

Seven receiving-boxes were closed: Christchurch—City, 1. New Plymouth—Town, 1. Thames—Kuranui, 1. Wanganui—Town, 1; Marohima, 1; Waitotara, 1. Wellington—Tinakori Road, 1.

DESIGNATIONS OF OFFICES.

The designations of offices were changed as follow: Christchurch—Hanmer Plain to Hanmer Springs; Dunedin—Mokamoka to Pounaweia; Invercargill—Waikawa Township to Waikawa; Napier—Mount Wolff to Waione; Nelson—Wakapuaka to Wakapuaka Suburban; New Plymouth—Ohonga to Onaero; Timaru—Three Springs to Kimbell, Waihao to Morven; Wellington—Fowler's to Kimbolton, Mauriceville to Mauriceville West, Mauriceville Railway to Mauriceville; Westport—Granity Creek to Granity.

Names were corrected as follows: Invercargill—Pyramids to Pyramid; Timaru—St. Andrew ot St. Andrew's; Wellington—Manukau to Manakau.

POST-OFFICES ESTABLISHED, ETC.

Sixty-seven post-offices were established (of these, five were reopened offices) and eight closed.

Opened.

Atea, Wellington	Mount Wolff, Napier	St. Omer (reopened), Blenheim
Big River, Greymouth	Newton Flat, Westport	Seddon, Blenheim
Braco (R.O.), Christchurch	Ngapaeruru, Napier	Sentry Hill, New Plymouth
Croydon Bush, Invercargill	Ngawaro, Thames	Slope Point, Invercargill
Fairton, Christchurch	Ohinemutu, Auckland	Table Flat, Wellington
Glencoe, Invercargill	Ohonga, New Plymouth	Tara, Auckland
Halfway Bush (reopened), Dunedin	Omahu, Thames	Te Kuta, Napier
Heawa, Auckland	Onapua, Blenheim	Ten-mile Creek, Greymouth
Horoeke, Napier	Orangimea, Wanganui	Tererenga, Auckland
Huarau, Auckland	Peebles, Oamaru	Tikitiki, Gisborne
Hundalee, Christchurch	Pitt Island, Wellington	Tinakori Road (R.O.), Wellington
Island Bay, Wellington	Pukehou, Wanganui	Top Valley, Blenheim
Kahuika, Dunedin	Pukeokahu, Napier	Umatacrao, Napier
Kaimata, New Plymouth	Pyramids, Invercargill	Upper Blackwater, Greymouth
Kaupokonui, Wanganui	Ranfurly, Dunedin	Waiharara, Auckland
Kent Road, New Plymouth	Ratapiko, New Plymouth	Waikaremoana (reopened), Napier
Kokako, Napier	Raupo, Auckland	Waimahaka, Invercargill
Mangapeehi, Auckland	Rawhitiroa, Wanganui	Waimana, Thames
Manuhara, Wellington	Reidston, Oamaru	Whangamarino, Auckland
Matahiwi, Napier	Resolution Bay, Blenheim	Whangapara (reopened), Auckland
Matauri Bay, Auckland	Riverlea, Wanganui	Whangaripo, Auckland
Miro, New Plymouth	Ruakaka (reopened), Auckland	Woodleigh, Auckland.
Mokamoka, Dunedin		

Closed.

Kimihia, Auckland	Mokihinui, Westport	Waitoto River, Hokitika
Kirikiri, Thames	Ohui, Auckland	White's Point, Westport.
Lake Coleridge, Christchurch	Parawai, Thames	

The number of post-offices open at the end of the year was 1,620.

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, 1897, 1898, and 1899:—

Postal Districts.	1890.		1897.		1898.		1899.	
	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.
		lb. oz.		lb. oz.		lb. oz.		lb. oz.
Auckland	24,539	65,406 15	42,287	134,523 4	43,147	140,528 7	46,633	153,492 14
Thames	1,731	4,334 3	3,366	9,945 8	3,181	9,179 7	3,324	9,963 12
New Plymouth ..	1,132	3,103 9	2,753	8,001 1	2,801	8,554 13	3,212	10,238 5
Gisborne	1,061	2,977 10	1,979	5,862 12	1,975	5,619 15	2,283	6,008 12
Napier	7,021	19,512 13	8,932	26,526 12	9,048	27,216 14	9,281	28,500 15
Wanganui	4,537	10,994 2	6,852	21,508 12	7,642	23,997 5	8,663	27,627 13
Wellington	29,052	85,226 3	45,195	166,995 8	46,208	173,884 9	51,150	185,938 12
Nelson	5,348	15,329 8	5,534	18,168 3	5,668	18,254 2	6,124	18,845 5
Westport	1,201	2,718 4	1,941	4,977 3	1,964	5,038 11	2,089	5,157 2
Greymouth	2,821	7,102 4	2,773	7,777 10	2,950	8,384 15	3,099	8,876 3
Hokitika	1,600	4,476 11	1,621	5,583 6	2,398	7,606 2	2,865	9,645 11
Blenheim	2,090	5,050 0	1,851	5,441 5	1,811	5,736 4	1,907	6,180 15
Christchurch ..	21,758	67,202 8	32,298	125,764 3	33,072	124,895 3	33,707	135,437 9
Timaru	2,263	5,600 1	1,808	4,554 12	1,964	5,147 11	1,960	5,815 2
Oamaru	978	2,409 8	1,056	3,436 13	1,166	3,796 2	1,120	3,843 12
Dunedin	25,312	74,824 15	32,504	112,672 12	34,641	117,065 15	39,976	134,014 7
Invercargill ..	3,883	8,614 6	4,804	14,314 9	4,967	13,394 12	5,957	16,249 4½
Totals	136,327	384,883 8	197,554	676,014 5	204,603	698,301 3	223,350	765,836 9½