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# POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT

(REPORT OF THE) FOR THE YEAR 1916-17.

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

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MY LORD,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 2nd July, 1917.

I have the honour to submit to Your Excellency the report of the business of the Post and Telegraph Department for the financial year 1916-17.

The Hon. Dr. McNab was appointed Acting Postmaster-General during my absence in England, and it was with very deep regret that I learned of his death on the 4th February last. The Hon. W. D. S. MacDonald filled the position until my return.

The noble response of the officers of all ranks to the call of the Empire in its task of overcoming our common foes again stands out as the brightest achievement of the year. No fewer than 1,675 are now with the Expeditionary Forces. Some have won distinction and honours while many, I regret to say, have been killed in action and many wounded. No effort has been spared by the Department to meet in every way possible the needs of both the soldiers and their relatives and friends in all matters coming within the scope of its activities.

In spite of this heavy call upon the staff it has not yet been found necessary to curtail the services in any way, nor has the Department, up to the present, claimed exemption for any officers required for military service.

The War Loan Certificate scheme, which was entrusted by me to the Department, has proved a great success, the sum of £1,410,666 having been so far raised towards the War Loan by the sale of these certificates.

The year is the first during the whole of which the increased charges imposed on account of the war have been in force, and the revenue reached the very large sum of £1,809,317. Of this, £334,000 may be said to represent the increase due to the special war-tax on mail-matter and telegrams.

The Savings-bank business shows a remarkable increase, not alone in deposits, but also in the net savings for the year. £2,618,988 was added to the savings, which, together with £817,856 interest credited, equals £3,436,844, and brings the total balance up to £25,603,209.

Generally, the business in all branches of the Service has been well maintained, the excess of receipts over expenditure being £438,507.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your obedient servant,

J. G. WARD,

Postmaster-General.

His Excellency the Governor-General, Wellington.

EXPENDITURE.

The regular expenditure of the Department has been seriously increased by the abnormal rise in the prices of material which is absolutely necessary for the upkeep of its telegraph and other business. The price of iron wire has gone up some 260 per cent.; of insulators, 75 per cent.; battery zincs, 160 per cent.; soldering preparations, 300 per cent.; lead seals, 88 per cent.; checking and copying pencils, about 200 per cent.; the cheaper qualities of paper, from 200 to 300 per cent.; canvas for mail-bags, according to quality, from 91 to 173 per cent.; twine, 90 per cent.; and stationery generally, about 40 per cent. These are simply quoted as leading examples, and will give some idea as to how the increased expenditure has arisen.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

The receipts and payments of the Department for the financial year 1916-17 are shown in the following table:—

Item.	Postal.		Telegraph.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
<i>Receipts.</i>						
Postages .. .. .	913,458	9 8½	..	..	913,458	9 8½
Money-order and postal-note commission .. .. .	27,168	4 9½	..	..	27,168	4 9½
Money-order commission received from foreign offices .. .. .	819	8 7	..	..	819	8 7
Private box and bag rents .. .. .	15,985	7 4	..	..	15,985	7 4
Miscellaneous receipts .. .. .	7,361	12 9½	113,395	0 5	120,756	13 2½
Paid telegrams .. .. .	..	..	413,853	12 0	413,853	12 0
Telephone exchanges .. .. .	..	..	317,275	4 9	317,275	4 9
Totals .. .. .	964,793	3 2½	844,523	17 2	1,809,317	0 4½
<i>Payments.</i>						
Salaries (classified officers) .. .. .	293,537	7 6	403,794	5 9	697,331	13 3
Salaries (country Postmasters and telephonists, and contributions to Railway Department) .. .. .	21,570	0 0	40,530	0 0	62,100	0 0
Conveyance of mails by sea .. .. .	68,786	8 1	..	..	68,786	8 1
Conveyance of inland mails .. .. .	103,827	12 8	..	..	103,827	12 8
Conveyance of mails by railway .. .. .	72,101	0 6	..	..	72,101	0 6
Money-order commission credited to foreign offices .. .. .	2,319	7 2	..	..	2,319	7 2
Maintenance of telegraph and telephone lines .. .. .	..	..	108,173	10 5	108,173	10 5
Miscellaneous .. .. .	127,450	10 9	128,719	13 4	256,170	4 1
	689,592	6 8	681,217	9 6	1,370,809	16 2
Balance of receipts over payments .. .. .	275,200	16 6½	163,306	7 8	438,507	4 2½
Totals .. .. .	964,793	3 2½	844,523	17 2	1,809,317	0 4½

The total receipts exceeded those of 1915-16 by £113,560 3s. 4½d

The receipts and payments for the ten years ended 31st March, 1917, and for the years 1881-82, 1891-92, and 1901-2, are shown hereunder:—

Year.	Receipts.	Payments.	Balance of Receipts over Payments.
	£	£	£
1881-1882 .. .. .	234,529	233,291	1,238
1891-1892 .. .. .	320,058	268,343	51,715
1901-1902 .. .. .	488,573	465,756	22,817
1907-1908 .. .. .	822,639	709,024	113,615
1908-1909 .. .. .	913,994	807,652	106,342
1909-1910 .. .. .	961,500	858,059	103,441
1910-1911 .. .. .	1,037,265	914,069	123,196
1911-1912 .. .. .	1,087,710	988,911	98,799
1912-1913 .. .. .	1,167,826	1,069,272	98,554
1913-1914 .. .. .	1,269,921	1,173,314	96,607
1914-1915 .. .. .	1,359,059	1,246,850	112,209
1915-1916 .. .. .	1,695,757	1,296,522	399,235
1916-1917 .. .. .	1,809,317	1,370,810	438,507
Total for ten years .. .. .	12,124,988	10,434,483	1,690,505

## STAFF

*Comparative Return of Officers of the Post and Telegraph Department for the Years ended 31st March, 1916, and 31st March, 1917.*

The total number of officers on the staff on the 31st March, 1916 and 1917, was as under:—

				31st March, 1916.	31st March, 1917.
Postmaster-General	...	...	...	1	1
Classified staff—					
Permanent—					
Administrative Division	...	...	...	3	3
Professional Division	...	...	...	39	38
Clerical Division	...	...	...	2,855	3,266
General Division	...	...	...	3,547	3,652
Temporary—					
Night-watchmen	...	...	...	6	4
Postmistresses and assistants	...	...	...	52	118
Switchboard attendants	...	...	...	336	337
Note-sorters, distributors, &c.	...	...	...	9	69
Letter-carriers, messengers, and chauffeurs	...	...	...	...	185
Night attendants, telephone exchange	...	...	...	...	21
Total, classified staff	...	...	...	6,848	7,694
Employees not on classified staff—					
Country Postmasters and Postmistresses	...	...	...	2,346	2,357
Postmasters and telegraphists or telephonists who are Railway officers	...	...	...	153	143
Total	...	...	...	9,347	10,194

## HEALTH OF STAFF.

The following table gives the average absence of officers on sick-leave:—

		Number on Staff.	Average Absence per Sick Officer. Days.	Average Absence for each Officer employed. Days.
Men	...	6,209	11·7	3·69
Women	...	1,087*	15·87	9·4

Twenty-four officers died during the year, exclusive of casualties in the Expeditionary Force.

## PERSONAL AND STAFF.

Mr. J. L. H. Ledger, Controller of Money-orders and Savings-banks, retired after forty years' service.

Messrs. W. McHutcheson, Chief Postmaster, Dunedin, and G. W. Sampson, Chief Postmaster, Wanganui, retired, each after completing fifty years' service.

Mr. W. E. Chisholm, Telegraph Engineer, Dunedin, retired after forty years' and Mr. B. H. Keys, Superintendent of the Telegraph-office, Dunedin, after forty-seven years' service.

Mr. H. Kissel, Chief Postmaster, Timaru, died on the 8th July, 1916. He had completed thirty-nine years' service.

Up to the 31st March, 1917, the number of permanent and temporary officers of the Department accepted for service with the Expeditionary Forces numbered 1,542. This includes 1 Nursing Sister. Of these officers it is regretted that 80 have been killed in action or have died from wounds or sickness, 1 is a prisoner of war, and 157 have been wounded. Several officers have won honours while on active service. One has had the D.S.O. conferred on him, 2 have been awarded the D.C.M., 8 have been awarded the Military Medal, 8 have been mentioned in despatches, and 2 have been awarded Serbian decorations.

During the year the Department supplied regular reinforcements to the wireless-telegraphy troop of 62 officers sent last year. The Department has also provided a number of expert telegraphists, mechanics, and linemen for duty with the Force, and by selecting trained postal men has enabled the postal arrangements abroad for the Expeditionary Force to be kept in as high a state of efficiency as possible.

In July, 1916, Mr. F. D. Holdsworth, Chief Postmaster, Auckland, was appointed to the position of Director of Postal Services in connection with the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces. He at once proceeded to the seat of war, where his wide experience will be of great value.

The whole of the work in connection with the distribution and collection of the schedules for the general census of 1916, and also agricultural returns, was undertaken by the Department, and performed to the satisfaction of the Government at a minimum cost. A saving of approximately £5,000 was effected by the methods adopted by the Department.

During the year employment has been found for many returned soldiers, and it has been arranged that preference in the matter of employing lads and telegraph message-boys is to be given to sons of members of the Expeditionary Force after fatherless lads have been provided for.

\* Including 337 switchboard attendants not on permanent staff.

Owing to the continued enlistment in the Expeditionary Force of male officers, it has been necessary to continue to engage female assistants in many branches of the Service. These are employed for the period of the war only, and the arrangement, which has proved successful, enables positions to be held open for the return of the permanent officers.

#### INSTRUCTION CLASSES FOR OFFICERS.

During the year classes were opened at the four chief centres for the tuition of young women in telegraphy. The result has been entirely satisfactory, 113 having already completed the course and taken up practical work in telegraph-offices.

In all 252 lads qualified for cadetships at the telegraph learners' schools at Auckland, Oamaru, and Wellington.

The correspondence classes inaugurated in 1910 for the tuition of officers of the Department in technical telegraphy and telephony, and in subjects of the Public Service Senior and Entrance Examinations and the Sixth Standard, were continued during 1916. The total number of students who joined the classes was 275, of whom 149 were technical students. The results of the year's work were, as in previous years, very satisfactory. It has been decided to discontinue the classes for the period of the war.

#### EXAMINATIONS.

The number of officers who sat for efficiency examinations during the year 1916-17 was 954. Of this number, 627 (66 per cent.) were either wholly or partially successful.

#### PARCEL-POST.

A direct exchange of parcel mails between Rarotonga and the United States of America was instituted in September, 1916.

Since the 1st August, 1916, inland parcels presented for registration have received the treatment accorded to parcels insured at the minimum fee of 2d. Parcels containing fragile or perishable articles which were previously excluded from insurance are now admitted. Compensation is paid for the loss but not the damage of such articles whilst they are in transit through the post.

#### PENNY POSTAGE.

As the result of a Convention concluded in October, 1916, the rate of postage on letters from the United States of America to New Zealand was reduced to 2 cents (1d.) an ounce or fraction thereof. Previously the rate was 2½d. for the first ounce and 1½d. for each succeeding ounce, although the rate of postage on letters from New Zealand to the United States has been 1d. per ounce or fraction thereof since the introduction of the penny-postage scheme at the beginning of the present century.

#### THE WAR AND THE DEPARTMENT.

The rates of postage for parcels addressed to soldiers and nurses of British, New Zealand, Australian, or other colonial or allied troops on active service in any part of the world (including members of the New Zealand Volunteer Sisterhood) were reduced to a uniform rate of 1s. for parcels not exceeding 3 lb., 2s. for parcels not exceeding 7 lb., and 3s. for parcels not exceeding 11 lb. These rates also applied to parcels addressed to New Zealand sailors on board the "Philomel" and any other of H.M. ships manned by New Zealand crews.

In order to conserve space on the steamers it was decided from the 16th April last to reduce the maximum weight of parcels to soldiers to 7 lb.

As a means of bringing war-loan certificates under the notice of the public, plates were engraved to impress the words "Buy some War-loan Certificates" on letters passed through the post-marking machines at Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, and Wellington.

#### WAR-LOAN CERTIFICATES.

When the Government decided in 1916 to raise a war loan within the Dominion the Minister of Finance entrusted the Post and Telegraph Department with the entire management and control of the issue of war-loan certificates. These certificates were designed to meet the requirements of that portion of the public which, although desirous of aiding the country by lending money to the State, was not in a position to invest more than a small sum. Certificates were prepared repayable after five years from date of issue, and bearing interest compounded at 4½ per cent. per annum. The face value of the certificates so issued was £1 and £10, and these were sold to the public for 16s. and £8 respectively, the means adopted saving all clerical work in connection with the payment of interest at half-yearly periods by accumulating it for payment when the certificates became due.

From the first the scheme proved a success, and as it became better known the sales rapidly increased. The original intention was to stop the issue at about the end of 1916, but as it was found that sales continued steadily each week, it was decided to keep certificates on sale indefinitely.

The first issue of the loan on the 11th August closed on the 21st, and in the eleven days of this period £357,148 worth of certificates were sold. By the end of August the amount had risen to £665,800, and at the end of December to £1,192,800. Since that date there has been a steady sale. The total sales at the end of May amounted to £1,392,047.

In connection with the scheme the Post Office has undertaken the custody of certificates for the public free of charge, and already the value so lodged exceeds £500,000.

There seems no reason why the sale of such Government bonds should not be made permanent in order that all classes of the community may at any time be able to readily invest their savings and any trust funds in State-guaranteed securities.

#### PATRIOTIC FUNDS.

The Department continues to render assistance to the organizers of the various patriotic and relief funds by the granting of special concessions.

#### POST OFFICE.

During 1916 Inspectors of Post-offices visited 1,469 offices, and 521 non-permanent offices were inspected by permanent Postmasters in their vicinity.

Thirty-seven post-offices were established and 60 closed. The number of post-offices open on the 31st December, 1916, was 2,379. The names of 7 offices were changed to meet local circumstances.

The number of articles delivered in the Dominion, including those received from places beyond during the year 1916, as compared with the number in 1915, was as under:—

	1916.	1915.	Increase.	Decrease.
Letters and letter-cards ..	121,609,306	119,542,410	2,066,896	..
Post-cards ..	4,602,910	5,078,723	..	475,813
Other articles ..	46,456,046	48,528,376	..	2,072,330
<b>Totals ..</b>	<b>172,668,262</b>	<b>173,149,509</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>
Parcels ..	2,981,392	2,886,039	95,353	..

The letters and letter-cards increased 1·72 per cent., post-cards decreased 9·36 per cent., other articles decreased 4·27 per cent., and parcels increased 3·30 per cent.

In 1915 letters and letter-cards increased 0·61 per cent., post-cards decreased 10·05 per cent., other articles decreased 12·55 per cent., and parcels increased 11·61 per cent.

The average number of letters and letter-cards posted by unit of population during 1916 was estimated at 109·54. The average in 1915 was 111·53.

The declared value of parcels received from places outside the Dominion in 1916 was £668,377, as against £444,648 in 1915. The Customs duty amounted to £107,410 15s. 1d.

The declared value of parcels despatched to places beyond the Dominion in 1916 was £39,133, as against £35,674 in 1915.

A conference of inspecting officers was held at Wellington in December, 1916, which resulted in the adoption of improved methods for overtaking post-office inspection throughout the Dominion.

By Order in Council of the 10th July, 1916, it was provided that any packet found to contain commercial papers or printed papers from two or more persons or firms should be surcharged with double the difference between the postage payable if the matter relating to each person or firm had been posted separately, and the amount of postage affixed to the packet.

The public was notified in June, 1916, that packets containing newspapers or other printed matter of any kind (except trade circulars) could be forwarded to neutral countries only by publishers or news agents specially authorized.

On the 1st November, 1916, a travelling post-office was established on the Masterton-Waingawa-Matahiwi rural-delivery route.

In order to conserve the supply of paper, the September, 1916, issue of the Post and Telegraph Guide was not printed.

Owing to the shortness of staff caused by the exigencies of the war the Department was compelled, as from the 1st April, 1917, to insist on persons whose residences lie back from a street providing a letter-box on the street-line for the reception of mail-matter. Failure to comply with this requirement results in the addressee having to call at the post-office for his correspondence. Similarly, from the 1st June, 1917, letters for holders of private boxes will not be delivered into the private boxes unless the number of the box is included in the address.

#### PROHIBITED CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence of 7 persons or firms was prohibited transmission, under section 28 of the Post and Telegraph Act, 1908. Letters addressed to prohibited persons or firms withheld from delivery during the year numbered 600. Prohibition was withdrawn in the case of 1 person.

Under the authority of the regulations made under the War Regulations Act, 1914, postal packets were prohibited transmission to 44 persons or firms. Telegrams may not be transmitted to or money-orders issued in favour of such persons or firms.

#### NEWSPAPERS.

Twenty-seven newspapers were registered for transmission by post, and 9 were removed from the register. Forty-two magazines were registered.

#### AUTOMATIC STAMP-VENDING MACHINES.

Automatic stamp-vending machines are in use throughout the Dominion. They have proved a great convenience to the public, and have relieved the counter officers to a great extent.

Post-card-vending machines are installed at a number of offices and a letter-card-vending machine at Wellington.

## POSTAGE-STAMPS.

During June, 1916, postage-due stamps above the value of 3d. were recalled from all offices.

Eightpenny official stamps, required for use on Government telegrams, were issued on the 15th May, 1916.

One halfpenny, twopence halfpenny, and one shilling stamps of the King George series were overprinted and issued for use in Samoa.

On the 9th March the Acting Postmaster-General approved of the issue of a denomination of 1½d. in the series of postage-stamps used by the Government Life Insurance Department.

On the arrival from London of the new steel plates for printing the 1½d. and 2d. stamps by the surface process the use of the locally made 1½d. plate was discontinued. 1½d. and 2d. stamps printed from the new plates were issued on the 5th September and the 12th September respectively. These 1½d. stamps overprinted "Official" were issued on the 11th December.

## OCEAN MAIL-SERVICES.

*San Francisco Service.*

The R.M.S. "Maitai," which left San Francisco on the 7th December, was wrecked at Rarotonga. Passengers and mails were brought on by the s.s. "Rotorua." The voyage due to commence at Wellington on the 4th January was cancelled, the mails being otherwise despatched. The inward mails, which would have been despatched from San Francisco by the "Maitai" on the 31st January, were forwarded by the s.s. "Sonoma." The "Maitai" has been replaced by another steamer.

*Vancouver Service.*

The Vancouver contract expired in October last, and on account of the unsettled conditions the period of the contract was extended for a further twelve months.

*Suez Service.*

The Suez route is no longer available. All specially addressed correspondence for the United Kingdom and the Continent of Europe hitherto despatched via Australia now requires to be super-scribed "By Direct Steamer."

*Direct Service.*

The s.s. "Rangatira," with a parcel mail, went ashore on Robben Island (ten miles north-west of Cape Town) in a heavy fog on the 1st April, 1916. Nearly all the parcels were recovered and forwarded to destination.

*Censorship Restrictions.*

Owing to censorship restrictions publication of the time and date of closing of oversea mails is prohibited.

## INLAND MAIL-SERVICES.

The reletting of contracts for inland mail-services expiring on the 31st December, 1916, was undertaken during the year, and, with a few exceptions, contracts were entered into for a period of two years from the 1st January, 1917. The contracts for practically all services, including those relet for a period of three years from the 1st January, 1916, will expire on the 31st December, 1918.

Taking into consideration the present war conditions, the tenders are not considered excessive. The Department, instead of reletting the contract for the Auckland and Napier city mail-services, decided to undertake them on the lines proved successful in Wellington.

Up to the present time satisfactory arrangements have been made for the transference of contracts held by contractors who have joined the Expeditionary Force.

