

1900.
NEW ZEALAND.

POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT

(REPORT OF THE) FOR THE YEAR 1899.

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

MY LORD,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 21st July, 1900.

I have the honour to submit to your Excellency the report—the sixth which, as Postmaster-General and Electric Telegraph Commissioner, I have had the privilege of presenting—of the Post and Telegraph Department for the year 1899, with the usual statement of revenue and expenditure to the 31st March last.

I have the honour to be

Your Lordship's most obedient servant,

J. G. WARD,

Postmaster-General and Electric Telegraph Commissioner.

His Excellency the Governor of New Zealand.

REPORT.

THE year has been one of activity without parallel in the history of the department—the volume of business fully reflecting the general prosperity of the colony. Work on the postal side has increased very steadily in every branch. Letters show an addition of 7·61 per cent., while letter-cards and post-cards continue to show abnormal increases, and book-packets an upward movement. The telegraph business increased beyond the most sanguine estimate. The traffic, which for the two previous years showed an increase in the number of telegrams of 8·07 and 10·05 per cent. respectively, has still further increased by 16·25 per cent. There was a decrease in revenue of 0·94 in 1897, and an increase of 4·73 per cent. in 1898, which has been followed by an increase of 13·13 per cent. for 1899.

The following table shows the revenue and expenditure for the year ended 31st March, 1900:—

Item.	Postal.		Telegraph.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
<i>Receipts.</i>						
Stamps used for postage (estimated)	277,851	13 10	..	..	277,851	13 10
Money-order and postal-note commission	18,999	13 6	..	..	18,999	13 6
Money-order commission received from foreign offices	596	16 9	..	..	596	16 9
Private box and bag fees	5,837	10 0	..	..	5,837	10 0
Miscellaneous receipts	22,015	7 10	5,258	9 6	27,273	17 4
Paid telegrams .. .. .	..	..	114,383	2 1	114,383	2 1
Telephone exchanges .. .. .	..	..	43,303	2 10	43,303	2 10
	325,301	1 11	162,944	14 5	488,245	16 4
Balance of expenditure over revenue (Telegraph) .. .. .	..	..	20,298	3 11	..	..
Totals	£325,301	1 11	£183,242	18 4	£488,245	16 4
<i>Expenditure.</i>						
Salaries	92,282	4 4	139,269	16 8	231,552	1 0
Conveyance of mails by sea	43,081	18 11	..	..	43,081	18 11
Conveyance of inland mails	37,563	9 1	..	..	37,563	9 1
Conveyance of mails by railway	13,424	16 11	..	..	13,424	16 11
Money-order commission credited to foreign offices	1,867	11 4	..	..	1,867	11 4
Maintenance of telegraph-lines .. .. .	..	..	18,865	2 11	18,865	2 11
Miscellaneous	18,985	2 8	23,499	11 8	42,484	14 4
Telegraph-cable subsidies .. .. .	..	..	1,608	7 1	1,608	7 1
	207,205	3 3	183,242	18 4	390,448	1 7
Balance of revenue over expenditure (Postal)	118,095	18 8	..	..	..	..
" " (combined department) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	97,797	14 9
Totals	£325,301	1 11	£183,242	18 4	£488,245	16 4

The satisfactory result of the year's operations is emphasized on comparing the revenue and expenditure year by year for the past ten years, as set out in the table below. To make the comparison more interesting, the figures for 1881-82—the first year after the amalgamation of the post-office and telegraph services—are also given:—

STATEMENT showing REVENUE and EXPENDITURE of the POST and TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT for the ten years ended 31st March, 1900, and for the year 1881-82.

Year.				Revenue.			Expenditure.			Balance of Revenue over Expenditure.		
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1881-82	...	...	...	234,529	8	0	233,291	10	4	1,237	17	8
1890-91	...	...	...	335,329	7	5	262,596	14	6	72,732	12	11
1891-92	...	...	...	320,058	1	3	268,343	1	1	51,715	0	2
1892-93	...	...	...	318,758	10	4	278,394	9	1	40,364	1	3
1893-94	...	...	...	344,676	12	3	293,704	7	3	50,972	5	0
1894-95	...	...	...	357,449	14	9	299,971	1	4	57,478	13	5
1895-96	...	...	...	365,727	6	5	332,325	4	8	33,402	1	9
1896-97	...	...	...	392,117	1	0	353,699	14	5	38,417	6	7
1897-98	...	...	...	408,383	15	3	364,403	3	1	43,980	12	2
1898-99	...	...	...	445,770	7	1	390,197	8	6	55,572	18	7
1899-1900	...	...	...	488,245	16	4	390,448	1	7	97,797	14	9
Total for ten years				...	...	...	...	...	...	£542,433	6	7

The item "Stamps used for postage" is £22,852 more than last year.

The revenue of both branches exceeded that of the previous year by £42,475 9s. 3d., the rate of increase being 9.53 per cent.

The expenditure increased by £250 13s. 1d., or 0.06 per cent. This small increase is mainly accounted for by the reduced payments for ocean mails, on account of the cessation of the Vancouver service.

The balance of revenue over expenditure was £97,797 14s. 9d., as compared with £55,572 18s. 7d. for 1898-99.

Adding the value of the free official correspondence and Government telegrams, there is a credit balance on the year's transactions of £203,424 13s. 9d.

The payment to the Railway Department for the conveyance of mails was £31,612 1s., against which the sum of £23,441 14s. 9d. was paid to this department for the postage on railway correspondence, private-box rents, transmission of railway telegrams, and maintenance of railway telegraph wires. £9,192 was paid by the Post Office on account of salaries of Railway officers who also act as Postmasters and Telegraphists or Telephonists, leaving a balance in favour of the Railway Department of £17,362 6s. 3d.

35,032,452 letters were posted, equal to 46.31 letters to each head of the population—an increase of 2,566,577.

The number of forwarded telegrams of all codes was 3,469,631, an increase of 508,893.

67 post-offices were established (including 5 reopened). The number of post-offices open at the close of the year was 1,620.

344,664 money-orders, for £1,118,808 5s. 7d., were issued, and 244,917 orders, representing £948,013 3s. 4d., paid.

461,447 postal notes, of the value of £147,686 8s. 6d., were sold.

£3,644,980 9s. 10d. was deposited in the Post-Office Savings-banks, and £3,417,298 19s. 8d. withdrawn.

The total amount to the credit of depositors on the 31st December last was £5,320,370 14s. 10d., as compared with £4,957,771 5s. 5d. at the close of the previous year.

1,007 inland-mail services (excluding services by railway) were in operation during the year.

At the close of the year there were 6,910 miles of telegraph-line and 19,228 miles of wire.

The net expenditure on telegraph construction was £26,771 7s. 9d.

There were 7,150 telephone-exchange connections on the 31st March last. The subscriptions received amounted to £43,303 2s. 10d.

STAFF.

The total number of officers on the staff on the 31st March was as under:—

	31st March, 1900.
Postmaster-General	1
Classified Staff.	
First Division	3
Clerical Division	949
Non-clerical Division	546
Distributors and Messengers	349
Total, Classified Staff	1,848
Employés not on Permanent Staff:—	
Country Postmasters	1,474
Nightwatchmen	2
Postmasters and Telegraphists or Telephonists who are Railway officers	149
Total	3,473

COMPARATIVE Return of Officers of the Post and Telegraph Department for the Years ended 31st March, 1899, and 31st March, 1900.

	Mar. 31, 1899.	Mar. 31, 1900.		Mar. 31, 1899.	Mar. 31, 1900.
Postmaster-General	1	1	Brought forward	92	97
Secretary	1	1	Chief Postmasters	16	16
Superintendent of Electric Lines	1	1	Postmasters and Officers in Charge on Permanent Staff	111	111
Assistant Secretary and Inspector	1	1	Clerks (including Telephone Exchange)	917	969
Assistant Inspectors of Post-offices	3	3	Cadettes and Cadets in Post-offices		
Controller of Money-orders and Savings-banks and Accountant	1	1	Operators (including Cadets in Telegraph-offices)	184	202
Telegraph Inspectors	3	4	Letter-carriers	38	37
Telegraph Sub-Inspector	1	..	Messengers (Post Office)	66	67
Electrician	1	..	Linemen	317	349
Assistant Electrician	1	1	Telegraph Distributors and Message Boys	2	2
Mechanicians and Cadets	7	8	Nightwatchmen .. .. .	..	..
Clerks in General Post Office—			Postmasters and Telegraphists or Telephonists who are Railway officers	149	149
Secretary's Office	13	14	Country Postmasters and Telephonists	1,403	1,474
Inspector's and Dead-letter Branch	6	6			
Controller of Money-orders and Savings-banks and Accountant's Branch	46	50			
Storekeeper and Assistants	6	6			
Carried forward	92	97	Totals	3,295	3,473

The increase of sixty-three officers in the clerical division and thirty-nine in the non-clerical division is mainly the result of the great increase of business already alluded to.

UNIVERSAL PENNY POST.

It has been determined to introduce a universal penny letter-post in this colony from the 1st January next. The beginning of the new century will fittingly mark the event, which should give widespread satisfaction, and prove an epoch in the history of the colony. New Zealand will by this reform be placed in the forefront of the civilised countries of the world. Not only in the colony but throughout the Empire the penny post will be hailed as an inestimable boon. Judging from the enormous increase in the volume of correspondence which has followed the cheapening of postage-rates in New Zealand in the past, only a few years should elapse before the financial loss incurred at the outset is largely, if not entirely, made up.

MILITARY SERVICE OF OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Eleven officers of the department were accepted for service in South Africa with the New Zealand contingents. The places of the officers will be kept open, and all their rights of seniority under the classification preserved, until the return of the troops to the colony.

The department is represented in the Defence Forces of the colony by an infantry corps known as the Post and Telegraph Rifles, which forms the E Company of No. 1, Wellington Battalion, and which is recruited entirely from among the post and telegraph officers at Wellington. The company was formed on the 21st May, 1898, on which date the acceptance of its services by the Government was gazetted. It has acquired a reputation for efficiency, and there is evidence that the drill and discipline have had a good effect.

APPEAL BOARD.

The Board met in June last year and considered nineteen appeals. Of these, eleven failed, and three would have been settled in the ordinary course by the department. Of the remaining five recommendations of the Board, two were carried out, consideration was deferred in one case, and in two cases the Minister was unable to agree with the Board's findings.

HEALTH OF STAFF.

This presented no unusual features during the year. Considering the fact that the averages shown in the table below were affected by prolonged absence in several cases, the department may congratulate itself on the general good health of its staff. This has been largely contributed

to by attention to ventilation of the larger offices, a careful regulation of the hours of duty, and the unusually liberal vacation-leave enjoyed by officers. The table is hereunder:—

				Numbers comprised.	Average Absence per Sick Officer.	Average Sick- absence per each Officer employed.
					Days.	Days.
Men	...	...	...	993	8·85	4·38
Women	...	...	...	134	19·07	15·09

There were six deaths during the year. In the deaths of Mr. E. H. Bold, Inspector of Telegraphs; Mr. W. C. Smythe, Electrician; and Mr. John Hoggard, Chief Clerk of the Circulation Branch, the department lost three of its principal officers. Mr. Hoggard and Mr. Bold had been connected with the department since 1864 and 1865, and Mr. Smythe since 1884.

OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

The department has during the past year been called upon to overtake a large increase of work in connection with the paying of old-age pensions. The tact exercised and the consideration shown in the admittedly difficult task of making a large number of small payments to aged and decrepit people has been accomplished with smoothness in working which is very creditable to the officers engaged, and gratifying to the department.

At the principal chief offices the accommodation was found to be wholly insufficient to cope with the duties and attendance on the first of each month without serious inconvenience to the general public. This was met by utilising part of the telegraph public office in Wellington, and renting suitable rooms for one day in the month at Auckland, Christchurch, and Dunedin.

Beginning the financial year with 5,846 payments, amounting to £8,360 in April, 1899, the figures were almost doubled during March, 1900, when the payments were 10,697, amounting to £15,255 9s. 10s.

The increase month by month was, as anticipated, considerable during the early part of the year; and, on comparing the figures for the last two quarters of the financial year, there is still apparent a steady increase, as shown by the following table:—

				Number of Payments.	Amount.
					£ s. d.
December quarter, 1899	...	...	...	30,089	42,830 14 6
March quarter, 1900	...	...	...	31,506	44,894 10 8

Although there are some 440 money-order offices throughout the colony, it has been found necessary to further extend the facilities for payment of old-age pensions, and a remittance system, worked through non-money-order offices, has proved a great convenience in outlying districts.

The work of issuing second-year's certificates and adjusting amendments consequent thereon created a mass of correspondence, largely by telegraph, which was quite unexpected. During December registered papers to be dealt with numbered about 190, while in March the number rose to 700.

At money-order offices the heavy pressure of work usual on the first day of the month is considerably increased by the paying of pensions, the majority of which are claimed on that day. The special arrangements made to meet this emergency have, however, in all offices proved adequate to insure payment without delay or inconvenience to pensioners.

Return showing number of old-age pension payments, and amount paid each month for the year ended 31st March, 1900:—

Month.				Number of Payments.	Amount.
					£ s. d.
April	...	...	...	5,846	8,360 10 0
May	...	...	...	7,341	10,454 0 0
June	...	...	...	8,220	11,709 6 8
July	...	...	...	8,743	12,447 13 4
August	...	...	...	9,172	13,061 15 0
September	...	...	...	9,532	13,575 8 4
October	...	...	...	9,761	13,892 15 8
November	...	...	...	10,093	14,382 5 9
December	...	...	...	10,235	14,555 13 1
January	...	...	...	10,333	14,771 4 3
February	...	...	...	10,426	14,867 16 7
March	...	...	...	10,697	15,255 9 10
Totals				110,449	£157,333 18 6

Return showing number of payments and amount paid in each postal district for the year ended 31st March, 1900 :—

Postal District.	Number of Payments.	Amount.		
		£	s.	d.
Auckland	24,845	34,871	5	6
Blenheim	1,523	2,104	3	4
Christchurch	15,718	22,315	8	10
Dunedin	16,822	23,897	2	11
Gisborne	990	1,475	5	0
Greymouth	4,912	7,219	3	4
Hokitika	5,134	7,524	6	8
Invercargill	6,187	8,933	18	4
Napier	3,402	4,678	18	4
Nelson	3,859	5,325	0	0
New Plymouth	2,420	3,421	1	9
Oamaru	2,231	3,218	15	0
Thames	4,837	6,983	10	0
Timaru	2,992	4,281	3	4
Wanganui	2,820	4,083	18	4
Wellington	9,177	13,227	0	9
Westport	2,580	3,773	17	1
Totals	110,449	£157,333	18	6

AUTOMATIC POST-MARKING MACHINE.

The Barr-Fyke automatic post-marking machine which has been in constant use in the Wellington Chief Post-office since August last has proved so satisfactory that it is now regarded as an indispensable part of the office equipment. The mechanism is simple, and only a short experience is necessary on the part of the operator to produce rapid and clear post-marking. An estimate of the speed attained may be gathered from the fact that a skilled operator can, with the machine, stamp as fast as from three to four clerks with hand-stamps. As many as 40,000 articles can be post-marked in an hour. So soon as electric energy is available at the other large offices in the colony it is proposed to introduce additional machines.

INSPECTION.

1,532 post-offices were visited during the year, 24,994 miles being travelled by the Inspectors ; in addition to which special visits were made to some offices by Chief Postmasters in connection with urgent matters.

NEW POSTAGE-STAMPS, ETC.

The principal changes have been the printing of the stamps in the colony instead of London, and change in one or two colours. The whole of the printing of the new pictorial issue is now done by the Government Printer.

The halfpenny, penny, and twopence-halfpenny labels are now issued in the colours decided upon at the Washington Convention—namely, green, red, and dark-blue respectively. The designs and colours of the penny and fourpenny values have been transposed, and the colour of the twopenny changed from claret to violet. Watermarked paper has been used for the halfpenny, penny, and twopenny stamps, and similar paper is to be procured for the other varieties.

A 1½d. postage-stamp die is now being engraved.

Postage-due stamps of the value of one-halfpenny, penny, twopence, threepence, fourpence, fivepence, sixpence, eightpence, tenpence, one shilling, and two shillings have been in use for some months, replacing the unpaid-postage dockets.

The essential feature of the new system is that the delivering Postmaster is required, before collecting unpaid postage from any person, to affix postage-due stamps of the proper value to the letter or other article and cancel them. The first plates were cast from type-set blocks, but future issues of the stamps will be printed from engraved dies.

Stamped envelopes have been printed by the Government Printer from electrotypes, cast from postage-stamp dies, but these have been found to be costly and unsatisfactory. Embossed dies have therefore been cut, and envelopes bearing Her Majesty's effigy in raised white are now on sale. The halfpenny die is octagonal, with green background ; the penny and twopenny, circular with red and violet background respectively.

Post-cards showing on the address side views of New Zealand scenery, and also cards with representations of incidents, &c., in connection with the departure of New Zealand contingents to South Africa, were issued. The latter were very popular.

A new series of postal-notes will be issued before the end of the current year.

PACIFIC CABLE.

The Pacific cable question up to the present time is in a more or less unsettled state. Since last year a committee of representatives of colonial and other Governments interested has sat in London to consider ways and means. Its report has been issued confidentially, and has therefore not been published, but its main recommendations have been made known to the colonies, and there is now reason to hope that the question will be taken up in a really practical manner without further delay. The proposals of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company in connection with their projected Cape-Australian cable interrupted the Pacific cable negotiations for a time, and resulted in Western Australia, South Australia, and Tasmania deciding to support the Com-

pany's Cape cable scheme. At one time there was a probability of New South Wales and Victoria following the lead of Tasmania and Western and South Australia. This, however, has been dissipated—at least, the Governments of Victoria and New South Wales have now fallen into line with Canada, Queensland, and New Zealand in pressing the early completion of the Pacific cable. The latest information is to the effect that tenders have been called by the Board appointed by the Pacific Cable Committee for the manufacture and laying of the cable. Papers which will be laid before Parliament give in detail the history of the question for the past year.

INTERCOLONIAL CABLE TARIFF.

The original agreement with the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, which was entered into in December, 1892, guaranteed the company a revenue of £26,258 per annum from 1st January, 1893, over the New Zealand–Sydney cable, in return for the reduction of the cable-rates from 8s. 6d. for the first ten words, and 10d. for every additional word in excess of ten, to 2s. and 3d. respectively, the company bearing one-fourth of any loss.

On 1st May, 1895, an amended agreement came into operation, under which the guarantee was reduced to £20,000 per annum, and the company ceased to share in the loss. This expired on the 30th April last. The company, in proposing a renewal, claimed that the guarantee should be increased from £20,000 to £26,000 per annum. On this being absolutely declined by the colony, the company determined on a word-rate of 3d., instead of the minimum charge of 2s. for the first ten words, and 3d. each additional word. This was accepted, although much in favour of the company, the deficiency for 1899–1900 under the guarantee agreement being only £1,197. At the same time the company was asked whether it was prepared to sell to the department the cables between here and Australia, in reply to which the Manager in Australasia intimated that he would communicate with his Board. No reply having been received, the Agent-General was requested to ascertain the cost of manufacturing and laying a new cable between New Zealand and Australia, and satisfactory information has been received on the subject. But, pending the laying of the Pacific cable, which would render a Government-owned cable unnecessary, the question will remain in abeyance.

The colonies have agreed to an inland rate of 1d. per word on cable messages to and from New Zealand.

The increased cost to the users of the cable under the new tariff may be seen from the following table in respect to a message of twenty words:—

For	Old Rate.	New Rate.	Increase.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
New South Wales	7 2	8 4	1 2
Queensland	9 6	10 0	0 6
South Australia	9 6	10 0	0 6
Tasmania	11 4	13 4	2 0
Victoria	8 6	10 0	1 6
Western Australia	11 4	11 8	0 4

The following are the total charges for cablegrams under the new tariff:—

Between New Zealand and New South Wales	...	...	5d. per word.
" New Zealand and Victoria	...	...	6d. "
" New Zealand and Queensland	...	...	6d. "
" New Zealand and South Australia	...	...	6d. "
" New Zealand and Western Australia	...	...	7d. "
" New Zealand and Tasmania	...	...	8d. "

The charges for Press messages are not affected.

The following tables give the amounts paid by the colonies to the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, the receipts from the cable traffic under the 1892 and 1895 agreements, and the proportion of loss borne by the company under the guarantee agreement of 1892:—

UNDER THE 1892 AGREEMENT.

Contributing Colonies.	January–April, 1893 (Four Months).	1893–94.	1894–95.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New Zealand	1,498 0 6	4,958 8 5	4,989 15 8	11,446 4 7
Victoria	734 16 9	2,432 5 11	2,447 13 7	5,614 16 3
New South Wales	729 11 6	2,414 17 4	2,430 2 10	5,574 11 8
South Australia	206 9 6	683 8 6	687 15 0	1,577 13 0
Tasmania	94 10 2	312 16 4	314 15 11	722 2 5
Western Australia	32 1 7	106 3 6	106 17 0	245 2 1
Cable Company's proportion	1,098 10 0	3,636 0 0	3,659 0 0	8,393 10 0
Total contributions	4,394 0 0	14,544 0 0	14,636 0 0	33,574 0 0
Cable Company's receipts on actual business	4,359 0 0	11,714 0 0	11,622 0 0	27,695 0 0
Amount guaranteed	£8,753 0 0	£26,258 0 0	£26,258 0 0	£61,269 0 0

UNDER THE AGREEMENT OF 1895.

Contributing Colonies.	Year 1895-96.	Year 1896-97.	Year 1897-98.	Year 1898-99.	Year 1899-1900.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New Zealand	2,693 2 7	1,752 10 9	1,490 7 7	1,163 2 2	529 1 11	7,628 5 0
Victoria	1,320 16 9	859 18 8	684 18 0	526 4 8	239 5 7	3,631 3 8
New South Wales .. .	1,311 7 6	853 15 5	679 19 10	522 9 4	237 11 3	3,605 3 4
Queensland* .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	188 6 1	181 13 7	82 12 2	452 11 10
South Australia .. .	371 2 7	241 12 6	192 8 11	147 17 3	67 4 8	1,020 5 11
Tasmania	169 17 5	110 11 11	88 1 8	67 13 7	30 15 6	467 0 1
Western Australia .. .	57 13 2	37 10 9	29 17 11	22 19 5	10 8 11	158 10 2
<i>Total contributions to Guarantee Fund</i>	5,924 0 0	3,856 0 0	3,354 0 0	2,632 0 0	1,197 0 0	16,963 0 0
<i>Cable Company's receipts on actual business</i>	14,076 0 0	16,144 0 0	16,646 0 0	17,368 0 0	18,803 0 0	83,037 0 0
Amount guaranteed .. .	20,000 0 0	20,000 0 0	20,000 0 0	20,000 0 0	20,000 0 0	100,000 0 0

* Queensland became a contributor 7th July, 1897.

It will thus be seen that the total amount paid by New Zealand under the two guarantee agreements has been £19,074 9s. 7d., and by the other colonies £23,069 0s. 5d.

BUSINESS OVER EXISTING CABLES.

The number and value of cable messages forwarded from New Zealand during 1899 are shown in the following statement:—

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	No. of Messages.	Value.	No. of Messages.	Value.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
International	10,335	36,881 13 9	82	829 2 8
New South Wales .. .	28,241	5,882 11 8	1,389	903 12 4
Queensland	1,636	485 7 11	..	..
South Australia .. .	1,470	426 18 3	..	..
Tasmania	1,667	591 10 6	..	..
Victoria	14,968	3,692 9 10	99	67 15 4
Western Australia .. .	1,740	612 0 9	..	..
Total for 1899	60,057	48,572 12 8	1,570	1,800 10 4
Total for 1898	55,142	43,561 2 4	1,154	907 7 0

The following is a statement of traffic over the New Zealand-Sydney cable for the year from the 1st May, 1899, to the 30th April, 1900, and amounts payable by guaranteeing colonies:—

Amount guaranteed to Cable Company	£	s. d.
Actual receipts during the above period	20,000	0 0
	18,802	12 6

Showing a loss to the Cable Company of £1,197 7 6

Apportioned as follows:—

New Zealand, one-third	£
Contributing colonies, including New Zealand, two-thirds .. .	399
	798

£1,197

And the contributing colonies' proportions, on the basis of population:—

Colony.	Population (Census, 1891).	Amount.
		£ s. d.
Victoria	1,140,405	239 5 7
New South Wales .. .	1,132,234	237 11 3
New Zealand	620,030	130 1 11
Queensland	393,718	82 12 2
South Australia .. .	320,431	67 4 8
Tasmania	146,667	30 15 6
Western Australia .. .	49,782	10 8 11
Totals	3,803,267	<u>£798 0 0</u>

New Zealand's proportion was therefore £529 1s. 11d.

The colony's outward international and intercolonial cable business, not including Press, for the years 1898 and 1899 was as follows:—

International,—	Messages. Number.	Value.	
		£	s. d.
1898	9,439	32,527	3 4
1899	10,335	36,881	13 9
Increase	896	4,354	10 5
	or 9·49 per cent.		or 13·89 per cent.

Intercolonial,—	Messages. Number.	Value.	
		£	s. d.
1898	45,703	11,033	19 0
1899	49,722	11,690	18 11
Increase	4,019	656	19 11
	or 8·79 per cent.		or 5·95 per cent.

The total increase in 1899 was therefore 4,915 messages, and £5,011 10s. 4d. in value.

The forwarded and received cable Press business for the past nine years ended 31st December, 1899, has been:—

Year.	Forwarded.			Received.				
	Number of		Value.	Number of		Value.		
	Messages.	Words.		Messages.	Words.			
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1891	837	45,285	932	15	8	2,828	198,935	2,739 6 0
1892	791	44,263	898	3	9	2,884	197,477	2,796 9 4
1893	796	57,390	504	9	9	2,883	202,170	1,540 17 10
1894	994	103,366	899	4	9	3,033	203,326	1,179 13 7
1895	1,168	68,682	433	13	0	3,926	314,136	1,782 13 5
1896	1,069	92,946	531	4	9	2,946	285,369	1,576 1 3
1897	1,294	128,839	945	4	8	3,665	323,617	1,752 7 5
1898	1,154	133,342	907	7	0	3,599	282,882	1,599 7 0
1899	1,570	182,066	1,800	10	4	3,822	298,218	1,690 12 4

NOTE.—The intercolonial cable Press rate was reduced from 3d. to 1d. per word on the 1st April, 1893.

POST OFFICE.

ARTICLES POSTED AND DELIVERED.

The number of articles posted in the colony, and received from places outside the colony during 1899, as compared with the number in 1898, was as under:—

	1899.	1898.	Increase.
Letters—			
Posted in the colony	35,032,452	32,465,875	
Received from places outside the colony	2,348,219	2,271,441	
	37,380,671	34,737,316	2,643,355
Letter-cards—			
Posted in the colony	1,108,700	917,631	186,069
Post-cards—			
Posted in the colony	1,605,383	1,399,450	
Received from places outside the colony	37,668	80,514	
	1,643,051	1,479,964	163,087
Books and pattern-packets—			
Posted in the colony	16,211,572	14,340,131	
Received from places outside the colony	1,448,286	2,277,970	
	17,659,858	16,618,101	1,041,757
Newspapers—			
Posted in the colony	11,447,657	10,872,459	
Received from places outside the colony	4,269,731	4,223,028	
	15,717,388	15,095,487	621,901
Parcels—			
Posted in the colony	193,143	177,559	
Received from places outside the colony	30,207	27,044	
	223,350	204,603	18,747

The letters increased 7·61; letter-cards, 20·28; post-cards, 11·02; books and pattern-packets, 6·27; newspapers, 4·12; and parcels, 9·16 per cent.

The increase in 1898 was: Letters, 7·64; letter-cards, 21·19; post-cards, 10·30; books and pattern-packets, 13·61; newspapers, 5·85; parcels, 3·57 per cent.

The average number of letters posted per head of population was estimated to be 46·31, or 47·77 including letter-cards. The averages in 1898 were 44·10 and 45·34 respectively

The Post Office receipts for the year amounted to £325,301 1s. 11d.—an increase of £24,825 8s. 5d., or 8.26 per cent.

The expenditure was £207,205 3s. 3d., as against £215,616 12s. 1d.—a decrease of £8,411 8s. 10d., or 3.9 per cent. There was therefore a balance of revenue over expenditure of £118,095 18s. 8d.

The estimated value of official (free) correspondence was £76,195. The gross earnings of the Post Office for the year were £401,496, and the credit balance £194,290.

WORK PERFORMED FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

Customs duties amounting to £15,849 18s. 2d. were collected on articles received through the post from places beyond the colony, and £1,537 1s. 7d. on account of ordinary Customs work.

The sum of £1,937 12s. 6d. was collected from the sale of game licenses.

Premiums amounting to £27,992 5s. 3d. were collected from policyholders on behalf of the Government Life Insurance Department.

£527 6s. 9d. was collected for the Government Printer on the sale of Government publications.

Income-tax amounting to £68,296 3s., and land-tax for £217,893 13s. 7d., were received at post-offices.

Fees under the Live-stock Acts amounting to £20,358 17s. 6d. were collected.

The sum of £3,725 15s. was received for machinery-fees.

The receipts from the sale of miners' licenses amounted to £2,147 16s.

£12,460 6s. 11d. was lodged at post-offices for investment in New Zealand Consols.

The receipts on behalf of the Public Trust Office were £256,761 18s. 10d., and payments £254,056 18s. 5d.

Railway receipts for £8,385 3s. 9d. were also accounted for through the Post Office Account.

The fees collected in respect of the registration of births, deaths, and marriages totalled £2,309 2s. 6d.

The Advances to Settlers Office receipts amounted to £457,781 14s. 10d., and payments £457,188 7s. 10d.

Fees, &c., were also collected on account of the Audit Office, Hospitals and Charitable Aid, Goldfields, County Councils, Harbourmasters, Alcoholic Liquors Act, Arms Act, fishing licenses, Lunacy Department, Miners' Guides, public baths, Factories Act, Education Department, Justice Department, Homing-pigeons Protection Act, Registration of Brands, Hanmer Springs Sanatorium, Electoral Act, water-rates, and the Treasury.

The payments made by the Post Office on behalf of the Treasury were £503,237 1s. 10d.

GROSS RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

The gross receipts dealt with during the year were—Departmental, £11,246,942 6s. 7d.; on account of other departments, £1,756,081 3s. 2d.: total, £13,003,023 9s. 9d.

The payments were—Departmental, £11,252,345; on behalf of other departments—to individuals, £1,330,130 5s. 11d.; to Government accounts, £390,136 17s. 1d.: a total of £12,972,612 3s.

The gross receipts and payments were therefore £25,975,635 12s. 9d. for the year.

LETTER-CARRIERS' DELIVERIES.

Deliveries by letter-carriers were established at: Auckland—Northcote; Dunedin—Naseby; Invercargill—Mataura; New Plymouth—Waitara; Wanganui—Eltham; Wellington—Kilbirnie and Maranui.

