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# POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

(NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.)

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

MY LORD,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 27th July, 1878.

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

I have, &amp;c.,

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The Most Hon. the Marquis of Normanby, G.C.M.G.,  
Governor of New Zealand.

## REPORT.

THE determination on the part of the colony to enter the General Postal Union may be regarded as one of the more important events bearing on the future administration of the postal service of New Zealand.

The General Postal Union Scheme was first brought under the consideration of the department as far back as September, 1875; but, as the original conditions under which British Colonies would be permitted to join the Union were exceedingly unfavourable, this colony—indeed, the whole of the Australasian Colonies—decided to refrain from seeking admission into the General Postal Union. Terms of a more liberal nature having subsequently been submitted for consideration, it is now possible for any colony to enter the Union without suffering a serious pecuniary loss. At the Conference held in Melbourne in May last, respecting the duplication of the telegraph lines between Australasia and Europe, the General Postal Union scheme was also discussed, and the following resolution unanimously agreed to:—

“That the adoption of the amended treaty, agreed to by the Berne Postal Convention, be recommended for the favourable consideration of the Governments of Australia and New Zealand.”

The Hon. the Postmaster-General of New South Wales had occasion a few weeks since to pay an official visit to this colony, and, among other questions discussed, the terms of the Berne Treaty, and the amended proposals of the Imperial Government with respect to the Australasian Colonies entering the Union, were dealt with. The following memorandum was jointly agreed to on behalf of the two colonies:—

“That the Colonies of New South Wales and New Zealand should, in view of the desirability of establishing uniform postal regulations of universal application, calculated to give the public the largest amount of accommodation possible, without useless and vexatious restrictions, join the Berne Postal Union: Provided, however, that no reduction be made in the rate of postage for the ocean services; that the cost of the transit of the mails between San Francisco and New York or Boston be not charged the colonies; and that the restrictions which have already or which may hereafter be imposed by local legislation in reference to wholly unpaid correspondence are not interfered with.”

In a report such as the present it would be impossible to discuss the advantages to be derived by any country entering the General Postal Union; and it has, therefore, been decided to submit to Parliament the whole of the papers in connection with the scheme.

Although the decision to join the General Postal Union will entail a small loss of revenue to the colony, it is held that, in view of the many and highly important advantages secured under the Union scheme, the colony should be prepared to incur the loss.

The inspection of Post Offices has been carried on vigorously, and with most encouraging results. The Inspector of Post Offices has travelled through the North and South Islands during the year, and the more important offices having been frequently inspected. The several reports speak favourably of the manner in which the Post Offices—or, at least, those in charge of officers of the permanent staff—are carried on. The general conduct of the officers has been most satisfactory. The absence of any serious complaint against the department is unmistakeable proof that the public interests are well cared for.

The reference made in last report to the fact that it was intended to arrange for a more regular inspection by postal officers has been only partially carried out. The Audit Office inspection, as performed by the Inspectors of Audit, having been extended to the accounts of the Post Office, it became unnecessary to extend the Post Office system to the extent originally intended. It has now been arranged that, in addition to the periodical visits of the Inspector of Post Offices, Chief Postmasters shall visit their offices once every year. This inspection, together with the irregular visits of the Audit Inspectors, is deemed to be sufficient for all practical purposes.

The method of dealing with and of accounting for the postal revenue and other receipts has undergone a very important change since the 1st of January last. The revenue accounts are now dealt with at the General Post Office, instead of in the Treasury. The Public Revenues Act of 1877, which authorized this change, created an account called the "Post Office Account," into which is paid all moneys received on account of postal revenue, or for transmission by money order, or for deposit in the Post Office Savings Bank. This account can only be operated upon by cheque of the Postmaster-General, countersigned by the Commissioner of Audit. The accrued postal revenue is paid monthly to the Consolidated Fund. The advantages of the change are these: The revenue and other receipts are incorporated in one instead of two accounts. The officers of the Post Office now deal, in the first instance, with all postal revenue accounts; and a set of accounts, formerly sent direct from Chief Postmasters to the Audit Office, has been abolished. The change has added considerably to the work of the department in the Accountant's Office. This new system has also made it practicable to discontinue Chief Postmaster's imprest accounts. Incidental and special payments of fixed amounts are now authorized to be paid out of revenue collections; and if this were extended to the payment of salaries of Sub-Postmasters, a saving of both labour and expense would follow.

The collection of what is termed "unpaid postages," together with the preparation of the necessary accounts, has always been a matter of perplexity to the department. A system recently adopted admits of these postages being collected by the agency of "unpaid docketts," which has this twofold advantage: it insures an almost absolute check against fraud, and enables the department to abolish the lengthy unpaid postage accounts, which means a saving of considerable importance.

It is the intention to establish an Inland Parcels Post, by which merchandise—raw or manufactured—and many other articles, may be forwarded through the post at a nominal rate of postage. It is also intended to extend the book-packet regulations, so as to include documents which at present can only be transmitted through the post at letter rates of postage.

Halfpenny newspaper wrappers, and also postage stamps of the value of 2s. and 5s. respectively, have been issued.

Arrangements of a satisfactory nature have been made with the Imperial Post Office authorities by the Agent-General for the prompt payment of the postages due the colony. Hitherto, these payments have been irregular, and considerably in arrear. For the future, quarterly payments of a fixed amount will be made, and any balance in favour of the colony paid over annually. The immediate result of this arrangement has been the payment, since September last, of no less than £35,968 0s. 2d. on account of postages due the colony by the Imperial Post Office.

The reference made in a former report to the desire of the department to afford facilities for establishing Penny Savings Banks at schools and factories is now being given practical effect to. The forms, &c., incidental to the inauguration of the system are being printed, and will be ready for issue to School Committees during the current year.

The printing of postage stamps, hitherto under the immediate control of the Government Printer, has been placed in charge of the Stamp Department.

With the rapidly-increasing population at the larger centres, it becomes necessary to provide extended deliveries; and the question of establishing "suburban deliveries" is now under consideration. Such deliveries would admit of correspondence being delivered over those suburbs which have a population sufficiently large to warrant the expense. Where it may not be practicable to carry out this scheme in the ordinary way, deliveries by mounted carriers would be made.

The gross revenue from all sources for the financial year ended the 30th ultimo was £114,191 12s. 9d.—an increase of 11·43 per cent. over the receipts of the previous year.

The estimated expenditure, inclusive of a sum of £9,000 on account of liabilities, is estimated at £135,389 11s. 10d. This is £4,846 12s. 9d. less than the expenditure for the year preceding.

The number of letters, newspapers, &c., received and despatched during the year shows a satisfactory increase, as will be seen from the following comparative statement for the years 1876 and 1877:—

	1877.	1876.	Increase.
Letters—Received ... ..	7,119,765	5,576,848	
Despatched ... ..	5,935,105	6,193,889	
	<hr/> 13,054,870	<hr/> 11,770,737	<hr/> 1,284,133
Books and Newspapers—Received ... ..	5,267,307	4,861,843	
Despatched ... ..	3,541,183	3,100,905	
	<hr/> 8,808,490	<hr/> 7,962,748	<hr/> 845,742

—the increase of letters being 10·91 per cent., and of newspapers 10·62 per cent.

To ascertain, however, the exact increase of letters, 81,274 post cards should be taken into account. This gives 1,365,407 letters as the actual increase for the year—equal to 11·60 per cent. The numerical increase of letters in 1876 over the previous year was 1,342,886, which number, however, included the post cards.

Comparing the number of letters despatched with the population, the average is 14·51 letters to each head of population. In 1875, the average was 14·29; and in 1874, 12·08.

The newspapers show a decrease of over 5½ per cent., owing principally, it is believed, to the publication of the late Otago Provincial Government *Gazette* having been discontinued, over 260,000 copies of which, it is stated, passed through the post annually.

63 new offices have been opened, three re-opened, and 19 closed.

13 offices have been constituted offices for the transaction of Money Order and Savings Bank business.

The number of post cards posted during the year was 81,274.

Judging from results, the circulation of post cards has not diminished the revenue. The receipts on account of local collections for the past year show a larger increase than in any former year. Treating post cards as letters, for the purpose of comparison, it is found that the increase of local letters for 1877 was 22,521 over the increase for the previous year. Although the post cards are not extensively used, it may be accepted as a fact that they are regarded by the public with favour as a ready and cheap medium of communication.

#### REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

The gross revenue collections for the financial year ended 30th June ultimo, and the estimated expenditure for the same period, are given in the statement underneath:—

REVENUE.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Collected within the colony ...	96,664	18 8	Salaries ...	38,010	8 8
On account of Imperial postages ...	15,000	0 0	Conveyance of Mails by Sea... ..	57,184	15 3
San Francisco Service, payments by non-contracting colonies ...	2,526	14 1	"    Inland Mails... ..	27,612	19 9
Balance of expenditure over revenue ...	21,927	1 0	Contingencies ... ..	4,810	10 1
			Estimated liabilities ... ..	9,000	0 0
	<u>£136,118</u>	<u>13 9</u>		<u>£136,118</u>	<u>13 9</u>

The revenue collected within the colony increased by the sum of £10,117 4s. 8d., or 11·68 per cent., while the gross collections show an increase of £11,717, or 11·43 per cent. above the revenue for the preceding year.

The excess of expenditure over revenue is put down at £21,927 1s. For the previous year £37,236 4s. 7d. represented the actual difference of expenditure over revenue.

To arrive at a correct estimate of the value of the actual work performed by the department, £52,848 9s. 4d., the sum set against official postage, should be taken credit for. This would show that the possible earnings of the department exceeded its gross expenditure by a sum no less than £30,921 8s. 4d.

#### OFFICIAL POSTAGE.

The extent to which the Post Office has been the medium for the transmission of "free" or officially-franked correspondence, may be gathered from the following statement:—

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Auckland ... ..	2,141	17 9	Christchurch ... ..	2,301	17 6
Thames ... ..	311	17 0	Hokitika ... ..	640	17 8
New Plymouth ... ..	930	1 3	Greymouth ... ..	378	8 0
Napier ... ..	347	2 5	Dunedin ... ..	4,320	1 8
Wellington ... ..	40,143	15 8	Invercargill ... ..	636	17 8
Nelson ... ..	351	0 4			
Westport ... ..	153	5 10	Total ... ..	<u>£52,848</u>	<u>9 4</u>
Blenheim ... ..	192	6 8			

#### DEPARTMENTAL.

63 new Post Offices were established, and 3 re-opened during the year, at the following places:—

Albury, Canterbury	Karitane, Otago	Pukaki Ferry, Canterbury
Albury (reopened), Canterbury	Kamo, Auckland	Russell's Flat, Canterbury
Akuaku, Auckland	Kekerangu, Marlborough	Scott's Ferry, Wellington
Annandale, Otago	Kirtleburn, Otago	Silverstream, Canterbury
Ashton, Canterbury	Kirwee, Canterbury	Takaka East, Nelson
Bealey Road, Canterbury	Kohu Kohu, Auckland	Takapau, Hawke's Bay
Blackburn, Hawke's Bay	Lake Tarawera, Auckland	Teaneraki, Otago
Blackmount, Otago	Makaraka, Hawke's Bay	Te Kopuru, Auckland
Blue Cliffs, Canterbury	Marina Junction, Nelson	The Port, Nelson
Caledonian Road, Canterbury	Methven, Canterbury	Tologa Bay, Auckland
Canoe Creek, Westland	Mititai, Auckland	Tua Marina, Marlborough
Carnarvon, Wellington	Motuotaria, Hawke's Bay	Upper Matakaitaki, Nelson
Cave, Canterbury	Mount Stuart, Otago	Urenui, Taranaki
Chertsey, Canterbury	Mullet Point, Auckland	Waerangahika, Hawke's Bay
Dillman's Town, Westland	Ngapara, Otago	Waihaha, Auckland
Eketahuna (reopened), Wellington	Ohiwa, Auckland	Waimate Junction, Canterbury
Ellesmere, Canterbury	Orwell Creek, Westland	Wangaruru, Auckland
Giles' Terrace (reopened), Nelson	Otaio, Canterbury	Waterton, Canterbury
Gladstone, Wellington	Paihia, Auckland	Westbrook, Westland
Goodfellow's, Westland	Pakuranga, Auckland	Weston, Otago
Green Street, Canterbury	Phillipstown, Canterbury	West Wanganui, Nelson
Horseshoe Bay, Otago	Pollock Settlement, Auckland	Wharekahika, Auckland.

