

SESS II.—1891.
NEW ZEALAND.

PRINTING AND STATIONERY DEPARTMENT.
(ANNUAL REPORT ON THE)

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

SIR,—

Printing and Stationery Department, Wellington, 9th July, 1891.

I have the honour to submit my annual report on the operations of the Printing and Stationery Department for the year 1890.

The period under review has been one of considerable activity in all branches of the department. The number of separate orders received largely exceeded those of any previous year, and the printing machines in use—fourteen in number—were kept fully employed throughout the year. The result shows that 4,062 orders were received, consisting of 23,935 forms or pages, from which 31,596,355 copies were printed, the total value of the work amounting to £32,486 18s. 1d., being an increase of £3,728 5s. 2d. over the previous year. The expenditure on account of wages and overtime was £18,206 19s. 5d., being £1,897 5s. 4d. over that for previous year. The rate of progression exhibited by the returns of work during the past three years shows a steady advance in the several branches, equal in value to about £4,000 per annum, and indications of a still greater proportionate advance are perceptible during the current financial year, which will render it necessary to largely supplement the working plant to keep pace with the rapidly-increasing demands upon the department.

Among the proposed additions to the plant under consideration is the advisability of procuring type-casting machinery and apparatus. The inconvenience experienced at times by particular letters or "sorts" running short, and the difficulty of keeping large quantities of type standing in periodically-recurring tables, returns, &c., will be practically overcome when possessing facilities for type-casting on the premises. As the foundry could be worked in connection with the stereotype branch, at little or no extra cost for labour, the carrying into effect of this proposal is expected to yield satisfactory results.

The annual balance-sheet appended to this report contains full information summarised from the various books kept, the result showing a credit balance in the Profit and Loss Account of £6,686 14s. 7d., yielding a net return on the capital employed of over 10 per cent.

The stringent audit to which all printing and advertising accounts are subjected may be gathered from the fact, that out of 3,147 accounts which came under review, the deductions made therefrom amounted to £183 0s. 3d., being equal to about $1\frac{3}{4}$ per cent of the total value of the accounts passed for payment.

THE FIRE AT THE OLD PRINTING OFFICE.

The destruction of the old printing office by fire, in October last, was a serious misfortune, and was accompanied by a considerable loss of Government property, the lithographic branch of the Survey Department being the principal sufferers. I am thankful to say the whole of the valuable printing machinery and plant, together with the greater portion of the stock of printing papers, had been removed to the new premises before the fire occurred, otherwise the catastrophe would have resulted in very serious loss and inconvenience to the public service. The detached building at the rear of the old office, in which all the departmental forms were kept, was only partially destroyed, and the damage to the forms was not extensive, being mostly caused by water. A large quantity of Government publications, including Statutes, Parliamentary Papers, and nearly the whole of Vols. ii.-v. of White's "Ancient History of the Maori," which were stored in the main building, were unfortunately destroyed. A list of the principal works lost in the fire is appended. Steps will have to be taken at an early date to replace some of these losses. For instance, thirteen out of thirty-two volumes of the statutes of the colony are practically out of print, and not obtainable by the public when applied for. The exhaustion of the stock is partly due to

the late fire, and partly to the unequal demands upon the stationery office for particular volumes. The matter is one which requires to be promptly dealt with, and provision made for either reprinting the volumes or publishing them in an abridged form, by eliminating all repealed or obsolete legislation, and publishing the local and personal Acts in a separate volume. By this plan it is estimated that the unrepealed Acts included in the thirteen volumes now out of print could be got into four moderate-sized volumes.

STAMP-PRINTING BRANCH.

The Stamp-printing Branch was placed under my control on the 1st October last, and is located in the room specially built for the purpose. It is satisfactory to note that the new machinery introduced has had a perceptible effect in cheapening and expediting the production of stamps, thus enabling the requisitions from the Treasury to be promptly met, without recourse to overtime and with a less expensive staff. The output has considerably exceeded that of any previous year, while the quality of the work, for which the Stamp Printer, Mr. H. Hume, is responsible, is admittedly superior to many of the stamp productions of the sister colonies.