Letter-carriers' deliveries were extended at: Auckland—Cambridge, the morning delivery to take in Grey Street, between Queen and Alpha Streets and the Duke Street—Alpha Street block on the west, and on the east Queen Street East as far as Chapel Street, and the Victoria Street—Fort Street block; afternoon delivery, on the north-east, north-west, and south-east of the extended morning delivery, to cover an area about equal in extent thereto: Coromandel, about a quarter mile along the Tiki Road, and to take Colebrook's Road. Christchurch—City, to include St Martin's, Opawa. Oamaru—Town, about a quarter-mile along main road to Newborough Post-office, and to take in Tweed Street on the west and the factory-lane on the east. Timaru—Town, to include Marchweil, Waimataitai, part of Maori Hill, Newtown, Buchanan Paddock, Watlington, Caversham, and part of Kensington: Temuka, to include both sides of Murray Street. Wellington—Hutt, to Park Avenue and Naenae Lane.

NEWSPAPERS REGISTERED.

Twenty newspapers were registered for transmission by post, and seven ceased publication.

RECEIVING-BOXES.

Fifteen receiving-boxes were established at: Gisborne—Whataupoko, 1. Greymouth—Wallsend, 1. Napier—City, 1. New Plymouth—Town, 1; Inglewood, 2. Oamaru—Town, 1. Thames—Greerton, 1; Paeroa, 1; Parawai, 1; Shortland, 1. Wanganui—Town, 1; Hawera, 1. Wellington—City, 2.

Seven receiving-boxes were closed: Christchurch—City, 1. New Plymouth—Town, 1. Thames—Kuranui, 1. Wanganui—Town, 1; Marohima, 1; Waitotara, 1. Wellington—Tinakori Road, 1.

DESIGNATIONS OF OFFICES.

The designations of offices were changed as follow: Christchurch—Hanmer Plain to Hanmer Springs; Dunedin—Mokamoka to Pounaweia; Invercargill—Waikawa Township to Waikawa; Napier—Mount Wolff to Waione; Nelson—Wakapuaka to Wakapuaka Suburban; New Plymouth—Ohonga to Onaero; Timaru—Three Springs to Kimbell, Waihao to Morven; Wellington—Fowler's to Kimbolton, Mauriceville to Mauriceville West, Mauriceville Railway to Mauriceville; Westport—Granity Creek to Granity.

Names were corrected as follows: Invercargill—Pyramids to Pyramid; Timaru—St. Andrew of St. Andrew's; Wellington—Manukau to Manakau.

POST-OFFICES ESTABLISHED, ETC.

Sixty-seven post-offices were established (of these, five were reopened offices) and eight closed.

Opened.

Atea, Wellington	Mount Wolff, Napier	St. Omer (reopened), Blenheim
Big River, Greymouth	Newton Flat, Westport	Seddon, Blenheim
Braco (R.O.), Christchurch	Ngapaeruru, Napier	Sentry Hill, New Plymouth
Croydon Bush, Invercargill	Ngawaro, Thames	Slope Point, Invercargill
Fairton, Christchurch	Ohinemutu, Auckland	Table Flat, Wellington
Glencoe, Invercargill	Ohonga, New Plymouth	Tara, Auckland
Halfway Bush (reopened), Dunedin	Omahu, Thames	Te Kuta, Napier
Heawa, Auckland	Onapua, Blenheim	Ten-mile Creek, Greymouth
Horoeka, Napier	Orangimea, Wanganui	Tererenga, Auckland
Huarau, Auckland	Peebles, Oamaru	Tikitiki, Gisborne
Hundalee, Christchurch	Pitt Island, Wellington	Tinakori Road (R.O.), Wellington
Island Bay, Wellington	Pukehou, Wanganui	Top Valley, Blenheim
Kahuika, Dunedin	Pukeokahu, Napier	Umutaeroa, Napier
Kaimata, New Plymouth	Pyramids, Invercargill	Upper Blackwater, Greymouth
Kaupokonui, Wanganui	Ranfurlly, Dunedin	Waiharara, Auckland
Kent Road, New Plymouth	Ratapiko, New Plymouth	Waikaremoana (reopened), Napier
Kokako, Napier	Raupo, Auckland	Waimahaka, Invercargill
Mangapeehi, Auckland	Rawhitiroa, Wanganui	Waimana, Thames
Manuhara, Wellington	Reidston, Oamaru	Whangamarino, Auckland
Matahiwi, Napier	Resolution Bay, Blenheim	Whangapara (reopened), Auckland
Matauri Bay, Auckland	Riverlea, Wanganui	Whangaripo, Auckland
Miro, New Plymouth	Ruakaka (reopened), Auckland	Woodleigh, Auckland.
Mokamoka, Dunedin		

Closed.

Kimihia, Auckland	Mokihinui, Westport	Waitoto River, Hokitika
Kirikiri, Thames	Ohui, Auckland	White's Point, Westport.
Lake Coleridge, Christchurch	Parawai, Thames	

The number of post-offices open at the end of the year was 1,620.

PARCEL-POST.

The following table shows the total number and the weight of inland, intercolonial, United Kingdom, and foreign parcels dealt with during the years 1890, 1897, 1898, and 1899:—

Postal Districts.	1890.		1897.		1898.		1899.	
	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.
		lb. oz.		lb. oz.		lb. oz.		lb. oz.
Auckland	24,539	65,406 15	42,287	134,523 4	43,147	140,528 7	46,633	153,492 14
Thames	1,731	4,334 3	3,366	9,945 8	3,181	9,179 7	3,324	9,963 12
New Plymouth	1,132	3,103 9	2,753	8,001 1	2,801	8,554 13	3,212	10,238 5
Gisborne	1,061	2,977 10	1,979	5,862 12	1,975	5,619 15	2,283	6,008 12
Napier	7,021	19,512 13	8,932	26,526 12	9,048	27,216 14	9,281	28,500 15
Wanganui	4,537	10,994 2	6,852	21,508 12	7,642	23,997 5	8,663	27,627 13
Wellington	29,052	85,226 3	45,195	166,995 8	46,208	173,884 9	51,150	185,938 12
Nelson	5,348	15,329 8	5,534	18,168 3	5,668	18,254 2	6,124	18,845 5
Westport	1,201	2,718 4	1,941	4,977 3	1,964	5,038 11	2,089	5,157 2
Greymouth	2,821	7,102 4	2,773	7,777 10	2,950	8,384 15	3,099	8,876 3
Hokitika	1,600	4,476 11	1,621	5,583 6	2,398	7,606 2	2,865	9,645 11
Blenheim	2,090	5,050 0	1,851	5,441 5	1,811	5,736 4	1,907	6,180 15
Christchurch	21,758	67,202 8	32,298	125,764 3	33,072	124,895 3	33,707	135,437 9
Timaru	2,263	5,600 1	1,808	4,554 12	1,964	5,147 11	1,960	5,815 2
Oamaru	978	2,409 8	1,056	3,436 13	1,166	3,796 2	1,120	3,843 12
Dunedin	25,312	74,824 15	32,504	112,672 12	34,641	117,065 15	39,976	134,014 7
Invercargill	3,883	8,614 6	4,804	14,314 9	4,967	13,394 12	5,957	16,249 4½
Totals	136,327	384,883 8	197,554	676,014 5	204,603	698,301 3	223,350	765,836 9½

The following table shows the number and weight of parcels exchanged with the United Kingdom, and foreign countries *via* London, the Australian Colonies and the South Sea Islands, during the years 1898 and 1899 :—

Country.	Received.				Despatched.			
	1898.		1899.		1898.		1899.	
	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.
United Kingdom and foreign offices (<i>via</i> London)	17,823	lb. 58,865 oz. 0	19,719	lb. 68,628 oz. 0	4,023	lb. 9,705 oz. 8	4,524	lb. 10,128 oz. 5
Victoria	3,292	10,682 8	3,235	11,076 0	1,311	2,792 3	1,346	2,771 13
New South Wales	4,614	13,384 3	5,691	16,097 8	1,779	4,601 15	1,975	5,714 1
South Australia	235	688 2	258	779 15	190	517 13	194	527 13
Queensland	343	704 0	327	712 12	267	686 15	293	748 0
Tasmania	143	382 0	152	434 11	308	747 4	315	712 3
Western Australia	190	459 11	244	538 0	236	543 2	266	739 13
Samoa	17	65 11	14	62 11	123	382 4	213	667 3
Rarotonga	5	18 5	10	15 0	62	218 4	70	220 5
Fiji	14	53 12	29	60 13	27	112 3	109	324 11
Hawaii	42	97 8	56	115 4½	18	55 9	24	62 3
Ceylon	326	701 12	340	739 15	145	249 0	166	379 1
Uruguay .. .. .	..	..	..	..	15	18 13	14	54 0
Vancouver .. .. .	..	..	132	178 0	37	101 8	67	139 0
Totals	27,044	86,102 8	30,207	99,438 9½	8,541	20,732 5	9,576	23,188 7

The declared value of parcels received from places outside the colony in 1899 was £70,094. The Customs duty collected amounted to £15,849 18s. 2d. The declared value of parcels despatched to places beyond the colony was £10,806, as against £9,245 in 1898.

A scheme for the transmission of duty-paid parcels was inaugurated on the 1st October last. Under this arrangement persons in the United Kingdom can forward parcels to New Zealand for delivery, free of all charge, the sender paying all Customs duties, redirection-fees, &c., to the Post Office in the United Kingdom. As this scheme has only been in force for a limited period, it cannot be stated at present to what extent the franked-parcel system is likely to be taken advantage of.

The insurance of parcels to and from the United Kingdom appears to be appreciated by the public, and is largely used, especially in connection with valuable parcels forwarded from the United Kingdom for delivery in the colony. The inland and Australian insurance system has not so far, however, been made use of to any great extent.

On the 1st instant a parcel-post system was established with the United States of America. Although the question of this exchange was mooted as far back as 1890, the authorities of the United States Post Office have only now been able to agree to the exchange. It is understood that New Zealand is the first of the Australasian Colonies which is in the position of being able to send and receive parcels by post to and from America.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The estimated volume and value of official and other free correspondence posted during 1899 is given in the statement below :—

District.	Letters.	Packets.	Registered Articles.	Newspapers.	Postage Value of Official Correspondence.
Auckland	269,653	16,518	15,437	41,357	£ 6,189
Thames	47,599	3,097	1,602	20,995	1,324
New Plymouth	107,677	10,794	1,727	33,225	2,775
Gisborne	22,615	901	863	10,024	622
Napier	116,966	10,148	2,386	38,685	3,026
Wanganui	198,629	16,420	4,030	87,042	5,540
Wellington	928,060	152,135	28,011	176,897	23,281
Nelson	77,808	5,110	4,965	39,344	2,302
Westport	24,572	208	1,200	20,956	848
Greymouth	73,681	3,148	2,264	40,124	2,157
Hokitika	21,208	2,500	1,800	10,621	653
Blenheim	56,905	2,500	550	21,000	1,464
Christchurch	285,015	18,075	12,285	109,002	7,689
Timaru	70,655	3,000	1,579	30,000	1,904
Oamaru	41,405	1,378	1,528	31,411	1,370
Dunedin	328,572	39,280	5,244	173,712	9,895
Invercargill	187,608	18,237	3,665	75,456	5,156
Totals	2,858,628	303,449	89,136	959,851	76,195

DEAD LETTERS.

The following comparative table shows the number of unclaimed letters, letter-cards, and post-cards dealt with during the under-mentioned years :—

Manner of Disposal.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1894.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.
Opened and returned to the writers	68,942	66,592	66,729	62,847	55,118	62,654	60,540	61,745	63,112	66,886	68,872	74,132
Returned unopened to other countries	9,134	8,115	8,359	7,287	6,892	6,220	7,779	8,941	7,546	7,648	8,899	9,706
Reissued	107	185	251	96	88	92	141	130	148	132	219	178
Destroyed	3,986	2,872	6,600	5,974	5,246	4,340	2,660	4,725	4,069	3,245	3,368	4,536
Returned unopened by Chief Postmasters	17,593	19,187	21,144	20,185	19,963	21,164	21,931	22,042	26,414	34,260	33,273	22,915
Totals	99,762	96,951	103,083	96,889	87,307	94,470	93,051	97,583	101,289	112,171	114,631	111,467

The proportion of dead or unclaimed letters, letter-cards, and post-cards to the total number dealt with in the colony was 0·28, as against 0·31 per cent. in 1898.

22,048 book-packets and circulars were returned to foreign countries. 50,559 were returned to senders through the Dead-letter Office, 50 were reissued, 40,686 were returned by Chief Postmasters: a total of 113,343 book-packets and circulars, as compared with 130,320 in 1898.

402 letters were wrongly addressed; 42 letters were discovered to have been posted with previously used stamps; 1,879 unclaimed registered letters were dealt with.

2,325 newspapers and 1,555 books and other articles without addresses were received, many of which were subsequently applied for and delivered.

770 newspapers were returned to the publishers.

432 letters and 98 letter-cards were posted without addresses.

11 letters with libellous addresses were intercepted.

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

279 post-office orders	...	...	...	...	...	£	s.	d.
32 bank drafts	...	...	...	...	...	474	18	7
215 cheques	...	...	...	...	...	2,981	15	0
2 dividend warrants	...	...	...	...	...	1,395	9	9
16 promissory notes	...	...	...	...	...	9	13	0
Postal notes	...	...	...	...	...	354	6	10
Stamps	...	...	...	...	...	89	7	9
Bank-notes	...	...	...	...	...	23	10	8
Gold	...	...	...	...	...	156	0	0
Silver and copper	...	...	...	...	...	42	10	0
Representing a total of	...	...	...	...	...	£5,532	14	6

In addition, 1 gold watch, 2 silver watches, 2 ladies' silver watches, 1 gold watch and chain, 1 silver watch and chain, 3 nickel-plated Swiss watches, 2 nickel watches, 2 gold chains, 1 ladies' ring, 7 gold rings, 1 silver ring, 1 gold pendant, 1 greenstone pendant, 1 gold brooch, 2 silver brooches, 1 gold-mounted greenstone brooch, 1 silver-mounted greenstone pendant, 2 gold-mounted sharks' teeth, 1 set of gold studs and one pair of sleeve-links, 1 pair gold sleeve-links, 1 silver lid, 1 silver chatelaine, 1 silver medal, 2 pairs gold-rimmed spectacles, 1 pair ordinary spectacles, 6 sheets postage-stamps, 3 sheets foreign stamps, 2 pencil-cases, 1 Japanese coin, collection of gold coins, 1 purse, 1 cigar-holder, 1 silver-mounted butter-knife with greenstone handle, 6 pawn-tickets, 1 railway-excursion ticket, 1 Tattersalls' ticket Melbourne Cup, 1 U.S.S. Company's saloon ticket Wellington to Greymouth, 1 passage ticket Toronto to Wellington, 1 U.S.S. Company's ticket Onehunga to Wanganui, 2 New Zealand Shipping Company's steerage tickets Monte Video to London, 1 U.S.S. Company's passage order Sydney to Auckland, 3 saloon tickets Lyttelton to Wellington, 5 share certificates, 4 cheque-books, 8 cents, 1 Canadian dollar, 3 woollen shawls, 4 antimacassar covers, 3 pairs of trousers, 9 silk handkerchiefs, 4 pieces of music, 2 dresses, 1 football-cap, 2 razors, 1 sealskin cap, 11 pairs of woollen socks, 1 bicycle-pump, 21 silk neckties, 1 pair of ladies' gloves, 1 box of shoe-laces, 1 bread knife, 1 carved pipe.

The number of inland, intercolonial, and international unclaimed articles received and disposed of during the years 1898 and 1899 was as under :—

	1898.					1899.				
	Letters.	Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Packets.	News-papers.	Letters.	Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Packets.	News-papers.
<i>Inland.</i>										
Returned, delivered, &c., through Dead-letter Office	55,517	1,182	2,362	58,777	518	60,332	1,946	2,594	48,704	770
Returned by Chief Postmasters direct ..	30,262	..	3,011	47,232	..	20,334	..	2,581	40,686	..
Destroyed in accordance with law ..	2,706	58	115	704	30,956	3,682	119	158	1,211	31,130
<i>Intercolonial.</i>										
Originally addressed to other colonies:—										
Returned to writers	4,821	..	32	1,001	..	4,041	..	83	1,228	..
Destroyed in accordance with law ..	233	..	3	56	..	242	..	11	75	..
Returned to other colonies as unclaimed	3,800	9	20	3,573	..	4,298	12	25	4,998	..
<i>International.</i>										
Originally addressed to other countries:—										
Returned to writers	5,137	..	40	576	..	5,206	..	108	677	..
Destroyed in accordance with law ..	251	..	2	33	..	316	..	8	32	..
Returned to other countries as unclaimed	5,020	10	40	19,161	..	5,331	9	31	17,050	..
Totals	107,747	1,259	5,625	131,113	31,474	103,782	2,086	5,599	114,661	31,900

MISSING LETTERS.

809 inquiries for letters and 694 for other articles alleged to have been posted and not delivered were made during 1899. In 381 of the inquiries for letters and 408 for other articles—over one-half the total number—the investigations by the department resulted in the missing articles being traced or accounted for. These may be summarised as follows:—

Number of "Traced" Cases.

Letters.	Other Articles.	Found to have been
37	39	Missent, misdelivered, or otherwise delayed through fault of Post Office.
39	42	Delayed in delivery through fault of addressees.
29	32	Not posted.
26	28	Posted later than advised; forwarded by slower routes than letters of advice, &c.
56	60	Defectively or wrongly addressed.
59	63	Mislaid or lost after delivery.
27	29	Returned through Dead-letter Office as unclaimed, &c.
108	115	Delivered. Reason for inquiry not given, but probably in most cases omission by addressees to acknowledge receipt.
381	408	

REGISTERED LETTERS.

The number of registered articles dealt with in 1899, compared with the numbers in 1890, 1897, and 1898, is shown below:—

Postal Districts.	1890.			1897.			1898.			1899.		
	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 ..	7,119	34,398	41,517	12,517	62,903	75,420	13,891	94,138	108,029	17,209	105,710	122,919
Thames ..	130	4,781	4,911	206	18,038	18,244	289	16,654	16,943	295	18,659	18,954
New Plymouth ..	341	3,372	3,713	830	14,246	15,076	1,031	15,003	16,034	1,246	15,560	16,806
Gisborne ..	118	2,120	2,238	231	4,850	5,081	232	5,034	5,266	327	3,868	4,195
Napier ..	999	10,911	11,910	1,379	19,545	20,924	948	18,853	19,801	1,115	24,024	25,139
Wanganui ..	211	6,060	6,271	1,484	17,801	19,285	1,584	18,569	20,153	1,850	22,929	24,779
Wellington ..	6,129	30,369	36,498	11,594	54,235	65,829	13,107	69,297	82,404	14,340	78,947	93,287
Blenheim ..	92	3,193	3,285	66	4,318	4,384	68	4,397	4,465	97	5,471	5,568
Nelson ..	322	3,430	3,752	610	10,279	10,889	709	10,270	10,979	656	12,002	12,658
Westport ..	112	3,254	3,366	196	5,472	5,668	179	7,100	7,279	337	7,713	8,050
Greymouth ..	102	8,879	8,981	425	6,496	6,921	540	7,360	7,900	583	8,497	9,080
Hokitika ..	95	2,579	2,674	74	3,444	3,518	60	3,586	3,646	84	4,363	4,447
Christchurch ..	3,659	20,404	24,063	4,637	53,212	57,899	5,371	54,528	59,899	5,143	48,169	53,312
Timaru ..	312	3,551	3,863	232	5,478	5,710	507	6,737	7,244	1,068	8,130	9,198
Oamaru ..	278	2,505	2,783	109	4,197	4,306	170	5,040	5,210	163	7,244	7,407
Dunedin ..	4,615	19,696	24,311	7,392	37,322	44,714	6,352	33,522	39,874	6,427	39,544	45,971
Invercargill ..	1,740	9,819	11,559	3,220	17,866	21,086	3,357	19,740	23,097	3,431	23,936	27,367
Totals ..	26,374	169,321	195,695	45,252	339,702	384,954	48,395	389,828	438,223	54,371	434,766	489,137

INLAND MAILS.

The general reletting of tenders for the triennium 1900-2 took place at the end of 1899. The prosperous state of trade and the high price of produce at the time gave reason to suppose that a considerable increase in the cost would be shown. The accepted tenders for the services

under the new contracts were £41,031, as against £35,890 payable for the last year of the preceding triennium. Of the increase of £5,141, about two-thirds is represented by increase on tenders for existing services, and the remaining one-third for increased facilities, new services, &c. Every consideration was shown to the wants of settlers in dealing with the contracts, and services established or accelerated in many cases in which the revenue would not equal the expenditure for some time to come.

A new departure was taken in connection with the contracts for clearing the letter-boxes, meeting trains, shipping mails, &c., in the principal cities. Owing to an allegation that a contractor was paying his drivers considerably less than the recognised minimum wage for such work, a clause was inserted in the conditions of the new contracts requiring payment of not less than £2 5s. for each man for a week of forty-eight hours. In Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, and Napier this had the effect of increasing the cost; while in Wellington it was determined that the department should carry on the work with its own drivers and plant.

The steamer-service on Lake Taupo, referred to in last year's report, was commenced on the 20th November, and has been running with regularity since then. The service is performed by a steamer of about 30 tons register, having a speed of ten knots. She is built to carry fifty passengers, and is equipped to the satisfaction of the department.

The number of contracts for inland mails in operation in 1899 was 641.

There are in addition 366 services not under bond.

The length of inland postal routes by road (counted one way only) was 9,678 miles, and the total number of miles travelled 2,236,056, at an average cost of 3·27d. per mile. In 1898 the respective mileages were 9,457 and 2,168,451, and the average cost 3·26d. per mile.

Ordinary trains with mails travelled 2,733,228 miles.

The estimated sum payable to the Railway Department for the conveyance of mails by ordinary trains was £31,612.

INLAND MAIL-SERVICES.

The following services were established during the year:—

Auckland—

As required: Tokaanu Post-office and Wharf.

Daily: Northcote, delivery of correspondence by non-departmental carrier; Rotorua-Ohinemutu.

Twice weekly: Mangawai-Tara; Whangarimo Post-office and Railway-station.

Weekly: Birtle's Bridge-Huarau; Glen Murray-Woodleigh; Mangapeehi Post-office and Railway-station; Matakana-Whangaripo; Rotorua-Atiamuri-Wairakei-Taupo; Te Kao, landing and shipping mails (re-established); Whangapara, landing and shipping mails.

Twice monthly: Te Whaiti-Ruatahuna-Maungapohatu.

Blenheim—

Twice weekly: Kenepuru-St. Omer.

Weekly: Blenheim-Seddon; Seddon-Awatere; Wairau Valley-Top Valley.

Christchurch—

Twice daily: Springston Post-office and Railway-station.

Twice weekly: Oxford-East Oxford.

Weekly: Hundalee and junction on Waiiau-Claverley Coach-road.

Dunedin—

Daily: Dunedin-Halfway Bush; Kokonga Railway-station-Kokonga Post-office-Kyeburn.

Thrice weekly: Owaka-Mokamoka.

Weekly: Papatowai-Kahuika.

Gisborne—

Twice weekly: Gisborne-Whataututu.

Weekly: Port Awanui-Tikitiki.

Greymouth—

Twice weekly: Blackwater-Upper Blackwater.

Invercargill—

Daily: Invercargill-Waimahaka (train service); Waimahaka Railway-station-Fortrose.

Thrice weekly: Gore-Croydon Bush.

Twice weekly: Haldane-Slope Point; Hedgehope-Glencoe.

Napier—

Thrice daily: Dannevirke-Mangatera (clearing receiving-box).

Daily: Pukehou Post-office and Railway-station.

Thrice weekly: Dannevirke-Umutaoroa; Matahiwi Post-office and Railway-station.

Weekly: Waipatiki-Horoeka.

Nelson—

Irregular: Belgrove-Tophouse.

New Plymouth—

Daily: New Plymouth-Sentry Hill.

Twice weekly: Tariki Road-Ratapiko.

Oamaru—

Twice daily: Peebles Post-office and Railway-station.

Daily: Reidston Post-office and Railway-station.

Thames—

Daily : Omaha Post-office and Railway-station ; Thames-Kopu-Puriri-Hikutaia-Paeroa (train service).

Daily, one way only : Waihi-Waikino-Karangahake-Paeroa.

Weekly : Ruatoki-Waimana.

Timaru—

Weekly (winter service) : Lake Pukaki-Hermitage (by horse).

Wanganui—

Daily : Marton-South Makirikiri ; Rakautaua Post-office and Railway-station.

Twice weekly : Eltham-Rawhitiroa ; Utiku-Pukeokahu.

Weekly : Kaimanuka-Orangimea.

Wellington—

Daily : Island Bay-Berhampore ; Kilbirnie and Maranui districts (delivery of correspondence).

Twice weekly : Apiti-Table Flat ; Nireaha-Atea.

Weekly : Manuhara-Pongaroa.

The following services were extended :—

Auckland—

Kaeo-Otoroa, to Matauri Bay.

Greymouth—

Reefton-Merrijigs, to Big River.

Nelson—

Motupiko-Sherry River, to Motupiko Railway-station.

Wellington—

Makuri-Pongaroa, to Mangatiti ; Pohangina-Komako-Piripiri, to Delaware Block.

The following services were curtailed :—

Dunedin—

Kokonga-Kyeburn-Naseby-Wedderburn, &c., to Clyde : railway extended from Kokonga to Ranfurly. Service starts from Ranfurly to Clyde. Eweburn and Naseby served by branch service from Ranfurly.

Nelson—

Belgrove-Inangahua Junction-Reefton, by extension of railway from Belgrove to Motupiko (23rd April, 1899).

Wanganui—

Manaia-Kapuni-Kaponga, by discontinuance of service between Kapuni and Kaponga.

The frequency of the following services was increased :—

Auckland—

Twice to thrice weekly : Pukekohe-Pukekohe East.

Blenheim—

Twice to thrice weekly : Blenheim-Renwicktown-Kaituna-Okaramio-Havelock Suburban-Havelock.

Christchurch—

Once to twice daily : Christchurch-Templeton ; Christchurch-Upper Riccarton (inward journey only increased).

Thrice to four times weekly : Christchurch-Hornby-Prebbleton-Lincoln-Greenpark-Gebbie's Flat-Ataahua-Little River (Little River now has seven mails a week).

Dunedin—

Thrice weekly to daily : Roxburgh-Coal Creek Flat-Bald Hill Flat-Alexandra South.

Twice weekly to daily : Purakanui Post-office and Railway-station.

Gisborne—

Once to thrice weekly : Gisborne-Whatatutu.

Invercargill—

Twice to thrice weekly : Invercargill-Makarewa.

Once to twice weekly during summer : Manapouri-Hillside Creek.

Napier—

Once to twice daily : Napier-Spit-Western Spit-Eskdale.

Once to twice weekly : Dannevirke-Waipatiki-Weber (part of Dannevirke-Herbertville service).

Nelson—

Once to twice weekly : Nelson-Elmslie's Bay.

Oamaru—

Twice to thrice weekly : Oamaru-Island Cliff-Tokarahi.

Thames—

Once and twice-weekly (by season) to twice and thrice weekly : Hikutaia-Maratoto.

Timaru—

Thrice to four times weekly : Temuka-Seadown.

Wanganui—

Thrice weekly to daily : Manaia-Kapuni.

Twice to thrice weekly : Manutahi-Whakamara-Mokoia Block-Meremere.

Once to twice weekly during winter : Pipiriki-Mangaituroa-Raetihi-Ohakune ; Wanganui-Koriniti-Jerusalem-Pipiriki (river service).

- Wellington—
 Thrice weekly to daily: Feilding—Makino—Glenwood—Cunningham's—Waituna West; Kimbolton—Peep-o'-Day—Mangarimu—Pemberton—Rangiwahia.
 Twice weekly to daily: Waituna West—Rewa.
 Twice to thrice weekly: Eketahuna—Parkville—Nireaha; Makuri—Rakaunui—Pongaroa (once to twice weekly thence to Mangatiti).
- The frequency of the following services was diminished:—
- Christchurch—
 From seven to six times weekly: Greenpark—Little River.
- Wanganui—
 From twice to once weekly: Utiku—Pukeokahu.
- The following services were abolished:—
- Auckland—
 Ahipara—Herekino; Auckland—Epsom (by train); Henderson Post-office and Railway-station; Mount Albert Post-office and Railway-station; Otahuhu Post-office and Railway-station; Tairua—Ohui.
- Dunedin—
 Beaumont—Tallaburn.
- Thames—
 Paeroa—Karangahake—Waikino—Waihi (superseded by train service); Tauranga—Motiti; Thames—Parawai—Kopu—Kirikiri—Puriri—Hikutaiia—Paeroa (superseded by train service).
- Timaru—
 Lake Tekapo—Tasman Downs (winter service: replaced by Lake Pukaki—Hermitage service, weekly by horse during winter).
- Wellington—
 City, clearing Brooklyn posting-box and posting in Wordsworth Street receiving-box.
- The following services have been otherwise altered:—
- Auckland—
 Rotorua—Wairakei—Taupo, by change of route to new road *via* Waiotapu.
- Blenheim—
 Blenheim, &c., to Kaikoura, to run *via* Redwood's Pass instead of Taylor Pass, and to include Seddon.
- Picton—Endeavour Inlet, by inclusion of Resolution Bay.
- Invercargill—
 Wyndham—Glenham—Pine Bush, two services established in place of one.
- Westport—
 Westport—Charleston, to new route *via* Nine-mile Beach.

OCEAN MAIL-SERVICES.

The San Francisco mail-service has continued to be performed with admirable regularity. The homeward mails have generally been delivered in less than schedule time, and only twice has the time been exceeded on the inward voyages, and then only through stress of weather. No penalties have been incurred by the contractors on this account. For several voyages since the beginning of the present year the presence of the bubonic plague at Honolulu prevented direct communication with the shore at that port, and the transfer of the mails after fumigation had therefore to be made by lighters.

The contract for the renewal of the San Francisco service, which was entered into in 1898 and expired on the 31st March, 1900, has been renewed with the Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand until the 31st March, 1901.

The Oceanic Steamship Company of San Francisco (the J. D. Spreckels and Brothers Company), now associated with the Union Steam Ship Company in carrying out the present service, having secured a ten-years contract from the United States Government for a service between San Francisco and Australia, has offered to perform a 16–17-days service between Auckland and San Francisco, and twenty-days between Sydney and San Francisco, every three weeks each way, for a payment of £30,000 per annum from the colonies. Three new steamers of 6,000 tons have been built specially for the service. The essential condition of the offer is that the service shall be performed exclusively by vessels registered in the United States. As the resolution of the House of Representatives last year authorising the renewal of the service made it a condition that at least one British-owned vessel should be employed in any new service, and as the New South Wales Government has declined to subsidise any service performed entirely by foreign-owned steamers, the Oceanic Company will no doubt find it necessary to modify its demands in some way. The position is further complicated by the fact that Honolulu being now a port of the United States, vessels trading between there and San Francisco are subject to the provisions of the American maritime laws, which, among other things, prohibit the conveyance of passengers and cargo between ports of the United States except in vessels owned or registered in that country. By the terms of last year's resolution, however, the matter has to be submitted to the House of Representatives before definite action can be taken. The Oceanic Company's offer will be considered in connection with the proposals for a new contract which are to be submitted to the House.