The under-mentioned 19 Post Offices have been closed:—

Albury, Canterbury	Kerikeri, Auckland	Slateford, Nelson
Arowhenua, Canterbury	Mount Stuart, Otago	Taylor's Creek, Nelson
Bellefont, Otago	Oroua, Wellington	Westerfield, Canterbury
Carrickton, Otago	Ohiwa, Auckland	Welshman's Gully, Otago
Drayton, Canterbury	Pekapeka, Hawke's Bay	Woodthorpe, Hawke's Bay.
Eketahuna, Wellington	Pakuratahi, Wellington	
German Terrace, Nelson	Saltwater Beach, Westland	

The number of Post Offices open on the 31st December last was 758, and the total number of officers on the strength of the department, inclusive of 730 Sub-Postmasters, was 915.

The following comparative table shows the number of Post Offices open in the several postal districts for the years 1876 and 1877 :—

Postal Districts.	1877.				1876.			
	Chief Offices.	Second-class Post Offices.	Sub-Post Offices.	Totals.	Chief Offices.	Second-class Post Offices.	Sub-Post Offices.	Totals.
Auckland ... ..	1	2	150	153	1	2	140	143
Thames ... ..	1	...	9	10	1	...	9	10
Taranaki ... ..	1	...	13	14	1	...	12	13
Hawke's Bay ... ..	1	2	46	49	1	2	39	42
Wellington ... ..	1	1	61	63	1	1	60	62
Nelson ... ..	1	...	26	28	1	...	25	26
Westport ... ..	1	...	18	19	1	...	17	18
Marlborough ... ..	1	2	14	17	1	2	12	15
Canterbury ... ..	1	3	147	151	1	3	132	136
Hokitika ... ..	1	...	28	29	1	...	26	27
Greymouth ... ..	1	...	22	23	1	...	19	20
Otago ... ..	1	2	157	160	1	2	153	156
Southland ... ..	1	1	38	40	1	1	36	38
Chatham Islands ... ..	1	...	1	2	1	...	1	2
Totals ... ..	14	14	730	758	14	13	681	708

9 additional receiving offices were opened, viz.: Auckland, 2; Napier, 3; Christchurch, 1; Akaroa, 1; Timaru 1; and Lawrence, 1. 20 iron pillar receivers, and 53 receiving offices, were open at the close of the year.

55 additional stamp licenses were issued in 1877, and 12 cancelled. The total number of licensed stamp vendors on the 31st December last was 251, who received £805 12s. by way of poundage on the sale of stamps. Sub-Postmasters, not on the permanent staff, were also paid poundage amounting to £217 15s. 1d.

For the carriage of interprovincial and intercolonial mails by unsubsidized vessels, £2,482 15s. 5d. was paid.

The number of private boxes occupied was 2,255. These, together with 160 private bags, produced a revenue of £2,243 5s.

The following return of officers of the Postal Department for the years 1876 and 1877 shows to what extent the staff was increased during the year :—

Officers.	1877.	1876.	Officers.	1877.	1876.
Postmaster-General ... ..	1	1	Postmasters ... ..	14	13
Secretary ... ..	1	1	Clerks ... ..	91	86
Inspector of Post Offices ... ..	1	1	Sub-Postmasters ... ..	730	681
Accountant, Money Order and Savings Bank Department ... ..	1	1	Letter-carriers ... ..	38	36
Clerks in General Post Office ... ..	5	4	Messengers ... ..	11	9
Clerks in Money Order and Savings Bank Department ... ..	4	4	Mail-cart Drivers ... ..	2	2
Chief Postmasters ... ..	14	14	Shipping Officers ... ..	2	2
			Totals ... ..	915	855

A branch Post Office at the Port, Nelson, was opened on the 1st December last, and has been found a great convenience both to the public and the department. The office is connected with the Chief Post Office by wire; and in the matter of the transshipment of mails, the notifying the arrival and departures of steamers, as well as the postponements, the telegraph is of great service.

The insurance business at Auckland was separated from that of the Chief Post Office on the 11th December last. So soon as suitable accommodation can be secured, a similar arrangement will be made with respect to the Chief Post Office, Wellington.

An additional Letter-carrier has been appointed to the Chief Post Office, Wellington, and the deliveries, more particularly at the Te Aro end of the city, extended.

It has been found necessary to extend the Letter-carriers' deliveries in the Christchurch District, over the Borough of Sydenham, which involved the appointing of an extra Carrier. It is contemplated at an early date to establish a free delivery over the entire borough, and possibly over the whole of the suburbs of Christchurch.

The Letter-carriers' deliveries at Timaru have also been extended, and a second Letter-carrier appointed, enabling an additional daily delivery being made.

Oamaru has also had the free delivery extended, as well as its frequency increased.

Letter-carriers' deliveries have been established at New Plymouth, Gisborne, and Kumara.

It is also intended to establish deliveries by Letter-carrier at Ashburton and at Reefton. The removal of the Post Office at the latter place to the new buildings on the public reserve has rendered the appointment of a Letter-carrier necessary.

#### POSTAGE STAMPS.

A new issue of postage stamps, of the respective values of 2s. and 5s., was made on the 1st July instant. The following are the designs and colours of the postage stamps :—Two shillings: Queen's Head in dotted circle, figure 2 in upper corners, and fern leaf in lower corners, printed in morone lake. Five shillings: Queen's Head in dotted circle, figure 5 in each corner, printed in silver grey.

The cost of preparing and electrotyping the dies for these stamps, &c., is estimated at £13 each forme of 120 stamps. The stamps were produced at the Government Printing Office.

Newspaper wrappers have also been issued by the department. The wrappers bear an impressed stamp of the value of one halfpenny, the interprovincial newspaper postage rate; but they may also be used for transmitting newspapers to places without the colony, on affixing in stamps the extra postage. The wrappers were first issued on the 1st April last, and the number of wrappers sold on the 30th June ultimo was 72,130. The wrappers are sold in parcels of 18, 270, 540, and 1,080. A charge of 1d. per 18 wrappers is made to cover the cost of paper, &c.

#### DEAD LETTERS.

65,953 unclaimed or dead letters were dealt with in the Dead Letter Office during the year 1877. The table underneath enumerates the number of this class of letters disposed of, year by year, since 1873.

Manner of Disposal.	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.
Opened and returned to the writers ... ..	20,602	26,153	39,051	44,067	52,607
Returned unopened to other countries ... ..	5,393	6,828	10,321	9,703	9,835
Reissued ... ..	75	105	78	83	94
Destroyed ... ..	3,801	4,227	6,081	5,217	3,417
Totals ... ..	29,871	37,313	55,531	59,070	65,953

The following particulars show the number and articles of value enclosed in letters dealt with at the Dead Letter Office for the year:—

	£	s.	d.
86 money orders for ... ..	342	5	7
68 bank drafts ... ..	3,550	16	2
55 cheques ... ..	1,049	4	8
4 promissory notes ... ..	414	3	5
Postage stamps ... ..	2	2	2
Duty stamps ... ..	0	5	0
Bank notes ... ..	78	0	0
Gold ... ..	5	0	0
Silver and copper ... ..	0	3	9

Representing a total of ... .. £5,442 0 9

In addition to the above, 7 gold rings, 2 pairs gold earrings, 1 gold chain, 1 cornelian gold-mounted pendant, 1 silver watch, 1 silver toothpick, and 1 parcel gold dust were also received in the Dead Letter Office.

504 registered letters were dealt with.

43 letters were posted without addresses, two of which contained valuable enclosures to the amount of £100 18s. 3d.

404 letters were detained for postage; only 16 were subsequently prepaid and forwarded to their respective addresses.

666 newspapers and 285 books and other articles without addresses were received in the Dead Letter Office during the year, only 23 of which it was found practicable to deliver.

8 letters were detained for having obscene and libellous addresses.

72 letters were received imperfectly and wrongly addressed.

271 refused letters were received in the Dead Letter Office.

8 letters were posted with previously-used postage stamps.

#### REGISTERED LETTERS.

60,587 letters of all classes were registered, being an increase of 7,721 over the number registered during the previous year.

#### BUILDINGS.

The alterations to the Chief Office, Dunedin, have been completed. The accommodation now afforded is of an improved character, and ample for the department's requirements for years.

It is anticipated that the new public buildings, Christchurch, will be completed and occupied by the end of the year.

The new offices built for the joint accommodation of the Post Office and Telegraph at Port Chalmers were occupied on the 15th November last.

The buildings intended for the use of the several Government departments at Gisborne have been completed, and the Post Office entered into possession of its new offices on the 16th February last.

The business of the Chief Post Office at Blenheim was transferred to the new offices on the 3rd June ultimo.

The new building erected at Reefton for the joint use of the Post Office and Telegraph was occupied on the 28th ultimo.

New offices have also been erected and occupied at Mongonui, Waiwera, Mohaka, Whangaroa, Mataura, Longford, and Te Nui.

It has been decided to build new and commodious offices for the accommodation of the Chief Post Office, Wellington.

New buildings for the joint use of the Post Office and Telegraph are to be erected at Timaru. A suitable site has been purchased, and the buildings will be put in hand without delay.

The rapidly-increasing population of the City of Wellington has decided the department to establish a branch Post Office on some suitable site at the Te Aro end of the city. The building will also afford accommodation for a Telegraph Station.

New buildings for the accommodation of the Post Office and Telegraph at North Dunedin will be erected forthwith on the site known as the Police Camp Reserve, corner of Great King and Albany Streets.

The office at Kapanga has been removed to the Government buildings; and alterations and additions to the offices at Charleston, Hamilton, and Russell have been made.

A building intended as a Post Office and Telegraph Station at Newton has also been decided upon, and will be immediately erected.

It has also been determined to erect new offices at the Lower Hutt, Halcombe, Normanby, Takapau, Balclutha, and Gore.

The offices at Marton, Feilding, Waimate, and Milton, are now being altered. It has also been decided to enlarge the offices at Ashburton, Wanganui, and Masterton.

#### INLAND MAIL SERVICES.

The following statement gives the usual information with respect to the Inland Mail Services for 1877, compared with the services for the previous year:—

	1877.	1876.
Performed by coach and mail-cart ... ..	82	89
"    horseback ... ..	187	168
"    foot ... ..	43	49
"    water ... ..	46	49
"    railway ... ..	31	23
Total number of inland mail services ... ..	389	378
Aggregate mileage ... ..	7,314	7,479
Total number of miles travelled ... ..	2,071,219	1,792,752
Cost to the department ... ..	£28,797 8s. 6d.	£27,797 11s. 9d.
Average cost per mile ... ..	3½d.	4½d.

The decrease in the cost per mile is due to the fact of a larger number of services being performed by rail than formerly.

11 additional services were established, while the aggregate length of the services decreased 165 miles, a fact to be attributed to railway extension. From the same cause the frequency of several of the services has been increased, and 278,647 represent the additional mileage travelled with the mails.

#### MAIL STEAM SERVICES.

It is satisfactory to state that the legal proceedings instituted in 1875 against Messrs. P. S. Forbes and H. H. Hall, and their sureties, are at an end. Mr. Cunningham, one of the sureties, paid the sum of £10,000, on the condition that the payment should be accepted as a full discharge to all parties rendered liable for penalties for breach of contract. The sum was paid in equal shares to the Agents-General for New South Wales and New Zealand.

The Parliament of New South Wales ratified the modifications of the terms of the San Francisco Service on the 8th May last, and an amended agreement, suitable to the altered nature of the service, will now be prepared and submitted to the Contractors for execution.

The altered service is at present being carried on in terms of a deed executed by the Contractors and their sureties. This deed expires on the 31st December next.

Mr. Macgregor, one of the sureties of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, having suspended payment, it has been necessary to call upon the Contractors to submit the name of another bondsman.

