

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

It will be of interest to compare the revenue and expenditure year by year for the past ten years as shown in the table below. 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, 1901, 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
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
1900-1901	503,835	19	5½	418,271	16	11	85,564	2	6½
Total for ten years							£555,264	16	2½

The revenue of both branches for 1900-1, after making due allowance for the loss on the penny-post for the first three months of 1901, exceeded that of the previous year by £15,590 3s. 1½d., the rate of increase being 3·19 per cent.

The expenditure increased by £27,823 15s. 4d., or 7·13 per cent.

The balance of revenue over expenditure was £85,564 2s. 6½d., as compared with £97,797 14s. 9d. for 1899-1900.

Adding the value of the free official correspondence and Government telegrams, there is a credit balance on the year's transactions of £203,129 8s. 8½d.

The amount payable to the Railway Department for the conveyance of mails was £32,951 19s. 6d., against which the sum of £23,441 14s. 9d. was received by this department for the postage on railway correspondence, private-box rents, transmission of railway telegrams, and maintenance of railway telegraph-wires. £9,129 was contributed 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 £18,639 4s. 9d.

36,185,045 letters were posted, equal to 47·39 letters to each head of the population—an increase of 1,152,593.

The number of forwarded telegrams of all codes was 3,898,128—an increase of 428,497.

83 post-offices were established (including 4 reopened). The number of post-offices open at the close of the year was 1,686.

369,834 money-orders, for £1,214,852 16s. 5d., were issued, and 264,018 orders, representing £1,042,348 4s. 5d., paid.

490,505 postal notes, of the value of £154,434 1s., were sold.

£4,170,428 15s. 3d. was deposited in the Post-Office Savings-Banks, and £3,827,416 7s. 3d. withdrawn.

The total amount to credit of depositors on the 31st December last was £5,809,552 5s. 3d., as compared with £5,320,370 14s. 10d. at the close of the previous year.

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

At the close of the year there were 7,249 miles of telegraph-line and 20,682 miles of wire.

The net expenditure on telegraph construction was £50,100 19s. 7d.

There were 8,210 telephone-exchange connections on the 31st March last. The subscriptions received amounted to £49,117 0s. 8d.

STAFF.

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

	31st March, 1901.
Postmaster-General	1
Classified Staff.	
First Division	3
Clerical Division	1,020
Non-clerical Division	600
Distributors and Messengers	437
Total, Classified Staff	2,061
Employés not on Permanent Staff :—	
Country Postmasters	1,500
Nightwatchmen	3
Postmasters and Telegraphists or Telephonists who are Railway officers	151
Total	3,715

COMPARATIVE Return of Officers of the Post and Telegraph Department for the Years ended 31st March, 1900, and 31st March, 1901.

	Mar. 31, 1900.	Mar. 31, 1901.		Mar. 31, 1900.	Mar. 31, 1901.
Postmaster-General	1	1	Brought forward	94	108
Secretary	1	1	Assistant Inspectors of Post-offices	3	3
Superintendent of Electric Lines	1	1	Chief Postmasters	16	17
Assistant Secretary and Inspector	1	1	Postmasters and Officers in Charge on Permanent Staff	111	119
Controller of Money-orders and Savings-banks and Accountant	1	1	Clerks (including Telephone Exchange) Cadettes and Cadets in Post-offices)	969	1,031
Chief Clerk	1	1	Operators (including Cadets in Telegraph-offices)		
Assistant Contr. M.O.S.B., and Accountant Clerks in General Post Office—	1	1	Letter-carriers	202	227
Secretary's Office	13	16	Messengers (Post Office)	37	46
Inspector's and Dead-letter Branch	6	6	Linemen	67	73
Controller of Money-orders and Savings-banks and Accountant's Branch	49	57	Telegraph Distributors and Message Boys	349	437
Storekeeper and Assistants	6	7	Nightwatchmen	2	3
Electrician (also Telegraph Inspector) .. .. .	..	1	Postmasters and Telegraphists or Telephonists who are Railway officers	149	151
Assistant Electricians	1	2	Country Postmasters and Telephonists	1,474	1,500
Mechanicians and Cadets	8	8			
Telegraph Inspectors	4	4			
Carried forward	94	108	Totals	3,473	3,715

The establishing of the penny-post and the almost phenomenal expansion of the telegraph business has resulted in a busy time for the staff generally during the past year. A severe strain has been put upon the principal officers of the General Post Office, particularly in connection with staff matters, as may be realised from the fact that, in consequence of the absence of officers in South Africa, resignations and daily demands for additional staff on the part of the principal offices, the supply of lads eligible for operating cadetships for the first time for many years fell practically to zero. Since 1891 a considerable number of boys with a knowledge of telegraph operating had been constantly available from among junior letter-carriers and telegraph messengers at country offices, and others in the non-clerical division, but the rapid promotions during the year exhausted the supply. It has in consequence been necessary to establish classes for training telegraph cadets at Wellington and Invercargill. A number of lads has already passed through the classes. At the same time the establishing of classes has had a good effect in stimulating juniors to strive to attain the necessary qualifications for a position as a learner, with the result that there is now a reserve of telegraphists for emergencies.

On the postal side of the service the shortage of staff has been made up as far as possible by promoting deserving letter-carriers and others who have shown, by endeavouring to learn office-work in their own time, that they will be likely to become good clerks. In some few instances lads not previously employed in the department have been selected from the list of Civil Service scholars.

In August last amended regulations in connection with promotion and vacancies were made under the Classification Acts. The principal effect of the new regulations has been to group the officers in certain of the clerical and postmasters' classes, giving officers in classes of equal importance equal rights to vacancies occurring in the grouped class next above that in which they happen to be. The interchangeability of officers in the classes concerned had been followed to some extent in practice, but the regulations remove all possibility of misunderstanding. Opportunity was taken at the same time to offer rewards by providing special increments to cadets passing the Junior or Senior Civil Service Examination, with the gratifying result that a healthy rivalry has been created among cadets to improve their education. The minimum age for entry for telegraph messengers was raised from twelve to thirteen, and the maximum from fifteen to sixteen, a provision found necessary owing to the department having been compelled to reject many promising lads on account of the age-limit. Message-boys passing the Junior or Senior Civil Service Examinations are now given prior claim to cadetships.

HEALTH OF STAFF.

As is shown in the table below, the health of the staff generally during the year was good:—

	Numbers comprised.	Average Absence per Sick Officer.	Average Sick-absence per each Officer employed.
Men	1,075	Days. 9.52	Days. 3.54
Women	136	9.89	8.58

There were six deaths of officers in the service.

By the death of Dr. Lemon, late Superintendent of Electric Lines, and for many years head of the Department, who retired some years ago, the colony lost a valued citizen. Dr. Lemon's name will be long remembered in connection with New Zealand Telegraphs. Assuming charge of the Electric Telegraph Department shortly after its inception, he saw the carrying out of many changes and reforms. Dr. Lemon was well known for his scientific attainments and the electrical work done by him under the adverse conditions which obtained many years ago.

UNIVERSAL PENNY POSTAGE.

The introduction of penny postage on the 1st January, 1901, was indeed an important and memorable event in the postal progress of the colony, and was befittingly celebrated on the advent of the new century.

With the commencement of the new year an Executive Council, presided over by the Officer Administering the Government, was held in one of the rooms of the General Post Office, for making the Order in Council bringing the universal penny rate into operation. Following this, at the invitation of the Postmaster-General, there was a gathering of a number of principal officials and citizens to celebrate so important an event in the colony's history. The gathering served a double purpose, as advantage was taken to present the Postmaster-General on behalf of the entire staff of the department with a medallion, a reproduction of the universal penny postage-stamp, and an illuminated address, suitably inscribed, commemorative of this important and far-reaching postal reform. A souvenir card, date-stamped immediately on the expiry of the old year, was at the same time issued by the Postmaster-General to official dignitaries, politicians, and prominent business people within the Empire, as well as to leading officials in foreign countries. For the occasion the General Post Office was brilliantly illuminated, and appropriate devices exhibited.

Reciprocal recognition of the penny post throughout the British Empire, with the exception of Australia, had already been secured, the replies being highly appreciative and complimentary. Although few foreign countries have been able to adopt a reciprocal penny rate, a large number has agreed to accept and deliver our penny letters without surcharge, and only wait the next gathering of the Postal Union in the hope that an agreement may be come to as to the general adoption of penny postage. France, the United States, and other important countries, while unable to accept the penny rate, have evinced much sympathy; and the German Imperial Post Office, to which many notable postal reforms are due, while not definitely committing itself to any course of action at the next Postal Union Congress, has written in such terms as to give this department little reason to doubt that it will support a proposal to introduce a universal penny post throughout the Postal Union. The British Imperial Post Office has throughout been generously helpful, and has evinced much interest in the result of the negotiations now going on.

The following is the list of countries to which the penny rate applies:—

New Zealand (including Aitutaki, Cook Islands, Mangaia, and Niue), United Kingdom, Aden, Africa—British Central, Africa—British East, Akassa, Antigua, Asaba, Ascension, Bahamas, Barbados, Benin, Bermudas, Bonny, Borneo—British North, Brass, British Guiana, Canada, Cape Colony, Ceylon, Chili*, Costa Rica*, Cyprus, Dominica, Ducie Island, Easter Island, Egypt*, Falkland Islands, Fiji, Forcados, Gambia, Gibraltar, Gold Coast, Grenada, Grenadines, Honduras—British, Hongkong, India, Italy*, Jamaica, Johore, Labuan, Lagos, Liberia*, Malay States, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico*, Montserrat, Natal, Nevis, New Hebrides, Newfoundland, Nicaragua*, Niger (northern, including Borgu, Idda, and Lakoja), Nigeria (southern, including Burutu, Calabar, new and old, and Onitsha), Norfolk Island, Opobo, Orange River Colony, Paraguay*, Penang, Peru*, Pitcairn Island, Portugal*, Portuguese Colonies*, St. Helena, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, St. Vincent (Windward Islands), Samoan Islands, Sarawak, Servia*, Seychelles, Siam*, Sierra Leone, Society Islands, Solomon Islands, Straits Settlements, Switzerland*, Tobago, Tongan Islands, Transvaal, Trinidad, Turk's Islands, Uganda, Virgin Islands, Zanzibar.

Where not reciprocated by the foreign countries marked with an asterisk in the foregoing list, our penny letters are delivered without charge. The department has reason to be satisfied with the replies from foreign countries, and especially with the strong indication that prominence will be given the question of universal penny postage at the ensuing Postal Union Congress, which is to be held in Rome in 1902 or 1903.

The adoption of the penny-post by the colony was estimated would involve a loss of £80,000; and, although the "countings" and other checks show that the loss will be much less, the fact is not to be accepted as implying that the loss was originally over-estimated. Several "countings" have been taken, but each showed considerable variations. The original "countings" were probably made too early, as the public had then scarcely realised that a penny stamp would carry a letter to any part of the colony, to Great Britain, and to nearly every part of the Empire. Some allowance must also be made in respect to the sales of the new stamp for philatelic purposes, and of the old penny stamp, in anticipation of its early withdrawal. While there had been a very marked increase in the number of letters posted at the larger centres, there was for a time no appreciable spring in the postings at country offices. This, however, is now changed, and the increase in the number of posted letters is general throughout the colony. The loss, however, is not to be determined solely by the actual postage face-value of the letters, as the introduction of the penny rate has also brought about an increase in printed matter, especially commercial papers. The latest "counting," which was made last month, indicates that the yearly increase of paid letters posted was at the rate of about ten millions over the number posted last year, and the net postage loss about £43,591. This is a surprising result, and the fact may be accepted as additional proof of the generous appreciation of the penny-post, and the unexampled and sustained prosperity throughout the colony, while it affords good reason to believe that the total loss following the introduction of this great reform will very soon be made up.

* Foreign countries outside the scope of the Imperial penny-post scheme.

APPEAL BOARD.

The Appeal Board met in May last year. Nineteen appeals were considered, of which nine were reported against by the Board. Of the remaining ten the Minister was advised by the Crown Law Officer that two of the appeals could not legally be given effect to; one case recommended by the Board for reconsideration has been settled by the promotion of the officer concerned to the first suitable vacancy; two claims from officers engaged in money-order and savings-bank work for higher pay were deferred; one case had been met by the action of the department in ordinary course; another, involving a question of precedence, was placed beyond dispute by the promotion of the two officers principally concerned to vacancies which were offering; and one appeal against a payment for house-rent and for payment of a small sum for performing Customs work was met by carrying out the Board's recommendation to enforce payment of rent, and to pay for the additional duties performed. The question as to the salary and status of a mail-clerk in charge of a staff was deferred until general action could be taken to place all officers holding similar positions on the same footing. This, it is hoped, may be done this year. The remaining case was adjusted in the manner recommended by the Board.

The term of office of the elective members of the Board—Messrs. W. McNickle and F. M. Scully—having expired by effluxion of time, an election was held on the 25th February last, when Mr. J. H. Stevens was returned for the postal branch, and Mr. H. G. Greatbatch for the telegraph branch. Mr. McNickle had held office since 1895, having served for three terms. Mr. Stevens, the newly elected postal member, held office for the biennium 1897-99. The new Board met in May last.

EXPRESS DELIVERY AND SPECIAL-MESSENGER SERVICES.

Express delivery and special-messenger services were introduced on the 1st January last, but so far the public has been slow to take advantage of either service. It is difficult to assign a reason for this; but no doubt the very large proportion of telephone-exchange connections with private houses, the great number of private boxes let at the principal post-offices, the existing facilities for telegraphing, and the conveniences for bureau communications, combine to render an express service of less value than would otherwise be the case. The special-messenger service, which was established principally for the benefit of telephone-exchange subscribers, is being more freely made use of, but not to the extent expected.

INSPECTION.

1,022 offices were visited and inspected, the distance travelled being 18,475 miles.

OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

The Post-office duties connected with the old-age pensions have been satisfactorily overtaken. The consideration shown pensioners by the paying-officers and others has been most commendable, and has done much to minimise inconveniences which up to the present would appear to have been unavoidable in carrying on the system.

The total number and value of transactions during the year ended 31st March last showed an increase of 25 per cent. on the previous year's work, as indicated by the following return:—

COMPARATIVE RETURN showing Number and Amount of Old-age Pension Payments made each Month, for the Two Years ended 31st March, 1901.

Month.	1899-1900.			1900-1.				
	Number of Payments.	Amount.			Number of Payments.	Amount.		
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
April	5,846	8,360	10	0	10,899	15,601	4	5
May	7,341	10,454	0	0	11,094	15,877	4	7
June	8,220	11,709	6	8	11,242	16,095	13	8
July	8,743	12,447	13	4	11,314	16,216	11	4
August	9,172	13,061	15	0	11,366	16,270	13	2
September	9,532	13,575	8	4	11,434	16,375	8	9
October	9,761	13,892	15	8	11,561	16,552	8	5
November	10,093	14,382	5	9	11,566	16,554	6	3
December	10,235	14,555	13	1	11,745	16,819	19	7
January	10,383	14,771	4	3	11,913	17,035	11	4
February	10,426	14,867	16	7	12,028	17,212	1	10
March	10,697	15,255	9	10	11,982	17,116	7	3
Totals	110,449	£157,333	18	6	138,144	£197,727	10	7

RETURN for same Period of Payments and Amounts in each Postal District.

Postal District.	1899-1900.		1900-1.	
	Number of Payments.	Amount.	Number of Payments.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Auckland... ..	24,845	34,871 5 6	31,799	45,058 1 0
Blenheim... ..	1,523	2,104 3 4	1,813	2,528 12 1
Christchurch... ..	15,718	22,315 8 10	19,575	27,742 4 8
Dunedin... ..	16,822	23,897 2 11	20,755	29,730 6 10
Gisborne... ..	990	1,475 5 0	1,579	2,330 1 0
Greymouth... ..	4,912	7,219 3 4	5,792	8,596 4 7
Hokitika... ..	5,134	7,524 6 8	5,710	8,451 10 5
Invercargill... ..	6,187	8,933 18 4	7,803	11,317 4 5
Napier... ..	3,402	4,678 18 4	5,286	7,193 16 6
Nelson... ..	3,859	5,325 0 0	4,257	5,873 3 4
New Plymouth... ..	2,420	3,421 1 9	2,926	4,168 5 10
Oamaru... ..	2,231	3,218 15 0	2,707	3,941 4 8
Thames... ..	4,837	6,983 10 0	5,942	8,664 9 8
Timaru... ..	2,992	4,281 3 4	3,989	5,705 1 6
Wanganui... ..	2,820	4,083 18 4	3,756	5,394 17 1
Wellington... ..	9,177	13,227 0 9	11,058	16,036 12 8
Westport... ..	2,580	3,773 17 1	3,397	4,995 14 4
Totals... ..	110,449	£157,333 18 6	138,144	£197,727 10 7

NEW POSTAGE-STAMPS, ETC.

In connection with the inauguration of universal penny postage by New Zealand, a new 1d. stamp was designed and printed in London, and issued in the colony on the 1st January last. On the plates coming to hand, the printing was undertaken by the Stamp-printing office. The stamp is of carmine colour. In the top corners are rosettes, below which are the words "New Zealand." A graceful female figure, representing New Zealand, stands in the foreground against a globe. In the background Mount Egmont is faintly outlined, and a mail steamer is shown in the middle distance. Underneath are the words "Universal Postage," and below this "One Penny." The English print was on unwatermarked paper, but in the New Zealand print watermarked paper has been used. The perforations vary.

A 1½d. postage-stamp die was engraved in America, and the stamp printed and issued in the colony. The stamp is khaki-coloured, and symbolizes New Zealand's response to the Empire's call for troops.

The Queen's-head stamps were finally withdrawn from sale to the public on the 31st July last.

In connection with the suppression of so-called trading-stamp companies by Act, discount stamps have been printed by Government, and are sold at money-order offices to traders. The stamps, which cannot be used in prepayment of postage, are redeemed in quantities of the value of not less than 1s. when attached to cards provided for the purpose.

An experimental issue of booklets containing twelve and thirty stamps at 1d. has been made, and although the sale has for the present been confined to the Chief Post Offices the number purchased is sufficient to indicate the popularity of the scheme. Each leaf contains six stamps, and is separated from the next leaf by a piece of waxed paper, the covers of the booklet being utilised for announcing the rates of postage and other postal information of a useful nature. A charge of ½d. is made for the cost of binding, &c. It will not be possible to supply the booklets to all post-offices until a plate is obtained which will enable the stamps to be printed in blocks of six.

New stamp-perforating machinery has been imported by the Government Printer, and is now being set up.

The reduction of the postage on post-cards to places within the Postal Union, from 1½d. to 1d., necessitated the issue of new postal cards, which are similar in design to the former issue with the exception that the translation of the heading in French as required by the Postal Union Convention has been added.

To commemorate the introduction of universal penny postage, a limited supply of specially designed post-cards bearing the Postmaster-General's greetings was issued to prominent personages throughout the Empire.

A further series of pictorial post-cards is about to be issued. As, however, the manufacture of pictorial post-cards has during the last month or two been taken up briskly by private firms, it is probable that the Post Office will, after a small quantity of illustrated cards has been printed from the present blocks, discontinue issuing any but plain cards. The object of Government in issuing pictorial post-cards was to advertise the scenery of the colony; but it would appear that the pastime of collecting pictorial post-cards, which has become popular in Europe during the last few years, is now being taken up in New Zealand. Some of the cards turned out by private firms are very creditable.

Letter-cards are now sold at 1d., the large stock in hand being surcharged "One penny" over the 1½d. stamp.

A new series of postal notes was issued, and brought into use on the 1st January last.

POST OFFICE ACT.

"The Post Office Act, 1900," came into operation on the 1st January, 1901. The Act is mainly a consolidation of previous measures, and includes parts of the Savings-bank Acts of 1867 and amendment of "The Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1885." Provision is made for fixing the maximum rates of freight and passenger-fares in the case of contracts for the conveyance of mails by sea or inland waters. The insurance of parcels and registered postal packets is provided for, and provision is also made for a scheme for the insurance of letters. A fee of 5s. is now required to be paid before a newspaper can be registered at the General Post Office. The Postmaster-General is also empowered to strike out of the list any publication he deems not to be a newspaper. Under clause 22 power is given to enforce a penalty against any shipping office, public or private lodging-house, retaining more than two months any letter addressed to its care. Telegrams are also included. Power is also given to refuse delivery of a postal packet bearing previously used or defaced stamps, unless the addressee discloses the name of the sender. Penalties are provided for wilful damage to any post-office letter-box, telegraph-post, or telephone-post, and for the posting of any postal packet containing any indecent or obscene print, painting, photograph, engraving, book, card, article, or representation of any kind, or the posting of any postal packet having on the cover words, &c., of an indecent, obscene, or grossly offensive character. There is also provision for punishing persons affixing posters and other matter on telegraph-poles.

EXTENSION OF HOURS OF TELEGRAPH OFFICES.

On 1st September last year an arrangement was made under which the chief telegraph-offices were to remain open for public business continuously day and night, Sundays and holidays not excepted; but it was found that the business done did not warrant the continuance of the arrangement, and the hours were subsequently altered as follows: Ordinary week-days, between the hours of 8 a.m. and midnight; Sundays, between the hours of 9.30 a.m. and 10 a.m., and 5 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.; and statutory holidays, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., and 7 p.m. and midnight. The offices to which these hours apply are given the advantage of ordinary rates on Sundays, instead of the double rates which were formerly applicable.

MISSING ARTICLES OF VALUE ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN POSTED.

In view of the unjust suspicion which frequently attaches to postal officials, occasionally involving the whole of the employés of one or more offices, and of the difficulty of disproving erroneous statements that valuable articles had been sent through the post but not received, it is considered desirable to refer to a case tried in the Supreme Court recently, where a fine of £10 was inflicted under section 98, paragraph 2 of "The Post Office Act, 1900," upon a person falsely representing that he had posted articles of value, when in reality he had not done so. His Honour the Judge said, "The offence was a serious one because it affected the character of postal officials. The effect of making a false statement such as the prisoner had pleaded guilty to, was to throw suspicion on the officials at the post-office, which was a very serious thing indeed. It appeared, however, that those connected with receiving and delivering letters had so good a character that in this particular instance it was not affected in the eyes of their superior officers. Still, one must not look at this view of the case, for there was necessarily a suspicion in regard to the officials, and it arose through the falsehood of prisoner."

PACIFIC CABLE.

The Committee of representatives of Colonial and other Governments mentioned in last year's report has been superseded by a permanent Board controlling all business connected with the cable. A contract between the Governments of the United Kingdom, Canada, New South Wales, Victoria, New Zealand, and Queensland and the Telegraphic Construction and Maintenance Company (Limited), of London, was signed in December last for the construction and laying of the cable from Vancouver to Fanning Island, Fiji, Norfolk Island, Queensland, and New Zealand. The total cost is £1,975,000, including the cost of installation, surveying route, &c.

The cable surveying steamer "Britannia" recently visited New Zealand in connection with the survey of the route, and for the purpose of selecting a landing-place for the cable. The representative of the Pacific Cable Board, Mr. R. E. Peake, was met at Russell by the Superintendent of Electric Lines. After visiting several places on the coast to the north of Auckland, Doubtless Bay was finally selected as the landing-place in New Zealand for the cable.

Plans have also been prepared for the necessary buildings for offices and staff quarters, and everything should be in readiness for the landing of the cable by April next.

It is expected that the cable will be laid about the end of next year.

Copies of correspondence to date will be presented to Parliament in the usual course.

