

42 additional wall, lamp-post, or pillar receivers were erected during the year, and 10 closed. The total number of these receivers at the end of the year had increased to 183.

48 new post offices were opened, 9 reopened, and 25 closed during the year, at the following places:—

Opened.

Ashburton Gorge (reopened), Christchurch.	Kawhaka (reopened), Hokitika.	Pine Bush (reopened), Invercargill.
Belfast, Christchurch.	Kennington, Invercargill.	Pleasant Valley (reopened), Timaru.
Birdling's Flat, Christchurch.	Kuripapanga, Napier.	Rahotu (reopened), New Plymouth.
Burke's, Dunedin.	Leahytown, Thames.	Rangiahua, Auckland.
Cairnbrae, Christchurch.	Lismore, Christchurch.	Remu, Hokitika.
Claremont, Timaru.	Longridge, Invercargill.	Sea View, Christchurch.
Claremont (reopened), Timaru.	Martinborough, Wellington.	Springburn, Christchurch.
Clonmore, Greymouth.	Mataikuna, Wellington.	Tamahere, Auckland.
Colac Bay, Invercargill.	Matamau, Napier.	Upper Mill, Auckland.
Cross's Creek, Wellington.	Nightcaps, Invercargill.	Waihi, Thames.
Epsom, Auckland.	Ohonga, Wellington.	Waimatuku, Invercargill.
Fairfax, Invercargill.	Okaiawa, Wanganui.	Waipuku, New Plymouth.
Garston, Invercargill.	Oropi, Auckland.	Waipuna, Auckland.
Harcourt's Ferry (reopened), Hokitika.	Otiake, Oamaru.	Wairio, Invercargill.
Hawea Flat, Dunedin.	Otipua, Timaru.	Waitapu, Auckland.
Hawkeswood, Christchurch.	Owen River, Nelson.	Whangape, Auckland.
Hedgehope, Invercargill.	Peria, Auckland.	Whirinaki (reopened), Auckland.
Hikurangi, Auckland.	Piako, Auckland.	White's Point (reopened), Westport.
Humphrey's, Hokitika.	Pine Bush, Invercargill.	Whitford, Auckland.

Closed.

Appleby, Invercargill.	Kawhaka, Hokitika.	Round Hill, Invercargill.
Big Paddock, Hokitika.	Malvern, Christchurch.	Te Kao, Auckland.
Bridge, Blenheim.	Mapourika, Hokitika.	Victoria Bridge, Dunedin.
Claremont, Timaru.	Newmarket, Auckland.	Waianiwa, Invercargill.
Edenvale, Auckland.	Okoroiri, Auckland.	Waihenga, Wellington.
Flint's Bush, Invercargill.	Opawa, Christchurch.	Waikawa, Invercargill.
Goodfellow's, Hokitika.	Papanui, Christchurch.	Whirinaki, Auckland.
Harrisville, Invercargill.	Pleasant Valley, Timaru.	Woolston, Christchurch.
Inch Clutha, Dunedin.		

The number of post offices increased to 900; and the total number open on the 31st December last, compared with the number in existence in 1881, is shown in the following table:—

Postal Districts.	1882.				1881.			
	Chief Offices.	Second-class Post Offices.	Sub-Post Offices.	Totals.	Chief Offices.	Second-class Post Offices.	Sub-Post Offices.	Totals.
Auckland	1	3	196	200	1	3	188	192
Thames	1	..	16	17	1	..	14	15
New Plymouth	1	1	17	19	1	1	15	17
Gisborne	1	..	8	9	1	..	8	9
Napier	1	1	43	45	1	1	40	42
Wanganui	1	..	27	28	1	..	26	27
Wellington	1	..	63	64	1	..	60	61
Nelson	1	1	29	31	1	1	28	30
Westport	1	..	17	18	1	..	16	17
Greymouth	1	..	26	27	1	..	25	26
Hokitika	1	..	24	25	1	..	24	25
Blenheim	1	2	14	17	1	2	15	18
Christchurch	1	2	136	139	1	2	132	135
Timaru	1	..	39	40	1	..	36	37
Oamaru	1	..	19	20	1	..	18	19
Dunedin	1	1	131	133	1	1	132	134
Invercargill	1	1	64	66	1	1	60	62
Chatham Islands	1	1	2	..	1	1	2
Totals	17	13	870	900	17	13	838	868

The names of the following post offices were changed: Kapanga to Coromandel, Richmond to Matata, Lake Takapuna to Takapuna, Matawai to Tiki, Whau Bridge to Avondale (all in the Auckland District); Hastings (Thames) to Tapu; Upper Woodstock (Hokitika) to Rimu; Upper Waianiwa (Invercargill) to Waianiwa.

Government Insurance agencies were opened at the post offices at Stirling, Kamo, Manaia, and Te Aroha. The agencies at Napier, Wanganui, and Invercargill were separated from the post office on the 1st April last, and it is also proposed by the Insurance Department to create agencies at Oamaru and Timaru distinct from the post offices.

18 additional money-order and savings-banks offices were established.

Amalgamation with the railway was carried out at Ormondville, Fordell, Brunnerton, Belfast, Birdling's Flat, Papanui, and Ngapara.