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POSTAL SERVICE OF NEW ZEALAND.

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1865.

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BY THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

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PRESENTED TO BOTH HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BY COMMAND OF  
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## SEVENTH REPORT

ON

## THE POSTAL SERVICE OF NEW ZEALAND,

BY THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 28th June, 1866.

I have the honor to submit to your Excellency the Seventh Report on the Postal Service of New Zealand, being the Report for the year ended 31st December, 1865.

I have, &amp;c.,

To His Excellency Sir George Grey, K.C.B.,  
Governor of New Zealand.

JAMES PATERSON,  
Postmaster-General.

## REPORT.

IN reviewing the history of the postal operations of New Zealand for the year 1865, there appear no very marked features to call for special observations. Upon the whole the advance has been such as to indicate a healthy and steady progress, even though attended by many of the influences which marked the operations of former years. It is true there still may be found traces of these unpropitious influences, tending more or less to retard the development of the advantages derivable from an efficient postal service, fully adequate to the wants of the country; but these obstructions may now be considered so far under control as to prevent any material interference with the working of the service; and, notwithstanding their felt influence, the advance made is such as plainly to indicate, that in this important test of prosperity, the Colony is in a satisfactory position.

*Departmental.*

The alterations effected during the year in the departmental arrangements have been found very materially to promote the efficiency of the various branches of the service, and the more effectual and thorough supervision of the whole. There is no district so remote as to be beyond control, and the smallest establishment, as well as the largest, is subject to the influence and direction of the central power. While thus a constant supervision is maintained, greater facilities are afforded for the discovery and reward of merit and good conduct; so that, by a system of general promotion, irrespective of mere locality, opportunities are afforded of imparting to the service more of a Colonial than of a simply local character, which is much to be desired.

The subjoined comparative statement will show the progress made by the Department during the year.

In 1864, the letters despatched were 2,120,849; in 1865, 2,235,188; being 5·39 per cent. increase.

In 1864, the letters received were 2,112,771; in 1865, 2,208,285; being 4·52 per cent. increase.

In 1864, the newspapers despatched were 2,546,846; in 1865, 2,397,409; being 6·23 per cent. decrease.

In 1864, the newspapers received were 1,781,482; in 1865, 1,809,583; being 1·57 per cent. increase.

During the year five offices were closed, and twenty-five new offices opened. The total length of inland postal services is 3360 miles; in 1864, it was 3092 miles. The following is a table showing the postal staff in the years 1863, 1864, and 1865.

	CHIEF OFFICES.			SECOND CLASS OFFICES.			SUB-OFFICES.		
	1863.	1864.	1865.	1863.	1864.	1865.	1863.	1864.	1865.
Postmasters ... ..	9	9	9	10	12	16	257	274	299
Clerks, &c. ... ..	78	77	76	7	7	10	...	...	...

*Franking.*

No attempt has been made during the year under report to amend the existing system of franking. The restrictions on the exercise of the privilege introduced at the close of the previous year tended very materially to check the abuses then so prevalent, but the evil has been only partially remedied, and a more extensive reform is still needed. To what extent the privilege is abused it is impossible to ascertain; but the accidental discovery occasionally of abuses leads to the conclusion that there may be much more that is undiscovered. The subject has received a large amount of consideration, and it is possible that ere long the present mode may be entirely abolished, and a system of franking by means of official stamps introduced in its room. The details of it are not yet fully matured, but it is proposed that it should be somewhat as follows:—

The frank or official stamp would be issued on requisition to the heads of Departments, whose knowledge of the correspondence of their different offices would prove a wholesome check on any other than the legitimate use of the stamps issued, and these, when accounted for, would show the

exact amount of postal accommodation each Department had received. So soon as the system is fully arranged, it will be submitted for approval, and no time lost in bringing it into operation should it be deemed advisable to do so.

The following is a statement of the number and weight of franked letters which passed through the various post offices during the year, and the amount of postage which they represent:—

Franked letters	...	...	...	...	...	...	187,222
Weight in ounces	...	...	...	...	...	...	413,112
Postage value	...	...	...	...	...	...	£8,678 1s. 2d.

#### *Dead Letters.*

As intimated in the Postmaster-General's Report for 1864, unclaimed letters, instead of being opened at the different Chief Post Offices, are now forwarded to the Central Office, and there disposed of according to the regulations:—During the six months ended 31st May, 1866, 22,758 letters, 245 of which had been registered, were received at the Dead Letter Office, of which 20,862, including 239 registered letters, were returned to the writers. Among those opened for the purpose of discovering the writers, 200 contained property representing £6,883; of which, property representing £1,902 has been claimed and delivered. A considerable portion of the property thus found in dead letters consists of bills of exchange and as these are issued in triplicate, (first, second, and third of exchange), many of them, doubtless, are of no value, the amounts they represent probably having been paid. Still, there is reason to believe many remain unpaid; and it is matter for consideration whether the Government as holders of these unpaid bills of exchange, &c., or the banks who issued them, are the proper custodiers of the value they represent on behalf of the parties interested.

The beneficial results anticipated from the centralization of this Department have been fully realized. Not only are the supervision and inviolability more complete than when the duties were performed at nine different offices, but a useful check is provided for detecting and correcting irregularities occurring at the Provincial offices. During the period referred to, over a hundred letters, which, on account of indistinct and imperfect addresses, and, in some instances, irregularities at the Provincial offices, were sent to this Department as dead, have by this check been delivered to their proper owners.

#### *Registered Letters.*

The system of compulsory registration of letters unquestionably containing coin, was introduced during the year, and so far as the short experience of its working indicates, the results have been satisfactory. To induce greater advantage being taken of the system of registration, the fee on registered letters for places within the Colony was reduced from one shilling to sixpence, on the 1st February, 1865. From the subjoined return it will be seen that while the number of registered letters for places beyond the Colony—the fees of which had not been reduced—decreased 30 per cent. during the year, those for places within the Colony increased 35 per cent.

	1864.			1865.		
	Without the Colony.	Within the Colony.	TOTAL.	Without the Colony.	Within the Colony.	TOTAL.
Auckland	2,132	3,005	5,137	1,806	3,072	5,508
Taranaki	253	216	469	278	329	607
Hawke's Bay	115	222	337	122	297	419
Wellington	392	754	1,146	631	1,775	2,406
Nelson	389	732	1,121	419	1,035	1,454
Marlborough	292	803	1,095	225	1,076	1,301
Canterbury	1,741	1,759	3,500	2,608	3,936	6,544
Otago	7,217	4,859	12,076	3,772	5,016	8,788
Southland	2,298	745	3,043	479	479	958
	14,829	13,095	27,924	10,340	17,645	27,985

#### *Money Orders.*

This branch of the Department has continued to make steady progress during the year. The large extent to which the public avail themselves of its facilities shows that its advantages are highly appreciated. Notwithstanding that considerable reductions appear in the transactions between certain places, there is still, on the whole, such an increase as to warrant the conclusion that the system, as at present administered, works satisfactorily. The principal reductions have been in the transactions with Victoria, both as regards orders issued and orders paid. In 1864, the former were 3826,—£19,646 9s. 4d.; and the latter, 528,—£2865 4s. 9d.; but in 1865 they were 2284,—£10,897 0s. 4d., and 462,—£2498 11s. 5d., respectively. There has also been a reduction as regards South Australia and Western Australia.

The principal advance has been in the transactions between the various Provinces within the Colony. In 1864 these amounted to 4267,—£19,427 4s. 4d., orders issued; and 4248,—£19,417 0s. 5d., paid. In 1865 there were 6292 orders issued, £29,742 15s. 1d.; and 6177 orders paid, £29,128 19s. 10d. There has also been an increase as regards New South Wales and Queensland. In the transactions with the United Kingdom there has been an increase in the number of orders paid, and a decrease in the number issued. The system was not in operation with the Colony of Tasmania till 1st June, 1865.

The exchange against the Colony decreased from £52,079 5s. 11d. in 1864, to £41,552 11s. 4d. in 1865.

#### *Post Office Savings Banks.*

This important subject made considerable progress during the year under report. After mature deliberation a Bill was prepared, and introduced to the General Assembly during last Session, and was passed. This Act authorizes the establishment of Post Office Savings Banks, under the

direction of the Postmaster-General. It also provides that, with the concurrence of the Colonial Treasurer, the Postmaster-General should prepare such regulations as he should deem necessary for the carrying of the Act into operation: such regulations to be laid before both Houses of the General Assembly at the next ensuing session. The great care necessary in the preparation of regulations for the conduct of such an important institution as the one referred to, so as to preclude as much as possible any necessity for immediate alterations, in conjunction with other circumstances, has delayed the bringing of the Act into operation longer than was anticipated. These regulations, however, have now been prepared, under the able superintendence of Dr. Knight, who so successfully organized the Money Order system, and arrangements are in progress which will obviate further delay in introducing the provisions of the Act. It is proposed at first to restrict the operations to two or three of the largest of the Post Offices, so that their working may be fully tested before extending them to smaller and more distant districts.