A return of the number and description of stamps printed during last year is appended, showing the total issues to be 37,489,113, and the value, £816,556 16s. 10d. Of special probate-duty stamps, fifteen were issued, amounting to £36,986, the average value being £2,465 per stamp. Among these was one for £5,076, one for £3,987, and others ranging from £3,574 to £461. A small issue of Samoan stamps was made during the year, likewise of the new series of Government Insurance stamps. The new 2½d. and 5d. foreign postage-stamps were also produced for the first time during the month of December last. The complaints which were at one time made respecting the gum used have been remedied, leaving nothing to be desired in that respect.

STEREOTYPE BRANCH.

The number of stereotype plates cast last year was 1,994; of electrotypes, 6,167 (included in which are 3 plates of postage-stamps, and 6 plates of Government Insurance stamps, 240 heads in each). The number of rubber-stamps manufactured for Government Departments was 411.

The railway-ticket printing executed by this branch during the year was as follows: Railway tickets, 2,265,258; season tickets, 12,826; flag-station tickets, 379,000; luggage tickets, 80,000; parcels tickets, 58,350; weighbridge tickets, 15,200; Volunteer tickets, 13,100. Of railway newspaper stamps, the number printed during the year was 661,440.

STATIONERY OFFICE.

The number of requisitions received and complied with during the year ending the 31st December last was 12,881, or at the rate of about 39 per day. The number of separate items in the requisitions was 42,792. The quantity of waste paper shipped was 48¼ tons, representing in value £143 3s. 6d. The local paper-mills purchase all waste material of this description.

I have, &c.,

GEO. DIDSBURY,
Government Printer and Stores Manager.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

No. 1.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT OF THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1890.

1.—THE COLONY OF NEW ZEALAND ON ACCOUNT OF THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE.

| Dr. | £ | s. | d. | Cr. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|----------------|----------|----------|----------------------------------|----------------|----------|----------|
| To Value of work done (see Table 2) | 32,486 | 18 | 1 | By Value of buildings and plant | 32,634 | 13 | 9 |
| Cash received, viz. :— | | | | Cash paid for wages and overtime | 18,206 | 19 | 5 |
| Advertisements | 301 | 3 | 6 | Working-expenses | 542 | 14 | 11 |
| Gazette subscriptions | 65 | 11 | 0 | Interest on buildings and plant | 1,632 | 4 | 9 |
| Official publications | 1,076 | 9 | 2 | Value of materials used | 7,589 | 0 | 4 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,257 | 9 | 6 | Profit and loss | 6,686 | 14 | 7 |
| Land Transfer and gold-mining advertisements | 103 | 3 | 6 | | | | |
| Value of engineer's work—articles made, repairs, &c. | 82 | 19 | 9 | | | | |
| Value of rubber-stamps, electros, &c., made for other departments | 141 | 17 | 0 | | | | |
| | 35,545 | 11 | 6 | | | | |
| Balance | 31,746 | 16 | 3 | | | | |
| | <u>£67,292</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>9</u> | | <u>£67,292</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>9</u> |

2.—STOCK AND BUILDINGS ACCOUNT.

| Dr. | £ | s. | d. | Cr. | £ | s. | d. |
|--|----------------|-----------|----------|--|----------------|-----------|----------|
| To Value of buildings, 31st December, 1889 | 18,483 | 1 | 11 | By Depreciation of buildings and plant carried to Profit and Loss Account .. | 887 | 17 | 6 |
| Improvements during year | 126 | 0 | 0 | Value of buildings and plant, 31st December, 1890 | 31,746 | 16 | 3 |
| Value of plant, 31st December, 1889 | 13,850 | 18 | 6 | | | | |
| Additions during year | 174 | 13 | 4 | | | | |
| | <u>£32,634</u> | <u>13</u> | <u>9</u> | | <u>£32,634</u> | <u>13</u> | <u>9</u> |

3.—SALARIES ACCOUNT.

