

## RETURN for same Period of Number of Payments and Amounts in each Postal District.

Postal District.			1904-5.			1905-6.				
			Number of Payments.	Amount.		Number of Payments.	Amount.			
				£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Auckland...	...	...	27,769	38,871	5	11	28,016	50,265	11	5
Blenheim...	...	...	1,748	2,480	18	4	1,695	3,055	3	0
Christchurch	...	...	20,959	29,008	5	8	22,369	40,155	0	9
Dunedin ...	...	...	21,600	30,217	4	2	21,791	39,247	4	2
Gisborne ...	...	...	1,226	1,736	0	4	1,249	2,246	18	5
Greymouth	...	...	6,268	9,243	17	6	6,016	11,206	19	8
Hokitika ...	...	...	6,081	8,849	19	4	5,972	11,065	1	7
Invercargill	...	...	9,481	13,292	17	8	9,454	17,102	15	6
Napier ...	...	...	5,325	7,394	5	4	5,213	9,213	0	6
Nelson ...	...	...	3,620	4,852	9	4	3,337	5,755	0	6
New Plymouth	...	...	2,614	3,629	9	1	2,866	4,987	11	0
Oamaru ...	...	...	2,512	3,527	15	3	2,591	4,682	6	7
Thames ...	...	...	5,457	7,842	8	7	5,521	10,126	7	6
Timaru ...	...	...	4,352	6,045	15	9	4,518	8,060	13	7
Wanganui	...	...	4,067	5,814	2	1	4,182	7,641	11	9
Wellington	...	...	12,640	17,919	2	2	12,916	23,383	0	6
Westport...	...	...	3,245	4,744	14	4	3,312	6,166	10	1
Totals	...	...	138,964	£195,470	10	10	141,018	£254,360	16	6

## POST OFFICE.

## ARTICLES POSTED AND DELIVERED.

The number of articles posted in the colony and received from places outside the colony during the year 1905, as compared with the number in 1904, was as under:—

	1905.	1904.	Increase.
Letters—			
Posted in the colony	64,750,510	60,639,233	
Received from places outside the colony	4,914,431	4,480,327	
	69,664,941	65,119,560	4,545,381
Letter-cards—			
Posted in the colony	1,451,320	1,381,874	69,446
Post-cards—			
Posted in the colony	2,942,953	2,053,363	
Received from places outside the colony	708,074	257,188	
	3,651,027	2,310,551	1,340,476
Books and pattern-packets—			
Posted in the colony	21,347,921	17,976,214	
Received from places outside the colony	2,359,980	2,131,707	
	23,707,901	20,107,921	3,599,980
Newspapers—			
Posted in the colony	17,288,829	15,404,618	
Received from places outside the colony	6,337,533	6,096,126	
	23,626,362	21,500,744	2,125,618
Parcels—			
Posted in the colony	313,617	289,617	
Received from places outside the colony	78,400	67,887	
	392,017	357,504	34,513

The letters increased 6·98, letter-cards 5·03, post-cards 58·02, newspapers 9·89, other printed matter and pattern-packets 17·9, and parcels 9·65 per cent.

In 1904 letters increased 7·61, letter-cards 17·63, post-cards 58·97, newspapers 9·16, other printed matter and pattern-packets 2·76, and parcels 9·12 per cent.

The average number of letters posted per head of population was estimated to be 74·43, or 76·09 including letter-cards. The averages in 1904 were 71·76, or 73·4 including letter-cards.

The Post Office receipts for the year amounted to £410,967 3s. 7d., an increase of 7·23 per cent.

The expenditure was £302,145 19s. 2d., an increase of 0·40 per cent.

The balance of postal revenue over expenditure was £108,821 4s. 5d. The estimated value of free correspondence of other Government departments was £94,252 5s. 7d. The gross earnings of the Post Office for the year were therefore £505,219 9s. 2d., and the credit balance £203,073 10s.