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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>

The revenue from stamps is but an estimate, as, since the creating of the new series of stamps available for postage and other purposes, it has been impossible to determine what revenue properly belongs to the Post Office from the sale of stamps. From what is believed to have been a very accurate check made in June, 1882, the face-value of stamps on prepaid articles passing through the Post and the stamps on unpaid correspondence was estimated to yield over £130,000 a year. This sum has therefore been credited the revenue side of the statement as the value of "stamps used for postage." In the Treasury accounts, however, the item Postal revenue has been excised altogether; and receipts from the Post Office from the sale of stamps, money-order commission, private box and bag fees, postage from foreign offices, &c., are all brought under the head of "stamp revenue." It is the intention to suggest to the Treasury an amendment as to the manner of accounting for the several items of Postal revenue.

It may be explained that the expenditure in the foregoing statement does not include what has been charged against loan, or the public buildings' vote. £18,654 for telegraph extension and £9,938 for new buildings was expended out of loan; and £6,090 for buildings, alterations, repairs, office fittings, &c., was spent out of "Vote 111, Public Buildings," during the year; in all, £34,672. The carriage of mails by railway also is not debited against the department. This service, which is of the value of about £15,000 a year, is performed gratuitously, but it is admitted that payment should be made by the Post Office. Nor does the revenue side of the statement include the value of the whole of the services performed by the department, the official correspondence and telegrams, amounting to £84,361 8s. 4d. (for which no payment is received), not being taken credit for. It is desirable that the actual receipts and expenditure of a department such as the Post Office and Telegraph, more especially in a young colony like New Zealand, should be capable of being stated precisely and in a concise form; but this cannot be accomplished under the present system. Every item of Postal and Telegraph expenditure proper should, it is held, be made a direct charge against the departmental vote, and, on the other hand, the services now gratuitously performed for other departments be paid for.

POST OFFICE.

A very large increase of business was the result of the year's operations.

The number of letters, post-cards, book-packets and pattern-parcels, and newspapers delivered and posted, compared with the number dealt with in 1881, is recorded in the following statement:—

	1882.	1881.	Increase.
Letters—Delivered	45,526,719	13,588,740	
Posted	14,998,860	11,969,191	
	<u>30,525,579</u>	<u>25,557,931</u>	<u>4,967,648</u>
Post-cards—Delivered	418,477	382,174	
Posted	540,618	490,366	
	<u>959,095</u>	<u>872,540</u>	<u>86,555</u>
Book-packets and pattern-parcels—Delivered	1,087,584	940,238	
Posted	1,308,671	921,944	
	<u>2,396,255</u>	<u>1,862,182</u>	<u>534,073</u>
Newspapers—Delivered	7,357,473	7,228,663	
Posted	5,955,626	5,019,380	
	<u>13,313,099</u>	<u>12,248,043</u>	<u>1,065,056</u>

The letters increased 19·44 per cent.; post cards, 9·92; books and parcels, 28·68; and newspapers, 8·7 per cent.

The number of letters posted by each person was estimated to be 28·97; in 1881 the estimate was 23·89.

The postal revenue for the financial year amounted to £171,998 13s. 11d., an increase of £17,856 10s. 3d., or 11·58 per cent., over the receipts for the year 1881–82.

The expenditure on postal services during the same period was £151,837 16s. 8d., an increase of £7,711 18s. 8d., or 5·35 per cent., over the previous year's disbursements, but £20,160 17s. 3d. less than the revenue for the year.

The value of the services performed for other departments of the Government, for which no payment is made, is estimated at £63,752 16s. 5d., which, added to the £20,160 17s. 3d., the excess of revenue over expenditure, brought up the net earnings of the Post Office for the year to £88,913 13s. 8d.

£102,345 8s. 8d. was collected at post offices, in 16,478 payments, on account of the Property-Tax Department. All game-license fees and fees under the Live Stock and Inspection of Machinery Acts are now wholly collected by post offices.

The letter-carriers' deliveries at Auckland, Christchurch, Oamaru, and Invercargill were further extended; and the deliveries at Wellington, Hokitika, and Kumara increased and extended. A delivery was established at Rāngiora, and the delivery at Featherson was abolished. Deliveries at Hamilton, Cambridge, Hawera, Patea, Masterton, Palmerston North, Temuka, Milton, and Gore (to include a delivery in Gordon) are to be established.

4,123,087 letters, 140,973 post-cards, 160,108 books and parcels, and 1,068,628 newspapers were delivered during the year by the several letter-carriers.

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.	Rimu, 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.

COMPARATIVE RETURN of Officers of the Postal Department for the Years 1881 and 1882.

Officers.				Officers.			
	1882.	1881.		1882.	1881.		
Postmaster-General	1	1	Chief Postmasters	17	17		
Secretary	1	1	Postmasters	13	13		
Inspector of Post Offices	1	1	Clerks and Cadets	106	111		
Accountant, Money Order and Savings			Sub-Postmasters	870	838		
Bank Department	1	1	Letter-carriers	67	57		
Clerks in General Post Office	6	6	Messengers	12	11		
Clerks in Money Order and Savings			Shipping Officers	2	2		
Bank Department	7	5					
Mail Agents	2	3	Totals	1,106	1,067		

The sum paid for the carriage of interprovincial and intercolonial mails by unsubsidized vessels was £3,839 16s. 9d.

3,713 private boxes were let, which, together with the fees on 243 private bags, produced a revenue of £3,660 11s. 2d.

The total number of miles travelled in connection with the conveyance of the inland mails was 2,902,594. The total cost of the inland services was £24,808 18s. 6d., and the cost per mile 2·05d. In 1881 the expenditure on the inland mail services was £23,334 18s., and in 1880 £35,062 1s. 1d.

The net cost of the San Francisco and Brindisi services was £4,176 5s. 9d. and £4,715 3s. respectively.

The value of work performed for other Government Departments, and for which no payment was made, is shown by the following statement:—

FREE OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Postal District.	Letters.	Books.	Value.	Postal District.	Letters.	Books.	Value.
	lb.	lb.	£ s. d.		lb.	lb.	£ s. d.
Auckland ..	15,512	14,701	4,702 12 1½	Hokitika ..	3,588	3,660	1,078 15 10
Thames ..	585	1,365	202 8 7	Blenheim ..	736	2,202½	270 19 10
New Plymouth ..	3,003	206	822 7 11	Christchurch ..	8,750	26,373	3,265 14 0
Gisborne ..	334	623	111 11 5	Timaru ..	2,871	2,353	845 17 10
Napier ..	1,443	2,710	475 0 8	Oamaru ..	1,250	1,000	366 13 4
Wanganui ..	4,008	3,210	1,177 18 8	Dunedin ..	13,450	7,971	4,031 16 8
Wellington ..	141,614	46,079½	42,551 17 6	Invercargill ..	1,763	1,742	529 13 1
Nelson ..	2,910	4,310	922 8 7	Totals ..	..	..	63,752 16 5
Westport ..	1,163	881	339 9 2½				
Greymouth ..	7,327	3,100	2,057 11 2				

The estimated value of this class of correspondence for 1881 was £58,584 13s. 8d.

DEAD LETTERS.

The number of unclaimed letters received and disposed of in the Dead Letter Office during the under-mentioned years is shown in the following table:—

Manner of Disposal.	1865.	1870.	1875.	1880.	1881.	1882.
Opened and returned to the writers ..	22,750	17,516	39,051	60,977	52,038	53,507
Returned unopened to other countries ..	14,367	6,688	10,321	10,503	9,372	8,539
Reissued	55	63	78	240	159	54
Destroyed	9,000	2,960	6,081	5,135	3,969	6,189
Returned unopened by Chief Postmasters ..	..	..	..	11,160	12,810	14,378
Totals	46,172	27,227	55,531	88,015	78,348	82,667

The unclaimed letters dealt with show an increase of 5·51 per cent. compared with the number disposed of in the previous year.

There were also 1,556 book-packets and circulars returned to foreign countries, 5,905 returned to the senders through the Dead Letter Office, and 6,280 returned by Chief Postmasters; a total of 13,741 book-packets and circulars, against 8,223 in 1881.

The under-mentioned articles of value were found enclosed in letters opened in the Dead Letter Office, and returned to the senders where practicable:—

156 money orders .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	528 2 2
57 bank drafts .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	5,341 10 3
86 cheques .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	799 19 0
Promissory note .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	52 8 0
Postage stamps .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	7 3 8
Bank notes .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	148 0 0
Gold .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	13 10 0
Silver and copper .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	2 3 11

Representing a total of £6,892 17 0

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, Manaia, 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

Aggregate mileage	7,942
Total number of miles travelled	2,902,594
Cost to the department	£24,808 18s. 6d.
Average cost per mile	2'05d.
The total cost in 1881 was	£23,334 18s.
And the cost per mile	2'08d.

There was an increase of 36 services, and 211,782 in the number of miles travelled.

The following are a few of the alterations made during the year :—

Gisborne and Port Awanui—service made weekly instead of fortnightly.

Puketapu and Erewhon—service extended to Mohonga.

Hawera and Opunake—service made daily instead of thrice weekly.

Belgrove and Lyell—service made twice instead of once weekly.

Westport and Reefton—service made thrice instead of twice weekly.

Daily service established between Thames and Paeroa, and thrice weekly between Thames and Tauranga.

The Kurow and Omarama service made twice weekly, and a weekly service, Omarama and Ben-Ohau, established.

Weekly service, Pembroke and Makarora, established.

Services, Colac Bay and Orepuki, twice weekly, and Queenstown and Kinloch and Glenorchy, weekly, established.

The result of the tendering for the inland services for 1883–84 enabled the department to establish several additional, and in some instances important, services, and, at the same time, improve or increase the frequency of others, at an additional cost of only £275 9s. 6d.

MAIL STEAM SERVICES.

The negotiations for the continuance of the San Francisco service have resulted in New South Wales and New Zealand jointly agreeing to renew the contract at a reduced cost, for a period of two years from November next, but with the proviso that, unless a contribution in aid of the line is received from the United States, the renewed service shall only be continued for twelve months. The negotiations were only concluded in May last. The renewal terms are those proposed by the Government of New South Wales, and are set forth in the following resolution submitted to and approved by the Parliament of New South Wales :—

“That, subject to the Imperial Government agreeing to continue to convey the mails to San Francisco as heretofore, the contract between the Colonies of New South Wales and New Zealand with the Pacific Mail Company be extended for a period not exceeding two years from the expiry of the present contract in November next, at an annual subsidy not exceeding £50,000, of which the portion falling upon this colony shall not exceed £18,750, and subject to the following conditions, namely : That it shall be optional for this colony to withdraw from such extended contract at the end of twelve months, on giving three months' previous notice, in the event of the Pacific Mail Company not having obtained from the United States Government, or from other sources, a contribution equal to one-third of the total annual subsidy for such extended contract, and in diminution of the subsidy. That the service shall be performed with the acceleration upon the present contract-time of at least twenty-four hours on each voyage to and from Sydney and San Francisco during the first year, and during the second year at least forty-eight hours, subject to the same terms, conditions, premiums, and penalties as heretofore ; with this exception, that the company be relieved from keeping a fourth steamer, but that such shall not absolve them from the penalties of any failure.”

These terms having been accepted by the contractors, the amended form of contract will be executed without delay. The subsidy paid the Pacific Mail Company under the existing contract is £72,500 per annum ; and the agreement that the renewed service shall be performed with three instead of four boats, is the probable explanation of the contractors consenting to renew the service for £50,000 a year, or £22,500 less than what is now paid by the colonies. Of the present subsidy, New South Wales pays £40,000, and New Zealand £32,500 ; but, under the new agreement, New Zealand will pay £31,250, and New South Wales only £18,750, or £21,250 less than what is paid at present ; the Government of that colony urging that the service was of no value as a mail-line, and that, even for commercial purposes, it was not worth more than £18,750 a year. As it was impossible to obtain a larger contribution from New South Wales ; and, as this colony's share of the proposed cost was within the limit fixed by Parliament, it was deemed advisable to secure the continued co-operation of New South Wales, even on these inequitable terms.

The consent of the contractors to reduce the time by twenty-four hours the first year and two days the second year is a highly important concession. Fast mail-trains, to perform the journey between San Francisco and New York in five days, will within the next few months be running ; and, with the improved class of steamers that are from time to time placed in the Atlantic trade, it is not too much to predict that within eighteen months or two years the time between Auckland and London will be reduced to thirty-two or thirty-three days.

The condition that the renewed service shall not extend beyond twelve months, unless the United States contribute, indicates to the people of that country that the colonies are no longer inclined to maintain the service unless assisted by the States. Mr. Creighton, who has made a special visit to Washington and New York in connection with the renewal of the service and other matters affecting the colony, has reported that there is reason to hope that the next Congress, which meets in December, will, in some form or other, recognize the service.

The performance of the San Francisco service has been characterized with more than the usual punctuality, and on no occasion during the year has the delivery of mails exceeded the specified time. The average delivery was shorter than in any former year.

The number of days (maximum, minimum, and average) occupied in the delivery of mails between London and New Zealand, Sydney and Melbourne, by the San Francisco and Brindisi services are given below:—

	San Francisco Service.	Brindisi Service.
London to Auckland	41—37=38·69	66—50=54·23
„ Wellington	44—40=41·08	61—47=50·08
„ Dunedin	45—41=42·31	59—44=47·42
„ Sydney	46—42=43·54	52—39=41·23
„ Melbourne	48—44=45·54	51—37=39·54
Auckland to London	42—37=38·05	71—46=53·67
Wellington „	44—39=40·05	68—44=55·29
Dunedin „	45—40=41·05	66—44=52·77
Sydney „	47—42=43·05	53—41=44·04
Melbourne „	49—44=45·05	50—39=41·62

In accordance with the decision of Parliament, tenders were invited for the performance of a direct steam service between the United Kingdom and the colony, for a period of three years, at a subsidy of £20,000 a year; but no response was made to the invitation. In the meantime the New Zealand Shipping Company placed a direct line of steamers in the London and New Zealand trade, and the pioneer vessel, the “British King,” arrived at Wellington on the 19th March last, having made the passage in forty-nine and a half days from Plymouth. The third direct steamer, the “Ionic,” which reached here on the 11th instant, was only forty-three days twenty-two hours on the voyage. Apparently, this company contemplates continuing the direct steamers; and it is reported that the Albion-Shaw-Savill Company also purpose running steamers in the London and New Zealand trade. From inquiries recently addressed to the Government, it would appear that the New Zealand Shipping and Albion-Shaw-Savill Companies are not the only shipowners anxious to compete for a direct line of steamers, if the terms and conditions of the service are drawn up in a liberal spirit.

A new line of mail-packets between Marseilles and Australia, under the auspices of the French Government, was inaugurated by the Messageries Maritimes Company in November last. A subsidy of £150,000 a year is paid the company. The route is between Marseilles and Sydney, by way of Port Said, Suez, Aden, Mahé des Seychelles, Reunion, Mauritius, Adelaide, and Melbourne, with a branch service between Sydney, and Noumea, New Caledonia. The time between Marseilles and Melbourne and Sydney is forty-two and forty-five days. New Zealand mails are forwarded and received by the steamers of this new service, which is of especial benefit for the exchange of correspondence with places in the Indian Archipelago. The advent of this service has made it practicable to materially reduce the postage on correspondence for France and other places in Europe, and at the same time introduce a uniform system for the exchange of mails between France and the colony.

The estimated receipts and payments in respect of the San Francisco and Brindisi services for the year were as follow:—

RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS on account of the San Francisco and Ceylon-Brindisi Mail Services for the Year 1882.

		<i>San Francisco Service.</i>					
DR.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Subsidy to Pacific Mail Company	32,500	0	0			
	Bonus paid contractors	4,164	10	0			
	Interprovincial services, Mail Agents, &c.	6,790	0	0			
					43,454	10	0
CR.							
	Postages from London Post Office	14,373	10	2			
	Postages collected in the colony	19,046	16	7			
	Receipts from non-contracting colonies	2,777	16	0			
	Contribution from United States Government	3,080	1	6			
					39,278	4	3
	Net cost to the colony				£4,176	5	9

The estimated net cost of the service for 1881 was £5,358 7s. 8d.

454,209 letters, 177,897 books, and 1,174,728 newspapers were received from, and 447,651 letters, 40,918 books, and 506,547 newspapers despatched to, the United Kingdom, &c., by the San Francisco Service.

		<i>Ceylon-Brindisi Service.</i>					
DR.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Payments to Victoria	8,718	18	5			
	Intercolonial service, &c.	527	7	4			
					9,246	5	9
CR.							
	Postages from London Post Office	3,318	12	9			
	Postages collected in the colony	1,212	10	0			
					4,531	2	9
	Net cost to the colony				£4,715	3	0

The estimated net cost for 1881 was £4,706 3s. 4d.

100,777 letters, 67,438 books, and 313,655 newspapers were received from the United Kingdom, &c., by the Colombo-Brindisi Service; and 25,791 letters, 991 books, and 2,115 newspapers despatched.

The payments made for the year for the transmission of correspondence by the Torres Straits mail service amounted to £7 8s. 10d.

18,209 letters were despatched in mails to London, intended to be conveyed to Naples by the Orient steamers; and 4,672 letters from London were received by the same line of steamers.

SAVINGS BANKS.

During the year 18 additional savings-banks offices were opened, and 1 office closed. The total number of savings-banks offices open at the close of the year was 205.

21,014 new accounts were opened, against 25,059 in 1881; and 14,505 accounts closed, against 12,718 the preceding year. The number of open accounts on the 31st December last was 57,517, against 51,008 at the close of 1881. Of these, 41,724 had balances at credit of under £20, 7,112 of from £20 to £50, 4,333 of from £50 to £100, 3,008 of from £100 to £200, 886 of from £200 to £300, 237 of from £300 to £400, 121 of from £400 to £500, and 96 of over £500.

129,952 deposits, amounting to £1,325,852 2s. 11d., were received; each deposit averaged £10 4s., against £9 8s. 11d. for 1881. 69,308 withdrawals for £1,142,599 0s. 1d. were made, the average of each being £16 9s. 8d.; the average in 1881 was £15 0s. 1d. The total amount at the credit of depositors on the 31st December last was £1,470,950 13s. 6d., against £1,232,787 16s. 9d. at the close of 1881, an increase of £238,162 16s. 9d. for the year 1882.

The deposits exceeded the withdrawals by £183,253 2s. 10d. In 1881 the excess of deposits over withdrawals was £286,817 0s. 11d. Interest amounting to £54,909 13s. 11d. was credited depositors, against £42,204 19s. in 1881. The rate of interest was not altered during the year.

The average cost of each Post-Office Savings Bank transaction, deposit or withdrawal, for the year was 4½d., and for the whole period of the existence of the Post-Office Savings Banks in the colony 6½d.

The total amount of interest placed to the credit of depositors since the establishing of the Post-Office Savings Banks on the 1st February, 1867, has been £375,659 17s. 7d.

The number of shilling accounts opened by school-children by means of stamps affixed to cards in the several postal districts during the year was as follows:—

Postal District.	No. of Accounts Opened.	Postal District.	No. of Accounts Opened.
Auckland	114	Oamaru	20
Blenheim	1	Thames	42
Christchurch	180	Timaru	41
Dunedin	174	Wanganui	39
Gisborne	2	Wellington	128
Hokitika	7	Westport	1
Invercargill	28		
Napier	12		
Nelson	63	Total	852

The scheme for the fostering of thrift among school-children was inaugurated in February, 1881, and 8,656 shilling accounts were opened by the end of that year. The number of accounts of this description opened last year therefore show a marked falling-off. There are, it is estimated, 90,000 children attending the public schools, in addition to about 8,600 taught privately; and of this number only about one in ten embraced the facilities offered for saving pence. There is encouragement, however, to those who take an interest in inculcating habits of thrift among the young, in the fact that, of the 9,508 penny accounts opened by school-children, over 8,000 still appear in the ledgers as open accounts.

MONEY ORDERS.

Money-order business was extended to 18 new offices, namely, Brunnerton, Exhibition (Christchurch), Kaitaia, Kohukohu, Maheno, Manaia, Mangawai, Martinborough, Paeroa, Papanui, Parihaka, Pahautanui, Sterling, Stratford, Te Aroha, Waipahi, Whakatane, and Whitiangi. The money-order office at Exhibition Buildings, Christchurch, was closed during the year. The total number of money-order offices open at the end of the year was 207.

148,162 orders for £499,368 9s. 11d. were issued during the year, against 135,556 orders for £452,182 7s. 8d. in 1881, an increase of 12,606 orders for £47,186 2s. 3d.

117,021 orders for £393,945 3s. 10d. were paid, against 107,406 orders for £353,330 16s. 11d. paid in 1881, the increase being 9,615 orders and £40,614 6s. 11d.

The number of money orders issued for payment in the United Kingdom, Germany, the United States, and the Australian Colonies was 39,246 for £139,172 5s. 2d., and 8,497 orders for £34,506 6s. 7d. were issued in those countries for payment in New Zealand; a balance of £104,665 18s. 7d. against the colony. In 1881 the balance against the colony was £97,605; in 1880, £114,000; and in 1879, £108,000.

The telegraph was used for the transmission of 15,133 orders for £60,263 7s. 8d., against 14,241 telegraph orders for £55,516 2s. 10d. in 1881, an increase of 892 orders for £4,747 4s. 10d.

The revenue derived from money orders amounted to £8,267 9s. 8d., against £7,582 8s. 5d. for the year 1881, the increase being £685 1s. 3d.

TELEGRAPHS.

There was a very marked increase of business generally during the year 1882.

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

1,361,817 ordinary and Press messages were transmitted, of the value of £81,770 4s. 8d., an increase of 145,968 messages, or 12 per cent., and £6,244 16s. 6d., or 8·26 per cent., in value.

The number of telegrams of all codes and the value of each for the year, compared with the business of the previous year, will be seen from the following statement:—

	Ordinary Telegrams.			Press Telegrams.			Government Telegrams.		
	Number.	£	s. d.	Number.	£	s. d.	Number.	£	s. d.
1881	1,094,638	68,435	18 5	121,211	7,089	9 9	222,923	22,737	16 4
1882	1,207,219	73,036	5 7	154,598	8,733	19 1	208,372	20,608	11 11
Increase ...	{ 112,581 10·28 p.c.	{ 4,600 6·72 p.c.	{ 7 2 ...	{ 33,387 27·54 p.c.	{ 1,644 23·19 p.c.	{ 9 4 ...	{	{	{
Decrease ...	{	{	{	{	{	{	{ 14,551 6·52 p.c.	{ 2,129 9·36 p.c.	{ 4 5 ...

The telegraph cash revenue for the calendar year was £89,876 18s. 2d, and the expenditure £96,005 15s. 4d., or £6,128 17s. 2d. more than the cash receipts. But, taking credit for £756 13s., fees on money-order telegrams not paid over, and £20,608 11s. 11d., the value of the Government telegrams, £111,242 3s. 1d. will be found to have been the gross earnings of the telegraph, or an apparent profit of £15,236 7s. 9d. on the year's business. (*Vide* Table No. 29.)

39,941 telegrams of the urgent code, of the value of £5,769 6s., were transmitted, being an increase of 7,467 messages and £1,322 7s. 8d. in value. This was an exceptionally large increase.

Although the Government messages show a decrease of 14,551 in number and £2,129 4s. 5d. in value, 208,372 Government telegrams, of the value of £20,608 11s. 11d., were transmitted during the year. It would appear, however, that greater care had been exercised in using the wires for official purposes. Within the past two years the number of Government messages has fallen off by 37,998 and £6,412 11s. 9d. in value. This tends to confirm what was alleged in last year's report, that the wires were "used too freely, if not needlessly in some cases, for the transmission of Government messages."