| Dr. | £ | s. | d. | Cr. | £ | s. | d. |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------|----------|---|----------------|-----------|----------|
| To Wages—permanent hands | 6,950 | 10 | 4 | By Transfer to Profit and Loss Account .. | 18,206 | 19 | 5 |
| " extra hands | 10,114 | 5 | 1 | | | | |
| Overtime | 1,005 | 4 | 0 | | | | |
| Night-watchman's salary | 137 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | <u>£18,206</u> | <u>19</u> | <u>5</u> | | <u>£18,206</u> | <u>19</u> | <u>5</u> |

4.—WORKING-EXPENSES ACCOUNT.

| Dr. | £ | s. | d. | Cr. | £ | s. | d. |
|---------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|---|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| To Fuel | 171 | 7 | 3 | By Transfer to Profit and Loss Account .. | 542 | 14 | 11 |
| Miscellaneous | 371 | 7 | 8 | | | | |
| | <u>£542</u> | <u>14</u> | <u>11</u> | | <u>£542</u> | <u>14</u> | <u>11</u> |

5.—PRINTING AND BINDING ACCOUNT.

| Dr. | £ | s. | d. | Cr. | £ | s. | d. |
|--|----------------|-----------|----------|---|----------------|-----------|----------|
| To Value of paper consumed, including freight and other charges | 6,713 | 9 | 7 | By Value of work done and cash received | 35,545 | 11 | 6 |
| Value of binding materials, ink, &c., used, including freight, &c. | 875 | 10 | 9 | | | | |
| Balance to Profit and Loss Account | 27,956 | 11 | 2 | | | | |
| | <u>£35,545</u> | <u>11</u> | <u>6</u> | | <u>£35,545</u> | <u>11</u> | <u>6</u> |

6.—PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

| Dr. | £ | s. | d. | Cr. | £ | s. | d. |
|--|----------------|-----------|----------|---|----------------|-----------|----------|
| To Depreciation on buildings and plant | 887 | 17 | 6 | By Balance Printing and Binding Account | 27,956 | 11 | 2 |
| Salaries and overtime | 18,206 | 19 | 5 | | | | |
| Working-expenses | 542 | 14 | 11 | | | | |
| Interest on plant and buildings | 1,632 | 4 | 9 | | | | |
| Profit to credit of colony | 6,686 | 14 | 7 | | | | |
| | <u>£27,956</u> | <u>11</u> | <u>2</u> | | <u>£27,956</u> | <u>11</u> | <u>2</u> |

SAMUEL COSTALL, Accountant.

No. 2.

RETURN of the VALUE of PRINTING and BINDING executed by the GOVERNMENT PRINTING DEPARTMENT during the Year ended 31st December, 1890.

