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# POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

(TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT.)

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

SIR,—General Post Office, Wellington, 18th July, 1879.  
I have the honor to submit to your Excellency the Twentieth Annual Report on the Postal Service of New Zealand.

I have, &c.,  
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Postmaster-General.

His Excellency Sir Hercules George Robert Robinson,  
G.C.M.G., Governor of New Zealand.

## REPORT.

NOTWITHSTANDING the commercial depression which has within the past year made itself so severely felt throughout the colony the business of the Post Office Department has not suffered. Indeed, it may be assumed that the postal revenue has been augmented from many of the effects produced by the late and existing state of trade. The returns show a large increase of business in all branches.

The cash receipts for the financial year ended 30th June ultimo amounted to £129,906 13s. 5d., against £114,191 12s. 9d. for the previous year, the increase being £15,715 0s. 8d., or 13·76 per cent.

The total expenditure for the same period is estimated at £142,708 1s. 8d. The department's expenditure for the financial year 1877-78 was £136,118 13s. 9d.

From the following statement of the number of letters, newspapers, &c., received and despatched, it will be seen that the increase for the year has been exceedingly large:—

		1878.	1877.	Increase.
Letters—Received	...	8,236,062	7,119,765	
Despatched	...	7,288,699	5,935,105	
		15,524,761	13,054,870	2,469,891
Post Cards—Received	...	116,674	81,274	
Despatched	...	137,509	41,030	
		254,183	122,304	131,879
Book Packets—Received	...	505,294	461,522	
Despatched	...	413,855	280,657	
		919,149	742,179	176,970
Newspapers—Received	...	5,097,907	4,805,785	
Despatched	...	4,312,459	3,260,526	
		9,410,366	8,066,311	1,344,055

—the letters increased 18·92 per cent., post cards 107·83 per cent., book packets 23·84 per cent., and newspapers 16·66 per cent.

The average number of letters posted in proportion to the estimated population was 16·85 to each person. In 1875 the average was 14·29, and in 1877, 14·51.

The increase of post cards is very marked, and the extent to which they have been used by the public has exceeded the most favourable estimate.

The first balance-sheet of the Post Office Account, being for the year ended 31st December, 1878, has been prepared, as required by "The Public Revenues Act, 1878" (*Vide* Table No. 5). The transactions amounted to nearly five millions pounds sterling.

The securities held by the department on the 31st December, in trust for the Savings Bank depositors, represented the sum of £756,310 10s. 2d., nominal value, and the interest received and accrued on the investments (*Vide* Table No. 6) was £36,390 3s. 2d. Interest to the amount of £31,664 12s. 9d. was credited the depositors. The profit for the year, after deducting expenses, was £2,747 11s. 3d., which will be paid into the Consolidated Fund.

The requisite books in connection with the establishing of penny savings banks at schools have been forwarded to the Education Department for issue to the several Education Boards and School Committees, who have the power to decide whether the system shall or shall not be introduced in the public schools under their control.

The payment of postage-stamp poundage to Sub-Postmasters not on the permanent staff of the department has been abolished; but an equitable increase has been made to the salaries of these officers.

The inspection of departmental stores, &c., has recently been brought within the control of the department. The duty of examining post office property, stores, &c., will now devolve upon the departmental officers.

The department has not yet entered the General Postal Union,—a reference to which was made in last report. Nothing further will be done until the question of Imperial postage payments to the colonies has been equitably settled.

The completion of the railway line between Christchurch and Invercargill has brought about improved changes in the matter of the transit of mails by railway.

Carriages specially fitted up as travelling post offices, and in the charge of postal officers, are attached to the express trains running between Christchurch, Dunedin, and Invercargill.

The increase of telegraph business at Wanganui and Masterton made it necessary to place the post office and telegraph services under separate control. This course will also be followed with respect to the offices at Foxton.

The offices of Postmaster and Telegraphist at Kumara have been combined.

A room at the lower Barracks, Mount Cook, Wellington, has been adapted to the requirements of a branch post office. Money order and savings bank, as well as telegraph business, is also transacted at this office.

The parcels post regulations, so far as relate to the transmission of articles within the colony, have been extended. Any article of merchandise, &c., not likely to damage the mails or injure the officers of the department, is now accepted. The weight of any parcel must not exceed 5 lb.

The inland book-post regulations have also been extended, and are now of a very liberal character.

Suburban letter-carriers' deliveries were established at Dunedin and Christchurch on the 1st and at Auckland on the 14th January last, with most satisfactory results.

At Auckland the free delivery has been extended to Eden Terrace, Grafton Road, Newton, Ponsonby, and Upper Parnell.

The Christchurch free delivery includes the Suburbs of Addington, Bingsland, Knightstown, Phillipstown, St. Albans, and Waltham.

The Suburbs of Caversham, Anderson's Bay, Forbury, Kaikorai, Kensington, Kew, Lindon, Mornington, Murrayville, North-East Valley, Opoho, Roslyn, Sunnyside, The Glen, and Waikari, are within the Dunedin Suburban deliveries.

The full advantage of these deliveries cannot be secured by the public until the carriers are afforded greater facilities for delivering correspondence. Much time is lost (particularly in the case of the mounted carriers) from the carriers having to walk a considerable distance off the roads to reach private residences. Not only this, but the "postman's knock" is not, in many instances, promptly answered. These delays would disappear if householders would cause to be erected at their front gates, or some other convenient part of their premises, receptacles for the receipt of the correspondence to be delivered by letter-carriers.

These remarks also apply, although in a lesser degree, to the deliveries within populous centres; but the absence of any general system of street-numbering is the more serious drawback. It is hoped that regulations providing for the numbering of all premises within the chief centres of population will ere long be adopted.

65 offices were established, and the total number open at the close of the year was 814. Nine additional money order and savings bank offices were established during the year.

The conduct of the officers generally has been good; and on the part of the public there is a disposition to recognize that their interests are carefully studied by the officers of the department. It is gratifying to be able to state that complaints from the public are comparatively few, and not of a serious character.

#### REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

The gross cash revenue 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.
Sale of postage stamps ... ..	101,402	10	8	Salaries ... ..	40,565	14	9
Money order commission ... ..	6,902	19	0	Conveyance of mails by sea ... ..	56,562	14	6
Fees for private boxes and bags ... ..	3,017	0	0	"    inland mails ... ..	29,395	19	9
Miscellaneous receipts ... ..	728	9	0	Contingencies ... ..	5,953	12	8
Imperial postage receipts ... ..	15,000	0	0	Estimated liabilities ... ..	10,230	0	0
San Francisco Service, payments by non-contracting colonies ... ..	2,855	14	9				
Balance of expenditure over revenue ... ..	12,801	8	3				
	<u>£142,708</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>		<u>£142,708</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>

The total revenue, £129,906 13s. 5d., shows an increase of £15,715 0s. 8d., or 13·76 per cent. The sum collected within the colony for the sale of postage stamps, &c., was £112,050 18s. 8d., being an increase of £15,386, or 15·90 per cent. over the local receipts for the previous year.

The balance of expenditure over revenue as shown by the foregoing statement amounts to £12,801 8s. 3d., against £21,927 1s. for the year 1877.

Taking into account the sum of £56,176 0s. 10d. for official postage, the gross earnings of the department for the year amount to £186,082 14s. 3d., or £43,374 12s. 7d. in excess of the expenditure.

#### OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The postage value of the official correspondence transmitted free of charge is estimated at £56,176 0s. 10d., as shown by the following statement :—

	Letters.	Books.	£	s.	d.		Letters.	Books.	£	s.	d.
Auckland ...	8,284 lb. ...	6,843 lb. ...	2,888	0	10	Christchurch	8,022½ lb. ...	8,701 lb. ...	2,442	4	9
Thames ...	1,427½ " ...	1,823 " ...	411	19	0	Hokitika ...	6,074 " ...	1,096 " ...	1,656	5	8
New Plymouth	3,702 " ...	1,613 " ...	1,078	10	4	Greymouth ...	1,525½ " ...	46 " ...	410	5	2
Napier ...	858 " ...	3,078 " ...	336	8	11½	Dunedin ...	17,230½ " ...	4,204 " ...	4,788	11	1
Wellington ...	144,708 " ...	44,076 " ...	40,689	6	4	Invercargill	1,603 " ...	2,068 " ...	514	7	6½
Nelson ...	1,487 " ...	2,173 " ...	481	6	8						
Westport ...	539 " ...	423 " ...	161	2	2	Total ...			£56,176	0	10
Blenheim ...	863 " ...	2,341 " ...	317	12	4						

The total weight of the free correspondence forwarded through the several post offices exceeded 122 tons.

The value of this description of correspondence in 1877 amounted to £52,848 9s. 4d.

#### DEPARTMENTAL.

Three additional postal districts were established on the 1st January last. The chief offices are Wanganui, Timaru, and Oamaru, respectively. The new districts are described below :—

##### Oamaru Postal District.

The Postal District of Oamaru extends from the River Shag to the Waitaki River, and included all sub-post offices within the County of Waitaki.

The following sub-post offices were transferred to the district when established :—

Name of Sub-Office.	Formerly Subordinate to	Name of Sub-Office.	Formerly Subordinate to
Awamoko ...	Chief Post Office, Dunedin	Ngapara ...	Chief Post Office, Dunedin.
Dunroon ...	" "	Oamaru (Chief Office) ...	" "
Enfield ...	" "	Omarama ...	" "
Hampden ...	" "	Otepopo ...	" "
Kakanui ...	" "	Papakaio ...	" "
Maerewhenua ...	" "	Pukeuri ...	" "
Maheno ...	" "	Upper Ferry ...	" "
Moerakij... ..	" "	Weston ...	" "

##### Timaru Postal District.

The Postal District of Timaru extends from the Waitaki River to the River Rangitata, and included the undermentioned sub-post offices situated within the Counties of Waimate and Geraldine :—

Name of Sub-Office.	Formerly Subordinate to	Name of Sub-Office.	Formerly Subordinate to
Albury ...	Ch. Post Office, Christchurch	Rangitata ...	Ch. Post Office, Christchurch.
Blue Cliffs ...	" "	Sandie Town ...	" "
Burke's Pass ...	" "	Silverstream ...	" "
Cave ...	" "	St. Andrew ...	" "
Fairlie Creek ...	" "	Temuka ...	" "
Geraldine ...	" "	Timaru (Chief Office) ...	" "
Hilton ...	" "	Waimate ...	" "
Lake Tekapo ...	" "	Waimate Junction ...	" "
Makikibi ...	" "	Washdyke ...	" "
Orari ...	" "	Waitaki ...	Dunedin.
Otaio ...	" "	Winchester ...	Christchurch.
Pareora ...	" "	Waihao ...	" "
Pleasant Point ...	" "	Waitohi Flat ...	" "
Pleasant Valley ...	" "	Waihi Bush ...	" "
Pukaki Ferry ...	" "		" "

##### Wanganui Postal District.

The Postal District of Wanganui extends from the Rangitikei River to the River Taungatara.

The following sub-post offices, all within the Counties of Rangitikei, Wanganui, and Patea, were included in the new district:—

Name of Sub-Office.	Formerly Subordinate to	Name of Sub-Office.	Formerly Subordinate to
Bull's ... ..	Chief Post Office, Wellington	Normanby ... ..	Ch. Post Office, New Plym'th.
Crofton ... ..	" "	Parawanui ... ..	" Wellington.
Fordell ... ..	" "	Patea ... ..	" New Plym'th.
Greatford ... ..	" "	St. Johns ... ..	" Wellington.
Hawera ... ..	New Plymouth	Taylorville ... ..	" "
Kai Iwi ... ..	Wellington	Turakina ... ..	" "
Kakaramea ... ..	New Plymouth	Waitotara ... ..	" "
Makirikiri ... ..	Wellington	Wangaehu ... ..	" "
Manutahi ... ..	New Plymouth	Wanganui (Chief Office) ... ..	" "
Marion ... ..	Wellington	Waverley ... ..	" "
Maxwelltown ... ..	" "		

64 Post Offices were established and 1 re-opened during the year at the following places:—

Bingsland, Canterbury	Mabel Bush, Otago	Rotherham, Canterbury
Becks, Otago	Myross Bush, Otago	Russell's Flat, Canterbury
Blackbridge, Wellington	Mangare, Auckland	South Ashburton, Canterbury
Brunswick, Wellington	Maungakaramea, Auckland	Sylvan Bank, Otago
Chatton, Otago	Maungatawhiri, Auckland	Seacliff, Otago
Crookston, Otago	Mokau, Taranaki	Southbridge Junction, Canterbury
Elmslie's Bay, Nelson	Ngunguru, Auckland	Seafeld, Canterbury
Fairdown Junction, Nelson	New Brighton, Canterbury	Sergeant's Hill, Nelson
Fordell, Wellington	Ormondville, Hawke's Bay	Stratford, Taranaki
Fairlie Creek, Canterbury	Otamete, Otago	The Glen, Otago
Granville, Westland	Ohiwa (reopened), Auckland	The Reefs (Skipper's), Otago
Grovebush, Otago	Petone, Wellington	The Willows, Hawke's Bay
Greatford, Wellington	Pukerau, Otago	Turua, Auckland
Glendermid, Otago	Pukerimu, Auckland	Tangihua, Auckland
Gap, Invercargill	Penrose, Auckland	Trondheim, Wellington
Harlington, Otago	Periwaka, Auckland	Terrace End, Wellington
Horrelville, Canterbury	Pukearuhe, Taranaki	Tuparoa, Hawke's Bay
Kopua, Hawke's Bay	Patea, Otago	Waihopa, Otago
Kaitoke, Wellington	Point Curtis, Auckland	Waimauku, Auckland
Kuripuni, Wellington	Puki-iviti, Otago	White Cliffs, Canterbury
Kyle, Canterbury	Port Awanui, Hawke's Bay	Wakanui, Canterbury.
Lakeside, Canterbury	Roslyn Bush, Otago	

The following offices, 9 in number, have been closed:—

Clarendon, Otago	Half-Ounce, Westland	Switzer's, Otago
Colombo Street South, Canterbury	Newton, Canterbury	Waltham, Canterbury
Lowther, Invercargill	Stanmore Road, Canterbury	Zala Town, Westport.