Owing to the curtailment of train services resulting from the coal-miners' strike it was decided to reduce the frequency of mails according to the running of trains. In a number of cases local arrangements were made (but without additional cost to the Department) to despatch mails on days on which trains did not run, so that the frequency prior to the curtailment should be maintained.

On sections of railway where running of trains was wholly discontinued temporary arrangements were made to provide by special conveyances restricted services to the offices affected.

Branch mail-services dependent on the frequency of trains had in many cases to be reduced according to train-running

## DEAD AND MISSING LETTERS.

There were 6,756 inquiries made during 1916 for postal packets alleged to have been posted and not delivered. In 4,506 of the inquiries, two-thirds of the total number, the investigations by the Department resulted in the missing articles being traced or accounted for. These may be summarized as follows:—

Number of Traced Cases.		Result.
1,044	..	.. Sender responsible for delay.
1,228	..	.. Addressee responsible for delay.
526	..	.. Post Office responsible for delay.
1,708	..	.. No delay, or responsibility not fixed.
Total .. 4,506		

The proportion of dead or unclaimed letters, letter-cards, and post-cards to the total number delivered within the Dominion was 0·50 per cent.

292,266 letters (including letters addressed to soldiers and registered letters) were opened and returned to writers through the Dead Letter Office; 47,800 were returned unopened, to other countries; 23,046 (including those addressed to soldiers) were reissued; 46,213 were destroyed; 198,174 were returned to senders by Chief Postmasters; 22,515 were returned by Chief Postmasters to other countries: a total of 630,014 letters, as compared with 596,360 in 1915.

11,113 other articles were returned to foreign countries; 4,675 were returned to the senders through the Dead Letter Office; 123,497 were returned by Chief Postmasters; 23,953 were returned by Chief Postmasters to other countries: a total of 163,238 other articles, as compared with 184,897 in 1915.

21,261 letters were wrongly addressed; 73 letters were discovered to have been posted with previously used stamps; 5,699 unclaimed registered letters were dealt with.

4,249 newspapers and 3,445 books and other articles without addresses were received, many of which were subsequently applied for and delivered.

21,184 newspapers were returned to publishers, 3,255 letters and 1,674 letter-cards were posted without addresses.

302 letters with libellous addresses were intercepted.

In January, 1916, a special branch of the Dead Letter Office was set up for the purpose of dealing with returned letters, &c., addressed to soldiers on active service.

#### BUILDINGS.

The following new office buildings were opened: Kaitieke, Mokau, Tokomaru, Ruatorea, Upper Moutere, Waituna West, Wairoa.

The Chief Post-office, Dunedin, was removed to temporary premises in the Garrison Hall pending rebuilding.

#### MONEY-ORDERS.

The money-order business for the year shows an increase in the number of transactions and in the total of the amount remitted.

Eleven money-order offices were opened, and thirteen closed, leaving 804 offices open at the close of the year.

The money-orders issued numbered 669,355, for a total of £3,607,087; those paid to 567,184, for £3,286,472.

The business with countries outside New Zealand also shows an increase, the total amount sent abroad being £498,890, and the amount received from abroad being £178,865.

The total commission received for the transaction of money-order business amounted to £15,966.

#### POSTAL NOTES.

The postal-note business shows a slight decrease. 2,286,463 postal notes, for £695,819, were issued, and 2,280,188 were paid. On this business the commission of £10,111 was received.

Twenty-four offices were opened and 19 closed, leaving 1,021 postal-note offices in operation at the end of the year.

#### BRITISH POSTAL ORDERS.

The number of British postal orders sold was 108,612, as compared with 101,859 for the previous year. The amount sent away by means of this very useful form of remittance was £63,456. The twenty-shilling and ten-shilling notes still continue to have the greatest sales.

#### SAVINGS-BANK.

The business of the Post Office Savings-bank again shows a remarkable increase in the excess of deposits over withdrawals. It amounted to no less than £2,618,988; and, in addition to this, there was credited to depositors' accounts an amount of £817,856 for interest. Thus the total amount at credit of depositors was increased during the year by no less than £3,436,844. The total balance at credit of depositors on the 31st December, 1916, was £25,603,209. These results are an indication of the unabated confidence reposed in the institution by the people of the Dominion.

There were 11 new savings-bank offices opened during the year and 12 closed, leaving a total of 786 offices at which savings may be deposited and withdrawals made.

84,833 new accounts were opened and 55,846 closed, leaving 538,072 still in operation at the end of the year. This gives a proportion of one account in every 2·13 of the population.

Full particulars as to the numbers of deposits and withdrawals will be found in the tables. The total transactions show a material increase. The deposits reached a total of £15,576,408 and the withdrawals £12,957,420. The average deposit amounted to £13 18s. 7d. and the average withdrawal to £18 16s. 2d., while the average amount at credit of each depositor was £47 11s. 7d. If the total at credit be divided equally between the entire population it would amount to £22 5s. 3d. per head.

The working-expenses of the Savings-bank amounted to 4·25d. per transaction, which gives a cost per cent. on the total amount at credit of depositors of 0·12 per £100.

The system of nominations by depositors in favour of relatives who receive moneys at their credit in case of death is steadily growing in favour. During the year 354 nominations were made. The system is an excellent one, particularly for those persons whose whole estate is the amount of their savings in the bank, as it relieves their nominees from the procedure necessary in connection with the proving of the will or the obtaining of letters of administration.

The system of transfer of accounts between the Dominion and the United Kingdom resulted in £24,160 being transferred to the United Kingdom and £4,292 to New Zealand. A similar arrangement with the Australian Savings-banks resulted in £45,656 being transferred to Australia and £34,213 to New Zealand.

Fixed deposits, if part of a war fund within the War Funds Act, 1915, and exceeding £50 in amount, are accepted for a period of five years at 4 per cent. per annum.

#### WORK PERFORMED FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

The scope of the Department's usefulness to the State is constantly being widened, and there are very few services under State control for which the Post Office is not in some measure the agent dealing directly with the public.

Among the many branches of work undertaken during the year those deserving of particular mention are Customs duties collected for a total amount of £119,176, and for the same Department £12,610 for beer duty.

The agencies for the State Advances, Public Trust, and Government Insurance Departments lead to a very large amount of business. The amount received on account of State Advances reached a total of £1,714,763, for the Public Trustee £1,054,169, and for the Government Insurance £258,387; while the amounts paid were £1,680,194 for the State Advances and £1,046,950 for the Public Trustee.

Land and income tax may be paid at any money-order office, and the total amount of these taxes received during the year was £1,324,027. For the Valuation Department fees amounting to £4,862 were collected.

A very large number of claims chargeable to the appropriations made by Parliament are paid through the medium of the Post Office on behalf of the Treasury. Last year the amount so paid in cash was £4,472,544.

For the Pensions Department £481,300 was paid on account of old-age pensions, £46,431 on account of military pensions, £37,559 on account of widows' pensions, £134,906 on account of war pensions, and £6,969 on account of miners' pensions.

Contributions to the National Provident Fund collected by Postmasters amounted to £23,259, and £128,002 was paid out on behalf of the Public Service Superannuation Fund.

Among the items which do not bulk largely with regard to amount but involve numerous transactions may be mentioned the sale of fishing licenses, to the value of £1,548, and game licenses, £3,433; machinery- and boiler-certificate fees collected, £11,594; mining licenses, £240; and sanatorium receipts, £1,611.

On behalf of the British Government £28,262 was paid to Imperial pensioners resident in New Zealand.

For the registration of births, deaths, and marriages and the performance of the marriage ceremony Postmasters collected £3,225.

Discount stamps valued at £798 and numbering 766,080 were sold, but the popularity of these stamps seems to be steadily diminishing, the sales being practically confined to Wellington.

The work performed in connection with the payment of allotments made by members of the New Zealand military forces has assumed very large proportions, the number of payments made amounting to the large total of 405,255 for £2,164,780.

Some idea of the other services performed may be obtained from the balance-sheet of the Post Office Account.

#### TELEGRAPHS.

The telegraph revenue shows a marked increase, which is principally due to two causes—(1) the increased telegraph rates which are in force, and (2) to payments received from the Defence Department on account of the immense amount of work performed for that Department. The grand total of the telegraph revenue, including telephone exchanges and miscellaneous receipts, amounted to £844,524, equivalent to an increase of almost '88 per cent. If to this be added the value of "free" Government telegrams, the total amounts to £855,298. The payments made on account of these services amounted to £681,217, an increase equal to about 3'44 per cent. The expenditure for salaries is below normal on account of the large number of officers at the front who are replaced by temporary and other lower-paid officers.

There is still a steadily increasing number of bureau communications, which are to some extent taking the place of telegrams, for, while the number of ordinary telegrams decreased from 6,062,131 to 5,742,739, the number of bureau messages increased from 3,963,801 to 4,382,823. Thus, while the number of telegrams fell off by 319,392, the bureau communications increased by 419,022.

The extension of the telegraph and telephone lines was steadily proceeded with during the year. Forty new offices were opened, bringing the total number up to 2,409 on the 31st March. Of these, 337 are Morse telegraph-offices and 2,072 telephone-offices.

From the 544 private wires and subsidized lines the amount of rent and maintenance received was £4,202.

The various telegraph tables give full particulars with reference to telegrams handled. The total number of all codes dealt with was 10,875,120, an increase of 38,369 over the previous year. The proportion of paid telegrams per unit of population was 9'3.

While ordinary telegrams show the decrease in number already referred to, the increased rates produced an increased revenue therefrom of £8,644. Urgent ordinary telegrams show an increase of 4,591, the increase of revenue being £1,260.

The number of Press telegrams fell from 383,155 to 304,192, but the revenue derived therefrom on account of the increased rates was £25,373, as against £24,417.

The bureau business was not affected by the increased rates, and, in addition to showing an increase in number, also gave a greater revenue by £14,026. At the same time the average value of each bureau message increased from 6-78d. to 6-89d.

The Government messages, for which no payment was received, show a tendency to steadily increase, and during the year they totalled 140,952. Their value at ordinary rates amounted to £10,774. The increase shown is no less than 13,111 telegrams.

The number of paid telegrams forwarded amounted to 8.9 messages for every 100 letters posted in New Zealand.

On the 13th May, 1916, a system of "urgent" bureau communications was introduced in order to provide for speedy communication being obtainable in cases of urgency. The rates fixed were double those for ordinary bureau communications.

The overhaul and reconstruction of telegraph and inter-urban telephone-lines was steadily proceeded with during the year, the number of miles in each Telegraph Engineer's district so dealt with being as follows: Auckland, 318; Wellington, 548; Nelson, 379; Canterbury, 135; Otago, 845.

Owing to increase in business four offices were converted from telephone to Morse offices, and in two cases, where the business did not justify the retention of Morse instruments, the offices were converted from Morse to telephone. The total number of telegraph-instrument sets of all classes in use in the Dominion is 855. The use of Morse repeating-sets has been extended during the year, resulting in a saving of staff at the offices affected. New test-boards have been installed for long-distance lines at five of the more important telegraph-offices.

The length of telegraph and telephone line and wire on the 31st March, 1916 and 1917 respectively, was as follows:—

	Miles of Pole Line.			Miles of Wire.		
	Year ended 31st March, 1916.	Year ended 31st March, 1917.	Increase.	Year ended 31st March, 1916.	Year ended 31st March, 1917.	Increase.
Telegraph and inter-urban telephone	13,684	13,896	212	48,052	50,320	2,268
Telephone-exchange ... ..	3,437	3,897	460	128,525	142,469	13,944
Totals ... ..	17,121	17,793	672	176,577	192,789	16,212

A trunk telephone-line has been erected between Dunedin and Central Otago, linking up Alexandra, Clyde, and Cromwell Exchanges and a number of bureau stations with Dunedin.

#### NEW ZEALAND SUBMARINE CABLE SERVICE.

There was no alteration in the length of submarine cable, which remains at 374 knots.

During the year the cable steamer "Tutanekai" has been in commission for cable repairs in Cook Strait on four occasions. Three out of the four faults were caused by marine-boring crustacean. Repairs to No. 4 Cook Strait cable are hung up owing to difficulty in locating the faulty cable.

The Centre Island to Colac Bay cable developed a fault, repairs to which have not been effected, as it is considered that it would be more economical to substitute a wireless telephone system to operate between Centre Island and Awarua, in conjunction with Puysegur Lighthouse. The proposal is now under investigation.

#### EASTERN EXTENSION CABLE COMPANY.

Arrangements are well in hand for the transfer of the terminus of the Eastern Extension Company's cables from Wakapuaka to Wellington.

Two new extensions of submarine cable about eighty miles each in length, have been laid between Titahi Bay and the point from which the extensions referred to will be connected in to the existing cables. The laying of the underground section of the cable from Titahi Bay to Wellington, a distance of about sixteen miles, is now well in progress. Other arrangements are also in course of completion.

#### OCEAN CABLE SERVICES.

The cable business during the year shows a decrease in the traffic handled, and also discloses the fact that the Pacific route, which in the previous year handled 67 per cent. of the ordinary outward business, received 71 per cent., while the Eastern Company's proportion of the business decreased from 33 per cent. to 29 per cent.

The following table shows the total number of ordinary telegrams forwarded by each route during the past five years, and the percentages of the total of such business falling to each:—

PACIFIC.			EASTERN.		
Year.	Messages.	Percentage of Total.	Year.	Messages.	Percentage of Total.
1912-13 .. ..	99,617	71	1912-13 .. ..	40,680	29
1913-14 .. ..	104,638	73	1913-14 .. ..	38,023	27
1914-15 .. ..	106,018	74	1914-15 .. ..	37,446	26
1915-16 .. ..	114,151	67	1915-16 .. ..	56,684	33
1916-17 .. ..	114,718	71	1916-17 .. ..	47,790	29

The number of international cable messages forwarded during the year shows an increase of 3.06 per cent. on the number sent during 1915-16, and the number forwarded to Australian stations shows a decrease of 11.89 per cent.

Messages received from international stations increased by 25·13 per cent., and there was a decrease of 12·34 per cent. in the traffic received from Australia.

492 Press telegrams were sent via Pacific and 1,423 via Eastern, compared with 963 and 1,542 respectively last year.

The number of cables sent as “deferred” during the year shows an increase of 10·77 per cent. over the previous year’s figures.

The number of week-end and Expeditionary Force messages forwarded from New Zealand shows a slight decrease of 0·39 per cent.; the total number of messages for the years 1916–17 and 1915–16 was 28,277 and 28,387 respectively.

For 1915–16, the first time since the opening of the Pacific cable, the revenue exceeded the expenditure, the profit for the year being £17,924 10s. 3d., consequently no subsidy is payable.

#### WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

The working of the wireless stations continues to be satisfactory. Improved methods of detecting signals by means of the ultraudion were introduced at Awarua, Wellington, and Auckland a few months ago, and apparatus for the other stations has been procured and will shortly be brought into use. The results obtained at Awarua, where the apparatus has been extensively experimented with, have been particularly gratifying. The signals of stations using damped and undamped waves invariably come in of readable strength from American, Asiatic, and European stations. The use of this detecting-apparatus with a particular combination of the receiving-circuits has demonstrated that daylight signals from stations using the ordinary wave-lengths can be rendered plainly audible, which by the ordinary methods and the use of the crystal detector could not be heard.

The wireless apparatus of the “Aurora” was overhauled and varied prior to her departure for the relief of the men who had been left in McMurdo Sound. A quantity of wireless apparatus was loaned for use on the vessel.

The volume of wireless traffic is still being kept restricted, owing to requirements arising out of the state of war.

Twenty-one ship-stations are registered in New Zealand.

The erection of a residence at the Awanui wireless station for the use of the engineer was completed during the year.

As indicating collateral uses which wireless stations may serve, “time” was transmitted on one evening from the Observatory clock, Wellington, to Tahiti. The clock was arranged to make contacts at intervals of a minute, and worked a relay at Awanui over a land-line about 600 miles long, the relay in turn operating a sounder which served as a key to work the high-power transmitting-apparatus. Ten separate signals which were sent were reported as having been received in an entirely satisfactory manner at Tahiti, the distance covered being 2,245 nauts.

The wireless working with Apia, Samoa, is being satisfactorily maintained.

#### TELEPHONE EXCHANGES.

The expansion of the telephone-exchange system continued steadily throughout the year. Ten new exchanges were opened and two closed, and the number of subscribers increased by 4,250 and connections by 3,547. The total number of exchanges is 267, of which 62 are central exchanges—i.e., self-contained—and 205 sub-exchanges.

The total number of connections of all kinds amounts to 62,523, of which 49,086 are direct-paying connections, 9,537 extensions, and 3,900 bureau and service connections. The increase in the connections during the year amounted to 6·01 per cent.

The telephone-exchange system includes 3,897 miles of line and 142,469 miles of wire.

The total revenue received was £317,275, an increase of £29,728 on last year’s figures.

The conversion of earth-working exchanges to metallic circuit is steadily proceeding, and 5 exchanges have been changed to the latter system during the year. Of the existing exchanges, 208 are on the metallic-circuit system, 38 on the single-line system, and 21 are in course of conversion from single line to metallic.

The party-line system has been effective in greatly extending the radius of subscribers’ lines and in reaching country settlers. Its popularity and success have been maintained, and resulted in the opening of several new exchanges and the extension of others. There are now 3,149 party-line circuits, with a total of 10,661 subscribers, an increase in this particular branch of exchange work of 608 lines and 2,156 subscribers.

The work of laying the telephone cables underground is still proceeding, and during the year three miles of pipes and fifteen miles of armoured cable were thus laid.

The adoption of a superior type of repeating-coil has increased the working range of several trunk exchange lines. Code-ringing has been superseded in favour of divided circuits on these lines. This system has proved its efficiency, and will be extended.

The proportion of exchange connections of all kinds to the population of the Dominion on the 31st March, 1917, was slightly over 5 per cent. The percentages in each of the four principal centres are as follows: Wellington, 10·28; Auckland, 6·58; Christchurch, 6·66; Dunedin, 7·22.

The number of telephone connections at the ten principal telephone exchanges on the 31st March, 1917, was as follows: Auckland, 7,766; Wellington, 7,724; Christchurch, 5,913; Dunedin, 4,934; Wanganui, 1,658; Gisborne, 1,651; Napier, 1,549; Hastings, 1,455; Invercargill, 1,451; Palmerston North, 1,329.

#### SLOT TELEPHONES.

During the year thirty-nine new slot-telephone installations have been made, bringing the total number in the Dominion up to 237. It is found that wherever these instruments are erected in business centres the revenue pays the expenses of management and upkeep, while the reverse is usually the case in purely residential areas.

During the year the Department has experienced considerable trouble owing to wilful damage and disregard of the instructions by the users of machines. The type of machine is being altered to a uniform design as rapidly as circumstances will permit.

Speaking generally, the slot machines have proved to be not only a great public convenience, but a very considerable success. The total revenue derived from them during the year amounted to £8,893, an increase of £2,550 over the previous year.

#### AUTOMATIC EXCHANGES.

The completion of the installation of those automatic exchanges that were in progress at the end of last year has not yet been effected. The delay has been due to the non-arrival of material arising out of the war conditions.

The work at Courtenay Place, Wellington South, Masterton, Blenheim, and Hamilton is well advanced. At Courtenay Place and Wellington South it has been necessary to order more apparatus to meet the growth that has been taking place in the telephone requirements of the area that will be served from those exchanges. A considerable quantity of that material has been received and is in course of installation.

At one stage it had been hoped that the difficulty of obtaining material would have been met by the manufacture of the bulk of the apparatus in the Chicago workshops of the contractor, but owing to collateral circumstances even that did not result in the desired rate of output being effected, and now that the United States has entered the war it can only be expected that the output, while continuing, will be still further retarded.

It will be some time, under existing conditions, before the new automatic exchange at Featherston Street, Wellington, will be available.