#### *Steam Postal Services.*

The irregularities of the P. and O. Company's steamers, in the performance of the outward Mail Service, *via* Suez to Melbourne, have continued without improvement during the year, causing great dissatisfaction, and a large amount of extra expenditure, by the detention of the Inter-Colonial Steamers, waiting the arrival of those of the P. and O. Company, with the European Mails. During the year no less than £5150 has been paid by the New Zealand Government for such detention. A new contract has lately been entered into between the Imperial Government and the same Company, for the performance of this service, but so dissatisfied are all the Colonies interested therein, not only with the manner in which the previous contract had been performed, but also with the action taken in regard to the new one—no time having been allowed for tenders from Colonial Companies to reach home,—that they have each given the two years' notice to terminate the contract, in accordance with the terms of agreement. It is understood that endeavours are now being made to establish a fortnightly service by the same route, but this Colony having undertaken the service, *via* Panama, which is expected, when fully established, to answer the same purpose, is not likely to be a party to such an arrangement.

#### *Inter-Colonial Steam Services.*

There has been no change in the Inter-Colonial Mail Services during the year, save in the matter of cost. The service between Otago and Melbourne continued to be performed by the Otago Steamship Company, but at considerably reduced rates from those formerly paid. In 1865 the Inter-Colonial Services cost £28,163 6s. 8d., the only reduction being in the service between Otago and Melbourne; and since the commencement of the current year this service has been still further reduced, the present cost being at the rate of £10,500 a year.

No reduction could be effected in the rates for the Sydney and Auckland, and Sydney and Nelson services, performed by the P. N. Z. and A. R. M. Company, the terms of their contract extending beyond the close of 1865. A large reduction has now taken place in the Auckland and Sydney service, and the one to Nelson has been dispensed with.

#### *Inter-Provincial Steam Services.*

The Coastal Mail Services, throughout the Colony, in 1865, continued to be performed by the same Companies, and at the same rates as described in the last report, *viz.*,—two services from North to South, *via* the West Coast of the North Island, by the P. N. Z. and A. R. M. Company, and one by the New Zealand Company, and two *via* the East Coast, by the N. Z. Company, and one by the P. N. Z. and A. R. M. Company, at an aggregate cost of £31,528 per annum. At the expiry of these contracts the number of services was reduced from six each month to four; and as will be seen by the Return in the Appendix to this Report, these have been contracted for at the rate of £14,400 per annum. Considerable difficulty was experienced in adapting the dates in the Time Table to suit the arrivals and departures of the English Mails by the Suez and Panama routes, and it was found necessary to have two short supplementary services to meet requirements, caused by the new service *via* Panama, not previously necessary. These arrangements it is believed will afford sufficient postal accommodation, and ultimately lead to such further improvements in the service, in conjunction with the passenger traffic, as may greatly conduce to the permanent advantage of both.

#### *Revenue and Expenditure.*

The large disproportion existing between the revenue and expenditure of the Postal Service of the Colony presents an imperative necessity for the adoption of some means calculated to remedy this great evil. It is not to be expected that this can be accomplished all at once; but every endeavour should be made with a view to the gradual reduction and ultimate extinction of this disparity. Considerable curtailment has already been made in the expenditure, and much more is in contemplation. An Order in Council was issued in December, 1864, imposing a penny postage rate upon all newspapers conveyed by post. It was found expedient at a later date to revoke the order and abolish the rate. But as the system of charging a small postage on newspapers conveyed by post obtains in nearly every country where postal arrangements exist, it is proposed to re-establish it in New Zealand, as it is found that the number and bulk of newspapers passing through the Post Office causes, to a considerable extent, the large expenditure at present incurred on account of the transmission of mails inland. It is not considered that requiring prepayment by stamp of one penny upon each newspaper posted could be regarded either as unreasonable or as likely to press with any degree of severity upon the population generally; it would, however, considerably increase the revenue, and so far reduce the disparity complained of. There can be no doubt that considerable postal expenditure is caused by the peculiar situation of the large portion of the population engaged in gold mining. The excessive charges made by contractors who carry mails by coach also tend greatly to

augment the expenditure. It may be very fairly questioned how far it is proper to employ such conveyances for postal purposes when the service can be equally well performed by other means of a much less expensive description. Such conveyances are already in use in certain districts, and unless considerable modification of existing terms can be obtained, it may be necessary to substitute these in every case for the more expensive conveyances, the latter being not at all essential to the due performance of the services. If it be found necessary or desirable to establish the means for carrying on a passenger traffic between certain districts of the country, there does not appear any reason why such should be made a charge upon the postal service, with which it has no necessary connection.

Another measure adopted with a view to reduce expenditure was the abolition of the commission of 5 per cent. allowed on the sale of postage stamps. This, from its nature, might be looked upon as a matter of very little consequence; yet, small as some of the items were, they amounted in the course of the year to a sum exceeding one thousand two hundred pounds. In other circumstances, it might not have been deemed advisable to disturb the arrangement; but, when the expense of the Department so greatly exceeds its revenue, it appears right and proper to embrace every legitimate opportunity of reducing the expenditure, that a more equitable state of matters may be attained.

The Postal revenue for the year, including commission on money orders, was £47,939 7s. 9d.; in 1864 it was £40,800 0s. 10d.; being 17·5 per cent. increase.

The Postal expenditure for the year was £131,533 12s. 4d., and may be classed under the following heads:—

	£	s.	d.
Salaries ... ..	21,887	15	4
Contingencies ... ..	6,454	1	10
Conveyance of Inland Mails ... ..	26,925	9	10
Inter-Colonial Mail Services ... ..	21,675	0	0
Inter-Provincial do. ... ..	29,669	13	4
Contribution to Suez Line ... ..	16,771	12	0
Demurrage ... ..	5,150	0	0
	<u>£131,533</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>4</u>

#### Panama Service.

This great undertaking may now be said to be accomplished, as before this Report will be submitted the first of the line of steamers in that service will have left our shores in prosecution of the enterprise. The Papers laid on the Table of the House will show the various steps that have been taken since last Report in furtherance of the scheme. The first vessel, the "Kaikoura," sailed from Sydney on the 15th, and from Wellington on the 24th of June. The second, the "Ruahine," will leave Sydney on the 15th, and Wellington on the 24th of July. The "Rakaia" is to leave Panama for the first outward voyage on the 24th of June, and is expected to reach Wellington on the 21st of July, and to return with the August mails for Panama. After the month of July, the time of sailing will be changed to the 1st from Sydney, and the 8th from Wellington, which will afford a much more satisfactory division of the month betwixt this line and that *via* Suez. Some minor details have yet to be arranged between the Governments of New South Wales and New Zealand, but the leading features of the service have all been agreed to by both, so that no further difficulty is anticipated in regard to carrying out successfully and permanently this great work. The P.N.Z. and A.R.M. Company have gone into the measure with great energy and zeal, and have commenced to carry out their part of the service in the most satisfactory manner. The vessels provided seem to be every way adapted to the nature of the work they are required to perform, and all the arrangements of the Company seem to augur well for the success and prosperity of the undertaking. Further experience of its working may call for alterations in some of the details of operation, and should such be necessary they will doubtless tend to render more effective and complete what can only yet be regarded in the light of a great experiment. Two mail officers have been sent in the "Kaikoura" to Panama, one of whom, Mr. Elliott, the Secretary to the Department, will make arrangements for the transit and distribution of the mails at Panama and Colon.

JAMES PATERSON,

Postmaster-General.

#### RETURN showing the Number and Value of POSTAGE STAMPS printed during the Years 1862, 1863, 1864, and 1865.

	1862.		1863.		RATE OF INCREASE.	1864.		RATE OF INCREASE.	1865.		RATE OF INCREASE.
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.		No.	Value.		No.	Value.	
		£		£			£		£		
At One Shilling	47,760	2,388	90,720	4,536	...	143,280	7,164	...	159,120	7,956	...
At Sixpence	663,840	16,596	478,320	11,958	...	950,400	23,760	...	548,400	13,710	...
At Fourpence	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	436,800	7,280	...
At Threepence	120,000	1,500	...	...	...	...	...	...	121,920	1,524	...
At Twopence	819,120	6,826	1,710,240	14,252	...	1,892,400	15,770	...	1,998,000	16,650	...
At One Penny	148,080	617	326,640	1,361	...	457,920	1,908	...	774,960	3,229	...
	<u>1,798,800</u>	<u>£27,927</u>	<u>2,605,920</u>	<u>£32,107</u>	<u>14·96</u>	<u>3,444,000</u>	<u>£48,602</u>	<u>51·37</u>	<u>4,039,200</u>	<u>£50,349</u>	<u>3·6</u>



# NEW ZEALAND MAIL SERVICE.

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APPENDIX.

