

Number of Letters Despatched, &c., out of the Colony, 1861—continued.

Destination.	Auckland.	New Ply- mouth.	Napier. (3 Qrs.)	Wellington	Nelson. (3 Qrs.)	Lyttelton.	Dunedin.	Totals.
Brought forward - - -	68,723	11,279	4,669	21,177	13,137	38,186	36,593	194,184
Tasmania - - - - -	1,066	474	2	322	111	736	2,792	5,503
Tonga Islands - - - -	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Travelling Post Office - - -	593	...	...	41	...	...	94	728
Trieste - - - - -	47	1	...	...	4	...	...	52
Valparaiso - - - - -	9	...	...	1	...	...	...	10
Vancouver's Island - - - -	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Victoria - - - - -	5,922	1,696	221	2,346	1,158	3,379	36,177	508 99
Western Australia - - - -	67	...	...	18	68	68	17	170
Totals, 1861 - - - - -	74,446	13,450	4,892	24,405	14,410	42,269	75,673	251,545
Ditto 1860 - - - - -	66,618	19,893	4,812	24,623	17,202	35,255	29,426	187,829

The returns from Nelson for the last quarter of the year have been furnished since the above table was constructed. The number of letters despatched in that quarter was 4,298. For the purposes of computation, the total number of letters despatched during the year 1861, to places out of the Colony, is taken at 257,000.

Shewing the total number of letters conveyed between each Head Office and its several District Offices, and between each Head Office and other Head Offices in New Zealand by land and by sea during the twelve months ended 31st December, 1861.

Chief Post Offices.	Letters conveyed to and from several sub-Offices.			Letters conveyed to and from other Chief Offices. (c.)		
	By Land.	By Sea.	Total.	By Land.	By Sea.	Total.
Auckland - - - - -	95,930	22,664	118,594	420	79,009	79,429
New Plymouth - - - - -	100	400	500	92	51,357	51,449
Napier - - - - -	36,235	67	36,302	1,153	25,143	26,296
Wellington - - - - -	62,577	6,000	68,577	713	60,961	61,674
Nelson - - - - -	23,228	5,713	28,941	...	67,846	67,846
Picton (a) - - - - -	9,435	1,691	11,126	...	17,041	17,041
Lyttelton - - - - -	129,941	11,269	141,210	...	39,323	39,323
Dunedin (b) - - - - -	105,239	1,158	106,397	4,255	41,734	45,989
Invercargill (b) - - - - -	425	...	425	7,276	12,255	19,531
Totals - - - - -	463,110	48,962	512,072	13,909	394,669	408,578
Totals in 1860 - - - - -	306,225	55,049	361,274	5,186	258,765	263,951

(a.) This includes some letters forwarded out of the Colony, entered in the Letter Bills with the Nelson Office.

(b.) Invercargill was a Sub-Office to Dunedin until the 1st October, 1861.

(c.) As these figures are compiled from Returns of each Head Office, shewing letters received from and despatched to other Head Offices, the totals are necessarily double the real number carried. The gross total of letters passing between the several Head Offices of the Colony in 1861 is therefore 204,289, as compared with 131,976 in 1860.