In the Auckland telephone area the bulk of the material for the three exchanges of Remuera, Ponsonby, and Mount Eden has been received, and a start is being made to erect it. The use of this is dependent on the completion of the Wellesley Street installation, so that the whole of the Auckland area may be connected to automatic working at the one time.

At Christchurch the situation is very much as it was last year, except that the building to accommodate the automatic equipment at St. Albans is completed.

In the Dunedin area buildings have been erected at Roslyn and South Dunedin to accommodate automatic equipment that is under order. The main automatic exchange will be in the new Post-office buildings on the site of the old Post-office.

The bulk of the apparatus for the exchange at Oamaru has been received. It is intended to install that portion of the Oamaru equipment that is to hand. This will be accommodated in space available in the Post-office building.

At Palmerston North an addition is being made to the Post-office building to provide increased space for post-office requirements and for an automatic exchange.

Had peace conditions prevailed the difficulties that are being experienced would not have arisen, as prompt delivery of the several equipments could have been made.

The British Government has prohibited the export of metals, so that it is not at present practicable to obtain telephone cables or the usual copper and iron wire for lines, with the result that the want of these materials, apart from the lack of apparatus at the central exchanges, is rendering it increasingly difficult to continue taking new subscribers.

## APPENDIX.

## DESIGNATION OF OFFICES CHANGED OR CORRECTED.

Postal District.			Changed from				Changed to
Auckland	..	..	Otamatea	..	..	..	Ranganui.
"	..	..	Waiwhakatu	..	..	..	Ngatunui.
Christchurch	..	..	Bealey Flat	..	..	..	Arthur's Pass.
"	..	..	German Bay	..	..	..	Takamatua.
Dunedin	..	..	Bald Hill Flat	..	..	..	Fruitlands.
"	..	..	Papatupu	..	..	..	Tawanui.
Nelson	..	..	Aporo	..	..	..	Tasman.
Thames	..	..	Roto Ma	..	..	..	Lake Rotoma.

## INLAND MAIL-SERVICES ESTABLISHED.

District.	Name of Service.		Frequency.	Remarks.
Auckland	Kakahi Post-office - Railway-station		Twice daily	Established.
	Te Awamutu Post-office - Railway-station (to meet night-expresses)		"	"
	Matamata-Taihoa (rural delivery)		Daily	"
	Pokuru - Cross-roads		"	"
	Matakohe-Hukaterere (Pennefather's), (rural delivery)		Four times weekly	"
	Onerahi-Waikaraka		Thrice weekly	"
	Reotahi - s.s. "Mania" - Whangarei Harbour		"	"
	Otorohanga-Whawharua		Twice weekly in winter; thrice weekly in summer	"
	Kawhia-Owhiro		Twice weekly	"
	Pawarenga - Irwin's Boardinghouse		"	"
	Rangiriri-Woodleigh		"	"
	Kaimaumau-Rangiputa		Weekly	"
	Hikurangi-Marua		"	"
Christchurch	Kinohaku-Owhiro		"	"
	Whitianga-Kuaotunu		Fortnightly	"
Dunedin	Amberley-Broomfield		Daily	"
	Dunedin Chief Post-office - trams		As required	"
Gisborne	Leith Valley - schoolhouse and five miles beyond (delivering and collecting correspondence)		Daily	"
	Port Chalmers - Portobello		"	"
	Lindis Pass - Tarras		Weekly	"
	Motuhora Post-office - mail-coach, Motu Road		Daily	"
Invercargill	Makaraka - Ngatapa - Ngatapa Post-office - Railway-station		Twice weekly	"
	Tokomaru Bay - Waipiro Bay		Weekly	"
	Pukerau-Benio (rural delivery)		Thrice weekly	"
	Bluff - Half-moon Bay		Weekly	"
Napier	Hillside Creek - Manapouri		Weekly (during winter only)	"
	Matamau-Tataramoa		Daily	"
Nelson	Mohaka - Waikare Station		Weekly	"
	Motueka, through Pangatotara Valley to Motueka		Thrice weekly	"
New Plymouth	Collingwood-Ferntown		Twice weekly	"
	Glenhope-Howard		Weekly	"
	Toko Post-office - Railway-station		As required	"
	Piakau - Te Tawa		Daily in summer; thrice weekly in winter	"
Oamaru	Stratford-Inanga		Thrice weekly in summer; twice weekly in winter	"
	Omarana-Longslip		Weekly	"
	Kopu-Turua		Daily	"
	Ohauiti-Tauranga		Four times weekly	"
Thames	Kutarere-Waingarara		Weekly	"

INLAND MAIL-SERVICES ESTABLISHED—*continued.*

District.	Name of Service.	Frequency.	Remarks.
Timaru ..	Willowbridge Post-office – Railway-station	Thrice daily ..	Established.
	Fairlie – Burke's Pass .. ..	Weekly (during winter only)	"
Wanganui ..	Westmere Creamery – Waiora Cheese-factory	Daily ..	"
	Junction of Ohura and Manganui-otē-ao Roads to Junction of Ohura and Middle Roads	Twice weekly ..	"
	Kai Iwi Post-office – Upper Kai Iwi to Hunter Bros. (rural delivery)	" ..	"
	Taihape–Ngawaka (rural delivery) ..	" ..	"
	Ruatiti – Junction of Ohura and Erua Roads	Weekly ..	"
	Ruatiti–Murumuru (Leitch's) ..	" ..	"
Wellington ..	Kelburn–Wellington .. ..	Thrice daily ..	"
	Featherston – Featherston Military Camp	Twice daily ..	"
	Fitzherbert West, along Tiritea Valley Road (rural delivery)	Daily ..	"
	Featherston – Wharepapa – Masterton, along Weraiti and Westmere Roads (rural delivery)	Twice weekly ..	"

## SUBSIDIZED SEA MAIL-SERVICES.

The several subsidized sea mail-services, the subsidy-payments for the year ended 31st December, 1916, the dates when established, and the date on which each terminates are shown below :—

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 Great Barrier ..	250 0 0	Oct., 1891	Dec., 1918	52	124	0	9·31
Auckland, Whangaroa, and Mangonui	126 0 0	Nov., 1907	Dec., 1918	52	368	0	1·58
Dargaville and Ruawai ..	140 0 0	Jan., 1916	Dec., 1918	312	40	0	2·70
Dargaville and Tangiteroria ..	198 0 0	Nov., 1893	Dec., 1918	260	62	0	2·95
Helensville and Matakoho ..	150 0 0	Jan., 1881	Dec., 1918	104	116	0	2·98
Helensville and Dargaville ..	1,100 0 0	Jan., 1881	Dec., 1918	312	128	0	6·61
Horeke, Kohukohu, Rawene, Koutu, Rangi Point, Opononi, and Omapere	200 0 0	Jan., 1889	Dec., 1918	156	52	0	5·92
Offices in Whangarei Harbour ..	150 0 0	Sept., 1912	Dec., 1918	156	22	0	8·18
Rawene and Horeke ..	32 0 0	Jan., 1916	Dec., 1918	52	9	1	4·43
Russell and Opuā ..	110 0 0	Jan., 1889	Dec., 1918	312	8	0	10·58
New Zealand – San Francisco ..	25,000 0 0	Oct., 1910	June, 1919	13	12,180	3	1·89
New Zealand – Vancouver ..	20,000 0 0	Aug., 1911	Sept., 1917	13	12,660	2	5·16
Wellington, Wakatahuri, Homewood (and other offices), and Havelock	440 0 0	Dec., 1891	Dec., 1918	26	300	1	1·56
Picton, offices in Sounds, and Havelock	410 0 0	Jan., 1907	Dec., 1918	26	330	0	11·47
Picton, Grove Wharf, Te Awaite, and Resolution Bay	208 0 0	Jan., 1913	Dec., 1918	156	88	0	3·64
Picton and Portage	72 0 0	Jan., 1913	Dec., 1918	312	14	0	3·96
Portage and Kenepuru Head ..	90 0 0	Jan., 1913	Dec., 1918	104	46	0	4·51
Port Nelson and Waikawa Bay ..	25 0 0	Jan., 1913	Dec., 1918	26	62	0	3·72
Ngakuta, Hakahaka, Kakapo Bay, Ocean Bay, Robin Hood Bay, and Blenheim	77 10 0	April, 1911	Dec., 1918	52	86	0	4·16
Portage and Crail Bay ..	165 0 0	Jan., 1910	Dec., 1918	52	106	0	7·18
Port Nelson and Croixelles ..	110 0 0	Jan., 1904	Dec., 1918	52	61	0	8·32
Waitai and French Pass ..	36 0 0	June, 1914	Dec., 1918	52	24	0	6·92
Wellington or Lyttelton and Chatham Islands (including Pitt Island)	500 0 0	..	Sept., 1918	6	1,050	1	7·05
Bluff and Half-moon Bay ..	300 0 0	July, 1886	Dec., 1918	52	44	2	7·47

## CABLE BUSINESS.

Hereunder are shown the number and value of cable messages forwarded from New Zealand during the financial year 1916-17, in comparison with the figures for 1915-16:—

## VIA PACIFIC.

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
International ... ..	57,429	£ 65,939	140	£ 265
Australian ... ..	57,289	14,614	352	119
Totals for 1916-17 ... ..	114,718	80,553	492	384
Totals for 1915-16 ... ..	114,151	78,145	963	485

## VIA EASTERN.

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
International ... ..	25,153	£ 34,813	51	£ 197
Australian ... ..	22,637	6,102	1,372	695
Totals for 1916-17 ... ..	47,790	40,915	1,423	892
Totals for 1915-16 ... ..	56,684	45,070	1,542	899

The Dominion's outward International and Australian cable business, excluding Press, for the same two years was as follows:—

## INTERNATIONAL.

	Number of Messages.	Value.
1916-17 ... ..	82,582	£ 100,752
1915-16 ... ..	80,124	100,216
Increase 2,458 = 3 per cent.		536 = 0.53 per cent.

## AUSTRALIAN.

	Number of Messages.	Value.
1916-17 ... ..	79,926	£ 20,716
1915-16 ... ..	90,711	22,999
Decrease 10,785 = 11.89 per cent.		2,283 = 9.92 per cent.

There was a total decrease of 8,327 messages, and a decrease in value of £1,747.

## RECEIVED CABLES.

The number of cable messages received in New Zealand during the years 1916-17 and 1915-16, exclusive of Press, was as follows:—

VIA PACIFIC.					International.	Australian.
1916-17	...	...	...	...	61,234	47,168
1915-16	...	...	...	...	41,933	52,596
Increase	...	...	...	...	19,301	Decrease 5,428

VIA EASTERN.					International.	Australian.
1916-17	...	...	...	...	34,021	32,105
1915-16	...	...	...	...	34,187	37,844
Decrease	...	...	...	...	166	Decrease 5,739

## PRESS.

The forwarded and received cable Press business for the past five years was,—

Year.					Forwarded.		Received.	
					Number of		Number of	
					Messages.	Words.	Value.	Messages.
1912-13	...	...	...	...	2,680	252,725	£ 2,161	6,004
1913-14	...	...	...	...	3,846	455,175	2,729	6,212
1914-15	...	...	...	...	2,732	212,120	1,390	8,056
1915-16	...	...	...	...	2,505	201,665	1,384	9,739
1916-17	...	...	...	...	1,915	161,923	1,276	8,112

## RADIO-TELEGRAMS.

The radio business transacted by the New Zealand Coast Stations during the years 1916-1917 and 1915-1916 was as follows:—

Year.					Forwarded.		Received.	
					Number of		Number of	
					Messages.	Words.	Messages.	Words.
1916-17	...	...	...	...	3,018	63,872	4,651	73,149
1915-16	...	...	...	...	3,076	61,759	4,666	71,291
					58	2,113	15	1,858
					Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.

The decrease in the number of radio-telegraphic messages over the previous year was 1·88 and 0·32 per cent. for the forwarded and received respectively, but there was an increase in the amount earned by New Zealand of 11·96 and 7·8 per cent. for the forwarded and received traffic respectively.

Table No. 1.

TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF MONEY-ORDERS ISSUED AND OF MONEY-ORDERS PAYABLE IN NEW ZEALAND SINCE THE YEAR 1863.

*Issued in the Dominion.*

Year.	Commission received.	Where payable.								Total.	
		In the Dominion.		United Kingdom.*		Australia and other British Possessions.		Foreign Countries.			
		No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
1863	£ 1,057	2,201	£ 9,614	4,740	£ 21,944	4,645	£ 24,145	..	£ ..	11,586	£ 55,703
1873	3,562	34,288	142,642	11,913	48,548	6,150	28,068	..	..	52,351	219,258
1883	9,023	132,232	402,559	26,211	91,634	14,113	46,940	..	..	172,556	541,133
1893	10,249	146,133	576,359	29,616	86,545	35,208	88,025	..	..	210,957	750,929
1894	10,601	155,534	608,042	28,513	79,349	38,631	89,393	..	..	222,678	776,783
1895	11,434	162,600	635,063	28,882	78,465	52,015	99,077	..	..	243,497	812,605
1896	12,671	181,505	717,218	29,238	82,499	58,823	102,443	..	..	269,566	902,160
1897	13,836	193,867	762,593	31,770	93,649	68,002	114,589	..	..	293,659	970,831
1898	14,747	206,265	798,726	35,377	107,140	76,728	123,375	..	..	318,370	1,029,241
1899	15,533	221,354	864,513	38,528	122,064	84,782	132,231	..	..	344,664	1,118,808
1900	16,513	239,565	951,860	40,925	122,935	89,344	140,058	..	..	369,834	1,214,853
1901	17,519	255,344	1,002,057	45,701	125,549	104,922	158,902	..	..	405,967	1,286,508
1902	14,916	258,110	1,014,724	53,910	138,755	55,187	123,580	..	..	367,207	1,277,059
1903	15,882	273,535	1,108,067	63,309	157,790	59,468	150,368	..	..	396,312	1,416,225
1904	16,385	281,655	1,148,226	60,490	165,245	65,638	163,416	..	..	407,783	1,476,887
1905	17,073	287,394	1,189,386	57,414	177,610	72,633	174,716	..	..	417,441	1,541,712
1906	18,279	301,650	1,312,271	60,120	186,903	77,250	187,058	..	..	439,020	1,686,231
1907	18,847	305,424	1,389,800	58,565	193,356	77,498	190,434	..	..	441,487	1,773,591
1908	12,556	338,752	1,611,968	67,384	226,409	81,948	212,308	..	..	488,084	2,050,684
1909	13,783	383,283	1,841,030	74,893	256,804	80,564	209,759	..	..	538,740	2,307,593
1910	14,300	413,314	1,981,877	79,651	273,449	76,692	202,197	..	..	569,657	2,457,523
1911	15,307	444,169	2,262,366	88,364	289,857	75,231	207,170	..	..	607,764	2,759,393
1912	16,399	493,345	2,702,469	98,452	322,037	74,628	206,843	..	..	666,425	3,231,350
1913	16,872	516,536	2,821,624	100,634	336,992	73,575	199,158	..	..	690,745	3,357,774
1914	16,336	536,674	2,933,911	87,774	299,155	67,070	194,439	..	..	691,518	3,427,505
1915	15,819	511,487	2,986,021	81,483	263,371	71,890	222,426	..	..	664,860	3,471,818
1916	16,966	520,476	3,108,197	60,876	214,254	70,817	221,700	17,186	62,936†	669,355	3,607,087

*Drawn on the Dominion.*

Year.	Where issued.								Total.	
	In the Dominion.		United Kingdom.*		Australia and other British Possessions.		Foreign Countries.			
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
1863	2,067	£ 9,169	415	£ 1,824	558	£ 3,078	..	£ ..	3,040	£ 14,071
1873	34,288	142,642	1,482	6,626	1,668	7,689	..	..	37,438	156,957
1883	132,232	402,559	3,725	15,553	5,697	23,300	..	..	141,654	441,411
1893	146,133	576,359	8,746	32,617	10,679	40,929	..	..	165,558	649,905
1894	155,534	608,042	9,293	33,787	10,690	38,571	..	..	175,517	680,400
1895	162,600	635,063	9,938	35,155	11,520	39,863	..	..	184,058	710,081
1896	181,505	717,218	10,254	35,553	11,507	40,836	..	..	203,266	793,608
1897	193,867	762,593	10,085	35,239	11,407	40,105	..	..	215,359	837,936
1898	206,265	798,726	10,671	36,106	12,753	44,559	..	..	229,689	879,391
1899	221,354	864,513	10,624	37,290	13,399	48,534	..	..	245,377	950,337
1900	239,565	951,860	10,342	36,014	15,271	59,304	..	..	265,178	1,047,179
1901	255,344	1,002,057	11,082	40,022	16,688	63,800	..	..	283,114	1,105,879
1902	258,110	1,014,724	11,732	41,371	16,527	62,160	..	..	286,369	1,118,254
1903	273,535	1,108,067	13,035	49,181	17,777	68,340	..	..	304,347	1,225,589
1904	281,655	1,148,226	11,567	45,793	19,277	71,824	..	..	312,499	1,265,844
1905	287,394	1,189,386	10,338	47,649	19,669	72,438	..	..	317,401	1,309,473
1906	301,650	1,312,271	10,314	50,560	20,462	75,092	..	..	332,426	1,437,922
1907	305,424	1,389,800	10,315	55,032	21,697	77,118	..	..	337,436	1,521,951
1908	338,752	1,611,968	10,970	58,500	21,886	80,500	..	..	371,608	1,750,968
1909	383,283	1,841,030	11,783	61,290	23,592	82,410	..	..	418,658	1,984,730
1910	413,314	1,981,877	11,954	63,196	24,172	82,501	..	..	449,440	2,127,575
1911	444,169	2,262,366	11,866	65,074	27,561	97,532	..	..	483,596	2,424,973
1912	493,345	2,702,469	13,195	72,743	30,266	100,831	..	..	536,806	2,876,044
1913	516,536	2,821,624	12,693	70,084	31,450	110,487	..	..	560,679	3,002,194
1914	536,674	2,933,911	11,439	60,324	30,974	110,032	..	..	579,087	3,104,268
1915	511,487	2,986,021	12,409	58,189	30,356	107,510	..	..	554,252	3,151,720
1916	520,476	3,108,197	8,337	39,908	35,800	128,370	2,445	10,587†	567,058	3,287,162

Includes foreign offices to year 1915.

† In previous years included in United Kingdom and foreign offices.

Table No. 2.

TABLE SHOWING THE MONEY-ORDERS ISSUED IN NEW ZEALAND ON OFFICES BEYOND THE DOMINION, AND MONEY-ORDERS ISSUED AT OFFICES BEYOND THE DOMINION ON NEW ZEALAND, DURING THE YEARS 1915 AND 1916.