The average number of telegrams sent to every 100 letters for the whole colony was 13·00, against 10·79 the previous year, and this, too, in the face of an unusually large increase of letters. The mean average in 1877 was 20·71, 19·64 in 1878, and only 9·71 in 1880. Taking a few of the districts, it may not be uninteresting to compare the number of telegrams sent to every 100 letters in the years 1881 and 1882:—

	1881.	1882.		1881.	1882.
Auckland	... 11·14	8·98	Dunedin	... 10·27	8·55
Christchurch	... 7·35	6·67	Nelson	... 22·33	18·11
New Plymouth	... 30·64	21·37	Westport	... 37·17	31·08
Wellington	... 22·75	16·67			

The frequency of postal communication has an undoubted influence on the business of the telegraph, and this, no doubt, is the explanation of the low averages at Dunedin and Christchurch, which possess a network of mail services and enjoy frequent and rapid communication; and the very high averages at Westport and New Plymouth, where the postal facilities are irregular and at times unreliable.

15,133 money-order telegrams, for £60,263 7s. 8d., were transmitted at a cost to the remitters of £1,761 3s. 8d., or 2·92 per cent. The fees for the telegrams amounted to £756 13s., the balance representing commission. There was an increase of 892 orders and £4,747 4s. 10d. in amount, against a decrease of 256 orders for £2,819 9s. 1d., the result of the previous year's transactions. Table No. 27 gives the number and value of these orders, transmitted from offices within each of the postal districts. Auckland sent 20·10 per cent. of the orders; Wellington, 12·43; Dunedin, 10·18; Christchurch, 10·34; Napier, 6·15; and Wanganui, 6·95 per cent.

Telegraph offices were opened during the year at Boatman's, Fordell, Methven, Paeroa, Pleasant Point, Papanui, Taupiri, Te Aroha, and Waihemo.

Offices connected by telephone were established at Aratapu, Brunnerton, Devonport, Enfield, Fortrose, Gladstone, Heawa, Kaeo, Kelso, Kirikiriroa, Kohukuhu, Kaikohu, Mangawhare, Malvern South, Mangawai, Manawatu Heads, Macetown, Northcote, Ngapara, Ngawha, Ormond, Ormondville, Papakura, Pinebush, Pahautanui, Paparoa, Sumner, Turua, Tiki, Takapuna, Taumariri, Te Puke, Temahere, Upper Montere, Whakatane, and Weston.

The total number of stations which have been connected by telephone is 66.

The office at Kopua was closed.

The total number of stations, including telephone stations, open at the end of the year for the transaction of public business was 264.

The Learners' Gallery was re-opened on the 1st February last, with a class of twelve cadets. Another class of twelve cadets, in addition to two railway cadets, are now being instructed

The number of miles of line maintained had increased from 3,824 to 3,974. The average cost for maintenance per mile was £5 17s. 5d., against £4 17s. 4d. for the previous year.

The number of miles of wire increased from 9,653 to 9,848, which, with 2,820 miles of duplexed wire, gave 12,668 miles as the available wire accommodation.

There has been a substantial extension of the telephone system during the year. Thirty-six additional offices have been opened, and connected by telephone. Generally, the public appear satisfied with the telephone, but there have been isolated complaints against the propriety of intrusting persons in business with the management of telephone offices, and that that secrecy, which is the very essence of the telegraph service, is not always secured at telephone offices. These objections will, no doubt, disappear in time; and precautions are being taken to prevent the "sending" of messages by telephone being read, either by accident or design, by the public.

The telephone exchanges at Auckland, Christchurch, and Dunedin have now a total of 417 subscribers, an increase of 228 subscribers during the year. An exchange was opened at Wellington in March last, with 31 subscribers, which increased to 57 by the end of May. The total number of subscribers on that date was 514. The dates on which the several exchanges were established, the number of subscribers secured on opening, and the number on the 31st May last are given below:—

Auckland	...	Oct. 24, 1881,	26 subscribers;	on 31st May,	140 subscribers.
Wellington	...	Mar. 1, 1883,	31	"	57
Christchurch	...	Oct. 1, 1881,	27	"	120
Dunedin	...	Apr. 26, 1882,	56	"	197

From the 1st January last the subscription after the first year (which is £17 10s.) was reduced to £12 per annum; and the cost of additional connection, after the first year's subscription had been paid, was reduced from £15 to £10 a year.

The telephone-exchange receipts for the year ended March last were at the rate of £5,627 14s. 2d.; and at the end of May the receipts were at the rate of £8,464 per annum.

The expenditure in connection with establishing the four exchanges up to the 31st May last was £10,852 5s. The annual cost for maintenance and working is estimated at £2,583 14s.

A proposal is under consideration for extending the hours of business at the exchanges to 2 a.m.

Bureau stations have been opened at Devonport, Dunedin North, Dunedin South, Lyttelton, Newton, Northcote, Ponsonby, Port Chalmers, Portobello, and Takapuna.

951 telephones have been imported, and 767 are now in use.

22 additional private wires were erected during the year. The department now maintains 71 of these wires, which bring in an annual revenue of £1,081.

The works, &c., performed in the several districts under the immediate supervision of the Inspectors were as follow:—

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

During the year the following sections received slight overhauls: Auckland to Waikato, Auckland to Thames and Coromandel, Kawakawa to Russell, and Whangaroa to Mongonui.

The following extensions were effected: Paeroa to Te Aroha, Hamilton to Kirikiriroa and Tamahere, Drury to Papakura, Hokianga to Kohukohu, Ohaeawai to Kaikohe, Kawakawa to Taumariri, Dargaville to Mangawhare, Kopuru to Aratapu and Heawa, Pahi to Paparoa, Waipu to Mangawai; a total extension of twenty miles of line.

Four private wires were also erected in the city, and the Auckland Lunatic Asylum connected with the police-station.

The number of miles of wire maintained during the year was 678.

The lines generally throughout the district worked in a most satisfactory manner.

NAPIER DISTRICT.

Since the last annual report the following overhauls have been made, and resulted in a very much improved insulation throughout: Thames to Wainui, and branch lines to Opotiki, to Castlepoint, and to Kopua. With rare exceptions, the poles were found good, and only in a few instances required renewal. On the Ohinemutu section new wires were fixed to replace those found corroded by the action due to vapours from the thermal springs. As a prevention against river encroachment the line at Opotiki has been shifted; and at Wairoa, Gisborne, the Spit, and Napier slight alterations have been effected to meet street improvements and traffic requirements.

A new line has been erected connecting Te Puke with Maketu by telephone. A branch line has been constructed between Gisborne and Ormond, also worked by telephone.

On the Napier Railway telephone communication has been established between Takapau and Makatoka. The Kopua station has been closed, and the business is now performed at Ormondville.

Four private telephone lines have been erected between Napier and the Spit, making the total number of wires of this class seven. It is proposed to carry the departmental wires by a separate line of poles between Napier and the Spit to avoid interruptions.

The lines throughout the district worked in a most satisfactory manner.

BLenheim DISTRICT.

The telephone wire between Collingwood and Motueka has been extended to Upper Moutere, a further distance of twelve miles, where an office was opened in November.

A line has been erected over Spooner's Range between Belgrove and Motupiko, and a telephone-station opened at the latter place.

An examination was made of all poles throughout the Blenheim-Kaikoura section, the result showing only 2 per cent. decayed at the ground-line. The remainder is still in very good condition, although the greater number were erected sixteen years ago without undergoing any preservation process. The decayed poles are now being replaced. The condition of the lines throughout has been such that no important repairs or noteworthy outlay have been required during the year.

CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT.

The section between Arahura Junction and Kelly's Creek, with the exception of four miles, has been entirely re-poled with totara saplings. The line has also been diverted in many places to facilitate inspection. New arms have also been put on.

Kelly's Creek to Otira Gorge: Nearly the whole of this piece of line has been diverted and erected on a new road.

Otira Gorge to Bealey: This section has received an overhaul, decayed poles removed, and several diversions made so as to avoid the rivers as much as possible.

Bealey to Springfield: Several long diversions have been made to clear encroaching rivers. On many sections the spans have been shortened, and new poles erected to replace unsound ones.

Hokitika to Greymouth: This section will require to be re-poled next summer, as the line is becoming unsafe, especially between Greymouth and Marsden and Kumara. A good deal of bush-clearing will also have to be done.

Greymouth to Ahaura: The first seventeen miles (Greymouth to Nelson Creek) of this section have been entirely reconstructed, and a great deal of bush-clearing done. The balance of about five miles will be put in hand shortly.

All the other sections in this district are in very good order, no expenditure beyond ordinary maintenance having been incurred.

A considerable number of private and telephone-exchange wires have been erected during the year.

DUNEDIN DISTRICT.

The Wyndham to Fortrose line, twenty-three miles in length, was completed, and telephone stations opened at Pine Bush and Fortrose in the month of May.

A line has been erected between Oamaru and Ngapara, seventeen miles in length, and three telephone-stations opened, viz., Weston, Enfield, and Ngapara.

The Dunedin-Seacliff Railway wire has been extended to connect the Dunedin and Seacliff Asylums, Morse instruments being used. Two railway-stations, viz., Upper Port Chalmers and Purakanui, were put in circuit on the Dunedin-Seacliff line. At the same time Lemon-block instruments were fitted up on block wire at Glendernid, Purakanui, and Waitati.

The principal repairs have been the overhauling of the following branch lines: Dunedin to Port Chalmers, Port Chalmers to Otago Heads, Outram, Kaitangata, and Clinton to Waikaia. A few unsound poles were stumped, insulators replaced, and the whole of the lines thoroughly examined.

The main line also from Tokomairiro to Edendale was examined.

A portion of the Queenstown line between Cromwell and Arrowtown will require shifting on account of the opening of a new road and the abandonment of the old one; this will be done during the summer.

The whole of the lines in the district are in excellent order.

The Telephone Exchange opened on the 26th April, 1882, with 60 subscribers, and on the 12th November there were 150 connections. At the end of December there were in course of erection thirty additional wires, bringing the number of subscribers up to 180—a very marked increase indeed.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

The Cook Strait cables, and the cable from Wanganui to Wakapuaka, still give evidence of good condition. The land-lines have been carefully overhauled during the summer, and all faulty poles renewed and defective insulators made good.

The usual plans of circuits accompany this report.

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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 and Germany.		Australian Colonies, &c.											
				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	36,291	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	191,000	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	19	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	90,972	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
1881	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
1882	7,582	8	5	99,523	321,635	3	3	25,376	90,229	5	3	10,657	40,317	19	2	135,556	452,182	7	8
1882	8,267	9	8	108,916	360,196	4	9	25,898	91,530	17	9	13,348	47,641	7	5	148,162	499,368	9	11

MONEY ORDERS DRAWN ON THE COLONY.

Year.	Where Issued.						Total.									
	In the Colony.		United Kingdom.		Australian Colonies, &c.											
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.						
1865	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
1866	6,218	29,282	13	10	762	3,568	15	10	700	3,712	1	5	7,680	36,563	11	1
1867	8,886	42,768	10	9	1,100	5,021	14	9	917	4,753	3	10	10,903	52,543	9	4
1868	10,353	49,931	17	2	1,198	5,649	2	10	1,108	5,570	6	4	12,659	61,151	6	4
1869	11,903	54,349	8	3	1,401	6,502	3	0	1,294	6,685	1	3	14,598	67,536	12	6
1870	14,250	63,820	15	5	1,218	5,630	18	8	1,272	6,382	4	3	16,740	75,833	18	4
1871	16,798	73,245	8	3	1,156	5,523	4	4	1,267	6,055	6	11	19,221	84,823	19	6
1872	20,514	88,502	0	3	1,396	6,217	11	5	1,318	5,914	18	7	23,228	100,724	10	3
1873	27,983	119,676	1	2	1,504	7,078	8	6	1,459	6,803	15	3	30,946	133,558	4	11
1874	34,288	142,642	4	10	1,482	6,625	14	5	1,668	7,689	6	8	37,438	156,957	5	11
1875	40,968	171,683	6	1	1,603	7,284	10	7	1,800	8,316	17	5	44,371	187,284	14	1
1876	48,611	193,551	13	9	1,969	9,262	9	7	1,995	9,340	19	11	52,575	212,155	3	3
1877	55,748	212,089	1	6	2,243	10,202	13	6	2,385	10,838	16	8	60,376	233,130	11	8
1878	64,000	233,804	15	10	2,258	9,744	8	8	2,568	11,056	2	7	68,826	254,605	7	1
1879	70,531	250,861	6	0	2,260	9,833	18	6	2,528	10,668	14	3	75,319	271,393	18	9
1880	83,479	297,290	13	8	2,544	10,673	3	11	2,942	12,295	5	4	88,965	320,259	2	11
1881	97,275	320,260	19	11	3,466	14,811	14	8	3,913	15,820	0	3	104,654	350,901	14	10
1882	99,523	321,635	3	3	3,466	14,078	17	3	4,649	18,863	4	2	107,638	354,577	4	8
1882	108,916	360,196	4	9	3,421	13,416	1	9	5,076	21,090	4	10	117,413	394,702	11	4

Table No. 2.

TABLE showing the Money Orders issued in New Zealand on Offices beyond the Colony during the Years 1881 and 1882.

Where Payable.	1881.		1882.					
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.				
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Germany	70	185	4	6	308	1,167	17	11
United Kingdom	25,306	90,044	0	9	25,590	90,362	19	10
Victoria	6,587	23,834	7	0	7,183	24,921	10	8
South Australia	399	1,532	12	1	530	2,059	10	4
New South Wales	2,895	11,405	18	5	3,476	12,179	10	3
Queensland	170	682	18	0	215	896	10	9
Tasmania	596	2,784	5	5	602	2,798	2	7
Western Australia	10	17	18	3	4	17	7	0
United States of America	...	...	...	...	1,338	4,768	15	10
Totals	36,033	130,547	4	5	39,246	139,172	5	2

TABLE showing the Money Orders issued at Offices beyond the Colony on New Zealand during the Years 1881 and 1882.

Where Issued.	1881.		1882.					
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.				
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
United Kingdom	3,466	14,078	17	3	3,421	13,416	1	9
Victoria	1,636	6,130	15	0	1,739	6,629	0	6
South Australia	273	1,100	10	7	234	895	13	10
New South Wales	2,071	8,404	6	4	2,286	9,359	14	0
Queensland	231	1,070	5	11	280	1,476	6	9
Tasmania	424	2,084	1	10	371	1,692	10	10
Western Australia	14	73	4	6	28	202	17	3
Hongkong	...	...	...	...	1	10	0	0
United States of America	...	...	...	...	137	824	1	8
Totals	8,115	32,942	1	5	8,497	34,506	6	7

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 1882.

Office.	Money Orders.						Savings Banks.					
	Issued.			Paid.			New Accounts Opened.	Deposits.		Accounts Closed.	Withdrawals.	
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.		Amount.	No.		Amount.	
AUCKLAND	10,461	£ 765 s. 4 d.	39,810 £ 8 s. 10 d.	1,651	£ 58,661 s. 3 d.	1,540	8,217	£ 132,437 s. 14 d.	1,404	7,528	£ 138,607 s. 11 d.	
Alexandra	360	14 0 4	1,072 18 5	160	509 6 2	16	76	388 5 8	6	53	489 8 5	
Aratapu	718	31 7 6	2,457 19 1	75	280 12 8	79	449	4,755 12 0	22	86	1,635 4 1	
Cambridge	1,275	73 4 10	4,282 12 3	556	2,020 11 6	218	867	8,081 0 9	57	179	2,513 13 4	
Coromandel	619	30 14 8	1,969 7 9	360	1,511 15 1	63	415	1,655 4 8	13	57	919 19 7	
Dargaville	598	35 2 2	2,455 15 1	96	312 18 4	86	355	3,462 8 0	12	53	724 9 1	
Drury	168	6 4 4	555 11 9	200	933 6 10	11	79	269 7 0	7	15	135 13 9	
Hamilton	911	39 18 10	2,648 18 7	694	1,795 11 3	103	550	4,650 8 2	44	140	2,682 17 4	
Helensville	296	13 3 10	905 1 7	87	310 2 8	33	121	996 5 5	5	24	306 4 0	
Hokianga	353	18 13 4	1,269 10 11	92	434 7 5	15	61	955 4 0	6	30	335 4 7	
Huntly	186	8 0 6	584 11 7	61	269 13 3	24	136	391 13 5	16	29	75 6 9	
Kaitaia	78	2 15 4	334 7 4	1	1 7 10	8	20	52 14 0	1	4	26 18 1	
Kamo	283	12 18 6	959 8 1	78	358 3 4	40	124	913 11 0	9	40	564 17 9	
Kawakawa	800	52 15 10	2,859 11 10	172	444 14 4	86	621	4,850 14 3	33	107	2,340 16 8	
Kihikihi	171	7 14 0	486 0 6	70	274 8 5	15	65	501 6 0	9	18	109 9 7	
Kohukohu	9	1 4 10	55 18 5	1	6 0 0	...	...	...	1	1	90 13 4
Maketu	68	5 1 6	239 8 7	24	88 12 10	6	11	138 12 0	4	9	127 11 11	
Mangapai	213	7 17 0	983 13 1	36	160 11 0	3	22	306 10 0	4	9	180 12 9	
Mangawhare	793	37 9 8	4,912 5 0	42	242 15 6	49	259	2,348 15 0	9	32	388 19 9	
Mercer	170	6 2 0	460 8 10	56	117 19 4	7	55	212 6 9	1	11	67 14 3	
Mongonui	342	16 14 8	1,216 8 0	125	453 11 5	24	116	652 14 5	9	40	495 7 0	
Mangawai	8	0 8 0	29 17 2	5	17 7 5	2	2	3 15 0	...	...	...
Newton	426	25 9 8	1,201 1 11	492	1,892 0 3	68	444	1,873 11 7	16	72	417 2 7	
Ngaruawahia	385	14 4 0	942 2 2	188	591 1 8	19	199	1,076 6 0	16	47	347 14 11	
Ohaeawai	249	13 7 8	840 8 9	73	227 6 9	7	17	440 5 0	3	5	147 3 7	
Ohaupo	223	7 19 4	669 8 5	56	180 1 6	12	73	276 0 0	3	9	127 13 6	
Ohinemutu	306	19 9 4	1,269 16 7	270	1,574 16 10	25	75	1,196 8 2	9	34	400 9 4	
Onchunga	305	17 9 8	1,140 14 6	537	2,023 7 1	50	295	2,862 7 9	22	64	1,312 2 6	
Opotiki	436	21 14 2	1,221 5 8	161	759 10 3	30	184	1,130 3 2	8	15	453 17 8	
Otahuhu	175	8 10 10	445 2 0	170	686 0 1	21	199	966 16 0	10	54	1,250 5 0	
Pahi	133	7 8 0	485 5 11	117	642 10 3	11	33	527 13 0	4	7	115 5 4	
Pokeno	74	2 12 6	219 7 8	45	179 12 7	6	62	603 13 0	4	22	346 2 7	
Port Albert	194	7 7 4	643 10 7	72	248 7 6	13	74	1,300 13 2	2	22	204 1 4	
Pukekohe	270	9 18 10	979 1 3	111	587 9 3	40	188	1,165 5 0	6	32	469 3 7	
Raglan	256	8 16 0	1,101 3 5	26	100 5 6	3	92	293 15 0	3	9	96 1 4	
Russell	432	20 14 4	1,226 11 11	172	718 17 3	27	206	1,033 5 9	7	34	442 3 9	
Tauranga	1,115	51 13 8	3,288 19 8	531	1,784 12 8	97	367	6,962 13 6	36	148	4,935 11 10	
Te Awamutu	367	15 9 10	1,066 8 2	163	553 3 8	24	186	788 19 0	5	25	317 10 9	
Te Kopuru	432	20 7 4	1,674 11 6	194	1,614 10 2	27	174	1,085 9 0	9	21	181 6 2	
Waipu	328	13 13 2	1,272 15 9	137	743 8 9	16	76	1,401 7 0	8	38	827 12 5	
Waiuku	312	13 8 0	1,276 15 0	120	538 2 7	36	140	784 15 0	15	44	436 0 2	
Waiwera	189	7 8 2	611 13 2	79	501 13 4	11	73	734 9 0	2	4	116 16 8	
Wangarei	867	42 5 4	2,881 16 10	279	994 15 8	86	396	3,950 4 3	31	126	2,776 4 1	
Wangaroa	501	26 13 8	2,959 17 8	72	354 18 1	36	116	1,491 16 0	14	28	358 18 0	
Warkworth	353	14 3 6	1,376 19 4	171	716 2 10	35	167	1,733 8 0	11	35	656 17 5	
Waterford	132	5 8 10	381 4 7	33	132 7 0	12	28	119 17 0	1	6	86 3 9	
Whakatane	36	2 1 6	102 6 5	9	30 2 0	2	8	19 4 0	...	1	10 19 0	
Whitiangi	11	0 19 0	51 6 2	2	6 1 0	1	2	28 0 0	...	1	40 0 0	
BLENHEIM	2,068	105 11 2	7,733 2 9	883	3,032 9 5	244	1,269	19,563 8 10	210	914	20,157 8 10	
Havelock	600	29 4 10	2,573 17 9	184	778 3 10	14	96	1,227 3 0	11	41	476 15 9	
Kaikoura	333	20 17 2	1,143 18 10	146	483 7 4	21	71	709 5 1	5	12	344 5 0	
Pictou	673	28 17 10	2,331 15 6	461	1,612 15 5	24	209	2,628 16 4	25	107	2,140 7 11	
CHRISTCHURCH	10,663	761 18 10	37,684 1 7	9,946	31,976 0 0	2,858	19,821	235,875 7 1	2,123	14,163	224,635 0 9	
Akaroa	417	21 9 4	1,287 2 10	194	588 6 6	49	388	1,306 16 11	19	59	677 14 1	
Amberley	348	18 14 8	1,067 1 9	222	700 6 2	51	259	3,974 17 0	20	93	2,375 6 6	
Ashburton	1,734	90 1 0	5,737 9 7	685	2,164 19 6	218	1,185	10,299 1 4	152	429	5,954 1 6	
Cheviot	68	3 18 0	215 2 4	11	47 11 8	2	15	362 5 4	...	3	140 0 0	
Coalgate	157	6 0 8	484 14 11	35	107 6 7	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dunsandel	53	2 9 6	170 16 1	24	84 0 9	4	52	381 19 0	4	5	4 6 0	
Duvauchelle	75	3 11 10	258 12 0	24	103 11 2	5	76	55 17 0	2	17	118 18 8	
Exhibition	80	4 12 8	262 15 0	2	14 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hurunui	159	7 14 10	571 17 6	18	51 11 6	9	73	595 3 1	2	18	173 12 4	
Kaipoi	441	25 16 4	1,325 9 11	362	1,278 14 3	145	779	5,861 5 2	59	241	3,485 5 6	
Leeston	216	10 19 8	542 18 8	96	325 10 6	19	119	1,107 9 6	17	50	745 17 3	
Lytelton	1,154	74 1 4	4,173 7 3	778	2,655 15 11	167	1,153	10,889 4 0	108	468	6,449 12 5	
Oxford	349	14 17 8	1,085 15 7	147	416 9 1	44	249	1,883 11 0	25	57	1,456 10 10	
Papanui	2	0 1 6	2 10 0	1	1 10 0	1	2	2 10 0	...	...	...
Rakaia	378	19 3 0	1,386 7 10	110	341 13 2	52	281	2,995 5 8	25	79	931 5 2	
Rangiora	642	34 11 0	1,928 8 2	385	1,283 0 6	90	554	7,668 10 0	53	215	5,233 14 0	
Sheffield	325	14 13 0	1,063 10 11	55	231 0 3	20	100	884 12 2	7	33	439 1 7	
Southbridge	302	15 7 2	782 12 1	126	471 2 8	40	257	1,181 8 0	18	54	620 13 2	
Springfield	276	12 7 8	988 9 9	95	336 5 8	22	133	883 17 0	12	30	553 14 1	
Sydenham	336	17 2 8	806 9 8	324	966 7 4	203	1,462	5,460 11 0	28	75	384 6 9	
Waiau	279	15 18 2	1,039 14 11	40	143 11 5	19	101	1,528 8 0	4	23	406 16 2	
Waikari	303	17 11 8	1,171 6 3	73	237 19 11	20	89	681 15 0	12	39	421 16 7	

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 1882—continued.

