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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

(TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.)

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

SIR,—
I have the honor to submit to your Excellency the Twenty-second Annual Report on the Postal Service of New Zealand, being for the year ended 31st December, 1880. The revenue and expenditure for the financial year ended 31st March last are also given.

His Excellency Sir Arthur Hamilton Gordon,
G.C.M.G., Governor of New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

WALTER W JOHNSTON,
Postmaster-General.

REPORT.

THE decision to consolidate the Postal and Telegraph services of the colony may be regarded as one of the more important events of the year in the history of the department.

In accordance with this determination, the General Post Office and the Head Office of the Telegraph Department were amalgamated on the 1st of January last, the latter office (which included the Accountant's staff) was transferred to the offices of the General Post Office in the Government Buildings.

The amalgamation has, so far, worked smoothly, and without the least friction. There is every reason to anticipate the same satisfactory results will follow the consolidation of the Postal and Telegraph services of this colony as have been experienced elsewhere; and that the object which prompted the change, viz., the amalgamation of offices as a means of reducing expenditure, without impairing the efficiency of the administration, will be fully realized in due course.

The amalgamated department is supervised by the Superintendent and the Secretary: the duties of the Superintendent being principally in connection with the scientific branch and the outdoor management, while the indoor or office duties are more immediately conducted by the Secretary.

The two Accountants' branches have also been consolidated, and placed under the charge of the Money Order and Savings Bank Accountant. The initial step in connection with the amalgamation of this branch was to relieve the Treasury of the whole of the Telegraph accounts. Hitherto, each telegraph station rendered weekly accounts to the Treasury, and also to the Telegraph Head Office. Under the present arrangement only one set of Telegraph accounts are furnished, which are incorporated with those of the Post Office, and summarized at chief post offices. The only extra work thrown upon chief post offices is the checking the Telegraph entries in the Sub-Postmasters' accounts. The labour in connection with the transfer of the accounts has been especially severe; but the duties, even now, are less trying to a marked degree than they were during the first quarter of the year.

It may not be out of place to mention in this report, that, as the Post Office has a separate account for the lodgment of its receipts, and now deals with the postal-telegraph revenue accounts, independently of the Treasury, a further simplification would result were the Postmaster-General empowered to pay the whole of the postal and telegraph salaries out of revenue. This question has been under consideration for some time, and, beyond expressing the hope that the proposals which have been made by the department may eventually be accepted, further reference to the matter is unnecessary.

Several of the more important post and telegraph offices have been combined since the 1st January. Except Auckland, Napier, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin, all other offices either have been, or are proposed to be, amalgamated. With one exception, postal officers have been placed in the charge of the combined larger offices, because their length of service and official experience had qualified them for the control of amalgamated offices, the qualifications for which position depend on the officer possessing the faculty to manage and control, quite as much as having previously acquired a practical knowledge of telegraphy.

The staff of the department, which has generally been at minimum strength, owing to the continued increase of business, was reduced during the year through amalgamation of offices. Since August last it has been practicable to dispense with the services of fifteen officers, whose aggregate salaries amounted to £2,761. Of these, nine officers received compensation to the amount of £1,704, and three officers were pensioned, their pensions amounting to £214 7s. 11d. per annum.

In connection with the amalgamation of the head offices, the postal forms and stores have been transferred from the Government Stationery Store to the charge of the Telegraph Storekeeper, by whom they will in the future be issued.

There continues to be a satisfactory increase in the business of the department.

The revenue for the year, which was estimated at £145,000, reached £150,315 8s. 7d. The receipts collected within the colony increased £6,017 4s. 6d., or 5.46 per cent.

The expenditure was £141,358 6s. 7d., being £8,957 2s. less than the actual receipts. This is a circumstance for congratulation. Hitherto there has been a balance of expenditure over revenue.

The revenue for the ensuing year has been estimated to yield £150,000.

The increase of correspondence has again been encouraging. With the return of greater commercial activity there is every reason to anticipate that, with the existing postal facilities, there will be a larger relative increase of correspondence to chronicle in the next report. The accelerated services mentioned in last report as having been established contributed largely to the increase of correspondence for the past two years. Accelerated communication, combined with reasonable rates of postage, means an extended use of the post office by the public. With an improvement in trade, the progress of settlement, and the further development of the resources of the colony, it is predicted that the business of the department will, year by year, continue to disclose equal if not more favourable results than shown for the year just past.

The number of letters, post-cards, book-packets, pattern-parcels, and newspapers dealt with during the year, compared with the number for 1879, is given in the following statement:—

	1880.	1879.	Increase.
Letters—Delivered	10,963,012	10,251,570	
Posted	11,861,456	10,706,248	
	<u>22,824,468</u>	<u>20,957,818</u>	<u>1,866,650</u>
Post Cards—Delivered	264,507	227,786	
Posted	334,384	271,691	
	<u>598,891</u>	<u>499,477</u>	<u>99,414</u>
Book packets and pattern parcels—Delivered ...	673,669	711,477	
Posted	999,781	684,139	
	<u>1,673,450</u>	<u>1,395,616</u>	<u>277,834</u>
Newspapers—Delivered	5,651,270	5,649,579	
Posted	4,621,647	4,408,365	
	<u>10,272,917</u>	<u>10,057,944</u>	<u>214,973</u>

—letters increased 8.91, post-cards 19.9, book-packets 19.91, and newspapers 2.14 per cent.

The average number of letters posted in the colony in proportion to the estimated population was 24.46 to each person. In 1879 the average was 23.08.

Of the total sum realized on account of the Property-Tax, £41,266 6s. 5d. was collected by the Post Office. It is proposed for the future that the Post Office shall collect the whole of the Property-Tax, as well as other items of revenue. Beer-duty stamps are now sold at several post offices, and license-fees, &c., in one or two cases are collected by postmasters, a few of whom, in more remote districts, have been empowered to issue miner's rights and forms of application for mining leases. It is intended to further utilize the machinery of the Post Office for the collection of revenue.

The value of the service rendered other departments for the free transmission of official correspondence has been estimated at £64,302 13s., and the weight at 200 tons. Had the department received payment for this service, there would have been a profit of £73,259 15s. for the year. The question sooner or later should be considered, how long the existing regulations for the free transmission of franked correspondence shall continue, and whether or not the Post Office should obtain payment for that which it at present performs gratuitously for other departments of the public service. There is little doubt that were official correspondence liable for postage there would be a considerable diminution

on the number of letters and packages now sent through the post. At present a large number of official documents are forwarded simply because it is possible to send them free, and the Post Office is otherwise made use of for the transmission of matter which scarcely comes within the definition of "official correspondence." By way of indicating that the free official correspondence of the colony is in excess of what it should be, it may be cited that the Victorian Post Office estimated the value of the free correspondence posted by the several departments of the Victorian Service last year at about £30,000. The value of the official correspondence for the United Kingdom sent by post for the year ended 31st March, 1880, was £109,049, and the weight about 658 tons. To arrive at a fair comparison between the United Kingdom and New Zealand, the relative quantity, and not the value, should be considered.

The colony has received renewed proposals from the Colonial Office, and again been urged, in conjunction with the other colonies, to enter the General Postal Union. Up to the present time, however no decision has been arrived at. The later proposals seem less favourable than those formerly submitted, and it is doubtful if either the Australian Colonies would be inclined to give its adhesion to the Union Scheme until such time as a definite and satisfactory understanding shall be arrived at respecting the future maintenance of the ocean mail services between the colonies and the mother-country.

It is a matter of satisfaction to state that the United States Post Office authorities have now consented to establish an exchange of money orders between the United States and New Zealand. It is anticipated this extension of the money-order system will be arranged by the end of the year. The further extension of the system to Canada, India, Hongkong, and the Cape of Good Hope is to be considered.

Inquiries have been made as to the alleged intention of the London Post Office to establish a parcels post between the United Kingdom and the colonies; and, so soon as a reply has been received, it is the intention of the department to take practical action in the matter.

The several Post Office Acts have been consolidated by the Statutes Revision Commission. A Bill consolidating the several Acts has been submitted to Parliament, which it is hoped may be passed this session. Several amendments have been incorporated in the Bill, principally with the object of making the law clearer. That the Bill consolidates ten Acts, is in itself a circumstance which cannot be over-estimated in the administration of the service.

With the desire to provide a simple and convenient method for enabling school children to save their pence for ultimate deposit in Post Office Savings Banks, the department adopted the scheme recently introduced in the United Kingdom by the Imperial Post Office authorities, for receiving Savings Bank deposits of the value of one shilling by means of twelve penny postage-stamps, affixed to cards specially issued for the purpose. The scheme is a most simple one; and, as the labour of book-keeping is not involved, it has been received favourably by the teachers as well as by the scholars. It is more convenient and less costly than what is known as the penny-bank system. The scheme was introduced at the beginning of February last. At the close of March no less than 3,684 new accounts were opened under the regulations providing for the receipt of one shilling in penny postage-stamps for deposit from school children, with whom the scheme is exclusively confined.

The total Savings Bank deposits amounted to £864,441 18s. 10d., and the withdrawals to £780,504 13s. 4d.; the total sum to the credit of the depositors was £903,765 16s. 10d., an increase of £116,759 17s. 10d. over the deposits of the previous year.

135,648 money orders for £465,405 1s. 1d. were issued, and 104,107 for £350,313 6s. 8d. paid. 14,497 telegraph orders for £58,334 11s. 11d. were also issued. The total money-order commission was £7,943 15s. 4d., an increase of £658 13s. 10d. over the sum received the previous year.

14 additional receiving-boxes and 1 iron pillar receiver were erected during the year, and 2 receiving-boxes and 1 iron pillar removed. The total number of receivers at the end of the year was —100 receiving-boxes, and 29 iron pillars.

The Chief Post Offices at Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin now close for the transaction of Money Order and Savings Bank business at 2 p.m. on Saturdays, and re-open from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m., for the receipt of Savings Bank deposits. This extension in the evening is a decided convenience to a number of depositors who could not attend the offices during the day.

The Post Office, Gisborne, was made a chief office on the 1st April last. The boundaries of the Postal District of Gisborne are those of the County of Cook.

27 post offices were established, and 6 re-opened, at the following places:—

Canavan, Timaru.	Lake Takapuna, Auckland.	Tamumu (re-opened), Napier.
Campbelltown, Wellington.	Makino, Wellington.	Thornbury Junction, Invercargill.
Edenvale, Auckland.	Mandeville, Invercargill.	Te Mata, Auckland.
Elgin, Christchurch.	Mangawhero, Wanganui.	Te Aroha, Thames.
Flag Swamp (re-opened), Dunedin.	Mount Albert, Auckland.	Terrace End (re-opened), Wellington.
Fosbery, Greymouth.	Ngaroto, Auckland.	The Forks, Hokitika.
Gapes Valley, Timaru.	Oroua (re-opened), Wellington.	Waihou, Auckland.
Gladfield, Invercargill.	Pine Hill, Dunedin.	Winchmore, Christchurch.
Hende's Ferry, Hokitika.	Poroti, Auckland.	Weka Pass (re-opened), Christchurch.
Kingsland, Auckland.	Riversdale, Invercargill.	Whakataki (re-opened), Wellington.
Longford, Westport.	Sherwood, Christchurch.	Windsor, Oamaru.

The under-noted offices, 22 in number, were closed:—

Bainesse, Wellington.	Kirtleburn, Dunedin.	Tamumu, Napier.
Canoe Creek, Greymouth.	Makino Road, Wellington.	Terrace End, Wellington.
Eden Terrace, Auckland.	Milford, Timaru.	The Crossing (Nevis), Dunedin.
Glenham, Invercargill.	Ponsonby, Auckland.	Te Aro, Wellington.
Grove, Blenheim.	Pyramid, Invercargill.	Waitangi, Hokitika.
Grovetown, Blenheim.	Pinnacle, Dunedin.	Weka Pass, Christchurch.
Hampden, Westport.	Sergeant's Hill, Westport.	Wargrave, Napier.
Harcourt's Ferry, Hokitika.		

The total number of post offices open in the several postal districts on the 31st December last, and the number in 1879, may be gathered from the following table:—

Postal Districts.	1880.				1879.			
	Chief Offices.	Second-class Post Offices.	Sub-Post Offices.	Totals.	Chief Offices.	Second-class Post Offices.	Sub-Post Offices.	Totals.
Auckland	1	2	177	180	1	2	172	175
Thames	1	...	14	15	1	...	13	14
New Plymouth	1	..	14	15	1	...	14	15
Napier	1	2	50	53	1	2	50	53
Wanganui	1	...	22	23	1	...	21	22
Wellington	1	...	60	61	1	...	60	61
Nelson	1	1	26	28	1	1	26	28
Westport	1	...	16	17	1	...	16	17
Greymouth	1	...	24	25	1	...	24	25
Hokitika	1	...	29	30	1	...	29	30
Blenheim	1	2	12	15	1	2	14	17
Christchurch	1	2	132	135	1	2	128	131
Timaru	1	...	37	38	1	...	37	38
Oamaru	1	...	18	19	1	...	17	18
Dunedin	1	1	142	144	1	1	145	147
Invercargill	1	1	55	57	1	1	51	53
Chatham Islands ... ..	...	1	...	1	...	...	2	2
Totals	16	12	828	856	16	11	819	846

16 money order and savings bank offices were established, and three closed.

The number of officers on the staff of the department at the close of the year was 1,060, against 1,056 the previous year, as shown by the following statement:—

RETURN of Officers of the Postal Department for the Years 1879 and 1880.

Officers.	1880.	1879.	Officers.	1880.	1879.
Postmaster-General	1	1	Postmasters	12	11
Secretary	1	1	Clerks and Cadets	113	121
Inspector of Post Offices	1	1	Sub-Postmasters	828	819
Accountant Money Order and Savings			Letter-carriers	55	55
Bank Department	1	1	Messengers	15	13
Clerks in General Post Office	6	5	Mail-cart drivers ... ..	...	1
Clerks in Money Order and Savings			Shipping officers	2	2
Bank Department	6	6			
Mail Agents	3	3	Totals	1,060	1,056
Chief Postmasters	16	16			

65 additional stamp licenses were issued in 1880, and 12 cancelled. The total number of licensed stamp vendors on the 31st December last was 394, who received £1,020 4s. 3d. by way of poundage on the sale of stamps.

The cost of the carriage of interprovincial and intercolonial mails by unsubsidized vessels was £2,695 7s. 7d.

3,225 private boxes were let, which, together with the fees on 199 private bags, produced a revenue of £3,167 10s.

The total number of miles travelled in connection with the transmission of the inland mails increased to 2,631,568, from 2,589,114 in 1879, and the annual cost from £33,719 11s. 1d. to £35,062 1s. 1d.