The usual printed papers to be laid before Parliament relating to ocean mail-services contain Messrs. Spreckels's proposals, including the time-table under which the service is to be run.

It is convenient to state at the present time that payment by New Zealand to the present contractors on outward correspondence is made by weight at the following rates: Letters, 10s. 5d. per lb.; book packets, &c., 1s. per lb.; and newspapers, 6d. per lb. The United Kingdom pays this department on correspondence to New Zealand, the Australian Colonies, and Fiji: For letters, 40·07d. per lb.; other articles, 2·86d. per lb., the whole of which is handed over to the Union Steam Ship Company. The United States Government makes a direct payment of about £28,125 per annum, less \$1,000 for each trip by the "Moana."

The basis of payment to the Oceanic Company under the recently signed ten-year contract with the United States has not yet been communicated officially, but it is understood to be about £50,000 a year.

The following is the resolution of the House of Representatives last session for the continuance of the San Francisco service:—

Resolution passed by the House of Representatives, 24th October, 1899.

Resolved, That this House authorises the Government to extend the San Francisco mail-service for twelve months from the 1st day of April, 1900, on the present terms and conditions, as set out in the contract agreements dated the 11th day of April, 1899, and the 20th day of July, 1899, and published in Parliamentary Paper F.—6, 1899, page 23. That this House also empowers the Government to enter into negotiations for a sixteen- and for a seventeen-days service once every four weeks, and also alternate services once every two weeks and once every three weeks, by vessels of not less than 4,000 tons, between Auckland and San Francisco, for a period of five (or seven) years, commencing about April, 1901: Provided that at least one British-owned steamer shall be employed in either service. The result of such negotiations to be submitted to the House for confirmation next session, and to have no effect until approved by the House.

It has not been practicable to arrange for a close and regular connection with the federal service at Sydney or Melbourne, but every opportunity is taken to provide as convenient a despatch as the running of the intercolonial steamers will permit.

Mails for the Vancouver service *via* Sydney and Brisbane continue to be forwarded as circumstances admit. From reports which have reached the department it would appear that the prompt delivery of the mails in London by this route is not yet assured.

RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS on Account of the SAN FRANCISCO, PENINSULAR and ORIENTAL, and ORIENT MAIL-SERVICES for the Year 1899.

San Francisco Service.

DR.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Payments by weight—									
On mails from New Zealand	12,145		8 11						
On mails from the United Kingdom	5,825		12 8						
On mails from the Australian Colonies, Fiji, &c.	5,634		4 10						
				23,605	6	5			
Interprovincial service, mail agents, &c.				4,660	9	6			
Transit charges { San Francisco to New York				4,300	7	5			
{ New York to Queenstown				1,831	16	8			
							34,398	0	0
CR.									
Postages collected in the colony				12,192	19	9			
Postages from London				5,825	12	8			
Contributions from non-contracting colonies				5,634	4	10			
							23,652	17	3
Net cost to the colony							£10,745	2	9

562,069 letters, 6,825 post-cards, 600,754 books, and 1,279,608 newspapers were received from, and 528,649 letters, 6,420 post-cards, 148,806 books, and 460,690 newspapers were despatched to, the United Kingdom *via* San Francisco. The average time within which mails were delivered by the San Francisco service was—From Auckland to London, 30·85 days, as against 31·77 days in 1898; and from London to Auckland, 31·54 days, as compared with 31·92 days in the previous year. The shortest delivery was made in 30 days.

Peninsular and Oriental and Orient Lines (Federal Mail-service).

DR.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Payments to P. and O. and Orient lines	3,051	14	9			
Transit charges across Australia	149	6	4			
Transit charges across Europe	391	11	4			
Gratuities (to and from Australia)	1,532	0	11			
				5,124	13	4
CR.						
Postages collected in the colony	2,664	8	9			
Postages from London and foreign offices	907	19	6			
				3,572	8	3
Net cost to the colony				£1,552	5	1

The number of letters, post-cards, books, and newspapers conveyed from and to the United Kingdom by the Peninsular and Oriental and Orient packets were: Received—402,641 letters, 4,890 post-cards, 255,052 books, and 1,027,470 newspapers; despatched—108,525 letters, 1,317 post-cards, 26,514 books, and 93,773 newspapers.

The maximum, minimum, and average number of days within which the mails were delivered at and from London and Auckland, Wellington, Dunedin, and Bluff during 1899 by the San Francisco service and by the Peninsular and Oriental and Orient lines, was :—

	San Francisco Service.			P. and O. Line.			Orient Line.		
	Max.	Min.	Average.	Max.	Min.	Average.	Max.	Min.	Average.
London to Auckland ..	33	31	31·54	39	37	38·08	43	37	38·85
Auckland to London ..	35	30	30·85	42	39	40·46	43	37	40·12
London to Wellington ..	34	32	32·77	42	36	39·15	45	38	39·38
Wellington to London ..	36	32	32·69	45	37	41·73	45	37	42·22
London to Dunedin ..	35	33	33·92	46	38	40·40	46	38	40·48
Dunedin to London ..	38	33	33·85	46	39	40·34	45	38	40·66
London to Bluff ..	36	34	34·67	45	37	39·65	45	37	39·73
Bluff to London ..	39	34	34·60	45	38	39·59	44	37	39·91

The several subsidised mail sea-services, the subsidy-payments for the year 1899, the dates when established, and the date on which each terminates are shown as follows :—

Service.	Annual Subsidy or Payment.	Duration of Service.		Number of Voyages per Annum.	Mileage for Complete Voyage.	Cost per Mile.
		When established.	When terminated or terminable.			
	£ s. d.					s. d.
Auckland and San Francisco ..	12,145 8 11	April, 1871	Mar., 1901	13	11,850	1 6·92
Wellington and Vancouver ..	7,500 0 0 ^a	Dec., 1897	Mar., 1899	13	13,320	0 10·40
Auckland and Fiji ..	1,690 0 0	June, 1880	..	13	2,334	1 1·37
Auckland and South Pacific Islands	1,200 0 0	June, 1885	..	12	6,992	0 3·43
Auckland and Devonport ..	60 0 0	Aug., 1863	Dec., 1902	939	6	0 2·56
Auckland and Great Barrier ..	250 0 0	Oct., 1891	Dec., 1902	52	120	0 9·62
Dargaville and Tangihua (Tangite- roria)	75 0 0	Nov., 1893	Dec., 1902	52	46	0 7·53
Helensville and Matakoho ..	500 0 0	Jan., 1881	Dec., 1902	52	118	0 5·04
Helensville and Dargaville ..				104	170	
Horeke, Kohukohu, Rawene, Wai- tapu, and Opononi ..	148 10 0	Jan., 1889	Dec., 1902	52	48	1 2·28
Russell and Opuā ..	90 0 0	Jan., 1889	Dec., 1902	104	16	1 0·98
Whangaroa and Totara North ..	25 0 0	Jan., 1891	Dec., 1902	52	2	4 9·69
Wellington, Ketu Bay, Homewood, Maori Bay (and other offices), and Havelock ..	170 0 0 ^b	Dec., 1891	Aug., 1899	13	183	1 5·15
Nelson, Motueka, Totaranui, Ta- kaka, and Collingwood ..	350 0 0	Sept., 1899	Dec., 1902	13		2 11·30
Westport and Karamea ..	200 0 0	June, 1886	Dec., 1902	52	130	0 4·44
Westport and Little Wanganui ..				26	102	
Hokitika, Okarito, Bruce Bay, Pa- ringa, Haast, Okura, and Jack- son's Bay ..	600 0 0	Jan., 1886	Dec., 1902	12	82	1 1·20
Lyttelton and Chatham Islands ..	300 0 0	..	Mar., 1902	6	384	5 2·50
Bluff and Half-moon Bay ..	300 0 0	July, 1886	Dec., 1902	6	1,050	0 11·43
Bluff, Te Oneroa, and Cromarty ..	360 0 0	April, 1893	..	52	48	2 4·85
Interprovincial service in connec- tion with San Francisco line ..	3,000 0 0	Nov., 1886	Mar., 1899	12	208	2 10·62
Interprovincial service in connec- tion with Vancouver line ..	3,500 0 0 ^c	April, 1899	Mar., 1901	13	..	..
	3,000 0 0 ^a	Dec., 1897	Mar., 1899	..	..	..

^a Only proportion due for quarter to 31st March, 1899, expended. ^b Represents £10 a trip for a temporary service. ^c Plus one-thirteenth of £500 for each trip on which steamer with inward mails leaves Onehunga on a Tuesday.

BUILDINGS.

The altogether insufficient accommodation at the chief post-offices at Auckland, Wellington, and Dunedin is seriously interfering with the efficient performance of the work of the department at those places, and the expansion of business during the year has rendered it necessary that additional floor-space should be provided without further delay. The difficulty at Auckland is now being met by structural alterations and additions to the post-office building at a cost of about £4,000, which should suffice to meet requirements for some time to come. The substitution of steel pillars and girders for the massive brick arches on the main floor of the building will result in largely increased space being obtained for the mail-room, and admit of the counters and public lobby being extended and enlarged. The wants of the money-order and savings-bank branch and the letter-carriers will be met by building over the present area to the eastern side of the building.

On the completion of the new Supreme Court at Dunedin the proposed rearrangement of the accommodation in the building in which the chief post-office is situated, providing much needed additional space for the postal business, will be put in hand.

While Auckland and Dunedin are to be provided for, nothing as yet has been decided upon for Wellington, where the need for additional accommodation for staff and public is far more pressing. It is imperative that additional office-space be secured without further delay.

New offices were erected at Cronadon, Mangaweka, Masterton, Mosgiel, Petone, Renwicktown, and Wellington South (Newtown), and buildings were purchased for the post-offices at New Brighton, Parnell, and Pouto.

Land for the erection of post-office buildings was purchased at Caversham, Levin, Newtown, and Takaka.

The following general repairs, additions, &c., were carried out during the year: Painting, Ahaura; repairs and painting, Annat; new fence and verandah, painting and repairs, Ashburton; repairs, alterations, cleaning, and painting, Auckland; fittings, Balfour; additions, Chatham Islands; additions to accommodate new telephone switchboard, &c., Christchurch;

new fence and repairs, Coromandel; new private letter-boxes, Dunedin; underpinning walls, strong-room, &c., Greymouth; repairing foundation and new floor to operating-room, Gisborne; fittings, alterations, repairs, and additions, Hamilton; painting, Havelock; repairs to floor of upper storey, repapering and distempering quarters, Hawera; new safe, and fitting in safes in concrete, Hokitika; alterations, Kawakawa; fittings, Kohukohu; repairs, Lawrence; fittings and new private letter-boxes, Mangaweka; repairs and new fencing, Mataura; repairs and painting, Mercer; additions, painting, and repairs, Milton; additions and painting, Miranda; repairs, &c., Napier; repairs and painting, Nelson; new fittings, Otahuhu; gas and fittings, Pahiatua; painting, papering, and repairs, Palmerston; alterations to building purchased at Parnell; alterations, repairs, and painting, Port Chalmers; repairs, Raglan; repairs and painting, Riverton; repairs, Rotorua; additions and repairs, Te Aroha; repairs, Thames; additions, Waotu; alterations, drainage, and fittings, Wakapuaka; minor fittings, repairs, and renovations, Wellington; painting, Westport. Minor additions and repairs were made at other offices, and also additions to several railway-stations to provide for post-office business.

The post- and telegraph-office at Hamilton was totally destroyed by fire on the 6th October, while the Postmaster's quarters at Ashburton were partially destroyed through the same cause on the 20th March of this year.

New buildings are to be erected at Ashburton, Caversham, Denniston, Feilding, Gisborne, Hamilton, Inglewood, Karangahake, Levin, New Plymouth, Onehunga, Opunake, Sumner, Temuka, and Wanganui; while alterations and additions are to be made at Clyde, Cromwell, Greymouth, Kaikoura (Postmaster's house), Lyttelton, Nelson, Otahuhu (Postmistress's quarters), and Rotorua.

MONEY-ORDERS.

Nineteen money-order offices were opened during the year—namely, Howick, Karamea, Longburn, Millerton, Motupiko Railway, Ohoka, Opononi, Pahautanui, Pukeuri Junction, Rahotu, Ranfurly, Riwaka, Takapuna, Tauhoa, Tinakori Road, Tokomaru Bay, Tuparoa, Waihopo, and Waione.

Two offices were closed—namely, Omapere and Whananaki.

The number of offices open at the end of the year was 434, as against 417 twelve months previously.

344,664 money-orders were issued for £1,118,808 5s. 7d., as compared with 318,370 for £1,029,241 7s. 7d. in 1898—an increase of 26,294 in number and £89,566 18s. in amount.

244,917 money-orders, amounting to £948,013 3s. 4d., were paid, as against 229,720 for £880,052 13s. 11d. during 1898—an increase of 15,197 orders and £67,960 9s. 5d.

There were 36,933 telegraph money-orders issued for £120,034 3s. 2d., as compared with 35,204 for £114,622 13s. 1d. in 1898—an increase of 1,729 in number and £5,411 10s. 1d. in amount.

123,310 orders for £254,295 0s. 10d. were issued on places beyond New Zealand, as against 112,105 orders for £230,515 11s. 11d. during 1898.

24,023 orders for £85,824 4s. 6d. were issued at places beyond New Zealand for payment in the colony, as compared with 23,424 orders for £80,665 0s. 8d. during the previous year.

The commission received for money-orders amounted to £15,533 4s. 6d., as against £14,795 16s. received during 1898.

A direct exchange of orders between New Zealand and Natal was inaugurated during the year.

A money-order convention between the Cook Islands and this colony has been signed. The exchange will commence from the 1st August. This should prove a boon to the islanders, who are at present heavily mulct for exchange on remittances; and it is to be hoped that it will also have the effect of ousting the depreciated Chilian dollar in favour of sterling money.

POSTAL NOTES.

The following new offices were opened during the year ended 31st March, 1900:—

Awhitu.	Ohoka.	Takapuna.
Frasertown.	Omapere.	Tongaporutu.
Hawea Flat.	Opononi.	Tuparoa.
Howick.	Pahautanui.	Utiku.
Huiakama.	Porootarao.	Waihopo.
Kawhia.	Port Awanui.	Wai-iti.
Longburn.	Pipiriki.	Waione.
Millerton.	Ranfurly.	Wangamomona.
Motupiko Railway.	Riwaka.	

The office at Omapere was closed.

Total opened, 26; 1 closed.

The number of offices at which postal notes were sold at the end of the financial year was 497, as compared with 472 on the 31st March, 1899.

461,447 notes, of the value of £147,686 8s. 6d., were sold, as against 431,449, for £139,957 4s., sold during the previous year.

The postal notes paid numbered 457,767, of the value of £146,778 12s., as compared with 429,193, for £139,476 2s. 6d., paid during 1898-99.

The postal-note commission amounted to £3,054 11s. 5d.

SAVINGS-BANKS.

There were twenty offices opened during the year for the transaction of savings-bank business—namely, Howick, Karamea, Longburn, Millerton, Motupiko Railway, Ohoka, Opononi, Pahautanui, Pohangina, Pukeuri Junction, Rahotu, Ranfurly, Riwaka, Takapuna, Tauhoa, Tinakori Road, Tokomaru Bay, Tuparoa, Waihopo, and Weber.

Two offices were closed—namely, Omapere and Whananaki.

There were 427 offices open at the end of 1899, as against 409 at the end of the previous year. 41,362 accounts were opened and 28,284 closed, the net gain on the year's working being 13,078 accounts. The number of depositors on the 31st December was 183,046, and the proportion of accounts per head of population was one in 4·13, as compared with one in 4·33 at the end of the previous year.

The deposits numbered 313,783, representing £3,644,980 9s. 10d., an average of £11 12s. 4d. per transaction. The withdrawals numbered 206,940, for £3,417,298 19s. 8d., an average of £16 10s. 3d. for each withdrawal.

The net amount added to the depositors' savings during the year was therefore £227,681 10s. 2d. plus £134,917 19s. 3d. interest earned, making a total of £362,599 9s. 5d.

The total amount at credit of depositors increased from £4,957,771 5s. 5d. at the close of the previous year to £5,320,370 14s. 10d. on the 31st December last, representing a sum equal to £7 0s. 8d. per head of the entire population, and £29 1s. 4d. per depositor. Last year the figures were £6 14s. 8d. and £29 3s. 5d. respectively.

The interest credited to depositors since the Post-Office Savings-Banks were established in 1867 now amounts to £2,040,793 16s. 3d.

The cost of working the savings-banks amounted to 4·38 pence per transaction, or £9,500 for the year.

The cost of management per cent. on total amount at credit of depositors was 0·179 per cent., or 3s. 7d. per £100.

Average number of deposits per day, 1898 ...	...	...	...	921
" " " " 1899 ...	...	...	...	1,025
Increase per cent. ...	...	...	...	11·29
Average number of withdrawals per day, 1898 ...	...	...	...	643
" " " " 1899 ...	...	...	...	676
Increase per cent. ...	...	...	...	5·13
Average daily amount deposited, 1898 ...	...	...	£10,717 13s. 7d.	
" " " " 1899 ...	...	...	£11,911 14s. 0d.	
Average " daily amount " withdrawn, 1898 ...	...	...	£10,440 16s. 7d.	
" " " " 1899 ...	...	...	£11,167 12s. 10d.	

TELEGRAPHS.

The total value of the telegraph and telephone business for the year ended the 31st March last, including Government telegrams and miscellaneous telegraph receipts, was £192,376 13s. 4d., as compared with £170,794 19s. 5d.—an increase of £21,581 13s. 11d., or 12·64 per cent.

The following is a comparison of the traffic in paid telegrams during the last five years:—

	Number.		Value.	
1895-96 ...	1,899,632	...	£92,289	
1896-97 ...	2,285,001	Increase, 20·29 per cent.	97,453	Increase, 5·60 per cent.
1897-98 ...	2,469,415	" 8·07 "	96,537	Decrease, 0·94 "
1898-99 ...	2,717,548	" 10·05 "	101,104	Increase, 4·73 "
1899-00 ...	3,159,093	" 16·25 "	114,383	" 13·13 "

TELEGRAPH BUSINESS.

Table showing the number of telegrams forwarded, and the revenue derived therefrom, during the four quarters of the financial years 1898-99 and 1899-1900 respectively:—

Quarter.	Number of Telegrams forwarded.		Increase per Cent.	Revenue.			Increase per Cent.
	Year ended 31st March, 1899.	Year ended 31st March, 1900.		1898-99.		1899-00.	
June quarter ...	647,284	715,127	10·48	£ 24,548 10 4½	26,149 4 0½	6·52	
September quarter ...	609,615	701,965	15·15	23,008 6 10	25,667 12 0½	11·56	
December quarter ...	712,121	832,126	16·85	26,231 18 5½	30,082 17 0	14·68	
March quarter ...	748,528	909,875	21·56	27,315 16 8	32,483 9 0	18·92	
	2,717,548	3,159,093	16·25	101,104 12 4	114,383 2 1	13·13	

The number of telegrams of all codes forwarded during last financial year was 3,469,631—an increase of 508,893, or 17·19 per cent., over 1898-99.

The proportion of telegrams per head of population was 4·70, as compared with 4·02 the previous year.

The number of ordinary telegrams forwarded was 2,578,863, of the value of £89,716 15s. 2d., compared with 2,242,387, for £78,499 11s. 2d., in 1898-99—an increase of 336,476 and £11,217 4s. 0d.

The urgent telegrams numbered 127,576, of the value of £8,412 15s. 7d.—an increase of 14,138 in number and £24 17s. 2d. in amount.

255,362 Press telegrams, of the value of £10,770 13s. 9d., were forwarded in 1899-1900, as compared with 217,783, valued at £10,140 14s. 6d., forwarded in 1898-99—an increase of 37,579, or 17·26 per cent., in number, and 6·22 per cent. in value.

The value of each Press telegram averaged 10·12d., as against 11·18d. in 1898–99.

The bureau messages numbered 197,292, of the value of £5,482 17s. 7d., as compared with 143,940, of the value of £3,726 18s. 4d.—an increase of 53,352 in number and £1,755 19s. 3d. in amount.

The average value of each bureau message was 6·67d., as against 6·21d. in 1898–99.

The number of Government telegrams forwarded was 310,538, valued at £29,431 19s., as compared with 243,190, of the value of £25,500 5s. 10d.—an increase of 67,348 in number and of £3,931 13s. 2d. in amount. This unusual increase is mainly the result of franking privileges having been granted to mayors of boroughs and others in connection with the Patriotic and More Men Funds.

36,933 money-orders for £120,034 3s. 2d. were transmitted by telegraph, as against 35,204 for £114,622 13s. 1d. in 1898–99—an increase of 1,729 telegrams.

The number of forwarded telegrams to every hundred letters posted in New Zealand for delivery within the colony was 9·94, as against 9·12 in 1898–99.

The telegraph receipts for the financial year, including telephone-exchange subscriptions, private-wire rents, &c., amounted to £162,944 14s. 5d., compared with £145,294 13s. 7d. in 1898–99—an increase of £17,650 0s. 9d., or 12·15 per cent.

The expenditure, excluding cable subsidy, was £181,634 11s. 3d., as compared with £173,152 16s. 6d. for the previous year—an increase of £8,481 14s. 9d., or 4·9 per cent.

There were 6,910 miles of line and 19,228 miles of wire at the close of the year—an increase of 174 and 482 miles respectively.

The net expenditure out of Public Works Fund for telegraph extension was £26,771 7s. 9d., as compared with £28,550 14s. in 1898–99.

The number of private wires and subsidised lines was 248, compared with 201 in 1898–99. The amount received for rent, maintenance, &c., was £1,587 2s. 10d., as against £1,390 18s. 3d. in 1898–99.

The total number of telegraph- and telephone-offices open at the close of the year was 915. Of these, 234 were telegraph- and 681 telephone-offices.

Forty-two telephone-offices were opened and five closed. The following telephone-offices were opened:—

Burnett's Face.	Moawhango.	Te Tua.
Cabbage Bay.	Morere.	Tikitiki.
Cross's Creek.	Motupiko Railway.	Tikorangi.
Ellerslie Bureau.	Ngapaeruru.	Tiritiri.
Glen-iti.	Opaki.	Tokomaru.
Hangaroa.	Oriental Bay.	Totaratahi.
Heathcote Valley.	Otaki Railway.	Utiku.
Hilderthorpe.	Otipua.	Waerengaokuri.
Hokianga Heads.	Parapara.	Wai-iti.
Kaupokonui.	Rangitaiki.	Waikaka Siding.
Linton.	Seddon.	Waimahaka.
Makirikiri.	Sentry Hill.	Waipiata.
Matamau.	Taihape.	West Plains.
Millerton.	Taneatua.	Wright's Bush.

The offices at Closeburn, Kimihia, Raumai, Rona, and The Camp were closed.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGES.

There were on the 31st March last twenty central exchanges and twenty sub-exchanges.

The following is a comparative return of the telephone-exchange connections for the years 1898–99 and 1899–1900:—

Exchange.	Number of Subscribers or Connections:	
	Mar. 31, 1899.	Mar. 31, 1900.
Ashburton	102	100
Auckland	1,041	1,134
Blenheim	67	75
Christchurch	894	968
Rangiora	14	14
Dunedin	954	1,082
Balclutha	14	15
Kaitangata	6	6
Milton	19	20
Palmerston South	...	15
Port Chalmers	17	17
Feilding	...	78
Gisborne	123	145
Greymouth	86	94
Hawera	...	91
Eltham	...	9
Manaia	...	9
Invercargill	216	250
Bluff	22	22
Gore	54	58
Mataura	9	8
Otautau	15	22
Riversdale	12	13
Winton	8	13
Woodlands	5	5
Carried forward	3,678	4,263

Exchange.	Number of Subscribers or Connections :	
	Mar. 31, 1899.	Mar. 31, 1900.
Brought forward	3,678	4,263
Masterton	72	81
Napier	298	297
Hastings	40	45
Nelson	59	78
New Plymouth	165	212
Inglewood	...	6
Stratford	...	57
Waitara	...	11
Oamaru	118	127
Palmerston North	131	127
Thames	80	79
Timaru	78	91
Wanganui	205	250
Marton	...	9
Wellington	1,279	1,417
Totals...	6,203	7,150

The connections may be classified as follows: Paying, 6,641; free, 165; bureaux, 344: total, 7,150.

The telephone-exchange receipts amounted to £43,303 2s. 10d.—an increase of £3,584 15s. 3d. as compared with the subscriptions received during the previous year.

The working-expenses and 5 per cent. interest on capital cost for the year amounted to £46,567 10s. 4d.

The following are the particulars of telegraph- and telephone-wires, &c., in the colony on 31st March, 1900:—

	Telegraph.	Telephone.
Miles of line, 1st April, 1899	6,736	436
" 31st March, 1900	6,910	501
Miles of wire, 1st April, 1899	18,746	5,803
" 31st March, 1900	19,228	6,343
Increase during year—		
Miles of line	174	65
Miles of wire	482	540
Submarine cable, 1st April, 1899	242 knots	8 knots.
" 31st March, 1900	242 knots	8 knots.

TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE.

The demand for telephone-lines reported last year still continues. During 1899 56 renewed applications and 52 fresh applications were received for 108 lines of a total mileage of 975, to erect which would cost nearly £37,000. Of these lines, 15 were estimated to be self-supporting, while in 62 instances guarantees against loss were asked for, and 31 applications were altogether declined.

During the year nine bonds were entered into by County Councils, guaranteeing an annual sum of £169 10s., and the sum of £85 was paid by way of commuted guarantee for four lines erected during the year. The total number of telephone guarantees existing on the 31st December was 58, of an annual value of £1,294 6s.

It was decided during the year to extend the scope of guarantees of telephone-lines by accepting bonds from six reputable residents as well as from County Councils, and there are indications that this concession will be freely availed of.

The establishing of branch telephone exchanges at the smaller towns, with bureau communication by trunk telephone-lines with the principal trading centres, engaged some attention during 1899. Six applications were received for such branch exchanges, and for the erection of trunk telephone-lines of a mileage of 210, involving an expenditure of £5,072. In five instances requests were agreed to, while one application was declined. Two lines for telephone bureau conversations were also applied for of a mileage of 16½, and of an estimated cost of £215.

The following telegraph-works have been carried out during the year in the several districts:—

AUCKLAND.

Construction.

The following new lines have been erected:—

	Miles of Poles.	Miles of Wire.
Tokatea—Cabbage Bay	9	9
Whakatane—Taneatua	9½	9½
Omapere—Hokianga Heads	1½	1½
For Railway Department—		
Eilerslie—Penrose	1	1
Total	21½	21½

The line from Huntly to Kimihia, containing two miles of poles and three miles of wire, was sold, and is now a private line.

Maintenance.

The following sections have been overhauled and repaired, the aggregate length being 448 miles: Mangonui to Cape Maria van Diemen; Thames to Coromandel and Whangapoua; Hamilton to Raglan and Kawhia; Hamilton to Mahoenui; Morrinsville to Lichfield; Te Kopuru to Pouto; Devonport to Warkworth; Paeroa to Waihi; Te Aroha to Morrinsville; Drury to Manukau Heads; Auckland to Drury.

Twenty miles of wire were renewed.

The Te Kopuru-Mititai cable, which became faulty, was repaired.

Offices.

The railway offices at Kumeu, Waimamaku, and Kirikiriroa have been connected by telephone.

Three constant-current Morse instruments were fitted to the Dargaville-Kaihu Railway circuit. New test-boards were fitted at 8 offices.

The Kawakawa public office was transferred to the railway-station; and the Pouto office to the Native-school building lately purchased by the department. The post- and telegraph-office at Hamilton was transferred to temporary premises owing to the destruction by fire of the department's building on the 6th October.

The total number of offices in the district is 210. They are connected by 1,768 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles of line and 4,156 miles of wire.

Telephone Exchanges.

The branching multiple switchboard which was erected in 1898 continues to give satisfaction. The number of subscribers at the end of the year was 1,134—an increase of 93 during the year. Two miles and a half of poles and eighty-eight miles of wire were erected.

The total number of connections with telephone exchanges in the Auckland Telegraph Inspector's district is 1,217.

THAMES.

This exchange is in good order. The number of subscribers at the end of the year was 69, being a decrease of 11 as compared with the previous year.

WELLINGTON.

Construction.

The following extensions of lines and wires were made during the year:—

	Miles of Poles.	Miles of Wire.
Nuhaka-Morere	6	6
Otakeho-Pihama	...	8
Longburn-Linton-Tokomaru	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	8
Eltham-Stratford (additional wire)	...	6
Featherston-Masterton	...	24
Waiomatatini-Tikitiki	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 $\frac{1}{4}$
Tikorangi-Waitara	4	4
Feilding-Kimbolton	...	17
Pipiriki-Te Horo	56	56
Hawera-Manaia (trunk telephone-wire)	...	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Wellington-Oriental Bay (bureau)	...	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
New Plymouth-Waitara	...	12
Ohingaiti-Mangaweka...	...	7
Mangaweka-Moawhango	25	25
Ngaire-Eltham	...	3
Otaki-Waikanae (bureau)	...	11
Masterton-Waipukurau (three copper wires)	...	312
Stratford-New Plymouth (trunk telephone-wire)	...	30
Sentry Hill-Lepperton	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Te Arai-Hangaroa	12 $\frac{3}{4}$	12 $\frac{3}{4}$
Matamau	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Jubilee Home-Makirikiri	3	3
For Railway Department—		
Featherston-Masterton Railway	22	22
Carnarvon-Longburn Railway	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
Wanganui-Aramoho Railway	3	3
Spit-Waipukurau (late Nelson Brothers' private wire)	...	4
For Public Works Department—		
Mangaonoho-Makohine workshops	1	1
Purchased by Railway Department from Nelson Brothers	...	44
Total	138 $\frac{3}{4}$	647 $\frac{1}{2}$

Dismantled.

Napier-Gisborne	...	2
Waipukurau-Masterton <i>via</i> East Coast...	24	454
Otaki-Paikakariki	...	2
Total	24	458

The total additions for the year were 114 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles of poles and 189 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles of wire.

Maintenance.

On the Napier-Gisborne line five miles of line were erected across the isthmus near the Mahia Peninsula to take the place of a line by another route, which was dismantled.

When erecting three new copper wires between Masterton and Waipukurau the line throughout the distance was strengthened, and is now in good repair. The completion of these wires has allowed of the dismantling of the line on the old route *via* the East Coast, consisting of twenty-four miles of line and 454 miles of wire between Te Nui and Aohanga.

A rearrangement of the circuits serving the existing offices on the East Coast was also made; the offices at Castlepoint, Whakataki, Te Nui, Carswell's, Taueru, and Masterton being fitted with high-resistance bridging telephones, and placed on one circuit. The Te Nui office was also converted from a Morse to a telephone office. The services of the lineman at Te Nui being no longer required he was transferred to another station.

Two miles of wire between Otaki and Paikakariki were dismantled.