BUSINESS OVER EXISTING CABLES.

The number and value of cable messages forwarded from New Zealand during 1900 are shown in the following statement :—

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	No. of Messages.	Value.	No. of Messages.	Value.
International	11,947	£ 42,132 16 11	96	£ 732 0 8
New South Wales	28,516	6,626 11 2	911	714 13 6
Queensland	1,496	443 5 5	...	...
South Australia	1,306	444 17 0	...	...
Tasmania	1,599	600 2 7	...	...
Victoria	15,598	4,331 16 6	27	10 10 3
Western Australia	1,813	639 16 6	...	...
Total for 1900	62,275	55,219 6 1	1,034	1,457 4 5
Total for 1899	60,057	48,572 12 8	1,570	1,800 10 4

The colony's outward international and intercolonial cable business, not including Press, for the years 1899 and 1900 was as follows :—

International,—	Messages. Number.	Value. £ s. d.
1900	11,947	42,132 16 11
1899	10,335	36,881 13 9
Increase	1,612	5,251 3 2
	or 15.60 per cent.	or 14.24 per cent.

Intercolonial,—	Messages. Number.	Value. £ s. d.
1900	50,328	13,086 9 2
1899	49,722	11,690 18 11
Increase	606	1,395 10 3
	or 1.22 per cent.	or 11.94 per cent.

The total increase in 1900 was therefore 2,218 messages, and £6,646 13s. 5d. in value.

The forwarded and received cable Press business for the past ten years ended 31st December, 1900, has been :—

Year.	Forwarded.			Received.		
	Number of		Value.	Number of		Value.
	Messages.	Words.		Messages.	Words.	
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
1900	1,034	139,295	1,457 4 5	4,014	333,300	1,878 9 1

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

TRAFFIC over CABLE for Year ended 31st December, 1900, showing proportion earned by the New Zealand—Sydney Cable.

Outward.

—	Ordinary.			Press.		
	Messages.	Words.	Amount.	Messages.	Words.	Amount.
			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
International ...	11,947	158,511	1,975 16 0	96	7,315	30 9 7
New South Wales ...	28,516	341,968	4,104 3 0	911	130,630	542 18 11
Queensland ...	1,496	18,886	222 14 1	...	...	...
South Australia ...	1,306	18,777	222 13 4	...	...	...
Tasmania ...	1,599	19,337	233 2 2	...	...	...
Victoria ...	15,598	187,783	2,242 13 10	27	1,350	5 12 6
Western Australia ...	1,813	23,442	277 0 9	...	...	...
Totals ...	62,275	768,704	9,278 3 2	1,034	139,295	579 1 0

Outward.

—	Messages.	Words.	Amount.
Ordinary ...	62,275	768,704	£ s. d. 9,278 3 2
Press ...	1,034	139,295	579 1 0
Totals ...	63,309	907,999	9,857 4 2

Inward.

Ordinary ...	55,601	743,492	8,281 8 8
Press ...	3,666	278,689	1,170 13 11
Totals ...	59,267	1,022,181	9,452 2 7

Grand Totals.

Outward ...	63,309	907,999	9,857 4 2
Inward ...	59,267	1,022,181	9,452 2 7
	122,576	1,930,180	19,309 6 9

POST OFFICE.

ARTICLES POSTED AND DELIVERED.

The number of articles posted in the colony, and received from places outside the colony, during 1900, as compared with the number in 1899, was as under :—

	1900.	1899.	Increase.
Letters—			
Posted in the colony	36,185,045	35,032,452	
Received from places outside the colony ..	2,477,251	2,348,219	
	38,662,296	37,380,671	1,281,625
Letter-cards—			
Posted in the colony	1,236,183	1,103,700	132,483
Post-cards—			
Posted in the colony	1,858,064	1,605,388	
Received from places outside the colony ..	50,451	37,668	
	1,908,515	1,643,051	265,464
Books and pattern-packets—			
Posted in the colony	16,111,221	16,211,572	
Received from places outside the colony ..	1,604,181	1,448,286	
	17,715,402	17,659,858	55,544

Newspapers—			
Posted in the colony	..	12,347,374	11,447,657
Received from places outside the colony	..	4,698,341	4,269,731
		<u>17,045,715</u>	<u>15,717,388</u>
			1,328,327
Parcels—			
Posted in the colony	..	199,220	193,143
Received from places outside the colony	..	34,236	30,207
		<u>233,456</u>	<u>223,350</u>
			10,106

The letters increased 3·43; letter-cards, 12·00; post-cards, 16·16; books and pattern-packets, 0·31; newspapers, 8·45; and parcels, 4·52 per cent.

The increase in 1899 was: Letters, 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 average number of letters posted per head of population was estimated to be 47·39, or 49·01 including letter-cards. The averages in 1899 were 46·31 and 47·77 respectively.

The Post Office receipts for the year amounted to £316,857 17s. 7d.—a decrease of £8,443 4s. 4d., or 2·6 per cent., the result of the penny post for the three months ended 31st March last.

The expenditure was £223,256 15s. 6d., as against £207,205 3s. 3d.—an increase of £16,051 12s. 3d., or 7·75 per cent. There was a balance of revenue over expenditure of £93,601 2s. 1d.

The estimated value of official (free) correspondence was £82,238. The gross earnings of the Post Office for the year were therefore £399,096, and the credit balance £175,839.

WORK PERFORMED FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

Customs duties amounting to £19,236 8s. 4d. were collected on articles received through the post from places beyond the colony, and £1,453 12s. 9d. on account of ordinary Customs work.

The sum of £2,006 12s. was collected from the sale of game licenses.

Premiums amounting to £28,528 18s. 11d. were collected from policyholders on behalf of the Government Life Insurance Department.

£585 7s. 6d. was collected for the Government Printer on the sale of Government publications.

Income-tax amounting to £84,303 18s. 8d., and land-tax for £225,963 12s. 4d. were received at post-offices.

Fees under the Live-stock Acts amounting to £20,522 12s. 3d. were collected.

The sum of £4,322 2s. 6d. was received for machinery-fees.

The receipts from the sale of miners' licenses amounted to £1,254 14s.

£14,169 0s. 2d. was lodged at post-offices for investment in New Zealand Consols.

The receipts on behalf of the Public Trust Office were £334,917 2s. 7d., and payments £336,697 12s. 3d.

Railway receipts for £10,233 17s. 5d. were also accounted for through the Post Office Account.

The fees collected in respect of the registration of births, deaths, and marriages totalled £2,326 11s.

The Advances to Settlers Office receipts amounted to £635,786 12s. 2d., and payments £638,125 4s. 8d.

Fees, &c., were also collected on account of the Audit Office, Hospitals and Charitable Aid, water-rates, Goldfields, County Councils, Clerks of Court, Road Boards, Harbourmasters, Arms Act, fishing licenses, Police Department, Lunacy Department, Factories Act, Education Department, Stamp Department, Homing-pigeons Protection Act, Registration of Brands, Hanmer Springs Sanatorium, Rotorua Baths, Rotorua patients, Electoral Act, the Treasury, Licensing Act, and valuation revenue.

The payments made by the Post Office on behalf of the Treasury were £535,887 15s. 5d.

GROSS RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

The gross receipts dealt with during the year were—Departmental, £9,321,952 12s. 5d.; on account of other departments, £2,114,044 18s. 2d.: total, £11,435,997 10s. 7d.

The payments were—Departmental, £9,311,943 1s. 4½d.; on behalf of other departments—to individuals, £1,701,968 13s. 2d.; to Government accounts, £373,592 10s. 9d.: a total of £11,387,504 5s. 3½d.

The gross receipts and payments were therefore £22,823,501 15s. 10½d. for the year.

LETTER-CARRIERS' DELIVERIES.

Deliveries by letter-carriers were established at: New Plymouth—Inglewood; Wellington—Featherston; Westport—Burnett's Face.

Letter-carriers' deliveries were extended at: Auckland (C.P.O.)—from Mount Albert (by Stewart's Road and Swan's Road) to the junction of Hillsbro' Road, thence to Onehunga Road. Christchurch (suburbs)—the East Linwood delivery to include Mile Road and the east side of the Canal Reserve. Gisborne (C.P.O.)—to suburb of Whataupoko, so as to include Whitaker Street, thrice weekly (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday). Invercargill—Mataura, along Wyndham Road South. Nelson (C.P.O.)—to the end of Hampden Street West. New Plymouth (C.P.O.)—from Cutfield Road (late boundary) to the Breakwater, taking in all houses each side of the road. Wanganui—Eltham, a quarter-mile northwards, to corner of Mountain and Racecourse Roads; Marton, about a half-mile, once daily in the afternoon, along High Street to the north-western borough boundary. Wellington—Masterton, to include suburb of Lansdowne.

NEWSPAPERS REGISTERED.

Nine newspapers were registered for transmission by post, and nineteen ceased publication.

RECEIVING-BOXES.

Thirty-eight receiving-boxes were established at: Auckland—City and suburbs, 11. Christchurch—City and suburbs, 3; Hororata, 1; Kaiapoi, 1. Dunedin—City and suburbs, 4; Green Island, 1. New Plymouth—Town, 2. Timaru—Temuka, 1. Wanganui—Meremere, 1. Wellington—City and suburbs, 6; Greytown North, 1; Hutt, 3; Masterton, 1; Petone, 2.

Two receiving-boxes were closed at: Dunedin—City, 1. Wellington—City, 1.

DESIGNATIONS OF OFFICES.

The designations of offices were changed as follows: Auckland—Maunganui Bluff to Aranga, Newmarket (telegraph-office) to Newmarket Railway, Otau to Paparimu, Pukeatua to Nanahu, Tangihua to Tangiteroria, Tokatoka to Rehia, Tokatoka Wharf to Tokatoka. Christchurch—Addington to Addington Railway. Gisborne—Tikitiki to Kahukura. Napier—Mahia to Opoutama. Wanganui—Punihu Stream to Te Kiri.

A designation was corrected at: Auckland—Mangapehi to Mangapehi.

POST-OFFICES ESTABLISHED, ETC.

Eighty-three post-offices were established (of these four were reopened offices) and eighteen closed:—

Opened.

Addington (R.O.), Christchurch	Matakitaki, Westport	Tahereroa, Auckland
Arakihī, Gisborne	Motukarara, Christchurch	Tanglewood, Wellington
Arama, Auckland	Nevesville (reopened), Thames	Taumatatahi, Wanganui
Arno, Timaru	North-east Valley, Dunedin	Te Koroa, Auckland
Awaroa, Auckland	Ohakea, Wellington	Te Moehau, Wanganui
Bell Hill, Greymouth	Ohape, Timaru	Terapatiki, Napier
Belvedere, Wellington	Okiwi, Auckland	The Key, Invercargill
Christchurch Exhibition, Christchurch	Omihi, Christchurch	Tokatoka, Auckland
Conway, Christchurch	Opango, Auckland	Tuahiwi, Christchurch
Deep Stream, Dunedin	Otahuti, Invercargill	Tuiwahi, Wellington
Ferndale, Invercargill	Otau, Auckland	Turangare, Wanganui
Glen Oroua, Wellington	Otira Railway, Greymouth	Tutamoa, Auckland
Glob Mine, Greymouth	Parakao, Auckland	Upper Mohaka, Napier
Hairini, Auckland	Parapara, Wanganui	Wahimomona, Timaru
Hicks Bay (reopened), Gisborne	Poerua, Greymouth	Waihao Downs, Timaru
Ikawai, Timaru	Pukahu, Napier	Waikakaho (reopened), Blenheim
Kaiarero, Oamaru	Pukeatua, Auckland	Waikaraka, Auckland
Kaiteratahi, Gisborne	Putara, Wellington	Waingawa, Wellington
Kilbirnie, Wellington	Rahui, Westport	Waiotapu, Auckland
Koeke, Wanganui	Rai Falls, Blenheim	Waiouru, Wanganui
Kohuratahi, New Plymouth	Rakaurao, Gisborne	Waipapa, Auckland
Ladbrook's, Christchurch	Roslyn, Dunedin	Wairepo, Wanganui
Leith Valley, Dunedin	Ruakituri, Napier	Westmere, Wanganui
Levels, Timaru	Ruakiwi, Auckland	Wharerata, Gisborne
Mahora, Napier	Ruanui, Wanganui	Wheatstone (reopened), Christchurch
Mangamingi, Wanganui	Salisbury, Timaru	Wheturau, Gisborne
Maraeroa, Auckland	Saunders Road, Wellington	Whitcombe, Dunedin.
Marima, Wellington	Strand Arcade, Auckland	

Closed.

Anarua, Napier	Mararua, Invercargill	Pine Island, Auckland
Epsom, Auckland	Matahiwi, Napier	Putiki Bay, Auckland
Hicks Bay, Gisborne	Merrivale, Invercargill	Rakautaua, Wanganui
Kawatau, Wanganui	Nenthorn, Dunedin	Taikorea, Wellington
Kokako, Napier	Newton Flat, Westport	Terapatiki, Napier
Lowrie's, Wanganui	Parkeston, Nelson	Western Springs, Auckland.

The number of post-offices open at the end of the year was 1,686.

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, 1898, 1899, and 1900:—

Postal Districts.	1890.		1898.		1899.		1900.	
	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.
		lb. oz.		lb. oz.		lb. oz.		lb. oz.
Auckland	24,539	65,406 15	43,147	140,528 7	46,633	153,492 14	47,320	145,640 1
Thames	1,731	4,334 3	3,181	9,179 7	3,324	9,963 12	3,496	10,767 4
New Plymouth	1,132	3,103 9	2,801	8,554 13	3,212	10,238 5	3,548	11,298 9
Gisborne	1,061	2,977 10	1,975	5,619 15	2,283	6,008 12	2,372	6,926 15
Napier	7,021	19,512 13	9,048	27,216 14	9,281	28,500 15	10,269	32,831 15
Wanganui	4,537	10,994 2	7,642	23,997 5	8,663	27,627 13	10,167	32,562 4
Wellington	29,052	85,226 3	46,208	173,884 9	51,150	185,938 12	52,500	187,716 3
Nelson	5,348	15,329 8	5,668	18,254 2	6,124	18,845 5	6,195	20,000 2
Westport	1,201	2,718 4	1,964	5,038 11	2,089	5,157 2	2,183	5,684 15
Greymouth	2,821	7,102 4	2,950	8,384 15	3,099	8,876 3	3,036	9,305 4
Hokitika	1,600	4,476 11	2,398	7,606 2	2,865	9,645 11	2,772	10,140 2
Blenheim	2,090	5,050 0	1,811	5,736 4	1,907	6,180 15	2,253	6,956 4
Christchurch	21,758	67,202 8	33,072	124,895 3	33,707	135,437 9	36,028	135,426 6½
Timaru	2,263	5,600 1	1,964	5,147 11	1,960	5,815 2	2,040	6,274 1
Oamaru	978	2,409 8	1,166	3,796 2	1,120	3,843 12	1,324	4,739 7
Dunedin	25,312	74,824 15	34,641	117,065 15	39,976	134,014 7	40,282	144,791 10
Invercargill	3,883	8,614 6	4,967	13,394 12	5,957	16,249 4½	7,666	23,933 —
Totals	136,327	384,883 8	204,603	698,301 3	223,350	765,836 9½	233,456	794,994 6½

The following table shows the number and weight of parcels exchanged with the United Kingdom and the under-mentioned places during the years 1899 and 1900:—

Country.	Received.				Despatched.			
	1899.		1900.		1899.		1900.	
	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.
United Kingdom and foreign countries (<i>via</i> London)	19,719	68,628 0	21,682	76,132 0	4,524	10,128 5	4,690	9,769 0
United States .. .. .	..	..	898	2,242 0	..	..	395	1,021 7
Hawaii	56	115 4½	24	40 13	24	62 3	14	25 6
Vancouver	132	178 0	147	236 5	67	139 0	89	145 0
Victoria	3,235	11,076 0	3,540	12,849 8	1,346	2,771 13	1,322	3,033 12
New South Wales	5,691	16,097 8	6,229	17,629 8	1,975	5,714 1	1,809	4,774 0½
South Australia	258	779 15	244	715 4	194	527 13	191	526 8
Queensland	327	712 12	308	681 8	293	748 0	267	659 14
Tasmania	152	434 11	143	406 2	315	712 3	312	746 3
Western Australia	244	538 0	260	756 0	266	739 13	262	689 2
Samoa	14	62 11	15	94 7	213	667 3	128	415 13
Rarotonga	10	15 0	19	45 3	70	220 5	65	257 15
Fiji	29	60 13	36	95 1	109	324 11	139	447 1
Norfolk Island .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5 8
Ceylon	340	739 15	382	864 15½	166	379 1	165	372 7½
Uruguay .. .. .	..	..	..	..	14	54 0	15	27 5
Cape Colony .. .. .	..	..	309	590 8	..	..	707	1,400 1½
Transvaal .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	345	681 12
Totals	30,207	99,438 9½	34,236	113,332 2½	9,576	23,188 7	10,916	24,998 3½

The declared value of parcels received from places outside the colony in 1900 was £87,662. The Customs duty collected amounted to £16,642 11s. 6d.

The declared value of parcels despatched to places beyond the colony was £11,800, as against £10,806 in 1899.

On the 1st February, 1900, a direct exchange of parcels was established with Cape Colony, and also with the other South African Colonies *via* Capetown. This service has been much used and appreciated by those having friends and relatives serving in the several New Zealand Contingents during the war.

The direct parcel exchange inaugurated with the United States of America on the 1st July, 1900, has already assumed considerable proportions. In the eleven months ended 31st May, 707 parcels were despatched to, and 1899 parcels received from, that country.

On the 1st January, 1901, a substantial reduction was made in the rates of postage on parcels to the United Kingdom.

The new rates are arranged in three stages only, as follows: For a parcel not exceeding 3 lb., 1s.; over 3 lb. but not over 7 lb., 2s.; over 7 lb. but not over 11 lb., 3s.: as against the former rates of 1s. for the first pound and 6d. for each succeeding pound.

This system of dividing the postages on parcels into three stages is termed the three-step scale, and also applies to parcels addressed to a number of British possessions and foreign countries sent by way of London. Efforts are being made to extend the three-step scale to as many countries as possible, in order to eventually secure uniformity of system in parcel-post rates combined with the lowest possible charges to the public.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The estimated volume and value of official and other free correspondence posted during 1900 is given in the statement below:—

District.	Letters.	Packets.	Registered Articles.	Newspapers.	Postage Value of Official Correspondence.
Auckland	274,937	15,408	11,949	67,377	£ 6,690
Thames	51,167	3,149	1,666	20,762	1,388
New Plymouth	116,821	15,200	1,800	33,500	3,028
Gisborne	19,448	1,482	806	11,140	594
Napier	116,984	9,756	2,208	53,836	3,307
Wanganui	321,893	17,616	4,304	91,695	7,883
Wellington	944,420	128,120	32,110	130,400	22,353
Nelson	79,222	6,240	6,062	41,496	2,407
Westport	26,530	250	1,000	21,910	898
Greymouth	75,803	3,219	1,867	39,294	2,174
Hokitika	23,936	2,610	1,582	13,936	760
Blenheim	59,410	2,600	600	22,000	1,531
Christchurch	325,020	19,890	12,250	109,990	8,455
Timaru	75,491	3,200	2,481	32,000	2,047
Oamaru	47,216	1,820	1,467	34,268	1,533
Dunedin	338,516	40,304	5,328	188,476	10,361
Invercargill	288,730	12,324	4,419	71,919	6,829
Totals	3,185,544	283,188	91,899	983,999	£82,238

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.	1898.	1899.	1900.
Opened and returned to the writers	68,942	66,592	66,729	62,847	55,118	62,654	60,540	61,745	63,112	68,872	74,132	76,692
Returned unopened to other countries	9,134	8,115	8,359	7,287	6,892	6,220	7,779	8,941	7,546	8,899	9,706	9,707
Reissued	107	185	251	96	88	92	141	130	148	219	178	265
Destroyed	3,986	2,872	6,600	5,974	5,246	4,340	2,660	4,725	4,069	3,368	4,536	4,900
Returned unopened by Chief Postmasters	17,593	19,187	21,144	20,185	19,963	21,164	21,931	22,042	26,414	33,273	22,915	40,232
Totals	99,762	96,951	103,083	96,389	87,307	94,470	93,051	97,583	101,289	114,631	111,467	131,846

The proportion of dead or unclaimed letters, letter-cards, and post-cards to the total number dealt with in the colony was 0.34 per cent., as against 0.28 per cent. in 1899.

23,735 book-packets and circulars were returned to foreign countries. 61,045 were returned to senders through the Dead-letter Office; 38,514 were returned by Chief Postmasters: a total of 123,294 book-packets and circulars, as compared with 113,343 in 1899.

382 letters were wrongly addressed; 25 letters were discovered to have been posted with previously used stamps; 1,840 unclaimed registered letters were dealt with.

2,256 newspapers and 1,352 books and other articles without addresses were received, many of which were subsequently applied for and delivered.

798 newspapers were returned to the publishers.

472 letters and 149 letter-cards were posted without addresses.

10 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 senders where practicable :—

	£	s.	d.
299 post-office orders
40 bank drafts
220 cheques
10 dividend warrants and bonus certificates
6 promissory notes
Postal notes
Stamps
Bank-notes
Gold
Silver and copper

Representing a total of £4,174 7 5

In addition, 2 gold watches, 6 silver watches, 1 silver watch and chain, 1 ladies' watch, 3 Waterbury watches, 1 metal watch, 1 metal watch and chain, 1 gold watch-chain, 1 silver watch-chain, 10 gold rings, 3 ladies' gold rings, 2 silver rings, 3 gold brooches, 3 silver brooches, 2 greenstone brooches, 2 gold-mounted greenstone pendants, 1 silver-mounted greenstone pendant, 2 greenstone pendants, 1 piece greenstone, 1 silver saltspoon with greenstone handle, 1 pair silver-mounted greenstone carver rests, 3 pairs gold sleeve-links, 2 gold shirt-studs, 2 gold scarf-pins, 1 gold medal, 1 gold nugget, 1 small bottle of gold, 1 pair gold-rimmed eye-glasses, 1 silver-mounted card-case, 1 silver-mounted pocket-book, 2 dollar certificates, 1 Transvaal shilling, 1 Canadian five-cent piece, 1 ladies' belt-clasp, 1 ornamental paper-knife and pen, 7 pawn-tickets, 27 share-certificates, 14 collectors' approval sheets of obliterated postage-stamps, 2 packets of obliterated postage-stamps, 1 steerage-ticket of U.S.S. Company (Wellington to Lyttelton), 1 order on Shaw, Saville and Albion Company for ticket, 1 passage ticket from Port Said to Brisbane, 1 coach-ticket, tram-tickets, 1 Christchurch Exhibition medal, 1 dog's-head handle for walking-stick, 1 revolver.