| Department. | Printing. | | | | Binding. | Totals. |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|
| | Number of Copies. | Number of Pages. | Authors' Corrections. | Value. | | |
| | | | Hours. | £ s. d. | | |
| Audit | 10,396 | 26 | .. | 17 10 0 | 4 14 0 | 22 4 0 |
| Colonial Secretary | 206,727 | 243 | 10 | 203 18 0 | 28 1 5 | 231 19 5 |
| <i>Gazette</i> Branch | 455,846 | 1,600 | 737 | 2,458 2 6 | 177 17 6 | 2,636 0 0 |
| Constabulary | 19,772 | 274 | 16 | 407 11 6 | 18 1 0 | 425 12 6 |
| Customs | 103,009 | 104 | 15 | 168 9 6 | 69 10 1 | 237 19 7 |
| Crown Lands | 176,314 | 814 | 109 | 567 6 6 | 112 10 6 | 679 17 0 |
| Crown Law | 26 | 25 | .. | 6 10 0 | 10 18 0 | 17 8 0 |
| Defence | 60,589 | 192 | 41 | 118 7 0 | 66 19 4 | 185 6 4 |
| Education | 260,792 | 176 | 1 | 263 19 6. | 67 19 1 | 331 18 7 |
| General Assembly— | | | | | | |
| House of Representatives— | | | | | | |
| Order Paper.. .. . | 51,446 | 528 | 42 | 322 0 0 | 18 12 7 | 340 12 7 |
| Papers and returns | 262,635 | 2,643 | 1,829 | 3,006 19 6 | 250 5 9 | 3,857 5 3 |
| Journals | 220 | 1 | .. | 0 3 0 | 26 16 8 | 26 19 8 |
| Miscellaneous | 42,216 | 437 | 12 | 204 6 0 | 55 19 0 | 260 5 0 |
| Legislative Council— | | | | | | |
| Order Paper.. .. . | 41,334 | 98 | 14 | 77 7 6 | 2 7 10 | 79 15 4 |
| Journals and Appendix | 2,995 | 194 | 55 | 128 3 6 | 26 16 0 | 154 19 6 |
| Miscellaneous | 3,739 | 16 | .. | 7 7 6 | 11 12 6 | 19 0 0 |
| Joint Account | 253,760 | 288 | 18 | 171 3 0 | 197 16 3 | 368 19 3 |
| Bills | 94,145 | 1,076 | 1,714 | 820 10 6 | 24 9 9 | 845 0 3 |
| <i>Hansard</i> | 118,610 | 2,348 | 3,436 | 2,864 8 9 | 331 1 4 | 3,195 10 1 |
| Statutes | 26,775 | 306 | .. | 303 6 0 | 692 2 7 | 995 8 7 |
| Geological | 17,299 | 951 | 302 | 351 5 3 | 57 8 0 | 388 13 3 |
| Governor's Establishment | 10,038 | 54 | 1 | 25 11 0 | 58 7 0 | 83 18 0 |
| Insurance | 964,496 | 503 | .. | 654 7 7 | 350 0 7 | 1,004 8 2 |
| Justice | 442,921 | 1,222 | 291 | 744 10 7 | 199 1 5 | 943 12 0 |
| Bankruptcy | 72,850 | 12 | .. | 38 11 0 | 17 12 3 | 56 3 3 |
| Land Transfer | 40,830 | 26 | .. | 287 3 8 | 127 2 6 | 414 6 2 |
| Lunacy and Hospitals | 44,124 | 45 | 2 | 49 17 6 | 20 14 0 | 70 11 6 |
| Live Stock | 248,476 | 111 | 5 | 294 6 6 | 33 3 2 | 327 9 8 |
| Mines | 63,163 | 354 | 18 | 385 7 0 | 125 18 6 | 511 5 6 |
| Marine | 37,045 | 145 | 151 | 96 14 0 | 19 16 10 | 116 10 10 |
| Miscellaneous | 60,224 | 801 | 266 | 466 16 0 | 259 12 6 | 726 8 6 |
| Native | 532,069 | 875 | 193 | 935 8 6 | 95 11 4 | 1,030 19 10 |
| Post and Telegraph | 16,197,790 | 1,517 | 111 | 2,695 15 6 | 540 11 10 | 3,236 7 4 |
| Money Order and Savings Bank | 1,489,040 | 468 | .. | 652 15 3 | 192 0 6 | 844 15 9 |
| Printing and Stationery | 56,582 | 103 | 5 | 63 2 6 | 11 19 2 | 75 1 8 |
| Store Branch | 211,860 | 22 | .. | 142 13 6 | 829 17 6 | 972 11 0 |
| Prisons | 2,142 | 2 | .. | 1 17 6 | 6 9 6 | 8 7 0 |
| Property-tax | 83,856 | 57 | .. | 62 18 6 | 55 5 10 | 118 4 4 |
| Public Trust | 8,860 | 14 | .. | 4 13 6 | 5 12 0 | 10 5 6 |
| Public Works | 36,501 | 190 | 60 | 136 15 0 | 46 6 6 | 183 1 6 |
| Public Buildings | 22,341 | 180 | 151 | 108 0 6 | 17 12 2 | 125 12 8 |
| Railways | 8,767,288 | 2,921 | 161 | 2,629 0 3 | 1,419 1 7 | 4,048 1 10 |
| Registrar-General | 443,547 | 540 | 68 | 1,208 16 0 | 111 0 3 | 1,319 16 3 |
| Registrar, Friendly Societies | 14,708 | 30 | .. | 24 2 6 | 5 4 6 | 29 7 0 |
| Stamp | 44,928 | 27 | .. | 49 0 6 | 12 0 0 | 61 0 6 |
| Survey | 38,198 | 171 | 1 | 81 4 6 | 171 17 2 | 253 1 8 |
| Treasury | 453,883 | 205 | 60 | 332 10 0 | 232 6 6 | 614 16 6 |
| Totals | 31,596,355 | 23,935 | 9,895 | 25,220 13 10 | 7,266 4 3 | 32,486 18 1 |

No. 3.