An amended time-table for regulating the San Francisco Service was brought into force on the 1st January last. The time-table was framed so that the service should, as far as practicable, alternate with that *via* Galle and Suez. Accordingly, the despatch of the mails from the colonies and London was advanced seven days. The gain to this colony from the adoption of the amended time-table is not so great as secured by Sydney, which now enjoys, it may be said, the advantages of a fortnightly service with London. The mails for despatch *via* San Francisco and by the Brindisi route are now closed at London at intervals of from 13 to 15 days. It would have been impracticable to have framed a time-table which would have given all parts of New Zealand the advantages of a fortnightly service; but this much has been gained—viz., that, instead of the San Francisco and Suez mails closing at Wellington on the same day, there is now an interval of six days between the despatch of each mail, while the interval at Dunedin has been increased from six to 11 days. Ample time for replies from all parts of the colony is now secured, varying from 20 days for Auckland, to eight days for Southland, letters. The interval between the arrival of the homeward mails in London and the despatch of the return mail is nine days.

The San Francisco Service has been performed with commendable punctuality. This has been particularly the case with the homeward mails, which have, on an average, been delivered in London from Auckland in 40·83 days. The shortest delivery was made in the unprecedented time of 38 days. The longest time, however, occupied in the delivery of the mails was 48 days—the unusual length of transit arising from delays the mails suffered after leaving San Francisco.

It should be remarked that the steamers of the White Star, Cunard, and Inman lines are those now employed in the conveyance of the Australian mails across the Atlantic, the Imperial Post Office having agreed to employ only the very fastest steamers for the purposes of mail transit in connection with the San Francisco Service. This is now a fixed arrangement.

The mails from London have, on an average, been delivered in Auckland in 42 days. The quickest transit was 40 days, and the longest 45 days. But it should be stated, in explanation of the difference in the averages of the outward and homeward voyages, that the outward mails have not infrequently been delayed at San Francisco, owing to their arriving from New York in advance of the due dates, and the Contractors not being in a position to despatch their steamers prior to the advertised day. The detentions have varied from a few hours to nearly three days. These serious delays will be avoided in the future, as, in anticipation of the early arrival of the mails from New York, the

Contractors have agreed to advertise the sailing of their steamers from San Francisco a day in advance of the dates fixed by the time-table.

On two occasions have the homeward mails been despatched by special train from San Francisco, and transferred to the through trains—once at Sacramento, and again at a point about 150 miles east of San Francisco. This resulted in the saving of valuable time, and enabled the mails to be delivered in London much earlier than if they had been detained for the ordinary trains. Whenever a considerable saving of time can be effected by the use of a special train, and a junction with the through train is practicable within a reasonable distance from San Francisco, special arrangements will be made.

For accelerating the transmission of the mails between San Francisco and New York, the colonies are much indebted to the United States Post Office and to the Contractors. Both have taken considerable interest in the matter; and the Post Office authorities have on more than one occasion made special arrangements for the early delivery of the homeward mails in New York, in order to have them forwarded by fast steamers. In the matter of railway transit the department's Resident Agent at San Francisco has been most assiduous and untiring in his efforts to secure prompt and speedy despatch.

While the San Francisco Service has shown such marked results, it should be remembered that the Galle and Suez Service has also been performed in a manner hitherto unequalled—in point of time. It has been the rule, rather than the exception, for the outward mails to reach Melbourne six and seven days in advance of the due dates. The homeward voyages, however, do not show equally good results. This will at once be apparent when it is stated that, from May, 1877, to April last, the average voyage from Melbourne to London *via* Brindisi occupied 45·33 days, while the average of the outward voyages by the same route was 41 days. The quickest delivery of mails from London to Melbourne by way of Brindisi was made in 38 days. Notwithstanding this fact, it has not been practicable to deliver the mails at the Bluff in less than 44 days, and at Wellington in 47 days; while, by the San Francisco route, the London mails have been landed in Auckland in 40 days, and in Wellington in 42 days. Comparing the homeward voyages, the results are still more favourable to the San Francisco line, by which mails from Wellington and Auckland have been delivered in London in 41 and 38 days respectively; while, by the Galle-Brindisi route, the quickest delivery in London has been, from Wellington 54 days, from the Bluff 51 days, and from Melbourne 43 days.

That the time between Melbourne and London by way of Brindisi can be reduced is readily admitted; but, presuming the journey may be accomplished in 37 days, and to the Bluff in 41 days, that would not admit of mails between this colony and London being delivered so rapidly as could be assured by the San Francisco route. Therefore, for mail purposes, the service *via* America is the one best calculated to meet the requirements of this colony. It should be remembered that it has taken years for the Galle Service to reach its present state of efficiency, and that, until the advent of the late Panama Service, the Galle Service was one noted for irregularity. That the San Francisco Service is capable of being still further improved should also be acknowledged, seeing that the capabilities of the line may be said to be yet undeveloped. With vessels on the Pacific capable of attaining an average speed of 300 miles per diem, with improved overland transit between San Francisco and New York by fast mail trains, and fixed arrangements for the transmission of the mails over the Atlantic by the fastest steamers, it is not too much to expect that the journey between London and New Zealand may be accomplished in 35 days. If this be practicable, it will yet be possible to deliver mails *via* America, between London and the Bluff, in 40 days.

Of the San Francisco Service, it may be said that the colony receives a maximum return for a minimum expenditure. The charge on the revenue of the colony is a diminishing one, and with the natural increase of correspondence, so will the net cost decrease year by year.

The receipts and payments on account of the San Francisco and Galle Mail Services for the year 1877 are shown by the statements underneath:—

SAN FRANCISCO SERVICE.							
DR.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Subsidy to Pacific Mail Company	...	32,500	0	0			
Estimated bonus due Contractors	...	1,015	0	0			
Interprovincial Services, Mail Agents, &c.	...	7,287	0	0			
					40,802	0	0
CR.							
Postages from London Post Office	...	12,468	7	5			
Postages collected in the colony	...	12,625	3	3			
Receipts from non-contracting colonies	...	2,526	14	1			
					27,620	4	9
Net cost to the colony	...				£13,181	15	3

The estimated net cost of the service to the colony for the year 1876 was £23,741 13s. 7d.

GALLE AND SUEZ SERVICE.							
DR.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Payments to Victoria	...	7,753	6	6			
Intercolonial Service, &c.	...	5,104	0	0			
					12,857	6	6
CR.							
Postages from London Post Office	...	3,078	3	7			
Postages collected in the colony	...	2,935	1	11			
					6,013	5	6
Net cost to the colony	...				£6,844	1	0

For 1876 the net cost was £6096 2s. 11d.

Since the adoption of the amended San Francisco Service time-table, there has been an increase in the number of letters by the Galle and Suez route. It has been estimated that the colony's annual payments to Victoria will be increased thereby about £1,000.

The contract for the conveyance of the Suez mails between Melbourne and New Zealand expires in September next. It is proposed to renew the contract now held by Messrs. McMeckan, Blackwood, and Co., by whom the service has hitherto been carried out most efficiently.

The payment made by the colony in respect of the Torres Straits Mail Service for 1877 was £40 6s. 11d. This service is used only for the exchange of correspondence with China, Japan, Singapore, &c.

The agreement of 1874, under which the Imperial Government agreed to convey the colonial mails between San Francisco, Galle, Singapore, and London, free of charge to the colonies, and pay over the sums representing the outward postages (less the British inland rate), provided the colonies established and maintained at their own cost mail services to either the points named, expires on the 31st December next. The whole question is to be reviewed by the Imperial Post Office authorities; but it is not supposed that the Imperial Government will desire to force upon the colonies any arrangement less liberal than that now extant. On the United States postal authorities, in 1876, raising the transit charges upon closed mails conveyed by railway between New York and San Francisco, it was feared that that circumstance would decide the Imperial Post Office to deal exceptionally with New South Wales and New Zealand in any proposed new arrangement. From information recently received, however, it has been ascertained that, by a special agreement entered into on the 6th October, 1876, between the British and United States Post Offices, the rates of territorial transit charges on British-closed mails conveyed across the American Continent between Boston or New York and San Francisco has been lowered, so as to be now actually below the original rates which were in force prior to 1876. There appears, therefore, no reason why the existing agreement with the Imperial Government should not be renewed, or some other of an equally liberal character substituted. The Agents-General of the several colonies will make joint representations in the matter to the Imperial authorities.

It has not been practicable to re-establish steam communication with the Fiji Islands, and it is feared that it will be impossible to do so, except at a heavy outlay, owing to the trade in the meantime having been diverted to Sydney. There is at present a monthly steam service between Sydney and Fiji, subsidized by the New South Wales Government at the rate of £6,000 per annum.

The interprovincial services for the collection and distribution of the San Francisco mails have been performed most satisfactorily. No special agreement has been entered into for the collection of the outward San Francisco mails at Picton, Nelson, and New Plymouth; but the Union Steamship Company have generally timed the departure of one of their steamers from these ports to the Manukau so as to be available for this service.

The following steam services are subsidized by the department: Middle Island Service; Nelson and Blind Bay; Wellington, Kaikoura, and Lyttelton; Westport and Karamea; Tauranga and Opotiki (re-established in July, 1877); Helensville and Dargaville; Helensville and Matakoho, and Port Albert; Auckland, Warkworth, and Matakana; and Lyttelton and Pigeon Bay. It is also proposed to establish steam services between Tauranga and Katikati, and between Waitara and Mokau.

#### MONEY ORDERS.

The transaction of Money Order business was extended during the year to 13 new offices—namely, to Amberley, Aratapu, Feilding, Kaitangata, Lyell, Manutahi, Ohinemutu, Pukekohe, Sanson, Te Kopuru, Waitotara, Waiwera, and Woolston; and the total number of Money Order Offices open at the close of the year was 138, against 124 at the close of 1876.

There were 90,672 orders issued during the year for £334,973 7s. 9d., against 80,255 orders for £310,268 5s. 11d. in 1876; the increase being 10,417 orders, and £24,705 1s. 10d.

The money orders paid were 68,558, for £254,334 4s. 10d., against 59,807 for £232,334 6s. 2d. in 1876; the increase being 8,751 orders, and £21,999 18s. 8d.

The money orders issued in New Zealand for payment in the United Kingdom and the Australian Colonies were 26,672, for £101,168 11s. 11d.; and 4,826 orders for £20,800 11s. 3d. issued in those countries for payment in the colony. The orders issued in the colony for payment abroad exceeded those received for payment in the colony by upwards of £80,000. In 1876 the excess was £77,000, and in 1875, £81,000.

The telegraph was used during the year for the transmission of 12,478 orders, for £55,683 16s. 11d.; the increase of telegraph orders being 842 in number, and £3,629 4s. 11d. in amount.

The revenue derived from the issue of money orders in 1877 was £5,714 18s. 4d., against £5,261 19s. 2d. for the previous year; the increase being £547 0s. 10d.

#### SAVINGS BANKS.

New accounts were opened during the year to the number of 11,235, against 11,255 in 1876; and 8,591 accounts were closed, against 9,472 in 1876. The number of accounts which remained open had increased at the close of the year to 28,761, from 26,117 at the close of 1876.

The number of deposits received during the year was 60,953, amounting to £681,294 13s. 2d., the average amount of each deposit being £11 3s. 6d. The withdrawals were 39,363, for £667,023 7s. 5d., and of an average amount of £16 18s. 10d. The amount at the credit of depositors increased to £767,375 17s. 8d. at the close of the year, from £723,910 17s. 5d. at the close of 1876.

There was an excess of deposits over withdrawals of £14,271 5s. 9d., against an excess of withdrawals over deposits in 1876 of £32,146 14s. 10d.; and the interest credited to the accounts of depositors during the year was £29,193 14s. 6d., against £28,762 4s. 7d. in 1876.



Table No. 1.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails between London and the under-mentioned Places, by the San Francisco Mail Service.

