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NEW ZEALAND.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

(FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.)

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

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 19th July, 1874.

I have the honor to submit to your Excellency the Fifteenth Annual Report on the Postal Service of New Zealand.

His Excellency,
The Right Honorable Sir James Fergusson, Baronet,
Governor of New Zealand.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL,
Postmaster-General.

R E P O R T.

THE increase in the business of the department during the year, has not only been considerable, but has also been of the most satisfactory character. It will be observed, from the tables appended to the report, that the increase was not confined to any particular branch of the department, but was of a general character throughout the service—a result which may fairly be ascribed to the prosperous condition of the colony. The revenue largely exceeded the amount estimated; and the expenditure for salaries, and inland mail services, has been less than the sums voted, notwithstanding the large increase of business.

Circumstances rendered it necessary to make considerable changes in the staff of the department during the year, and some difficulty has been experienced in securing proper and efficient assistance. Several letter carriers have been promoted to junior clerkships, and it has been found absolutely necessary to engage the services of persons above the age of cadets.

The department has secured the services of a gentleman as Inspector who has had large experience in the Imperial Post Office. A proper system of official inspection is now being brought into operation. The want of such a system has been seriously felt for some time past.

It has been considered desirable to alter the regulations affecting Sunday duty. The rule was, that no Post Office should be opened, and no officer should attend office on Sunday. After a brief trial, this was found to operate very unfairly against the mail clerks. It had also been stated that, in the event of an English, or other heavy mails, arriving at the larger Post Offices on Sunday, it would be impracticable to despatch the correspondence to Country Post Offices by the Monday morning mails, if the inward mails were not sorted on arrival. It was therefore decided that attendance at Post Offices on Sunday should be entirely optional with the officers themselves; and that any officer attending office for the purpose of sorting mails arriving on a Sunday, would be paid for overtime. The question of Sunday duty has received very careful consideration. It has been urged in several quarters, that mails arriving late on Saturday, or during Sunday, should be opened, and the correspondence delivered on Sunday. The department, however, held the opinion that only in very rare and exceptional cases should Post Offices be opened on Sunday; and that it was desirable the Post Office officials should be at liberty to exercise their individual opinions in the matter of Sunday observance. In the neighbouring colonies, the Post Offices are, it is believed, strictly closed on Sunday.

The first number of a Postal Guide, published quarterly, was issued in January last. In addition to the usual information found in such publications, full particulars are furnished respecting the Telegraph, and Government Life Insurance and Annuities Departments.

DEPARTMENTAL.

The following is a Schedule of all Post Offices in the colony in 1873, compared with the number open in 1872 :—

POSTAL DISTRICTS.	1873.				1872.			
	Head Offices.	Post Offices.	Sub-Post Offices.	Totals.	Head Offices.	Post Offices.	Sub-Post Offices.	Totals.
Auckland	1	3	117	121	1	3	111	115
Thames	1	...	3	4	1	...	3	4
Taranaki	1	...	7	8	1	...	7	8
Hawke's Bay	1	1	29	31	1	1	28	30
Wellington	1	1	47	49	1	1	44	46
Nelson	1	2	46	49	1	2	43	46
Marlborough	1	2	11	14	1	2	11	14
Canterbury	1	3	96	100	1	3	83	87
Westland	1	1	29	31	1	1	27	29
Otago	1	2	130	133	1	2	123	126
Southland	1	2	26	29	1	2	24	27
Chatham Islands	1	...	1	2	1	...	...	1
Totals	12	17	542	571	12	17	504	533

During the year, 47 new Post Offices were opened, 5 re-opened, and 10 closed.

A branch Post Office has been established at the junction of Albany and George Streets, Dunedin, and placed under the charge of an officer of the permanent staff. In connection with this office, there is also a Telegraph Station.

A branch Post Office has also been established at Colombo Street South, Christchurch, mainly with the view of affording the public facilities for posting newspapers.

The following is a Schedule of Officers in the Postal Department in the years 1872 and 1873 :—

Officers.	1873.	1872.
Postmaster-General	1	1
Secretary	1	1
Inspector of Post Offices	1	1
Accountant, Money Order and Savings Bank Department	1	1
Clerks in General Post Office	3	3
Clerks in Money Order and Savings Bank Department	3	3
Mail Agents	0	3
Chief Postmasters	8	8
Postmasters	21	21
Clerks	57	53
Sub-Postmasters	542	504
Letter Carriers	29	27
Messengers	7	8
Shipping Officers	2	3
Totals	676	637

Two receiving letter-boxes have been erected since the date of the last report.

The area of the letter carriers' delivery within the City of Wellington has been extended, and an additional letter carrier appointed.

At Dunedin, newspapers are now permitted to be posted in the receiving-boxes, hitherto available for letters only. It is the intention to extend this arrangement to the larger cities, should it be found that such an alteration can be effected without serious inconvenience, or much additional expense to the department.

INLAND MAIL SERVICES.

The Inland Mail Services have, on the whole, been satisfactorily carried out. Several additional services have been established. During the year, 253 inland mail services were in operation: 84 having been performed by coach and mail cart; 111 on horseback; 9 on foot; 42 by water; and 7 by railway. The distances to be travelled for the 253 services was 7,319 miles; and the total number of miles travelled was 1,350,232, at a cost of £23,648 16s. 2d., or an average of about 4½d. per mile.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

The following statement of the number of letters and newspapers received in, and despatched from, the colony during the year 1873, as compared with the number during 1872, shows how largely the correspondence increased during the past year :—

	1873.	1872.	Increase.
Letters—Received	4,221,977	3,588,073	
Despatched	3,694,008	3,370,470	
	<u>7,915,985</u>	<u>6,958,543</u>	957,442
Newspapers—Received	2,963,170	2,767,682	
Despatched	2,306,025	1,643,409	
	<u>5,269,195</u>	<u>4,411,091</u>	858,104

The cash revenue from all sources amounted to £60,535 18s. 2d., as against £50,586 6s. 4d. collected for the previous year; an increase of £9,949 11s. 10d. in favour of the year just ended.

The following statement shows the sums collected as Postal Revenue, and the amount of increase or decrease, year by year, during the last six years:—

Financial Year.	Revenue Collected.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1868-69	45,561 0 2	...	593 4 1
1869-70	47,433 1 6	1,872 1 4	...
1870-71	43,086 15 0	...	4,346 6 6
1871-72	47,054 18 3	3,968 3 3	...
1872-73	50,586 6 4	3,531 8 1	...
1873-74	60,535 18 2	9,949 11 10	...

For the above period the revenue has increased at the rate of 32·86 per cent.; while last year's receipts exceeded those of the previous year by 19·66 per cent.

The expenditure on Salaries and Inland Mail Services has been within the authorized limits. But in consequence of large payments having been made to the Imperial Post Office on account of the late Suez Mail Service, the vote for Conveyance of Mails by Sea has been exceeded.

REGISTERED LETTERS.

The number of letters registered during the year 1873 is slightly under the number registered in 1872. This class of correspondence is the only one which does not show an increase. The total number of letters registered in 1873 was 39,304, against 39,707 in 1872. The decrease is in the number of letters for delivery within the colony.

DEAD LETTERS.

The number of unclaimed, or dead letters, dealt with in the Dead Letter Office during 1873, is given in the following table, which also shows the number disposed of, year by year, since 1869:—

Manner of Disposal.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.
Opened and returned to the writers	16,453	17,516	17,106	17,707	20,602
Returned unopened to other countries	10,074	6,688	6,192	5,512	5,393
Re-issued	87	63	97	85	75
Destroyed	2,717	2,960	2,173	2,884	3,801
Totals	29,331	27,227	25,568	26,188	29,871

POSTAGE STAMPS.

The new issue of Postage Stamps was made in January last. The denominations have not been changed, but the designs are entirely new. The following is the description of the designs and colours of the postage stamps of the issue now in use:—

One penny—Queen's head, on an oval ground, printed in mauve.

Twopence—Queen's head, in dotted circle, printed in crimson lake.

Threepence—Queen's head, in circle, printed in sepia brown.

Fourpence—Queen's head, on a square ground, printed in Indian red.

Sixpence—Queen's head, in circle and hexagon, printed in blue.

One shilling—Queen's head, on an oval ground, printed in green.

The halfpenny newspaper postage stamp has not been changed.

English postage stamps can now be obtained at all Chief and Head Post Offices, as well as at the principal Money Order Offices. The department procured these stamps with the view of supplying a long-felt want, and to afford the public the opportunity, when desired, for forwarding a stamp or stamped envelope to their relatives or friends in the United Kingdom, so as to relieve them of the postage when sending replies. It was also believed that the convenience would tend to encourage the middle classes in the United Kingdom corresponding with their friends or relatives in the colony. The postage stamps are not permitted to be used as remittances.

INTERCOLONIAL LETTERS.

The resolution of the late Intercolonial Conference, that there should be one uniform rate of postage on all letters addressed from one colony to another, has been given effect to. On the 1st of January last, the postage on letters for Australia and Tasmania was reduced from threepence to twopence per half-ounce. It was not anticipated that this reduction would cause a corresponding increase in the number of letters; and the alteration has entailed a loss to the revenue of about £400 for the six months ended in June last.

BUILDINGS.

In order to provide more adequate accommodation, it has been necessary to procure new offices for the General Post Office Department.

It is anticipated that the re-building of the Auckland Post Office (destroyed by fire in October, 1872,) will be completed about the beginning of 1875.

New Post Offices and Telegraph Stations have been erected and occupied at Gisborne, Hamilton, Te Awamutu, Wairoa, Ross, Malvern, Rakaia, Rangiora, Washdyke, Clinton, and Switzers.

The following Post Offices and Telegraph Stations are either in course of erection, or proposed to be erected:—In Auckland—Alexandra, Newcastle, Onehunga, Opotiki, Pukorokoro, Drury, Riverhead, Helensville, Warkworth, Waipu, Wangarei, Kawa Kawa, Ohaewae, Hokianga, Russell. In Hawke's Bay—Napier, Norsewood (Post Office only). In Wellington—Turakina, Palmerston North, Carterton, Upper Hutt, Masterton. In Nelson—Lyell. In Marlborough—Blenheim. In Canterbury—Christchurch, Kaiapoi, Southbridge, Geraldine. In Otago—Tapanui, Teviot, Waikaia, Otepopo St. Bathans, Port Chalmers, Waikouaiti.

MAIL STEAM SERVICES.

It is gratifying to be able to state that the Californian Mail Service has been re-established. The first steamer under the temporary contract left Auckland on the 22nd December last for San Francisco, by way of Kandavau and Honolulu. The service has not been carried on as satisfactorily as could be desired; and it has been necessary to draw the contractors' attention to the manner in which they were performing their contract. It has been urged by the contractors that allowances should be made for their having commenced the temporary service without delay; and also for the stranding of the "MacGregor" at Kandavau, on the first return voyage from San Francisco.

The contract for the permanent service provides that the service should commence in November next. The contractors, however, have found it necessary to apply for an extension of time, which has been granted. It is stated that the time allowed was insufficient for building steamers of the tonnage required for the permanent service.

The late contract entered into in 1867, between the Imperial Government and the P. and O. Company, for the carriage of the Australian mails, was terminated on the 31st of December last, and from the 1st of January a new arrangement came into force in respect to the conveyance of mails between the Australasian Colonies and the United Kingdom. In the event of the colonies, or either of them, establishing mail services by way of San Francisco, Galle, or Singapore, the Imperial Post Office agreed to convey mails to and from the points named and the United Kingdom, free of cost to the colonies; and, in addition, would pay to the respective colonies the postages collected on correspondence despatched to the colonies, less an amount representing the British inland rate of postage; and in the case of the Brindisi route, a further sum sufficient to cover transit charges. With regard to the Californian service, the result of this arrangement is:—New South Wales and New Zealand jointly maintain a line of steamers for the carriage of mails between the respective colonies and San Francisco, and the Imperial Post Office provide for the transit of the mails between San Francisco and the United Kingdom. On the correspondence despatched to the contracting colonies from the United Kingdom, New South Wales and New Zealand receive from the Imperial Post Office—on letters, 1s. 3½d. per oz.; on books, 1s. 2d. per lb.; on newspapers, 3½d. per lb. And with respect to correspondence conveyed to and from non-contracting colonies, by the Californian route, New South Wales and New Zealand receive from those colonies—on letters, 1s. 7d. per oz.; on books, 1s. 6d. per lb.; and on newspapers, 6d. per lb.—these amounts, it has been calculated, representing the gross postages.

Under this new arrangement, the Government of Victoria have entered into a contract with the P. and O. Company for a period of five years, for a four-weekly mail service between Melbourne and Galle, at a cost of £90,000 per annum. This colony contributes to the cost of this service to the extent of the amount represented by the gross postages on the correspondence sent and received. Very free use has been made of this service; and it is to be remarked that the inward mails have invariably been delivered within the contract time.

A contract has been entered into by the department for conveying the Galle and English mails to and from Melbourne and this colony. The service commenced in August last, and is to remain in force for a period of three years. The annual subsidy is £5,000. A correspondence is proceeding with the Government of Victoria with the object of arranging that the outward Suez steamer shall wait some hours for the New Zealand mails, in the event of the steamer carrying them to Melbourne arriving late.

The Government of Queensland have also established a mail service under the new arrangement; a contract having been entered into for running a line of mail steamers between Brisbane and Singapore (by way of Torres Straits), at a subsidy of £20,000 per annum. This service, under present arrangements, is of little value to this colony, and no mails have been forwarded from this end. Numbers of letters, however, are sent from the United Kingdom to this colony, by way of Singapore; and the average length of time occupied in transit has been found to exceed seventy days.

A contract has been entered into for the performance of a mail steam service (in connection with the San Francisco Service) between the Manukau and Hokitika, by way of New Plymouth, Nelson, Westport, and Greymouth. For some time past, Nelson and the West Coast ports of the Middle Island have not enjoyed reliable mail communication; and this service provides for the prompt receipt and despatch of English mails *via* San Francisco.

Steam services are also established between Wellington, Castle Point, and Napier; and between Auckland, Gisborne (other intermediate ports when required), and Napier. These services are not subsidized wholly for the benefit of the Postal Department, but rather with the view of bringing the more remote ports of the East Coast in direct and regular communication with the large commercial centres. The subsidies for these services are not charged against the postal votes.

The steam service hitherto performed between the Fiji Islands and Auckland has been extended to the Middle Island. A temporary agreement has been entered into for the performance of four services, once every six weeks, between Port Chalmers and the Fiji Islands, by way of Lyttelton, Wellington, Napier, and Auckland. The subsidy agreed to be paid is as follows:—For the first com-

plete voyage the sum of £400, and £300 for each of the three succeeding voyages. This service is not, correctly speaking, a postal service, but is to be regarded as one for opening up and extending trade between this colony and the Fiji Islands. As in the case of the East Coast services, the subsidy is not paid by the Postal Department.

