2,260 19 8
<b>NAPIER</b>	6,005	299 9 6	19,620 11 11	4,971	17,053 15 5	923	6,940	85,487 16 7	919	5,388	95,246 8 9
Blackburn ..	56	1 12 9	98 14 8	1	0 19 6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dannevirke ..	2,259	90 0 3	5,817 6 10	774	2,588 0 6	201	865	8,726 1 0	87	481	5,160 6 5
Hastings ..	2,169	107 1 6	6,132 6 6	1,301	4,324 18 9	294	1,902	17,561 15 9	158	951	12,163 8 4
Herbertville ..	200	11 17 6	584 5 3	32	171 11 1	8	74	440 18 0	5	13	202 18 2
Kaikora North	370	13 15 0	1,030 0 6	67	257 7 0	16	112	1,649 11 0	6	47	1,315 16 10
Kumeroa ..	156	4 17 0	524 14 3	19	70 9 4	6	16	81 13 0	2	17	119 8 0
Makaretu ..	223	7 10 0	567 7 2	30	168 15 2	15	45	311 18 0	8	32	382 3 0
Makotuku ..	263	8 5 9	715 2 4	73	228 3 1	15	93	697 4 0	11	40	614 19 10
Mohaka ..	145	6 8 3	326 10 7	49	192 13 0	15	50	418 9 1	4	14	49 1 0
Norsewood ..	470	15 9 9	1,500 18 11	99	385 4 10	19	104	1,409 13 10	11	78	1,286 6 7
Ongaonga ..	192	6 9 3	540 18 3	25	76 16 8	12	122	935 18 0	1	50	791 18 0
Ormondville ..	430	12 9 0	1,365 5 8	122	431 5 2	15	83	728 5 0	6	56	760 18 0
Porangahau ..	410	25 16 9	1,422 4 11	59	286 17 9	22	61	692 0 2	13	42	824 9 9
Spit ..	673	36 7 3	1,944 2 2	448	1,626 16 6	63	644	3,066 18 11	13	107	450 0 9
Takapau ..	448	16 16 3	1,268 15 2	57	201 15 8	22	104	1,747 3 4	12	50	1,085 16 7
Taradale ..	232	9 3 0	575 12 3	107	462 11 10	26	160	581 11 0	5	47	138 12 3
Te Aute ..	194	8 13 3	585 3 6	67	200 10 5	4	25	515 4 7	6	35	408 1 7

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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 1898—continued.

Office.	Money Orders.					Savings Banks.						
	Issued.			Paid.		New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.		
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.	
<b>NAPIER—continued.</b>		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
Tikokino ..	187	7 13 9	683 2 5	20	75 15 5	8	40 288 14 0	3	28	264 12 4		
Waipawa ..	1,228	51 13 3	3,158 2 8	774	2,231 14 11	82	551 6,670 6 3	51	255	5,899 4 6		
Waipukurau ..	851	31 12 6	2,260 2 1	251	701 19 5	46	406 3,541 12 3	14	151	2,308 5 1		
Wairoa ..	860	49 10 0	3,100 16 7	348	1,375 4 6	79	477 4,839 14 11	23	154	1,938 1 1		
Weber ..	194	6 6 9	562 17 5	18	67 16 6							
<b>NELSON..</b>	3,461	163 1 9	10,826 9 9	4,698	17,841 10 10	492	3,729 60,636 3 6	434	3,420	69,271 10 0		
Belgrove ..	108	4 2 3	343 11 5	50	232 18 3	9	138 1,214 4 9	5	29	663 5 11		
Brightwater ..	137	5 9 0	416 8 0	81	278 3 0	18	110 1,044 9 0	1	27	645 7 5		
Collingwood ..	1,021	40 4 3	4,087 16 2	125	662 15 6	36	243 2,919 1 7	14	99	2,521 4 6		
Motueka ..	789	28 15 9	2,394 19 0	243	877 8 8	66	549 4,731 6 10	21	180	3,490 13 3		
Motupiko ..	116	5 2 0	408 12 6	31	156 0 8	6	57 393 15 0		4	64 0 0		
Ngatimote ..	115	3 16 6	311 14 8	28	108 7 4	11	71 222 7 0	5	45	810 10 8		
Richmond ..	180	8 10 0	658 11 10	132	525 10 9	20	221 2,252 10 2	8	56	1,208 19 0		
Takaka ..	562	19 8 9	1,762 5 3	186	793 15 0	41	233 3,422 2 1	18	115	2,322 18 0		
The Port ..	260	12 13 9	798 1 3	76	202 2 6	21	221 1,553 11 0	5	36	220 15 6		
Thorpe ..	51	1 13 0	131 12 2	10	47 8 6	6	32 298 7 0	1	15	329 9 7		
Upper Moutere ..	109	4 7 3	240 10 3	29	201 1 3	8	42 541 13 0	3	20	115 15 8		
Wakefield ..	205	7 19 3	652 19 10	126	464 3 10	27	201 2,059 7 0	16	66	1,715 12 10		
<b>NEW PLYMOUTH..</b>	4,167	179 9 9	12,726 10 1	3,959	17,323 15 2	493	3,362 51,883 3 8	484	3,078	53,791 12 11		
Inglewood ..	1,334	48 19 6	4,231 11 2	316	1,107 12 9	150	1,006 10,175 19 0	58	377	5,704 17 9		
Midhurst ..	453	16 2 6	1,379 11 1	73	278 15 6	18	135 1,269 16 10	10	85	793 18 10		
Opunake ..	932	42 3 6	2,698 19 11	216	910 9 1	47	319 2,570 16 10	22	122	2,031 5 8		
Pungarehu ..	399	22 13 9	1,349 16 8	113	656 6 0	8	51 622 9 0	5	37	471 3 2		
Stratford ..	2,266	89 14 0	8,397 13 9	644	2,812 4 2	211	939 13,008 5 1	86	482	8,167 17 1		
Waitara ..	924	42 0 6	2,804 11 1	270	918 17 5	92	582 5,187 1 9	41	219	4,036 7 5		
<b>OAMARU</b>	3,222	122 4 0	13,813 7 0	2,762	10,634 15 4	435	3,246 43,665 16 11	427	2,659	45,232 19 11		
Duntroon ..	299	6 12 9	1,482 16 5	59	336 13 10	22	83 991 9 1	6	51	629 15 2		
Hampden ..	472	14 12 9	1,650 16 0	453	1,509 17 8	11	64 754 1 1	5	41	407 8 9		
Herbert ..	247	7 0 6	733 4 0	53	192 8 6	14	97 600 6 7	4	50	283 16 10		
Kakanui ..	66	2 9 0	167 11 1	31	87 0 3	7	19 77 12 3	4	17	110 9 1		
Kurow ..	464	13 15 3	2,619 5 0	106	557 17 11	24	138 892 6 9	7	26	187 14 10		
Maheno ..	130	4 6 0	315 3 2	54	245 19 2	8	55 382 5 3	5	18	183 19 4		
Ngapara ..	145	5 3 0	381 3 0	44	191 14 3	14	64 404 15 1	6	25	289 10 5		
Shag Point ..	209	6 17 6	432 6 10	131	450 4 10	18	114 372 18 0	16	37	205 6 4		
<b>THAMES</b>	4,240	189 7 9	12,909 4 5	2,657	10,482 4 1	605	4,257 47,529 14 3	918	4,876	72,869 19 4		
Golden Cross ..	2	0 3 0	17 0 0									
Karangahake ..	1,779	71 6 0	5,526 14 2	221	934 13 11	105	658 5,583 10 1	75	434	4,124 3 11		
Katikati ..	156	6 12 9	498 11 2	115	508 8 4	17	121 322 3 0	3	83	462 8 11		
Komata ..	47	1 19 6	191 6 10			4	10 64 0 0		2	34 0 0		
Maketu ..	111	5 1 3	346 9 6	37	152 19 5	5	14 486 0 0	6	25	319 13 2		
Miranda ..	62	2 14 0	200 11 2	5	32 9 0	3	13 59 10 0		9	61 7 0		
Opoitiki ..	845	33 12 0	2,814 8 4	241	1,191 17 11	56	301 3,858 7 11	36	147	2,436 0 9		
Paeroa ..	2,049	88 12 3	6,369 8 1	978	3,857 10 9	161	825 7,266 19 10	89	508	5,462 11 11		
Tauranga ..	722	28 6 3	2,131 0 0	633	2,181 18 9	90	577 7,153 4 1	53	381	7,282 0 1		
Te Aroha ..	1,758	63 0 9	5,774 18 11	595	2,474 11 6	64	430 3,844 11 6	53	313	3,420 13 9		
Te Puke ..	397	21 14 3	1,435 17 6	144	590 2 9	19	73 431 3 8	9	73	709 10 7		
Waihi ..	3,861	169 15 9	13,322 16 0	419	2,120 1 6	293	1,820 14,815 5 2	163	806	8,644 17 6		
Waikino ..	492	19 8 9	1,492 6 1	53	223 15 8	27	237 2,071 6 3	12	97	1,118 17 3		
Waiorongomai ..	111	3 16 0	304 5 10	35	167 10 4	7	36 106 11 0	10	29	174 8 5		
Waitekauri ..	1,806	94 1 6	6,419 3 3	183	708 1 11	166	1,079 8,599 2 9	102	349	5,597 0 4		
Whakatane ..	433	16 0 3	1,314 3 9	136	649 18 1	22	112 773 16 1	11	46	729 3 5		
<b>TIMARU</b>	3,814	167 2 3	14,218 0 10	2,193	7,575 19 11	570	4,322 54,951 17 5	563	3,774	79,240 8 1		
Albury ..	170	5 5 0	743 18 1	36	212 12 1	1	16 235 17 0		6	33 2 10		
Fairlie ..	350	12 14 3	1,275 6 2	91	273 15 0	27	116 1,491 16 10	6	56	824 0 8		
Geraldine ..	963	30 8 3	3,820 10 5	333	1,129 5 10	126	611 8,674 0 3	54	261	7,002 11 1		
Glenavy ..	189	5 7 9	575 5 9	58	260 3 3	9	38 709 10 10	2	12	167 14 6		
Makikihi ..	80	2 11 0	226 7 8	19	51 10 9	11	49 596 3 7	1	22	556 9 0		
Orari ..	184	4 9 9	386 2 10	42	179 18 3	7	27 493 16 5	4	20	150 19 5		
Pleasant Point..	243	7 12 6	641 12 7	62	260 13 0	19	80 897 3 10	10	41	533 9 6		
St. Andrew's ..	251	8 4 6	962 3 0	85	394 3 5	5	42 256 14 8	2	15	76 1 2		
Studholme Junct.	12	0 11 3	36 2 0	1	4 0 0		1 1 0 0		1	3 0 0		
Temuka ..	1,083	37 3 3	4,056 7 3	277	917 8 5	110	654 7,032 5 5	21	249	4,843 13 0		
Waimate ..	1,306	46 12 6	5,066 12 6	575	2,357 16 0	99	732 7,628 0 6	62	361	7,653 3 8		
Winchester ..	67	2 1 6	218 6 2	31	58 9 7	16	71 536 0 6	1	21	113 15 4		
<b>WANGANUI</b>	5,631	256 13 0	20,069 9 11	4,509	15,759 18 2	998	6,168 88,100 0 6	1,034	5,389	103,686 17 1		
Alton ..	81	2 14 9	193 18 1	9	43 17 7	12	74 323 8 0		23	587 19 0		
Bull's ..	484	20 9 0	1,346 8 10	227	869 7 0	49	263 2,488 13 8	28	99	1,179 15 4		
Eltham ..	885	30 12 0	2,908 18 7	271	1,088 14 4	62	323 3,306 1 3	18	152	2,442 15 9		
Fordell ..	234	9 15 9	839 1 8	68	254 17 0	20	116 808 4 0	2	34	249 15 3		
Hawera ..	2,083	98 13 6	6,733 13 4	1,254	3,901 14 2	244	1,431 16,370 13 5	127	595	14,836 10 6		
Hunterville ..	1,221	43 12 0	5,329 18 0	262	1,042 12 3	78	306 3,654 1 10	37	149	2,606 12 0		
Hurleyville ..	38	1 3 3	176 6 10	5	16 18 6	8	22 62 3 0	2	6	112 12 6		
Kaimanuka ..	54	1 16 0	198 18 4	8	20 5 1	7	15 142 19 0		9	29 5 0		
Kaponga ..	277	10 10 6	739 14 7	61	320 8 7	27	156 1,261 0 6	10	44	990 8 6		
Manaia ..	672	29 4 6	2,945 5 5	237	957 4 7	95	480 4,682 9 3	34	148	3,345 18 2		
Mangamahū ..	168	4 16 0	690 11 10	5	20 15 2							
Mangaonoho ..	216	7 3 9	731 1 10	33	134 9 8	23	60 293 0 9	1	17	203 0 9		
Mangaweka ..	1,210	42 19 6	3,285 16 6	154	654 15 5	48	172 1,489 5 2	25	152	1,826 0 6		
Manutahi ..	43	1 11 9	111 17 10	23	60 1 2	5	35 457 3 0	7	25	567 7 10		
Marton ..	1,464	61 8 6	7,261 14 6	837	2,702 6 8	116	854 7,792 14 3	50	341	6,317 10 3		
Normanby ..	229	9 2 3	658 17 1	92	380 18 11	18	174 1,202 14 1	14	66	1,290 1 2		
Ohingaiti ..	762	29 19 1	2,701 0 3	102	445 11 7	42	309 1,827 12 9	33	120	1,020 16 0		
Patea ..	814	36 19 1	2,388 15 0	338	1,122 10 7	110	627 5,762 8 0	37	202	3,893 19 5		
Raetihi ..	416	8 13 0	1,667 12 6	67	696 16 1	24	82 1,537 0 3	4	62	893 9 7		
Taihape ..	212	4 3 0	796 17 5	24	139 19 6	21	62 689 13 6	11	57	561 1 1		
Turakina ..	280	13 16 9	1,045 11 3	42	166 16 1	18	108 832 9 6	7	44	661 17 4		
Waitotara ..	264	10 15 3	775 1 11	105	372 12 10	14	120 1,050 14 0	12	60	554 11 7		
Waverlev ..	695	26 18 9	2,317 13 3	182	596 6 4	60	453 3,691 10 10	17	163	3,099 14 7		