814 post offices were open on the 31st December last, and the total number of officers on the strength of the department, inclusive of 786 Sub-Postmasters, was 987.

The following table shows the number of post offices open in the several postal districts for the years 1877 and 1878:—

Postal Districts.	1878.				1877.			
	Chief Offices.	Second-class Post Offices.	Sub-Post Offices.	Totals.	Chief Offices.	Second-class Post Offices.	Sub-Post Offices.	Totals.
Auckland ... ..	1	2	162	165	1	2	150	153
Thames ... ..	1	...	10	11	1	...	9	10
Taranaki ... ..	1	...	16	17	1	...	13	14
Hawke's Bay ... ..	1	2	51	54	1	2	46	49
Wellington ... ..	1	1	69	71	1	1	61	63
Nelson ... ..	1	1	27	29	1	1	26	28
Westport ... ..	1	...	19	20	1	...	18	19
Marlborough ... ..	1	2	14	17	1	2	14	17
Canterbury ... ..	1	3	156	160	1	3	147	151
Hokitika ... ..	1	...	28	29	1	...	28	29
Greymouth ... ..	1	...	22	23	1	...	22	23
Otago ... ..	1	2	165	168	1	2	157	160
Southland ... ..	1	1	46	48	1	1	38	40
Chatham Islands ... ..	1	...	1	2	1	...	1	2
Totals ... ..	14	14	786	814	14	14	730	758

46 additional stamp licenses were issued in 1878, and 6 cancelled. The total number of licensed stamp vendors on the 31st December last was 282, who received £1,133 7s. 8d. by way of poundage on the sale of stamps.

The cost for the carriage of interprovincial and intercolonial mails by unsubsidized vessels, was £2,654 13s. 11d.

2,740 private boxes were let, which, together with the fees on 168 private bags, produced a revenue of £2,615 10s.

The following return of officers of the Postal Department for the years 1877 and 1878 shows to what extent the staff was increased during the year:—

Officers.	1878.	1877.	Officers.	1878.	1877.
Postmaster-General ... ..	1	1	Postmasters ... ..	14	14
Secretary ... ..	1	1	Clerks ... ..	101	91
Inspector of Post Offices ... ..	1	1	Sub-Postmasters ... ..	786	730
Accountant, Money Order and Savings Bank Department ... ..	1	1	Letter-carriers ... ..	42	38
Clerks in General Post Office ... ..	6	5	Messengers ... ..	12	11
Clerks in Money Order and Savings Bank Department ... ..	4	4	Mail-cart drivers ... ..	2	2
Chief Postmasters ... ..	14	14	Shipping Officers ... ..	2	2
			Totals ... ..	987	915

An additional iron pillar has been erected and eight receiving houses established during the year. The pillar was substituted for a receiving house at the Thames, and the additional receiving houses were distributed as follows: 2 at Kumara, 3 at Christchurch, 2 at Featherston, and 1 at Invercargill. 21 iron pillar receivers and 59 receiving houses were open at the close of the year.

200,416 newspaper wrappers were sold between the 1st April and the 31st December, 1878; and 121,232 wrappers were disposed of to the public for the six months ended 30th June ultimo.

Letter carriers' deliveries have been established at Reefton, Lawrence, Featherston, and Ashburton.

Suburban letter-carriers' deliveries have also been established at Auckland, Christchurch, and Dunedin, and the principal suburbs brought within the free delivery.

At Napier, Wellington, Wanganui, and Invercargill the letter-carriers' deliveries have been extended.

The Government Insurance business at Wellington was transferred from the charge of the Chief Postmaster on the 1st of July, 1878.

Government Insurance Offices have been opened at the post offices at Newmarket, Ohinemutu, Manutahi, Amberley, Caversham, Hyde, Waihola, Bennett's, Aratapu, and Halcombe.

The money order and savings bank office has been removed from Switzer's to Waikaia.

The post offices at Bennett's, Waihola, and Waipahi have been removed to the railway stations.

The post office, Mohaka, has been transferred to the telegraph station.

The following changes of names of post offices have been made: Waiwera (Dunedin) to Waiwera South; White Cliffs Junction to Horndon Junction; Carleton to Bennett's; Ashburton South to Tinwald; Manutahi North to Lepperton; Taueru (Upper) to Bideford; Newcastle to Ngaruawahia; Otamatea to Batley; Southbridge Junction to Hornby; Lake Waipori to Berwick; Teaneraki to Enfield; and Coldstream to Ealing.

#### DEAD LETTERS.

The regulations governing the return of unclaimed letters have been amended in the following important respect—viz., that letters posted within the colony, with the names and addresses of the senders printed on the address side of the envelopes, if not claimed within one month, are returned to the writers or senders by Chief Postmasters, instead of being retained for two months at the office of destination, and then forwarded to the Dead Letter Office to be opened and returned to the writers. Letters posted within the colony, having the names and addresses of the senders printed on the address side of the envelopes, together with a request that the letters be returned if not claimed within a stated period, are also similarly returned, provided the letters shall have remained in the post office to which they may be addressed at least ten days. This amended regulation should be of considerable advantage to business houses.

67,473 unclaimed or dead letters were disposed of during the year. The table underneath enumerates the number of this class of letters disposed of, year by year, since 1874:—

Manner of Disposal.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.
Opened and returned to the writers ... ..	26,153	39,051	44,067	52,607	53,483
Returned unopened to other countries ... ..	6,828	10,321	9,703	9,835	8,733
Reissued ... ..	105	78	83	94	117
Destroyed ... ..	4,227	6,081	5,217	3,417	5,140
Totals ... ..	37,313	55,531	59,070	65,953	67,473

The proportion of letters received in the Dead Letter Office, out of the total number transmitted, was as 1 to 230. In the United Kingdom the proportion is 1 to 217.

The following particulars show the number and articles of value enclosed in letters which had been received at the Dead Letter Office:—

	£	s.	d.
107 money orders for ... ..	344	9	1
58 bank drafts ... ..	2,332	18	0
97 cheques ... ..	1,190	15	7
2 promissory notes ... ..	58	10	8
Postage and stamps ... ..	5	11	2
Bank notes ... ..	119	0	0
Gold ... ..	11	0	0
Silver and copper ... ..	1	6	0½

Representing a total of ... .. £4,063 10 6½

The following articles were also received in the Dead Letter Office: 1 gold ring, 4 pairs gold earrings, 1 gold chain, 1 gold locket, 3 gold pins, 6 gold studs, 1 silver watch, 1 set silver studs, and 3 silver coins.

567 registered letters were dealt with.  
 35 letters were posted without addresses.  
 427 letters were detained for postage; only 22 were subsequently prepaid and forwarded to their respective addresses.  
 649 newspapers and 421 books and other articles without addresses reached the Dead Letter Office during the year, only 63 of which it was found practicable to deliver.  
 2 letters were detained for having obscene and libellous addresses.  
 76 letters were received imperfectly and wrongly addressed.  
 396 refused letters were received in the Dead Letter Office.  
 7 letters were posted with previously-used postage stamps.

## REGISTERED LETTERS.

68,978 letters were registered during the year, being an increase of 8,391 on the number registered in 1877.

## BUILDINGS.

The new offices at Christchurch not having been completed within the time fixed by the contract, and the construction of the necessary fittings having produced a further delay, it was not practicable to remove the post office to the new buildings until the 14th instant. The change is one which cannot but be appreciated alike by the public and the officers of the department.

Suitable offices for the joint accommodation of post office and telegraph have been erected at Newton, Auckland, and will be shortly open to the public.

The new offices at North Dunedin were occupied on the 4th January last.

Plans have been prepared for new offices at Wellington. Beyond this nothing has been done. Additional accommodation to meet the increased business of both the post office and telegraph is urgently required.

The erection of new offices at Timaru has been commenced, and the building should be completed in July next.

Offices have been erected at Rakaia, Waiholo, Duntroon, Kingston, Takapau, Featherston, and Halcombe.

The offices at Ashburton and Masterton have been enlarged.

New offices are being built at Patea, Gore, Catlin's River, Duvauchelle's Bay, Pahi, Wyndham, Ohaupo, and Woodville; and the offices at Hawera, Waipawa, Waipukurau, and Foxton are being enlarged.

It is proposed to build offices at Oamaru, Rangiora, Mercer, Greatford, Lower Hutt, Westport, Normanby, Nuggets, Balclutha, Ahaura, Lake Wanaka, Alexandra, Waitahuna, Albury, Te Kopuru, Port Albert, Dargaville, Aratapu, Paparoa, and Waitara, and to enlarge the office at Wanganui.

## INLAND MAIL SERVICES.

The following are some of the more important Inland Mail Service alterations during 1878 :—

Ngaruawahia and Whatawhata service made thrice weekly instead of twice weekly.  
 Weekly service established between Ngunguru and Whangarei.  
 Weekly service established between Waipu and Maungaturoto.  
 Maungatawhiri and Pokeno service increased from twice weekly to thrice weekly.  
 Service between Napier and Petane increased from weekly to four times weekly.  
 Services between Wellington, Foxton, and Wanganui, and Wanganui and Hawera, made daily.  
 Twice-weekly service established between Norsewood and Ormondville.  
 Second daily service established between Wellington and Masterton.  
 Second daily service established between Greymouth, Kumara, and Hokitika.  
 Thrice-weekly service established between Reefton and Boatman's.  
 Weekly service established between Ahaura and Orwell Creek.  
 Thrice-weekly service established between Leeston and Lakeside.  
 Twice-weekly service established between Rakaia and Kyle.  
 Daily service established between post office, Albany Street, and North-East Valley.  
 Oamaru and Duntroon service made twice daily instead of daily.  
 Daily service established between Dunedin and the Glen.  
 Queenstown and Kingston service increased from twice to thrice weekly.  
 Weekly service established between Tapanui and Crookston.  
 Weekly service established between Skipper's and the Reefs.  
 Four-weekly service established between Long Bush and Waihopai.  
 Daily service established between Invercargill and Sylvan Bank.

The following statement shows the number and description of the inland services for the year compared with that of 1877 :—

Performed by coach and mail-cart	...	...	1878.	1877.
„ horseback	...	...	113	82
„ foot	...	...	207	187
„ water	...	...	52	43
„ railway	...	...	45	46
			48	31
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			465	389
Aggregate mileage	...	...	8,355	7,314
Total number of miles travelled	...	...	2,308,872	2,071,219
Cost to the department	...	...	£28,435 10s. 8d.	£28,797 8s. 6d.
Average cost per mile	...	...	3d.	3½d.

The cost per mile is a fraction less than the rate paid in 1877. This is mainly to be attributed to railway extensions. The question of payment by the department for the carriage of mails by rail having been raised by the railway authorities, the matter is now under consideration. No payment is at present made for the carriage of mails by ordinary trains, but special services, or special trains, when required by the department, are charged for at the rate of 15s. per mile.

#### MAIL STEAM SERVICES.

The agreement of 1874, under which the Imperial Government consented to carry the colonial mails between San Francisco, Galle, Singapore, and London free of charge to the colonies, and to 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, expired on the 31st December last. In view of the expiration of the agreement, the Secretary of State for the Colonies made proposals to the several Australasian Governments for a readjustment of the amount of postage to be retained by the Imperial Government, after the 1st of January of the present year, on the outward correspondence for the colonies. The proposal was that the Imperial Post Office should retain threepence per half-ounce letter in addition to the inland rate previously referred to, thus reducing the amount to be paid the several Colonial Governments from fivepence to twopence per half-ounce letter. As there was no apparent reason in justification of the proposed reduced payment the proposal was naturally met by a strong protest from all the colonies, and the several Agents-General were instructed by their respective Governments to urge for more favourable terms. Correspondence on this subject will be found among the printed papers relative to the San Francisco Mail Service, recently presented to Parliament. The result of the negotiations was that the Imperial Government consented to the continuance of the old arrangement until the 31st of January next, when the present Suez Contract will expire, and thereafter to retain twopence, instead of fourpence per half-ounce letter as originally proposed. As this Government is, however, in conjunction with that of New South Wales, committed to a heavy annual expenditure until October, 1883, on account of the San Francisco Mail Service, and as the present contract was entered into under the belief that the arrangement of 1874 would not be disturbed during the term of the contract, the Imperial Government has been urged to approve of a further extension of the existing payments until the termination of the San Francisco Mail Contract. There is reason to hope that this may eventually be agreed to.

The contract for the amended San Francisco Service has not been finally executed. The amended agreement has been accepted by the Pacific Mail Company, but the sureties' bond is not completed. The Contractors having been unable to obtain a surety in the place of Mr. Macgregor, the contracting Governments, after protracted negotiations, consented to accept the firm of Messrs. John Elder and Co. as sole surety for the due performance of the contract.

The San Francisco Service continues to be performed with regularity. The Contractors have shown every desire to consult the interests of the contracting colonies, and to improve the service.

The mails, with one exception, have been delivered in London and Auckland within contract time. The outward mails have been landed in Auckland in 40 and 42 days, the average transit occupying 40·92 days, and to Dunedin 46·08 days. The homeward mails, on the average, have been delivered in London in 40·33 days from Auckland, and 45·42 days from Dunedin. The shortest delivery from Auckland was made in 39 days, and the longest in 43 days. The mails despatched in April last by the "City of New York" were delivered in London in 43 days from Sydney.

The coastal service for the carriage of the San Francisco mails between Port Chalmers and Auckland has been recently rearranged. The homeward mails from Otago, Canterbury, Nelson, and Wellington are now despatched a day later, while Gisborne and Tauranga are enabled to forward English correspondence to Auckland within two days of the sailing of the mail steamer.