The number of inland, intercolonial, and international articles received and disposed of during the years 1899 and 1900 was as under :—

	1899.					1900.				
	Letters.	Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Packets.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Packets.	Newspapers.
<i>Inland.</i>										
Returned, delivered, &c., through Dead-letter Office	60,332	1,946	2,594	48,704	770	62,751	2,085	1,704	59,258	798
Returned by Chief Postmasters defect ..	20,334	..	2,581	40,686	..	36,660	..	3,622	38,514	..
Destroyed in accordance with law ..	3,682	119	158	1,211	31,130	3,987	142	108	1,453	38,394
<i>Intercolonial.</i>										
Originally addressed to other colonies :—										
Returned to writers	4,041	..	83	1,228	..	4,249	..	91	789	..
Destroyed in accordance with law ..	242	..	11	75	..	270	..	6	48	..
Returned to other colonies as unclaimed	4,298	12	25	4,998	..	4,025	39	26	5,814	..
<i>International.</i>										
Originally addressed to other countries :—										
Returned to writers	5,206	..	108	677	..	5,949	..	128	998	..
Destroyed in accordance with law ..	316	..	8	32	..	379	..	8	47	..
Returned to other countries as unclaimed	5,331	9	31	17,050	..	5,529	53	35	17,921	..
Totals	103,782	2,086	5,599	114,661	31,900	123,799	2,319	5,728	124,842	39,192

MISSING LETTERS.

969 inquiries for letters and 771 for other articles alleged to have been posted and not delivered were made during 1900. In 548 of the inquiries for letters and 441 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.		...	Found to have been
Letters.	Other Articles.		
45	36	...	Missent, misdelivered, or otherwise delayed through fault of Post Office.
37	30	...	Delayed in delivery through fault of addressees.
32	25	...	Not posted.
55	44	...	Posted later than advised; forwarded by slower routes than letters of advice, &c.
101	82	...	Defectively or wrongly addressed.
66	53	...	Mislaid or lost after delivery.
49	40	...	Returned through Dead-letter Office as unclaimed, &c.
163	131	...	Delivered. Reason for inquiry not given, but probably in most cases omission by addressees to acknowledge receipt.
548	441		

REGISTERED LETTERS.

The number of registered articles dealt with in 1900, compared with the numbers in 1890, 1898, and 1899, is shown below:—

Postal Districts.	1890.			1898.			1899.			1900.		
	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	13,891	94,138	108,029	17,209	105,710	122,919	18,108	101,533	119,641.
Thames ..	130	4,781	4,911	289	16,654	16,943	295	18,659	18,954	267	19,912	20,179
New Plymouth ..	341	3,372	3,713	1,031	15,003	16,034	1,246	15,560	16,806	1,310	16,903	18,213
Gisborne ..	118	2,120	2,238	232	5,034	5,266	327	3,868	4,195	421	7,193	7,614
Napier ..	999	10,911	11,910	948	18,853	19,801	1,115	24,024	25,139	1,659	26,685	28,344
Wanganui ..	211	6,060	6,271	1,584	18,569	20,153	1,850	22,929	24,779	2,151	24,980	27,131
Wellington ..	6,129	30,369	36,498	13,107	69,297	82,404	14,340	78,947	93,287	9,513	85,915	95,428
Blenheim ..	92	3,193	3,285	68	4,397	4,465	97	5,471	5,568	116	6,371	6,487
Nelson ..	322	3,430	3,752	709	10,270	10,979	656	12,002	12,658	644	14,726	15,370
Westport ..	112	3,254	3,366	179	7,100	7,279	337	7,713	8,050	354	6,974	7,328
Greymouth ..	102	8,879	8,981	540	7,360	7,900	583	8,497	9,080	680	11,606	12,286
Hokitika ..	95	2,579	2,674	60	3,586	3,646	84	4,363	4,447	94	4,344	4,438
Christchurch ..	3,659	20,404	24,063	5,371	54,528	59,899	5,143	48,169	53,312	5,404	49,049	54,453
Timaru ..	312	3,551	3,863	507	6,737	7,244	1,068	8,130	9,198	1,196	9,973	11,169
Oamaru ..	278	2,505	2,783	170	5,040	5,210	163	7,244	7,407	120	8,880	9,000
Dunedin ..	4,615	19,696	24,311	6,352	33,522	39,874	6,427	39,544	45,971	6,954	44,003	50,957
Invercargill ..	1,740	9,819	11,559	3,357	19,740	23,097	3,431	23,936	27,367	3,352	24,989	28,341
Totals ..	26,374	169,321	195,695	48,395	389,828	438,223	54,371	434,766	489,137	52,343	464,036	516,379

INLAND MAILS.

The mail-services throughout the colony were conducted throughout the year without any serious interruption.

Another mail-sorting car was built at the end of 1900 by the Railway Department for the Post Office, and brought into use on the Christchurch-Culverden line, the extension and increased frequency of mail-traffic on that section having for some time past pointed to the necessity for instituting that further means of despatch in the sorting and delivery of mails.

The number of contracts for inland mails in operation in 1900 was 625.

There are in addition 361 services not under bond.

The length of inland postal routes by road (counted one way only) was 10,137 miles, and the total number of miles travelled 2,510,152, at an average cost of 3·26d. per mile. In 1899 the respective mileages were 9,678 and 2,236,056, and the average cost 3·27d. per mile.

Ordinary trains with mails travelled 2,858,805 miles.

The estimated sum payable to the Railway Department for the conveyance of mails by ordinary trains was £32,951 19s. 6d.

INLAND MAIL-SERVICES.

The following services were established during the year:—

Auckland—

As required: Awanui Post-office and Wharf; Hohoura, landing and shipping mails; Waihopo, landing-service; Whangamarino Post-office-Railway-station.

Daily: Te Awamutu-Hairini.

Thrice weekly: Kaukapakapa-Takekeroa.

Twice weekly: Tangaihi, landing-service; Te Mata-Raglan and Hamilton Road.

Weekly: Awanui Landing-Kaitaia (giving Kaitaia twice-weekly mail); Mangatu-Tutamoe; Matakohe-Ararua; Peria-Te Koroa; Poroti-Parakao; Port Fitzroy-Okiwi; Taupo-Tokaanu, twice weekly, November-April, weekly, May-October, (actually established 1899); Rowsell's-Maungaturoto; Waingaro-Ruakiwi; Waiotu Railway-station-Hukerenui-Towai (giving two last-named twice-weekly mail); Whangarei-Parua Bay.

Bleheim—

Weekly: Tuamarina-Waikakaho.

Fortnightly: Havelock-Mahau-Maori Bay-Tira Ora-Homewood-Brightlands-Ketu Bay-Te Peru.

Christchurch—

Daily: Ladbroke's Post-office-Railway-station; Woodend-Tuahiwi.

Twice weekly: Okain's Bay Post-office-Wharf.

Six times yearly: Lyttelton-Chatham Islands (renewal).

Dunedin—

As required: Mosgiel Post-office-Railway-station.

Twice daily: Dunedin-North-east Valley; Dunedin-Roslyn.

Twice weekly: Deep Stream-Clark's.

Fortnightly: Glenavy-Whitecombe.

Gisborne—

As required: Gisborne Chief Post-office-Wharves.

Weekly: Port Awanui Coach Road-Hangarua; Whakarau-Rakauroa; Whatatutu-Wheturau.

Greymouth—

Thrice weekly: Reefton-Globe Mine.

Weekly: Nelson Creek-Bell Hill.

Invercargill—

Four times weekly: Winton-Hedgehope.

Thrice weekly: Waianiwa-Otahuti.

Twice weekly: Brown's-Hokonui-Spring Hills; Mataura-Ferndale.

Weekly: Otautau-Scott's Gap (giving Scott's Gap a twice-weekly mail).

Monthly: Invercargill-Te Oneroa-Cromarty (renewal).

Napier—

Daily: Hastings-Mahora; Hastings-Pukahu.

New Plymouth—

Twice weekly: Wangamomona-Kohuratahi.

Thames—

Daily: Omaha Post-office-Railway-station.

Weekly: Opotiki-Motu; Puriri-Nevesville.

Timaru—

As required: Timaru Chief Post-office-Railway-station (subsidised service).

Daily: Levels Post-office-Railway-station; Waimate-Arno-Waihao Forks-Waihao Downs.

Thrice-weekly: Temuka-Ohape-Clandeboye.

Twice weekly: Glenavy-Pike's Point Road-Waikakahi (returning *via* Dog Kennel Road, delivering correspondence.)

Weekly: Waihao Downs-Pentland Hills (no post-office).

Oamaru—

As required: Oamaru Chief Post-office-Railway-station (first subsidised service).

Wanganui—

As required: Kai Iwi Post-office-Railway-station.

Daily: Brunswick Railway-station-Westmere.

Twice weekly: Mangaweka-Ruahine.

Weekly: Aberfeldie-Parapara; Kauangaroa-Mangatipoua.

Wellington—

As required: Chief Post Office-Wellington South.

Daily: Carterton-Belvedere; Rongotea-Glen Oroua.

Twice weekly: Mangamaire-Marima; Masterton-Waingawa; Mauriceville-Ditton (no post-office); Nireaha-Atea; Nireaha-Putara.

Weekly: Te Nui-Te Mai (no post-office).

Westport—

Daily: Burnett's Face (letter-delivery).

Monthly: Karamea-Little Wanganui.

The following services were extended:—

Auckland—

Auckland City, clearing receivers (area extended to embrace three miles and a half from Chief Post-office); Birkenhead-Dairy Flat to Pukeatua; Fairburn's-Victoria Valley-Takahue to Herekino; Ohaeawai-Kerikeri to Waipapa; Papakura-Hunua to Otau.

Christchurch—

Rakaia-Overdale-Dorie to Kyle.

Dunedin—

Ophir—Ida Valley (no post-office) to Lower Ida Valley (no post-office); Dundas and McNaughton's Corner; Wedderburn—Clyde to Cromwell (thrice weekly, giving Cromwell a daily mail).

Gisborne—

Gisborne—Waimata Valley to Arakihi.

Greymouth—

Main Road—Blackwater to Upper Blackwater; Reefton—Merrijigs to Big River.

Timaru—

Albury—Tengawai to Limestone Road (no post-office); Coal Pits (no post-office)—Opawa—(no post-office); Mount Nething (no post-office), delivering correspondence; Geraldine—Pleasant Valley—Te Moana—Gape's Valley to Burborough (no post-office), delivering correspondence; Glenavy—Ikawai to Elephant Hill (no post-office), returning by Middle Road, delivering correspondence; Timaru—Fairview—Claremont—Priest's Corner (no post-office)—Southburn—Pareora—Otipua—Kingsdown (no post-office) to Salisbury.

Wanganui—

Holden's—Pukeroa—Pohonui to Mangamahoe Junction (no post-office)—Karetu Road (no post-office)—Turakina Valley Road (no post-office)—Koeke—Ruanui, delivering correspondence; Mangaonoho—Watershed Road—Lambert's—Murray's Track—Palmerston Knights of Labour Block (Munro's) to Whaka Road (no post-office), and Ngarunga Road (no post-office), delivering correspondence; Waitotara—Ngamatapouri to Taumatatahi.

Wellington—

Karori, letter-delivery to distance of a mile and half from office; Masterton—Bideford—Glendonald to Tanglewood.

The following services were curtailed:—

Dunedin—

Palmerston—Macrae's Flat—Moonlight—Nenthorn to Palmerston—Macrae's Flat—Moonlight (Nenthorn closed); Ranfurly—Clyde to Wedderburn—Clyde (by extension of railway to Wedderburn).

The frequency of the following services was increased:—

Auckland—

Twice daily to, as required: Frankton Junction—Kirikiriroa.

Daily to twice daily Mondays and Wednesdays, once daily other days: Kaukapakapa Post-office—Railway-station.

Twice to thrice weekly: Hamilton—Raglan; Marsden Point—Waipu; Pukekohe—Pukekohe East; Waiuku—Waipipi—Kohekohe—Pollok Settlement; Pukekohe—Puni.

Thrice weekly to daily: Ohaupo—Paterangi.

Once to twice weekly: Hohoura—Waihopo; Kaihu—Aranga; Kamo—Opango; Ngaruawahia—Waingarō (of Ngaruawahia—Pepepe service)—Pepepe section continues once weekly; Ohaewai—Waimate North; Raglan—Aotea; Pirongia—Te Rauamo—Kawhia; Tauhoa—Mangakura.

Blenheim—

Twice to thrice weekly: Blenheim—Seddon.

Christchurch—

Five to six times daily: Christchurch—Lyttelton.

Twice to thrice daily: Christchurch—Timaru (service to include other principal offices). Twice daily one way (inwards) to twice daily both ways: Christchurch—Upper Riccarton.

Daily and twice weekly to daily throughout: Lyttelton—Rapaki—Governor's Bay—Allandale—Teddington.

Four times weekly to daily: Waipara—Motunau—Domett—Cheviot.

Thrice weekly to daily: Ashburton—Rakaia—Christchurch (Rakaia and Ashburton now send four mails daily to Christchurch); Dunsandel—Killinchy; Dorie—Kyle; Rakaia—Overdale.

Twice to thrice weekly: Waiau—Kaikoura.

Weekly to twice weekly: Spotswood—Cheviot.

Dunedin—

Thrice weekly to daily: Clyde—Cromwell (see "Extended"); Wedderburn—St. Bathans.

Twice to thrice weekly: Cromwell—Loburn Ferry (outwards only, the mail from Loburn Ferry remains twice weekly); Karitane Post-office—Puketeraki Railway-station (thrice weekly, 1st October to 31st March; twice weekly as before for rest of year).

Once to twice weekly: Bannockburn—Nevis (1st October to 31st May; once weekly as before, 1st June to 30th September).

Gisborne—

Thrice weekly to daily: Gisborne—Matawhero—Te Arai Bridge—Muriwai, 1st October to 31st May (thrice weekly as before, 1st June to 31st September).

Fortnightly to weekly: Port Awanui—Rangitukia—Te Araroa section of Port Awanui—Hick's Bay service (Te Araroa—Hick's Bay section remains fortnightly).

- Greymouth—
Daily throughout week to daily and twice daily: Ngahere–Nelson Creek.
- Invercargill—
Four times weekly to daily: Winton–Brown's–Hedgehope.
Twice weekly to daily: Invercargill–West Plains.
Twice to thrice weekly: Fortrose–Tokonui Gorge–Quarry Hills–Niagara–Waikawa;
Nightcaps–Opio–Annandale; Queenstown–Malaghan's; Thornbury–Isla Bank–
Drummond.
Once to twice weekly: Manapouri–Hillside Creek, 1st November to 30th April (once
weekly 1st May to 31st October); Orepuki–Te Tua; Woodlands–Dacre.
- Napier—
Twice to thrice daily: Farndon–Clive.
Once to twice weekly: Dannevirke–Ngapaeruru–Waipatiki–Weber–Ti-tree Point–
Wimbleton–Herbertville (see "Abolished"); Weber–Waione.
- Nelson—
Thrice weekly to daily: Richmond–Motueka–Riwaka.
Twice to four times weekly: Motupiko–Motupiko Railway (by two separate twice-
weekly services).
- New Plymouth—
Thrice weekly to daily: Inglewood–Tarata; Waitara–Onaero–Urenui.
Twice and thrice weekly to thrice weekly throughout: Inglewood–Kaimata–Tarata–
Purangi.
Twice to thrice weekly: Stratford–Mahoe–Rowan.
Once to twice weekly: Huiakama–Pohukura–Wangamomona; Toko–Strathmore;
Urenui–Uruti Road.
- Thames—
Once to twice daily: Paeroa–Waihi; Paeroa–Waitekauri.
Four times weekly to daily: Waitekauri–Golden Cross.
Twice and thrice weekly to thrice weekly throughout year: Hikutaia–Maratoto.
Twice weekly to thrice weekly: Tauranga–Te Puke; Waihi–Tauranga.
- Wanganui—
Thrice to four times daily: Bull's–Greatford.
Thrice weekly to daily: Mangaweka–Utiku–Taihape.
Twice to thrice weekly: Manutahi–Whakamara (no post-office)–Mokoia Block (no
post-office)–Meremere (open delivery).
Once to twice weekly: Holden's–Pukeroa–Pohonui, including Mangamahoe Junction–
Karetu Road–Turakina Valley Road–Koeke–Ruanui (see "Extended").
- Wellington—
Twice to thrice daily: Clareville Post-office–Railway-station.
Daily to twice daily: Masterton–Kuripuni.
Five times weekly to daily: Halcombe–Stanway; Waituna West–Rewa.
Thrice weekly to daily: Ashhurst–Pohangina.
Twice to thrice weekly: Mangahao–Makomako–Nikau; Nireaha–Atea; Pohangina–
Awahou; Pohangina–Upper Pohangina.
Once to twice weekly: Makuri–Coonoor; Pongaroa–Manuhara.
- The frequency of the following services was diminished:—
- Wanganui—
Daily to twice weekly: Marton–South Makirikiri (delivering correspondence).
Twice to once weekly: Utiku–Pukeokahu.
- The following services were abolished:—
- Auckland—
Hohoura–Waihopo.
- Invercargill—
Mararoa–The Key.
- Napier—
Dannevirke–Ngapaeruru–Waipatiki–Weber (separate service).
Wairoa–Morere–Nuhaka–Mahia (31/12/99, on establishment of through-service,
Gisborne–Wairoa).
- Nelson—
Belgrove–Tophouse.
- Timaru—
Morven Post-office–Railway-station.
- Wanganui—
Rakautaua Post-office–Railway-station.
- The following services have been otherwise altered:—
- Auckland—
Rotorua–Wairakei, two routes, to leave Rotorua, *vid* Waiotapu, on Thursdays and
Saturdays; and *vid* Atiamuri on Tuesdays.
Pirongia–Kawhia, coach substituted for horse-service; Rangiriri–Churchill–Glen
Murray, Mercer substituted for Rangiriri, and launch for horse-service.
- Blenheim—
Blenheim–Seddon, from coach to horse-service.
Picton–Onapua–Te Weka–Te Awaite, to call at Onapua both ways.

- Christchurch—Akaroa—Wainui, steam-launch on afternoon of first Friday monthly, to return *via* Duvauchelle and not direct from Wainui.
- Gisborne—
Gisborne—Tarewa—Morere—Nuhaka—Mahia—Wairoa, now made one through-service.
Port Awanui—Hick's Bay, by inclusion of mail to and from East Cape Lighthouse once monthly.
- Invercargill—
Otautau—Clifden, by inclusion of Scott's Gap (see "Established").
- Wanganui—
Eltham—Awatuna and Punihu Stream—Opunake, services are now continuous.
Moawhango—Waiouru, by inclusion of Te Moehau and Turangarere (new offices)
Tokaanu—Pipiriki, by inclusion of Waiouru (new office).
- Wellington—
Carnarvon—Feilding, to take in Ohakea—Sanson—Awahuri—Rongotea, by round service on four roads; Feilding—Awahuri—Rongotea to be Carnarvon—Rongotea—Sanson—Awahuri—Feilding; Wellington—Pelorus Sound—Havelock, by inclusion of Elaine Bay on outward trip (making a call both ways).
- Westport—
Westport—Charleston, route to be *via* Nine-mile Beach.

OCEAN MAIL-SERVICES.

Reference was made in last year's report to the fact that the Oceanic Steamship Company, of San Francisco (the J. D. Spreckels and Brothers Company), had secured a ten-years contract from the United States Government for a three-weekly service between San Francisco, Auckland, and Sydney by American-registered steamers, and that the United States maritime laws had been applied to the Hawaiian Islands, under which British vessels were prevented from trading between San Francisco and Honolulu.

This led the contractors, the Union Steam Ship Company (with whom the Oceanic Company were associated in carrying out the service), to appeal to the Government to cancel their contract as from the commencement of the Oceanic Company's new service, instead of allowing it to run out by effluxion of time in March, 1901. To agree to this involved the retirement of New Zealand from the position of principal contractor. It should be mentioned here that the colony initiated the service in 1870, on the collapse of the Panama line; maintained it under many adverse conditions, and for many years had borne the greater portion of the cost. The United States' contract with the Oceanic Company, and the application of the arbitrary maritime laws to the Hawaiian Islands, not only affected the Union Company as contractors, but it also meant that a New Zealand shipping company was to be driven out of the service. It was, however, fully recognised that it would be impossible for the Union Company to continue, as Messrs. Spreckels had secured an American subsidy of over £50,000 a year for their own vessels, and the "Moana" had already been shut out from carrying passengers and cargo between Honolulu and San Francisco—a very profitable section of the service. The Government, after very full consideration, decided to relieve the company of its contract as requested. It did so with considerable regret, and, in communicating the fact, complimented the company on the admirable manner in which they had carried out the service during the fifteen years they had been contractors.

The temporary renewal of the service was dealt with by the House of Representatives last session, when the following resolutions were agreed to on the 11th October, 1900:—

Resolved, "(1.) That this House authorises the Government to enter into a temporary agreement with the J. D. Spreckels and Brothers Company for the continuance of the San Francisco mail-service once every three weeks, in the place of four-weekly, for a period not exceeding twelve months, from about the 21st November, 1900. (2.) The payment for the conveyance of mails from New Zealand to San Francisco shall be at the rate of 10s. 5d. per pound for letters, 1s. per pound for books, packets, &c., and 6d. per pound for newspapers. (3.) The time between San Francisco and Auckland shall not exceed sixteen days. (4.) No bonus shall be paid for early arrival, and penalties at the rate of £4 an hour to be enforced only when late delivery exceeds forty-eight hours. (5.) All mails tendered to the contractors at Auckland and San Francisco by or on behalf of the Postmaster-General of New Zealand shall be conveyed by the contract vessels, and sufficient and secure accommodation shall be provided for the same. (6.) Suitable accommodation and lighting shall be provided for the purpose of sorting the mails on board the contract vessels, and first-class accommodation provided without charge for a mail-agent and an assistant, or, if required, two assistants. (7.) During the continuance of the contract, and so long as the same shall be faithfully carried out by the contractors, no charge for harbour dues, dock dues, or other rates shall be made or levied under 'The Harbours Act, 1878,' or any amendment thereof, or under any special Act in that behalf, at the Port of Auckland for any of the steam-vessels employed in carrying out the contract. (8.) Any agreement entered into between the Postmaster-General of New Zealand and J. D. Spreckels and Brothers Company shall, where applicable, follow the provisions of the agreement entered into with the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand (Limited), on the 14th day of August, 1895, and the renewed agreement made on the 11th day of April, 1899."

The resolutions in due course were forwarded to the Oceanic Company, and Mr. J. D. Spreckels (President of the Company) replied that, while he accepted the rates of payment fixed by the House, he declined to be bound by any contract until he had had experience of the running of the new steamers; and it was, perhaps, as well that he came to such a determination, because of the continued irregular running of his service since its initiation.

The new service was fixed to commence from San Francisco on the 31st October, 1900, and from Sydney on the 4th December. The new steamers, however, not being ready, the "Alameda" and "Mariposa" had perforce to be employed as substitute vessels for a voyage or two. One accident after another to the machinery of the new vessels, when they did begin running, disorganized the service, and this has continued almost up to the time of writing, involving the company in very considerable expense on account of repairs and delays, and at the same time destroying the good name the San Francisco route had for punctuality. The service is not now looked upon with that favour it formerly was, especially by business people in Great Britain, who have repeatedly complained of the great inconvenience they suffer through the irregular delivery of the colonial mails. The effect of this may be gathered from the fact that, notwithstanding the increased frequency of the service, there has been a material falling-off in the volume of mail-matter sent from Great Britain by way of San Francisco. The last inward mail from London comprised 256 bags only, as against an average of about 450 by each mail under the four-weekly running. Instead of the three-weekly mail, under an accelerated time-table, diverting mail-matter from the Federal service, as it should have done, an increased quantity of correspondence for months past is being regularly received by the Brindisi and Naples routes.