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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.			
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
WELLINGTON ..	21,492	1,582 7 0	67,135 0 5	32,763	131,149 2 0	4,458	36,056	454,007 0 8	4,258	33,745	505,848	13 11		
Adelaide Road ..	343	12 4 3	601 4 8	28	75 6 10	55	666	1,802 8 4	18	107	627	16 2		
Alfredton ..	164	5 7 6	534 17 6	27	163 6 4	7	33	428 13 8	4	19	382	4 0		
Apiti ..	386	9 8 0	1,484 14 8	56	263 9 11	20	69	537 17 1	9	50	918	1 8		
Ashurst ..	402	12 16 9	1,269 4 10	179	619 18 4	49	296	2,173 6 6	19	155	1,743	6 6		
Carterton ..	1,053	46 14 6	3,243 3 3	488	1,539 1 9	100	777	6,796 7 8	43	317	4,793	3 1		
Castlepoint ..	56	2 2 6	195 13 11	3	29 4 7	4	8	47 0 0	2	5	14	12 6		
Chatham Islands ..	138	5 0 0	521 10 5	14	122 3 7	11	23	296 13 0	3	5	21	14 5		
Courtenay Place ..	530	22 1 0	1,209 7 3	4	11 3 0	88	806	2,382 6 6	10	85	352	0 5		
Eketahuna ..	1,015	32 9 2	3,069 5 0	265	1,143 10 3	61	388	3,791 10 0	26	182	2,995	5 7		
Featherston ..	895	36 7 3	2,269 6 3	246	813 16 0	73	433	4,066 7 5	20	160	2,243	2 7		
Feilding ..	2,074	87 18 9	7,186 3 0	1,118	3,779 5 11	233	1,284	14,884 9 1	96	523	11,414	1 1		
Fowler's ..	397	11 14 3	1,374 5 4	111	439 12 4	25	144	1,981 9 10	9	63	1,603	11 3		
Foxton ..	799	32 18 3	2,031 7 8	363	1,121 13 5	108	676	3,859 18 9	30	197	2,158	17 4		
Gladstone ..	66	2 9 9	137 3 5	8	40 13 6	8	43	154 19 5	1	9	78	13 6		
Greytown North ..	834	37 5 0	2,434 6 2	402	1,423 6 10	69	475	3,769 18 11	42	247	3,148	8 8		
Halcombe ..	372	14 11 9	1,487 3 0	90	312 11 11	27	175	1,260 9 2	16	102	1,449	19 6		
Hukunui ..	230	5 19 9	647 8 7	28	269 15 0	20	63	378 3 7	2	18	158	16 11		
Hutt ..	547	26 4 6	1,537 1 10	206	1,018 4 10	95	723	7,450 14 6	40	192	4,337	11 10		
Johnsonville ..	113	3 18 9	232 2 9	63	278 17 9	20	404	1,959 14 5	9	117	1,117	17 1		
Kaitoke ..	125	5 1 3	318 6 4	40	118 12 1	4	119	854 16 0	..	29	747	6 0		
Kaiwarawara ..	73	2 10 6	96 16 7	27	65 15 3	11	180	359 15 0	1	37	193	18 5		
Levin ..	980	33 8 3	2,324 4 7	285	939 15 3	91	552	3,717 3 8	16	175	1,639	1 1		
Makuri ..	452	8 18 6	1,398 9 8	61	372 10 2	14	58	729 7 8	3	40	496	16 1		
Mangatainoka ..	367	8 2 3	786 7 10	101	399 9 0	8	57	371 6 0	3	40	304	13 10		
Manukau ..	174	7 19 3	461 4 0	61	240 1 5	17	83	1,263 9 3	4	37	472	18 1		
Martinborough ..	674	33 16 0	1,695 2 10	114	395 12 4	56	246	1,929 10 5	13	115	1,219	9 0		
Masterton ..	2,969	131 15 9	12,241 16 7	1,671	5,638 18 4	359	2,247	21,963 1 7	151	1,080	16,087	17 8		
Mauriceville ..	6	0 3 6	13 0 8	5	12 1 3	..	5	56 0 0	..	3	7	0 0		
West ..	236	7 4 6	772 14 7	51	197 5 7	15	99	1,243 19 11	10	93	1,044	2 1		
Molesworth St. ..	446	16 19 9	1,014 2 6	2	8 0 0	29	258	749 13 6	1	34	81	4 8		
Ngahauranga ..	198	8 3 0	399 4 9	23	68 11 0	21	201	707 18 3	5	31	237	14 11		
Otaki ..	866	38 16 0	2,752 17 3	351	1,271 6 10	67	384	2,846 7 6	16	166	1,918	9 8		
Pahiatua ..	2,062	71 1 0	8,531 2 9	698	2,382 18 1	140	786	8,320 12 7	61	382	6,419	0 0		
Palmerston North ..	4,288	180 2 9	12,311 5 5	3,521	11,349 8 11	550	3,487	33,379 8 2	227	1,623	25,237	6 6		
Paraparaumu ..	110	4 8 6	287 15 6	41	131 10 4	9	69	560 1 3	2	32	188	0 4		
Petone ..	1,016	41 15 3	2,260 5 9	368	1,214 16 5	125	1,502	10,014 1 5	51	420	5,818	4 7		
Pohangina ..	96	3 2 6	188 6 5	75	314 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Porirua ..	168	8 0 0	405 18 5	39	155 7 11	25	113	287 17 6	5	17	137	19 9		
Rangiwahia ..	265	7 11 9	1,191 11 6	45	256 4 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Rongotea ..	339	15 15 0	979 3 2	55	165 8 8	39	149	1,312 11 2	5	51	994	19 3		
Sanson ..	214	8 17 6	677 2 9	78	194 3 2	25	174	1,384 16 8	8	62	1,190	18 4		
Shannon ..	298	11 11 0	865 2 2	76	235 14 11	27	124	1,072 13 5	7	51	758	12 2		
Taueru ..	170	6 6 9	304 13 8	23	67 17 10	6	41	293 2 0	..	15	99	9 0		
Te Aro ..	2,302	95 6 6	5,301 15 2	132	414 16 6	358	4,666	17,410 14 0	63	329	1,488	0 5		
Te Nui ..	510	23 2 9	1,604 12 3	68	397 14 9	27	133	1,211 0 11	7	60	1,291	0 1		
Upper Hutt ..	238	9 0 6	764 6 9	87	290 12 8	39	204	1,597 0 10	6	70	1,249	8 7		
Waikanae ..	5	0 11 0	34 14 6	..	..	2	3	22 0 0	..	..	..	..		
Waituna West ..	193	6 8 0	496 4 7	26	137 19 8	4	5	67 5 0	..	..	..	..		
Wellington South ..	421	15 10 0	1,038 3 8	83	353 4 10	61	673	2,309 11 8	16	120	801	4 5		
Whakataki ..	90	3 6 9	245 10 10	12	31 16 2	4	8	52 13 0	..	1	2	0 0		
Woodville ..	1,393	46 4 9	4,220 17 4	730	2,498 10 3	100	543	7,213 18 7	54	342	4,961	3 3		
WESTPORT ..	3,342	157 7 0	9,855 1 8	1,419	5,000 3 2	341	2,046	29,101 4 0	302	1,767	33,921	0 3		
Addison's ..	75	3 13 3	217 0 0	..	..	5	11	218 11 0	1	4	35	10 0		
Burnett's Face..	178	5 2 0	356 7 1	2	9 16 1	12	56	246 5 0	3	9	70	3 10		
Cape Foulwind ..	11	0 9 3	35 13 1	1	1 0 0	..	2	6 0 0	..	1	1	0 0		
Capleston ..	96	3 12 9	214 5 10	21	79 8 11	..	..	..	..	4	32	0 0		
Charleston ..	373	16 4 6	1,181 14 3	49	197 16 7	20	186	2,197 14 10	2	42	683	12 11		
Denniston ..	1,106	50 7 3	3,439 2 9	92	386 1 7	58	556	3,133 13 1	24	166	2,337	15 7		
Granity Creek ..	429	18 5 0	1,158 11 10	27	130 0 0	37	264	1,688 13 9	4	46	401	10 11		
Longford ..	161	6 9 3	609 0 11	8	26 7 6	4	15	190 8 6	1	9	215	8 0		
Lyell ..	703	25 12 3	2,184 12 7	56	159 5 10	33	162	1,319 12 3	12	50	653	10 6		
Mokihinui ..	23	0 14 9	90 13 5	4	22 5 0	1	9	149 3 0	..	2	16	0 0		
Murchison ..	377	16 9 0	1,357 10 11	35	381 7 0	12	94	600 2 0	1	25	317	12 5		
Seddonville ..	386	15 18 9	1,221 0 8	55	273 5 2	37	179	1,758 11 10	11	47	626	15 3		
Waimangaroa ..	361	13 2 0	1,110 9 5	44	164 16 5	10	109	469 13 0	3	30	254	5 6		

## SUMMARY.

POSTAL DISTRICT OF—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Auckland ..	60,854	3,311	17 6	217,029	19 1	54,564	212,508	19 4	5,349	37,716	489,623	14 0	3,920	28,228	466,575	14 10
Blenheim ..	5,341	224	10 3	16,430	14 9	2,247	8,198	16 10	590	4,071	48,412	14 6	374	2,719	44,153	19 11
Christchurch ..	35,340	1,562	15 8	114,048	8 5	30,734	119,015	11 11	6,036	55,408	690,634	4 9	4,206	40,140	667,399	14 8
Dunedin ..	38,189	1,495	10 9	111,469	14 9	35,804	137,370	15 1	4,831	42,002	456,651	8 2	3,256	28,186	437,465	9 10
Gisborne ..	3,564	192	15 6	10,935	4 0	1,162	4,812	3 8	696	4,252	47,733	2 1	499	3,170	40,182	0 8
Greymouth ..	8,186	374	18 6	25,556	18 10	3,846	14,008	17 3	685	4,032	48,314	15 4	477	2,933	46,951	16 8
Hokitika ..	3,337	140	11 9	8,930	7 10	1,897	7,625	11 4	224	1,587	20,461	3 2	196	1,138	21,538	8 4
Invercargill ..	15,214	592	10 4	45,352	19 6	8,261	29,207	0 1	1,553	9,554	112,533	4 8	1,093	5,849	107,730	3 11
Napier ..	18,215	828	18 3	54,385	2 0	9,712	33,181	2 5	1,891	12,874	140,392	8 8	1,358	8,036	131,410	16 10
Nelson ..	7,114	305	3 6	23,033	12 1	5,815	22,391	6 1	761	5,847	81,288	17 11	531	4,112	83,380	2 4
New Plymouth ..	10,475	441	3 6	33,588	13 9	5,591	24,008	0 1	1,019	6,394	84,717	12 2	706	4,400	74,997	2 10
Oamaru ..	5,254	183	0 9	21,595	12 6	3,693	14,206	11 9	553	3,880	48,141	11 0	480	2,924	47,531	0 8
Thames ..	18,871	815	12 0	61,128	5 0	6,452	26,276	3 11	1,644	10,563	102,965	5 7	1,540	8,178	113,356	16 4
Timaru ..	8,712	330	3 9	32,226	15 3	3,803	13,675	15 6	1,000	6,759	83,504	7 3	726	4,839	101,200	8 3
Wanganui ..	18,433	763	11 1	65,914	4 9	8,915	31,799	17 3	2,099	12,410	147,826	0 6	1,510	7,957	150,957	19 2
Wellington ..	53,650	2,850	19 5	164,583	10 8	45,411	174,934	8 2	7,764	60,711	635,331	5 5	5,392	41,753	620,495	16 2
Westport ..	7,621	333	7 0	23,031	4 5	1,813	6,831	13 3	570	3,689	41,079	12 3	364	2,202	39,566	5 2
Totals ..	318,370	14,747	9 6	1,029,241	7 7	229,720	880,052	13 11	37,265	281,749	3,279,611	7 5	26,628	196,764	3,194,893	16 7



Table No. 5.  
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, 1898.

