

1883.
NEW ZEALAND.

POST OFFICE AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT
(REPORT OF THE), FOR THE YEAR 1882.

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

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 16th June, 1883.

I have to submit to your Excellency the report on the Post Office and Telegraph Service for the year ended the 31st December, 1882.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS DICK,

Postmaster-General and Commissioner of Telegraphs.

His Excellency the Governor of New Zealand.

REPORT.

As promised in the last report, with the object of securing uniformity the operations of both branches of the department, as disclosed in the several tables, are those for the calendar year ended the 31st December last. The statement of revenue and expenditure given below, however, is for the financial year. It was found more convenient, for purposes of comparison in matters of receipts and disbursements, to deal with the financial year, more especially as the Treasury accounts are made up to the 31st March.

As will be observed from the tables appended to the report, there has been a large and general increase in the business of the department; and it may be said that the past year has been more than usually prosperous with the Post Office and Telegraph.

The number of letters dealt with was 30,525,579, an increase of nearly five millions, or 19·44 per cent.

The number of telegrams of all codes transmitted was 1,570,189, an increase of 131,417 messages, or 9·13 per cent.

The revenue shows an increase of £30,105 10s. 2d, or 12·79 per cent. over the previous year's receipts.

The expenditure for the year increased at the rate of £21,255 19s. 11d., an abnormally large increase.

The revenue and expenditure in detail for the year will be found in the following statement:—

STATEMENT of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Post Office and Telegraph Department for the Year ended 31st March, 1883.

REVENUE.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Stamps used for postage	130,000	0 0	Salaries	115,266	0 4
Money-order commission collected in the colony	8,369	5 8	Conveyance of mails by sea	61,977	6 7
Money-order commission received from foreign offices	295	10 2	Conveyance of inland mails	26,049	8 7
Private box and bag fees	3,929	1 2	Money-order commission credited to foreign offices	1,299	13 0
Postage from foreign offices	24,305	17 2	Maintenance and repairs of telegraph lines, and miscellaneous	44,642	14 6
Miscellaneous receipts (postal)	5,098	19 9	Cable subsidies	5,312	7 3
Ordinary and Press telegrams	84,876	4 6			
Telephone exchanges	5,014	9 0		254,547	10 3
Miscellaneous receipts (telegraph)	2,745	10 9	Balance of revenue over expenditure	10,087	7 11
	<u>£264,634</u>	<u>18 2</u>		<u>£264,634</u>	<u>18 2</u>