The arrangement stated in last report to have been made for payment to the railway for the carriage of mails was not carried into effect. Mails continue to be carried free over railway-lines, except in the case of special mail trains, payment for which is made at the rate of five shillings per mile.

The net cost of the San Francisco mail service was £8,166 14s. 2d., and of the Galle-Brindisi service £9,464 6s. 7d.

The names of the following post offices have been changed:—Katikati to Waterford; Ngahinapouri to Tuhikaramea (Auckland); Sherwood to Wargrave (Napier); Clinton to Dunganville (Grey-mouth); Winchmore to Lauriston (Christchurch); Waimate Junction to Studholme Junction (Timaru); Puki-iviti to Shag Point (Oamaru); Warrington to Evansdale (Dunedin); Waihopai to Longbush (Invercargill)

Government Insurance agencies have been undertaken by the Postmasters at Ohaupo, Kihikihi, Inglewood, Normanby, Opunake, Wakefield, Sheffield, Waikari, Woolston, and Wyndham. The agencies at Katikati, Te Aro, Leithfield, Malvern, and Hyde have been closed.

The post offices at Russell and Waitara have been made second-class offices.

The Wanganui Post Office had a narrow escape from destruction by fire on the 12th of May last, and which was only averted by the timely efforts of the local fire brigade. With the exception of a few old records, no other postal documents or property was destroyed. The damage to the building was, fortunately, very slight.

In closing the general remarks to this report, it has been suggested that a brief statement showing the progress of the department within the last ten years would be an appropriate conclusion. The occasion is otherwise opportune, because in 1880, as in 1871, the colony was recovering from effects produced by a period of depression of more or less severity. The statement, for purposes of comparison, cannot but prove interesting as well as instructive. The rapid stride made by the colony since 1871 is a matter of history. But few persons, however, would be prepared to learn that the

postal service had developed to so large an extent as is disclosed by the following comparative statement for the years 1871 and 1880 :—

	1871.	1880.
Estimated population	256,034	484,864
Number of inland mail services, exclusive of railway services	184	423
Number of services performed by railway	4	51
Total number of miles travelled	1,050,368	2,631,568
Annual cost	£23,000	£35,062
Average cost per mile	5½d.	3½d.
Number of chief post offices	12	16
Number of sub-post offices	483	840
Number of officers (inclusive of Sub-Postmasters)	599	1,060
Number of letters posted	3,206,990	11,861,456
Number of letters received for delivery	2,784,707	10,963,012
Number of post cards	(Nil)	334,384
Number of parcels and book-packets (Included as news)		999,781
Number of newspapers posted	2,308,634	4,621,647
Number of newspapers received for delivery	1,871,150	5,651,260
Number of letters posted to each head of population	12·87	24·46
Number of registered letters dealt with	34,679	104,905
Number of dead letters disposed of	25,568	88,015
Revenue from sale of postage stamps	£38,629	£113,227
Total cash revenue	£47,055	£150,315
Expenditure	£89,953	£141,358
Number of money order and savings bank offices	81	178
Number of money orders issued	36,291	135,648
Amount	£157,398	£465,405
Number of money orders paid	17,976	104,107
Amount	£47,068	£350,313
Number of telegraph orders issued	2,469	14,497
Amount	£11,230	£58,334
Money order commission	£2,608	£7,944
Number of savings bank deposits	24,642	81,660
Amount deposited	£312,339	£864,442
Number of savings bank withdrawals	14,770	57,446
Amount withdrawn	£260,222	£780,504
Number of accounts remaining open at end of year	10,549	38,667
Balance to credit of depositors at end of year	£357,655	£903,766
Number of savings bank acknowledgments issued	19,959	81,660

It need only be remarked that, while the revenue for the ten years increased 219·44 per cent., the increase of expenditure was but 57·14 per cent.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

For the first time in the history of the postal service of the colony the revenue more than balanced the expenditure. Dealing with the financial year ended 31st March last, the cash receipts were £8,957 2s. in excess of the expenditure.

The revenue for the year was estimated to yield £145,000; the actual receipts, however, amounted to £150,315 8s. 7d., or £5,315 8s. 7d. more than the estimate. The sum appropriated for postal services was £151,652, while the total expenditure amounted to £141,358 16s. 7d., or £9,293 13s. 5d. less than the appropriations.

The total postal revenue, and also the expenditure on account of departmental services for the financial year just ended, are shown in the following return :—

REVENUE.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Sale of postage stamps	113,227	10 11	Salaries	43,197	7 6
Money-order commission	7,732	14 11	Conveyance of mails by sea	50,004	3 1
Private box and bag fees	3,328	10 0	" inland mails	29,882	13 6
Miscellaneous receipts	960	12 4	Payments to Railway Department	205	10 0
Postage from foreign offices	25,066	0 5	Contingencies	5,268	12 6
			Estimated liabilities	6,800	0 0
			Balance of revenue over expenditure	8,957	2 0
	<u>£150,315</u>	<u>8 7</u>		<u>£150,315</u>	<u>8 7</u>

The sum received on account of postage from foreign offices was increased by the fact that a balance of former years, amounting to £7,447 6s. 11d., was paid by the Imperial Post Office in February last, and treated as a receipt of the year. On the other hand, however, no portion of the Savings Bank profits, amounting to £2,359 3s. 3d., and which had accrued, was paid over.

Last year's receipts were £3,143 15s. 11d. less than the revenue collected for the twelve months ended 31st March, 1880, and which amounted to £153,459 4s. 6d. It should be explained that in 1880 no less than £27,243 13s. 3d. was received on account of foreign postage, of which £8,087 18s. 6d. was a balance of previous years, and a further sum of £6,982 15s. 5d. Savings Bank profits for the years 1878 and 1879 was also paid over, and included in the accounts of 1880. Dealing, however, with the postal revenue collected within the colony *i.e.*, receipts from the sale of postage stamps, money-order commission, private box and bag rents, &c., and which more accurately determine the normal increase, the revenue of the past year exceeded that of 1879-80 by £6,017 4s. 6d., or 5·46 per cent. The postage-stamp sales increased £5,642 8s. 4d., or 5·14 per cent.; and the money-order commission, and private box and bag fees and ordinary miscellaneous receipts by £251 10s. 2d. and £223 5s. 10d. respectively.

As previously stated, the cash receipts for the year amounted to £150,315 8s. 7d. Add to this the sum of £64,302 13s., the estimated value of the service performed by the Post Office for other departments in the free transmission of official correspondence, and £214,618 1s. 7d. is shown as the gross earnings of the department. After deducting £141,358 16s. 7d. on expenditure account, £73,259 15s. represents the apparent profit for the year.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The following statement shows the extent and value of the service performed by the department in the free transmission of official correspondence for the year ended 31st December, 1880:—

	Letters.	Books.	£	s.	d.		Letters.	Books.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	10,021 lb.	13,632 lb.	3,265	6	6	Blenheim	777 lb.	2,575 lb.	297	13	11
Thames	1,101 "	533 "	324	1	5	Christchurch	8,048 "	13,084 "	2,585	8	4
New Plymouth	648 "	1,166 "	237	11	4	Timaru	3,564 "	1,420 "	998	5	4
Napier	2,225½ "	4,066 "	731	3	6	Oamaru	312½ "	100 "	86	13	4
Wanganui	3,637 "	2,016 "	1,038	11	10	Dunedin	25,984 "	13,397 "	7,603	2	6
Wellington	133,256½ "	164,420 "	43,651	9	8	Invercargill	2,681 "	2,332 "	809	14	7
Nelson	2,278 "	3,253 "	726	16	10						
Westport	643 "	265 "	180	4	0	Total			£64,302	13	0
Greymouth	1,606 "	1,563 "	482	2	1						
Hokitika	4,579 "	1,821 "	1,284	7	10						

The increase in value was £1,864 14s. 1d., as against an increase of £6,261 in 1879.

The total weight of this description of correspondence transmitted through the post was about 200 tons.

DEAD LETTERS.

The number of unclaimed letters received and disposed of in the Dead Letter Office year by year, since 1875, is shown in the table given below:—

Manner of Disposal.	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.
Opened and returned to the writers ...	39,051	44,067	52,607	53,483	61,589	60,977
Returned unopened to other countries	10,321	9,703	9,835	8,733	9,713	10,503
Reissued ...	78	83	94	117	122	240
Destroyed ...	6,081	5,217	3,417	5,140	4,738	5,135
Returned unopened by Chief Postmasters	...	...	...	...	725	11,160
Totals ...	55,531	59,070	65,953	67,473	76,887	88,015

In addition to the above, 99 book-packets and circulars were returned to foreign countries, 3,347 were returned to the senders from the Dead Letter Office, and 3,097 were returned to the senders unopened by Chief Postmasters, making a total of 6,543 book-packets and circulars.

The increase in the number of dead letters disposed of in 1880, over the number dealt with the previous year, was 14·47 per cent.

The "special-request" envelopes were largely used by the public, as may be gathered from the fact that no less than 11,160 letters having the names of the writers or senders on the covers, were returned unopened, and without passing through the Dead Letter Office.

The proportion of letters sent to the Dead Letter Office, and of letters otherwise dealt with as unclaimed and returned, out of the total number transmitted, was as 1 to 259. The proportion in 1879 was as 1 to 272.

The following are the particulars of the number and articles of value enclosed in letters opened in the Dead Letter Office:—

	£	s.	d.
122 money orders			433 17 10
52 bank drafts			2,716 18 3
97 cheques			1,720 3 11
3 promissory notes			1,233 18 2
Postage stamps			3 9 8
Bank notes			94 0 0
Gold			29 10 0
Silver and copper			1 12 5
Representing a total of			£6,233 10 3

There were also received in the Dead Letter Office,—

1 silver hunting watch, 5 gold rings (one of which was set with precious stones), 1 greenstone and gold brooch, 1 pair of gold earrings, 1 silver breast-pin, 1 gold locket and chain, 1 silver locket, 1 gold chain, 1 hair watch-guard mounted in gold, 1 greenstone and gold pendant, and 1 silver watch-case.

1,500 unclaimed registered letters.

81 letters posted without addresses.

157 letters detained for postage, of which 9 were subsequently prepaid and forwarded.

626 newspapers and 300 books and other articles without addresses; of these, it was found practicable to deliver 47

30 letters with obscene and libellous addresses.

134 letters imperfectly and wrongly addressed.

764 refused letters.

5 letters with previously-used postage stamps.

The department was instrumental in intercepting and returning to the writers 55 letters, containing £70 7s. 4d. in notes, money orders, and cheques, posted to the promoter of a "Consultation" for a very large amount on one of the principal horse races, but who, in the meantime, levanted with a considerable portion of the spoil. Several letters, which had been opened, were also returned to the Post Office from the business establishment of the promoter. An examination of these disclosed that

the remittances in notes and gold had been appropriated, but that money orders and bank drafts had not been disturbed. This circumstance is mentioned merely for the purpose of showing the additional security afforded those who send remittances through the post by means of money orders, bank drafts, or cheques.

The extent to which bogus companies have been established in the United States, and advertised for purposes of fraud, is well known. The evil had assumed such proportions that the United States Post Office determined, in the public interest, to interfere, and to intercept letters addressed to persons or companies known to have been established and advertised for fraudulent purposes. One of these, the Rodanow Watch-manufacturing Company of Boston, recently advertised very extensively in this colony, and numbers of persons, eager to secure a first-class watch at a moderate price, sent remittances to the so-called company. How many remittance letters from New Zealand may have reached the company it is impossible to state, but by recent mails from New York 64 letters addressed to the Rodanow Watch-manufacturing Company, Boston, originating in this colony, and covering bank notes, drafts, money orders on London, and postage stamps, to the value of £163, were returned to this office, which would otherwise have been lost to the senders but for the vigilance of the Post Office officials. It has been estimated that no less than 207 persons or firms were, at the commencement of this year, conducting throughout the United States fraudulent lotteries and other schemes to defraud the public. It therefore behoves the public to be satisfied of the *bona fides* of advertisers. It is not always possible to detect fraudulent companies in their initial stages.

REGISTERED LETTERS.

The number of registered letters dealt with shows the large and satisfactory increase of 16,867, or 18'48 per cent. over the number registered in 1879. The increase in 1879 over 1878 was 19,560. The following table gives the number of registered letters received from places beyond the colony, and the number of letters posted for registration in the several postal districts year by year from 1877 :—

Postal Districts.	1877.			1878.			1879.			1880.		
	From Places beyond the Colony.	Registered in the Colony.	Totals.	From Places beyond the Colony.	Registered in the Colony.	Totals.	From Places beyond the Colony.	Registered in the Colony.	Totals.	From Places beyond the Colony.	Registered in the Colony.	Totals.
Auckland ...	1,818	8,405	10,223	2,055	10,374	12,429	2,735	12,569	15,304	3,195	15,625	18,820
Thames ...	123	1,051	1,174	145	919	1,064	154	922	1,076	123	911	1,034
New Plymouth ...	186	951	1,137	179	992	1,189	290	1,429	1,719	334	1,939	2,273
Napier ...	483	2,862	3,345	591	3,095	3,686	627	3,828	4,455	751	4,485	5,236
Wanganui ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	309	4,004	4,313	376	4,354	4,730
Wellington ...	1,791	10,358	12,149	2,121	12,510	14,631	2,743	12,167	14,910	2,803	12,894	15,697
Nelson ...	381	1,273	1,654	362	1,407	1,769	487	1,894	2,381	473	2,020	2,493
Westport ...	52	485	537	84	697	781	82	862	944	108	1,104	1,212
Greymouth ...	181	1,685	1,866	230	1,420	1,650	182	1,205	1,387	196	1,776	1,972
Hokitika ...	257	1,495	1,752	214	1,636	1,850	219	1,343	1,562	180	1,882	2,062
Blenheim ...	88	767	855	127	740	867	132	988	1,120	188	1,263	1,451
Christchurch ...	1,542	8,242	9,784	2,281	10,786	13,067	2,856	12,640	15,496	3,831	15,873	19,704
Timaru ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	373	2,532	2,905	418	3,757	4,175
Oamaru ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	176	1,454	1,630	232	1,615	1,847
Dunedin ...	2,591	11,086	13,677	2,819	9,613	12,432	3,584	11,889	15,473	3,442	13,136	16,578
Invercargill ...	234	2,200	2,434	444	3,119	3,563	482	3,381	3,863	1,126	4,495	5,621
Totals ...	9,727	50,860	60,587	11,670	57,308	68,978	15,431	73,107	88,538	17,776	87,129	104,905

BUILDINGS.