RETURN of the NUMBER and CLASSIFICATION of the EMPLOYÉS in the GOVERNMENT PRINTING DEPARTMENT during the Year ended 31st December, 1890.

| | January. | February. | March. | April. | May. | June. | July. | August. | September. | October. | November. | December. |
|---|----------|-----------|--------|--------|------|-------|-------|---------|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Overseers | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Readers | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Compositors (including two foremen) | 23 | 40 | 41 | 32 | 46 | 53 | 60 | 58 | 56 | 51 | 40 | 40 |
| Machinists, pressmen, paper-wetter, cutter, engineer, and engine-driver | 9 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| Bookbinders | 14 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 17 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 |
| Females in binding branch | 21 | 20 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 22 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 |
| Apprentices, machine and errand boys | 34 | 34 | 37 | 35 | 37 | 37 | 38 | 41 | 42 | 39 | 40 | 39 |
| Assistants | 8 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Stereotyper | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Totals | 117 | 135 | 142 | 132 | 148 | 155 | 169 | 169 | 168 | 158 | 148 | 147 |

No. 4.

RETURN showing the QUANTITY and VALUE of PAPER, ENVELOPES, &c., issued to the GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE during the Year 1890.

| Quantity. | Description. | Amount. | Quantity. | Description. | Amount. |
|-----------|---|------------|-----------|------------------------------------|------------|
| R. q. | | £ s. d. | R. q. | | £ s. d. |
| 7 14 | Hand-made post folio | 11 0 9 | 1,746 10 | Royal— | |
| 0 18 | Large post cheque | 1 7 6 | 143 8 | Yellow wove, printing .. | 563 11 0 |
| 3 13 | Post blue wove | 1 3 9 | 0 3 | Coloured | 71 17 0 |
| 23 0 | " double large | 8 12 6 | 15 5 | Surface | 0 7 0 |
| 9 0 | Turkey mill, post 4to. | 6 1 6 | 59 3 | Hand-made | 35 3 0 |
| 22 0 | " 8vo. | 5 12 0 | 17 3 | " superfine | 153 18 4 |
| 24 10 | Joynson's hand-made note | 10 10 1 | 35 19 | Imitation hand-made superfine .. | 24 6 0 |
| 210 11 | Cream wove large post | 61 7 3 | | Imitation hand-made | 39 4 6 |
| 29 11 | " Silverburn | 16 6 0 | | Medium— | |
| 65 13 | Double post folio, crm. wove, 48lb. | 45 17 8 | 12 13 | Hand-made | 24 5 8 |
| 75 9 | Double post folio (money orders), 48lb. | 38 7 6 | 6 12 | " loan | 11 2 9 |
| 95 17 | 8vo. note, large, 4½lb. | 11 11 0 | 16 4 | Imitation hand-made | 14 8 9 |
| 4 5 | 4to. letter, large, 10lb. | 1 0 0 | | Imperial— | |
| | Foolscap, dbl. and quad.— | | 19 0 | Hand-made | 73 15 8 |
| 13 17 | Cream laid, 14½lb. | 4 12 6 | 8 13 | Imitation hand-made | 14 11 0 |
| 5 13 | " 18lb. | 2 10 9 | 39 3 | Cartridge, 60lb. | 32 19 0 |