To meet the growing requirements of the Wairarapa district an iron wire was erected between Masterton and Featherston, with intermediate connections at Greytown and Carterton. This circuit, which carries the local traffic, serves to relieve the main circuit to Wellington.

The Opunake-New Plymouth line has been overhauled for about thirteen miles north of Opunake, No. 11½ copper wire replacing the iron wire, which had become much corroded. Further improvement of this line will be made during 1900.

The constant-current combined Morse and telephone connection between Masterton and Eketahuna has been replaced by a bridging-telephone circuit, serving Masterton, Masterton Railway, Opaki, Dreyerton, Mauriceville Railway, Mauriceville, Mangamahoe, and Eketahuna. The electrical resistance of the telephones on this line, as also those on telephone circuits throughout the New Plymouth District, has been specially increased to 2,000 ohms, thus enabling more stations to be connected with the circuit without impairing the efficiency of the instruments.

To relieve the increased pressure on the line between New Plymouth and Wanganui another copper wire is to be erected, which will be extended to Auckland *via* Mokau. There will thus be a two-wire alternate route available from the Wellington to the Auckland Province by way of New Plymouth, serving to relieve the wires on the East Coast route.

During the year the quadruplex system, which has been working very satisfactorily between Wellington and Auckland, has been applied to other circuits. There are now four quadruplex sets at Wellington, three at Christchurch, two at Dunedin, and one each at Wanganui, Napier, Grey-mouth, and Invercargill.

The quadruplex is now worked with advantage daily on two wires between Wellington and Christchurch, and less frequently between Wellington and Dunedin. It is contemplated to still further introduce the system on other circuits on which traffic is becoming somewhat congested.

Offices.

The total number of offices in the district is 250.

Cables.

The No. 4 Lyall Bay cable became faulty about the end of September, and continued to work indifferently until December, when it became useless. The break was located at 12.5 knots from Lyall Bay.

The No. 1 cable (Oterangi Bay) suddenly parted on the 2nd March at about 2 knots from Oterangi Bay. The s.s. "Tutanekai" left with a repairing staff on the 18th March. The repair of the No. 1 cable was effected on the 20th March, 800 fathoms of shore-end 7-ton cable being used.

The repair of the No. 4 cable was begun on the 3rd April. Owing to bad weather operations were not completed until the 12th April. 1 knot 731 fathoms of cable was used in this work. This cable and the other two from Oterangi Bay are working satisfactorily.

Telephone Exchanges.

The branching multiple switchboard at Wellington, which has been in operation for over two years, continues to give every satisfaction. The number of subscribers is now 1,417—an increase of 138 for the year.

New exchanges have been opened at Eltham, Inglewood, Manaia, Marton, Waitara, with under ten subscribers each, and at Feilding, Hawera, and Stratford, with 78, 91, and 57 subscribers respectively. The total number of exchanges in the district is 16—an increase of 8 during the year. A trunk telephone copper wire was erected from Stratford to New Plymouth (30 miles), also from Hawera to Manaia (10 miles), Stratford to Eltham (6 miles), and Stratford to Ngaire (3 miles). These wires are so arranged that telephone conversation can be carried on between all offices in the New Plymouth District from Hawera to Awakino.

At Wanganui the number of subscribers is 250. A number of small poles in the main street being insufficiently high and overloaded with wires have been replaced by larger poles.

All exchanges in the district are in good working-order.

The total number of telephones in use in the district is 2,993, the mileage of poles being 147½ and of wire 2,149½. The number of subscribers to all exchanges in the district is 2,884.

New exchanges are being established at Pahiatua and Woodville. A trunk telephone-wire to serve the former place with Palmerston North is also being constructed.

Telephone Exchanges.

Christchurch: A new multiple switchboard was erected, and came into use on 17th May. It is giving satisfaction.

The number of subscribers is 968—an increase of 74 during the year. The total number of subscribers in the district is 1,173—an increase of 80.

Five miles and a quarter of poles and seventy-two miles of wire were erected during 1899.

Timaru: This exchange has been practically reconstructed. Cables have been used for leading in subscribers' connections, and No. 14 copper wire has largely replaced No. 12 iron wire, which had become corroded.

Ashburton: This sub-exchange is in good order. A partial destruction of the building by fire necessitated a renewal of the internal fittings.

The Rangiora sub-exchange is working smoothly.

DUNEDIN.

Construction.

The following new lines and wires have been erected:—

	Miles of Poles.	Miles of Wire.
Dunedin-Oamaru (additional wire) ...	...	74
Dunedin-Palmerston (trunk wire) ...	...	38
Dunedin-Lawrence (additional wire) ...	1	37
Dunedin-Port Chalmers (additional wire) ...	...	9
Oamaru-Hilderthorpe ...	...	3
Oamaru-Totaratahi ...	0 $\frac{3}{4}$	5 $\frac{3}{4}$
Herbert-Waianakarua ...	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	4 $\frac{1}{4}$
Palmerston-Hillgrove (bureau wire) ...	...	13
Kokonga-Kyeburn ...	...	4
Mosgiel-Otakaia (bureau wire) ...	...	9
Milburn-Limekilns ...	1	1
Clyde-Alexandra (second wire) ...	...	8
Fortrose-Waimahaka ...	0 $\frac{1}{4}$	0 $\frac{1}{4}$
Invercargill-West Plains ...	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	6 $\frac{3}{4}$
Invercargill-Wright's Bush ...	...	3
Orepuki-Te Tua ...	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
For Railway Department—		
Kokonga Railway line ...	8	43
Waipiata-Ranfurlly Railway ...	5	5
Henley Railway-Otakaia Railway ...	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Total ...	33	275

Maintenance.

Three hundred and sixty miles of line have been thoroughly overhauled and reconstructed where necessary, involving the erection of over 700 new poles.

The total mileage of telegraph-line at the end of the year was 1,546, and of wire 3,617. In the telephone-exchange connections of the district there are 105 miles of line and 1,239 miles of wire.

Great advantage has been derived from the quadruplex system, which has been established between Dunedin and Invercargill and Dunedin and Christchurch.

The remarkable increase in telegraph business which has occurred throughout the district resulted in some of the lines being overtaxed, more especially the goldfields line. By utilising existing short sections and constructing a new wire where necessary an additional wire has been secured between Dunedin and Lawrence. An extra wire has also been erected between Dunedin and Oamaru, while another wire is in course of erection from Lawrence to Alexandra to connect with a local goldfields circuit thence to Cromwell.

There are indications that further wire accommodation will shortly be required between Dunedin and Invercargill, and Dunedin and the goldfields.

Offices.

There are now 221 offices in this district.

Exchanges.

A branch exchange was opened at Palmerston with ten subscribers, and connected by a trunk wire with the Dunedin Exchange.

There are fifteen telephone exchanges in the district—an increase of one during the year. The total number of subscribers is 1,660—an increase of 184. 1,890 telephones are in use.

The new multiple switchboard at Dunedin, which has been erected, came into use on the 26th May, and is giving satisfaction. Seven and a quarter miles of line and ninety miles of wire were erected during 1899.

All the exchanges in the district are in good order.

Maps on a scale of ten inches to the mile, showing telegraph and mail routes and post, telegraph, and telephone offices, will be issued shortly.

Table No. 1.

POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS ISSUED AND PAID.

TABLE showing the Number and Amount of Money Orders issued and of Money Orders payable in New Zealand since the Year 1863.

Year.	Commission received.		Where payable.						Total.					
			In the Colony.		United Kingdom and Foreign Offices.		Australia and other British Possessions.							
			No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.		
1863	£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.			
	1,057	9 0	2,201	9,613	11 11	4,740	21,944	2 1	4,645	24,145	7 5	11,586	55,703	1 5
1873	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
1883	9,022	10 6	132,232	402,558	12 11	26,211	91,634	4 7	14,113	46,939	17 11	172,556	541,132	15 5
1884	9,525	3 8	144,227	430,446	18 10	28,712	96,901	14 0	13,113	45,317	12 4	186,052	572,666	5 2
1885	9,553	0 7	146,406	439,870	3 9	28,722	95,920	9 10	13,494	45,604	15 2	188,622	581,395	8 9
1886	8,541	7 10	113,598	412,276	3 0	27,389	87,904	9 10	14,693	47,574	9 11	155,680	547,755	2 9
1887	8,532	10 5	119,091	426,194	13 9	26,057	84,264	12 9	14,431	45,285	6 11	159,579	555,744	13 5
1888	8,377	6 4	122,042	432,056	6 2	26,636	81,488	10 3	13,709	42,451	4 4	162,387	555,996	0 9
1889	8,696	13 5	127,323	458,469	7 7	26,206	79,167	0 4	18,547	51,909	6 10	172,076	589,545	14 9
1890	8,823	10 0	130,641	472,967	4 7	25,053	74,566	13 9	20,733	54,543	3 7	176,427	602,077	1 11
1891	9,649	14 9	138,555	504,834	16 9	26,590	77,481	2 9	30,094	69,674	0 0	195,239	651,989	19 6
1892	9,452	0 0	140,672	540,763	15 0	27,451	78,848	1 7	31,315	75,235	7 10	199,438	694,847	4 5
1893	10,248	14 5	146,133	576,358	17 2	29,616	86,544	19 11	35,208	88,025	8 9	210,957	750,929	5 10
1894	10,600	19 7	155,534	608,042	2 11	28,513	79,348	10 2	38,631	89,392	11 10	222,678	776,783	4 11
1895	11,433	13 8	162,600	635,062	17 11	28,882	78,465	0 4	52,015	99,076	16 8	243,497	812,604	14 11
1896	12,671	6 7	181,505	717,217	19 1	29,238	82,498	15 6	58,823	102,443	1 0	269,566	902,159	15 7
1897	13,835	15 4	193,867	762,592	10 3	31,770	93,649	1 3	68,002	114,589	3 5	293,659	970,830	14 11
1898	14,747	9 6	206,265	798,725	15 8	35,377	107,140	7 5	76,728	123,375	4 6	318,370	1,029,241	7 7
1899	15,533	4 6	221,354	864,513	4 9	38,528	122,064	3 1	84,782	132,230	17 9	344,664	1,118,808	5 7

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Year.	Where issued.						Total.					
	In the Colony.		United Kingdom and Foreign Offices.		Australia and other British Possessions.							
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.		
1863		£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.
	2,067	9,169	4 6	415	1,824	0 8	558	3,077	13 7	3,040	14,070	18 9
1873	34,288	142,642	4 10	1,482	6,625	14 5	1,668	7,689	6 8	37,438	156,957	5 11
1883	132,232	402,558	12 11	3,725	15,553	3 11	5,697	23,299	12 11	141,654	441,411	9 9
1884	144,227	430,446	18 10	4,535	17,079	0 6	6,755	27,429	18 6	155,517	475,555	17 10
1885	146,406	439,870	3 9	5,204	20,091	17 4	7,725	30,724	6 4	159,335	490,686	7 5
1886	113,598	412,276	3 0	5,824	22,650	1 10	9,545	36,513	3 11	129,242	471,185	7 0
1887	119,091	426,194	13 9	6,334	23,423	16 2	8,963	33,254	2 3	133,910	482,437	17 4
1888	122,042	432,056	6 2	7,336	26,262	14 5	15,365	56,141	4 1	144,450	513,728	8 2
1889	127,323	458,469	7 7	7,469	26,887	17 9	15,859	56,402	1 4	150,651	541,759	6 8
1890	130,641	472,967	4 7	7,775	27,975	15 5	13,331	47,890	2 6	151,747	548,833	2 6
1891	138,555	504,834	16 9	7,910	28,518	14 0	13,604	48,700	9 6	160,069	582,054	0 3
1892	140,672	540,763	15 0	8,152	29,349	14 7	11,291	41,064	6 6	160,115	611,177	16 1
1893	146,133	576,358	17 2	8,746	32,616	17 2	10,679	40,929	2 5	165,558	649,904	16 9
1894	155,534	608,042	2 11	9,293	33,786	17 6	10,690	38,571	3 1	175,517	680,400	3 6
1895	162,600	635,062	17 11	9,938	35,155	7 9	11,520	39,862	18 10	184,058	710,081	4 6
1896	181,505	717,217	19 1	10,254	35,553	7 1	11,507	40,836	4 7	203,266	793,607	10 9
1897	193,867	762,592	10 3	10,085	35,238	10 3	11,407	40,105	1 11	215,359	837,936	2 5
1898	206,265	798,725	15 8	10,671	36,106	9 10	12,753	44,558	10 10	229,689	879,390	16 4
1899	221,354	864,513	4 9	10,624	37,290	8 7	13,399	48,533	15 11	245,377	950,337	9 3

Table No. 2.

TABLE showing the Money Orders issued in New Zealand on Offices beyond the Colony, and Money Orders issued at Offices beyond the Colony on New Zealand, during the Years 1898 and 1899.

ISSUED IN NEW ZEALAND.

Where payable.	1898.		1899.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
United Kingdom and Foreign Offices ..	31,788	98,373 3 9	34,112	111,290 7 3
United States of America ..	3,169	7,520 3 5	3,931	9,134 10 7
Canada ..	230	877 5 11	308	1,089 5 3
Cape Colony ..	96	333 2 5	165	535 11 1
Ceylon ..	28	68 18 1	31	78 15 11
Fiji ..	59	211 19 2	50	128 2 1
Germany ..	414	1,235 16 2	472	1,611 14 5
Hawaii ..	6	11 4 1	13	27 10 10
Hongkong ..	288	1,622 1 8	243	1,300 14 2
India ..	250	1,119 8 6	345	1,674 7 2
Natal ..	..	..	15	51 8 10
New South Wales ..	13,283	35,839 7 2	15,168	39,652 14 4
Queensland ..	724	2,132 13 8	772	2,317 0 4
South Australia ..	925	2,159 17 11	829	1,954 8 7
Straits Settlements ..	22	47 1 1	82	205 11 5
Tasmania ..	48,524	46,712 8 4	54,006	51,242 7 10
Victoria ..	11,728	29,782 16 2	12,088	29,574 10 6
Western Australia ..	371	2,468 4 5	680	2,336 0 3
Totals ..	112,105	230,515 11 11	123,310	254,295 0 10

DRAWN ON NEW ZEALAND.

Where issued.	1898.		1899.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
United Kingdom and Foreign Offices ..	9,500	31,929 2 6	9,405	32,688 16 2
United States of America ..	1,065	3,662 2 6	1,109	4,016 11 1
Canada ..	177	715 7 1	197	943 3 5
Cape Colony ..	384	2,099 19 1	375	1,750 3 4
Ceylon ..	26	65 1 3	28	84 16 11
Fiji ..	116	232 15 1	229	637 3 10
Germany ..	86	483 5 3	93	535 7 10
Hawaii ..	20	31 19 7	17	49 13 6
Hongkong ..	50	84 0 5	28	68 6 1
India ..	123	482 8 1	190	718 3 6
Natal ..	..	..	17	91 16 9
New South Wales ..	4,693	14,349 7 0	5,037	16,290 8 10
Queensland ..	781	2,838 15 7	939	3,940 0 1
South Australia ..	504	1,806 9 10	514	1,941 12 11
Straits Settlements ..	30	79 1 0	56	164 19 6
Tasmania ..	1,150	4,847 0 6	1,366	5,443 17 4
Victoria ..	3,105	9,566 12 1	3,136	9,614 0 9
Western Australia ..	1,614	7,391 13 10	1,287	6,845 2 8
Totals ..	23,424	80,665 0 8	24,023	85,824 4 6

Table No. 3.

TABLE showing the Number and Value of Postal Notes sold from the 1st January, 1886—the date upon which they were first issued—to the 31st March, 1900.

Year.	Number of Postal Notes sold.												Total.			
	At 1s.	At 1s. 6d.	At 2s. 6d.	At 5s.	At 7s. 6d.	At 10s.	At 12s. 6d.	At 15s.	At 17s. 6d.	At £1.	At £5*.	Number.	Value.	£	s.	d.
Quarter ended 31st March, 1886	3,019	2,046	1,012	2,039	969	2,379	695	992	525	2,866	..	16,542	6,997	5	6	
1886-87	16,605	12,283	6,647	11,566	5,729	13,103	4,090	5,187	2,375	14,961	..	92,546	37,659	7	0	
1887-88	22,467	17,167	9,162	15,553	7,671	17,487	5,278	6,940	2,952	17,578	..	122,255	47,729	5	0	
1888-89	27,428	21,900	11,912	19,741	9,477	21,149	6,618	8,243	3,633	19,778	..	149,879	56,841	18	0	
1889-90	32,754	25,387	14,478	23,550	10,894	24,011	7,809	9,386	4,158	22,596	..	175,023	65,484	2	0	
1890-91	35,915	28,559	16,092	25,204	12,229	25,906	7,969	10,172	4,366	23,503	..	189,915	69,721	18	6	
1891-92	42,416	33,722	19,383	29,550	14,019	30,132	9,058	11,611	4,953	25,839	..	220,633	79,325	16	6	CS
1892-93	48,612	38,849	22,038	33,012	16,072	32,747	9,904	12,330	5,369	28,969	..	247,902	87,856	18	0	
1893-94	56,761	44,706	25,461	37,771	18,096	37,687	11,016	13,800	6,156	33,985	..	285,389	101,002	7	6	
1894-95	62,306	49,846	28,975	43,829	20,423	43,167	11,864	15,567	6,790	36,601	..	319,368	112,307	10	0	
1895-96	68,454	56,185	32,801	49,204	22,802	47,787	13,601	17,191	7,020	33,390	1,192	349,627	123,368	6	6	
1896-97	74,534	62,056	35,322	54,219	24,871	51,963	14,365	18,102	7,406	32,868	1,090	376,796	129,011	18	0	
1897-98	81,958	69,981	38,617	60,843	26,968	55,748	15,463	19,477	7,904	32,179	728	409,866	134,373	9	6	
1898-99	86,529	72,710	41,991	64,386	28,448	59,631	16,202	19,990	8,193	32,696	673	431,449	139,957	4	0	
1899-1900	93,762	77,431	44,334	70,416	30,680	63,787	16,957	21,393	8,539	33,491	607	461,447	147,686	8	6	
	753,520	612,823	348,275	540,883	249,348	526,684	150,889	190,381	80,339	391,250	4,290	3,848,687	1,339,328	14	6	

* First issued on 17th June, 1885.

Table No. 4.

TABLE showing the Number and Amount of Transactions at the several Money Order and Savings Bank Offices in New Zealand during the Year 1899.

Office.	Money Orders.						Savings Banks.														
	Issued.			Paid.			New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.										
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.		Amount.	No.		Amount.										
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.									
AUCKLAND ..	22,785	1,239	15	3	73,488	8	11	39,768	139,370	19	7	2,561	18,355	313,137	18	8	2,947	21,681	380,728	18	8
Aoroa ..	341	14	3	6	650	9	4	26	123	3	2	59	335	1,026	6	0	13	44	250	0	0
Aratapu ..	900	35	13	0	2,682	18	10	138	509	0	10	61	567	3,338	4	1	22	123	2,082	18	6
Avondale ..	80	2	18	3	173	4	4	215	655	11	6	10	109	423	8	5	2	11	160	15	1
Bombay ..	179	5	1	6	470	10	2	88	420	2	3	12	132	835	9	3	7	82	862	9	4
Cabbage Bay ..	215	6	0	6	555	19	7	32	165	5	3	11	37	102	10	0	3	19	92	12	10
Cambridge ..	902	32	4	6	2,958	2	2	631	2,322	17	6	57	611	6,997	14	2	34	328	5,994	16	1
Clevedon ..	201	6	6	3	521	16	2	79	324	14	11	21	121	351	14	6	3	33	366	7	1
Coromandel ..	2,160	95	10	0	5,802	9	4	838	2,883	5	4	119	1,247	9,500	1	2	80	504	6,665	18	8
Dargaville ..	1,570	180	13	3	8,459	19	6	504	6,925	15	4	111	588	8,246	16	4	60	207	4,268	4	4
Devonport ..	423	16	4	9	855	17	3	613	1,879	3	5	73	726	3,653	14	4	20	201	1,211	14	5
Drury ..	188	6	5	0	490	4	4	125	624	4	10	16	89	766	8	4	4	36	569	9	4
Ellerslie ..	106	4	13	3	280	1	5	66	288	10	0	13	53	150	9	0	2	16	31	4	6
Hamilton ..	1,235	45	7	9	3,581	10	9	801	2,965	4	4	105	959	10,037	15	11	44	399	7,377	7	6
Helensville ..	430	14	7	9	1,133	5	4	163	553	4	2	38	294	2,087	6	6	18	92	1,723	2	1
Hikurangi ..	444	17	5	9	1,377	5	4	122	649	16	3	31	213	2,708	11	0	13	109	2,038	4	10
Howick ..	40	1	6	9	53	3	10	10	40	2	0	2	12	9	5	0	..	2	9	0	0
Huntly ..	818	31	8	3	2,405	8	4	259	996	17	11	81	455	4,555	10	6	30	183	2,544	2	11
Kaeo ..	355	16	15	3	1,174	6	11	58	169	18	7	27	186	1,669	15	0	13	62	809	5	6
Kaihu ..	761	32	16	0	2,746	5	0	81	454	13	5	45	222	1,364	14	0	19	106	713	4	1
Kaikohe ..	591	86	1	0	3,640	3	7	26	125	15	1	67	346	3,908	6	0	12	54	630	13	2
Kaitaia ..	885	100	7	6	4,963	9	9	77	854	7	11	28	211	2,772	13	0	14	79	1,496	10	6
Kaiwaka ..	122	14	4	6	695	4	8	16	156	6	2	7	73	860	16	0	1	13	152	17	0
Kamo ..	365	13	9	0	948	18	7	110	490	13	6	31	251	2,298	16	2	14	113	1,170	11	4
Kaukapakapa ..	306	9	11	0	907	2	11	44	156	4	8	25	210	1,518	1	0	5	60	721	7	10
Kawakawa ..	498	23	18	6	1,723	14	9	248	862	12	9	44	268	3,762	15	0	25	115	3,462	12	1
Kihikihi ..	186	7	3	9	561	19	0	51	436	0	1	16	138	1,671	9	11	8	82	1,008	18	1
Kohukohu ..	256	10	14	0	743	19	11	51	186	19	1	13	141	1,182	5	0	4	44	474	10	10
Kuaotunu ..	500	19	18	6	1,572	19	2	107	454	19	2	23	176	1,527	4	6	5	83	720	19	1
Mangapai ..	346	9	19	9	1,072	14	10	66	347	2	9	18	87	876	7	0	..	28	415	6	0
Mangawai ..	549	78	3	0	3,423	4	4	80	440	15	5	40	221	3,169	15	0	5	39	1,201	6	6
Mangawhare ..	231	10	6	9	711	19	5	69	177	10	1	17	142	1,098	19	6	1	35	351	18	5
Mangonui ..	995	100	11	2	5,087	4	4	144	653	2	8	31	235	2,281	13	0	12	64	1,119	18	3
Matakana ..	103	3	0	0	283	19	7	56	260	11	5	12	78	1,327	3	0	4	35	430	16	8
Matakohe ..	205	9	7	6	717	8	4	43	201	14	6	20	79	1,021	4	0	14	73	550	17	4
Matamata ..	137	5	5	9	440	13	0	48	334	12	0	22	155	1,192	1	1	4	36	493	13	4
Maungaturoto ..	157	5	16	3	528	2	6	116	334	14	6	11	53	427	8	0	3	20	584	5	0
Mercer ..	375	11	1	6	907	5	11	101	336	19	9	25	119	1,050	0	1	4	45	463	10	0
Mititai ..	223	6	9	0	646	7	1	16	38	19	5	5	39	532	15	0	6	23	513	17	5
Morrinsville ..	209	8	16	6	620	1	5	127	522	9	6	20	125	1,233	1	9	4	33	560	0	4
Mount Eden ..	108	4	13	3	248	3	10	149	410	3	6	3	27	79	3	0	2	5	19	9	0
Mount Roskill ..	36	0	19	0	46	8	6	70	272	11	11	2	4	2	5	0	..	..	..	..	..
Newmarket ..	703	25	14	0	1,484	3	11	213	642	6	8	35	330	1,863	14	7	12	42	257	7	5
Newton ..	1,486	66	2	3	3,188	0	2	1,373	4,351	8	8	165	1,546	9,426	3	11	52	291	2,961	12	11
Ngaruawahia ..	490	16	7	9	1,369	12	6	304	1,130	11	0	56	272	2,363	16	0	21	109	1,462	14	7
Ohaeawai ..	350	22	12	3	1,276	6	7	77	330	3	3	20	170	1,155	2	2	5	39	255	19	0
Ohaupo ..	190	6	1	3	498	14	4	85	367	3	7	16	129	879	17	8	5	25	736	6	7
Okaihau ..	88	3	9	6	252	14	7	36	232	13	7	9	65	619	11	5	7	33	562	19	0
Okupu ..	325	10	7	0	1,081	6	7	18	125	4	6	23	105	895	4	1	..	..	..	..	..
Omapere ..	75	8	1	9	565	7	4	19	109	1	9	4	14	109	17	0	4	14	81	18	2
Onehunga ..	836	34	1	3	2,190	10	11	861	2,993	12	11	54	338	3,324	8	10	30	134	1,856	9	0
Opitonui ..	628	34	18	6	2,126	5	10	54	198	17	4	44	271	2,440	4	3	3	39	213	2	3
Oponohi ..	159	14	3	0	979	17	9	19	76	18	2	7	34	289	15	0	5	15	93	12	7
Otahuhu ..	354	12	9	0	735	4	9	446	1,516	8	2	66	446	2,357	7	6	16	128	1,180	16	7
Otorohanga ..	295	12	17	6	936	17	5	58	208	2	10	23	117	1,599	5	0	12	45	547	12	2
Pahi ..	274	15	6	0	828	8	3	122	692	6	11	18	119	1,592	3	0	4	34	548	4	11
Papakura ..	301	9	18	9	658	1	6	208	1,051	3	8	27	160	1,149	9	8	11	63	603	2	1
Paparoa ..	243	8	18	9	798	1	3	57	215	8	3	21	112	1,744	0	0	3	56	1,213	12	8
Parnell ..	340	13	19	6	831	9	2	688	2,119	7	11	75	773	2,412	2	9	21	64	217	5	11
Parua Bay ..	298	13	12	3	964	8	5	57	325	2	8	7	40	881	15	0	1	31	250	3	2
Pirongia ..	276	8	17	3	966	12	9	63	316	13	8	18	94	663	8	4	4	42	339	7	4
Pokeno ..	111	3	0	6	307	5	8	50	158	13	8	14	94	1,249	13	10	3	31	262	2	11
Ponsonby ..	388	12	17	0	684	13	0	888	2,821	8	4	17	219	1,076	4	9	8	39	269	8	1
Poroti ..	471	73	14	6	3,070	5	10	21	148	1	0	33	122	2,192	3	0	6	10	2		

Table No. 4—continued.

TABLE showing the Number and Amount of Transactions at the several Money Order and Savings Bank Offices in New Zealand during the Year 1899—continued.