Office.	Money Orders.					Savings Banks.					
	Issued.			Paid.		New Accounts Opened.	Deposits.		Accounts Closed.	Withdrawals.	
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.
CHRISTCHURCH— <i>ctd.</i>		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Woolston ...	60	2 14 0	171 11 9	57	139 16 2	32	201 1,586 8 9	17	49 963 7 2		
DUNEDIN	10,150	636 6 8	35,739 8 6	20,820	61,170 14 9	2,507	16,384 18,431 9 4	2,443	11,930 182,822 6 9		
Albany Street ...	1,132	69 17 4	3,297 4 0	626	2,304 11 11	499	5,037 18,039 9 10	353	826 7,120 8 8		
Alexandra South ...	488	23 10 0	1,354 1 4	122	454 17 8	16	73 783 1 3	5	13 200 9 3		
Arrow River ...	564	25 5 0	2,029 18 9	123	435 8 3	30	80 925 17 0	13	27 554 18 4		
Balclutha ...	764	31 14 2	2,113 15 5	423	1,154 10 7	66	306 2,757 2 4	27	80 1,208 8 10		
Blueskin ...	130	6 7 0	422 5 5	170	749 8 7	14	119 729 13 6	5	14 217 12 0		
Caversham ...	73	3 1 10	271 10 8	257	750 6 4	45	414 719 17 0	12	27 116 2 6		
Clinton ...	556	22 8 8	1,410 13 2	118	298 6 1	35	196 1,228 9 0	11	32 752 13 3		
Clyde ...	436	19 16 8	1,364 18 11	175	454 17 9	14	59 904 19 3	14	26 378 15 6		
Cromwell ...	612	26 3 10	1,608 11 9	169	553 13 7	42	213 889 12 0	14	27 434 11 5		
Green Island ...	155	9 5 0	570 2 9	81	346 15 8	42	301 1,537 0 0	20	44 515 13 0		
Hamilton's ...	282	10 9 6	998 17 11	17	91 3 6	6	26 491 5 2	4	28 347 15 4		
Kaitangata ...	435	16 12 6	1,381 0 11	101	409 4 9	30	295 1,106 2 0	22	52 486 19 1		
Lawrence ...	857	35 15 4	2,519 9 2	617	2,017 11 11	64	375 3,461 2 4	47	109 3,392 3 7		
Milton ...	738	31 4 4	2,396 12 9	435	1,498 10 7	102	561 5,087 0 3	51	157 3,763 8 10		
Mosgiel ...	224	12 5 10	580 13 7	129	435 5 7	29	314 703 3 6	11	30 244 5 0		
Naseby ...	541	22 12 6	1,542 9 2	246	884 17 10	31	123 598 18 7	11	31 761 2 5		
Ophir ...	333	12 16 10	923 12 11	88	385 2 8	10	29 173 14 0	5	8 125 0 3		
Outram ...	280	13 14 2	814 9 10	92	284 4 1	21	154 475 15 10	10	27 231 9 0		
Owake ...	210	8 6 4	594 17 4	36	178 9 9	15	26 481 3 11	1	2 11 1 6		
Palmerston ...	636	26 5 6	1,666 10 11	420	1,432 14 9	59	436 1,933 2 4	18	58 753 9 2		
Port Chalmers ...	1,258	101 4 4	4,947 8 3	799	3,102 7 2	264	2,288 10,669 7 6	196	493 6,034 16 4		
Roxburgh ...	566	23 4 6	1,739 0 8	121	368 8 7	29	107 1,380 10 0	8	28 412 19 10		
Stirling ...	157	5 18 6	459 8 5	44	110 2 5	34	110 323 14 2	2	8 79 0 7		
St. Bathans ...	296	12 14 10	791 11 6	44	154 11 9	3	34 434 0 0	3	6 693 7 3		
Tapuanu ...	912	34 10 2	2,463 15 10	270	759 19 9	32	220 1,012 1 0	21	40 373 18 11		
Waiholā ...	90	3 18 6	365 11 4	48	210 16 3	18	75 314 8 0	4	9 194 18 7		
Waikaia ...	476	18 6 0	1,656 9 8	80	272 2 11	7	58 289 11 0	1	11 219 12 0		
Waikouaiti ...	366	14 12 4	1,091 6 9	192	635 19 8	35	201 969 3 0	10	43 1,026 10 0		
Waitahuna ...	203	7 0 8	618 17 8	75	282 0 2	12	113 424 9 0	13	26 476 3 1		
GISBORNE ...	1,770	121 10 0	6,771 19 11	570	2,077 14 11	199	1,050 9,555 16 9	100	414 6,741 7 5		
GREYMOUTH ...	2,343	130 16 8	7,887 3 10	1,535	5,587 19 7	201	1,322 20,098 17 9	175	800 19,510 5 11		
Bahura ...	753	32 8 0	4,111 11 7	96	479 3 0	12	76 967 0 0	7	28 276 6 9		
Barrytown ...	55	3 3 6	262 8 6	5	18 17 0	4	10 8 0 0	...	...
Brunnerton ...	119	5 3 4	411 14 9	21	69 4 4	2	9 50 10 0	1	1 7 0 0		
Nelson Creek ...	155	7 8 6	569 2 10	7	20 12 6	21	142 1,097 9 0	7	21 249 9 0		
Reefton ...	1,638	107 17 4	6,549 6 11	1,538	3,673 11 10	79	347 5,250 18 2	43	105 3,936 15 2		
HOKITIKA ...	1,420	84 0 6	4,490 0 2	1,497	4,945 8 3	128	659 8,044 6 5	102	543 8,250 10 11		
Kumara ...	789	38 16 2	2,339 13 0	381	1,341 10 6	60	370 3,086 16 10	39	168 3,217 2 8		
Ross ...	495	19 5 0	1,274 2 7	114	337 11 6	33	217 1,145 16 0	19	48 811 16 2		
Stafford ...	179	7 14 0	561 13 5	25	112 11 4	18	100 555 12 0	5	21 337 8 8		
INVERCARGILL ...	3,291	186 3 6	10,604 14 4	2,964	9,626 3 11	499	2,437 31,695 1 10	384	1,755 31,280 18 2		
Campbelltown ...	362	19 11 0	1,689 5 1	369	1,240 14 0	23	124 1,168 8 6	31	17 267 12 4		
Dipton ...	162	7 15 0	518 12 4	16	56 13 8	12	26 363 6 11	5	8 136 2 7		
Edendale ...	173	6 3 0	531 17 7	35	114 19 8	7	36 307 7 0	1	3 54 4 6		
Elbow ...	348	15 14 2	1,156 9 8	99	360 0 3	26	118 1,148 10 2	10	38 613 3 6		
Gore ...	1,257	48 14 4	3,497 13 0	313	981 12 8	82	362 2,947 6 4	36	87 1,604 2 7		
Kingston ...	125	5 2 6	580 19 1	9	63 19 0	2	8 89 8 6	...	...
Mataura ...	558	20 6 0	1,466 11 7	168	658 4 9	47	309 2,138 12 9	24	68 702 17 2		
Otautau ...	210	8 5 4	623 6 4	66	305 12 11	21	46 401 1 1	7	16 213 1 4		
Queenstown ...	535	26 15 6	1,527 12 6	283	918 0 7	36	148 2,348 0 8	18	42 2,016 8 4		
Riverton ...	712	35 17 6	2,874 2 9	332	943 3 8	73	682 3,406 15 9	31	110 2,140 5 3		
Thornbury ...	71	3 1 6	256 19 11	19	43 0 10	3	7 102 0 0	1	4 51 8 9		
Winton ...	344	14 12 10	961 19 2	147	677 3 6	25	89 801 17 0	15	26 402 18 8		
Woodlands ...	149	5 13 8	467 16 2	69	145 10 1	10	40 370 5 0	3	10 91 9 5		
Wyndham ...	400	18 14 8	1,283 11 1	79	300 7 4	30	97 1,628 0 9	9	28 374 3 8		
Waipahi ...	137	4 4 10	360 6 0	21	79 17 11	1	4 9 10 0	...	...
NAPIER ...	3,253	222 6 0	12,281 14 5	2,365	7,721 17 7	527	3,125 35,386 5 5	397	1,844 33,359 3 9		
Hastings ...	454	31 0 8	1,583 1 9	134	438 12 0	34	134 1,565 7 0	2	30 273 10 9		
Kopua ...	171	9 6 4	660 19 8	32	162 9 2	17	55 1,390 1 0	7	17 494 5 11		
Mohaka ...	73	3 3 0	244 13 1	25	134 15 2	2	32 262 9 0	...	...
Porangahau ...	249	8 14 8	842 9 6	40	194 4 4	7	43 539 19 0	6	13 313 11 11		
Port Aburiri ...	137	16 2 6	527 10 7	146	519 18 5	12	125 666 7 8	5	28 179 14 3		
Takapau ...	281	11 4 0	841 12 10	19	38 15 3	8	37 290 9 4	4	13 107 0 4		
Taupō ...	294	21 13 2	1,062 3 4	59	311 19 5	15	47 614 11 6	5	8 122 14 1		
Waipawa ...	538	25 7 10	1,830 4 3	314	841 7 3	66	307 2,877 16 9	25	71 1,685 18 3		
Waipukurau ...	365	21 11 8	1,241 1 7	121	372 17 0	33	171 1,292 10 5	13	50 985 19 8		
Wairoa ...	293	19 10 10	916 13 6	175	562 13 5	22	108 488 15 8	11	27 310 1 8		
NELSON ...	2,415	130 5 10	7,957 10 6	4,212	17,708 13 11	407	3,123 38,714 11 3	264	1,611 31,878 8 1		
Belgrove ...	50	2 0 0	160 18 6	51	163 1 9	4	17 140 12 0	...	...
Brightwater ...	41	1 15 0	111 1 6	44	149 5 0	18	83 398 4 0	...	...
Collingwood ...	549	25 12 6	2,329 14 2	112	589 16 1	12	79 498 10 9	...	...
Motueka ...	515	23 15 6	2,210 8 4	313	1,342 11 6	99	672 4,902 5 0	14	114 2,522 3 8		
Port ...	162	11 6 0	626 6 2	58	199 11 2	26	321 1,072 3 9	7	79 523 12 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 1882—continued.

Office.	Money Orders.					Savings Banks.					
	Issued.			Paid.		New Accounts Opened.	Deposits.		Accounts Closed.	Withdrawals.	
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.
<i>NELSON—continued.</i>		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Richmond ...	117	7 9 8	483 8 10	99	373 19 9	23	185	2,195 4 5	2	25	403 5 2
Takaka ...	387	17 5 10	1,668 3 10	62	229 16 0	19	57	478 15 0	3	10	95 2 5
Wakefield ...	126	6 1 0	498 2 7	69	280 0 3	37	231	1,913 16 0	3	16	102 19 10
<i>NEW PLYMOUTH</i>	2,252	121 17 0	7,540 2 9	1,824	6,229 2 1	378	2,027	30,662 9 9	491	1,629	33,256 5 4
Inglewood ...	172	7 14 2	544 13 7	113	532 10 5	22	103	860 15 0	3	27	500 13 3
Opunake ...	700	40 15 8	2,127 6 0	165	632 16 4	105	400	4,612 6 3	51	138	2,919 10 0
Parihaka ...	505	33 4 8	1,757 0 10	58	230 11 7	91	436	4,100 15 10	23	97	2,418 14 3
Stratford ...	172	6 19 8	397 10 8	82	333 7 6	14	36	423 3 0	2	9	144 16 6
Waitara ...	282	12 9 0	835 4 4	185	432 0 0	32	157	1,627 8 8	10	65	1,143 16 2
<i>OAMARU</i>	2,984	156 4 2	9,934 7 2	1,514	5,382 6 3	502	2,409	25,751 19 8	331	1,358	20,143 18 3
Dunroon ...	209	8 11 2	807 19 11	61	213 9 10	11	69	946 5 9	8	19	226 12 2
Hampden ...	283	10 7 6	863 3 1	173	558 6 11	14	47	346 12 10	5	24	697 0 0
Herbert ...	189	6 3 8	527 11 2	65	257 13 8	15	64	272 13 0	5	12	166 17 4
Kakanui ...	193	8 17 4	720 5 0	29	102 19 10	7	78	938 14 0	5	12	391 18 3
Maheno ...	9	0 6 0	34 11 4	1	0 15 0						
<i>THAMES ...</i>	1,735	98 16 6	6,040 6 10	1,438	4,945 9 7	396	2,931	26,228 1 10	292	1,779	26,435 9 3
Paeroa ...	46	1 18 0	112 9 3	13	35 17 0	36	77	34 5 1	2	7	25 4 11
Te Aroha ...	389	24 13 2	1,429 3 6	72	331 13 10	54	169	1,349 13 3	6	16	595 0 5
<i>TIMARU ...</i>	3,252	195 13 2	10,897 7 4	1,813	5,821 8 8	590	3,099	33,857 19 8	513	1,890	29,214 19 7
Geraldine ...	475	22 16 10	1,432 9 11	155	450 7 5	42	236	1,354 2 10	18	76	788 17 1
St. Andrew ...	94	4 4 2	339 10 10	15	62 15 11	6	43	210 11 9	3	7	8 8 8
Temuka ...	486	24 1 0	1,439 0 2	265	818 18 0	76	273	3,532 11 2	30	126	1,756 8 10
Waimate ...	1,166	52 1 10	3,318 6 11	383	1,297 5 11	114	630	2,994 6 1	40	147	1,970 7 3
<i>WANGANUI</i>	3,272	184 14 6	10,828 1 8	2,838	8,468 16 2	435	3,082	28,483 7 11	376	1,738	24,616 6 2
Bull's ...	433	21 6 4	1,367 14 8	169	578 11 10	51	296	711 19 4	15	50	370 6 11
Hawera ...	1,335	64 17 8	3,790 8 3	579	2,063 7 0	145	577	8,337 19 6	86	252	8,332 10 0
Manaia ...	35	1 14 6	87 4 9	20	103 19 5	2	3	99 0 0	0	1	16 14 2
Manutahi ...	89	4 15 6	300 12 2	15	35 2 4	11	70	266 16 0	9	16	522 17 8
Marton ...	726	34 11 4	2,110 19 8	591	1,655 18 1	63	422	2,032 7 8	31	97	1,186 10 4
Normanby ...	233	10 14 8	662 4 4	107	427 13 4	23	77	1,476 8 7	14	51	2,433 4 4
Patea ...	955	53 6 2	3,026 9 1	510	1,637 17 0	80	317	3,442 10 2	48	135	2,615 9 7
Turakina ...	193	10 6 4	575 7 4	80	217 7 3	19	169	473 1 6	7	23	262 19 6
Waitotara ...	116	5 7 6	417 5 9	26	128 10 3	11	53	289 19 5	2	8	80 15 4
Waverley ...	302	13 3 2	800 19 2	133	425 18 8	35	129	1,026 1 6	15	31	971 17 9
<i>WELLINGTON</i>	12,114	653 12 4	34,611 13 4	13,423	46,603 17 5	1,940	13,904	138,206 17 5	1,531	8,646	128,060 11 3
Carterton ...	529	24 7 0	1,600 3 0	225	719 13 2	86	459	2,486 17 1	50	119	1,466 4 2
Castlepoint ...	139	7 10 0	463 14 8	21	83 5 8	2	13	159 0 0		3	35 0 0
Chatham Islands	74	3 4 6	359 8 0	5	49 10 0						
Featherston ...	246	12 15 0	674 8 5	174	534 1 2	30	134	1,137 6 0	11	28	514 10 1
Feilding ...	933	42 7 4	2,490 10 5	527	1,718 11 7	132	852	4,358 18 10	38	132	2,239 18 3
Foxton ...	504	26 16 6	1,373 10 2	308	976 7 2	32	197	1,152 17 7	20	61	982 9 1
Greytown ...	504	22 18 2	1,596 6 10	268	753 15 4	61	483	2,519 18 0	33	107	2,558 9 5
Halcombe ...	384	15 13 0	1,005 13 11	129	519 13 10	36	145	797 11 3	10	26	257 18 6
Hutt ...	257	13 9 2	1,094 2 7	188	648 17 6	71	361	2,930 14 10	24	81	1,401 8 6
Kaitoke ...	120	4 0 4	579 10 1	15	27 15 0	3	17	73 0 0		1	2 0 0
Martinborough ...	73	5 12 10	251 6 2	8	63 6 4	14	22	216 8 0	3	6	69 17 9
Masterton ...	1,315	66 4 4	4,491 10 3	684	2,012 12 6	120	595	6,386 19 10	61	209	4,008 0 11
Otaki ...	261	13 19 2	773 6 7	77	323 9 7	30	206	1,229 16 4	21	66	654 13 7
Pahautanui ...	21	1 6 4	144 6 7	1	2 10 0	16	26	428 11 0	1	3	70 1 6
Palmerston North	1,276	59 6 2	3,576 18 1	753	2,108 16 0	117	412	3,761 13 10	54	155	3,115 5 7
Sanson ...	234	9 6 2	613 8 3	96	351 3 10	24	158	981 16 11	10	26	759 14 7
Te Nui ...	244	12 8 2	1,075 8 4	36	138 0 7	20	77	921 4 0	10	27	356 0 9
Upper Hutt ...	232	8 9 10	950 14 7	88	346 1 11	18	117	1,305 6 0		17	325 2 0
Woodville ...	416	16 7 4	1,152 16 9	161	633 9 9	23	148	440 0 1	9	25	579 17 4
<i>WESTPORT</i>	1,215	79 16 8	4,679 7 9	565	2,071 8 4	143	865	7,544 13 9	111	391	8,398 2 6
Charleston ...	353	20 11 0	1,169 19 0	67	199 15 6	15	159	1,441 17 0	7	47	1,079 0 11
Longford ...	166	13 13 8	755 10 3	32	164 10 0	3	3	52 8 0		4	47 0 0
Lyell ...	569	39 6 0	2,493 0 5	245	619 4 7	29	116	1,358 6 0	15	34	993 11 11
Totals ...	148,162	8,267 9 8	499,368 9 11	117,021	393,945 3 10	21,014	12,995	132,582 2 11	14,505	69,308	114,259 0 1

Table No. 4.
TABLE showing the Business of the Post Office Savings Banks in New Zealand, Year by Year, from the Date of their Establishment to 31st December, 1882.

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 the Close of the Year.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	48	16,496	201,870 6 9	12 4 9	9,368	109,782 0 11	18 2 7	32,088 5 10	7,716 9 2	4,000	0 4 1/2	54,909 13 11	21,014	14,505	1,470,950 13 6	27 12 6
Blenheim	4	1,645	24,128 13 3	10 13 4	1,074	23,118 17 6	21 10 6	1,009 15 9	1,950 17 0	3,500	0 4 3/4	42,204 19 0	25,059	12,718	1,232,787 16 9	27 12 6
Christchurch	23	27,349	295,466 2 0	10 16 1	16,140	256,171 0 6	15 17 5	39,295 1 6	12,354 1 6	3,500	0 6 3/8	32,822 12 4	10,137	12,217	903,765 16 0	23 7 6
Dunedin	30	28,727	243,275 2 1	8 9 4	14,212	213,950 0 3	15 1 1	29,325 1 10	3,175 12 2	2,500	0 5 1/2	31,664 18 9	13,005	9,634	787,005 19 0	22 12 11
Gisborne	1	1,650	9,555 16 9	9 2 0	414	6,741 7 5	16 4 8	2,814 9 4	258 6 0	2,500	0 6 1/2	29,193 14 6	11,235	8,591	819,971 8 2	25 9 9
Greymouth	6	1,956	27,472 14 11	14 8 2	1,045	23,979 16 10	22 19 3	3,492 18 1	1,502 0 10	2,500	0 6 1/2	28,702 4 7	11,273	8,972	723,910 17 5	26 13 7
Hokitika	4	1,346	12,832 11 3	9 10 8	780	12,616 18 5	16 3 6	215 12 10	749 9 11	1,800	0 6 1/2	20,100 16 10	10,340	5,736	770,836 18 0	35 9 0
Invercargill	16	4,533	48,925 12 3	10 15 10	2,213	39,952 16 3	18 1 0	8,972 16 0	2,114 17 1	1,800	0 7 1/2	14,711 0 5	6,202	3,188	664,807 5 10	38 16 1
Napier	11	4,184	45,374 12 9	10 16 11	2,195	37,882 12 7	18 0 0	7,492 0 2	1,847 0 7	1,550	0 8 1/2	11,291 10 10	4,615	2,383	490,066 7 0	36 2 5
Nelson	9	4,768	50,314 2 2	10 13 2	1,993	36,214 1 7	19 0 7	14,100 0 7	2,263 9 3	1,351	0 9 1/2	9,242 8 11	4,304	2,277	357,654 14 6	33 18 1
New Plymouth	6	3,159	42,286 18 6	13 7 8	1,995	40,383 15 6	20 11 0	1,903 3 0	2,263 9 3	1,186	0 10 1/2	7,412 8 0	3,839	1,801	295,372 1 7	35 10 3
Oamaru	6	2,697	28,256 5 3	10 11 10	1,425	21,626 6 0	15 3 6	6,629 19 3	1,495 4 0	789	0 9 3/4	4,880 7 3	3,282	1,186	231,311 5 3	36 15 5
Thames	3	3,177	27,612 0 2	8 10 8	1,802	27,955 14 7	15 0 3	556 5 7	1,428 2 7	822	1 10 1/2	1,241 5 0	2,520	364	163,518 15 7	38 9 5
Timaru	5	4,281	41,949 11 6	9 15 11	2,246	33,739 1 5	15 0 5	8,210 10 1	1,597 19 1	822	1 10 1/2	1,241 5 0	2,520	364	71,197 14 1	33 0 5
Wanganui	11	5,195	46,639 11 7	8 19 6	2,462	41,409 11 9	17 4 9	5,229 19 10	1,871 13 6	875	0 9 3/4	4,880 7 3	3,282	1,186	163,518 15 7	38 9 5
Wellington	20	18,326	169,494 17 0	9 4 11	9,738	147,457 3 3	15 2 9	22,037 13 9	75,330 1 9	2,775	0 9 3/4	4,880 7 3	3,282	1,186	163,518 15 7	38 9 5
Westport	4	1,143	10,397 4 9	9 0 2	476	10,517 15 4	22 1 11	...	562 2 11	190	0 9 3/4	4,880 7 3	3,282	1,186	163,518 15 7	38 9 5
Totals for Colony in 1882	207	129,952	1,325,852 2 11	10 4 0	69,368	1,142,599 0 1	16 9 8	183,253 2 10	54,909 13 11	4,000	0 4 1/2	54,909 13 11	21,014	14,505	1,470,950 13 6	27 12 6
"	190	125,855	1,189,012 2 7	9 8 11	60,137	902,195 1 8	15 0 1	286,817 0 11	42,204 19 0	3,500	0 4 3/4	42,204 19 0	25,059	12,718	1,232,787 16 9	27 12 6
"	178	81,660	864,441 18 10	10 11 9	57,446	780,504 13 4	13 11 8	83,937 5 6	32,822 12 4	3,500	0 6 3/8	32,822 12 4	10,137	12,217	903,765 16 0	23 7 6
"	165	71,865	812,309 11 11	11 6 1	54,698	876,180 19 3	16 0 4	20,030 17 9	31,715 12 2	2,500	0 5 1/2	31,664 18 9	13,005	9,634	787,005 19 0	22 12 11
"	147	69,968	762,084 12 0	10 18 0	42,740	742,053 14 3	17 7 2	20,030 17 9	29,193 14 6	2,500	0 6 1/2	29,193 14 6	11,235	8,591	819,971 8 2	25 9 9
"	138	60,953	681,204 13 2	11 3 6	39,363	667,023 7 5	16 18 10	14,271 5 9	29,193 14 6	2,500	0 6 1/2	29,193 14 6	11,235	8,591	819,971 8 2	25 9 9
"	124	57,295	664,134 12 6	11 11 9	39,486	696,281 7 4	17 12 8	...	29,193 14 6	2,500	0 6 1/2	29,193 14 6	11,235	8,591	819,971 8 2	25 9 9
"	119	56,129	657,653 4 0	11 14 4	36,977	729,759 17 9	19 14 8	...	29,193 14 6	2,500	0 6 1/2	29,193 14 6	11,235	8,591	819,971 8 2	25 9 9
"	103	52,627	609,249 14 3	13 5 8	29,778	620,155 8 9	20 16 5	79,094 5 6	28,565 3 5	2,250	0 6 1/2	28,565 3 5	11,273	8,681	723,910 17 5	27 14 4
"	97	39,223	580,542 5 5	14 16 2	21,268	425,908 3 5	20 0 5	154,694 2 0	20,100 16 10	1,800	0 7 1/2	20,100 16 10	10,340	5,736	770,836 18 0	35 9 0
"	92	31,681	430,877 0 5	13 12 0	17,254	413,176 7 11	18 3 0	117,700 12 1	14,711 0 5	1,550	0 7 1/2	14,711 0 5	6,202	3,188	664,807 5 10	38 16 1
"	81	24,642	312,338 18 4	12 13 6	14,773	261,347 16 3	17 13 9	50,991 2 1	11,291 10 10	1,351	0 8 1/2	11,291 10 10	4,615	2,383	490,066 7 0	36 2 5
"	70	20,489	264,338 5 7	12 18 0	11,934	209,509 13 2	17 11 1	54,818 12 5	9,242 8 11	1,186	0 9 1/2	9,242 8 11	4,304	2,277	357,654 14 6	33 18 1
"	59	17,133	240,898 5 9	14 1 2	9,292	186,518 4 1	19 8 7	60,380 1 8	7,412 8 0	1,186	0 10 1/2	7,412 8 0	3,839	1,801	295,372 1 7	35 10 3
"	55	13,014	194,535 11 6	14 18 11	6,395	107,094 17 3	16 16 6	87,440 14 3	4,880 7 3	789	0 9 3/4	4,880 7 3	3,282	1,186	163,518 15 7	38 9 5
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	1,241 5 0	822	1 10 1/2	1,241 5 0	2,520	364	71,197 14 1	33 0 5

Table No. 5.

