

Closed.

Blandville, Christchurch
 Christchurch Exhibition (R.O.), Christchurch
 Glenwood, Wellington
 Hamilton South, Dunedin
 Hawkeswood, Christchurch
 Heawa, Auckland
 Huiakama, New Plymouth

Kahukura, Gisborne
 Karewarewa, Wellington
 Linburn, Dunedin
 Little Rakaia, Christchurch
 Newton Flat, Westport
 Paremata, Wellington
 Puketoi, Wellington

Rough Ridge, Dunedin
 Ruakaka, Auckland
 Serpentine, Dunedin
 Te Kuta, Napier
 Turangarere, Wanganui
 Waima, Auckland
 Wainuioru, Wellington.

The number of post-offices open at the end of the year was 1,739.

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, 1899, 1900, and 1901 :—

Postal Districts.	1890.		1899.		1900.		1901.	
	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.
		lb. oz.		lb. oz.		lb. oz.		lb. oz.
Auckland	24,589	65,406 15	46,633	153,492 14	47,320	145,640 1	53,428	178,086 4
Thames	1,731	4,334 3	3,324	9,963 12	3,496	10,767 4	4,357	11,968 12
New Plymouth ..	1,132	3,103 9	3,212	10,238 5	3,548	11,298 9	4,799	14,558 1
Gisborne	1,061	2,977 10	2,283	6,008 12	2,372	6,926 15	2,653	9,238 3
Napier	7,021	19,512 13	9,281	28,500 15	10,269	32,831 15	12,202	37,313 7
Wanganui	4,537	10,994 2	8,663	27,627 13	10,167	32,562 4	12,686	40,574 1
Wellington	29,052	85,226 3	51,150	185,938 12	52,500	187,716 3	63,647	229,967 5½
Nelson	5,348	15,329 8	6,124	18,845 5	6,195	20,000 2	7,023	20,924 6
Westport	1,201	2,718 4	2,089	5,157 2	2,183	5,684 15	2,676	6,549 14
Greymouth	2,821	7,102 4	3,099	8,876 3	3,036	9,305 4	3,628	11,327 10
Hokitika	1,600	4,476 11	2,865	9,645 11	2,772	10,140 2	3,505	11,587 3
Blenheim	2,090	5,050 0	1,907	6,180 15	2,258	6,956 4	2,765	8,332 13
Christchurch ..	21,758	67,202 8	33,707	135,437 9	36,028	135,426 6½	44,310	145,750 2
Timaru	2,263	5,600 1	1,960	5,815 2	2,040	6,274 1	2,420	8,576 1
Oamaru	978	2,409 8	1,120	3,843 12	1,324	4,739 7	1,920	7,418 13
Dunedin	25,312	74,824 15	39,976	134,014 7	40,282	144,791 10	43,503	163,322 15
Invercargill ..	3,883	8,614 6	5,957	16,249 4½	7,666	23,933 0	7,920	22,741 0
Totals	136,327	384,883 8	223,350	765,836 9½	233,456	794,994 6½	273,442	928,236 14½

The following table shows the number and weight of parcels exchanged with the United Kingdom and the undermentioned places during the years 1900 and 1901 :—

Country.	Received.				Despatched.			
	1900.		1901.		1900.		1901.	
	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.
		lb. oz.		lb. oz.		lb. oz.		lb. oz.
United Kingdom and foreign countries (via London)	21,682	76,132 0	24,011	93,411 0	4,690	9,769 0	5,787	15,308 0
United States ..	*922	2,282 13	3,019	8,784 15	409	1,047 13	833	2,380 10
Vancouver	147	236 5	221	299 8	89	145 0	131	285 1
Victoria	3,540	12,849 8	2,853	13,235 0	1,322	3,033 12	1,456	3,045 0
New South Wales ..	6,229	17,629 8	7,260	21,233 0	1,809	4,774 0½	638	1,600 3
South Australia ..	244	715 4	284	857 6	191	526 8	245	707 1
Queensland	308	631 8	408	807 14	267	659 14	342	990 6
Tasmania	143	406 2	217	567 13	312	746 3	377	914 8
Western Australia ..	260	756 0	211	517 6	262	689 2	264	692 12
Samoa	15	94 7	..	..	128	415 13	155	394 4
Rarotonga	19	45 3	32	109 12	65	257 15	86	378 15
Fiji	36	98 1	60	137 2	139	447 1	168	532 8
Norfolk Island ..	..	..	..	..	1	5 8	..	..
Ceylon	382	864 15½	487	1,196 3½	165	372 7½	101	289 15
Uruguay	..	..	..	..	15	27 5	17	36 1
Cape Colony	309	590 8	814	860 0	707	1,400 1½	537	1,342 6
Transvaal	..	..	..	..	345	681 12	378	779 10
Natal	..	..	72	103 0	..	..	26	56 2
Malta	..	..	2	21 0	..	..	..	..
India	..	..	..	..	..	..	147	78 11
Totals	34,236	113,332 2½	39,951	142,140 15½	10,916	24,998 3½	11,588	29,762 1

* Six months only.

† Four months only.

The declared value of parcels received from places outside the colony in 1901 was £109,683. The Customs duty collected amounted to £22,406.

The declared value of parcels despatched to places beyond the colony was £16,154, as against £11,800 in 1900.

Direct parcel-post exchanges have been arranged with Natal and with India during the year.