The new offices at Timaru were completed and occupied on the 10th September last. The post office accommodation is most convenient and commodious, and the building, which has been faithfully constructed, is an ornament to the town. The four-dial clock, which is being manufactured in the colony, is expected to be in position and in working order by the end of August.

The new offices at Westport were finished on the 16th August last.

An office has been erected in Sydenham, a suburb of Christchurch. It was opened for public business on the 17th December last.

Buildings at Dargaville, Te Kopuru, Kamo, Ahaura, Takaka, and Greatford have also been completed since the date of the last report.

The office at Wanganui has been enlarged, and the accommodation improved.

The alterations to the Auckland office have been completed. The department has succeeded in securing increased office space, and improving the accommodation for the public.

The offices at the Lower Hutt, Cambridge, and Akaroa have been altered and enlarged.

The building erected in January, 1880, at Waitahuna, for the joint accommodation of the post office and telegraph, not being required, was removed in sections and re-erected at Balclutha, on a convenient and central site recently secured by the Government, in preference to erecting an entirely new building, which had been promised. A decided economy was effected by this arrangement.

Additions for postal and telegraph purposes have been made to the railway stations at Feilding, Palmerston North, Springfield, Kirwee, St. Andrew, Upper Hutt, Amberley, Hampden, Herbert, Outram, Clinton, Southbridge, Kaitoke, Oxford, Elbow, Normanby, and Helensville.

The want of new offices at Wellington continues to be seriously felt. A new building has again been promised. A sum of money is to be placed on this year's estimates, and it is intended that the work shall be put in hand during the current year.

It is also proposed to erect new offices at Otatau, Alexandra, Collingwood, Picton, Castlepoint, and Kihikihi, and to enlarge the office at Hokianga.

INLAND MAIL SERVICES.

There were but few alterations during the year, and those carried into effect were mainly the result of railway extension. The services, as a whole, were performed with more than usual regularity, the interruptions and delays being fewer than in former years.

The following gives the particulars of the inland mail services for the year 1880:—

Performed by coach and mail-cart.	108
„ on horseback	217
„ on foot	58
„ by water	40
„ by railway	51
	474
Aggregate mileage	7,485½
Total number of miles travelled	2,631,568
Cost to the department	£35,062 1s. 1d.
Average cost per mile	3½d.

The total cost in 1879 was £33,719 11s. 1d., and the cost per mile 3½d.

The contracts for the majority of the inland services expired on the 31st December last. Prior to calling for fresh tenders, the several schedules were carefully examined with the view of ascertaining what saving could be effected, as a substantial reduction in cost was believed to be practicable without seriously curtailing the public facilities. Accordingly, amended schedules were prepared and advertised. The result of the tenders (which, in most cases, have been accepted for two years), is a net saving of £8,256 1s. 8d. per annum. The tenders generally were lower than in former years, a circumstance which must be attributed to the cheapness of labour and the unusually low price of horse-feed.

MAIL STEAM SERVICES.

The negotiations undertaken by the Agent of this department at San Francisco, with the view of obtaining a reduction in the charges for the conveyance of the colonial closed mails between San Francisco and New York, have terminated most satisfactorily. The United States Congress has voted a sum of 40,000 dollars for direct payment to the colonies, in lieu of a former authority empowering the Postmaster-General of Washington “to remit in favour of the Colonies of New Zealand and New South Wales so much of the cost of the overland transportation of the Australian closed mails as he may deem just.” This latter decision was accompanied with the condition that, in the event of any reduction being made, the colonies should undertake to renew the San Francisco service after the expiration of the existing contract, which terminates in October, 1883. There was also a doubt in the minds of the United States authorities as to the extent to which the colonies would benefit from any such reduction, seeing that the charges were paid to the United States Post Office by the Imperial Post Office, and not by the colonies. This uncertainty probably led the Congress to authorize the direct payment; and at the same time it was decided not to require any stipulation for the continuance of the service. Indeed, the Postmaster-General of the United States had been informed by this department that, while the colony had no desire to abandon the San Francisco service, it was not possible to give any assurance that the service would be renewed on the termination of the present contract.

There is reason to hope that a sum will annually be appropriated by Congress for payment to the colonies in respect of the service; and at the proper time suitable representations will be made to the United States Post Office for a continuance of payment in aid of the line. The service is of especial value to the United States in the interests of its commerce, inasmuch as it materially fosters the very large trade already established with the colonies. The extent of the American trade with the colonies may be gathered from the fact that in 1880 the value of the exports from the United States to Australia and New Zealand amounted to eight million dollars (£1,600,000).

Great praise is due Mr. Creighton for the able manner he has urged the claims of the colonies, and to his intelligent and persistent advocacy is mainly to be attributed the result already chronicled.

The acknowledgments of the department are especially due to the Hon. Mr. Horace Davis, who has taken a warm interest in the service and the colonies, and materially assisted Mr. Creighton.

The San Francisco service continues to be performed with punctuality, as may be seen by a reference to Table No. 7. The contractors have been eager to accelerate the transit of the mails, not only by their own vessels, but also across the American Continent. The department is again indebted to the United States Post Office officials and railway authorities for facilitating the despatch of the colonial mails.

On the homeward voyage the mails have, with one exception, been delivered within the stipulated time. The average time within which the mails were delivered in London from Auckland was 40·33 days; the shortest transit was 38 days. On the outward voyage equally good time has been observed. London mails were delivered in Auckland, on the average, in 40·08 days; and the shortest delivery was accomplished in 38 days. There were slight delays in transit owing to prolonged passages made by the Atlantic steamers; but there was no detention from snow-blockades on the railway route across America worthy of mention.

The City of New York, which left Auckland on the 1st March last, for San Francisco, met with a serious accident. Her after crank-pin broke, at 3 p.m. on the fifth day from Auckland. The repairs, which were not completed until the 17th, occupied eleven days seventeen hours, and were made under disadvantages inseparable from the situation. Very great praise is due to the commander and his officers for having effected repairs of such a substantial character, which enabled the vessel to prose-

cute her voyage at full speed, and to reach San Francisco in sufficient time to admit of her leaving for Auckland in due course on the time-table date. The mails were delivered in London eleven days late.

The probability of the early completion of the Southern Pacific Railway between San Francisco and a port in the Gulf of Mexico will make it possible to considerably shorten the journey between London and New Zealand. The country through which this railway runs is not subject to snow-blockades; and, as the line is shorter than that at present carrying the traffic between San Francisco and New York, there will not only be an acceleration of time, but the overland journey for passengers will be made more pleasant than at present.

The agreement for the conveyance of the Suez-Brindisi mails between Melbourne and the colony expired in February last, and has not been renewed. Brindisi and Naples mails are forwarded and received, as opportunity offers, by the steamers of the Union Steamship Company to and from Melbourne and Sydney. There has been no diminution in the number of mails despatched; but, owing to the dates of departure of the P and O. and also the Orient steamers from Melbourne having been frequently changed since January last, the despatch of mails from this colony has been irregular. The mails from London by both P and O. and Orient services, however, continue to be received with regularity. The Orient service has been used to a larger extent than formerly for the conveyance of homeward mails, which are landed at Naples; and the time from New Zealand to London *via* Naples is as short as by the Brindisi route.

The colony continues to levy the old rates of postage on correspondence posted for transmission *via* Brindisi, and also *via* Naples. The Government of Victoria urged the department to assimilate the Brindisi rates of postage to those of the San Francisco Service; but, for the reasons fully explained in the last report, the department was unable to accede to the request. New South Wales, South Australia, and Tasmania also maintain the old Brindisi postage rates.

The Tararua, which left Port Chalmers on the 27th April last, for the Bluff and Melbourne, became a total wreck early on the morning of the 28th, on Waipapapa Point, and 110 souls perished. At the time of her leaving Port Chalmers, the Tararua had 36 packages of mails, containing 4,681 letters, 232 books and parcels, 2,411 newspapers, and 74 registered letters. Of these, 22 packages were recovered, containing 2,520 letters, 140 packets, 1,564 newspapers, and 37 registered letters, of which it was possible to forward to the addressees 2,154 letters (including 21 registered). The packets and newspapers, however, were almost all destroyed.

The following comparative statement, showing the maximum, minimum, and the average number of days within which mails have been delivered in London, Melbourne, Sydney, and New Zealand by the San Francisco and Brindisi Services may be of interest:—

	San Francisco Service.	Brindisi Service.
London to Auckland	43—38=40·08	60—46=53·34
„ Wellington	46—41=42·41	57—47=49·86
„ Dunedin	47—42=43·66	54—45=47·08
„ Sydney	48—44=45·25	47—40=41·13
„ Melbourne	51—47=48·08	44—37=38·95
Auckland to London	43—38=40·33	55—48=51·25
Wellington „	45—40=42·33	54—50=52
Dunedin „	46—41=43·41	52—47=48·66
Sydney „	48—43=45·33	47—41=43·83
Melbourne „	50—45=47·33	44—39=41·08

The net cost to the colony for the use of the San Francisco and Galle-Brindisi services is shown by the following statement:—

RECEIPTS and Payments on account of the San Francisco and Galle Mail Services for the Year 1880.

		<i>San Francisco Service.</i>					
DR.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Subsidy to Pacific Mail Company	32,500	0	0			
	Estimated bonus due contractors	1,494	0	0			
	Interprovincial Services, Mail Agents, &c.	7,857	12	3			
					41,851	12	3
CR.							
	Postages from London Post Office	13,248	13	8			
	Postages collected in the colony	17,764	3	11			
	Receipts from non-contracting colonies	2,672	0	6			
					33,684	18	1
	Net cost to the colony				£8,166	14	2

The estimated net cost of the service for 1879 was £7,227 3s. 1d.

		<i>Galle-Brindisi Service.</i>					
DR.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Payments to Victoria	9,424	19	8			
	Intercolonial service, &c.	5,104	0	0			
					14,528	19	8
CR.							
	Postages from London Post Office	2,360	10	3			
	Postages collected in the colony	2,704	2	10			
					5,064	13	1
	Net cost to the colony				£9,464	6	7

The estimated net cost for 1879 was £7,526 4s. 1d.

The payments made for the year for the transmission of correspondence by the Torres Straits Mail Service was £55 15s. 9d.

443,283 letters were received from, and 463,900 despatched to, the United Kingdom by the San Francisco Service; and by the Galle-Brindisi Service, 97,484 and 57,307 respectively

The steam service providing the settlements on the west coast of the Middle Island, South of Hokitika, with communication every four weeks, at a cost of £1,200 per annum, underwent a change during the year. The agreement for the four-weekly service was cancelled, and a quarterly service arranged for at a cost of £150 per trip, in conjunction with a second service once in three months performed by the Government steamer "Stella." This gave the settlers communication once every six weeks instead of four weeks. It has now been decided to perform the whole service by the "Stella." The contract service will, therefore, be terminated next month, and arrangements made for the "Stella" to visit the several bays and sounds regularly

The subsidy in aid of the steam service, Tauranga and Opotiki, has been withdrawn, the trade being sufficient to enable the steamer to continue running without any aid from Government.

The steam service between Tauranga and Waterford (Katikati) has been replaced by a coach service.

The steam service between Queenstown and Kingston has been reduced from daily to thrice weekly, the steamer "Mountaineer" having been withdrawn altogether from the trade.

SAVINGS BANKS.

16 post offices were during the year constituted offices for the transaction of savings-bank business, and 3 savings bank offices were closed.

16,137 new accounts were opened during the year, against 15,401 in 1879. 12,217 accounts were closed, against 12,786 in 1879. The number of accounts remaining open on the 31st December was 38,667, against 34,747 at the close of 1879. The average daily number of deposits made during the year was 267, and the average daily amount £2,834.

The number of deposits received was 81,660, amounting to £864,441 18s. 10d., and the amount of each deposit averaged £10 11s. 9d. The withdrawals were 57,446 for £780,504 13s. 4d., the average amount of each being £13 11s. 5d. The amount at the credit of depositors increased to £903,765 16s. 10d., from £787,005 19s. at the close of 1879, a difference of £116,759 17s. 10d.

The deposits exceeded the withdrawals by £83,937 5s. 6d., against an excess of withdrawals in 1879 of £63,781 7s. 4d. The interest credited depositors was £32,822 12s. 4d., against £31,715 18s. 2d. in 1879.

The interest credited to depositors during the year was at the rate of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum on deposits not exceeding £200, and at the rate of 4 per cent. on deposits over £200, but not exceeding £500. No interest is allowed on deposits in excess of £500. These rates have prevailed since the 1st July, 1874.

Since the establishment of Post Office Savings Banks in the colony in 1867, 120,799 accounts have been opened, and 82,132 closed. The total amount deposited from the commencement of the savings-bank system, inclusive of the interest credited to depositors, was £7,539,696 5s. 9d., and the total amount withdrawn was £6,635,930 8s. 11d.

The average cost of every Post Office Savings Bank transaction, deposit or withdrawal, for the year was $6\frac{1}{5}$ d., and for the whole period of the existence of the Post Office Savings Banks in the colony less than 7d. The total amount of interest placed to the credit of depositors since the establishment of the Post Office Savings Banks in the colony was £278,545 4s. 8d

During the last quarter of the year 1880 the balances at the credit of depositors were classified according to their amounts, with the following result:—20 depositors had balances exceeding £500, 42 from £400 to £500, 99 from £300 to £400, 374 from £200 to £300, 1,696 from £100 to £200, and 3,963 from £50 to £100. The remaining depositors—upwards of 31,000—had balances of under £50 at the credit of their accounts.

The arrangement recently adopted in the United Kingdom for facilitating the saving of pence, by accepting cards having penny postage stamps to the value of one shilling as a deposit of that amount in Post Office Savings Banks, was introduced in New Zealand in February last, for the exclusive convenience of school children, and by the end of March, 3,684 accounts were opened by means of these stamped cards.

MONEY ORDERS.

Money-order business was extended to 16 new offices, namely, Owake, Woodville, Leeston, Elbow, Waikari, Otautau, Kaitoke, Normanby, Te Nui, Longford, Waitahuna, Springfield, Castlepoint, Sheffield, Kihikihi, and Sydenham; and the Money Order offices at Malvern, Leithfield, and Te Aro were closed during the year.

135,648 orders for £465,405 1s. 1d. were issued during the year, against 117,999 orders for £428,673 in 1879, an increase of 17,649 orders and £36,732 1s. 1d.

104,107 orders for £350,313 6s. 8d. were paid, against 88,791 orders for £319,200 5s. 6d. paid in 1879, the increase being 15,316 orders for £31,113 1s. 2d.