*Issued in New Zealand.*

Where payable.	1915.		1916.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
United Kingdom and Foreign Offices through United Kingdom	67,176	£ 221,320	62,160	£ 220,154
United States of America .. .. .	13,698	39,297	15,302	54,488
Austria .. .. .	1,599	7,463	1,650	9,498
Canada .. .. .	347	1,434	358	1,784
Ceylon .. .. .	274	1,577	364	1,979
Fiji .. .. .	413	1,554	461	1,587
France .. .. .	618	4,985	613	2,646
Germany .. .. .	1,627	11,202	1,655	13,577
Hong Kong .. .. .	32,782	101,489	33,348	95,439
India .. .. .	196	1,199	139	962
New South Wales .. .. .	2,474	9,119	2,503	8,925
Norway .. .. .	1,777	5,625	1,745	5,765
Queensland .. .. .	44	176	29	77
Samoa .. .. .	4,497	12,360	4,295	12,943
South Australia .. .. .	29	118	45	197
Straits Settlements .. .. .	587	2,973	540	2,681
Tasmania .. .. .	22,280	57,473	21,180	59,747
Tonga .. .. .	2,955	6,433	2,492	6,441
Union of South Africa .. .. .				
Victoria .. .. .				
Western Australia .. .. .				
Totals .. .. .	153,373	485,797	148,879	498,890

*Drawn on New Zealand.*

Where issued.	1915.		1916.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
United Kingdom and Foreign Offices through United Kingdom	9,699	£ 42,673	8,553	£ 40,965
United States of America .. .. .	2,262	10,787	2,151	9,224
Austria .. .. .	298	4,071	..	..
Canada .. .. .	847	3,351	823	2,852
Ceylon .. .. .	52	367	33	99
Fiji .. .. .	977	4,939	906	5,004
France .. .. .	57	215	59	259
Germany .. .. .	71	264	..	..
Hong Kong .. .. .	41	154	60	351
India .. .. .	228	956	263	1,189
New South Wales .. .. .	13,452	42,082	16,357	51,241
Norway .. .. .	22	179	19	47
Queensland .. .. .	2,470	8,463	2,860	8,576
Samoa .. .. .	1,251	5,320	1,260	6,519
South Australia .. .. .	23	112	29	96
Straits Settlements .. .. .	1,905	8,300	2,008	8,388
Tasmania .. .. .	548	5,231	586	9,642
Tonga .. .. .	410	2,300	354	2,133
Union of South Africa .. .. .	6,918	21,273	8,731	26,798
Victoria .. .. .	1,234	4,662	1,530	5,482
Western Australia .. .. .				
Totals .. .. .	42,765	165,699	46,582	178,865

Table No. 3.

TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER AND VALUE OF POSTAL NOTES SOLD FROM 1ST JANUARY, 1886—THE DATE UPON WHICH THEY WERE FIRST ISSUED—TO 31ST MARCH, 1917.

Year.	Number of Postal Notes sold.											Total.			
	At 1s.	At 1s. 6d.	At 2s.	At 2s. 6d.	At 3s.	At 5s.	At 7s. 6d.	At 10s.	At 12s. 6d.	At 15s.	At 17s. 6d.	At £1.	At £5.*	Number.	Value.
Quarter ended Mar. 31, 1886	3,019	2,046	..	1,012	..	2,039	969	2,379	695	992	425	2,866	..	16,442	£ 6,910
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
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
1888-89 ..	27,428	21,900	..	11,912	..	19,741	9,477	21,149	6,618	8,243	3,633	19,778	..	149,879	56,842
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
1890-91 ..	35,915	28,559	..	16,092	..	25,204	12,229	25,906	7,969	10,172	4,366	23,503	..	189,915	69,722
1891-92 ..	42,416	33,722	..	19,383	..	29,550	14,019	30,132	9,058	11,611	4,953	25,839	..	220,683	79,326
1892-93 ..	48,612	38,849	..	22,038	..	33,012	16,072	32,747	9,904	12,330	5,369	28,969	..	247,902	87,857
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
1894-95 ..	62,306	49,846	..	28,975	..	43,829	20,423	43,167	11,864	15,567	6,790	36,601	..	319,368	112,308
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
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	129,012
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
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
1899-1900 ..	93,762	77,431	..	44,384	..	70,416	30,680	63,787	16,957	21,393	8,539	33,491	607	461,447	147,686
1900-1901 ..	85,478	68,068	13,834	52,691	14,702	80,630	24,497	71,001	13,304	23,875	6,799	35,067	560	490,506	154,436
1901-1902 ..	49,529	30,255	62,285	70,683	65,467	109,663	..	92,708	..	32,128	..	43,042	556	556,316	173,317
1902-1903 ..	54,268	33,409	70,122	76,613	75,700	119,593	..	102,641	..	34,508	..	48,852	558	616,264	191,905
1903-1904 ..	61,379	37,514	85,909	86,626	89,276	134,270	..	114,755	..	38,030	..	58,629	656	707,044	220,070
1904-1905 ..	65,484	40,263	86,711	96,228	99,739	154,281	..	130,430	..	42,317	..	69,206	688	785,347	250,123
1905-1906 ..	74,389	45,358	98,503	108,493	114,411	167,430	..	143,216	..	46,228	..	76,508	788	875,324	276,279
1906-1907 ..	82,417	54,375	106,311	120,321	128,384	187,083	..	159,045	..	51,559	..	91,193	954	981,642	314,053
1907-1908 ..	89,906	58,202	124,052	136,392	143,854	205,500	..	171,951	..	57,637	..	104,714	423	1,032,631	347,300
1908-1909 ..	97,285	59,484	153,925	162,588	146,148	227,471	..	188,677	..	62,916	..	123,786	..	1,222,280	389,143
1909-1910 ..	113,825	67,406	181,791	195,168	166,486	261,045	..	214,453	..	70,967	..	143,611	..	1,414,752	447,619
1910-1911 ..	130,645	79,792	211,298	244,941	201,569	301,707	..	242,854	..	82,253	..	171,900	..	1,666,959	524,943
1911-1912 ..	141,504	85,130	236,665	263,829	215,984	337,338	..	261,600	..	88,693	..	190,823	..	1,831,566	574,980
1912-1913 ..	154,201	92,342	264,844	279,311	220,109	367,942	..	283,206	..	95,535	..	213,153	..	1,970,643	636,473
1913-1914 ..	172,400	103,753	298,669	324,417	256,231	418,712	..	312,870	..	106,560	..	245,230	..	2,238,842	721,743
1914-1915 ..	182,733	107,483	307,934	346,011	263,522	444,427	..	325,071	..	107,506	..	229,640	..	2,314,327	725,118
1915-1916 ..	186,873	114,570	319,115	364,086	267,383	461,137	..	334,277	..	111,095	..	211,543	..	2,370,079	723,314
1916-1917 ..	184,873	112,639	322,946	343,031	260,956	440,215	..	301,825	..	108,978	..	211,000	..	2,286,463	695,819

\* Issued only from 17th June, 1895, to 31st October, 1907.

Table No. 4.

TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF TRANSACTIONS AT THE MONEY-ORDER AND SAVINGS-BANK OFFICES OF NEW ZEALAND DURING THE YEAR 1916.

Postal District.	Money-orders.					Savings-banks.					
	Issued.			Paid.		Number of New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Number of Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.	
	Number.	Commis-sion.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.
			£		£			£			£
Auckland ..	164,500	3,984	805,528	167,733	901,549	17,611	215,461	3,017,957	10,883	144,259	2,449,771
Blenheim ..	9,102	187	44,106	4,796	42,951	995	12,708	188,156	695	7,094	152,922
Christchurch ..	55,865	1,473	305,719	66,923	398,927	9,103	167,621	2,142,947	6,547	108,656	1,916,304
Dunedin ..	55,044	1,316	264,387	56,564	312,399	7,326	119,405	1,667,592	4,781	70,871	1,477,426
Gisborne ..	17,539	445	101,756	6,923	43,364	2,482	28,582	404,674	1,736	17,211	321,290
Greymouth ..	17,233	388	82,775	7,708	42,777	1,012	13,651	176,555	992	7,637	180,679
Hokitika ..	3,418	68	16,326	2,568	12,258	260	2,715	40,644	284	1,666	44,332
Invercargill ..	26,045	556	126,750	17,040	92,811	3,292	39,905	600,741	2,098	21,241	459,623
Napier ..	34,967	806	209,244	23,888	162,078	4,578	56,260	845,668	3,088	30,223	658,984
Nelson ..	16,799	365	86,280	13,418	85,621	1,709	21,165	347,445	1,114	12,232	293,456
New Plymouth ..	28,150	608	160,605	16,149	122,080	4,507	43,688	779,263	2,169	20,473	548,310
Oamaru ..	8,158	148	65,780	4,516	26,444	967	11,480	192,889	767	7,386	199,357
Thames ..	28,231	547	146,030	12,156	75,538	2,608	24,553	343,465	1,924	14,034	299,298
Timaru ..	16,360	339	148,690	9,778	60,194	2,450	29,082	486,674	1,764	18,237	458,533
Wanganui ..	37,666	756	227,587	22,631	135,722	4,561	53,147	737,002	3,782	31,375	627,853
Wellington ..	137,958	3,715	758,181	129,432	744,999	20,642	279,433	3,482,527	12,489	171,306	2,752,555
Westport ..	12,320	265	57,343	4,961	26,763	730	9,245	122,209	733	4,877	116,727
Grand totals ..	669,355	15,966	3,607,087	567,184	3,286,472	84,833	1,118,101	15,576,408	55,846	688,778	12,957,420

Table No. 5.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF BRITISH POSTAL ORDERS OF EACH DENOMINATION SOLD AND PAID IN THE DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND DURING THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1915-16 AND 1916-17.

Denomination.	Sold.		Paid.	
	1915-16.	1916-17.	1915-16.	1916-17.
s. d.				
0 6	1,816	1,685	248	183
1 0	4,990	4,784	997	902
1 6	2,159	2,124	305	309
2 0	4,421	4,241	948	932
2 6	5,629	5,895	1,517	1,371
3 0	3,235	3,079	465	520
3 6	1,257	1,133	240	217
4 0	2,353	2,289	342	346
4 6	874	939	105	102
5 0	14,001	14,637	2,515	2,579
*5 6	..	..	49	71
*6 0	..	..	203	169
*6 6	..	..	81	69
*7 0	..	..	135	117
7 6	2,408	2,352	258	272
*8 0	..	..	118	102
*8 6	..	..	29	29
*9 0	..	..	43	49
*9 6	..	..	39	25
10 0	16,439	18,058	2,849	2,798
*10 6	..	..	73	82
*11 0	..	..	57	46
*11 6	..	..	38	33
*12 0	..	..	132	141
12 6	1,197	1,195	122	123
*13 0	..	..	56	71
*13 6	..	..	26	33
*14 0	..	..	82	77
*14 6	..	..	24	29
15 0	3,605	3,753	748	784
*15 6	..	..	16	17
*16 0	..	..	27	36
*16 6	..	..	14	16
*17 0	..	..	21	21
17 6	788	850	42	44
*18 0	..	..	28	34
*18 6	..	..	15	14
*19 0	..	..	16	19
*19 6	..	..	29	22
20 0	36,687	41,648	9,663	10,093
*21 0	..	..	302	280
Number ..	101,859	108,612	23,017	23,177
Value ..	£57,352	£63,456	£14,062	£14,474

\* British Postal Orders of these denominations were withdrawn from issue at all offices in the Dominion on the 1st September, 1910.

Table No. 6.—POST OFFICE SAVINGS-BANKS.—GENERAL STATEMENT.

TABLE showing the Business of the Post Office Savings-banks in the various Postal Districts in New Zealand during the Year ended the 31st December, 1916.

Postal Districts.	Number of Post 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 Open at Close of the Year.	Total Amount standing to the Credit of all Open Accounts, inclusive of Interest to the Close of the Year.	Average Amount standing to the Credit of each Open Account at the Close of the Year.	
Auckland	229	215,461	3,017,956 15 7	£ s. d. 14 0 1	144,259	2,449,770 11 4	£ s. d. 16 19 7	£ s. d. 568,186 4 3	£ ..	d. ..	£ s. d. 150,433 12 0	17,611	10,883	101,922	£ s. d. 4,805,736 0 4	£ s. d. 47 3 0
Blenheim	15	12,708	188,155 19 7	14 16 1	7,094	152,922 6 8	21 11 1	35,233 12 11	..	..	11,545 15 5	995	695	7,827	357,936 8 0	45 14 7
Christchurch	72	157,621	2,142,947 0 9	13 11 10	108,656	1,916,304 3 2	17 12 8	226,642 17 7	..	..	123,217 11 6	9,103	6,547	82,730	3,796,224 12 7	45 17 8
Dunedin	67	119,405	1,667,591 18 8	13 19 3	70,871	1,477,425 18 7	20 16 11	190,166 0 1	..	..	104,062 16 11	7,326	4,781	59,260	3,143,878 2 7	53 1 0
Gisborne	22	28,582	404,673 18 8	14 3 2	17,211	321,290 4 7	18 13 4	83,383 14 1	..	..	17,387 15 8	2,482	1,736	13,483	558,302 12 4	41 8 1
Greymouth	18	13,651	176,554 16 7	12 18 8	7,637	180,678 11 4	23 13 2	..	4,123 14 9	..	14,277 16 8	1,012	992	8,512	422,932 10 8	49 13 8
Hokitika	9	2,715	40,644 5 10	14 19 4	1,666	44,331 9 11	26 12 2	..	3,687 4 1	..	3,935 5 10	260	284	2,398	112,829 17 8	41 7 0
Invercargill	34	39,905	600,740 17 0	15 1 1	21,241	459,622 16 6	21 12 9	141,118 0 6	..	..	36,240 17 0	3,292	2,098	22,162	1,129,546 5 0	50 19 4
Napier ..	46	56,260	845,667 9 3	15 0 7	30,223	658,934 2 0	21 16 0	186,683 7 3	..	..	41,448 11 5	4,578	3,088	27,775	1,322,666 10 0	47 12 4
Nelson ..	26	21,165	347,445 8 6	16 8 3	12,232	293,456 3 8	23 19 9	53,989 4 10	..	..	19,645 17 7	1,709	1,114	13,044	600,690 13 9	46 1 0
New Plymouth	30	43,688	779,262 11 1	17 16 8	20,473	548,309 12 2	26 15 7	230,952 18 11	..	..	31,686 2 7	4,507	2,169	18,456	1,042,212 14 6	56 9 4
Oamaru	11	11,430	192,889 9 1	16 16 0	7,386	199,357 5 8	26 19 9	..	6,467 16 7	..	12,952 2 1	967	767	6,566	374,629 10 7	57 1 5
Thames	30	24,553	343,465 7 5	13 19 9	14,034	293,298 6 9	21 6 6	44,167 0 8	..	..	19,403 18 5	2,608	1,924	15,384	602,247 10 11	39 2 11
Timaru ..	16	29,082	486,673 19 6	16 14 8	18,237	458,533 8 3	25 2 10	28,140 11 3	..	..	29,022 15 8	2,450	1,764	15,989	865,853 8 0	54 3 0
Wanganui	42	53,147	737,002 8 0	13 17 4	31,375	627,852 12 7	20 0 2	109,149 15 5	..	..	33,378 12 2	4,561	3,782	25,431	1,054,396 14 2	41 9 2
Wellington	100	279,433	3,482,526 15 9	12 9 3	171,306	2,752,555 3 6	16 1 4	729,971 12 3	..	..	161,015 0 3	20,642	12,489	111,850	5,166,275 0 6	46 3 9
Westport	19	9,245	122,209 2 6	13 4 4	4,877	116,727 7 2	23 18 8	5,481 15 4	..	..	8,201 8 1	730	733	5,283	246,849 19 8	41 14 6
Totals for 1916	786	1,118,101	15,576,408 3 9	13 18 7	688,778	12,957,420 3 10	18 16 2	2,618,987 19 11	32,000	425	817,855 19 3	84,833	55,846	538,072	25,603,208 11 3	47 11 7

Table No. 6a.—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, 1916.