## RETURN OF INTER-COLONIAL MAIL STEAM SUBSIDIES, JUNE, 1866.

SERVICES.	ANNUAL SUBSIDY.	MONTHLY PAYMENTS.	CONTRACTS.		HOW OFTEN.	MILEAGE PER MONTH.	EXPENSE PER MILE.
			Commence.	Terminate.			
Otago to Melbourne (1) ...	£ 4800	£ 400	July 11	Dec. 31	Monthly	2666	s. d. 3 0
Auckland to Sydney (2) ...	5700	475	June 1	Nov. 30	do.	2630	3 7½

## RETURN OF INTER-PROVINCIAL MAIL STEAM SUBSIDIES, JUNE, 1866.

SERVICES.	ANNUAL SUBSIDY.	MONTHLY PAYMENTS.	CONTRACTS.		HOW OFTEN.	MILEAGE PER MONTH.	EXPENSE PER MILE.
			Commence.	Terminate.			
Auckland to Otago, East Coast (2)	£ 3600	£ 300	June 1	Nov. 30	Monthly	1990	s. d. 3 0¼
Manakau to Bluff, West Coast (2)	3600	300	do.	do.	do.	1922	3 1½
Auckland to Otago, East Coast (3)	3600	300	do.	do.	do.	1990	3 0¼
Manakau to Bluff, West Coast (3)	3600	300	do.	do.	do.	1922	3 1½
Wellington to Napier (a) ...	(3) 1800	150	do.	do.	do.	404	7 5
Taranaki to Wellington (b)	(3) 1800	150	do.	do.	do.	570	5 3
	£18000	£1500				8798	3 4¾

(1) Otago Steamship Company. (2) Panama, New Zealand, and Australian Royal Mail Company. (3) New Zealand Steam Navigation Company. (a) Conveys the Panama and Suez Mails to Napier. (b) Conveys the Mails for Europe *via* Suez, from Taranaki, Nelson, and Picton, to Wellington.

G. ELLIOTT ELLIOTT, Secretary.

TABLE showing the COMMISSION received on MONEY ORDERS from the Establishment of the Money Order System in the Colony (1st August, 1862,\*) to 31st December, 1865, showing also the Centesimal rate of Increase or Decrease.

	1862.		1863.		1864.		1865.		
	Amount.		Amount.	Centesimal rate of Increase.	Amount.		Amount.	Centesimal rate of Increase or Decrease.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
Auckland ...	a 17	14 6	136	5 6	220	347	13 6	155	15
Taranaki ...	5	1 0	23	7 0	93.48	46	4 6	97	86
Wellington ...	17	5 0	46	10 6	12.31	63	1 0	35	6
Hawke's Bay ...	3	3 6	18	10 0	142.78	29	13 6	60	3
Nelson ...	13	11 0	35	4 0	8.92	36	4 6	2	84
Marlborough ...	1	8 6	17	10 0	414.7	47	5 0	170	
Canterbury ...	32	17 0	207	4 0	162.77	301	17 6	45	75
Otago ...	45	10 0	473	11 0	333.65	603	16 0	27	5
Southland ...	7	9 0	96	3 0	438.65	125	15 6	30	8
Totals ...	143	19 6	1054	5 0	265.13	1601	11 0	51	9
								1463	18 6
									8.62

\* The Money Order System, as between the United Kingdom and the Colony, was established on 1st August, 1862. The system was extended to Victoria on the 1st November, 1862, and between the several Money Order Offices of the Colony on the 1st of January, 1863. More recently still it has been extended to New South Wales, Tasmania, &c.

a These amounts are reckoned for comparative purposes as representing only five-twelfths of the year. The total receipts of the year are therefore taken to be £345 10s.

† During the year the commission on New Zealand Orders payable in the Colony was reduced 50 per cent.

J. WOODWARD, Assistant Treasurer.

TABLE showing the NUMBER and AMOUNT of MONEY ORDERS Issued and Paid in NEW ZEALAND, during the Year 1865.

MONEY ORDERS ISSUED.

PROVINCE WHERE ISSUED.	ON UNITED KINGDOM.		ON VICTORIA.		ON NEW SOUTH WALES.		ON SOUTH AUSTRALIA.		ON QUEENSLAND.		ON WEST AUSTRALIA.		ON TASMANIA. (a)		ON PLACES IN NEW ZEALAND.		TOTALS.	
	No.	Amount. £ s. d.	No.	Amount. £ s. d.	No.	Amount. £ s. d.	No.	Amount. £ s. d.	No.	Amount. £ s. d.	No.	Amount. £ s. d.	No.	Amount. £ s. d.	No.	Amount. £ s. d.	No.	Amount. £ s. d.
AUCKLAND	2051	8647 9 5	230	1277 16 6	274	1353 5 4	17	101 3 0	10	56 10 0	...	...	10	32 5 0	856	5021 7 10	3448	16489 17 1
TARANAKI	205	965 7 6	62	218 9 6	21	104 7 10	5	18 0 0	1	10 0 0	...	...	2	3 10 0	314	1359 7 6	610	2679 2 4
WELLINGTON	721	2869 7 5	104	424 0 10	89	411 5 1	14	63 2 6	1	10 0 0	...	...	9	64 4 6	945	3957 12 5	1883	7829 12 9
HAWKE'S BAY	169	891 8 0	22	103 13 0	18	134 4 10	1	1 12 0	1	5 0 0	...	...	...	...	195	871 10 5	406	2007 8 3
NELSON	318	1483 18 10	58	224 12 10	103	607 10 11	2	15 0 0	6	35 8 3	...	...	3	9 6 0	232	1137 9 1	722	3513 5 11
MARLBOROUGH	99	604 13 9	26	99 19 0	9	55 3 6	3	22 0 0	9	64 3 1	...	...	1	5 0 0	449	2551 17 0	598	3417 16 4
CANTERBURY	1928	8294 6 8	334	1632 17 10	73	305 4 1	11	57 12 6	5	24 16 6	...	...	17	64 18 0	1834	6508 1 9	3702	16907 17 4
OTAGO	1992	8558 2 9	1260	6094 1 4	84	369 8 6	49	272 7 10	7	29 0 0	...	...	28	115 12 9	1660	7107 18 5	5081	22541 16 7
SOUTHLAND	273	1096 17 1	188	801 9 6	8	42 11 3	2	7 9 11	1	1 19 0	...	...	7	21 9 8	307	1217 10 8	786	3189 7 1
TOTALS	7756	33426 11 5	2284	10897 0 4	679	3383 1 4	104	558 7 9	41	236 16 10	3	15 5 0	77	316 5 11	6292	29742 15 1	17236	78576 3 8

MONEY ORDERS PAID.

PROVINCE WHERE PAID.	ISSUED IN UNITED KINGDOM.		ISSUED IN VICTORIA.		ISSUED IN NEW SOUTH WALES.		ISSUED IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.		ISSUED IN QUEENSLAND.		ISSUED IN WEST AUSTRALIA.		ISSUED IN TASMANIA.		ISSUED IN NEW ZEALAND.		TOTALS.	
	No.	Amount. £ s. d.	No.	Amount. £ s. d.	No.	Amount. £ s. d.	No.	Amount. £ s. d.	No.	Amount. £ s. d.	No.	Amount. £ s. d.	No.	Amount. £ s. d.	No.	Amount. £ s. d.	No.	Amount. £ s. d.
AUCKLAND	264	1170 9 8	47	251 2 0	66	324 6 8	15	78 18 9	13	67 4 0	1	5 0 0	8	26 4 2	1197	6074 8 4	1611	7997 13 7
TARANAKI	19	68 3 0	8	44 6 3	3	16 18 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	382 16 2	130	512 3 5
WELLINGTON	40	197 10 2	27	145 6 8	12	62 10 0	1	8 0 0	3	30 0 0	...	...	2	14 0 0	532	2601 15 7	617	3059 2 5
HAWKE'S BAY	12	69 1 0	1	7 17 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	74	343 19 1	87	420 17 7
NELSON	34	173 7 6	12	71 0 0	12	47 2 6	...	...	5	12 10 0	...	...	...	...	483	2419 18 2	546	2723 18 2
MARLBOROUGH	7	40 0 0	4	20 17 0	1	1 19 6	...	...	1	1 0 0	...	...	...	...	210	1032 11 5	233	1096 7 11
CANTERBURY	205	1078 7 8	41	273 4 10	19	101 6 9	6	39 0 0	5	37 0 0	...	...	3	15 14 0	851	3714 6 6	1130	5260 19 9
OTAGO	145	644 5 0	276	1388 6 2	31	166 7 4 4	8	38 14 0	3	14 0 0	2	7 0 0	6	40 3 0	2301	10629 10 0	2772	12928 5 6
SOUTHLAND	36	127 11 10	46	294 11 0	4	16 3 6	1	5 0 0	7	37 7 10	...	...	...	...	429	1929 14 7	523	2410 8 9
TOTALS	762	3568 15 10	462	2498 11 5	148	736 14 3	31	169 12 9	37	199 1 10	3	12 0 0	19	96 1 2	6177	29128 19 10	7639	36409 17 1

(a) This Return is for Seven Months only. The interchange of Money Orders with the Colony of Tasmania did not commence till the 1st June, 1865.