MONEY ORDERS.

During the year 1873, 5 Money Order Offices were opened in the colony, namely,—at Mangawhare, Ahaura, Ashburton, Hurunui, and Green Island: making a total number of 97 offices open at the close of the year.

The number of Money Orders issued in the colony during the year was 52,351, for £219,258; or more by 7,691 orders, and £28,248, than the orders issued in 1872. Of these, 34,288, for £142,642, were made payable within the colony; 11,913, for £48,547, in the United Kingdom; and 6,150, for £28,068, in the Australian colonies. The increase during 1873 consisted, like the increase of the previous year, mainly of orders payable in the colony. There was, however, the unusually large increase of 1,294 orders, for £4,012, in the issues on the United Kingdom: the increase for the previous year being only 212 orders for £337. On the other hand, the amount of Money Orders paid in the colony during 1873, which were issued in the United Kingdom, was less by £297 than in the previous year.

The total amount of the orders paid in the colony, which were issued in the United Kingdom and the Australian colonies, was £14,364, while the orders sent from New Zealand to those countries amounted to £76,615. Of the balance against the colony of £62,251 shown by the above figures, about £42,000 was in favour of the United Kingdom, and £20,000 in favour of the Australian colonies.

The number of Money Orders issued which were transmitted by telegraph, was 6,576, for £31,601; the increase for the year being about equal to that of the previous year.

The commission derived from the issue of Money Orders amounted to £3,560, or more, by £491, than the commission received during 1872.

SAVINGS BANKS.

In Table No. 6, appended to this Report, will be found a statement of the business of the Post Office Savings Bank, year by year, to the close of 1873, from which statement it will be seen that the increase of the business of the Bank for the last two years has been very largely in excess of that of any previous year.

The number of new accounts opened during the year was 7,382; the number closed, 3,816; and the number remaining open at the close of the year had increased to 17,132, from 13,566 at the close of 1872.

The deposits received during the year were 39,223 in number, amounting to £580,542; and the average amount of each deposit was £14 16s. 2d.

The withdrawals amounted to £425,908: the number being 21,268, and the average amount of each £20 0s. 5d.

The amount of interest credited to depositors during the year was £20,106; the rate allowed being 4 per cent. on the balance of each account when not exceeding £200, and 3 per cent. only when above that amount.

The balance at the credit of depositors was £664,807 at the close of the year, and the average amount at the credit of each account had increased to £38 16s. 1d., from £36 2s. 5d. at the close of 1872.

The cost of the management of the department did not exceed £1,800, or a rate of 7½d. for each deposit or withdrawal.

The rate of interest on deposits has been increased since the 1st July. Interest at the rate of 4½ per cent., instead of 4 per cent., is now paid on sums not exceeding £200; and 4 per cent., instead of 3 per cent., on sums exceeding £200, but not exceeding £500.

Table No. 1.
TABLE showing the Number and Amount of Money Orders Issued in New Zealand during the Year 1873.

Chief and Accounting Offices.	Issued in New Zealand.						Issued on United Kingdom.	Issued on Victoria.	Issued on South Australia.	Issued on New South Wales.	Issued on Queensland.	Issued on Western Australia.		Issued on Tasmania.		Total Issued.				
	Per Post.		Per Telegraph.		No.	Amount.						No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.																
Auckland	4,914	18,797 4 6	622	3,075 1 4	1,735	7,060 5 7	390	1,633 14 9	19	04 18 1	13	46 17 3	47	209 18 9	8,077	32,432 2 8				
Thames	1,223	4,953 6 10	72	345 2 4	447	1,838 10 8	133	488 19 10	16	08 17 9	5	06 0 0	1	5 0 0	1,956	7,765 3 1				
New Plymouth	972	4,670 6 10	115	551 15 1	158	609 4 2	35	104 4 4	4	11 0 6	9	28 1 0	1	1 0 0	1,296	5,979 12 9				
Napier	1,160	5,375 16 3	380	1,844 2 4	465	1,988 2 10	54	636 13 9	8	39 15 0	17	102 16 8	7	22 19 2	2,192	10,010 6 8				
Wellington	5,032	18,000 9 5	933	4,234 12 7	1,330	5,213 0 6	500	2,250 3 1	23	100 5 5	172	937 12 0	34	144 5 8	8,034	30,936 17 0				
Blenheim	1,230	6,110 16 11	394	1,779 15 4	228	1,019 11 5	62	218 0 2	6	14 4 0	14	66 15 0	...	50 10 0	1,930	9,201 13 2				
Nelson	4,785	3,263 1 5	199	993 9 8	336	1,367 17 6	108	378 3 3	9	10 19 8	41	206 4 8	10	12 0 0	1,490	6,186 6 2				
Westport	531	2,088 14 8	533	1,680 12 9	157	713 15 11	169	677 14 2	1	0 11 0	30	150 17 0	4	12 0 0	1,245	5,324 5 6				
Greymouth	1,399	6,816 9 8	775	3,893 11 3	305	1,447 18 4	392	2,028 13 7	8	19 6 3	48	393 2 6	6	29 14 6	2,936	14,537 19 4				
Hokitika	704	2,907 17 9	258	1,248 11 3	315	1,464 19 7	474	2,026 6 10	13	5 0 8	32	163 8 0	25	90 17 3	1,823	7,958 14 11				
Christchurch	2,812	11,047 17 9	917	4,476 7 3	2,624	10,282 13 2	597	2,882 1 8	34	189 8 0	158	754 14 10	100	603 8 0	7,267	30,298 0 8				
Dunedin	6,137	24,553 10 2	1,424	7,053 0 7	3,344	13,730 13 2	2,250	5,921 8 2	44	103 2 0	113	521 0 10	19	120 15 0	10,124	52,497 11 9				
Invercargill	813	2,755 16 1	134	514 19 5	469	1,810 18 6	210	785 11 5	9	39 3 0	17	62 4 6	6	120 15 0	1,677	6,129 7 11				
Total for 1873	97,271	311,041 3 16	5,763	31,601 1 9	19,134	84,547 11 4	4,474	20,031 15 0	190	795 19 3	51	1,045 5 0	8	855 10 6	362	1,745 8 2	523,351	2,219,258 1 7		
Total for 1872	92,236	311,041 3 16	5,763	31,601 1 9	19,134	84,547 11 4	4,474	20,031 15 0	190	795 19 3	51	1,045 5 0	8	855 10 6	362	1,745 8 2	523,351	2,219,258 1 7		
Increase during 1873	7,691	28,248 19 7	

Table No. 2.
TABLE showing the Number and Amount of Money Orders Paid in New Zealand during the Year 1873.

Chief and Accounting Offices.	Issued in New Zealand.						Issued in United Kingdom.	Issued in Victoria.	Issued in South Australia.	Issued in New South Wales.	Issued in Queensland.	Issued in Western Australia.		Issued in Tasmania.		Total Paid.				
	Per Post.		Per Telegraph.		No.	Amount.						No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.																
Auckland	5,984	24,104 12 10	1,091	5,313 15 8	402	1,671 10 8	131	513 12 1	12	08 13 7	6	216 1 6	14	58 10 0	7,897	33,152 18 10				
Thames	1,125	3,470 15 7	239	986 19 7	46	255 12 0	33	146 8 4	2	5 5 6	8	429 19 8	5	32 0 0	1,545	5,389 0 8				
New Plymouth	775	3,829 9 1	77	398 2 5	35	110 13 3	10	40 1 0	3	...	3	0 0 0	2	15 0 0	904	4,407 10 6				
Napier	520	2,037 10 6	130	637 2 2	34	165 12 0	7	30 4 3	...	...	3	0 0 0	3	12 0 0	706	2,891 17 11		
Wellington	5,053	19,748 1 10	987	4,457 8 6	164	739 11 11	66	263 12 7	16	92 2 0	6	33 11 1	12	47 3 9	6,454	26,059 17 10				
Blenheim	459	1,857 2 2	169	462 4 5	29	144 10 1	36	139 1 0	1	0 6 14	6	60 14 4	1	7 0 0	618	2,562 1 7				
Nelson	1,946	9,299 8 11	690	3,072 16 5	84	363 19 11	19	82 7 7	...	...	1	3 0 0	2	13 0 0	2,774	12,949 14 11		
Westport	308	1,235 7 11	162	878 13 5	4	35 0 0	19	82 7 7	...	...	1	3 0 0	1	10 0 0	496	2,254 8 11		
Greymouth	923	3,880 0 5	487	2,553 12 8	20	83 12 0	43	227 16 5	3	30 0 0	17	66 5 4	6	39 0 0	1,501	6,886 16 2				
Hokitika	2	2,911 10 1	426	2,115 12 8	54	310 8 5	96	411 6 3	13	0 3 2	32	95 10 0	4	7 6 0	1,369	5,874 13 5				
Christchurch	2,510	9,470 10 0	654	3,180 19 11	335	1,537 16 11	73	329 1 11	15	80 17 0	46	203 9 8	29	151 4 1	3,673	15,014 2 1				
Dunedin	6,657	26,943 7 2	1,337	6,669 0 4	278	1,218 8 2	244	1,078 17 5	9	43 7 0	69	366 12 9	26	87 14 0	8,651	36,580 12 2				
Invercargill	5	599	7	153	31	143 16 0	25	102 4 7	10	67 8 0	5	6 6 6	1	0 0 0	837	3,462 18 1				
Total for 1873	97,271	311,041 3 16	5,763	31,601 1 9	19,134	84,547 11 4	4,474	20,031 15 0	190	795 19 3	51	1,045 5 0	8	855 10 6	362	1,745 8 2	523,351	2,219,258 1 7		
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Increase during 1873	6,479	23,928 8 2	

Table No. 3.
TABLE showing the Commission Received on Money Orders issued in the different Postal Districts of New Zealand, since the establishment of the System in August, 1862.

Postal Districts.	Number of Offices Open in 1873.	1862. Five Months.	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	Total since commencement.
Auckland	22	£ 29 10 0	£ 154 1 0	£ 347 13 6	£ 333 3 6	£ 260 18 0	£ 223 3 6	£ 264 8 6	£ 420 8 0	£ 151 7 0	£ 506 14 0	£ 558 12 0	£ 608 15 4	£ 4,158 14 4
Taranaki	2	£ 5 4 6	£ 23 8 0	£ 46 4 6	£ 48 6 0	£ 37 12 0	£ 32 1 0	£ 23 5 0	£ 27 13 0	£ 41 0 0	£ 67 13 0	£ 62 17 8	£ 69 13 2	£ 484 17 10
Hawke's Bay	5	£ 6 14 6	£ 17 9 0	£ 29 4 6	£ 36 14 0	£ 42 12 0	£ 42 9 0	£ 35 16 6	£ 46 10 0	£ 78 13 6	£ 91 17 6	£ 122 3 2	£ 157 17 6	£ 708 1 2
Wellington	10	£ 17 5 0	£ 44 0 6	£ 67 1 0	£ 138 13 0	£ 210 13 6	£ 223 7 0	£ 299 1 0	£ 204 6 6	£ 258 19 0	£ 302 8 0	£ 398 7 10	£ 477 16 4	£ 2,551 18 8
Marlborough	4	£ 1 8 6	£ 17 3 6	£ 47 16 0	£ 42 2 0	£ 50 13 6	£ 51 7 0	£ 49 13 0	£ 48 8 0	£ 69 16 0	£ 86 13 6	£ 99 7 4	£ 127 0 2	£ 691 8 6
Nelson	6	£ 13 11 0	£ 33 4 0	£ 44 14 0	£ 65 4 0	£ 106 7 6	£ 105 1 0	£ 151 8 0	£ 135 7 6	£ 173 13 6	£ 175 9 6	£ 256 18 0	£ 197 13 4	£ 1,458 11 4
Canterbury	15	£ 32 17 0	£ 194 7 0	£ 306 17 6	£ 324 17 6	£ 561 8 6	£ 575 15 6	£ 316 3 6	£ 315 17 0	£ 409 6 6	£ 422 1 6	£ 460 10 6	£ 572 1 4	£ 4,492 3 4
Westland	5	£ ...	£ ...	£ ...	£ ...	£ ...	£ ...	£ 240 18 6	£ 205 6 6	£ 249 12 6	£ 240 6 0	£ 271 12 8	£ 357 11 8	£ 1,505 7 10
Otago	23	£ 45 10 0	£ 473 0 6	£ 603 16 0	£ 415 15 0	£ 416 3 0	£ 484 9 6	£ 498 0 6	£ 464 15 6	£ 559 11 0	£ 628 17 6	£ 741 12 6	£ 882 9 4	£ 6,214 0 4
Southland	5	£ 7 9 0	£ 100 15 6	£ 125 15 6	£ 59 3 6	£ 75 6 0	£ 78 6 0	£ 74 7 0	£ 63 11 0	£ 75 4 6	£ 86 3 0	£ 96 15 10	£ 109 5 0	£ 952 1 10
Totals	97	£ 159 9 6	£ 1,057 9 0	£ 1,619 2 6	£ 1,463 18 6	£ 1,761 14 0	£ 1,815 19 6	£ 1,863 1 6	£ 1,932 3 0	£ 2,367 3 6	£ 2,608 3 6	£ 3,068 17 6	£ 3,560 3 2	£ 23,277 5 2

Table No. 4.

TABLE showing the Number and Amount of Transactions at the several Money Order and Savings Bank Offices in the Colony of New Zealand during the Year 1873.

