

The several subsidised mail sea-services, the subsidy-payments for the year 1901, the dates when established, and the date on which each terminates are shown as follows :—

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 ..	18,958 0 0	April, 1871	May, 1903	17	11,850	1 6-92
Auckland and Fiji ..	1,630 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., 1902	939	6	0 2-56
Auckland and Great Barrier ..	250 0 0	Oct., 1891	Dec., 1902	52	120	0 9-62
Dargaville and Tangiteroria ..	100 0 0	Nov., 1893	Dec., 1902	52	46	0 10-08
Helensville and Matakohu ..	550 0 0	Jan., 1881	Dec., 1902	52	118	0 5-54
Helensville and Dargaville ..	233 0 0	Jan., 1889	Dec., 1902	104	170	1 10-40
Horeke, Kohukohu, Rawene, Waitapu, and Opononi ..	90 0 0	Jan., 1889	Dec., 1902	52	48	1 0-98
Whangaroa and Totara North ..	25 0 0	Jan., 1891	Dec., 1902	104	16	1 0-98
Wellington, Ketu Bay, Homewood, Maori Bay (and other offices), and Havelock ..	350 0 0	Dec., 1891	Dec., 1902	52	2	..
Nelson, Motueka, Totaranui, Takaka, and Collingwood ..	125 0 0	..	Dec., 1902	26	183	1 5-65
Westport and Karamea ..	400 0 0	June, 1886	Dec., 1902	52	130	0 4-44
Westport and Little Wanganui ..	600 0 0	Jan., 1895	Dec., 1902	36	102	1 8-62
Hokitika, Okarito, Bruce Bay, Paringa, Haast, Okura, and Jackson's Bay ..	300 0 0	Jan., 1886	Dec., 1902	12	82	5 2-50
Lyttelton and Chatham Islands (including Pitt's Island) ..	300 0 0	..	Mar., 1902	6	384	0 11-43
Bluff and Half-moon Bay ..	245 0 0	July, 1886	Dec., 1902	6	1,050	0 11-43
Bluff, Te Oneroa, and Cromarty ..	360 0 0	April, 1893	Nov., 1901	52	48	1 11-56
Interprovincial service in connection with San Francisco line ..	300 0 0	Nov., 1901	Nov., 1902	12	208	2 10-62
	4,577 0 0	Nov., 1886	Mar., 1901	12	..	2 4-85
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#### BUILDINGS.

The alterations carried out at the Auckland Chief Post-office have been entirely satisfactory, and the accommodation is now convenient and sufficiently commodious, it is believed, for many years.

The acquiring of the land adjoining the General Post-office, Wellington, to enable additions to be made to the building for the growing requirements of the service is being arranged for. Notwithstanding the location of the money-order office and the post-office savings-bank in temporary quarters, every other branch of the post and telegraph service at Wellington is still in need of increased accommodation, and additions to the present building are urgently required.

At Christchurch the business has quite outgrown the present accommodation, and enlargement and rearrangement of the building have become imperatively necessary.

The necessary steps are being taken to utilise the rooms recently occupied for Court purposes at Dunedin for providing improved accommodation for the chief post-office.

New chief post-offices are proposed for Greymouth and Nelson, and additions to the buildings at New Plymouth, the present accommodation having become much too small for the business. New buildings are also proposed at Bull's, Eltham, Woodville, Carterton, Hunterville, Palmerston North, and Levin. A suitable site has now been acquired at the latter place.

The business of the Department also demands buildings at Tuparoa, Tokomaru Bay, Norsewood, Urenui, Taihape, Waikaka, and Whakatane.

New offices at Spit, Raetihi, Te Puke, Paparoa, and Dargaville, and an addition to the telegraph-office at Dunedin, are being proceeded with.

The following general repairs, additions, &c., were carried out during the year :—

Completion of new building, furniture, &c., Alfredton; completion of new building, Aratapu; completion of new building, furniture, &c., Ashburton; alterations, furniture and fittings, and purchase of site for and erection of caretaker's cottage, Auckland; postal accommodation at railway-station, Avondale; alterations, additions, furniture, and fittings, Blenheim; asphaltting, &c., Bluff; completion of new building, furniture, &c., Caversham; erection of strong-room, renovations, repairs, &c., Christchurch; additions, alterations, &c., Clyde; additions, alterations, furniture, &c., Cromwell; repairs and painting, Dannevirke; purchase of land, erection of new building, &c., Denniston; purchase of land for and erection of building for Pacificable Station, Doubtless Bay; additions, alterations, and renovations, Dunedin; completion of new building, Eketahuna; completion of new building, furniture, fittings, &c., Feilding; painting, repairs, furniture, &c., Foxton; new building (in course of construction), Gisborne; erection of new building, Gore; completion of new building, furniture, fittings, &c., Hamilton; new building, furniture, and fittings, Hanmer Springs; renovations, drainage, new clock, &c., Hawera; new building, Inglewood; additions, Kai-iwi; Postmaster's residence, Kaikoura; completion of new building, fittings, &c., Karangahake; erection of new building, Kawhia; erection of new office at railway-station, Leeston; additions, Lyttelton; installation of drainage, lineman's storeroom, &c., Masterton; temporary office building, Mercer; purchase of land, Mornington; new building, furniture, fittings, &c., Motueka; completion of new building, Naseby; additions, &c., New Plymouth; repairs and renovations, Newton; erection of new building, One-