(b) This Total of Money Orders paid does not include 41 Orders, amounting to £153 14s., which was returned from Foreign Countries during the year, and repaid to the Drawers in New Zealand.

CHARLES KNIGHT, Auditor.

RETURN showing the Number of LETTERS received at the several Chief Post Offices in New Zealand for the Year closing 31st DECEMBER, 1865.

	WITHOUT THE COLONY.					WITHIN THE COLONY.			GENERAL TOTALS.		
	United Kingdom.	Australian Colonies.	Other Places.	Total without the Colony.	Other Provinces in New Zealand.	Places within the Province.	Total within the Colony.	1865.	1864.	1863.	
	ATCKLAND ...	111,883	37,202	5,901	153,986	96,412	264,023	360,435	514,421	528,683	284,834
NEW PLYMOUTH ...	8,926	3,418	46	12,390	37,932	2,276	40,208	52,498	42,274	28,072	
WELLINGTON ...	26,666	11,035	164	37,865	124,080	97,207	221,287	259,152	139,717	117,936	
NAPIER ...	9,590	1,879	19	11,488	31,223	26,010	57,233	68,721	58,943	43,342	
NELSON ...	17,398	8,844	378	26,615	55,188	17,863	73,046	99,661	75,807	63,356	
PICTON ...	1,448	2,024	5	2,477	29,239	26,791	56,030	59,507	83,990	40,967	
CHRISTCHURCH ...	76,749	27,584	160	104,763	122,656	244,865	367,521	472,284	378,585	317,011	
DUNEDIN ...	95,196	65,086	5,286	165,568	115,227	307,750	422,977	588,545	678,349	693,496	
INVERCARGILL ...	17,358	10,823	217	28,398	33,356	31,642	64,998	93,396	126,473	100,331	
	364,200	168,165	12,176	544,550	645,308	1,018,427	1,663,735	2,208,285	2,112,771	1,689,945	

RETURN showing the Number of LETTERS despatched from the several Chief Post Offices in New Zealand for the Year closing 31st DECEMBER, 1865.

	WITHOUT THE COLONY.					WITHIN THE COLONY.			GENERAL TOTALS.		
	United Kingdom.	Australian Colonies.	Other Places.	Total without the Colony.	Other Provinces in New Zealand.	Places within the Province.	Total within the Colony.	1865.	1864.	1863.	
	ATCKLAND ...	111,882	38,792	3,740	154,414	111,033	263,062	374,095	528,509	531,279	322,595
NEW PLYMOUTH ...	12,423	4,126	636	17,185	33,614	1,283	34,897	52,082	43,520	32,701	
WELLINGTON ...	40,837	13,103	1,177	55,117	110,798	71,992	182,790	237,907	139,551	113,888	
NAPIER ...	9,866	2,132	160	12,158	35,764	23,624	59,388	71,516	60,685	48,717	
NELSON ...	23,809	12,166	366	36,341	62,361	27,238	89,802	126,143	93,715	83,601	
PICTON ...	4,800	2,376	122	7,298	23,038	32,336	55,374	62,672	76,978	34,067	
CHRISTCHURCH ...	76,737	30,342	917	107,996	122,913	255,098	378,011	486,007	400,838	312,212	
DUNEDIN ...	94,497	67,207	5,346	167,050	131,062	269,889	400,951	568,001	638,792	660,889	
INVERCARGILL ...	17,137	12,405	453	29,995	28,695	43,631	72,326	102,321	135,491	106,765	
	391,988	182,649	12,917	587,554	659,481	988,153	1,647,634	2,235,189	2,120,849	1,715,435	

G. ELLIOTT ELIOTT, Secretary.

RETURN showing the Number of NEWSPAPERS Received at the several Chief Post Offices in NEW ZEALAND, for the Year closing 31st DECEMBER, 1865.

	WITHOUT THE COLONY.				WITHIN THE COLONY.			GENERAL TOTALS.		
	United Kingdom.	Australian Colonies.	Other Places.	Total without the Colony.	Other Provinces in New Zealand.	Places within the Province.	Total within the Colony.	1865.	1864.	1863.
AUCKLAND	189,650	36,783	2,217	228,650	45,221	44,698	89,919	318,569	312,248	211,426
NEW PLYMOUTH	25,300	3,801	8	29,109	37,145	194	37,339	66,448	57,547	31,668
WELLINGTON	75,175	11,509	374	87,058	99,552	19,956	119,508	206,566	148,741	131,845
NAPIER	28,500	2,416	10	30,928	25,646	38,144	63,790	94,718	88,979	67,441
NELSON	74,580	9,702	186	84,468	41,026	2,823	43,849	128,317	132,484	106,743
PICTON	9,500	1,782	...	11,282	6,502	6,502	50,930	62,212	57,808	40,526
CHRISTCHURCH	193,541	33,677	97	227,315	85,347	68,698	154,045	381,360	431,677	405,404
DUNEDIN	226,276	67,042	3,724	297,042	56,180	86,511	142,691	439,733	459,095	368,449
INVERCARGILL	63,940	20,099	141	84,180	23,182	4,298	27,480	111,660	142,903	110,632
	886,462	186,813	6,757	1,080,032	457,727	271,824	729,551	1,809,583	1,831,482	1,474,134

RETURN showing the Number of NEWSPAPERS Despatched from the several Chief Post Offices in NEW ZEALAND, for the Year closing 31st DECEMBER, 1865.

	WITHOUT THE COLONY.				WITHIN THE COLONY.			GENERAL TOTALS.		
	United Kingdom.	Australian Colonies.	Other Places.	Total without the Colony.	Other Provinces in New Zealand.	Places within the Province.	Total within the Colony.	1865.	1864.	1863.
AUCKLAND	166,147	43,610	3,781	213,538	117,823	395,809	513,632	727,170	813,452	453,835
NEW PLYMOUTH	9,499	2,315	310	12,124	11,971	1,033	13,004	25,128	22,654	19,338
WELLINGTON	39,579	10,036	733	50,348	88,948	126,784	210,732	261,080	219,553	209,692
NAPIER	8,167	1,534	120	9,821	48,311	10,648	58,959	68,780	66,120	56,777
NELSON	25,707	10,212	321	36,240	50,010	44,186	94,196	130,436	161,614	129,787
PICTON	4,543	2,121	5	6,669	12,896	53,789	66,685	73,354	73,647	37,268
CHRISTCHURCH	109,135	20,896	1,482	131,513	84,740	263,985	348,725	480,238	377,321	362,154
DUNEDIN	115,144	57,856	2,295	175,295	95,382	280,626	376,008	551,303	680,917	549,869
INVERCARGILL	10,765	8,647	192	19,604	12,576	47,740	60,316	79,920	131,568	108,124
	488,686	157,227	9,239	655,152	517,657	1,224,600	1,742,257	2,397,409	2,546,846	1,923,544

G. ELLIOTT ELLIOTT, Secretary.

# NEW ZEALAND MAIL SERVICE.

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APPENDIX.

COMPARATIVE TABLE showing the POSTAL REVENUE and LETTERS and NEWSPAPERS  
Received at and Despatched from the several PROVINCES of NEW ZEALAND, from 1858 to 1865,  
both inclusive.

PROVINCE.	REVENUE.	LETTERS.		NEWSPAPERS.	
		Received.	Despatched.	Received.	Despatched.
<b>AUCKLAND—</b>					
	£ s. d.				
1858	1,978 1 7	65,874	67,447	104,379	114,988
1859	2,521 16 7	82,678	90,595	108,523	136,789
1860	3,079 1 5	122,807	125,535	133,367	177,839
1861	3,679 16 4	170,065	177,070	157,017	238,642
1862	4,045 5 3	185,755	196,282	179,256	302,815
1863	5,254 10 10	234,834	322,595	211,426	453,535
1864	8,507 13 1	528,683	531,279	312,248	813,452
1865	11,548 4 5	514,421	528,509	318,569	727,170
<b>TARANAKI—</b>					
1858	274 17 8	14,017	14,554	19,142	9,812
1859	300 0 2	15,676	16,223	18,474	10,720
1860	506 11 1	31,100	33,781	26,834	21,549
1861	528 16 0	33,120	35,110	29,599	23,948
1862	463 0 2	22,227	23,195	24,818	14,341
1863	498 2 1	28,672	32,701	31,668	19,338
1864	818 19 5	42,274	43,520	57,547	22,654
1865	984 14 3	52,498	52,082	66,448	25,128
<b>HAWKE'S BAY—</b>					
1858	153 6 11	...	...	...	...
1859	296 6 7	14,228	12,507	15,037	7,018
1860	444 17 10	19,006	18,109	21,261	10,472
1861	505 7 11	38,516	36,895	27,885	13,245
1862	593 9 1	36,116	38,847	35,434	39,512
1863	679 10 10	43,342	48,717	67,441	56,777
1864	889 17 4	58,943	60,685	88,979	66,120
1865	1,107 13 7	68,721	71,546	94,718	68,780
<b>WELLINGTON—</b>					
1858	1,299 11 5	84,687	87,111	131,413	126,441
1859	1,397 10 7	93,220	92,805	112,235	105,099
1860	1,501 0 7	83,359	84,060	83,950	120,586
1861	1,662 8 11	93,635	15,642	96,067	145,768
1862	1,959 17 11	101,613	104,794	102,730	191,873
1863	2,043 17 5	117,936	113,756	131,854	209,692
1864	2,469 1 4	139,717	132,551	148,741	219,553
1865	5,176 6 10	259,152	237,907	206,566	261,080
<b>NELSON—</b>					
1858	731 1 1	18,796	14,771	26,535	31,123
1859	831 8 1	42,280	57,911	60,177	83,272
1860	995 3 6	42,771	58,767	72,356	97,120
1861	1,114 2 2	72,626	76,048	95,575	113,843
1862	1,189 10 9	56,132	68,348	102,889	117,150
1863	1,157 6 6	63,356	83,601	106,743	129,787
1864	1,423 6 0	75,807	93,715	132,484	161,614
1865	2,012 15 10	99,661	126,143	128,317	130,436

