

1901.
NEW ZEALAND.

POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT

(REPORT OF THE) FOR THE YEAR 1900.

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

MY LORD,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 26th August, 1901.

I have the honour to submit to your Excellency the Report of the Post and Telegraph Department for the year 1900, 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 will be a memorable one in the department on account of the introduction by New Zealand of the universal penny-post—the first universal penny-post to be introduced by any country in the world. The continuance of the expansion of the telegraph business, which has increased in volume of paid telegrams in four years by no less than 54·68 per cent., is remarkable. In that period the value of paid telegrams has risen by 29·68 per cent.—a sure indication of the success of the sixpenny telegram. The balance of expenditure over revenue on the telegraph side, which two years ago was nearly £30,000, has fallen to £8,036 for 1900—a most gratifying result. The postal work continues to show a steady and satisfactory increase.

The following table shows the revenue and expenditure for the year ended 31st March, 1901 :—

Item.	Postal.		Telegraph.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
<i>Receipts.</i>						
Stamps used for postage (estimated)	265,833	0 0	..	..	265,833	0 0
Money-order and postal-note commission	20,335	19 2	..	..	20,335	19 2
Money-order commission received from foreign offices	654	19 3	..	..	654	19 3
Private box and bag fees	6,217	13 4	..	..	6,217	13 4
Miscellaneous receipts	23,816	5 10	11,479	6 8½	35,295	12 6½
Paid telegrams .. .. .	..	..	126,381	14 6	126,381	14 6
Telephone-exchanges .. .. .	..	..	49,117	0 8	49,117	0 8
	316,857	17 7	186,978	1 10½	503,835	19 5½
Balance of expenditure over revenue (Telegraph) .. .. .	..	..	8,036	19 6½	..	..
Totals	£316,857	17 7	£195,015	1 5	£503,835	19 5½
<i>Expenditure.</i>						
Salaries	97,652	1 11	144,867	11 6	242,519	13 5
Conveyance of mails by sea	45,438	5 3	..	..	45,438	5 3
Conveyance of inland mails	41,897	15 5	..	..	41,897	15 5
Conveyance of mails by railway	14,357	2 1	..	..	14,357	2 1
Money-order commission credited to foreign offices	1,908	1 7	..	..	1,908	1 7
Maintenance of telegraph-lines .. .. .	..	..	19,487	11 10	19,487	11 10
Miscellaneous	22,003	9 3	29,659	9 7	51,662	18 10
Telegraph-cable subsidies .. .. .	..	..	1,000	8 6	1,000	8 6
	223,256	15 6	195,015	1 5	418,271	16 11
Balance of revenue over expenditure (Postal)	93,601	2 1	..	..	..	..
" " " (combined department) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	85,564	2 6½
Totals	£316,857	17 7	£195,015	1 5	£503,835	19 5½