The outward mails by the Galle and Suez Service have invariably been delivered considerably within schedule time. The August and September Brindisi mails respectively were landed at the Bluff in 44 days. The homeward mails, *via* Brindisi, have been delivered in London from the Bluff, on the average, in 51·61 days.

Mails by the Stad Haarlem were landed at Port Chalmers in 56 days from Plymouth.

Advantage was taken of the Stad Haarlem's return voyage to forward direct mails to London. She left Lyttelton on the 5th May last, *via* Cape Horn, and her mails were delivered in London on the 30th ultimo, the transit occupying 56 days.

The postal receipts and the several payments in respect of the San Francisco and Galle Mail Services for 1878 are disclosed in the following statement:—

SAN FRANCISCO SERVICE.							
DR.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Subsidy to Pacific Mail Company	...	32,500	0	0			
Estimated bonus due Contractors	...	1,500	0	0			
Interprovincial services, Mail Agents, &c.	...	7,657	13	9			
					41,657	13	9
CR.							
Postages from London Post Office	...	13,029	5	11			
Postages collected in the colony	...	13,339	17	1			
Receipts from non-contracting colonies	...	2,855	14	9			
					29,224	17	9
Net cost to the colony	...				£12,432	16	0

The estimated net cost of the service to the colony for 1877 was £13,181 15s. 3d.

## GALLE AND SUEZ SERVICE.

DR.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Payments to Victoria ... ..	9,348	16	4			
Intercolonial service, &c. ... ..	5,104	0	0			
				14,452	16	4
CR.						
Postages from London Post Office ... ..	3,556	18	9			
Postages collected in the colony ... ..	3,504	5	6			
				7,061	4	3
Net cost to the colony ... ..				£7,391	12	1

For 1877 the net cost was £6,844 1s.

The payment made for the year for the transmission of correspondence by the Torres Straits Mail Service was £45 4s. 3d.

The contract for the carriage of the Suez mails between Melbourne and New Zealand expired in September. The agreement, however, has been renewed until the date of the expiration of the contract between the Victorian Government and the Peninsular and Oriental Company for the Galle and Melbourne Service—viz., 1st February, 1880.

The Government of Victoria have concluded a contract with the Peninsular and Oriental Company for a fortnightly service between Melbourne and London, commencing in February next. The question of the future carriage of our English mails *via* Melbourne and Galle will, therefore, require to be reconsidered at an early date.

It has been necessary, owing to the increase of mail matter transmitted by the San Francisco Service, to appoint Assistant Mail Agents. The office of Senior Mail Agent has been made permanent.

A thirteen-knot steam service has been established between Queenstown and Kingston. It was considered desirable that a better class of steamer should ply on Lake Wakatipu on the completion of the railway to Kingston, not alone for accelerating the delivery of the mails, but also as an indirect means of encouraging railway traffic.

Steam services have been established between Tauranga and Katikati, and Waitara and Mokau; and a nominal subsidy is paid the steamer Patea trading between Wellington and Patea.

## SAVINGS BANKS.

There were 13,005 new accounts opened during the year, against 11,235 in 1877; and 9,634 accounts were closed, against 8,591 in 1877. The number of accounts remaining open at the close of the year was 32,132, against 28,761 at the close of 1877.

The deposits received during the year were 69,908, amounting to £762,084 12s., the average amount of each deposit being £10 18s. The withdrawals were 42,746 for £742,043 14s. 3d., the average amount of each being £17 7s. 2d. The amount at the credit of depositors had increased to £819,071 8s. 2d. at the close of 1878, from £767,375 17s. 8d. at the close of 1877.

The excess of deposits over withdrawals was £20,030 17s. 9d., against £14,271 5s. 9d. in 1877; and a sum of £31,664 12s. 9d. was credited to depositors for interest, against £29,193 14s. 6d. in 1877.

Since the establishment of Post Office Savings Banks in the colony in 1867, 89,261 accounts have been opened, and 57,129 closed. There were therefore 32,132 accounts remaining open on the 31st of December, last. The total amount deposited from the commencement of the savings-bank system, inclusive of the interest credited depositors, was £5,798,316 4s. 6d., and the total amount withdrawn was £4,979,244 16s. 4d. The balance remaining on deposit on the 31st of December, 1878, was £819,071 8s. 2d.

The average cost of each Post Office Savings Bank transaction, deposit or withdrawal, in the year 1878 was 5½d., and for the whole period of the existence of the Post Office Savings Banks in the colony, 7d. The total amount of interest credited to depositors since the establishment of the Post Office Savings Banks in the colony is £214,006 14s. 2d. The average daily number of deposits during 1878 was 228, and the average daily amount £2,490.

The proportion of depositors to the population was 1 to 13 for the year 1878. In the United Kingdom the proportion was, in 1877, 1 to 19—or 1 to 15 in England and Wales, 1 to 74 in Scotland, and 1 to 82 in Ireland.

## MONEY ORDERS.

The transaction of Money Order business was extended to 9 new offices—namely, to Blueskin, Dargaville, Halcombe, Inglewood, Kopua, The Port (Nelson), Waiholā, Wangaroa, and Waitara.

There were 101,017 orders issued during the year for £368,254 16s. 10d., against 90,672 orders for £334,973 7s. 9d. in 1877, the increase being 10,345 orders and £33,281 9s. 1d.

The number of money orders paid was 74,937 for £270,915 1s. 10d., against 68,558 orders for £254,334 4s. 10d., paid in 1877; the increase being 6,379 orders and £16,580 17s.

The money orders issued in New Zealand for payment in the United Kingdom and the Australian Colonies were 30,486 in number for £117,393 10s. 10d., and 4,788 orders for £20,532 12s. 9d. were issued in those countries for payment in New Zealand. There was accordingly a balance of upwards of £96,000 remitted out of the colony by means of money orders. In 1877 the balance against the colony was £80,000, in 1876 £77,000, and in 1875 £81,000.

The telegraph was used during the year for the transmission of 13,228 orders, amounting to £54,807 10s. 6d. For the previous year, 12,478 orders, for £55,683, were sent by wire.

The revenue derived from the issue of money orders was £6,288 13s., against £5,714 18s. 4d., for the year 1877, the increase being £573 14s. 8d.

The average number of money orders for every 100 persons in New Zealand was 23·3. In the United Kingdom, in 1877, the average was 63·7 for England and Wales, 43 for Scotland, and 22·5 for Ireland.



Table No. 1.

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.	No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	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
1865	1,619	2	6	4,267	19,427	4	4	7,700	35,741	5	0	4,625	23,388	10	2
1866	1,463	18	6	6,292	29,742	15	1	7,756	33,426	11	5	3,188	15,406	17	2
1867	1,761	14	0	8,924	42,823	4	7	9,238	41,987	15	0	4,548	23,968	5	2
1868	1,815	19	6	10,293	49,496	13	0	9,242	49,998	14	11	4,938	25,115	5	1
1869	1,863	1	6	11,898	54,342	18	6	9,241	40,581	13	9	4,715	23,286	11	5
1870	1,932	3	0	14,305	63,897	1	10	9,263	39,939	8	6	4,859	23,381	14	7
1871	2,367	3	6	16,821	73,344	11	9	9,624	41,472	3	7	5,419	25,637	12	7
1872	2,608	3	6	20,514	88,546	9	7	10,407	44,197	18	3	5,370	24,653	5	9
1873	3,068	17	6	28,156	120,125	14	8	10,619	44,535	9	9	5,885	26,347	17	7
1874	3,562	3	2	34,288	142,642	4	10	11,913	48,547	11	4	6,150	28,068	5	5
1875	4,393	2	3	40,968	171,683	6	1	14,379	57,821	2	6	7,365	33,659	19	2
1876	4,950	19	4	48,611	193,551	13	9	16,949	66,332	14	9	7,467	33,597	2	3
1877	5,261	10	2	55,748	212,089	1	6	17,331	66,977	4	2	7,176	31,202	0	3
1878	6,288	13	0	70,531	250,861	6	0	21,169	80,681	15	8	9,317	36,711	15	2

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	No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	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	36,563	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
1878	64,000	233,804	15	10	2,258	9,744	8	8	2,568	11,056	2	7	68,826	254,605	7	1
1878	70,531	250,861	6	0	2,260	9,833	18	6	2,528	10,698	14	3	75,319	271,393	18	9

Table No. 2.

STATEMENT of the Money Orders issued in New Zealand on the United Kingdom and the Australian Colonies during the Years 1877 and 1878.

Where Payable.	1877.		1878.					
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.				
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
United Kingdom	18,369	69,670	11	10	21,169	80,681	15	8
Victoria	5,216	20,951	17	9	5,923	23,956	12	0
South Australia	291	1,137	16	1	380	1,483	3	3
New South Wales	2,104	6,340	11	2	2,375	8,369	0	2
Queensland	217	691	11	5	172	713	17	4
Tasmania	469	2,344	13	8	450	2,144	17	5
Western Australia	6	31	10	0	17	44	5	0
Totals	26,672	101,168	11	11	30,486	117,393	10	10

STATEMENT of the Money Orders issued in the United Kingdom and the Australian Colonies on New Zealand during the Years 1877 and 1878.

Where Issued.	1877.		1878.					
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.				
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
United Kingdom	2,258	9,744	8	8	2,260	9,833	18	6
Victoria	1,110	4,819	10	3	1,105	4,442	14	5
South Australia	150	627	1	9	124	528	12	6
New South Wales	877	3,609	5	8	864	3,617	12	9
Queensland	193	889	10	6	175	756	15	9
Tasmania	225	1,033	16	7	244	1,236	12	10
Western Australia	13	76	17	10	16	116	6	0
Totals	4,826	20,800	11	3	4,788	20,532	12	9

Table No. 3.

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 1878.