Year	Number of Post-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.	£	s.	d.	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 closed during the Year.	Number of Accounts remaining Open at Close of the Year.	Total Amount standing to the Credit of all Open Accounts, inclusive of Interest for the Year.	£	s.	d.	Average Amount standing to the Credit of each Open Account at Close of the Year.
Totals for 1916	786	1,118,101	15,576,408	£ 13 18 7	688,778	12,957,420	£ 13 16 2	2,618,987	19 11	..	817,855	32,000	0 4 25	817,855	84,833	55,846	538,072	25,603,208	£ 11 3 43	11 7	..	47 11 7
" 1915	787	970,759	13,700,057	£ 14 2 5	657,237	11,294,973	£ 13 16 3	2,405,084	19 11	..	707,252	30,000	0 4 42	707,252	83,244	59,085	509,085	22,166,368	£ 12 1 39	8 4	..	47 11 7
" 1914	766	884,405	11,904,322	£ 13 9 2	657,622	10,603,018	£ 13 16 3	1,291,304	19 11	..	615,310	30,000	0 4 67	615,310	75,519	53,851	483,262	19,048,268	£ 12 1 39	8 4	..	47 11 7
" 1913	747	907,876	11,286,702	£ 12 8 8	634,801	11,041,454	£ 13 10 7	245,247	18 7	..	555,908	30,000	0 4 67	555,908	81,260	54,865	458,594	17,131,413	£ 12 1 39	8 4	..	47 11 7
" 1912	724	877,889	11,725,182	£ 13 7 1	589,388	11,041,454	£ 13 10 7	245,247	18 7	..	511,598	29,000	0 4 74	511,598	85,529	58,896	432,199	16,330,257	£ 12 1 39	8 4	..	47 11 7
" 1911	687	823,832	11,627,367	£ 14 2 3	546,022	10,662,045	£ 15 1 2	665,321	19 11	..	472,874	29,000	0 5 08	472,874	85,912	60,931	405,566	15,543,186	£ 12 1 39	8 4	..	47 11 7
" 1910	647	768,824	10,708,938	£ 13 18 7	520,413	9,695,514	£ 16 1 1	1,013,424	0 9	..	424,668	28,000	0 5 21	424,668	78,566	57,695	380,585	14,104,989	£ 12 1 39	8 4	..	47 11 7
" 1909	619	724,501	9,611,119	£ 13 13 4	520,971	9,499,319	£ 16 1 1	1,111,799	14 11	..	395,804	27,000	0 5 20	395,804	77,400	59,763	359,714	12,666,897	£ 12 1 39	8 4	..	47 11 7
" 1908	593	706,101	9,674,075	£ 14 0 4	484,672	9,417,820	£ 10 3 9	256,254	13 9	..	379,808	27,000	0 5 44	379,808	70,133	52,829	342,077	12,159,293	£ 12 1 39	8 4	..	47 11 7
" 1907	563	650,990	9,351,663	£ 14 7 4	433,796	8,125,123	£ 0 18 14	1,226,540	19 7	..	343,424	19,000	0 4 20	343,424	74,671	53,644	319,773	11,523,230	£ 17 9 36	0 9	..	47 11 7
" 1906	541	593,764	7,907,154	£ 13 6 4	386,536	6,907,103	£ 17 7 7	1,000,050	14 10	..	291,191	17,000	0 4 16	291,191	70,206	47,326	298,746	9,953,265	£ 11 0 33	6 4	..	47 11 7
" 1905	520	509,112	6,625,744	£ 13 0 3	346,022	5,984,184	£ 12 17 5	641,559	8 8	..	259,081	16,500	0 4 63	259,081	60,015	43,113	276,066	8,662,022	£ 17 1 31	7 6	..	47 11 7
" 1904	510	469,799	5,836,540	£ 12 8 6	323,609	5,664,770	£ 3 9 17	1,71,769	16 3	..	187,130	15,000	0 4 84	187,130	57,766	42,030	259,164	7,388,681	£ 18 7 30	5 5	..	47 11 7
" 1903	493	444,510	5,661,592	£ 12 14 9	301,076	5,343,828	£ 5 0 17	317,764	10 2	..	172,926	14,000	0 4 90	172,926	53,587	38,558	227,405	6,883,787	£ 5 9 30	5 3	..	47 11 7
" 1902	481	411,215	5,069,619	£ 12 12 2	273,454	4,708,771	£ 11 2 17	360,847	15 0	..	149,169	11,500	0 4 39	149,169	50,046	35,018	212,436	6,350,013	£ 9 2 29	8 7	..	47 11 7
" 1901	466	380,868	4,611,456	£ 12 2 2	247,854	4,230,193	£ 6 2 17	381,262	19 11	..	156,168	10,500	0 4 30	156,168	46,086	31,724	197,408	5,809,552	£ 5 3 29	8 7	..	47 11 7
" 1900	445	347,056	4,170,428	£ 12 0 4	227,079	3,827,416	£ 7 16 17	343,012	8 0	..	134,917	9,500	0 4 38	134,917	41,362	28,284	183,046	5,320,370	£ 10 29 1	4 4	..	47 11 7
" 1899	427	313,783	3,644,980	£ 11 12 4	206,940	3,417,298	£ 9 16 10	227,081	10 2	..	128,128	8,500	0 4 26	128,128	37,265	26,628	169,968	4,957,771	£ 5 29 3	5 5	..	47 11 7
" 1898	409	281,749	3,279,611	£ 11 12 0	196,764	3,194,893	£ 16 7 16	84,717	10 10	..	104,908	8,000	0 4 26	104,908	36,394	24,821	159,331	4,744,924	£ 18 5 29	15 7	..	47 11 7
" 1897	388	267,615	3,187,219	£ 11 18 2	179,555	2,891,160	£ 5 16 2	206,049	16 8	..	137,240	7,000	0 4 29	137,240	32,982	22,907	147,738	4,311,634	£ 13 5 29	3 7	..	47 11 7
" 1896	371	242,283	2,881,152	£ 11 17 10	167,248	2,591,558	£ 9 15 9	289,593	16 11	..	126,497	7,000	0 4 10	126,497	30,201	22,001	137,683	3,895,543	£ 11 3 25	5 10	..	47 11 7
" 1895	357	217,393	2,794,506	£ 11 12 17	159,904	2,369,333	£ 6 14 16	425,173	9 5	15,762	114,760	6,500	0 4 37	114,760	28,669	21,930	129,423	3,349,879	£ 11 4 25	16 3	..	47 11 7
" 1894	348	204,545	2,252,862	£ 11 0 3	152,136	2,268,624	£ 8 14 18	..	..	..	114,760	6,500	0 4 60	114,760	29,755	19,599	122,684	3,241,998	£ 7 10 25	9 0	..	47 11 7
" 1893	327	202,276	2,386,089	£ 11 15 11	136,739	2,122,521	£ 16 8 15	56,567	13 11	..	104,908	5,000	0 4 16	104,908	25,131	17,872	112,528	2,863,070	£ 12 6 25	10 0	..	47 11 7
" 1892	318	186,945	1,878,270	£ 10 8 3	111,603	1,693,515	£ 9 15 2	149,472	5 11	..	92,319	5,000	0 4 45	92,319	23,719	17,256	97,208	2,441,876	£ 8 7 25	2 4	..	47 11 7
" 1891	311	176,971	1,842,987	£ 10 8 3	111,603	1,693,515	£ 9 15 2	157,276	6 1	..	84,869	4,000	0 3 79	84,869	21,778	15,521	90,745	2,191,451	£ 14 1 24	2 11	..	47 11 7
" 1890	296	162,938	1,658,543	£ 10 3 6	106,868	1,500,437	£ 9 14 0	158,105	14 0	..	84,869	4,000	0 3 97	84,869	21,307	16,543	84,488	2,048,441	£ 10 9 24	4 10	..	47 11 7
" 1889	294	153,920	1,515,281	£ 9 16 10	99,185	1,457,081	£ 5 14 13	129,741	13 11	..	65,825	4,000	0 4 23	65,825	21,671	16,757	79,724	1,615,979	£ 9 6 21	11 8	..	47 11 7
" 1888	283	136,197	1,312,151	£ 9 12 8	89,962	1,182,409	£ 6 4 19	136,287	6 4	..	62,228	4,000	0 4 24	62,228	20,661	16,421	69,957	1,638,035	£ 9 5 23	8 4	..	47 11 7
" 1887	271	137,989	1,248,405	£ 9 10 4	89,182	1,336,287	£ 8 3 14	126,305	8 3	..	56,046	4,000	0 4 57	56,046	20,386	15,967	65,717	1,499,112	£ 7 7 22	16 3	..	47 11 7
" 1886	256	131,373	1,341,001	£ 9 9 11	84,832	1,264,305	£ 8 14 18	76,695	14 11	..	57,381	4,000	0 4 44	57,381	20,228	16,447	65,717	1,499,112	£ 7 7 22	16 3	..	47 11 7
" 1885	243	129,279	1,227,909	£ 9 9 11	80,800	1,195,931	£ 11 16 0	31,978	10 5	117,245	4,000	0 4 60	4,000	20,386	15,967	65,717	1,499,112	£ 7 7 22	16 3	..	47 11 7	
" 1884	222	127,609	1,178,474	£ 9 4 8	78,405	1,295,719	£ 18 3 16	183,253	2 10	..	42,204	3,500	0 4 52	42,204	15,039	12,718	51,008	1,232,787	£ 9 24 3	4 6	..	47 11 7
" 1883	207	129,952	1,325,852	£ 11 0 4	69,308	1,142,599	£ 0 16 9	286,817	0 11	..	32,822	3,500	0 6 04	32,822	15,401	12,786	38,667	903,765	£ 10 22 12	11 1	..	47 11 7
" 1882	190	125,855	1,189,012	£ 10 7 9	60,137	902,195	£ 8 15 0	286,817	0 11	..	42,204	3,500	0 6 04	42,204	15,401	12,786	38,667	903,765	£ 10 22 12	11 1	..	47 11 7
" 1881	178	81,660	864,441	£ 10 11 9	57,446	780,504	£ 13 16 0	83,937	5 6	..	31,715	3,500	0 6 04	31,715	15,401	12,786	38,667	903,765	£ 10 22 12	11 1	..	47 11 7
" 1880	165	71,865	812,399	£ 11 11 6	54,998	876,180	£ 19 16 8	79,094	5 6	..	28,963	2,500	0 6 55	28,963	11,346	8,781	21,742	770,296	£ 10 35 9	9 0	..	47 11 7
" 1879	147	69,908	762,084	£ 12 0 18	42,746	742,053	£ 17 13 0	154,034	2 0	..	20,106	2,500	0 6 55	20,106	11,346	8,781	21,742	770,296	£ 10 35 9	9 0	..	47 11 7
" 1878	138	60,953	681,204	£ 11 3 6	39,363	667,023	£ 7 17 10	14,271	5 9	..	20,106	2,500	0 6 55	20,106	11,346	8,781	21,742	770,296	£ 10 35 9	9 0	..	47 11 7
" 1877	124	57,295	664,134	£ 11 11 9	39,486	696,281	£ 7 17 10	14,271	5 9	..	20,106	2,500	0 6 55	20,106	11,346	8,781	21,742	770,296	£ 10 35 9	9 0	..	47 11 7
" 1876	119	55,129	657,653	£ 11 14 4	36,977	729,759	£ 9 19 14	79,094	5 6	..	20,106	2,500	0 6 55	20,106	11,346	8,781	21,742	770,296	£ 10 35 9	9 0	..	47 11 7
" 1875	103	52,627	699,249	£ 13 5 8	29,778	620,155	£ 9 20 16	154,034	2 0	..	20,106	2,500	0 6 55	20,106	11,346	8,781	21,742	770,296	£ 10 35 9	9 0	..	47 11 7
" 1874	97	39,223	580,542	£ 14 16 2	21,268	425,908	£ 3 20 0	154,034	2 0	..	20,106	2,500	0 6 55	20,106	11,346	8,781	21,742	770,296	£ 10 35 9	9 0	..	47 11 7
" 1873	92	31,681	430,877	£ 0 13 12	17,254	313,176	£ 7 11 13	117,700	12 1	..	14,711	1,556	0 7 03	14,711	6,205	3,188	13,566	490,066	£ 4 6 30	2 5	..	47 11 7
" 1872	81	24,642	312,338	£ 8 18 4	14,773	261,347	£ 16 17 3	50,991	2 1	..	9,442	1,351	0 8 23	9,442	4,615	2,383	10,549	357,574	£ 14 6 33	18 1	..	47 11 7
" 1871	70	20,489	264,328	£ 7 12 18	11,934	209,509	£ 13 17 11	54,818	12 5	..	7,412	1,264	0 9 36	7,412	4,304	2,277	8,317</					

Table No. 7.

BALANCE-SHEET OF THE NEW ZEALAND POST OFFICE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1916.

	Balances on 31st December, 1915.			Transactions.			Balances on 31st December, 1916.				
	Cr.		Dr.	Cr.		Dr.	Cr.		Dr.		
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
MONEY-ORDER ACCOUNTS:—											
Money-orders (general) ..	70,618	13 1	..	3,788,154	1 6	3,786,425	1 4	72,347	13 3	..	
United Kingdom, &c. ..	27,796	0 8	..	299,557	7 5½	303,558	2 7	23,795	5 6½	..	
United States of America ..	2,020	8 6	..	54,638	8 5	51,068	19 10	5,589	17 1	..	
Australia ..	1,248	12 10	..	197,756	12 5	198,875	14 3	129	11 0	..	
Austria ..	..	..	2,173	10 5	10,500	0 0	..	8,326	9 7	..	
Canada ..	5,434	13 2	..	12,411	6 1	9,465	0 9	8,380	18 6	..	
Ceylon ..	65	14 2	..	1,795	10 9	1,531	2 10	330	2 1	..	
Fiji ..	..	..	1,050	6 2	5,377	13 4	5,021	4 9	..	..	
France ..	1,097	6 11	..	1,609	9 0	1,369	0 5	1,337	15 6	693	17 7
Germany ..	..	..	1,051	6 10	..	..	..	..	..	1,051	6 10
Hong Kong ..	220	5 2	..	2,660	12 2	2,575	17 5	304	19 11	..	
India ..	4,982	13 7	..	13,645	8 1	11,370	5 1	7,257	16 7	..	
Norway ..	337	2 10	..	989	10 10	1,099	2 1	227	11 7	..	
Samoa ..	..	..	1,195	6 11	..	..	..	..	..	1,195	6 11
Straits Settlements ..	..	..	18	1 6	138	1 1	106	11 3	13	8 4	..
Tonga ..	..	..	3,423	15 9	9,785	11 3	9,672	19 4	..	3,311	3 10
Union of South Africa ..	564	13 1	..	2,823	13 2	3,481	10 11	..	..	93	4 8
Commission ..	..	..	482	11 0	2,308	13 0	2,319	7 2	..	493	5 2
SAVINGS-BANK ACCOUNTS:—											
Deposits and withdrawals ..	22,166,364	12 1	..	16,394,264	3 0	12,957,420	3 10	25,603,208	11 3	..	
Transfers ..	5,846	1 11	..	1,200,777	7 7	1,194,720	14 2	11,902	15 4	..	
POSTAL ACCOUNTS:—											
Stamps ..	302,728	13 8½	..	1,229,574	5 2½	1,229,191	0 2	303,111	18 9	..	
Postal Guides ..	15	3 2	..	435	15 8	434	5 8	16	13 2	..	
Postal notes ..	177,484	3 3	..	711,642	14 2	710,517	2 3½	178,609	15 1½	..	
Private box and bag rents ..	..	..	..	15,377	2 3	15,377	2 3	..	..	..	
Money-order commission ..	..	..	..	16,902	5 1	16,902	5 1	..	..	..	
British postal orders—H.O. a/c ..	21,938	6 8	..	59,208	6 8	65,420	0 10	15,726	12 6	..	
„ C.P.M.'s a/c ..	23,990	12 7	..	65,419	11 8	64,326	3 9	25,084	0 6	..	
„ London a/c ..	..	..	..	62,991	18 5½	63,008	3 2½	..	..	..	
B.P.O. commission ..	..	..	0	6 3	645	9 9½	645	3 6½	..	16	4 9
Postal revenue ..	4,423	2 4	..	965,269	3 11½	948,766	4 10	20,926	1 5½	..	
TELEGRAPH ACCOUNTS:—											
New South Wales Telegraphs ..	1,795	18 9	..	35,228	0 0	34,722	9 1	2,301	9 8	..	
New Zealand and Australian cable ..	461	4 0	..	10,472	8 3	10,492	15 6	440	16 9	..	
Pacific Cable Board ..	2,919	3 3	..	74,084	10 5	73,710	14 7	3,292	19 1	..	
Telephone-exchange receipts ..	..	..	..	308,834	15 4½	308,834	15 4½	..	..	..	
Special-messenger receipts ..	..	..	..	511	0 4	511	0 4	..	..	..	
Maintenance of private wires ..	..	..	..	4,050	4 2	4,050	4 2	..	..	..	
Registration of code addresses ..	..	..	..	1,629	9 6	1,629	9 6	..	..	..	
Cash deposits ..	1,705	6 3	..	19,317	0 6½	18,953	19 0½	2,068	7 9	..	
Telegraph revenue ..	4,407	12 0	..	1,001,370	9 7	1,001,528	3 1	4,249	18 6	..	

GENERAL ACCOUNTS:—																			
Post Office Account ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	924,588 14 5	18,145,451 17 7½	17,989,476 18 5½	..	..	..	..	..	768,613 15 3	3
Postmasters and Telegraphists ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	782,797 11 1½	31,073,730 19 0	31,405,125 13 3½	..	..	..	..	..	1,114,192 5 5	5
Investments ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21,240,449 9 7	1,931,225 0 0	5,864,730 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	25,173,954 9 7	7
Accrued interest on investments ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	214,131 6 9	214,131 6 9	274,720 4 7	..	..	..	..	..	274,720 4 7	7
Miscellaneous receipts (general) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29,777 12 7½	19,308 4 8	16,207 4 3½	..	..	..	..	..	..
Foreign postage ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12,886 12 1	16,833 3 0	1,448 15 5½	..	..	..	..	..	..
Foreign Mail Settlement Account ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15,824 1 8	9,723 10 11	6,100 10 9	..	..	..	..	..	..
Miscellaneous expenses ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	197,985 15 11	4,466,598 1 11	4,472,544 4 1	..	..	..	..	..	203,931 18 1	1
Discount stamps ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	742 10 0	879 17 0	1,991 11 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Commonwealth Savings-bank ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9,718 12 1	9,943 7 5	565 13 10	..	..	..	..	..	..
State Savings-bank of Australia ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,551 5 10	42,887 11 3	38,897 2 11	439 2 6	..	..	..	..	..	..
FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS:—										..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Advances to Settlers ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,714,763 9 10	1,680,193 10 3	54,673 15 1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Alcoholic Liquors Sales Control Act, 1908 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	155 5 0	156 5 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arms Act licenses ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Auctioneers' licenses ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Audit fees ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Beer-duty Stamp Account ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	86 18 9	1,270 3 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Beer-duty receipts ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12,522 17 3½	11,203 17 8	2,270 0 1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clerks of Court ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	96 1 11	96 7 11	1 14 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
County Clerks ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	256 9 10	256 9 10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Customs dues (H.M.C.) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	950 2 2	1,075 4 3	24 6 1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Customs duty (parcels) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	118,225 9 7	107,900 15 8	20,657 3 6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Education Departments ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,237 15 0	1,237 15 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Examination fees ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	211 5 0	210 15 0	0 10 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Electoral receipts ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0 1 0	0 1 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Factories Act ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36 3 10	34 14 0	1 9 10	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fishing licenses ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,547 14 0	1,592 5 6	95 6 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Game licenses ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,433 5 0	3,433 5 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Goldfields revenue ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	43 19 5	53 4 8	8 8 9	..	..	..	..	..	..
Government Insurance ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	258,386 15 2	254,180 6 7	14,738 3 11	..	..	..	..	..	..
Government Printer ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5 12 0	5 12 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Health Department ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	773 13 0	774 19 2	144 19 10	..	..	..	..	..	..
Homing-pigeons Protection Act ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0 4 0	0 4 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Imperial pensions ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0 4 0	0 4 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Income-tax ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30,000 0 0	28,262 1 8	5,809 15 5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Land-tax ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	783,743 0 10½	858,500 0 0	3,534 13 5½	..	..	..	..	..	..
Land revenue ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	540,284 6 10	535,350 0 0	34,548 1 11	..	..	..	..	..	..
Licensing Act ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0 14 0	1 4 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Machinery ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20 10 0	20 10 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Marine Department ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11,594 7 6	11,480 7 6	898 12 6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Military pensions ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	222 8 4	222 8 4	9 15 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Miners' pensions ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46,150 0 0	46,430 12 10	1,714 4 5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mining Act ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,150 0 0	6,969 10 0	399 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
National Provident Fund receipts ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	239 15 0	203 10 0	432 15 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mental Hospitals ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23,258 17 6	22,947 14 9	1,364 16 5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Old-age pensions ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 2 6	4 2 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Public Trust ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	480,200 0 0	481,300 8 5	17,565 14 9	..	..	..	..	..	..
Public Service Superannuation ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,054,168 15 4	1,046,949 14 1	42,990 6 9	..	..	..	..	..	..
Workers' dwellings ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	140,475 7 4	128,001 10 2	18,046 6 10	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	242 6 3	225 8 11	41 18 1	..	..	..	..	..	..

Table No. 7—continued.  
BALANCE-SHEET OF THE NEW ZEALAND POST OFFICE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1916—continued.

	Balances on 31st December, 1915.				Transactions.				Balances on 31st December, 1916.			
	Cr.		Dr.		Cr.		Dr.		Cr.		Dr.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS—continued.												
Registration of births, &c.	401	6 0	..	..	3,225	0 4	3,341	7 6	284	18 10	..	..
Rents .. .. .	10	2 8	..	..	224	6 8	1,199	17 8	34	11 8	..	..
Sanatorium, Hanmer Springs	130	10 2	..	..	1,610	15 1	1,553	18 7	187	6 8	..	..
New Zealand war-loan receipts	..	..	..	..	1,378,665	0 0	1,373,915	0 0	4,750	0 0	..	..
Stock Department	..	..	..	..	2	15 0	2	5 0	0	10 0	..	..
Agriculture Department..	..	..	..	..	1,624	12 1	1,482	17 6	141	14 7	..	..
Valuation revenue	243	5 11	..	..	4,861	10 10	4,726	15 6	378	1 3	..	..
Widows' pensions	1,957	6 1	..	..	37,500	0 0	37,558	18 6	1,898	7 7	..	..
Miscellaneous revenue	0	9 0	..	..	450	0 6	449	0 9	1	8 9	..	..
Samoan Administration ..	2,377	19 11	..	..	..	..	2,377	19 11	..	..	..	..
War pensions .. .. .	1,464	13 10	..	..	146,000	0 0	134,905	17 10	12,558	16 0	..	..
Hospital-sh p receipts	279	6 0	..	..	7	9 0	286	4 0	0	11 0	..	..
Hospital and Charitable Aid Board	..	..	..	..	31	14 4	24	0 9	7	13 7	..	..
Orchard-tax .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,797	15 8	1,594	1 9	203	13 11	..	..
Suspense Account	9	11 0	..	..	..	..	7	10 0	2	1 0	..	..
Profit and loss	303,454	15 6	..	..	1,104,025	11 7	1,064,370	3 6	343,110	3 7	..	..
War-loan Certificates—H.O. a/c ..	..	..	..	..	1,786,000	0 0	1,418,080	0 0	367,920	0 0	..	..
" " C.P.M.'s a/c	..	..	..	..	1,414,080	0 0	1,192,749	6 0	221,330	14 0	..	..
" " Investment a/c	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,149,000	0 0	1,149,000	0 0	..	..
" " Fund a/c	..	..	..	..	1,192,749	6 0	..	..	1,192,749	6 0	..	..
" " for Custody a/c	..	..	..	..	432,248	0 0	432,248	0 0	..	..	..	..
Totals	23,372,899	8 5½	23,372,899	8 5½	95,260,703	3 10½	95,260,703	3 10½	28,691,267	2 8	28,691,267	2 8

Table No. 8.

SECURITIES, ETC., STANDING IN THE NAME OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL ON ACCOUNT OF THE POST OFFICE SAVINGS-BANK FUND ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1916.

