

In addition, 4 gold rings set with jewels, 2 plain gold rings, 1 ladies' silver watch and chain, 3 silver Waltham hunting-watches, 1 silver lever-watch, 1 greenstone bar, gold mounted; 4 gold nuggets, portion of gold chain with three keys and two seals attached, Maltese greenstone cross, gold mounted, and kauri-gum ornament, book-shaped; gold exhibition medals, and a silver and pebble brooch, were received at the Dead Letter Office.

1,240 unclaimed registered letters were dealt with.

55 letters were detained for postage, 5 of which were subsequently forwarded.

439 newspapers and 360 and other articles without addresses were received; of these, 62 were delivered.

62 letters were posted without addresses.

9 letters with obscene and libellous addresses.

121 letters imperfectly and wrongly addressed.

1,205 letters were refused.

2 letters were posted with previously-used postage stamps.

REGISTERED LETTERS.

The number of registered letters dealt with, compared with the numbers in 1879, 1880, and 1881, is shown below:—

Postal Districts.	1879.			1880.			1881.			1882.		
	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 ..	2,735	12,569	15,304	3,195	15,625	18,820	4,010	15,385	19,395	4,642	15,459	20,101
Thames ..	154	922	1,076	123	911	1,034	135	1,167	1,302	161	1,136	1,297
New Plymouth ..	290	1,429	1,719	334	1,939	2,273	356	2,413	2,769	507	2,589	3,096
Gisborne ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	69	757	826	130	745	875
Napier ..	627	3,828	4,455	751	4,485	5,236	770	3,926	4,696	921	4,141	5,062
Wanganui ..	309	4,004	4,313	376	4,354	4,730	481	5,081	5,562	439	4,771	5,210
Wellington ..	2,743	12,167	14,910	2,803	12,894	15,697	2,824	13,630	16,454	3,137	15,147	18,284
Nelson ..	487	1,894	2,381	473	2,020	2,493	797	2,629	3,426	805	2,581	3,386
Westport ..	82	862	944	108	1,104	1,212	75	966	1,041	106	809	915
Greymouth ..	182	1,205	1,387	196	1,776	1,972	175	1,881	2,056	187	1,999	2,186
Hokitika ..	219	1,343	1,562	180	1,882	2,062	188	1,823	2,011	220	1,700	1,920
Blenheim ..	132	988	1,120	188	1,263	1,451	166	1,400	1,566	215	1,286	1,501
Christchurch ..	2,856	12,640	15,496	3,831	15,873	19,704	4,156	15,274	19,430	4,271	13,677	17,948
Timaru ..	373	2,532	2,905	418	3,757	4,175	550	3,783	4,333	512	2,853	3,365
Oamaru ..	176	1,454	1,630	232	1,615	1,847	315	1,886	2,201	271	1,712	1,983
Dunedin ..	3,584	11,889	15,473	3,442	13,136	16,578	4,190	13,328	17,518	4,217	13,344	17,561
Invercargill ..	482	3,331	3,813	1,126	4,495	5,621	1,471	4,492	5,963	1,484	5,100	6,584
Totals ..	15,431	73,107	88,538	17,776	87,129	104,905	20,728	89,821	110,549	22,225	89,049	111,274

BUILDINGS.

New offices have been completed and occupied at Arrow River and South Dunedin.

The offices at Ngaruawahia and Cambridge have been altered, and an addition to the railway-station, Pukekohe, is being made for the better performance of postal and telegraph work.

New buildings are in progress at Paeroa, Te Aroha, Kihikihi, Rotorua, Parihaka, Manaiia, Greytown, Picton, and Oamaru.

The new building at Wellington is progressing satisfactorily, and will probably be ready for occupation about March next.

Alterations and additions have either been or are being made to the offices at Russell, Onehunga, Greymouth, Lyell, Kaitangata, and Ophir.

No other new buildings have been decided upon.

The growth of business in Auckland has been such as to show that further office accommodation is even now required. This cannot be secured until the Customs vacate their present offices.

INLAND MAIL SERVICES.

The following are the particulars of the inland services:—

Performed by coach and mail-cart ..	..	..	..	..	145
„ on horseback ..	..	..	..	..	221
„ on foot ..	..	..	..	..	55
„ by water ..	..	..	..	..	31
„ by railway ..	..	..	..	..	53
Total number of services ..	..	..	..	..	505