Office.	Money Orders.					New Accounts opened.	Savings Banks.				
	Issued.			Paid.			Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.	
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.
AUCKLAND—cont'd.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Wade ..	210	16 12 3	804 1 9	55	267 0 6	20	167 1,560 2 0	2	34 354 14 1		
Waerenga ..	47	1 7 0	106 9 0	32	166 9 9	1	11 143 15 0	2	8 104 10 2		
Waihopo ..	256	38 0 0	1,607 4 9	30	311 12 9	12	26 447 15 0	..	4 44 9 7		
Waihou ..	252	7 0 3	1,031 4 4	54	188 1 11	16	53 1,152 7 6	3	35 686 14 1		
Waipu ..	661	27 6 9	2,100 16 6	144	756 16 10	27	142 2,590 7 3	7	67 1,000 8 4		
Waiuku ..	634	21 6 0	1,764 4 0	195	866 9 8	61	349 2,820 19 5	19	121 1,648 3 4		
Waiwera ..	76	3 2 0	335 19 10	20	85 4 6	7	36 246 19 0	..	11 158 0 0		
Waotu ..	84	4 16 0	318 8 9	55	434 1 1	7	20 289 0 0	..	12 88 0 0		
Warkworth ..	411	12 14 0	990 10 4	206	724 2 3	28	230 2,312 0 5	15	98 1,060 8 7		
Wellsford ..	103	8 3 6	451 7 9	24	151 2 10	9	74 909 6 0	7	29 713 16 9		
Whananaki ..	3	0 1 6	6 0 11	2	6 12 3	1	1 0 3 0	..	.. ..
Whangarei ..	2,411	111 3 9	8,384 3 0	734	2,676 10 7	193	1,389 16,757 16 3	83	689 14,756 12 9		
Whangaroa ..	235	17 8 6	883 4 9	89	516 11 6	16	140 1,834 2 0	4	43 1,819 0 7		
Wharekawa ..	167	6 2 0	515 18 1	10	24 6 5	28	73 838 4 0	..	3 20 15 0		
Whitianga ..	1,224	61 14 0	4,133 12 11	185	825 17 2	34	312 3,722 13 0	21	140 1,546 12 6		
BLENHEIM	3,048	137 11 9	10,092 11 5	1,573	6,362 3 8	473	3,271 41,755 5 8	382	2,539 47,791 18 10		
Cullensville ..	237	9 19 3	710 8 9	36	139 11 11	13	46 72 4 0	3	18 76 0 8		
Havelock ..	839	28 7 6	2,727 12 9	250	980 9 3	42	277 2,433 2 5	13	86 1,045 12 4		
Kekerangu ..	153	6 2 9	428 15 8	14	45 1 11	8	92 506 17 0	1	9 156 14 3		
Picton ..	1,040	33 16 3	2,902 19 9	447	1,582 1 3	67	483 4,660 15 5	32	235 3,243 18 0		
Renwicktown ..	143	5 8 6	465 18 0	39	150 6 6	27	146 429 16 0	3	13 40 16 5		
Spring Creek ..	204	9 3 0	552 10 6	42	139 17 4	9	89 497 7 2	3	14 72 7 1		
CHRISTCHURCH	17,840	825 10 3	55,357 12 2	24,421	99,077 7 7	4,512	43,322 563,800 10 8	3,789	36,523 590,329 3 11		
Akaroa ..	487	22 12 6	1,634 11 7	247	922 15 2	87	437 4,500 19 3	28	157 2,389 19 10		
Amberley ..	326	12 6 3	948 4 5	170	529 5 9	30	275 3,303 12 2	10	142 2,700 4 2		
Ashburton ..	3,238	124 4 3	12,831 9 8	1,118	5,673 16 7	399	2,599 24,805 13 10	147	1,171 22,306 6 8		
Bealey ..	40	1 17 9	125 19 2	9	38 6 3	4	44 385 2 0	..	6 112 13 4		
Belfast ..	184	5 11 6	414 3 4	44	168 9 5	15	92 712 13 1	2	25 247 4 0		
Chertsey ..	134	4 3 0	382 2 7	15	118 18 9	10	56 707 9 3	1	28 285 17 7		
Cheviot ..	682	22 4 3	7,492 4 9	209	1,005 7 4	42	333 5,934 5 8	13	150 2,391 5 1		
Coalgate ..	99	5 14 0	318 10 1	24	92 6 1	8	53 365 13 11	3	18 376 6 8		
Culverden ..	235	9 5 9	577 0 3	60	279 11 8	12	123 1,312 9 10	6	31 1,461 5 3		
Darfield ..	127	4 5 6	338 3 2	33	102 11 0	15	78 736 8 1	4	30 356 3 0		
Dunsandel ..	117	4 10 6	332 2 9	39	124 1 3	15	69 687 6 11	2	10 220 6 0		
Duvauchelle ..	188	7 3 0	506 18 1	100	335 17 11	9	79 703 6 8	6	42 557 19 3		
East Oxford ..	118	4 1 9	540 19 0	38	110 17 4	14	107 830 8 0	5	39 872 17 2		
Ellesmere ..	41	1 12 0	127 13 2	5	31 0 0	4	15 102 16 0	1	23 270 15 7		
Glentunnel ..	77	2 7 6	172 10 2	25	73 2 9	11	86 511 17 6	1	24 377 14 1		
Greendale ..	54	3 0 9	145 14 3	14	47 9 10	10	20 153 15 0	2	17 213 17 5		
Hanmer Springs ..	250	7 17 0	685 14 3	64	334 6 3	6	89 863 17 0	1	18 289 4 0		
Hinds ..	121	3 5 9	315 9 1	42	188 0 9	5	46 303 17 0	3	13 79 2 10		
Hornby ..	133	4 11 9	316 4 7	23	86 8 1	9	100 344 14 6	2	15 121 0 8		
Hororata ..	139	5 7 0	405 5 0	35	198 14 2	7	72 794 16 0	3	25 346 10 10		
Kaipoi ..	664	27 1 6	1,985 17 5	370	1,389 3 0	141	1,118 12,392 12 6	70	479 9,746 5 2		
Kaikoura ..	1,377	55 6 0	4,959 5 7	208	956 10 9	84	456 5,287 0 9	35	158 3,994 10 3		
Kirwee ..	123	4 14 0	439 10 0	56	142 11 11	9	66 770 12 6	2	23 368 19 7		
Leeston ..	369	12 4 3	1,271 1 4	289	824 11 0	55	362 4,540 19 7	23	136 2,712 15 6		
Lincoln ..	170	7 18 3	530 16 2	115	410 8 9	10	146 683 17 8	3	37 284 2 8		
Linwood ..	164	6 14 6	362 14 0	157	584 12 2	28	189 511 9 0	3	24 152 6 0		
Little River ..	424	15 16 6	1,398 2 8	102	476 19 3	13	180 2,576 1 1	2	63 1,726 16 11		
Lyttelton ..	2,436	118 0 3	7,117 9 6	1,029	4,083 9 6	306	2,821 20,588 12 11	105	728 9,860 18 6		
Methven ..	380	11 19 3	1,205 14 3	51	309 16 8	31	184 1,739 12 0	14	70 1,090 4 11		
Mount Somers ..	128	4 13 9	391 7 7	41	127 17 0	23	91 1,138 7 7	4	34 456 18 10		
New Brighton ..	78	3 3 6	150 17 9	108	368 11 6	27	212 662 4 7	8	79 841 2 9		
Ohoka ..	34	1 1 3	38 16 3	8	8 18 0	..	3 20 10 0	1	11 194 14 5		
Oxford ..	496	16 10 0	1,465 17 2	212	862 2 10	52	296 3,077 3 0	24	129 3,090 9 6		
Papanui ..	88	2 18 3	205 3 4	127	467 13 10	13	104 564 5 0	8	30 232 10 5		
Pigeon Bay ..	98	4 13 6	419 3 3	25	111 2 1	8	86 1,191 0 9	3	27 1,042 2 10		
Rakaia ..	568	16 6 9	2,329 8 5	165	1,206 15 3	46	287 2,658 4 10	14	104 1,331 18 9		
Rangiora ..	1,035	38 3 0	3,276 15 1	577	1,997 17 3	180	1,442 19,640 2 3	96	634 13,986 17 10		
Rolleston ..	55	2 0 3	108 6 2	30	102 1 9	..	26 181 0 0	1	10 67 1 2		
St. Albans ..	89	2 15 6	151 10 11	90	262 1 11	25	153 143 0 0	2	11 37 13 9		
Sefton ..	55	2 4 3	295 18 1	74	345 8 0	13	80 332 15 0	6	33 388 16 11		
Sheffield ..	203	8 11 0	681 6 10	125	504 18 7	16	130 1,399 16 2	12	53 906 9 9		
Southbridge ..	277	9 9 6	734 2 10	129	456 10 2	35	263 2,780 3 8	29	136 1,715 17 10		
Springfield ..	1,246	41 1 3	4,539 3 10	152	1,648 1 5	22	185 1,195 5 9	7	62 612 19 2		
Springston ..	72	2 16 0	246 17 9	67	264 9 4	9	72 629 1 1	4	45 457 13 1		
Sydenham ..	850	33 14 9	2,239 3 8	804	2,592 4 6	193	1,971 7,762 10 0	60	248 1,335 19 6		
Tinwald ..	94	3 6 3	220 8 10	48	156 15 2	15	95 690 17 2	5	59 1,016 3 5		
Upper Riccarton ..	100	3 18 0	186 10 7	59	314 19 7	16	67 423 5 0	3	14 60 11 7		
Waiatu ..	304	11 17 9	806 8 6	68	275 15 5	16	192 2,640 5 8	5	73 1,420 15 8		
Waikari ..	300	10 2 6	866 7 9	106	611 10 7	31	179 2,559 16 3	6	56 1,347 4 0		
Whitecliffs ..	127	4 7 6	308 13 5	40	352 4 6	7	71 699 7 0	..	29 484 15 0		
Woodend ..	61	2 6 0	172 11 2	16	60 18 3	16	51 309 13 0	3	39 556 11 2		
Woolston ..	199	7 7 0	492 1 11	118	475 2 9	25	180 1,687 0 0	4	66 1,270 15 7		
DUNEDIN	16,764	766 12 9	50,914 19 1	30,061	116,960 12 11	3,424	31,951 420,746 17 2	2,815	26,939 448,933 14 4		
Alexandra South ..	1,697	65 14 9	5,718 11 6	563	2,521 2 5	69	335 3,920 8 10	41	176 2,402 11 0		
Allanton ..	113	3 9 0	354 5 10	29	99 18 10	20	85 739 10 0	3	42 429 14 4		
Balclutha ..	1,311	43 8 3	3,105 16 4	555	1,829 10 4	94	702 7,873 12 0	46	263 75,94 17 7		
Caversham ..	273	10 2 3	655 17 7	375	1,316 13 5	43	656 1,770 7 2	6	27 203 17 6		
Clinton ..	669	21 13 9	2,033 8 7	117	415 0 9	26	195 1,401 17 4	10	71 1,122 19 2		
Clyde ..	535	19 9 0	1,885 2 10	349	1,253 3 3	25	157 1,868 9 10	6	80 1,612 14 5		
Cromwell ..	1,270	47 3 6	4,188 10 10	305	1,509 2 3	48	202 3,778 11 3	27	134 3,041 1 0		
Dunback ..	189	4 19 9	838 1 5	52	126 10 2	7	57 539 19 0	3	29 278 7 10		
Dunedin North ..	2,082	82 2 6	4,698 8 3	601	2,424 6 7	461	4,662 24,351 7 10	150	1,002 11,711 18 11		

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	Issued.			Paid.		New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.	
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.
DUNEDIN—cont'd.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Green Island ..	186	6 5 9	401 16 7	155	519 7 1	33	207 1,124 9 7	10	46	366 12 11	
Hamilton's ..	204	4 18 0	676 0 9	19	145 9 2	4	20 405 10 0	3	15	183 5 8	
Heriot ..	224	6 13 0	521 14 10	43	197 0 9	10	36 413 10 0	5	14	171 7 8	
Hyde ..	400	10 17 3	1,100 5 8	65	281 4 3	21	66 917 12 11	1	16	242 12 6	
Kaitangata ..	828	27 8 9	2,324 16 11	223	729 10 7	50	369 2,390 16 4	28	104	1,430 14 7	
Kelso ..	291	10 9 3	888 13 7	25	99 10 7	10	53 544 17 9	10	26	297 12 7	
Lawrence ..	1,358	43 3 0	3,882 1 0	798	3,024 12 1	100	730 9,035 6 6	57	353	8,312 4 4	
Lovell's Flat ..	96	2 18 6	224 6 5	26	89 11 7	6	12 50 3 0	1	10	78 12 3	
Macrae's Flat ..	451	13 15 3	1,481 4 11	41	232 15 11	2	10 118 12 0	2	22	195 17 2	
Middlemarch ..	625	18 4 0	1,844 8 6	61	431 9 10	21	116 1,717 10 6	3	58	551 5 10	
Miller's Flat ..	396	13 19 9	1,320 14 4	42	230 10 1	30	108 1,643 16 0	9	45	1,405 1 9	
Milton ..	1,082	37 10 3	3,190 14 9	570	2,380 7 3	99	706 8,435 13 8	51	332	7,264 8 7	
Mosgiel ..	445	17 8 6	1,041 16 3	471	1,549 7 7	66	428 5,070 3 0	28	123	3,710 5 9	
Naseby ..	1,489	43 12 0	6,393 17 5	483	2,292 17 5	62	292 2,908 5 8	26	134	2,112 5 1	
Nenthorn ..	33	0 17 0	129 9 8	14	63 13 6	..	16 8 16 0	..	..	..
Ophir ..	747	24 11 9	2,920 13 4	143	568 8 5	25	72 820 6 11	9	26	652 7 8	
Outram ..	332	11 4 9	1,112 12 3	97	285 18 7	37	186 1,485 4 6	12	49	859 1 2	
Owaka ..	993	22 9 3	2,837 17 5	217	977 1 6	38	217 2,796 6 10	15	120	2,295 10 5	
Palmerston South	794	26 18 3	2,906 2 1	468	1,833 5 10	64	436 3,917 3 4	30	168	2,391 11 7	
Patearoa ..	354	11 19 3	1,215 11 10	39	192 3 1	..	.. ..	..	..	..
Pembroke ..	213	8 10 3	652 14 0	62	419 9 8	20	121 791 7 0	6	27	678 2 7	
Port Chalmers	1,361	55 10 9	3,577 3 11	788	2,691 2 0	183	1,771 11,529 3 0	82	469	7,308 18 10	
Puerua ..	144	4 8 3	426 0 7	53	259 19 3	13	59 488 0 0	2	21	449 2 10	
Ranfurly ..	150	5 1 3	553 18 9	14	52 5 7	..	.. ..	..	..	..
Roxburgh ..	670	23 10 3	2,832 12 11	293	1,753 18 4	50	281 3,581 11 5	33	137	3,519 17 0	
St. Bathans ..	470	15 18 6	1,562 0 10	100	375 7 9	23	164 830 1 11	11	36	925 10 6	
Seacliff ..	204	6 8 3	557 19 3	105	328 0 1	13	145 1,177 6 8	2	11	66 12 3	
South Dunedin	628	23 2 0	1,229 16 0	432	1,393 18 10	155	1,554 4,836 17 3	29	217	1,793 1 0	
Stirling ..	318	10 2 3	843 14 2	89	307 4 8	16	122 1,671 1 5	5	30	444 19 11	
Tapanui ..	831	26 18 0	2,278 0 2	174	624 19 4	62	369 2,730 12 6	18	91	2,639 13 11	
Waihoia ..	139	4 16 3	361 1 11	52	240 15 4	10	79 710 9 0	7	34	442 1 4	
Waikaia ..	499	17 14 6	1,539 2 5	98	383 19 2	38	177 1,001 19 7	22	60	733 9 2	
Waikoiko ..	70	2 11 0	189 7 0	17	39 19 3	..	.. ..	..	..	..
Waikouaiti ..	430	12 13 3	1,402 5 4	239	865 0 6	22	147 1,810 16 10	11	54	901 11 0	
Waipori ..	282	9 8 3	784 19 11	62	305 17 8	..	.. ..	..	..	..
Waitahuna ..	352	10 13 9	970 9 5	84	447 10 10	14	71 479 8 0	6	25	597 4 7	
Waitati ..	129	4 0 3	407 16 6	88	444 2 2	16	86 651 11 9	7	32	359 19 1	
GISBORNE	3,458	183 14 3	11,311 14 3	1,202	5,008 13 4	761	4,574 54,401 9 8	525	3,380	50,549 14 5	
Tokomaru Bay	175	11 1 0	665 2 10	30	137 19 4	15	53 500 9 10	1	20	185 12 3	
Tologa Bay ..	177	8 14 6	465 17 0	58	190 0 10	30	128 980 13 5	3	20	214 19 4	
Tuparoa ..	75	3 10 0	216 10 2	2	7 14 7	13	32 239 4 7	1	6	46 6 0	
Waipiro Bay ..	210	12 18 0	585 7 11	37	281 12 4	37	172 1,267 4 0	18	56	555 8 2	
GREYMOUTH	3,567	179 3 0	11,349 5 9	2,774	10,529 4 1	382	2,760 35,441 13 10	364	2,322	40,716 9 0	
Ahaura ..	399	14 14 3	1,100 9 10	84	468 1 6	12	82 335 1 0	9	46	599 17 6	
Blackball ..	486	16 17 9	1,372 19 11	54	257 15 8	16	135 1,184 11 9	9	36	421 15 0	
Brunnerton ..	725	28 11 0	1,887 11 1	236	816 0 3	73	627 4,476 0 10	20	209	2,574 1 2	
Jackson's ..	867	35 14 6	3,996 12 8	33	127 17 10	30	148 1,682 4 0	9	41	482 2 11	
Nelson Creek ..	263	8 5 3	851 2 11	18	101 10 0	2	31 326 0 0	3	15	113 11 1	
Ngahere ..	99	3 7 0	174 13 1	22	174 1 11	6	33 137 18 0	2	8	54 1 4	
Reefton ..	2,116	101 3 6	6,730 16 4	794	2,636 9 0	196	969 11,182 7 8	74	400	6,251 12 7	
Stillwater ..	60	2 2 0	128 16 2	17	51 14 0	6	38 131 11 8	1	15	187 13 0	
Totara Flat ..	187	6 6 3	462 7 7	31	134 19 8	6	45 275 5 0	2	9	66 9 11	
HOKITIKA	1,692	74 14 3	4,526 19 6	1,034	3,766 6 3	118	735 17,062 6 4	143	673	17,274 14 4	
Goldsbrough ..	86	3 1 9	172 14 10	45	260 13 9	8	41 853 0 0	5	10	133 4 11	
Kumara ..	1,003	37 17 6	2,586 16 2	569	2,437 11 2	98	501 5,432 14 5	54	232	5,796 5 7	
Rimu ..	120	3 17 6	188 4 7	17	50 3 4	15	105 1,502 16 0	8	94	691 7 2	
Ross ..	465	16 17 6	1,129 4 7	211	1,054 12 5	47	229 2,479 8 0	17	89	1,725 1 9	
Stafford ..	234	7 11 3	613 9 11	42	160 1 7	13	64 583 15 10	7	34	392 7 2	
INVERCARGILL	4,993	215 8 0	15,697 12 1	5,341	18,368 14 3	795	5,925 85,862 8 6	804	4,583	93,854 17 11	
Arrowtown ..	607	24 17 3	2,108 0 7	195	1,068 0 3	40	216 1,500 18 7	26	89	1,793 4 4	
Balfour ..	165	6 7 0	404 3 5	35	122 14 8	11	84 703 4 0	11	27	460 4 11	
Bluff ..	1,021	37 1 6	2,721 2 5	399	1,582 16 3	91	569 4,413 5 4	36	176	2,695 10 0	
Dipton ..	260	7 19 0	731 10 7	36	114 1 3	19	81 650 18 0	9	30	256 4 10	
Edendale ..	161	5 9 0	524 1 10	48	202 1 7	19	94 1,304 15 5	3	23	321 15 9	
Fairfax ..	86	2 16 6	209 15 11	25	86 12 0	2	36 151 4 0	1	1	6 2 6	
Fortrose ..	354	10 13 6	1,167 14 5	75	409 8 10	23	58 762 12 7	7	27	349 18 5	
Gore ..	2,293	92 15 6	7,196 15 2	965	3,340 3 6	208	1,030 12,812 9 3	104	450	9,550 3 5	
Half-moon Bay	141	4 11 6	350 1 7	23	102 2 11	10	45 245 2 0	1	8	95 15 0	
Kingston ..	226	7 3 0	589 14 3	10	31 13 3	2	17 155 8 0	..	2	15 0 0	
Lumsden ..	324	12 0 9	1,066 9 7	174	719 17 5	39	175 1,863 11 1	9	47	767 0 2	
Mataura ..	992	32 16 9	2,650 5 8	188	667 4 6	75	365 3,983 6 10	32	172	2,272 12 1	
Nightcaps ..	215	7 19 6	744 16 3	44	141 11 4	20	90 498 6 4	4	19	199 0 5	
Orepuki ..	878	32 7 3	2,689 3 10	81	322 18 8	53	281 3,788 11 10	20	100	1,907 1 10	
Otautau ..	369	13 4 9	990 6 0	201	702 15 2	27	121 1,396 17 9	11	48	912 4 9	
Pukerau ..	139	4 6 9	389 3 11	49	339 7 4	14	109 1,109 17 7	9	58	803 11 6	
Queenstown ..	907	36 18 9	2,858 16 0	382	1,661 0 3	66	429 3,839 13 1	34	137	4,033 10 2	
Riversdale ..	441	16 9 9	1,296 2 3	95	354 2 11	26	111 1,043 13 0	16	46	1,155 18 0	
Riverton ..	700	23 17 6	1,961 3 4	363	1,247 0 7	68	521 4,053 18 3	42	165	3,415 7 10	
Thornbury ..	135	5 1 0	317 5 11	25	93 5 8	15	74 263 6 2	5	25	176 13 11	
Waikaka ..	286	9 13 6	883 14 0	24	114 5 5	12	29 272 11 8	12	25	280 10 4	
Waipahi ..	171	3 1 3	390 6 7	58	132 4 3	7	39 388 3 8	4	9	167 15 6	
Wairio ..	132	4 19 9	485 18 5	27	143 1 10	12	56 473 15 0	8	15	413 5 6	
Winton ..	757	29 17 3	2,105 0 2	222	850 11 1	76	347 3,538 10 8	26	113	1,708 10 5	
Woodlands ..	185	6 19 9	625 11 9	71	237 3 10	16	62 417 6 0	11	39	293 6 5	
Wyndham ..	409	15 8 3	1,288 11 6	177	645 14 2	37	270 2,667 6 11	25	91	2,029 6 3	

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	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
NAPIER ..	6,013	296 18 6	20,073 16 2	5,898	19,958 13 8	898	7,377 83,123 15 3	938	6,062	91,699 19 9	
Blackburn ..	57	1 12 0	177 13 11	4	7 15 9						
Dannevirke ..	2,538	93 19 0	6,804 9 9	897	3,465 19 0	204	1,060 9,735 18 1	87	536	7,366 13 5	
Hastings ..	2,388	110 9 0	7,036 19 2	1,197	5,064 12 5	295	1,980 18,902 5 9	137	924	11,753 6 11	
Herbertville ..	219	12 12 3	671 1 4	29	165 14 0	15	90 595 4 0	4	8	88 8 0	
Kaikora North ..	349	12 18 0	902 17 3	72	322 17 9	24	121 1,587 2 6	9	68	1,349 11 4	
Kumeroa ..	119	3 5 6	377 13 6	12	38 10 11	8	24 115 6 10	2	11	50 7 5	
Makaretu ..	166	4 17 3	545 8 5	38	230 13 8	20	69 737 15 0	3	22	278 19 11	
Makotuku ..	240	7 17 6	667 11 3	80	220 11 7	20	134 988 14 0	3	40	736 16 6	
Mohaka ..	222	10 1 3	632 10 6	46	214 19 6	12	60 893 3 0	5	22	116 0 4	
Norsewood ..	412	12 15 0	1,255 10 5	105	485 3 10	26	130 1,379 18 0	14	83	1,421 2 1	
Ongaonga ..	138	4 10 6	379 13 5	35	182 13 1	15	132 833 3 2	6	51	877 7 6	
Ormondville ..	556	16 17 9	1,609 7 6	134	397 1 11	19	103 953 11 3	8	49	886 11 5	
Porangahau ..	338	20 7 6	1,189 11 8	50	171 16 1	17	89 1,006 15 2	4	20	219 9 3	
Spit ..	678	35 13 6	2,082 2 6	363	1,134 17 4	60	640 3,219 6 10	15	110	524 6 7	
Takapau ..	446	16 7 3	1,359 7 0	73	248 19 1	17	115 1,486 0 0	13	46	659 13 0	
Taradale ..	318	13 2 6	899 5 11	116	331 16 10	18	168 662 1 11	9	80	431 17 6	
Te Aute ..	157	6 9 9	462 5 0	99	306 1 7	6	28 195 3 0	1	16	93 15 0	
Tikokino ..	187	6 14 6	495 7 4	25	76 10 3	13	78 641 17 7	7	15	523 9 5	
Waione ..	29	0 12 0	123 10 11	1	8 0 0						
Waipawa ..	1,392	52 3 0	3,316 1 8	702	2,078 19 2	83	633 6,602 5 6	56	257	6,202 18 7	
Waipukurau ..	896	34 14 0	2,482 18 3	270	906 12 6	48	424 4,260 7 2	13	152	2,396 18 9	
Wairoa ..	936	52 16 0	3,384 13 1	400	1,557 0 5	74	534 4,302 5 11	35	183	1,547 3 3	
Weber ..	199	6 15 9	531 12 9	45	139 15 1						
NELSON ..	3,823	168 19 9	11,775 6 6	4,531	17,441 9 5	825	4,995 84,775 10 1	499	3,526	81,055 17 10	
Belgrove ..	85	3 7 9	271 1 8	34	149 3 11	27	141 1,745 16 2	6	43	709 1 1	
Brightwater ..	127	5 5 3	439 6 2	133	487 3 10	16	121 841 9 0	4	25	688 5 1	
Collingwood ..	993	36 13 3	3,834 11 8	141	719 13 2	35	274 3,446 6 6	5	82	1,585 3 11	
Motueka ..	730	26 9 3	2,222 8 11	272	1,006 0 7	80	515 6,006 14 8	27	205	3,052 9 2	
Motupiko ..	83	3 10 3	295 5 2	26	124 16 1	12	73 514 6 3		9	301 19 0	
Motupiko Rly. ..	27	0 16 0	95 15 11	20	45 16 3	4	33 186 5 0	1	3	104 2 3	
Ngatimote ..	140	4 8 9	343 17 0	51	208 5 9	17	126 920 0 6	7	47	545 8 9	
Richmond ..	198	9 1 9	758 14 2	140	561 7 10	28	232 2,120 1 4	8	65	1,228 19 2	
Riwaka ..	103	3 2 6	240 6 8	7	15 17 0	27	73 631 6 10	4	32	298 13 2	
Takaka ..	684	24 16 3	2,415 9 0	181	851 7 11	57	296 3,229 6 8	20	135	2,091 13 4	
The Port ..	254	10 14 3	789 3 7	99	268 2 10	26	208 1,684 11 11	2	23	151 10 11	
Thorpe ..	82	2 15 9	253 13 9	8	19 11 2	9	70 797 17 0	3	15	184 4 0	
Upper Moutere ..	136	5 3 3	319 14 3	15	71 6 3	12	66 944 12 0	3	28	672 10 9	
Wakefield ..	262	10 6 9	775 4 6	164	675 14 8	28	218 2,547 1 2	8	67	1,767 9 7	
NEW PLYMOUTH ..	3,920	168 8 3	12,440 9 2	4,025	18,184 17 6	577	3,832 54,654 4 2	565	3,331	61,894 3 8	
Inglewood ..	1,422	50 17 3	4,524 14 3	306	1,196 17 8	153	1,141 10,872 16 4	64	368	5,355 18 10	
Midhurst ..	494	16 1 9	1,611 16 10	71	201 11 3	28	189 1,811 6 7	9	96	1,361 5 3	
Opunake ..	973	42 15 0	2,830 8 7	196	767 2 8	76	488 4,206 17 11	29	129	1,744 14 7	
Pungarehu ..	345	20 2 0	1,126 7 2	121	735 10 0	26	143 1,615 10 5	3	31	501 8 3	
Rahotu ..	95	3 13 9	313 5 1	13	33 1 2	12	34 314 16 6		5	55 0 0	
Stratford ..	2,700	103 13 0	10,658 15 2	654	2,493 6 5	304	1,298 20,236 10 0	120	623	13,670 12 6	
Waitara ..	919	36 12 6	2,714 19 3	268	1,012 8 6	96	583 5,830 1 8	32	233	3,923 6 10	
OAMARU ..	3,958	147 0 6	20,607 19 9	2,546	11,988 13 4	540	3,709 48,418 2 8	438	2,702	51,858 14 7	
Dunroon ..	316	8 9 0	1,602 11 0	65	376 14 6	18	123 916 6 6	9	44	365 3 3	
Hampden ..	488	14 11 9	1,522 19 10	438	1,371 18 4	12	69 1,222 3 0	5	31	582 9 7	
Herbert ..	235	8 0 3	888 18 4	44	161 18 11	12	115 718 19 8	8	24	439 16 1	
Kakanui ..	46	1 13 3	115 16 8	37	150 19 11	3	13 65 3 0		2	8 0 0	
Kurov ..	523	16 6 3	2,269 12 2	111	479 5 6	25	144 1,430 10 7	9	34	603 4 4	
Maheno ..	170	5 14 3	415 10 3	53	250 11 2	7	71 466 11 0	8	24	378 15 5	
Ngapara ..	224	7 15 3	579 6 6	40	184 18 8	12	69 237 9 7	2	33	164 15 0	
Pukeuri Junction ..	22	0 15 0	77 10 0	9	53 6 6	7	23 95 5 0		7	56 0 0	
Shag Point ..	219	7 4 9	455 2 9	131	454 10 4	34	208 985 0 1	19	54	409 1 9	
THAMES ..	4,183	186 8 3	12,077 12 3	2,990	11,609 13 1	614	4,633 55,621 12 11	737	4,288	65,803 9 4	
Golden Cross ..	529	16 6 6	1,518 0 6	15	49 4 1	49	315 2,359 18 8	5	43	481 11 3	
Karangahake ..	1,906	76 13 3	5,213 15 5	242	1,028 11 6	136	962 7,510 6 11	61	453	4,326 13 9	
Katikati ..	191	7 5 0	545 12 3	136	574 9 10	15	93 298 12 0	4	69	378 13 0	
Komata ..	253	7 11 6	716 14 7	22	69 9 7	26	134 641 2 0	3	27	196 0 2	
Maketu ..	147	8 6 0	538 14 4	76	251 1 4	6	17 102 13 0	4	16	75 7 8	
Miranda ..	64	2 5 9	160 14 8	4	18 17 3	3	11 18 1 0	1	9	23 19 4	
Opotiki ..	910	35 6 6	3,148 6 1	220	965 8 9	69	371 5,541 3 0	25	166	4,197 2 10	
Paeroa ..	1,782	79 4 3	5,110 8 10	999	3,584 8 6	146	743 7,786 19 7	65	393	3,977 15 3	
Tauranga ..	878	35 3 3	2,492 11 9	726	2,625 8 6	103	605 10,748 2 1	44	347	5,958 5 11	
Te Aroha ..	1,685	58 15 6	5,207 17 1	571	2,217 16 3	76	421 3,906 2 1	33	268	3,028 11 4	
Te Puke ..	352	13 8 9	895 2 10	122	517 13 6	18	102 622 13 7	11	57	555 0 8	
Waihi ..	4,105	168 14 9	13,352 2 1	468	1,643 4 0	255	1,813 16,830 18 11	144	869	11,980 8 11	
Waikino ..	630	24 14 9	1,966 17 11	37	133 5 9	43	227 1,667 12 4	17	100	1,109 15 11	
Wairongomai ..	102	3 9 9	305 12 1	29	105 1 5	5	21 61 2 0	5	19	50 13 1	
Waitekauri ..	1,294	60 19 9	4,217 2 9	158	541 0 6	97	641 5,281 11 4	37	214	2,270 11 0	
Whakatane ..	406	13 13 9	1,177 17 10	128	572 15 7	17	49 516 13 11	8	37	489 5 10	
TIMARU ..	4,571	182 4 0	20,295 9 11	2,433	10,342 8 3	739	5,789 74,022 3 9	619	4,063	70,521 9 6	
Albury ..	195	5 19 0	902 15 0	25	117 14 11	5	31 250 11 0	2	17	163 10 0	
Fairlie ..	339	13 10 6	1,466 18 11	89	313 15 2	36	185 2,189 11 9	8	68	1,330 14 8	
Geraldine ..	1,117	35 5 11	4,698 1 1	344	1,844 16 0	132	806 12,106 15 10	56	307	8,064 11 7	
Glenavy ..	209	5 9 0	766 12 10	115	834 14 2	11	45 676 2 2	2	32	759 3 4	
Makikihi ..	107	4 2 0	371 15 11	31	142 18 3	5	50 850 19 8	3	18	262 5 5	
Orari ..	166	4 0 3	455 5 4	47	389 13 6	15	49 632 8 4	1	25	500 9 4	
Pleasant Point ..	333	10 18 0	839 16 0	108	467 8 1	13	109 1,455 10 5	2	34	434 9 0	
St. Andrew's ..	233	6 17 0	886 13 4	92	439 14 4	14	73 720 4 11	1	27	212 19 6	
Studholme Junct. ..	77	2 0 9	232 3 6	30	166 11 0	4	20 317 9 10	3	11	237 18 7	
Temuka ..	1,371	43 17 9	4,585 12 1	295	1,338 7 11	104	664 7,643 8 7	38	240	3,822 19 2	

Table No. 4—continued.

TABLE showing the Number and Amount of Transactions at the several Money Order and Savings Bank Offices in New Zealand during the Year 1899—continued.