Description of Securities.	Nominal Value.	Cost-price.	Accrued Interest on 31st December, 1916.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1900 Debentures, 4 per cent.	500 0 0	500 0 0	3 5 9
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1900 Debentures, 4 per cent.	90,300 0 0	90,300 0 0	593 15 1
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1901 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	2,500 0 0	2,500 0 0	7 3 10
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1901 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	8,100 0 0	8,100 0 0	24 19 3
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1901 Debentures, 4 per cent.	32,900 0 0	32,900 0 0	658 0 0
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1901 Debentures, 4 per cent.	10,000 0 0	10,000 0 0	35 1 4
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1902 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	128,000 0 0	128,000 0 0	394 10 4
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1903 Debentures, 4 per cent.	25,100 0 0	25,100 0 0	418 2 0
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1903 Debentures, 4 per cent.	170,100 0 0	170,100 0 0	2,889 8 9
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1903 Debentures, 4 per cent.	92,425 0 0	92,425 0 0	1,841 4 11
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1906 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	500,000 0 0	500,000 0 0	8,750 0 0
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1906 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	61,750 0 0	61,750 0 0	1,080 12 6
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1906 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	8,650 0 0	8,650 0 0	162 3 9
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1907 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	200,000 0 0	200,000 0 0	3,500 0 0
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	50,000 0 0	50,000 0 0	498 12 7
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1911 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	50,000 0 0	50,000 0 0	154 2 2
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1911 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	49,000 0 0	49,000 0 0	918 15 0
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1912 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	175,300 0 0	175,300 0 0	1,386 15 9
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1914 Debentures, 4 per cent.	2,145,000 0 0	2,145,000 0 0	13,481 13 9
The Aid to Water-power Works Act 1910 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	50,000 0 0	50,000 0 0	308 4 4
The Aid to Water-power Works Act 1910 Debentures, 4 per cent.	304,000 0 0	304,000 0 0	1,962 3 11
Akaroa County Council Debentures, 4½ per cent.	900 0 0	900 0 0	13 8 6
The Appropriation Act 1912 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	10,000 0 0	10,000 0 0	61 12 10
Canadian Stock, 3 per cent.	5,000 0 0	4,800 0 0	75 0 0
Canadian Stock, 2½ per cent.	12,666 15 11	10,133 8 9	237 5 8
Cape of Good Hope Consolidated Stock, 3½ per cent.	200 0 0	186 1 3	3 10 0
The Coal-mines Act 1908 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	10,000 0 0	10,000 0 0	87 5 2
The Coal-mines Act 1908 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	135,000 0 0	135,000 0 0	1,262 3 1
The Coal-mines Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	30,000 0 0	30,000 0 0	299 3 7
The Consolidated Loan Act 1867 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	13,000 0 0	13,000 0 0	102 16 10
The Consolidated Stock Act 1884 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	194,200 0 0	194,200 0 0	3,032 14 1
The Consolidated Stock Act 1884 Debentures, 4 per cent.	283,500 0 0	283,500 0 0	..
The Consolidated Stock Act 1884 Debentures, 4 per cent.	165,000 0 0	165,000 0 0	3,300 0 0
The Defence and other Purposes Loan Act 1870 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	75,000 0 0	75,000 0 0	593 6 5
The Defence and other Purposes Loan Act 1870 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	8,100 0 0	8,100 0 0	141 15 0
Devonport Borough Council Debentures, 4½ per cent.	100 0 0	100 0 0	1 2 8
The Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Act 1915 Debentures, 4 per cent.	16,000 0 0	16,000 0 0	212 3 3
The Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Act 1915 and Amendment Act 1916 Debentures, 4 per cent.	10,000 0 0	10,000 0 0	9 17 3
The Ellesmere Land Drainage Board Debentures, 4 per cent.	2,850 0 0	2,850 0 0	24 7 2
The Finance Act 1909 Debentures, 4 per cent.	46,901 0 0	46,901 0 0	781 5 0
The Finance Act 1909 and Government Railways Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	50,000 0 0	50,000 0 0	..
The Finance Act 1916 (section 49) Debentures, 4 per cent.	150,000 0 0	150,000 0 0	2,038 7 0
The Finance Act 1916 (section 50) Debentures, 4 per cent.	10,000 0 0	10,000 0 0	96 8 9
The Fruit Preserving Industry Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent.	19,400 0 0	19,400 0 0	184 9 7
The General Purposes Loan Act 1873 Debentures, 4 per cent.	5,200 0 0	5,200 0 0	43 17 7
The Government Advances to Settlers Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	105,000 0 0	105,000 0 0	345 4 1
The Government Advances to Settlers Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	12,900 0 0	12,964 10 0	258 0 0
The Government Advances to Settlers Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	100,000 0 0	100,000 0 0	1,326 0 6
The Government Advances to Settlers Extension Act 1901 Debentures, 4 per cent.	80,000 0 0	80,000 0 0	263 0 3
The Government Advances to Workers Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	25,000 0 0	25,000 0 0	82 3 10
The Government Railways Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	140,000 0 0	140,000 0 0	..
The Government Railways Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	2,000 0 0	2,000 0 0	33 6 3
The Government Railways Act 1908 and Finance Act 1909 Debentures, 4 per cent.	100 0 0	100 0 0	1 13 3
The Government Railways Amendment Act 1910 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	50,350 0 0	50,350 0 0	733 17 4

Table No. 8—continued.

SECURITIES, ETC., STANDING IN THE NAME OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL ON ACCOUNT OF THE  
POST OFFICE SAVINGS-BANK FUND ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1916—continued.

Description of Securities.	Nominal Value.		Cost-price.		Accrued Interest on 31st December, 1916.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
The Government Railways Amendment Act 1910 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	11,150	0 0	11,150	0 0	195	2 6
The Government Railways Amendment Act 1910 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	10,000	0 0	10,000	0 0	187	10 0
The Government Railways Amendment Act 1910 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	5,000	0 0	5,000	0 0	98	15 0
The Government Railways Amendment Act 1910 Debentures, 4 per cent.	50,000	0 0	50,000	0 0	1,000	0 0
Greymouth Harbour Board Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	260,000	0 0	260,000	0 0	5,200	0 0
Hamilton Borough Council Debentures, 4½ per cent. ..	3,000	0 0	3,000	0 0	56	4 4
The Hauraki Plains Amendment Act, 1913, Debentures, 4 per cent.	16,000	0 0	16,000	0 0	266	10 5
The Hutt Railway and Road Improvement Acts 1903 and 1905 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	100,000	0 0	100,000	0 0	575	6 9
The Hutt Railway and Road Improvement Act 1907 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	27,590	0 0	27,590	0 0	402	2 8
The Hutt Railway and Road Improvement Acts 1903, 1905, and 1907 Debentures, 4 per cent.	127,000	0 0	127,000	0 0	835	1 5
The Hutt Railway and Road Improvement Act 1910 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	15,000	0 0	15,000	0 0	218	12 7
The Hutt Railway and Road Improvement Act 1910 Debentures, 4 per cent.	2,000	0 0	2,000	0 0	13	3 0
The Immigration and Public Works Loan Act 1870 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	20,900	0 0	20,900	0 0	165	6 9
India Stock, 3½ per cent. .. .. .	216	14 5	213	18 9	5	12 0
India Stock, 3 per cent. .. .. .	52	18 9	45	15 0	1	3 2
Inscribed Stock, 3½ per cent. .. .. .	618,000	0 0	618,000	0 0	10,815	0 0
Inscribed Stock, 3 per cent. .. .. .	2,260,495	11 1	2,244,582	18 0	16,907	4 3
Irish Land Stock, 2½ per cent. .. .. .	100	0 0	89	15 0	1	7 6
The Irrigation and Water-supply Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent.	89,900	0 0	89,900	0 0	896	10 9
The Kauri Gum Industry Amendment Act 1914 Debentures, 4 per cent.	37,000	0 0	37,000	0 0	243	5 9
The Land for Settlements Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	62,000	0 0	62,000	0 0	618	6 0
The Land for Settlements Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	29,500	0 0	29,500	0 0	193	19 5
The Land for Settlements Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	256,685	0 0	256,685	0 0	4,262	6 11
The Land for Settlements Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	10,000	0 0	10,000	0 0	132	12 0
The Land for Settlements Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	104,335	0 0	104,335	0 0	2,086	14 0
The Land for Settlements Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	400	0 0	400	0 0	0	14 11
The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900 Debentures, 4 per cent.	4,000	0 0	4,000	0 0	80	0 0
The Land for Settlements Act 1908 and New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Amendment Act 1910 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	44,925	0 0	44,925	0 0	786	3 9
The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act 1900 Debentures, 4 per cent.	2,600	0 0	2,600	0 0	52	0 0
The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act 1900 Debentures, 4 per cent.	20,000	0 0	20,000	0 0	199	9 0
The Lands Improvement and Native Lands Acquisition Act 1894 Debentures, 4 per cent.	341,000	0 0	341,000	0 0	3,438	0 6
The Land Laws Amendment Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent.	20,000	0 0	20,000	0 0	201	12 10
The Land Laws Amendment Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent.	9,800	0 0	9,800	0 0	196	0 0
The Land Laws Amendment Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent.	56,900	0 0	56,900	0 0	947	16 3
The Land Laws Amendment Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent.	168,000	0 0	168,000	0 0	1,675	7 11
The Land Laws Amendment Act, 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent.	8,000	0 0	8,000	0 0	130	12 7
The Local Bodies' Loans Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	785,000	0 0	785,000	0 0	15,700	0 0
The Local Bodies' Loans Act 1908 Debentures, 3½ per cent. ..	416,000	0 0	416,000	0 0	4,826	14 6
The Local Bodies' Loans Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	370,000	0 0	370,000	0 0	4,906	5 11
The Local Bodies' Loans Act 1908 Debentures, 3½ per cent. ..	50,000	0 0	50,000	0 0	143	16 8
The Local Bodies' Loans Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	231,500	0 0	231,500	0 0	3,069	15 0
The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	250,000	0 0	250,000	0 0	3,315	1 3
The Maori Land Settlement Act 1905 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	25,650	0 0	25,650	0 0	448	17 6
The Maori Land Settlement Act Amendment Act 1907 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	50,000	0 0	50,000	0 0	875	0 0
The Mining Amendment Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	11,500	0 0	11,500	0 0	75	12 4
The Native Land Amendment Act 1913 Debentures 4 per cent.	688,500	0 0	688,500	0 0	6,547	15 7
The Native Land Purchase Act 1892 and New Zealand Loans Act 1908 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	125,000	0 0	125,000	0 0	783	7 9
New South Wales Stock, 3½ per cent. .. .. .	27,000	0 0	26,865	0 0	785	15 5
The New Zealand Consols Act 1908 Debentures, 3½ per cent. ..	340	0 0	340	0 0	4	19 1
The New Zealand Consols Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	500	0 0	500	0 0	8	1 6
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Advances to Settlers Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	100,000	0 0	100,000	0 0	872	12 0
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Advances to Settlers Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	37,000	0 0	37,000	0 0	345	18 6
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Acts 1909 and 1910 (Advances to Settlers Branch) Debentures, 4 per cent.	205,000	0 0	205,000	0 0	718	18 0
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act, 1909 and 1910 (Advances to Settlers Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	750,000	0 0	750,000	0 0	5,316	14 9
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Advances to Workers Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	325,000	0 0	325,000	0 0	2,835	18 11
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Advances to Workers Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	100,000	0 0	100,000	0 0	934	18 7
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Acts 1909 and 1910 (Advances to Workers Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	205,000	0 0	205,000	0 0	3,587	10 0
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Guaranteed Mining Advances Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	5,000	0 0	5,000	0 0	46	14 11
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Land for Settlements Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	25,000	0 0	25,000	0 0	218	3 0

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SECURITIES, ETC., STANDING IN THE NAME OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL ON ACCOUNT OF THE  
POST OFFICE SAVINGS-BANK FUND ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1916—continued.

Description of Securities.	Nominal Value.		Cost-price.		Accrued Interest on 31st December, 1916.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Acts 1909 and 1910 and New Zealand Loans Act 1908 (Land for Settlements Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	99,000	0 0	99,000	0 0	863	17 6
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Acts 1909 and 1910 (Land for Settlements Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	8,000	0 0	8,000	0 0	46	0 6
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Acts 1909 and 1910 (Land for Settlements Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	64,850	0 0	64,850	0 0	1,134	17 6
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Acts 1909 and 1910 (Land for Settlements Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	741,066	0 0	741,066	0 0	4,644	6 10
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Acts 1909 and 1910 (Land for Settlements Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	12,350	0 0	12,350	0 0	231	11 3
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 and 1910 (Land for Settlements Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	15,300	0 0	15,300	0 0	94	6 3
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Acts 1909 and 1910 (Land for Settlements Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	21,500	0 0	21,500	0 0	335	15 0
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Land for Settlements Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	410,000	0 0	410,000	0 0	3,833	4 3
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Local Authorities Branch) Debentures, 4 per cent.	48,000	0 0	48,000	0 0	478	13 8
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Local Authorities Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	400,000	0 0	400,000	0 0	3,490	7 11
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Local Authorities Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	975,000	0 0	975,000	0 0	9,507	16 10
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Local Authorities Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	112,000	0 0	112,000	0 0	977	6 3
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Local Authorities Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	275,000	0 0	275,000	0 0	2,399	12 11
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Local Authorities Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	96,000	0 0	96,000	0 0	897	10 8
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Local Authorities Branch) Debentures, 4 per cent.	9,000	0 0	9,000	0 0	89	15 1
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Native Land Settlement Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	381,600	0 0	381,600	0 0	3,329	16 8
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Acts 1909 and 1910 (Native Land Settlement Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	30,000	0 0	30,000	0 0	280	9 7
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Acts 1909 and 1910 (Native Land Settlement Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	50,000	0 0	50,000	0 0	467	9 4
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Native Land Settlement Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	54,500	0 0	54,500	0 0	509	10 9
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Native Land Settlement Branch) Debentures, 4 per cent.	110,000	0 0	110,000	0 0	1,096	19 9
Oamaru Borough Consolidated Loan 1893, Debentures, 5 per cent.	13,800	0 0	13,800	0 0	345	0 0
Patea Harbour Board Debentures, 4½ per cent.	35,000	0 0	35,000	0 0	625	13 8
The Post and Telegraph Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	200,000	0 0	200,000	0 0	4,000	0 0
The Railways Improvement Authorization Act 1914 Debentures, 4 per cent.	290,000	0 0	290,000	0 0	4,097	10 6
The Railways Improvement Authorization Act 1914 Debentures, 4 per cent.	8,000	0 0	8,000	0 0	52	12 0
The Rangitaiki Land Drainage Amendment Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent.	10,000	0 0	10,000	0 0	132	12 0
The Rangitaiki Land Drainage Amendment Act 1913 and Amendment Act 1914 Debentures, 4 per cent.	41,000	0 0	41,000	0 0	482	6 0
The Reserve Fund Securities Act 1907 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	800,000	0 0	800,000	0 0	11,660	5 0
The Scenery Preservation Act 1908 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	30,000	0 0	30,000	0 0	172	12 0
The Scenery Preservation Act 1908 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	20,000	0 0	20,000	0 0	123	5 9
The Scenery Preservation Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	19,000	0 0	19,000	0 0	124	18 7
The Scenery Preservation Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	20,000	0 0	20,000	0 0	127	2 5
South Australian Stock, 4 per cent.	1,772	16 2	1,861	9 0	88	11 10
South Australian Stock, 3½ per cent.	12,000	0 0	11,760	0 0	210	0 0
The State Advances Act 1913 (Advances to Settlers Branch) Debentures, 4 per cent.	573,200	0 0	573,200	0 0	1,884	9 8
The State Advances Act 1913 (Advances to Workers Branch) Debentures, 4 per cent.	50,000	0 0	50,000	0 0	164	7 8
The State Advances Act 1913 (Local Authorities Branch) Debentures, 4 per cent.	200,000	0 0	200,000	0 0	657	10 7
The Swamp Drainage Act, 1915, Debentures, 4 per cent.	6,000	0 0	6,000	0 0	39	9 0
Thames Harbour Board Debentures, 4 per cent.	10,000	0 0	10,000	0 0	99	14 6
Timaru Borough Council Debentures, 4 per cent.	4,000	0 0	4,000	0 0	80	0 0
The Public Revenues Amendment Act 1915 Debentures, 4 per cent.	1,700,000	0 0	1,700,000	0 0	28,317	15 0
The Public Revenues Amendment Act 1915 Debentures, 4 per cent.	390,000	0 0	390,000	0 0	2,564	7 10
Victorian Stock, 3 per cent.	12,379	19 10	10,708	13 10	185	18 11
The Waihou and Ohinemuri Rivers Improvement Act 1910 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	100,000	0 0	100,000	0 0	1,457	10 7
The Waikaka Branch Railway Act 1905 Debentures, 4 per cent.	53,476	0 0	53,476	0 0	351	12 6
Wellington City Council Debentures, 4 per cent.	100,000	0 0	99,000	0 0	..	..
Wellington City Council Debentures, 4 per cent.	25,000	0 0	24,500	0 0	..	..
Wellington Harbour Board Debentures, 4½ per cent.	27,500	0 0	27,500	0 0	400	5 0
Wellington Harbour Board Debentures, 4 per cent.	50,000	0 0	50,000	0 0	684	18 7
Wellington-Manawatu Railway Purchase Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	499,700	0 0	499,700	0 0	6,626	3 0
Westport Harbour Board Debentures, 4 per cent.	489,500	0 0	489,500	0 0	9,790	0 0
Accrued interest on Post Office Account	..	..	..	..	357	2 6
Totals	25,196,027	11 2	25,173,954	9 7	274,720	4 7

Table No. 9.

## POST OFFICE SAVINGS-BANK.

*Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 31st December, 1916.*

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s.	d.
Balance at credit of depositors on 1st				Withdrawals, 1916 .. ..	12,957,420	3	10
January, 1916 .. ..	22,166,364	12	1	Balance at credit of depositors on 31st			
Deposits, 1916 .. ..	15,576,408	3	9	December, 1916 .. ..	25,603,208	11	3
Interest credited to depositors, 1916 ..	817,855	19	3				
	<u>£38,560,628</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>£38,560,628</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>1</u>

*Liabilities and Assets.*

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s.	d.
Balance at credit of depositors on 31st				Securities .. ..	25,173,954	9	7
December, 1916 .. ..	25,603,208	11	3	Balance uninvested.. ..	772,364	5	3
Balance of assets over liabilities ..	343,110	3	7				
	<u>£25,946,318</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>		<u>£25,946,318</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>

*Profit and Loss Account.*

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s.	d.
Interest credited to depositors during 1916	817,855	19	3	Balance forward, 1st January, 1916 ..	303,454	15	6
Interest paid on debentures purchased by the Department .. ..	32	4	4	Interest received during the year .. ..	826,198	17	3
Paid Public Account, for cost of Savings-bank management .. ..	32,000	0	0	Accrued interest on 31st December, 1916 .. ..	274,720	4	7
Purchase of home savings-banks .. ..	350	9	4		<u>1,100,919</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>
Sundry expenditure .. ..	0	3	10	Less accrued interest on 31st December, 1915 .. ..	214,131	6	9
Balance forward to next account ..	343,110	3	7				
	<u>£1,193,349</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	Sundry receipts .. ..			
					<u>896,787</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>1</u>
					<u>3,106</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>
					<u>£1,193,349</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>

**Table No. 10.**  
SAVINGS-BANK ACCOUNTS REMAINING OPEN ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1916, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO BALANCE AT CREDIT OF EACH ACCOUNT.