OFFICES.	MONEY ORDERS.				SAVINGS BANKS.					
	ISSUED.		PAID.		No. of New Accounts Opened.	DEPOSITS.		No. of Accounts Closed.	WITHDRAWALS.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
AUCKLAND ...	4,029	15,943 18 2	6,245	26,214 2 7	815	4,984	60,411 6 4	600	3,386	53,538 5 8
Alexandra ...	439	1,620 6 3	153	568 2 2	4	63	551 10 0	...	11	265 9 9
Cambridge ...	397	1,596 7 8	75	390 0 0	38	176	2,133 1 5	5	23	250 1 9
Hamilton ...	439	1,515 0 4	151	434 1 8	16	75	687 17 1	6	20	332 11 1
Kapanga ...	535	2,050 12 9	205	699 9 3	21	121	756 0 0	4	30	217 8 4
Mangapai ...	79	206 6 1	19	101 9 9	2	10	270 6 0	...	8	140 8 0
Mangawhare ...	2	2 6 0	1	2 1 10	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mongonui ...	158	535 3 2	18	80 12 3	6	22	584 10 0	...	6	280 0 0
Newcastle ...	267	1,063 14 1	156	538 17 6	8	27	278 13 0	...	9	171 18 0
Onehunga ...	201	710 4 8	306	1,431 19 7	42	178	2,322 10 4	17	66	967 11 8
Opotiki ...	89	361 2 6	28	99 17 6	6	9	500 5 7	...	7	443 18 10
Otahuhu ...	103	395 2 2	130	684 4 3	6	14	332 3 0	1	7	184 2 5
Pahi ...	43	281 0 0	1	1 0 0	...	1	27 7 3	...	1	27 7 3
Port Albert ...	72	285 2 4	39	129 17 9	3	3	81 0 0	1	3	57 5 0
Raglan ...	190	879 9 7	39	222 8 8	...	...	...	1	4	21 1 4
Russell ...	226	889 6 9	48	284 17 2	10	18	322 10 0	...	1	7 0 0
Tauranga ...	453	2,169 17 2	130	519 0 4	17	85	1,347 16 11	8	28	568 7 0
Te Arai ...	15	77 13 0	7	15 10 1	2	8	92 6 0	...	...	...
Waiuku ...	52	187 16 9	30	117 6 10	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wangarei ...	82	347 9 2	72	420 5 2	5	41	261 15 0	6	14	329 17 7
Warkworth ...	206	1,314 4 1	44	197 14 6	14	30	298 6 0	1	7	103 1 2
THAMES ...	1,956	7,765 3 1	1,545	5,389 0 8	271	1,591	20,698 6 10	192	1,264	17,555 17 1
NEW PLYMOUTH ...	958	4,479 9 5	684	3,225 5 5	129	744	13,547 15 9	76	420	10,087 0 8
Patea ...	338	1,500 3 4	220	1,182 5 1	14	62	1,651 10 8	10	33	950 17 4
NAPIER ...	1,447	6,687 5 11	522	2,127 9 6	160	778	14,288 6 1	80	456	10,109 17 2
Gisborne ...	354	1,621 19 10	89	468 2 9	22	81	1,189 6 2	10	26	955 10 11
Port Ahuriri ...	126	509 9 11	35	61 18 7	11	45	635 2 0	2	26	589 1 11
Waipawa ...	122	500 16 8	41	170 10 1	9	105	554 11 0	3	24	297 3 0
Waipukurau ...	143	690 14 4	19	63 17 0	12	48	1,137 18 0	1	10	207 10 0
WELLINGTON ...	4,578	16,180 16 6	5,080	19,973 17 2	843	5,190	77,546 1 3	437	2,836	58,526 18 4
Bull's ...	168	792 12 0	74	387 13 7	4	14	244 10 0	...	10	323 0 0
Featherston ...	142	642 0 3	43	235 5 10	19	96	1,009 18 6	7	17	317 18 4
Foxton ...	313	1,163 12 11	77	297 18 2	26	97	1,578 2 6	11	51	759 0 6
Greytown ...	327	1,367 3 5	109	409 13 1	26	159	2,910 8 0	7	32	1,005 6 1
Hutt ...	195	881 19 5	85	325 0 11	41	213	2,946 15 4	9	38	749 2 8
Marton ...	285	1,152 3 9	123	542 10 6	29	126	1,182 6 2	4	14	343 15 10
Masterton ...	255	1,003 8 7	82	395 13 0	30	77	2,521 0 4	6	32	1,036 8 0
Palmerston N. ...	148	730 6 5	44	139 8 7	24	76	1,613 17 6	17	43	614 10 4
Wanganui ...	1,622	7,022 13 9	737	3,352 17 0	77	357	4,987 12 11	50	116	2,403 11 10
BLENHEIM ...	853	4,081 6 1	283	1,157 4 6	108	324	6,277 14 0	50	150	4,248 12 11
Havelock ...	391	2,141 4 2	76	387 2 6	15	58	597 11 7	2	13	258 6 3
Kaikoura ...	239	944 5 10	48	184 14 10	20	44	1,466 18 4	4	15	382 4 4
Picton ...	447	2,034 17 1	211	832 19 9	49	211	1,782 11 2	29	61	1,666 11 8
NELSON ...	1,168	4,537 16 3	2,487	11,595 0 7	165	853	13,121 18 9	65	440	7,723 17 9
Collingwood ...	110	521 0 5	41	206 16 10	13	30	1,070 10 0	1	15	314 19 4
Motueka ...	182	985 17 5	199	952 8 4	19	123	1,023 17 5	3	12	194 1 10
Richmond ...	30	141 12 1	47	195 9 2	13	48	647 7 6	...	9	37 0 0
WESTPORT ...	639	2,668 16 4	325	1,514 5 0	51	281	4,901 12 11	89	281	7,226 5 0
Charleston ...	606	2,655 9 2	171	740 3 11	39	258	4,719 8 0	22	109	4,206 19 0
GREYMOUTH ...	1,608	7,708 4 3	939	4,429 11 0	204	911	18,671 5 11	129	749	17,009 8 3
Ahaura ...	168	1,051 17 8	28	127 12 4	11	25	504 10 0	...	...	...
Reefton ...	1,070	5,777 17 5	534	2,329 12 10	41	109	1,543 7 8	9	41	944 12 6
HOKITIKA ...	1,512	6,748 16 7	1,103	4,985 8 7	156	802	14,112 7 1	135	628	12,797 11 9
Ross ...	311	1,209 18 4	266	889 4 10	20	111	1,195 5 9	11	40	604 18 9
CHRISTCHURCH ...	4,037	17,078 16 0	2,396	9,666 7 7	1,085	5,972	88,185 11 3	553	3,513	69,483 17 0
Akaroa ...	175	710 0 4	89	368 16 11	10	61	566 17 4	5	12	164 0 11
Ashburton ...	88	303 8 10	21	74 0 0	7	19	236 2 0	...	4	59 0 0
Dunsandel ...	66	136 5 2	16	44 17 3	5	18	353 9 0	3	9	136 11 5
Hurunui ...	44	144 4 2	1	3 14 3	7	71	70 10 0	...	...	...
Kaipoi ...	272	1,150 6 10	136	573 6 0	82	306	4,684 15 11	32	80	2,550 15 3
Kowai ...	101	465 13 2	50	190 15 10	22	92	735 14 0	...	14	125 0 0
Lytelton ...	528	2,187 14 1	349	1,533 17 1	116	577	8,534 9 2	35	163	2,518 0 10
Oxford ...	68	301 4 8	17	96 15 4	16	64	435 17 0	5	17	339 11 9
Rangiora ...	189	810 3 7	64	229 10 7	22	99	2,028 16 9	10	42	1,781 10 9

Table No. 4—continued.

TABLE showing the Number and Amount of Transactions at the several Money Order and Savings Bank Offices in the Colony of New Zealand during the Year 1873.

OFFICES.	MONEY ORDERS.				No. of New Accounts Opened.	SAVINGS BANKS.				
	ISSUED.		PAID.			DEPOSITS.		No. of Accounts Closed.	WITHDRAWALS.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		
Southbridge ...	91	409 10 6	12	39 2 0	26	54 1,295 19 3	1	16 167 11 8		
Temuka ...	218	956 19 4	74	343 18 9	27	135 1,821 2 4	15	39 997 17 1		
Timaru ...	956	4,022 18 6	373	1,523 12 3	140	499 6,842 2 1	55	174 4,614 10 4		
Waiau ...	88	415 5 3	13	74 12 2	11	33 824 17 3	2	6 230 11 2		
Waimate ...	346	1,205 10 3	62	250 16 1	35	128 2,208 17 0	5	24 1,339 2 5		
DUNEDIN ...	5,132	22,146 5 3	6,281	26,047 8 0	1,197	6,946 108,877 4 11	635	4,191 84,587 6 8		
Arrow River ...	286	1,349 11 9	48	176 5 1	24	63 2,417 10 0	13	26 1,244 1 11		
Balclutha ...	317	1,238 12 7	130	442 1 4	24	116 2,103 8 0	14	30 1,425 14 5		
Clyde ...	279	890 6 3	104	448 3 9	6	48 324 19 0	7	15 121 7 1		
Cromwell ...	308	1,371 1 0	65	335 15 0	11	46 839 12 0	9	12 898 8 5		
Green Island ...	2	9 10 0	...	...	5	5 102 0 0	...	1 25 0 0
Hamilton's ...	83	421 10 0	15	122 15 4	9	23 592 0 0	3	9 221 1 7		
Hampden ...	343	1,285 9 2	64	330 2 3	22	131 935 2 1	4	14 400 1 6		
Kakanui ...	427	2,060 4 5	26	126 2 4	26	106 1,199 9 10	3	30 467 6 10		
Lawrence ...	567	2,319 10 11	340	1,614 2 3	32	127 2,984 4 4	16	49 2,029 0 2		
Manuhirikia ...	212	773 16 3	47	256 12 6	3	10 283 10 0	...	2 65 10 0		
Mataura ...	218	1,119 6 2	33	189 18 7	10	58 259 16 1	1	7 257 2 0		
Milton ...	499	1,880 17 9	192	792 18 3	70	362 4,645 9 0	14	67 1,855 12 8		
Naseby ...	320	1,130 5 7	120	443 10 5	29	137 2,154 0 0	16	38 1,230 13 7		
Oamaru ...	1,367	5,901 14 0	481	2,084 19 7	168	777 8,705 12 0	68	195 5,082 6 10		
Otepopo ...	194	928 7 7	24	68 3 10	6	26 192 9 0	3	9 192 18 10		
Palmerston ...	215	717 5 5	104	521 15 4	14	108 856 12 0	3	13 386 16 1		
Port Chalmers ...	497	1,949 8 6	237	1,089 1 0	83	465 4,884 9 0	30	114 2,215 17 1		
Queenstown ...	404	1,754 8 10	120	465 17 1	23	77 1,420 10 0	6	16 396 0 10		
Switzer's... ..	283	1,380 15 3	42	204 3 4	21	104 1,700 16 6	3	17 431 16 9		
Teviot ...	182	722 4 2	43	219 14 9	11	39 376 9 3	2	7 68 5 5		
Waikouaiti ...	199	754 18 4	90	400 17 8	7	25 592 15 0	5	16 442 16 9		
West Taieri ...	94	392 2 7	45	200 4 6	12	36 684 15 6	...	12 107 15 6		
INVERCARGILL ...	1,072	4,022 1 6	641	2,606 19 0	199	1,025 17,459 11 6	105	551 12,814 6 6		
Campbelltown ...	106	355 18 3	90	462 7 2	8	51 824 0 1	...	10 284 9 2		
Long Bush ...	221	833 16 7	20	78 19 7	43	246 2,010 6 0	5	29 703 12 0		
Riverton ...	208	734 1 3	65	239 1 0	22	88 1,091 5 0	9	29 936 7 6		
Winton ...	70	183 10 4	21	75 11 4	...	2 70 0 0	...	4 154 12 7		
Totals ...	52,351	219,258 1 7	37,425	157,486 13 1	7,382	39,223 580,542 15 5	3,816	21,268 425,908 3 5		

Table No. 5.

TABLE showing the Number and Amount of Money Orders Issued and Paid in New Zealand Year by Year since the Year 1863.

YEAR.	MONEY ORDERS ISSUED IN THE COLONY.						TOTAL.	
	WHERE PAYABLE.							
	In the Colony.		United Kingdom.		Australian Colonies.		No.	Amount.
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1863	2,201	9,613 11 11	4,740	21,944 2 1	4,645	24,145 7 5	11,586	55,703 1 5
1864	4,267	19,427 4 4	7,700	35,741 5 0	4,625	23,388 10 2	16,592	78,556 19 6
1865	6,292	29,742 15 1	7,756	33,426 11 5	3,188	15,406 17 2	17,236	78,576 3 8
1866	8,924	42,823 4 7	9,238	41,987 15 0	4,548	23,968 5 2	22,710	108,779 4 9
1867	10,293	49,496 13 0	9,242	40,998 14 11	4,938	25,115 5 1	24,473	115,610 13 0
1868	11,898	54,342 18 6	9,241	40,581 13 9	4,715	23,286 11 5	25,854	118,211 3 8
1869	14,305	63,897 1 10	9,263	39,939 8 6	4,859	23,381 14 7	28,427	127,218 4 11
1870	16,821	73,344 11 9	9,624	41,472 3 7	5,419	25,637 12 7	31,864	140,454 7 11
1871	20,514	88,546 9 7	10,407	44,197 18 3	5,370	24,653 5 9	36,291	157,397 13 7
1872	28,156	120,125 14 8	10,619	44,535 9 9	5,885	26,347 17 7	44,660	191,009 2 0
1873	34,288	142,642 4 10	11,913	48,547 11 4	6,150	28,068 5 5	52,351	219,258 1 7
Total	157,959	694,002 10 1	99,743	433,372 13 7	54,342	263,399 12 4	312,044	1,390,774 16 0

YEAR.	MONEY ORDERS PAID IN THE COLONY.						TOTAL.	
	WHERE ISSUED.							
	In the Colony.		United Kingdom.		Australian Colonies.		No.	Amount.
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1863	2,067	9,169 4 6	415	1,824 0 8	558	3,077 13 7	3,040	14,070 18 9
1864	4,248	19,417 10 5	675	3,274 2 2	697	3,776 1 7	5,620	26,467 14 2
1865	6,218	29,282 13 10	762	3,568 15 10	700	3,712 1 5	7,680	36,563 11 1
1866	8,886	42,768 10 9	1,100	5,021 14 9	917	4,753 3 10	10,903	52,543 9 4
1867	10,353	49,931 17 2	1,108	5,649 2 10	1,108	5,570 6 4	12,659	61,151 6 4
1868	11,903	54,349 8 3	1,401	6,502 3 0	1,294	6,685 1 3	14,598	67,536 12 6
1869	14,250	63,820 15 5	1,218	5,630 18 8	1,272	6,382 4 3	16,740	75,833 18 4
1870	16,798	73,245 8 3	1,156	5,523 4 4	1,267	6,055 6 11	19,221	84,823 19 6
1871	20,514	88,592 0 3	1,396	6,217 11 5	1,318	5,914 18 7	23,228	100,724 10 3
1872	27,983	119,676 1 2	1,504	7,078 8 6	1,459	6,803 15 3	30,946	133,558 4 11
1873	34,269	143,121 18 11	1,516	6,780 11 3	1,640	7,584 2 11	37,425	157,486 13 1
Total	157,489	693,375 8 11	12,341	57,070 13 5	12,230	60,314 15 11	182,060	810,760 18 3

Table No. 6. STATEMENT of the Business of the Post Office Savings Banks in New Zealand, year by year, from the Date of their Establishment to the 31st December, 1873.