The number of money orders issued for payment in the United Kingdom and the Australian Colonies was 38,373 for £145,144 1s. 2d., and 7,379 orders for £30,640 14s. 11d. were issued in those countries for payment in New Zealand. A balance of upwards of £114,000 was, therefore, remitted out of the colony by means of money orders. In 1879 the balance against the colony was £108,000; in 1878, £96,000; and in 1877, £80,000.

The telegraph was used for the transmission of 14,497 orders for £58,334 11s. 11d., against 15,054 orders for £63,734 4s. 7d in 1879, showing a decrease in this description of orders of 557 in number, and £5,399 12s. 8d. in amount.

The revenue derived from the issue of money orders was £7,943 15s. 4d., against £7,285 1s. 6d. for the year 1879, the increase being £658 13s. 10d.

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 1865.

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.						
1865	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.							
1866	1,463	18	6	6,292	29,742	15	1	7,756	33,426	11	5	3,188	15,406	17	2	17,236	78,576	3	8
1867	1,761	14	0	8,924	42,823	4	7	9,238	41,987	15	0	4,548	23,968	5	2	22,710	108,779	4	9
1868	1,815	19	6	10,293	49,496	13	0	9,242	40,998	14	11	4,938	25,115	5	1	24,473	115,610	13	0
1869	1,863	1	6	11,898	54,342	18	6	9,241	40,581	13	9	4,715	23,286	11	5	25,854	118,211	3	8
1870	1,932	3	0	14,305	63,897	1	10	9,263	39,939	8	6	4,859	23,381	14	7	28,427	127,218	4	11
1871	2,367	3	6	16,821	73,344	11	9	9,624	41,472	3	7	5,419	25,637	12	7	31,864	140,454	7	11
1872	2,608	3	6	20,514	88,546	9	7	10,407	44,197	18	3	5,370	24,653	5	9	30,291	157,397	13	7
1873	3,068	17	6	28,156	120,125	14	8	10,619	44,535	9	9	5,885	26,347	17	7	44,660	191,009	2	0
1874	3,562	3	2	34,288	142,642	4	10	11,913	48,547	11	4	6,150	28,068	5	5	52,351	219,258	1	7
1875	4,393	2	3	40,968	171,683	6	1	14,379	57,821	2	6	7,365	33,659	19	2	62,712	263,164	7	9
1876	4,950	19	4	48,611	193,551	13	9	16,949	66,332	14	9	7,467	33,597	2	3	73,027	293,481	10	9
1877	5,261	10	2	55,748	212,089	1	6	17,331	66,977	4	2	7,176	31,202	0	3	80,255	310,268	5	11
1878	5,714	18	4	64,000	233,804	15	10	18,369	69,670	11	10	8,303	31,498	0	1	90,672	334,973	7	9
1879	6,288	13	0	70,531	250,861	6	0	21,169	80,681	15	8	9,317	36,711	15	2	101,017	368,254	16	10
1880	7,285	1	6	83,479	297,290	13	8	24,461	91,665	4	0	10,059	39,717	2	4	117,999	428,673	0	0
1880	7,943	15	4	97,275	320,260	19	11	27,587	104,149	5	10	10,786	40,994	15	4	135,648	465,405	1	1

MONEY ORDERS DRAWN ON THE COLONY.

Year.	Where Issued.						Total.	
	In the Colony.		United Kingdom.		Australian Colonies.			
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		
1865	6,218	£ 29,282 13 10	762	£ 3,568 15 10	700	£ 3,712 1 5	7,680	£ 36,563 11 1
1866	8,886	42,768 10 9	1,100	5,021 14 9	917	4,753 3 10	10,903	52,543 9 4
1867	10,353	49,931 17 2	1,198	5,649 2 10	1,108	5,570 6 4	12,659	61,151 6 4
1868	11,903	54,349 8 3	1,401	6,502 3 0	1,294	6,685 1 3	14,598	67,536 12 6
1869	14,250	63,820 15 5	1,218	5,630 18 8	1,272	6,382 4 3	16,740	75,833 18 4
1870	16,798	73,245 8 3	1,156	5,523 4 4	1,267	6,055 6 11	19,221	84,823 19 6
1871	20,514	88,592 0 3	1,396	6,217 11 5	1,318	5,914 18 7	23,228	100,724 10 3
1872	27,983	119,676 1 2	1,504	7,078 8 6	1,459	6,803 15 3	30,946	133,558 4 11
1873	34,288	142,642 4 10	1,482	6,625 14 5	1,668	7,689 6 8	37,438	156,957 5 11
1874	40,968	171,683 6 1	1,603	7,284 10 7	1,800	8,316 17 5	44,371	187,284 14 1
1875	48,611	193,551 13 9	1,969	9,262 9 7	1,995	9,340 19 11	52,575	212,155 3 3
1876	55,748	212,089 1 6	2,243	10,202 13 6	2,385	10,838 16 8	60,376	233,130 11 8
1877	64,000	233,804 15 10	2,258	9,744 8 8	2,568	11,056 2 7	68,826	254,605 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
1879	83,479	297,290 13 8	2,544	10,673 3 11	2,942	12,295 5 4	88,965	320,259 2 11
1880	97,275	320,260 19 11	3,466	14,811 14 8	3,913	15,829 0 3	104,654	350,901 14 10

Table No. 2.

STATEMENT of the Money Orders issued in New Zealand on the United Kingdom and the Australian Colonies during the Years 1879 and 1880.

Where Payable.	1879.		1880.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
United Kingdom	24,461	£ 91,665 4 0	27,587	£ 104,149 5 10
Victoria	6,268	25,143 6 5	6,506	24,718 13 8
South Australia	364	1,366 14 6	500	1,936 9 6
New South Wales	2,607	9,331 13 1	2,936	10,595 5 6
Queensland	199	946 14 4	169	587 10 9
Tasmania	615	2,891 14 0	667	3,130 2 5
Western Australia	6	37 0 0	8	26 13 6
Totals	34,520	131,382 6 4	38,373	145,144 1 2

STATEMENT of the Money Orders issued in the United Kingdom and the Australian Colonies on New Zealand during the Years 1879 and 1880.

Where Issued.	1879.		1880.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
United Kingdom	2,544	£ 10,673 3 11	3,466	£ 14,811 14 8
Victoria	1,223	4,793 0 2	1,569	5,905 5 4
South Australia	156	668 15 10	251	927 13 0
New South Wales	1,050	4,491 2 9	1,535	6,304 19 6
Queensland	187	762 15 8	180	845 1 3
Tasmania	310	1,442 15 2	368	1,763 1 2
Western Australia	16	136 15 9	7	58 0 0
Hongkong	..	..	3	25 0 0
Totals	5,486	22,968 9 3	7,379	30,640 14 11

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 1880.

Office.	Money Orders.					New Accounts Opened.	Savings Banks.				
	Issued.			Paid.			Deposits.		Accounts Closed.	Withdrawals.	
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.
AUCKLAND ...	8,148	£ 582 2 10	s. 29,795 1 9	d. 13,873	£ 50,492 18 5	1 100	5,797	£ 70,724 18 6	1,095	5,448	£ 78,931 4 3
Alexandra ...	395	14 17 4	1,235 15 6	195	699 4 6	10	58	256 16 0	2	21	131 13 5
Aratapu ...	556	28 16 0	2,182 6 5	47	123 18 5	50	319	2,201 8 0	9	54	743 16 1
Cambridge ...	1,353	78 5 2	4,871 11 2	346	1,174 0 10	66	286	1,904 12 6	28	86	1,468 4 11
Dargaville ...	369	21 3 10	1,439 5 3	66	242 3 11	24	90	1,071 11 9	5	21	367 6 2
Drury ...	180	7 10 4	604 1 11	219	710 2 8	6	39	216 8 0	...	13	177 10 0
Hamilton ...	1,144	59 6 2	3,647 14 7	768	2,175 1 11	69	345	3,000 2 3	38	114	1,709 19 10
Helensville ...	261	10 12 0	860 11 0	76	338 0 11	16	45	222 11 0	2	11	109 9 9
Hokianga ...	414	24 18 2	1,943 14 3	45	234 18 8	8	51	399 12 0	3	19	277 1 10
Huntley ...	236	9 1 0	527 19 5	35	102 6 3	28	88	755 8 0	6	26	230 5 6
Kapanga ...	445	23 6 0	1,403 5 6	306	880 7 2	11	53	405 7 0	3	17	154 2 3
Kawakawa ...	913	51 6 0	3,705 3 11	143	685 4 10	58	286	3,171 1 0	24	58	1,363 7 6
Kihikihī ...	48	2 0 8	94 9 0	9	43 11 7	8	32	249 4 0	2	4	215 0 1
Mangapai ...	128	4 15 6	472 13 8	19	90 9 2	3	11	110 10 0	4	8	247 2 5
Mangawhare ...	347	13 2 0	1,749 7 9	27	202 14 3	12	45	683 0 0	1	25	207 4 6
Mercer ...	157	5 6 2	327 18 8	37	193 6 11	6	35	289 6 0	5	17	129 17 10
Mongonui ...	276	10 13 2	794 14 0	96	464 10 1	9	42	261 11 0	7	24	463 1 4
Newton ...	256	15 3 8	766 12 11	329	940 17 8	60	290	1,572 19 1	21	69	592 17 2
Ngaruawahia ...	362	14 10 0	1,009 1 0	292	861 4 1	24	111	833 6 0	10	41	726 7 3
Ohacawai ...	208	11 14 6	591 11 10	37	141 7 6	2	9	75 7 0	2	5	45 3 2
Ohau ...	294	10 0 4	929 14 10	49	185 0 6	13	43	379 17 0	...	3	14 0 0
Ohinemutu ...	121	7 11 2	442 6 0	140	745 12 10	4	11	253 7 0	5	10	90 6 2
Onehunga ...	396	21 6 10	1,467 5 8	539	2,065 18 2	35	214	2,076 17 0	16	59	673 7 7
Opotiki ...	393	19 15 0	1,112 14 6	148	593 3 2	11	47	433 15 0	7	9	298 1 8
Otauhu ...	264	12 8 4	642 11 3	197	749 17 6	30	188	618 2 11	18	47	791 17 11
Pahi ...	192	10 12 8	605 16 7	62	299 13 7	12	29	326 7 0	3	10	215 6 5
Pokeno ...	52	1 14 0	188 4 11	36	173 2 0	2	11	56 12 0	...	10	63 11 9
Port Albert ...	315	13 12 4	1,102 7 4	74	319 8 4	8	28	394 6 0	2	25	365 12 1
Pukekohe ...	209	8 11 2	641 14 1	65	312 16 1	8	49	185 16 6	3	22	248 5 3
Raglan ...	274	9 6 6	1,229 10 5	48	229 0 3	3	11	44 19 0	4	10	49 17 0
Russell ...	372	15 18 6	1,046 13 7	181	655 16 6	13	72	255 0 0	6	23	145 14 10
Tauranga ...	944	48 0 2	3,369 14 2	462	1,667 8 10	52	181	2,005 10 1	27	73	1,467 12 2
Te Arai ...	72	2 18 0	172 1 4	37	178 4 1	3	22	299 12 0	3	9	116 7 3
Te Awamutu ...	497	20 18 0	1,576 19 7	198	629 9 3	27	112	685 1 0	9	28	388 18 4
Te Kopuru ...	286	10 11 2	1,128 8 11	46	271 4 5	3	12	93 14 0	...	5	64 0 0
Waipu ...	414	15 16 4	1,678 3 1	100	545 0 10	10	30	625 5 0	5	25	544 10 0
Waiuku ...	352	13 6 0	1,021 14 0	88	334 11 4	10	72	393 3 0	9	32	294 17 9
Waiwera ...	296	10 3 10	867 16 11	36	163 2 0	5	20	144 7 0	...	2	36 14 1
Wangarei ...	852	43 2 2	3,315 15 1	202	778 10 11	68	204	2,063 3 0	32	80	1,303 8 7
Wangaroa ...	451	19 18 4	1,678 6 2	95	475 18 2	18	46	493 1 0	2	25	291 13 9
Warkworth ...	366	14 2 0	1,254 7 7	119	405 7 2	13	43	587 4 0	4	22	231 19 2
BLENHEIM ...	1,779	99 19 10	6,372 17 11	880	2,792 13 7	150	876	11,263 2 11	147	663	11,030 11 10
Havelock ...	755	39 1 10	3,340 12 2	162	674 4 7	33	127	1,580 4 10	15	48	960 11 6
Kaikoura ...	337	22 16 0	1,226 0 10	78	315 3 11	18	55	223 8 2	13	16	329 16 4
Picton ...	751	34 12 2	2,435 7 6	404	1,442 7 2	35	275	1,866 16 4	22	95	1,328 18 7
CHRISTCHURCH ...	10,543	806 18 2	39,328 4 1	8,733	28,079 2 6	2,893	14,388	165,039 7 8	2,576	12,344	163,810 9 2
Akaroa ...	411	20 9 8	1,317 6 11	208	950 5 10	27	143	1,066 10 0	13	57	1,210 18 9
Amberley ...	338	20 14 2	1,081 3 9	139	544 7 6	31	126	1,243 2 9	10	45	1,461 0 7
Ashburton ...	1,799	99 6 4	6,022 12 2	591	2,040 8 10	203	608	7,498 9 10	102	360	4,586 18 4
Cheviot ...	151	6 9 4	446 10 10	3	15 4 6	3	19	234 13 0	...	7	117 17 8
Dunsandel ...	120	5 14 6	316 19 6	28	83 13 10	6	37	591 4 0	2	5	69 10 2
Duvauchelle ...	110	3 19 10	192 13 2	15	62 18 2	5	6	41 12 11	...	3	29 5 0
Hurunui ...	119	7 4 6	460 11 1	26	130 7 8	14	57	588 10 0	8	14	256 10 9
Kaipoi ...	409	23 14 2	1,315 14 10	368	1,309 6 4	69	296	2,548 13 5	53	157	2,587 5 5
Leeston ...	118	6 6 6	340 1 10	34	99 5 10	22	47	145 12 0	...	6	39 0 0
Leithfield ...	113	4 4 6	267 11 2	26	77 0 9	8	34	416 5 9	2	8	56 3 9
Lytelton ...	1,476	102 9 2	5,352 7 5	693	2,564 17 0	262	1,258	9,821 19 7	102	348	4,799 15 3
Malvern ...	197	11 14 10	743 1 6	59	155 9 5	9	26	426 14 0	4	5	125 19 11
Oxford ...	481	20 6 2	1,149 7 4	182	582 17 11	25	148	1,791 7 0	17	56	1,157 11 1
Rakaia ...	427	24 19 6	1,529 7 2	84	290 13 0	45	158	1,957 12 0	14	71	758 2 6
Rangiora ...	645	35 7 10	1,935 11 6	348	1,076 7 4	93	370	3,895 8 2	36	152	2,837 3 11
Sheffield ...	142	5 12 8	472 0 3	20	63 0 9	9	28	205 8 0	2	7	240 3 9
Southbridge ...	332	18 14 6	925 1 9	114	335 8 5	28	86	877 3 0	14	26	584 10 1
Springfield ...	130	8 2 10	411 0 2	22	87 10 6	31	84	776 14 0	8	10	192 17 0
*Sydenham ...	5	0 5 6	10 5 4	3	7 11 6	2	3	29 0 0	...	...	...
*Waiau ...	186	9 14 6	761 1 7	41	173 4 7	15	57	1,956 19 0	5	29	652 9 3
Waikari ...	274	13 14 4	884 13 3	15	59 8 3	34	86	675 14 0	7	19	183 19 6
Woolston ...	81	2 9 0	135 3 5	39	118 16 3	11	153	664 14 0	2	41	383 12 5
DUNEDIN ...	8,675	653 0 4	32,661 14 11	18,361	53,144 2 0	1,980	11,657	129,405 2 0	1,688	10,214	130,732 11 11
Albany Street ...	1,037	68 13 8	3,183 15 9	430	1,631 13 2	287	2,325	15,614 12 3	105	476	6,890 11 1
Arrow River ...	576	33 4 2	2,032 3 7	121	454 19 7	15	75	500 4 0	6	10	127 1 9
Balclutha ...	775	33 4 8	1,903 13 9	562	1,390 5 4	45	236	1,458 14 10	23	83	1,304 14 4
Blueskin ...	156	7 4 0	440 1 0	80	283 12 1	10	68	512 15 0	1	18	178 19 4
Caversham ...	78	4 16 0	297 10 5	153	493 10 6	25	140	663 1 0	9	24	136 11 6
Clinton ...	427	19 4 2	1,199 4 6	113	407 11 3	12	34	301 0 0	3	11	110 9 0

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 1880—continued.