| 5 4 | " 14lb., ft. | 1 12 6 | 10 7 | Cartridge, dbl. demy, glazed, buff | 7 17 0 |
| 180 15 | " hand-made, 18lb. | 173 14 3 | 10 13 | Double imperial, brown | 10 17 0 |
| 13 16 | Azure laid | 5 9 9 | 32 0 | Demy blotting-paper | 16 4 0 |
| 227 2 | Double-cap copying | 35 19 9 | 0 4½ | Double-elephant drawing | 2 11 0 |
| 19 3 | Imitation hand-made cream wove double | 19 2 3 | 7 rolls | Tracing-cloth | 4 4 0 |
| 13 13 | Sheet and a half | 6 8 3 | 10,000 | Cloth labels | 3 5 0 |
| 1,065 0 | Cream laid quad. | 515 19 0 | 1 roll | Label-cloth | 0 16 6 |
| 488 5 | Pink and buff quad. | 142 8 0 | | Total paper | 5,966 19 9 |
| 282 5 | Toned quad. | 80 3 0 | | Envelopes— | |
| 125 0 | Light-green quad. | 65 2 1 | 33,350 | Demy, cream wove | 19 19 6 |
| 124 12 | Light-grey quad. | 64 17 0 | 376,250 | Foolscap, cream wove | 150 8 0 |
| 46 10 | Glazed quad. | 20 14 6 | 278,250 | No. 7, cream laid | 50 8 9 |
| 25 1 | Turkey mill | 22 19 9 | 1,275 | Small note | 7 2 0 |
| 5 5 | Map-paper, 28 x 26 | 17 10 5 | 3,350 | 15 x 10 | 11 12 0 |
| 212 0 | Buff double | 31 16 0 | 2,950 | 14 x 5 | 3 16 9 |
| 3,218 0 | Yellow wove double | 1,054 15 6 | 1,750 | 13 x 6 | 1 16 0 |
| 1,408 3 | Blue wove double | 387 11 0 | | Total envelopes | 245 3 0 |
| 58 0 | Blue laid double | 31 6 6 | 14,250 | Cards, &c.— | |
| 100 9 | Coloured double | 42 14 0 | 10,200 | Double small | 5 2 6 |
| 2,338 16 | Cream wove double | 1,036 0 6 | 309 | " large | 4 6 0 |
| 4 0 | " Silverburn | 2 5 0 | 7,773 | Cardboards | 6 7 4 |
| 33 7 | Double crown yellow wove | 7 3 0 | 215 gross | Pasteboards | 97 2 0 |
| 2 0 | " copying | 0 16 0 | | Parchment (skins) | 388 9 0 |
| | Demy— | | | Total cards, &c. | 501 6 10 |
| 111 6 | Hand-made | 122 9 0 | | Summary— | |
| 291 17 | Blue laid | 160 4 0 | | Paper | 5,966 19 9 |
| 271 3 | Coloured | 74 13 6 | | Envelopes | 245 3 0 |
| 14 5 | Gummed | 9 19 6 | | Cards, parchment, &c. | 501 6 10 |
| 685 5 | Yellow wove double | 340 8 10 | | Total | 6,713 9 7 |
| 194 5 | Toned double | 109 14 5 | | | |
| 29 15 | Buff double | 9 0 1 | | | |
| 98 0 | Cream laid double | 42 17 6 | | | |

No. 5.

RETURN showing QUANTITY and VALUE of PAPER, &c., used at LYTTTELTON GAOL.

| Quantity. | Description. | Amount. | Quantity. | Description. | Amount. |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------|---------------------------|----------|
| R. q. | | £ s. d. | | | £ s. d. |
| 469 0 | Blue wove double cap | 152 8 6 | 56,000 | Envelopes— | |
| 105 0 | Cream wove double cap | 47 15 0 | 68,000 | Demy cream wove | 26 12 0 |
| 3 0 | Imitation hand-made double cap .. | 3 0 0 | 70,000 | Foolscap cream wove | 22 19 0 |
| 2 0 | Hand-made foolscap | 2 2 0 | | Note, No. 7 | 14 15 0 |
| 1 0 | Coloured royal | 0 8 0 | | Total envelopes | 64 6 0 |
| | Total paper | 205 13 6 | | Summary— | |
| | | | | Paper | 205 13 6 |
| | | | | Envelopes | 64 6 0 |
| | | | | Total | 269 19 6 |

No. 6.