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.	Excess of Withdrawals over Deposits 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 Closed during the Year.	Number of Accounts remaining Open at close of the Year.	Total Amount standing to the Credit of all Open Accounts, less Interest to the close of the Year.	Average Amount standing to the Credit of each Open Account at close of the Year.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	s. d.	£ s. d.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	21	5,865	71,259 3 11	12 2 11	3,631	57,905 14 10	15 18 11	13,353 9 1	...	...	...	2,592 18 0	1,015	650	2,435	81,885 17 8	33 12 6
Thames	1	1,591	20,698 6 10	13 0 2	1,264	17,555 17 1	13 17 8	3,142 9 9	...	...	...	698 13 6	271	192	660	22,811 1 6	34 11 2
Taranaki	2	866	15,199 6 5	18 17 1	453	11,037 18 0	24 7 3	4,161 8 5	...	...	...	439 0 3	143	86	345	14,659 14 2	42 9 9
Hawke's Bay	5	1,957	17,804 13 3	16 17 0	542	12,159 3 0	22 8 8	5,645 10 3	...	...	...	553 4 5	214	96	438	18,144 6 8	41 8 6
Wellington	10	6,405	96,540 12 6	15 1 5	3,189	66,079 11 11	20 14 5	30,461 0 7	...	...	...	2,723 0 11	1,119	548	2,331	96,010 3 7	40 16 8
Marlborough	4	637	10,124 15 1	13 17 10	239	6,555 15 2	27 8 7	3,568 19 11	...	...	...	395 14 10	192	85	371	12,809 13 7	34 10 6
Nelson	4	1,054	15,863 13 8	15 1 0	476	8,269 18 11	17 7 5	7,593 14 9	...	...	...	676 3 2	210	69	598	22,386 17 3	37 8 8
Westport	2	539	9,621 0 11	17 17 0	300	11,433 4 0	29 6 3	...	...	...	...	443 13 8	90	111	361	13,239 4 8	36 13 6
Hokitika	2	913	15,307 12 10	16 15 3	668	13,402 10 6	20 1 3	1,905 2 4	...	...	...	790 15 7	176	146	435	23,606 6 3	54 5 4
Greymouth	3	1,045	20,719 3 7	19 16 6	790	17,954 0 9	22 14 6	2,765 2 10	...	...	...	713 18 6	256	138	648	23,338 6 8	36 0 3
Canterbury*	15	8,064	118,825 0 4	14 14 8	4,113	84,508 0 7	20 10 11	34,316 19 9	...	...	...	4,275 19 3	1,611	721	4,028	141,478 5 5	35 2 5
Otago	23	9,835	147,123 13 6	14 19 2	4,890	104,153 0 11	21 6 0	42,970 12 7	...	...	...	4,860 9 4	1,813	855	3,768	164,112 9 1	43 11 1
Southland	5	1,412	21,455 2 7	15 3 10	623	14,893 7 9	23 18 1	6,561 14 10	...	...	...	943 5 5	272	119	694	30,324 19 4	43 13 11
Totals for Colony in 1873...	97	39,223	580,542 5 5	14 16 2	21,268	425,908 3 5	20 0 5	154,634 2 0	...	...	...	20,106 16 10	7,382	3,816	17,132	664,807 5 10	38 16 1
" 1872...	92	31,681	430,877 0 0	13 12 0	17,254	313,176 7 11	18 3 0	117,700 12 1	...	...	...	14,711 0 5	6,205	3,188	13,566	490,666 7 0	36 2 5
" 1871...	81	24,642	312,338 18 4	12 13 6	14,773	261,347 16 3	17 13 9	59,991 2 1	...	...	...	11,291 10 10	4,615	2,383	10,549	357,654 14 6	33 18 1
" 1870...	70	20,489	264,328 5 7	12 18 0	11,934	200,500 13 2	17 11 1	54,818 12 5	...	...	...	9,242 3 11	4,304	2,277	8,317	295,372 1 7	35 10 3
" 1869...	59	17,133	240,898 5 9	14 1 2	9,292	180,518 4 1	19 8 7	60,380 1 8	...	...	...	7,412 8 0	3,839	1,801	6,290	231,311 5 3	36 15 5
" 1868...	55	13,014	194,535 11 6	14 18 11	6,365	107,094 17 3	16 16 6	87,440 14 3	...	...	...	4,880 7 3	3,282	1,186	4,452	103,518 15 7	38 9 1
" from 1st Feb. to 31st Dec., 1867...	46	6,977	96,372 7 10	13 16 3	1,919	26,415 18 9	13 15 3	69,956 9 1	...	...	...	1,241 5 0	2,520	364	2,156	71,197 14 1	33 0 5

* The high cost of each transaction during 1867 is attributable to the payment during that year of charges properly belonging to the subsequent years.

Table No. 7.

NUMBER and Value of Postage Stamps Printed during the Years 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, and 1873.

Rates.	1869.		1870.		1871.		1872.		1873.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
At One Shilling ...	119,280	£ 5,964	480	£ 24	109,920	£ 5,496	*...	£ ...	60,000	£ 3,000
At Sixpence ...	165,360	4,134	742,320	18,558	770,400	19,260	366,240	9,156	282,000	7,050
At Fourpence ...	*...	...	*...	...	84,000	1,400	48,000	800	79,200	1,320
At Threepence ...	9,360	117	480,000	6,000	246,240	3,078	474,000	5,925	90,000	1,125
At Twopence ...	1,212,960	10,108	2,556,000	21,300	1,620,000	13,500	2,898,000	24,150	3,064,800	25,540
At One Penny ...	1,616,160	6,734	2,070,000	8,625	3,172,320	13,218	2,046,000	8,525	1,868,400	7,785
At One Halfpenny ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	717,600	1,495	688,080	1,433
Totals ...	3,123,120	27,057	5,848,800	54,507	6,002,880	55,952	6,549,840	50,051	6,132,480	47,253

* A large number of these Postage Stamps were in stock at the close of the previous year.

Table No. 8.

RETURN of Intercolonial Mail Steam Subsidies, 1873.

Service.	Annual Subsidy.	Contract.		How often.	Mileage every Month.	Cost per Mile.
		Commence.	Terminate.			
Melbourne and New Zealand ...	£ 5,000	August, 1873	August, 1876	Once every four weeks.	3,440	£ s. d. 0 2 2 ³ / ₄

Table No. 9.

TABLE showing the Number of Officers employed in the respective Post Office Establishments in the Colony.

Post Offices.	1873.						1872.					
	Postmasters.	Clerks.	Letter Carriers.	Messengers.	Shipping Officers.	Totals.	Postmasters.	Clerks.	Letter Carriers.	Messengers.	Shipping Officers.	Totals.
Auckland ...	1	11	4	1	...	17	1	11	4	1	1	18
Thames ...	1	2	2	1	...	6	1	2	2	1	...	6
New Plymouth ...	1	1	...	...	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	2
Napier ...	1	2	1	...	...	4	1	1	...	...	...	2
Wellington ...	1	7	2	1	...	11	1	5	2	1	...	9
Wanganui ...	1	1	1	1	...	4	1	1	1	...	...	3
Nelson ...	1	2	2	...	...	5	1	2	2	...	...	5
Westport ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	2
Charleston ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1
Blenheim ...	1	1	1	...	...	3	1	1	1	...	...	3
Picton ...	1	...	...	1	...	2	1	...	...	1	...	2
Christchurch ...	1	10	4	1	...	16	1	10	4	1	...	16
Lyttelton ...	1	1	1	...	...	3	1	1	1	...	...	3
Timaru ...	1	1	1	...	...	3	1	...	1	...	...	2
Kaiapoi ...	1	...	1	...	...	2	1	...	1	...	...	2
Dunedin ...	1	11	4	1	...	17	1	11	4	1	...	17
Port Chalmers ...	1	...	1	...	1	3	1	...	1	...	1	3
Oamaru ...	1	1	1	...	...	3	1	1	1	...	...	3
Invercargill ...	1	2	1	...	...	4	1	2	1	...	...	4
Hokitika ...	1	2	1	...	1	5	1	2	1	...	1	5
Greymouth ...	1	1	1	...	...	3	1	1	1	...	...	3
Chatham Islands ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1
Totals ...	22	56	29	7	2	116	22	53	28	6	3	112

Table No. 10.

COMPARATIVE TABLE showing the Postal Revenue and Number of Letters and Newspapers received at and despatched from the several Postal Districts, during each Year, from 1860 to 1873, both inclusive.

Postal Districts.				Revenue.		Letters.		Newspapers.		
						Received.	Despatched.	Received.	Despatched.	
				£	s.	d.				
Auckland—	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	284,834	322,595	211,426	453,535
	1864	...	...	8,507	13	1	528,633	531,279	312,248	813,452
	1865	...	...	11,548	4	5	514,421	528,509	318,569	727,170
	1866	...	...	9,653	16	5	438,945	440,613	327,937	561,148
	1867	...	...	7,848	5	5	379,254	361,362	254,973	179,049
	1868	...	...	8,754	16	7	461,861	411,812	293,742	130,546
	1869	...	...	10,814	0	5	578,471	495,315	396,232	166,928
	1870	...	...	10,246	15	3	653,700	619,466	436,809	262,471
	1871	...	...	12,549	7	9	692,462	603,928	515,532	227,121
	1872	...	...	*10,950	12	11	627,212	584,915	524,094	243,543
	1873	...	...	11,108	4	2	691,154	626,188	575,954	259,285
Thames—	1872	...	...	2,063	15	7	134,905	112,469	61,661	42,666
	1873	...	...	1,787	19	4	118,904	95,398	45,532	40,670
Taranaki—	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
	1866	...	...	821	10	8	42,705	43,285	61,194	20,170
	1867	...	...	687	14	2	28,399	27,976	29,775	11,052
	1868	...	...	645	12	2	28,554	29,452	26,153	15,423
	1869	...	...	647	16	1	26,249	26,578	28,458	13,533
	1870	...	...	593	6	4	30,767	28,320	27,315	15,308
	1871	...	...	820	2	5	42,191	39,806	30,759	15,457
	1872	...	...	982	0	5	57,029	50,739	38,105	18,275
	1873	...	...	1,068	3	5	66,572	58,889	44,354	25,545
Hawke's Bay—	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
	1866	...	...	1,372	7	8	88,599	88,134	82,945	81,922
	1867	...	...	1,431	9	8	71,353	74,993	56,760	58,475
	1868	...	...	1,390	0	4	62,539	73,216	50,198	52,572
	1869	...	...	1,481	17	4	67,907	65,967	67,239	38,684
	1870	...	...	1,476	14	2	72,744	76,553	61,963	54,157
	1871	...	...	1,569	13	2	85,003	92,297	63,339	67,293
	1872	...	...	1,789	14	4	99,046	109,083	64,315	72,628
	1873	...	...	2,000	2	3	139,189	150,948	88,172	93,090
Wellington—	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
	1866	...	...	6,663	14	2	270,563	253,988	210,306	286,889
	1867	...	...	10,701	17	4	288,815	289,058	159,238	178,765
	1868	...	...	12,579	4	7	328,180	311,476	179,923	179,042
	1869	...	...	12,179	1	8	319,709	302,209	225,867	217,126
	1870	...	...	12,674	5	3	354,815	336,375	262,631	216,621
	1871	...	...	24,040	10	0	361,442	369,343	283,917	216,181
	1872	...	...	41,883	4	0	458,702	472,016	315,314	236,486
	1873	...	...	38,274	5	0	675,258	564,991	370,149	313,347
Nelson—	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
	1866	...	...	2,012	4	9	104,282	115,829	126,047	158,877
	1867	...	...	2,880	8	8	142,697	143,374	102,809	83,252
	1868	...	...	3,651	12	8	203,537	200,665	135,027	112,948
	1869	...	...	3,380	11	9	180,827	176,903	143,694	105,830
	1870	...	...	3,093	5	8	188,860	185,179	191,671	123,821
	1871	...	...	2,556	9	6	205,159	208,766	154,687	133,805
	1872	...	...	3,004	17	6	266,774	263,147	190,304	157,988
	1873	...	...	3,030	6	8	256,566	249,349	210,467	187,005

Marlborough

* The Thames Returns have been separated from those of Auckland.

Table No. 10—continued.

COMPARATIVE TABLE showing the Postal Revenue and Number of Letters and Newspapers received at and despatched from the several Postal Districts, during each Year, from 1860 to 1873, both inclusive.

Postal Districts.	Revenue.			Letters.		Newspapers.		
				Received.	Despatched.	Received.	Despatched.	
	£	s.	d.					
Marlborough—	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
	1866	794	4	0	64,117	57,430	78,335	65,419
	1867	838	19	6	47,890	47,215	45,477	34,264
	1868	1,048	2	2	48,391	48,428	43,592	35,635
	1869	896	11	4	54,812	53,562	57,796	38,611
	1870	1,099	16	7	87,174	92,124	71,467	72,202
	1871	1,201	14	11	62,647	58,003	54,948	36,279
	1872	1,317	0	4	75,067	67,928	55,264	36,585
	1873	1,417	17	11	107,658	96,920	91,968	53,764
Canterbury—	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
	1866	14,342	11	10	734,852	671,720	512,138	597,220
	1867	15,471	9	8	864,123	801,774	571,558	269,852
	1868	*8,525	19	4	539,610	436,125	398,326	176,402
	1869	8,857	8	10	535,062	397,352	342,274	189,229
	1870	8,905	19	6	623,794	410,938	353,651	168,635
	1871	9,072	1	10	718,910	455,536	338,356	179,077
	1872	10,324	5	1	876,786	497,326	373,793	195,346
	1873	12,191	14	8	951,020	541,341	511,109	238,416
Westland—	1868	4,771	7	11	251,108	242,479	152,666	106,860
	1869	4,292	18	1	223,369	242,400	151,624	116,393
	1870	2,252	4	4	212,689	225,157	165,380	123,906
	1871	3,395	7	3	235,179	240,405	215,463	162,782
	1872	3,386	18	1	220,470	208,028	241,495	156,729
	1873	3,393	3	7	230,294	201,940	282,207	178,257
Otago—	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	660,839	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
	1866	12,030	6	10	581,353	599,861	470,820	561,341
	1867	13,482	9	4	508,882	575,948	378,784	519,253
	1868	13,605	12	3	595,062	535,909	545,450	502,521
	1869	13,628	1	5	584,715	538,329	574,691	535,131
	1870	13,667	14	1	711,479	578,299	582,593	558,799
	1871	15,044	12	9	893,997	716,623	651,633	833,137
	1872	17,339	7	2	653,141	873,132	828,490	414,275
	1873	18,418	7	1	824,495	959,219	672,038	821,988
Southland—	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
	1866	1,894	17	1	79,372	82,996	89,806	80,525
	1867	1,970	12	2	76,918	81,209	71,146	56,406
	1868	2,106	1	6	84,235	84,560	82,232	64,357
	1869	1,805	18	11	71,414	75,445	89,017	64,790
	1870	1,758	15	2	82,910	74,536	113,454	26,808
	1871	1,696	5	10	92,903	91,657	83,616	58,328
	1872	1,691	19	3	118,941	131,687	74,877	68,888
	1873	1,962	11	11	160,867	148,825	71,220	94,658
Totals—	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
	1866	49,598	4	9	2,404,788	2,353,856	1,959,528	2,413,511
	1867	55,331	18	1	2,408,331	2,402,909	1,670,520	1,390,368
	1868	57,107	14	0	2,603,077	2,374,122	1,907,309	1,376,306
	1869	58,007	7	2	2,642,535	2,374,060	2,076,892	1,486,255
	1870	55,780	18	3	3,018,932	2,626,947	2,266,934	1,622,728
	1871	70,249	19	7	3,296,990	2,784,707	2,308,634	1,871,150
	1872	94,733	14	8	3,588,073	3,370,470	2,767,682	1,643,409
	1873	94,706	16	0	4,221,977	3,694,008	2,963,170	2,306,025

* The Westland Returns have been separated from those of Canterbury since the 1st January, 1868.