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.	£ s. d.	
<b>AUCKLAND</b> ...	5,723		21,800	11,135	42,319	801	4,650	57,509	722	4,136	60,672
Alexandra ...	447	19 17 0	1,620 5 4	167	572 11 8	6	34 145 6 3	4	20	194 17 9	
Aratapu ...	366	13 19 0	1,508 3 5	33	194 16 0	50	199 1,686 3 0	16	51	1,075 15 0	
Cambridge ...	879	41 17 4	3,041 8 9	204	756 15 0	38	154 992 15 0	17	45	617 6 10	
Dargaville ...	62	2 10 6	343 13 9	4	12 10 6	10	21 382 10 0	...	1	100 0 0	
Drury ...	121	5 16 8	428 11 5	86	358 15 11	5	58 279 8 5	4	20	159 0 10	
Hamilton ...	951	44 3 6	3,209 13 6	447	1,469 18 4	83	377 2,218 6 0	54	140	1,234 15 10	
Hokianga ...	333	23 1 8	1,514 3 1	56	334 18 7	5	14 221 18 0	...	4	97 0 0	
Kapanga ...	610	28 7 2	1,657 15 0	260	812 2 4	16	94 601 10 11	7	20	309 3 0	
Kawakawa ...	426	25 8 2	1,602 2 8	83	449 15 7	46	203 1,676 0 0	8	29	801 8 10	
Mangapai ...	144	5 5 0	581 19 0	28	148 9 1	6	15 99 11 0	...	7	70 0 0	
Mangawhare ...	265	12 16 6	1,401 14 5	23	64 3 2	22	75 1,197 2 0	9	27	483 5 10	
Mercer ...	229	8 16 4	566 13 5	55	191 2 10	9	43 514 14 0	3	12	127 14 4	
Mongonui ...	207	8 9 6	704 16 8	69	369 17 7	6	25 176 7 0	3	17	287 5 11	
Ngaruawahia ...	331	14 1 2	819 13 2	209	825 0 2	23	8c 622 9 0	12	33	869 10 9	
Ohinemutu ...	69	5 2 0	314 14 2	46	251 12 7	4	21 112 14 0	1	1	16 4 1	
Onehunga ...	328	20 13 6	1,188 10 10	605	2,597 11 10	37	216 2,156 6 7	15	54	832 17 2	
Opotiki ...	309	14 15 0	994 2 4	135	529 14 8	12	32 402 8 5	6	11	211 6 7	
Otahuhu ...	175	8 8 6	479 1 3	187	711 0 4	16	145 551 8 0	7	55	558 19 6	
Pahi ...	64	3 6 0	253 13 9	19	88 10 7	10	27 137 10 0	...	3	28 0 0	
Port Albert ...	138	4 18 6	491 17 2	48	196 5 2	2	7 53 19 0	1	8	124 0 9	
Pukekohe ...	90	3 0 0	242 3 8	38	165 1 3	3	20 42 10 0	2	6	64 12 7	
Raglan ...	285	10 5 6	1,350 0 9	38	149 11 3	7	17 122 18 0	...	9	87 9 0	
Russell ...	280	14 11 4	1,071 19 2	157	563 19 5	18	66 356 13 8	8	23	769 1 8	
Tauranga ...	717	40 19 6	2,490 15 11	358	1,184 0 5	30	150 1,510 11 10	12	40	978 17 6	
Te Arai ...	65	3 3 6	238 15 10	21	69 13 10	8	27 251 16 0	...	7	125 5 0	
Te Awamutu ...	375	16 13 4	1,190 18 11	113	572 1 2	12	95 572 14 0	7	15	281 14 11	
Te Kopuru ...	183	7 13 6	963 8 0	6	43 11 6	15	70 636 18 0	...	5	94 0 0	
Waipu ...	267	9 14 0	1,118 14 0	68	304 15 7	9	18 461 10 0	2	12	147 10 6	
Waiuku ...	275	11 15 4	911 16 11	100	396 14 4	14	71 424 0 9	3	12	166 8 8	
Waiwera ...	161	6 13 10	564 3 5	16	72 3 0	5	46 456 13 0	...	4	180 0 0	
Warkworth ...	239	8 16 10	686 5 3	103	477 1 3	10	51 477 5 0	2	19	192 5 4	
Whangarei ...	317	16 9 2	1,016 14 11	165	624 0 0	20	85 599 7 0	10	30	496 3 5	
Whangaroa ...	222	8 15 4	797 9 7	53	199 5 9	20	37 451 1 0	...	5	28 10 0	
<b>THAMES</b> ...	1,651	92 2 8	5,774 18 9	1,330	4,837 2 9	325	1,962 20,285 19 4	219	1,775	19,893 17 11	
<b>NEW PLYMOUTH</b>	1,301	81 19 4	4,615 9 8	737	2,698 0 9	191	1,002 14,998 0 3	148	676	16,951 1 3	
Hawera ...	529	26 19 4	1,779 1 6	148	638 13 11	24	74 1,118 14 7	21	41	927 7 9	
Inglewood ...	73	5 10 2	235 18 1	9	36 10 0	13	27 615 6 9	4	8	230 9 7	
Manutahi ...	90	5 11 0	365 3 3	19	49 12 4	3	8 58 0 0	...	1	2 10 0	
Patea ...	444	25 1 0	1,446 13 0	327	1,123 11 11	33	142 2,563 11 11	15	29	2,214 5 9	
Waitara ...	76	5 4 8	276 10 8	44	168 5 4	8	20 1c 2 0	2	7	74 0 4	
<b>NAPIER</b> ...	2,284	167 15 6	8,815 12 10	1,485	5,403 19 4	389	1,910 20,349 8 9	313	1,347	21,157 3 0	
Gisborne ...	1,537	109 17 6	6,398 14 6	394	1,635 2 6	123	502 4,590 9 11	63	158	2,792 16 3	
Hastings ...	85	6 18 6	359 3 0	35	110 13 9	4	33 217 16 0	...	6	39 1 8	
Kopua ...	110	7 14 6	496 10 0	6	29 1 0	19	54 58 0 0	5	11	161 9 7	
Port Ahuriri ...	276	19 8 0	1,118 6 4	131	629 19 11	17	133 978 13 3	17	70	733 7 8	
Taupo ...	398	25 12 6	1,587 7 8	55	220 9 5	11	56 438 9 1	4	14	167 2 1	
Waipawa ...	384	27 6 10	1,359 19 10	107	317 18 4	33	135 1,181 4 8	17	52	983 1 1	
Waipukurau ...	300	21 8 4	1,051 2 0	43	144 9 9	21	58 774 1 0	8	25	347 8 11	
Wairoa ...	259	13 17 8	939 16 5	81	277 18 5	14	78 295 12 0	2	4	11 11 7	
<b>WELLINGTON</b> ...	10,317	646 15 2	34,061 8 2	10,318	38,437 5 1	2,000	11,922 130,265 10 9	1,677	8,604	134,111 9 0	
Bull's ...	519	30 2 8	1,760 6 5	193	737 14 3	42	162 1,039 6 9	13	44	1,026 14 8	
Carterton ...	346	19 15 2	1,222 2 5	145	613 11 8	24	96 590 5 2	13	25	670 19 10	
Featherston ...	342	19 17 10	1,162 13 9	146	458 8 7	70	205 2,360 9 9	33	76	1,134 13 1	
Feilding ...	600	28 4 8	1,946 15 5	197	723 2 9	43	129 787 12 11	17	43	662 7 2	
Foxton ...	384	21 0 0	1,182 3 10	273	765 1 1	25	138 1,044 15 0	14	43	731 10 0	
Greytown ...	437	24 19 0	1,699 14 9	231	850 10 3	38	178 1,138 2 0	21	73	851 15 7	
Halcombe ...	20	1 6 2	72 9 10	2	3 16 4	3	5 40 0 0	...	...	...	
Hutt ...	174	8 8 0	695 12 8	101	331 7 4	46	287 2,584 13 0	15	53	883 9 6	
Marton ...	619	33 15 2	2,274 2 1	293	847 14 2	37	146 970 6 4	24	46	891 4 5	
Masterton ...	837	51 8 2	2,981 9 2	327	1,230 9 11	65	228 2,147 11 10	48	134	2,917 0 8	
Palmerston N. ...	607	30 14 6	1,742 6 11	380	1,140 15 5	41	131 1,149 0 2	29	61	1,442 10 1	
Sanson ...	216	8 11 0	536 2 7	70	187 0 1	13	63 563 15 5	6	16	341 11 5	
Turakina ...	218	11 7 8	752 5 3	78	259 9 3	10	59 443 0 9	6	13	196 8 7	
Upper Hutt ...	116	7 3 10	353 10 6	75	287 18 4	27	152 1,838 7 5	7	29	562 11 6	
Waitotara ...	182	7 1 10	618 18 2	49	182 4 9	6	63 163 14 0	2	4	76 8 2	
Wanganui ...	2,638	174 13 10	9,925 10 3	1,577	5,685 12 8	283	1,136 11,353 16 5	121	310	7,194 5 10	
Waverley ...	226	12 16 10	751 3 6	58	190 18 0	6	17 214 9 0	3	7	157 10 11	
<b>BLenheim</b> ...	1,570	90 12 10	6,076 13 6	714	2,339 15 9	155	861 9,736 9 8	144	547	10,226 14 3	
Havelock ...	537	23 17 2	2,039 11 11	162	580 4 9	18	107 945 8 5	17	44	1,009 9 4	
Kaikoura ...	182	11 8 10	658 12 1	72	205 1 7	13	36 546 9 0	9	13	548 4 11	
Picton ...	573	26 10 4	2,193 11 1	385	1,376 5 6	57	295 2,435 17 3	23	87	2,426 7 1	
<b>NELSON</b> ...	1,864	108 6 0	6,213 16 6	3,650	14,719 14 4	211	1,325 12,532 18 8	182	789	14,961 18 8	
Collingwood ...	321	11 15 6	1,219 9 7	56	198 7 1	11	28 613 1 0	6	15	436 5 1	

Table No. 3—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 1878—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.
Motueka ...	346	16 5 8	1,419 2 1	305	1,390 14 3	32	200	£ 2,130 5 0	15	70	£ 1,152 16 10
Port ...	60	4 13 10	262 8 10	15	53 2 4	3	26	179 9 0	...	...	...
Richmond ...	92	6 5 6	394 2 8	112	513 5 2	17	143	1,293 16 0	4	20	691 18 0
WESTPORT ...	871	57 14 10	3,257 8 3	718	2,845 16 2	69	405	4,184 13 8	79	303	5,936 4 1
Charleston ...	424	25 13 6	1,469 6 0	164	475 12 3	28	208	1,972 5 8	12	57	2,564 3 1
Lyell ...	585	36 9 10	3,368 16 5	64	267 17 0	9	36	696 16 0	11	31	956 7 2
GREYMOUTH ...	2,067	132 17 2	7,316 2 10	1,965	6,460 17 5	124	658	8,708 10 0	128	605	9,918 11 1
Ahaura ...	814	40 3 10	3,841 17 2	98	414 16 2	16	119	1,094 19 11	6	28	478 10 4
Reefton ...	1,417	96 11 0	5,721 18 0	691	2,387 0 11	55	229	2,833 13 9	37	90	1,914 16 2
HOKITIKA ...	1,363	87 2 10	5,030 18 6	1,743	5,669 19 10	66	418	4,582 16 2	110	414	6,954 19 0
Kumara ...	1,122	63 11 8	3,895 11 6	388	1,410 6 3	81	432	4,183 11 9	43	172	2,693 16 2
Ross ...	276	13 16 6	932 10 6	228	788 11 8	19	111	1,285 16 3	16	51	1,242 16 6
CHRISTCHURCH ...	8,065	625 15 0	30,669 0 3	5,721	19,730 14 1	2,097	12,230	£ 145,049 14 4	1,450	8,131	154,633 11 7
Akaroa ...	440	23 4 0	1,379 12 5	201	866 16 9	38	194	1,949 3 4	14	53	1,269 3 5
Amberley ...	228	17 18 0	926 7 8	65	241 1 0	25	91	811 16 0	9	24	316 13 5
Ashburton ...	1,277	78 8 0	4,472 4 8	377	1,537 6 6	119	444	5,006 3 6	73	187	3,686 4 5
Cheviot ...	63	5 0 0	248 13 2	8	30 7 8	11	17	380 5 9	3	6	189 6 7
Dunsandel ...	132	6 15 0	388 12 8	32	156 12 7	7	29	363 0 4	6	9	127 11 1
Geraldine ...	340	20 0 2	1,175 9 3	76	236 10 8	35	192	1,053 6 0	16	38	418 14 10
Hurunui ...	72	4 16 0	290 3 8	12	63 7 0	15	53	582 16 0	3	4	37 1 11
Kaipoi ...	357	22 15 0	1,144 1 0	308	1,252 2 10	83	388	3,134 11 0	40	119	1,889 12 5
Leithfield ...	135	5 2 8	310 1 2	41	189 5 3	5	47	432 5 0	7	23	374 12 10
Lytelton ...	1,038	67 17 8	3,540 7 0	580	1,978 10 0	143	902	7,603 16 0	80	252	3,888 6 4
Malvern ...	233	13 13 4	830 13 7	65	316 14 5	7	32	363 17 0	10	17	303 0 9
Oxford ...	273	11 7 4	798 6 6	103	341 5 3	23	111	1,516 13 0	12	41	535 13 7
Rakaia ...	302	15 12 6	1,063 14 2	66	221 13 7	31	92	973 11 0	24	54	606 1 8
Rangiora ...	396	29 18 2	1,350 9 7	208	818 19 1	75	350	3,091 3 0	50	121	3,224 8 10
Southbridge ...	305	17 1 6	858 6 6	139	436 3 0	27	99	706 0 0	19	41	1,121 14 3
Temuka ...	550	31 11 0	1,859 18 3	188	721 16 1	52	212	1,264 4 8	44	88	1,925 12 9
Timaru ...	2,637	179 18 2	10,098 16 3	1,219	4,032 13 4	413	1,715	16,498 12 2	275	613	12,273 10 11
Waiau ...	164	9 15 2	647 15 9	37	119 12 2	14	76	1,592 9 0	3	21	477 10 6
Waimate ...	843	45 17 6	3,229 18 2	226	784 7 9	63	212	1,875 14 8	40	82	1,414 13 7
Woolston ...	38	2 12 6	141 16 4	28	98 7 6	15	104	620 16 0	2	22	501 3 1
DUNEDIN ...	7,082	553 8 2	27,782 19 5	11,758	39,809 11 3	1,789	10,227	£ 126,158 0 10	1,849	7,902	141,902 15 3
Albany Street...	669	46 18 0	2,285 16 1	321	1,224 9 7	194	1,862	12,033 19 4	97	377	5,025 12 4
Arrow River ...	320	17 15 4	951 5 6	76	200 16 10	8	18	713 0 0	10	13	241 2 1
Balclutha ...	531	29 19 6	1,825 3 11	311	1,118 11 1	59	163	2,436 7 6	28	83	1,444 8 4
Blueskin ...	88	4 4 6	374 17 2	39	181 18 6	21	69	269 1 0	5	12	283 17 11
Clinton ...	365	18 9 4	1,273 12 11	67	282 10 2	20	73	379 11 7	6	17	281 4 0
Clyde ...	525	23 7 10	2,415 11 3	129	306 1 7	13	76	235 3 0	7	18	385 6 4
Cromwell ...	480	24 5 4	1,602 5 6	138	404 18 6	13	84	462 15 0	9	15	175 10 3
Green Island ...	79	8 2 8	336 10 8	90	262 4 7	21	165	1,309 16 0	9	25	562 7 8
Hamilton's ...	149	9 18 6	689 10 11	17	97 4 2	8	44	1,100 18 0	8	25	751 9 10
Hampden ...	250	11 3 6	759 14 7	83	336 8 1	9	59	360 19 0	8	20	203 19 10
Hyde ...	57	2 13 0	218 12 4	15	79 19 8	...	...	...	1	1	42 18 9
Kaitangata ...	298	11 13 0	941 12 5	66	201 15 5	15	58	196 6 0	2	6	37 18 9
Kakanui ...	252	13 9 8	1,165 14 8	37	145 9 0	4	27	405 10 0	5	9	143 16 9
Lawrence ...	623	31 12 0	2,142 6 2	440	1,411 13 1	51	300	2,426 0 0	33	88	2,314 2 10
Manuherikia ...	260	11 9 8	730 2 1	62	309 7 10	3	5	31 10 0	2	6	241 0 11
Mataura ...	270	13 2 2	867 16 8	92	292 0 0	9	51	197 12 0	8	14	315 9 2
Milton ...	515	26 3 2	1,675 11 8	411	1,515 3 2	71	364	2,538 1 8	45	115	1,962 19 5
Mosgiel ...	135	8 12 0	469 11 2	86	381 14 5	18	108	808 19 0	14	24	537 2 8
Naseby ...	490	24 14 8	1,591 9 2	129	410 6 4	22	94	682 12 0	16	40	902 4 0
Oamaru ...	2,637	179 16 10	10,693 11 9	1,007	3,392 8 2	367	1,358	15,995 2 9	217	487	11,525 0 4
Ophir ...	288	12 11 2	968 0 6	43	186 15 5	2	10	8 11 0	1	1	107 7 0
Otepopo ...	221	9 13 6	689 10 10	34	111 4 6	6	31	389 12 0	4	14	171 8 0
Outram ...	220	11 11 6	596 9 5	92	274 3 8	10	57	259 18 0	5	15	168 4 7
Palmerston ...	507	24 19 4	1,556 18 1	199	691 15 2	29	111	1,430 14 6	20	48	1,092 5 7
Port Chalmers ...	769	52 18 10	3,152 14 7	572	2,344 17 9	106	671	5,197 3 4	76	239	3,309 14 4
Queenstown ...	435	22 6 10	1,329 8 1	223	663 17 1	11	40	459 15 0	8	17	262 8 9
Roxburgh ...	396	17 2 0	1,169 8 10	111	335 8 7	7	23	348 16 6	4	16	148 8 3
St. Bathans ...	263	10 18 2	581 10 8	32	114 4 0	6	33	475 5 11	1	3	70 1 1
Tapanui ...	304	18 11 10	1,179 18 0	120	420 16 2	18	101	382 8 10	23	34	591 7 7
Waihola ...	105	4 10 8	366 13 9	30	79 14 0	7	20	146 19 0	1	2	10 0 0
Waikaia ...	455	18 15 2	2,100 10 8	48	168 12 4	7	39	489 7 7	9	21	938 14 1
Waikouaiti ...	376	18 9 0	1,272 13 11	148	626 0 9	22	90	657 19 0	11	34	433 16 1
INVERCARGILL ...	2,278	164 12 0	8,738 14 4	1,573	4,844 12 2	294	1,344	18,365 7 2	207	932	17,112 17 3
Campbelltown ...	282	13 12 10	1,299 9 1	133	590 5 6	10	64	761 9 2	3	14	197 10 4
Gore ...	517	23 12 4	1,682 13 7	108	572 15 0	22	52	979 11 1	11	27	630 13 2
Longbush ...	151	5 17 10	402 0 1	29	99 5 0	18	72	545 0 11	6	15	155 10 4
Riverton ...	470	27 3 10	1,586 16 9	172	652 12 9	28	96	808 1 4	14	34	667 8 2
Winton ...	225	11 10 10	705 4 7	67	169 15 2	20	68	954 2 9	7	15	355 8 8
Total ...	101017	6,288 13 0	368,254 16 10	74,937	270,915 1 10	13,005	69,908	762,084 12 0	9,634	42,746	742,053 14 3

Table No. 4.  
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, 1878.