Postal Districts.	Number of 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 at Close of the Year.	Total Amount standing to the Credit of all open Accounts, inclusive of the Interest to the Close of the Year.	Average Amount standing to the Credit of each open Account at the Close of the Year.
Auckland	96	37,716	489,623	14	28,228	466,575	14	23,047	19,610	0	19,610	5,349	3,920	777,310	5
Blenheim	7	4,071	48,412	14	2,719	44,153	19	4,258	1,998	0	1,998	2	374	79,795	5
Christchurch	52	55,408	690,634	4	27,190	667,399	14	23,234	24,509	0	24,509	6,036	4,506	953,724	7
Dunedin	43	42,002	456,051	8	28,186	437,485	9	19,185	19,876	3	19,876	4,831	3,256	763,928	12
Gisborne	3	4,252	47,733	2	3,170	40,182	6	7,551	2,619	10	2,619	3	499	55,350	9
Greyouth	10	4,032	48,314	15	2,933	46,951	16	1,362	2,619	10	2,619	685	477	99,818	3
Hokitika	6	1,587	20,461	3	1,138	21,538	8	4,803	1,959	13	1,959	224	196	75,177	6
Invercargill	27	9,554	112,533	4	5,849	107,730	3	8,981	5,333	19	5,333	1,553	1,093	205,380	19
Napier	21	12,874	140,392	8	8,036	131,410	16	8,981	5,549	5	5,549	4	1,891	217,823	15
Nelson	13	5,847	81,288	17	4,112	83,380	2	9,720	4,209	4	4,209	6	531	166,200	9
New Plymouth	7	6,394	84,717	12	4,400	74,997	2	610	2,053	0	2,053	4	706	106,666	3
Oamaru	9	3,880	48,141	11	2,924	47,531	0	19,391	2,450	4	2,450	5	480	94,357	10
Thames	17	10,563	102,905	5	8,178	113,356	16	17,096	4,496	9	4,496	9	1,540	167,305	16
Timaru	13	6,759	83,504	7	4,839	101,200	8	3,131	4,210	10	4,210	6	1,000	152,224	12
Wanganui	23	12,410	147,826	0	7,957	150,957	19	14,835	5,135	11	5,135	7	1,510	197,011	4
Wellington	50	60,711	635,331	5	41,753	620,495	16	1,513	10,950	14	10,950	14	8,419	97,011	4
Westport	12	3,689	41,070	12	2,202	30,406	5	1,513	1,932	15	1,932	15	364	72,985	2
Totals for Colony in 1898	409	281,749	3,279,611	7	190,764	3,104,893	16	84,717	8,500	0	8,500	6	26,628	4,957,771	5
"	388	267,615	3,187,219	2	179,555	2,891,109	5	266,049	4,291	0	4,291	16	159,331	4,744,024	18
"	371	242,283	2,881,152	16	167,248	2,591,558	19	425,173	7,000	0	7,000	3	22,907	4,111,634	13
"	357	217,393	2,794,506	16	159,904	2,369,333	8	425,173	7,000	0	7,000	6	22,001	4,374,738	13
"	348	204,545	2,252,862	6	152,136	2,268,624	8	15,762	7,000	0	7,000	11	22,001	4,374,738	13
"	327	202,276	2,386,089	10	136,739	2,122,521	16	263,567	6,500	0	6,500	4	28,669	3,895,543	9
"	318	186,945	1,878,270	6	120,628	1,821,348	18	56,947	5,500	0	5,500	1	29,755	3,340,879	11
"	311	176,071	1,842,087	15	111,603	1,693,515	9	56,947	5,500	0	5,500	13	26,732	3,241,998	7
"	296	162,938	1,658,543	3	106,868	1,500,437	9	140,472	5,000	0	5,000	17	17,872	2,863,670	12
"	290	145,355	1,544,747	7	99,185	1,457,081	5	158,105	5,000	0	5,000	6	25,719	2,693,447	11
"	283	136,197	1,312,151	1	89,962	1,182,409	7	157,276	4,000	0	4,000	17	17,256	2,441,876	8
"	271	137,989	1,248,405	6	89,962	1,182,409	7	157,276	4,000	0	4,000	6	21,307	2,191,451	14
"	256	131,373	1,341,001	3	84,832	1,264,305	8	129,741	4,000	0	4,000	15	16,543	2,048,444	10
"	243	120,379	1,227,909	11	84,832	1,264,305	8	129,741	4,000	0	4,000	6	21,307	2,191,451	14
"	222	127,609	1,178,474	4	80,800	1,195,931	0	76,695	4,000	0	4,000	13	20,621	1,638,035	19
"	207	120,952	1,325,852	2	78,405	1,295,719	18	31,978	4,000	0	4,000	3	20,386	1,651,979	9
"	190	125,855	1,189,012	2	69,308	1,142,599	0	76,695	4,000	0	4,000	13	16,447	1,638,035	19
"	178	81,600	864,441	18	60,137	902,195	1	72,245	4,000	0	4,000	17	15,967	1,499,112	0
"	167	71,865	812,399	11	57,446	780,504	13	183,253	4,000	0	4,000	11	14,505	1,499,112	0
"	145	69,908	762,084	12	54,698	876,180	19	286,817	3,500	0	3,500	19	12,718	1,470,950	13
"	138	60,953	681,294	13	47,416	742,053	14	83,937	3,500	0	3,500	12	12,217	1,232,787	16
"	124	57,295	664,134	12	39,363	667,023	3	83,937	3,500	0	3,500	4	16,137	1,232,787	16
"	119	56,129	657,653	4	39,486	696,281	7	63,781	3,000	0	3,000	18	13,786	933,765	16
"	103	52,627	609,449	14	36,977	729,759	17	20,030	2,500	0	2,500	9	13,786	933,765	16
"	97	39,223	580,542	5	21,268	425,008	3	14,271	2,500	0	2,500	14	12,217	787,005	19
"	87	31,681	430,877	0	17,254	313,176	1	72,245	2,500	0	2,500	9	8,591	787,005	19
"	81	24,612	312,338	18	14,773	261,347	16	79,004	2,500	0	2,500	10	8,591	787,005	19
"	70	20,489	264,328	5	11,934	200,509	13	79,004	2,500	0	2,500	10	8,591	787,005	19
"	59	17,133	240,898	5	9,292	180,518	4	54,818	2,500	0	2,500	10	8,591	787,005	19
"	55	13,014	194,535	11	6,365	107,094	17	60,380	2,500	0	2,500	10	8,591	787,005	19
"	46	6,977	96,372	7	1,919	20,415	18	69,956	2,500	0	2,500	10	8,591	787,005	19
Totals for Colony from Feb. to 31st Dec., 1867	151	281,749	3,279,611	7	190,764	3,104,893	16	84,717	8,500	0	8,500	6	26,628	4,957,771	5

Table No. 6.

BALANCE-SHEET of the New Zealand Post Office Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1898.