BALANCE-SHEET of the New Zealand Post-Office Account for the Year ended the 31st December, 1882.

	Balances on 1st January, 1882.		Transactions.				Balances on 31st December, 1882.			
	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.		
MONEY-ORDER ACCOUNTS:	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Money-orders	10,693	0 4	...	...	533,876	1 9	533,417	9 0	11,451	13 1
Commission	...	...	269	9 10	294	18 8	1,325	1 0	...	...
United Kingdom	22,536	5 7	...	...	92,468	3 6	93,071	19 8	21,932	9 5
Victoria	1,148	13 2	...	...	25,135	1 2	25,781	18 0	531	16 4
South Australia	47	15 3	...	...	2,076	5 10	2,002	15 4	121	5 9
New South Wales	...	...	1,642	10 8	12,284	19 9	11,231	1 6	...	...
Queensland	...	...	...	...	1,253	6 3	1,486	5 3	...	...
Tasmania	...	...	378	19 11	2,817	15 1	2,504	14 10	...	...
Western Australia	...	...	33	1 9	127	9 6	204	0 3	...	...
United States of America	...	...	...	...	4,804	11 1	6,938	6 0	...	...
China—Hongkong	...	...	...	...	10	0 0	10	0 0	...	...
SAVINGS-BANK ACCOUNTS:										
Deposits and Withdrawals	1,232,787	16 9	...	...	1,380,761	16 10	1,142,599	0 1	1,470,950	13 6
Transfers	341	8 1	...	...	77,250	5 9	76,839	1 6	752	12 4
TELEGRAPH ACCOUNTS:										
Receipts	2,094	18 2	...	...	118,932	2 5	121,105	4 7	...	...
New South Wales	200	13 0	...	...	18,445	11 2	17,946	9 9	699	14 5
New Zealand and Australian Cable	130	5 3	...	...	9,957	12 3	9,735	9 0	352	8 6
REVENUE ACCOUNTS:										
Stamps	41,063	10 7	...	...	142,500	0 0	120,406	9 7	63,157	1 0
Postal Guides	0	3 6	...	...	317	7 6	316	18 6	0	12 6
Private box and bag rents	...	...	...	...	3,480	6 2	3,480	6 2	...	...
Miscellaneous revenue	...	...	...	...	486	13 0	486	13 0	...	...
Postal and Stamp revenue—total	3,301	1 10	...	...	160,950	13 5	163,827	13 7	424	1 8
Money-order commission	...	...	...	...	8,267	9 8	8,267	9 8	...	...
GENERAL ACCOUNTS:										
Post-Office Account	...	...	95,967	11 1	1,081,304	10 10	1,024,858	10 4	...	...
Postmasters and Telegraphists	...	...	61,394	3 11	2,367,615	9 1	2,392,478	4 7	...	...
Investments	...	...	1,128,723	13 11	153,502	3 11	448,800	0 0	...	...
Accrued interest on investments	...	...	6,699	0 10	6,699	0 10	6,944	8 10	...	...
Receipts under Live-Stock Acts	...	...	...	...	12,028	14 5	11,482	11 5	546	3 0
Registration of births, &c.	...	...	...	...	178	5 9	100	1 3	78	4 6
Advances to Treasury for payment of foreign money-orders	...	...	23,096	3 6	24,212	19 1	20,000	0 0	...	...
Commission on postage stamps	...	...	74	0 0	541	4 6	477	6 2	...	...
Gratuities for carriage of mails	...	...	134	9 1	3,605	11 5	3,840	16 11	...	...
Miscellaneous expenses	...	...	57	19 3	3,085	5 1	3,237	18 11	...	...
License fees	6	0 0	...	...	2,250	0 0	2,256	0 0	...	...
Government Insurance Commission to Postmasters	...	...	...	...	393	2 6	393	2 6	...	...
Property-Tax	...	...	...	...	137,619	3 9	136,715	4 3	903	19 6
Profit and loss	4,085	16 9	...	...	66,800	9 3	62,560	7 6	8,325	18 6
Government Insurance receipts	...	...	...	...	3,486	3 0	2,991	15 3	494	7 9
Total	1,318,471	3 9	1,318,471	3 9	6,459,820	14 2	6,459,820	14 2	1,580,723	1 9

Table No. 6.

SECURITIES, &c., standing in the Name of the Postmaster-General, on Account of the Post-Office Savings-Bank Fund, on the 31st December, 1882.

Description of Securities, &c.	Nominal Value.		Value at Cost Price.		Interest and Dividends accrued but not received at end of the Year.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Consolidated Loan, 4 per cents	13,000	0 0	12,480	0 0	109	13 11
Westland 5 per cents	50,000	0 0	50,800	0 0	527	7 11
Immigration and Public Works, 1870, 4 per cents	173,200	0 0	166,272	0 0	1,461	10 4
" " 4½ per cents	14,900	0 0	14,527	10 0	141	8 11
Waimakariri River Bonds, 6 per cents	4,500	0 0	4,500	0 0	44	7 8
General Purposes Loan, 5 per cents	142,600	0 0	142,600	0 0	898	11 5
" " 4 per cents	5,200	0 0	4,342	0 0	43	17 7
Defence Loan, 4 per cents	75,000	0 0	72,000	0 0	632	17 6
" " 4½ per cents	5,000	0 0	5,000	0 0	...	...
Oamaru Harbour Mortgages, 5½ per cents	33,500	0 0	33,500	0 0	772	6 8
North Otago, 5 per cents	1,000	0 0	1,000	0 0	8	4 4
Treasury Bills, 3¾d. per cent. per diem	268,100	0 0	268,100	0 0	...	...
Deficiency Bills, 5 per cents	196,400	0 0	196,400	0 0	...	...
North Rakaia River Bonds, 6 per cents	6,000	0 0	6,000	0 0	15	15 7
" " " " " "	2,000	0 0	2,000	0 0	29	18 5
Patea Harbour Debentures, 7 per cents	10,000	0 0	10,000	0 0	101	12 8
Oamaru Town Corporation Debentures, 7 per cents	5,000	0 0	5,000	0 0	132	6 6
General Purposes Loan, 5 per cents	49,500	0 0	49,500	0 0	108	9 10
Immigration and Public Works Loan, 1870, 5 per cents	380,000	0 0	380,000	0 0	1,561	12 11
Post-Office Account	...	...	...	...	354	6 8
Totals	1,434,900	0 0	1,424,021	10 0	6,944	8 10

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.
1882. March 23	1882. May 1	39	1882. March 23	1882. May 3	41	1882. March 23	1882. May 4	42	1882. March 23	1882. May 6	44	1882. March 23	1882. May 8	46
April 20	May 29	39	April 20	May 31	41	April 20	June 1	42	April 20	June 4	45	April 20	June 6	47
May 18	June 25	38	May 18	June 28	41	May 18	June 29	42	May 18	June 30	43	May 18	July 2	45
June 15	July 23	38	June 15	July 26	41	June 15	July 27	42	June 15	July 29	44	June 15	July 31	46
July 13	August 20	38	July 13	August 22	40	July 13	August 24	42	July 13	August 24	42	July 13	August 26	44
August 10	September 17	38	August 10	September 19	40	August 10	September 20	41	August 10	September 22	43	August 10	September 24	45
September 7	October 15	38	September 7	October 18	41	September 7	October 19	42	September 7	October 20	43	September 7	October 22	45
October 5	November 13	39	October 5	November 16	42	October 5	November 17	43	October 5	November 18	44	October 5	November 20	46
November 2	December 11	39	November 2	December 13	41	November 2	December 15	43	November 2	December 15	43	November 2	December 17	45
1883. January 9	1883. January 9	40	1883. January 10	1883. January 10	41	1883. January 12	1883. January 12	43	1883. January 13	1883. January 13	44	1883. January 15	1883. January 15	46
February 5	February 5	39	February 7	February 7	41	February 8	February 8	42	February 9	February 9	43	February 11	February 11	45
March 7	March 7	41	March 10	March 10	44	March 11	March 11	45	March 12	March 12	46	March 14	March 14	48
March 31	March 31	37	April 3	April 3	40	April 4	April 4	41	April 5	April 5	42	April 7	April 7	44
...	...	41	...	...	44	...	...	45	...	...	45	...	...	48
...	...	37	...	...	40	...	...	41	...	...	44	...	...	44
...	...	38	...	...	41	...	...	42	...	...	43	...	...	45
Average	...	38.69	...	...	41.08	...	...	42.31	...	...	43.54	...	...	45.54

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.
1882. January 24	1882. March 14	49	1882. January 26	1882. March 14	47	1882. January 28	1882. March 14	45	1882. January 29	1882. March 14	44	1882. January 31	1882. March 14	42
February 21	April 7	45	February 23	April 7	43	February 25	April 7	41	February 26	April 7	40	February 28	April 7	38
March 18	May 4	44	March 20	May 4	42	March 22	May 4	40	March 23	May 4	39	March 25	May 4	37
April 16	June 2	45	April 18	June 2	43	April 20	June 2	41	April 21	June 2	40	April 23	June 2	38
May 13	July 30	45	May 15	July 30	43	May 17	July 30	41	May 18	July 30	40	May 20	July 30	38
June 11	August 27	44	June 13	August 27	42	June 15	August 27	40	June 16	August 27	39	June 18	August 27	37
July 8	September 24	44	July 10	September 24	42	July 12	September 24	40	July 13	September 24	39	July 15	September 24	37
August 5	October 26	49	August 7	October 26	47	August 9	October 26	45	August 10	October 26	44	August 12	October 26	42
September 3	November 16	44	September 5	November 16	42	September 7	November 16	40	September 8	November 16	39	September 10	November 16	38
October 31	December 16	46	October 2	December 16	44	October 4	December 16	42	October 5	December 16	41	October 7	December 16	39
1883. January 13	1883. January 13	46	1883. January 13	1883. January 13	44	1883. January 13	1883. January 13	42	1883. January 13	1883. January 13	41	1883. January 13	1883. January 13	39
February 10	February 10	46	February 10	February 10	44	February 10	February 10	42	February 10	February 10	41	February 10	February 10	39
March 9	March 9	45	March 9	March 9	43	March 9	March 9	41	March 9	March 9	40	March 9	March 9	38
...	...	49	...	...	47	...	...	45	...	...	44	...	...	42
...	...	44	...	...	42	...	...	40	...	...	39	...	...	37
Average	...	45.5	...	...	43.5	...	...	41.5	...	...	40.5	...	...	38.5

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.						
1882. Jan. 27	1882. March 6	38	1882. Jan. 27	1882. March 8	40	1882. Jan. 27	1882. March 13	45	1882. Jan. 27	1882. March 13	45	1882. Jan. 27	1882. March 16	48	1882. Jan. 27	1882. March 19	51						
Feb. 10	March 19	37	Feb. 10	March 21	39	Feb. 10	March 26	44	Feb. 10	March 26	44	Feb. 10	March 29	47	Feb. 10	March 3	52						
Feb. 24	April 4	39	Feb. 24	April 6	41	Feb. 24	April 11	46	Feb. 24	April 11	46	Feb. 24	April 14	49	Feb. 24	April 18	53						
March 10	April 17	38	March 10	April 19	40	March 10	April 24	45	March 10	April 24	45	March 10	April 27	48	March 10	May 1	52						
March 24	May 1	38	March 24	May 3	40	March 24	May 8	45	March 24	May 8	45	March 24	May 11	48	March 24	May 15	52						
April 7	May 17	40	April 7	May 19	42	April 7	May 29	52	April 7	May 30	53	April 7	June 2	56	April 7	June 5	59						
April 21	May 30	39	April 21	June 1	41	April 21	June 6	46	April 21	June 6	46	April 21	June 9	49	April 21	June 13	53						
May 5	June 12	38	May 5	June 14	40	May 5	June 19	45	May 5	June 19	45	May 5	June 23	49	May 5	June 26	52						
May 19	June 26	38	May 19	July 3	45	May 19	July 17	49	May 19	July 17	49	May 19	July 20	48	May 19	July 25	53						
June 2	July 10	38	June 2	July 12	40	June 2	July 18	46	June 2	July 18	46	June 2	July 20	48	June 2	July 25	53						
June 16	July 23	37	June 16	July 25	39	June 16	August 2	47	June 16	August 2	47	June 16	August 5	50	June 16	August 12	57						
June 30	August 6	37	June 30	August 8	39	June 30	August 13	44	June 30	August 13	44	June 30	August 16	47	June 30	August 20	51						
July 14	August 20	37	July 14	August 22	39	July 14	August 28	45	July 14	August 28	45	July 14	August 30	47	July 14	August 30	51						
July 28	Sept. 5	39	July 28	Sept. 6	40	July 28	Sept. 11	45	July 28	Sept. 11	45	July 28	Sept. 13	47	July 28	Sept. 16	50						
August 11	Sept. 20	40	August 11	Sept. 22	42	August 11	Sept. 25	45	August 11	Sept. 25	45	August 11	Sept. 27	47	August 11	Oct. 2	52						
August 25	October 5	41	August 25	October 6	42	August 25	October 17	53	August 25	October 17	53	August 25	October 21	57	August 25	Oct. 10	55						
Sept. 8	October 19	41	Sept. 8	October 20	42	Sept. 8	October 30	52	Sept. 8	October 31	53	Sept. 8	Nov. 1	54	Sept. 8	Nov. 6	59						
Sept. 22	Nov. 12	51	Sept. 22	Nov. 13	52	Sept. 22	Nov. 20	59	Sept. 22	Nov. 20	59	Sept. 22	Nov. 22	61	Sept. 22	Nov. 27	66						
October 6	Nov. 14	39	October 6	Nov. 16	41	October 6	Nov. 20	45	October 6	Nov. 20	45	October 6	Nov. 22	47	October 6	Nov. 27	52						
October 20	Nov. 29	40	October 20	Nov. 30	41	October 20	Dec. 4	45	October 20	Dec. 5	46	October 20	Dec. 6	47	October 20	Dec. 11	52						
Nov. 3	Dec. 14	41	Nov. 3	Dec. 15	42	Nov. 3	Dec. 18	45	Nov. 3	Dec. 19	46	Nov. 3	Dec. 22	49	Nov. 3	Dec. 26	53						
Nov. 17	Dec. 26	39	Nov. 17	Dec. 28	41	Nov. 17	Jan. 2	46	Nov. 17	Jan. 2	46	Nov. 17	Jan. 5	49	Nov. 17	Jan. 8	52						
Dec. 1	1883. Jan. 10	40	Dec. 1	1883. Jan. 11	41	Dec. 1	Jan. 22	52	Dec. 1	Jan. 22	52	Dec. 1	Jan. 24	54	Dec. 1	Jan. 29	59						
Dec. 15	Jan. 24	40	Dec. 15	Jan. 26	42	Dec. 15	Feb. 2	49	Dec. 15	Feb. 2	49	Dec. 15	Feb. 5	52	Dec. 15	Feb. 10	57						
Dec. 29	Feb. 11	44	Dec. 29	Feb. 13	46	Dec. 29	Feb. 19	52	Dec. 29	Feb. 19	52	Dec. 29	Feb. 22	55	Dec. 29	Feb. 27	60						
1883. Jan. 12	Feb. 20	39	1883. Jan. 12	Feb. 21	40	1883. Jan. 12	Feb. 27	46	1883. Jan. 12	Feb. 27	46	1883. Jan. 12	March 3	50	1883. Jan. 12	March 7	54						
Maximum	...	51	...	...	52	...	...	59	...	...	59	...	...	61	...	...	66
Minimum	...	37	...	...	39	...	...	44	...	...	44	...	...	47	...	...	50
Average	...	39.54	...	...	41.23	...	...	47.23	...	...	47.42	...	...	50.08	...	...	54.23

Table No. 9.—GALLE AND BRINDISI MAIL SERVICE—continued.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails between London and the under-mentioned Places by the Mail Service *viâ* Galle and Brindisi—continued; (and also per Orient Line *viâ* Naples or Brindisi.)

HOMEWARD <i>VIA</i> GALLE AND BRINDISI.											
BLUFF.					SYDNEY.					MELBOURNE.	
Per Orient Line <i>viâ</i> Naples or Brindisi.					<i>Viâ</i> Galle and Brindisi.					<i>Viâ</i> Galle and Brindisi.	
Date of Despatch from Bluff.	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.
1881. December 23	1882. February 12	51	1882. January 6	1882. February 27	...	1882. January 2	1882. February 12	41	1882. January 4	1882. February 12	39
December 30*	February 17	49	January 27	March 27	52	January 16	February 27	42	January 18	February 27	40
1882. January 20	March 5	44	February 10	April 10	59	February 14	March 27	41	February 16	March 27	39
February ...	April 2	49	March ...	April 24	52	March ...	April 10	41	March 2	April 10	39
February 12	April 15	57	March 3	April 24	46	March 14	April 24	41	March 16	April 24	39
February 17	April 18	46	March 24	May 9	46	March 28	May 9	42	March 30	May 9	40
March 3	May 1	51	April ...	June 6	60	April ...	June 6	41	April ...	June 6	39
March 11	May 15	59	April ...	June 18	44	April 11	June 18	45	April 13	June 18	42
March 17	May 29	45	April 7	July 3	45	April 22	July 3	44	April 25	July 3	40
April 14	May 15	59	April 19	July 19	44	May 6	July 19	44	May 9	July 19	41
April 21	June 11	51	May 5	August 15	53	May 20	August 15	46	May 23	August 15	42
May 5	June 18	44	May 19	August 15	53	May 27	August 15	52	May 26	August 15	49
May 19	July 3	45	May 27	September 5	61	June 3	September 5	48	June 6	September 5	45
June 3	July 27	54	June 10	October 11	54	June 17	October 11	46	June 19	October 11	43
June 17	August 7	51	June 23	November 10	55	July 1	November 10	48	July 4	November 10	45
June 23	August 15	53	July 1	December 6	60	July 15	December 6	44	July 18	December 6	41
...	...	...	July 21	December 18	44	July 15	December 18	41	July 18	December 18	39
July 15	September 20	67	August 5	1883. January 2	46	August 12	1883. January 2	42	August 15	1883. January 2	40
July 28	September 29	63	August 19	January 15	45	August 26	January 15	41	August 29	January 15	39
...	...	...	August 19	January 30	46	August 26	January 30	42	August 29	January 30	40
September 8	October 30	52	September 1	February 3	54	September 9	February 3	48	September 12	February 3	45
September 29	November 15	47	September 16	February 10	55	September 23	February 10	48	September 26	February 10	45
...	...	...	October ...	February 15	60	October ...	February 15	44	October ...	February 15	42
October 13	December 2	50	October 7	February 18	44	October 24	February 18	43	October 26	February 18	41
...	...	...	November 4	1883. December 18	44	November 7	1883. December 18	41	November 9	1883. December 18	39
November 24	1883. January 17	54	November 17	1883. January 2	46	November 21	1883. January 2	42	November 23	1883. January 2	40
...	...	...	December 1	January 15	45	December 5	January 15	41	December 7	January 15	39
...	...	...	December 15	January 30	46	December 19	January 30	42	December 21	January 30	40
Maximum ...	...	67	...	...	66	...	...	53	...	...	50
Minimum ...	...	44	...	...	44	...	...	41	...	...	39
Average ...	...	51.52	...	...	52.77	...	...	44.04	...	...	41.62

* This mail was sent to Plymouth direct.

Table No. 10.

RETURN showing the several Subsidized Mail Steam Services, the Date when established, and also the Date each terminated or terminates.

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.			£	s.	d.
Auckland and San Francisco ...	32,500	Oct., 1875	Oct., 1883	13	11,916	0	4	2½
Auckland and Fiji ...	1,690	June, 1880	...	13	2,334	0	1	1½
Auckland, Waiwera, and Warkworth... }	250	Aug., 1881	Dec., 1882	104	90	0	0	3½
Auckland, Kawau, and Omaha ... }				52	140			
Helensville and Matakohe ... }	500	Jan., 1881	Three months' notice	104	300	0	0	2
Helensville and Dargaville ... }				52				
Helensville and Port Albert ... }								
Westport and Karamea ... }	300	Jan., 1881	Two months' notice	13	102	0	4	6¼
Hokitika and Jackson's Bay ... }	300	Sept., 1881	Sept., 1882	4	310	0	5	0½
Port Chalmers and Manukau ... }	350	Sept., 1882	Sept., 1883					
Manukau and Port Chalmers ... }	5,000	May, 1877	Oct., 1883	13	1,742	0	4	5

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 1881 and 1882.

Post-Offices.	1882.							1881.						
	Chief Postmaster.	Postmasters.	Clerks.	Letter-carriers.	Messengers.	Shipping Officers.	Totals.	Chief Postmaster.	Postmasters.	Clerks.	Letter-carriers.	Messengers.	Shipping Officers.	Totals.
Auckland ...	1	...	19	11	2	...	33	1	...	18	9	1	...	29
Russell ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Thames ...	1	...	1	2	...	...	4	1	...	1	2	...	...	4
Onehunga ...	...	1	1	1	...	...	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	2
Tauranga ...	...	1	...	1	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Gisborne ...	1	...	...	1	...	...	2	1	...	1	1	...	...	3
New Plymouth ...	1	...	2	1	...	...	4	1	...	2	1	...	...	4
Waitara ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Napier ...	1	...	5	3	...	...	9	1	...	5	3	...	...	9
Port Aburiri ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Wellington ...	1	...	15	5	2	...	23	1	...	16	5	2	...	24
Wanganui ...	1	...	3	2	1	...	7	1	...	3	2	1	...	7
Nelson ...	1	...	3	2	1	...	7	1	...	3	2	1	...	7
The Port ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Westport ...	1	...	...	1	...	...	2	1	...	1	1	...	...	3
Blenheim ...	1	...	...	1	...	...	2	1	...	2	...	...	...	3
Picton ...	...	1	2	1	...	...	4	...	1	2	1	...	...	4
Kaikoura ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Christchurch ...	1	...	18	12	1	...	32	1	...	18	8	1	...	28
Lyttelton ...	...	1	1	1	...	...	3	...	1	1	1	...	...	3
Akaroa ...	...	1	...	1	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Timaru ...	1	...	3	2	1	...	7	1	...	3	2	1	...	7
Oamaru ...	1	...	3	2	1	...	7	1	...	3	2	1	...	7
Dunedin ...	1	...	18	12	2	...	33	1	...	18	12	2	...	33
Port Chalmers ...	...	1	1	1	...	...	3	...	1	1	1	...	...	3
Invercargill ...	1	...	6	2	1	...	10	1	...	7	2	1	...	11
Campbelltown ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Hokitika ...	1	...	2	1	...	1	5	1	...	2	1	...	1	5
Greymouth ...	1	...	2	1	...	1	5	1	...	2	1	...	1	5
Chatham Islands ...	...	1	1	...	...	...	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	2
Totals ...	17	13	106	67	12	2	217	17	13	111	57	11	2	211

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 1875, 1880, 1881, and 1882.