PAPERS RELATIVE TO THE  
COMPARATIVE TABLE, &c.—*continued.*

PROVINCE.	REVENUE.	LETTERS.		NEWSPAPERS.	
		Received.	Despatched.	Received.	Despatched.
<b>MARLBOROUGH—</b>					
	£ s. d.				
1861 ... ..	206 12 7	14,500	14,171	16,480	5,591
1862 ... ..	294 11 4	12,800	12,334	7,895	10,289
1863 ... ..	347 6 2	40,967	34,067	40,526	37,268
1864 ... ..	843 13 7	83,990	76,978	108,658	67,778
1865 ... ..	853 17 6	59,507	62,672	62,212	73,354
<b>CANTERBURY—</b>					
1858 ... ..	1,049 11 4	50,954	22,582	41,392	27,161
1859 ... ..	1,563 11 6	53,616	60,675	61,214	48,817
1860 ... ..	2,052 15 8	73,109	72,881	91,478	66,951
1861 ... ..	2,790 1 5	130,500	130,899	124,485	138,001
1862 ... ..	4,016 16 7	215,742	234,459	181,881	198,500
1863 ... ..	5,498 18 1	317,011	312,212	405,404	362,154
1864 ... ..	7,326 15 9	378,585	400,838	307,616	384,090
1865 ... ..	10,158 1 9	472,284	486,007	381,360	480,238
<b>OTAGO—</b>					
1858 ... ..	546 8 8	20,477	21,786	23,742	23,229
1859 ... ..	902 7 5	36,249	39,207	30,902	41,099
1860 ... ..	1,489 3 10	62,168	62,916	42,418	63,175
1861 ... ..	3,508 11 5	153,354	154,201	69,692	114,433
1862 ... ..	9,319 9 2	360,246	389,231	187,132	310,883
1863 ... ..	14,324 2 7	693,496	660,889	368,449	549,869
1864 ... ..	14,273 0 7	678,349	638,792	459,095	680,917
1865 ... ..	12,611 18 1	588,545	568,001	439,733	551,303
<b>SOUTHLAND—</b>					
1861 ... ..	112 11 3	13,500	14,796	13,636	4,444
1862 ... ..	828 14 0	31,104	33,007	32,751	23,947
1863 ... ..	2,482 7 5	100,331	106,765	110,632	105,124
1864 ... ..	2,741 17 10	126,473	135,491	142,903	131,568
1865 ... ..	2,012 7 4	93,396	102,321	111,660	79,920
<b>CHATHAM ISLANDS—</b>					
1863 ... ..	3 0 0				
1864 ... ..	7 19 5				
1865 ... ..	9 9 8				
<b>TOTALS—</b>					
1858 ... ..	6,024 5 8	254,605	228,251	346,603	337,745
1859 ... ..	7,812 19 1	337,947	369,923	406,562	432,823
1860 ... ..	10,068 13 11	434,320	456,049	471,664	557,692
1861 ... ..	14,108 8 8	603,209	633,559	630,436	797,915
1862 ... ..	22,710 14 3	1,021,735	1,100,497	854,786	1,209,337
1863 ... ..	32,329 1 11	1,687,945	1,715,303	1,474,125	1,923,544
1864 ... ..	39,302 4 4	2,051,265	2,099,877	1,758,271	2,547,746
1865 ... ..	46,475 9 3	2,208,285	2,235,188	1,809,583	2,397,409

G. ELLIOTT ELLIOTT,  
Secretary, General Post Office.

TABLE showing REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, &c., of the different INLAND MAIL SERVICES in AUCKLAND, during 1865.

PROVINCE OF AUCKLAND.	TOTAL RECEIVED AND DESPATCHED.			MAIL CONTRACTS.			EXPENDITURE.				TOTALS.	
	No. of Offices.	Letters.	Newspapers, in lbs.	Weight of Newspapers in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of times weekly.	Cost of Conveyance.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.
<i>Trunk Lines.</i> —												
I. Auckland to Mangapai (Northern)	13	21,380	26,051	4,885	86	Horse...	1	330 10 0	80 0 0	15 12 4	426 2 4	187 16 7
II. Auckland to Drury (Southern)	5	186,311	188,374	25,945	24	Coach...	12	908 7 6	252 15 6	136 2 6	1,297 5 6	1,530 5 5
III. Drury to Queen's Redoubt	3				18	" " " "	6					
IV. " " " "	4				46	Horse and foot	2					
<i>Main Branches.</i> —												
I. Auckland to Onehunga	2	55,773	33,835	6,344	6½	Coach...	12	156 0 0	70 0 0	40 14 0	266 14 0	465 0 10
II. " " " "	3	19,386	24,597	4,612	12½	Horse...	6	85 0 0	29 0 0	14 3 4	128 3 4	158 14 11
III. " " " "	10	10,592	11,310	2,121	104	Cart and boat	1	319 10 0	43 6 8	7 4 5	370 1 1	38 6 1
<i>Branches.</i> —												
I. Queen's Redoubt to the Bluff	6	94,768	68,942	12,926	3½	Horse...	6	191 0 0	70 1 8	69 4 9	139 6 5	790 9 2
II. " " " " " " " "	2	25,187	20,314	3,921	25	" & steamer	6		22 14 4	19 7 2	42 1 6	209 19 8
III. Newcastle to Cambridge (1)	3	5,392	4,649	872	37	Foot	1	115 0 0	20 0 0	4 0 6	139 0 6	44 19 1
IV. Mangawai to Port Albert, Paparua, and Matakoho	1	10,401	13,200	2,475	96	Vessel	1	30 0 0	40 0 0	7 11 11	79 5 3	105 1 2
V. Auckland to Wangarei (2)	1	2,284	3,361	630	80	" " " "	1	31 4 0	5 0 0	1 13 4	36 16 8	4 9 10
VI. " " " " " " " "	1	869	1,363	256	12	Foot	1	20 16 0	25 0 0	...	20 16 0	...
VII. Wangarei Heads and Waipu	1	...	...	...	4	" " " "	1	40 0 0	20 0 0	...	...	...
VIII. " " " " " " " "	1	15,293	18,969	3,556	51	Vessel	1	67 4 0	20 0 0	...	...	...
IX. Auckland to Russell (2)	2	...	...	...	77	Horse and boat	1	90 0 0	20 0 0	...	...	...
X. Russell to Hokitanga	4	5,130	7,880	1,477	185	" " " "	1	15 0 0	...	11 3 6	273 7 6	127 9 11
XI. " " " " " " " "	1	6,326	7,329	1,412	47	Vessel	1	3 0 0	...	3 15 1	38 15 1	43 15 5
XII. Auckland to Mongonui (2)	1	775	1,701	319	71	" " " "	1	3 0 0	...	4 12 3	19 12 3	52 14 10
XIII. " " " " " " " "	1	44,553	38,686	7,253	195	" " " "	1	40 0 0	36 15 8	0 11 4	3 11 4	6 8 11
XIV. " " " " " " " "	2	1,429	2,537	475	375	" " " "	1	5 0 0	5 0 0	0 11 4	3 11 4	6 8 11
XV. " " " " " " " "	1	489	152	29	36	" " " "	1	2 0 0	...	32 9 1	109 4 9	371 8 10
XVI. " " " " " " " "	1	16,788	8,758	1,642	1½	Foot	12	10 0 0	10 0 0	1 0 2	11 0 2	11 1 10
XVII. " " " " " " " "	1	3,231	7,405	1,388	3	Boat	6	25 0 0	5 0 0	0 6 4	2 6 4	2 5 0
XVIII. " " " " " " " "	1	...	...	...	...	Coach...	1	196 16 0	...	12 5 4	32 5 4	149 11 1
<i>Suburban Branches.</i> —						Vessel...	1	20 0 0	...	2 7 2	32 7 2	26 18 9
I. Auckland and Newton	1	...	...	...	...	" " " "	1	50 0 0	...	...	...	...
II. " " " " " " " "	1	...	...	...	...	" " " "	1	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Special Services.</i> —												
I. Auckland to Onehunga (3)	71	527,080	440,507	82,595	1,927	Coach...	...	2,769 7 6	774 13 10	385 8 6	3,929 9 10	4,383 6 3
II. " " " " " " " "	1	515,850	603,232	113,481	...	Vessel...	...	...	3,344 7 10	559 7 10	3,903 15 8	7,164 18 2
III. Hfelsenville to Port Albert and Paparua (4)	72	1,042,930	1,045,739	196,076	...	" " " "	...	2,769 7 6	4,119 1 8	944 16 4	7,833 5 6	11,543 4 5

(1) Conveyed in Government Steamers from the Bluff to Alexandra and Cambridge respectively.  
 (2) Despatched and received s opportunities occur.  
 (3) For conveying Sea-borne Mails between Auckland and the Manakau.  
 (4) For conveying Newspapers only.