	Balances on 1st January, 1898.		Transactions.		Balances on 31st December, 1898.	
	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.
<b>MONEY ORDER ACCOUNTS:—</b>	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Money orders (General) ..	21,207 19 9	..	1,110,987 11 2	1,111,123 13 0	21,071 17 11	..
United Kingdom, &c. ..	14,893 8 3	..	100,859 11 1	107,679 8 11	8,073 10 5	..
United States of America ..	693 13 2	..	7,576 1 6	8,260 19 7	8 15 1	..
Canada ..	..	51 17 0	886 13 7	772 18 6	61 18 1	..
Cape of Good Hope ..	..	660 6 2	1,531 0 3	2,153 5 0	..	1,282 10 11
Ceylon ..	16 1 7	..	70 19 5	65 14 3	21 6 9	..
Fiji ..	..	..	213 0 4	233 18 4	..	20 18 0
Germany ..	488 8 10	..	1,241 19 9	1,333 4 3	397 4 4	..
Hawaii ..	..	8 8 7	23 1 1	32 2 9	..	17 10 3
Hongkong ..	509 13 10	..	1,640 15 7	2,083 4 1	67 5 4	..
India ..	257 13 5	..	1,125 0 5	1,149 5 5	233 8 5	..
New South Wales ..	2,695 8 0	..	36,312 10 10	38,223 14 8	784 4 2	..
Queensland ..	..	213 12 0	3,161 6 11	3,183 16 2	..	236 1
South Australia ..	141 8 3	..	2,338 2 1	2,520 7 8	..	40 17 4
Straits Settlements ..	33 7 7	..	47 10 6	79 16 11	1 1 2	..
Tasmania ..	979 12 8	..	47,014 1 9	47,369 15 10	623 18 7	..
Victoria ..	2,396 9 9	..	31,976 3 3	32,994 12 5	1,378 0 7	..
Western Australia ..	..	1,115 3 9	7,584 11 2	7,459 1 10	..	989 14
Commission ..	..	543 15 0	1,584 13 6	1,654 15 11	..	613 17 5
<b>SAVINGS-BANK ACCOUNTS:—</b>						
Deposits and withdrawals ..	4,744,924 18 1	..	3,407,740 3 11	3,194,893 16 7	4,957,771 5 5	..
Transfers ..	1,919 15 8	..	198,311 9 0	198,956 13 9	1,274 10 11	..
<b>POSTAL ACCOUNTS:—</b>						
Stamps ..	116,519 16 0½	..	363,705 3 8½	369,417 17 1	110,807 2 8	..
Postal Guides ..	0 2 6	..	368 10 0	359 2 6	9 10 0	..
Postal notes ..	71,801 10 7	..	145,439 12 7½	144,096 12 7	73,144 10 7½	..
Private box and bag rents ..	..	..	5,514 10 0	5,514 10 0	..	..
Money-order commission ..	..	..	14,795 16 0	14,795 16 0	..	..
Postal revenue ..	..	1,243 9 5	264,184 8 1	263,889 15 4½	..	948 16
<b>TELEGRAPH ACCOUNTS:—</b>						
New South Wales Telegraphs ..	2,735 3 7	..	33,849 10 11	35,327 16 7	1,256 17 11	..
New Zealand & Australian Cable ..	747 14 5	..	9,115 5 0	9,260 18 11	602 0 6	..
Telephone-exchange receipts ..	..	..	38,791 16 2	38,791 16 2	..	..
Maintenance of private wires ..	..	..	1,338 11 6	1,338 11 6	..	..
Registration of code addresses ..	..	..	364 2 6	364 2 6	..	..
Telegraph revenue ..	1,420 1 0½	..	187,463 18 5½	187,967 9 7	916 9 11	..
<b>GENERAL ACCOUNTS:—</b>						
Post Office Account ..	..	110,813 18 3	4,328,720 13 10	4,307,795 15 6	..	89,888 19 11
Postmasters and Telegraphists ..	..	246,443 19 9½	6,307,774 4 10½	6,304,360 7 0½	..	243,030 1 11½
Investments ..	..	4,673,046 7 8	2,218,066 0 0	2,514,974 0 0	..	4,969,954 7 8
Accrued interest on investments ..	..	40,560 12 5	40,560 12 5	40,260 1 1	..	40,260 1 1
Miscellaneous receipts—general ..	754 13 2½	..	3,083 12 5½	3,346 13 10½	491 11 9½	..
Foreign postage ..	13,970 10 8	..	14,252 19 8	14,489 19 6	13,733 10 10	..
Miscellaneous expenses ..	..	39,037 1 9	523,051 6 0	474,440 16 7	9,573 7 8	..
General Post Office Fine Fund ..	1 0 0	..	..	..	1 0 0	..
Cable subsidies ..	..	..	2,178 0 8	2,178 0 8	..	..
<b>FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS:—</b>						
Advances to Settlers ..	4,112 1 11	..	345,645 14 0	344,987 5 0	4,770 10 11	..
Alcoholic Liquors Act ..	..	..	60 12 6	60 12 6	..	..
Arms Act Licenses ..	..	..	201 0 0	151 0 0	50 0 0	..
Clerks of Court ..	..	..	1 0 0	1 0 0	..	..
County Clerks ..	..	..	335 15 6	335 15 6	..	..
Customs dues (H.M.C.) ..	105 5 8	..	1,184 9 7	1,242 3 5	47 11 10	..
" duty (parcels) ..	940 8 10	..	13,302 11 4	13,021 2 9	1,221 17 5	..
Education Department ..	..	..	1 0 0	1 0 0	..	..
Factories Act ..	..	..	21 0 0	21 0 0	..	..
Fishing licenses ..	28 15 0	..	274 5 0	283 10 0	19 10 0	..
Game licenses ..	..	..	2,234 8 0	2,234 8 0	..	..
Geraldine County Council ..	..	..	477 6 4	477 6 4	..	..
Goldfields revenue ..	0 3 0	..	..	..	0 3 0	..
Government Audit ..	3 13 4	..	14 0 0	17 13 4	..	..
Government Insurance ..	2,772 1 10	..	30,412 0 2	30,860 5 10	2,323 16 2	..
Government Printer ..	8 14 1	..	451 8 5	346 15 11	113 6 7	..
Harbourmasters ..	..	..	317 1 5	182 7 1	134 14 4	..
Hospital and charitable aid ..	..	..	0 10 7	0 10 7	..	..
Income-tax ..	120 16 4	..	71,964 11 1	72,010 0 0	75 7 5	..
Land-tax ..	337 6 0	..	207,154 9 0	206,915 15 3	575 19 9	..
Lunacy ..	5 0 0	..	66 17 2	68 17 2	3 0 0	..
Machinery ..	323 13 6	..	3,684 12 6	3,791 13 6	216 12 6	..
Mining Act ..	3,145 15 0	..	1,265 3 0	1,269 18 0	3,141 0 0	..
Miners' Guides ..	1 1 0	..	0 3 0	..	1 4 0	..
New Zealand Consols ..	..	..	20,415 0 0	20,415 0 0	..	..
Official Assignee ..	0 12 6	..	..	..	0 12 6	..
Public baths ..	29 15 4	..	423 9 2	401 8 8	51 15 10	..
Public Trust ..	5,460 18 7	..	264,378 18 7	263,587 5 7	6,252 11 7	..
Railways ..	1,226 3 11	..	11,919 11 11	12,365 16 9	779 19 1	..
Registration of births, &c. ..	213 10 0	..	2,143 18 0	2,156 16 0	200 12 0	..
Rents ..	20 19 10	..	210 19 3	228 8 10	3 10 3	..
Sanatorium, Hamner Plains ..	..	..	788 1 9	702 1 1	86 0 8	..
Sheep-rates ..	..	..	20,244 6 0	19,670 3 0	574 3 0	..
Registration of electors ..	..	..	1 6 0	1 6 0	..	..
Valuation revenue ..	..	..	3,322 2 8	3,174 4 9	147 17 11	..
Profit and loss ..	95,773 5 3	..	225,644 5 10	191,230 0 0	130,187 11 1	..
<b>Totals ..</b>	<b>5,113,738 11 9½</b>	<b>5,113,738 11 9½</b>	<b>20,693,406 19 8½</b>	<b>20,693,406 19 8½</b>	<b>5,353,283 16 11</b>	<b>5,353,283 16 11</b>

Table 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, 1898.

Description of Securities, &c.	Nominal Value.			Value at Cost Price.			Accrued Interest on 31st December, 1898.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
"The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1896" Debentures, 3½ per cent.	250,000	0	0	250,000	0	0	3,643	16	7
"The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1896" Debentures, 3 per cent.	35,000	0	0	35,000	0	0	437	5	2
"The Consolidated Loan Act 1867" Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	13,000	0	0	12,480	0	0	109	18	11
"The Consolidated Stock Act 1884" Debentures, 3½ per cent. ...	54,300	0	0	54,300	0	0	630	0	7
"The Defence and other Purposes Loan Act 1870" Debentures, 4 per cent.	75,000	0	0	72,000	0	0	632	17	6
"The Defence and other Purposes Loan Act 1870" Debentures, 4½ per cent.	8,100	0	0	8,100	0	0	..		
The District Railways Purchasing Acts, 1885 and 1886, Debentures, 4 per cent.	42,000	0	0	36,076	17	8	418	17	0
The District Railways Purchasing Acts, 1885 and 1886, Scrip, 4 per cent.	34,100	0	0	34,100	0	0	340	1	3
Dunedin Garrison Hall Debentures, 5 per cent. .. ..	6,000	0	0	6,000	0	0	129	17	3
"The General Purposes Loan Act 1873" Debentures, 4 per cent.	5,200	0	0	4,342	0	0	48	17	7
"The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act 1886" Debentures, 3½ per cent.	231,000	0	0	231,000	0	0	2,450	1	9
Greymouth Harbour Board Debentures, 4 per cent. .. ..	100,000	0	0	100,000	0	0	2,000	0	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	*1,368	9	10
"The Immigration and Public Works Loan Act 1870" Debentures, 4 per cent.	174,200	0	0	167,272	0	0	1,469	19	2
"The Immigration and Public Works Loan Act 1870" Debentures, 4½ per cent.	20,900	0	0	20,527	10	0	198	8	2
"The Immigration and Public Works Loan Act 1870" Debentures, 4 per cent. (Imperial guaranteed)	400,000	0	0	400,000	0	0	1,315	1	4
Inscribed Stock, 3 per cent. .. ..	1,707,140	0	0	1,707,140	0	0	12,768	9	5
The Land for Settlements Acts, 1892 and 1894, Debentures, 4 per cent.	129,100	0	0	129,100	0	0	863	0	4
"The Land for Settlements Act 1894" Debentures, 3½ per cent.	376,690	0	0	376,690	0	0	2,203	7	7
"The Land for Settlements Act 1892" Debentures, 4½ per cent.	45,276	0	0	45,276	0	0	340	9	11
"The Lands Improvement and Native Lands Acquisition Act 1894" Debentures, 4 per cent.	264,000	0	0	264,000	0	0	2,661	14	0
"The Lands Improvement and Native Lands Acquisition Act 1894" Debentures, 3½ per cent.	35,000	0	0	35,000	0	0	250	5	5
"The 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. .. ..	1,000	0	0	1,000	0	0	20	16	5
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	†1,617	15	1
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, 4 per cent. .. ..	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	0	99	14	6
"The Public Revenues Act 1893" (Treasury bills), 3½ per cent.	349,200	0	0	349,200	0	0	..		
Westport Harbour Board Debentures, 4 per cent. .. ..	421,050	0	0	421,050	0	0	8,040	13	7
Accrued interest on Post Office Account .. ..	..			..			436	8	4
Totals .. ..	4,987,556	0	0	4,969,954	7	8	46,260	1	1

\* Includes five half-yearly interest-payments of £250, and £50 balance of a sixth not yet paid.  
† Includes half-yearly interest due 31st July, 1898, £880.

Table No. 8.  
POST-OFFICE SAVINGS-BANKS.

Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1898.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Balance to credit of depositors, 1st January, 1898 .. ..	4,744,924	18	1	Withdrawals during 1898 .. ..	3,194,893	16	7
Deposits during 1898 .. ..	3,279,611	7	5	Balance to credit of depositors, 31st December, 1898 .. ..	4,957,771	5	5
Interest credited depositors, 1898 .. ..	128,128	16	6				
	<u>£8,152,665</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>£8,152,665</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Liabilities and Assets.</i>							
Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Balance to credit of depositors, 31st December, 1898 .. ..	4,957,771	5	5	Securities (vide Table No. 7) ..	4,969,954	7	8
Amount of accumulated profits invested .. ..	12,183	2	3				
	<u>£4,969,954</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>		<u>£4,969,954</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
<i>Profit and Loss.</i>							
Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Balance forward, 1st January, 1898 .. ..	95,773	5	3	Interest credited to depositors, 1898 ..	128,128	16	6
Interest received .. ..	£179,134	17	3	1897 accrued interest written off ..	40,560	12	5
Interest accrued on 31st December, 1898 .. ..	46,260	1	1	Paid Public Account, for expenses of management .. ..	8,500	0	0
	225,394	18	4	Savings-bank profits carried to revenue ..	13,000	0	0
Profits derived from sale of securities .. ..	249	7	6	Interest on securities purchased from other departments .. ..	1,040	11	1
	<u>£321,417</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>1</u>	Balance to next account .. ..	130,187	11	1
					<u>£321,417</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>1</u>

Table No. 9.

RETURN showing the Total Number of Post-Office Savings-Bank Accounts open on the 31st December, 1898, classified according to the Balances at Credit, compared with the Number open at the end of 1897.

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 .. ..	15,786	2,517	1,682	1,563	588	197	111	93	22,537
Blenheim .. ..	2,568	277	172	136	54	24	15	8	3,254
Christchurch .. ..	25,131	3,346	2,144	1,800	681	240	120	128	33,590
Dunedin .. ..	17,473	2,807	1,723	1,510	557	142	99	82	24,393
Gisborne .. ..	1,602	255	142	81	27	17	6	9	2,139
Grey-mouth .. ..	2,149	342	210	203	89	22	10	13	3,038
Hokitika .. ..	874	180	119	150	67	16	11	20	1,437
Invercargill .. ..	4,823	851	519	447	147	29	16	14	6,846
Napier .. ..	5,945	842	518	440	146	55	28	20	7,994
Nelson .. ..	3,590	467	344	327	134	39	16	15	4,932
New Plymouth .. ..	3,122	476	269	203	75	21	11	10	4,187
Oamaru .. ..	1,882	308	232	246	68	13	9	5	2,763
Thames .. ..	4,485	694	411	311	109	35	22	24	6,091
Timaru .. ..	3,577	510	308	319	120	28	15	16	4,893
Wanganui .. ..	6,564	843	456	346	123	37	22	22	8,419
Wellington .. ..	24,175	3,051	1,833	1,406	522	180	120	87	31,374
Westport .. ..	1,444	235	156	153	60	16	8	9	2,081
Totals, 1898 .. ..	125,190	18,001	11,238	9,641	3,573	1,111	639	575	169,968
Totals, 1897 .. ..	117,201	16,562	10,135	9,837	3,314	1,039	645	598	159,331