Postal Districts.	Revenue.			Letters.		Post-cards.		Books.		Newspapers.		
				Delivered.	Posted.	Delivered.	Posted.	Delivered.	Posted.	Delivered.	Posted.	
Auckland—	1875	£ 13,133	s. 11	d. 0	782,329	779,617	...	...	...	...	647,325	326,248
	1880	22,764	11	0	1,940,536	1,900,808	42,241	43,905	109,720	173,966	965,822	672,187
	1881	26,045	4	3	2,563,418	2,361,775	89,193	91,091	164,268	148,798	1,325,636	1,068,093
	1882	26,982	8	3½	3,080,779	2,728,420	85,124	105,300	207,530	191,763	1,729,338	1,394,549
Thames—	1875	1,664	0	6	119,418	109,954	...	...	...	...	52,323	52,886
	1880	1,584	6	3	106,895	117,901	4,524	2,886	4,914	6,951	65,468	71,491
	1881	1,701	6	9	154,037	123,695	3,029	2,522	10,686	8,775	91,455	91,026
	1882	2,300	5	5	183,716	162,825	3,965	4,316	8,847	3,224	117,131	90,610
New Plymouth—	1875	1,815	9	5	97,040	89,469	...	...	...	...	72,462	49,632
	1880	1,987	16	7	168,549	145,589	8,017	13,104	14,499	11,137	124,644	72,592
	1881	2,607	9	11	197,717	174,421	10,712	12,558	17,446	6,708	156,364	81,497
	1882	2,993	11	9	266,045	212,199	7,644	9,529	21,203	10,270	153,252	86,515
Gisborne—	1881	1,212	18	4	124,207	82,290	1,040	799	9,087	6,302	113,022	38,272
	1882	2,377	2	5	109,278	128,479	2,106	4,654	7,792	9,958	102,757	68,641
Napier—	1875	4,076	19	8	186,993	230,973	...	...	...	...	128,480	150,750
	1880	7,225	13	3	377,979	446,697	5,599	7,595	35,438	38,957	261,785	201,621
	1881*	6,270	19	4	462,878	399,789	11,219	8,671	44,954	39,884	298,467	208,078
	1882	6,506	6	9	502,554	556,790	11,258	13,650	53,170	37,258	268,015	231,283
Wanganui—	1880	6,850	12	11	521,872	476,381	11,689	11,449	38,480	25,012	329,446	167,275
	1881	7,258	6	8	717,873	491,153	25,337	20,514	56,667	27,937	457,039	183,612
	1882	8,163	16	10	770,393	721,643	24,466	33,111	63,590	42,458	386,504	196,482
Wellington—	1875	51,050	5	8	802,950	922,177	...	...	...	...	596,768	470,650
	1880	58,386	9	0	1,590,897	1,658,456	25,679	27,395	109,191	187,131	773,145	585,836
	1881	54,682	15	7	1,977,417	1,319,266	31,525	28,470	107,965	199,398	818,038	539,617
	1882	56,684	16	10	2,279,186	1,900,405	31,226	33,475	164,920	219,937	780,660	569,166
Nelson—	1875	2,399	11	10	205,716	180,707	...	...	...	...	145,470	111,769
	1880	3,821	2	0	286,962	335,519	6,327	11,249	21,485	26,615	156,286	123,578
	1881	4,030	5	4	254,553	288,522	3,783	5,941	25,623	21,957	159,614	87,256
	1882	4,174	10	7	346,671	380,627	5,551	11,245	33,767	18,044	173,823	144,144
Westport—	1875	1,053	6	2	73,527	57,447	...	...	...	...	95,237	51,258
	1880	908	5	2	62,374	49,227	1,499	1,213	4,056	1,560	70,547	24,856
	1881	1,119	18	3	80,107	58,708	884	715	8,268	1,638	78,793	26,052
	1882	1,636	7	6½	92,534	87,984	1,508	1,313	11,492	2,691	76,621	33,501
Greymouth—	1875	2,171	13	7	146,702	167,980	...	...	...	...	130,734	153,106
	1880	2,514	19	9	167,079	196,603	2,011	2,236	12,159	22,967	132,851	79,889
	1881	3,395	10	1	216,294	276,588	3,107	2,327	19,838	34,710	199,641	176,072
	1882	4,928	4	6	250,926	310,758	4,368	3,328	18,434	17,550	197,091	167,934
Hokitika—	1875	1,816	0	9	121,517	121,743	...	...	...	...	151,832	68,695
	1880	3,072	17	11	141,483	137,070	1,976	2,912	10,833	7,124	131,092	66,135
	1881	2,851	3	7	167,635	142,415	3,133	3,445	16,575	4,953	182,091	72,943
	1882	2,821	14	9	155,948	148,824	3,172	2,119	12,827	4,368	140,001	75,842
Blenheim—	1875	1,719	9	0	153,723	131,624	...	...	...	...	153,124	60,787
	1880	2,313	8	3	134,680	129,705	1,569	1,213	13,702	3,961	129,818	50,839
	1881	2,268	4	0	153,348	133,185	2,483	2,132	11,544	6,617	120,263	46,149
	1882	3,041	18	10	200,772	190,229	4,180	2,535	13,942	10,036	131,717	62,140
Christchurch—	1875	17,582	19	8	1,052,071	1,000,864	...	...	...	...	529,554	295,420
	1880	26,088	6	3	2,171,819	2,528,623	75,699	92,326	108,933	214,285	685,756	737,184
	1881	27,451	2	0	2,536,092	2,436,343	78,793	155,623	142,454	148,772	966,875	763,555
	1882	26,433	12	9	2,781,389	2,885,480	106,756	127,309	166,704	349,570	996,750	913,224
Timaru—	1880	7,259	19	2	479,423	534,369	15,719	17,342	23,573	20,609	170,213	187,772
	1881	6,855	12	10	577,863	532,662	29,614	15,951	62,218	21,853	248,729	140,881
	1882	8,299	1	10	618,124	631,540	26,858	29,627	60,235	25,571	228,525	161,655
Oamaru—	1880	3,735	6	5	331,977	315,432	5,911	8,797	19,604	12,255	176,939	104,624
	1881	3,924	19	7	329,134	307,086	7,891	7,462	29,848	20,163	208,572	101,179
	1882	4,658	19	5	344,526	338,845	8,775	11,674	32,496	20,852	167,073	97,214
Dunedin—	1875	20,891	5	9	1,106,168	1,343,748	...	...	...	...	1,142,015	872,706
	1880	32,837	8	7	1,916,001	2,308,096	42,224	77,393	110,327	221,234	1,105,693	1,252,281
	1881	28,364	2	11	2,345,720	2,234,505	53,846	112,047	155,740	198,679	1,279,551	1,157,991
	1882	29,269	9	6	2,746,692	2,858,921	70,577	115,440	164,677	298,831	1,263,829	1,412,697
Invercargill—	1875	3,121	5	9	205,249	238,145	...	...	...	...	181,133	120,913
	1880	7,453	17	1	564,486	579,800	13,823	13,459	36,755	26,017	371,765	223,487
	1881	7,770	18	4	730,327	606,788	26,585	20,098	57,057	33,800	523,913	237,107
	1882	8,530	18	1	797,186	748,891	20,943	31,993	45,958	47,190	444,386	250,029
Totals—	1875	122,495	18	9	5,053,403	5,374,448	...	...	...	...	4,026,457	2,784,820
	1880	188,804	19	7	10,963,012	11,861,456	264,507	334,384	673,669	999,781	5,651,270	4,621,647
	1881†	187,810	17	9	13,588,740	11,969,191	382,174	490,366	940,238	921,944	7,228,663	5,019,386
	1882	199,803	6	1	15,526,719	14,998,860	418,477	540,618	1,087,584	1,308,671	7,357,473	5,955,626

* The Gisborne returns separated from those of Napier.

† The official postage decreased by £5,717 19s. 4d., when compared with that of the previous year.

Table No. 13.

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, 1882.

Postal Districts.	Delivered.				Posted.			
	Letters.	Post-cards.	Books and Parcels.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Post-cards.	Books and Parcels.	Newspapers.
Auckland	3,080,779	85,124	207,530	1,729,338	2,728,420	105,300	191,763	1,394,549
Thames	183,716	3,965	8,847	117,131	162,825	4,316	3,224	90,610
New Plymouth	266,045	7,644	21,203	153,252	212,199	9,529	10,270	86,515
Gisborne	109,278	2,106	7,792	102,757	128,479	4,654	9,958	68,641
Napier	502,554	11,258	53,170	268,015	556,790	13,650	37,258	231,283
Wanganui	770,393	24,466	63,590	386,504	721,643	33,111	42,458	190,482
Wellington	2,279,186	31,226	104,920	780,660	1,900,405	33,475	219,037	569,166
Nelson	346,671	5,551	33,767	173,823	380,627	11,245	18,044	144,144
Westport	92,534	1,508	11,492	76,621	87,984	1,313	2,691	33,501
Greymouth	250,926	4,368	18,434	197,091	316,758	3,328	17,550	167,934
Hokitika	155,948	3,172	12,827	140,001	148,824	2,119	4,368	75,842
Blenheim	200,772	4,180	13,942	131,717	190,229	2,535	10,036	62,140
Christchurch	2,781,389	106,756	166,704	996,750	2,885,480	127,329	349,570	913,224
Timaru	618,124	26,858	60,235	228,525	631,540	29,627	25,571	161,655
Oamaru	344,526	8,775	32,496	167,073	338,845	11,674	20,852	97,214
Dunedin	2,746,692	70,577	164,677	1,263,829	2,858,921	115,440	298,831	1,412,697
Invercargill	797,186	20,943	45,958	444,386	748,891	31,993	47,190	250,029
Totals	15,526,719	418,477	1,087,584	7,357,473	14,998,860	540,618	1,308,671	5,955,626
Previous year	13,588,740	382,174	940,238	7,228,663	11,969,191	490,366	921,944	5,019,380

Table No. 14.

TABLE showing the Number of Letters, Post-cards, Books, &c., and Newspapers delivered by the Letter-carriers from the Post-Offices within the several Postal Districts during the Year ended 31st December, 1882.

Postal Districts.	Letters.	Post-cards.	Books, Circulars, and Parcels.	Newspapers.
Auckland	762,503	19,962	16,979	211,376
Thames	117,748	6,684	5,670	31,479
New Plymouth	60,281	6,056	5,424	32,497
Gisborne	17,510	1,485	2,535	6,240
Napier	82,386	3,994	5,140	21,993
Wanganui	143,364	8,684	10,868	60,268
Wellington	446,574	10,380	10,500	113,550
Nelson	93,485	5,293	3,391	29,843
Westport	24,180	1,812	2,400	17,460
Greymouth	52,826	973	2,606	28,216
Hokitika	35,420	1,844	3,251	17,821
Blenheim	49,476	1,428	3,237	30,489
Christchurch	1,060,411	30,788	35,545	179,836
Timaru	122,802	7,195	9,892	27,648
Oamaru	102,742	4,808	5,557	21,999
Dunedin	785,024	19,780	34,210	207,348
Invercargill	166,355	3,807	2,903	30,565
Totals	4,123,087	140,973	160,108	1,068,628
Previous year	3,505,729	126,540	126,594	907,994

Table No. 15.

STATEMENT of Correspondence received from the United Kingdom *via* San Francisco and *via* Brindisi and Suez during the Year ended 31st December, 1882.

Date of Receipt.	<i>Via</i> San Francisco.			<i>Via</i> Suez and Melbourne.		
	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.
January	32,367	13,351	71,810	5,349	3,338	19,554
" ... ..	...	...	...	3,314	1,490	6,283
February	37,496	21,200	101,513	4,989	4,824	20,269
" ... ..	...	...	...	2,946	1,184	5,847
March	29,594	23,378	75,302	5,142	2,610	19,015
" ... ..	...	...	...	2,992	1,135	5,382
" ... ..	...	...	...	4,758	3,039	19,641
April	33,274	13,183	75,419	3,116	1,329	5,267
" ... ..	...	...	...	4,689	6,730	20,154
May	33,425	11,983	97,893	2,605	1,676	8,920
" ... ..	...	...	...	4,178	3,240	20,450
June	35,067	14,457	98,581	2,864	502	4,891
" ... ..	...	...	...	4,872	2,959	20,231
July	33,095	14,068	94,695	2,690	1,488	6,012
"	32,810	13,377	78,935	4,593	2,883	16,796
August	36,733	6,453	93,829	2,742	2,934	6,280
" ... ..	...	...	...	5,039	4,449	13,660
" ... ..	...	...	...	2,804	2,641	6,807
September	34,867	11,978	100,470	4,844	2,906	18,698
" ... ..	...	...	...	2,711	2,030	6,341
October	33,276	12,417	57,294	5,151	2,543	16,805
" ... ..	...	...	...	2,824	1,600	5,320
November	42,223	7,401	121,742	5,939	3,535	14,750
" ... ..	...	...	...	2,558	2,067	7,097
December	39,982	14,651	107,245	4,058	2,873	13,507
" ... ..	...	...	...	3,010	2,333	5,678
Totals	454,209	177,897	1,174,728	100,777	67,438	313,655
Previous year	440,535	191,783	1,149,435	97,915	42,954	298,403

Table No. 16.

STATEMENT of Correspondence despatched to the United Kingdom *via* San Francisco and *via* Suez and Brindisi during the Year ended 31st December, 1882.

Date of Dispatch.	<i>Via</i> San Francisco.			<i>Via</i> Melbourne and Suez.		
	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.
January	28,414	2,255	35,704	1,214	19	140
"	35,811	2,624	41,553	...	...	...
February	35,943	2,803	39,816	1,585	43	117
March	35,603	3,283	38,482	762	13	63
April	35,510	1,960	42,652	971	18	86
May	35,558	3,160	40,150	2,397	66	247
June	36,169	2,822	42,960	2,607	78	270
July	29,046	3,570	39,250	3,278	95	241
August	36,641	3,358	43,084	2,417	62	264
September	35,572	3,436	29,925	3,102	78	199
October	33,057	2,190	34,200	1,879	79	145
November	38,724	5,201	39,611	2,575	253	149
December	32,503	4,256	39,160	3,004	187	194
Totals	447,651	40,918	506,547	25,791	991	2,115
Previous year	456,042	34,710	497,855	23,771	829	3,781

Table No. 17.

TABLE showing the Number of Letters, Book-packets, and Newspapers received from and despatched to Places outside the Colony during the Year ending 31st December, 1882.

	Received.			Despatched.		
	Letters.	Book-packets.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Book-packets.	Newspapers.
United Kingdom—						
<i>Via</i> San Francisco	454,209	177,897	1,174,728	447,651	40,918	506,547
<i>Via</i> Suez	100,777	67,438	313,655	25,791	991	2,115
Orient Line	4,672	...	5,622	18,209	597	1,692
Australian Colonies	387,739	47,587	490,182	384,322	22,160	310,483
Other places	68,669	14,623	122,972	74,903	9,336	79,107
Totals	1,016,066	307,545	2,107,159	950,876	74,002	899,944
Previous year	937,341	297,863	2,050,437	863,071	58,757	783,289

Table No. 18.
TABLE showing the Revenue, Expenditure, &c., of the Post Offices in the several Postal Districts of New Zealand, for the Year ended 31st December, 1882.

Postal Districts.	No. of Offices.	Total Estimated Correspondence Posted and Delivered.							Expenditure.					Revenue.		
		Letters.	Post-cards.	Books and Parcels.	Newspapers.	Cost of Conveyance of Mails.		Salaries.	Contingencies.		Total.	Estimated.	Official Postage.		Total.	
						£	s. d.		£	s. d.			£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Auckland	200	5,809,109	190,424	399,293	3,123,887	3,481 12 7	10,242 14 10	1,713 18 7	15,438 6 0	22,279 16 2	4,702 12 1½	26,982 8 3½				
Thames	17	346,541	8,281	12,071	207,741	236 18 2	1,061 18 2	250 18 11	1,349 15 3	2,097 16 10	202 8 7	2,300 5 5				
New Plymouth	19	478,244	17,173	31,473	239,767	450 5 0	1,049 0 0	172 19 8	1,672 4 8	2,171 3 10	822 7 11	2,993 11 9				
Gisborne	9	237,757	6,760	17,750	171,398	231 13 4	478 13 8	84 7 9	794 14 9	2,265 11 0	111 11 5	2,377 2 5				
Napier	45	1,059,344	24,908	90,428	499,298	1,683 10 0	3,101 1 4	234 6 6	5,018 17 10	6,031 6 1	475 0 8	6,506 6 9				
Wanganui	28	1,492,036	57,577	106,048	582,986	647 11 11	2,117 14 11	199 6 9	2,964 13 7	6,985 18 2	1,177 18 8	8,163 16 10				
Wellington	64	4,179,591	64,701	383,957	1,349,826	2,777 17 7	5,893 10 9	1,616 5 6	10,287 13 10	14,132 19 4	42,551 17 6	56,684 16 10				
Totals for North Island...	382	13,602,712	369,824	1,041,020	6,174,903	9,509 8 7	23,944 13 8	4,272 3 8	37,726 5 11	55,964 11 5	50,043 16 10½	106,008 8 3½				
Nelson	31	727,298	16,796	51,811	317,967	1,054 7 9	1,876 0 0	246 15 0	3,177 2 9	3,252 2 0	922 8 7	4,174 10 7				
Westport	18	180,518	2,821	14,183	110,122	620 15 0	660 14 0	75 6 6	1,356 15 6	1,296 18 4	339 9 2½	1,636 7 6½				
Greymouth	27	567,684	7,606	35,984	395,025	675 15 0	1,451 7 6	87 0 2	2,214 2 8	2,870 13 4	2,057 11 2	4,928 4 6				
Hokitika	25	304,772	5,291	17,195	215,843	1,271 5 0	1,146 17 6	105 18 4	2,524 0 10	1,742 18 11	1,078 15 10	2,821 14 9				
Blenheim	17	391,001	6,715	23,978	193,857	666 16 0	1,136 11 8	187 18 4	1,991 6 0	2,770 19 0	270 19 10	3,941 18 10				
Christchurch	139	5,666,869	234,065	516,274	1,999,974	3,561 15 1	7,561 14 8	1,603 17 4	12,727 7 1	23,167 18 9	3,265 14 0	26,433 12 9				
Timaru	40	1,249,664	56,485	85,806	399,180	638 9 4	1,919 9 4	161 0 1	2,718 18 9	7,453 4 0	845 17 10	8,299 1 10				
Oamaru	20	683,371	20,449	53,348	264,287	224 18 4	1,209 2 4	101 6 5	1,535 7 1	4,292 6 1	366 13 4	4,958 19 5				
Dunedin	133	5,605,613	186,017	463,508	2,676,526	5,141 11 0	8,688 0 9	1,625 18 7	15,455 10 4	25,237 12 10	4,031 16 8	29,269 0 6				
Invercargill	60	1,546,077	52,936	93,148	694,415	1,443 17 5	2,747 6 2	789 13 10	4,980 17 5	8,001 5 0	529 13 1	8,530 18 1				
Totals for Middle Island	516	16,922,867	589,271	1,355,235	7,138,196	15,299 9 11	28,397 3 11	4,984 14 7	48,681 8 5	80,085 18 3	13,708 19 6½	93,794 17 9½				
General Post Office	...	...	...	...	...	55,233 7 3	3,822 16 9	273 19 6	59,330 3 6	32,275 9 10	...	32,275 9 10
Totals for the Colony	898	30,525,579	959,095	2,396,255	13,313,099	80,042 5 9	56,164 14 4	9,530 17 9	145,737 17 10	168,325 19 6	63,752 16 5	232,078 15 11				

Table No. 19.

CASH REVENUE derived from Private and Press Messages; Value of General Government Messages; Number of Messages transmitted by each Station; and the Working Expenses of each Station, for the Year ended 31st December, 1882.