INWARD VIA SAN FRANCISCO.														
AUCKLAND.			WELLINGTON.			DUNEDIN.			SYDNEY.			MELBOURNE.		
Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Auckland.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Wellington.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Dunedin.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Sydney.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Melbourne.	No. of Days.
1877. June 28	1877. August 12	45	1877. June 28	1877. August 14	47	1877. June 28	1877. August 16	49	1877. June 28	1877. August 21	54	1877. June 28	1877. August 23	56
July 26	September 7	43	July 26	September 11	47	July 26	September 13	49	July 26	September 12	48	July 26	September 15	51
August 23	October 6	44	August 23	October 9	47	August 23	October 11	49	August 23	October 12	50	August 23	October 15	53
September 20	November 2	43	September 20	November 5	46	September 20	November 7	48	September 20	November 8	49	September 20	November 11	52
October 18	November 30	43	October 18	December 2	45	October 18	December 5	48	October 18	December 5	48	October 18	December 7	50
November 15	December 28	43	November 15	December 31	46	November 15	January 2	48	November 15	January 2	48	November 15	January 4	50
December 13	January 22	40	December 13	January 25	43	December 13	January 27	45	December 13	January 27	45	December 13	January 30	48
1878. January 3	February 14	42	1878. January 3	February 18	46	1878. January 3	February 21	49	1878. January 3	February 19	47	1878. January 3	February 21	49
January 31	March 12	40	January 31	March 15	43	January 31	March 17	45	January 31	March 17	45	January 31	March 20	48
February 28	April 9	40	February 28	April 12	43	February 28	April 14	45	February 28	April 14	45	February 28	April 17	48
March 28	May 7	40	March 28	May 9	42	March 28	May 12	45	March 28	May 12	45	March 28	May 15	48
April 25	June 5	41	April 25	June 8	44	April 25	June 10	46	April 25	June 12	48	April 25	June 15	48
Maximum	...	45	...	...	47	...	...	49	...	...	54	...	...	56
Minimum	...	40	...	...	42	...	...	45	...	...	45	...	...	48
Average	...	42	...	...	44.92	...	...	47.17	...	...	47.67	...	...	50.33
OUTWARD VIA SAN FRANCISCO.														
MELBOURNE.			SYDNEY.			DUNEDIN.			WELLINGTON.			AUCKLAND.		
Date of Despatch from Melbourne.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Sydney.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Dunedin.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Wellington.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Auckland.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.
1877. May 1	1877. June 19	49	1877. May 4	1877. June 19	46	1877. May 3	1877. June 19	47	1877. May 5	1877. June 19	45	1877. May 9	1877. June 19	41
May 28	July 17	50	June 1	July 17	46	June 1	July 17	46	June 2	July 17	45	June 6	July 17	41
June 25	August 14	50	June 29	August 14	46	June 28	August 14	47	June 30	August 14	45	July 4	August 14	41
July 23	September 11	50	July 27	September 11	46	July 27	September 11	46	July 30	September 11	43	August 4	September 11	41
August 20	October 9	50	August 24	October 9	46	August 23	October 9	47	August 25	October 9	45	August 8	September 11	41
September 17	November 3	47	September 21	November 3	43	September 21	November 3	43	September 22	November 3	42	August 26	October 9	41
October 15	December 11	57	October 20	December 11	52	October 18	December 11	54	October 20	December 11	52	September 26	November 3	38
November 12	December 31	49	November 16	December 31	45	November 15	December 31	46	November 17	December 31	44	October 24	December 11	48
December 10	January 27	48	December 14	January 27	44	December 14	January 27	44	December 16	January 27	42	November 21	December 31	40
December 31	February 16	47	1878. January 3	February 16	44	1878. January 3	February 16	44	1878. January 5	February 16	42	December 19	January 27	39
1878. January 26	February 17	50	January 31	March 17	45	January 31	March 17	45	February 2	March 17	43	1878. January 8	February 16	39
February 23	April 16	52	February 28	April 16	47	February 28	April 16	47	February 2	March 17	43	February 6	March 17	39
Maximum	...	57	...	...	52	...	...	54	...	...	54	...	...	48
Minimum	...	47	...	...	43	...	...	43	...	...	43	...	...	38
Average	...	49.92	...	...	45.83	...	...	46.33	...	...	44.42	...	...	40.83

Table No. 2. STATEMENT showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails between London and the under-mentioned Places, by the Mail Service *via* Galle and Suez—Brindisi Route.

**GALLE AND SUEZ MAIL SERVICE.**

**INWARD *VIA* SUEZ AND GALLE—BRINDISI ROUTE.**

MELBOURNE.			SYDNEY.			BLUFF.			DUNEDIN.			WELLINGTON.			AUCKLAND.		
Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Melbourne.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Sydney.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival at Bluff.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Dunedin.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Wellington.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Auckland.	No. of Days.
1877. June 8	1877. July 22	44	1877. June 8	1877. July 25	47	1877. June 8	1877. July 28	50	1877. June 8	1877. July 29	51	1877. June 8	1877. August 1	54	1877. June 8	1877. August 1	54
July 6	Aug. 14	39	July 6	Aug. 17	42	July 6	Aug. 19	44	July 6	Aug. 20	45	July 6	Aug. 22	47	July 6	Aug. 25	50
Aug. 3	Sept. 12	40	Aug. 3	Sept. 15	43	Aug. 3	Sept. 17	45	Aug. 3	Sept. 18	46	Aug. 3	Sept. 20	48	Aug. 3	Sept. 25	53
Aug. 31	Oct. 11	41	Aug. 31	Oct. 13	43	Aug. 31	Oct. 16	46	Aug. 31	Oct. 17	47	Aug. 31	Oct. 19	49	Aug. 31	Oct. 22	52
Sept. 28	Nov. 11	44	Sept. 28	Nov. 14	47	Sept. 28	Nov. 18	51	Sept. 28	Nov. 18	51	Sept. 28	Nov. 21	54	Sept. 28	Nov. 21	54
Oct. 26	Dec. 3	38	Oct. 26	Dec. 5	40	Oct. 26	Dec. 10	45	Oct. 26	Dec. 10	45	Oct. 26	Dec. 13	48	Oct. 26	Dec. 17	52
Nov. 23	1878. Jan. 4	42	Nov. 23	1878. Jan. 7	45	Nov. 23	1878. Jan. 9	47	Nov. 23	1878. Jan. 9	47	Nov. 23	1878. Jan. 12	50	Nov. 23	1878. Jan. 14	52
Dec. 21	Feb. 2	43	Dec. 21	Feb. 5	46	Dec. 21	Feb. 10	51	Dec. 21	Feb. 12	53	Dec. 21	Feb. 14	55	Dec. 21	Feb. 18	59
1878. Jan. 18	Feb. 27	40	1878. Jan. 18	March 2	43	1878. Jan. 18	March 4	45	1878. Jan. 18	March 5	46	1878. Jan. 18	March 7	48	1878. Jan. 18	March 11	52
Feb. 15	March 27	40	Feb. 15	March 29	42	Feb. 15	April 1	45	Feb. 15	April 2	46	Feb. 15	April 4	48	Feb. 15	April 8	52
March 15	April 24	40	March 15	April 26	42	March 15	April 30	46	March 15	May 1	47	March 15	May 4	50	March 15	May 7	53
Maximum	...	44	Maximum	...	47	Maximum	...	51	Maximum	...	53	Maximum	...	55	Maximum	...	59
Minimum	...	38	Minimum	...	40	Minimum	...	44	Minimum	...	44	Minimum	...	45	Minimum	...	47
Average	...	41	Average	...	43	Average	...	46	Average	...	47	Average	...	49	Average	...	52
Average <i>via</i> Southampton	...	49	Average <i>via</i> Southampton	...	51	Average <i>via</i> Southampton	...	54	Average <i>via</i> Southampton	...	55	Average <i>via</i> Southampton	...	58	Average <i>via</i> Southampton	...	61

**OUTWARD *VIA* GALLE AND SUEZ—BRINDISI ROUTE.**

AUCKLAND.			WELLINGTON.			DUNEDIN.			BLUFF.			SYDNEY.			MELBOURNE.		
Date of Despatch from Auckland.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Wellington.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Dunedin.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Bluff.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Sydney.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Melbourne.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.
1877. April 3	1877. June 2	60	1877. April 7	1877. June 2	56	1877. April 10	1877. June 2	53	1877. April 11	1877. June 2	52	1877. April 14	1877. June 2	49	1877. April 17	1877. June 2	46
April 28	July 1	64	May 4	July 1	58	May 7	July 1	55	May 8	July 1	54	May 12	July 1	50	May 15	July 1	47
May 29	July 29	61	June 1	July 29	58	June 4	August 25	54	June 5	July 29	55	June 9	August 25	49	June 12	July 29	47
June 23	Aug. 25	63	June 29	Aug. 25	57	June 7	August 25	54	June 3	August 25	53	July 7	August 25	49	June 10	August 25	46
July 21	Sept. 21	60	July 27	Sept. 21	56	July 30	Sept. 21	53	July 31	Sept. 21	52	August 4	Sept. 21	48	August 7	Sept. 21	45
Aug. 21	Oct. 21	61	Aug. 24	Oct. 21	58	Aug. 27	Oct. 21	55	Aug. 28	Oct. 21	54	Sept. 1	Oct. 21	50	August 21	Oct. 21	47
Sept. 19	Nov. 17	59	Sept. 23	Nov. 17	55	Sept. 26	Nov. 17	52	Sept. 27	Nov. 17	51	Sept. 1	Oct. 21	47	Sept. 4	Nov. 17	44
Oct. 15	Dec. 16	62	Oct. 21	Dec. 16	56	Oct. 24	Dec. 16	53	Oct. 25	Dec. 16	52	Oct. 29	Dec. 16	48	Nov. 1	Dec. 16	45
Nov. 13	Jan. 12	60	Nov. 18	Jan. 12	55	Nov. 21	Jan. 12	52	Nov. 22	Jan. 12	51	Nov. 26	Jan. 12	47	Nov. 29	Jan. 12	44
Dec. 11	Feb. 9	60	Dec. 17	Feb. 9	54	Dec. 19	Feb. 9	52	Dec. 20	Feb. 9	51	Dec. 24	Feb. 9	47	Dec. 28	Feb. 9	43
1878. Jan. 8	March 10	61	1878. Jan. 14	March 10	55	1878. Jan. 16	March 10	53	1878. Jan. 17	March 10	52	1878. Jan. 21	March 10	48	1878. Jan. 24	March 10	45
Feb. 8	April 7	58	Feb. 10	April 7	56	Feb. 13	April 7	53	Feb. 14	April 7	52	Feb. 18	April 7	48	Feb. 21	April 7	45
Maximum	...	64	Maximum	...	58	Maximum	...	55	Maximum	...	54	Maximum	...	50	Maximum	...	47
Minimum	...	58	Minimum	...	52	Minimum	...	50	Minimum	...	49	Minimum	...	45	Minimum	...	43
Average	...	60	Average	...	56	Average	...	53	Average	...	52	Average	...	48	Average	...	45
Average <i>via</i> Southampton	...	67	Average <i>via</i> Southampton	...	63	Average <i>via</i> Southampton	...	60	Average <i>via</i> Southampton	...	59	Average <i>via</i> Southampton	...	55	Average <i>via</i> Southampton	...	52

Table No. 3.

TABLE showing the Number and Amount of Money Orders issued and of Money Orders made payable in New Zealand, Year by Year, since the Year 1863.

MONEY ORDERS ISSUED IN THE COLONY.																			
Year.	Commission Received.			Where Payable.								Total.							
				In the Colony.		United Kingdom.		Australian Colonies.											
				No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.								
1863	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
1864	1,057	9	0	2,201	9,613	11	11	4,740	21,944	2	1	4,645	24,145	7	5	11,586	55,703	1	5
1865	1,619	2	6	4,267	19,427	4	4	7,700	35,741	5	0	4,625	23,388	10	2	16,592	78,556	19	6
1866	1,463	18	6	6,292	29,742	15	1	7,756	33,426	11	5	3,188	15,406	17	2	17,236	78,576	3	8
1867	1,761	14	0	8,924	42,823	4	7	9,238	41,987	15	0	4,548	23,968	5	2	22,710	108,779	4	9
1868	1,815	19	6	10,293	49,496	13	0	9,242	40,998	14	11	4,938	25,115	5	1	24,473	115,610	13	0
1869	1,863	1	6	11,898	54,342	18	6	9,241	40,581	13	9	4,715	23,286	11	5	25,854	118,211	3	8
1870	1,932	3	0	14,305	63,897	1	10	9,263	39,939	8	6	4,859	23,381	14	7	28,427	127,218	4	11
1871	2,367	3	6	16,821	73,344	11	9	9,624	41,472	3	7	5,419	25,637	12	7	31,864	140,454	7	11
1872	2,608	3	6	20,514	88,546	9	7	10,407	44,197	18	3	5,370	24,653	5	9	36,201	157,397	13	7
1873	3,068	17	6	28,156	120,125	14	8	10,619	44,535	9	9	5,885	26,347	17	7	44,660	191,009	2	0
1874	3,562	3	2	34,288	142,642	4	10	11,913	48,547	11	4	6,150	28,068	5	5	52,351	219,258	1	7
1875	4,393	2	3	40,968	171,683	6	1	14,379	57,821	2	6	7,365	33,659	19	2	62,712	263,164	7	9
1876	4,950	19	4	48,611	193,551	13	9	16,949	66,332	14	9	7,467	33,597	2	3	73,027	293,481	10	9
1877	5,261	19	2	55,748	212,089	1	6	17,331	66,977	4	2	7,176	31,202	0	3	80,255	310,268	5	11
1877	5,714	18	4	64,000	233,804	15	10	18,369	69,670	11	10	8,303	31,498	0	1	90,672	334,973	7	9

MONEY ORDERS DRAWN ON THE COLONY.