PAPERS RELATIVE TO THE

TABLE showing REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, &c., of the different INLAND MAIL SERVICES in HAWKE'S BAY, during 1865.

PROVINCE OF HAWKE'S BAY.	No. of OFFICES.	TOTAL RECEIVED AND DESPATCHED.			MAIL CONTRACTS.			EXPENDITURE.			TOTALS.	
		Letters.	Newspapers.	Weight of Newspapers, in lbs.	Distance, Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of Horses Weekly.	Cost of Conveyance.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.
<i>Trunk Lines,—</i>												
I. Napier to Wairoa (Northern)	3	5,995	5,097	797	56	Horse	1	100 0 0	18 0 0	0 2 0	118 2 0	30 13 0
Wairoa to Turanga	2	2,167	1,641	256	54	"	1	100 0 0	6 0 0	...	106 0 0	5 0 0
II. Napier to Waipawa (Southern)	4	11,996	5,720	894	43	Cart	1	223 10 0	25 0 0	0 5 0	248 15 0	92 9 6
Waipawa to Porangahau	3	8,054	7,043	1,101	33	Horse	1	68 0 0	26 0 0	0 4 0	94 4 0	56 0 0
Porangahau to Wainui, &c., &c.	1	683	442	69	21	"	1	77 10 0	6 0 0	0 1 0	83 11 0	6 10 0
<i>Branches,—</i>												
I. Napier to Waipuna	5	5,480	7,893	1,234	39	"	1	51 9 0	24 0 0	0 5 0	75 14 0	3 10 0
II. Clive to Pourerere	1	2,201	1,661	260	35	"	1	60 0 0	...	...	60 0 0	1 10 0
III. Te Aute to Patangota	1	1,997	1,498	234	5	"	1	23 5 0	6 0 0	...	29 5 0	9 0 0
IV. Waipukurau to Gwawas	3	3,136	2,640	413	50	"	1	63 0 0	12 0 0	0 4 0	75 4 0	9 0 0
V. Havelock to Kereru	2	2,166	1,820	285	36	"	1	51 10 0	12 0 0	0 3 0	63 13 0	6 0 0
Town Branch Office	1	23,112	38,502	6,016	1	Cart	12	15 1 6	25 0 0	0 12 0	40 13 6	320 0 0
Country Mail Service—Totals	26	66,987	73,957	11,559	373	"	...	833 5 6	160 0 0	1 16 0	995 1 6	539 12 6
Chief Post Office, Napier	1	73,280	89,541	13,991	...	"	...	...	410 0 0	146 15 0	556 15 0	568 1 1
Total for the Province	27	140,267	163,498	25,550	373	"	...	833 5 6	570 0 0	143 11 0	1,551 16 6	1,107 13 7



TABLE showing REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, &c., of the different INLAND MAIL SERVICES in WELLINGTON, during 1865.

PROVINCE OF WELLINGTON.	No. of OFFICERS.	TOTAL RECEIVED AND DESPATCHED.			MAIL CONTRACTS.			EXPENDITURE.			TOTALS.	
		Letters.	Newspapers.	Weight of Newspapers in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of Horses weekly.	Cost of Conveyance.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.
I. North-western, Wellington to Wanganui	10	108,786	94,824	17,780	118	Horse...	1	349 0 0	271 17 2	15 15 7	636 12 9	1,330 4 11
II. North-eastern, Wellington to Castle Point	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
"    Upper Hutt	3	23,386	18,022	3,379	16	Coach...	6	5 0 0	70 0 0	6 0 0	81 0 0	132 0 0
"    Masterton	4	31,225	29,032	5,433	64	Spring Cart	2	270 0 0	90 0 0	8 0 0	368 0 0	193 0 0
"    Masterton to Castle Point	2	4,848	4,458	886	45	Horse...	1	160 0 0	21 0 0	4 0 0	185 0 0	35 0 0
<i>Suburban Line,—</i>												
Wellington to Karori	1	1,004	404	76	4	Cart	2	12 0 0	10 0 0	1 0 0	23 0 0	3 10 0
Country Mail Services—Totals	20	169,199	146,740	27,514	247	...	...	796 0 0	462 17 2	34 15 7	1,293 12 9	1,693 14 11
Chief Post Office, Wellington	1	327,860	320,906	60,170	...	...	...	...	1,071 6 8	205 1 6	1,276 8 2	3,482 11 11
Total for the Province	21	497,059	467,646	87,684	247	...	...	796 0 0	1,534 3 10	239 17 1	2,570 0 11	5,176 6 10

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TABLE showing REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, &c., of the different MAIL SERVICES in NELSON, during 1865.

PROVINCE OF NELSON.	No. OF OFFICES	TOTAL RECEIVED AND DESPATCHED.			MAIL CONTRACTS.			EXPENDITURE.			TOTALS.	
		Letters.	Newspapers.	Weight of Newspapers in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of times weekly.	Cost of Conveyance.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.
<i>Trunk Lines,—</i>												
I. Nelson to Riwaka (North-western) ... ..	5	15,865	13,591	1,308	36	Coach...	2	170 0 0	61 0 0	10 8 9	241 8 9	79 13 8
II. " Wakefield (Southern) ... ..	6	13,587	9,202	813	18	"	3.	200 0 0	67 0 0	5 14 0	272 14 0	61 1 10
Wakefield to Fox Hill ... ..	1	569	425	36	6	"	1	10 0 0	...	0 8 7	10 8 7	0 6 7
Fox Hill to Tadmor ... ..	1	580	889	88	20	Horse...	1	24 0 0	...	0 8 4	24 8 4	2 8 4
<i>Branches,—</i>												
I. Nelson to Richmond ... ..	1	6,370	10,040	940	8	Coach...	6	20 0 0	...	2 1 4	22 1 4	2 19 1
II. " Wakapuaka ... ..	1	1,176	2,264	212	12	Horse...	2	25 0 0	6 0 0	0 6 2	31 6 2	0 4 1
III. " Havelock and Amuri ... ..	1	380	1,374	129	...	"	1	71 5 0	12 0 0	...	85 5 0	0 9 6
<i>Sea-borne Mails,—</i>												
I. Nelson to Motupipi ... ..	1	978	2,202	197	30	Vessel...	...	...	17 0 0	1 15 6	18 15 6	7 8 1
II. " Takaka ... ..	1	1,305	1,866	175	35	"	...	...	12 0 0	5 17 5	17 17 5	5 6 1
III. " Collingwood ... ..	2	3,758	4,426	415	45	"	...	...	30 0 0	9 14 3	39 14 3	26 2 10
IV. " Buller ... ..	1	418	445	46	120	"	...	...	12 0 0	0 13 6	12 13 6	3 7 11
V. " Cobden ... ..	1	118	25	1	180	"	...	...	2 12 0	0 6 6	2 18 6	12 1 6
Country Mail Services ... ..	22	45,101	47,009	4,355	510	"	...	520 5 0	219 12 0	37 14 4	777 11 4	201 9 6
Chief Post Office, Nelson ... ..	1	180,703	211,744	13,363	...	"	...	...	1,089 11 9	419 10 0	1,459 1 9	1,811 6 4
Totals for the Province ... ..	23	225,804	258,753	17,718	510	"	...	520 5 0	1,259 3 9	457 4 4	2,236 13 1	2,012 15 10

NEW ZEALAND MAIL SERVICE.

TABLE of REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, &c., of the different MAIL SERVICES in MARLBOROUGH, during 1865.