Name of Station.	Total Cash Revenue derived from Private and Press Messages.			Value of General Government Messages.			Total Value of Messages of all Codes.			Total Number of Private and Press Messages.	Total Number of General Govt. Messages.	Total Number of Messages of all Codes.	Amount paid for Salaries.			Contingencies.			Total Cost of Maintenance of Station.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Head Office													3,602	1	8	490	8	11	4,092	10	7
Auckland	8,050	12	9	1,654	7	4	9,705	0	1	130,423	14,770	145,193	4,575	11	8	631	19	9	5,207	11	5
Alexandra North	98	6	8	212	15	11	311	2	7	2,215	500	2,715	93	10	0	4	15	0	98	5	0
Aratapu	58	4	1	3	5	6	61	9	7	891	61	952				11	18	11	11	18	11
Cambridge	830	8	11	125	5	1	955	14	0	11,603	1,519	13,122	193	15	0	73	18	11	267	13	11
Coromandel	200	12	11	51	19	0	252	11	11	3,897	685	4,582	107	0	0	33	7	3	140	7	3
Dargaville	192	16	4	28	18	8	221	15	0	2,922	399	3,321	100	0	0	19	4	4	119	4	4
Devonport	15	15	0	0	8	0	16	3	0	287	8	295				3	5	0	3	5	0
Drury	27	19	10	19	11	4	47	11	2	485	234	719	81	0	0	13	15	0	94	15	0
Hamilton	463	10	9	99	18	8	563	9	5	5,971	985	6,956	191	10	0	39	7	11	230	17	11
Heawa	0	10	8				0	10	8	9		9				3	5	0	3	5	0
Helensville	157	1	11	47	19	3	205	1	2	2,784	475	3,259	115	0	0	26	12	11	141	12	11
Hokianga	140	7	1	57	9	8	197	16	9	2,028	781	2,809	90	0	0	15	0	0	105	0	0
Huntly	27	12	11	4	0	7	31	13	6	512	37	549	10	0	0	3	7	7	13	7	7
Kaeo	18	12	3	0	2	0	18	14	3	292	2	294				5	3	0	5	3	0
Kamo	126	2	5	9	13	1	135	15	6	1,777	152	1,929	87	10	0	19	1	0	106	11	0
Kawakawa	183	19	10	21	0	2	205	0	0	2,911	299	3,210	158	3	4	20	8	2	178	11	6
Kihikihi	68	5	0	12	7	1	80	12	1	1,031	102	1,133	65	0	0	7	7	9	72	7	9
Kirikiroa	21	0	2	0	14	7	21	14	9	376	5	381				5	9	4	5	9	4
Kohukohu	39	13	1	0	12	0	40	5	1	564	12	576				3	5	0	3	5	0
Maketu	96	6	2	21	14	7	118	0	9	1,368	199	1,567	82	10	0	10	15	5	93	5	5
Mangawai	14	12	1	0	3	8	14	15	9	211	3	214				3	15	0	3	15	0
Mangawhare	42	18	0	4	5	3	47	3	3	673	74	747				6	16	11	6	16	11
Manukau Heads	6	18	1	70	8	7	77	6	8	791	1,320	2,111	150	0	0	12	2	8	162	2	8
Mercer	55	10	7	37	0	5	92	11	0	1,018	392	1,410	97	0	10	17	19	2	115	0	0
Mongonui	93	1	3	65	1	11	158	3	2	1,571	851	2,422	79	0	10	13	7	2	92	8	0
Newmarket	116	7	4	35	7	11	151	15	3	1,848	329	2,177	48	0	0	3	9	9	51	9	9
Newton	88	16	8	9	3	5	98	0	1	1,369	115	1,484	126	10	0	9	12	5	136	2	5
Ngaruawahia	108	19	2	60	5	3	169	4	5	1,812	808	2,620	138	10	0	31	3	0	169	13	0
Northcote	3	2	6				3	2	6	52		52				3	5	0	3	5	0
Ohaeawai	106	5	7	13	2	3	119	7	10	1,433	144	1,577	78	10	0	21	14	2	100	4	2
Ohaupo	46	5	2	38	0	4	84	5	6	904	503	1,407	60	0	0	10	18	8	70	18	8
Ohinemutu	484	13	1	115	6	9	599	19	10	6,774	924	7,698	99	0	0	30	11	4	129	11	4
Onehunga	185	18	7	132	15	8	318	14	3	3,308	2,076	5,384	247	0	0	20	10	1	267	10	1
Opotiki	200	18	4	81	9	8	282	8	0	3,267	804	4,071	127	0	0	27	2	3	154	2	3
Otahuhu	53	3	4	3	17	7	57	0	11	905	51	956	76	0	0	8	14	8	84	14	8
Pahi	58	0	1	3	16	8	61	16	9	947	49	996	82	10	0	11	16	1	94	6	1
Papakura	1	16	6	0	12	6	2	9	0	32	5	37				3	5	0	3	5	0
Paparoa	6	10	1	1	0	10	7	10	11	106	10	116				3	5	0	3	5	0
Papatoitoti	6	15	7	0	1	1	6	16	8	122	1	123	5	0	0	3	7	8	8	7	8
Penrose	11	19	11	0	12	10	12	12	9	200	8	208	13	0	0	4	8	3	17	8	3
Pokeno	14	12	0	2	12	9	17	4	9	270	19	289	15	0	0	3	11	11	18	11	11
Port Albert	39	19	6	5	2	5	45	1	11	653	53	706	88	0	0	29	5	9	117	5	9
Pukekohe	38	9	4	3	17	11	42	7	3	691	36	727	47	10	0	4	17	8	52	7	8
Russell	233	11	7	115	5	6	348	17	1	4,433	1,434	5,867	183	3	4	30	1	6	213	4	10
Takapuna	4	9	3				4	9	3	90		90				3	5	0	3	5	0
Tamahere	6	7	4	0	3	4	6	10	8	109	1	110				3	5	0	3	5	0
Taumariri	6	6	11	0	4	3	6	11	2	118	3	121				3	5	0	3	5	0
Taupiri	10	1	0	0	16	3	10	17	3	159	7	166				3	5	0	3	5	0
Tauranga	849	0	10	253	18	5	1,102	19	3	11,291	2,388	13,679	238	11	8	84	17	11	323	9	7
Te Awamutu	92	3	3	36	12	9	128	16	0	1,648	430	2,078	102	10	0	17	0	6	119	10	6
Te Kopuru	214	13	11	10	0	8	224	14	7	3,034	155	3,189	88	0	0	24	12	2	112	12	2
Te Puke	2	10	10				2	10	10	43		43				5	19	0	5	19	0
Tiki	9	2	8				9	2	8	160		160				4	17	9	4	17	9
Tokatea	16	16	5	0	11	4	17	7	9	292	7	299				4	5	1	4	5	1
Waipu	58	9	2	4	0	10	62	10	0	958	57	1,015	93	0	0	15	1	0	108	1	0
Waiuku	54	9	7	4	2	7	58	12	2	906	56	962	94	0	0	12	10	9	106	10	9
Waiwera	143	6	11	8	16	2	152	3	1	2,258	51	2,309	89	15	10	20	10	11	110	6	9
Wangarei	227	18	7	146	4	3	374	2	10	3,618	1,426	5,044	109	15	0	30	15	6	140	10	6
Wangaroa	127	7	8	29	4	7	156	12	3	2,072	447	2,519	86	10	0	19	1	11	105	11	11
Warkworth	54	12	11	16	1	8	70	14	7	944	138	1,082	84	10	0	13	15	0	98	5	0
Waterford	58	9	9	7	17	2	66	6	11	925	75	1,000	87	10	0	18	1	0	105	11	0
Whakatane	54	0	6	12	3	5	66	4	11	731	123	854				3	5	0	3	5	0
Blenheim	1,029	7	9	186	16	7	1,216	4	4	10,001	2,088	12,089	2,550	1	8	260	0	11	2,810	2	7
Havelock	176	2	5	19	9	4	195	11	9	2,942	254	3,196	92	10	0	7	6	7	99	16	7
Kaikoura	229	2	9	61	0	4	290	3	1	3,495	885	4,380	112	16	8	21	7	8	134	4	4
Kekerangu	28	11	11	20	1	1	48	13	0	485	316	801	72	10	0	7	8	11	79	18	11
Picton																					

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	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Christchurch—contd.									
Cheviot ...	94 11 0	2 1 2	96 12 2	636	33	669	60 0 0	23 14 0	83 14 0
Coalgate ...	40 0 4	6 4 4	46 4 8	660	67	727	6 0 0	5 16 0	11 16 0
Cust ...	34 4 2	1 4 4	35 8 6	575	12	587	10 0 0	3 7 7	13 7 7
Darfield ...	12 3 0	0 6 6	12 9 6	188	4	192	5 0 0	3 7 7	8 7 7
Dunsandel ...	24 19 0	0 6 8	25 5 8	423	5	428	5 0 0	3 7 7	8 7 7
Duvauchelle ...	44 0 10	2 9 9	46 10 7	642	26	668	62 10 0	10 3 11	72 13 11
Ealing ...	11 3 3	0 4 2	11 7 5	193	2	195	5 0 0	3 8 1c	8 8 10
Exhibition ...	29 0 7	13 10 2	42 10 9	502	139	641	...	...	...
Hinds ...	10 14 6	...	10 14 6	161	...	161	13 17 10	3 10 0	17 8 7
Hornby ...	13 13 1	0 17 5	14 10 6	222	8	230	5 0 0	3 7 7	8 7 7
Hurunui ...	63 0 11	6 17 8	69 18 7	1,014	78	1,092	78 10 0	10 11 1c	89 1 10
Kaipoi ...	200 12 8	19 19 5	220 12 1	3,269	213	3,482	190 10 0	18 12 1c	209 2 10
Kirwee ...	31 15 6	1 7 7	33 3 1	504	10	514	5 0 0	3 5 c	8 5 0
Leeston ...	78 15 5	5 15 1	84 10 6	1,304	60	1,364	17 0 0	10 17 7	27 17 7
Lyttelton ...	820 3 10	369 17 11	1,190 1 9	14,945	5,254	20,199	453 0 0	11 16 c	564 16 0
Oxford ...	71 1 4	7 15 0	78 16 4	1,175	84	1,259	94 10 0	15 19 c	110 9 0
Papanui ...	0 10 11	...	0 10 11	11	...	11	...	...	...
Rakaia ...	132 17 6	7 11 7	140 9 1	2,173	105	2,278	100 6 8	9 18 11	110 5 7
Rangiora ...	166 4 9	11 16 10	178 1 7	2,957	154	3,111	164 3 4	23 13 2	187 16 6
Rolleston ...	18 1 11	1 4 5	19 6 4	325	11	336	5 0 0	3 8 4	8 8 4
Sefton ...	25 2 0	0 1 3	25 3 3	445	1	446	...	3 6 3	3 6 3
Sheffield ...	38 19 5	5 14 4	44 13 9	694	81	775	129 3 4	8 2 4	137 5 8
Southbridge ...	180 2 9	5 12 11	185 15 8	2,858	71	2,929	75 10 0	21 6 6	96 16 6
South Malvern ...	5 7 7	...	5 7 7	90	...	90	...	3 5 c	3 5 0
Springfield ...	59 0 1	4 19 9	63 19 10	1,012	53	1,065	5 0 0	3 7 7	8 7 7
Springston ...	20 10 2	0 4 9	20 14 11	364	3	367	...	3 7 7	3 7 7
Sydenham ...	38 17 5	2 0 4	40 17 9	667	37	704	125 0 0	22 4 6	147 4 6
Waiatu ...	110 1 10	20 14 1	130 15 11	1,599	221	1,820	67 10 0	14 19 4	82 9 4
Waikari ...	115 7 5	14 9 10	129 17 3	1,861	170	2,031	66 6 8	26 17 7	93 4 3
Winslow ...	18 0 2	1 0 5	19 1 0	286	9	295	5 0 0	3 7 7	8 7 7
Dunedin ...	9,410 7 1	1,546 19 3	10,957 1 4	147,004	10,550	157,554	4,784 3 10	596 2 4	5,380 6 2
Abbotsford ...	17 4 6	1 1 0	18 5 6	306	11	317	...	3 7 7	3 7 7
Albany Street (Branch Office)	286 6 9	12 18 9	299 5 6	4,713	191	4,904	101 0 0	25 15 1c	126 15 10
Alexandra South ...	110 18 2	10 18 3	121 16 5	1,862	168	2,030	102 10 0	24 6 6	126 16 6
Arrow ...	193 0 6	16 16 10	209 17 4	3,105	203	3,308	122 10 0	34 10 5	157 0 5
Balclutha ...	164 15 1	37 3 2	201 18 3	2,876	522	3,398	140 0 0	38 16 8	178 16 8
Blueskin ...	33 8 4	3 3 0	36 11 4	581	13	594	10 0 0	3 5 c	13 5 0
Caversham ...	32 2 7	3 5 7	35 8 2	528	41	569	28 0 0	3 7 7	31 7 7
Clinton ...	110 4 9	148 5 11	258 10 8	1,798	1,673	3,471	146 0 0	21 1 5	167 1 5
Clyde ...	117 11 0	62 8 8	179 19 8	1,627	570	2,197	77 10 0	26 16 1	104 6 1
Cromwell ...	226 9 7	24 10 2	250 19 9	3,288	245	3,533	135 10 0	19 10 2	155 0 2
Dunedin Rail-station	7 18 4	1 0 9	8 19 1	132	9	141	...	3 7 7	3 7 7
Greytown South ...	13 12 3	0 5 3	13 17 6	231	3	234	...	3 7 7	3 7 7
Henley ...	22 4 5	0 2 11	22 7 4	368	2	370	...	7 18 8	7 18 8
Kaitangata ...	43 7 0	16 18 1	60 5 1	764	322	1,086	86 10 0	7 1 6	93 11 6
Kelso ...	17 5 9	23 17 5	41 3 2	301	275	576	...	3 7 c	3 7 0
Lawrence ...	247 1 2	49 18 3	296 19 5	3,965	504	4,469	261 16 8	34 2 11	295 19 7
Milton ...	159 19 4	9 14 9	169 14 1	2,816	120	2,936	128 10 0	23 15 3	152 5 3
Mosgiel ...	59 19 2	5 1 2	65 0 4	1,089	57	1,146	39 10 0	3 7 7	42 17 7
Naseby ...	181 8 9	43 3 5	224 12 2	2,329	569	2,898	132 10 0	34 6 1	166 16 1
Nuggets ...	5 17 2	0 6 8	6 3 10	133	4	137	...	6 4 5	6 4 5
Ophir ...	75 4 2	10 13 9	85 17 11	1,202	101	1,303	92 10 0	23 2 10	115 12 11
Otago Heads ...	7 1 8	61 8 8	68 10 4	548	1,015	1,563	10 0 0	4 0 10	14 0 10
Outram ...	81 8 9	5 18 5	87 7 2	1,416	91	1,507	34 10 0	17 3 2	51 13 2
Owake ...	45 0 8	3 7 9	48 8 5	727	49	776	15 12 6	4 16 10	20 9 4
Palmerston South ...	229 19 9	154 11 4	384 11 1	3,841	1,591	5,432	157 10 0	29 10 6	187 0 6
Port Chalmers ...	453 17 4	320 14 4	774 11 8	7,776	5,110	12,886	415 10 0	84 1 c	499 11 0
Roxburgh ...	108 8 0	31 8 0	139 16 0	1,717	454	2,171	122 10 0	9 0 3	131 10 3
St. Bathans ...	58 9 10	8 11 8	67 1 6	868	100	968	70 0 0	7 19 1	77 19 1
Stirling ...	33 4 7	0 1 11	33 6 6	579	1	580	12 10 0	3 12 7	16 2 7
Tapanui ...	167 9 3	59 19 8	227 8 11	2,716	652	3,368	111 10 0	10 2 4	121 12 4
Waihemo ...	9 8 4	...	9 8 4	127	...	127	40 0 0	3 5 c	43 5 0
Waihola ...	32 19 4	1 8 0	34 7 4	587	20	607	10 10 0	3 8 0	13 18 0
Waikaia ...	64 1 3	7 19 1	72 0 4	987	99	1,086	92 10 0	6 0 4	98 10 4
Waikouaiti ...	61 9 4	6 3 1	67 12 5	1,043	72	1,115	49 16 8	4 5 4	54 2 0
Waitahuna ...	32 7 3	1 3 9	33 11 0	578	15	593	7 16 3	3 7 7	11 3 10
Gisborne ...	1,826 17 10	280 12 10	2,107 10 8	21,764	3,082	24,846	437 14 6	96 2 7	533 17 1
Grey mouth ...	1,456 1 4	452 2 0	1,908 3 4	22,172	3,382	25,554	966 14 7	159 1 4	1,125 15 11
Ahaura ...	84 2 1	16 17 11	101 0 0	1,391	168	1,559	96 4 2	28 15 2	124 19 4
Brunnerton ...	15 13 6	1 17 11	17 11 5	261	15	276	...	4 18 8	4 18 8
Reefton ...	1,733 1 3	92 17 10	1,825 19 1	26,006	1,178	27,184	439 1 8	110 12 0	549 13 8
Hokitika ...	1,144 5 10	269 19 0	1,384 4 10	16,124	2,711	18,835	724 2 6	88 19 9	813 2 3
Kumara ...	221 19 2	46 1 1	268 0 3	3,341	403	3,744	178 0 0	38 1 4	216 1 4
Ross ...	105 8 7	17 10 11	122 19 6	1,569	176	1,745	71 10 0	11 7 3	82 17 3

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Invercargill ...	1,939	2	10	347	16	4	2,286	19	2	29,409	3,053	32,462	1,436	9	2	147	13	1	1,584	2	3
Bluff ...	330	13	9	172	14	10	503	8	7	7,866	2,489	10,355	296	0	0	40	10	1	336	10	1
Dipton ...	42	4	8	2	18	7	45	3	3	685	52	737	...	...	...	3	7	7	3	7	7
Edendale ...	53	12	10	2	2	0	55	14	10	950	22	972	5	0	0	3	8	2	8	8	2
Elbow ...	122	12	8	7	14	0	130	6	8	1,960	101	2,061	40	0	0	4	2	8	44	2	8
Fortrose ...	27	10	6	0	5	11	27	16	5	452	2	454	...	...	...	4	6	3	4	6	3
Gore ...	270	18	0	156	0	7	426	18	7	4,353	1,496	5,849	159	11	8	30	13	11	190	5	7
Kingston ...	31	12	6	3	5	11	34	18	5	555	38	593	5	0	0	3	7	7	8	7	7
Mataura ...	72	12	7	14	18	7	87	11	2	1,241	179	1,420	115	16	8	18	9	6	134	6	2
Otautau ...	84	12	7	1	18	6	86	11	1	1,397	27	1,424	10	0	0	4	5	2	14	5	2
Pine Bush ...	16	3	0	...	...	...	16	3	0	246	...	246	...	...	...	3	19	4	3	19	4
Queenstown ...	328	17	5	64	16	3	393	13	8	5,200	759	5,959	127	10	0	49	13	8	177	3	8
Riverton ...	198	16	11	45	17	2	244	14	1	3,188	626	3,814	137	1	8	27	15	8	164	17	4
Thornbury ...	45	14	8	0	8	10	46	3	6	639	5	644	5	0	0	3	14	0	8	14	0
Waipahi ...	28	6	1	1	6	5	29	12	6	516	19	535	5	10	0	3	5	0	8	15	0
Winton ...	103	17	4	16	10	2	120	7	6	1,791	226	2,017	44	10	0	19	4	11	63	14	11
Woodlands ...	46	14	10	6	11	1	53	5	11	691	77	768	25	10	0	3	10	10	29	0	10
Wyndham ...	124	5	0	10	12	10	134	17	10	2,046	135	2,181	77	10	0	8	17	3	86	7	3
Napier ...	2,435	2	1	308	3	6	2,743	5	7	32,968	3,159	36,127	3,262	11	8	313	7	8	3,575	19	4
Farndon ...	57	17	10	5	1	8	62	19	6	984	42	1,026	12	10	0	5	14	11	18	4	11
Hastings ...	250	3	0	18	16	2	268	19	2	3,957	274	4,231	57	10	0	25	10	7	83	0	7
Kopua ...	23	14	11	25	0	11	48	15	10	419	186	605	82	10	0	5	0	3	87	10	3
Makatoka ...	27	4	9	5	18	5	33	3	2	416	59	475	...	...	...	3	5	0	3	5	0
Mohaka ...	51	19	10	4	3	4	56	3	2	819	52	871	85	0	0	10	7	6	95	7	6
Porangahau ...	76	9	9	4	19	10	81	9	7	1,184	62	1,246	60	0	0	24	4	5	84	4	5
Port Ahuriri ...	391	19	6	103	7	6	495	7	0	6,250	1,307	7,557	202	0	0	36	6	10	238	6	10
Takapau ...	36	0	3	5	12	0	41	12	3	605	47	652	75	0	0	26	10	5	101	10	5
Tarawera ...	36	1	8	5	10	5	41	12	1	529	34	563	80	0	0	12	19	9	92	19	9
Taupo ...	167	6	5	57	8	11	224	15	4	2,433	782	3,215	73	8	4	25	12	5	99	0	9
Wainui ...	53	7	1	5	7	6	58	14	7	728	59	787	82	10	0	9	18	5	92	8	5
Waipawa ...	243	10	3	16	11	10	260	2	1	3,605	215	3,820	137	0	0	30	10	6	167	10	6
Waipukurau ...	135	17	0	5	13	5	141	10	5	2,165	94	2,259	96	10	0	19	11	6	116	1	6
Wairoa ...	254	12	2	52	6	4	306	18	6	4,270	763	5,033	81	10	0	31	7	11	112	17	11
Nelson ...	2,185	5	4	480	17	2	2,666	2	6	32,590	5,803	38,393	1,287	1	8	190	3	8	1,477	5	4
Belgrove ...	21	15	11	1	5	9	23	1	8	493	12	415	55	0	0	4	8	3	59	8	3
Collingwood ...	72	10	6	16	0	2	88	10	8	1,167	207	1,374	100	10	0	23	14	0	124	4	0
Motueka ...	109	11	5	9	18	6	119	9	11	1,993	141	2,134	110	10	0	9	2	1	119	12	1
Motupiko ...	1	0	10	0	1	2	1	2	0	17	1	18	...	...	...	3	5	0	3	5	0
Richmond ...	59	9	3	6	7	3	65	16	6	1,052	89	1,141	79	0	0	6	3	2	85	3	2
Takaka ...	92	6	6	7	15	6	100	2	0	1,510	126	1,636	73	0	0	18	3	1	91	3	1
Tophouse ...	14	1	7	28	18	11	43	0	6	251	440	691	75	0	0	5	7	3	80	7	3
Upper Moutere ...	2	0	4	0	2	0	2	2	4	39	2	41	...	...	...	3	5	0	3	5	0
Wakapuaka ...	10	16	5	0	7	10	11	4	3	19,109	4	19,113	507	10	0	105	14	5	613	4	5
Wakefield ...	27	18	10	2	16	8	30	15	6	459	30	489	10	10	0	3	10	3	14	0	3
New Plymouth ...	1,315	18	0	532	1	8	1,847	19	8	20,487	4,654	25,141	771	2	6	99	4	7	870	7	1
Inglewood ...	62	13	6	5	11	4	68	4	10	967	64	1,031	25	0	0	5	5	4	30	5	4
Opunake ...	216	5	11	204	3	10	420	9	9	3,675	1,989	5,664	90	15	0	23	5	8	114	0	8
Parihaka ...	25	19	4	56	11	8	82	11	0	428	652	1,080	10	0	0	3	5	0	13	5	0
Pungarehu ...	70	6	0	159	1	10	229	7	10	1,155	1,353	2,508	15	0	0	3	5	0	18	5	0
Stratford ...	33	19	6	7	6	3	41	5	9	609	85	694	20	0	0	3	19	11	23	19	11
Waitara ...	307	18	7	87	18	0	395	16	7	5,479	1,305	6,784	116	10	0	26	14	4	143	4	4
Oamaru ...	1,892	10	6	189	19	5	2,082	9	11	26,457	2,413	28,870	971	0	0	137	18	8	1,108	18	8
Duntroon ...	43	7	1	21	11	7	64	18	8	725	265	990	50	10	0	19	2	3	69	12	3
Enfield ...	1	1	6	...	...	...	1	1	6	18	...	18	...	...	...	3	5	0	3	5	0
Hampden ...	49	1	2	3	13	0	52	14	2	849	38	887	59	10	0	7	5	5	66	15	5
Herbert ...	25	14	5	0	19	11	26	14	4	497	14	511	51	0	0	5	2	7	56	2	7
Kakanui ...	75	8	11	1	0	1	76	9	0	1,029	20	1,049	70	0	0	12	0	6	82	0	6
Maheno ...	34	18	8	0	10	1	35	8	9	622	6	628	5	0	0	4	4	2	9	4	2
Ngapara ...	8	1	5	0	18	11	9	0	4	132	11	143	...	...	...	3	5	0	3	5	0
Pukeuri Junction ...	5	8	9	0	1	0	5	9	9	126	1	127	5	0	0	3	5	0	8	5	0
Weston ...	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	1	1	18	...	18	...	...	...	3	5	0	3	5	0
Thames ...	1,538	3	8	193	7	11	1,731	11	7	20,866	1,811	22,677	892	5	0	106	17	6	999	2	6
Miranda ...	7	14	9	...	...	...	7	14	9	129	...	129	85	0	0	8	1	8	93	1	8
Paeroa ...	127	12	8	54	9	10	182	2	6	2,107	286	2,393	34	9	2	10	10	2	44	19	4
Te Aroha ...	264	13	11	29	5	7	293	19	6	4,354	399	4,753	62	15	6	32	18	9	95	14	3
Turua ...	26	12	6	0	15	6	27	8	0	482	10	492	...	...	...	6	15	4	6	15	4
Timaru ...	1,985	5	4	217	3	10	2,202	9	2	28,499	2,683	31,182	1,249	15	0	200	5	3	1,450	0	3
Albury ...	48	8	1	4	14	9	53	2	10	786	34	820	15	10	0	3	5	0	18	15	0
Geraldine ...	94	2	3	6	2	7	100	4	10	1,621	92	1,713	116	10	0	20	17	3	137	7	3
Makikihi ...	24	16	4	1	8	7	26	4	11	437	13	450	5	0	0	7	8	3	12	8	3
Orari ...	18	4	11	0	12	2	18	17	1	390	7	397	6	0	0	3	8	3	9	8	3
Pleasant Point ...	7	2	6	0	1	4	7	3	10	113	1	114	13	10	0	3	5	0	16	15	0
Rangitata ...	18	16	3	2	1	5	20	17	8	317	20	337	6	0	0	3	9	7	9	9	7
St. Andrew ...	32	18	10	0	14	9	33	13	7	544	13	557	5	0	0	3	7	7	8	7	7
Studholme Junction ...	23	16	9	0	8	1	24	4	10	438	4	442	5	0	0	3	5	0	8	5	0