MONEY ORDERS DRAWN ON THE COLONY.																
Year.	Where Issued.								Total.							
	In the Colony.		United Kingdom.		Australian Colonies.											
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.								
1863	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
1864	2,067	9,169	4	6	415	1,824	0	8	558	3,077	13	7	3,040	14,070	18	9
1865	4,248	19,417	10	5	675	3,274	2	2	697	3,776	1	7	5,620	26,467	14	2
1866	6,218	29,282	13	10	762	3,568	15	10	700	3,712	1	5	7,680	30,563	11	1
1867	8,886	42,768	10	9	1,100	5,021	14	9	917	4,753	3	10	10,903	52,543	9	4
1868	10,353	49,931	17	2	1,198	5,649	2	10	1,108	5,570	6	4	12,659	61,151	6	4
1869	11,903	54,349	8	3	1,401	6,502	3	0	1,294	6,685	1	3	14,598	67,536	12	6
1870	14,250	63,820	15	5	1,218	5,630	18	8	1,272	6,382	4	3	16,740	75,833	18	4
1871	16,798	73,245	8	3	1,156	5,523	4	4	1,267	6,055	6	11	19,221	84,823	19	6
1872	20,514	88,592	0	3	1,396	6,217	11	5	1,318	5,914	18	7	23,228	100,724	10	3
1873	27,983	119,676	1	2	1,504	7,078	8	6	1,459	6,803	15	3	30,946	133,558	4	11
1874	34,288	142,642	4	10	1,482	6,625	14	5	1,668	7,689	6	8	37,438	156,957	5	11
1875	40,968	171,683	6	1	1,603	7,284	10	7	1,800	8,316	17	5	44,371	187,284	14	1
1876	48,611	193,551	13	9	1,969	9,262	9	7	1,995	9,340	19	11	52,575	212,155	3	3
1877	55,748	212,089	1	6	2,243	10,202	13	6	2,385	10,838	16	8	60,376	233,130	11	8
1877	64,000	233,804	15	10	2,258	9,744	8	8	2,568	11,056	2	7	68,826	254,005	7	1

Table No. 4.

STATEMENT of the Money Orders issued in New Zealand on the United Kingdom and the Australian Colonies, during the Years 1876 and 1877.

Where Payable.	1876.		1877.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
United Kingdom	17,331	66,977 4 2	18,369	69,670 11 10
Victoria	5,149	21,790 6 0	5,216	20,951 17 9
South Australia	285	1,222 1 3	291	1,137 16 1
New South Wales	1,138	5,403 17 2	2,104	6,340 11 2
Queensland	151	644 0 9	217	691 11 5
Tasmania	447	2,126 10 7	469	2,344 13 8
Western Australia	6	15 4 6	6	31 10 0
Totals	24,597	98,179 4 5	26,672	101,168 11 11

STATEMENT of the Money Orders issued in the United Kingdom and the Australian Colonies on New Zealand, during the Years 1876 and 1877.

Where Issued.	1876.		1877.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
United Kingdom	2,243	10,202 13 6	2,258	9,744 8 8
Victoria	1,102	4,725 3 10	1,110	4,819 10 3
South Australia	131	596 14 0	150	627 1 9
New South Wales	744	3,238 4 8	877	3,609 5 8
Queensland	149	842 19 3	193	889 10 6
Tasmania	233	1,232 19 11	225	1,033 16 7
Western Australia	26	202 15 0	13	76 17 10
Totals	4,628	21,041 10 2	4,826	20,800 11 3

Table No. 5.

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 1877.

Offices.	Money Orders.					Savings Banks.					
	Issued.			Paid.		No. of New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		No. of Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.	
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.
AUCKLAND	5,357	396 4 8	21,542 5 6	9,711	38,439 7 8	717	4,447	56,204 4 6	783	4,190	64,007 5 4
Alexandra	350	13 5 2	1,223 7 8	151	425 15 8	8	34	262 19 0	1	20	192 8 2
Aratapu	128	5 11 0	513 0 1	8	57 1 0	18	52	573 6 9	3	9	440 18 8
Cambridge	585	27 17 6	2,050 19 1	154	492 19 10	36	130	1,519 14 6	18	52	1,006 8 0
Drury	77	3 18 6	279 9 6	79	343 4 6	11	61	193 14 0	...	13	198 7 7
Hamilton	746	35 18 10	2,601 5 6	351	1,060 18 7	69	310	1,104 2 0	37	102	1,186 6 7
Hokianga	210	9 14 0	619 2 11	103	758 11 11	2	3	23 0 0	...	...	...
Kapanga	521	27 17 0	1,595 5 3	189	674 6 0	13	90	347 2 0	5	12	80 7 7
Kawakawa	673	68 19 2	3,973 12 3	93	516 12 6	14	91	1,012 6 0	6	30	848 11 8
Mangapai	118	3 16 0	421 19 8	30	171 19 2	5	23	304 17 0	4	10	204 4 9
Mangawhare	212	8 17 0	933 8 4	27	163 6 3	29	97	1,420 10 0	22	50	1,406 3 11
Mercer	191	6 12 4	432 8 0	77	287 14 4	8	37	279 2 0	2	12	86 1 3
Mongonui	188	9 9 6	698 15 4	37	211 12 6	21	39	445 5 0	2	18	307 10 3
Newcastle	313	13 17 10	843 9 9	256	1,099 1 2	33	98	1,069 3 0	5	25	316 1 9
Ohinemutu	7	0 8 8	9 7 0	4	18 17 6	2	5	1 15 0	...	...	...
Onehunga	297	16 13 10	1,045 14 2	566	2,478 5 1	36	223	1,579 15 3	18	52	701 12 3
Opotiki	342	18 17 6	1,186 8 2	115	440 8 2	4	40	549 3 0	6	15	245 15 3
Otahuhu	166	7 11 8	588 4 8	169	715 17 8	27	139	777 19 0	8	52	374 12 3
Pahi	40	3 16 0	170 16 7	10	60 9 2	5	11	52 5 0	...	5	67 8 3
Port Albert	108	4 3 6	381 10 2	29	145 17 1	5	13	169 18 0	2	7	202 8 2
Pukekohe	55	2 7 6	150 14 7	14	64 12 9	3	17	63 16 0	...	1	10 0 0
Raglan	261	10 14 0	1,358 6 8	58	347 18 3	7	10	110 10 0	...	9	143 12 3
Russell	202	11 9 8	678 15 8	117	540 16 7	18	75	740 15 0	5	18	616 7 3
Tauranga	511	23 10 6	1,591 19 11	338	1,366 13 1	16	96	663 4 6	9	32	520 12 8
Te Arai	78	3 18 0	231 17 9	18	90 14 8	4	13	149 6 0	...	8	306 10 0
Te Awamutu	336	14 3 10	1,048 17 9	106	524 16 6	15	92	535 5 0	5	22	363 10 7
Te Kopuru	43	1 12 6	163 2 5	3	9 16 0	14	27	369 14 0	3	4	78 13 5
Waipu	226	9 3 2	1,070 13 3	69	367 5 0	4	9	96 0 0	...	1	50 0 0
Waiuku	205	8 16 0	629 4 10	88	347 16 7	13	42	293 15 0	...	4	8 0 0
Waiwera	31	1 3 0	127 14 5	2	3 2 0	7	9	46 12 0	...	1	10 0 0
Wangarei	334	16 5 6	1,136 16 3	163	757 5 6	22	86	680 7 4	11	32	859 18 10
Warkworth	246	10 9 2	778 15 7	91	355 16 4	7	50	337 19 0	6	27	273 0 9
THAMES	1,782	102 18 0	6,415 19 0	1,275	4,315 5 10	265	1,779	27,346 17 2	189	1,667	26,949 14 10
NEW PLYMOUTH	1,313	78 3 10	4,883 11 5	818	2,683 16 11	159	962	12,054 6 5	161	651	11,251 1 7
Hawera	443	28 1 10	1,564 13 4	168	834 4 10	24	59	1,227 16 6	16	26	1,200 10 11
Manutahi	26	1 10 10	95 13 6	7	23 18 2	1	3	56 0 0	...	...	...
Patea	461	22 17 0	1,438 17 7	220	595 9 10	20	73	783 8 5	15	24	633 11 9
NAPIER	2,106	163 3 2	8,678 6 4	1,190	4,524 4 11	305	1,555	17,400 7 9	258	1,074	17,449 17 5
Gisborne	930	63 5 2	3,918 4 6	290	965 7 10	79	277	1,917 3 6	29	59	1,400 5 7
Hastings	71	5 6 2	285 3 7	23	106 14 4	5	36	187 3 0	2	4	45 2 0
Port Ahuriri	341	28 5 0	1,484 14 10	106	271 10 9	23	154	1,191 7 10	5	50	449 9 2
Taupo	400	31 11 0	1,821 14 5	50	218 13 3	10	29	401 18 8	5	10	283 0 3
Waipawa	280	19 6 8	918 11 9	140	523 12 5	36	131	909 9 2	23	50	659 5 1
Waipukurau	411	27 5 8	1,591 10 2	72	352 12 3	10	49	808 1 0	7	27	791 12 0
Wairoa	223	11 5 4	735 10 8	76	245 13 2	17	70	204 3 0	2	10	187 1 10
WELLINGTON	9,725	577 11 6	29,794 17 8	9,402	34,441 16 10	1,671	10,435	103,631 7 9	1,237	7,064	101,302 18 3
Bull's	442	27 15 6	1,591 16 2	174	790 9 8	30	111	1,018 8 0	14	49	858 18 11
Carterton	209	9 7 2	739 0 1	85	351 3 5	11	45	219 10 0	14	31	392 1 2
Featherston	336	18 15 4	1,288 12 8	137	493 6 11	44	208	2,633 6 5	22	62	804 12 0
Feilding	295	13 8 0	945 13 1	102	422 6 10	15	32	156 12 0	2	4	18 0 9
Foxton	324	17 13 2	933 6 5	244	589 4 7	32	103	744 17 6	14	48	479 8 6
Greytown	417	26 8 6	1,570 4 1	235	794 3 5	29	172	1,397 0 0	23	78	1,707 15 5
Hutt	181	8 9 6	757 0 11	122	398 7 8	56	331	2,562 9 6	27	57	763 3 3
Marton	604	32 7 6	2,165 0 8	306	1,088 3 6	26	99	953 12 10	19	40	917 18 0
Masterton	741	51 16 8	2,974 1 9	229	807 14 6	49	246	2,598 14 10	29	111	2,456 6 8
Palmerston N.	677	36 15 0	2,394 14 0	277	969 0 0	32	124	1,456 4 3	21	67	1,314 8 5
Sanson	139	6 13 2	412 9 9	27	80 18 2	11	30	212 13 0	3	5	83 16 9
Turakina	131	7 6 2	492 15 2	43	124 7 9	12	70	743 14 4	4	20	296 7 2
Upper Hutt	184	10 11 4	677 10 10	65	276 11 2	54	197	2,277 13 2	9	27	493 17 5
Waitotara	167	7 1 8	554 17 0	35	120 16 10	9	45	97 2 5	2	5	69 11 6
Wanganui	2,089	137 8 0	7,891 6 4	1,503	5,514 17 7	156	643	6,442 2 7	118	260	5,522 16 10
Waverley	147	8 2 4	471 13 3	61	226 3 1	3	15	200 0 1	7	15	400 18 3
BLENHEIM	1,333	86 17 2	5,393 6 0	575	1,892 0 10	129	765	9,568 17 10	94	407	9,082 0 6
Havelock	645	32 2 8	2,762 12 9	147	526 16 4	23	81	1,246 16 11	12	27	692 6 3
Kaikoura	249	16 2 4	1,002 7 7	77	250 6 8	25	55	606 3 0	13	25	1,349 16 3
Picton	438	21 8 2	1,614 8 9	333	1,201 6 5	34	229	2,222 11 6	23	68	1,419 15 11
NELSON	1,862	113 11 4	6,761 18 4	3,715	16,011 10 7	201	1,382	14,257 0 2	201	842	18,371 0 11
Collingwood	315	11 18 6	1,178 11 2	39	168 7 7	7	32	954 18 0	3	15	369 14 6
Motueka	346	17 1 0	1,571 14 3	228	968 5 1	46	184	2,153 2 0	20	73	1,966 9 3
Richmond	63	4 0 4	219 4 6	95	483 0 9	19	122	878 6 0	21	26	240 18 11

Table No. 5.—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 1877—continued.