Office.	Money Orders.					Savings Banks.					
	Issued.			Paid.		New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.	
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.
TIMARU—continued.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Waimate ..	1,740	55 18 3	9,917 3 5	673	4,781 12 4	160	945 13,382 9 9	78	419	11,430 16 6	
Winchester ..	108	3 11 6	302 6 6	24	102 9 6	15	92 556 5 2	9	29	498 3 5	
WANGANUI ..	6,221	268 17 6	19,968 9 1	4,843	16,880 1 6	1,136	7,114 106,693 2 10	1,094	5,657	104,235 16 5	
Alton ..	82	2 15 9	280 15 4	17	50 18 11	1	60 293 15 0	2	23	227 12 1	
Bull's ..	539	21 3 0	1,367 19 6	250	833 11 2	42	300 2,633 6 11	24	112	2,054 18 3	
Eltham ..	959	32 10 9	3,273 10 4	257	1,139 3 0	79	436 4,296 17 3	37	213	3,073 16 7	
Fordell ..	207	8 19 6	748 15 6	50	190 19 0	16	116 902 4 5	5	26	335 7 2	
Hawera ..	2,379	111 1 9	7,345 6 3	1,164	4,230 10 2	283	1,822 19,182 1 11	127	731	14,332 6 3	
Hunterville ..	1,056	35 3 0	4,654 5 2	280	1,155 4 6	62	344 3,981 13 6	28	97	2,392 9 7	
Hurleyville ..	45	1 9 6	265 3 2	8	26 6 0	3	30 90 14 9	1	8	99 18 3	
Kaimanuka ..	57	2 8 0	282 7 6	14	76 5 7	5	20 152 19 0	..	4	4 12 2	
Kaponga ..	357	17 3 0	1,383 2 11	55	382 3 9	39	188 1,930 14 4	4	52	1,289 17 9	
Manaia ..	765	35 10 9	2,088 8 5	190	699 4 3	97	479 5,117 11 3	42	178	4,392 11 10	
Mangamahū ..	177	3 11 0	804 2 8	16	28 13 10	..	..	..	..	..
Mangaonoho ..	298	11 11 3	986 12 11	49	294 16 8	29	160 990 12 10	3	56	360 17 11	
Mangaweka ..	1,696	51 12 9	4,398 14 3	209	828 5 9	95	277 2,927 6 8	40	163	2,209 5 7	
Manutahi ..	72	3 2 3	206 15 11	13	73 14 6	5	46 270 2 2	3	15	469 12 3	
Marton ..	1,375	54 5 6	4,953 17 1	845	2,744 4 0	144	972 9,822 16 7	61	400	6,772 14 5	
Normanby ..	264	11 15 9	847 1 0	107	383 12 2	34	192 1,379 5 1	17	84	1,306 8 2	
Ohingaiti ..	524	19 9 0	1,586 1 5	103	330 11 0	27	230 1,362 9 7	22	92	1,080 4 3	
Patea ..	893	38 4 6	2,633 15 7	369	1,226 12 9	134	679 8,715 15 1	61	277	6,575 1 0	
Raetihi ..	460	10 1 0	1,724 4 11	41	188 13 9	22	91 1,608 4 4	1	51	996 15 0	
Taihape ..	435	11 10 0	1,672 1 3	57	375 11 10	23	65 1,159 5 2	10	68	1,097 3 4	
Turakina ..	247	10 13 9	777 7 11	53	198 19 2	12	86 727 10 2	8	41	614 6 5	
Waitotara ..	302	10 6 3	882 16 5	76	279 3 3	31	108 1,014 7 9	11	67	603 12 4	
Waverley ..	867	34 7 9	2,815 5 10	211	853 5 10	72	519 5,044 16 0	21	150	3,223 11 9	
WELLINGTON ..	21,897	1,637 2 3	70,436 11 3	35,360	139,876 16 3	4,479	37,072 477,391 8 6	4,355	33,607	494,528 15 3	
Adelaide Road ..	326	11 3 0	618 3 4	40	130 5 10	57	773 2,277 4 1	11	107	363 9 5	
Alfredton ..	176	4 17 6	623 13 2	34	203 6 0	15	70 1,000 5 0	2	28	903 13 2	
Apiti ..	418	7 17 9	1,884 14 6	110	866 1 7	16	92 493 16 0	7	41	473 8 3	
Ashhurst ..	482	14 15 0	1,551 19 1	261	864 16 6	49	340 2,318 10 5	30	140	2,002 12 7	
Carterton ..	1,159	46 3 6	3,470 12 5	571	1,808 6 6	124	838 8,131 3 1	59	336	4,956 7 9	
Castlepoint ..	66	2 4 0	182 1 4	5	12 14 0	1	8 121 19 0	..	..	..
Chatham Islands ..	171	6 10 0	674 8 1	35	316 0 7	6	20 375 17 0	2	6	114 13 0	
Courtenay Place ..	640	28 3 0	1,343 14 9	10	36 10 6	107	1,016 3,625 0 9	11	111	656 16 4	
Eketahuna ..	1,027	31 4 3	3,427 18 8	289	1,093 16 6	98	584 5,710 10 1	30	247	3,640 9 2	
Featherston ..	921	36 17 3	2,544 18 9	233	973 17 1	87	560 3,776 11 10	24	183	3,717 10 9	
Feilding ..	2,116	82 10 9	7,972 8 4	1,296	4,212 3 10	243	1,481 14,280 5 0	105	546	13,603 17 7	
Foxton ..	1,043	41 10 0	2,837 17 4	309	1,151 6 4	177	868 6,377 12 11	54	319	3,253 10 6	
Gladstone ..	61	2 15 6	184 2 9	17	48 18 6	3	26 108 8 0	2	6	66 19 11	
Greytown North ..	969	40 6 0	2,773 9 11	381	1,295 1 6	93	581 4,925 1 1	41	220	4,285 4 7	
Halcombe ..	377	14 8 3	1,364 9 9	131	587 14 1	25	174 1,368 12 1	17	69	1,442 5 1	
Hukanui ..	166	4 5 3	474 18 3	50	257 6 2	13	73 1,147 19 2	2	33	516 7 8	
Hutt ..	511	24 17 6	1,498 7 0	205	716 6 0	79	694 7,621 14 5	36	172	2,963 14 9	
Johnsonville ..	121	5 1 9	347 10 0	71	229 14 4	31	503 2,488 1 3	8	132	1,350 2 5	
Kaitoke ..	73	2 17 9	200 5 5	12	29 8 1	8	145 1,330 10 0	1	23	864 17 1	
Kaiwarra ..	106	5 3 0	203 14 10	25	59 12 1	9	205 419 6 0	4	36	219 3 1	
Kimbolton ..	407	13 7 9	1,518 4 8	140	534 18 0	44	172 1,158 7 10	19	80	1,028 14 7	
Levin ..	990	32 12 6	2,510 1 6	299	1,074 10 9	77	649 4,306 16 5	39	296	2,942 9 1	
Longburn ..	49	1 14 0	86 18 0	10	31 3 5	11	31 136 11 0	1	11	311 19 1	
Makuri ..	547	12 0 6	1,691 16 3	63	433 14 6	15	76 881 7 0	8	49	643 2 5	
Manakau ..	171	9 3 3	646 5 7	65	233 6 0	28	86 793 4 0	6	39	591 7 5	
Mangatainoka ..	388	8 10 3	896 19 3	130	429 0 7	15	74 512 15 0	2	58	1,015 6 7	
Martinborough ..	839	44 14 6	2,231 17 3	110	496 3 4	57	280 2,376 7 8	33	135	2,377 5 0	
Masterton ..	3,092	131 18 3	13,319 6 2	2,061	6,901 10 8	342	2,389 22,158 17 9	180	1,109	17,417 5 4	
Mauriceville ..	162	5 12 0	428 9 1	53	228 12 1	12	69 326 11 4	5	38	297 18 11	
West ..	155	4 6 0	527 4 9	5	28 2 0	15	77 1,426 6 6	6	41	1,268 11 6	
Molesworth St. ..	1,036	40 0 0	2,284 10 1	19	89 6 6	71	805 3,012 15 4	13	121	742 0 7	
Ngahauranga ..	194	8 14 6	425 18 10	14	39 12 6	16	190 694 12 0	4	21	128 10 4	
Otaki ..	853	37 2 6	2,505 3 6	452	1,384 6 3	67	357 2,193 4 1	38	196	2,433 9 8	
Pahantani ..	19	0 12 0	44 19 10	4	10 6 3	4	6 58 12 0	..	2	12 0 0	
Pahiatua ..	2,174	74 18 9	8,652 16 1	629	2,125 6 3	182	924 10,037 6 2	73	491	10,016 17 5	
Palmerston North ..	4,690	199 1 6	14,562 1 4	3,642	12,205 17 7	574	3,805 40,065 18 2	253	1,724	29,243 6 7	
Paraparaumu ..	87	4 7 6	253 9 1	43	162 17 10	12	83 728 2 0	1	31	219 12 3	
Petone ..	1,090	41 9 9	2,704 14 8	416	1,450 14 8	149	1,559 12,961 15 5	42	436	7,518 19 8	
Pohangina ..	115	3 13 6	345 16 6	84	510 6 5	8	28 182 6 0	..	3	94 5 11	
Porirua ..	256	10 14 0	609 3 4	24	74 4 0	19	220 429 12 0	6	25	135 10 2	
Rangiwhahia ..	280	6 12 3	1,160 12 5	41	245 4 7	..	..	..	..	..
Rongotea ..	365	15 7 6	1,066 16 0	48	200 5 3	48	247 914 8 0	11	71	601 19 3	
Sanson ..	246	10 5 0	606 2 0	60	159 12 4	17	179 1,561 19 0	7	44	1,368 11 4	
Shannon ..	290	10 6 6	816 16 9	108	494 3 2	29	210 1,437 11 11	10	77	989 6 6	
Taueru ..	123	5 0 3	230 7 6	26	75 18 6	4	29 219 19 9	3	18	875 5 4	
Te Aro ..	2,391	95 18 0	5,766 16 7	176	450 16 0	365	4,873 17,144 1 8	41	331	2,137 16 9	
Te Nui ..	734	34 2 9	2,069 15 11	69	192 15 1	29	182 2,113 12 1	9	50	1,016 1 4	
Tinakori Road ..	54	1 13 6	71 9 11	4	9 3 11	53	415 542 6 0	2	49	93 11 0	
Upper Hutt ..	218	6 19 3	518 10 10	76	337 1 6	28	247 1,604 1 1	6	58	487 5 5	
Waikanae ..	142	6 11 5	358 7 3	44	152 0 6	20	41 583 7 5	..	20	169 6 0	
Waituna West ..	210	6 5 0	520 3 5	35	211 19 9	7	23 207 14 0	2	6	86 0 1	
Wellington South ..	436	14 3 3	923 1 1	110	317 3 9	56	679 2,253 0 11	16	123	648 18 6	
Whakataki ..	72	3 2 0	192 8 9	19	49 8 11	1	11 40 15 4	1	2	10 5 3	
Woodville ..	1,522	52 0 3	4,511 11 8	644	2,224 10 2	131	715 8,665 1 0	49	307	4,757 2 2	
WESTPORT ..	3,312	154 3 3	9,839 14 6	1,593	5,606 15 6	281	1,993 25,632 9 4	290	1,789	30,894 3 5	
Addison's ..	103	3 15 0	267 0 2	15	93 4 10	6	15 98 16 7	4	10	64 15 1	
Burnett's Face ..	358	11 11 6	766 0 9	7	26 15 1	14	124 546 5 0	4	23	161 9 2	
Capleston ..	53	2 2 9	108 14 1	10	41 19 0	7	14 65 16 0	2	3	45 3 3	

Table No. 4—continued.

TABLE showing the Number and Amount of Transactions at the several Money Order and Savings Bank Offices in New Zealand during the Year 1899—continued.

Office.	Money Orders.					Savings Banks.					
	Issued.			Paid.		New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.	
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.
WESTPORT—cont'd.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.			£ s. d.	
Charleston ..	371	17 1 0	1,334 13 7	79	319 17 4	23	194	1,432 13 1	3	61	766 0 9
Denniston ..	915	39 3 3	2,662 2 0	63	251 0 0	53	714	4,361 16 10	25	155	1,876 0 6
Granity ..	501	19 3 6	1,236 18 5	35	169 18 9	45	314	1,685 12 6	12	42	545 10 9
Kakaramea ..	29	0 19 6	105 11 7	7	54 11 6	2	15	169 0 0	..	..	..
Longford ..	165	6 0 3	554 13 11	10	77 13 0	7	28	202 15 9	2	13	124 11 7
Lyell ..	933	32 11 6	2,522 14 8	61	268 18 11	30	184	1,642 14 1	8	62	643 14 6
Millerton ..	209	8 13 0	622 6 10	3	15 7 0	27	161	636 18 0	9	24	248 19 10
Murchison ..	348	14 6 0	1,229 3 3	25	206 16 7	11	75	1,039 19 9	2	23	391 6 10
Seddonville ..	342	13 13 6	1,143 10 9	51	141 19 7	21	180	1,586 19 0	6	65	642 18 3
Waimangaroa ..	410	14 10 3	1,097 8 10	38	133 11 9	13	99	756 11 9	7	29	166 7 10

SUMMARY.

POSTAL DISTRICT OF—		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		
Auckland ..	65,543	3,503 13 8	222,898 1 1	56,483	210,893 4 7	5,712	40,566	511,358 17 7	4,068	29,126	490,057 18 8
Blenheim ..	5,664	230 9 0	17,880 16 10	2,401	9,399 11 10	639	4,404	50,355 7 8	437	2,914	52,427 7 7
Christchurch ..	37,294	1,574 14 0	123,566 3 6	32,301	132,290 16 7	6,689	59,853	713,338 14 1	4,591	42,207	689,098 19 9
Dunedin ..	43,031	1,661 6 0	130,977 3 10	39,757	155,513 16 5	5,530	48,228	543,085 11 3	3,648	31,669	530,642 17 7
Gisborne ..	4,065	219 17 9	13,244 12 2	1,329	5,626 0 5	856	4,959	57,389 1 6	548	3,482	51,552 0 2
Greymouth ..	8,769	396 4 6	28,054 15 4	4,063	15,297 13 11	729	4,868	55,172 13 9	493	3,101	51,467 13 6
Hokitika ..	3,600	143 19 9	9,217 9 7	1,918	7,729 8 6	299	1,675	27,914 0 7	234	1,132	26,013 0 11
Invercargill ..	17,347	672 4 3	52,443 7 5	9,333	33,800 13 2	1,783	11,234	138,161 1 6	1,270	6,525	129,934 12 2
Napier ..	18,993	834 9 3	57,461 8 8	10,691	37,715 15 5	1,892	13,989	142,221 19 11	1,369	8,755	129,224 15 11
Nelson ..	7,727	315 10 9	24,829 18 11	5,822	22,645 16 8	1,203	7,441	110,391 5 1	597	4,305	94,437 8 0
New Plymouth ..	10,868	442 3 6	36,220 15 6	5,654	24,624 15 2	1,272	7,708	99,542 3 7	822	4,816	88,506 9 11
Oamaru ..	6,201	217 10 3	28,535 7 3	3,474	15,472 17 2	670	4,544	54,555 11 1	498	2,955	54,866 0 0
Thames ..	19,417	798 7 3	58,645 3 3	6,943	26,507 9 5	1,678	11,158	119,515 5 4	1,204	7,375	104,903 5 3
Timaru ..	10,566	373 13 11	45,720 13 10	4,306	21,282 3 5	1,253	8,858	114,804 1 2	822	5,290	98,239 10 0
Wanganui ..	20,277	807 13 3	65,947 0 4	9,277	33,470 12 4	2,391	14,334	180,297 12 7	1,622	8,565	157,748 18 9
Wellington ..	57,223	3,003 13 2	179,674 14 9	49,168	188,333 19 6	8,226	65,854	687,019 1 6	5,687	42,424	631,606 19 9
Westport ..	8,049	337 14 3	23,490 13 4	1,997	7,408 8 10	540	4,110	39,858 1 8	374	2,299	36,571 1 9
Totals ..	344,664	15,533 4 6	111,880 5 7	24,491	94,801 3 4	41,362	313,783	3,644,980 9 10	28,284	206,940	3,417,298 19 8

Table No. 5. POST-OFFICE SAVINGS-BANKS.—GENERAL STATEMENT.

TABLE showing the Business of the Post-Office Savings-Banks in New Zealand Year by Year, from the Date they were established, in February, 1867, to the 31st December, 1899.

Table with 16 columns: Postal Districts, Number of Post Office Savings-Banks Open at the Close of 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, 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, Interest for the Year, Number of Accounts Opened during the Year, Number of Accounts Closed during the Year, Number of Accounts remaining Open at the 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.

Totals for Colony from 1st Feb. to 31st Dec., 1899

Table No. 6.
BALANCE-SHEET of the New Zealand Post Office Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1899.

	Balances on 1st January, 1899.		Transactions.				Balances on 31st December, 1899.	
	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.		
MONEY ORDER ACCOUNTS:—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Money orders (General)	21,071 17 11	..	1,205,511 6 1	1,202,723 14 4	23,859 9 8	..	..
United Kingdom, &c.	8,073 10 5	..	112,551 10 2	120,638 11 0	..	13 10 5	..	
United States of America	8 15 1	..	9,181 19 8	9,757 14 7	..	566 19 10	..	
Canada	61 18 1	..	1,095 9 3	1,296 3 9	..	138 16 5	..	
Cape of Good Hope	..	1,282 10 11	2,529 8 1	1,804 3 10	..	557 6 8	..	
Ceylon	..	..	79 11 9	108 8 9	..	7 10 3	..
Fiji	21 6 9	20 18 0	511 6 9	640 12 6	..	150 3 9	..	
Germany	397 4 4	..	1,619 15 7	1,906 16 3	110 3 8	..	..
Hawaii	..	17 10 3	67 8 7	49 18 6	..	0 0 2	..	
Hongkong	67 5 4	..	1,404 12 3	1,270 4 8	201 12 11	..	..
India	233 8 5	..	1,682 14 7	1,893 8 1	22 14 11	..	..
Natal	..	..	51 14 0	92 5 11	..	40 11 11	..
New South Wales	784 4 2	..	39,987 0 7	39,939 2 5	832 2 4	..	..
Queensland	..	236 1 3	3,658 17 6	4,268 9 9	..	845 13 6	..	
South Australia	..	40 17 4	2,081 9 8	2,222 2 4	..	181 10 0	..	
Straits Settlements	..	..	207 12 6	166 16 7	41 17 1	..	..
Tasmania	623 18 7	..	51,532 4 7	51,231 10 4	924 12 10	..	..
Victoria	1,378 0 7	..	32,098 17 3	32,720 1 7	756 16 3	..	..
Western Australia	..	989 14 5	7,260 2 2	6,932 10 4	..	662 2 7	..	
Commission	..	613 17 5	1,746 17 5	1,838 19 7	..	705 19 7	..	
SAVINGS-BANK ACCOUNTS:—								
Deposits and withdrawals	4,957,771 5 5	..	3,779,898 9 1	3,417,298 19 8	5,320,370 14 10	..	..
Transfers	1,274 10 11	..	223,140 16 8	222,908 7 3	1,507 0 4	..	..
POSTAL ACCOUNTS:—								
Stamps	110,807 2 8	..	418,855 8 3	408,003 8 5½	121,659 2 5½	..	..
Postal Guides	9 10 0	..	296 17 6	306 7 6	..	..	..
Postal notes	73,144 10 7½	..	153,294 3 4	149,319 1 0	77,119 12 11½	..	..
Private box and bag rents	..	..	5,783 0 0	5,783 0 0	..	..	..
Money-order commission	..	..	15,533 4 6	15,533 4 6	..	..	..
Postal revenue	..	948 16 8½	287,483 1 10½	287,144 3 11	..	609 18 9	..	
TELEGRAPH ACCOUNTS:—								
New South Wales Telegraphs	1,256 17 11	..	38,488 4 9	36,737 17 4	3,007 5 4	..	..
New Zealand & Australian Cable	602 0 6	..	9,837 17 1	9,604 4 2	835 13 5	..	..
Telephone-exchange receipts	..	..	43,489 1 6	43,489 1 6	..	..	..
Maintenance of private wires	..	..	1,556 2 8	1,556 2 8	..	..	..
Registration of code addresses	..	..	362 5 0	362 5 0	..	..	..
Telegraph revenue	916 9 11	..	207,986 2 7½	207,318 17 8	1,583 14 10½	..	..
GENERAL ACCOUNTS:—								
Post Office Account	..	89,888 19 11	3,828,137 4 0	3,857,392 14 8	..	119,144 10 7	..	
Postmasters and Telegraphists	..	243,030 1 11½	6,874,437 18 7	6,909,050 18 7½	..	277,043 2 0	..	
Investments	..	4,969,954 7 8	1,489,466 0 0	1,856,416 0 0	..	5,336,904 7 8	..	
Accrued interest on investments	..	46,260 1 1	44,891 11 3	48,847 5 5	..	50,215 15 3	..	
Miscellaneous receipts—general	491 11 9½	..	2,771 12 1½	2,728 2 7½	535 1 3½	..	..
Foreign postage	13,733 10 10	..	13,487 4 11	10,450 0 0	16,770 15 9	..	..
Miscellaneous expenses	9,573 7 8	..	519,240 3 9	503,237 1 10	25,576 9 7	..	..
General Post Office Fine Fund	1 0 0	..	..	1 0 0	..	..	..
Cable subsidies	..	..	1,353 0 0	1,353 0 0	..	..	..
FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS—								
Advances to Settlers	4,770 10 11	..	457,781 14 10	457,188 7 10	5,363 17 11	..	..
Arms Act Licenses	50 0 0	..	380 0 0	323 0 0	107 0 0	..	..
Bath receipts, Rotorua	..	..	685 19 0	535 13 9	150 5 3	..	..
County Clerks	..	..	330 17 8	328 7 8	2 10 0	..	..
Bath tickets	..	..	480 6 4	295 3 0	185 3 4	..	..
Customs dues (H.M.C.)	47 11 10	..	1,537 1 7	1,449 5 8	135 7 9	..	..
" duty (parcels)	1,221 17 5	..	15,849 18 2	14,143 14 0	2,928 1 7	..	..
Factories Act	..	..	25 3 0	25 3 0	..	..	..
Fishing licenses	19 10 0	..	272 15 0	263 5 0	29 0 0	..	..
Education Department	..	..	1 1 0	1 1 0	..	..	..
Game licenses	..	..	1,937 12 6	1,937 12 6	..	..	..
Geraldine County Council	..	..	477 6 4	477 6 4	..	..	..
Goldfields revenue	0 3 0	..	24 10 6	8 13 6	16 0 0	..	..
Government Audit	..	..	8 13 4	8 13 4	..	..	..
Government Insurance	2,323 16 2	..	27,992 5 3	27,493 13 4	2,912 8 1	..	..
Government Printer	113 6 7	..	527 6 9	559 9 4	81 4 0	..	..
Harbourmasters	134 14 4	..	322 16 4	457 10 8	..	..	..
Homing-pigeons Protection Act	..	..	0 8 0	0 8 0	..	..	..
Income-tax	75 7 5	..	68,296 3 0	68,300 0 0	71 10 5	..	..
Land-tax	575 19 9	..	217,893 13 7	218,175 0 0	294 13 4	..	..
Licensing Act	..	..	30 0 0	30 0 0	..	..	..
Lunacy	3 0 0	..	49 15 0	45 15 0	7 0 0	..	..
Machinery	216 12 6	..	3,725 15 0	3,545 10 0	396 17 6	..	..
Mining Act	3,141 0 0	..	2,147 16 0	4,299 6 0	989 10 0	..	..
Miners' Guides	1 4 0	..	0 1 6	..	1 5 6	..	..
New Zealand Consols	..	..	12,460 6 11	12,460 6 11	..	..	..
Official Assignee	0 12 6	..	..	..	0 12 6	..	..
Old-age Pensions	..	..	131,600 0 0	115,647 17 10	15,952 2 2	..	..
Public baths	51 15 10	..	75 14 0	127 9 10	..	..	..
Public Trust	6,252 11 7	..	256,761 18 10	254,056 18 5	8,957 12 0	..	..
Railways	779 19 1	..	8,385 3 9	8,271 9 1	893 13 9	..	..
Registration of births, &c.	200 12 0	..	2,309 2 6	2,259 14 6	250 0 0	..	..
" brands	..	..	0 5 0	0 5 0	..	..	..
Rents	3 10 3	..	208 14 0	186 1 9	26 2 6	..	..
Sanatorium, Hanmer Plains	86 0 8	..	1,486 13 11	1,341 8 1	231 6 6	..	..
Sheep-rates	574 3 0	..	20,358 17 6	20,365 0 10	567 19 8	..	..
Registration of electors	..	..	14 9 0	6 5 0	8 4 0	..	..
Stock Department	..	..	6 10 0	6 10 0	..	..	..
Valuation revenue	147 17 11	..	2,289 9 4	2,430 0 0	7 7 3	..	..
Water-rates	..	..	84 15 0	68 15 0	16 0 0	..	..
Profit and loss	130,187 11 1	..	231,415 13 11	209,513 1 2	152,090 3 10	..	..
Totals	5,353,283 16 11	5,353,283 16 11	20,902,886 1 2½	20,902,886 1 2½	5,788,387 19 4	5,788,387 19 4		

Table No. 7.

SECURITIES, &c., standing in the Name of the Postmaster-General on Account of the Post-Office Savings-Bank Fund on the 31st December, 1899.

Description of Securities, &c.	Nominal Value.			Value at Cost Price.			Accrued Interest on 31st December, 1899.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
"The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1896" Debentures, 3½ per cent.	250,000	0	0	250,000	0	0	3,643	16	7
"The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1899" Debentures, 3½ per cent.	125,000	0	0	125,000	0	0	731	3	3
"The Consolidated Loan Act 1867" Debentures, 4 per cent. . .	13,000	0	0	12,480	0	0	109	13	11
"The Consolidated Stock Act 1884" Debentures, 3½ per cent. . .	54,300	0	0	54,300	0	0	630	0	7
"The Defence and other Purposes Loan Act 1870" Debentures, 4 per cent.	75,000	0	0	72,000	0	0	632	17	6
"The Defence and other Purposes Loan Act 1870" Debentures, 4½ per cent.	8,100	0	0	8,100	0	0	..		
The District Railways Purchasing Acts, 1885 and 1886, Debentures, 4 per cent.	42,000	0	0	36,076	17	8	418	17	0
The District Railways Purchasing Acts, 1885 and 1886, Scrip, 4 per cent.	34,100	0	0	34,100	0	0	340	1	3
Dunedin Garrison Hall Debentures, 5 per cent.	6,000	0	0	6,000	0	0	129	17	3
"The General Purposes Loan Act 1873" Debentures, 4 per cent.	5,200	0	0	4,342	0	0	43	17	7
"The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act 1886" Debentures, 3½ per cent.	312,500	0	0	312,500	0	0	3,511	14	9
Greymouth Harbour Board Debentures, 4 per cent.	100,000	0	0	100,000	0	0	2,000	0	0
Hamilton Borough Debentures, 5½ per cent.	3,000	0	0	3,000	0	0	68	14	3
Hokitika Harbour Board Debentures, 5 per cent.	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	0	*1,868	9	10
"The Immigration and Public Works Loan Act 1870" Debentures, 4 per cent.	174,200	0	0	167,272	0	0	1,469	19	2
"The Immigration and Public Works Loan Act 1870" Debentures, 4½ per cent.	20,900	0	0	20,527	10	0	198	8	2
"The Immigration and Public Works Loan Act 1870" Debentures, 4 per cent. (Imperial guaranteed)	400,000	0	0	400,000	0	0	1,315	1	4
Inscribed Stock, 3 per cent.	1,764,940	0	0	1,764,140	0	0	13,200	14	9
"The Land for Settlements Act 1894" Debentures, 3½ per cent.	701,066	0	0	701,066	0	0	4,100	15	3
"The Land for Settlements Act" Debentures, 3½ per cent.	62,000	0	0	62,000	0	0	541	0	3
"The Lands Improvement and Native Lands Acquisition Act 1894" Debentures, 4 per cent.	264,000	0	0	264,000	0	0	2,661	14	0
"The Lands Improvement and Native Lands Acquisition Act 1894" Debentures, 3½ per cent.	35,000	0	0	35,000	0	0	250	5	5
North Rakaia River Board Debentures, 5 per cent.	1,000	0	0	1,000	0	0	20	16	5
Oamaru Borough Consolidated Loan 1893 Debentures, 5 per cent.	13,800	0	0	13,800	0	0	345	0	0
Oamaru Harbour Bonds, 5½ per cent.	32,000	0	0	32,000	0	0	737	15	1
Patea Harbour Board Debentures, 4½ per cent.	13,000	0	0	13,000	0	0	292	10	0
Thames Borough Debentures, 6 per cent.	6,500	0	0	6,500	0	0	190	3	10
Thames Harbour Board Debentures, 4 per cent.	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	0	99	14	6
"The Public Revenues Act 1893" (Treasury bills), 3½ per cent.	379,200	0	0	379,200	0	0	..		
Westport Harbour Board Debentures, 4 per cent.	439,500	0	0	439,500	0	0	8,752	12	6
Accrued interest on Post Office Account . . . . .	..			..			541	11	0
Totals	5,355,306	0	0	5,336,904	7	8	48,847	5	5

* Includes seven half-yearly interest-payments of £250, and £50 balance of an eighth not yet paid.

Table No. 8.
POST-OFFICE SAVINGS-BANKS.

Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1899.

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s.	d.
Balance to credit of depositors, 1st January, 1899	4,957,771	5	5	Withdrawals during 1899	3,417,298	19	8
Deposits during 1899	3,644,980	9	10	Balance to credit of depositors, 31st December, 1899	5,320,370	14	10
Interest credited depositors, 1899	134,917	19	3				
	<u>£3,737,669</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>£3,737,669</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>6</u>

Liabilities and Assets.

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s.	d.
Balance to credit of depositors, 31st December, 1899	5,320,370	14	10	Securities (<i>vide</i> Table No. 7).. ..	5,336,904	7	8
Amount of accumulated profits invested	16,533	12	10				
	<u>£5,336,904</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>		<u>£5,336,904</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>

Profit and Loss.

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s.	d.
Balance forward, 1st January, 1899	130,187	11	1	Interest credited to depositors, 1899	134,917	19	3
Interest received	182,568	8	6	1899 accrued interest written off	44,891	11	3
Interest accrued on 31st December, 1899	48,847	5	5	Paid Public Account, for expenses of management	9,500	0	0
	<u>231,415</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>11</u>	Savings-bank profits carried to revenue	20,000	0	0
				Interest on securities purchased from other departments	203	10	8
	<u>£361,603</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	Balance to next account	152,090	3	10
					<u>£361,603</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>

Table No. 9.

RETURN showing the Total Number of Post-Office Savings-Bank Accounts open on the 31st December, 1899, classified according to the Balances at Credit, compared with the Number open at the end of 1898.

Postal District.	Not exceeding £20.	Exceeding £20 and up to £50.	Exceeding £50 and up to £100.	Exceeding £100 and up to £200.	Exceeding £200 and up to £300.	Exceeding £300 and up to £400.	Exceeding £400 and up to £500.	Exceeding £500.	Total Number of Accounts open.
Auckland	16,976	2,780	1,817	1,619	601	189	89	110	24,181
Blenheim	2,724	297	190	158	53	16	13	5	3,456
Christchurch	26,446	3,692	2,176	2,010	887	228	126	123	35,688
Dunedin	18,787	3,180	1,812	1,625	545	154	98	74	26,275
Gisborne	1,796	323	158	110	28	16	9	7	2,447
Greymouth	2,282	384	250	226	83	32	8	9	3,274
Hokitika	911	170	132	163	83	13	13	17	1,502
Invercargill	5,141	943	591	454	157	43	16	14	7,359
Napier	6,286	946	542	476	168	49	27	23	8,517
Nelson	3,966	566	400	389	130	50	23	14	5,538
New Plymouth.. ..	3,430	533	323	227	80	21	15	8	4,637
Oamaru	2,002	349	247	233	82	11	9	2	2,935
Thames	4,795	725	473	365	122	41	17	27	6,565
Timaru	3,790	613	368	352	127	37	16	21	5,324
Wanganui	7,104	949	498	386	152	35	31	33	9,188
Wellington	25,844	3,526	2,123	1,449	556	187	132	96	33,913
Westport	1,571	230	186	161	61	23	12	3	2,247
Totals, 1899	133,851	20,206	12,286	10,403	3,915	1,145	654	586	183,046
Totals, 1898	125,190	18,001	11,238	9,641	3,573	1,111	639	575	169,968

Table No. 10.—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.