Mr. Spreckels now believes that all trouble with the vessels' machinery has been overcome, and that the irregularities in the running may be regarded as at an end. The last inward voyage of the "Sierra" confirms this to some extent, as, notwithstanding her forty-one hours' detention at Honolulu and Pango Pango, she was only twenty-eight hours late in reaching Auckland. She averaged sixteen knots an hour throughout the three days immediately prior to her arrival at Auckland. With the exception of the weakness in the machinery, the vessels are said to be well suited for a first-class passenger and fast-mail service.

The papers which are to be submitted to Parliament will afford further information as to the present position of the service. They will also show that any contract entered into by this colony can only apply to the outward service, the inward service and the departure of the vessels from San Francisco being completely regulated by the United States Post Office. As a matter of fact, the Postmaster-General, Washington, has made it quite clear that the Oceanic Company has no authority whatever to negotiate or contract with New Zealand for the transport of any mails from San Francisco to the colony.

Mr. Spreckels is so far satisfied with the strengthening of the vessels' machinery that he has submitted proposals for a five-years contract. These are under consideration, and in due course will be laid before the House of Representatives on the question of the continuance of the service coming up for consideration. It may be mentioned, however, that the colony is now paying at the rate of £17,000 a year for the use of the service for the transport of its outward mails. Up to the present there is no indication that Australia will subsidise the service. New South Wales, which formerly paid £4,000 a year to the four-weekly service, is paying minimum poundage rates of 2s. per pound for letters and 4s. 6d. per hundred-weight for other matter.

The increased frequency of the San Francisco service necessitated a rearrangement of the coastal service, at an additional cost of about £1,000 a year.

In connection with the withdrawal of the Union Company from the San Francisco service, there was no outward despatch by that route in November. Arrangements were made for a close connection at Sydney with the Brindisi and Vancouver services that month. Mainly on this account the payment to the Vancouver service, which under ordinary conditions should be inappreciable, was £762. The subsequent irregular running of the San Francisco steamers also necessitated special arrangements for connecting with the outward Federal mails at Sydney and Melbourne.

RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS on Account of the SAN FRANCISCO, PENINSULAR and ORIENTAL, and ORIENT MAIL-SERVICES for the Year 1900.

		<i>San Francisco Service.</i>						
DR.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Payments by weight—								
	On mails from New Zealand	...	12,693	6	0			
	On mails from the United Kingdom	...	4,505	10	2			
	On mails from the Australian Colonies, Fiji, &c.	...	5,439	0	5			
					22,637	16	7	
	Interprovincial service, mail agents, &c.	...			4,818	17	11	
Transit charges	{ San Francisco to New York	...			4,300	7	5	
	{ New York to Queenstown	...			1,831	16	8	
						33,588	18	7
CR.								
	Postages collected in the colony	...			12,840	12	4	
	Postages from London	...			4,505	10	2	
	Contributions from non-contracting colonies	...			5,439	0	5	
						22,785	2	11
	Net cost to the colony	...				£10,803	15	8

595,717 letters, 7,235 post-cards, 611,191 books, and 1,285,302 newspapers were received from, and 535,029 letters, 6,498 post-cards, 142,782 books, and 525,125 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 30·85 days in 1899; and from London to Auckland, 31·71 days, as compared with 31·54 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	5,774	16	4			
Transit charges across Australia	414	12	9			
Transit charges across Europe	666	9	7			
Gratuities (to and from Australia)	2,184	12	4			
				9,040	11	0
CR.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Postages collected in the colony	5,085	14	4			
Postages from London and foreign offices	1,088	16	8			
				6,174	11	0
				2,866	0	0

Net cost to the colony £2,866 0 0

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—500,382 letters, 6,078 post-cards, 310,093 books, and 1,273,818 newspapers; despatched—209,877 letters, 2,549 post-cards, 56,620 books, and 248,360 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 1900 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	34	31	31·71	45	38	39·38	46	37	39·15
Auckland to London	32	30	30·85	47	38	40·36	44	38	40·74
London to Wellington	35	32	32·86	48	38	40·35	43	38	39·96
Wellington to London	33	31	32·69	49	37	41·20	46	37	42·14
London to Dunedin	37	33	34·07	46	39	41·13	47	39	41·71
Dunedin to London	34	32	33·69	47	38	41·01	47	40	41·89
London to Bluff	38	34	34·82	45	38	40·38	46	38	40·96
Bluff to London	35	33	34·44	46	37	40·26	46	39	41·14

The several subsidised mail sea-services, the subsidy-payments for the year 1900, 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 .. ..	.. ..	April, 1871	Not determined ^a	17	11,850	1 6·92
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 Tangiteroria	100 0 0	Nov., 1893	Dec., 1902	52	46	0 10·03
Helensville and Matakoho	550 0 0	Jan., 1881	Dec., 1902	52	118	0 5·54
Helensville and Dargaville				104	170	
Horeke, Kohukohu, Rawene, Waitapu, and Opononi	157 0 0	Jan., 1889	Dec., 1902	52	48	1 3·10
Russell and Opua	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	350 0 0	Dec., 1891	Dec., 1902	26	183	1 5·65
Nelson, Motueka, Totaranui, Takaka, and Collingwood	125 0 0	..	Dec., 1902	52	130	0 4·44
Westport and Karamea	400 0 0	June, 1886	Dec., 1902	36	102	1 8·62
Westport and Little Wanganui		Jan., 1895	Dec., 1902	12	82	
Hokitika, Okarito, Bruce Bay, Paringa, Haast, Okura, and Jackson's Bay		600 0 0	Jan., 1886	Dec., 1902	6		334
Lyttelton and Chatham Islands (including Pitt's Island)	300 0 0	..	Mar., 1902	6	1,050	0 11·43
Bluff and Half-moon Bay	245 0 0	July, 1886	Dec., 1902	52	48	1 11·56
Bluff, Te Oneroa, and Cromarty	360 0 0	April, 1893	Nov., 1901	12	208	2 10·62
	300 0 0	Nov., 1901	Nov., 1902	12		2 4·85
Interprovincial service in connection with San Francisco line	3,500 0 0 ^b	Nov., 1886	Mar., 1901	13	..	..

^a Mails carried at present under arrangement with Oceanic Steam Ship Company of San Francisco on poundage basis. It is expected contract will be made later, when service more settled. Oceanic Company's contract with United States Government is for ten years, from about the end of 1900.

^b Plus one-thirteenth of £500 for each trip on which steamer with inward mails leaves Onehunga on a Tuesday.

BUILDINGS.

Steps for providing better accommodation for the larger chief post-offices have been taken.

The structural alterations and additions at the Auckland Chief Post-office mentioned in last year's report, and now on the point of completion, should afford sufficient accommodation for some years to come, and enable the enormously increased volume of work to be overtaken with greater facility.

At Wellington, where the need for additional space is more urgent than elsewhere, some relief has been given by removing the money-order and savings-bank branch of the office to the premises recently occupied by the Bank of New Zealand in Lambton Quay. This has afforded increased

counter-space for the parcels, stamps, registered-letter, and delivery branches, and allowed a considerable increase of space to be thrown into the mail-room. The alterations, while affording some relief, can at best be regarded as a temporary measure, which will serve until additions can be made on the Government acquiring the block adjoining that on which the General Post Office building stands. The necessary notice in this direction has been given under the Public Works Act.

At Dunedin nothing has been done as yet for enlarging the Chief Post-office, but, as the new law-courts building is now almost completed, it is hoped that the congested state of the office-accommodation will be relieved during the ensuing twelve months.

A considerable extension of the telegraph-office at Dunedin is about to be undertaken by building over the triangular space facing Bond Street, on which a small building occupied by the Registrar of Births, &c., at present stands. This will provide for a much-needed enlargement of the instrument-room, and at the same time will give space on the ground-floor for large despatch and messengers' rooms. On the upper floor the additional space obtained will be utilised for the increasing number of telephone-exchange switchboards.

New buildings in brick have been erected, or are in course of erection, at the following places:—

Ashburton, Auckland, Caversham, Eketahuna, Feilding, Gisborne, Hamilton, Inglewood, Motueka, Opunake, Sumner, Temuka, and Wanganui.

In these brick buildings an improved style of architecture has been adopted, and they are built on a scale to meet future requirements.

New offices in wood have been erected, or are about to be erected, at Alfredton, Aratapu, Karangahake, Kawhia, Tolaga Bay, and Toko.

The following general repairs, additions, &c., were carried out during the year:—

Additions, fitting up private letter-boxes, painting, papering, &c., Alexandra; alterations, additions, private letter-boxes, Auckland; alterations and repairs, Barry's Bay; additions, fittings, asphaltting yard, erecting and painting fence, &c., Bluff; alterations and repairs, Christchurch; reinstating building destroyed by fire, Clinton; alterations and repairs, Dunedin; rebuilding washhouse, repairs, painting, &c., Kaitangata; additions to quarters, Katikati; painting, Longford; laying on water, and general sanitary improvements, Lyttelton; alterations and repairs, Makuri; repairs, &c., Manurewa; drainage, &c., Martinborough; fittings and furniture for new office, Masterton; repairs, &c., Miller's Flat; additions, Morven; repairs to roof, &c., Napier; new private letter-boxes, alterations, refurnishing, &c., New Plymouth; alterations and repairs, Newton; repairs and renovations, Ohaeawai; additions for quarters, Otahuhu; alterations and repairs, Otautau; repairs, Paeroa; furnishings and fittings for new office, Petone; repairs, &c., Pleasant Point; purchase of land and buildings, and alterations, Ponsonby; repairs, &c., Porootarao; repairs, &c., Rakaia; repairs and painting, Ross; additions, repairs, &c., Rotorua; new private letter-boxes, repairs, and alterations, Roxburgh; repairs and renovations, Russell; new office, and fencing, Shag Point; fittings, Strand Arcade; repairs, &c., Templeton; repairs, Te Nui; repairs and alterations, Timaru; repairs, &c., Upper Hutt; alterations and repairs, Waihola; repairs, &c., Wairoa; alterations and repairs, Wakapuaka; fittings, furniture, &c., Wereroa; alterations and repairs, Whakataki; repairs and alterations, Woolston.

MONEY-ORDERS.

Twenty-four money-order offices were opened during the year—namely, Addington, Awahuri, Awhitu, Cheltenham, Clive, Colyton, Frasertown, Gimmerburn, Havelock North, Kawhia, Morven, North-east Valley, Opoutama, Otira, Pongaroa, Porootarao, Port Awanui, Roslyn, Strand Arcade, Tadmor, Templeton, Tokatoka, Utiku, and Whangapara.

Four offices were closed—namely, Nenthorne, Okupu, Tauhoa, and Jackson's.

The number of offices open at the end of the year was 454, as against 434 twelve months previously.

369,834 money-orders were issued for £1,214,852 16s. 5d., as compared with 344,664 for £1,118,808 5s. 7d. in 1899—an increase of 25,170 in number and £96,044 10s. 10d. in amount.

264,018 money-orders, amounting to £1,042,348 4s. 5d., were paid, as against 244,917 for £948,013 3s. 4d. during 1899—an increase of 19,101 orders and £94,335 1s. 1d.

There were 39,311 telegraph money-orders issued for £127,551 12s. 6d., as compared with 36,933 for £120,034 3s. 2d. in 1899—an increase of 2,378 in number and £7,517 9s. 4d. in amount.

130,269 orders for £262,992 9s. 1d. were issued on places beyond New Zealand, as against 123,310 orders for £254,295 0s. 10d. during 1899.

25,613 orders for £95,318 15s. 9d. were issued at places beyond New Zealand for payment in the colony, as compared with 24,023 orders for £85,824 4s. 6d. during the previous year.

The commission received for money-orders amounted to £16,512 12s. 9d., as against £15,533 4s. 6d. received during 1899.

Direct exchanges of orders between New Zealand and Cook Islands and Samoa were established during the year.

POSTAL NOTES.

On 1st January, 1901, a new series of postal notes of the following denominations was issued: 1s., 1s. 6d., 2s., 2s. 6d., 3s., 5s., 10s., 15s., 20s. The design is new, and each denomination is printed in ink of distinctive colour.

The following offices were created postal-note offices during the year ended 31st March, 1901:—

Addington.	Kilbirnie.	Okaiawa.	Sumner.
Awahuri.	Kokonga.	Opoutama.	Te Karaka.
Bainham.	Makarora.	Otakeho.	Templeton.
Brooklyn.	Matamau.	Otira.	Tokatoka.
Elaine Bay.	Matau.	Pongaroa.	Upper Waiwera.
Gimmerburn.	Morven.	Purekireki.	Wereroa.
Havelock North.	Ngairi.	Roslyn.	Whangapara.
Karori.	Nireaha.	Seddon.	Wimbledon.
Kerikeri.	North-east Valley.	Strand Arcade.	Winslow.

The number of telegrams of all codes forwarded during last financial year was 3,898,128—an increase of 428,497, or 12·35 per cent., over 1899–1900.

The proportion of telegrams per head of population was 5·10, as compared with 4·70 the previous year.

The number of ordinary telegrams forwarded was 2,840,426, of the value of £96,186 0s. 6d., compared with 2,578,863 for £89,716 15s. 2d., in 1899–1900—an increase of 261,563 and £6,469 5s. 4d.

The urgent telegrams numbered 160,428, of the value of £10,549 7s. 1d.—an increase of 32,852 in number and £2,136 11s. 6d. in amount.

275,738 Press telegrams, of the value of £12,291 17s. 4d., were forwarded in 1900–01, as compared with 255,362, valued at £10,770 13s. 9d., forwarded in 1899–1900—an increase of 20,376, or 7·98 per cent., in number, and 14·12 per cent. in value.

The value of each Press telegram averaged 10·70d., as against 10·12d. in 1899–1900.

The bureau messages numbered 257,852, of the value of £7,354 9s. 7d., as compared with 197,292, of the value of £5,482 17s. 7d.—an increase of 60,560 in number and £1,871 12s. in amount.

The average value of each bureau message was 6·85d., as against 6·67d. in 1899–1900.

The number of Government telegrams forwarded was 363,684, valued at £35,327 6s. 2d., as compared with 310,538, of the value of £29,431 19s.—an increase of 53,146 in number and of £5,895 7s. 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, and to the departmental war reports which were forwarded to places not served by newspapers on the day of issue.

39,311 money-orders for £127,551 12s. 6d. were transmitted by telegraph, as against 36,933 for £120,034 3s. 2d. in 1899–1900—an increase of 2,378 telegrams.

The number of forwarded telegrams to every hundred letters posted in New Zealand for delivery within the colony was 10·77, as against 9·94 in 1899–1900.

The telegraph receipts for the financial year, including telephone-exchange subscriptions, private-wire rents, &c., amounted to £186,978 1s. 10½d., compared with £162,944 14s. 5d. in 1899–1900—an increase of £24,033 7s. 5½d., or 14·75 per cent.

The expenditure, excluding cable subsidy, was £194,014 12s. 11d., as compared with £181,634 11s. 3d. for the previous year—an increase of £12,380 1s. 8d., or 6·82 per cent.

There were 7,249 miles of line and 20,682 miles of wire at the close of the year—an increase of 339 and 1,454 miles respectively.

The net expenditure out of Public Works Fund for telegraph extension was £50,100 19s. 7d., as compared with £26,771 7s. 9d. in 1899–1900.

The number of private wires and subsidised lines was 313, compared with 248 in 1899–1900. The amount received for rent, maintenance, &c., was £1,861 16s. 10d., as against £1,587 2s. 10d. in 1899–1900.

The total number of telegraph- and telephone-offices open at the close of the year was 991. Of these, 237 were telegraph- and 754 telephone-offices.

OFFICES OPENED and CLOSED during Financial Year ended 31st March, 1901.

<i>Opened.</i>			
Addington.	Gummie's Bush.	Mokihinui Mine.	South Invercargill.
Allandale.	Gumtown.	Mokotua.	Strand Arcade.
Annat.	Henley Railway.	Moonlight.	Surrey Hills.
Aro Street.	Hope.	Morven.	Tangiteroria.
Arundel.	Ikawai.	Motuihi.	Tangowahine.
Borton's.	Kaikorai.	Ohakune.	Tatapouri.
Centre Bush.	Kaimata.	Oruru.	Teddington.
Charteris Bay.	Kapuka.	Otamatea.	Te Horo.
Christchurch Exhibition.	Katioi.	Otira Railway.	Te Moehau.
Cobden.	Leithfield.	Pakaraka.	Three Channel Flat.
Conway.	Limehills.	Peebles.	Tiraumea.
Dallington.	Livingstone.	Peria.	Tisbury.
Douglas Road.	Maerewhenua.	Pipiriki.	Titiroa.
Dunrobin.	Mangaituroa.	Port Levy.	Upper Mohaka.
Gebbie's Flat.	Mangapehi.	Purau.	Waddington.
Gladstone Road.	Manurewa.	Raetihi.	Waihao Downs.
Glen Oroua.	Marsden.	Rakaunui.	Waimatua.
Goodwood.	Matawhero.	Redcliffs.	Waiouru.
Governor's Bay.	Maunganui Bluff.	Remuera.	Waterfalls.
Greenmeadows.	Meeanee.	Rocky Nook.	Weraroa.
	Mitchelltown.	Silverhope.	Yaldhurst.

<i>Closed.</i>			
Christchurch Exhibition.	Eweburn.	Onaero.	Papanui Bureau.
	Mosgiel Bureau.	Paikakariki.	The Forks.
Opened during year, 83; closed, 7.			

TELEPHONE EXCHANGES.

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

The following is a comparative return of the telephone-exchange connections for the years 1899-1900 and 1900-1901 :—

Exchange.	No. of Subscribers or Connections :	
	Mar. 31, 1900.	Mar. 31, 1901.
Ashburton	100	106
Auckland	1,134	1,263
Blenheim	75	91
Christchurch	968	1,048
Rangiora	14	13
Dunedin	1,082	1,204
Balclutha	15	16
Kaitangata	6	5
Milton	20	20
Palmerston South	15	15
Port Chalmers	17	19
Waikouaiti	—	8
Feilding	78	98
Gisborne	145	184
Greymouth	94	114
Hawera	91	105
Eltham	9	12
Manaia	9	14
Invercargill	250	278
Bluff	22	23
Edendale	—	5
Gore	58	63
Lumsden	—	14
Mataura	8	9
Otautau	22	24
Riversdale	13	16
Riverton	—	18
Winton	13	17
Woodlands	5	5
Wyndham	—	13
Masterton	81	104
Napier	297	316
Hastings	45	48
Nelson	78	107
New Plymouth	212	230
Inglewood	6	11
Waitara	11	14
Oamaru	127	161
Ngapara	—	1
Pahiatua	—	63
Woodville	—	15
Palmerston North	127	157
Stratford	57	68
Thames	79	78
Timaru	91	123
Wanganui	250	284
Marton	9	25
Wellington	1,417	1,585
Total	<u>7,150</u>	<u>8,210</u>

The connections may be classified as follows: Paying, 7,550; free, 202; bureaux, 458; total, 8,210.

The telephone-exchange receipts amounted to £49,117 0s. 8d.—an increase of £5,813 17s. 10d. 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 £45,348 9s. 10d.

The following are the particulars of telegraph- and telephone-wires, &c., in the colony on 31st March, 1901 :—

	Telegraph.	Telephone.
Miles of line, 1st April, 1900	6,910	501
" 31st March, 1901	7,249	545
Miles of wire, 1st April, 1900	19,228	6,343
" 31st March, 1901	20,682	6,987
Increase during the year—		
Miles of line	339	44
Miles of wire	1,454	644
Submarine cable, 1st April, 1900	242 knots	8 knots.
" 31st March, 1901	244 knots	11.6 knots.

TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE.

AUCKLAND.

The following new lines have been erected and completed :—

	Miles of Poles.	Miles of Wire.
Rotorua to Waiotapu Prison	9	9
Whangarei to Kawakawa ... ..	...	30½
Mangonui to Oruru and Peria	10	10
Branch off Waipapa line to Kerikeri	3½	3½
Ohaeawai to Pakaraka	3½	5½
Mangawai to Te Arai	½	3½
Kaihu to Aranga	5½	5½
Dargaville to Tangiteroria	17	17
Auckland to Waiwera ... ..	...	28
Lead off Manukau Heads wire to Manurewa	¼	¼
Auckland to Gladstone Road ... ..	...	1¼
Howick to Motuihi	4	5
Auckland to Strand Arcade ... ..	...	½
Auckland to Mahoenui ... ..	...	155½
Lead to Mangapehi ... ..	...	1½
Lead off Tairua line to Gumtown	4¾	4¾
Maketu to Te Puke	1½	12
For Railway Department—		
Hukerenui to Hukerenui Railway	¼	¼
Extension of Kamo Railway	½	½
Penrose to Mount Smart ... ..	...	¾
For Public Works Department—		
Kaukapakapa to Tahekeroa	9	9
Parootarao to Ongarue	13½	15
	<u>82¾</u>	<u>317¾</u>

The additions for the year are therefore 82¾ miles of poles and 317¾ of wire, making a total of 1,851½ miles of poles and 4,474½ miles of wire in this district.

The total number of offices in the district is 225.

The following changes were made: Maketu, converted from Morse station to telephone; Te Puke and Ponsonby, converted from telephone to Morse.

Duplex sets were installed at Paeroa and Waihi to relieve the pressure on the Auckland-Waihi wire.

In addition to the above, the following railway telephone-offices were opened: Porootarao (Engineer's office), Waimeha, Maramata, Ongarue, Makarau, Tahekeroa, Hukerenui, Kamo, Mount Smart, and Remuera.

Maintenance.

On Cape Maria van Diemen line, 40 miles of No. 14 copper wire were replaced with No. 8 iron wire.

The following sections have been overhauled and strengthened: Dargaville-Kaihu, 6¾ miles; Thames-Te Aroha and Waiorongamai, 36 miles; Hikutaia to Whangamata, 16 miles.

One mile of bad line near Maketu was moved to a less exposed position, and at Rotorua three miles of line were moved to the opposite side of road to clear the Rotorua electric-light wires.

The Auckland-Hamilton section is now receiving a thorough overhaul, and spans are being shortened to reduce the frequency of contacts, a considerable source of trouble in the past. The Rotorua-Taupo section is being repoled and strengthened. The Auckland-Kawakawa (*via* Wade) line requires overhauling and strengthening, as does the Drury-Manukau Heads line.

Telephone Exchange.

The exchange is in a satisfactory condition, and a steady increase of subscribers has taken place, there being now 1,261 connections, including 52 bureaux, an increase of 127 during the year.

Two miles of poles and 90 miles 54 chains of wire were erected.

The Grafton Road and Kyber Pass lines were repoled for a length of one mile and three-quarters.

Two new sections of 300 numbers each have been ordered for the Auckland switchboard. This will provide accommodation for a total of 2,100 subscribers.

THAMES EXCHANGE.

This exchange is in good order; the number of subscribers at the end of the year was 78, including 7 bureaux.

At Paeroa an exchange is being installed with a trunk wire to Thames, and will soon be in working-order.

The Mangatera and Manakau offices were destroyed by fire, but arrangements were at once made to obviate public inconvenience.

One office (Paikakariki) has been closed.

Six quadruplex sets are now worked almost constantly in the Wellington office—two to Christchurch, one to Dunedin, and one to Auckland, whilst those to Wanganui and Napier are used at intervals daily.

It is intended to place quadruplex repeaters in circuit at Blenheim on two of the cables, in order that additional outlets may be obtained without unnecessary transmissions. By means of these instruments, Christchurch and Greymouth may be reached direct from Wellington on one set and Nelson and Wakapuaka on the other, all of these offices using duplexes.