Offices.	Money Orders.					Savings Banks.					
	Issued.			Paid.		No. of New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		No. of Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.	
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
WESTPORT ...	952		3,377 8 6	670	2,719 6 0	82	478	6,740 13 10	84	345	7,477 4 7
Charleston ...	445	23 17 4	1,522 18 1	204	570 12 8	15	110	1,818 19 0	13	57	1,062 17 0
Lyell ...	616	41 3 6	3,604 11 1	63	256 17 4	24	70	1,387 7 3	4	6	285 0 4
GREYMOUTH ...	2,145	142 2 6	8,107 19 1	2,108	6,770 9 6	168	804	10,140 12 7	143	660	13,954 8 0
Ahaura ...	977	49 9 2	5,117 7 7	162	844 9 1	18	66	995 18 1	3	18	219 17 2
Reefton ...	1,440	103 8 10	6,216 16 0	730	2,627 4 4	65	282	3,611 6 6	26	86	2,220 19 10
HOKITIKA ...	1,459	97 3 6	5,540 19 2	1,887	5,965 4 11	91	470	6,792 14 9	103	459	9,020 6 2
Kumara ...	1,337	80 3 2	4,517 12 7	413	1,938 5 1	83	267	3,933 1 9	29	155	2,247 17 10
Ross ...	254	12 5 10	860 13 7	233	908 0 1	24	134	1,110 3 0	13	34	733 4 1
CHRISTCHURCH ...	6,871	531 6 2	26,001 19 7	5,373	19,386 18 9	1,864	10,252	124,279 17 11	1,247	7,291	125,467 2 9
Akaroa ...	384	20 0 2	1,160 4 11	185	774 10 4	28	122	949 16 0	24	46	1,052 17 11
Amberley ...	82	4 4 2	245 2 6	16	68 18 0	14	41	326 16 0	7	11	397 6 1
Ashburton ...	744	43 9 4	2,570 7 1	193	728 10 1	72	280	2,459 17 8	44	114	2,097 1 2
Cheviot ...	28	2 4 10	106 3 8	5	31 9 0	1	10	233 6 8	...	2	95 0 0
Dunsandel ...	136	6 11 6	357 19 2	30	150 12 11	4	19	520 3 0	3	11	309 2 4
Geraldine ...	240	16 7 0	838 6 8	87	280 14 0	29	98	431 11 0	13	26	384 15 8
Hurunui ...	62	3 18 4	196 12 8	14	58 3 11	8	37	476 17 0	4	10	274 10 5
Kaiapoi ...	354	21 14 2	1,169 11 6	266	929 11 7	55	250	3,026 15 2	49	140	3,752 19 5
Leithfield ...	170	6 17 6	445 4 1	58	245 11 4	20	64	704 13 0	7	18	261 19 8
Lyttelton ...	958	63 6 6	3,264 13 4	529	1,873 15 3	152	949	7,918 2 1	75	268	3,636 2 3
Malvern ...	162	7 19 0	544 0 5	55	169 18 7	7	19	489 12 11	5	12	161 17 7
Oxford ...	195	8 15 8	611 8 3	117	390 18 11	9	84	612 4 9	9	36	602 0 7
Rakaia ...	207	10 3 6	661 14 6	39	122 5 0	25	54	771 0 3	9	22	663 4 0
Rangiora ...	326	23 7 0	1,087 11 3	195	648 9 8	67	275	2,831 14 3	37	105	2,224 14 3
Southbridge ...	278	18 16 10	923 16 10	127	602 6 2	35	108	1,017 5 6	31	58	1,421 12 0
Temuka ...	414	25 0 6	1,403 14 1	146	484 16 6	41	219	1,708 17 9	30	86	1,951 6 6
Timaru ...	2,153	143 16 6	8,183 10 4	1,985	3,961 12 5	289	1,132	11,569 6 0	209	517	9,123 6 3
Waiapu ...	195	10 7 0	832 14 6	34	182 10 10	13	75	1,140 14 0	...	13	234 8 5
Waimate ...	755	42 2 0	2,738 0 7	257	953 10 0	51	149	1,187 3 8	45	84	1,399 15 9
Woolston ...	33	1 12 6	92 10 6	16	66 1 6	21	82	482 2 0	3	12	190 8 11
DUNEDIN ...	7,084	547 18 4	27,676 4 5	10,586	36,410 19 4	1,709	10,171	123,136 10 4	1,872	8,161	139,509 13 9
Albany Street ...	619	43 13 8	2,277 18 7	309	1,127 4 2	161	1,422	9,788 10 3	83	370	4,545 6 5
Arrow River ...	276	16 10 6	915 19 4	87	244 18 0	2	12	307 10 0	4	8	185 14 7
Balclutha ...	562	28 9 2	1,753 9 9	394	1,439 4 4	46	219	2,625 1 0	18	66	1,124 12 6
Clinton ...	243	14 7 4	1,002 4 11	66	220 12 2	17	40	374 0 6	9	17	368 4 11
Clyde ...	284	12 11 0	834 5 4	134	436 14 11	5	62	312 18 0	5	13	124 8 0
Cromwell ...	418	21 10 4	1,183 3 3	118	372 3 7	12	67	465 14 0	8	15	487 7 9
Green Island ...	77	5 17 6	266 2 5	85	316 7 8	28	132	1,027 11 0	7	23	293 16 10
Hamilton's ...	153	9 11 0	821 15 10	20	100 6 1	11	41	981 7 0	3	24	735 5 11
Hampton ...	291	10 13 10	889 0 3	98	384 11 8	11	55	269 2 0	6	19	498 6 9
Hyde ...	52	1 19 0	200 14 4	15	84 13 1	2	7	119 0 0	...	1	30 0 0
Kaitangata ...	266	10 10 0	791 11 7	72	258 19 6	5	21	28 17 0	1	2	49 19 9
Kakanui ...	235	10 8 10	927 0 8	47	241 8 5	11	41	493 2 0	11	21	879 6 7
Lawrence ...	642	32 9 4	2,361 7 5	437	1,580 7 10	46	266	2,268 8 3	22	51	1,646 18 6
Manuhērikiā ...	324	15 15 10	1,071 19 8	61	289 13 0	2	6	35 10 0	3	7	69 11 5
Mataura ...	258	13 1 6	852 10 4	95	381 6 7	8	40	359 12 3	9	19	340 6 2
Milton ...	551	30 1 6	2,036 15 11	396	1,349 3 2	53	353	2,497 9 0	34	101	1,748 0 7
Mosgiel ...	140	8 11 10	525 7 8	74	343 9 8	23	146	895 15 0	11	33	676 13 9
Nasby ...	412	21 13 0	1,381 15 5	171	508 11 1	5	49	588 17 0	6	17	784 19 6
Oamaru ...	2,176	141 16 2	8,371 2 2	956	3,537 16 10	251	922	11,401 7 2	191	398	8,218 3 5
Ophir ...	230	11 0 6	665 12 7	35	145 13 9	3	7	37 7 0	1	1	22 3 2
Otepopo ...	229	9 2 6	692 5 2	38	122 8 8	3	24	244 9 0	4	11	342 6 3
Outram ...	200	12 17 2	666 3 8	118	352 11 8	9	59	387 11 1	1	23	416 12 8
Palmerston ...	554	26 11 10	1,865 11 1	208	754 8 2	33	89	822 8 1	18	31	612 9 2
Port Chalmers ...	820	60 10 10	3,581 8 6	409	1,704 9 3	160	656	6,486 0 10	99	255	3,987 1 5
Queenstown ...	425	26 18 8	1,434 6 3	189	618 10 11	22	69	668 0 3	13	23	735 11 11
Roxburgh ...	447	21 7 0	1,584 8 4	100	318 15 11	5	32	211 3 0	3	19	388 15 4
St. Bathans ...	244	9 14 0	663 12 7	28	71 10 3	4	15	56 10 0	1	3	47 5 0
Tapanui ...	336	15 12 0	1,155 12 11	100	466 2 6	24	67	512 0 4	10	29	421 3 4
Waikāia ...	399	16 0 8	1,607 3 7	84	350 2 1	4	21	346 13 2	2	21	454 6 1
Waikouaiti ...	410	21 15 4	1,603 11 10	132	627 12 2	31	80	835 4 0	14	28	497 15 9
INVERCARGILL ...	1,763	120 10 8	6,477 17 8	1,217	4,450 10 0	206	986	14,160 6 3	205	833	14,582 16 11
Campbelltown ...	273	15 9 0	1,361 6 10	84	380 11 4	11	48	606 17 4	5	12	108 12 7
Gore ...	221	11 2 10	995 1 4	80	555 2 0	11	29	655 17 8	5	12	266 15 11
Long Bush ...	129	4 4 6	249 0 3	30	123 2 10	9	55	421 3 1	3	6	47 6 7
Riverton ...	344	20 6 6	1,173 8 6	182	633 0 7	17	93	869 16 9	18	52	912 16 5
Winton ...	210	11 12 6	805 11 7	83	318 18 3	17	59	629 18 11	11	25	240 13 4
Total ...	90,672	5,714 18 4	334,973 7 9	68,558	254,334 4 10	11,235	60,953	681,294 13 2	8,591	39,363	667,023 7 5

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, 1877.