NUMBER of VOUCHERS examined for other Departments, the AMOUNT of DEDUCTIONS made, and the TOTAL AMOUNT PASSED for PAYMENT, during the Year 1890.

| Period. | Number. | Deductions. | Amount passed. |
|--|---------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Examined during the month of January | 318 | £ s. d. 9 14 2 | £ s. d. 916 1 2 |
| " " February | 240 | 9 11 5 | 698 9 11 |
| " " March | 193 | 43 16 1 | 596 10 9 |
| " " April | 312 | 11 4 4 | 904 15 7 |
| " " May | 190 | 6 13 11 | 606 12 6 |
| " " June | 218 | 9 4 3 | 636 13 2 |
| " " July | 228 | 13 1 2 | 561 9 1 |
| " " August | 255 | 16 18 3 | 633 14 2 |
| " " September | 193 | 4 14 10 | 481 9 3 |
| " " October | 302 | 26 8 3 | 1,797 16 6 |
| " " November | 231 | 8 8 4 | 1,075 11 7 |
| " " December | 467 | 23 5 3 | 1,857 15 7 |
| Totals | 3,147 | 183 0 3 | 10,766 19 3 |

No. 7.

RETURN of STAMP-PRINTING, from 1st April, 1890, to 31st March, 1891.

| Description of Stamps. | No. of Sheets. | No. of Stamps. | Value. |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Postage and revenue | 133,430 | 32,023,180 | £ s. d. 141,825 10 0 |
| Post-cards | 42,546 | 893,450 | 3,722 14 2 |
| Postal notes | 30,657 | 225,000 | 1,534 8 2 |
| Newspaper-wrappers | 34,951 | 2,407,716 | 5,076 7 6 |
| Beer-duty | 7,449 | 208,572 | 65,856 7 0 |
| Duty-stamps | 3,832 | 460,380 | 546,294 0 0 |
| " special | 15 | 15 | 36,986 0 0 |
| Samoan stamps | 2,594 | 312,720 | 6,065 15 0 |
| Government Life Insurance | 3,992 | 958,080 | 9,195 15 0 |
| Totals | 259,466 | 37,489,113 | 816,556 16 10 |

No. 8.

LIST of PUBLICATIONS DESTROYED in the late Fire at the Old Government Printing Office.

| Number of Copies. | |
|-------------------|---|
| 1,044. | Polynesian Mythology and Ancient Traditional History of the New Zealand Race. |
| 374. | White's Ancient History of the Maori, vol. 2. |
| 220. | White's Ancient History of the Maori, vol. 3. |
| 276. | White's Ancient History of the Maori, vol. 4. |
| 405. | White's Ancient History of the Maori, vol. 5. |
| 818. | Handbook of New Zealand Fishes (R. A. A. Sherrin). |
| 1,029. | Tarawera Eruption (S. Percy Smith). |
| 84. | Tarawera Eruption (Professor Hutton). |
| 1,274. | Insects Noxious to Agriculture and Plants in New Zealand (W. M. Maskell). |
| 406. | The State (J. H. Pope). |
| 718. | Parliamentary Debates (1864-66), cloth. |
| 15. | Parliamentary Debates, vol. 57, cloth. |
| 131. | Sets Appendices, 1887. |
| 68. | Indigenous Grasses of New Zealand (John Buchanan). |
| 169. | Statutes, 1877. |
| 8. | Statutes, 1878. |
| 53. | Statutes, 1882. |
| 513. | Statutes, 1884. |
| 574. | Statutes, 1886. |
| 1,131. | Statutes, 1887. |
| 469. | Land Acts, 8vo. |
| 819. | Maori Acts (pamphlets), 1886. |
| 918. | Miners' Guides (H. A. Gordon). |
| 34. | Mining Handbook. |
| 140. | Mining Industry Report for 1887. |
| 108. | Handbook of New Zealand (Sir J. Vogel). |
| 562. | Aryan Maori (E. Tregear). |
| 451. | Kermadec Islands (pamphlet). |
| 15. | Freeholders of New Zealand. |
| 9. | Commerce and Resources of New Zealand (G. W. Griffin). |
| 164. | Prize Essays on Colonial Industries. |

Approximate Cost of Paper.—Preparation, nil; printing (1,300 copies), £5 2s. 6d.

By Authority: GEORGE DIDSBUY, Government Printer, Wellington.—1891.