District.	Not exceeding £50.	Exceeding £50 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 and up to £600.	Exceeding £600 and up to £700.	Exceeding £700 and up to £800.	Exceeding £800 and up to £1,000.	Exceeding £1,000.	Total Number of Accounts open.
Auckland	71,388	9,817	7,097	6,541	2,820	1,776	943	593	361	191	132	96	167
Blenheim	5,450	808	609	448	192	125	76	46	28	14	11	8	12
Christchurch	57,278	8,479	6,215	5,108	2,395	1,359	732	473	260	174	80	69	108
Dunedin	38,743	6,728	4,932	4,273	2,012	1,081	567	370	198	129	68	57	102
Gasborne	9,443	1,455	995	821	330	178	102	60	37	24	15	10	13
Greymouth	5,975	754	535	568	303	145	83	55	32	24	12	11	15
Hokitika	1,691	223	147	149	87	49	16	12	13	3	3	0	5
Invercargill	14,149	2,671	1,997	1,670	765	404	222	124	75	27	23	18	17
Napier	19,094	3,030	2,165	1,701	724	416	215	157	106	47	30	36	54
Nelson	8,811	1,413	1,087	889	354	233	100	74	34	28	15	7	9
New Plymouth	12,067	2,017	1,468	1,370	645	361	214	111	81	27	28	21	46
Oamaru	4,026	792	661	522	257	131	72	41	26	15	9	5	9
Thames	11,192	1,611	1,010	864	375	93	97	52	38	18	10	8	16
Timaru	10,290	1,857	1,341	1,209	535	327	139	128	46	48	28	14	27
Wanganui	18,619	2,185	1,748	1,378	685	354	162	121	54	40	23	13	49
Wellington	77,781	12,924	7,353	6,658	2,793	1,580	984	708	461	169	132	106	201
Westport	3,772	452	355	329	171	88	51	24	15	9	6	2	9
Totals, 1916	369,769	57,216	39,715	34,498	15,443	8,690	4,775	3,149	1,865	987	625	481	859
Totals, 1915	356,968	55,186	36,047	29,759	13,555	7,346	3,891	2,638	1,517	710	469	354	645
Totals, 1915	356,968	55,186	36,047	29,759	13,555	7,346	3,891	2,638	1,517	710	469	354	645

Table No. 11.

TABLE SHOWING THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LETTERS AND LETTER-CARDS, POST-CARDS, BOOK-PACKETS, NEWSPAPERS, AND PARCELS POSTED AND DELIVERED IN THE SEVERAL POSTAL DISTRICTS OF NEW ZEALAND DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1916.

Postal Districts (1916).	Posted in the Dominion.				Delivered in the Dominion.				Total posted and delivered.						
	Letters and Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Books, &c.	Newspapers.	Parcels.	Letters and Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Books, &c.	Newspapers.	Parcels.	Letters and Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Books, &c.	Newspapers.	Parcels.
Auckland	28,224,195	825,110	6,042,096	4,795,165	833,157	25,915,864	918,736	5,049,187	4,483,232	676,057	54,140,059	1,743,846	11,091,283	9,278,397	1,509,214
Blenheim	1,462,148	29,874	173,031	264,147	25,116	1,517,906	40,404	199,511	410,345	44,843	2,980,054	70,278	372,542	674,492	69,959
Christchurch	13,596,853	357,825	1,753,930	2,028,284	441,181	15,754,687	763,672	3,226,925	2,255,591	313,195	29,351,540	1,121,497	4,980,855	4,283,875	754,376
Dunedin	12,703,413	587,652	3,984,664	2,088,610	319,111	11,266,879	497,120	2,832,687	2,087,657	245,043	23,970,292	1,084,772	6,817,351	4,176,267	564,154
Gisborne	2,370,134	32,903	435,533	553,685	47,567	2,340,429	72,787	487,214	961,831	67,304	4,710,563	105,690	922,747	1,515,516	114,871
Greytown	1,082,947	15,483	145,383	206,856	26,702	1,313,429	35,750	194,844	449,748	48,151	2,396,376	51,233	340,227	656,604	74,853
Hokitika	561,550	11,622	81,120	157,040	13,299	752,219	20,696	149,539	271,648	26,588	1,313,769	32,318	230,659	428,688	39,887
Invercargill	6,447,924	261,482	2,207,419	895,795	102,648	6,744,010	271,895	1,392,924	1,218,737	172,656	13,191,934	533,377	3,600,343	2,114,532	233,203
Napier	6,721,544	203,645	1,759,371	1,057,798	118,157	7,214,493	269,698	1,989,117	1,764,906	81,721	4,479,559	473,343	3,748,488	2,822,704	290,813
Nelson	2,132,877	52,819	348,384	262,041	57,265	2,346,682	80,340	315,419	577,278	130,817	8,350,520	246,324	1,221,206	1,508,099	209,090
New Plymouth	4,010,405	107,744	610,570	644,626	78,273	4,340,115	138,580	610,636	863,473	38,137	3,692,504	146,354	623,992	536,952	62,811
Oamaru	1,642,482	62,270	300,227	242,762	24,674	2,050,022	84,084	323,765	294,190	109,832	5,987,686	142,974	807,482	953,212	161,481
Thames	2,516,946	58,474	355,927	306,579	51,649	3,470,740	84,500	451,555	646,633	88,932	9,583,465	384,046	2,179,338	1,560,659	144,202
Timaru	4,768,382	180,492	1,092,096	614,753	55,250	4,815,083	203,554	1,087,242	945,906	163,640	9,349,429	280,189	1,683,022	1,907,354	268,992
Wanganui	4,503,198	118,521	848,786	736,119	105,352	4,846,231	161,668	834,236	1,171,235	611,328	52,665,047	1,547,793	9,273,236	8,051,726	1,395,163
Wellington	27,011,250	614,549	5,020,208	3,916,452	733,835	25,653,797	933,244	4,253,028	4,135,274	32,573	2,022,527	36,504	311,963	499,603	53,048
Westport	755,807	10,322	130,002	161,031	20,475	1,266,720	26,182	181,961	338,572						
Totals	120,512,055	3,530,787	25,288,747	18,931,743	3,103,711	121,609,306	4,602,910	23,579,790	22,876,256	2,981,392	242,121,361	8,133,697	48,868,537	41,807,999	6,085,103
Previous year ..	123,005,449	4,164,069	31,792,775	18,683,514	2,838,537	119,542,410	5,078,723	25,900,355	22,628,021	2,886,039	242,547,859	9,242,792	57,693,130	41,311,535	5,724,576

Table No. 12.

## REGISTERED ARTICLES.

The number of registered articles dealt with in 1916, compared with the number in 1890, 1900, 1910, and 1915, is as follows:—

	1890.	1900.	1910.	1915.	1916.
From places beyond the Dominion	26,374	52,343	132,493	118,416	136,919
Registered in the Dominion	169,321	464,036	993,675	1,323,708	1,362,559
Totals	195,695	516,379	1,126,168	1,442,124	1,499,478

## DEAD LETTERS.

	1915.	1916.
Opened and returned to writers	282,102	292,266
Returned unopened to other countries	44,609	47,800
Reissued	1,452	23,046*
Destroyed	45,636	46,213
Returned unopened to writers by Chief Postmasters	204,376	198,174
Returned unopened to other countries by Chief Postmasters	18,185	22,515
Totals	596,360	630,014

\* Includes letters addressed to soldiers.

Table No. 13.

## PARCEL-POST.

The following shows the number and weight of parcels posted during the years 1890, 1900, 1910, 1915, and 1916:—

—	1890.	1900.	1910.	1915.	1916.
Number	121,292	199,413	1,190,711	2,838,537	3,103,711
Weight	336,643 lb. 12 oz.	682,140 lb. 7 oz.	3,953,284 lb. 15 oz.	10,886,709 lb. 11 oz.	12,504,648 lb.

The following table shows the number and weight of parcels exchanged with the United Kingdom and the undermentioned places during the years 1915 and 1916:—

Country.	Received.				Despatched.			
	1915.		1916.		1915.		1916.	
	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.
		lb. oz.		lb. oz.		lb. oz.		lb. oz.
United Kingdom and foreign countries (via London)	115,639	737,261 0	116,432	763,764 0	34,517	104,692 15	23,964	90,154 0
United States of America ..	14,995	63,702 13	23,236	127,358 0	2,032	6,624 0	2,087	7,447 0
New Zealand Expeditionary Force	2,128	5,295 0	2,516	6,108 0	60,214	215,084 0	251,164	960,841 0
Canada .. .. .	1,499	5,904 0	1,864	9,857 0	714	2,318 1	785	2,690 0
Victoria .. .. .	8,574	30,042 12	8,525	30,766 0	3,802	9,630 5	3,572	9,615 0
New South Wales ..	15,990	45,321 0	18,446	55,624 0	9,209	26,146 12	12,814	40,675 0
South Australia ..	524	1,305 1	566	1,515 0	560	1,451 9	487	1,258 0
Queensland .. ..	837	2,036 0	982	2,667 0	1,093	2,762 11	1,034	2,448 0
Tasmania .. .. .	390	881 0	418	1,079 0	819	1,966 2	711	1,692 0
Western Australia ..	463	1,004 15	438	945 0	568	1,482 4	496	1,462 0
Fiji .. .. .	244	698 10	311	705 0	1,112	3,768 11	1,054	3,493 0
Ceylon .. .. .	566	2,211 11	524	2,635 0	357	1,933 12	629*	3,280 0
Uruguay .. .. .	..	..	..	..	114	383 7	66	278 0
Cape of Good Hope ..	484	790 15	889	1,206 0	83	212 0	74	246 0
Natal .. .. .	..	..	..	..	309	785 4	337	897 0
India .. .. .	1,090	5,062 0	2,500	4,742 0	498	2,818 11	1,108	5,062 0
Tonga .. .. .	31	114 8	41	153 0	294	1,184 8	344	1,328 0
Tahiti .. .. .	..	..	..	..	260	1,439 15	214	1,118 0
Hong Kong .. ..	694	4,068 0	1,048	7,326 0	113	405 6	154	708 0
Straits Settlements ..	103	350 3	117	387 0	79	320 13	78	323 0
Totals .. .. .	164,251	906,049 8	178,853	1,016,837 0	116,747	385,411 2	301,172	1,135,005 0

\* Including parcels for His Majesty's ships.

Table No. 14.

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		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.
			Open.	Closed.	Private and Press.	Government.	Total.							
30th June, 1866	699	1,390	13		24,761	2,746	27,407	£ 5,561	s. 19	d. 2	£ 3,934	s. 4	d. 2	Mileage tariff.
" 1867	757	1,498	21		55,621	15,331	70,952	9,970	10	1	8,917	14	7	Mileage tariff.
" 1868	1,110	2,223	31		72,241	26,244	98,485	11,652	3	7	9,489	17	10	Mileage tariff.
" 1869	1,329	2,495	45		106,070	50,097	156,167	18,520	10	4	14,266	12	7	Mileage tariff.
" 1870	1,661	2,897	56		122,545	62,878	185,423	17,218	1	4	16,417	7	4	Mileage tariff.
" 1871	1,976	3,247	72		253,582	59,292	312,874	22,419	8	8	21,254	4	3	Mileage tariff.
" 1872	2,185	3,823	81		344,524	67,243	411,767	28,121	0	0	23,593	9	9	Mileage tariff.
" 1873	2,356	4,574	93		485,507	83,453	568,960	39,680	18	9	27,040	18	10	Mileage tariff.
" 1874	2,530	5,782	105		645,067	107,832	752,899	46,508	18	10	38,801	19	4	Mileage tariff.
" 1875	2,986	6,626	127		786,237	130,891	917,128	55,301	12	3	45,814	11	4	Mileage tariff.
" 1876	3,154	7,247	142		890,382	160,704	1,051,086	62,715	10	4	61,696	14	5	Mileage tariff.
" 1877	3,259	7,423	155		952,283	172,159	1,124,442	65,644	15	3	63,353	10	10	Mileage tariff.
" 1878	3,434	8,035	182		1,065,481	194,843	1,260,324	73,284	1	4	69,340	1	9	Mileage tariff.
" 1879	3,512	8,117	195		1,201,982	246,961	1,448,943	85,402	0	2	79,502	0	5	Mileage tariff.
31st March, 1880	3,638	9,333	214		824,734	183,675	1,008,409	58,120	3	3	68,551	10	10	Mileage tariff.
" 1881	3,758	9,587	227		1,058,342	246,370	1,304,712	73,002	2	8	78,224	1	6	Mileage tariff.
" 1882	3,824	9,653	234		1,215,849	222,923	1,438,772	78,828	19	8	69,165	5	4	Mileage tariff.
" 1883	3,974	9,848	264		1,361,817	208,372	1,570,189	90,633	11	1	73,554	9	15	Mileage tariff.
" 1884	4,074	10,037	302		1,379,483	219,017	1,598,500	93,822	3	5	73,054	4	16	Mileage tariff.
" 1885	4,264	10,474	330		1,433,458	220,847	1,654,305	95,934	5	5	70,036	6	18	Mileage tariff.
" 1886	4,463	10,931	375		1,533,406	240,867	1,774,273	101,652	8	0	77,082	4	15	Mileage tariff.
" 1887	4,546	11,178	412		1,583,717	252,549	1,836,266	106,638	12	2	77,473	10	11	Mileage tariff.
" 1888	4,646	11,375	437		1,589,771	245,623	1,835,394	106,948	4	0	70,580	10	13	Mileage tariff.
" 1889	4,790	11,617	473		1,548,233	217,630	1,765,863	106,311	11	6	72,201	13	15	Mileage tariff.
" 1890	5,148	12,812	489		1,589,157	213,830	1,802,987	106,462	18	4	75,426	9	11	Mileage tariff.
" 1891	5,349	13,235	520		1,734,381	226,780	1,961,161	110,696	17	8	76,845	1	10	Mileage tariff.
" 1892	5,479	13,459	573		1,746,115	222,149	1,968,264	117,633	15	9	85,058	4	12	Mileage tariff.
" 1893	5,513	13,515	640		1,686,064	218,079	1,904,143	103,813	8	6	87,472	13	10	Mileage tariff.
					1,825,646	244,045	2,069,691	112,465	15	9	92,109	17	11	Mileage tariff.

Table No. 14—continued.

COMPARATIVE TABLE SHOWING THE PROGRESS OF THE TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT DURING THE FINANCIAL YEARS ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1895, TO 31ST MARCH, 1917.

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Offices Open.	Number of Telegrams and Bureau Messages 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. (Cable Subsidy.)
				Private and Press.	Government.	Total.	Telegraph.	Telephone.				
31st Mar., 1895	5,961½	14,881½	705	1,802,182	231,618	2,033,800	£ 88,459	£ 21,552	£ 26,051	£ 136,062	£ 135,791	£ 6,492
" 1896	6,245½	15,764½	743	1,899,632	224,579	2,124,211	97,178	25,933	25,844	148,955	143,665	4,774
" 1897	6,284½	16,470½	780	2,285,001	235,168	2,520,169	100,385	29,248	23,119	152,752	153,484	3,972
" 1898	6,484	18,024	824	2,469,415	226,818	2,696,233	99,798	36,422	24,505	160,725	165,198	1,849
" 1899	6,736	18,746	878	2,717,548	243,190	2,960,738	105,576	39,718	25,500	170,794	173,152	1,427
" 1900	6,910	19,228	915	3,159,093	310,538	3,469,631	119,641	43,303	29,432	192,376	181,634	1,608
" 1901	7,249¾	20,682¾	991	3,534,444	363,684	3,898,128	137,861	49,117	35,327	222,305	194,014	1,000
" 1902	7,469	21,705	1,038	3,850,391	317,590	4,167,981	151,933	55,542	27,508	234,984	212,180	234
" 1903	7,748¾	22,672¾	1,103	4,271,218	288,086	4,559,304	160,343	62,151	26,440	248,934	228,185	181
" 1904	7,779¾	22,920¾	1,153	4,671,904	293,293	4,965,197	166,535	71,028	24,378	261,941	245,805	10,057
" 1905	7,943¾	23,704	1,200	4,900,495	259,250	5,159,745	171,001	79,061	20,598	270,660	258,977	..
" 1906	8,355	25,116	1,312	5,351,084	289,135	5,640,219	184,369	89,542	24,168	298,079	276,580	..
" 1907	8,953	27,031	1,446	6,160,080	236,252	6,396,332	206,706	100,814	17,487	325,007	291,359	..
" 1908	9,656	29,343	1,611	6,958,279	84,644	7,042,923	227,398	116,852	4,499	348,749	357,581	..
" 1909	10,404	32,654	1,764	7,338,017	87,676	7,425,693	238,103	131,249	4,822	374,174	394,649	..
" 1910	10,901	34,788	1,871	7,757,128	89,762	7,846,890	250,212	144,298	4,851	399,361	411,296	..
" 1911	11,316	37,212	1,963	8,268,340	92,307	8,360,647	272,942	161,173	4,874	438,989	446,709	..
" 1912	11,805	39,370	2,079	8,971,725	91,408	9,063,133	295,334	179,123	4,832	479,289	469,716	..
" 1913	12,508	41,892	2,203	9,850,379	93,893	9,944,272	321,951	201,237	4,931	528,119	509,496	..
" 1914	13,044	44,642	2,305	10,594,556	99,476	10,694,032	342,595	232,190	5,031	579,816	563,108	..
" 1915	13,434	46,778	2,386	10,716,613	111,355	10,827,968	356,306	303,856	5,776	665,938	612,665	..
" 1916	13,684	48,052	2,413	10,708,910	127,841	10,836,751	549,627	287,547	9,085	846,259	658,572	..
" 1917	13,896	50,320	2,409	10,734,168	140,952	10,875,120	527,249	317,275	10,774	855,298	681,217	..

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. 1906: For each additional word after first twelve, ½d. September, 1915: First twelve words, 8d.; each additional word, ½d.

Table No. 15.

TABLE SHOWING THE CASH REVENUE DERIVED FROM PAID TELEGRAMS OF ALL CODES, THE VALUE OF FRANKED GOVERNMENT TELEGRAMS, AND THE NUMBER OF TELEGRAMS TRANSMITTED IN THE SEVERAL POSTAL DISTRICTS OF NEW ZEALAND FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1917.

Postal District.	Revenue derived from Paid Telegrams of all Codes.	Value of Franked Government Telegrams.	Total Value of Telegrams of all Codes.	Number of Paid Telegrams.	Number of Franked Government Telegrams.	Total Number of Telegrams of all Codes.
	£	£	£			
Auckland .. ..	84,586	755	85,341	2,280,059	14,414	2,294,473
Blenheim .. ..	6,483	155	6,638	190,882	3,194	194,076
Christchurch .. ..	41,123	925	42,048	983,706	19,276	1,002,982
Dunedin .. ..	32,051	435	32,486	796,998	8,175	805,173
Gisborne .. ..	13,085	239	13,324	285,623	5,237	290,860
Greymouth .. ..	6,454	184	6,638	145,307	3,946	149,253
Hokitika .. ..	2,503	6	2,509	64,491	120	64,611
Invercargill .. ..	18,078	202	18,280	507,278	5,253	512,531
Napier .. ..	27,967	457	28,424	836,765	5,256	842,021
Nelson .. ..	9,190	529	9,719	313,238	12,823	326,061
New Plymouth .. ..	16,563	92	16,655	482,642	1,980	484,622
Oamaru .. ..	5,685	65	5,750	124,815	1,594	126,409
Thames .. ..	12,220	45	12,265	334,300	1,159	335,459
Timaru .. ..	11,631	228	11,859	306,298	2,612	308,910
Wanganui .. ..	20,127	145	20,272	555,310	2,462	557,772
Wellington .. ..	102,271	6,169	108,440	2,442,873	50,565	2,493,438
Westport .. ..	3,836	143	3,979	83,583	2,886	86,469
Totals, 1916-17 .. ..	413,853	10,774	424,627	10,734,168	140,952	10,875,120
Totals, 1915-16 .. ..	386,138	9,085	395,224	10,708,910	127,841	10,836,751

Table No. 16.