Postal Districts.	Number of Post Office Savings Banks open at the close of 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, inclusive of 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	32	71,977 4 10	11 2 6	4,833	75,112 17 5	15 10 9	3,135 12 7	...	...	...	3,292 7 5	1,193	961	3,683	85,500 15 11	23 4 3
Thames	1	27,346 17 2	15 7 5	1,667	26,949 14 10	16 3 3	...	...	...	...	937 10 6	265	189	968	26,654 6 2	27 10 8
Taranaki	4	1,097	12 17 5	701	13,085 4 3	18 13 3	1,036 7 1	...	...	...	567 9 5	204	192	618	15,850 2 0	25 12 11
Hawke's Bay	8	2,391	10 0 1	1,284	21,265 13 4	16 11 2	1,754 0 7	...	...	...	976 7 4	485	331	1,062	27,006 1 1	25 8 7
Wellington	17	12,966	9 16 5	7,943	117,882 19 3	14 16 9	9,462 9 5	...	...	...	4,848 1 1	2,240	1,505	4,996	133,191 8 1	26 13 2
Marlborough	4	1,130	12 1 5	527	12,543 18 11	23 16 0	1,100 10 4	...	...	...	773 15 3	211	142	694	29,270 14 2	29 4 2
Nelson	4	18,243 6 2	10 12 1	956	20,948 3 7	21 18 2	1,121 18 2	...	...	...	1,140 12 11	273	226	958	27,484 6 7	28 13 9
Westport	3	9,947 0 1	15 2 4	408	8,825 1 11	21 12 7	...	...	...	...	436 0 4	121	101	387	11,880 13 7	30 13 11
Greymouth	3	14,747 17 2	12 16 0	764	16,395 5 0	21 9 2	1,647 7 10	...	...	...	647 8 1	251	172	896	16,654 14 6	18 11 9
Hokitika	3	11,835 19 6	13 11 9	648	12,001 8 1	18 10 4	165 8 7	...	...	...	549 15 0	198	145	519	13,756 3 10	26 10 1
Canterbury	21	14,349	11 7 4	8,882	155,701 11 11	17 10 7	7,436 4 8	...	...	...	7,275 12 6	2,817	1,851	7,154	190,361 19 8	26 12 2
Otago	32	168,583 8 6	11 1 11	9,810	170,152 7 2	17 6 10	1,568 18 8	...	...	...	6,801 11 1	2,706	2,469	5,916	173,143 7 3	29 5 4
Southland	6	17,344 0 0	13 13 1	940	16,159 1 9	17 3 9	1,184 18 3	...	...	...	947 3 7	271	247	910	25,621 4 10	28 3 1
Totals for Colony in 1877...	138	681,294 13 2	11 3 6	39,363	667,023 7 5	16 18 10	14,271 5 9	...	2,500	6	29,193 14 6	11,235	8,591	28,761	767,375 17 8	26 13 7
" " " " " " " "	124	664,134 12 6	11 11 9	39,486	696,281 7 4	17 12 8	...	...	2,500	6½	28,762 4 7	11,255	9,472	26,111	723,910 17 5	27 14 4
" " " " " " " "	119	657,953 4 0	11 14 4	36,977	729,759 17 9	19 14 8	...	...	2,500	6½	28,565 3 5	11,273	8,081	24,334	727,295 7 8	29 17 9
" " " " " " " "	103	699,249 14 3	13 5 8	29,778	620,155 8 9	20 16 5	79,094 5 6	...	2,250	6½	26,935 6 8	10,346	5,736	21,742	770,836 18 0	35 9 0
" " " " " " " "	97	580,542 5 5	14 16 2	21,268	425,908 3 5	20 0 5	154,634 2 0	...	1,800	7½	20,106 16 10	7,382	3,816	17,132	664,807 5 10	38 16 1
" " " " " " " "	92	436,877 0 0	13 12 6	17,254	313,176 7 11	18 3 0	117,700 12 1	...	1,550	7½	14,711 0 5	6,205	3,188	13,566	490,066 7 0	36 2 5
" " " " " " " "	81	24,642	12 13 6	14,773	261,347 16 3	17 13 9	59,991 2 1	...	1,351	8½	11,291 10 10	4,615	2,383	10,549	357,654 14 6	33 18 1
" " " " " " " "	70	264,328 5 7	12 18 0	11,934	209,509 13 2	17 11 1	54,818 12 5	...	1,264	9½	9,242 3 11	4,304	2,277	8,317	295,372 1 7	33 10 3
" " " " " " " "	59	240,898 5 9	14 1 2	9,292	180,518 4 1	19 8 7	66,380 1 8	...	1,186	10½	7,412 8 0	3,839	1,801	6,290	231,311 5 3	35 15 5
" " " " " " " "	55	194,535 11 6	14 18 11	6,365	107,094 17 3	16 16 6	87,440 14 3	...	789	9½	4,880 7 3	3,282	1,186	4,252	163,518 15 7	38 9 1
Totals for Colony from 1st Feb. to 31st Dec., 1867 ...	46	96,372 7 10	13 16 3	1,919	26,415 18 9	13 15 3	69,956 9 1	...	822	1 10½	1,241 5 0	2,520	364	2,156	71,197 14 1	33 0 5

Table No. 7.

NUMBER and Value of Postage Stamps printed during the Years 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, and 1877.

Denomination.	1873.		1874.		1875.		1876.		1877.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
At One Shilling	60,000	£ 3,000	129,120	£ 6,456	323,520	16,176	...	...	...	...
At Sixpence ...	282,000	7,050	1,000,800	25,020	299,520	7,488	1,368,000	34,200 0 0	61,200	1,530 0 0
At Fourpence ...	79,200	1,320	224,400	3,740	...	...	317,520	5,292 0 0	...	...
At Threepence ...	90,000	1,125	358,320	4,479	...	...	...	...	...	...
At Twopence ...	3,064,800	25,540	4,410,480	36,754	4,155,840	34,632	4,737,360	39,478 0 0	7,529,040	62,742 0 0
At One Penny ...	1,868,400	7,785	3,114,960	12,979	2,421,360	10,089	3,949,440	16,456 0 0	4,583,280	19,097 0 0
At One Halfpenny	688,080	1,433	1,648,320	3,434	1,224,000	2,550	2,099,760	4,374 10 0	2,037,120	4,244 0 0
Post Cards ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	*1,002,500	4,177 1 8	4,250	17 14 2
Totals ...	6,132,480	47,253	10,886,400	92,862	8,424,240	70,935	13,474,580	103,977 11 8	14,214,890	87,630 14 2

\* For two months only.

Table No. 8.

RETURN of Intercolonial and Interprovincial Mail Steam Services, 1877.

Service.	Annual Subsidy.	Duration of Service.		Number of Voyages per Annum.	Mileage for Complete Voyage.	Cost per Mile.
		When Established.	When Terminated, or when Terminable.			
Melbourne and New Zealand	£ 5,000	Sept., 1876	Sept., 1878	13	3,440	£ 0 2 2½
Auckland and Napier	1,200	Feb., 1875	Feb., 1877	26	736	0 1 3
Wellington and Napier and Gisborne	1,000	Nov., 1875	Feb., 1877	{ 26 26	{ 408 176	{ 0 0 9½ 0 0 9½
Wellington and Kaikoura	{ 400 360	{ Dec., 1875 July, 1877	{ June, 1877 On month's notice	26	180	{ 0 1 8½ 0 1 6½
Nelson and Hokitika	1,300	{ Jan., 1875 July, 1877	{ June, 1877 On month's notice	13	480	0 4 2
Middle Island Service	4,000	{ Nov., 1874 July, 1877	{ June, 1877 On month's notice	12	1,213	0 5 6
Port Chalmers and Auckland Manukau and Port Chalmers	5,000	May, 1877	1883	13	1,742	0 4 5

Table No. 9.

TABLE showing the Number of Officers employed in the several Chief Post Offices and Second-class Post Offices in the Colony during the Years 1876 and 1877.

Post Offices.	1877.							1876.								
	Chief Postmaster.	Postmasters.	Clerks.	Letter-carriers.	Messengers.	Mail-cart Drivers.	Shipping Officers.	Totals.	Chief Postmasters.	Postmasters.	Clerks.	Letter-carriers.	Messengers.	Mail-cart Drivers.	Shipping Officers.	Totals.
Auckland	1	...	16	5	2	...	...	24	1	...	16	5	2	...	...	24
Thames	1	...	2	2	1	...	...	6	1	...	2	2	1	...	...	6
Onehunga	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2
Tauranga	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Gisborne	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2
New Plymouth	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	3
Napier	1	...	3	2	...	...	...	6	1	...	3	2	...	...	...	6
Port Ahuriri	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Wellington	1	...	12	4	1	...	...	18	1	...	11	3	1	...	...	16
Wanganui	...	1	2	2	...	...	...	5	...	1	2	1	...	...	...	4
Nelson	1	...	2	2	1	...	...	6	1	...	2	2	1	...	...	6
The Port	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Westport	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	3	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	3
Blenheim	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	3	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	3
Pictou	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2
Kaikoura	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Christchurch	1	...	14	5	1	1	...	22	1	...	14	5	1	1	...	22
Lyttelton	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	3	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	3
Timaru	...	1	3	1	...	...	...	5	...	1	2	1	...	...	...	4
Akaroa	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2
Dunedin	1	...	17	6	2	1	...	27	1	...	17	6	1	1	...	26
Port Chalmers	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2
Oamaru	...	1	2	1	1	...	...	5	...	1	2	1	...	...	...	4
Invercargill	1	...	4	2	1	...	...	8	1	...	3	2	1	...	...	7
Campbelltown	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Hokitika	1	...	2	1	...	1	...	5	1	...	2	1	...	...	1	5
Greymouth	1	...	2	1	...	1	...	5	1	...	2	1	...	...	1	5
Chatham Islands	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Totals ...	14	14	91	38	11	2	2	172	14	13	86	36	9	2	2	162





Table No. 11.

TABLE showing the Number of Letters received for delivery in New Zealand during the Year ended 31st December, 1877.

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 ... ..	71,097	50,686	11,706	133,489	239,723	650,161	889,884	1,023,373
Thames ... ..	5,382	...	599	5,981	86,463	29,372	115,835	121,816
Taranaki ... ..	7,899	6,618	279	14,796	43,617	74,203	117,820	132,616
Hawke's Bay ... ..	21,468	7,412	648	29,528	109,102	221,786	330,888	360,416
Wellington ... ..	65,912	41,268	3,403	110,583	508,413	562,164	1,070,577	1,181,160
Nelson ... ..	12,969	9,199	3	22,171	116,860	86,812	203,672	225,843
Westport ... ..	2,528	391	...	2,919	36,362	38,494	74,856	77,775
Marlborough ... ..	5,615	1,869	69	7,553	53,348	114,434	167,782	175,335
Canterbury ... ..	102,215	44,361	3,479	150,055	230,588	1,185,758	1,416,346	1,566,401
Hokitika ... ..	5,412	15,011	20	20,443	70,250	71,349	141,599	162,042
Greymouth ... ..	5,440	12,798	...	18,238	73,080	105,531	178,611	196,849
Otago ... ..	104,156	73,301	22,224	199,681	337,475	1,102,278	1,439,753	1,639,434
Southland ... ..	14,490	12,940	674	28,104	79,793	148,808	228,601	256,705
Totals ... ..	424,583	275,854	43,104	743,541	1,985,074	4,391,150	6,376,224	7,119,765

Table No. 12.

TABLE showing the Number of Letters despatched by New Zealand during the Year ended 31st December, 1877.

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 ... ..	70,462	47,846	13,608	131,916	257,735	547,679	805,414	937,330
Thames ... ..	5,445	...	733	6,178	75,554	10,655	86,209	92,387
Taranaki ... ..	5,074	...	229	5,303	46,028	64,131	110,159	115,462
Hawke's Bay ... ..	14,869	...	467	15,336	105,073	150,143	255,216	270,552
Wellington ... ..	68,356	53,271	4,604	126,231	509,655	440,984	950,639	1,076,870
Nelson ... ..	13,160	7,426	1,521	22,107	118,795	50,112	168,907	191,014
Westport ... ..	2,448	539	...	2,987	31,032	28,787	59,819	62,806
Marlborough ... ..	4,949	...	234	5,183	49,602	97,176	146,778	151,961
Canterbury ... ..	99,349	41,870	4,471	145,690	230,282	899,643	1,129,925	1,275,615
Hokitika ... ..	3,140	11,303	209	14,652	68,878	56,337	125,215	139,867
Greymouth ... ..	7,235	9,394	...	16,629	72,850	92,768	165,618	182,247
Otago ... ..	104,600	71,454	14,311	190,365	330,913	678,803	1,009,716	1,200,081
Southland ... ..	15,629	15,116	983	31,728	62,698	144,487	207,185	238,913
Totals ... ..	414,716	258,219	41,370	714,305	1,959,095	3,261,705	5,220,800	5,935,105

Table No. 13.

TABLE showing the Number of Newspapers received for delivery in New Zealand during the Year ended 31st December, 1877.

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 ... ..	197,698	54,839	11,866	264,403	147,266	419,684	566,950	831,353
Thames ... ..	14,599	...	66	14,665	31,726	9,013	40,739	55,404
Taranaki ... ..	23,978	5,646	1,504	31,128	34,649	33,648	68,297	99,425
Hawke's Bay ... ..	62,424	23,974	1,081	87,479	83,567	158,016	241,583	329,062
Wellington ... ..	172,820	68,682	5,589	247,091	265,798	242,820	508,618	755,709
Nelson ... ..	35,253	12,314	...	47,567	77,639	39,097	116,736	164,303
Westport ... ..	7,381	545	...	7,926	45,586	48,987	94,573	102,499
Marlborough ... ..	14,952	6,089	487	21,528	49,992	89,826	139,818	161,346
Canterbury ... ..	206,794	70,946	4,276	282,016	147,172	345,664	492,836	774,852
Hokitika ... ..	21,895	28,218	28	50,141	53,167	64,982	118,149	168,290
Greymouth ... ..	18,926	34,199	...	53,125	54,672	42,403	97,075	150,200
Otago ... ..	251,877	101,716	11,385	364,978	162,407	505,961	668,368	1,033,346
Southland ... ..	33,359	20,608	4,280	58,247	90,519	31,230	121,749	179,996
Totals ... ..	1,061,956	427,776	40,562	1,530,294	1,244,160	2,031,331	3,275,491	4,805,785

Table No. 14.

TABLE showing the Number of Newspapers despatched by New Zealand during the Year ended 31st December, 1877.