Table No. 11.
TABLE showing the Number of Letters received in the Colony of New Zealand during the Year ended 31st December, 1873.

Postal Districts.	From Places without the Colony.				From Places within the Colony.			Totals without and within the Colony.
	United Kingdom.	Australian Colonies.	Other Places.	Totals without the Colony.	Other Districts in New Zealand.	Places within the District.	Totals within the Colony.	
Auckland	64,090	42,804	6,619	113,513	200,407	377,234	577,641	691,154
Thames ... ..	...	...	...	...	106,299	12,605	118,904	118,904
Taranaki	5,056	1,482	93	6,631	27,403	32,538	59,941	66,572
Hawke's Bay	10,893	4,177	...	15,070	43,894	80,225	124,119	139,189
Wellington	33,687	20,468	277	54,432	347,822	273,004	620,826	675,258
Nelson	19,540	8,165	1,110	28,815	119,162	108,589	227,751	256,566
Marlborough	4,442	2,772	73	7,287	36,290	64,081	100,371	107,658
Canterbury	79,335	25,029	1,160	105,524	188,574	656,922	845,496	951,020
Westland	12,542	33,772	39	46,353	95,252	88,689	183,941	230,294
Otago	77,440	48,805	6,785	133,030	145,319	546,146	691,465	824,495
Southland	8,839	7,415	91	16,345	67,825	76,697	144,522	160,867
Totals	315,864	194,889	16,247	527,000	1,378,247	2,316,730	3,694,977	4,221,977

Table No. 12.

TABLE showing the Number of Letters despatched from the Colony of New Zealand during the Year ended 31st December, 1873.

Postal Districts.	To Places without the Colony.				To Places within the Colony.			Totals without and within the Colony.
	United Kingdom.	Australian Colonies.	Other Places.	Totals without the Colony.	Other Districts in New Zealand.	Places within the District.	Totals within the Colony.	
Auckland	59,819	41,898	7,493	109,210	208,753	308,225	516,978	626,188
Thames ... ..	...	...	...	...	89,274	6,124	95,398	95,398
Taranaki ... ..	...	...	...	...	30,981	27,908	58,889	58,889
Hawke's Bay	5,708	...	109	5,817	42,850	102,281	145,131	150,948
Wellington	39,550	24,855	45	64,450	249,541	251,000	500,541	564,991
Nelson	13,699	6,885	1,193	21,777	118,350	109,222	227,572	249,349
Marlborough	3,579	1,152	85	4,816	32,100	60,004	92,104	96,920
Canterbury	65,333	26,185	1,028	92,546	171,348	277,447	448,795	541,341
Westland	8,961	29,089	52	38,102	95,126	68,712	163,838	201,940
Otago	82,684	42,724	4,528	129,936	187,337	641,946	829,283	959,219
Southland	11,276	6,023	218	17,517	27,990	103,318	131,308	148,825
Totals	290,609	178,811	14,751	484,171	1,253,650	1,956,187	3,209,837	3,694,008

Table No. 13.

TABLE showing the Number of Newspapers received in the Colony of New Zealand during the Year ended 31st December, 1873.

Postal Districts.	From Places without the Colony.				From Places within the Colony.			Totals without and within the Colony.
	United Kingdom.	Australian Colonies.	Other Places.	Totals without the Colony.	Other Districts in New Zealand.	Places within the District.	Totals within the Colony.	
Auckland	169,492	43,736	6,959	220,187	131,115	224,652	355,767	575,954
Thames ... ..	...	...	...	...	39,617	5,915	45,532	45,532
Taranaki	10,917	1,671	434	13,022	18,862	12,470	31,332	44,354
Hawke's Bay	28,192	7,988	25	36,205	41,318	10,649	51,967	88,172
Wellington	99,677	28,781	210	128,668	139,592	101,889	241,481	370,149
Nelson	51,190	7,601	908	59,699	100,001	50,767	150,768	210,467
Marlborough	11,274	2,196	115	13,585	29,989	48,394	78,383	91,968
Canterbury	248,417	31,026	329	279,772	118,176	113,161	231,337	511,109
Westland	42,277	78,670	31	120,978	98,181	63,048	161,229	282,207
Otago	247,746	73,912	4,062	325,720	109,171	237,147	346,318	672,038
Southland	25,089	12,116	115	37,320	19,324	14,576	33,900	71,220
Totals	934,271	287,697	13,188	1,235,156	845,346	882,668	1,728,014	2,963,170

Table No. 14.

TABLE showing the Number of Newspapers despatched from the Colony of New Zealand during the Year ended 31st December, 1873.

Postal Districts.	To Places without the Colony.				To Places within the Colony.			Totals without and within the Colony.
	United Kingdom.	Australian Colonies.	Other Places.	Totals without the Colony.	Other Districts in New Zealand.	Places within the District.	Totals within the Colony.	
Auckland	46,961	22,256	7,034	76,251	116,291	66,743	183,034	259,285
Thames ... ..	...	...	...	...	39,706	964	40,670	40,670
Taranaki ... ..	...	...	...	...	21,776	3,769	25,545	25,545
Hawke's Bay	4,507	...	176	4,683	22,076	66,331	88,407	93,090
Wellington	29,579	11,532	8	41,119	192,617	79,611	272,228	313,347
Nelson	11,340	3,666	620	15,626	90,737	80,642	171,379	187,005
Marlborough	3,163	600	57	3,820	11,107	38,837	49,944	53,764
Canterbury	48,858	14,853	511	64,222	120,512	53,682	174,194	238,416
Westland	9,638	15,416	62	25,116	111,304	41,837	153,141	178,257
Otago	74,363	29,622	3,168	107,153	146,685	568,150	714,835	821,988
Southland	6,043	2,062	132	8,237	10,411	76,010	86,421	94,658
Totals	234,452	100,007	11,768	346,227	883,222	1,076,576	1,959,798	2,306,025

Table No. 15.

RETURN of the Number of Letters registered at the Post Offices in the different Postal Districts during the Years 1870, 1871, 1872, and 1873.

Postal Districts.	1870.			1871.			1872.			1873.		
	To Places		Totals.	To Places		Totals.	To Places		Totals.	To Places		Totals.
	Without the Colony.	Within the Colony.		Without the Colony.	Within the Colony.		Without the Colony.	Within the Colony.		Without the Colony.	Within the Colony.	
Auckland ...	1,877	6,212	8,089	2,287	8,318	10,605	2,457	10,199	12,656	2,243	7,416	9,659
Taranaki ...	76	250	326	124	478	602	156	605	761	147	610	757
Hawke's Bay ...	170	471	641	169	721	890	196	877	1,073	304	1,217	1,521
Wellington ...	798	4,268	5,066	799	4,289	5,088	942	4,904	5,846	1,169	5,845	7,014
Nelson ...	736	1,112	1,848	677	1,086	1,763	568	1,504	2,072	509	1,317	1,826
Marlborough ...	98	518	616	111	583	694	126	721	847	158	836	994
Canterbury ...	1,483	2,590	4,073	1,573	2,897	4,470	1,637	3,286	4,923	1,864	3,689	5,553
Otago ...	2,076	3,967	6,043	2,083	4,578	6,661	1,983	4,763	6,746	2,368	4,404	6,772
Southland ...	258	547	805	232	803	1,035	237	927	1,164	325	1,371	1,696
Westland ...	1,869	1,173	3,042	1,567	1,304	2,871	1,567	2,052	3,619	1,310	2,202	3,512
Total ...	9,441	21,108	30,549	9,622	25,057	34,679	9,869	29,838	39,707	10,397	28,907	39,304

Table No. 16.

STATEMENT of Correspondence received from the United Kingdom *via* San Francisco and *via* Suez during the Year ended 31st December, 1873.

Date of Receipt.	<i>Via</i> San Francisco.			<i>Via</i> Suez.		
	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.
January ...	...	53	14,392	2,999	374	4,541
February ...	39,798	4,798	100,601	3,414	466	8,571
March ...	19,512	2,655	56,289	6,483	559	18,065
April ...	20,239	2,624	53,363	2,830	451	9,591
May ...	...	...	...	22,591	2,206	62,229
June ...	...	...	...	20,763	2,788	85,258
July ...	...	...	...	22,710	2,632	71,276
August ...	...	...	...	21,161	2,488	66,628
September ...	...	...	...	20,713	2,515	69,325
October ...	...	...	...	20,685	2,486	72,438
November ...	...	...	...	22,186	2,570	68,481
December ...	...	...	...	22,998	2,732	71,335
December ...	...	...	...	24,943	2,947	74,934
Total ...	79,549	10,130	224,645	214,476	25,214	682,672

Table No. 17.

STATEMENT of Correspondence despatched to the United Kingdom *via* San Francisco and *via* Suez during the Year ended 31st December, 1873.

Date of Despatch.	<i>Via</i> San Francisco.			<i>Via</i> Suez.		
	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.
January ...	11,168	424	9,547	1,933	98	416
" ...	15,302	445	13,772	...	...	...
February ...	21,705	340	16,002	2,020	30	559
March ...	20,906	418	16,680	2,474	79	581
April ...	13,225	328	9,646	9,860	256	6,311
May ...	...	...	...	17,628	395	14,019
June ...	...	...	...	20,028	413	14,765
July ...	...	...	...	29,888	614	22,128
August ...	...	...	...	34,641	722	24,211
September ...	...	...	...	19,058	643	21,459
October ...	...	...	...	33,102	834	30,489
November ...	...	...	...	26,803	421	21,591
December ...	11,249	282	8,588	10,402	115	9,992
Total ...	93,555	2,237	74,235	207,837	4,620	166,521

Table No. 18.
TABLE showing the Revenue, Expenditure, &c., of the Post Office in the Postal District of Auckland in 1873.

Mail Services.	Total Received and Despatched.				Mail Services.				Expenditure.			Total.	
	No. of Offices.	Letters.	Books and Newspapers.	Weight of Books and 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 Mangatoroto	11	19,484	11,602	2,175	75	Horse	1	78 10 0	56 0 0	17 4 0	134 10 0	142 1 5	
II. Auckland to Cambridge	15	142,099	42,952	8,053	110	Coach	Daily and Tri-weekly.	875 0 0	198 13 4	17 4 0	1,090 17 4	931 19 5	
<i>Branches:</i>													
I. Auckland to Onehunga	2	58,403	14,151	2,653	6	Coach	12	134 0 0	70 0 0	5 8 5	209 8 5	425 17 1	
II. Auckland to Howick	3	17,772	4,731	887	14	"	6	00 0 0	33 0 0	...	93 0 0	129 11 9	
III. Papakura to Wairoa	1	1,637	1,637	307	9	Horse	3	32 0 0	5 0 0	...	37 0 0	39 13 11	
IV. Drury to Waiuku	2	16,742	8,593	1,611	21	"	2	70 0 0	30 0 0	...	100 0 0	122 1 6	
V. Drury to Pukekohe West	2	2,704	1,068	200	11	"	2	20 0 0	10 0 0	...	30 0 0	19 14 4	
VI. Pukekohe East to Tuakau	1	2,412	1,062	311	5	"	2	19 10 0	5 0 0	...	24 10 0	17 11 9	
VII. Mercer to Churchill	1	35	6	1	12	Boat	1	...	...	...	...	0 5 1
VIII. Newcastle to Raglan	3	8,015	5,737	1,075	31	Horse	2	110 0 0	30 0 0	...	140 0 0	62 10 4	
IX. Whata Whata to Alexandra	1	739	525	98	23	"	1	52 0 0	...	...	52 0 0	5 7 9
X. Hamilton to Alexandra	3	21,164	10,222	1,917	33	Coach	2	150 0 0	40 0 0	...	190 0 0	154 14 9	
XI. Waitemata Mills to Orewa	3	4,297	3,033	568	14	Horse	2	55 0 0	5 0 0	...	60 0 0	31 6 7	
XII. Wade to Wangaparua	1	62	90	16	3	Boat	1	2 10 0	...	...	2 10 0	0 9 2
XIII. Waiwera to Orewa	1	1,395	618	116	3	Horse	1	12 15 0	5 0 0	...	17 15 0	9 8 2	
XIV. Auckland to Lucas Creek	1	413	478	89	12	Boat	1	17 10 0	...	...	17 10 0	3 2 3
XV. Wade to Parakau	1	1,239	755	41	7	Horse	1	10 0 0	2 1 8	...	12 1 8	9 8 1	
XVI. Waiwera to Pahoi	1	1,926	264	49	6	Boat	1	20 0 0	5 0 0	...	25 0 0	7 9 7	
XVII. Warkworth to Port Albert	3	5,855	3,816	715	32	Horse	1	40 0 0	15 0 0	...	55 0 0	40 14 5	
XVIII. Port Albert to Te Ana	1	260	162	30	5	Boat	1	...	5 0 0	...	7 0 0	1 17 11	
XIX. Te Arai to North Oruwharo	1	422	302	56	6	Horse	1	7 0 0	...	...	7 0 0	3 1 2
XX. Te Kapa to Lower Matakana	1	455	424	79	7	"	1	8 0 0	5 0 0	...	13 0 0	3 6 4	
XXI. Kaiwaka to Waipu	...	...	...	...	22	"	1	22 0 0	...	...	22 0 0	...
XXII. Auckland to Eden Terrace	2	25,732	6,846	1,283	2	Foot	12	59 0 0	25 0 0	...	75 0 0	187 12 7	
XXIII. Auckland to Devonport	1	9,280	2,001	375	3	Steamer	6	24 0 0	10 0 0	...	34 0 0	67 13 4	
XXIV. Auckland to Ponsbury	1	3,422	778	146	1 1/2	Cart	6	47 10 0	...	...	57 10 0	24 19 0
XXV. Auckland to Henderson's Mill	1	3,076	1,646	308	12	"	1	10 0 0	5 0 0	...	15 0 0	22 8 7	
XXVI. Onehunga to Awitu	2	1,506	696	130	20	Boat	1	10 0 0	5 0 0	...	15 0 0	10 19 7	
XXVII. Whau Bridge to Muddy Creek	2	450	1,106	88	7	Horse	6	17 15 0	...	...	17 15 0	3 5 7
XXVIII. Auckland to Riverhead	1	5,154	1,406	207	15	Steamer	1	100 0 0	5 0 0	...	105 0 0	37 11 7	
XXIX. Waitemata Mills to Helensville	2	5,508	1,943	364	15	Coach	3	226 6 10	10 0 0	...	236 6 10	40 12 0	
XXX. Helensville to Whapu	5	8,373	5,105	957	75	Steamer	1	80 0 0	13 0 0	...	90 0 0	61 1 1	
XXXI. Helensville to Matakoho	3	5,581	2,526	474	70	"	1	100 0 0	10 0 0	...	113 0 0	40 13 11	
XXXII. Pahi to Paparoa	1	1,498	942	177	7	Horse	1	15 12 0	5 0 0	...	20 12 0	10 19 3	
XXXIII. Waitemata Mills to Kaukapakapa	2	3,563	2,642	495	15	Foot	2	40 0 0	10 0 0	...	50 0 0	25 19 7	
XXXIV. Kaukapakapa to Komokoriki	1	836	310	58	7	"	1	16 0 0	5 0 0	...	21 0 0	6 1 11	
XXXV. Wangarei Heads to Waipu	1	3,717	3,554	666	12	Boat	1	9 16 0	5 0 0	...	14 16 0	27 2 1	

Table No. 18—continued.
TABLE showing the Revenue, Expenditure, &c., of the Post Office in the Postal District of Auckland in 1873.