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.
1898.	1898.		1898.	1898.		1898.	1898.		1898.	1898.		1898.	1898.	
January 22	February 24	33	January 22	February 25	34	January 22	February 27	36	January 22	February 28	37	January 22	March 1	38
February 12	March 17	33	February 12	March 18	34	February 12	March 20	36	February 12	March 21	37	February 12	March 22	38
March 12	April 12	31	March 12	April 13	32	March 12	April 14	33	March 12	April 16	35	March 12	April 18	37
April 9	May 11	32	April 9	May 12	33	April 9	May 13	34	April 9	May 15	36	April 9	May 17	38
May 7	June 8	32	May 7	June 9	33	May 7	June 10	34	May 7	June 13	37	May 7	June 14	38
June 4	July 5	31	June 4	July 6	32	June 4	July 8	34	June 4	July 9	35	June 4	July 11	37
July 2	August 3	32	July 2	August 5	34	July 2	August 6	35	July 2	August 8	37	July 2	August 9	38
August 30	September 31	31	August 30	September 1	33	August 30	September 2	34	August 30	September 3	35	August 30	September 5	37
September 27	October 27	31	September 27	October 28	32	September 27	October 29	33	September 27	October 1	35	September 27	October 3	37
October 24	November 23	32	October 24	November 28	34	October 24	November 30	36	October 24	November 1	38	October 24	November 2	39
November 19	December 21	32	November 19	December 22	33	November 19	December 25	34	November 19	December 28	37	November 19	December 29	38
December 17	January 18	32	December 17	January 19	33	December 17	January 21	35	December 17	January 23	37	December 17	January 24	38
Maximum	...	33	...	...	34	...	...	36	...	...	38	...	...	39
Minimum	...	31	...	...	32	...	...	33	...	...	35	...	...	37
Average	...	31'92	...	...	33'08	...	...	34'54	...	...	36'38	...	...	37'77

## 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.
1898.	1898.		1898.	1898.		1898.	1898.		1898.	1898.		1898.	1898.	
January 15	February 24	40	January 17	February 24	38	January 19	February 24	36	January 21	February 24	34	January 22	February 24	33
February 12	March 21	37	February 14	March 21	35	February 16	March 21	34	February 18	March 21	31	February 19	March 21	30
March 12	April 19	38	March 14	April 19	36	March 16	April 19	34	March 18	April 19	32	March 19	April 19	31
April 9	May 16	37	April 11	May 16	35	April 13	May 16	33	April 15	May 16	31	April 16	May 16	30
May 7	June 14	38	May 9	June 14	36	May 11	June 14	34	May 13	June 14	32	May 14	June 14	31
June 4	July 11	37	June 6	July 11	35	June 8	July 11	33	June 10	July 11	31	June 11	July 11	30
July 2	August 10	39	July 4	August 10	37	July 6	August 10	35	July 8	August 10	33	July 9	August 10	32
August 30	September 7	39	August 1	September 7	37	August 3	September 7	35	August 5	September 7	33	August 9	September 7	32
September 27	October 5	39	September 29	October 5	37	September 31	October 5	35	September 30	October 5	33	September 3	October 5	32
October 24	November 3	40	September 26	November 3	38	September 28	November 3	36	September 30	November 3	34	September 1	November 3	33
November 22	December 30	39	October 24	December 30	37	October 26	December 30	35	October 28	December 30	33	October 29	December 30	32
December 19	January 30	41	November 21	January 30	39	November 23	January 30	37	November 25	January 30	35	November 26	January 30	34
December 17	January 26	40	December 19	January 26	38	December 21	January 26	36	December 23	January 26	34	December 24	January 26	33
Maximum	...	41	...	...	39	...	...	37	...	...	35	...	...	34
Minimum	...	37	...	...	35	...	...	33	...	...	31	...	...	30
Average	...	38'77	...	...	36'77	...	...	34'77	...	...	32'77	...	...	31'77

Table No. 11.—VANCOUVER MAIL-SERVICE.

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

## FROM LONDON VIA VANCOUVER.

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.
1898.	1898.		1898.	1898.		1898.	1898.		1898.	1898.		1898.	1898.	
January 29	March 9	39	January 29	March 8	38	January 29	March 9	39	January 29	March 12	42	January 29	March 14	44
February 26	April 6	39	February 26	April 3	36	February 26	April 4	37	February 26	April 8	41	February 26	April 9	42
March 26	May 7	42	March 26	May 5	40	March 26	May 6	41	March 26	May 10	45	March 26	May 11	46
April 21	May 31	38	April 21	May 29	36	April 21	May 31	37	April 21	June 3	41	April 21	June 4	42
May 18	June 27	37	May 18	June 25	35	May 18	June 27	37	May 18	June 30	40	May 18	July 1	41
June 16	July 23	37	June 16	July 23	35	June 16	July 25	37	June 16	July 27	39	June 16	July 28	40
July 13	August 22	38	July 13	August 22	37	July 13	August 23	36	July 13	August 26	41	July 13	August 27	42
August 10	September 17	37	August 10	September 17	35	August 10	September 18	36	August 10	September 21	39	August 10	September 22	40
September 8	October 17	37	September 8	October 16	36	September 8	October 17	37	September 8	October 21	41	September 8	October 22	42
October 5	November 11	36	October 5	November 10	35	October 5	November 11	36	October 5	November 14	39	October 5	November 15	40
November 3	December 10	38	November 3	December 9	37	November 3	December 10	38	November 3	December 13	41	November 3	December 14	42
December 31	January 8	39	December 31	January 7	38	December 31	January 9	40	December 31	January 11	42	December 31	January 13	44
Maximum	..	42	..	..	40	..	..	41	..	..	45	..	..	46
Minimum	..	36	..	..	35	..	..	36	..	..	39	..	..	40
Average	..	38'00	..	..	36'54	..	..	37'85	..	..	40'92	..	..	42'23

## TO LONDON VIA VANCOUVER.

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.
1898.	1898.		1898.	1898.		1898.	1898.		1898.	1898.		1898.	1898.	
January 1	February 14	44	January 3	February 14	42	January 7	February 14	38	January 8	February 14	37	January 6	February 14	39
February 4	March 19	43	February 5	March 19	42	February 9	March 19	38	February 12	March 19	35	February 7	March 19	40
March 5	April 19	45	March 7	April 19	43	March 11	April 19	39	March 12	April 19	38	March 10	April 19	40
April 25	May 8	44	April 26	May 8	43	April 30	May 8	39	March 31	May 8	38	March 29	May 8	40
May 22	June 4	43	May 23	June 4	42	May 27	June 4	38	April 28	June 4	37	April 26	June 4	39
June 21	July 2	42	June 23	July 2	40	May 26	July 2	37	May 28	July 2	35	May 26	July 2	37
July 17	August 29	42	July 18	August 29	41	June 22	August 29	37	June 23	August 29	36	June 21	August 29	38
August 15	September 27	43	July 16	August 27	42	July 20	August 27	38	July 21	August 27	37	July 18	August 27	40
September 12	October 24	43	August 13	September 24	42	August 17	September 24	38	August 18	September 24	37	August 15	September 24	40
October 9	November 22	43	September 10	October 22	42	September 14	October 22	38	September 15	October 22	37	September 12	October 22	40
November 7	December 19	43	October 8	November 19	42	October 12	November 19	38	October 13	November 19	37	October 10	November 19	40
December 4	January 14	40	November 5	December 14	39	November 8	December 14	36	November 10	December 14	34	November 7	December 14	37
December 2	January 11	40	December 3	January 11	39	December 7	January 11	35	December 8	January 11	34	December 5	January 11	37
Maximum	..	45	..	..	43	..	..	39	..	..	38	..	..	40
Minimum	..	40	..	..	39	..	..	35	..	..	34	..	..	37
Average	..	42'60	..	..	41'46	..	..	37'62	..	..	36'31	..	..	39'00

Table No. 12.—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 Line.

FROM LONDON BY THE P. AND O. PACKETS.											
MELBOURNE.				SYDNEY.				BLUFF.			
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.
WELLINGTON.											
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 Auckland.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Auckland.	No. of Days.
1898.	1898.		1898.	1898.		1898.	1898.		1898.	1898.	
Jan. 7	Feb. 14	38	Jan. 7	Feb. 17	41	Jan. 7	Feb. 17	41	Jan. 7	Feb. 17	41
Jan. 21	Feb. 28	38	Jan. 21	March 2	40	Jan. 21	March 2	40	Jan. 21	March 2	40
Feb. 4	March 14	38	Feb. 4	March 16	40	Feb. 4	March 16	40	Feb. 4	March 16	40
Feb. 18	March 28	38	Feb. 18	March 30	40	Feb. 18	March 30	40	Feb. 18	March 30	40
March 4	April 12	39	March 4	April 14	41	March 4	April 14	41	March 4	April 14	41
March 18	April 25	38	March 18	April 26	39	March 18	April 26	39	March 18	April 26	39
April 1	May 9	38	April 1	May 11	40	April 1	May 11	40	April 1	May 11	40
April 15	May 23	38	April 15	May 27	42	April 15	May 27	42	April 15	May 27	42
April 29	June 7	39	April 29	June 8	40	April 29	June 8	40	April 29	June 8	40
May 13	June 20	38	May 13	June 21	39	May 13	June 21	39	May 13	June 21	39
May 27	July 4	38	May 27	July 7	41	May 27	July 7	41	May 27	July 7	41
June 10	July 18	38	June 10	July 18	38	June 10	July 18	38	June 10	July 18	38
June 24	August 1	39	June 24	August 5	42	June 24	August 5	42	June 24	August 5	42
July 8	August 15	38	July 8	August 17	40	July 8	August 17	40	July 8	August 17	40
July 22	August 29	38	July 22	August 30	39	July 22	August 30	39	July 22	August 30	39
August 5	August 25	38	August 5	Sept. 14	40	August 5	Sept. 14	40	August 5	Sept. 14	40
August 19	Sept. 12	38	August 19	Sept. 29	41	August 19	Sept. 29	41	August 19	Sept. 29	41
Sept. 2	Sept. 26	38	Sept. 2	Oct. 12	40	Sept. 2	Oct. 12	40	Sept. 2	Oct. 12	40
Sept. 16	Oct. 10	38	Sept. 16	Oct. 27	41	Sept. 16	Oct. 27	41	Sept. 16	Oct. 27	41
Sept. 30	Oct. 24	38	Sept. 30	Nov. 8	39	Sept. 30	Nov. 8	39	Sept. 30	Nov. 8	39
Oct. 14	Nov. 7	38	Oct. 14	Nov. 22	39	Oct. 14	Nov. 22	39	Oct. 14	Nov. 22	39
Oct. 28	Nov. 21	38	Oct. 28	Dec. 8	41	Oct. 28	Dec. 8	41	Oct. 28	Dec. 8	41
Nov. 11	Dec. 19	38	Nov. 11	Dec. 20	39	Nov. 11	Dec. 20	39	Nov. 11	Dec. 20	39
Nov. 25	1899. Jan. 3	39	Nov. 25	1899. Jan. 3	39	Nov. 25	1899. Jan. 3	39	Nov. 25	1899. Jan. 3	39
Dec. 9	Jan. 16	38	Dec. 9	Jan. 19	41	Dec. 9	Jan. 19	41	Dec. 9	Jan. 19	41
Dec. 23	Jan. 30	38	Dec. 23	Feb. 1	40	Dec. 23	Feb. 1	40	Dec. 23	Feb. 1	40
Maximum	...	39	Maximum	...	42	Maximum	...	42	Maximum	...	42
Minimum	...	38	Minimum	...	38	Minimum	...	38	Minimum	...	38
Average	...	38'15	Average	...	40'08	Average	...	40'12	Average	...	40'08

Table No. 12.—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.