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Timaru—continued.																					
Temuka ...	168	4	1	10	6	1	178	10	2	2,968	134	3,102	186	0	0	35	11	4	221	11	4
Waimate ...	281	14	0	60	17	5	342	11	5	4,077	634	4,711	216	16	8	41	14	9	258	11	5
Waitaki ...	13	1	6	0	1	0	13	2	6	215	1	216	10	0	0	3	8	9	13	8	9
Washdyke ...	27	3	0	0	10	10	27	13	10	420	...	420	5	0	0	3	11	1	8	11	1
Winchester ...	23	19	5	0	3	6	24	2	11	478	3	481	5	0	0	3	9	7	8	9	7
Wanganui ...	2,208	10	0	388	3	2	2,596	13	2	34,666	4,724	39,390	1,414	12	1	213	8	9	1,628	0	10
Bull's ...	191	18	5	11	1	0	202	19	5	3,305	140	3,445	129	13	4	30	17	0	166	10	4
Hawera ...	753	9	5	135	14	8	889	4	1	10,456	1,372	11,828	251	8	4	51	11	4	302	19	8
Manaia ...	136	9	7	46	13	11	183	3	6	2,225	461	2,686	25	11	7	5	10	9	31	2	4
Manutahi ...	54	7	11	8	18	5	63	6	4	984	87	1,071	67	10	0	9	11	5	77	1	5
Marton ...	370	6	9	43	1	3	413	8	0	4,825	409	5,234	140	0	0	43	15	5	183	15	5
Normanby ...	60	12	5	15	10	4	76	2	9	1,164	211	1,375	60	0	0	10	8	6	70	8	6
Patea ...	679	8	11	131	18	6	811	7	5	9,867	1,317	11,184	218	2	8	33	10	9	251	13	5
Turakina ...	60	10	0	50	13	1	111	12	1	1,067	805	1,872	72	6	8	14	16	2	87	2	10
Waitotara ...	57	16	3	6	9	9	64	6	0	1,010	84	1,094	59	0	0	26	13	0	85	13	0
Waverley ...	154	9	11	13	18	0	168	7	11	2,691	188	2,879	108	10	0	29	10	2	138	0	2
Wellington	6,452	5	3	5,383	5	7	11,835	10	10	193,186	49,807	242,993	8,226	2	1	611	19	9	8,838	1	10
Carterton ...	215	7	2	35	1	7	250	8	9	3,638	496	4,134	105	0	0	3,316	4	0	3,421	4	0
Castlepoint ...	66	18	6	65	6	6	132	5	0	1,073	748	1,821	80	0	0	9	10	8	89	10	8
Featherston ...	133	8	4	78	2	11	211	11	3	2,434	940	3,374	125	0	0	25	5	2	150	5	2
Feilding ...	295	18	6	46	3	9	342	2	3	4,859	767	5,626	153	15	0	38	6	0	192	1	0
Foxton ...	349	4	10	80	14	0	429	18	10	5,701	1,164	6,865	229	11	8	30	7	8	259	19	4
Gladstone ...	7	3	1	...	...	...	7	3	1	205	...	205	...	...	...	3	5	0	3	5	0
Greytown North ...	142	19	9	19	8	5	162	8	2	2,371	218	2,589	125	10	0	49	15	3	175	5	3
Halcombe ...	60	9	4	43	0	5	103	9	9	1,029	463	1,492	79	3	4	8	10	8	87	14	0
Hutt ...	69	16	1	4	16	11	74	13	0	1,222	70	1,292	131	0	0	6	18	1	137	18	1
Kaitoke ...	7	19	2	0	7	11	8	7	1	136	7	143	35	0	0	10	2	9	45	2	9
Martinborough ...	39	5	7	2	16	11	42	2	6	617	55	672	...	...	...	8	8	0	8	8	0
Masterton ...	543	13	2	52	2	6	595	15	8	8,078	664	8,742	290	0	0	39	3	11	329	3	11
Otaki ...	125	14	7	12	1	8	137	16	3	2,151	168	2,319	93	10	0	36	19	9	130	9	9
Pahautanui ...	6	15	5	0	2	0	6	17	5	107	2	109	...	...	...	3	5	0	3	5	0
Palmerston North ...	547	8	2	66	19	8	614	7	10	8,208	1,037	9,245	230	0	0	28	3	2	258	3	2
Sanson ...	77	15	5	3	10	6	81	5	11	1,338	51	1,389	101	0	0	9	9	3	110	9	3
Te Nui ...	81	3	2	6	15	5	87	18	7	1,253	103	1,356	62	10	0	9	8	0	71	18	0
Upper Hutt ...	31	19	9	0	17	10	32	17	7	583	12	595	56	10	0	4	2	2	60	12	2
Woodville ...	69	15	10	6	8	4	76	4	2	1,232	105	1,337	25	10	0	10	8	4	35	18	4
Westport ...	874	0	7	377	15	3	1,251	15	10	13,502	4,192	17,694	300	17	4	66	8	1	427	5	5
Charleston ...	77	12	4	20	15	3	98	7	7	1,267	209	1,476	69	0	0	27	12	8	96	12	8
Longford ...	57	12	9	20	6	9	77	19	6	861	213	1,074	72	10	0	17	11	2	90	1	2
Lyell ...	412	1	6	46	13	2	458	14	8	6,439	640	7,079	116	1	8	43	5	2	159	6	10
Totals	81,770	4	8	20,608	11	11	102,378	16	7	1,361,817	208,372	1,570,189	61,304	15	9	12,249	13	4	73,554	9	1

Table No. 20.

NUMBER of LETTERS forwarded in each Postal District during the Year ended 31st December, 1882, Number of Telegrams forwarded in each Postal District during the same Period, and the Proportion of Telegrams to every 100 Letters; together with a similar Return for the previous Year.

Districts.	1881.			1882.		
	Number of Letters.	Number of Telegrams.	Proportion of Telegrams to every 100 Letters.	Number of Letters.	Number of Telegrams.	Proportion of Telegrams to every 100 Letters.
Auckland	2,185,787	243,500	11'14	3,025,396	271,606	8'98
Blenheim	127,990	26,850	20'98	185,242	26,438	14'27
Christchurch	2,257,562	165,825	7'35	2,715,395	181,346	6'67
Dunedin	2,036,402	209,291	10'27	2,666,356	227,992	8'55
Gisborne	78,372	21,791	27'8	123,677	24,846	20'09
Greymouth	266,623	42,696	16'01	306,113	55,773	18'22
Hokitika	134,262	22,943	17'08	140,403	24,314	17'31
Invercargill	521,338	68,458	13'13	638,992	71,994	11'26
Napier	379,500	67,824	17'87	531,925	67,990	12'78
Nelson	268,451	59,954	22'33	361,249	65,445	18'11
New Plymouth	163,657	50,158	30'64	200,735	42,902	21'37
Oamaru	297,687	30,306	10'18	326,909	32,738	10'01
Thames	118,054	18,094	15'32	157,230	30,412	19'34
Timaru	513,335	41,233	8'03	613,572	44,259	7'21
Wanganui	479,250	81,236	16'95	710,161	82,058	11'55
Wellington	1,172,699	266,791	22'75	1,755,489	292,753	16'67
Westport	58,708	21,822	37'17	87,904	27,323	31'08

Year.	Number of Letters.	Number of Telegrams.	Proportion of Telegrams sent to every 100 Letters.
1882	14,546,748	1,570,189	10'79
1881-82	11,059,677	1,438,772	13
1880-81	10,895,998	1,304,712	11'97
1879-80 (for nine months only)	7,065,510	1,008,409	14'27
1878-79	7,374,786	1,448,943	19'64
1877-78	6,078,384	1,260,324	20'71
1876-77	5,540,920	1,124,432	20'29
1875-76	4,731,873	1,051,086	22'21
1874-75	4,059,517	917,218	22'59
1873-74	3,209,837	752,899	23'45
1872-73	2,828,372	568,960	19'76
1871-72	2,418,021	411,677	17'02
1870-71	2,626,947	312,874	11'91
1869-70	2,374,060	185,423	7'81
1868-69	2,749,488	146,167	6'12
1867-68	1,938,578	106,104	5'47

Table No. 21.

ORDINARY and PRESS TELEGRAMS despatched during the Four Quarters ended 31st December, 1881, also for each Quarter of the Year ended 31st December, 1882, and the REVENUE derived from each Class.

Telegrams.	March Quarter.		June Quarter.		September Quarter.		December Quarter.		Totals.	
	Number.	Revenue Derived.	Number.	Revenue Derived.	Number.	Revenue Derived.	Number.	Revenue Derived.	Number.	Revenue Derived.
1881.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Ordinary ...	255,090	16,521 0 5	253,797	16,286 1 6	256,347	16,268 8 5	285,452	18,128 3 6	1,050,686	67,203 13 10
Press ...	24,694	1,368 10 9	25,733	1,655 18 1	31,471	2,120 8 9	32,960	1,758 15 11	114,858	6,903 13 6
Totals...	279,784	17,889 11 2	279,530	17,941 19 7	287,818	18,388 17 2	318,412	19,886 19 5	1,165,544	74,107 7 4
1882.										
Ordinary ...	299,042	17,973 16 2	302,003	18,382 5 8	298,905	18,455 10 0	307,269	18,224 13 9	1,207,219	73,036 5 7
Press ...	31,047	1,554 7 0	37,907	2,206 1 6	44,303	2,535 9 11	41,341	2,438 0 8	154,598	8,733 19 1
Totals...	330,089	19,528 3 2	339,910	20,588 7 2	343,208	20,990 19 11	348,610	20,662 14 5	1,361,817	81,770 4 8

Table No. 22.

COMPARATIVE TABLE showing the Progress of the TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT during the Financial Years ended 30th June, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878; to the 31st March, 1880, 1881, and 1882, and to the 31st December, 1882.

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Stations	Number of Telegrams forwarded during the Year.		Revenue derived from Private and Press Messages, Money-order Telegrams, and Incidental Receipts.		Value of Government Messages.		Total Value of Business done during the Year.		Cost of Maintenance of Stations.		Cost of Maintenance of Lines.		Total Expenditure.		Cost of Maintenance of Lines per Mile.		Tariff in Operation.		
				Private, Provincial Government.	General Government.	Total.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£		s.	d.
30th June, 1866	699	1,390	13	24,761	2,476	27,237	5,561	19	2	483	3	2	3,934	3	4	2,443	2	11	6,377	6	3	Mileage tariff. Mileage tariff in operation up to 1st Sept., 1869; uniform 2s. 6d. tariff from 1st Sept., 1869, to 31st March, 1870; and 1s. tariff from 1st April, 1870. From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 1867	757	1,498	21	55,621	15,331	70,952	9,070	10	1	3,770	4	8	8,017	14	7	2,541	4	11	10,558	19	6	
" 1868	1,110	2,223	31	72,241	26,244	98,485	11,652	3	7	6,672	0	3	9,489	17	10	5,406	7	3	14,896	5	1	
" 1869	1,329	2,495	45	106,070	59,097	155,157	18,520	10	4	13,430	11	9	14,266	12	7	8,547	4	9	23,813	17	4	
" 1870	1,661	2,897	56	122,545	62,878	185,423	17,218	1	4	12,252	6	0	16,417	7	4	14,120	4	10	30,537	12	2	
" 1871	1,976	3,247	72	253,582	59,292	312,874	22,419	8	8	9,876	17	6	21,254	4	3	11,344	3	8	32,598	7	11	
" 1872	2,185	3,823	81	344,524	67,243	411,767	28,121	10	0	11,043	3	9	23,593	0	9	8,858	19	7	32,452	9	4	
" 1873	2,356	4,574	93	485,807	83,453	568,960	39,680	18	9	11,105	2	0	27,040	18	10	9,479	5	4	36,520	4	2	
" 1874	2,530	5,782	105	645,067	107,832	752,899	46,508	18	10	12,618	11	6	38,801	19	4	15,021	17	11	53,823	17	3	
" 1875	2,986	6,626	127	786,237	130,891	917,128	55,391	12	3	13,679	10	9	45,814	11	4	14,240	10	7	60,955	10	11	
" 1876	3,154	7,247	142	890,382	160,704	1,051,086	62,715	10	4	16,154	6	0	61,696	14	5	21,074	8	8	82,771	3	1	
" 1877	3,259	7,423	155	952,283	172,159	1,124,432	65,644	15	3	17,024	8	9	63,353	10	10	17,931	8	0	81,284	18	10	
" 1878	3,434	8,035	182	1,065,481	194,843	1,260,324	73,284	1	10	19,148	12	4	69,340	1	8	18,259	4	9	87,599	6	5	
" 1879	3,512	8,117	195	1,201,982	246,961	1,448,943	85,402	0	2	26,949	2	2	79,502	0	5	17,299	7	10	96,801	8	3	
31st March, 1880	3,638	9,333	214	824,734	183,675	1,008,409	58,120	2	3	19,707	6	3	68,651	10	10	14,758	4	5	83,409	15	3	
" 1881	3,758	9,587	227	1,058,342	246,370	1,304,712	73,002	2	0	27,021	3	8	78,224	1	8	23,154	8	3	101,378	0	11	
" 1882	3,824	9,653	234	1,215,849	222,923	1,438,772	78,828	19	8	22,737	16	4	69,165	5	0	18,292	13	4	87,457	18	4	
31st Dec., 1882	3,974	9,848	204	1,361,817	268,372	1,570,189	90,033	11	2	26,668	11	11	73,554	9	1	22,451	6	3	96,005	15	4	

(a) From this mileage 78 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

(b) " 32 " " "

(c) " 42 " " "

(d) " 106 " " "

(e) " 31 " " "

(f) " 174 " " "

(g) " 150 " " "

(h) From this mileage 85 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

(i) " 116 " " "

(j) " 109 " " "

(k) " 95 " " "

(l) " 102 " " "

(m) " 66 " " "

Table No. 23.
 COST OF MAINTENANCE OF Telegraph Lines for the Year ended 31st December, 1882.

Section.	Number of Miles.	Travelling Expenses of Linemen and Inspectors.	Extra Labour.	Cost of Material used for Repairs.	Salaries of Linemen and Inspectors.	Total Cost of Maintenance.	Cost per Mile.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Riverton to Balclutha	309	95 17 8	18 9 7	167 4 9	363 6 8	644 18 8	2 1 9
Tokomairiro to Queenstown	142	144 17 1	56 3 7	106 2 10	428 6 8	735 10 2	5 3 7
Balclutha to Waitaki	332	260 14 2	191 17 8	542 12 3	813 6 8	1,808 10 9	5 8 11
Waitaki to Christchurch	305	213 16 4	178 9 3	403 7 11	593 6 8	1,299 0 2	4 5 2
Christchurch to Greymouth	196	306 8 8	330 10 11	404 0 0	578 6 8	1,619 12 3	8 5 3
Greymouth to Lyell	177	95 19 3	29 16 7	140 17 6	330 0 0	596 13 4	3 7 5
Lyell to Nelson	258	128 14 4	16 5 0	29 14 11	205 0 0	379 14 3	1 9 5
Nelson to Blenheim	92	255 8 0	106 11 10	47 4 4	546 0 0	955 4 2	10 7 8
Blenheim to Christchurch	253	381 5 3	118 3 9	140 19 6	663 6 8	1,303 15 2	5 3 0
Wellington to New Plymouth	426	432 8 8	329 1 9	596 3 7	890 0 0	2,247 14 0	5 5 6
Wellington to Napier	253	359 5 10	137 19 0	316 19 10	792 10 0	1,606 15 2	6 7 0
Napier to Tauranga	363	538 15 11	442 6 6	296 18 5	835 0 0	2,113 0 10	5 16 5
Tauranga to Thames	73	190 17 5	101 18 3	72 8 4	332 10 0	697 14 0	9 11 1
Auckland to Waikato and Coromandel	270	367 4 9	334 11 1	328 14 8	305 0 0	1,335 10 6	4 18 11
Auckland to Kawakawa	322	265 5 7	73 7 5	57 0 7	469 3 4	864 16 11	2 13 8
Kawakawa to Mongonui	53	72 12 5	57 1 5	11 10 4	110 0 0	251 4 2	4 14 9
Repairs to No. 1 Cook Strait Cable	...	...	...	...	...	3,991 11 9	...
Totals	3,824	4,109 11 4	2,523 0 1	3,661 19 9	8,165 3 4	22,451 6 3	5 17 5*

* Total average cost per mile.

NOTE.—Te. Puke Line (7 miles), Ormond Line (8½ miles), Whakatane Line (1 mile), Makatoka Line (7½ miles), Te. Aroha Line (13 miles), Kohukohu Line (6 miles), Heawa Line (1 mile), Tuakau (5 miles), Gladstone (9 miles), Fordell (3 miles), Fortrose (23 miles), Ngapara (17 miles), Motupiko (11 miles), Methven (22 miles), Boatman's (4 miles), Maccetown (7 miles), Sumner (5 miles), not included in this table.

Table No. 24.

INSULATION TESTS of the FIRST and SECOND COOK STRAIT CABLES for the Year ended 31st December, 1882, showing the Resistance per Knot after Two Minutes' Electrification in Megohms (British Association Units of Resistance).

First Cook Strait Cable.				No. 1 Wire.	No. 2 Wire.	No. 3 Wire.	Second Cook Strait Cable.				Dielectric Resistance per Knot.
January	...	...	...	136	245	399	January	...	...	...	1,238
February	...	...	...	Broken	19th	February	February	...	...	...	1,163
March	...	...	...	...	...	...	March	...	...	...	1,142
April	...	...	...	...	...	...	April	...	...	...	1,218
May	...	...	...	Repaired	15th	May	May	...	...	...	1,218
June	...	...	...	182	273	421	June	...	...	...	1,364
July	...	...	...	183	253	400	July	...	...	...	1,481
August	...	...	...	183	242	408	August	...	...	...	1,380
September	...	...	...	171	223	382	September	...	...	...	1,375
October	...	...	...	171	235	396	October	...	...	...	1,289
November	...	...	...	171	240	421	November	...	...	...	1,684
December	...	...	...	161	214	378	December	...	...	...	1,086

Table No. 25.

INSULATION TESTS of the WANGANUI and WAKAPUAKA CABLE for the Year ended 31st December, 1882, showing the Resistance per Knot after Ten Minutes' Electrification in Megohms (British Association Units of Resistance). Length of Cable laid, 108.69 Knots.

Date.							Dielectric Resistance per Knot.	Copper Resistance per Knot in Ohms.	Mean Temperature of Sea-bottom calculated from the Observed C.R.
							Twenty Cells.		Deg. Fahr.
January	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,795	11'01	59.5
February	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,173	11'01	59.5
March	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,688	11'02	60
April	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,406	11'01	59
May	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,850	11'01	59
June	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,397	10'99	58.5
July	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,238	11'02	60
August	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,036	10'95	56
September	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,022	10'95	56
October	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,524	10'97	57.5
November	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,327	11'02	60
December	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,270	10'99	58.5

Table No. 26.

TOTAL COST of LINES of TELEGRAPH throughout the Colony, and of COOK STRAIT CABLES.

Section of Line.	Length of Section in Miles.	Cost of Clearing Bush.		Total Cost of Poles, including Delivery.		Cost of Wire, Arms, Insulators, &c., including Carriage.		Cost of Erection.		Total Cost of Section.		Cost per Mile.	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
NORTH ISLAND.													
Total North Island to 31st March, 1882 ...	1,760	11,174	5 4	56,992	10 6	58,358	11 11	69,448	3 9	195,973	11 6	...	...
Te Aroha Wire ...	13	...	...	291	9 7	180	14 6	284	16 5	757	0 6	58	4 7
Paeroa Wire ...	...	...	...	212	17 3	337	18 7	161	14 1	712	9 11	...	...
Te Puke (10½ miles) ...	7	...	...	192	0 6	84	7 1	95	8 9	371	16 4	53	2 4
Kohukohu Wire ...	6	...	...	...	...	68	19 11	102	19 0	171	18 11	28	13 2
Tiki Wire ...	...	...	...	...	...	45	16 6	60	18 0	106	14 6	...	...
Turua Wire ...	...	...	...	37	5 0	76	0 4	45	10 9	158	16 1	...	...
Ormond (11 miles) ...	8½	...	...	156	7 6	79	6 4	78	9 6	314	3 4	36	19 2
Paparoa (5 miles) ...	...	...	...	...	...	37	19 1	30	19 2	68	18 3	13	15 7
Whakatane Wire ...	1	...	...	...	...	47	9 6	8	15 9	56	5 3	56	5 3
Tamahere (6 miles) ...	...	...	...	...	...	4	13 4	23	0 2	27	13 6	4	12 3
Papakura (3 miles) ...	...	...	...	...	...	20	4 8	41	5 9	61	10 5	20	10 2
Kaikobe (6 miles) ...	...	...	...	...	...	48	11 6	16	9 0	65	0 6	10	16 9
Taumarere (6 miles) ...	...	...	...	...	...	3	15 2	1	12 0	5	7 2	...	...
Kaero (6 miles) ...	...	...	...	...	...	11	2 10	1	10 0	12	12 10	...	...
Mangawai (6 miles) ...	...	...	...	...	...	143	9 4	42	13 3	186	2 7	...	...
Aratapu to Heawa (6 miles) ...	1	...	...	7	13 0	20	16 3	58	2 3	86	11 6	86	11 6
Tuakau (6 miles) ...	5	...	...	95	5 0	66	0 6	27	11 10	188	17 4	37	15 5
Kaukapakapa (7 miles) ...	...	...	...	...	...	59	10 6	53	19 4	113	9 10	16	4 3
Waitemata Cable and North Shore Wire ...	...	...	...	217	10 10	181	17 11	172	11 7	572	0 4	...	...
Gladstone Wire ...	9	...	...	116	18 4	82	17 9	80	5 8	280	1 9	31	2 5
Fordell Wire ...	3	...	...	56	15 6	48	17 6	12	10 2	118	3 2	39	7 8
Makatoka Wire ...	7½	...	...	...	...	15	10 1	...	...	15	10 1	2	1 4
Wellington to Wanganui, reconstruction ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	8 6	39	8 6	...	...
Kaitoke to Summit Wire ...	...	...	...	...	...	164	8 5	134	1 0	298	9 5	...	...
Ormondville Wire ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	16 0	22	16 0	...	...
Totals ...	1,821	11,174	5 4	58,376	13 0	60,188	19 6	71,045	11 8	200,785	9 6	...	...
SOUTH ISLAND.													
Total South Lines to 31st March, 1882 ...	2,064	20,642	16 9	70,102	0 5	53,349	9 8	67,537	3 0	211,631	9 10	...	...
Fortrose Wire ...	23	...	...	429	5 0	145	7 4	135	17 4	710	9 8	30	17 9
Ngapara Wire ...	17	...	...	272	0 0	105	8 10	120	7 7	497	16 5	29	5 8
Belgrove to Motupiko Wire ...	11	...	...	265	17 8	155	1 2	100	15 9	521	14 7	47	8 7
Nelson to Moutere (12 miles) ...	...	...	...	12	8 0	12	14 8	54	14 0	79	16 8	6	13 0
Rakaia to Methven Wire ...	22	...	...	372	0 0	172	9 0	121	3 6	665	12 6	30	5 1
Reefton to Boatman's Wire ...	4	...	...	242	6 6	61	8 0	63	18 1	367	12 7	81	13 11
Arrow to Macetown Wire ...	7	...	...	...	...	114	13 5	74	14 6	189	7 11	27	1 1
Christchurch to Sumner Wire ...	5	...	...	111	5 0	44	13 0	50	12 6	206	10 6	41	6 1
West Coast, Middle Island, reconstruction ...	...	...	...	202	12 6	163	13 3	2,036	4 3	2,402	10 0	...	...
Total South Island to 31st March, 1883 ...	2,153	20,642	16 9	72,009	15 1	54,324	18 4	70,295	10 6	217,273	0 8	...	...
Total North Island to 31st March, 1883 ...	1,821	11,174	5 4	58,376	13 0	60,188	19 6	71,045	11 8	200,785	9 6	...	...
Totals ...	3,974	31,817	2 1	130,386	8 1	114,513	17 10	141,341	2 2	418,058	10 2	...	...
Cook Strait Cables, laying same, and repairs, &c. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	81,280	2 4	...	...
Telephone exchanges ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,034	9 7	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	505,373	2 1	...	...

Table No. 27.

RETURN of the NUMBER and AMOUNT of TELEGRAPH MONEY ORDERS ISSUED within the several POSTAL DISTRICTS during the Year ended 31st December, 1882.

Districts.	Number.	Commission.	Amount.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	3,043	365 14 8	12,814 18 11
Blenheim	434	47 10 8	1,549 19 3
Christchurch	1,565	179 10 0	6,075 4 1
Dunedin	1,541	174 6 10	5,837 9 3
Gisborne	490	61 6 6	2,209 10 9
Greymouth	643	78 1 3	2,754 15 7
Hokitika	379	43 4 6	1,456 12 6
Invercargill	587	64 1 10	2,084 9 7
Napier	931	116 5 1	4,182 4 9
Nelson	430	51 13 11	1,811 14 4
New Plymouth	669	73 16 8	2,422 19 6
Oamaru	192	21 2 8	692 1 0
Thames	335	38 10 11	1,307 14 7
Timaru	364	38 18 3	1,242 16 3
Wanganui	1,052	116 0 1	3,804 8 6
Wellington	1,881	215 10 1	7,278 4 3
Westport	597	75 9 9	2,738 4 7
Totals	15,133	1,761 3 8	60,263 7 8

Table No. 28.