Mail Services.	Total Received and Despatched.			Mail Services.			Expenditure.			Total.		
	No. of Offices.	Letters.	Books and Newspapers.	Weight of Books and Newspapers in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of Times Weekly.	Cost of Conveyance.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.
Branches—continued.												
XXXXVI. Wangarei Heads to Paroa Bay	5	Horse	1	£ 30 0 0	...	...	£ 30 0 0	£ s. d. ...
XXXXVII. Limestone Island to Mangapai	...	3,444	4,285	803	12	Boat	1	75 0 0	11 5 0	...	36 5 0	25 2 3
XXXXVIII. Russell to Waimate	...	6,514	2,390	448	14	Boat and Horse	2	25 0 0	5 0 0	...	80 0 0	47 9 1
XXXXIX. Waimate to Hokianga	...	6,416	3,583	672	31	"	1	60 0 0	10 0 0	...	70 0 0	46 15 8
XL. Hokianga to Pakaka	...	471	218	50	18	Boat	1	20 0 0	...	...	20 0 0	3 8 8
XLI. Mongonui to Ahipara	...	4,212	2,080	390	31	Horse	1	90 0 0	15 0 0	...	105 0 0	30 14 3
XLII. Tauranga to Opotiki	...	11,931	5,350	1,050	20	"	1	32 10 0	22 5 0	...	54 15 0	86 19 11
XLIII. Tauranga to Taupo	...	1,012	550	104	49	Coach	2	...	0 10 8	...	0 16 8	11 15 1
XLIV. Maketu to Rotorua	...	2,042	903	169	22	Horse	2	24 0 0	...	...	24 0 0	14 17 9
XLV. Gisborne to Waiaapu	...	5,574	3,996	743	18	"	1	...	...	...	...	41 2 10
XLVI. Gisborne to Ormond	...	1,861	696	130	5	Coach	1	35 0 0	50 0 0	5 5 9	90 5 9	13 11 5
XLVII. Kapanga Wharf to Driving Creek	...	68,201	17,065	3,199	3	Horse	6	31 4 0	5 0 0	...	36 4 0	497 6 0
XLVIII. Kapanga to Tokatea	...	6,520	1,445	280	3	"	3	...	...	...	...	47 12 2
XLIX. Kapanga to Tiki	...	338	58	11	3	Boat	1	0 13 4	5 0 0	...	...	2 9 3
L. Wangaroa to Kaio	...	2,695	1,512	283	4	"	1	120 0 0	...	...	120 0 0	19 13 0
LI. Auckland to Onehunga (ship mails)	6	"	As required	8 5 0	...	...	...	...
LII. Auckland to Onehunga (English mails)	1	"	"	40 0 0	...	...	40 0 0	...
LIII. Chief Office to Queen's Wharf	1	"	"	40 0 0	...	...	40 0 0	...
LIV. Queen's Wharf to Vessels in Harbour	2	"	"	25 10 0	...	...	25 10 0	...
LV. Landing Service, Onehunga	1	"	"	5 0 0	...	...	5 0 0	...
LVI. Landing Service, Mahurangi	...	24,570	7,735	1,450	7	"	"	15 0 0	40 0 0	...	55 0 0	179 1 5
LVII. Landing Service, Russell	...	5,392	1,562	293	1	"	"	35 0 0	...	...	20 0 0	39 6 4
LVIII. Landing Service, Kawa Kawa	...	16,709	7,954	1,491	96	Sailing Vessel	Uncertain	...	20 0 0	...	5 0 0	121 16 0
LIX. Auckland to Wangarei	...	416	201	38	50	"	"	...	5 0 0	...	...	1 16 8
LX. Auckland to Great Barrier	...	32,535	25,415	4,765	375	"	"	...	...	...	...	237 4 8
LXI. Auckland to Gisborne	...	1,646	709	133	30	"	"	...	...	...	...	12 0 0
LXII. Auckland to Kawa	...	1,639	335	63	160	"	"	...	5 0 0	...	...	11 19 0
LXIII. Auckland to Ruato	121	Steamer	"	...	...	...	...	...
LXIV. Auckland to St. Andrew's	...	2,632	1,155	216	152	" Vessel	"	...	30 0 0	6 17 9	36 17 9	19 3 10
LXV. Auckland to Whitiangi	...	43,333	25,179	4,721	152	" Vessel	"	...	...	...	...	315 19 5
LXVI. Auckland to Tauranga	...	954	389	73	120	Steamer	"	...	...	...	...	0 19 1
LXVII. Auckland to Tairua	...	16,459	8,432	1,581	180	"	"	...	20 0 0	...	20 0 0	120 0 3
LXVIII. Auckland to Mongonui	"	"
Country Mail Services—Totals	122	656,558	266,595	49,931	2,446	...	...	3,254 17 2	882 1 8	34 15 11	4,171 14 9	4,683 2 10
Chief Post Office, Auckland—Totals	1	600,784	568,644	106,620	...	...	...	480 8 1	2,961 10 5	827 14 6	4,269 13 0	6,425 1 4
Totals	123	1,317,342	835,239	156,551	2,446	...	...	3,735 5 3	3,843 12 1	862 10 5	8,441 7 9	11,108 4 2

Table No. 19.

TABLE showing the Revenue, Expenditure, &c., of the Post Office in the Postal District of Thames in 1873.

Mail Services.	Total Received and Despatched.			Mail Services.			Expenditure.			Total.		
	No. of Offices.	Letters.	Books and Newspapers.	Weight of Books and Newspapers in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Modes of Conveyance.	Number of Times Weekly.	Cost of Conveyance.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.
I. Hastings ...	...	2,886	2,685	537	14	Horse	3	£ 45 0 0	£ 10 0 0	£ ...	£ 55 0 0	£ 13 5 0
II. Paeroa ...	...	1,089	1,185	237	40	Steamer	Uncertain.	...	10 0 0	1 4 8	11 4 8	5 7 4
III. Taranaki ...	...	4,180	709	154	2	Horse	6	20 0 0	10 0 0	...	30 0 0	19 12 2
IV. Landing and Shipping Mails	...	...	...	...	...	Boat	As required	93 17 6	...	...	93 17 6	...
Country Mail Services—Totals	3	8,155	4,639	928	56	...	...	158 17 6	30 0 0	1 4 8	190 2 2	38 4 6
Post Office, Thames	1	206,147	81,503	16,313	...	...	...	...	963 2 6	120 16 5	1,083 18 11	1,749 14 10
Totals	4	214,302	86,202	17,241	56	...	...	158 17 6	993 2 6	122 1 1	1,274 1 1	1,787 19 4

Table No. 20.

TABLE showing the Revenue, Expenditure, &c., of the Post Office in the Postal District of Taranaki in 1873.

Trunk Lines:	Total Received and Despatched.			Mail Services.			Expenditure.			Total.		
	No. of Offices.	Letters.	Books and Newspapers.	Weight of Books and Newspapers in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Modes of Conveyance.	Number of Times Weekly.	Cost of Conveyance.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.
I. New Plymouth to Okato ...	1	102	679	85	16½	Horse	1	£ 12 10 0	£ ...	£ ...	£ 12 10 0	£ 4 14 11
II. New Plymouth to Patea ...	4	57,625	13,480	1,601	100	Coach	2	600 0 0	30 0 0	...	630 0 0	394 17 6
III. New Plymouth to Waitara ...	2	1,878	2,680	200	10	"	2	17 10 0	5 0 0	...	22 10 0	24 5 11
Country Mail Services—Totals	7	59,605	16,239	2,936	126½	...	...	630 0 0	35 0 0	...	665 0 0	423 18 4
Chief Post Office, New Plymouth	1	65,766	53,600	6,707	...	...	...	...	307 10 0	67 6 4	434 16 4	644 5 1
Totals	8	125,461	69,899	8,743	126½	...	...	630 0 0	402 10 0	67 6 4	1,099 16 4	1,068 3 5

Table No. 21.
TABLE showing the Revenue, Expenditure, &c., of the Post Office in the Postal District of Hawke's Bay in 1873.

Mail Services.	No. of Offices.	Total Received and Despatched.			Mail Services.			Expenditure.			Total.	
		Letters.	Books and Newspapers.	Weight of Books and 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. Napier to Wairoa ...	2	12,022	7,689	840	56	Horse	1	£ 124 10 0	£ 22 0 0	£ 7 0 0	£ 146 10 0	£ 30 0 0
Wairoa to Gisborne ...	2	18,327	4,321	596	54	"	Fortnightly	78 0 0	25 0 0	103 0 0	103 0 0	81 0 0
II. Napier to Porangahau ...	8	50,390	17,620	1,470	74	Coach	2	161 13 0	75 0 0	236 13 0	121 0 0	
Porangahau to Castle Point ...	2	1,185	256	43	43	Horse	1	133 6 8	6 0 0	139 6 8	3 0 0	
III. Napier to Tapuachararu ...	3	11,948	4,814	410	110	Coach	2	625 0 0	...	625 0 0	2 0 0	
<i>Branches:</i>												
I. Havelock to Karamu ...	1	2,076	1,575	290	6½	Horse	3	...	5 0 0	7 0 0	2 0 0	
II. Napier to Puketapu ...	3	16,763	6,018	520	12	Coach	6	...	17 0 0	17 0 0	30 0 0	
III. Napier to Peka Peka ...	2	1,814	1,139	209	24	Horse	1	22 0 0	6 0 0	28 0 0	4 0 0	
IV. Clive to Pourerere ...	1	2,905	3,532	294	35	"	1	70 0 0	...	70 0 0	4 0 0	
V. Havelock to Kereru ...	2	3,930	3,258	340	36	"	1	39 0 0	12 0 0	51 0 0	9 0 0	
VI. Maraekakaho to Hampden ...	2	2,280	2,294	200	19	"	1	25 10 0	6 0 0	31 10 0	4 0 0	
VII. Te Aute to Patangata ...	1	2,278	1,199	160	5	"	1	23 10 0	6 0 0	29 10 0	10 0 0	
VIII. Waipawa to Tamumu ...	2	544	513	70	7	"	1	20 0 0	...	20 0 0	...	
IX. Waipukurau to Tahoraiti ...	1	2,676	2,048	276	35	"	1	65 0 0	5 0 0	70 0 0	5 0 0	
X. Napier to Port Ahuriri ...	1	16,527	3,084	420	2	Coach	6	39 7 0	40 0 0	79 7 0	54 0 0	
Private Bags ...	...	6,911	2,304	210	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Country Mail Services—Totals	33	153,352	62,653	6,561	518½	1,426 16 8	225 0 0	7 0 0	1,658 16 8	359 0 0
Chief Post Office, Napier ...	1	136,785	118,069	14,766	625 0 0	61 1 10	686 1 10	1,641 2 3
Totals ...	34	290,137	181,262	21,327	518½	1,426 16 8	850 0 0	68 1 10	2,344 18 6	2,000 2 3

Table No. 22.
TABLE showing the Revenue, Expenditure, &c., of the Post Office in the Postal District of Wellington in 1873.

Mail Services.	No. of Offices.	Total Received and Despatched.			Distance in Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of Times Weekly.	Cost of Conveyance.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Total.	
		Letters.	Books and Newspapers.	Weight of Books and Newspapers in lbs.							Expenditure.	Revenue.
<i>Trunk Lines:</i>												
I. North-Western—Wellington to Patea ...	20	294,445	133,000	24,938	162	Coach	2	£ 1,650 0 0	£ 373 6 8	£ 34 13 11	£ 2,058 0 7	£ 1,840 5 7
II. North-Western—Wellington to Porirua ...	4	8,776	2,639	495	12	"	6	20 0 0	30 0 0	0 13 3	50 13 3	54 15 9
III. North-Eastern—Wellington to Upper Hutt ...	3	37,375	6,762	1,268	19	"	6	0 2 6	49 3 4	0 14 0	49 19 10	233 11 10
IV. North-Eastern—Wellington to Taia ...	2	...	...	...	11	"	6	10 0 0	15 0 0	...	25 0 0	...
V. North-Eastern—Wellington to Masterton ...	6	90,269	26,345	4,939	64	"	2	245 0 0	95 0 0	1 2 11	341 2 11	564 3 0
VI. North-Eastern—Masterton to Castle Point ...	4	15,696	5,210	977	34	Horse	2	162 10 0	37 0 0	1 7 10	200 17 10	98 2 0
<i>Branches:</i>												
I. Wellington to Makara ...	2	2,580	449	83	7½	Cart	2	19 10 0	10 0 0	0 2 0	29 12 0	16 2 6
II. Wanganui to Marton ...	3	17,499	2,367	444	25	Coach	6	50 0 0	...	...	50 0 0	109 7 4
III. Foxton to Palmerston North ...	2	7,601	2,397	449	20	Horse	1	30 0 0	35 0 0	0 14 0	85 14 0	47 10 1
IV. Masterton to Alfreton ...	1	...	...	...	30	"	2	30 0 0	...	...	30 0 0	...
V. Hutt to Wainuiomata ...	1	1,397	523	98	8	"	2	...	25 0 0	0 4 0	25 4 0	8 14 7
VI. Wellington to Ohariu ...	1	993	318	60	15	"	2	10 0 0	...	...	10 0 0	5 12 10
VII. Bull's to Sanson ...	1	2,255	295	55	8	"	1	20 0 0	5 0 0	...	25 0 0	14 1 10
VIII. Tauberinikau to Kaiwairua ...	1	338	125	23	3	"	1	10 0 0	...	...	10 0 0	2 2 3
Country Mail Services—Totals	51	479,134	180,430	33,829	418½	...	...	2,277 2 6	674 10 0	39 11 11	2,991 4 5	2,994 9 7
Chief Post Office, Wellington	1	761,115	503,066	94,325	...	...	...	...	1,390 3 3	352 1 10	1,742 5 1	352,279 15 5
Totals ...	52	1,240,249	683,496	128,154	418½	...	...	2,277 2 6	2,064 13 3	391 13 9	4,733 9 6	38,274 5 0

Table No. 23. TABLE showing the Revenue, Expenditure, &c., of the Post Office in the Postal District of Nelson in 1873.