Office.	Money Orders.					New Accounts Opened.	Savings Banks.				
	Issued.			Paid.			Deposits.		Accounts Closed.	Withdrawals.	
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.
DUNEDIN—contd.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		
Clyde ...	467	20 15 8	1,632 19 8	174	557 2 0	15	57 394 1 0	5	10 57 19 5		
Cromwell ...	696	33 19 2	2,210 5 7	161	452 7 11	20	111 1,140 15 9	12	26 484 17 6		
Goodwood ...	73	2 13 6	185 19 3	10	55 8 6	4	13 122 4 0	3	3 24 0 0		
Green Island ...	159	10 18 6	660 3 8	92	333 17 5	24	103 1,070 15 0	17	41 530 1 10		
Hamilton's ...	178	8 4 0	713 8 2	16	95 3 2	10	27 551 0 0	2	22 307 14 5		
Hyde ...	131	4 18 6	421 13 2	27	119 4 7	...	...	...	...
Kaitangata ...	585	23 4 4	1,982 11 8	90	339 0 6	27	110 684 13 0	14	33 517 1 0		
Lawrence ...	965	45 10 4	2,920 12 1	610	2,099 3 6	67	281 2,875 4 1	28	74 909 6 7		
Manuhierikia ...	374	16 17 10	1,005 11 2	80	249 4 4	5	24 245 5 2	1	7 85 7 1		
Milton ...	660	31 6 4	1,957 2 1	450	1,361 9 2	61	282 2,511 0 9	47	122 1,485 0 7		
Mosgiel ...	268	15 9 8	833 8 1	110	388 1 9	30	119 780 18 0	12	30 449 0 7		
Naseby ...	578	27 3 2	1,596 1 9	257	712 17 7	16	68 454 5 0	8	15 256 14 7		
Ophir ...	416	17 3 6	1,300 11 9	61	265 16 2	1	17 192 10 9	1	2 1 10 0		
Outram ...	277	13 18 10	746 19 8	90	349 7 3	13	87 498 18 0	7	19 185 7 11		
Owake ...	165	6 8 10	454 16 8	24	55 13 6	7	30 128 15 11	1	1 3 19 9		
Palmerston ...	800	35 13 8	2,401 5 1	327	1,179 6 4	38	206 1,712 19 3	18	60 956 1 6		
Port Chalmers ...	966	72 9 10	3,389 11 9	762	2,673 1 4	201	853 6,608 1 3	104	322 4,182 19 10		
Roxburgh ...	629	26 5 8	1,782 18 10	81	293 0 6	10	81 610 16 10	4	13 498 12 4		
St. Bathans ...	366	13 17 0	855 3 3	35	131 2 2	2	33 381 17 6	2	6 329 11 6		
Tapanui ...	799	32 14 2	2,115 9 8	216	833 0 4	37	112 906 5 4	11	29 273 6 9		
Waihola ...	137	6 3 8	496 16 5	55	269 14 7	7	44 612 10 0	5	16 210 16 4		
Waikaia ...	543	20 2 0	2,018 2 2	60	218 2 10	5	39 280 10 0	5	15 391 8 6		
Waikouaiti ...	508	19 11 8	1,471 19 2	198	649 4 6	17	101 688 9 0	10	25 557 18 6		
Waitahuna ...	61	2 7 2	148 17 9	26	93 16 6	5	27 310 6 0	1	2 10 4 10		
GREYMOUTH	2,461	155 8 10	8,885 19 7	1,648	5,579 0 10	217	1,156 13,566 15 3	157	666 12,110 18 8		
Ahaura ...	825	39 1 0	4,260 4 11	129	493 9 2	17	98 1,562 11 1	11	34 609 19 4		
Nelson Creek ...	258	12 13 6	1,161 0 6	18	104 15 6	16	97 1,019 5 0	7	43 852 12 11		
Reefton ...	1,065	74 4 6	3,881 4 5	559	1,750 16 3	57	223 3,321 4 7	25	63 1,761 9 11		
HOKITIKA	1,391	88 18 10	4,657 14 11	1,455	4,556 14 5	99	576 6,190 0 1	86	399 6,594 19 3		
Kumara ...	952	50 4 8	3,181 3 8	366	1,269 13 8	76	306 4,363 5 3	48	186 2,801 9 4		
Ross... ..	351	18 7 0	1,188 9 3	105	277 16 5	10	62 634 17 2	11	38 541 12 4		
INVERCARGILL	3,202	205 19 4	11,501 4 5	2,380	7,556 0 1	352	1,662 18,985 15 1	325	1,484 20,677 5 3		
Campbelltown ...	364	21 3 0	1,840 19 2	161	471 8 5	15	70 745 14 1	4	14 95 9 1		
Gore ...	880	36 7 8	2,572 2 7	249	930 19 1	41	149 1,490 12 8	24	63 739 17 6		
Elbow ...	175	8 9 8	625 12 9	42	196 10 0	18	76 400 13 5	2	10 237 7 3		
Kingston ...	100	5 4 10	476 11 0	9	68 17 1	1	3 50 0 0	...	...
Mataura ...	416	15 0 8	1,098 9 8	133	416 14 8	29	124 1,288 4 7	10	34 308 6 10		
Queenstown ...	580	31 13 6	1,809 4 10	272	895 12 0	51	109 2,151 1 1	10	19 533 8 0		
Riverton ...	754	38 19 2	2,584 1 8	330	1,002 15 5	40	178 1,081 10 0	21	87 920 17 10		
Winton ...	332	14 4 0	861 0 3	110	351 18 1	20	73 580 13 0	8	22 465 1 5		
Woodlands ...	185	7 4 6	409 7 6	48	218 0 11	24	91 567 19 6	11	23 280 0 3		
Wynndham ...	163	8 3 6	466 1 3	60	194 11 4	18	61 611 19 7	3	13 148 9 10		
Otautau ...	47	1 16 6	126 9 6	17	53 9 7	1	2 20 0 0	...	...
NAPIER	2,828	201 19 6	10,224 5 1	1,841	6,563 13 10	395	2,069 21,966 17 2	337	1,444 21,148 3 11		
Gisborne ...	1,380	97 11 4	5,386 10 3	520	2,051 13 10	66	354 2,159 9 1	50	143 1,383 7 11		
Hastings ...	208	14 10 6	755 7 11	72	322 10 4	10	64 467 4 0	2	7 89 3 1		
Kopua ...	365	17 15 0	1,498 6 5	39	140 4 8	12	73 558 8 0	5	20 294 11 2		
Mohaka ...	48	2 19 10	177 5 3	18	89 10 6	10	31 128 5 0	3	5 59 19 0		
Porangahau ...	213	12 7 8	756 14 1	32	104 16 3	8	26 313 2 0	...	2 5 0 0		
Port Ahuriri ...	250	16 10 0	892 10 3	131	566 13 9	24	117 689 1 7	9	34 268 7 9		
Takapau ...	159	7 3 4	433 9 6	29	115 5 11	6	18 246 15 0	1	4 74 0 6		
Taupo ...	289	19 17 0	1,073 15 1	62	374 3 11	1	7 239 18 0	1	4 74 15 6		
Waipawa ...	431	25 5 10	1,488 1 6	277	681 13 9	29	144 942 18 1	10	46 472 14 0		
Waipukurau ...	281	19 4 8	994 11 3	113	432 14 8	23	118 1,376 3 0	10	41 746 2 8		
Wairoa ...	278	14 4 2	800 19 0	161	484 17 5	15	75 251 18 10	9	13 292 5 4		
NELSON	2,261	136 14 6	8,153 15 6	3,538	14,572 4 10	228	1,518 17,205 1 11	165	1,016 18,067 12 7		
Collingwood ...	344	13 3 0	1,302 14 1	61	210 19 9	15	31 701 4 9	3	12 208 4 5		
Motueka ...	502	22 16 6	2,004 6 10	297	1,331 19 9	27	168 2,740 18 9	17	81 1,427 9 7		
Port ...	118	7 16 6	438 10 7	12	39 11 8	14	81 490 10 0	1	12 96 0 7		
Richmond ...	96	5 3 0	302 4 10	128	578 7 2	7	110 886 12 0	5	27 820 4 7		
Wakefield ...	119	5 19 4	422 2 8	44	181 19 5	14	97 704 14 0	...	9 123 0 0		
NEW PLYMOUTH	2,144	123 12 10	7,643 3 0	1,264	4,842 7 7	432	1,752 27,046 19 7	287	1,073 18,795 2 9		
Inglewood ...	141	8 0 2	382 5 4	82	338 14 9	20	80 480 6 6	3	17 198 10 11		
Waitara ...	203	13 12 2	707 1 9	98	353 0 3	19	48 320 13 0	11	32 263 13 9		
OAMARU	3,389	207 5 6	11,925 3 2	1,485	5,186 6 9	552	1,877 20,069 5 3	420	1,377 18,201 10 6		
Duntroon ...	274	13 8 8	1,058 0 7	52	266 16 10	14	57 470 12 9	2	12 115 6 2		
Hampden ...	289	10 5 10	812 15 11	114	467 18 5	10	57 371 18 6	8	17 393 13 10		
Kakanui ...	283	12 13 8	1,078 7 0	51	188 15 4	12	43 266 14 4	7	14 112 16 0		
Otepopo ...	269	10 1 2	828 0 11	61	197 2 4	7	33 283 16 3	5	19 166 16 0		
THAMES	1,661	89 19 8	5,664 9 11	1,185	3,911 10 6	268	1,762 22,642 12 1	187	1,605 20,669 7 5		
TIMARU	3,624	243 6 6	13,930 16 4	1,815	5,733 5 1	601	1,963 23,729 1 6	395	1,666 19,359 9 6		
Geraldine ...	566	28 4 10	1,655 5 8	91	324 13 9	50	170 1,305 15 10	15	69 1,051 5 10		
Temuka ...	645	35 7 6	2,066 10 5	255	685 2 1	45	178 1,595 7 1	41	115 2,012 19 11		
Waimate ...	1,274	64 0 6	4,099 14 9	349	1,169 4 2	112	441 2,383 4 9	64	171 1,898 9 0		

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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 1880—continued.

Office.	Money Orders.						Savings Banks.						
	Issued.			Paid.			New Accounts Opened.	Deposits.			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.
WANGANUI ...	3,323	197 0 4	11,334 13 8	2,805	9,224 8 4	396	1,822	18,518 2 2	354	1,648	22,085 16 3		
Bull's ...	553	25 15 0	1,656 18 0	213	742 15 4	22	94	577 17 3	8	47	310 12 4		
Hawera ...	1,053	56 14 4	3,535 4 3	306	1,192 19 8	157	524	7,591 16 9	43	105	2,072 17 2		
Manutahi ...	87	4 10 6	314 0 2	17	77 11 3	5	28	234 5 7	4	11	123 10 2		
Marton ...	688	32 6 0	2,127 18 7	545	1,475 18 3	50	141	1,115 1 9	15	60	803 2 5		
Normanby ...	238	11 5 6	725 6 2	67	257 13 1	20	51	999 15 3	7	24	529 12 2		
Patea ...	865	44 2 8	2,818 12 10	528	1,608 13 3	74	256	2,810 2 7	23	61	832 13 9		
Turakina ...	324	16 4 2	1,060 17 0	78	186 5 9	9	45	258 11 0	9	24	366 6 4		
Waitotara ...	334	17 2 10	1,225 16 7	52	150 1 9	14	37	876 9 0	8	22	318 8 7		
Waverley ...	297	13 5 0	880 12 2	96	315 13 9	12	41	407 16 8	6	18	282 4 10		
WELLINGTON ...	10,934	638 17 8	32,595 14 1	15,517	52,304 15 10	1,609	10,632	99,098 12 2	1,769	8,903	107,414 2 7		
Carterton ...	557	23 17 4	1,600 1 11	251	961 0 10	45	188	1,130 12 0	27	56	847 16 7		
Castlepoint ...	58	3 16 10	193 2 4	2	5 10 0	1	5	47 0 0	...	...	...
Featherston ...	360	16 3 2	1,043 12 7	192	471 8 8	32	147	861 2 0	30	81	1,142 2 4		
Feilding ...	1,079	48 17 6	3,610 10 1	524	1,854 9 4	47	172	1,567 17 5	28	90	1,426 18 7		
Foxton ...	618	29 13 8	1,776 8 1	346	1,398 16 11	50	216	1,844 1 9	16	58	649 16 7		
Greytown ...	532	25 3 10	1,581 3 11	272	912 12 2	52	236	1,692 7 5	30	76	1,184 16 6		
Halcombe ...	307	12 13 0	820 18 5	154	450 10 9	19	64	452 3 11	7	17	174 13 10		
Hutt ...	290	14 1 4	1,158 17 6	136	422 10 9	34	220	1,690 5 6	19	62	752 2 8		
Kaitoke ...	12	0 14 4	26 18 0	13	25 13 3	5	21	169 10 0	2	5	46 7 4		
Masterton ...	991	50 18 10	3,118 13 7	653	2,130 17 7	92	324	3,088 14 6	61	156	1,844 14 2		
Otaki ...	404	20 10 10	1,921 1 8	125	641 8 11	22	80	708 8 8	16	31	339 17 2		
Palmerston North	1,024	49 1 0	3,106 17 7	747	2,263 0 8	35	144	1,389 0 1	31	105	1,598 12 3		
Sanson ...	282	11 6 10	577 18 4	111	509 3 1	14	43	308 18 5	4	21	280 12 6		
Te Aro ...	189	10 15 6	603 0 4	18	30 9 7	60	438	2,165 16 0	12	59	351 11 7		
Te Nui ...	97	4 10 10	279 12 9	5	10 2 6	13	19	198 15 0	...	1	18 0 0		
Upper Hutt ...	180	6 15 6	438 15 3	87	269 11 9	15	85	611 10 0	14	40	447 4 1		
Woodville ...	305	11 10 10	808 8 2	126	492 19 9	14	25	243 17 10	8	14	147 11 10		
WESTPORT ...	779	48 11 10	2,761 19 8	507	2,152 6 6	52	328	4,609 7 8	67	344	5,774 3 8		
Charleston ...	450	24 4 4	1,391 3 5	105	268 8 2	15	135	1,009 4 0	13	50	1,007 8 7		
Lyell ...	608	34 3 4	3,198 17 6	59	287 6 7	8	32	757 9 2	6	20	723 7 7		
Longford ...	29	3 15 8	168 13 6	8	37 8 7	1	1	176 1 9	...	1	60 0 0		
Totals ...	135,648	7,943 15 4	465,405 1 1	104,107	350,313 6 8	16,137	81,660	864,441 18 10	12,217	57,446	780,504 13 4		

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, 1880.