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 ... ..	48,068	30,986	16,968	96,022	157,029	116,265	273,294	369,316
Thames ... ..	4,785	...	536	5,321	37,932	427	38,359	43,680
Taranaki ... ..	3,568	...	100	3,668	29,431	20,142	49,573	53,241
Hawke's Bay ... ..	12,935	...	445	13,380	64,732	33,722	98,454	111,834
Wellington ... ..	44,722	24,134	3,194	72,050	268,911	163,568	432,479	504,529
Nelson ... ..	11,055	2,813	1,240	15,108	76,285	8,085	84,370	99,478
Westport ... ..	2,016	202	...	2,218	20,938	15,330	36,268	38,486
Marlborough ... ..	4,146	...	240	4,386	20,553	29,570	50,123	54,509
Canterbury ... ..	36,341	18,719	2,662	57,722	121,348	240,713	362,061	419,783
Hokitika ... ..	3,637	4,401	138	8,176	49,883	36,269	86,152	94,328
Greymouth ... ..	7,778	6,572	...	14,350	80,066	78,516	158,582	172,932
Otago ... ..	107,242	53,697	11,061	172,000	323,763	621,163	944,926	1,116,926
Southland ... ..	11,016	6,620	592	18,228	30,153	133,103	163,256	181,484
Totals ... ..	297,309	148,144	37,176	482,629	1,281,024	1,406,873	2,777,897	3,260,526

Table No. 15.

TABLE showing the Number of Post Cards Posted, and the Number of Book Packets received for delivery in New Zealand during the Year ended 31st December, 1877.

Postal Districts.	Post Cards within the Colony.	Book Packets.							Totals without and within the Colony.
		From Places without the Colony.				From Places 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 ... ..	6,353	26,077	9,370	454	35,901	2,154	41,211	43,365	79,266
Thames ... ..	2,595	1,107	...	...	1,107	4,006	430	4,436	5,543
Taranaki ... ..	424	2,368	160	174	2,702	3,376	1,343	4,719	7,421
Hawke's Bay ... ..	4,671	5,251	1,636	31	6,918	9,697	13,677	23,374	30,292
Wellington ... ..	7,674	19,553	5,542	885	25,980	26,414	31,267	57,681	83,661
Nelson ... ..	1,398	9,094	1,650	...	10,744	6,787	1,910	8,697	19,441
Westport ... ..	699	426	61	...	487	2,578	2,194	4,772	5,259
Marlborough ... ..	576	1,035	547	8	1,590	3,690	6,346	10,036	11,626
Canterbury ... ..	25,165	19,814	6,071	217	26,102	18,136	54,854	72,990	99,092
Hokitika ... ..	529	1,080	1,772	1	2,853	4,819	2,716	7,535	10,388
Greymouth ... ..	2,841	670	2,142	...	2,812	5,550	1,304	6,854	9,666
Otago ... ..	22,643	21,768	8,251	479	30,498	21,655	30,845	52,500	82,998
Southland ... ..	5,706	5,201	2,211	773	8,185	6,834	1,850	8,684	16,869
Totals ... ..	81,274	113,444	39,413	3,022	155,879	115,696	189,947	305,643	461,522

Table No. 16.

TABLE showing the Number of Post Cards and Book Packets despatched by New Zealand during the Year ended 31st December, 1877.

Postal Districts.	Post Cards within the Colony.	Book Packets.							Totals without and within the Colony.
		To Places without the Colony.				To Places 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 ... ..	6,490	13,897	6,303	109	20,309	5,078	10,187	15,265	35,574
Thames ... ..	783	88	...	14	102	1,365	49	1,414	1,516
Taranaki ... ..	2,160	110	...	5	115	995	539	1,534	1,649
Hawke's Bay ... ..	1,501	481	...	28	509	4,265	4,778	9,043	9,552
Wellington ... ..	1,521	3,449	2,652	414	6,515	63,656	19,043	82,699	89,214
Nelson ... ..	154	389	99	45	533	3,406	1,263	4,669	5,202
Westport ... ..	251	16	4	...	20	973	439	1,412	1,432
Marlborough ... ..	277	114	...	1	115	1,639	2,145	3,784	3,899
Canterbury ... ..	16,181	2,412	2,446	236	5,094	11,621	28,668	40,289	45,383
Hokitika ... ..	73	48	170	1	219	2,901	1,048	3,949	4,168
Greymouth ... ..	2,109	143	177	...	320	6,451	3,034	9,485	9,805
Otago ... ..	7,804	2,961	2,265	583	5,809	27,343	28,809	56,152	61,961
Southland ... ..	1,726	261	244	30	535	1,388	9,379	10,767	11,302
Totals ... ..	41,030	24,369	14,360	1,466	40,195	131,081	109,381	240,462	280,657

NOTE.—The difference between the number of post cards posted, and the number despatched, is represented by the number posted for local delivery—i.e., those delivered from offices at which posted.

Table No. 17.

RETURN of the Number of Letters registered at the Post Offices in the several Postal Districts during the Years 1874, 1875, 1876, and 1877.

Postal Districts.	1874.			1875.			1876.			1877.		
	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 ...	2,029	6,513	8,542	1,669	6,640	8,309	1,799	6,468	8,267	1,818	8,405	10,223
Thames ...	415	567	982	334	657	991	290	887	1,177	123	1,051	1,174
Taranaki ...	147	647	794	217	652	869	230	517	747	186	951	1,137
Hawke's Bay ...	320	1,934	2,254	345	1,338	1,683	483	2,286	2,769	483	2,862	3,345
Wellington ...	1,783	6,254	8,037	1,674	6,803	8,507	2,134	7,946	10,080	1,791	10,358	12,149
Nelson ...	249	814	1,063	256	981	1,237	320	685	1,005	381	1,273	1,654
Westport ...	187	381	568	164	629	793	146	409	555	52	485	537
Marlborough ...	132	907	1,039	175	848	1,023	175	665	840	88	767	855
Canterbury ...	2,260	4,508	6,768	2,648	4,988	7,636	3,139	5,846	8,985	1,542	8,242	9,784
Hokitika ...	514	1,046	1,560	460	959	1,419	394	1,195	1,589	257	1,495	1,752
Greymouth ...	798	1,346	2,144	778	1,415	2,193	602	1,451	2,053	181	1,685	1,866
Otago ...	3,679	4,824	8,503	4,656	5,617	10,273	5,270	6,024	11,294	2,591	11,086	13,677
Southland ...	338	1,174	1,512	605	2,532	3,137	681	2,824	3,505	234	2,200	2,434
Totals ...	12,851	30,915	43,766	13,981	34,149	48,130	15,663	37,203	52,866	9,727	50,860	60,587

Table No. 18.

STATEMENT of Correspondence received from the United Kingdom *via* San Francisco and *via* Suez during the Year ended 31st December, 1877.

Date of Receipt.	<i>Via</i> San Francisco.			<i>Via</i> Suez and Melbourne.		
	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.
January ...	27,716	10,289	48,620	6,812	1,720	5,151
February ...	25,783	9,993	78,117	6,305	2,209	5,108
March ...	...	...	...	5,528	1,478	5,838
April ...	28,002	6,363	76,704	5,796	1,690	6,476
" ...	24,506	4,911	68,763	...	...	...
May ...	22,166	7,451	74,011	5,391	2,481	5,095
June ...	25,446	5,166	74,610	6,068	1,073	4,738
" ...	...	...	...	5,948	1,718	5,442
July ...	22,724	4,749	72,127	5,971	1,850	5,250
August ...	26,750	5,964	73,514	5,151	1,080	5,426
September ...	27,591	6,921	75,558	4,665	1,771	5,134
October ...	26,035	5,804	77,030	6,301	1,737	5,666
November ...	26,937	6,558	75,985	5,928	2,584	5,701
" ...	27,169	6,831	74,381	...	...	...
December ...	30,440	4,676	63,357	6,781	1,777	5,690
Totals ...	340,365	85,676	932,777	76,645	23,258	70,715

Table No. 19.

STATEMENT of Correspondence despatched to the United Kingdom *via* San Francisco and *via* Suez, during the Year ended 31st December, 1877.

Date of Despatch.	<i>Via</i> San Francisco.			<i>Via</i> Melbourne and Suez.		
	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.
January ...	22,569	808	15,355	7,707	175	6,297
February ...	26,359	459	12,616	7,403	216	7,214
March ...	27,001	831	18,957	6,821	135	5,881
April ...	23,404	556	17,046	5,406	159	4,530
May ...	28,489	715	17,510	5,384	134	4,830
June ...	29,057	638	19,464	5,665	141	4,573
July ...	27,371	708	20,231	7,720	298	4,221
August ...	26,265	582	16,029	5,602	196	4,400
" ...	27,558	928	19,789	...	...	...
September ...	26,136	932	20,738	5,576	142	3,989
October ...	24,665	902	18,544	6,679	141	3,940
November ...	22,827	850	17,924	6,303	158	4,389
December ...	24,787	1,202	19,513	5,456	176	3,529
Totals ...	336,488	10,171	234,316	75,722	2,071	61,793

Table No. 20.  
TABLE showing the Revenue, Expenditure, &c., of the Post Office in the several Postal Districts of New Zealand for the Year 1877.

Postal Districts.	No. of Offices.	Total Correspondence received and despatched.						Expenditure.				Totals.	
		Letters.	Post Cards.	Books.	Newspapers.	Cost of Conveyance of Mails.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Expenditure.	Revenue.			
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			
AUCKLAND	153	1,960,703	12,843	114,840	1,200,669	5,153 9 1	4,900 16 2	1,023 6 1	11,077 11 4	15,572 10 2			
THAMES	10	214,203	3,378	7,059	99,084	297 0 0	894 2 9	158 13 11	1,349 16 8	1,633 5 10			
TARANAKI	14	248,978	2,584	9,070	152,666	569 9 7	596 13 4	93 14 7	1,259 17 6	2,419 18 6			
HAWKE'S BAY	49	630,968	6,172	39,844	440,896	2,884 1 10	1,595 9 11	196 4 10	4,675 16 7	5,114 17 0			
WELLINGTON	63	2,258,030	9,195	172,875	1,260,238	2,847 1 0	4,423 10 3	975 7 1	8,245 18 4	53,710 19 2			
TOTALS FOR NORTH ISLAND	289	5,311,982	34,172	343,688	3,153,553	11,751 1 6	12,410 12 5	2,447 6 6	26,609 0 5	78,451 10 8			
NELSON	28	416,857	1,552	24,643	263,781	694 9 8	1,326 15 10	284 18 3	2,306 3 9	3,041 1 9			
WESTPORT	19	149,581	950	6,691	140,985	777 6 8	654 0 0	90 5 0	1,521 11 8	898 1 8			
MARLBOROUGH	17	327,296	853	15,525	215,855	781 0 0	795 10 4	68 6 1	1,644 16 5	1,628 8 1			
CANTERBURY	151	2,842,016	41,346	144,475	1,194,635	4,959 3 11	6,219 0 8	1,156 7 3	12,334 11 10	22,497 5 7			
HOKITIKA	29	301,909	602	14,556	262,618	1,342 10 0	1,951 19 2	222 12 5	2,617 1 7	2,834 5 7			
GREYMOUTH	23	379,096	4,950	19,471	323,132	430 16 10	1,221 10 0	187 11 11	1,839 18 9	2,611 2 6			
OTAGO	160	2,839,515	39,447	144,959	2,150,272	6,912 19 3	7,834 6 2	1,579 10 9	16,326 16 2	27,415 2 10			
SOUTHLAND	40	495,618	7,432	28,171	361,480	1,148 0 8	1,311 16 6	198 1 1	2,657 18 3	4,223 2 9			
TOTALS FOR MIDDLE ISLAND	467	7,742,888	88,132	398,491	4,912,758	17,046 7 0	20,414 18 8	3,787 12 9	41,248 18 5	65,148 10 9			
TOTALS FOR THE COLONY	756	13,054,870	122,304	742,179	8,066,311	28,797 8 6	32,825 11 1	6,234 19 3	67,857 18 10	143,600 1 5			
TOTALS FOR PREVIOUS YEAR	706	11,770,737	...	...	7,962,748	27,797 11 9	30,151 5 0	4,160 14 11	62,109 11 8	129,263 6 6			

NOTE.—The revenue includes the postage on franked correspondence, which has been estimated at £52,848 9s. 4d., the particulars of which may be found on page 3.