A quadruplex set is being installed at Gisborne, and another at Napier, to meet the increasing traffic in that direction.

Cables.

The No. 4 Lyall Bay cable developed two faults during a heavy southerly gale about the end of May. The tests made located the breaks at 3 knots and 10 knots respectively from the Lyall Bay end. The s.s. "Tutanekai" left to effect repairs on the 26th June. The repairs were completed and communication restored on the 7th July. Bad weather interfered greatly with the operations. 2 knots 486 fathoms of 5-ton cable were used in repairing both breaks.

On 20th July the s.s. "Tutanekai," with a cable staff on board, left for Auckland to lay a cable from the mainland to Motuhi Island. The work was successfully completed on the 24th July, 3 knots 570 fathoms of cable being used.

Early in September the No. 3 Oterangi Bay-White's Bay cable parted. The break was located at 2 knots from the Oterangi Bay side. The s.s. "Tutanekai," with repairing staff, left to restore the cable on 28th September. The repair was effected on the 7th October. Very bad weather was experienced during the operations. It was found necessary to put in a new shore end, 4 knots 785 fathoms of 7-ton cable being used.

All cables now test well, and are working satisfactorily.

Exchanges.

The Wellington Exchange continues in a satisfactory condition. The numerous applications for connections necessitated the addition of one section of 300 numbers to the switchboard, bringing the present capacity of the exchange up to 1,800 numbers. Two more sections have been ordered, which will bring the capacity up to 2,400.

The total number of subscribers on 31st March, 1901, was 1,585, an increase of 168 for the year. Of this number, 1,501 are paying connections, 43 free (Government), and 41 bureaux. The aggregate of all telephones connected with this exchange is 1,819.

One mile and a quarter of poles and 159 miles of wire were erected, and two miles of wire were dismantled, making a total of 37 miles 60 chains of poles and 1,482 miles 24 chains of wire exclusively used in connection with this exchange.

Other Exchanges.

There are now eighteen exchanges in the Wellington District, an increase of two upon the total of last year. New exchanges were opened at Pahiatua and Woodville, which now have 64 and 15 subscribers respectively. The Gisborne and New Plymouth Exchanges have been refitted. All the exchanges are now in good order, and the number of subscribers rapidly increasing.

The subscribers connected with the various exchanges in the district total 3,324, an increase of 401 during the year. The telephones in use connected with exchanges number 3,653. There are 195 miles 22 chains of poles and 2,523 miles 9 chains of wire connected with the exchanges in this district.

NELSON.

Construction.

The following lines and wires were erected during the year:—

	Miles of Poles.		Miles of Wire.	
	M.	ch.	M.	ch.
Greymouth to Cobden	0	75
Greymouth to Marsden	9	50
Greymouth to Brunner	8	50
Main line to Three Channel Flat	0	3
Seddonville to Mokihinui Mine	1	20
Rai Valley deviation	31	0
French Pass to Elmslie's Bay	0	60
Arawata Ferry	1	40
Haast River	1	20
Stoke to Hope	0	11
			<hr/>	<hr/>
Transferred from Christchurch Inspector's district, &c....			35	40
			40	0
			<hr/>	<hr/>
			75	40
Dismantled	1
				0
			<hr/>	<hr/>
Total increase	75	40
			<hr/>	<hr/>
			187	9

The total mileages in this district are now 955 $\frac{3}{4}$ of poles and 2,572 $\frac{3}{4}$ of wire.

Maintenance.

The Hokitika-Ross line has been practically rebuilt, and is now in first-class order.

The Westport line has also received considerable attention, and the section Hope Junction to within a few miles of Lyell has been thoroughly overhauled.

The Blenheim-Picton line has been almost rebuilt, a third wire being run at the same time.

The line over the Maungatapu near Nelson has been deviated *via* the Rai Valley, 31 miles of poles and 62 miles of wire being erected in connection therewith.

Most of the telephone circuits have now been supplied with bridging bell telephones, a considerable improvement being effected thereby.

The business, especially on the West Coast, is increasing, and fully occupies the wires.

Offices.

There are 123 telegraph- and telephone-offices in the district.

Telephone Exchanges.

The three exchanges in the district (Blenheim, Nelson, and Greymouth) are in good working-order, and the subscribers steadily increasing. Nelson now has 107 (an increase of 29), Greymouth 114 (an increase of 20), and Blenheim 91 (an increase of 16), making a total of 312, or 65 for the year.

CANTERBURY.

Construction.

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

	Miles of Poles.	Miles of Wire.
Sheffield to Annat ... ..	...	2
Christchurch to Port Levy, &c.	27	29
Waimate to Waihao Downs	8	9
Amberley to Leithfield ... ..	...	4
Sheffield to Waddington ... ..	...	1½
Christchurch to Dallington	1	2
Lead off Peel Forest line to Arundel	2½	2½
Christchurch to Prebbleton ... ..	...	9
Lead off Mount Somers line to Surrey Hills	2	2
Christchurch to Yaldhurst	2	8
Christchurch to Gebbie's Flat (extension Taitapu line) ... ..	...	5
Timaru to Fairlie (trunk wire) ... ..	...	39
Timaru main line to Morven (loop)	1½	3
For Railway Department—		
Jackson's to Otira Railway ... ..	...	13
Kaiapoi to Eyreton Junction ... ..	...	1½
Total	44	130½
Transferred to the Nelson District Inspector's charge,		
Kumara to Jackson's	27	64

The net increase, therefore, for the district is 17 miles of poles and 66½ miles of wire. This, added to the total of last year, makes a grand total for the district of 889½ miles of line, carrying 3,244½ miles of wire.

Maintenance.

The Timaru-Waitaki section has received a thorough overhaul, the line being strengthened where necessary, and several hundred cracked and broken insulators replaced. From Timaru to Temuka the main line has been strengthened and wires raised. This work was carried out simultaneously with the erection of the Temuka trunk wire.

The Christchurch-Akaroa line has received some pressing repairs, and will be put in thorough order when the trunk wire for Akaroa is being run. This is to be done shortly.

The Timaru-Fairlie line of 40 miles has also been thoroughly overhauled and put in complete order.

All the locals in the Christchurch office are now being run off two storage-cells instead of the usual practice of using a separate local for each circuit. The innovation has conducted towards a more constant current being maintained.

The total number of offices in the district is 135. Twenty new offices were opened during the year.

Exchange.

The Exchange is working very satisfactorily, and subscribers steadily increasing in number. The increase for the year is 80, and the total number 1,048. Another section for the multiple switchboard of 450 numbers has been ordered to meet future requirements. The capacity of the exchange will then be 1,950.

The total number of subscribers connected with the four exchanges in this district is 1,290. The Timaru and Ashburton exchanges and Rangiora sub-exchange are in good order. At Timaru 20 new subscribers have been added since last report. A trunk wire is being run to Temuka, where a sub-exchange will shortly be opened.

Five miles and three-quarters of poles and 138 miles of wire were erected, and two miles of wire dismantled, during the year, making a total mileage of 99½ miles of poles and 1,487½ miles of wire connected with the four exchanges in the district.

DUNEDIN.

The following lines were erected during the year :—

	Miles of Poles.	Miles of Wire.
Oamaru to Peebles... ..	1½	1½
Invercargill to South Invercargill	...	1¾
Lawrence to Alexandra (second wire)	...	62
Invercargill to Waimahaka	...	25¾
Henley to Waihola	...	5
Invercargill to Wyndham (trunk wire)	25	42
Invercargill to Gore (metallic circuit)	...	40
Invercargill to Riverton (trunk wire)	19	19
Winton to Limehills	½	7½
Riverton to Gummie's Bush	6	6
Georgetown to Borton's	...	5½
Main line to Waikouaiti (trunk line)	...	5¼
Palmerston to Goodwood	½	5
The Camp to Broad Bay	2	11
Duntroon to Livingstone	11	11
Henley to Berwick...	...	4
Dunedin to Kaikorai	...	1¾
Georgetown to Ikawai	4	4
Heriot to Dunrobin	6	6
Wyndham to Edendale (trunk wire)	...	3¾
Winton to Lumsden (trunk wire)	...	35½
Waimahaka to Titiroa	½	½
For the Railway Department—		
Ranfurly to Wedderburn	8½	8½
Oamaru to Breakwater, &c., and removing wires and instruments to new station, Oamaru	1¼	3½
Dunedin to Cattle-yards	...	3½
Invercargill Railway to Signal-cabin	...	...
Dunedin to number-taker's box	...	1
Invercargill to shunter's box	...	...
Dunedin to north box	...	...
Kensington to Semaphores	...	2½
Main line to Cattle-yards	¾	2½
Mosgiel to Stationmaster's house	...	½
Hyde to Stationmaster's house	...	...
For Public Works Department—		
Wedderburn to Blackstone Hill	8½	12½
Owaka to Public Works Camp...	...	2
Orepuki to Public Works Camp	...	¼
Heriot to Public Works Camp...	...	1
Total	95	336¼

The above additions bring the totals in the district up to 1,641 miles of poles, carrying 3,953½ miles of wire.

Offices.

The total number of telegraph-offices open for public business is 62, and of telephone 175, a total of 237. The telephone-office at Eweburn was closed and the bureau at Mosgiel transferred to the post-office.

Maintenance.

The lines throughout the district have worked very well during the year, there having been no serious interruptions.

Some 500 miles of line were overhauled and put in good order.

Although a great number of totara poles have now been in use for upwards of thirty years, a large percentage is still in first-class condition, both North and South Island timber giving equally good results.

Telephone Exchanges.

The multiple switchboard which was brought into use in the Dunedin exchange on the 26th May, 1900, has demonstrated by its smooth working its great superiority over the old system. The work has been greatly facilitated.

The number of subscribers connected with the exchange increased during the year from 1,082 to 1,204, a difference of 122. In anticipation of further increase, a new section of 450 numbers has been ordered, which will bring the capacity of the exchange up to 1,950.

New Exchanges.

New exchanges have been opened at Edendale, Lumsden, Ngapara, Riverton, Waikouaiti, and Wyndham.

Two metallic circuits have been established between Invercargill and Bluff, and one between Invercargill and Gore, with excellent results, the disturbances from induction previously experienced being practically eliminated.

The total number of subscribers in the Otago District at the end of the financial year was 1,967, an increase of 294. The number of telephones in use connected with exchanges numbered 2,208, in addition to 190 connected with the telegraph system.

The total mileage of telephone-exchange poles was 114¾, and of wire 1,357¾.

Table No. 1.

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

ISSUED IN THE COLONY.														
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
1900	16,512	12 9	239,565	951,860	7 4	40,925	122,934	10 4	89,344	140,057	18 9	369,834	1,214,852	16 5

DRAWN ON THE COLONY.

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
1900	239,565	951,860	7 4	10,342	36,014	6 3	15,271	59,304	9 6	265,178	1,047,179	3 1

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 1899 and 1900.

ISSUED IN NEW ZEALAND.				
Where payable.	1899.		1900.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
United Kingdom and Foreign Offices	34,112	111,290 7 3	35,470	109,325 9 3
United States of America	3,931	9,134 10 7	4,873	11,671 2 2
Canada	308	1,089 5 3	306	1,024 17 11
Cape Colony	165	535 11 1	181	591 18 9
Ceylon	31	78 15 11	46	108 19 4
Cook Islands .. .. .	..	..	63	289 18 7
Fiji	50	128 2 1	43	103 4 3
Germany	472	1,611 14 5	577	1,927 15 2
Hawaii	13	27 10 10	5	10 3 9
Hongkong	243	1,390 14 2	203	975 8 6
India	345	1,674 7 2	557	2,119 1 5
Natal	15	51 8 10	58	226 2 6
New South Wales	15,168	39,652 14 4	14,924	40,539 3 1
Queensland	772	2,317 0 4	843	2,537 11 9
South Australia	829	1,954 8 7	847	2,059 6 5
Straits Settlements	82	205 11 5	65	189 3 1
Tasmania	54,006	51,242 7 10	56,004	53,593 2 10
Victoria	12,088	29,574 10 6	14,225	33,462 8 8
Western Australia	680	2,336 0 3	979	2,237 11 8
Totals	123,310	254,295 0 10	130,269	262,992 9 1

DRAWN ON NEW ZEALAND.

Where issued.	1899.		1900.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
United Kingdom and Foreign Offices	9,405	32,688 16 2	9,030	30,836 2 2
United States of America	1,109	4,016 11 1	1,217	4,712 18 4
Canada	197	943 3 5	346	2,074 13 4
Cape Colony	375	1,750 3 4	410	1,893 16 4
Ceylon	28	84 16 11	26	64 16 5
Cook Island .. .. .	..	..	55	436 15 1
Fiji	229	637 3 10	334	937 1 4
Germany	93	535 7 10	78	409 3 5
Hawaii	17	49 13 6	17	56 2 4
Hongkong	28	68 6 1	39	123 0 5
India	190	718 3 6	216	601 3 1
Natal	17	91 16 9	102	387 3 3
New South Wales	5,037	16,290 8 10	4,958	17,631 12 3
Queensland	939	3,940 0 1	1,028	4,469 2 3
South Australia	514	1,941 12 11	503	1,850 0 7
Straits Settlements	56	164 19 6	57	173 19 1
Tasmania	1,366	5,443 17 4	2,526	11,464 18 6
Victoria	3,136	9,614 0 9	3,328	10,428 11 9
Western Australia	1,287	6,845 2 8	1,343	6,767 15 10
Totals	24,023	85,824 4 6	25,613	95,318 15 9

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, 1901.

Year.	Number of Postal Notes sold.													Total.	
	At 1s.	At 1s. 6d.	At 2s.	At 2s. 6d.	At 3s.	At 5s.	At 7s. 6d.	At 10s.	At 12s. 6d.	At 15s.	At 17s. 6d.	At £1.	At £5*.	Number.	Value.
Quarter ended Mar. 31, 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	25,889	..	220,683	79,325 16 6
1892-93 ..	48,612	38,849	..	22,088	..	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	33,935	..	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	134,378 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	..	44,384	..	70,416	30,630	63,787	16,957	21,393	8,539	33,491	607	461,447	147,686 8 6
1900-1901 ..	85,460	68,066	13,834	52,691	14,702	80,629	24,554	70,999	13,363	23,745	6,855	35,067	560	490,505	154,434 1 0

* 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 1900.

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 ..	22,568	1,189	19	6	71,185	4	7	41,617	151,351	17	3	2,829	19,477	375,572	11	8	3,162	22,134	430,057	18	11
Aoroa ..	348	13	12	0	928	15	10	43	334	17	9	59	551	1,714	0	11	16	55	225	3	9
Aratapu ..	957	40	4	0	2,771	3	9	127	450	19	0	67	531	3,648	14	11	14	118	1,494	5	5
Avondale ..	51	1	15	6	106	12	3	259	742	11	9	10	97	621	6	0	6	14	55	8	0
Awhitu ..	92	2	8	0	140	9	0	8	16	8	10	5	5	5	16	0	1	2	29	0	0
Bombay ..	212	6	1	3	580	16	6	91	569	12	9	21	173	1,432	6	9	4	72	732	19	7
Cabbage Bay ..	242	7	3	6	663	2	2	53	290	11	3	10	49	147	2	7	1	17	74	3	4
Cambridge ..	1,007	35	1	3	3,038	1	10	609	2,363	7	7	102	711	11,190	13	8	44	303	8,588	5	6
Clevedon ..	257	7	18	0	672	17	6	107	467	16	0	21	132	469	18	9	5	40	240	12	3
Coromandel ..	1,635	67	16	9	4,254	19	11	917	3,587	13	9	101	973	7,445	15	2	61	445	4,964	5	10
Dargaville ..	1,555	164	7	0	7,870	17	5	247	912	13	1	156	859	11,379	4	7	89	276	6,803	1	2
Devonport ..	573	21	6	9	1,193	15	0	638	2,196	5	0	69	780	3,656	11	0	24	227	1,077	17	6
Drury ..	215	6	18	9	558	6	7	95	522	14	9	7	75	693	5	7	3	31	328	4	2
Ellerslie ..	143	6	13	3	372	4	6	120	473	2	6	25	132	404	10	0	3	26	134	17	2
Hamilton ..	1,362	54	5	6	4,189	11	10	888	3,139	18	5	137	1,148	12,249	3	5	44	424	8,963	1	11
Helensville ..	424	14	9	9	1,126	18	3	147	375	4	1	45	301	2,179	17	11	20	103	853	17	10
Hikurangi ..	535	19	18	9	1,737	16	11	124	541	1	4	26	233	2,302	18	4	14	111	1,935	12	6
Howick ..	43	1	3	0	65	13	3	61	217	9	10	11	56	129	16	0	..	13	117	9	0
Huntly ..	983	35	18	0	2,978	16	3	264	924	9	3	82	515	3,159	16	6	42	180	2,848	4	4
Kaeo ..	384	18	0	0	1,093	17	4	74	385	12	7	18	185	1,123	5	8	8	52	868	15	2
Kaihu ..	720	34	19	0	3,073	12	11	66	261	1	2	35	242	1,428	2	0	19	94	910	8	4
Kaikohe ..	683	91	6	6	3,936	13	0	52	261	17	0	59	450	4,795	16	0	16	86	1,288	13	1
Kaitaia ..	742	54	18	3	3,443	12	7	62	356	9	6	21	235	2,667	15	0	1	60	1,436	14	11
Kaiwaka ..	59	1	15	6	143	0	4	5	26	5	0	6	33	720	16	0	..	9	183	10	0
Kamo ..	386	13	5	6	1,161	13	10	121	394	9	1	36	267	3,097	17	8	21	159	3,139	13	1
Kaukapakapa ..	257	8	12	9	748	0	5	68	213	15	2	18	206	1,352	9	0	4	83	714	15	5
Kawakawa ..	630	34	4	6	2,544	13	3	200	814	4	4	42	362	3,557	11	0	20	117	2,576	9	0
Kawhia ..	98	6	6	3	401	6	4	30	279	16	0	14	43	539	11	0	..	7	288	7	0
Kihikihi ..	177	7	3	0	574	14	0	99	631	6	1	25	152	1,800	4	0	6	93	828	7	6
Kohukohu ..	333	11	18	3	1,045	6	3	66	237	1	6	16	109	567	15	0	4	50	1,108	18	9
Kuaotunu ..	334	12	1	6	871	1	7	100	423	1	8	15	131	1,049	2	0	4	60	729	4	2
Mangapai ..	351	15	5	6	1,351	8	0	67	371	0	0	17	132	1,231	8	0	4	56	1,047	17	6
Mangawai ..	293	26	3	6	1,262	13	2	78	425	4	3	24	157	2,804	9	0	5	39	568	0	7
Mangawhare ..	308	14	7	6	862	0	2	101	261	5	10	33	190	1,154	15	0	10	41	661	7	11
Mangonui ..	1,065	92	16	0	4,771	6	10	139	765	4	8	43	266	3,196	0	4	15	67	1,036	10	9
Matakana ..	104	5	11	0	351	2	1	68	287	3	6	11	100	1,385	16	0	6	38	842	0	0
Matakohe ..	215	9	9	0	705	18	3	41	159	18	2	20	114	1,884	14	4	17	80	583	12	1
Matamata ..	180	7	2	9	587	13	10	41	167	0	9	21	155	784	8	0	3	48	570	3	4
Maungaturoto ..	125	4	8	9	385	19	1	90	225	14	5	10	117	1,357	5	0	..	16	196	7	6
Mercer ..	514	16	3	9	1,212	19	6	66	275	7	4	16	132	1,900	9	8	3	77	1,315	16	9
Mititai ..	241	7	13	3	797	13	0	16	64	9	9	12	53	773	0	0	2	24	562	18	7
Morrinsville ..	236	8	18	0	644	11	9	129	479	6	8	23	133	1,370	9	8	2	17	225	7	9
Mount Eden ..	101	4	3	0	221	6	10	197	737	1	0	..	16	72	3	0	..	1	3	0	0
Mount Roskill ..	60	1	17	9	89	5	0	70	297	11	3	2	20	62	18	0	..	4	16	2	6
Newmarket ..	721	26	2	6	1,551	14	4	398	1,459	5	0	24	369	2,896	6	7	11	57	1,000	6	2
Newton ..	1,671	70	0	3	3,473	11	1	1,425	4,592	17	11	139	1,562	10,380	18	6	61	268	3,708	7	3
Ngaruawahia ..	655	22	5	3	1,805	16	0	389	1,231	19	9	56	292	2,259	10	1	23	182	1,579	5	7
Ohaeawai ..	339	23	11	6	1,204	19	1	64	355	0	3	26	195	1,403	12	0	13	45	639	12	6
Ohaupo ..	231	7	9	3	609	16	5	109	592	11	6	24	148	808	3	5	5	29	568	16	0
Okaihau ..	85	2	16	6	292	0	5	29	112	17	1	4	60	525	6	0	1	22	281	12	5
Okupu ..	46	1	7	6	147	12	10	10	65	19	1	9	20	253	11	0	1	2	25	12	4
Onehunga ..	1,045	51	12	6	3,230	1	6	1,042	3,704	6	3	59	362	4,676	13	4	17	122	1,437	13	11
Oponoi ..	366	15	8	9	1,140	8	4	47	196	9	0	18	159	1,149	18	0	1	26	179	9	2
Opononi ..	175	14	17	9	1,025	3	11	47	247	5	2	13	44	519	5	0	4	33	219	19	0
Otahuhu ..	379	13	11	0	881	7	10	472	1,779	8	3	58	504	3,870	0	0	14	124	1,581	10	7
Otorohanga ..	374	15	14	0	1,042	13	10	134	606	9	3	22	117	1,824	12	0	11	79	1,545	6	5
Pahi ..	243	10	12	6	603	4	8	85	336	12	1	37	139	1,236	8	0	6	43	551	5	1
Papakura ..	306	11	8	0	820	11	10	187	1,005	16	6	33	201	1,548	18	7	9	81	882	4	1
Paparoa ..	248	8	19	9	948	2	1	39	162	9	2	14	119	2,198	17	0	3	71	1,986	7	8
Parnell ..	457	18	5	0	980	2	2	768	2,591	3	0	90	963	3,175	12	9	28	89	653	2	4
Parua Bay ..	283	10	0	6	868	14	2	60	289	13	2	15	80	589	16	0	7	32	375	3	9
Pirongia ..	247	7	2	3	759	15	4	79	253	16	8	18	104	866	3	3	4	24	280	16	9
Pokeno ..	145	4	3	6	416	5	6	49	166	19	9	11	125	1,367	9	1	7	34	883	1	4
Ponsonby ..	420	14	13	0	815	8	5	1,106	3,738	0	2	26	219	1,135							