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 remaining open at close of the Year.	Total Amount standing to the Credit of all open Accounts, inclusive of Interest to the close of the Year.	Average Amount standing to the Credit of each open Account at close of the Year.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	41	9,477	106,819 18 7	11 5 5	6,610	95,987 17 0	14 10 5	10,832 1 7	...	...	...	4,194 4 3	1,918	1,422	114,911 15 11	22 18 11
Blenheim	4	1,333	14,933 12 3	11 4 0	822	13,649 18 3	16 12 1	1,283 14 0	...	...	...	683 15 11	236	197	18,768 13 7	23 2 10
Christchurch	21	18,218	291,592 14 1	11 1 3	13,770	186,141 4 3	13 10 4	15,451 9 10	...	...	...	7,056 17 8	3,845	2,977	194,398 10 4	22 5 3
Dunedin	31	17,385	172,301 3 8	9 18 7	11,733	152,274 17 4	12 19 7	20,026 6 4	...	...	...	6,376 15 3	3,004	2,153	178,544 12 3	24 10 3
Greymouth	4	1,574	19,469 15 11	12 7 4	806	15,335 0 10	19 0 6	4,134 15 1	...	...	...	864 9 9	307	200	23,958 5 1	22 16 9
Hokitika	...	944	11,188 2 6	11 17 0	623	9,938 0 11	15 19 0	1,250 1 7	...	...	...	581 16 6	185	145	15,544 2 1	26 12 4
Invercargill	12	2,573	27,890 10 0	10 16 10	1,765	24,330 6 2	13 15 8	3,560 3 10	...	...	...	1,174 10 1	602	413	32,990 0 4	24 13 8
Napier	12	3,096	29,339 19 9	9 9 6	1,763	24,948 10 10	14 2 7	4,431 8 11	...	...	...	1,244 4 8	599	437	34,115 10 8	22 16 5
Nelson	6	2,005	22,729 1 5	11 6 8	1,157	20,742 11 9	17 18 6	1,986 9 8	...	...	...	1,259 18 11	305	191	33,970 0 5	26 14 1
New Plymouth	3	1,880	27,847 19 1	14 16 1	1,122	19,257 7 5	17 3 3	8,590 11 8	...	...	...	731 6 4	471	301	24,462 15 9	27 5 5
Oamaru	5	2,007	21,462 7 1	10 7 8	1,439	18,990 2 6	13 3 11	2,472 4 7	...	...	...	685 4 2	595	442	18,688 15 11	26 13 11
Thames	...	1,762	22,642 12 1	12 17 0	1,605	20,669 7 5	12 17 6	1,973 4 8	...	...	...	1,072 18 10	268	187	29,495 9 10	25 5 6
Timaru	4	2,752	29,013 9 2	10 19 9	2,021	24,322 4 3	12 0 8	4,691 4 11	...	...	...	886 6 6	808	515	24,839 8 9	22 15 9
Wanganui	10	3,039	33,389 18 0	10 19 9	2,020	27,725 4 0	13 14 6	5,664 14 0	...	...	...	1,910 18 4	759	477	29,872 1 9	25 8 6
Wellington	17	13,059	117,268 12 8	8 19 7	9,775	118,667 0 7	12 2 9	...	1,398 7 11	...	...	4,669 1 2	2,159	2,074	121,809 7 9	21 6 1
Westport	4	496	6,552 2 7	13 4 2	415	7,564 19 10	18 4 7	...	1,012 17 3	...	...	330 4 0	70	80	8,596 6 5	21 11 11
Totals for Colony in 1880...	178	81,660	864,441 18 10	10 11 9	57,446	780,594 13 4	13 11 8	83,937 5 6	...	3,500	6 1/2	32,822 12 4	16,137	12,217	903,765 16 10	23 7 6
" " 1879...	165	71,865	812,399 11 11	11 6 1	54,998	876,180 19 3	16 0 4	...	63,781 7 4	3,000	5 1/2	31,715 18 2	15,401	12,786	787,005 19 0	22 12 11
" " 1878...	147	69,968	762,084 12 0	10 18 0	42,746	742,033 14 3	17 7 2	20,030 17 9	...	2,500	5 1/2	31,664 12 9	13,005	9,634	819,971 8 2	25 9 9
" " 1877...	138	60,953	681,294 13 2	11 3 6	39,363	667,023 7 5	16 18 10	14,271 5 9	...	2,500	5 1/2	29,193 14 6	11,235	8,591	767,375 17 8	26 13 7
" " 1876...	129	57,295	604,134 12 6	11 11 9	39,486	696,281 7 4	17 12 8	...	32,146 14 10	2,500	6 1/2	28,762 4 7	11,255	9,472	723,910 17 5	27 14 4
" " 1875...	114	56,129	617,653 4 0	11 14 4	36,977	729,759 17 9	19 14 8	...	72,106 13 9	2,500	6 1/2	28,565 3 5	11,273	8,681	727,295 17 8	29 17 9
" " 1874...	103	52,627	609,249 14 3	13 5 8	29,778	620,155 8 9	20 16 5	79,094 5 6	...	2,250	6 1/2	26,935 6 8	10,346	5,736	776,836 18 0	35 9 0
" " 1873...	97	39,223	586,542 5 5	14 16 2	21,268	425,998 3 5	20 0 5	154,634 2 0	...	1,800	7 1/2	20,106 16 10	7,382	3,188	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	8 1/2	14,711 0 5	6,205	3,188	495,066 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	50,991 2 1	...	1,351	9 1/2	11,291 10 10	4,615	2,383	357,954 14 6	33 18 1
" " 1870...	70	20,489	204,328 5 9	12 18 0	11,934	209,599 13 2	17 11 1	54,818 12 5	...	1,264	10 1/2	9,242 8 11	4,304	2,277	298,372 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	10 1/2	7,412 8 0	3,839	1,801	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	9 1/2	4,880 7 3	3,282	1,186	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 1/2	1,241 5 0	2,520	364	71,197 14 1	33 0 5

Table No. 7.—SAN FRANCISCO MAIL SERVICE.

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.

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.
1880. March 25	1880. May 4	40	1880. March 25	1880. May 7	43	1880. March 25	1880. May 8	44	1880. March 25	1880. May 9	45	1880. March 25	1880. May 12	48
April 22	June 2	41	April 22	June 4	43	April 22	June 5	44	April 22	June 6	45	April 22	June 9	48
May 20	June 28	39	May 20	June 30	41	May 20	July 2	43	May 20	July 3	44	May 20	July 6	47
June 17	July 27	40	June 17	July 29	42	June 17	July 31	44	June 17	August 1	45	June 17	August 4	48
July 15	August 26	42	July 15	August 28	44	July 15	August 29	45	July 15	September 1	48	July 15	September 4	51
August 12	September 20	39	August 12	September 22	41	August 12	September 24	43	August 12	September 25	44	August 12	September 28	47
September 9	October 17	38	September 9	October 20	41	September 9	October 21	42	September 9	October 23	44	September 9	October 26	47
October 7	November 14	38	October 7	November 17	41	October 7	November 18	42	October 7	November 20	44	October 7	November 23	47
November 4	December 13	39	November 4	December 15	41	November 4	December 16	42	November 4	December 18	44	November 4	December 21	47
December 2	January 14	43	December 2	January 17	46	December 2	January 18	47	December 2	January 19	48	December 2	January 21	50
December 30	February 9	41	December 30	February 11	43	December 30	February 12	44	December 30	February 14	46	December 30	February 16	48
1881. January 27	March 9	41	1881. January 27	March 11	43	1881. January 27	March 12	44	1881. January 27	March 14	46	1881. January 27	March 17	49
Maximum	...	43	...	...	46	...	...	47	...	...	48	...	...	51
Minimum	...	38	...	...	41	...	...	42	...	...	44	...	...	47
Average	...	40.08	...	...	42.41	...	...	43.66	...	...	45.25	...	...	48.08

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.
1880. January 27	1880. March 13	46	1880. January 29	1880. March 13	44	1880. January 30	1880. March 13	43	1880. February 1	1880. March 13	41	1880. February 3	1880. March 13	39
February 24	April 12	48	February 26	April 12	46	February 28	April 12	44	February 29	April 12	43	March 12	April 12	41
March 23	May 10	48	March 25	May 10	46	March 27	May 10	44	March 28	May 10	43	March 30	May 10	41
April 20	June 4	45	April 22	June 4	43	April 24	June 4	41	April 25	June 4	40	April 30	June 4	38
May 18	July 4	47	May 20	July 4	45	May 22	July 4	43	May 23	July 4	42	May 25	July 4	40
June 15	August 3	49	June 17	August 3	47	June 19	August 3	45	June 20	August 3	44	June 22	August 3	42
July 13	August 29	47	July 15	August 29	45	July 17	August 29	43	July 18	August 29	42	July 20	August 29	40
August 10	September 26	47	August 12	September 26	45	August 14	September 26	43	August 15	September 26	42	August 17	September 26	40
September 7	October 22	45	September 9	October 22	43	September 11	October 22	41	September 12	October 22	40	September 14	October 22	38
October 5	November 21	47	October 7	November 21	45	October 9	November 21	43	October 10	November 21	42	October 12	November 21	40
November 2	December 21	49	November 4	December 21	47	November 6	December 21	45	November 7	December 21	44	November 9	December 21	42
1881. November 30	1881. January 19	50	1881. December 2	1881. January 19	48	1881. December 4	1881. January 19	46	1881. December 5	1881. January 19	45	1881. December 7	1881. January 19	43
Maximum	...	50	...	...	48	...	...	46	...	...	45	...	...	43
Minimum	...	45	...	...	43	...	...	41	...	...	40	...	...	38
Average	...	47.33	...	...	45.33	...	...	43.41	...	...	42.33	...	...	40.33

Table No. 8.—GALLE AND BRINDISI MAIL SERVICE.

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 Brindisi.