Mail Services.	Total Received and Despatched.			Mail Services.			Expenditure.			Total.		
	No. of Offices.	Letters.	Books and Newspapers.	Weight of Books and 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 ...	6	27,034	7,898	1,316	36	Coach	2	£ 125 0 0	£ 57 0 0	£ 7 1 1	£ 189 7 1	£ 123 17 5
II. Nelson to Foxhill ...	6	25,116	6,929	1,156	24	"	6	120 0 0	03 0 0	7 15 11	190 15 11	115 19 0
III. Foxhill to Sherry River ...	2	1,925	1,953	325	29	Horse	1	62 10 0	10 0 0	0 11 11	73 1 11	8 17 10
<i>Branches:</i>												
I. Lower Moutere to Nga Timoti ...	1	1,786	718	119	7	"	2	20 0 0	5 0 0	0 10 8	25 10 8	8 5 5
II. Upper Moutere to Thorpe ...	1	588	125	20	6	"	1	10 0 0	5 0 0	0 3 8	15 3 8	2 13 7
III. Spring Grove to Waimea West ...	1	3,198	828	138	3	"	3	20 0 0	12 0 0	1 12 3	33 12 3	14 15 6
IV. Nelson to Wakapuaka ...	1	2,477	1,152	192	12	"	2	24 0 0	8 0 0	0 13 6	32 13 6	10 1 2
V. Collingwood to Bedstead Gully ...	2	...	...	...	11½	"	As required	15 0 0	10 0 0	...	25 0 0	...
VI. Nelson to Wharf ...	...	...	...	...	...	Spring Cart	"	38 0 0	...	...	38 0 0	...
<i>Seaborne:</i>												
I. Nelson to Golden Bay ...	6	20,800	5,551	925	52	Vessel	*	...	40 0 0	6 9 9	46 9 9	96 2 0
II. Westport, &c., and Branches ...	11	168,477	107,824	15,401	110	Coach, horse, and foot	†	996 0 0	441 5 0	98 5 6	1,535 10 6	698 9 0
III. Greymouth Services ...	12	72,430	58,797	9,479½	68½	Coach, boat, and horse	†	732 9 11	311 13 4	79 12 0	1,123 15 3	471 8 0
Country Mail Services—Totals ...	49	263,531	191,775	29,071½	358½	...	...	2,162 19 11	962 18 4	203 2 3	3,329 0 6	1,550 8 11
Chief Post Office, Nelson ...	1	242,384	205,097	34,284	...	...	...	...	910 0 0	99 15 0	1,009 15 0	1,479 17 9
Totals ...	50	505,915	397,472	63,355½	358½	...	...	2,162 19 11	1,872 18 4	302 17 3	4,338 15 6	3,030 6 8

* As opportunity offers. † Daily, bi-weekly, and weekly.

Table No. 24. TABLE showing the Revenue, Expenditure, &c., of the Post Office in the Postal District of Marlborough in 1873.

Mail Services.	Total Received and Despatched.			Mail Services.			Expenditure.			Total.		
	No. of Offices.	Letters.	Books and Newspapers.	Weight of Books and 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. Blenheim to Picton ...	2	80,136	60,088	5,633½	20	Coach	6	£ 68 15 0	£ 152 0 0	£ 63 5 3	£ 284 0 3	£ 325 19 7
II. Picton to Havelock ...	2	14,455	9,521	892½	25	Boat	3	120 0 0	32 0 0	0 3 0	152 3 0	164 2 3
III. Havelock to Nelson ...	1	1,773	666	62½	36	Horse	Fortnightly	49 10 0	...	...	49 10 0	...
IV. Blenheim to Hawkswood ...	3	14,426	10,204	950½	140	"	1	320 0 0	22 0 0	0 7 0	342 7 0	104 15 7
V. Blenheim to Renwicktown ...	1	4,706	2,920	273½	7	"	I	12 0 0	10 0 0	0 10 0	22 10 0	20 0 0
VI. Blenheim to Wairau Valley ...	2	2,092	2,521	236½	25	Spring Cart	I	70 0 0	15 0 0	0 2 6	85 2 6	5 0 0
<i>Branches:</i>												
I. Havelock to Deep Creek ...	1	297	722	67½	20	Horse	I	30 0 0	6 0 0	...	36 0 0	...
II. Havelock to Homewood ...	1	231	267	25	25	Boat	Fortnightly	40 0 0	...	...	40 0 0	...
III. Blenheim to Southside ...	1	977	322	30½	1	Foot	6	...	5 0 0	0 1 6	5 1 6	3 0 0
IV. Blenheim to Wharf ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	As required	24 0 0	...	...	24 0 0	...
V. Picton to Wharf ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"	12 0 0	...	...	12 0 0	...
VI. Kaikoura to Wharf ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"	4 0 0	...	...	4 0 0	...
Country Mail Services—Totals ...	14	119,093	87,231	8,177½	299	...	...	750 5 0	242 0 0	64 9 3	1,056 14 3	622 17 5
Chief Post Office, Blenheim ...	1	85,485	58,501	5,484½	...	...	...	...	357 10 0	55 3 10	412 13 10	849 0 6
Totals ...	15	204,578	145,732	13,662½	299	...	...	750 5 0	599 10 0	119 13 1	1,469 8 1	1,471 17 11

Table No. 25.
TABLE showing the Revenue, Expenditure, &c., of the Post Office in the Postal District of Canterbury in 1873.

Mail Services.	No. of Offices.	Total Received and Despatched.			Mail Services. 1			Expenditure.			Total.	
		Letters.	Books and Newspapers.	Weight of Books and Newspapers in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of Times Weekly.	Cost of Conveyance.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.
I. Northern—												
Christchurch to Kaiapoi	3	64,203	11,406	2,850	12	Railway	12	£ 221 5 0	£ 5 0	£ 5 0	£ 890 11 2	
Kaipoi to Hurunui	6	34,128	10,773	3,125	38	Coach	6	£ 71 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 639 5 0	
Hurunui to Hawkswood	2	6,944	4,444	1,100	50	"	1	£ 7 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 301 0 4	
Kaipoi to Rangiora	3	41,088	10,612	2,650	6	Railway	6	£ 45 0 0	£ 17 6	£ 6	£ 301 0 4	
II. Southern—												
Christchurch to Dunsandel	4	20,544	4,028	1,007	23	"	6	£ 50 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 145 3 8	
Dunsandel to Waitaki	14	126,574	57,264	11,450	122	Coach	3	£ 397 0 0	£ 85 1 2	£ 1,477 1 2	£ 1,029 13 9	
III. Western—												
Christchurch to Hokitika	11	62,832	51,951	10,390	150	"	2	£ 1,250 0 0	£ 25 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 414 7 0	
IV. Main Branch—												
Christchurch to Lyttelton	2	90,052	11,436	2,859	9	Railway	12	£ 400 0 0	£ 1 0 9	£ 0 9	£ 610 9 6	
Branches:												
I. Christchurch to Stanmore	7	20,055	3,671	734	2	Horse	6	£ 45 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 140 6 10	
II. Christchurch to Woolston	2	8,148	1,800	400	3	Coach	12	£ 20 0 0	£ 12 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 58 17 0	
III. Dunsandel to Lake Coleridge	3	3,476	1,311	262	37	"	1	£ 5 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 27 3 9	
IV. Dunsandel to Hororata Upper	2	4,244	567	142	20	"	1	£ 145 0 0	£ 10 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 28 17 9	
V. Dunsandel to Greendale	1	1,971	229	57	9	"	1	£ 5 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 8 4 0	
VI. Rangiora to West Oxford	4	24,803	4,795	959	24	"	6	£ 125 0 0	£ 32 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 174 11 7	
VII. Kaiapoi to Swannanoa	2	2,331	675	109	20	"	6	£ 39 0 0	£ 9 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 18 11 10	
VIII. Christchurch to Southbridge	8	54,766	10,112	2,023	29	"	6	£ 250 0 0	£ 45 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 384 8 5	
IX. Ashburton to Mount Somers	3	7,022	4,264	853	45	Horse	1	£ 60 0 0	£ 10 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 43 17 9	
X. Timaru to Rangitata Upper	6	10,191	3,007	752	35	"	3	£ 173 0 0	£ 10 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 76 12 2	
XI. Timaru to Lake Tekapo	3	547	81	16	70	"	1	£ 72 0 0	£ 10 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 3 15 1	
XII. Lyttelton to Pigeon Bay	1	2,071	375	75	22	Steamer	2	£ 200 0 0	£ 12 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 14 10 1	
XIII. Duvauchelles Bay to Little Akaloa	2	3,213	778	155	9	Horse	2	£ 20 0 0	£ 10 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 23 6 5	
XIV. Lyttelton to Port Levy	1	789	179	62	9	Boat	2	£ 50 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 23 6 5	
XV. Lyttelton to Governor's Bay	2	1,845	674	137	10	Horse	2	£ 40 0 0	£ 10 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 14 3 5	
XVI. German Bay to Le Bon's Bay	1	1,040	882	170	11	"	1	£ 12 0 0	£ 5 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 13 12 0	
XVII. Rolleston to West Melton	1	709	244	60	17	Coach	2	£ 20 0 0	£ 5 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 7 13 3	
XVIII. Christchurch to Green Park	1	1,592	358	92	8	Horse	2	£ 15 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 5 8 7	
XIX. Irwell to Brookside	1	...	...	...	...	"	2	£ 25 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 11 8 10
XX. Burke's Pass to Dr. Fisher's	1	...	...	...	...	"	1	£ 25 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 10 1 7
XXI. Dunsandel to Killinchy	8	28,697	6,205	1,217	38	Coach	2	£ 60 0 0	£ 3 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 10 1 7	
XXII. Christchurch to Akaroa	1	2,243	1,044	208	7	"	3	£ 400 0 0	£ 85 0 0	£ 2 1 10	£ 294 17 9	
XXIII. Waiata to Hammer Plains	1	2,274	149	37	8	"	6	£ 10 0 0	£ 5 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 18 5 4	
XXIV. Christchurch to Sumner	1	413	63	15	30	Horse	3	£ 25 0 0	£ 8 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 14 16 8	
XXV. Timaru to Pleasant Point	1	1,505	322	82	14	Coach	2	£ 50 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 2 17 8	
XXVI. Pigeon Bay to Akaroa	...	...	...	...	...	Cart	3	£ 110 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 10 14 11
XXVII. Post Office and Railway Station	...	...	...	...	...	"	1	£ 119 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 119 0 0
XXVIII. Railway Station and Vessels in Port	...	...	...	...	...	"	...	£ 20 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 20 0 0
XXIX. Rangiora Post Office and Railway Station	...	...	...	...	...	"	...	£ 5 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 0 0	£ 5 0 0
XXX. Flaxton Post Office and Railway Station	...	...	...	...	...	"	...	£ 4 737 0 0	£ 1,617 5 0	£ 89 11 3	£ 4,714 8 1
Country Mail Services—Totals	110	632,515	204,326	44,270	924	...	...	£ 2,266 5 7	£ 131 10 10	£ 2,397 16 5	£ 7,477 6 7
Chief Post Office, Christchurch	1	859,846	545,199	149,905	...	...	...	£ 4,737 0 0	£ 3,883 10 7	£ 221 2 1	£ 12,191 14 8
Totals	111	1,492,361	749,525	194,175	924	...	...	£ 4,737 0 0	£ 3,883 10 7	£ 221 2 1	£ 12,191 14 8

Table No. 26.
TABLE showing the Revenue, Expenditure, &c., of the Post Office in the Postal District of Westland in 1873.

Mail Services.	Total Received and Despatched.			Mail Services.			Expenditure.			Total.		
	No. of Offices.	Letters.	Books and Newspapers.	Weight of Books and 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. Hokitika to Greymouth	7	66,745	50,558	9,480	42	Coach	6	£ 91 13 4	£ 52 1 8	£ ...	£ 143 15 0	£ 161 0 0
II. Hokitika to Christchurch	8	45,342	45,498	8,531	150	"	2	1,250 0 0	...	...	1,250 0 0	5 0 0
III. Ross to Gillespie's	4	6,866	4,953	929	71	Horse	1	235 0 0	30 0 0	...	205 0 0	50 0 0
IV. Hokitika to Ross	2	32,865	28,125	5,273	20	Coach	6	60 0 0	40 0 0	...	100 0 0	202 0 0
<i>Branches:</i>												
I. Hokitika to Ho Ho	3	7,521	3,983	747	5	Horse	6	60 0 0	30 0 0	...	90 0 0	32 0 0
II. Waimea to Big Dam	1	949	695	130	1½	Foot	3	38 15 0	5 0 0	...	43 15 0	7 0 0
III. Arahura to Teremakau	2	566	670	126	10	Horse	1	22 10 0	...	...	22 10 0	3 0 0
IV. Greymouth to Greenstone	4	8,189	5,978	793½	20	Tram. and Coach	6	206 5 0	22 10 0	0 17 0	229 12 0	34 0 0
V. Greymouth to Arnold	1	5,502	2,794	436½	16	Coach	1	...	5 0 0	0 12 0	5 12 0	24 0 0
VI. Marsden to Clifton	1	2,258	1,181	184½	8	Horse	1	20 0 0	5 0 0	0 6 0	25 6 0	12 15 0
Country Mail Services—Totals	33	176,803	143,535	26,630½	343½	...	...	1,984 3 4	189 11 8	1 15 0	2,175 10 0	530 15 0
Post Office, Greymouth	1	174,327	215,870	34,890	...	...	...	...	642 10 0	128 9 10	770 19 10	1,479 12 3
Post Office, Hokitika	1	81,104	101,959	18,949	...	...	...	...	824 2 6	162 9 9	986 12 3	1,382 16 4
Totals	35	432,234	460,404	80,469½	343½	...	...	1,984 3 4	1,656 4 2	292 14 7	3,933 2 1	3,393 3 7

Table No. 27.
TABLE showing the Revenue, Expenditure, &c., of the Post Office in the Postal District of Otago in 1873.