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Office.	Money-Orders.					Savings-Banks.					
	Issued.			Paid.		New Accounts opened.	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.
Tokatea ..	139	5 3 0	471 17 8	19	103 16 4	3	24 231 15 0	..	16	166 16 3	
Tokatoka ..	51	2 11 9	180 19 3	7	32 10 0	3	8 11 1 9	..	4	42 10 0	
Tuakau ..	391	14 18 3	1,174 8 4	122	541 8 2	28	109 1,010 0 6	10	48	535 2 8	
Up'r Symonds St.	524	19 18 0	1,077 12 2	260	695 11 1	18	156 783 10 9	2	30	170 17 6	
Wade ..	198	14 7 0	712 17 1	52	164 5 6	19	136 1,602 2 0	1	29	198 17 4	
Waerenga ..	63	1 12 6	120 4 4	21	98 3 4	3	14 220 9 0	..	5	26 10 0	
Waihopo ..	437	54 1 3	2,428 9 7	46	565 6 3	16	48 1,136 0 0	5	18	364 14 10	
Waihoa ..	319	9 13 0	1,212 13 7	40	127 9 2	11	48 625 9 2	3	43	868 11 8	
Waipu ..	791	47 15 9	3,071 1 8	99	473 1 2	50	219 2,916 16 1	9	71	1,058 9 9	
Waiuku ..	558	17 2 3	1,443 12 10	189	865 17 6	38	301 2,415 16 11	19	135	1,493 2 8	
Waiwera ..	56	2 9 6	220 14 4	28	124 16 6	19	53 309 14 0	2	19	296 19 3	
Wautu ..	74	3 13 9	183 13 3	30	157 0 10	3	26 276 3 0	..	27	150 12 0	
Warkworth ..	457	15 12 9	1,236 3 3	209	818 16 2	45	319 3,057 14 4	11	86	1,855 8 7	
Wellsford ..	185	19 1 9	946 4 4	27	101 2 6	9	73 1,032 6 6	4	24	588 18 7	
Whangapara ..	355	11 10 6	1,304 7 1	14	61 8 8	14	81 522 7 0	..	7	76 19 0	
Whangarei ..	2,287	105 4 9	8,058 14 9	713	2,695 18 9	235	1,642 22,040 16 8	92	705	13,608 6 11	
Whangaroa ..	222	11 6 9	700 18 1	74	324 3 2	20	139 1,026 2 9	3	35	489 1 9	
Wharekara ..	251	19 8 0	1,040 14 10	12	55 10 4	28	147 2,293 3 6	4	10	519 14 1	
Whitianga ..	1,264	64 15 6	4,375 3 8	156	721 0 0	72	529 4,327 1 1	22	102	1,063 18 6	
BLLENHEIM	3,027	145 11 6	10,997 18 7	1,766	7,993 18 6	474	3,471 50,703 11 9	421	2,784	46,678 8 8	
Cullensville ..	170	7 12 6	538 10 3	51	277 13 1	6	32 203 0 2	6	16	124 9 6	
Havelock ..	907	31 8 0	2,775 2 10	201	911 5 0	38	297 2,904 7 4	13	102	1,542 14 2	
Kekerangu ..	102	4 1 0	236 6 9	25	167 8 9	5	60 702 13 0	1	7	68 1 2	
Picton ..	1,274	44 8 9	3,733 3 10	363	1,475 16 2	81	605 6,825 5 0	24	241	3,023 8 4	
Renwicktown ..	228	9 15 0	721 2 6	31	115 15 3	25	168 612 0 0	2	14	135 15 11	
Spring Creek ..	169	6 14 3	536 4 3	51	222 2 3	15	96 498 1 9	2	13	115 4 10	
CHRISTCHURCH	19,605	920 4 6	62,777 15 8	26,087	114,164 19 11	5,269	48,338 613,160 16 9	4,181	39,855	639,943 6 8	
Addington ..	42	1 18 0	109 8 4	33	109 9 6	25	71 409 14 0	..	5	15 19 0	
Akaroa ..	553	23 4 3	1,599 2 6	271	927 4 5	57	455 3,955 1 11	26	126	1,819 8 11	
Amberley ..	887	28 6 3	2,748 10 1	185	698 14 6	39	373 4,165 11 0	20	126	2,017 1 9	
Ashburton ..	3,360	132 7 0	11,413 5 4	1,168	4,547 1 3	382	2,574 26,417 2 2	144	1,312	21,814 0 2	
Bealey ..	33	1 8 0	99 18 10	12	81 1 0	6	52 775 15 0	1	6	179 17 10	
Belfast ..	171	5 6 6	334 0 8	55	251 14 5	14	81 527 3 2	1	25	170 12 9	
Chertsey ..	92	2 9 9	245 1 8	10	74 10 4	10	46 521 9 0	3	36	579 12 2	
Cheviot ..	606	26 5 3	8,186 12 4	281	1,821 10 7	49	378 6,437 12 0	19	185	3,592 12 7	
Coalgate ..	104	5 3 3	264 1 8	22	112 0 4	6	38 547 1 0	..	7	53 3 0	
Culverden ..	293	11 1 3	745 15 1	93	398 0 2	23	150 1,335 5 0	4	44	547 5 11	
Darfield ..	177	5 19 9	468 7 5	43	135 18 3	6	79 910 11 0	10	29	324 6 9	
Dunsandel ..	120	3 13 9	296 1 7	37	234 0 9	17	82 872 8 0	6	25	454 19 7	
Duvauchelle ..	175	6 3 6	471 4 6	113	310 14 1	8	92 845 9 2	7	38	549 0 10	
East Oxford ..	174	5 8 0	590 7 8	57	218 1 1	21	169 1,698 12 0	7	54	902 3 0	
Ellesmere ..	42	1 7 3	129 18 7	6	19 14 9	4	31 240 18 0	1	14	132 4 9	
Glentunnel ..	93	4 0 9	202 4 8	38	159 12 2	15	102 791 2 0	2	25	328 4 6	
Greendale ..	44	1 6 3	111 13 8	17	124 14 1	10	35 356 4 0	1	6	130 9 2	
Hanmer Springs ..	267	9 16 9	903 7 6	82	382 4 1	19	160 1,605 16 0	..	28	289 10 0	
Hinds ..	128	2 12 3	251 13 9	30	155 5 0	7	39 320 11 9	2	14	63 17 8	
Hornby ..	166	5 19 0	443 6 11	49	182 11 7	13	97 399 8 0	2	24	199 16 0	
Hororata ..	127	4 2 6	301 5 5	44	195 3 9	9	60 779 5 0	..	41	419 15 9	
Kaiapoi ..	711	29 8 6	2,497 3 6	363	1,494 12 3	106	1,068 11,859 12 8	74	451	9,444 17 0	
Kaikoura ..	1,319	56 7 0	6,496 6 7	277	1,779 9 8	96	511 7,332 18 3	43	231	5,257 9 7	
Kirwee ..	107	3 15 6	334 11 7	47	138 19 11	12	84 1,035 2 2	3	31	588 12 1	
Leeston ..	390	13 18 9	1,390 19 1	213	739 7 5	58	375 4,731 1 2	17	127	1,953 7 1	
Lincoln ..	163	7 4 0	456 18 0	138	504 5 1	11	141 501 9 6	3	39	983 10 5	
Linwood ..	196	7 3 0	342 6 9	243	720 10 1	55	294 666 17 5	10	41	171 8 5	
Little River ..	411	16 4 3	1,317 16 7	96	524 5 9	31	234 3,421 13 2	7	84	1,000 0 1	
Lyttelton ..	2,416	115 13 6	7,201 5 11	1,050	4,101 0 3	317	2,889 24,862 7 1	120	888	11,888 4 1	
Methven ..	307	11 8 6	1,440 19 11	74	254 0 3	21	194 1,667 18 0	11	40	952 1 11	
Mount Somers ..	151	5 19 9	367 16 4	40	144 18 10	6	43 499 11 0	6	30	1,460 19 9	
New Brighton ..	79	3 1 9	202 8 5	120	517 7 5	28	204 609 2 3	2	50	177 4 0	
Ohoka ..	138	4 7 6	381 12 1	21	47 11 8	4	13 114 11 0	1	28	383 19 11	
Oxford ..	451	14 14 3	1,479 12 0	197	869 7 7	50	289 2,625 6 1	20	113	1,857 15 6	
Papanui ..	82	3 0 0	214 7 5	108	405 14 4	16	91 471 13 0	2	15	48 4 0	
Pigeon Bay ..	100	3 11 3	169 0 11	29	127 12 6	11	80 1,299 15 8	1	19	321 3 0	
Rakaia ..	538	15 13 0	1,466 11 4	163	601 17 9	46	310 2,692 13 8	17	113	1,817 11 11	
Rangiora ..	1,090	41 4 6	3,659 19 8	706	2,489 11 6	184	1,552 21,027 11 3	85	651	15,525 19 4	
Rolleston ..	62	1 19 9	130 5 1	30	136 11 9	7	31 195 7 6	2	5	353 7 1	
St. Albans ..	89	3 8 9	213 4 6	125	386 10 4	14	127 111 7 0	1	20	53 10 2	
Sefton ..	79	2 15 0	456 18 6	68	360 16 4	15	105 692 6 3	5	37	1,414 9 10	
Sheffield ..	206	6 17 9	652 3 2	100	408 16 7	19	129 1,188 11 4	11	46	521 11 6	
Southbridge ..	286	9 4 0	743 3 6	121	552 2 7	27	218 2,889 3 9	21	106	1,596 19 10	
Springfield ..	1,109	42 18 0	4,410 16 0	110	727 7 7	57	267 2,833 8 6	7	40	596 5 6	
Springston ..	78	2 13 3	224 9 10	34	163 1 2	9	85 986 3 6	3	30	399 5 8	
Sydenham ..	882	33 16 3	2,118 4 8	754	2,556 9 9	170	1,946 9,852 19 7	48	265	1,536 1 3	
Templeton ..	9	0 5 6	28 18 10	..	..	..	3 9 15 0	..	1	10 0 0
Tinwald ..	83	2 17 3	227 0 9	47	217 5 0	16	124 886 12 2	8	39	341 17 6	
Upper Riccarton ..	123	5 4 3	254 15 8	50	286 9 3	10	150 838 8 0	2	18	39 6 6	
Waiau ..	307	11 6 0	919 12 1	77	277 7 8	23	200 3,549 17 0	12	96	2,582 12 2	
Waikari ..	357	13 9 9	1,244 3 11	104	850 10 3	33	218 3,415 8 5	13	82	1,603 1 2	
Whitecliffs ..	116	4 5 6	306 12 5	66	787 17 1	12	114 613 4 0	2	29	422 7 9	
Woodend ..	71	2 10 6	191 0 4	32	105 9 9	20	104 590 1 0	8	56	1,049 8 5	
Woolston ..	237	8 12 9	527 16 3	97	267 18 9	29	183 1,468 13 0	3	68	683 14 10	
DUNEDIN	18,450	865 10 0	60,713 10 7	35,215	143,054 5 1	3,903	33,865 471,403 8 2	3,142	30,289	479,863 14 8	
Alexandra South ..	2,355	95 15 3	8,509 3 4	653	4,324 6 0	74	347 4,085 4 2	37	207	2,476 10 3	
Allanton ..	136	4 0 9	310 15 8	28	138 9 7	18	84 962 0 11	4	23	174 18 4	
Balclutha ..	1,384	48 3 3	3,983 18 7	571	2,335 11 10	104	598 11,388 1 5	55	306	8,658 15 8	

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Office.	Money-Orders.						Savings-Banks.					
	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.	
Caversham ..	283	10 8 9	774 15 1	354	1,154 2 8	53	579	1,406 15 7	5	26	227 5 1	
Clinton ..	695	25 3 6	2,180 15 7	123	463 7 11	35	206	2,004 8 11	15	63	918 4 10	
Clyde ..	746	29 0 3	2,789 17 7	471	1,801 17 9	21	123	1,661 15 10	5	74	1,472 7 2	
Cromwell ..	1,429	55 5 3	5,006 14 7	370	1,606 12 3	56	263	2,978 15 5	33	125	2,819 3 8	
Dunback ..	221	6 13 6	927 9 7	45	155 19 6	8	67	527 11 4	5	31	366 14 4	
Dunedin North	2,159	82 0 9	4,476 7 1	607	2,249 19 2	543	5,202	28,346 8 11	185	1,096	13,101 0 3	
Gimmerburn ..	10	0 5 0	23 2 6	1	3 10 6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Green Island ..	147	5 8 3	391 9 9	168	671 0 3	39	220	1,152 18 6	16	62	563 18 4	
Hamilton South	174	4 3 0	602 12 5	14	58 15 8	8	51	849 19 2	2	9	160 3 11	
Heriot ..	193	5 13 6	550 3 8	62	292 15 1	14	51	535 0 10	12	29	779 4 6	
Hyde ..	394	11 2 9	1,169 7 11	108	1,162 11 2	19	111	803 19 4	9	24	458 5 0	
Kaitangata ..	1,002	35 15 0	3,057 17 9	225	829 15 5	89	581	5,400 10 4	24	119	2,336 11 1	
Kelso ..	264	9 17 3	791 15 6	44	210 19 5	13	43	391 9 0	11	25	510 17 6	
Lawrence ..	1,488	50 17 3	4,402 6 10	1,096	4,634 3 11	140	661	8,356 14 4	63	320	5,900 4 7	
Lovell's Flat ..	131	4 13 8	345 11 6	19	46 13 0	11	39	401 7 2	2	8	94 17 10	
Macrae's Flat ..	465	13 14 9	1,504 6 1	50	271 7 7	10	24	443 19 0	..	14	209 0 0	
Middlemarch ..	710	21 12 6	2,226 12 7	78	414 0 11	24	155	1,980 0 0	6	51	855 3 5	
Miller's Flat ..	457	14 19 3	1,431 0 10	55	255 16 3	15	65	1,093 1 1	10	49	1,232 1 9	
Milton ..	1,129	38 13 3	3,345 14 3	647	2,607 13 2	103	755	9,825 8 3	51	297	7,508 6 7	
Mosgiel ..	464	17 14 0	1,099 4 7	535	1,947 9 2	116	645	5,493 8 5	33	158	4,725 13 7	
Naseby ..	1,512	47 5 9	6,391 19 0	466	1,735 9 6	91	437	4,075 4 10	36	150	1,695 16 7	
Nenthorn ..	4	0 2 0	19 4 7	1	2 10 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
North-east Valley	12	0 8 6	16 18 2	4	7 12 9	6	27	139 6 0	..	2	1 4 6	
Ophir ..	892	32 19 6	3,633 4 8	84	379 0 0	29	118	1,245 13 2	12	33	754 13 11	
Outram ..	328	11 0 9	1,171 10 5	107	405 16 8	24	154	1,425 1 11	7	39	266 2 2	
Owaka ..	963	25 18 0	3,030 2 10	221	1,008 4 7	33	246	3,884 17 4	13	124	2,365 17 11	
Palmerston South	817	27 18 9	3,024 8 4	510	1,864 16 2	55	467	4,619 1 7	21	184	2,225 1 5	
Patearoa ..	330	11 2 6	1,284 11 4	23	67 16 1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pembroke ..	212	6 18 0	621 7 6	62	492 3 10	19	109	457 4 3	7	27	648 14 8	
Port Chalmers	1,441	62 7 3	3,945 2 8	828	3,103 5 10	195	2,068	14,688 10 11	109	619	9,029 4 8	
Puerua ..	153	4 7 6	397 15 11	51	172 16 8	15	80	1,085 19 0	5	29	428 4 5	
Ranfurlly ..	522	17 18 6	1,709 10 10	48	202 1 6	7	18	230 0 1	1	10	167 19 2	
Roslyn ..	26	0 18 3	47 3 8	2	11 3 0	12	28	387 16 0	..	3	32 7 0	
Roxburgh ..	932	34 8 6	3,706 6 1	449	1,872 6 10	56	233	3,845 11 11	39	151	3,589 15 0	
St. Bathans ..	432	12 19 0	1,481 14 11	90	345 10 2	13	83	943 3 0	4	29	592 6 5	
Seacliff ..	233	9 5 9	709 8 2	125	507 18 11	17	151	1,094 0 5	2	24	217 6 1	
South Dunedin	695	25 4 6	1,423 4 0	467	1,489 0 11	129	1,568	8,319 12 9	43	267	3,394 15 4	
Stirling ..	302	10 6 6	938 12 3	87	332 9 4	24	121	1,249 18 0	13	61	1,268 3 5	
Tapanui ..	956	30 17 9	2,840 0 9	189	646 3 5	56	353	3,758 6 4	26	99	2,550 12 5	
Waihola ..	168	7 18 0	516 1 9	39	240 11 4	13	88	1,121 14 0	6	37	797 7 1	
Waikaia ..	508	17 0 6	1,417 1 7	101	397 13 7	24	154	1,388 19 8	23	72	610 0 6	
Waikoikoi ..	72	2 5 0	228 2 8	11	46 5 6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Waikouaiti ..	403	12 2 3	1,559 0 8	221	740 19 2	28	147	1,558 17 1	11	74	1,080 19 4	
Waipori ..	401	12 17 3	1,155 6 0	96	794 16 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Waitahuna ..	388	11 12 0	1,130 7 7	104	421 15 2	21	78	997 8 10	14	43	1,167 6 1	
Waitati ..	152	5 11 3	428 4 11	128	788 9 4	14	78	363 15 0	4	32	314 1 1	
GISBORNE	3,980	208 2 3	13,461 10 11	1,355	5,333 8 3	843	5,156	62,593 17 3	655	3,816	55,939 1 5	
Port Awanui ..	37	3 14 9	187 16 0	18	88 12 4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tokomaru Bay	194	11 3 0	590 2 3	35	154 8 9	18	82	744 1 11	7	22	281 9 7	
Tolaga Bay ..	171	9 3 0	485 10 2	64	161 3 5	35	143	961 2 6	11	58	307 7 3	
Tuparoa ..	177	9 18 9	552 13 8	22	97 9 0	11	51	789 6 8	5	18	120 1 11	
Waipiro Bay ..	246	14 3 6	696 2 10	53	434 17 0	40	208	1,744 0 0	20	64	502 2 9	
GREYMOUTH	3,919	191 7 6	12,688 2 2	2,861	11,820 19 9	480	3,305	44,271 11 0	415	2,574	47,986 16 7	
Ahaura ..	414	15 3 9	1,355 7 1	90	473 7 2	12	93	432 9 6	5	33	347 3 7	
Blackball ..	570	24 13 9	1,908 7 6	93	414 2 7	35	196	1,975 12 9	9	69	1,033 2 2	
Brunnerton ..	755	32 2 9	2,398 17 8	218	713 1 3	55	655	5,123 11 4	21	211	2,734 19 5	
Jackson's ..	417	16 6 6	1,830 15 4	41	174 10 0	11	106	1,060 7 5	8	29	370 18 0	
Nelson Creek ..	340	13 16 6	1,487 10 9	25	141 14 10	7	38	408 1 9	3	37	467 6 11	
Ngahere ..	104	4 5 3	310 4 0	15	37 16 10	11	60	299 10 0	4	13	94 2 2	
Otira ..	28	1 1 6	91 5 5	2	3 14 6	3	6	26 17 0	1	4	7 8 0	
Reefton ..	2,439	112 1 6	7,678 2 8	820	2,761 15 0	214	1,222	13,257 5 1	92	465	8,616 13 11	
Stillwater ..	68	3 8 6	207 4 6	41	195 15 0	8	32	380 12 0	3	21	148 13 11	
Totara Flat ..	192	7 11 9	554 11 4	47	185 14 10	12	52	649 9 4	2	12	64 10 0	
HOKITIKA	1,792	75 14 6	4,903 19 2	1,115	4,519 0 1	132	699	12,279 19 7	125	710	17,228 10 0	
Goldsborough ..	118	4 6 3	251 6 1	41	236 1 7	5	32	548 16 0	1	10	297 9 4	
Kumara ..	1,118	42 18 3	3,158 11 2	603	2,616 4 7	85	449	4,915 2 8	61	270	6,331 8 11	
Rimu ..	170	5 13 0	275 9 6	19	110 1 7	16	177	1,152 9 11	8	75	1,090 12 8	
Ross ..	439	17 8 3	1,310 6 2	260	1,072 11 5	35	241	1,895 9 4	14	95	1,291 19 5	
Stafford ..	285	11 19 9	1,237 16 1	39	147 2 9	7	66	461 10 10	5	37	310 10 11	
INVERCARGILL	5,359	240 16 9	17,404 4 2	5,533	18,983 1 9	915	6,515	95,332 1 7	865	5,014	97,953 1 6	
Arrowtown ..	598	24 7 3	2,155 15 5	169	658 8 7	42	255	1,934 2 11	27	85	1,109 17 10	
Balfour ..	232	9 11 0	652 4 3	41	127 18 8	22	108	1,504 10 9	5	38	1,018 2 6	
Bluff ..	861	35 8 0	2,490 7 4	344	1,401 8 10	76	509	4,200 15 9	39	202	2,259 10 3	
Dipton ..	249	7 18 9	676 15 0	40	195 9 9	18	86	803 7 7	10	30	398 14 8	
Edendale ..	174	6 7 3	663 14 9	54	257 13 11	23	114	1,045 4 3	3	34	282 17 0	
Fairfax ..	94	2 17 3	192 16 5	26	63 6 7	9	38	250 1 0	8	14	87 4 8	
Fortrose ..	300	10 6 9	913 14 7	72	371 7 2	32	118	1,155 16 9	9	34	264 2 3	
Gore ..	2,398	92 19 9	7,619 7 10	1,014	3,766 1 10	214	1,130	16,089 10 8	112	524	12,333 6 7	
Half-moon Bay	95	3 0 0	276 16 11	28	118 2 0	5	27	98 4 0	2	10	76 3 7	
Kingston ..	205	6 13 3	567 16 10	8	45 14 1	2	28	191 12 0	1	6	29 5 8	
Lumsden ..	297	11 0 6	944 2 0	164	522 4 6	32	157	1,964 16 0	22	75	1,093 16 0	
Mataura ..	1,060	34 19 3	3,081 15 11	221	717 12 6	58	353	3,987 3 8	39	190	3,400 17 7	
Nightcaps ..	255	8 10 0	753 16 1	51	208 4 0	16	132	530 15 8	4	26	267 2 1	
Orepuki ..	1,223	47 3 6	3,810 7 7	97	425 17 3	78	397	5,332 1 5	33	133	2,329 7 5	
Otautau ..	430	15 3 9	1,174 0 2	191	549 7 1	24	100	1,051 19 9	14	44	656 4 6	