PROVINCE OF MARLBOROUGH.	No. of OFFICES.	TOTAL RECEIVED AND DESPATCHED.			MAIL CONTRACTS.			EXPENDITURE.			TOTALS.	
		Letters.	Newspapers.	Weight of Newspapers in lbs.	Distance.	Mode of Conveyance.	No. of times weekly one way.	Cost of Conveyance.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.
<i>Trunk Lines,—</i>												
I. Picton to Blenheim (Southern)	2	26,474	32,029	5,005	20	Coach	6	221 18 10	270 9 0	39 11 3	531 19 1	224 4 10
Blenheim to Awatere	2	5,133	8,012	1,252	15 } 120 }	Horse	1	... ..	... ..	... ..	... ..	... ..
" Highfield	1											
II. Picton to Havelock	3	15,382	9,476	1,481	25 }	"	3	422 10 0	35 0 0	5 10 0	463 0 0	17 0 0
Havelock to Forks	3	6,344	2,096	827	20 }	"		386 19 8	203 10 0	33 11 10	624 1 6	97 4 3
<i>Branches,—</i>												
I. Blenheim to Wairau Valley	2	4,301	7,390	1,155	25	"	1	... ..	40 0 0	4 10 0	44 10 0	10 0 0
II. Wairau Valley to Birch Hill	1	317	586	92	18	"	1	180 0 0	15 0 0	3 0 0	198 0 0	1 10 0
III. Blenheim to Benopai	1	1,170	702	110	35	"	1	83 4 0	12 0 0	1 10 0	96 14 0	3 0 0
Country Mail Services—Totals	15	59,127	60,391	9,422	278	...	...	1,294 12 6	575 19 0	87 13 1	1,958 4 7	352 19 1
Chief Post Office, Picton	1	63,032	73,275	11,762	...	...	...	... ..	365 5 0	63 13 7	428 18 7	500 18 5
	16	122,179	135,566	21,184	278	...	...	1,294 12 6	941 4 0	151 6 8	2,387 3 2	853 17 6
PROVINCE OF TARANAKI	3	104,580	91,576	14,309	...	...	...	... ..	401 19 0	143 3 5	550 2 5	984 14 3

TABLE showing the REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, &c., of the different INLAND MAIL SERVICES in CANTERBURY, during 1865.

PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY.	TOTAL RECEIVED AND DESPATCHED.			MAIL CONTRACTS.			EXPENDITURE.				TOTALS.			
	No. of OFFICERS.	Letters.	Newspapers.	Weight of Newspapers in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of times weekly.	Cost of Conveyance.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.		
												£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
<i>Trunk Lines—</i>														
I. Northern—	5	94,088	65,790	8,223	27	Coach	6	665 0 0	277 15 0	157 1 0	1,099 16 0	£	825 11 0	
Christchurch to Kowai ...	1	...	...	...	24	"	2	325 0 0	...	22 3 6	347 3 6	s.	119 7 0	
Kowai to Hurunui ...	3	13,023	8,830	1,130	50	Cart ...	1	3,287 10 0	260 0 0	162 4 9	3,709 14 9	d.	998 2 0	
Hurunui to Hawkswood ...	1	...	...	...	161	Coach	3	697 10 0	585 2 7	160 16 2	1,443 8 9		278 0 0	
II. Southern—	15	110,314	98,787	12,340	150	"	2	500 0 0	535 7 9	169 2 8	1,205 10 5		1,041 15 0	
Christchurch to Waitaki ...	9	49,276	14,260	1,782	8	"	12	18 0 0	10 0 0	3 12 6	31 12 6		25 0 0	
Christchurch to Hokitiki ...	1	...	...	...	2	Foot ...	3	10 0 0	5 0 0	0 19 10	15 19 10		9 17 0	
I. Main Branch—	4	124,219	45,722	5,715	60	Horse ...	1	168 6 8	15 0 0	12 4 6	196 11 2		72 9 0	
Christchurch to Lyttelton ...	...	...	...	...	28	Cart ...	3	87 19 0	55 0 0	51 12 2	194 11 2		338 4 0	
<i>Branches—</i>														
I. Christchurch to St. Alban's ...	1	2,071	806	100	2	"	3	6 13 4	1 13 4	0 10 2	8 16 10		7 0 0	
Christchurch to Addington ...	1	784	247	36	2	"	2	17 10 0	5 0 0	4 1 2	26 11 2		23 7 0	
III. Selwyn to Snowdon ...	1	7,058	6,924	865	40	"	1	116 13 4	...	8 5 7	124 18 11		62 10 0	
IV. { Kaipoi to Oxford } { Rangiora to Oxford } { Two contracts }	3	36,590	50,562	6,385	50	"	1	194 0 0	2 10 0	2 5 0	198 15 0		187 3 0	
V. Templeton to Prebbleton ...	1	...	...	...	30	Boat and Horse	3	328 0 0	67 15 5	26 3 9	421 19 2		56 16 0	
VI. Weeden to Leeston ...	1	489	230	29	4	"	1	45 0 0	5 0 0	10 1 2	93 7 10		11 16 0	
VII. Ashburton to Mount Somers ...	1	2,233	1,497	187	6	"	2	41 13 4	10 0 0	2 10 2	54 3 6		29 15 0	
VIII. Timaru to McKenzie Plains ...	1	4,912	3,466	433	40	"	2	127 6 8	6 7 4	10 1 11	143 15 11		51 2 0	
IX. Lyttelton to Akaroa ...	1	...	...	...	50	"	1	64 18 5	9 8 2	10 16 0	85 2 7		65 16 0	
X. Pigeon to Okain's Bay ...	2	19,883	20,826	2,630	30	"	1	67 7 1	9 7 1	2 1 1	78 15 3		16 10 0	
XI. Lyttelton to Port Levy ...	1	1,046	6,179	772	10	"	1	21 2 7	7 0 10	0 8 6	28 11 11		4 15 0	
XII. Lyttelton to Governor's Bay ...	1	...	...	...	9	"	1	15 8 0	101 13 4	10 1 11	127 3 3		46 9 0	
XIII. Hokitika to Waimea ...	1	5,795	3,088	386	10	"	1	90 0 0	...	...	90 0 0		...	
XIV. Hokitika to Kanieri ...	1	6,686	1,081	55	14	"	2	6,984 10 1	1,970 14 2	834 10 0	9,789 14 3		4,714 10 0	
XV. Hokitika to Greenstone ...	1	1,710	117	128	3	"	2	...	1,850 5 6	1,258 0 7	3,108 6 1		5,443 11 9	
XVI. Hokitika to Totara ...	1	672	33	4	13	"	1	...	...	...	...		...	
XVII. Hokitika to Ross ...	1	3,027	174	21	16	"	1	...	...	...	...		...	
XVIII. Hokitika to Grey ...	1	7,085	871	109	23	"	1	...	...	...	...		...	
Boating Service at Lyttelton ...	...	...	...	...	...	"	...	...	...	...	...		...	
Country Mail Services—Totals ...	65	499,963	331,583	41,554	796	"	...	6,984 10 1	1,970 14 2	834 10 0	9,789 14 3		4,714 10 0	
Chief Office, Christchurch ...	1	458,328	530,015	107,836	...	"	...	...	...	...	...		...	
Totals for the Province ...	66	958,291	861,598	149,390	796	"	...	6,984 10 1	3,820 19 8	2,092 10 7	12,898 0 4		10,158 1 9	

TABLE showing REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, &c., of INLAND MAIL SERVICES in OTAGO, during 1865.