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, 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.
Auckland	34	7,243	78,012	3 2	10 15	5	4,881	72,482	12 3	14 16	11	5,529	10 11	...	...	3,558	7 7	1,378	935	4,126	94,588	14 5	22 18	6
Thames	1	1,962	20,285	19 4	10 6	9	1,775	19,893	17 11	11 4	2	392	1 5	...	...	1,137	3 9	325	219	1,074	28,183	11 4	26 4	10
Taranaki	5	1,273	19,455	15 6	15 5	8	762	20,399	14 8	26 15	5	...	...	...	...	646	17 0	272	190	700	15,552	19 10	22 4	4
Hawke's Bay	9	2,959	29,497	14 8	9 18	9	1,687	26,393	1 10	15 12	10	3,014	12 10	...	...	1,169	4 2	631	429	1,264	31,189	18 1	24 13	6
Wellington	20	15,117	158,094	16 8	10 10	0	9,581	153,852	10 5	16 1	2	4,842	6 3	...	...	5,406	0 5	2,779	2,049	5,726	143,439	14 9	25 1	0
Marlborough	4	1,299	13,664	4 4	10 10	5	691	14,210	15 7	20 11	4	...	...	...	...	819	12 2	243	193	744	20,543	15 1	27 12	3
Nelson	5	1,722	16,749	9 8	9 14	6	894	17,242	18 7	19 5	9	...	...	...	...	1,136	12 4	274	207	1,025	28,127	10 0	27 8	10
Westport	3	619	6,853	15 4	10 11	2	391	9,456	14 4	24 3	8	325	6 1	...	...	413	9 3	106	102	391	9,691	3 10	24 15	8
Greymouth	3	1,006	12,037	3 8	12 11	3	723	12,311	17 7	17 0	7	...	...	...	...	703	18 9	195	171	920	17,683	19 4	19 4	5
Hokitika	3	961	10,052	4 2	10 9	2	637	10,891	11 8	17 1	11	...	...	...	...	571	2 3	166	169	516	13,487	18 7	26 2	9
Canterbury	21	17,590	194,869	17 9	11 1	7	9,946	189,214	8 9	19 0	6	5,655	9 0	...	...	7,828	1 4	3,298	2,180	8,272	203,845	10 0	24 12	10
Otago	33	16,431	178,987	15 4	10 17	10	9,741	176,584	2 9	18 2	6	2,403	12 7	...	...	7,180	8 0	2,946	2,542	6,320	182,277	7 10	28 18	3
Southland	6	1,696	22,413	12 5	13 4	3	1,037	19,119	7 11	18 8	8	3,294	4 6	...	...	1,093	15 9	392	248	1,054	39,009	5 1	37 0	3
Totals for Colony in 1878...	147	69,908	762,084	12 0	10 18	0	42,746	742,053	14 3	17 7	2	20,030	17 9	2,500	0 5	31,664	12 9	13,005	9,634	32,132	819,071	8 2	25 9	9
" 1877...	138	60,963	681,294	13 2	11 3	6	39,363	667,023	7 5	16 18	10	14,271	5 9	2,500	0 6	29,193	14 6	11,235	8,591	28,761	767,375	17 8	26 13	7
" 1876...	124	57,295	664,134	12 6	11 11	9	39,486	696,281	7 9	17 12	8	...	...	2,500	0 6	28,762	4 7	11,255	9,472	26,117	723,910	17 5	27 14	4
" 1875...	119	56,129	657,953	4 0	11 14	4	36,977	729,759	17 9	19 14	8	...	...	2,500	0 6	28,565	3 5	11,273	8,681	24,334	727,205	7 8	29 17	9
" 1874...	103	52,627	699,249	14 3	13 5	8	29,778	620,155	8 9	20 16	5	79,094	5 6	2,250	0 6	26,935	6 8	10,346	5,736	21,742	770,836	18 0	35 9	1
" 1873...	97	39,223	580,542	5 5	14 16	2	21,268	425,908	3 5	20 0	5	154,634	2 0	1,800	0 7	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	1,556	0 7	14,711	0 5	6,205	3,188	13,566	490,066	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	...	...	1,351	0 8	11,291	10 10	4,615	2,383	10,549	357,954	14 6	33 18	1
" 1870...	70	20,489	264,328	5 7	12 18	0	11,934	209,599	13 2	17 11	1	54,818	12 5	1,264	0 9	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	1,186	0 10	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	789	0 9	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	6,977	96,372	7 10	13 16	3	1,919	26,415	18 9	13 15	3	69,956	9 1	822	1 10	1,241	5 0	2,520	364	2,156	71,197	14 1	33 0	5

**Table No. 5.**  
BALANCE-SHEET of New Zealand Post Office Account for the Year ended the 31st December, 1878.

	Balances on 1st January, 1878.		Transactions.		Balances on 31st December, 1878.	
	Ct.	Dr.	Ct.	Dr.	Ct.	Dr.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<b>MONEY ORDER ACCOUNTS:—</b>						
Money orders	7,875 19 5	...	388,787 9 7	388,308 12 8	8,354 16 4	...
Commission, Foreign Office	...	395 18 7	1,497 3 6	1,577 4 5	...	475 19 6
Commission, New Zealand	...	...	6,288 13 0	6,288 13 0	...	...
United Kingdom	...	2,145 1 10	81,494 6 6	55,760 19 4	23,588 5 4	...
Victoria	...	309 14 6	24,141 1 0	23,476 13 11	354 12 7	...
New South Wales	651 0 0	...	8,441 19 2	9,044 17 9	48 1 5	...
Queensland	60 8 2	...	819 6 4	762 7 3	117 7 3	...
South Australia	...	171 17 2	1,494 18 3	1,232 12 0	90 9 1	...
Western Australia	21 8 3	...	44 14 0	116 19 6	...	50 17 3
Tasmania	...	134 13 2	2,159 10 11	1,945 3 4	79 14 5	...
<b>SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNTS:—</b>						
Deposits and withdrawals	738,182 3 0	...	822,942 19 5	742,063 14 3	819,071 8 2	...
Transfers	147 14 11	...	36,745 1 10	33,497 16 8	3,395 0 1	...
Treasury (investments)	...	714,636 16 1	759,636 16 1	45,000 0 0	...	...
Unpaid expenses	...	...	1,250 0 0	...	1,250 0 0	...
<b>REVENUE ACCOUNTS:—</b>						
Postage stamps	...	...	121,051 9 3	93,008 14 11	28,042 14 4	...
Postal Guides	...	...	334 2 0	332 15 0	1 7 0	...
Private-box and bag rents	...	...	2,628 0 0	2,628 0 0	...	...
Miscellaneous revenue	...	...	37 16 1	37 16 1	...	...
Commission on postage stamps	...	...	1,959 10 10	1,136 18 7	...	77 7 9
Carriage of mails and expenses	...	...	3,076 16 11	3,293 5 9½	...	216 8 10½
Postal revenue	...	...	117,692 14 11½	109,157 8 7	8,535 6 4½	...
<b>GENERAL ACCOUNTS:—</b>						
Post Office Account	...	13,391 19 11	1,044,305 1 11	1,107,960 1 10	...	77,046 19 10
Postmasters	...	15,760 5 0	1,300,500 13 7	1,328,842 16 4	...	44,102 7 9
Investments	...	...	15,490 10 4	761,612 5 10	...	746,121 15 6
Accrued interest on investments	...	...	...	7,652 9 8	...	7,652 9 8
Imperial pensions	...	...	38 11 10	38 11 10	...	...
Voted services	...	...	206 0 6	146 0 6	60 0 0	...
Advances to Treasury for payment of foreign money orders	...	...	...	20,000 0 0	...	£ 20,000 0 0
Suspense	...	...	...	...	...	...
Profit and loss	7 12 6	...	...	...	7 12 6	...
<b>Total</b>	<b>746,946 6 3</b>	<b>746,946 6 3</b>	<b>4,784,335 10 2½</b>	<b>4,784,335 10 2½</b>	<b>895,744 6 1½</b>	<b>895,744 6 1½</b>

Table No. 6.

STATEMENT of the Profit and Loss of the Post Office Account (Savings Banks) for the Year ended 31st December, 1878. Also List of the Securities, &c., held by the Postmaster-General on account of the Savings Bank Fund, and the Interest Accrued thereon, but not paid, on the 31st December, 1878.

## PROFIT and Loss Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1878.

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
Interest received on investments	...	28,737	13	6	Sundry expenses	...	157	16	8
Interest accrued	...	7,652	9	8	Written off, being deficiency in funds received from Treasury	...	570	2	4
					Credited to depositors for interest to 31st December	...	31,664	12	11
					Expenses unpaid	...	1,250	0	0
					Balance	...	2,747	11	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>36,390</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>36,390</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>

SECURITIES, &c., Standing in the Name of the Postmaster-General on Account of the Post Office Savings Bank Fund, and the Interest Accrued thereon, but not paid, on the 31st December, 1878.

Description of Securities, &c.	Nominal Value.		Value at Cost Price.		Interest and Dividends Accrued, but not Received, at the end of the Year.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Consolidated Loan, 4 per cents.	13,000	0 0	12,480	0 0	109	13 11
Westland 5 per cents.	50,000	0 0	50,800	0 0	527	7 11
Immigration and Public Works 1870, 4 per cents.	173,200	0 0	166,272	0 0	1,461	10 4
"    "    4½ per cents.	14,900	0 0	14,527	10 0	141	8 11
Waimakariri River Bonds, 6 per cents.	4,500	0 0	4,500	0 0	45	2 5
General Purposes Loan, 5 per cents.	142,600	0 0	142,600	0 0	898	11 5
"    "    4 per cents.	5,200	0 0	4,342	0 0	43	17 7
Defence Loan, 4 per cents.	75,000	0 0	72,000	0 0	632	17 6
"    "    4½ per cents.	5,000	0 0	5,000	0 0	...	
Wellington Debts Act Bonds, 5 per cents.	53,000	0 0	53,000	0 0	287	10 0
Oamaru Harbour Mortgages, 5½ per cents.	35,000	0 0	35,000	0 0	806	18 3
Patea Mortgages, 6 per cents.	510	10 2	510	10 2	23	1 0
North Otago 5 per cents.	38,900	0 0	38,900	0 0	360	16 5
Treasury Bills, 3½d. per cent. per diem	65,500	0 0	65,500	0 0	561	17 4
North Rakaia River Bonds, 6 per cents.	6,000	0 0	6,000	0 0	15	15 7
New Zealand 5 per cents.	44,000	0 0	44,689	15 4	729	6 3
Fixed Deposit in Bank, 6 per cent.	30,000	0 0	30,000	0 0	404	7 7
Post Office Account	...		...		602	7 3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>756,310</b>	<b>10 2</b>	<b>746,121</b>	<b>15 6</b>	<b>7,652</b>	<b>9 8</b>

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.  
**SAN FRANCISCO MAIL SERVICE.**

OUTWARD 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.
1878. May 23	1878. July 4	42	1878. May 23	1878. July 8	46	1878. May 23	1878. July 12	50	1878. May 23	1878. July 11	49	1878. May 23	1878. July 14	52
1878. June 20	1878. July 31	41	1878. June 20	1878. August 6	47	1878. June 20	1878. August 9	50	1878. June 20	1878. August 6	47	1878. June 20	1878. August 8	49
1878. July 18	1878. August 27	40	1878. July 18	1878. August 30	43	1878. July 18	1878. September 2	46	1878. July 18	1878. September 2	46	1878. July 18	1878. September 4	48
1878. August 15	1878. September 24	40	1878. August 15	1878. September 26	42	1878. August 15	1878. September 29	45	1878. August 15	1878. September 29	45	1878. August 15	1878. October 1	47
1878. September 12	1878. October 22	40	1878. September 12	1878. October 25	43	1878. September 12	1878. October 27	45	1878. September 12	1878. October 28	46	1878. September 12	1878. October 30	48
1878. October 10	1878. November 19	40	1878. October 10	1878. November 22	43	1878. October 10	1878. November 23	44	1878. October 10	1878. November 25	46	1878. October 10	1878. November 27	48
1878. November 7	1878. December 17	40	1878. November 7	1878. December 20	43	1878. November 7	1878. December 21	44	1878. November 7	1878. December 22	45	1878. November 7	1878. December 26	49
1879. December 5	1879. January 16	42	1879. December 5	1879. January 18	44	1879. December 5	1879. January 20	46	1879. December 5	1879. January 23	49	1879. December 5	1879. January 27	53
1879. January 2	1879. February 13	42	1879. January 2	1879. February 15	44	1879. January 2	1879. February 17	46	1879. January 2	1879. February 18	47	1879. January 2	1879. February 21	50
1879. January 30	1879. March 13	42	1879. January 30	1879. March 15	44	1879. January 30	1879. March 17	46	1879. January 30	1879. March 18	47	1879. January 30	1879. March 21	50
1879. February 27	1879. April 9	41	1879. February 27	1879. April 12	44	1879. February 27	1879. April 14	46	1879. February 27	1879. April 15	47	1879. February 27	1879. April 17	49
1879. March 27	1879. May 7	41	1879. March 27	1879. May 9	43	1879. March 27	1879. May 11	45	1879. March 27	1879. May 12	46	1879. March 27	1879. May 14	48
Maximum	...	42	...	...	47	...	...	50	...	...	49	...	...	53
Minimum	...	40	...	...	42	...	...	44	...	...	45	...	...	47
Average	...	40.92	...	...	43.83	...	...	46.68	...	...	46.67	...	...	49.25