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Office.	Money-Orders.					Savings-Banks.					
	Issued.			Paid.		New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.	
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.
INVERCARGILL— <i>ctd.</i>		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.			£ s. d.	
Pukerau ..	158	4 16 0	457 5 1	34	99 0 0	17	110	848 10 7	12	47	1,357 8 2
Queenstown ..	939	36 18 3	2,889 12 1	410	1,703 9 9	45	379	3,730 12 10	37	144	2,637 8 5
Riversdale ..	458	16 5 6	1,447 1 9	108	430 14 6	28	111	1,113 13 4	22	49	852 6 6
Riverton ..	752	26 1 3	2,098 18 4	407	1,711 15 8	75	577	4,145 9 1	32	148	2,599 6 4
Thornbury ..	130	4 5 3	363 0 11	28	119 1 8	12	69	509 15 11	4	21	216 1 5
Waikaka ..	280	8 12 6	864 13 9	35	122 5 10	13	44	431 11 8	5	21	270 15 7
Waipahi ..	175	5 9 0	469 3 0	75	189 9 0	..	22	260 0 0	3	10	94 19 5
Wairio ..	147	5 19 0	558 19 9	22	65 17 1	5	47	532 3 7	8	18	379 15 2
Winton ..	813	31 9 3	2,124 17 9	227	789 17 0	68	335	5,663 6 6	26	115	1,815 5 2
Woodlands ..	205	7 8 3	711 15 10	122	333 13 1	9	57	702 0 1	1	27	323 16 3
Wyndham ..	451	15 6 9	1,346 11 3	183	688 15 3	50	292	2,790 0 0	25	80	2,422 12 10
NAPIER ..	5,650	264 15 0	18,810 18 2	5,962	20,681 6 3	994	8,017	90,713 18 11	1,091	6,138	103,134 14 3
Blackburn ..	73	2 7 3	252 7 1	7	46 13 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clive ..	73	2 15 6	175 17 7	13	33 6 5	15	57	126 6 1	4	20	94 3 4
Dannevirke ..	2,703	109 5 3	7,525 1 10	949	3,798 15 6	272	1,339	14,421 4 8	106	704	10,337 2 2
Frasertown ..	93	6 3 6	329 14 10	42	144 8 8	3	23	143 11 0	4	6	322 13 10
Hastings ..	2,302	104 0 9	6,655 1 9	1,380	4,682 4 2	279	2,037	21,167 19 11	144	865	12,463 2 0
Havelock North ..	8	0 5 9	21 13 0	1	1 13 0	4	45	185 19 0	1	10	237 11 6
Herbertville ..	217	12 12 9	761 12 11	42	238 10 2	8	62	424 6 0	1	8	176 0 1
Kaikora North ..	408	13 5 0	893 3 6	72	248 14 2	24	134	1,468 1 6	16	58	880 12 3
Kumeroa ..	141	4 11 3	377 18 5	18	112 2 6	5	22	110 16 0	3	8	44 18 3
Makaretu ..	159	5 11 0	408 6 7	27	136 3 8	16	61	621 2 4	6	29	271 14 8
Makotuku ..	279	8 7 0	707 11 10	84	277 15 8	19	146	1,627 14 2	15	43	777 3 5
Mohaka ..	222	9 17 3	605 9 11	63	318 1 5	21	79	659 10 2	7	33	181 12 7
Norsewood ..	486	16 11 6	1,442 16 2	79	370 17 8	24	166	2,000 18 3	13	69	810 11 8
Ongaonga ..	181	6 1 8	551 1 7	37	163 0 5	9	99	472 6 9	2	40	340 12 6
Oputama ..	48	1 18 3	103 15 2	2	7 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ormondville ..	634	20 0 6	1,812 18 0	122	460 12 0	17	90	768 3 3	11	69	1,408 18 1
Porangahau ..	332	20 17 0	1,167 11 2	52	156 11 7	32	154	1,511 6 0	5	26	605 15 2
Spit ..	715	36 2 3	2,134 17 9	496	1,637 14 7	52	586	2,420 3 0	15	123	1,024 9 2
Takapau ..	534	18 19 6	1,635 13 2	73	235 6 1	27	133	1,682 14 10	9	55	1,204 19 5
Taradale ..	314	11 18 3	816 8 4	111	403 0 4	29	235	1,220 7 0	9	108	418 3 1
Te Aute ..	137	5 12 9	370 18 2	107	354 15 7	15	56	516 6 4	4	36	240 13 0
Tikokino ..	237	9 1 0	694 14 8	33	108 15 2	17	98	1,135 11 5	5	23	311 12 8
Waione ..	99	1 16 0	449 13 11	5	34 14 8	..	..	..	..	..	..
Waipawa ..	1,296	53 9 6	3,586 15 7	758	2,170 16 2	77	620	9,041 17 1	50	265	7,323 4 5
Waipukurau ..	934	40 0 0	3,050 9 7	295	990 4 0	36	377	4,254 5 11	29	202	2,784 7 0
Wairoa ..	965	51 14 6	3,489 10 6	398	1,659 16 3	96	583	5,514 9 8	42	232	3,096 3 2
Weber ..	229	7 8 9	609 0 5	28	185 17 6	23	69	346 8 6	..	5	22 0 0
NELSON ..	3,805	167 8 0	12,524 0 9	4,660	17,723 0 10	645	5,744	80,119 11 8	515	3,855	81,312 15 6
Belgrove ..	70	2 19 3	238 5 5	59	233 15 4	13	127	1,334 7 9	5	49	1,139 11 6
Brightwater ..	152	6 8 0	469 2 6	139	519 17 4	23	177	1,381 11 0	6	56	648 17 6
Collingwood ..	896	34 7 3	3,444 15 6	163	949 16 4	49	322	3,698 3 4	9	103	2,006 17 3
Motueka ..	714	25 14 9	2,393 5 11	258	1,017 1 9	62	481	3,815 0 10	35	194	3,616 3 11
Motupiko ..	54	1 16 3	129 8 5	32	136 19 19	4	67	373 11 7	1	10	61 18 0
Motupiko Rly. ..	105	4 15 9	429 9 11	25	57 6 10	7	52	200 10 0	..	5	95 0 0
Ngatimote ..	168	5 8 9	551 10 2	45	114 13 7	14	112	780 5 8	3	43	368 2 2
Richmond ..	231	9 18 6	719 14 1	238	993 9 11	20	192	4,857 6 4	8	90	3,512 12 6
Riwaka ..	291	8 10 0	592 2 7	36	137 5 4	43	198	861 15 0	5	71	593 10 1
Tadmor ..	7	0 6 3	19 11 0	..	..	1	6	217 10 0	..	..	..
Takaka ..	650	25 16 3	2,408 0 8	172	656 10 11	46	239	3,159 12 2	18	123	3,082 17 2
The Port ..	311	16 12 9	997 16 11	77	198 15 10	33	241	2,768 1 7	4	37	618 0 3
Thorpe ..	102	3 3 9	278 14 10	21	70 6 8	13	89	709 13 0	1	24	412 11 4
Upper Moutere ..	124	4 5 6	214 11 11	25	65 11 4	15	73	464 16 10	..	27	259 6 0
Wakefield ..	295	11 8 6	967 16 2	152	506 8 7	21	252	2,084 19 9	9	82	1,878 2 3
NEW PLYMOUTH ..	4,388	183 15 9	14,433 18 10	3,917	17,557 5 3	729	4,744	80,180 6 6	713	3,809	78,714 5 9
Inglewood ..	1,422	50 6 9	4,078 13 1	299	1,212 16 2	163	1,283	13,962 4 11	80	416	7,224 1 9
Midhurst ..	643	22 6 0	2,087 10 5	92	324 2 2	35	206	2,064 14 4	19	123	2,017 5 6
Opunake ..	995	44 0 6	3,016 4 5	215	799 10 1	71	415	4,408 14 3	36	182	3,900 2 11
Pungarehu ..	306	17 4 6	1,348 3 1	108	614 6 3	18	105	2,038 10 11	6	64	1,187 9 9
Rahotu ..	257	9 10 3	851 2 5	47	206 3 0	18	46	545 0 1	7	31	357 12 0
Stratford ..	2,811	109 2 6	10,271 1 3	780	3,254 3 0	400	1,769	25,580 6 1	150	782	17,483 1 9
Waitara ..	928	40 2 2	2,655 12 0	286	1,157 1 10	109	605	7,790 10 9	26	275	3,910 19 4
OAMARU ..	4,944	172 17 3	26,020 7 1	2,534	10,032 14 7	628	4,186	55,866 1 2	518	2,976	51,895 0 3
Duntroun ..	479	12 4 9	2,456 17 9	81	470 11 7	26	135	1,206 6 1	10	45	571 0 2
Hampden ..	552	15 13 6	1,571 10 4	324	1,187 7 9	27	149	1,699 13 5	6	41	959 18 1
Herbert ..	270	7 17 0	1,074 7 3	44	173 15 4	10	108	1,170 18 0	7	30	602 4 0
Kakanui ..	38	1 8 9	151 5 10	40	117 0 4	3	21	159 19 11	2	8	139 14 11
Kurow ..	573	20 4 0	2,854 0 0	125	649 13 3	23	127	1,093 2 2	6	41	609 10 10
Maheno ..	171	6 2 6	444 17 4	80	389 0 2	13	83	471 11 9	4	22	385 11 9
Ngapara ..	232	8 3 6	809 1 1	41	247 16 3	4	61	292 12 0	9	21	323 7 3
Pukeuri Junction ..	24	1 1 9	90 4 10	4	22 0 0	12	27	240 12 0	2	14	113 0 7
Shag Point ..	239	7 4 0	547 12 9	101	445 6 10	29	223	830 18 8	13	51	392 14 5
THAMES ..	4,478	211 16 0	14,472 5 8	2,913	11,215 5 8	670	4,691	58,407 18 10	838	4,450	75,130 19 1
Golden Cross ..	566	18 7 0	1,709 14 1	31	257 16 9	45	360	2,967 16 1	18	93	1,607 6 4
Karangahake ..	2,302	93 14 0	6,216 13 11	270	1,347 9 11	142	941	7,853 18 9	42	409	4,097 10 10
Katikati ..	178	7 1 6	489 7 3	105	474 11 5	21	119	767 2 0	3	67	444 8 9
Komata ..	159	5 3 6	535 11 4	11	55 19 0	13	61	474 19 2	1	24	170 13 2
Maketu ..	160	6 11 3	512 6 8	58	171 19 0	10	40	612 18 0	7	18	275 17 3
Miranda ..	57	2 6 6	153 7 6	11	73 10 7	3	10	20 1 0	1	4	67 14 8
Opotiki ..	963	34 4 0	3,313 10 8	234	978 8 7	45	340	3,263 12 11	45	170	3,983 9 7
Paeroa ..	1,908	80 1 0	5,243 12 9	977	3,162 8 4	144	804	7,778 0 4	61	418	4,907 16 10
Tauranga ..	931	35 11 3	2,620 19 9	684	2,514 8 9	111	713	9,569 1 6	59	475	9,620 3 3
Te Aroha ..	1,837	68 18 0	5,517 0 4	580	2,226 0 5	83	511	5,243 19 11	43	311	4,642 8 5
Te Puke ..	460	18 5 9	1,248 4 7	121	523 0 10	30	93	873 5 5	13	56	605 18 2

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Office.	Money-Orders.					Savings-Banks.					
	Issued.			Paid.		New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.	
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.
THAMES—continued.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Waihi ..	4,737	199 10 3	15,680 1 10	615	2,358 9 1	326	2,146	19,948 7 1	178	1,076	15,216 1 4
Waikino ..	837	35 10 6	2,694 1 8	66	273 5 11	61	314	2,631 16 8	17	133	1,517 14 0
Waiorongomai ..	113	3 17 9	269 10 11	34	117 3 0	3	17	44 8 0	2	10	42 8 8
Waitekauri ..	1,247	59 1 0	4,022 11 7	156	560 14 11	53	497	4,378 7 5	26	200	3,497 10 0
Whakatane ..	404	15 14 6	1,253 6 5	115	423 15 3	20	73	616 18 6	6	35	295 1 4
TIMARU ..	5,003	188 0 3	25,124 3 9	2,401	11,966 15 8	806	6,238	90,324 15 10	731	4,786	93,384 1 1
Albury ..	189	6 0 3	1,170 1 4	23	165 18 3	7	28	371 9 2	2	16	229 10 4
Fairlie ..	455	21 14 6	2,872 12 9	161	1,333 2 7	45	221	2,991 2 6	18	89	1,218 4 6
Geraldine ..	1,200	37 19 9	4,119 18 0	323	1,600 9 6	120	769	10,453 11 2	68	318	7,528 2 10
Glenavy ..	245	5 19 9	1,876 14 2	81	536 11 7	17	47	867 0 0	5	26	571 17 2
Makikihi ..	104	4 2 9	364 14 3	30	200 17 0	6	46	512 19 2	3	23	581 7 5
Morven ..	2	0 1 0	6 14 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orari ..	171	4 10 3	297 4 8	57	460 4 6	10	40	658 0 0	7	42	543 12 2
Pleasant Point ..	251	8 16 0	755 12 10	89	567 2 8	17	84	1,428 6 5	6	28	397 14 2
St. Andrew's ..	231	6 9 3	865 14 5	93	874 16 6	13	73	1,190 1 6	2	21	607 6 7
Studholme Junct.	78	2 0 9	316 13 6	29	136 6 2	7	27	394 7 3	1	11	84 2 2
Temuka ..	1,375	47 8 9	5,414 17 11	403	2,027 8 9	117	684	8,242 10 3	30	292	5,443 6 6
Waimate ..	1,741	60 4 9	9,785 3 4	612	2,291 13 2	176	945	13,797 0 8	69	441	11,351 8 3
Winchester ..	124	4 0 6	323 12 6	38	194 14 6	23	132	1,180 10 9	9	40	545 0 6
WANGANUI ..	6,977	306 9 9	23,554 19 9	5,249	18,625 13 11	1,371	8,092	124,650 5 1	1,352	6,518	134,034 10 7
Alton ..	105	3 13 6	276 2 4	10	27 4 10	9	63	323 14 0	2	25	298 13 11
Bull's ..	595	23 19 5	1,722 1 6	282	916 10 10	68	436	3,529 5 1	24	107	1,327 1 8
Eltham ..	1,199	44 2 3	4,203 0 7	258	1,103 16 9	131	573	7,388 2 2	45	284	6,128 0 6
Fordell ..	192	8 12 0	574 15 8	28	125 10 10	16	133	512 13 5	5	26	498 19 5
Hawera ..	2,509	118 13 9	8,103 17 5	1,305	4,378 6 4	345	2,228	24,264 9 11	152	860	15,160 6 7
Hunterville ..	1,215	43 15 6	4,732 9 11	385	1,293 15 10	90	447	4,854 16 3	42	147	3,061 14 2
Hurleyville ..	56	1 11 3	279 12 10	5	16 8 6	7	37	234 8 0	3	15	341 13 4
Kaimanuka ..	42	1 0 0	151 3 6	6	10 10 9	1	10	54 2 0	..	1	3 0 0
Kaponga ..	428	17 6 6	1,586 6 10	81	449 4 3	42	233	2,264 3 0	21	70	2,193 10 11
Manaia ..	837	38 9 6	2,363 13 0	185	659 0 9	95	550	6,727 8 11	42	143	3,509 3 4
Mangamahu ..	176	3 15 6	1,254 3 7	6	12 1 2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mangaonoho ..	387	14 19 3	1,419 16 7	77	336 15 7	27	167	1,049 2 6	11	58	647 19 9
Mangaweka ..	1,498	49 12 9	4,242 7 5	234	987 10 4	80	378	3,553 19 5	37	190	1,580 9 3
Manutahi ..	91	3 6 3	301 7 6	23	195 17 8	9	54	356 5 5	3	13	192 6 8
Marton ..	1,321	57 4 3	4,302 17 11	860	2,825 0 0	134	982	11,879 15 9	60	403	8,631 7 7
Normanby ..	267	10 17 9	667 1 4	125	505 12 9	33	230	2,582 19 8	12	72	1,975 5 6
Ohingaiti ..	503	18 11 6	1,300 7 5	92	331 4 2	33	226	2,210 15 0	24	98	1,313 8 1
Patea ..	805	34 15 0	2,405 18 6	398	1,220 12 5	84	665	6,548 15 8	72	242	5,008 2 4
Raetihi ..	556	13 14 3	2,170 10 8	69	369 15 3	33	116	1,413 17 9	10	62	1,203 9 6
Taihape ..	830	26 7 3	2,683 12 4	124	546 0 1	50	162	1,988 5 0	8	91	1,095 17 5
Turakina ..	243	11 13 0	806 3 10	61	216 7 9	22	108	1,042 11 5	13	44	581 9 7
Utiku ..	245	6 17 6	607 19 3	40	134 4 3	20	62	299 16 10	2	15	175 18 10
Waitotara ..	250	10 14 0	726 3 6	74	241 12 4	30	145	1,205 16 3	15	89	996 2 4
Waverley ..	836	34 7 6	2,848 5 7	201	672 19 7	68	563	4,874 14 2	28	179	3,750 19 5
WELLINGTON ..	23,882	1,707 3 9	79,746 9 3	38,131	152,835 16 7	4,923	40,520	537,500 13 10	4,775	37,071	562,142 7 3
Adelaide Road ..	353	12 4 0	631 2 11	44	119 13 2	69	801	3,061 17 0	7	117	524 18 7
Alfredton ..	184	6 3 6	667 13 8	22	66 11 1	32	125	2,755 5 0	3	30	690 8 8
Apiti ..	413	8 19 3	1,543 5 0	67	490 16 8	24	128	560 13 7	8	30	240 16 9
Ashhurst ..	483	16 4 3	1,438 19 10	195	636 15 3	45	317	2,089 7 0	16	115	2,474 0 3
Awahuri ..	57	1 17 9	134 18 10	9	43 5 3	14	47	313 16 6	2	12	312 4 8
Carterton ..	1,267	49 5 9	3,549 2 5	547	1,967 4 4	115	918	10,028 16 4	51	341	7,107 12 8
Castlepoint ..	62	2 3 3	163 9 0	4	10 19 6	2	14	105 10 0	..	2	30 0 0
Chatham Islands ..	186	6 10 6	712 5 11	28	210 18 10	7	33	204 6 0	..	1	14 0 0
Cheltenham ..	80	2 12 6	205 10 4	10	38 19 7	13	51	110 7 0	1	11	69 2 8
Colyton ..	2	0 1 0	2 2 6	..	..	2	3	43 6 0	1	1	8 5 5
Courtenay Place ..	685	25 17 0	1,362 16 10	58	254 17 10	96	1,356	3,688 19 0	34	146	804 1 11
Eketahuna ..	1,088	37 19 3	3,274 3 9	322	1,282 19 0	78	560	5,992 15 11	32	252	3,887 15 0
Featherston ..	903	36 2 0	2,328 4 5	323	1,292 3 0	76	582	4,912 4 7	23	200	3,306 17 7
Feilding ..	2,289	86 14 9	8,153 4 3	1,442	4,703 0 3	303	1,917	22,891 3 3	99	674	14,037 15 1
Foxton ..	1,387	56 11 9	3,851 5 8	377	1,319 10 6	235	1,429	10,680 6 0	110	552	6,442 16 11
Gladstone ..	93	4 3 9	318 14 3	19	149 3 6	7	28	190 15 0	..	19	177 17 0
Greytown North ..	92	42 0 3	3,018 7 3	412	1,471 17 4	101	751	6,478 6 4	46	264	5,603 4 11
Halcombe ..	406	14 4 0	1,263 3 10	107	591 8 6	37	234	1,758 5 1	7	66	1,243 0 9
Hukanui ..	177	5 5 6	582 14 8	39	300 1 8	15	95	467 6 3	5	45	889 0 7
Hutt ..	626	30 12 0	1,827 19 7	243	911 6 5	103	822	9,060 19 3	26	218	4,329 3 5
Johnsonville ..	218	6 9 9	348 13 10	95	367 18 10	49	718	2,841 0 0	15	173	1,642 6 5
Kaitoke ..	99	4 2 9	253 7 10	30	8c 2 2	8	78	1,200 12 7	..	9	70 5 0
Kaiwarra ..	110	5 0 6	146 19 9	17	46 17 1	9	193	396 14 0	2	43	127 3 4
Kimbolton ..	489	15 2 9	2,127 15 2	140	453 10 11	45	249	1,776 5 10	16	90	1,018 16 7
Levin ..	1,203	40 3 9	3,132 8 5	346	1,425 15 10	94	722	5,240 3 8	38	308	3,725 16 10
Longburn ..	164	5 7 6	329 4 2	59	314 12 3	36	214	733 0 4	11	95	699 2 3
Makuri ..	433	9 10 3	1,212 13 10	56	256 17 9	9	58	758 16 10	4	41	590 16 8
Manakau ..	216	10 11 9	632 2 0	72	269 4 6	25	94	837 18 1	15	53	900 13 1
Mangatainoka ..	448	10 5 9	1,009 15 0	162	543 12 11	22	105	631 14 4	4	46	562 18 0
Martinborough ..	873	42 13 0	2,366 16 1	129	494 16 1	75	320	3,150 14 2	23	153	1,954 17 9
Masterton ..	3,341	143 2 6	11,974 11 2	1,896	6,443 18 3	405	2,816	31,157 11 5	155	1,322	20,738 14 1
Mauriceville ..	199	6 12 3	458 4 7	80	322 5 8	12	106	870 4 0	7	66	809 2 3
West ..	178	4 12 6	476 2 10	15	119 10 8	14	85	1,756 19 4	2	44	909 12 9
Molesworth St. ..	1,206	54 8 6	3,104 13 4	37	170 6 2	131	1,401	4,728 12 6	7	113	949 12 11
Ngahauranga ..	194	8 13 6	426 5 7	12	27 7 8	18	190	1,193 9 9	2	26	106 4 8
Otaki ..	925	45 18 3	3,031 15 0	443	1,325 12 0	83	465	3,782 9 5	48	221	3,035 5 9
Pahautanui ..	41	1 6 6	107 9 5	19	79 5 0	10	26	314 5 8	1	12	137 1 3
Pahiatua ..	2,263	82 18 3	9,034 16 4	727	2,475 18 5	159	1,001	11,110 7 8	74	527	9,694 18 7
Palmerston North ..	4,980	209 19 3	15,385 6 10	3,800	13,450 19 2	701	4,206	48,214 14 11	327	2,141	40,922 17 1
Paraparaumu ..	103	4 16 9	217 19 5	51	171 13 1	11	83	974 1 0	1	30	473 6 0

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 1900—continued.

Office.	Money-Orders.					Savings-Banks.					
	Issued.			Paid.		New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.	
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.
WELLINGTON— <i>ctd.</i>		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Petone ..	1,244	50 13 6	3,376 3 0	521	1,669 8 10	189	1,802	12,801 1 9	68	599	7,151 15 5
Pohangina ..	105	2 17 3	378 8 6	64	254 7 7	7	40	273 14 4	4	12	153 19 5
Pongaroa ..	59	1 2 0	169 0 0	5	44 10 6	3	5	104 0 0	1	2	6 18 6
Porirua ..	283	11 5 9	738 9 5	60	230 0 4	21	179	591 7 7	7	31	164 9 11
Rangiwahia ..	264	6 7 9	985 6 9	48	214 7 2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rongotea ..	493	22 16 0	1,556 17 8	71	265 10 1	51	296	1,578 19 2	23	106	887 10 5
Sanson ..	253	10 1 0	731 18 0	62	296 2 6	24	164	1,355 5 3	16	66	1,695 3 2
Shannon ..	379	15 1 0	1,151 7 6	113	532 4 10	28	196	1,371 13 1	5	119	1,541 16 3
Taueru ..	143	5 16 6	209 0 6	16	53 4 4	5	41	490 9 7	1	17	501 18 5
Te Aro ..	2,655	109 18 3	6,247 17 11	192	716 19 5	423	5,491	19,089 14 8	52	326	1,836 18 8
Te Nui ..	425	19 2 3	1,313 8 7	59	195 8 1	21	130	1,243 11 11	6	33	667 11 1
Tinakori Road ..	131	4 7 0	215 15 2	13	28 10 3	47	565	919 15 0	5	77	333 14 5
Upper Hutt ..	275	9 0 6	686 17 10	90	288 6 6	30	303	2,363 14 2	9	60	543 17 3
Waikanae ..	199	7 14 9	480 12 9	53	227 0 6	28	92	823 3 4	5	73	500 14 5
Waituna West ..	240	8 4 9	658 12 9	37	128 2 11	10	30	294 2 0	..	11	205 10 0
Wellington South ..	663	22 14 9	1,392 5 7	263	887 2 10	214	1,432	8,180 9 1	62	280	2,825 18 0
Whakataki ..	66	2 13 0	186 6 11	9	23 17 4	9	48	108 19 0	2	4	163 4 6
Woodville ..	1,492	50 19 3	4,317 8 8	935	2,844 16 10	110	740	8,988 14 5	60	318	5,887 15 2
WESTPORT ..	3,078	147 13 0	9,460 8 3	1,897	7,012 9 6	293	1,837	27,304 5 9	357	1,705	34,677 11 5
Addison's ..	111	3 12 0	221 17 10	17	82 3 0	1	2	20 0 0	3	4	13 12 0
Burnett's Face ..	399	15 19 0	1,034 1 10	15	72 11 6	32	216	957 15 7	17	45	367 3 1
Capleston ..	94	4 4 3	271 2 1	16	77 13 2	11	47	170 6 1	..	6	35 10 0
Charleston ..	380	14 12 9	1,133 17 7	81	244 1 5	13	165	1,028 3 7	8	75	926 2 1
Denniston ..	821	34 19 6	2,380 10 2	90	275 17 4	60	679	4,276 4 7	31	147	2,076 18 2
Granity ..	385	15 1 6	916 18 2	37	147 4 6	48	328	1,788 7 4	15	59	519 6 9
Karamea ..	71	1 16 0	192 6 2	44	196 1 6	8	14	62 15 0	..	2	30 0 0
Longford ..	115	4 7 6	465 8 10	7	38 1 8	3	16	380 18 0	2	14	492 10 5
Lyell ..	711	23 17 3	2,207 17 11	167	656 8 9	10	101	1,777 4 7	8	46	571 11 3
Millerton ..	476	19 4 6	1,176 16 9	23	64 15 10	34	258	882 2 0	20	36	284 11 9
Murchison ..	362	16 7 0	1,604 5 8	87	718 13 1	13	99	1,103 8 0	9	35	1,146 14 5
Seddonville ..	185	6 11 0	530 13 8	94	407 14 9	8	58	551 4 0	7	32	349 8 2
Waimangaroa ..	335	13 15 6	1,177 12 4	41	174 15 5	14	90	786 7 6	5	25	215 12 8

SUMMARY.