FROM LONDON VIA SAN FRANCISCO.														
AUCKLAND.			WELLINGTON.			DUNEDIN.			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.			
1899. January 14	1899. February 14	31	1899. January 14	1899. February 15	32	1899. January 14	1899. February 17	34	1899. January 14	1899. February 18	35			
February 11	March 16	33	February 11	March 17	34	February 11	March 18	35	February 11	March 20	37			
March 11	April 12	32	March 11	April 14	34	March 11	April 15	35	March 11	April 16	36			
April 8	May 10	32	April 8	May 11	33	April 8	May 13	35	April 8	May 15	37			
May 6	June 6	31	May 6	June 7	32	May 6	June 8	33	May 6	June 10	35			
June 3	July 4	31	June 3	July 5	32	June 3	July 6	33	June 3	July 8	35			
July 1	August 1	31	July 1	August 3	33	July 1	August 4	34	July 1	August 7	37			
August 29	September 29	31	August 29	September 30	32	August 29	September 31	33	August 29	September 2	35			
September 26	October 26	31	September 26	October 27	32	September 26	October 28	33	September 26	October 30	35			
October 23	November 25	32	October 23	November 26	33	October 23	December 27	34	October 23	November 31	38			
November 21	December 21	31	November 21	December 22	32	November 21	January 23	33	November 21	December 21	31			
December 18	1900. January 19	31	December 18	1900. January 21	33	December 18	1900. January 22	34	December 18	1900. January 25	37			
1900. January 16	1900. January 18	33	1900. January 16	1900. January 19	34	1900. January 16	1900. January 20	35	1900. January 16	1900. January 22	37			
Maximum	...	33	...	...	34	...	...	35	...	...	37
Minimum	...	31	...	...	32	...	...	33	...	...	35
Average	...	31.54	...	...	32.77	...	...	33.92	...	...	36
TO LONDON 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.
1899. January 14	1899. February 25	42	1899. January 16	1899. February 25	40	1899. January 18	1899. February 25	38	1899. January 20	1899. February 25	36	1899. January 21	1899. February 25	35
February 11	March 21	38	February 13	March 21	36	February 15	March 21	34	February 17	March 21	32	February 18	March 21	31
March 14	April 19	36	March 15	April 19	35	March 17	April 19	33	March 18	April 19	32	March 20	April 19	30
April 11	May 17	36	April 12	May 17	35	April 14	May 17	33	April 15	May 17	32	April 17	May 17	30
May 9	June 14	36	May 10	June 14	35	May 12	June 14	33	May 13	June 14	32	May 15	June 14	30
June 6	July 13	37	June 7	July 13	36	June 9	July 13	34	June 10	July 13	33	June 12	July 13	31
July 4	August 10	37	July 5	August 10	36	July 7	August 10	34	July 8	August 10	33	July 10	August 10	31
August 1	September 6	36	July 2	September 6	35	July 4	September 6	33	July 5	September 6	32	July 7	September 6	30
September 29	October 4	36	August 30	October 4	35	September 1	October 4	33	August 5	October 4	32	August 7	October 4	30
October 26	November 2	37	September 27	November 2	36	September 29	November 2	34	September 30	November 2	33	September 2	November 2	31
November 24	December 29	36	October 25	December 29	35	October 27	December 29	33	October 28	December 29	32	October 30	December 29	30
December 21	1900. January 29	38	November 22	1900. January 29	37	November 24	1900. January 29	35	November 25	1900. January 29	34	November 27	1900. January 29	32
1900. January 19	1900. January 24	36	1900. January 20	1900. January 24	35	1900. January 22	1900. January 24	33	1900. January 23	1900. January 24	32	1900. January 25	1900. January 24	30
Maximum	...	42	40	38	36	35
Minimum	...	36	35	33	32	30
Average	...	37	35.85	33.85	32.69	30.85

Table No. II.—PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL MAIL-SERVICE.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails between London and the under-mentioned Places by the Packets of the Peninsular and Oriental Line.

FROM LONDON BY THE P. AND O. PACKETS.

MELBOURNE.			SYDNEY.			BLUFF.			CHRISTCHURCH.			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 Christchurch.	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.
1899. Jan. 6	1899. Feb. 7	32	1899. Jan. 6	1899. Feb. 8	33	1899. Jan. 6	1899. Feb. 14	39	1899. Jan. 6	1899. Feb. 15	40	1899. Jan. 6	1899. Feb. 14	39	1899. Jan. 6	1899. Feb. 13	38
Jan. 20	Feb. 20	31	Jan. 20	Feb. 21	32	Jan. 20	Feb. 28	39	Jan. 20	March 1	40	Jan. 20	March 2	41	Jan. 20	Feb. 27	38
Feb. 3	March 7	32	Feb. 3	March 8	33	Feb. 3	March 13	38	Feb. 3	March 15	40	Feb. 3	March 14	39	Feb. 3	March 13	38
Feb. 17	March 19	30	Feb. 17	March 21	32	Feb. 17	March 27	38	Feb. 17	March 28	39	Feb. 17	March 27	38	Feb. 17	March 26	37
March 3	April 4	32	March 3	April 18	32	March 3	April 11	39	March 3	April 13	41	March 3	April 13	41	March 3	April 10	38
March 17	April 17	31	March 17	April 18	32	March 17	April 25	39	March 17	April 26	40	March 17	April 25	39	March 17	April 24	38
March 31	May 1	32	March 31	May 8	33	March 31	May 8	38	March 31	May 10	40	March 31	May 11	41	March 31	May 8	38
April 14	May 14	31	April 14	May 16	32	April 14	May 22	38	April 14	May 22	38	April 14	May 23	39	April 14	May 22	38
April 28	May 30	32	April 28	May 31	33	April 28	June 5	38	April 28	June 6	39	April 28	June 5	38	April 28	June 5	38
May 12	June 12	31	May 12	June 13	32	May 12	June 23	42	May 12	June 22	41	May 12	June 21	40	May 12	June 20	39
May 26	June 26	31	May 26	July 27	32	May 26	July 3	38	May 26	July 4	39	May 26	July 2	37	May 26	July 3	38
June 9	July 9	30	June 9	July 11	32	June 9	July 21	42	June 9	July 20	41	June 9	July 18	39	June 9	July 17	38
June 23	July 25	32	June 23	July 25	32	June 23	August 3	41	June 23	August 2	40	June 23	July 31	38	June 23	July 31	38
July 7	August 8	32	July 7	August 8	32	July 7	August 15	39	July 7	August 13	37	July 7	August 12	36	July 7	August 15	39
July 21	August 22	32	July 21	August 22	32	July 21	Sept. 4	45	July 21	August 7	47	July 21	August 21	38	July 21	August 28	38
August 4	Sept. 4	31	August 4	Sept. 5	32	August 4	Sept. 15	42	August 4	Sept. 16	43	August 4	Sept. 12	39	August 4	Sept. 11	38
August 18	Sept. 18	31	August 18	Sept. 19	32	August 18	Sept. 25	38	August 18	Sept. 25	38	August 18	Sept. 23	36	August 18	Sept. 25	38
Sept. 1	October 1	30	Sept. 1	October 3	32	Sept. 1	October 16	45	Sept. 1	October 14	43	Sept. 1	October 13	42	Sept. 1	October 10	39
Sept. 15	October 16	31	Sept. 15	October 17	32	Sept. 15	October 27	42	Sept. 15	October 28	43	Sept. 15	October 24	39	Sept. 15	October 23	38
Sept. 29	Oct. 31	32	Sept. 29	Nov. 1	33	Sept. 29	Nov. 5	37	Sept. 29	Nov. 6	38	Sept. 29	Nov. 7	39	Sept. 29	Nov. 6	38
October 13	Nov. 12	30	October 13	Nov. 14	32	October 13	Nov. 21	39	October 13	Nov. 22	40	October 13	Nov. 22	40	October 13	Nov. 20	38
October 27	Nov. 28	32	October 27	Nov. 28	32	October 27	Dec. 5	39	October 27	Dec. 6	40	October 27	Dec. 6	40	October 27	Dec. 4	38
Nov. 10	Dec. 12	32	Nov. 10	Dec. 12	32	Nov. 10	Dec. 19	39	Nov. 10	Dec. 20	40	Nov. 10	Dec. 20	40	Nov. 10	Dec. 18	38
Nov. 24	Dec. 24	30	Nov. 24	Dec. 26	32	Nov. 24	Jan. 2	39	Nov. 24	Jan. 3	40	Nov. 24	Jan. 4	41	Nov. 24	Jan. 1	38
Dec. 8	Jan. 10	32	Dec. 8	Jan. 10	32	Dec. 8	Jan. 16	39	Dec. 8	Jan. 17	40	Dec. 8	Jan. 17	40	Dec. 8	Jan. 15	38
Dec. 22	Jan. 23	32	Dec. 22	Jan. 23	32	Dec. 22	Jan. 30	39	Dec. 22	Jan. 31	40	Dec. 22	Jan. 30	39	Dec. 22	Jan. 29	38
Maximum	...	32	...	...	33	...	...	45	...	...	43	...	...	42	...	...	39
Minimum	...	30	...	...	32	...	...	37	...	...	37	...	...	36	...	...	37
Average	...	30.88	...	...	32.23	...	...	39.65	...	...	40.12	...	...	39.15	...	...	38.08

Table No. II.—PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL MAIL-SERVICE—continued.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails between the under-mentioned Places and London by the Packets of the Peninsular and Oriental Line—continued.

TO LONDON VIA BRINDISI (P. AND O. PACKETS).

AUCKLAND.			WELLINGTON.			BLUFF.			SYDNEY.			MELBOURNE.		
Date of Despatch from Auckland.	No. of Days.	Date of Arrival in London.	Date of Despatch from Wellington.	No. of Days.	Date of Arrival in London.	Date of Despatch from Bluff.	No. of Days.	Date of Arrival in London.	Date of Despatch from Sydney.	No. of Days.	Date of Arrival in London.	Date of Despatch from Melbourne.	No. of Days.	Date of Arrival in London.
1899. January 9	40	1899. February 18	1899. January 10	42	1899. February 18	1899. January 17	39	1899. February 18	1899. January 18	32	1899. February 18	1899. January 18	32	1899. February 18
January 23	39	March 3	January 24	41	March 3	January 31	38	March 3	February 31	31	March 3	February 31	31	March 3
February 6	40	March 18	February 7	40	March 18	February 14	39	March 18	February 14	32	March 18	February 14	32	March 18
February 20	41	April 2	February 18	43	April 2	February 21	40	April 2	February 28	33	April 2	March 1	33	April 2
March 6	39	April 14	March 4	43	April 14	March 7	38	April 14	March 14	31	April 14	March 1	31	April 14
March 20	40	April 29	March 17	43	April 29	March 21	39	April 29	March 28	32	April 29	March 29	32	April 29
April 3	40	May 13	April 1	42	May 13	April 5	38	May 13	April 11	32	May 13	April 12	32	May 13
April 17	40	May 27	April 15	42	May 27	April 18	39	May 27	April 25	32	May 27	April 26	32	May 27
May 1	41	June 11	April 29	43	June 11	May 2	40	June 11	May 9	33	June 11	May 10	33	June 11
May 15	42	June 26	April 14	43	June 26	May 17	40	June 26	May 23	34	June 26	May 24	34	June 26
May 29	42	July 10	May 14	44	July 10	May 30	41	July 10	June 6	34	July 10	June 7	34	July 10
June 12	42	July 24	May 27	45	July 24	June 9	45	July 24	June 20	34	July 24	June 21	34	July 24
June 26	41	August 6	June 9	45	August 6	June 9	45	August 6	July 4	33	August 6	July 5	33	August 6
July 10	41	August 20	June 22	43	August 20	July 11	40	August 20	July 18	33	August 20	July 19	33	August 20
July 24	41	Sept. 3	July 8	43	Sept. 3	July 11	40	Sept. 3	August 1	33	Sept. 3	August 2	33	Sept. 3
August 7	41	Sept. 17	August 10	38	Sept. 17	August 8	40	Sept. 17	August 15	33	Sept. 17	August 16	33	Sept. 17
August 21	41	Oct. 1	August 19	43	Oct. 1	August 19	40	Oct. 1	August 29	33	Oct. 1	August 30	33	Oct. 1
Sept. 5	39	Oct. 14	Sept. 2	42	Oct. 14	Sept. 8	36	Oct. 14	Sept. 12	32	Oct. 14	Sept. 13	32	Oct. 14
Sept. 18	40	Oct. 28	Sept. 21	37	Oct. 28	Sept. 19	39	Oct. 28	Sept. 26	32	Oct. 28	Sept. 27	32	Oct. 28
Oct. 2	40	Nov. 11	Sept. 30	42	Nov. 11	Sept. 29	43	Nov. 11	Oct. 10	32	Oct. 28	Oct. 11	32	Oct. 28
Oct. 16	39	Nov. 24	Oct. 30	42	Nov. 24	Oct. 29	40	Nov. 24	Oct. 24	31	Nov. 24	Oct. 25	31	Nov. 24
Oct. 28	42	Dec. 9	November 1	38	Dec. 9	October 30	40	Dec. 9	November 7	32	Dec. 9	November 8	32	Dec. 9
November 13	41	Dec. 24	November 1	42	Dec. 24	November 14	40	Dec. 24	November 21	33	Dec. 24	November 22	33	Dec. 24
November 27	40	1900. January 6	November 25	42	1900. January 6	November 28	39	1900. January 6	December 5	32	1900. January 6	December 6	32	1900. January 6
December 11	40	January 20	December 29	42	January 20	December 12	39	January 20	December 19	32	January 20	December 20	32	January 20
December 25	40	February 3	December 23	42	February 3	December 26	39	February 3	January 2	32	February 3	January 3	32	February 3
Maximum	42	..	..	45	..	..	45	..	..	34	..	..	34	..
Minimum	39	..	..	37	..	..	38	..	..	31	..	..	30	..
Average ..	40.46	..	..	41.73	..	..	39.59	..	..	32.42	..	..	31.42	..

Table No. 12.—ORIENT MAIL-SERVICE.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails between London and the under-mentioned Places by the Packets of the Orient Line.

FROM LONDON BY THE ORIENT LINE.

MELBOURNE.			SYDNEY.			BLUFF.			CHRISTCHURCH.			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 Christchurch.	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.
1899. Jan. 13	1899. Feb. 16	34	1899. Jan. 13	1899. Feb. 17	35	1899. Jan. 13	1899. Feb. 25	43	1899. Jan. 13	1899. Feb. 24	42	1899. Jan. 13	1899. Feb. 23	41	1899. Jan. 13	1899. Feb. 24	42
1899. Jan. 27	1899. Feb. 28	32	1899. Jan. 27	1899. March 1	33	1899. Jan. 27	1899. March 7	39	1899. Jan. 27	1899. March 8	40	1899. Jan. 27	1899. March 8	40	1899. Jan. 27	1899. March 6	38
1899. Feb. 10	1899. March 14	32	1899. Feb. 10	1899. March 15	33	1899. Feb. 10	1899. March 20	38	1899. Feb. 10	1899. March 22	40	1899. Feb. 10	1899. March 21	39	1899. Feb. 10	1899. March 20	38
1899. Feb. 24	1899. March 28	32	1899. Feb. 24	1899. March 29	33	1899. Feb. 24	1899. April 4	39	1899. Feb. 24	1899. April 5	40	1899. Feb. 24	1899. April 5	40	1899. Feb. 24	1899. April 3	38
1899. March 10	1899. April 11	32	1899. March 10	1899. April 12	33	1899. March 10	1899. April 17	38	1899. March 10	1899. April 18	39	1899. March 10	1899. April 17	38	1899. March 10	1899. April 17	38
1899. March 24	1899. April 24	31	1899. March 24	1899. April 25	32	1899. March 24	1899. May 1	38	1899. March 24	1899. May 3	40	1899. March 24	1899. May 2	39	1899. March 24	1899. May 1	38
1899. April 7	1899. May 23	32	1899. April 7	1899. May 24	33	1899. April 7	1899. May 15	38	1899. April 7	1899. May 16	39	1899. April 7	1899. May 17	40	1899. April 7	1899. May 15	38
1899. April 21	1899. May 6	32	1899. April 21	1899. May 21	33	1899. April 21	1899. May 29	38	1899. April 21	1899. June 30	39	1899. April 21	1899. June 5	45	1899. April 21	1899. May 30	39
1899. May 5	1899. June 20	32	1899. May 5	1899. June 21	33	1899. May 5	1899. June 12	38	1899. May 5	1899. June 13	39	1899. May 5	1899. June 13	39	1899. May 5	1899. June 12	38
1899. May 19	1899. July 4	32	1899. May 19	1899. July 5	33	1899. May 19	1899. June 28	40	1899. May 19	1899. July 27	39	1899. May 19	1899. July 26	38	1899. May 19	1899. June 26	38
1899. June 2	1899. July 18	32	1899. June 2	1899. July 19	33	1899. June 2	1899. July 14	42	1899. June 2	1899. July 13	41	1899. June 2	1899. July 10	38	1899. June 2	1899. July 10	38
1899. June 16	1899. August 1	32	1899. June 16	1899. August 2	33	1899. June 16	1899. July 24	38	1899. June 16	1899. August 10	41	1899. June 16	1899. August 8	41	1899. June 16	1899. July 24	38
1899. June 30	1899. August 16	33	1899. June 30	1899. August 17	34	1899. June 30	1899. August 11	42	1899. June 30	1899. August 23	40	1899. June 30	1899. August 22	39	1899. June 30	1899. August 23	40
1899. July 14	1899. August 28	31	1899. July 14	1899. August 29	32	1899. July 14	1899. August 24	41	1899. July 14	1899. August 31	40	1899. July 14	1899. August 28	36	1899. July 14	1899. August 23	40
1899. July 28	1899. August 13	33	1899. July 28	1899. August 14	34	1899. July 28	1899. August 24	41	1899. July 28	1899. August 31	40	1899. July 28	1899. August 28	36	1899. July 28	1899. August 23	40
1899. August 11	1899. Sept. 26	33	1899. August 11	1899. August 29	32	1899. August 11	1899. Sept. 4	38	1899. August 11	1899. Sept. 5	39	1899. August 11	1899. Sept. 2	36	1899. August 11	1899. Sept. 4	38
1899. August 25	1899. Sept. 10	32	1899. August 25	1899. Sept. 14	33	1899. August 25	1899. Sept. 25	45	1899. August 25	1899. Oct. 25	43	1899. August 25	1899. Sept. 19	39	1899. August 25	1899. Sept. 19	39
1899. Sept. 8	1899. Oct. 23	32	1899. Sept. 8	1899. Oct. 27	33	1899. Sept. 8	1899. Oct. 6	42	1899. Sept. 8	1899. Oct. 16	40	1899. Sept. 8	1899. Oct. 17	39	1899. Sept. 8	1899. Oct. 16	38
1899. Sept. 22	1899. Oct. 7	32	1899. Sept. 22	1899. Oct. 11	33	1899. Sept. 22	1899. Oct. 15	37	1899. Sept. 22	1899. Oct. 25	38	1899. Sept. 22	1899. Oct. 17	39	1899. Sept. 22	1899. Oct. 16	38
1899. Oct. 6	1899. Nov. 21	31	1899. Oct. 6	1899. Nov. 7	32	1899. Oct. 6	1899. Nov. 14	45	1899. Oct. 6	1899. Nov. 15	40	1899. Oct. 6	1899. Nov. 14	39	1899. Oct. 6	1899. Oct. 30	38
1899. Oct. 20	1899. Nov. 6	32	1899. Oct. 20	1899. Nov. 22	33	1899. Oct. 20	1899. Nov. 28	39	1899. Oct. 20	1899. Dec. 12	40	1899. Oct. 20	1899. Nov. 27	38	1899. Oct. 20	1899. Nov. 13	38
1899. Nov. 3	1899. Dec. 18	33	1899. Nov. 3	1899. Dec. 7	34	1899. Nov. 3	1899. Dec. 11	38	1899. Nov. 3	1899. Dec. 29	39	1899. Nov. 3	1899. Dec. 13	40	1899. Nov. 3	1899. Dec. 26	37
1899. Nov. 17	1899. Dec. 31	34	1899. Nov. 17	1899. Dec. 22	35	1899. Nov. 17	1899. Dec. 29	42	1899. Nov. 17	1899. Dec. 28	41	1899. Nov. 17	1899. Dec. 27	40	1899. Nov. 17	1899. Dec. 13	40
1900. Dec. 1	1900. Jan. 16	32	1900. Dec. 1	1900. Jan. 3	33	1900. Dec. 1	1900. Jan. 9	39	1900. Dec. 1	1900. Jan. 10	40	1900. Dec. 1	1900. Jan. 9	39	1900. Dec. 1	1900. Jan. 8	38
1900. Dec. 15	1900. Jan. 30	33	1900. Dec. 15	1900. Jan. 18	34	1900. Dec. 15	1900. Jan. 23	39	1900. Dec. 15	1900. Jan. 24	40	1900. Dec. 15	1900. Jan. 25	41	1900. Dec. 15	1900. Jan. 27	43
1900. Dec. 29	1900. Jan. 13	33	1900. Dec. 29	1900. Feb. 1	34	1900. Dec. 29	1900. Feb. 5	38	1900. Dec. 29	1900. Feb. 6	39	1900. Dec. 29	1900. Feb. 8	41	1900. Dec. 29	1900. Feb. 10	43
Maximum	...	34	...	...	35	...	...	45	...	...	45	...	...	45	...	...	45
Minimum	...	31	...	...	32	...	...	37	...	...	38	...	...	38	...	...	37
Average	...	32.23	...	...	33.23	...	...	39.73	...	...	39.73	...	...	39.38	...	...	38.85

Table No. 12.—ORIENT MAIL-SERVICE—continued.
 STATEMENT showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails between London and the under-mentioned Places by the Packets of the Orient Line—continued.

AUCKLAND.				WELLINGTON.				BLUFF.				SYDNEY.				MELBOURNE.			
Date of Despatch from Auckland.	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 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.					
1899, January 3	1899, February 11	39	1898, December 31	1899, February 11	42	1899, January 3	1899, February 11	39	1899, January 10	1899, February 11	32	1899, January 11	1899, February 11	31					
January 18	February 25	38	1899, January 14	February 25	42	January 17	February 25	39	January 24	February 25	32	January 25	February 25	31					
January 31	March 11	39	1899, February 11	March 11	42	February 1	March 11	38	February 21	March 11	32	February 22	March 11	31					
February 14	March 27	41	1899, February 25	March 27	44	February 14	March 27	41	February 21	March 27	34	February 22	March 27	33					
February 27	April 9	41	1899, March 11	April 9	43	February 28	April 9	40	March 7	April 9	33	March 8	April 9	32					
March 16	April 22	37	1899, March 25	April 22	42	March 14	April 22	39	March 21	April 22	33	March 22	April 22	31					
March 27	May 5	39	1899, April 11	May 5	41	March 28	May 5	38	March 28	May 5	31	March 28	May 5	30					
April 12	May 21	39	1899, April 25	May 21	43	April 11	May 21	40	April 18	May 21	33	April 19	May 21	32					
April 24	June 4	41	1899, May 8	June 4	43	April 25	June 4	40	May 4	June 4	33	May 5	June 4	32					
May 10	June 18	39	1899, May 22	June 18	41	May 9	June 18	40	May 16	June 18	33	May 17	June 18	32					
May 22	July 4	43	1899, May 30	July 4	45	May 23	July 4	42	May 30	July 4	35	May 31	July 4	34					
June 6	July 17	41	1899, June 2	July 17	45	..	..	..	June 13	July 17	34	June 14	July 17	33		
June 19	August 30	41	1899, June 17	August 30	43	June 20	August 30	40	June 27	August 30	33	June 28	August 30	32					
July 4	August 13	40	1899, June 30	August 13	44	June 30	August 13	44	July 11	August 13	33	July 12	August 13	32					
July 17	August 27	41	1899, July 19	August 27	39	July 20	August 27	38	July 25	August 27	33	July 26	August 27	32					
August 1	Sept. 11	41	1899, July 29	Sept. 11	44	August 1	Sept. 11	41	August 8	Sept. 11	34	August 9	Sept. 11	33					
August 14	Sept. 24	41	..	..	..	August 18	Sept. 24	37	August 22	Sept. 24	33	August 23	Sept. 24	32		
August 29	Oct. 9	41	1899, Sept. 9	Oct. 9	42	August 29	Oct. 9	41	Sept. 5	Oct. 9	34	Sept. 6	Oct. 9	33					
Sept. 11	October 21	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	Sept. 19	October 21	32	Sept. 20	October 21	31
Sept. 26	November 5	40	1899, Oct. 12	November 5	37	..	..	..	October 10	November 5	33	October 18	November 5	32		
October 9	November 18	40	1899, October 21	November 18	43	October 10	November 18	39	October 17	November 18	32	October 18	November 18	31					
October 25	December 3	39	1899, October 31	December 3	43	October 21	December 3	43	October 31	December 3	33	November 1	December 3	32					
November 6	December 17	41	1899, November 10	December 17	37	November 8	December 17	39	November 14	December 17	33	November 15	December 17	32					
November 21	December 31	40	1899, November 18	December 31	43	November 21	December 31	40	November 28	December 31	33	November 29	December 31	32					
December 4	1900, January 14	41	1900, December 2	1900, January 14	43	December 5	1900, January 14	40	December 12	1900, January 14	33	December 13	1900, January 14	32					
December 19	1900, January 28	40	1900, December 16	1900, January 28	43	December 19	1900, January 28	40	December 26	1900, January 28	33	December 27	1900, January 28	32					
Maximum	..	43	..	..	45	..	..	44	..	..	35	..	..	34
Minimum	..	37	..	..	37	..	..	37	..	..	30	..	..	30
Average	..	40.12	..	..	42.22	..	..	39.91	..	..	32.92	..	..	31.92

Table No. 13.
TABLE showing the Estimated Number of Letters, Letter-cards, Post-cards, Book-packets, Newspapers, and Parcels dealt with in the several Postal Districts of New Zealand during the Year ended 31st December, 1899.

Postal Districts.	Posted in the Colony.					Received from Places outside the Colony.					Total Correspondence dealt with.						
	Letters.	Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Books, &c.	Newspapers.	Parcels.	Letters.	Post-cards.	Books, &c.	Newspapers.	Parcels.	Letters.	Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Books, &c.	Newspapers.	Parcels.
Auckland	6,268,795	179,829	281,177	3,968,463	2,696,876	40,359	420,233	6,577	348,756	1,005,834	6,274	6,689,028	179,829	287,754	4,257,219	3,702,710	46,633
Thames	738,673	19,435	31,785	200,824	174,525	2,875	49,499	738	18,072	65,097	449	788,172	19,435	32,523	218,896	239,622	3,324
New Plymouth	1,207,778	49,153	68,302	377,702	365,664	2,761	80,949	1,620	33,993	136,393	451	1,288,727	49,153	69,922	411,695	502,057	2,212
Gisborne	254,930	4,537	7,969	107,731	102,895	1,973	17,089	189	9,693	38,379	310	272,019	4,537	8,158	117,444	141,274	2,283
Napier	1,724,749	84,526	79,423	670,423	470,275	8,026	115,598	1,944	60,336	175,412	1,255	1,840,347	84,526	86,470	730,759	645,687	9,281
Wanganui	1,741,727	84,461	128,713	955,695	445,211	7,496	116,749	3,040	85,504	166,163	1,167	1,858,476	84,461	131,753	1,041,199	611,374	8,663
Wellington	6,586,437	184,951	236,808	2,797,743	1,869,166	44,157	441,511	5,556	249,793	697,098	6,993	7,027,948	184,951	242,364	3,047,536	2,566,264	51,150
Nelson	713,323	25,857	36,049	228,397	167,830	5,298	47,802	854	20,547	62,600	826	761,125	25,857	36,903	248,944	230,430	6,124
Westport	229,203	2,886	2,886	46,904	109,239	1,810	15,236	66	4,221	49,746	279	244,439	3,991	2,952	51,125	149,985	2,089
Greymouth	457,119	8,060	12,389	226,096	187,200	2,681	30,629	294	20,349	69,825	418	487,748	8,060	12,683	246,445	257,025	3,999
Hokitika	216,346	3,809	3,809	31,954	84,513	2,478	14,495	87	2,871	31,523	387	230,841	4,056	3,896	34,825	116,036	2,865
Blenheim	411,359	11,076	13,819	113,959	102,908	1,644	27,567	327	10,224	38,354	263	438,926	11,076	14,146	123,883	141,292	1,907
Christchurch	5,182,736	207,194	235,131	2,119,156	1,669,018	29,171	347,463	5,518	188,719	622,513	4,536	5,530,199	207,194	240,649	2,397,875	2,291,531	33,707
Timaru	930,644	42,796	66,092	457,834	168,727	1,697	62,373	1,570	41,202	62,935	203	993,017	42,796	67,662	499,036	231,662	1,960
Oamaru	590,304	21,437	35,893	167,739	123,578	965	39,559	850	15,093	46,094	155	629,863	21,437	36,743	182,832	169,672	1,120
Dunedin	5,249,452	128,505	246,129	2,879,981	1,911,260	34,666	351,933	5,769	257,005	712,799	5,370	5,601,385	128,505	251,898	3,136,986	2,624,059	39,976
Invercargill	2,528,877	71,227	113,906	921,271	798,772	5,146	109,534	2,669	81,908	297,936	811	2,698,411	71,227	116,575	1,003,179	1,096,768	5,957
Totals	35,932,452	1,037,700	1,605,383	16,211,572	11,447,657	193,143	2,348,219	37,668	1,448,286	4,269,731	39,207	37,380,671	1,037,700	1,643,051	17,659,858	15,717,388	223,350
Previous year	32,465,875	917,631	1,399,450	14,340,131	10,872,459	177,559	2,271,441	80,514	2,277,970	4,223,028	27,044	34,737,316	917,631	1,479,964	16,618,101	15,095,487	204,603

Table No. 14.

TABLE showing the Number of Letters, Letter-cards, Post-cards, Packets, Newspapers, and Parcels posted in New Zealand, and the Number received from beyond the Colony, during the Year ended 31st December, 1899.