  

HOMEWARD 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.
1878. March 23	1878. May 14	52	1878. March 29	1878. May 14	46	1878. March 28	1878. May 14	47	1878. March 30	1878. May 14	45	1878. April 3	1878. May 14	41
1878. April 20	1878. June 10	51	1878. April 26	1878. June 10	45	1878. April 25	1878. June 10	46	1878. April 27	1878. June 10	44	1878. May 1	1878. June 10	40
1878. May 18	1878. July 7	50	1878. May 23	1878. July 7	45	1878. May 23	1878. July 7	45	1878. May 25	1878. July 7	43	1878. May 28	1878. July 7	40
1878. June 17	1878. August 4	48	1878. June 20	1878. August 4	45	1878. June 20	1878. August 4	45	1878. June 22	1878. August 4	43	1878. June 25	1878. August 4	40
1878. July 15	1878. September 1	48	1878. July 18	1878. September 1	45	1878. July 18	1878. September 1	45	1878. July 20	1878. September 1	43	1878. July 23	1878. September 1	40
1878. August 12	1878. September 29	48	1878. August 15	1878. September 29	45	1878. August 15	1878. September 29	45	1878. August 17	1878. September 29	43	1878. August 20	1878. September 29	40
1878. September 10	1878. October 26	46	1878. September 12	1878. October 26	44	1878. September 12	1878. October 26	44	1878. September 14	1878. October 26	42	1878. September 17	1878. October 26	39
1878. October 8	1878. November 24	47	1878. October 10	1878. November 24	45	1878. October 10	1878. November 24	45	1878. October 12	1878. November 24	43	1878. October 15	1878. November 24	40
1878. November 5	1878. December 23	48	1878. November 7	1878. December 23	46	1878. November 7	1878. December 23	46	1878. November 9	1878. December 23	44	1878. November 12	1878. December 23	41
1879. December 3	1879. January 22	50	1879. December 5	1879. January 22	48	1879. December 5	1879. January 22	48	1879. December 7	1879. January 22	46	1879. December 10	1879. January 22	43
1879. December 31	1879. February 16	47	1879. January 2	1879. February 16	45	1879. January 2	1879. February 16	45	1879. January 4	1879. February 16	43	1879. January 7	1879. February 16	40
1879. January 28	1879. March 16	47	1879. January 30	1879. March 16	45	1879. January 31	1879. March 16	44	1879. February 2	1879. March 16	43	1879. February 4	1879. March 16	40
Maximum	...	52	...	...	48	...	...	48	...	...	46	...	...	43
Minimum	...	46	...	...	44	...	...	44	...	...	42	...	...	39
Average	...	48.5	...	...	45.33	...	...	45.42	...	...	43.42	...	...	40.33

**Table No. 8.**  
**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.**

MELBOURNE.				SYDNEY.				BLUFF.				DUNEDIN.				WELLINGTON.				AUCKLAND.			
Date of Despatch from Auckland.	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 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.			
1878. April 12	1878. May 20	38	1878. April 12	1878. May 22	40	1878. April 12	1878. May 27	45	1878. April 12	1878. May 28	46	1878. April 12	1878. May 28	46	1878. April 12	1878. May 30	48	1878. April 12	1878. May 28	46			
1878. May 10	1878. June 20	41	1878. May 10	1878. June 22	43	1878. May 10	1878. June 25	46	1878. May 10	1878. June 26	47	1878. May 10	1878. June 26	47	1878. May 10	1878. June 28	49	1878. May 10	1878. June 28	49			
1878. June 7	1878. July 16	39	1878. June 7	1878. July 18	41	1878. June 7	1878. July 22	45	1878. June 7	1878. July 23	46	1878. June 7	1878. July 23	46	1878. June 7	1878. July 25	48	1878. June 7	1878. July 25	48			
1878. July 5	1878. August 11	37	1878. July 5	1878. August 13	39	1878. July 5	1878. August 19	45	1878. July 5	1878. August 19	45	1878. July 5	1878. August 19	45	1878. July 5	1878. August 22	48	1878. July 5	1878. August 20	46			
1878. August 2	1878. Sept. 11	40	1878. August 2	1878. Sept. 13	42	1878. August 2	1878. Sept. 16	45	1878. August 2	1878. Sept. 17	46	1878. August 2	1878. Sept. 17	46	1878. August 2	1878. Sept. 20	49	1878. August 2	1878. Sept. 23	52			
1878. August 30	1878. October 9	40	1878. August 30	1878. October 11	42	1878. August 30	1878. Oct. 13	44	1878. August 30	1878. October 15	46	1878. August 30	1878. October 15	46	1878. August 30	1878. Oct. 17	48	1878. August 30	1878. October 22	53			
1878. Sept. 27	1878. Nov. 4	38	1878. Sept. 27	1878. Nov. 10	40	1878. Sept. 27	1878. Nov. 10	44	1878. Sept. 27	1878. Nov. 10	44	1878. Sept. 27	1878. Nov. 10	44	1878. Sept. 27	1878. Nov. 14	48	1878. Sept. 27	1878. Nov. 12	46			
1878. Oct. 25	1878. Dec. 5	41	1878. Oct. 25	1878. Dec. 7	43	1878. Oct. 25	1878. Dec. 9	45	1878. Oct. 25	1878. Dec. 9	45	1878. Oct. 25	1878. Dec. 9	45	1878. Oct. 25	1878. Dec. 13	49	1878. Oct. 25	1878. Dec. 20	56			
1879. Nov. 22	1879. Jan. 3	42	1879. Nov. 22	1879. Jan. 6	45	1879. Nov. 22	1879. Jan. 7	46	1879. Nov. 22	1879. Jan. 8	47	1879. Nov. 22	1879. Jan. 8	47	1879. Nov. 22	1879. Jan. 9	48	1879. Nov. 22	1879. Jan. 13	52			
1879. Dec. 20	1879. Jan. 30	41	1879. Dec. 20	1879. Feb. 1	43	1879. Dec. 20	1879. Feb. 3	45	1879. Dec. 20	1879. Feb. 3	45	1879. Dec. 20	1879. Feb. 3	45	1879. Dec. 20	1879. Feb. 6	48	1879. Dec. 20	1879. Feb. 10	52			
1879. Jan. 17	1879. March 1	43	1879. Jan. 17	1879. March 3	45	1879. Jan. 17	1879. March 6	48	1879. Jan. 17	1879. March 6	48	1879. Jan. 17	1879. March 6	48	1879. Jan. 17	1879. March 9	51	1879. Jan. 17	1879. March 14	56			
1879. Feb. 14	1879. March 26	40	1879. Feb. 14	1879. March 28	42	1879. Feb. 14	1879. March 31	45	1879. Feb. 14	1879. March 31	45	1879. Feb. 14	1879. March 31	45	1879. Feb. 14	1879. April 3	48	1879. Feb. 14	1879. April 7	52			
1879. March 14	1879. April 22	39	1879. March 14	1879. April 24	41	1879. March 14	1879. April 28	45	1879. March 14	1879. April 28	45	1879. March 14	1879. April 28	45	1879. March 14	1879. May 1	48	1879. March 14	1879. May 5	52			
Maximum	...	43	...	...	45	...	...	48	...	...	48	...	...	48	...	...	51	...	...	56			
Minimum	...	37	...	...	39	...	...	44	...	...	44	...	...	44	...	...	48	...	...	46			
Average	...	39.92	...	...	42	...	...	45.73	...	...	45.77	...	...	45.77	...	...	48.46	...	...	51.61			
Average <i>via</i> Southampton	...	47.92	...	...	50	...	...	53.23	...	...	53.23	...	...	53.23	...	...	56.46	...	...	59.61			

**HOMeward 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.						
1878. March 7	1878. May 4	58	1878. March 10	1878. May 4	55	1878. March 13	1878. May 4	52	1878. March 14	1878. May 4	51	1878. March 18	1878. May 4	47	1878. March 21	1878. May 4	44						
1878. April 4	1878. May 31	57	1878. April 5	1878. May 31	56	1878. April 8	1878. May 31	53	1878. April 9	1878. May 31	52	1878. April 13	1878. May 31	48	1878. April 16	1878. May 31	45						
1878. May 28	1878. July 27	60	1878. May 31	1878. July 27	57	1878. June 3	1878. July 27	54	1878. June 4	1878. July 27	53	1878. June 8	1878. July 27	50	1878. June 11	1878. July 27	47						
1878. June 25	1878. August 26	62	1878. June 28	1878. August 26	59	1878. July 1	1878. August 26	56	1878. July 2	1878. August 26	55	1878. July 6	1878. August 26	51	1878. July 9	1878. August 26	48						
1878. July 23	1878. Sept. 19	58	1878. July 26	1878. Sept. 19	55	1878. July 29	1878. Sept. 19	52	1878. July 30	1878. Sept. 19	51	1878. August 3	1878. Sept. 19	47	1878. August 6	1878. Sept. 19	44						
1878. August 20	1878. October 20	61	1878. August 23	1878. October 20	58	1878. August 26	1878. October 20	55	1878. August 27	1878. October 20	54	1878. August 31	1878. October 20	50	1878. Sept. 3	1878. October 20	47						
1878. Sept. 17	1878. Nov. 17	61	1878. Sept. 23	1878. Nov. 17	55	1878. Sept. 25	1878. Nov. 17	53	1878. Sept. 26	1878. Nov. 17	52	1878. Oct. 1	1878. Nov. 17	47	1878. Oct. 4	1878. Nov. 17	44						
1878. Oct. 18	1878. Dec. 15	58	1878. Oct. 21	1878. Dec. 15	55	1878. Oct. 24	1878. Dec. 15	52	1878. Oct. 25	1878. Dec. 15	51	1878. Oct. 29	1878. Dec. 15	47	1878. Nov. 1	1878. Dec. 15	44						
1879. Nov. 15	1879. Jan. 11	57	1879. Nov. 18	1879. Jan. 11	54	1879. Nov. 21	1879. Jan. 11	51	1879. Nov. 22	1879. Jan. 11	50	1879. Nov. 26	1879. Jan. 11	46	1879. Nov. 29	1879. Jan. 11	43						
1879. Dec. 11	1879. Feb. 8	59	1879. Dec. 17	1879. Feb. 8	53	1879. Dec. 20	1879. Feb. 8	50	1879. Dec. 21	1879. Feb. 8	49	1879. Dec. 24	1879. Feb. 8	46	1879. Dec. 28	1879. Feb. 8	42						
1879. Jan. 11	1879. March 8	56	1879. Jan. 14	1879. March 8	53	1879. Jan. 17	1879. March 8	50	1879. Jan. 18	1879. March 8	49	1879. Jan. 22	1879. March 8	45	1879. Jan. 25	1879. March 8	42						
1879. Feb. 7	1879. April 6	58	1879. Feb. 11	1879. April 6	54	1879. Feb. 14	1879. April 6	51	1879. Feb. 15	1879. April 6	50	1879. Feb. 19	1879. April 6	46	1879. Feb. 22	1879. April 6	43						
Maximum	...	62	...	...	59	...	...	56	...	...	55	...	...	51	...	...	48						
Minimum	...	56	...	...	53	...	...	50	...	...	49	...	...	45	...	...	42						
Average	...	58.69	...	...	55.46	...	...	52.61	...	...	51.61	...	...	47.61	...	...	44.54						
Average <i>via</i> Southampton	...	65.69	...	...	62.46	...	...	59.61	...	...	58.61	...	...	54.61	...	...	51.54						



Table No. 9.

NUMBER and Value of Postage Stamps printed during the Years 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, and 1878.

Denomination.	1874.		1875.		1876.		1877.		1878.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
At Five Shillings	...	£	...	£	...	£ s. d.	...	£ s. d.	47,520	11,880 0 0
At Two Shillings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46,800	4,680 0 0
At One Shilling	129,120	6,456	323,520	16,176	...	...	...	...	...	...
At Sixpence	1,000,800	25,020	299,520	7,488	1,368,000	34,200 0 0	61,200	1,530 0 0	...	...
At Fourpence	224,400	3,740	...	...	317,520	5,292 0 0	...	...	...	...
At Threepence	358,320	4,479	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
At Twopence	4,410,480	36,754	4,155,840	34,632	4,737,360	39,478 0 0	7,529,040	62,742 0 0	6,416,880	53,474 0 0
At One Penny	3,114,960	12,979	2,421,360	10,089	3,949,440	16,456 0 0	4,583,280	19,097 0 0	1,835,040	7,640 0 0
At One Halfpenny	1,648,320	3,434	1,224,000	2,550	2,099,760	4,374 10 0	2,037,120	4,244 0 0	1,077,120	2,244 0 0
Post Cards	...	...	...	...	1,002,500	4,177 1 8	4,250	17 14 2	...	...
Newspaper Wrappers at One Halfpenny	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	509,238	*1,060 18 3
Totals	10,886,400	92,862	8,424,240	70,935	13,474,580	103,977 11 8	14,214,890	87,630 14 2	9,932,598	80,984 18 3

\* Exclusive of £117 17s. 7d., cost of paper and working expenses.