MELBOURNE.				SYDNEY.				BLUFF.				DUNEDIN.				WELLINGTON.				AUCKLAND.			
Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Melbourne.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Sydney.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival at Bluff.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Dunedin.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Wellington.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Auckland.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Auckland.	No. of Days.			
1880. March 12	1880. April 19	38	1880. March 12	1880. April 21	40	1880. March 12	1880. April 26	45	1880. March 12	1880. April 26	45	1880. March 12	1880. April 30	49	1880. March 12	1880. April 27	46	1880. March 12	1880. April 27	46			
March 26	May 4	39	March 26	May 19	41	March 26	May 10	45	March 26	May 10	45	March 26	May 12	47	March 26	May 17	52	March 26	May 17	52			
April 9	May 17	38	April 9	May 19	40	April 9	May 24	45	April 9	May 24	45	April 9	May 27	48	April 9	May 31	52	April 9	May 31	52			
April 23	June 2	40	April 23	June 4	42	April 23	June 14	46	April 23	June 14	46	April 23	June 17	49	April 23	June 22	60	April 23	June 22	60			
May 7	June 15	39	May 7	June 17	41	May 7	June 22	46	May 7	June 22	46	May 7	June 25	49	May 7	July 1	56	May 7	July 1	56			
May 21	June 29	39	May 21	July 1	41	May 21	July 6	46	May 21	July 6	46	May 21	July 9	49	May 21	July 13	53	May 21	July 13	53			
June 4	July 12	38	June 4	July 15	41	June 4	July 19	45	June 4	July 19	45	June 4	July 22	48	June 4	July 26	52	June 4	July 26	52			
June 18	July 25	37	June 18	July 28	40	June 18	August 2	45	June 18	August 2	45	June 18	August 6	49	June 18	August 9	52	June 18	August 9	52			
July 2	August 9	38	July 2	August 11	40	July 2	August 16	45	July 2	August 16	45	July 2	August 18	47	July 2	August 22	51	July 2	August 22	51			
July 16	August 24	39	July 16	August 26	41	July 16	August 30	45	July 16	August 30	45	July 16	Sept. 4	50	July 16	Sept. 7	53	July 16	Sept. 7	53			
July 30	Sept. 12	44	July 30	Sept. 15	47	July 30	Sept. 22	54	July 30	Sept. 22	54	July 30	Sept. 25	57	July 30	Sept. 28	60	July 30	Sept. 28	60			
August 13	Sept. 20	38	August 13	Sept. 22	40	August 13	Sept. 27	45	August 13	Sept. 27	45	August 13	Oct. 1	49	August 13	Oct. 4	52	August 13	Oct. 4	52			
August 27	October 4	38	August 27	October 6	40	August 27	October 11	45	August 27	October 11	45	August 27	October 14	48	August 27	October 17	51	August 27	October 17	51			
Sept. 10	October 20	40	Sept. 10	October 22	42	Sept. 10	Nov. 8	45	Sept. 10	Nov. 8	45	Sept. 10	Nov. 10	47	Sept. 10	Nov. 14	51	Sept. 10	Nov. 14	51			
Sept. 24	Nov. 2	39	Sept. 24	Nov. 4	41	Sept. 24	Nov. 8	45	Sept. 24	Nov. 8	45	Sept. 24	Nov. 10	47	Sept. 24	Nov. 14	51	Sept. 24	Nov. 14	51			
October 8	Nov. 17	40	October 8	Nov. 19	42	October 8	Nov. 23	46	October 8	Nov. 23	46	October 8	Nov. 27	50	October 8	Dec. 1	54	October 8	Dec. 1	54			
October 22	Nov. 30	39	October 22	Dec. 2	41	October 22	Dec. 6	45	October 22	Dec. 6	45	October 22	Dec. 8	47	October 22	Dec. 13	52	October 22	Dec. 13	52			
Nov. 5	Dec. 15	40	Nov. 5	Dec. 17	42	Nov. 5	Dec. 27	52	Nov. 5	Dec. 27	52	Nov. 5	Dec. 29	54	Nov. 5	Jan. 4	60	Nov. 5	Jan. 4	60			
Nov. 19	Dec. 28	39	Nov. 19	Dec. 30	41	Nov. 19	Jan. 3	45	Nov. 19	Jan. 3	45	Nov. 19	Jan. 5	47	Nov. 19	Jan. 10	52	Nov. 19	Jan. 10	52			
Dec. 3	1881. Jan. 11	39	Dec. 3	1881. Jan. 13	41	Dec. 3	Jan. 25	53	Dec. 3	Jan. 25	53	Dec. 3	Jan. 29	57	Dec. 3	Jan. 24	52	Dec. 3	Jan. 24	52			
Dec. 17	Jan. 24	38	Dec. 17	Jan. 27	41	Dec. 17	Jan. 31	45	Dec. 17	Jan. 31	45	Dec. 17	Feb. 2	47	Dec. 17	Feb. 7	52	Dec. 17	Feb. 7	52			
Dec. 31	Feb. 7	38	Dec. 31	Feb. 9	40	Dec. 31	Feb. 13	44	Dec. 31	Feb. 13	44	Dec. 31	Feb. 18	49	Dec. 31	Feb. 22	53	Dec. 31	Feb. 22	53			
1881. Jan. 14	Feb. 22	39	1881. Jan. 14	Feb. 24	41	1881. Jan. 14	Feb. 28	45	1881. Jan. 14	Feb. 28	45	1881. Jan. 14	March 2	47	1881. Jan. 14	March 7	52	1881. Jan. 14	March 7	52			
Maximum	...	44	...	...	47	...	...	54	...	...	54	...	...	57	...	...	60	...	...	60
Minimum	...	37	...	...	40	...	...	44	...	...	44	...	...	47	...	...	46	...	...	46
Average	...	38.95	...	...	41.13	...	...	46.73	...	...	47.08	...	...	49.86	...	...	53.34	...	...	53.34
AUCKLAND.				WELLINGTON.				BLUFF.				DUNEDIN.				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.						
1880. Feb. 10	1880. April 1	51	1880. Feb. 9	1880. April 1	52	1880. Feb. 13	1880. April 1	48	1880. Feb. 13	1880. April 1	48	1880. Feb. 17	1880. April 1	45	1880. Feb. 20	1880. April 1	41						
March 11	April 28	48	March 11	April 28	51	March 13	April 28	46	March 13	April 28	46	March 16	April 28	43	March 19	April 28	40						
April 1	May 26	55	April 1	May 26	52	April 7	May 26	49	April 7	May 26	49	April 10	May 26	46	April 14	May 26	42						
May 4	June 25	52	May 4	June 25	53	May 7	June 25	49	May 7	June 25	49	May 11	June 25	45	May 14	June 25	42						
June 2	July 24	52	June 2	July 24	54	June 4	July 24	50	June 4	July 24	50	June 8	July 24	46	June 11	July 24	43						
June 28	August 22	55	June 28	August 22	54	July 1	August 22	52	July 1	August 22	52	July 6	August 22	47	July 9	August 22	44						
July 27	Sept. 16	51	July 27	Sept. 16	52	July 29	Sept. 16	48	July 30	Sept. 16	48	August 3	Sept. 16	44	August 6	Sept. 16	41						
August 26	October 13	48	August 26	October 13	51	August 26	October 13	48	August 27	October 13	47	August 31	October 13	43	Sept. 3	October 13	40						
Sept. 20	Nov. 12	53	Sept. 20	Nov. 12	53	Sept. 24	Nov. 12	49	Sept. 25	Nov. 12	48	Sept. 30	Nov. 12	43	Oct. 2	Nov. 12	41						
October 19	Dec. 8	50	October 19	Dec. 8	51	October 21	Dec. 8	48	October 22	Dec. 8	47	October 27	Dec. 8	42	October 29	Dec. 8	40						
Nov. 16	1881. Jan. 5	50	Nov. 16	1881. Jan. 5	51	Nov. 18	1881. Jan. 5	48	Nov. 19	1881. Jan. 5	47	Nov. 24	1881. Jan. 5	42	Nov. 26	1881. Jan. 5	40						
Dec. 13	1881. Feb. 1	50	Dec. 13	1881. Feb. 1	52	Dec. 16	1881. Feb. 1	47	Dec. 17	1881. Feb. 1	46	Dec. 22	1881. Feb. 1	41	Dec. 24	1881. Feb. 1	39						
Maximum	...	55	54	52	51	47	44	44			
Minimum	...	48	47	46	45	43	41	41			
Average	...	51.25	48.66	47.83	47.08	44.86	43.34	43.34			

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Table No. 9.

NUMBER and Value of Postage Stamps, Post Cards, and Newspaper Wrappers Printed during the Years 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, and 1880.

Denomination.	1876.		1877.		1878.		1879.		1880.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
At five shillings	...	£ ... s. d.	...	£ ... s. d.	47,520	11,880 0 0	...	£ ... s. d.	...	£ ... s. d.
At two shillings	...	...	...	...	46,800	4,680 0 0	...	...	...	...
At one shilling	...	...	...	...	...	...	323,040	16,152 0 0	...	...
At sixpence ...	1,368,000	34,200 0 0	61,200	1,530 0 0	...	...	1,031,040	25,776 0 0	746,880	18,672 0 0
At fourpence ...	317,520	5,292 0 0	...	...	...	...	386,160	6,436 0 0	...	...
At threepence ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
At twopence ...	4,737,360	39,478 0 0	7,529,040	62,742 0 0	6,416,880	53,474 0 0	6,895,440	57,462 0 0	8,962,320	74,686 0 0
At one penny ...	3,949,440	16,456 0 0	4,583,280	19,097 0 0	1,835,040	7,646 0 0	7,887,120	32,863 0 0	1,447,200	6,030 0 0
At one halfpenny	2,099,760	4,374 10 0	2,037,120	4,244 0 0	1,077,120	2,244 0 0	3,722,880	7,756 0 0	2,435,520	5,074 0 0
Post cards ...	1,002,500	4,177 1 8	4,250	17 14 2	...	...	121,550	506 9 2	248,200	1,034 3 4
Newspaper wrappers at one halfpenny	...	...	...	...	509,238	*1,060 18 3	99,990	†208 6 3	236,502	†492 14 3
Totals ...	13,474,580	103,977 11 8	14,214,890	87,630 14 2	9,932,598	80,984 18 3	20,267,220	147,159 15 5	14,076,622	105,988 17 7

* Exclusive of £117 17s. 7d., cost of paper and working expenses. † Exclusive of £23 2s. 11d., cost of paper and working expenses.
 ‡ Exclusive of £54 14s. 11d., cost of paper and working expenses.

Table No. 10.

RETURN of Intercolonial and Interprovincial Mail Steam Services, 1880.

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., 1881	13	3,440	£ s. d. 0 2 2½
Auckland and Fiji	2,470	June, 1880	June, 1882	13	2,334	0 1 7½
Auckland and Warkworth	280½	Aug., 1878	July, 1881	104	150	0 0 3
Auckland and Matakana						
Helensville and Dargaville	500	Aug., 1878	July, 1881	104	300	0 0 2
Helensville and Matakobe						
Helensville and Port Albert						
Tauranga and Opotiki	250	July, 1877	June, 1881	52	120	0 0 9½
Nelson and Hokitika	1,300	July, 1877	July, 1880	13	480	0 4 2
Westport and Karamea	225	Nov., 1877	On two months' notice	12	102	0 3 8
Middle Island Service	2,795	July, 1877	July, 1881	12	1,213	0 3 10
Port Chalmers and Manukau	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 1879 and 1880.

Post Offices.	1880.							1879.								
	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	...	19	8	2	...	...	30	1	...	21	8	2	...	...	32
Thames	1	...	2	2	1	...	...	6	1	...	2	2	1	...	...	6
Onehunga	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2
Tauranga	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2
Gisborne	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	3	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	3
New Plymouth	...	1	2	1	...	...	...	4	1	...	3	1	...	...	...	5
Napier	...	1	5	3	...	...	...	9	1	...	5	3	...	...	...	9
Port Ahuriri	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Wellington	...	1	14	5	2	...	...	22	1	...	17	5	1	...	...	24
Wanganui	...	1	3	2	1	...	...	7	1	...	3	2	...	...	...	6
Nelson	...	1	3	2	1	...	...	7	1	...	3	2	1	...	...	7
The Port	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Westport	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	3	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	3
Blenheim	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	3	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	3
Pictou	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2
Kaikoura	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Christchurch	...	1	18	9	1	...	...	29	1	...	18	9	1	...	...	29
Lyttelton	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	3	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	3
Timaru	...	1	4	2	1	...	...	8	1	...	4	2	1	...	...	8
Akaroa	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	2
Dunedin	...	1	19	11	2	...	...	33	1	...	21	11	2	1	...	36
Port Chalmers	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	3	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	3
Oamaru	...	1	4	2	1	...	...	8	1	...	4	2	1	...	...	8
Invercargill	...	1	7	2	1	...	...	11	1	...	7	2	1	...	...	11
Campbelltown	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Hokitika	...	1	2	1	...	...	...	5	1	...	2	1	...	...	...	5
Greymouth	...	1	2	1	...	...	...	5	1	...	2	1	...	...	...	5
Chatham Islands	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2
Totals	16	12	113	55	15	...	2	213	16	11	122	55	13	1	2	220

Table No. 12.

COMPARATIVE TABLE showing the Postal Revenue, and Number of Letters, Post Cards, Books, and Newspapers delivered and posted, within the several Postal Districts, during the Years 1870, 1875, 1879, and 1880.

Postal Districts.	Revenue.			Letters.		Post Cards.		Books.		Newspapers.		
				Delivered.	Posted.	Delivered.	Posted.	Delivered.	Posted.	Delivered.	Posted.	
Auckland—	1870	£ 10,264	s. 15	d. 3	653,700	619,466	...	...	...	...	436,809	262,471
	1875	13,133	11	0	782,329	779,617	...	...	...	...	647,325	326,248
	1879	20,492	1	1	1,427,636	1,570,311	31,681	12,723	99,736	108,342	881,127	800,020
	1880	22,764	11	0	1,940,536	1,900,808	42,241	43,995	109,720	173,966	965,822	672,187
Thames—	1875	1,664	0	6	119,418	109,954	...	...	...	...	52,323	52,886
	1879	1,582	15	1	136,209	107,805	2,782	1,933	8,632	1,699	81,471	57,709
	1880	1,584	6	3	106,895	117,901	4,524	2,886	4,914	6,951	65,468	71,491
New Plymouth	1870	593	6	4	30,767	28,320	...	...	...	...	27,315	15,308
	1875	1,815	9	5	97,040	89,469	...	...	...	...	72,462	49,632
	1879	2,333	9	8	103,115	137,968	3,289	7,245	8,385	5,477	89,705	78,693
	1880	1,987	16	7	168,549	145,589	8,017	13,104	14,499	11,137	124,644	72,592
Napier—	1870	1,476	14	2	72,744	76,553	...	...	...	...	61,963	54,157
	1875	4,076	19	8	186,993	230,973	...	...	...	...	128,480	150,750
	1879	6,554	10	3	459,289	462,852	6,487	7,748	27,924	15,505	336,856	206,527
	1880	7,225	13	3	377,979	446,697	5,599	7,505	35,438	38,957	261,785	201,621
Wanganui—	1879	6,456	12	8	480,638	449,154	10,556	10,010	39,390	22,785	247,729	120,155
	1880	6,850	12	11	521,872	476,381	11,689	11,449	38,480	25,012	329,446	167,275
Wellington—	1870	12,674	5	3	354,815	336,375	...	...	...	...	262,631	216,621
	1875	51,050	5	8	802,950	922,177	...	...	...	...	596,768	470,650
	1879*	57,293	3	10	1,688,180	1,691,768	12,168	21,493	158,717	194,480	1,129,973	702,945
	1880	58,386	9	0	1,590,897	1,658,436	25,679	27,395	109,191	187,131	773,145	585,836
Nelson—	1870	3,093	5	8	188,860	185,179	...	...	...	...	191,671	123,821
	1875	2,399	11	10	205,716	180,707	...	...	...	...	145,470	111,769
	1879	3,568	6	0	313,384	281,644	2,756	4,429	36,959	28,106	160,563	95,602
	1880	3,821	2	0	286,962	335,519	6,327	11,249	21,485	26,615	156,286	123,578
Westport—	1875	1,053	6	2	73,527	57,447	...	...	...	...	95,237	51,258
	1879	896	1	1	68,965	59,203	8,684	6,084	5,915	1,196	82,628	33,973
	1880	908	5	2	62,374	49,227	1,499	1,213	4,056	1,560	70,547	24,856
Greymouth—	1875	2,171	13	7	146,702	167,980	...	...	...	...	130,734	153,106
	1879	2,481	3	6	187,161	210,097	1,729	3,059	7,540	8,944	127,842	129,012
	1880	2,514	19	9	167,079	196,603	2,011	2,236	12,159	22,967	132,851	79,889
Hokitika—	1870	2,252	4	4	212,689	225,157	...	...	...	...	165,380	123,906
	1875	1,816	0	9	121,517	121,743	...	...	...	...	151,832	68,695
	1879	2,574	5	1	134,602	141,934	1,222	1,499	10,842	5,174	131,305	69,221
	1880	3,072	17	11	141,483	137,070	1,976	2,912	10,833	7,124	131,092	66,135
Blenheim—	1870	1,099	16	7	87,174	92,124	...	...	...	...	71,467	72,202
	1875	1,719	9	0	153,723	131,624	...	...	...	...	153,124	60,787
	1879	2,273	17	10	147,597	168,249	754	1,352	10,556	3,805	116,740	56,680
	1880	2,313	8	3	134,680	129,705	1,569	1,213	13,702	3,961	129,818	50,839
Christchurch—	1870	8,905	19	6	623,794	410,938	...	...	...	...	353,651	168,635
	1875	17,582	19	8	1,052,071	1,000,864	...	...	...	...	529,554	295,420
	1879†	24,373	9	0	1,872,468	2,038,002	63,596	82,247	106,873	92,179	578,942	437,571
	1880	26,088	6	3	2,171,819	2,528,623	75,699	92,326	108,933	214,285	685,756	737,184
Timaru—	1879	6,415	8	10	417,542	489,456	14,196	15,990	21,541	9,863	179,764	119,219
	1880	7,259	19	2	479,423	534,369	15,719	17,342	23,573	20,609	170,213	187,772
Oamaru—	1879	3,486	8	6	320,730	258,502	7,137	8,095	21,749	8,034	166,127	83,789
	1880	3,735	6	5	331,977	315,432	5,911	8,797	19,604	12,255	176,939	104,624
Dunedin—	1870	13,667	14	1	711,479	578,299	...	...	...	...	582,593	558,799
	1875	20,891	5	9	1,106,168	1,343,748	...	...	...	...	1,142,015	872,706
	1879†	31,909	0	2	1,921,205	2,107,623	45,539	75,417	117,429	156,355	984,087	1,211,589
	1880	32,837	8	7	1,916,001	2,308,696	42,224	77,393	110,327	221,234	1,105,693	1,252,281
Invercargill—	1870	1,758	15	2	82,910	74,536	...	...	...	...	113,454	26,808
	1875	3,121	5	9	205,249	238,145	...	...	...	...	181,133	120,913
	1879	6,340	2	8	512,849	540,620	15,210	12,367	29,289	22,195	327,600	205,660
	1880	7,453	17	1	564,486	579,800	13,823	13,459	36,755	26,017	371,705	223,487
Totals—	1870	55,780	18	3	3,018,932	2,626,947	...	...	...	...	2,266,934	1,622,728
	1875	122,495	18	9	5,053,403	5,374,448	...	...	...	...	4,026,457	2,784,820
	1879	179,030	15	3	10,251,570	10,706,248	227,786	271,691	711,477	684,139	5,649,579	4,408,365
	1880	188,804	19	7	10,993,012	11,861,456	264,507	334,384	673,609	999,781	5,651,270	4,621,647