PROVINCE OF OTAGO.	No. of Offices	TOTAL RECEIVED AND DESPATCHED.				MAIL CONTRACTS.			EXPENDITURE.				TOTALS.	
		Letters.	Newspapers.	Weight of Newspapers in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of times Weekly.	Cost of Conveyance.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.		
<i>Trunk Lines.</i>														
I. Northern, Dunedin, and Waitaki	7	104,539	62,666	10,651	89	Coach	3	£ 1,100 0 0	£ 360 0 0	£ 17 17 0	£ 698 13 2	£ 1,477 17 0	£ 698 13 2	
II. South-western, Dunedin and Mataura	13	109,480	79,608	13,533	55	"	6	1,000 0 0	415 0 0	23 2 6	718 18 4	1,888 2 6	718 18 4	
In two Contracts—Dunedin to Balclutha Balclutha to Mataura					56	"	2	400 0 0						
<i>Main Branches.</i>														
I. Waitaki, Oamaru to Morven Hills	3	2,960	1,375	233	110	Horse	1	380 0 0	7 10 0	0 18 0	19 0 11	388 8 0	19 0 11	
II. Waikouaiti to Queenstown	11	123,337	78,991	13,430	120	Coach	2	1,150 0 0	684 1 5	61 0 8	881 7 4	3,045 2 1	881 7 4	
In two Contracts—Waikouaiti to Clyde Clyde to Queenstown					73	Horse	3	1,200 0 0						
III. Clutha Valley, Tokomairiro and Clyde	8	78,146	46,885	7,968	34	Coach	6	610 0 0	589 3 3	105 8 9	581 1 4	2,000 0 1	581 1 4	
In two Contracts—Tokomairiro to Tuapeka Tuapeka to Clyde					72	Horse	2	695 8 1						
<i>Branches.</i>														
I. Dunedin to West Taieri, with Branches	6	39,510	31,804	5,406	18	"	3	270 0 0	85 0 0	11 19 6	257 1 5	686 19 6	257 1 5	
West Taieri to Waipori					29	"	1	150 0 0						
Lake Waipori					11	"	1	80 0 0						
North Taieri to Hindon	1	24,574	10,987	1,865	26	Steamer	2	100 0 0	350 0 0	40 17 0	324 0 11	560 8 6	324 0 11	
II. Dunedin and Port Chalmers	2	6,100	5,614	952	10	Horse	3	54 0 0	20 0 0	2 7 0	48 4 6	76 7 0	48 4 6	
III. Balclutha and Kaitangata	3	12,514	13,051	2,218	19	"	2	120 0 0	30 0 0	5 1 0	104 2 1	155 1 0	104 2 1	
IV. Port Molyneux	1	5,983	4,840	773	30	"	2	115 0 0	16 13 4	1 4 0	25 17 11	182 17 4	25 17 11	
V. Popotunoa and Pounahaka	1	2,795	2,922	493	55	"	1	150 0 0	20 0 0	2 3 0	44 11 10	172 3 0	44 11 10	
VI. Mataura and Switzer's	3	22,586	11,187	1,900	26	"	2	300 0 0	60 0 0	9 0 0	200 5 1	569 0 0	200 5 1	
VII. Kyebrurn and Limburn	1	15,432	4,738	807	10	"	2	300 0 0	20 0 0	9 11 0	202 2 5	329 11 0	202 2 5	
VIII. Mount Ida	1	12,832	3,654	621	8	"	2	175 0 0	20 0 0	6 10 0	141 3 3	201 10 0	141 3 3	
IX. Blackstone Hill and St. Bathian's	1	3,187	2,007	340	22	"	2	274 0 0	20 0 0	0 1 0	5 1 0	294 1 0	5 1 0	
X. Clyde to Nevis	2	4,756	3,583	608	38	"	1	277 19 9	33 15 3	2 14 0	56 15 10	314 9 0	56 15 10	
XI. Crownwell and Cardrona	1	4,142	2,377	403	20	"	1	140 0 0	32 10 0	0 18 6	24 3 3	20 0 0	24 3 3	
XII. Arrow Town and Twelve-mile Creek	2	961	512	85	30	"	2	92 10 0	20 0 0	0 10 0	1 11 10	112 10 0	1 11 10	
XIII. Queenstown and Maori Point	1	723	689	119	30	Steamer	2	300 0 0	23 6 8	0 10 0	10 17 5	323 16 8	10 17 5	
XIV. Moke Creek	1	1,822	1,822	306	10	Horse	2	90 0 0	51 13 4	6 12 0	17 7 8	110 14 0	17 7 8	
XV. Kingston	3	10,664	4,483	762	3	"	6	60 0 0	51 13 4	6 12 0	137 18 1	127 5 4	137 18 1	
XVI. Athol and Nokomai	1	701	393	68	9	"	2	10 0 0	5 0 0	0 7 0	7 2 10	15 7 0	7 2 10	
XVII. Tuapeka and Sub-Offices	1	3,227	793	136	13	"	2	65 6 5	4 7 7	2 0 0	42 10 7	71 14 0	42 10 7	
XVIII. Washola and Taieri Beach	1	208	75	12	16	"	2	7 2 0	10 0 0	0 0 0	0 6 4	17 2 0	0 6 4	
XIX. Washimo and Macraes	1	9,920	3,368	570	...	Coach	...	...	...	...	2 1 2	...	2 1 2	
XX. Mataura and Menzies Town	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Timsaru (Canterbury)	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Country Mail Services, Totals	76	602,213	378,124	64,259	1,062	...	...	10,514 15 11	2,868 0 10	310 15 11	4,502 6 6	13,693 12 8	4,502 6 6	
Chief Post Offices	1	554,333	612,912	104,193	1,062	...	...	...	5,734 6 5	1,019 19 4	8,109 11 7	6,754 5 9	8,109 11 7	
Totals for the Province	77	1,156,546	991,036	168,452	1,062	...	...	10,514 15 11	8,602 7 3	1,330 15 3	12,611 18 1	20,447 18 5	12,611 18 1	

TABLE showing REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, &c., of the different INLAND MAIL SERVICES in SOUTHLAND during 1865.

PROVINCE OF SOUTHLAND.	No. of Offices.	TOTAL RECEIVED AND DESPATCHED.			MAIL CONTRACTS.			EXPENDITURE.			TOTALS.	
		Letters.	Newspapers.	Weight of Newspapers, in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of times weekly.	Cost of Conveyance.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.
<i>Trunk Lines,—</i>												
I. Invercargill to Mataura Ferry (Western) ... ..	2	12,067	8,067	2,016	32	Coach ...	2	400 0 0	30 0 0	10 12 0	440 12 0	117 5 6
II. Invercargill to Campbelltown ... ..	2	8,602	4,011	1,002	18	"	6	1,023 7 0	175 0 0	6 4 0	1,204 11 0	83 12 7
<i>Main Branches,—</i>												
I. Invercargill to Kingstown ... ..	6	20,888	17,898	4,474	91	"	2	1,200 0 0	40 0 0	16 17 4	1,256 17 4	203 1 6
II. " Riverton ... ..	1	14,920	7,825	1,956	22	"	3	300 0 0	175 0 0	12 6 3	487 6 3	145 1 1
<i>Branches,—</i>												
I. Mataura to Gore ... ..	1	1,531	1,375	343	8	Horse ...	2	50 0 0	10 0 0	2 1 3	62 1 3	14 6 10
II. Wallacetown to Waianiwa ... ..	1	1,883	1,760	440	6	"	2	55 0 0	10 0 0	2 10 0	67 10 0	17 16 5
III. Riverton to Mararoa ... ..	3	4,800	4,700	1,175	77	"	1	200 0 0	20 0 0	3 5 0	223 5 0	46 13 4
IV. " Gummy's Bush... ..	1	2,166	2,032	508	8	"	3	75 0 0	10 0 0	2 5 0	87 5 0	21 1 2
<i>Otago Branches, served from Southland,—</i>												
I. Mataura to Switzer's ... ..	...	1,580	1,202	300	1	"	...	...	...	...	...	15 7 2
II. Athol to Nokomai ... ..	...	6,886	3,168	792	2	"	...	...	...	...	...	66 18 11
Country Mail Services—Totals ... ..	17	75,273	52,038	13,006	265	"	...	3,803 7 0	470 0 0	56 0 10	3,829 7 10	731 4 6
Chief Post Office, Invercargill ... ..	1	120,444	139,642	34,910	...	"	...	...	1,023 4 3	313 13 10	1,336 18 1	1,281 2 10
Totals for the Province ... ..	18	195,717	191,680	47,916	265	"	...	3,803 7 0	1,493 4 3	369 14 8	5,166 5 11	2,012 7 4

TABLE showing REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, &c., of the POSTAL DEPARTMENT of the different PROVINCES of NEW ZEALAND in 1865.

NAMES OF PROVINCES.	No. of OFFICES.	TOTAL RECEIVED AND DESPATCHED.				EXPENDITURE.				TOTALS.	
		Letters.	Newspapers.	Weight of Newspapers in lbs.	Country Services.	Salaries.	Contingenc es.	Expenditure.	Revenue.		
										£	s.
AUCKLAND	72	1,042,930	1,045,739	196,076	2,769 7 6	4,119 1 8	944 16 4	7,833 5 6	11,548 4 5		
TARANAKI	3	104,580	91,576	14,309	...	401 19 0	148 3 5	550 2 5	984 14 3		
HAWKE'S BAY	27	140,367	163,498	25,550	883 5 6	570 0 0	148 11 0	1,551 16 6	1,107 13 7		
WELLINGTON	21	497,059	467,646	87,684	796 0 0	1,534 3 10	239 17 1	2,570 0 11	5,176 6 10		
TOTALS FOR NORTH ISLAND	123	1,784,836	1,768,459	323,619	4,398 13 0	6,625 4 6	1,481 7 10	12,505 5 4	18,816 19 1		
NELSON	23	225,804	258,753	17,718	520 5 0	1,259 3 9	457 4 4	2,236 13 1	2,012 15 10		
MARLBOROUGH	16	122,179	135,566	21,184	1,294 12 6	941 4 0	151 6 8	2,387 3 2	853 17 6		
CANTERBURY	66	958,291	861,598	149,390	6,984 10 1	3,820 19 8	2,092 10 7	12,898 0 4	10,158 1 9		
OTAGO	77	1,156,546	991,036	168,452	10,514 15 11	8,602 7 3	1,330 15 3	20,447 18 5	12,611 18 1		
SOUTHLAND	18	195,717	191,680	47,916	3,303 7 0	1,493 4 3	369 14 8	5,166 5 11	2,012 7 4		
TOTALS FOR THE MIDDLE ISLAND	200	2,658,537	2,438,633	404,660	22,617 10 6	16,116 18 11	4,401 11 6	43,136 0 11	27,649 0 6		
CHATHAM ISLANDS	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9 9 8		
COMMISSION ON MONEY ORDERS ISSUED	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,463 18 6		
TOTALS FOR THE COLONY	324	4,443,373	4,207,092	728,279	27,016 3 6	22,742 7 10	5,882 19 4	55,641 6 3	46,475 9 3		
									47,939 7 9		

G. ELLIOTT ELIOTT, Secretary.