Table No. 10.

RETURN of Intercolonial and Interprovincial Mail Steam Services, 1878.

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	Feb., 1880	13	3,440	£ s. d. 0 2 2½
Auckland and Warkworth	360	Aug., 1878	July, 1881	104	150	0 0 3½
Auckland and Matakana				52		
Helensville and Dargaville				104		
Helensville and Matakoho	500	Aug., 1878	July, 1881	52	300	0 0 2
Helensville and Port Albert	400	July, 1877	On month's notice	52	120	0 1 3½
Tauranga and Opotiki				52		
Wellington, Kaikoura, and Lyttelton	360	July, 1877	On month's notice.	26	380	0 0 8½
Nelson and Hokitika	1,300	July, 1877	On month's notice.	13	480	0 4 2
Westport and Karamea	200	Nov., 1877	Oct., 1879.	12	102	0 3 3½
Middle Island Service	4,000	July, 1877	On month's notice.	12	1,213	0 5 6
Port Chalmers and Auckland	5,000	May, 1877	1883	13	1,742	0 4 5
Manukau and Port Chalmers						

Table No. 11.

TABLE showing the Number of Officers employed in the several Chief Post Offices and Second-class Post Offices in the Colony during the Years 1877 and 1878.

Post Offices.	1878.							1877.								
	Chief Postmaster.	Postmasters.	Clerks.	Letter-carriers.	Messengers.	Mail-cart Drivers.	Shipping Officers.	Totals.	Chief Postmaster.	Postmasters.	Clerks.	Letter-carriers.	Messengers.	Mail-cart Drivers.	Shipping Officers.	Totals.
Auckland	1	...	18	5	2	...	...	26	1	...	16	5	2	...	...	24
Thames	1	...	2	2	1	...	...	6	1	...	2	2	1	...	...	6
Onehunga	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2
Tauranga	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Gisborne	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2
New Plymouth	1	...	2	1	...	...	...	4	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	3
Napier	1	...	3	2	...	...	...	6	1	...	3	2	...	...	...	6
Port Ahuriri	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Wellington	1	...	13	4	1	...	...	19	1	...	12	4	1	...	...	18
Wanganui	...	1	2	2	...	...	...	5	...	1	2	2	...	...	...	5
Nelson	1	...	3	2	1	...	...	7	1	...	2	2	1	...	...	6
The Port	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Westport	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	3	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	3
Blenheim	1	...	2	1	...	...	...	4	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	3
Picton	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2
Kaikoura	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Christchurch	1	...	16	6	1	1	...	25	1	...	14	5	1	1	...	22
Lyttelton	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	3	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	3
Timaru	...	1	3	2	...	...	...	6	...	1	3	1	...	...	...	5
Akaroa	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	2
Dunedin	1	...	19	6	2	1	...	29	1	...	17	6	2	1	...	27
Port Chalmers	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	3	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	3
Oamaru	...	1	2	2	1	...	...	6	...	1	2	1	1	...	...	5
Invercargill	1	...	5	2	1	...	...	9	1	...	4	2	1	...	...	8
Campbelltown	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Hokitika	1	...	2	1	...	...	...	5	1	...	2	1	...	...	1	5
Greymouth	1	...	2	1	...	...	...	5	1	...	2	1	...	...	1	5
Chatham Islands	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	2
Totals	14	14	101	42	12	2	2	187	14	14	91	38	11	2	2	172

Table No. 12.

COMPARATIVE TABLE showing the Postal Revenue, and Number of Letters, Post Cards, Books, and Newspapers received at and despatched from the several Postal Districts, from 1872 to 1878, both Years inclusive.

Postal Districts.	Revenue.			Letters.		Post Cards.		Books.		Newspapers.	
				Received.	Despatched.	Received.	Despatched.	Received.	Despatched.	Received.	Despatched.
Auckland—	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
	1874	12,523	2 4	740,502	786,279	...	...	...	...	626,164	352,197
	1875	13,133	11 0	782,329	779,617	...	...	...	...	647,325	326,248
	1876	13,445	1 3	851,721	886,452	...	...	...	...	768,214	372,799
	1877	15,572	10 2	1,023,373	937,330	6,353	6,490	79,266	35,574	831,353	369,316
	1878	18,157	10 6	1,119,872	1,018,879	16,927	12,791	86,599	39,608	901,614	386,885
Thames—	1873	1,787	19 4	118,904	95,398	...	...	...	...	45,532	40,670
	1874	1,618	0 1	110,131	97,859	...	...	...	...	52,244	44,382
	1875	1,664	0 6	119,418	109,954	...	...	...	...	52,323	52,886
	1876	1,601	6 2	114,205	106,605	...	...	...	...	54,857	49,519
	1877	1,633	5 10	121,816	92,387	2,595	783	5,543	1,516	55,404	43,680
	1878	1,671	13 11	120,052	88,532	3,688	946	5,986	1,377	67,777	49,646
	Taranaki—	1872	982	0 5	57,029	50,739	...	...	...	...	38,105
1873		1,068	3 5	66,572	58,889	...	...	...	...	44,354	25,545
1874		1,336	1 3	80,112	71,108	...	...	...	...	56,384	30,217
1875		1,815	9 5	97,040	89,469	...	...	...	...	72,462	49,632
1876		2,520	19 6	121,734	106,207	...	...	...	...	91,482	52,777
1877		2,419	18 6	132,616	115,462	424	2,160	7,421	1,649	99,425	53,241
1878		2,862	4 7	153,553	124,111	1,883	1,679	9,576	2,035	105,982	60,358
Hawke's Bay—	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
	1874	2,972	17 11	148,837	179,703	...	...	...	...	109,157	136,825
	1875	4,076	19 8	186,993	230,973	...	...	...	...	128,480	150,750
	1876	4,421	6 9	283,430	277,512	...	...	...	...	282,668	118,220
	1877	5,114	17 0	360,416	270,552	4,671	1,501	30,292	9,552	329,062	111,834
	1878	5,916	13 9½	381,696	367,180	4,981	4,860	22,872	25,812	235,713	292,449
Wellington—	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
	1874	40,588	16 2	691,956	743,776	...	...	...	...	506,428	390,085
	1875	51,050	5 8	802,950	922,177	...	...	...	...	596,768	470,650
	1876	51,837	10 9	951,717	1,040,510	...	...	...	...	732,782	516,060
	1877	53,710	19 2	1,181,160	1,076,870	7,674	1,521	83,661	89,214	755,709	504,529
	1878	56,755	5 1	1,389,349	1,290,735	16,076	18,077	87,256	107,612	749,726	763,997
Nelson—	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
	1874*	2,262	14 7	176,606	172,461	...	...	...	...	162,202	89,568
	1875	2,399	11 10	205,716	180,707	...	...	...	...	145,470	111,769
	1876	2,367	15 1	209,951	197,122	...	...	...	...	171,325	109,297
	1877	3,041	1 9	225,843	191,014	1,398	154	19,441	5,202	164,303	99,478
	1878	3,328	0 8	232,647	225,506	3,377	2,592	20,527	10,807	138,010	127,979
Westport—	1875	1,053	6 2	73,527	57,447	...	...	...	...	95,237	51,258
	1876	828	17 11	72,984	68,394	...	...	...	...	91,581	49,445
	1877	898	1 8	77,775	62,806	609	251	5,259	1,432	102,499	38,486
	1878	895	13 4	73,056	73,879	603	1,148	4,740	3,873	73,978	64,846
Marlborough	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
	1874	1,368	7 3	125,314	128,954	...	...	...	...	128,956	76,205
	1875	1,719	9 0	153,723	131,624	...	...	...	...	153,124	60,787
	1876	1,740	0 1	154,091	149,033	...	...	...	...	138,035	68,929
	1877	1,628	8 1	175,335	151,961	576	277	11,626	3,899	161,346	54,509
	1878	1,870	6 6	198,725	173,872	927	1,363	10,497	11,205	113,460	128,134
Canterbury—	1872	10,324	5 1	876,786	497,326	...	...	...	...	373,763	195,346
	1873	12,191	14 8	951,020	541,341	...	...	...	...	511,109	238,416
	1874	13,382	13 11	844,327	858,393	...	...	...	...	476,098	231,718
	1875	17,582	19 8	1,052,071	1,000,864	...	...	...	...	529,554	295,420
	1876	20,136	3 1	1,140,180	1,285,833	...	...	...	...	738,218	410,290
	1877	22,497	5 7	1,566,401	1,275,615	25,165	16,181	99,092	45,383	774,852	419,783
	1878	26,352	14 11	1,911,105	1,674,465	36,152	60,679	106,462	89,132	949,993	662,977
Hokitika—	1872	3,386	18 1	220,470	208,028	...	...	...	...	241,495	156,729
	1873	3,393	3 7	230,294	201,940	...	...	...	...	282,207	178,252
	1874†	1,996	8 3	116,644	125,049	...	...	...	...	149,035	62,182
	1875	1,816	0 9	121,517	121,743	...	...	...	...	151,832	68,695
	1876	1,839	1 10	135,423	127,518	...	...	...	...	147,620	80,286
	1877	2,834	5 7	162,042	139,867	529	73	10,388	4,168	168,290	94,328
	1878	3,616	18 0	157,807	143,083	2,959	1,537	8,963	5,992	174,447	127,815
Greymouth—	1875	2,171	13 7	146,702	167,980	...	...	...	...	130,734	153,106
	1876	2,359	3 10	158,240	181,678	...	...	...	...	132,898	151,154
	1877	2,611	2 6	196,849	182,247	2,841	2,109	9,666	9,805	150,200	172,932
	1878	2,639	7 8	216,341	177,549	3,590	1,160	12,168	7,453	204,887	116,638
Otago—	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
	1874	18,262	18 8	923,165	1,145,452	...	...	...	...	1,197,172	746,427
	1875	20,891	5 9	1,106,168	1,343,748	...	...	...	...	1,142,015	872,706
	1876	22,054	18 4	1,140,440	1,500,754	...	...	...	...	1,286,271	917,994
	1877	27,415	2 10	1,639,434	1,200,081	22,643	7,804	82,998	61,961	1,033,346	1,116,926
	1878	29,997	0 8	1,958,318	1,577,631	17,200	26,318	110,633	84,373	1,182,040	1,237,883
Southland—	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
	1874	2,368	14 4	173,311	181,248	...	...	...	...	186,758	70,419
	1875	3,121	5 9	205,249	238,145	...	...	...	...	181,133	120,913
	1876	4,111	2 0	242,732	266,271	...	...	...	...	225,892	204,135
	1877	4,223	2 9	256,705	238,913	5,706	1,726	16,869	11,302	179,996	181,484
	1878	4,934	19 4½	322,941	353,277	8,311	4,359	19,015	24,576	200,280	292,852
Totals—	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	...	...	...	...	2,903,170	2,306,025
	1874	104,361	2 11	4,339,165	4,719,291	...	...	...	...	3,872,668	2,434,024
	1875	122,495	18 9	5,053,403	5,374,448	...	...	...	...	4,026,457	2,784,820
	1876	129,263	6 6	5,576,848	6,193,889	...	...	...	...	4,861,843	3,100,905
	1877	143,600	1 5	7,119,765	5,935,105	81,274	41,030	461,522	280,657	4,805,785	3,260,526
	1878	158,998	9 0	8,236,062	7,288,699	116,674	137,509	505,294	413,855	5,097,907	4,312,459

\* The Westport returns separated from those of Nelson. † The Greymouth returns separated from those of Nelson and Hokitika.

Table No. 13.

TABLE showing the Number of Letters received for delivery in New Zealand during the Year ended 31st December, 1878.

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 ... ..	77,876	50,649	13,168	141,693	248,274	729,905	978,179	1,119,872
Thames ... ..	4,768	...	524	5,292	86,781	27,979	114,760	120,052
Taranaki ... ..	7,011	4,858	297	12,166	53,229	88,158	141,387	153,553
Hawke's Bay ... ..	21,446	2,928	1,266	25,640	126,626	229,430	356,056	381,696
Wellington ... ..	66,171	50,757	4,592	121,520	603,367	664,462	1,267,829	1,389,349
Nelson ... ..	14,178	9,503	163	23,844	112,782	96,021	208,803	232,647
Westport ... ..	2,698	2,697	...	5,395	34,954	33,307	68,261	73,656
Marlborough ... ..	5,810	1,881	76	7,767	76,810	114,148	190,958	198,725
Canterbury ... ..	116,764	51,065	5,620	173,449	387,240	1,350,416	1,737,656	1,911,105
Hokitika ... ..	5,766	13,510	...	19,276	63,147	75,384	138,531	157,807
Greymouth ... ..	5,888	12,107	...	17,995	79,000	119,346	198,346	216,341
Otago ... ..	101,684	80,069	20,336	202,089	470,107	1,286,122	1,756,229	1,958,318
Southland ... ..	15,643	16,747	6,567	38,957	95,799	188,185	283,984	322,941
Totals ... ..	445,703	296,771	52,609	795,083	2,438,116	5,002,863	7,440,979	8,236,062

Table No. 14.

TABLE showing the Number of Letters despatched by New Zealand during the Year ended 31st December, 1878.

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 ... ..	71,996	50,712	13,212	135,920	282,295	600,664	882,959	1,018,879
Thames ... ..	5,297	...	596	5,893	74,462	8,177	82,639	88,532
Taranaki ... ..	5,314	...	281	5,595	46,360	72,156	118,516	124,111
Hawke's Bay ... ..	17,929	...	799	18,728	114,569	233,883	348,452	367,180
Wellington ... ..	73,953	59,136	4,687	137,776	599,139	553,820	1,152,959	1,290,735
Nelson ... ..	10,770	8,099	1,057	19,926	113,959	91,621	205,580	225,506
Westport ... ..	2,352	1,525	168	4,045	28,686	41,148	69,834	73,879
Marlborough ... ..	4,513	...	210	4,723	50,625	118,524	169,149	173,872
Canterbury ... ..	106,159	51,619	5,737	163,515	344,881	1,166,069	1,510,950	1,674,465
Hokitika ... ..	2,959	8,600	220	11,779	64,109	67,195	131,304	143,083
Greymouth ... ..	6,930	7,924	...	14,854	76,577	86,118	162,695	177,549
Otago ... ..	102,712	67,648	14,967	185,327	408,549	983,755	1,392,304	1,577,631
Southland ... ..	16,514	19,248	1,148	36,910	137,532	178,835	316,367	353,277
Totals ... ..	427,398	274,511	43,082	744,991	2,341,743	4,201,965	6,543,708	7,288,699

Table No. 15.