* The Wanganui returns separated from those of Wellington. † The Timaru returns separated from those of Christchurch.
 ‡ The Oamaru returns separated from those of Dunedin.

Table No. 13.

TABLE showing the Number of Letters, Post Cards, Books, &c., and Newspapers delivered by Letter-carriers from the Post Offices within the several Postal Districts during the Year ended 31st December, 1880.

Postal Districts.	Letters.	Post Cards.	Books, Circulars, and Parcels.	Newspapers.
Auckland	545,468	3,629	5,677	70,975
Thames	82,857	4,204	2,147	24,692
New Plymouth	74,069	3,286	3,096	26,175
Napier	91,620	2,882	5,681	26,310
Wanganui	108,410	6,121	5,889	33,716
Wellington	400,134	7,044	4,296	76,190
Nelson	74,741	3,369	4,594	31,620
Westport	19,600	486	640	11,910
Greymouth	39,317	802	1,826	25,470
Hokitika	26,210	845	1,804	9,921
Blenheim	27,714	671	1,721	14,626
Christchurch	910,131	26,843	25,527	166,251
Timaru	90,390	4,424	4,494	22,156
Oamaru	107,883	6,513	4,949	26,589
Dunedin	640,640	15,466	23,704	182,397
Invercargill	100,718	3,332	2,531	31,954
Totals	3,339,902	89,917	98,576	780,952
Previous year	2,831,496	96,883	116,105	744,927

Table No. 14.

TABLE showing the Number of Letters, Book-packets, and Newspapers received from and despatched to places outside the Colony during the Year ended 31st December, 1880.

	Received.			Despatched.		
	Letters.	Book-packets.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Book-packets.	Newspapers.
United Kingdom—						
<i>Via</i> San Francisco	443,283	136,443	1,110,349	463,900	23,314	433,048
<i>Via</i> Suez	97,484	37,978	255,782	57,307	2,074	16,679
Australian Colonies	338,604	38,132	541,822	378,765	15,924	212,098
Other places	55,826	12,177	89,238	55,559	4,651	53,117
Totals	935,197	224,730	1,997,191	955,531	45,963	714,942
Previous year	876,043	205,191	1,830,652	826,457	32,186	606,674

Table No. 15.

TABLE showing the estimated Number of Letters, Post Cards, Book-packets and Parcels, and Newspapers delivered and posted, within the several Postal Districts of New Zealand, during the Year ended 31st December, 1880.

Postal Districts.	Delivered.				Posted.			
	Letters.	Post Cards.	Books and Parcels.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Post Cards.	Books and Parcels.	Newspapers.
Auckland	1,940,536	42,241	109,720	965,822	1,900,808	43,905	173,966	672,187
Thames	106,895	4,524	4,914	65,468	117,901	2,886	6,951	71,491
New Plymouth	168,549	8,017	14,499	124,644	145,589	13,104	11,137	72,592
Napier	377,979	5,599	35,438	261,785	446,697	7,505	38,957	201,621
Wanganui	521,872	11,689	38,480	329,446	476,381	11,449	25,012	167,275
Wellington	1,590,897	25,679	109,191	773,145	1,658,436	27,395	187,131	585,836
Nelson	286,962	6,327	21,485	156,286	335,519	11,249	26,615	123,578
Westport	62,374	1,499	4,056	70,547	49,227	1,213	1,560	24,856
Greymouth	167,079	2,011	12,159	132,851	196,603	2,236	22,967	79,889
Hokitika	141,483	1,976	10,833	131,092	137,670	2,912	7,124	66,135
Blenheim	134,680	1,569	13,702	129,818	129,705	1,213	3,961	50,839
Christchurch	2,171,819	75,699	108,933	685,756	2,528,623	92,326	214,285	737,184
Timaru	479,423	15,719	23,573	170,213	534,369	17,342	20,609	187,772
Oamaru	331,977	5,911	19,604	176,939	315,432	8,797	12,255	104,624
Dunedin	1,916,001	42,224	110,327	1,105,693	2,308,666	77,393	221,234	1,252,281
Invercargill	564,486	13,823	36,755	371,765	579,800	13,459	26,017	223,487
Totals	10,963,012	264,507	673,669	5,651,270	11,861,456	334,384	999,781	4,621,647
Previous year	10,251,570	227,786	711,477	5,649,579	10,706,248	271,691	684,139	4,408,365

Table No. 16.

STATEMENT of Correspondence received from the United Kingdom *via* San Francisco and *via* Brindisi and Suez during the Year ended 31st December, 1880.

Date of Receipt.	<i>Via</i> San Francisco.			<i>Via</i> Suez and Melbourne.		
	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.
January	28,086	10,918	84,021	6,891	2,376	12,064
" ... ..	...	...	...	2,488	528	1,948
February	35,509	11,178	95,716	5,841	3,203	12,309
" ... ..	...	...	...	2,606	578	4,451
March	33,449	10,019	88,342	5,899	2,289	13,784
" ... ..	...	...	...	2,329	693	4,469
" ... ..	...	...	...	4,969	2,839	10,182
April	36,507	8,841	77,416	2,647	1,727	3,554
" ... ..	...	...	...	4,701	2,262	12,804
May	33,562	9,499	66,554	2,319	1,289	3,475
" ... ..	...	...	...	3,760	1,434	18,340
June	31,635	12,424	91,940	3,448	1,315	8,280
" ... ..	...	...	...	4,543	2,032	18,142
July	34,466	11,665	85,040	2,328	676	5,078
" ... ..	...	...	...	4,399	1,236	17,657
August	36,283	6,283	56,335	2,626	719	4,831
"	31,863	11,643	87,974	3,656	1,870	15,075
" ... ..	...	...	...	2,431	917	5,109
September	33,972	12,107	96,760	4,133	1,741	15,077
" ... ..	...	...	...	2,580	939	6,020
October	33,552	7,958	90,587	4,592	1,362	15,640
November	37,278	12,131	90,290	2,625	1,260	5,279
" ... ..	...	...	...	4,838	2,182	15,698
" ... ..	...	...	...	2,634	607	5,577
December	37,121	11,777	99,374	5,127	1,234	15,175
" ... ..	...	...	...	3,074	670	5,764
Totals	443,283	136,443	1,110,349	97,484	37,978	255,782
Previous year	415,275	126,464	1,147,515	93,715	35,575	160,799

Table No. 17

STATEMENT of Correspondence despatched to the United Kingdom *via* San Francisco and *via* Suez and Brindisi during the Year ended 31st December, 1880.

Date of Despatch.	<i>Via</i> San Francisco.			<i>Via</i> Melbourne and Suez.		
	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.
January	30,700	1,459	27,517	6,291	124	2,861
February	39,261	1,622	30,225	4,773	81	641
March	35,720	1,576	32,729	5,113	193	1,079
March	32,887	1,318	31,400	...	...	...
April	37,450	1,166	34,099	4,855	298	955
May	37,128	1,489	32,085	5,109	169	1,395
June	38,473	1,553	34,044	4,579	130	1,279
July	38,307	1,436	34,557	4,255	178	1,038
July ... ..	...	...	...	3,989	141	1,554
August	37,121	2,020	36,930	4,197	195	1,245
September	33,353	2,044	33,991	3,691	176	1,055
October	33,992	2,030	36,317	3,341	153	1,003
November	36,097	3,049	35,629	3,551	124	1,335
December	33,411	2,552	33,525	3,563	112	1,239
Totals	463,900	23,314	433,048	57,307	2,074	16,679
Previous year	417,362	16,034	350,355	67,913	2,090	51,605

Table No. 16.
TABLE showing the Revenue, Expenditure, &c., of the Post Offices in the several Postal Districts of New Zealand for the Year 1880.

Postal Districts.	No. of Officers.	Total Estimated Correspondence Posted and Delivered.						Expenditure.					Revenue.		
		Letters.	Post Cards.	Books and Parcels.	Newspapers.	Cost of Conveyance of Mails.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Total.	Cash.	Official Postage.	Total.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	180	3,841,344	86,146	283,686	1,638,009	5,486 15 10	7,234 3 2	1,200 1 6	13,921 0 6	19,499 4 6	3,265 6 6	22,704 11 0	£	s.	d.
Thames	15	224,796	7,410	11,865	136,959	313 0 0	1,056 7 4	127 3 8	1,496 10 10	1,260 4 10	324 1 5	1,884 6 3	£	s.	d.
New Plymouth	15	314,138	21,121	25,639	197,236	1,130 14 4	797 19 2	76 4 8	1,914 18 2	1,750 5 3	237 11 4	1,987 16 7	£	s.	d.
Napier	53	824,676	13,104	74,395	493,406	3,084 10 7	2,251 12 1	269 10 9	5,605 13 5	6,494 9 9	731 3 6	7,225 13 3	£	s.	d.
Wanganui	23	998,253	23,138	63,492	496,721	584 6 7	1,656 19 7	226 9 5	2,417 15 7	5,812 1 1	1,038 11 10	6,850 12 11	£	s.	d.
Wellington	61	3,249,333	53,974	296,322	1,358,981	3,830 8 6	5,415 16 11	1,329 18 2	10,576 3 7	14,734 19 4	43,651 9 8	58,386 9 0	£	s.	d.
Totals for North Island	347	9,452,540	203,993	755,396	4,291,312	14,429 15 10	18,272 18 3	3,229 8 0	35,932 2 1	49,551 4 9	49,248 4 3	98,799 9 0	£	s.	d.
Nelson	28	622,481	17,576	48,100	279,864	955 1 6	1,642 4 4	212 11 3	2,809 17 1	3,094 5 2	726 16 10	3,821 2 0	£	s.	d.
Westport	17	111,601	2,712	5,616	95,403	896 16 3	651 18 4	54 11 0	1,603 5 7	728 1 2	180 4 0	908 5 2	£	s.	d.
Greymouth	25	363,682	4,247	35,126	212,740	1,235 3 4	1,219 0 4	131 13 8	2,585 17 4	2,932 17 8	482 2 1	2,514 19 9	£	s.	d.
Hokitika	30	279,153	4,888	17,937	197,227	1,425 11 8	1,075 7 2	108 7 5	2,609 6 3	1,788 10 1	1,284 7 10	3,072 17 11	£	s.	d.
Blenheim	15	264,385	2,782	17,663	180,657	812 12 7	876 7 2	93 13 2	1,782 12 11	2,015 14 4	297 13 11	2,313 8 3	£	s.	d.
Christchurch	135	4,700,442	168,235	323,218	1,422,940	4,843 11 3	7,249 17 2	983 14 10	13,977 3 3	23,592 17 11	2,585 8 4	26,088 6 3	£	s.	d.
Timaru	38	1,013,792	33,061	44,182	357,985	1,242 11 4	1,570 12 1	163 2 1	2,976 5 0	6,261 13 10	998 5 4	7,259 19 2	£	s.	d.
Oamaru	19	647,409	14,708	31,859	281,563	468 18 3	1,466 6 8	43 3 11	1,918 8 10	3,648 13 1	86 13 4	3,735 6 5	£	s.	d.
Dunedin	144	4,224,697	119,617	331,561	2,357,974	7,310 3 4	8,032 18 6	1,989 13 5	16,732 15 3	25,234 6 1	7,603 2 6	32,837 8 7	£	s.	d.
Invercargill	57	1,144,286	27,282	62,772	595,252	1,441 15 9	2,313 12 6	433 17 2	4,189 5 5	6,644 2 6	809 14 7	7,453 17 1	£	s.	d.
Totals for Middle Island	508	13,371,928	394,898	918,054	5,981,605	20,632 5 3	26,038 4 3	3,614 7 11	50,284 17 5	74,981 1 10	15,054 8 9	90,095 10 7	£	s.	d.
General Post Office	...	...	...	...	...	63,021 17 8	3,526 13 4	329 4 4	66,877 15 4	25,015 2 2	...	25,015 2 2	£	s.	d.
Totals for the Colony	855	22,824,468	598,891	1,673,450	10,272,917	98,083 18 9	47,837 15 10	7,173 0 3	153,094 14 10	149,517 8 9	64,302 13 0	213,820 1 9	£	s.	d.