Service.	Articles subject to Postage.										Articles exempt from Postage.					Parcels.			Declared Value.	
	Letters.		Letter-cards.	Post-cards.		Packets, including Printed Matter (except Newspapers), Commercial Papers, and Samples of Merchandise.		News-papers.	Letters.	Packets.	Registered Articles.	News-papers.	Number.	Weight.	Postage.					
	Ordinary.	Registered.		Single.	Reply paid.	Ordinary.	Registered.													
Inland ..	30,068,154	212,191	1,103,700	1,574,895	1,053	15,487,831	31,317	9,172,749	2,820,051	279,198	86,980	910,871	183,567	643,210	10,649	4	3	..	..
Intercolonial ..	773,252	69,255	..	17,458	92	114,010	5,274	487,057	29,955	9,380	1,323	40,132	5,052	13,060	358	18	5	} 10,806 0 0		
International ..	946,247	24,143	..	11,860	25	257,687	3,450	828,000	8,622	14,871	833	8,848	4,524	10,128	558	0	10	}		
Totals ..	31,787,653	305,589	1,108,700	1,604,213	1,170	15,859,528	40,041	10,487,806	2,858,628	303,449	89,136	959,851	193,143	666,398	11,566	3	6	} 10,806 0 0		
<i>Posted.</i>																				
Intercolonial ..	1,073,984	13,921	..	22,584	41	245,798	1,432	1,436,111	17,752	704	1,031	2,105	10,488	30,811	1,452	11	10	} 70,094 0 0		
International ..	1,203,134	83,990	..	14,998	45	1,196,691	3,422	2,831,329	3,913	218	575	186	19,719	68,628	2,585	18	5	}		
Totals ..	2,277,118	47,911	..	37,582	86	1,442,429	4,854	4,267,440	21,665	922	1,606	2,291	30,207	99,439	4,038	10	3	} 70,094 0 0		
<i>Received.</i>																				

Table No. 15.

TABLE showing the Number of Letters, Letter-cards, Post-cards, Books, Newspapers, and Parcels delivered by the Letter-carriers from the Post-offices within the several Postal Districts during the Year.

Postal Districts.	Letters.	Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Books, &c.	Newspapers.	Parcels.
Auckland	3,281,933	101,502	134,006	790,888	750,100	12,320
Thames	349,146	10,797	32,351	171,710	142,988	3,250
New Plymouth	377,565	11,676	54,323	98,776	236,592	2,578
Gisborne	114,255	3,531	2,663	12,419	27,530	1,736
Napier	477,545	14,797	23,750	164,486	123,904	5,898
Wanganui	539,049	16,671	44,227	355,187	229,011	4,110
Wellington	2,528,639	78,204	91,291	417,994	615,579	5,841
Nelson	180,997	5,608	11,281	53,106	79,068	2,353
Westport	81,009	2,505	5,827	16,199	34,388	1,768
Greymouth	228,772	7,074	15,194	74,995	57,512	3,977
Hokitika	77,927	2,409	3,927	14,275	52,276	801
Blenheim	96,558	2,985	6,737	39,769	40,307	1,001
Christchurch	1,755,417	54,291	84,890	708,787	479,833	6,566
Timaru	292,281	9,039	21,380	101,440	64,896	1,159
Oamaru	149,038	4,598	12,630	41,315	30,617	897
Dunedin	1,643,869	50,841	59,519	567,351	441,889	5,856
Invercargill	536,379	16,587	53,885	181,850	173,356	1,536
Totals	12,710,379	393,115	657,881	3,810,547	3,579,846	61,647
Previous year	11,818,502	334,199	614,444	3,305,028	3,343,376	60,216

Table No. 16.

COMPARATIVE TABLE showing the Progress of the Telegraph Department during the Financial Years ended 30th June, 1866, to 30th June, 1879; 31st March, 1880, to 31st March, 1882; and Calendar Years ended 31st December, 1882, to 31st December, 1893.

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Offices		Number of Telegrams forwarded during the Year.		Telegraph Revenue from all Sources.	Value of Government Messages.	Total Value of Business done during the Year.	Cost of Maintenance of Stations.	Cost of Maintenance of Lines, excluding Australian Cable Subsidy.	Total Expenditure.	Cost of Maintenance of Lines per Mile.	Tariff in Operation.
			Number of Offices	Total.	Private and Press.	Government.								
30th June, 1866	699	1,390	13	27,407	2,746	27,407	£ s. d. 5,561 19 2	£ s. d. 483 3 2	£ s. d. 6,045 2 4	£ s. d. 3,934 3 4	£ s. d. 2,443 2 11	£ s. d. 6,377 6 3	£ s. d. 3 9 10	
" 1867	757	1,498	21	70,952	15,331	70,952	9,070 10 1	3,770 4 8	12,840 14 9	8,017 14 7	2,541 4 11	10,558 19 6	3 7 1	Mileage tariff.
" 1868	1,110	2,223	31	98,485	26,244	98,485	11,652 3 7	6,672 0 3	18,324 3 10	9,489 17 10	5,406 7 3	14,896 5 1	4 17 4	
" 1869	1,329	2,495	45	156,167	50,097	156,167	18,520 10 4	13,430 11 9	31,951 2 1	14,266 12 7	8,547 4 9	22,813 17 4	6 8 6	
" 1870	1,661	2,897	56	185,423	62,878	185,423	17,218 1 4	12,252 6 0	29,470 7 4	16,417 7 4	14,120 4 10	30,537 12 2	8 9 11	
" 1871	1,976	3,247	72	12,874	59,292	12,874	22,419 8 8	9,876 17 6	32,296 6 2	21,254 4 3	11,344 3 8	32,598 7 11	5 19 6	
" 1872	2,185	3,823	81	1,767	67,243	1,767	28,121 10 0	11,043 3 9	39,164 13 9	23,593 9 9	8,858 19 7	32,452 9 4	4 2 3	
" 1873	2,356	4,574	93	568,960	83,453	568,960	39,680 18 9	11,105 2 0	50,786 0 9	27,040 18 10	9,479 5 4	36,520 4 2	4 1 11	
" 1874	2,530	5,782	105	752,899	107,832	752,899	46,508 18 10	12,618 11 6	59,127 10 4	38,801 19 4	15,021 17 11	53,823 17 3	6 3 11	
" 1875	2,986	6,626	127	917,128	130,891	917,128	55,301 12 3	13,679 10 9	68,981 3 0	45,814 11 4	14,240 19 7	60,055 10 11	4 16 4	
" 1876	3,154	7,247	142	1,051,086	160,704	1,051,086	62,715 10 4	16,154 6 0	78,869 16 4	61,696 14 5	21,074 8 8	82,771 3 1	5 18 10	
" 1877	3,259	7,423	155	1,124,442	172,159	1,124,442	65,644 15 3	17,024 8 9	82,669 4 0	63,353 10 10	17,931 8 0	81,284 18 10	5 12 11	
" 1878	3,434	8,035	182	1,260,324	194,843	1,260,324	73,284 1 10	19,148 12 4	92,432 14 2	69,340 1 8	18,259 4 9	87,599 6 5	5 10 0	
" 1879	3,512	8,117	195	1,448,943	246,961	1,448,943	85,402 0 2	26,949 2 2	112,351 2 4	79,502 0 5	17,299 7 10	96,801 8 3	5 0 9	
31st March, 1880	3,638	9,333	214	1,008,409	183,675	1,008,409	58,120 3 3	19,707 6 3	77,827 9 6	68,651 10 10	14,758 4 5	83,409 15 3	4 3 4	
" 1881	3,758	9,587	227	1,304,712	246,370	1,304,712	73,002 2 0	27,021 3 8	100,023 5 8	78,224 1 8	23,154 8 3	101,378 9 11	6 6 7	
" 1882	3,824	9,653	234	1,438,772	222,923	1,438,772	78,828 19 8	22,737 16 4	101,566 16 0	69,105 5 0	18,292 13 4	87,457 18 4	4 17 4	Mileage tariff in operation up to 1st Sept., 1869; uniform 2s. 6d. tariff from 1st Sept., 1869, to 31st March, 1879; and 1s. tariff from 1st April, 1879.
														From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.

Table No. 16—continued.
COMPARATIVE TABLE showing the Progress of the Telegraph Department during the Financial Years ended 30th June, 1866, to 30th June, 1879; 31st March, 1880, to 31st March, 1882; and Calendar Years ended 31st December, 1882, to 31st December, 1893—continued.

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Offices		Number of Telegrams forwarded during the Year.		Telegraph Revenue from all Sources.	Value of Government Messages.		Total Value of Business done during the Year.	Cost of Maintenance of Stations.	Cost of Maintenance of Lines, excluding Australian Cable Subsidy.	Total Expenditure.	Cost of Maintenance of Lines per Mile.	Tariff in Operation.			
			Private and Press.	Government.	Private and Press.	Government.		£	s.							d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1st Dec., 1882	3,974	9,848	264	1,361,817	208,372	1,570,189	90,633	2	20,608	11	111,242	3	1	96,005	15	4	5	From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 1883	4,074	10,037	302	1,379,483	219,917	1,599,400	93,822	3	21,555	19	115,378	2	5	92,204	11	0	4	
" 1884	4,264	10,474	330	1,433,458	226,847	1,654,305	95,634	5	20,855	19	116,490	7	0	90,078	2	0	4	
" 1885	4,463	10,931	375	1,533,406	240,867	1,774,273	101,652	8	24,860	0	126,512	17	0	97,982	10	6	4	
" 1886	4,546	11,178	412	1,583,717	252,549	1,836,266	106,638	12	27,281	4	133,919	16	11	98,875	8	9	4	
" 1887	4,646	11,375	437	1,589,771	245,623	1,835,394	106,548	4	30,205	11	136,753	15	10	97,901	12	9	4	From 1st Jan., 1886, delayed telegrams posted to addressees immediately after their receipt at offices of destination.
" 1888	4,790	11,617	473	1,548,233	217,630	1,765,863	106,311	11	23,164	13	129,476	5	5	95,463	14	5	0	
" 1889	4,874	11,827	489	1,589,157	213,830	1,802,987	106,462	18	24,218	9	130,681	7	7	101,433	11	0	5	
" 1890	5,148	12,812	520	1,734,381	226,780	1,961,161	110,696	12	26,070	12	136,767	10	3	104,391	3	10	5	
" 1891	5,349	13,235	573	1,746,115	222,149	1,968,264	117,633	15	24,840	5	142,474	1	4	114,644	15	9	5	
" 1892	5,479	13,459	615	1,686,064	218,079	1,904,143	103,813	8	24,342	7	128,155	15	6½	117,953	4	2	5	
" 1893	5,513	13,515	640	1,825,646	244,045	2,069,691	112,465	15	28,317	7	140,783	3	7	121,251	3	0	5	

For the Financial Years ended 31st March, 1895, to the 31st March, 1900.

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Offices	Number of Telegrams forwarded during the Year.		Revenue (including Miscellaneous Receipts).		Value of Government Messages.	Total Value of Business done during the Year.	Total Expenditure (excluding Cable Subsidy).	Remarks.							
				Private and Press.	Government.	Telegraph.	Telephone.					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
31st March, 1895	5,961½	14,881½	705	1,802,182	231,618	2,033,800	88,459	10	21,552	12	10	136,062	11	2	135,791	0	7	Cable subsidy, 6,492 11 8
" 1896	6,245½	15,764½	743	1,899,632	224,579	2,124,211	97,178	14	25,933	12	9	148,955	18	8½	143,665	14	0	" 4,774 5 5
" 1897	6,284½	16,470½	780	2,285,001	235,168	2,520,169	100,385	16	29,248	19	5	152,752	18	0	153,484	6	8	" 3,972 8 1
" 1898	6,484	18,024	824	2,469,415	226,818	2,696,233	99,798	8	36,422	6	8	160,725	5	2½	165,198	13	5	" 1,849 2 9
" 1899	6,730	18,746	878	2,717,548	243,190	2,960,738	105,576	6	39,718	7	7	170,794	19	5	173,152	16	6	" 1,427 19 11
" 1900	6,910	19,228	915	3,159,093	310,538	3,469,631	119,641	11	43,303	2	10	192,376	13	4½	181,634	11	3	" 1,608 7 1

NOTE.—Tariff, 1890: 1s. for ten words, and free address and signature up to ten words; delayed telegrams, 6d. 1892: For twelve words, and free address and signature, ordinary telegrams, 1s.; delayed, 6d. Later in 1892 the number of words in text and signature made eighteen. 1896: First twelve words, 6d.; each additional word, 1d.; address and signature paid for.

Table No. 17.

TABLE showing the Cash Revenue derived from Private and Press Messages, the Value of Government Messages, and the Number of Messages transmitted in the several Postal Districts of New Zealand for the Twelve Months ended 31st March, 1900.

Postal Districts.	Revenue derived from Private and Press Messages.		Value of Government Messages.		Total Value of Messages of all Codes.		Number of Private and Press Messages.	Number of Govt. Messages.	Total Number of Messages of all Codes.
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.			
Auckland	18,362	12 11	3,565	19 3	21,927	12 2	505,092	43,051	548,143
Blenheim	1,872	11 7	409	9 9	2,282	1 4	48,184	5,918	54,102
Christchurch	13,886	6 2½	2,277	9 10	16,163	16 0½	336,307	26,371	362,678
Dunedin	17,358	5 0	1,980	17 0	19,339	2 0	460,424	23,090	483,514
Gisborne	2,437	14 6½	432	14 9	2,870	9 3½	57,782	4,922	62,704
Greymouth	2,919	1 4	550	3 2	3,469	4 6	69,802	7,039	76,841
Hokitika	1,387	19 4	252	12 0	1,640	11 4	32,709	2,751	35,460
Invercargill	6,545	15 5½	828	10 8	7,374	6 1½	189,304	10,247	199,551
Napier	6,419	5 11	918	11 3	7,337	17 2	165,625	11,211	176,836
Nelson	2,816	12 6	608	8 4	3,425	0 10	148,105	9,075	157,180
New Plymouth	3,707	6 0½	658	3 0	4,365	9 0½	96,221	9,058	105,279
Oamaru	1,937	10 4½	225	14 10	2,163	5 2½	44,599	2,995	47,594
Thames	3,749	7 6	622	4 4	4,371	11 10	105,895	9,713	115,608
Timaru	3,082	1 1½	377	4 5	3,459	5 6½	72,491	5,309	77,800
Wanganui	6,143	2 10	1,065	14 11	7,208	17 9	167,491	12,109	179,600
Wellington	19,635	13 7½	14,164	0 3	33,799	13 10½	607,950	120,629	728,579
Westport	2,121	15 10	494	1 3	2,615	17 1	51,112	7,050	58,162
Totals, 1900	114,383	2 1½	29,431	19 0	143,815	1 1½	3,159,093	310,538	3,469,631
Totals, 1899	101,104	12 4	25,500	5 10	126,604	18 2	2,717,548	243,190	2,960,738

Table No. 18.

RETURN of Paid Telegrams of all Codes forwarded during the Twelve Months ended 31st March, 1900, and the Revenue received.

Class of Telegrams.	June Quarter, 1899.		September Quarter, 1899.		December Quarter, 1899.		March Quarter, 1900.		Totals.	
	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.
Ordinary ..	589,502	£ 32,505 8 4	571,153	£ 31,742 6 4½	677,121	£ 35,038 18 8	741,087	£ 38,446 15 8	2,578,863	£ 137,733 9 0½
Urgent ..	28,742	£ 1,951 15 1	23,346	£ 1,587 18 2	36,213	£ 2,264 4 11½	39,275	£ 2,608 17 5	127,576	£ 8,412 15 7½
Press ..	54,315	£ 2,483 3 1	63,317	£ 3,208 12 2	65,655	£ 3,177 7 10½	72,075	£ 3,495 5 7	255,362	£ 12,364 8 8½
Bureau ..	42,568	£ 1,130 12 1	44,149	£ 1,209 11 2	53,137	£ 1,502 7 3	57,438	£ 1,640 7 1	197,292	£ 5,482 17 7
Gross totals	715,127	£ 38,070 18 7	701,965	£ 37,748 7 10½	832,126	£ 41,082 18 9	909,875	£ 46,191 5 9	3,159,093	£ 163,993 10 11½
Less other lines and credits	..	£ 11,921 14 6½	..	£ 12,080 15 10	..	£ 11,900 1 8½	..	£ 13,707 16 9	..	£ 49,610 8 10
Net totals, 1899-1900	715,127	£ 26,149 4 0½	701,965	£ 25,667 12 0½	832,126	£ 30,082 17 0½	909,875	£ 32,483 9 0	3,159,093	£ 114,383 2 1½
Net totals, 1898-99	647,284	£ 24,548 10 4½	609,615	£ 23,008 6 10	712,121	£ 26,231 18 5½	748,528	£ 27,315 16 8	2,717,548	£ 101,104 12 4

Table No. 19.

RETURN of the Number and Value of Telegraph Money-orders issued within the several Postal Districts during the Year ended 31st December, 1899.

Districts.	Number.	Telegraph Commission.	Value of Orders.
Auckland	6,637	£ 331 17 0	£ 23,466 2 6
Blenheim	884	44 4 0	2,465 16 11
Christchurch	2,816	140 16 0	9,198 9 8
Dunedin	2,840	142 0 0	10,958 14 5
Gisborne	1,034	51 14 0	3,631 8 10
Greymouth	1,551	77 11 0	4,908 15 8
Hokitika	447	22 7 0	1,436 2 1
Invercargill	1,437	71 17 0	4,970 17 10
Napier	2,711	135 11 0	8,833 15 2
Nelson	786	39 6 0	2,270 1 5
New Plymouth	1,437	71 17 0	4,416 13 2
Oamaru	293	14 13 0	887 8 1
Thames	2,568	128 8 0	7,216 19 9
Timaru	567	28 7 0	1,918 8 6
Wanganui	2,952	147 12 0	7,682 7 10
Wellington	6,784	339 4 0	22,363 9 11
Westport	1,189	59 9 0	3,408 11 5
Totals, 1899	36,933	£ 1,846 13 0	£ 120,034 3 2
Totals, 1898	35,204	£ 1,760 4 0	£ 114,622 13 1

Table No. 20.
RETURN showing the Capital Cost, Working-expenses, and Revenue of the Telephone Exchanges, Year by Year, from the Date of their Establishment.

Year.	Capital Cost for Instruments, Wire, Poles, Labour, Freight, Superintendence, &c.		Revenue.		Working-expenses.						Balance of Revenue over Working-expenses.	Annual Rate per Cent. yielded on Capital Cost.	
	Number of Connectors	Average Cost of each Connection.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	Salaries and Allowances of Clerks, &c.	Materials and Linemen.	*Wear-and-tear, &c., Ten per Cent.	Rent, Fuel, Light, Paper, Printing, Binding, &c.			Total.
Total for the year ended 31st March,—													
1882	116	21 16 6	2,531 14 0	613 5 2	285 0 0	275 0 0	253 0 0	150 0 0	963 0 0	207 16 0	8.17
1883	379	21 16 6	8,271 13 6	5,014 9 2	595 0 0	595 0 0	827 0 0	300 0 0	2,317 0 0	4,492 8 8	54.31
1884	715	21 16 6	15,604 17 6	7,746 16 7	695 0 0	770 0 0	1,560 0 0	350 0 0	3,375 0 0	3,653 7 4	23.41
1885	1,075	21 18 6	23,461 17 6	10,008 3 6	1,770 0 0	1,590 0 0	2,346 0 0	475 0 0	6,181 0 0	3,827 3 6	16.31
1886	1,710	20 8 6	37,319 12 1	12,294 1 2	2,849 1 3	1,704 0 0	3,731 19 2	700 0 0	8,985 0 5	5,011 19 7	13.42
1887	2,088	19 19 5	40,686 3 1	15,477 16 2	2,873 0 0	1,580 10 0	4,068 12 2	320 0 0	8,842 2 2	6,685 14 0	16.30
1888	2,153	22 19 0	49,407 5 0	16,881 8 6	3,119 10 0	2,252 0 0	4,940 14 6	330 0 0	10,642 4 6	6,289 4 1	12.63
1889	2,249	23 18 10	53,849 11 6	17,613 4 0	3,315 10 0	2,249 7 0	5,944 9 2	385 0 0	11,244 6 2	6,368 17 10	11.82
1890	2,402	24 4 1	58,229 3 0	18,581 11 7	3,790 0 0	2,206 10 0	5,823 0 1	375 0 0	12,194 10 1	6,387 1 6	11.00
1891	2,587	24 17 1	64,294 4 4	19,961 4 2	4,192 0 0	2,249 18 5	6,429 8 5	394 3 9	13,265 10 7	6,695 13 7	10.43
1892	3,080	24 16 11	76,579 1 8	18,571 7 8	4,630 0 0	2,345 2 9	7,658 7 11	393 1 6	15,026 12 2	3,544 15 6	4.63
1893	3,690	24 16 11	91,687 11 1	19,155 11 5	7,405 0 0	2,695 19 10	9,168 15 1	464 6 2	19,734 1 1	-578 9 8	Loss.
1894	4,244	24 12 1	104,425 3 0	21,771 4 4	7,720 0 0	3,313 1 1	10,442 10 4	741 18 9	22,217 10 2	-446 5 10	Loss.
1895	4,616	25 6 3	116,845 10 4	21,552 12 10	9,285 0 0	4,253 11 4	11,684 11 0	817 19 5	26,041 1 9	-3,420 1 9	Loss.
1896	5,143	24 6 6	125,108 4 1	25,933 12 9	9,686 0 10	5,303 11 9	12,510 16 5	1,952 8 3	29,452 17 3	-3,519 4 6	Loss.
1897	5,747	23 7 4	134,299 11 4	29,248 19 5	12,306 9 7	7,398 0 10	13,429 19 1	1,856 13 2	34,991 2 8	-5,742 3 3	Loss.
1898	5,787	24 11 6	142,218 11 8	36,422 6 8	14,181 18 0	11,884 2 11	7,110 18 7	1,881 11 11	35,008 11 5	1,413 15 3	0.99
1899	6,203	24 5 3	150,490 18 9	39,718 7 7	15,030 7 1	16,190 4 0	7,524 10 11	1,861 2 3	40,606 4 3	-887 16 8	Loss.
1900	7,150	22 14 1	162,333 1 2	43,303 2 10	15,710 13 2	20,847 13 6	8,116 13 0	1,892 10 8	46,567 10 4	-3,264 7 6	Loss.

* This column includes 5 per cent. for wear-and-tear, and 5 per cent. for debenture capital, except in 1897-98 and following years, in which only 5 per cent. for debenture capital is included.

Table No. 21.

RETURN of the COST of MAINTENANCE of TELEGRAPH LINES for the Year ended 31st March, 1900.

District.	No. of Miles.	Travelling-expenses of Inspectors and Linemen.	Extra Labour.	Cost of Material purchased.	Value of Material issued from Stores.	Salaries of Inspectors and Linemen.	Total Cost of Maintenance.	Average Cost per Mile.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	1,035 19 1	1,563 6 8	1,185 0 1	574 7 2	2,767 0 0	7,125 13 0	.. ..
Wellington	1,221 2 5	1,786 4 7	627 19 3	1,890 10 0	2,387 0 0	7,912 16 3	.. ..
Nelson	709 15 4	861 7 3	237 5 0	727 15 1	1,890 0 0	4,426 2 8	.. ..
Canterbury	653 5 11	814 17 10	197 11 9	975 11 0	1,240 0 0	3,881 6 6	.. ..
Otago	589 1 5	738 16 4	601 11 1	678 6 2	1,428 0 0	4,035 15 0	.. ..
Cables	11 0 2	1,196 10 0	13 7 7	1,051 8 7	.. ..	2,272 6 4	.. ..
Stores	69 19 8	285 11 8	181 16 8	.. ..	.. ..	537 8 0	.. ..
Totals	4,290 4 0	7,246 14 4	3,044 11 5	5,897 18 0	9,712 0 0	30,191 7 9	.. ..

Table No. 22.

STATEMENT showing the EXPENDITURE on, and the COST of, TELEGRAPH CONSTRUCTION during the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1900.

Line.	Expenditure.	Material from Stores.	Total Expenditure during the Year.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Telephone exchanges,—			
Ashburton	22 2 2	68 6 8	90 8 10
Auckland	692 5 8	915 14 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,608 0 5 $\frac{1}{4}$
Blenheim	14 9 0	51 14 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	66 3 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Christchurch	228 12 1	579 16 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	808 8 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Dunedin	575 17 6	1,147 19 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,723 17 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Feilding	372 14 9	835 5 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,208 0 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Gisborne	78 9 6	150 18 5 $\frac{3}{4}$	229 7 11 $\frac{1}{4}$
Greymouth	7 3 4	52 0 0	59 3 4
Hawera	463 1 0	1,103 3 11	1,566 4 11
Invercargill	162 2 8	257 14 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	419 17 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Masterton	16 18 9	109 9 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	126 8 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Napier	24 13 2	121 14 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	146 7 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Nelson	35 13 9	131 7 5	167 1 2
New Plymouth	331 12 2	680 2 0	1,011 14 2
Oamaru	52 8 3	92 9 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	144 17 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Palmerston North	48 12 5	.. ..	48 12 5
Thames	1 5 0	0 2 5 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 7 5 $\frac{1}{4}$
Timaru	39 15 5	71 9 2 $\frac{3}{4}$	111 4 7 $\frac{3}{4}$
Wanganui	91 15 8	431 16 7	523 12 3
Wellington	466 11 5	1,314 13 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,781 4 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Total exchanges	3,726 3 8	8,115 18 9 $\frac{1}{4}$	11,842 2 5 $\frac{1}{4}$
Auckland—New Plymouth	245 13 7	4 13 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	250 6 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Waipapa	11 6 0	.. ..	11 6 0
Whitianga—Gumtown .. ..	.. ..	45 4 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	45 4 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Te Kao	5 1 0	5 15 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 16 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Opononi—Hokianga Heads	24 0 8	17 12 8	41 13 4
Mangonui—Peria—Oruru	125 5 3	51 16 2	177 1 5
Tokatea—Cabbage Bay—Coromandel	362 9 5	148 7 8	510 17 1
Coromandel—Driving Creek—Tokatea .. ..	.. ..	10 19 0	10 19 0
Whakatane—Taneatua	136 16 4	51 6 5 $\frac{3}{4}$	188 2 9 $\frac{1}{4}$
Paeroa—Paeroa Railway	38 0 2	.. ..	38 0 2
Waitara—Awakino—New Plymouth	4 11 8	92 16 6 $\frac{1}{4}$	97 8 2 $\frac{3}{4}$
Waitara—Tikorangi	9 10 10	66 18 5	76 9 3
Stratford—New Plymouth	29 12 5	402 5 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	431 18 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sentry Hill	4 1 5	5 16 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 17 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Eltham—Stratford	7 0 0	56 18 11 $\frac{1}{4}$	63 18 11 $\frac{1}{4}$
Eltham—Ngaire	4 16 0	47 12 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	52 8 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Otakeho—Pihama	13 9 0	84 18 10 $\frac{3}{4}$	98 7 10 $\frac{3}{4}$
Pipiriki—Te Horo	1,687 17 8	638 8 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	2,326 6 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Makirikiri	70 13 6	27 4 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	97 17 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ohingaiti—Mangaweka	29 7 8	.. ..	29 7 8
Mangaweka—Moawhango	568 10 11	516 16 7	1,085 7 6

Table No. 22—continued.

STATEMENT showing the EXPENDITURE on, and the COST of, TELEGRAPH CONSTRUCTION during the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1900—continued.

Line.	Expenditure.			Material from Stores.			Total Cost during the Year.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Nuhaka—Morere	103	11	9	161	6	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	264	17	10 $\frac{3}{4}$
Ngapaeruru	0	10	0	4	2	0	4	12	0
Waerengaokuri—Hangaroa	143	17	0	214	14	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	358	11	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Matamau	9	10	1	27	4	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	36	14	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Napier—Pakipaki	52	3	7	...	...	...	52	3	7
Tatapouri ... ..	...	...	...	3	11	6	3	11	6
Tikitiki—Waiomatatini	49	7	3	56	17	9	106	5	0
Ormond—Te Karaka	0	2	6	...	...	...	0	2	6
Rangitaiki ... ..	...	...	...	1	6	8	1	6	8
Alfredton—Pongaroa	15	11	8	11	1	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	26	13	0 $\frac{3}{4}$
Masterton—Pahiatua—Woodville—Waipukurau (3 wires)	805	11	4	2,416	11	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	3,222	2	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pahiatua—Palmerston North ... ..	...	...	...	101	8	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	101	8	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
Masterton—Opaki ... ..	...	...	...	10	6	8	10	6	8
Featherston—Masterton	45	12	8	66	16	7	112	9	3
Longburn—Linton—Tokomaru	20	1	1	93	6	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	113	7	3 $\frac{1}{4}$
Otaki—Waikanae	29	12	2	123	12	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	153	4	5 $\frac{1}{4}$
Te Horo	2	4	2	10	8	0 $\frac{1}{4}$	12	12	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
Feilding—Kimbolton	22	6	10	23	2	6	45	9	4
Seddon—Awatere	26	0	11	8	15	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	34	16	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
Parapara	11	8	0	13	11	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	24	19	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
Stoke—Richmond ... ..	...	...	...	40	11	7	40	11	7
Belgrove—Wai-iti	5	17	5	13	14	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	19	11	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Denniston—Burnett's	59	0	7	46	5	10 $\frac{3}{4}$	105	6	5 $\frac{3}{4}$
Granity—Millerton	33	7	0	27	6	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	60	13	4 $\frac{1}{4}$
Arawata River—Jackson's Bay ... ..	...	...	...	7	5	2	7	5	2
Akaroa—German Bay	0	19	0	6	1	11	7	0	11
Ashburton—Mayfield	5	13	5	...	...	...	5	13	5
Sheffield—Annat ... ..	...	...	...	15	12	10	15	12	10
Bealey	1	16	0	0	8	8	2	4	8
Timaru—Gleniti	79	9	1	31	7	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	110	16	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Heathcote Valley	0	4	2	6	10	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	14	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Otipua—Beaconsfield	45	11	10	131	16	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	177	8	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oamaru—Totaratahi	5	10	0	6	16	7	12	6	7
Pukeuri—Hilderthorpe	0	5	10	18	0	4	18	6	2
Eweburn—Ranfurly	31	10	5	8	16	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	40	7	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Dunedin—Lawrence	276	12	5	173	7	6	449	19	11
Dunedin—Palmerston	56	16	10	302	19	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	359	16	3 $\frac{1}{4}$
Dunedin—Oamaru	94	7	7	872	18	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	967	6	6 $\frac{1}{4}$
Clyde—Alexandra	37	9	11	57	10	10	95	0	9
Mosgiel—Otakia	12	0	9	31	8	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	43	9	5 $\frac{1}{4}$
Invercargill—Otautau	6	4	6	13	9	1	19	13	7
Merrivale—Clifden	160	6	4	...	...	...	160	6	4
Drummond—Heddon Bush	65	0	0	...	...	...	65	0	0
Colac Bay—Round Hill	39	10	0	...	...	...	39	10	0
West Plains	76	15	8	13	1	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	89	17	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Waimahaka	1	18	8	3	11	3	5	9	11
Orepuki—Te Tua	248	12	2	42	10	10	291	3	0
Wallacetown—Wright's Bush	2	17	9	15	12	0	18	9	9
	9,789	15	6	15,626	18	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	25,416	13	10 $\frac{1}{4}$
New cables	367	4	0						
	10,156	19	6						
Purchase of material	16,614	8	3						
	26,771	7	9						
Total expenditure to 31st March, 1899	829,285	18	9						
	£856,057	6	6	Total cost of lines during 1899–1900			£25,416	13	10

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