TABLE showing the Number of Newspapers received for delivery in New Zealand during the Year ended 31st December, 1878.

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 ... ..	203,408	52,344	16,905	272,657	144,762	484,195	628,957	901,614
Thames ... ..	14,080	...	1,042	15,122	44,912	7,743	52,655	67,777
Taranaki ... ..	22,405	2,634	3,695	28,734	37,035	40,213	77,248	105,982
Hawke's Bay ... ..	70,873	24,003	2,336	97,212	104,975	33,526	138,501	235,713
Wellington ... ..	174,499	66,327	9,657	250,483	296,440	202,803	499,243	749,726
Nelson ... ..	46,397	12,607	632	59,636	56,398	21,976	78,374	138,010
Westport ... ..	8,600	6,600	...	15,200	37,804	20,974	58,778	73,978
Marlborough ... ..	17,699	5,299	806	23,804	60,559	29,097	89,656	113,460
Canterbury ... ..	235,833	72,966	8,479	317,278	267,553	365,162	632,715	949,993
Hokitika ... ..	22,987	30,591	...	53,578	69,486	51,383	120,869	174,447
Greymouth ... ..	18,543	23,183	...	41,726	74,567	88,594	163,161	204,887
Otago ... ..	392,752	104,155	13,124	510,031	267,264	404,745	672,009	1,182,040
Southland ... ..	39,403	21,397	9,419	70,219	93,694	36,367	130,061	200,280
Totals ... ..	1,267,479	422,106	66,095	1,755,680	1,555,449	1,786,778	3,342,227	5,097,907

Table No. 16.

TABLE showing the Number of Newspapers despatched by New Zealand during the Year ended 31st December, 1878.

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 ... ..	51,407	33,804	13,913	99,124	162,050	125,711	287,761	386,885
Thames ... ..	4,774	...	534	5,308	43,778	560	44,338	49,646
Taranaki ... ..	4,928	...	117	5,045	30,372	24,941	55,313	60,358
Hawke's Bay ... ..	16,719	...	495	17,214	74,015	201,220	275,235	292,449
Wellington ... ..	53,090	33,228	3,993	90,311	365,062	308,624	673,686	763,997
Nelson ... ..	10,166	2,831	659	13,656	61,347	52,976	114,323	127,979
Westport ... ..	2,224	842	182	3,248	19,188	42,410	61,598	64,846
Marlborough ... ..	4,065	...	181	4,246	16,696	107,192	123,888	128,134
Canterbury ... ..	65,803	23,749	3,753	93,305	189,885	379,787	569,672	662,977
Hokitika ... ..	4,701	3,357	229	8,287	50,474	69,054	119,528	127,815
Greymouth ... ..	6,550	6,193	...	12,743	70,286	33,609	103,895	116,638
Otago ... ..	95,628	53,194	11,549	160,371	368,197	709,315	1,077,512	1,237,883
Southland ... ..	11,867	7,576	484	19,927	124,849	148,076	272,925	292,852
Totals ... ..	331,922	164,774	36,089	532,785	1,576,199	2,203,475	3,779,674	4,312,459

Table No. 17.

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, 1878.

Postal Districts.	Post Cards within the Colony.	Book Packets.							
		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 ... ..	16,927	29,219	5,570	3,109	37,898	14,328	34,373	48,701	86,599
Thames ... ..	3,688	827	...	54	881	4,605	500	5,105	5,986
Taranaki ... ..	1,883	2,182	581	322	3,085	4,716	1,775	6,491	9,576
Hawke's Bay ... ..	4,981	6,132	1,759	280	8,171	11,122	3,579	14,701	22,872
Wellington ... ..	16,076	17,470	5,847	1,547	24,864	36,999	25,393	62,392	87,256
Nelson ... ..	3,377	9,063	1,721	157	10,941	7,178	2,408	9,586	20,527
Westport ... ..	603	495	496	...	991	2,903	846	3,749	4,740
Marlborough ... ..	927	1,361	445	8	1,814	5,784	2,899	8,683	10,497
Canterbury ... ..	36,152	23,724	6,498	1,020	31,242	32,710	42,510	75,220	106,462
Hokitika ... ..	2,959	2,323	1,480	...	3,803	3,970	1,190	5,160	8,963
Greymouth ... ..	3,590	871	1,559	...	2,430	6,232	3,506	9,738	12,168
Otago ... ..	17,200	27,765	9,120	369	37,254	31,811	41,568	73,379	110,633
Southland ... ..	8,311	5,352	2,582	752	8,686	7,477	2,852	10,329	19,015
Totals ... ..	116,674	126,784	37,658	7,618	172,060	169,835	163,399	333,234	505,294

Table No. 18.

TABLE showing the Number of Post Cards and Book Packets despatched by New Zealand during the Year ended 31st December, 1878.

Postal Districts.	Post Cards within the Colony.	Book Packets.							
		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 ... ..	12,791	2,786	2,518	978	6,282	19,623	13,703	33,326	39,608
Thames ... ..	946	106	...	14	120	1,221	36	1,257	1,377
Taranaki ... ..	1,679	164	...	15	179	1,225	631	1,856	2,035
Hawke's Bay ... ..	4,860	639	...	33	672	4,192	20,948	25,140	25,812
Wellington ... ..	18,077	4,591	2,465	517	7,573	64,055	35,984	100,039	107,612
Nelson ... ..	2,592	382	202	21	605	5,801	4,401	10,202	10,807
Westport ... ..	1,148	48	18	2	68	1,257	2,548	3,805	3,873
Marlborough ... ..	1,363	113	...	3	116	2,071	9,018	11,089	11,205
Canterbury ... ..	60,679	4,209	2,471	318	6,998	18,288	63,846	82,134	89,132
Hokitika ... ..	1,537	114	122	6	242	2,759	2,991	5,750	5,992
Greymouth ... ..	1,160	95	135	...	230	5,491	1,732	7,223	7,453
Otago ... ..	26,318	2,604	1,664	686	4,954	33,853	45,566	79,419	84,373
Southland ... ..	4,359	307	317	20	644	11,941	11,991	23,932	24,576
Totals ... ..	137,509	16,158	9,912	2,613	28,683	171,777	213,395	385,172	413,855

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. 19.

RETURN of the Number of Letters registered at the Post Offices in the several Postal Districts during the Years 1875, 1876, 1877, and 1878.

Postal Districts.	1875.			1876.			1877.			1878.		
	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 ...	1,669	6,640	8,309	1,799	6,468	8,267	1,818	8,405	10,223	2,055	10,374	12,429
Thames ...	334	657	991	290	887	1,177	123	1,051	1,174	145	919	1,064
Taranaki ...	217	652	869	230	517	747	186	951	1,137	197	992	1,189
Hawke's Bay ...	345	1,338	1,683	483	2,286	2,769	483	2,862	3,345	591	3,095	3,686
Wellington ...	1,674	6,893	8,567	2,134	7,946	10,080	1,791	10,358	12,149	2,121	12,510	14,631
Nelson ...	256	981	1,237	320	685	1,005	381	1,273	1,654	362	1,407	1,769
Westport ...	164	629	793	146	409	555	52	485	537	84	697	781
Marlborough ...	175	848	1,023	175	665	840	88	767	855	127	740	867
Canterbury ...	2,648	4,988	7,636	3,139	5,846	8,985	1,542	8,242	9,784	2,281	10,786	13,067
Hokitika ...	460	959	1,419	394	1,195	1,589	257	1,495	1,752	214	1,636	1,850
Greymouth ...	778	1,415	2,193	602	1,451	2,053	181	1,685	1,866	230	1,420	1,650
Otago ...	4,056	5,617	10,273	5,270	6,024	11,294	2,591	11,086	13,677	2,819	9,613	12,432
Southland ...	605	2,532	3,137	681	2,824	3,505	234	2,200	2,434	444	3,119	3,563
Totals ...	13,981	34,149	48,130	15,663	37,203	52,866	9,727	50,860	60,587	11,670	57,308	68,978

Table No. 20.

STATEMENT of Correspondence received from the United Kingdom *via* San Francisco and *via* Suez, during the Year ended 31st December, 1878.

Date of Receipt.	<i>Via</i> San Francisco.			<i>Via</i> Suez and Melbourne.		
	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.
January ...	24,947	5,190	76,259	6,159	1,852	7,677
February ...	14,632	4,303	53,674	6,050	1,911	7,418
March ...	31,924	7,860	83,031	8,029	2,448	11,717
April ...	28,882	7,514	80,330	7,294	2,835	10,998
" ...	...	...	...	5,956	4,168	11,338
May ...	27,030	7,056	70,640	5,989	2,688	12,215
June ...	25,894	5,954	61,213	5,027	2,268	9,862
July ...	26,666	6,707	78,777	6,548	2,060	11,035
" ...	26,710	10,507	61,570	...	...	...
August ...	26,394	7,856	67,020	6,355	2,265	11,537
September ...	27,433	6,598	79,824	5,938	2,374	11,520
October ...	29,086	6,534	79,835	6,160	2,750	12,439
November ...	30,450	9,313	88,089	6,750	2,859	11,279
December ...	30,899	7,008	88,189	6,657	2,184	11,213
Totals ...	350,947	92,400	968,451	82,912	32,662	140,248

Table No. 21.

STATEMENT of Correspondence despatched to the United Kingdom *via* San Francisco and *via* Suez during the Year ended 31st December, 1878.

Date of Despatch.	<i>Via</i> San Francisco.			<i>Via</i> Melbourne and Suez.		
	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.
January ...	16,151	835	12,860	9,728	268	7,149
February ...	24,685	897	18,875	8,876	257	5,710
March ...	24,167	817	17,507	7,690	234	5,190
April ...	28,016	892	18,778	6,627	205	4,029
May ...	27,673	808	17,123	5,884	150	4,186
" ...	26,643	1,314	17,799	...	...	...
June ...	28,464	891	22,328	7,510	255	4,660
July ...	28,771	1,571	22,938	9,239	272	8,915
August ...	27,452	1,159	23,751	6,087	125	4,775
September ...	28,076	999	24,121	5,675	147	5,161
October ...	26,088	967	20,414	6,407	213	6,277
November ...	27,032	939	23,510	6,344	151	5,745
December ...	26,755	1,090	24,583	5,416	110	5,097
Totals ...	339,973	13,179	264,587	85,483	2,387	66,894

Table No. 22.

TABLE showing the Revenue, Expenditure, &c., of the Post Office in the several Postal Districts of New Zealand for the Year 1878.

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.			
AUCKLAND	165	2,138,751	29,718	126,207	1,288,499	£ 4,275 16 5	£ 5,733 19 1	£ 1,005 9 10	£ 11,075 5 4	£ 18,157 10 6			
THAMES	11	208,584	4,634	7,363	117,423	297 0 0	943 6 8	179 16 0	1,420 2 8	1,671 13 11			
TARANAKI	17	277,664	3,562	11,611	166,340	912 10 0	768 14 7	103 12 3	1,784 16 10	2,862 4 7			
HAWKE'S BAY	54	748,876	9,841	48,684	528,162	2,709 2 6	1,767 16 8	457 1 8	4,934 0 10	5,916 13 9½			
WELLINGTON	71	2,680,084	34,153	194,868	1,513,723	3,553 12 0	5,016 16 0	1,112 11 7	9,682 19 7	56,755 5 1			
TOTALS FOR NORTH ISLAND	318	6,953,959	81,908	388,733	3,614,147	11,748 0 11	14,230 13 0	2,918 11 4	28,897 5 3	85,363 7 10½			
NELSON	29	458,153	5,969	31,334	265,989	698 8 0	1,554 17 9	269 16 1	2,523 1 10	3,328 0 8			
WESTPORT	20	147,535	1,751	8,613	138,824	944 0 0	654 3 4	103 7 9	1,701 11 1	895 13 4			
MARLBOROUGH	17	372,597	2,290	21,702	241,594	809 0 0	904 18 8	72 13 11	1,786 12 7	1,870 6 6			
CANTERBURY	160	3,585,570	96,831	195,594	1,612,970	4,953 3 6	6,313 0 1	1,342 16 9	12,609 0 4	26,352 14 11			
HOKITIKA	29	300,890	4,456	14,955	302,262	1,342 10 0	1,225 0 4	193 10 7	2,761 0 11	3,616 18 0			
GREYMOUTH	23	393,890	4,750	19,621	321,525	523 16 8	1,334 13 4	289 12 9	2,148 2 9	2,639 7 8			
OTAGO	168	3,535,949	43,518	195,006	2,419,923	6,315 8 10	8,434 2 11	1,797 7 6	16,546 19 3	29,997 0 8			
SOUTHLAND	48	676,218	12,670	43,591	493,132	1,701 2 9	1,528 7 6	231 17 8	2,861 7 11	4,934 19 4½			
TOTALS FOR MIDDLE ISLAND	494	9,470,802	172,275	530,416	5,796,219	16,687 9 9	21,949 3 11	4,301 3 0	42,937 16 8	73,635 1 1½			
TOTALS FOR THE COLONY	812	15,524,761	254,183	919,149	9,410,366	28,435 10 8	36,179 16 11	7,219 14 4	71,835 1 11	158,998 9 0			
TOTALS FOR PREVIOUS YEAR	756	13,054,870	122,394	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			

NOTE.—The revenue includes the postage on franked correspondence, which has been estimated at £56,176 os. 10d., the particulars of which may be found on page 3.

