The estimated net cost of the service for 1884 was £7,736 10s. 7d.

324,682 letters, 193,284 books, and 715,964 newspapers were received from, and 365,439 letters, 39,143 books, and 388,134 newspapers despatched to, the United Kingdom, &c., by the San Francisco service.

Direct Steam Service, New Zealand Shipping Company.

Dr.		•	£ s	. d	. £	s.	d.
Payments on weight of corresponde	ence		12,7601	4 8			
Bonus paid contractors			7,850	0 (
Light-dues (charged on Estimates)			936 (0 (
Interprovincial service			3,500	0 (
					25,046	14	8
Cr.							
Postages from London Post Office	• • •		11,210 14	4			
Postages collected in the colony			7,283	37			
·					18,494	. 0	11
Net cost to the colony	•••	•			£6,552	13	9
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260,597 letters, 151,986 books, and 614,821 newspapers were received from the United Kingdom, &c., by the direct service; and 166,181 letters, 19,759 books, and 126,378 newspapers despatched.

Colombo-Brindisi, Victorian Packet Service.

Dr.				£ s. d.	£	s.	đ.
Payments to Victoria				1,756 11 9			
Intercolonial service				$160 \ 1 \ 9$			
					1,916	13	6
Cr							
Postages from London Post	Office	•••	• • •	727 3 11			
Postages collected in the col	ony		• • •	413 17 3			
					1,141	1	2
Net cost to the cold	ony	•••			£775	12	4

The following shows the number of letters, books, and newspapers conveyed by the Victorian packets: Received, 31,306 letters, 11,893 books, 50,904 newspapers; despatched, 1,755 letters, 60 books, 237 newspapers.

Suez-Brindisi, New South Wales Packet Service.

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Dr. Payments to New South Wales				d. 9	£`	s.	d.
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Intercolonial service			92 - 5	1			
			·	-	649	10	10
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Postages received from London Postages collected in the colony		•••	234 14	8			
Postages collected in the colony	•••		139 18	4			
•	•				374	13	0
Net cost to the colony			•		£274	17	10

38,563 letters, 23,404 books, and 73,147 newspapers were received from the United Kingdom, &c., by the Suez-Brindisi service; and 2,279 letters, 101 books, and 235 newspapers despatched.

The payments made for the year for the transmission of correspondence by the Torres Strait mail service amounted to £8 9s. 2d.

5,959 letters, 544 books, and 7,316 newspapers were received from, and 11,061 letters, 806 books, and 2,454 newspapers were despatched to, the United Kingdom by direct non-contracting steamers.