Mail Services.	Total Received and Despatched.		Mail Services.		Expenditure.			Total.				
	No. of Offices.	Letters.	Books and Newspapers.	Weight of Books and Newspapers in lbs.	Days in Week.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of Times Weekly.	Cost of Conveyance.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.
<i>Trunk Lines:</i>												
I. Dunedin to Waitaki ...	12	293,074	165,353	33,487	95	Coach	3	£ 600 0 0	£ 524 16 8	£ 1,124 16 8	£ 1,417 18 6	£ 1,417 18 6
II. Dunedin to Popotunoa—												
Dunedin to Popotunoa ...	10	110,477	94,320	18,876	38	"	6	150 0 0	300 0 0	459 0 0	809 14 1	809 14 1
Milton to Balclutha ...	3	40,259	19,126	3,813	18	"	6	55 0 0	40 0 0	95 0 0	412 16 0	412 16 0
Balclutha to Popotunoa ...	3	14,444	10,445	2,175	25	"	2	124 10 0	25 0 0	149 10 0	65 10 1	65 10 1
Popotunoa to Mataura ...	2	19,369	20,165	4,226	30	"	...	...	...	...	134 0 5	134 0 5
III. Palmerston to Queenstown—												
Palmerston to Clyde ...	8	92,635	77,578	15,511	120	"	2	1,100 0 0	317 10 0	1,417 10 0	460 6 2	460 6 2
Clyde to Queenstown ...	8	86,381	90,587	18,023	73	"	3	245 0 0	232 13 4	477 13 4	617 2 6½	617 2 6½
IV. Milton to Clyde—												
Milton to Lawrence ...	5	83,876	47,216	9,420	34	"	6	100 0 0	230 0 0	330 0 0	502 10 1½	502 10 1½
Lawrence to Clyde ...	4	21,431	12,302	4,342	74	"	1	190 0 0	57 13 4	347 13 4	153 10 4	153 10 4
Lawrence to Teviot ...	4	58,067	22,096	4,508	43	"	1	100 0 0	...	...	155 6 7½	155 6 7½
V. Dunedin to Port Chalmers	1	22,219	14,784	2,234	9	Railway	12	286 5 0	205 0 0	491 5 0	312 4 7	312 4 7
<i>Branch Lines:</i>												
I. Oamaru to Oamarua and Maracwhenua ...	5	4,740	2,937	578	75	Coach	1	180 0 0	15 0 0	96 12 11	48 11 1½	48 11 1½
II. Green Island to Brighton ...	1	58	1,067	223	9	Horse	1	10 0 0	...	10 0 0	1 1 6	1 1 6
III. East Taieri to West Taieri ...	4	29,366	19,190	3,823	9	Coach	6	45 0 0	56 0 0	101 0 0	167 15 2½	167 15 2½
IV. West Taieri to Waipori ...	1	7,980	7,560	1,508	18	"	1	52 0 0	15 0 0	67 0 0	51 2 5	51 2 5
V. West Taieri to Waipori Lake ...	2	3,216	4,935	987	11	"	1	24 10 0	15 0 0	39 10 0	14 8 10	14 8 10
VI. North Taieri to Hindon ...	1	868	2,455	479	20	Horse	1	11 0 0	10 0 0	21 0 0	4 5 3½	4 5 3½
VII. Maheno to Kakanui ...	1	2,826	5,517	1,120	3	Spring Cart	3	30 0 0	10 0 0	40 0 0	75 3 7	75 3 7
VIII. Waihola to Taieri Beach ...	1	924	1,583	312	9	Horse	1	14 0 0	5 0 0	19 0 0	7 6 2	7 6 2
IX. Lawrence to Bluespur ...	2	5,567	5,939	1,197	5	"	6	15 0 0	19 11 8	34 11 8	39 1 3½	39 1 3½
X. Beaumont to Switzer's and Welshman's ...	3	10,585	10,594	2,106	47	Coach	1	128 0 0	25 0 0	153 0 0	120 3 1½	120 3 1½
XI. Switzer's to Waikaka ...	1	1,774	1,296	253	20	Horse	1	40 0 0	...	40 0 0	0 2 9	0 2 9
XII. Tapanui to Mackay's ...	1	8,979	7,893	1,583	12	"	1	42 10 0	15 0 0	57 10 0	75 11 4½	75 11 4½
XIII. Balclutha to Kaitangata ...	2	8,062	7,142	1,442	10	Mail Cart	2	24 0 0	20 0 0	44 0 0	1 2 9	1 2 9
XIV. Balclutha to Port Molyneux ...	4	14,221	20,608	4,126	19	Horse	2	67 10 0	35 0 0	102 10 0	38 3 8	38 3 8
XV. Lawrence to Tuapeka North ...	1	1,545	619	129	16	"	1	24 0 0	...	24 0 0	10 3 3	10 3 3
XVI. Mataura to Fortrose ...	3	3,711	3,422	697	...	"	1	43 15 0	...	...	41 17 7½	41 17 7½
XVII. Waihemo to Macrae's ...	1	7,478	6,505	1,280	10	"	1	50 0 0	42 0 0	92 0 0	62 15 7	62 15 7
XVIII. Kyebrun to Hyde via Hamilton's ...	2	9,687	10,618	2,136	28	"	1	68 0 0	10 0 0	78 0 0	75 2 16½	75 2 16½
XIX. Hamilton's to Linburn ...	1	1,387	2,342	453	7	"	1	25 0 0	5 0 0	30 0 0	10 14 4	10 14 4
XX. Naseby to Kyebrun Diggings ...	1	986	512	121	8	"	1	53 0 0	15 0 0	68 0 0	0 1 11	0 1 11
XXI. Blackstone Hill to St. Bathian's ...	1	8,414	5,794	1,171	8	"	2	29 10 0	6 0 0	35 10 0	17 2 8	17 2 8
XXII. Black's to Drybread and Tinker's ...	2	3,876	4,321	858	22	"	1	117 10 0	5 0 0	122 10 0	20 8 4	20 8 4
XXIII. Cromwell to Nevis ...	4	3,716	4,321	858	22	"	1	117 10 0	25 0 0	142 10 0	40 19 1	40 19 1
XXIV. Cromwell to Cardrona ...	5	12,373	11,207	2,215	45	Coach	1	117 10 0	25 0 0	142 10 0	40 19 1	40 19 1
XXV. Arrow River to Twelve Mile Creek ...	2	953	374	63	12	Horse	2	75 0 0	10 0 0	85 0 0	0 3 8	0 3 8
XXVI. Queenstown to Skipper's ...	1	2,576	2,906	599	37	"	1	75 0 0	15 0 0	90 0 0	17 9 1½	17 9 1½
XXVII. Queenstown to Moke Creek ...	1	933	1,581	317	11	"	1	45 0 0	...	45 0 0	0 2 10½	0 2 10½
XXVIII. Queenstown to Kingston ...	1	1,254	1,896	364	20	Steamer	2	91 0 0	5 0 0	96 0 0	13 11 0½	13 11 0½
XXIX. Queenstown to Glenorchy ...	1	421	102	27	20	Steamer	2	100 0 0	11 0 0	111 0 0	0 2 3½	0 2 3½
XXX. Portobello to Kaik ...	1	1,659	490	96	7	Steamer	2	100 0 0	11 0 0	111 0 0	2 16 8	2 16 8

Table No. 27. TABLE showing the Revenue, Expenditure, &c., of the Post Office in the Postal District of Otago in 1873—continued.

Mail Services.	Total Received and Despatched.				Mail Services.			Expenditure.			Total.	
	No. of Offices.	Letters.	Books and Newspapers.	Weight of Books and Newspapers in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of Times Weekly.	Cost of Conveyance.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.
<i>Branch Lines:</i>												
XXXI. Port Chalmers to Sawyer's Bay ...	1	499	263	51	2	Railway	6	£ 15 0 0	£ 2 10 0	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
XXXII. Dunedin to Anderson's Bay ...	1	4,999	5,297	1,046	2	Coach	6	...	...	...	...	...
XXXIII. Dunedin to Mornington ...	1	3,848	3,215	453	2	Horse	6	...	...	...	...	...
XXXIV. Dunedin to Murrayville ...	1	868	1,040	197	3	"	6	...	...	...	...	...
XXXV. Dunedin to Waikari ...	2	7,545	4,334	869	2	"	6	...	...	...	...	...
XXXVI. Port Molyneux to Owaki ...	3	2,018	1,798	330	13	"	2	24 0 0	...	...	...	...
XXXVII. Dunedin to Naseby ...	...	...	...	...	94	Coach	1	150 0 0	...	...	...	...
XXXVIII. Milton to Adam's Flat ...	1	914	560	121	4	Cart	2	5 0 0	...	...	...	...
XXXIX. Kaitangata to Wangaloa ...	1	376	689	143	5	Horse	1	12 0 0	...	...	...	...
XL. Dunedin to Catlin's River and Waikara ...	1	462	260	44	101	Vessel, as opportunity offers	1	...	...	...	...	...
XLI. Waipori to Lawrence ...	1	181	...	...	16	Horse	1	20 0 0	...	...	...	...
XLII. Linburn to Serpentine ...	1	...	...	...	16	"	6	6 0 0	...	...	...	...
XLIII. Dunedin to Portobello ...	2	3,793	6,357	1,258	8	Steamer	6	6 0 0	...	...	...	...
Country Mail Services—Totals	132	1,028,981	752,895	152,207	1,363	...	...	4,713 6 0	2,385 6 8	96 12 11	7,195 5 7	6,140 0 4½
Chief Post Office, Dunedin ...	1	754,733	741,131	141,732	...	...	...	...	2,946 10 6	538 7 3	3,484 17 9	12,278 6 8½
Totals ...	133	1,783,714	1,494,026	293,939	1,363	...	...	4,713 6 0	5,331 17 2	635 0 2	10,680 3 4	18,418 7 1

Table No. 28. TABLE showing the Revenue, Expenditure, &c., of the Post Office in the Postal District of Southland in 1873.

Trunk Lines:	No. of Offices.	Letters.	Books and Newspapers.	Weight of Books and Newspapers in lbs.	Distance in Miles.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of Times Weekly.	Cost of Conveyance.	Expenditure.			Total.	
									Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.	
I. Invercargill to Popotunoa ...	9	18,773	13,177	3,294	66	Coach	2	£ 365 0 0	£ 15 8 4	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
II. Invercargill to Campbelltown ...	3	30,665	5,573	1,393	18	Rail	12
III. Invercargill to Queenstown ...	7	37,601	21,986	5,246	116	Coach	2	198 0 0	30 0 0
IV. Invercargill to Riverton ...	1	29,409	10,839	2,700	22	"	6	60 0 0	20 0 0
<i>Branches:</i>													
I. Invercargill to Flint's Bush ...	3	6,008	8,438	2,109	17	Horse	1	29 0 0	15 0 0	2 10 0
II. Invercargill to Otaramaka ...	1	2,035	1,438	359	11	"	1	25 0 0	...	...	...	...
III. Mataura to Switzer's ...	4	14,537	5,674	1,419	40	"	1	100 0 0	...	...	...	...
IV. Riverton to Otautau ...	3	4,890	3,767	941	22	"	1	20 0 0	10 0 0	...	...	...
V. Otautau to Mararoa ...	1	5,670	3,713	929	60	"	1	85 0 0	...	...	...	...
VI. Otautau to Bellemont ...	2	3,827	2,397	599	40	"	1	45 0 0	5 0 0	...	...	...
VII. Athol to Nokomai ...	1	2,026	775	194	10	"	1	16 0 0	...	...	...	...
VIII. Riverton to Orepuke ...	1	3,300	2,390	597	24	Foot	1	50 0 0	5 0 0	...	...	...
IX. Waimahaka to Fortrose ...	1	382	127	32	20	Horse	1	80 0 0	...	...	...	...
Country Mail Services—Totals	37	158,523	80,294	19,812	466	...	...	1,073 0 0	150 8 4	2 10 0	1,225 18 4	1,002 12 4
Post Office, Invercargill ...	1	151,169	85,584	32,094	...	...	...	...	603 8 0	90 3 7	693 11 7	959 19 7
Totals ...	38	309,692	165,878	51,906	466	...	...	1,073 0 0	753 16 4	92 13 7	1,919 9 11	1,962 11 11

Table No. 29.
TABLE showing the Revenue, Expenditure, &c., of the Post Office in the Postal Districts of New Zealand in 1873.

Mail Services.	Offices of N.Z.	Total Received and Despatched.			Expenditure.			Total.		
		Letters.	Books and Newspapers.	Weight of Books and Newspapers in lbs.	Cost of Conveyance.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.	
AUCKLAND ...	123	1,317,342	835,239	156,551	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
THAMES ...	4	214,302	86,202	17,241	3,735 5 3	3,843 12 1	862 10 5	8,441 7 9		
TARANAKI ...	8	125,461	69,899	8,743	158 17 6	993 2 6	122 1 1	1,274 1 1		
HAWKE'S BAY ...	34	290,137	181,262	21,327	630 0 0	402 10 0	67 6 4	1,099 16 4		
WELLINGTON ...	52	1,240,249	683,496	128,154	1,426 16 8	850 0 0	68 1 10	2,344 18 6		
TOTALS FOR NORTH ISLAND ...	221	3,187,491	1,856,098	332,016	2,277 2 6	2,064 13 3	391 13 9	4,733 9 6		
NELSON ...	50	595,915	397,472	63,358½	8,228 1 11	8,153 17 10	1,511 13 5	17,893 13 2		
MARLBOROUGH ...	15	204,578	145,732	13,662½	2,162 19 11	1,872 18 4	302 17 3	4,338 15 6		
CANTERBURY ...	111	1,492,361	749,525	194,175	750 5 0	599 10 0	119 13 1	1,469 8 1		
OTAGO ...	133	1,783,714	1,494,026	293,939	4,737 0 0	3,883 10 7	221 2 1	8,841 12 8		
SOUTHLAND ...	38	399,692	165,878	51,906	4,713 6 0	5,331 17 2	635 0 2	10,680 3 4		
WESTLAND ...	35	432,234	460,464	80,469½	1,073 0 0	753 16 4	92 13 7	1,919 9 11		
TOTALS FOR MIDDLE ISLAND ...	382	4,728,494	3,413,097	697,507½	1,984 3 4	1,656 4 2	292 14 7	3,933 2 1		
TOTALS FOR THE COLONY ...	603	7,915,985	5,269,195	1,029,523½	15,420 14 3	14,097 16 7	1,664 0 9	31,182 11 7		
					23,648 16 2	22,251 14 5	3,175 14 2	49,076 4 9		
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