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.		Date of Despatch from Melbourne.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	
1898. January 3	1898. February 13	41	1897. December 31	1898. February 13	44	1898. January 3	1898. February 13	41	1898. January 10	1898. February 13	34	1898. January 11	1898. February 13	33		1898. January 11	1898. February 13	33	
January 17	February 27	41	January 15	February 27	43	January 19	February 27	39	January 24	February 27	34	January 25	February 27	33		January 25	February 27	33	
January 24	March 6	41	January 22	March 6	43	February 9	March 6	39	February 15	March 6	33	February 16	March 6	32		February 16	March 6	32	
February 7	March 20	41	February 5	March 20	43	February 22	March 20	39	March 15	March 20	36	March 16	March 20	35		March 16	March 20	35	
February 24	April 6	41*	February 22	April 6	43	March 9	April 6	43	March 15	April 6	32	March 16	April 6	31		March 16	April 6	31	
March 7	April 16	40	March 5	April 16	42	March 22	April 16	39	March 29	April 16	32	March 30	April 16	31		March 30	April 16	31	
March 21	April 30	40	March 19	April 30	42	March 22	April 30	39	April 12	April 30	33	March 30	April 30	32		March 30	April 30	32	
April 4	May 15	41	April 2	May 15	43	April 7	May 15	38	April 12	May 15	33	April 13	May 15	32		April 13	May 15	32	
April 18	May 29	41	April 19	May 29	40	April 19	May 29	40	April 26	May 29	33	April 27	May 29	32		April 27	May 29	32	
May 16	June 13	42	May 5	June 13	39	April 30	June 13	44	May 10	June 13	34	May 11	June 13	33		May 11	June 13	33	
May 30	July 11	42	May 30	July 11	42	May 31	July 11	42	May 24	June 11	34	May 25	June 11	33		May 25	June 11	33	
June 14	July 25	41	June 11	July 25	44	June 11	July 25	44	June 21	July 25	34	June 22	July 25	33		June 22	July 25	33	
June 28	August 8	41	June 25	August 8	44	June 18	August 8	42	July 5	August 8	34	June 22	August 8	33		June 22	August 8	33	
July 11	August 21	41	June 25	August 21	47	July 12	August 21	40	July 19	August 21	33	July 20	August 21	32		July 20	August 21	32	
July 25	Sept. 4	41	July 22	Sept. 4	44	July 22	Sept. 4	44	August 2	Sept. 4	33	July 20	August 21	32		July 20	August 21	32	
August 8	Sept. 18	41	August 9	Sept. 18	40	August 23	Sept. 18	40	August 16	Sept. 18	33	August 3	Sept. 18	32		August 3	Sept. 18	32	
August 22	October 2	41	August 24	Oct. 2	39	August 23	October 2	40	August 30	October 2	33	August 17	October 2	32		August 17	October 2	32	
Sept. 7	October 16	39	Sept. 17	Oct. 16	42	Sept. 2	October 16	44	Sept. 13	October 16	33	August 31	October 16	32		August 31	October 16	32	
Sept. 19	October 29	40	Sept. 17	Oct. 29	42	Sept. 2	October 29	44	Sept. 27	October 29	32	Sept. 28	October 29	31		Sept. 28	October 29	31	
October 7	November 12	39	October 5	November 12	38	October 4	November 12	39	October 11	November 12	32	October 12	November 12	31		October 12	November 12	31	
October 14	November 26	40	October 15	November 26	42	October 15	November 26	40	October 25	November 26	32	October 26	November 26	31		October 26	November 26	31	
October 31	December 10	40	October 15	November 26	42	November 5	December 10	35	November 8	December 10	32	October 26	November 26	31		October 26	November 26	31	
November 14	December 24	40	November 16	December 24	38	November 15	December 24	39	November 22	December 24	32	November 23	December 24	31		November 23	December 24	31	
November 28	1899. January 8	41	November 25	1899. January 8	44	December 13	1899. January 8	39	December 6	1899. January 8	33	December 7	1899. January 8	32		December 7	1899. January 8	32	
December 15	January 21	37	December 14	January 21	38	December 13	January 21	39	December 20	January 21	32	December 21	January 21	31		December 21	January 21	31	
December 26	February 4	40	December 24	February 4	42	December 27	February 4	39	January 3	February 4	32	January 4	February 4	31		January 4	February 4	31	
Maximum	..	42	..	..	44	..	..	44	..	..	36	..	..	35		..	..	35	
Minimum	..	37	..	..	38	..	..	35	..	..	32	..	..	31		..	..	31	
Average ..	..	40.56	..	..	41.83	..	..	40.45	..	..	33.04	..	..	32.04		..	..	32.04	

\* Ss. "China" ashore at Perim.



Table No. 13.—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 BY THE ORIENT LINE.

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.
1898. Jan. 14	1898. Feb. 16	33	1898. Jan. 14	1898. Feb. 17	34	1898. Jan. 14	1898. Feb. 21	38	1898. Jan. 14	1898. Feb. 23	40	1898. Jan. 14	1898. Feb. 25	42	1898. Jan. 14	1898. March 1	46
Jan. 28	March 2	33	Jan. 28	March 3	34	Jan. 28	March 8	39	Jan. 28	March 9	40	Jan. 28	March 9	40	Jan. 28	March 12	43
Feb. 11	March 15	32	Feb. 11	March 16	33	Feb. 11	March 21	38	Feb. 11	March 24	41	Feb. 11	March 22	39	Feb. 11	March 21	38
Feb. 25	March 29	32	Feb. 25	March 30	33	Feb. 25	April 3	37	Feb. 25	April 6	40	Feb. 25	April 10	43	Feb. 25	April 5	39
March 11	April 12	32	March 11	April 13	33	March 11	April 21	41	March 11	April 22	42	March 11	April 19	39	March 11	April 18	38
March 25	April 26	32	March 25	April 27	33	March 25	May 6	42	March 25	May 7	43	March 25	May 6	42	March 25	May 3	39
April 8	May 10	32	April 8	May 11	33	April 8	May 17	39	April 8	May 18	40	April 8	May 16	38	April 8	May 17	39
April 22	May 24	32	April 22	May 25	33	April 22	May 31	39	April 22	June 2	41	April 22	June 1	40	April 22	May 30	38
May 6	June 7	32	May 6	June 8	33	May 6	June 16	41	May 6	June 18	43	May 6	June 17	42	May 6	June 13	38
May 20	June 21	32	May 20	June 22	33	May 20	June 28	39	May 20	June 29	40	May 20	June 29	40	May 20	June 27	38
June 3	July 7	34	June 3	July 8	35	June 3	July 18	45	June 3	July 15	42	June 3	July 14	41	June 3	July 18	45
June 17	July 20	33	June 17	July 21	34	June 17	July 29	42	June 17	July 29	42	June 17	July 28	41	June 17	July 30	43
July 1	August 2	32	July 1	August 3	33	July 1	August 8	38	July 1	August 9	39	July 1	August 9	38	July 1	August 8	38
July 15	August 16	32	July 15	August 17	33	July 15	August 24	40	July 15	August 23	39	July 15	August 22	38	July 15	August 22	38
July 29	August 30	32	July 29	August 31	33	July 29	Sept. 9	42	July 29	Sept. 8	41	July 29	Sept. 6	39	July 29	Sept. 5	38
August 12	Sept. 13	32	August 12	Sept. 14	33	August 12	Sept. 19	38	August 12	Sept. 20	39	August 12	Sept. 19	38	August 12	Sept. 19	38
August 26	Sept. 28	33	August 26	Sept. 29	34	August 26	Oct. 11	46	August 26	Oct. 8	43	August 26	Oct. 7	42	August 26	Oct. 8	43
Sept. 9	October 10	31	Sept. 9	October 11	32	Sept. 9	October 20	41	Sept. 9	October 21	42	Sept. 9	October 20	41	Sept. 9	October 18	39
Sept. 23	October 25	32	Sept. 23	October 26	33	Sept. 23	October 31	38	Sept. 23	Nov. 1	39	Sept. 23	Nov. 2	40	Sept. 23	October 31	38
October 7	Nov. 13	37	October 7	Nov. 14	38	October 7	Nov. 21	45	October 7	Nov. 22	46	October 7	Nov. 20	44	October 7	Nov. 21	45
October 21	Nov. 21	31	October 21	Nov. 22	32	October 21	Nov. 28	38	October 21	Nov. 30	40	October 21	Nov. 30	40	October 21	Nov. 28	38
Nov. 4	Dec. 6	32	Nov. 4	Dec. 7	33	Nov. 4	Dec. 16	42	Nov. 4	Dec. 15	41	Nov. 4	Dec. 13	39	Nov. 4	Dec. 12	38
Nov. 18	Dec. 21	33	Nov. 18	Dec. 22	34	Nov. 18	Dec. 27	39	Nov. 18	Dec. 28	40	Nov. 18	Dec. 29	41	Nov. 18	Dec. 31	43
Dec. 2	1899. Jan. 4	33	Dec. 2	1899. Jan. 5	34	Dec. 2	1899. Jan. 9	38	Dec. 2	1899. Jan. 10	39	Dec. 2	1899. Jan. 11	40	Dec. 2	1899. Jan. 13	42
Dec. 16	Jan. 17	32	Dec. 16	Jan. 18	33	Dec. 16	Jan. 24	39	Dec. 16	Jan. 25	40	Dec. 16	Jan. 23	38	Dec. 16	Jan. 23	38
Dec. 30	Feb. 1	33	Dec. 30	Feb. 2	34	Dec. 30	Feb. 7	39	Dec. 30	Feb. 8	40	Dec. 30	Feb. 9	41	Dec. 30	Feb. 7	39
Maximum	...	37	Maximum	...	38	Maximum	...	46	Maximum	...	46	Maximum	...	44	Maximum	...	46
Minimum	...	31	Minimum	...	32	Minimum	...	37	Minimum	...	39	Minimum	...	38	Minimum	...	38
Average	...	32.46	Average	...	33.46	Average	...	40.12	Average	...	40.85	Average	...	40.27	Average	...	39.96

Table No. 13.—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.					
1898. January 10	1898. February 19	40	1898. January 8	1898. February 19	42	1898. January 11	1898. February 19	39	1898. January 17	1898. February 19	33	1898. January 18	1898. February 19	32					
January 31	March 13	41	February 2	March 13	39	February 1	March 13	40	February 8	March 13	33	February 9	March 13	32					
February 15	March 28	41	February 14	March 28	42	February 15	March 28	41	February 22	March 28	34	February 23	March 28	33					
February 28	April 9	40	February 26	April 9	42	March 1	April 9	39	March 8	April 9	32	March 9	April 9	31					
March 17	April 23	37	March 12	April 23	42	March 15	April 23	39	March 22	April 23	32	March 23	April 23	31					
March 28	May 8	41	March 26	May 8	43	March 29	May 8	40	April 5	May 8	33	April 6	May 8	32					
April 12	May 22	40	April 9	May 22	43	April 12	May 22	40	April 19	May 22	33	April 20	May 22	32					
April 25	June 4	40	April 25	June 4	40	May 3	June 4	32	May 10	June 4	34	May 18	June 4	31					
May 11	June 20	40	May 12	June 20	39	May 21	June 20	45	May 28	June 20	35	May 31	June 20	34					
May 23	July 5	43	May 25	July 5	41	June 1	July 5	40	June 8	July 5	38	June 15	July 5	35					
June 8	July 19	41	June 6	July 19	43	June 14	July 19	40	June 21	July 19	34	June 28	July 19	33					
June 20	August 1	42	June 22	August 1	40	July 1	August 1	43	July 8	August 1	33	July 15	August 1	32					
July 5	August 14	40	July 15	August 14	43	July 22	August 14	46	July 29	August 14	40	July 29	August 14	37					
July 18	August 30	43	July 15	August 30	46	August 1	August 30	43	August 8	August 30	40	August 15	August 30	35					
August 3	Sept. 11	39	August 4	Sept. 11	38	August 13	Sept. 11	43	August 20	Sept. 11	33	August 27	Sept. 11	32					
August 15	Sept. 25	41	August 13	Sept. 25	43	August 20	Sept. 25	40	August 27	Sept. 25	37	August 27	Sept. 25	32					
August 30	October 9	40	August 13	Sept. 25	43	August 20	Sept. 25	40	August 27	Sept. 25	37	August 27	Sept. 25	32					
Sept. 1	October 23	41	Sept. 1	October 23	43	Sept. 8	October 23	40	Sept. 15	October 23	37	Sept. 22	October 23	32					
Sept. 12	October 23	41	Sept. 24	November 6	43	Sept. 31	November 6	46	Sept. 7	October 23	33	Sept. 14	October 23	32					
Sept. 27	November 6	40	Sept. 24	November 6	43	Sept. 31	November 6	46	Sept. 20	October 23	33	Sept. 27	October 23	32					
October 11	November 21	41	Sept. 24	November 6	43	Sept. 31	November 6	46	October 4	November 21	34	October 11	November 6	33					
October 27	December 3	37	Sept. 26	December 3	38	October 14	November 21	38	October 18	November 21	34	October 19	November 6	33					
November 7	December 17	40	November 5	December 17	42	October 25	December 3	39	November 1	December 3	32	November 2	December 3	31					
November 23	1899. January 1	39	November 3	1899. January 1	45	November 25	1899. January 1	37	November 15	December 17	32	November 16	December 17	31					
December 3	January 17	45	November 3	January 17	45	December 3	January 17	45	November 29	1899. January 1	33	November 30	1899. January 1	32					
December 21	January 28	38	December 3	January 28	40	December 20	January 28	39	December 13	January 28	35	December 14	January 28	34					

Table No. 14.

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, 1898.