TABLE SHOWING THE PAID TELEGRAMS OF ALL CODES FORWARDED DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1917, AND THE REVENUE RECEIVED THEREFROM.											
Class of Telegrams.			June Quarter, 1916.		September Quarter, 1916		December Quarter, 1916.		March Quarter, 1917.		Totals.
			Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.	Number.
Ordinary	..	..	1,415,966	£ 84,297	1,312,497	£ 80,277	1,482,735	£ 91,167	1,531,541	£ 92,710	5,742,739
Urgent	..	..	69,944	5,437	67,772	5,253	78,319	6,194	88,379	7,147	304,414
Press	..	..	77,344	7,415	75,941	7,306	71,243	6,959	79,664	7,120	304,192
Bureau	..	..	1,008,095	28,678	1,029,194	29,213	1,130,220	32,475	1,215,314	35,629	4,382,823
Gross totals	..	..	2,571,349	125,827	2,485,404	122,049	2,762,517	136,795	2,914,898	142,606	10,734,168
Less other lines and credits	..	..	..	26,927	..	26,141	..	30,648	..	29,708	..
Net totals, 1916-17	..	..	..	98,900	..	95,908	..	106,147	..	112,898	..
Net totals, 1915-16	..	..	2,642,689	87,617	2,668,595	91,300	2,657,221	101,938	2,740,405	105,281	10,708,910
											386,138

Table No. 17.

TABLE SHOWING THE CLASS AND NUMBER OF INSTRUMENTS AND BATTERIES IN USE AT TELEGRAPH-OFFICES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1917.															
District.	Number of Morse Instru- ments in Use (Full Sets).			Number of Duplexes (Differentials).		Number of Direct- sounder Sets.	Number of Quadruplex Sets.	Number of Automatic Sets.	Number of Quadruplex Translator Sets.	Number of Telephones not con- nected with Exchange.	Number of Cells.				
	Constant Current.	Intermittent Current.		Single Current.	Double Current.						Leclanche and Dry.	Gordon.	Daniell.	Bichromate.	Storage.
Auckland	..	83	50	13	7	9	20	..	8	48	8,876	853	340	544	..
Wellington	..	86	126	20	15	1	28	..	16	44	12,429	4,063	1,259	223	177
Nelson	..	29	3	4	7	..	2	..	..	8	1,932	152	55	..	2
Canterbury	..	20	114	11	7	..	13	..	2	6	2,542	332	958	854	4
Otago	..	92	58	1	1	..	8	..	1	54	5,410	66	548	265	2
Totals	..	310	351	49	37	10	71	..	27	160	31,189	5,466	3,160	1,886	185

Total number of Morse sets, 855.

Table No. 18.

TABLE SHOWING THE COST OF MAINTENANCE OF TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE LINES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1917.

District.	Miles of Wire.	Miles of Line.	Travelling expenses of Engineers and Linemen.	Extra Labour.	Material.	Upkeep of s.s. Tunnels.	Rural Telephones: Assistance to Settlers.	Total Expenditure out of Vote Maintenance.	Salaries of Engineers and Linemen.	Total Cost of Maintenance.	Average Cost per Mile of Wire.	Average Cost per Mile of Line.
Auckland	..	13,351	£ 3,173	£ 5,104	£ 6,937	£ ..	£ ..	£ 15,214	£ 7,586	£ 22,800	£ s. d. 1 14 2	£ s. d. 5 12 6
Wellington	..	16,149	2,394	5,979	12,460	..	..	20,833	11,787	32,620	2 0 5	8 12 9
Nelson	..	3,012	1,061	838	802	..	..	2,701	1,348	4,049	1 6 11	3 11 11
Canterbury	..	8,826	993	1,120	1,909	..	..	4,022	4,761	8,783	0 19 11	4 6 1
Otago	..	8,982	1,723	1,106	4,519	..	..	7,348	5,008	12,356	1 7 6	4 5 3
Total	..	50,320	9,344	14,147	26,627	..	..	50,118	30,490	80,608	1 12 0	5 16 0
Cables	..	374*	444	1,908	248	4,703	..	7,303	..	7,303	19 10 6†	..
Stores	..	..	29	1,617	6,133	..	..	7,779	1,877	9,656	..	..
Rural telephones— Assistance to settlers	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,633	1,633	..	1,633	..	..
Laboratory, &c.	..	..	8	2,156	1,771	..	..	3,935	..	3,935	..	..
Wireless stations	..	..	124	1,027	1,144	..	..	2,295	..	2,295	..	..
Total telegraph-lines	..	50,694	9,949	20,855	35,923	4,703	1,633	53,063	32,367	105,430	..	..
Telephone exchanges	..	142,469	2,182	21,452	11,476	..	..	35,110	35,912	71,022	..	..
Grand total	..	193,163	12,131	42,307	47,399	4,703	1,633	108,173	68,279	176,452	..	..

\* Knots. † Per knot.

Table No. 19.

TABLE SHOWING COST OF CONSTRUCTING TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE LINES DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1917.

Line.	Total Cost, including Material from Stores.	Line.	Total Cost, including Material from Stores.
Telephone Exchanges—	£	Lines—	£
Auckland (automatic) .. .. .	3,498	Aratoro Telephone-line .. .. .	81
Auckland .. .. .	11,835	Auckland-Dargaville (metallic circuit) ..	3,226
Coromandel .. .. .	19	Auckland-Puhi (metallic circuit) .. ..	484
Dargaville .. .. .	505	Auckland - Pukekohe - Tuakau (metallic circuit) .. .. .	683
Hamilton (automatic) .. .. .	837	Auckland-Thames-Paeroa (metallic circuit)	247
Hamilton .. .. .	10,313	Awakeri Telephone-office .. .. .	5
Kaikohe .. .. .	10	Greenwood's Corner Telephone-office ..	6
Kawhia .. .. .	1	Hamilton-Auckland (metallic circuit) ..	2,757
Kohukohu .. .. .	61	Helensville-Paparoa (metallic circuit) ..	13
Mangere .. .. .	29	Huapai Telephone Extension .. .. .	3
Mangonui .. .. .	984	Hungahunga Telephone Extension .. ..	147
Matata .. .. .	222	Hamurana Telephone-office .. .. .	70
Mount Eden (automatic) .. .. .	97	Kaero (Morse) .. .. .	3
Opotiki .. .. .	1,351	Kaihere Telephone-office .. .. .	1
Paeroa .. .. .	1,711	Kaitia (Morse) .. .. .	20
Ponsonby (automatic) .. .. .	8	Kawakawa-Russell (metallic circuit) ..	32
Pukeatua .. .. .	283	Kirikopuni Telephone-office .. .. .	4
Remuera (automatic) .. .. .	72	Kohokohe Telephone-office .. .. .	51
Rotorua .. .. .	258	Kopaki Telephone Extension .. .. .	4
Taumarunui .. .. .	823	Kopuku Telephone Extension .. .. .	61
Tauranga .. .. .	2,438	Mamaranui Telephone-office .. .. .	4
Te Kuiti .. .. .	3,091	Mangonui-Peria (metallic circuit) .. ..	371
Thames .. .. .	1,886	Matahuru Telephone-office .. .. .	19
Tirau .. .. .	326	Mokauti (removal) .. .. .	25
Waihi .. .. .	18	Morrinsville-Matamata (metallic circuit) ..	191
Waitou .. .. .	78	Mount Maunganui Telephone Extension ..	172
Warkworth .. .. .	91	Muripara - Te Whaiti Telephone-line ..	278
Whangarei .. .. .	3,631	Ngapaenga Telephone Extension .. .. .	1
Blenheim .. .. .	1,397	Nohoroa Telephone-office .. .. .	12
Carterton .. .. .	2,796	Ohacawai-Kawakawa (metallic circuit) ..	431
Dannevirke .. .. .	797	Ohautira Telephone Extension .. .. .	12
Eketahuna .. .. .	730	Oparau - Te Awamutu (connections) ..	13
Eltham .. .. .	606	Opotiki-Gisborne Telephone Circuit .. ..	1,579
Featherston .. .. .	2,126	Opua (Morse) .. .. .	18
Feilding .. .. .	3,279	Owhiro Telephone-office .. .. .	21
Gisborne .. .. .	5,695	Paetawai Telephone-office .. .. .	14
Hastings .. .. .	3,489	Paparata Valley (removal) .. .. .	9
Hawera .. .. .	1,119	Paparoa-Tokatoka (metallic circuit) ..	165
Levin .. .. .	1,420	Portland Telephone-office .. .. .	18
Marton .. .. .	1,199	Raglan - Te Akau Telephone-line .. ..	177
Masterton .. .. .	1,977	Rataroa Telephone-office .. .. .	1
Napier .. .. .	2,678	Riponui-Tapuhi (new wire) .. .. .	5
New Plymouth .. .. .	701	Rowell's Telephone-office .. .. .	5
Pahiatua .. .. .	2,800	Taumarunui-Ohura (metallic circuit) ..	163
Palmerston North .. .. .	2,250	Tauranga-Whakatane (metallic circuit) ..	1,924
Patea .. .. .	52	Tauriko Telephone-office .. .. .	4
Stratford .. .. .	938	Te Anga Telephone-office .. .. .	9
Taihape .. .. .	1,903	Te Kuiti - Hamilton (metallic circuit) ..	233
Waipawa .. .. .	262	Te Pene Telephone-office .. .. .	17
Wairoa .. .. .	182	Te Puna (removal) .. .. .	44
Wanganui .. .. .	10,962	Te Waitere Telephone-office .. .. .	1
Wellington .. .. .	17,131	Tukerangi Telephone-office .. .. .	6
Nelson .. .. .	2,548	Waikaraka Telephone-office .. .. .	5
Murchison .. .. .	7	Waimiha-Ongarue (metallic circuit) ..	2
Reefton .. .. .	6	Waitangi Telephone Extension .. .. .	68
Westport .. .. .	152	Whangarata Telephone Extension .. ..	2
Ashburton .. .. .	884	Whangarei-Hukerenui (metallic circuit) ..	25
Cheviot .. .. .	3	Whangarei-Onerahi (new line) .. .. .	295
Christchurch .. .. .	13,019	Blenheim-Seddon (metallic circuit) .. ..	115
Greymouth .. .. .	19	Blenheim-Nelson (Morse circuit) .. ..	32
Hokitika .. .. .	619	Gisborne-Opotiki Telephone Circuit .. ..	2,644
Kaikoura .. .. .	58	Ikakara Telephone-office .. .. .	23
Rakaia .. .. .	502	Mangahouhi Telephone Extension .. ..	74
Rangiora .. .. .	221	May Morn (metallic circuit) .. .. .	3
Timaru .. .. .	1,362	Murumuru Telephone Extension .. .. .	11
Waiau .. .. .	401	Ngapeka .. .. .	59
Waimate .. .. .	751	Paekakariki-Waikanae (metallic circuit) ..	19
Balclutha .. .. .	1,107	Pahiatua-Palmerston North (metallic circuit)	60
Cromwell .. .. .	362	Riariki Telephone Extension .. .. .	89
Dunedin .. .. .	15,262	Stratford-Hawera (metallic circuit) ..	792
Gore .. .. .	1,836	Tahunaroa Telephone Extension .. .. .	145
Invercargill .. .. .	3,871	Te Huia Telephone Extension .. .. .	5
Oamaru .. .. .	296	Te Marua Telephone Extension .. .. .	82
Queenstown .. .. .	20	Waitotara-Orangimea Telephone Extension	526
Tapanui .. .. .	28	Wanganui-Wellington (metallic circuit) ..	5,364
	£154,299	Wantwood Telephone-office .. .. .	3

Table No. 19—continued.

TABLE SHOWING COST OF CONSTRUCTING TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE LINES DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1917—continued.

Line.	Total Cost, including Material from Stores.	Line.	Total Cost, including Material from Stores.
	£		£
Whiritoa Telephone-office .. ..	1	Waikukupa Telephone-office .. ..	11
Awa-iti Telephone-office .. ..	6	Whatarama Telephone-office .. ..	6
Division Collingwood—Farewell Spit circuit ..	22	Balclutha—Milton (metallic circuit) ..	226
Howard Telephone-office .. ..	15	Caroline Telephone Extension .. ..	51
Murray Creek Telephone Extension .. ..	101	Dunedin—Glenavy (metallic circuit) ..	3,915
Nelson—Tadmor (metallic circuit) .. ..	63	Glendhu Telephone Extension .. ..	304
Owen River Telephone-office .. ..	9	Gore—Waipahi (metallic circuit) .. ..	145
Paturau Telephone-office .. ..	4	Invercargill—Edendale (metallic circuit) ..	454
Blackball (Morse) .. ..	1	Kaikihu—Waiwera Telephone-line .. ..	119
Christchurch—Kaiapoi Telephone-line .. ..	517	Lawrence—Roxburgh (metallic circuit) ..	208
Christchurch—Rangiora (metallic circuit) ..	269	Middlemarch—Alexandra .. ..	2,906
Coutts Island Telephone-office .. ..	3	Otatara Telephone Extension .. ..	63
Culverden—Flintoff's Corner .. ..	71	Patiti Telephone Extension .. ..	51
Glenavy—Christchurch (metallic circuit) ..	5,052	Pukemaori Telephone-office .. ..	210
Greymouth—Otira (metallic circuit) .. ..	341	Redan Telephone-office .. ..	7
Porowhito—Methven (telephone-wire) .. ..	105	Tahawai Telephone Extension .. ..	17
Timaru—Pleasant Point (metallic circuit, extension of South Westland telephone- line) .. ..	26	Wairio—Otautau Telephone-line .. ..	122
		Total .. ..	£194,003

Table No. 20.

TABLE SHOWING THE CAPITAL COST, WORKING-EXPENSES, AND REVENUE OF THE TELEPHONE EXCHANGES, YEAR BY YEAR, FROM THE DATE OF THEIR ESTABLISHMENT.

Year.	Number of Direct Connections.	Capital Cost for Instruments, Wire, Poles, Labour, Freight, Superintendence, &c.		Revenue.	Working-expenses.					Balance of Revenue over Working-expenses.	Annual Rate per Cent. on Capital Cost.	
		Average Cost of each Con- nection.	Total for all Connections.		Salaries and Allowances of Clerks, &c.	Materials and Linemen.	Interest on Capital and Wear-and-tear, &c.*	Rent, Fuel, Light, Paper, Printing, Binding, &c.	Total.			
Total for the year ended 31st March,—												
1882	116	£ s. d.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	8-17
1883	379	21 16 6	2,531	613	285	275	253	150	207	963	2,07	54-31
1884	715	21 16 6	8,271	5,014	595	595	827	300	4,492	2,317	4,492	23-41
1885	1,075	21 18 6	15,604	7,746	695	770	1,560	350	3,653	3,375	3,375	16-31
1886	1,710	20 8 6	23,461	10,008	1,770	1,590	2,346	475	3,827	6,181	3,927	13-42
1887	2,038	19 19 5	37,319	12,294	2,849	1,704	3,732	700	5,011	8,985	5,011	16-30
1888	2,153	22 19 0	40,686	15,477	2,873	1,580	4,069	320	6,385	8,842	6,385	12-63
1889	2,249	23 18 10	49,407	16,881	3,119	2,252	4,941	330	6,239	10,642	6,239	11-82
1890	2,402	24 4 1	53,849	17,613	3,316	2,249	5,844	335	6,368	11,244	6,368	11-00
1891	2,587	24 17 1	58,229	18,581	3,790	2,206	5,823	375	6,387	12,194	6,387	10-43
1892	3,080	24 16 11	64,294	19,961	4,192	2,345	6,429	393	6,695	13,265	6,695	4-63
1893	3,690	24 16 11	76,579	18,571	4,630	2,345	7,658	393	3,544	15,026	3,544	Loss.
1894	4,244	24 12 1	91,687	19,155	7,405	2,696	9,169	464	—	19,734	—	Loss.
1895	4,616	24 12 1	104,425	21,771	7,720	3,313	10,442	742	—	22,217	—	Loss.
1896	5,143	25 6 3	116,845	21,552	9,285	4,253	11,685	818	—	26,041	—	Loss.
1897	5,747	24 6 6	125,108	25,933	9,686	5,304	12,510	1,952	—	29,452	—	Loss.
1898	5,787	23 7 4	134,299	29,248	12,306	7,398	13,430	1,857	—	34,991	—	Loss.
1899	6,203	24 11 6	142,218	36,422	14,181	11,834	7,111	1,882	—	35,008	—	Loss.
1899	7,150	24 5 3	150,490	39,718	15,030	16,190	7,525	1,861	—	40,606	—	Loss.
1900	8,210	22 14 1	162,333	43,303	15,710	20,847	8,117	1,893	—	46,567	—	Loss.
1901	9,260	21 9 7	176,349	49,117	16,304	20,847	8,117	1,893	—	46,567	—	Loss.
1902	10,633	20 18 0	193,511	55,542	18,448	18,226	8,817	2,001	—	45,348	—	Loss.
1903	12,105	20 2 6	213,966	62,151	20,885	22,078	10,698	2,615	—	56,276	—	Loss.
1904	14,423	19 19 8	241,903	71,038	23,359	22,508	12,095	2,986	—	60,948	—	Loss.
1905	15,333	21 19 7	295,029	79,061	25,132	26,782	14,751	4,448	—	71,103	—	Loss.
1906	17,403	23 13 9	363,192	89,542	26,507	22,576	18,159	5,270	—	72,512	—	Loss.
1907	17,403	24 2 2	420,088	100,814	32,914	26,145	21,004	6,163	—	86,226	—	Loss.
1908	20,402†	24 18 4	508,408	116,852	38,108	36,813	25,420	6,902	—	107,243	—	Loss.
1909	22,815†	25 18 9	591,760	131,249	47,224	32,995	29,588	7,265	—	117,072	—	Loss.
1910	25,212†	27 2 7	683,986	144,298	52,315	28,755	34,199	7,741	—	123,010	—	Loss.
1911	28,093	27 17 8	783,382	161,173	54,819	39,814	39,169	8,031	—	141,833	—	Loss.
1912	31,475	27 18 0	878,133	179,123	62,588	33,791	43,907	8,725	—	149,011	—	Loss.
1913	36,374	27 11 7	1,003,131	201,237	69,078	42,192	50,156	9,764	—	171,190	—	Loss.
1914	41,982	29 11 6	1,241,628	232,190	80,720	53,823	62,081	11,744	—	208,368	—	Loss.
1915	46,260	32 9 1	1,501,482	303,856†	88,231	42,548	75,074	12,878	—	218,731	—	Loss.
1916	50,808	33 2 7	1,666,561	287,547	104,950	62,682	83,328	13,429	—	264,389	—	Loss.
1917	52,986	34 7 3	1,820,860	317,275	97,681	71,022	91,043	15,115	—	274,861	—	Loss.

\* This column includes 5 per cent. for wear-and-tear and 5 per cent. for debenture capital, except in 1897-98 and following years, in which only 5 per cent. for debenture capital is included.

† In former returns extensions were included for these three years. Increase due to alterations in date of collecting half-yearly subscriptions, a proportion of which under the old system would have fallen into 1915-16 receipts.

Table No. 21.

TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER OF TELEPHONE-EXCHANGE CONNECTIONS AT EACH TELEGRAPH ENGINEER'S DISTRICT IN THE DOMINION.

Engineer's District.	Number of Connections on 31st March					
	1917.			1916.		
	Direct Connections.	Extensions.	Total.	Direct Connections.	Extensions.	Total.
Auckland .. ..	13,313	2,202	15,515	12,442	2,027	14,469
Wellington .. ..	22,514	3,810	26,324	21,292	3,398	24,690
Nelson .. ..	1,556	137	1,693	1,445	124	1,569
Canterbury .. ..	8,078	1,849	9,927	7,836	1,660	9,496
Otago .. ..	7,525	1,539	9,064	7,293	1,459	8,752
Totals .. ..	52,986	9,537	62,523	50,308	8,668	58,976

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