CASH VALUE of SHIPPING and WEATHER TELEGRAMS and AMOUNT chargeable to each DEPARTMENT of the GENERAL GOVERNMENT for TELEGRAMS transmitted during the Year ended 31st December, 1882.

Department.	Value.
	£ s. d.
Colonial Secretary	2,424 17 5
Customs	588 14 3
Defence	2,743 12 6
Judicial	1,875 11 2
Postal	1,319 4 7
Registrar-General	254 13 1
Treasury	1,946 5 11
Public Works	4,943 11 7
Shipping Reports	3,130 4 8
Weather Reports	1,361 16 9
Total	20,608 11 11

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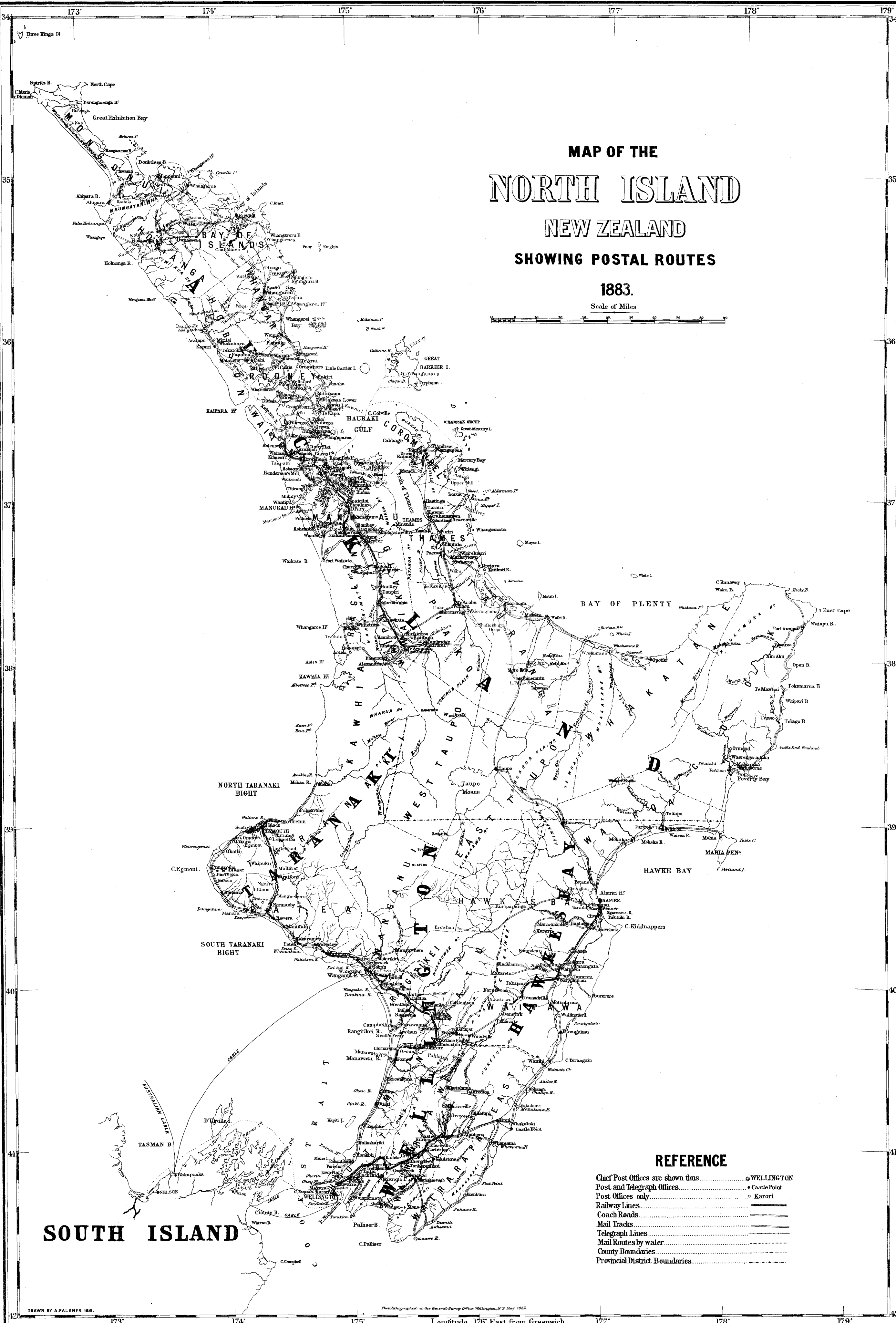
DEBTOR and CREDITOR STATEMENT.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Total cost of maintenance of stations ...	73,554	9	1	By Cash receipts as under:—	73,036	5	7			
Total cost of maintenance of lines ...	22,451	6	3	Ordinary ...	8,733	19	1			
				Press ...	3,704	15	10			
				Telephone ...				85,475	0	6
				Incidental receipts not included in tables,—						
				Proceeds of sale of condemned line, horses, sundry material, &c.	566	15	10			
				Subsidies of private and public wires and mid-night cable services	1,625	10	10			
				Head Office receipts	2,209	11	0			
								4,401	17	8
								89,876	18	2
				Amount collected for money-order telegrams by Post Office ...				756	13	0
Balance	15,236	7	9	Value of Government telegrams ...				20,608	11	11
								£111,242	3	1
								£111,242	3	1

MAP OF THE NORTH ISLAND NEW ZEALAND SHOWING POSTAL ROUTES

1883.

Scale of Miles



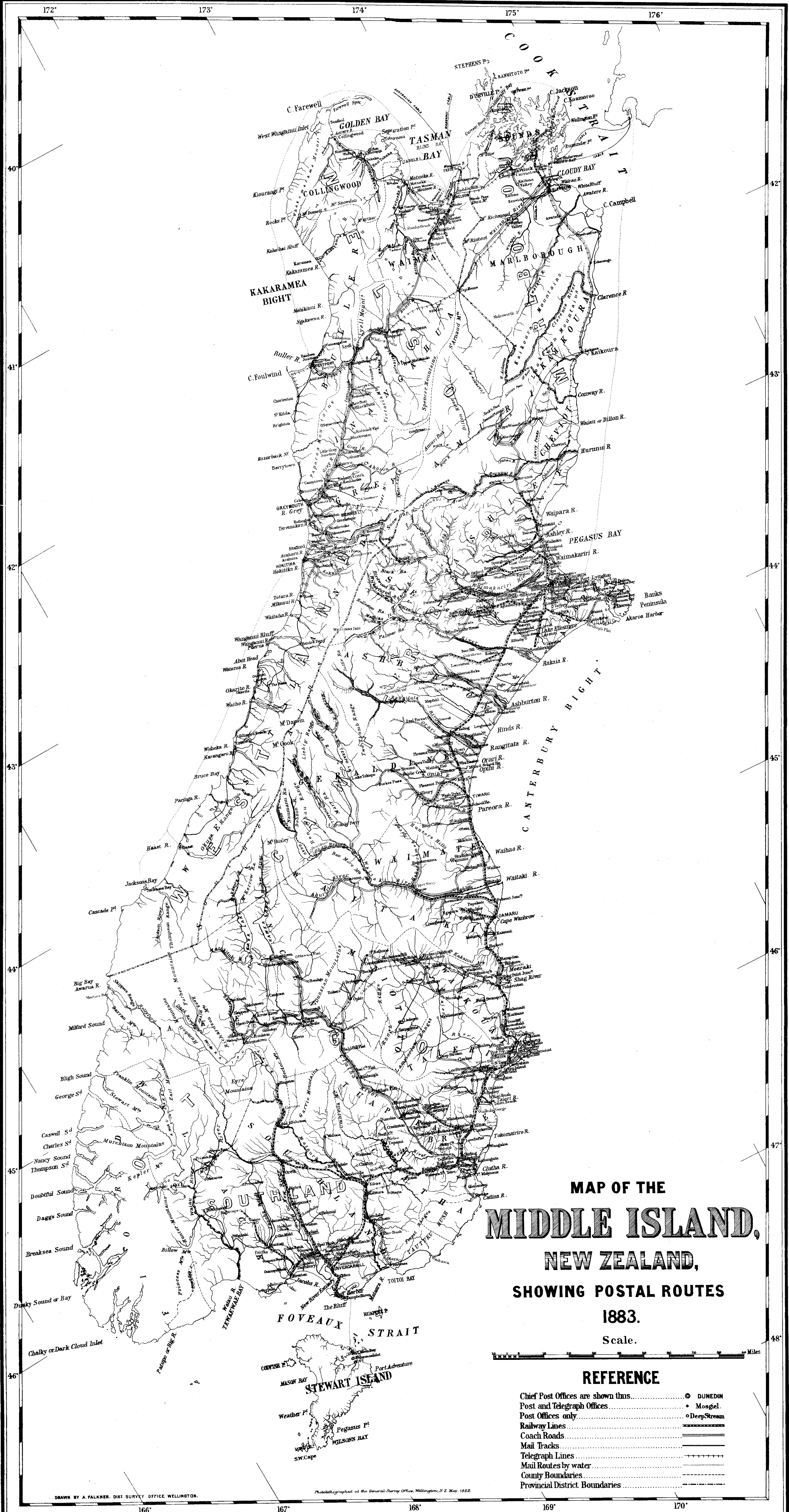
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- Telegraph Lines ————
- Mail Routes by water ————
- County Boundaries ————
- Provincial District Boundaries ————

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MAP OF THE MIDDLE ISLAND, NEW ZEALAND,

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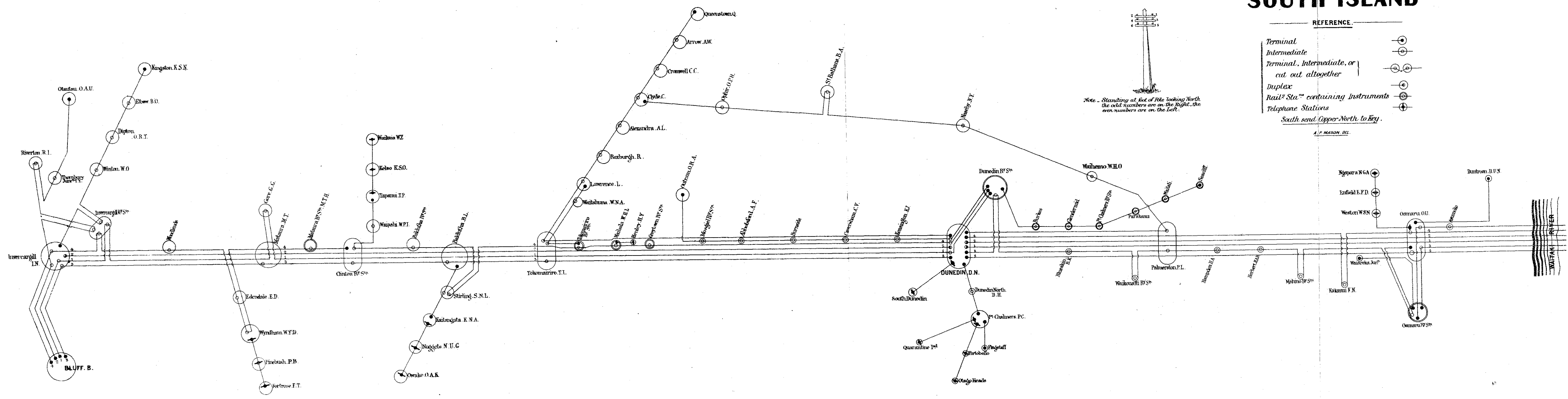
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Note - Standing at foot of Pole looking North, the odd numbers are on the Right, the even numbers are on the Left.









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 - Terminal, Intermediate, or cut out altogether
 - Duplex
 - Rail Sta^{ns} containing Instruments
 - Telephone Stations
- South send Copper-North to Key.

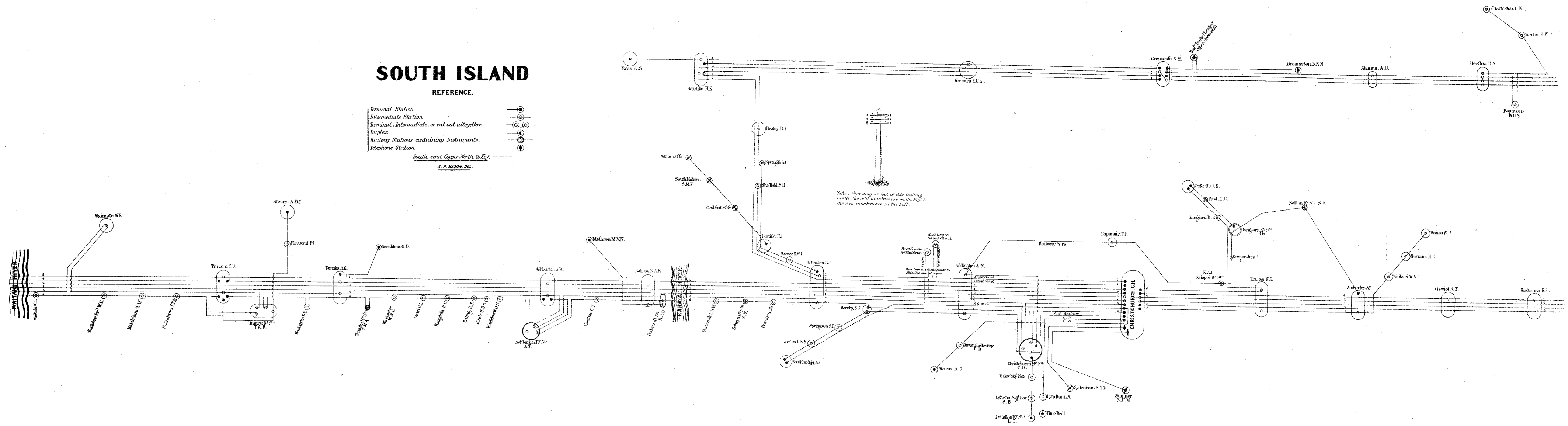
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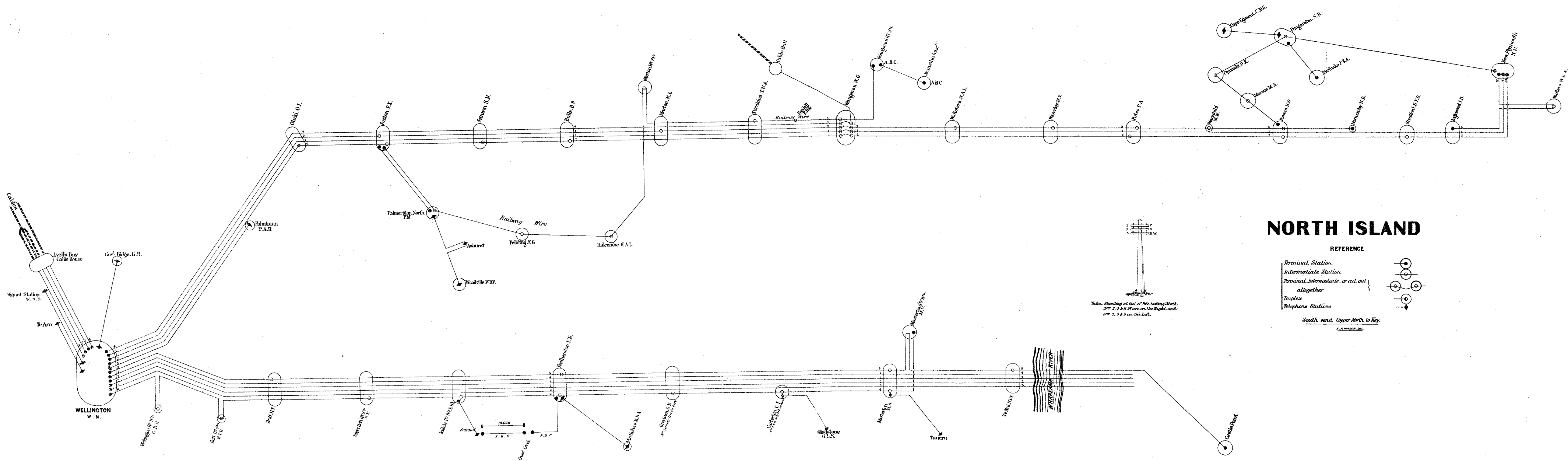
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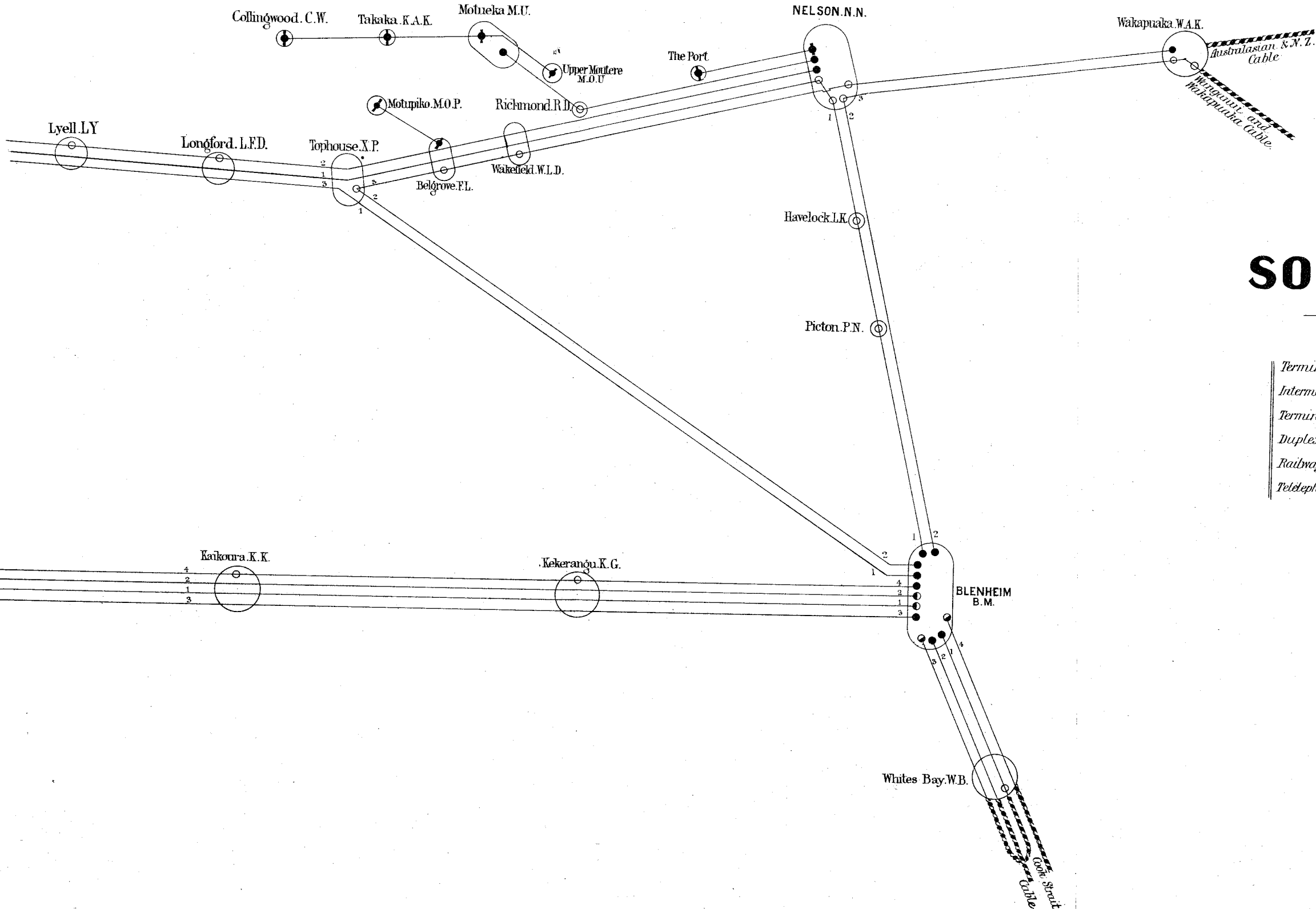
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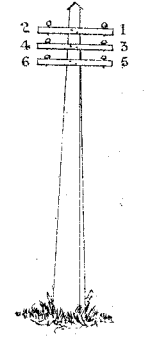
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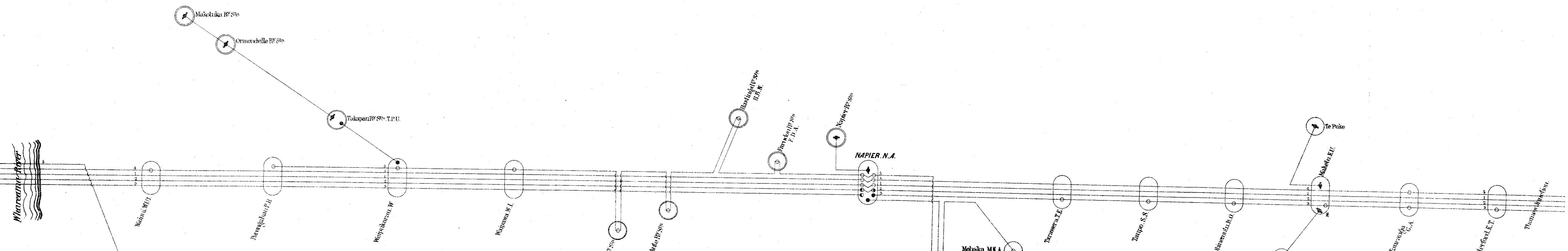
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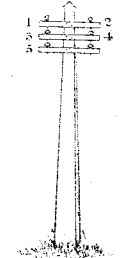


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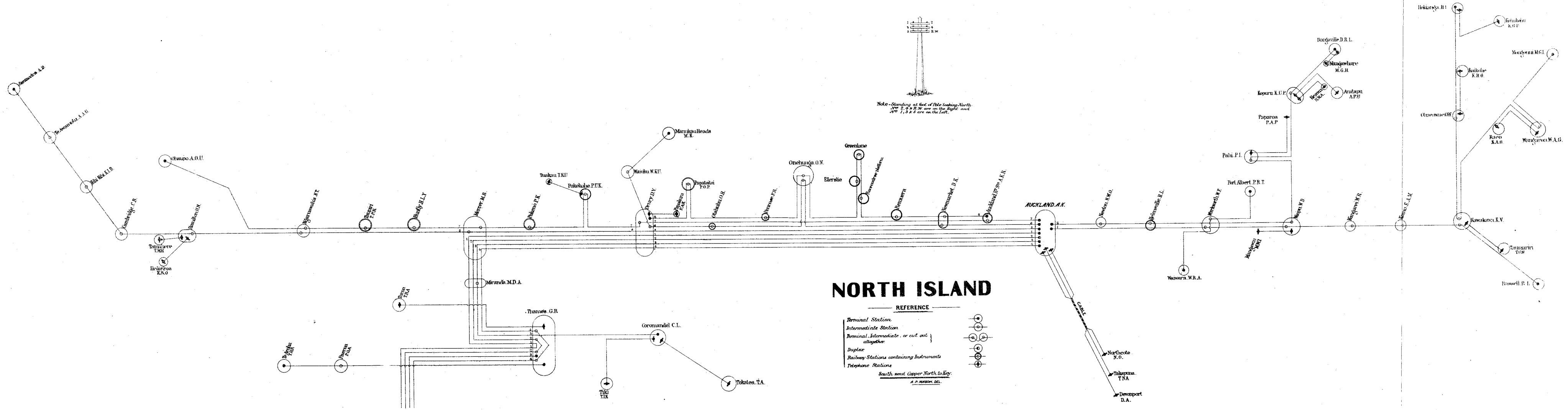
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South send Copper North to Key
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** Note. Telephone at Maketu only used when
working with Whakatane, normal position
is. Morse instrument in circuit and terminal
with Opoiki.*



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 Nos 2, 3 & 4 are on the right and
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