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	5,558,592	148,382	280,436	3,348,683	2,336,451	37,453	388,901	16,160	532,680	907,077	5,694	148,382	296,596	3,881,363	3,243,528
Thames	753,207	18,746	30,576	203,931	202,267	2,775	52,714	1,710	32,397	78,485	496	18,746	32,286	236,328	280,752
New Plymouth	1,082,627	31,226	64,870	335,426	327,301	2,427	75,734	3,905	53,105	127,056	374	31,226	68,775	388,531	454,357
Gisborne	250,744	8,047	2,964	91,780	91,130	1,766	17,548	169	14,362	36,156	209	8,047	3,133	106,142	127,286
Napier	1,738,607	47,619	77,324	741,585	466,180	7,832	121,542	4,389	117,561	181,002	1,216	47,619	81,713	859,146	647,182
Wanganui	1,609,075	76,595	122,226	920,283	420,654	6,660	112,585	6,954	147,203	165,311	982	76,595	129,180	1,067,486	585,965
Wellington	6,620,471	173,056	211,991	2,738,359	1,791,673	40,028	463,142	12,284	434,081	697,843	6,180	173,056	224,275	3,172,440	2,489,516
Nelson	624,572	21,268	30,966	195,052	195,052	4,967	43,710	1,767	31,056	75,725	761	21,268	32,733	226,264	270,777
Westport	235,989	2,964	1,989	64,974	123,656	1,766	16,514	114	10,202	47,957	108	2,964	2,103	75,176	171,613
Greymouth	426,008	6,838	13,117	184,392	173,758	2,575	29,857	741	29,194	67,448	375	6,838	13,858	213,586	241,206
Hokitika	224,731	3,874	4,810	24,635	82,654	2,094	15,726	273	3,806	32,061	304	3,874	5,083	28,441	114,715
Blenheim	359,060	8,476	10,582	96,317	111,865	1,580	25,129	570	15,169	43,401	231	8,476	11,152	111,486	155,266
Christchurch	4,833,031	143,117	190,255	1,682,668	1,812,447	28,636	342,312	11,030	267,123	700,016	4,336	143,117	201,285	1,949,791	2,512,463
Timaru	876,083	34,944	51,064	359,151	144,469	1,613	61,315	2,907	56,946	56,092	351	34,944	53,971	416,097	200,561
Oamaru	519,246	22,373	31,356	139,886	112,073	1,016	36,337	1,789	22,156	43,500	150	22,373	33,145	162,036	155,573
Dunedin	4,620,135	111,267	189,644	2,533,739	1,708,147	30,172	323,309	10,907	403,287	698,820	4,569	111,267	200,551	2,937,026	2,496,967
Invercargill	2,073,997	58,929	85,280	679,120	682,682	4,259	145,666	4,845	107,642	265,078	708	58,929	90,125	786,762	947,760
Totals	32,465,875	917,631	1,399,450	14,340,131	10,872,459	177,559	2,271,441	80,514	2,277,970	4,223,028	27,044	917,631	1,479,964	16,618,101	15,095,487
Previous year	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	757,172	1,341,821	14,627,832	14,261,345



Table No. 16.

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, 1898.

Postal Districts.	Letters.	Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Books, &c.	Newspapers.	Parcels.
Auckland .. .. .	3,053,885	86,377	112,773	605,320	671,439	9,739
Thames .. .. .	380,654	10,764	36,316	127,826	142,841	3,080
New Plymouth .. .. .	304,117	8,599	35,722	100,824	200,087	2,634
Gisborne .. .. .	110,172	3,115	2,834	12,301	30,824	1,860
Napier .. .. .	513,906	14,532	21,648	150,185	124,294	6,282
Wanganui .. .. .	464,335	13,130	36,027	294,040	193,116	4,000
Wellington .. .. .	2,369,979	67,120	85,090	394,160	602,616	10,353
Nelson .. .. .	179,214	5,068	9,590	51,427	99,103	2,532
Westport .. .. .	78,787	2,228	3,973	11,819	39,431	1,491
Greymouth .. .. .	166,621	4,711	9,403	56,501	46,182	3,008
Hokitika .. .. .	83,023	2,347	4,859	16,120	57,995	874
Blenheim .. .. .	89,464	2,529	6,040	38,172	44,601	875
Christchurch .. .. .	1,726,441	48,727	86,442	615,546	434,866	4,803
Timaru .. .. .	250,088	7,072	17,866	105,637	62,413	1,016
Oamaru .. .. .	141,777	4,009	9,556	32,345	24,894	1,064
Dunedin .. .. .	1,439,262	40,672	86,806	517,351	400,077	5,442
Invercargill .. .. .	466,777	13,199	49,499	175,454	168,597	1,163
Totals .. .. .	11,818,502	334,199	614,444	3,305,028	3,343,376	60,216
Previous year .. .. .	11,197,988	287,120	597,234	2,842,976	3,075,085	58,360

Table No. 17.

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.

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Offices 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.								
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	11,652 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	
" 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	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.
" 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	
" 1873	2,356	4,574	93	485,507	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	From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 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	
" 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	19,707 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	
" 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. 17—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 Miles of Wire.	Number of Offices 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.								
31st Dec., 1882	3,974	9,848	264	1,361,817	208,372	1,570,189	£ s. d. 20,608 11 11	£ s. d. 111,242 3 1	£ s. d. 73,554 9 1	£ s. d. 122,451 6 3	£ s. d. 96,005 15 4	£ s. d. 5 17 5	From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 1883	4,074	10,037	302	1,379,483	219,917	1,599,400	£ s. d. 21,555 19 2	£ s. d. 115,378 3 5	£ s. d. 73,054 4 6	£ s. d. 119,210 6 6	£ s. d. 92,264 11 0	£ s. d. 4 16 8	
" 1884	4,074	10,474	330	1,433,458	220,847	1,654,305	£ s. d. 20,855 19 2	£ s. d. 116,490 5 0	£ s. d. 70,036 6 2	£ s. d. 120,041 15 10	£ s. d. 90,078 2 0	£ s. d. 4 18 4	
" 1885	4,463	10,931	375	1,533,406	240,867	1,774,273	£ s. d. 24,860 9 0	£ s. d. 126,512 17 0	£ s. d. 77,082 4 4	£ s. d. 120,900 6 2	£ s. d. 97,982 0 6	£ s. d. 4 15 9	
" 1886	4,546	11,178	412	1,583,717	252,549	1,836,266	£ s. d. 27,281 4 9	£ s. d. 133,919 16 11	£ s. d. 77,473 10 7	£ s. d. 121,402 18 2	£ s. d. 98,875 8 9	£ s. d. 4 15 11	From 1st Jan., 1886, delayed telegrams posted to addressees immediately after their receipt at offices of destination.
" 1887	4,646	11,375	437	1,589,771	245,623	1,835,394	£ s. d. 30,205 11 10	£ s. d. 136,753 15 10	£ s. d. 76,580 10 0	£ s. d. 121,321 2 9	£ s. d. 97,901 12 9	£ s. d. 4 13 9	
" 1888	4,790	11,617	473	1,548,233	217,630	1,765,863	£ s. d. 23,164 13 11	£ s. d. 129,476 5 5	£ s. d. 72,201 13 5	£ s. d. 123,262 1 0	£ s. d. 95,463 11 0	£ s. d. 5 0 1	
" 1889	4,874	11,827	489	1,589,157	213,830	1,802,987	£ s. d. 24,218 9 3	£ s. d. 139,681 7 7	£ s. d. 75,426 9 7	£ s. d. 126,007 1 5	£ s. d. 101,433 11 0	£ s. d. 5 0 8	
" 1890	5,148	12,812	520	1,734,381	226,780	1,961,161	£ s. d. 26,070 12 7	£ s. d. 136,767 10 3	£ s. d. 76,845 1 10	£ s. d. 127,546 2 0	£ s. d. 104,391 3 10	£ s. d. 5 13 0	
" 1891	5,349	13,235	573	1,746,115	222,149	1,968,264	£ s. d. 24,840 5 7	£ s. d. 142,474 1 1	£ s. d. 85,658 4 11	£ s. d. 128,986 10 10	£ s. d. 114,644 15 9	£ s. d. 5 12 7	
" 1892	5,479	13,459	615	1,686,064	218,079	1,904,143	£ s. d. 24,342 7 0	£ s. d. 128,155 15 6	£ s. d. 87,472 13 3	£ s. d. 129,580 10 11	£ s. d. 117,053 4 2	£ s. d. 5 8 0	
" 1893	5,513	13,515	640	1,825,646	244,045	2,069,691	£ s. d. 28,317 7 10	£ s. d. 140,783 3 7	£ s. d. 92,109 17 0	£ s. d. 129,141 6 0	£ s. d. 121,251 3 0	£ s. d. 5 5 9	

For the Financial Years ended 31st March, 1895, to the 31st March, 1899.

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Offices Open.	Number of Telegrams forwarded during the Year.		Revenue (including Miscellaneous Receipts).		Value of Government Messages.	Total Value of Business done during the Year.	Total Expenditure (excluding Cable Subsidy).	Remarks.
				Private, and Press.	Government.	Telegraph.	Telephone.				
31st March, 1895	5,961	14,881	705	1,802,182	231,618	£ s. d. 88,459 10 11	£ s. d. 21,552 12 10	£ s. d. 26,050 7 5	£ s. d. 136,062 11 2	£ s. d. 135,791 0 7	Cable subsidy, £ s. 6,492 11 8
" 1896	6,251	15,764	743	1,899,632	224,579	£ s. d. 97,178 14 0	£ s. d. 25,933 12 9	£ s. d. 25,843 11 11	£ s. d. 148,955 18 8	£ s. d. 143,665 14 0	" " 4,774 5 5
" 1897	6,284	16,470	780	2,285,001	235,168	£ s. d. 100,385 16 1	£ s. d. 29,248 19 5	£ s. d. 23,118 2 6	£ s. d. 152,752 18 0	£ s. d. 153,484 6 8	" " 3,972 8 1
" 1898	6,484	18,024	824	2,469,415	226,818	£ s. d. 99,798 8 10	£ s. d. 36,422 6 8	£ s. d. 24,504 9 8	£ s. d. 160,725 5 2	£ s. d. 165,198 13 5	" " 1,849 2 9
" 1899	6,736	18,746	878	2,717,548	243,190	£ s. d. 105,576 6 0	£ s. d. 39,718 7 7	£ s. d. 25,500 5 10	£ s. d. 170,794 19 5	£ s. d. 173,152 16 6	" " 1,427 19 11

NOTE.—Tariff, 1890: 1s. for ten words, and free address and signature up to ten words; delayed telegrams, 6d. 1892: For twelve words, and free address and signature, ordinary telegrams, 1s.; delayed, 6d. Later in 1892 the number of words in text and signature made eighteen. 1896: First twelve words, 6d.; each additional word, 1d.; address and signature paid for.

Table No. 18.

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, 1899.

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 .. .. .	17,263	3 10	3,142	1 6	20,405	5 4	459,006	37,916	496,922
Blenheim .. .. .	1,540	0 11	338	18 0	1,878	18 11	39,700	5,214	44,914
Christchurch .. .. .	12,313	4 0½	1,552	2 7	13,865	6 7½	293,690	20,133	313,823
Dunedin .. .. .	13,785	0 0½	1,546	17 5	15,331	17 5½	353,697	18,373	372,070
Gisborne .. .. .	2,086	13 9½	303	4 2	2,389	17 11½	48,670	3,988	52,658
Greymouth .. .. .	2,669	14 6½	552	3 1	3,221	17 7½	62,224	6,780	69,004
Hokitika .. .. .	1,211	5 4½	294	10 3	1,505	15 7½	27,974	2,765	30,739
Invercargill .. .. .	5,854	10 6	700	7 1	6,554	17 7	166,669	8,591	175,260
Napier .. .. .	5,911	3 3	771	13 3	6,682	16 6	148,017	10,136	158,153
Nelson .. .. .	2,285	7 4	572	11 11	2,857	19 3	134,138	8,846	142,984
New Plymouth .. .. .	3,114	4 1½	645	2 5	3,759	6 6½	77,247	7,384	84,631
Oamaru .. .. .	1,618	7 10½	166	12 5	1,785	0 3½	34,665	2,166	36,831
Thames .. .. .	3,666	14 11½	558	4 6	4,224	19 5½	99,792	9,213	109,005
Timaru .. .. .	2,270	7 10	267	6 5	2,537	14 3	54,964	3,655	58,619
Wanganui .. .. .	5,426	16 9½	672	5 6	6,099	2 3½	147,190	8,833	156,023
Wellington .. .. .	17,868	16 10½	12,934	0 9	30,802	17 7½	525,144	82,442	607,586
Westport .. .. .	1,869	10 5	482	4 7	2,351	15 0	44,761	6,755	51,516
General Post Office receipts .. .. .	100,755	2 6	25,500	5 10	126,255	8 4	2,717,548	243,190	2,960,738
	349	9 10	..	..	349	9 10	..	..	..
Totals, 1898-99 .. .. .	101,104	12 4	25,500	5 10	126,604	18 2	2,717,548	243,190	2,960,738
Totals, 1897-98 .. .. .	96,537	6 9½	24,504	9 8	118,440	4 4½	2,469,415	226,818	2,696,233

Table No. 19.

RETURN of Paid Telegrams of all Codes forwarded during the Twelve Months ended 31st March, 1899, and the Revenue received.

Class of Telegrams.	June Quarter, 1898.		September Quarter, 1898.		December Quarter, 1898.		March Quarter, 1899.		Totals.	
	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.
Ordinary ..	534,205	£ 29,560 19 8½	499,780	£ 27,851 4 3½	587,553	£ 30,510 2 8	620,849	£ 33,725 19 1½	2,242,387	£ 121,648 5 9½
Urgent ..	29,494	2,480 5 10½	23,227	1,935 4 4	31,027	2,015 4 9	29,690	1,957 3 5½	113,438	8,387 18 5
Press ..	51,699	2,077 1 11	53,227	2,832 11 3½	56,680	2,657 18 6	56,177	2,573 2 10	217,783	10,140 14 6½
Bureau ..	31,886	803 6 10	33,381	851 6 2	36,861	952 18 4	41,812	1,119 7 0	143,940	3,726 18 4
Gross totals	647,284	34,921 14 4	609,615	33,470 6 1	712,121	36,136 4 3	748,528	39,375 12 5	2,717,548	143,903 17 1
Less other lines and credits	..	10,722 13 9½	..	10,461 19 3	..	9,904 5 9½	..	12,059 15 9	..	43,148 14 7
G.P.O. receipts	647,284	24,199 0 6½	609,615	23,008 6 10	712,121	26,231 18 5½	748,528	27,315 16 8	2,717,548	100,755 2 6
Net totals, 1898-99	..	349 9 10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	349 9 10
Net totals, 1897-98	647,284	24,548 10 4½	609,615	23,008 6 10	712,121	26,231 18 5½	748,528	27,315 16 8	2,717,548	101,104 12 4
Net totals, 1897-98	581,187	23,189 13 1	553,898	21,732 13 5½	643,801	25,182 7 6	690,529	26,432 12 9	2,469,415	96,537 6 9½

Table No. 20.

RETURN of the Number and Value of Telegraph Money-orders issued within the several Postal Districts during the Year ended 31st December, 1898.

Districts.	Number.	Telegraph Commission.	Value of Orders.
Auckland .. .. .	6,458	£ 322 18 0	£ 24,225 6 8
Blenheim .. .. .	856	42 16 0	2,443 13 2
Christchurch .. .. .	2,692	134 12 0	9,199 15 11
Dunedin .. .. .	2,401	120 1 0	8,811 8 11
Gisborne .. .. .	838	41 18 0	2,800 6 9
Greymouth .. .. .	1,525	76 5 0	4,985 5 8
Hokitika .. .. .	427	21 7 0	1,338 11 8
Invercargill .. .. .	1,147	57 7 0	3,305 16 8
Napier .. .. .	2,818	140 18 0	8,222 4 0
Nelson .. .. .	707	35 7 0	2,225 7 3
New Plymouth .. .. .	1,468	73 8 0	4,990 11 0
Oamaru .. .. .	276	13 16 0	780 2 0
Thames .. .. .	2,869	143 9 0	9,122 18 1
Timaru .. .. .	480	24 0 0	1,418 2 5
Wanganui .. .. .	2,644	132 4 0	7,431 3 1
Wellington .. .. .	6,455	322 15 0	19,934 17 6
Westport .. .. .	1,143	57 3 0	3,387 2 4
Totals, 1898 .. .. .	35,204	1,760 4 0	114,622 13 1
Totals, 1897 .. .. .	33,601	1,680 1 0	113,584 17 8





Table No. 22.

RETURN of the COST of MAINTENANCE of TELEGRAPH LINES for the Year ended 31st March, 1899.

District.	No. of Miles.	Travelling- expenses of Inspectors and Linemen.	Extra Labour.	Cost of Material purchased.	Value of Material issued from Stores.	Salaries of Inspectors and Linemen.	Total Cost of Maintenance.	Average Cost per Mile.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland ..	1,749½	833 11 10	1,624 16 2	362 4 2	422 0 1	2,575 0 0	5,817 12 3	..
Wellington ..	1,732	1,004 16 10	1,547 17 9	242 14 4	3,136 18 1	3,151 0 0	9,083 7 0	..
Nelson ..	874½	610 1 2	839 15 10	170 6 9	1,498 18 5	1,767 0 0	4,886 2 2	..
Canterbury ..	867	980 18 6	913 9 10	231 7 6	270 19 10	1,765 0 0	4,161 15 8	..
Otago ..	1,513	700 0 11	771 9 4	558 19 11	441 5 5	1,531 0 0	4,002 15 7	..
Cables ..	..	81 19 3	1,372 17 7	47 5 2	432 9 8	..	1,934 11 8	..
Stores ..	..	66 17 10	322 12 9	114 3 7	..	..	503 14 2	..
Totals ..	6,736	4,278 6 4	7,392 19 3	1,727 1 5	6,202 11 6	10,789 0 0	30,389 18 6	4 4 6

Table No. 23.

STATEMENT showing the EXPENDITURE on, and the COST of, TELEGRAPH CONSTRUCTION during the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1899.

Line.	Expenditure.	Material from Stores.	Total Expenditure during the Year.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Telephone exchanges,—			
Ashburton ..	13 3 0	57 5 6	70 8 6
Auckland ..	1,071 9 0	3,346 17 9	4,418 6 9
Blenheim ..	0 3 6	0 6 7	0 10 1
Christchurch ..	152 19 5	152 4 2	305 3 7
Dunedin ..	65 0 0	533 16 11	598 16 11
Gisborne ..	29 12 7	155 18 10	185 11 5
Greymouth ..	6 15 0	42 9 0	49 4 0
Hastings ..	25 9 8	79 4 2	104 13 10
Invercargill ..	28 12 4	71 14 2	100 6 6
Masterton ..	9 11 6	32 3 4	41 14 10
Napier ..	15 14 6	70 8 9	86 3 3
Nelson ..	1 13 0	0 11 0	2 4 0
New Plymouth ..	12 3 10	103 8 2	115 12 0
Oamaru ..	8 19 0	65 19 9	74 18 9
Palmerston North ..	15 17 6	38 12 11	54 10 5
Thames ..	4 2 0	25 16 9	29 18 9
Timaru ..	4 1 0	11 4 1	15 5 1
Wanganui ..	34 8 9	219 17 6	254 6 3
Wellington ..	402 11 8	1,362 0 6	1,764 12 2
Total exchanges ..	1,902 7 3	6,369 19 10	8,272 7 1
New copper wires,—			
Wanganui-New Plymouth ..	233 10 8	771 14 11	1,005 5 7
Kaikoura-Waitaki ..	293 15 4	0 11 2	294 6 6
Waitaki-Dunedin ..	1 5 2	..	1 5 2
Auckland-Mokau ..	4,458 7 3	2,117 3 8	6,575 10 11
Auckland-Whangarei ..	16 1 6	..	16 1 6
Whangapoua-Opitonui ..	53 0 0	12 6 1	65 6 1
Waihopo Loop Line ..	7 19 0	6 12 4	14 11 4
Paeroa-Paeroa Railway ..	7 19 5	..	7 19 5
Kaeo-Saies ..	4 0 4	..	4 0 4
Aoroa ..	6 1 9	25 6 11	31 8 8
Upper Onehunga Bureau ..	0 6 6	12 3 2	12 9 8
Kerikeri ..	9 6 0	..	9 6 0
Great North Road ..	0 1 6	3 13 5	3 14 11
Arch Hill Bureau ..	..	6 2 5	6 2 5
Waipapa ..	2 16 0	79 18 8	82 14 8
Toko-Strathmore ..	379 1 1	26 1 6	405 2 7
Inglewood-Tarata ..	30 17 6	158 8 0	189 5 6
Bell Block-Lepperton ..	20 10 5	55 8 4	75 18 9
Dannevirke-Weber ..	471 4 3	170 1 9	641 6 0
Ormond-Te Karaka ..	219 19 3	..	219 19 3
Te Karaka-Whatatutu ..	101 11 8	152 19 0	254 10 8
Moawhango ..	14 18 3	40 13 6	55 11 9

Table No. 23—continued.

STATEMENT showing the EXPENDITURE on, and the COST of, TELEGRAPH CONSTRUCTION during the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1899—continued.

Line.	Expenditure.	Material from Stores.	Total Cost during the Year.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Ormondville-Mangatera ...	...	81 17 8	81 17 8
Feilding Racecourse ...	1 16 6	...	1 16 6
Otaki Racecourse ...	...	14 9 2	14 9 2
Murutai ...	3 19 0	19 1 3	23 0 3
Seatoun ...	...	4 9 9	4 9 9
Dreyerton ...	3 1 7	4 17 2	7 18 9
Cunningham's ...	9 1 0	...	9 1 0
Molesworth Street ...	...	3 12 0	3 12 0
Collingwood-Bainham ...	244 0 9	50 15 4	294 16 1
Belgrove-Tophouse ...	66 1 6	79 1 2	145 2 8
Renwicktown-Kaituna ...	63 12 9	102 3 4	165 16 1
Reefton-Crushington ...	80 15 9	21 8 0	102 3 9
Westport-Cardiff ...	82 14 0	...	82 14 0
Owen Junction ...	...	0 18 0	0 18 0
Ngahere-Blackball ...	1 3 2	...	1 3 2
Greymouth-Stillwater ...	...	26 0 0	26 0 0
Orari-Geraldine ...	46 2 5	...	46 2 5
Ashburton-Mayfield ...	125 9 11	172 16 8	298 6 7
Rangiora-Fernside ...	6 14 0	7 19 6	14 13 6
Rangiora-Ashley Bank ...	12 5 9	16 5 3	28 11 0
Papanui ...	...	4 1 8	4 1 8
Bealey ...	...	1 6 1	1 6 1
Linton Downs ...	0 4 0	...	0 4 0
Kaiapoi-Woodend ...	12 3 6	7 16 11	20 0 5
Waikari-Hawarden ...	112 7 7	80 2 0	192 9 7
German Bay ...	0 2 6	0 13 8	0 16 2
Ngapara-Tokarahi ...	2 8 8	0 8 8	2 17 4
Wairio-Wrey's Bush ...	129 6 3	5 0 4	134 6 7
Hyde-Kokonga ...	...	28 19 9	28 19 9
Windsor ...	0 16 9	4 1 1	4 17 10
Balclutha-Warepa ...	114 6 6	12 9 8	126 16 2
Drummond-Heddon Bush ...	76 15 2	19 16 11	96 12 1
Colac Bay-Round Hill ...	63 10 1	38 12 3	102 2 4
Merrivale-Clifden ...	220 4 5	61 18 10	282 3 3
Invercargill-Otautau ...	78 7 1	283 8 11	361 16 0
Eweburn-Ranfurly ...	9 2 0	...	9 2 0
Cable No. 3, Oterangi-White's Bay ...	9,801 12 8	11,163 15 8	20,965 8 4
	925 15 2	4,709 3 0	5,634 18 2
Purchase of material ...	10,727 7 10	15,872 18 8	26,600 6 6
	17,823 6 2		
Total expenditure to 31st March, 1898 ...	28,550 14 0		
	800,735 4 9		
	£829,285 18 9	Total cost of lines during 1898-99	£26,600 6 6



Cape Maria Van Diemen

North Cape

Te Koro

Whangaroa

Whangarei

Whangarei Heads

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