POSTAL DISTRICT OF—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland ..	68,209	3,447	2	922,633	18	7	59,676	223,238	3	2	6,296	44,727	607,933	4	9
Blenheim ..	5,877	249	11	0 19,538	9	0	2,488	11,163	19	0	644	4,729	62,448	19	0
Christchurch ..	40,152	1,713	3	0 134,762	5	5	34,433	148,849	12	1	7,522	65,878	782,613	5	3
Dunedin ..	47,740	1,898	4	2 153,441	5	1	46,053	188,827	19	6	6,297	51,541	618,372	8	2
Gisborne ..	4,805	256	5	3 15,973	15	10	1,547	6,269	18	9	947	5,640	66,841	8	4
Greymouth ..	9,246	421	19	3 30,510	8	5	4,253	16,922	11	9	848	5,765	67,885	7	2
Hokitika ..	3,922	158	0	0 11,137	8	2	2,077	8,701	2	0	280	1,664	21,253	8	4
Invercargill ..	18,338	719	14	0 56,709	14	9	9,704	34,665	17	4	1,888	12,110	156,189	7	4
Napier ..	19,469	845	8	9 59,441	1	7	11,256	39,658	16	7	2,114	15,288	162,555	7	9
Nelson ..	7,975	328	19	6 26,288	6	9	6,102	23,291	0	4	1,009	8,372	106,826	16	6
New Plymouth ..	11,750	476	8	5 38,742	5	6	5,744	25,125	7	9	1,543	9,173	136,570	7	10
Oamaru ..	7,522	252	17	0 36,020	4	3	3,374	13,735	6	1	775	5,120	63,031	15	2
Thames ..	21,337	895	13	9 65,952	6	11	6,981	26,734	7	5	1,780	11,730	125,452	11	7
Timaru ..	11,169	397	8	6 53,293	17	11	4,340	22,356	0	10	1,364	9,334	132,411	14	8
Wanganui ..	22,163	904	9	2 73,284	18	9	10,178	36,201	16	11	2,798	16,660	213,810	2	8
Wellington ..	62,637	3,225	7	6 195,348	12	3	53,196	206,437	13	6	9,433	75,415	805,143	8	9
Westport ..	7,523	322	0	9 22,773	17	3	2,616	10,168	11	5	548	3,910	41,089	2	0
Grand totals ..	369,834	16,512	12	9 1,214,852	16	5	264,018	1,042,348	4	5	46,086	347,056	4,170,428	15	3

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, 1900.

Postal Districts.	Number of Office Savings-Banks Opened at the Close of the Year.	Number of Deposits received during the Year.	Total Amount of Deposits received during the Year.	Average Amount of each Deposit received during the Year.	Number of Withdrawals during the Year.	Total Amount of Withdrawals during the Year.	Average Amount of each Withdrawal during the Year.	Excess of Deposits over Withdrawals during the Year.	Excess of Withdrawals over Deposits during the Year.	Cost of Management during the Year.	Average Cost of each Transaction, Deposit or Withdrawal.	Interest for the Year.	Number of Accounts Opened during the Year.	Number of Accounts Closed during the Year.	Number of Accounts remaining Open at Close of the Year.	Total Amount standing to Credit of all open Accounts, inclusive of Interest to the Close of the Year.	Average Amount standing to the Credit of each Open Account at the Close of the Year.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	s. d.	£ s. d.				£	£ s. d.
Auckland	103	44,727	607,933	4 9 13	29,998	53,246	18 8 1	55,886	14 4	...	...	22,550	6,296	4,361	26,116	897,716	34 7 6
Blenheim	7	4,729	62,448	8 13 4	3,177	51,688	16 5 5	10,760	16 5	...	...	2,281	644	469	3,631	92,819	13 11 3
Christchurch	55	65,878	782,613	14 11 7	45,914	741,563	16 3 0	41,049	9 3	...	...	27,193	7,522	5,005	38,205	1,071,797	25 11 1
Dunedin	46	51,541	618,372	13 11 11	35,514	568,911	16 0 4	49,761	6 8	...	...	21,698	6,297	4,121	28,451	868,738	23 10 8
Gisborne	5	5,640	66,841	13 17 6	3,978	57,150	14 7 4	9,691	5 5	...	...	1,743	947	698	2,696	74,140	27 10 0
Greytown	10	5,765	67,885	7 2 15	3,468	61,871	14 8 17	6,013	12 6	...	...	2,959	848	563	3,559	115,239	32 7 7
Hokitika	6	1,664	21,253	4 12 15	1,197	26,550	9 4 22	5,297	2 11	...	...	2,042	888	214	1,568	75,848	48 7 5
Invercargill	27	12,110	156,189	7 4 12	7,139	136,529	11 3 6	19,659	18 0	...	...	6,226	2,114	1,592	9,039	245,189	31 2 5
Napier	25	15,288	162,555	7 0 12	9,175	148,512	17 8 16	14,042	10 1	...	...	6,590	2,114	1,592	9,039	257,516	28 9 9
Nelson	16	8,372	106,826	6 12 15	4,769	99,006	5 20 17	7,220	11 1	...	...	5,098	1,009	619	5,928	192,966	32 11 0
New Plymouth	8	9,173	136,370	7 10 14	5,682	114,794	18 9 20	21,775	9 1	...	...	3,501	1,543	1,037	2,580	145,957	39 28 7
Oamaru	10	5,120	63,931	5 12 6	3,249	55,992	2 8 17	7,039	12 11	...	...	2,757	775	577	3,133	106,431	33 19 5
Thames	17	11,730	125,452	11 7 10	7,889	120,123	3 8 15	9,936	1 0	...	...	4,989	1,780	1,300	2,685	190,861	27 0 6
Timaru	14	9,334	132,411	14 8 14	6,133	122,485	13 8 19	20,100	12 0	...	...	4,834	1,364	951	5,737	187,874	32 15 0
Wanganui	24	16,660	213,810	2 8 12	9,752	193,709	10 8 19	76,669	12 5	...	...	6,198	2,798	1,983	10,003	251,399	25 2 8
Wellington	58	75,410	805,143	2 9 10	47,814	728,473	16 4 15	617	10 2	...	...	23,438	9,433	6,324	37,022	955,320	35 16 1
Westport	14	3,910	41,989	2 9 10	2,231	41,706	12 4 18	617	10 2	...	...	2,063	548	482	2,313	79,734	22 9 5
Totals for Colony in 1900	445	347,056	4,170,428	15 3 12	227,079	3,827,416	7 3 16	343,012	8 0	10,500	4 39	146,169	46,086	31,724	197,408	5,809,552	29 8 7
1899	427	313,783	3,644,980	9 10 11	206,940	3,417,208	10 8 16	227,681	10 2	9,500	4 38	134,917	41,362	28,284	183,046	5,320,370	29 10 4
1898	409	281,749	3,279,611	7 5 11	196,764	3,194,893	16 7 4	84,717	10 10	8,500	4 29	128,128	37,265	26,628	109,968	4,957,771	29 3 5
1897	388	267,615	3,187,219	2 4 11	179,555	2,891,169	5 8 16	296,049	16 8	8,000	4 26	137,240	36,394	24,821	159,321	4,744,924	29 15 7
1896	371	242,283	2,881,152	16 3 11	167,248	2,591,558	19 4 15	289,593	16 11	7,000	4 10	126,497	32,982	22,907	147,758	4,311,634	28 3 7
1895	357	217,393	2,794,506	16 0 12	159,904	2,369,333	6 7 14	425,173	9 5	7,000	4 45	129,489	30,261	22,001	137,083	3,895,543	28 5 10
1894	348	204,545	2,252,862	6 11 11	152,136	2,268,264	8 4 18	15,762	1 5	6,500	4 37	114,643	28,669	21,930	139,423	3,340,879	25 16 3
1893	327	202,276	2,386,989	0 7 11	136,730	2,123,521	16 8 15	50,921	3 3	5,500	4 29	113,998	20,755	19,599	122,684	3,241,908	26 8 6
1892	318	186,945	1,878,370	6 4 10	120,028	1,823,348	18 1 15	46,942	8 11	5,000	4 16	104,908	25,131	17,872	104,467	2,693,447	25 9 0
1891	311	176,971	1,842,987	15 2 10	111,603	1,693,515	3 15 3	59,421	5 11	5,000	4 29	114,908	25,131	17,872	104,467	2,693,447	25 9 0
1890	296	162,938	1,658,543	3 5 10	106,868	1,500,437	9 5 14	158,105	14 0	5,000	4 45	92,319	23,719	17,256	97,203	2,441,876	25 2 4
1889	294	153,920	1,515,281	11 3 9	109,185	1,457,681	5 10 14	58,200	6 3	4,000	3 79	84,809	21,778	15,521	90,745	2,191,451	24 2 11
1888	290	145,355	1,544,747	7 11 10	96,204	1,387,471	10 14 8	157,276	6 1	4,000	3 97	78,080	21,307	16,543	84,488	2,048,441	24 4 10
1887	283	136,197	1,312,151	1 5 9	89,962	1,182,409	7 6 13	129,741	13 11	4,000	4 24	67,363	20,368	15,515	79,724	1,813,084	22 14 10
1886	271	137,989	1,248,405	6 11 9	89,182	1,133,627	6 4 14	87,881	19 5	4,000	4 23	63,825	20,661	16,421	69,957	1,638,035	23 8 4
1885	256	131,373	1,341,901	3 2 10	84,832	1,264,305	8 3 14	76,695	14 11	4,000	4 44	62,228	21,071	16,571	74,871	1,515,979	23 11 8
1884	243	129,279	1,227,909	1 4 9	80,800	1,193,931	11 14 16	31,978	10 5	4,000	4 57	57,381	20,228	16,447	65,717	1,499,112	22 16 3
1883	222	127,009	1,178,474	4 9 4	78,405	1,293,719	18 3 10	117,245	14 2	4,000	4 66	56,946	20,386	15,967	61,936	1,409,751	22 15 2
1882	207	129,952	1,325,352	2 11 0	69,308	1,142,599	10 16 9	183,253	2 10	4,000	4 82	54,909	21,014	14,505	57,517	1,470,950	25 11 5
1881	190	135,855	1,189,012	2 7 9	60,137	992,195	1 8 15	286,817	0 11	3,500	4 52	42,204	25,059	12,718	51,008	1,232,787	24 3 4
1880	178	81,600	864,441	18 10 11	57,446	780,504	13 4 16	83,937	5 6	3,500	6 04	32,822	16,137	12,217	38,067	903,705	23 7 0
1879	165	71,865	812,399	11 11 6	54,698	876,180	9 3 16	63,781	7 4	3,000	5 69	31,715	15,401	12,786	34,747	787,005	22 12 11
1878	147	69,908	762,084	12 0 18	42,746	742,953	14 3 17	20,030	17 9	2,500	5 33	31,664	13,005	9,634	32,132	819,071	25 9 9
1877	138	60,953	681,294	13 2 11	39,363	697,023	7 5 16	14,271	5 9	2,500	5 98	29,193	11,235	8,591	28,761	707,375	26 13 4
1876	124	57,295	664,134	12 6 11	39,486	696,281	7 4 17	32,146	14 10	2,500	6 20	28,762	11,255	9,472	26,117	723,910	27 14 4
1875	119	56,129	657,953	4 0 14	36,977	729,759	17 9 19	72,106	13 9	2,500	6 44	28,565	11,273	8,681	24,334	727,295	29 17 9
1874	103	52,627	699,249	4 3 13	29,778	620,155	8 2 20	79,094	5 6	2,250	6 55	20,935	10,346	5,736	17,132	770,836	35 9 1
1873	97	39,223	586,542	5 13 5	21,268	495,908	3 9 20	154,634	2 0	1,800	6 14	20,106	7,382	3,816	17,142	664,807	38 16 1
1872	92	31,681	430,877	0 13 12	17,254	313,176	7 11 18	117,700	12 1	1,556	7 63	14,711	6,205	3,188	13,566	490,066	36 2 5
1871	80	24,642	312,338	18 4 0	14,773	201,347	16 3 17	59,991	2 1	1,351	8 23	11,291	4,615	2,383	10,549	357,654	35 18 1
1870	71	20,489	264,328	5 7 12	11,934	209,509	13 2 17	54,818	12 5	1,264	0 936	9,242	4,304	2,277	8,317	295,372	33 10 3
1869	59	17,133	240,898	5 9 14	9,292	186,518	4 1 19	60,380	1 8	1,186	0 1077	7,412	3,839	1,801	6,290	231,311	33 15 5
1868	55	13,014	194,535	11 6 14	6,365	167,094	17 3 16	87,440	14 3	789	0 977	4,880	3,282	1,186	4,252	163,518	33 9 1
Totals for Colony from 1st Feb. to 31st Dec., 1867	46	6,977	96,372	7 10 13	1,919	264,415	18 9 13	69,956	9 1	822	1 10 18	1,241	5 0	364	2,156	71,197	14 1 33

Table No. 6.

BALANCE-SHEET of the New Zealand Post Office Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1900.

	Balances on 1st January, 1900.		Transactions.				Balances on 31st December, 1900.	
	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.
MONEY ORDER ACCOUNTS:—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Money orders (General) ..	23,859 9 8	..	1,311,576 18 2	1,305,802 19 6	29,633 8 4	..	..	..
United Kingdom, &c. ..	..	13 10 5	110,602 19 4	112,503 17 9	..	1,914 8 10	..	..
United States of America ..	..	566 19 10	11,754 18 11	11,090 3 9	97 15 4	..	..	..
Canada ..	..	138 16 5	1,631 4 8	2,095 19 0	..	603 10 9	..	..
Cape of Good Hope ..	..	557 6 8	1,460 3 10	1,938 0 7	..	1,035 3 5	..	..
Ceylon ..	..	7 10 3	110 7 3	90 15 7	12 1 5	..	..	..
Cook Islands ..	..	..	291 7 7	497 9 4	..	206 1 9	..	..
Fiji ..	..	150 3 9	877 0 2	942 5 0	..	215 8 7	..	..
Germany ..	110 3 8	..	1,937 7 4	1,105 11 8	941 19 4	..	..	..
Hawaii ..	..	0 0 2	56 8 2	56 8 0	..	..	..	..
Hongkong ..	201 12 11	..	987 2 3	929 12 0	259 3 2	..	..	..
India ..	22 14 11	..	2,129 18 3	1,402 19 3	749 13 11	..	..	..
Natal ..	..	40 11 11	363 12 3	470 18 9	..	147 18 5	..	..
New South Wales ..	832 2 4	..	42,092 13 2	40,914 4 0	2,010 11 6	..	..	..
Queensland ..	..	845 13 6	5,302 11 2	4,767 13 2	..	310 15 6	..	..
South Australia ..	..	181 10 0	3,045 0 7	2,346 0 11	517 9 8	..	..	..
Straits Settlements ..	41 17 1	..	191 0 11	235 16 11	..	2 18 11	..	..
Tasmania ..	924 12 10	..	53,890 11 4	54,700 13 4	114 10 10	..	..	..
Victoria ..	756 16 3	..	38,619 10 8	37,737 15 11	1,638 11 0	..	..	..
Western Australia ..	..	662 2 7	6,976 15 6	6,866 14 1	..	552 1 2	..	..
Commission ..	..	705 19 7	1,887 4 0	1,870 17 11	..	689 13 6	..	..
SAVINGS-BANK ACCOUNTS:—								
Deposits and withdrawals ..	5,320,370 14 10	..	4,316,597 17 8	3,827,416 7 3	5,809,552 5 3	..	..	..
Transfers ..	1,507 0 4	..	262,803 18 8	261,735 5 8	2,575 13 4	..	..	..
POSTAL ACCOUNTS:—								
Stamps ..	121,659 2 5½	..	434,845 9 9	423,296 6 0	133,208 6 2½	..	..	..
Postal Guides ..	..	..	425 16 0	410 11 6	15 4 6	..	..	..
Postal notes ..	77,119 12 11½	..	220,110 12 7	162,469 14 6½	134,760 11 0	..	..	..
Private box and bag rents ..	..	..	6,152 10 0	6,152 10 0	..	..	..	..
Money-order commission ..	..	..	16,666 1 3	16,666 1 3	..	..	..	..
Postal revenue ..	..	609 18 9	292,294 3 0½	292,159 13 9	..	475 9 5½	..	..
TELEGRAPH ACCOUNTS:—								
New South Wales Telegraphs ..	3,007 5 4	..	44,165 19 0	44,175 8 9	2,997 15 7	..	..	..
New Zealand & Australian Cable ..	835 13 5	..	10,696 8 1	10,619 7 0	912 14 6	..	..	..
Telephone-exchange receipts ..	..	..	48,427 0 0	48,427 0 0	..	..	..	..
Maintenance of private wires ..	..	..	1,889 9 3	1,889 9 3	..	..	..	..
Registration of code addresses ..	..	..	376 12 6	376 12 6	..	..	..	..
Telegraph revenue ..	1,583 14 10½	..	236,930 9 1	236,247 19 0½	2,266 4 11	..	..	..
GENERAL ACCOUNTS:—								
Post Office Account ..	..	119,144 10 7	2,774,094 16 5	2,751,984 10 6	..	97,034 4 8	..	..
Postmasters and Telegraphists ..	..	277,643 2 0	7,845,925 2 2	7,929,053 3 9½	..	360,771 3 7½	..	..
Investments ..	..	5,336,904 7 8	101,000 0 0	670,055 0 0	..	5,995,959 7 8	..	..
Accrued interest on investments ..	..	50,215 15 3	50,215 15 3	47,989 17 8	..	47,989 17 8	..	..
Miscellaneous receipts—general ..	535 1 3½	..	3,561 7 9½	3,292 1 0½	804 8 0½	..	..	..
Foreign postage ..	16,770 15 9	..	13,029 8 3	12,000 0 0	17,800 4 0	..	..	..
Miscellaneous expenses ..	25,576 9 7	..	528,579 15 11	535,887 15 5	18,268 10 1	..	..	..
Cable subsidies ..	..	..	654 0 2	654 0 2	..	..	..	..
FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS—								
Advances to Settlers ..	5,363 17 11	..	635,786 12 2	638,125 4 8	3,025 5 5	..	..	..
Arms Act Licenses ..	107 0 0	..	419 0 0	470 0 0	56 0 0	..	..	..
Bath receipts, Rotorua ..	150 5 3	..	1,116 15 0	1,140 11 1	126 9 2	..	..	..
Clerks of Court ..	..	..	8 9 4	8 9 4	..	..	..	..
Bath Receipts, Hanmer Plain ..	185 3 4	..	506 2 0	536 12 2	154 13 2	..	..	..
County Clerks ..	2 10 0	..	342 12 4	345 2 4	..	..	..	..
Customs dues (H.M.C.) ..	135 7 9	..	1,453 12 9	1,381 15 3	207 5 3	..	..	..
duty (parcels) ..	2,928 1 7	..	19,236 8 4	19,925 10 9	2,238 19 2	..	..	..
Factories Act ..	..	..	26 15 0	26 14 0	0 1 0	..	..	..
Fishing licenses ..	29 0 0	..	464 15 0	433 15 0	60 0 0	..	..	..
Education Department ..	..	..	5 1 6	5 1 6	..	..	..	..
Game licenses ..	..	..	2,006 12 0	2,006 12 0	..	..	..	..
Geraldine County Council ..	..	..	453 9 0	453 9 0	..	..	..	..
Goldfields revenue ..	16 0 0	..	74 6 10	72 17 4	17 9 6	..	..	..
Government Audit ..	..	..	11 6 8	11 6 8	..	..	..	..
Government Insurance ..	2,912 8 1	..	28,528 18 11	28,580 10 4	2,860 16 8	..	..	..
Government Printer ..	81 4 0	..	585 7 6	461 8 3	205 3 3	..	..	..
Harbourmasters ..	..	..	266 14 2	234 6 6	32 7 8	..	..	..
Homing-pigeons Protection Act ..	..	..	1 2 0	1 1 0	0 1 0	..	..	..
Hospital and charitable aid ..	..	..	0 7 1	0 7 1	..	..	..	..
Income-tax ..	71 10 5	..	84,303 18 8	83,865 0 0	510 9 1	..	..	..
Land-tax ..	294 13 4	..	225,963 12 4	177,911 0 0	48,347 5 8	..	..	..
Licensing Act ..	..	..	15 0 0	15 0 0	..	..	..	..
Lunacy ..	7 0 0	..	39 15 0	43 5 0	3 10 0	..	..	..
Machinery ..	396 17 6	..	4,322 2 6	4,414 15 0	304 5 0	..	..	..
Mining Act ..	989 10 0	..	1,254 14 0	1,252 19 0	991 5 0	..	..	..
Miners' Guides ..	1 5 6	..	..	..	1 5 6	..	..	..
New Zealand Consols ..	..	..	14,169 0 2	14,164 0 2	5 0 0	..	..	..
Official Assignee ..	..	0 12 6	..	..	0 12 6	..	..	..
Old-age Pensions ..	15,952 2 2	..	193,300 0 0	191,258 0 10	17,994 1 4	..	..	..
Outside patients, Rotorua ..	..	..	459 18 6	390 2 0	69 16 6	..	..	..
Police Department ..	..	..	1 3 0	1 3 0	..	..	..	..
Public Trust ..	8,957 12 0	..	334,917 2 7	336,697 12 3	7,177 2 4	..	..	..
Railways ..	893 13 9	..	10,233 17 5	9,722 10 5	1,405 0 9	..	..	..
Registrar of Electors ..	8 4 0	..	0 1 0	8 5 0	..	..	..	..
Registration of births, &c. ..	250 0 0	..	2,326 11 0	2,307 2 6	269 8 6	..	..	..
Rents ..	26 2 6	..	222 14 2	222 2 0	26 14 8	..	..	..
Road Boards ..	..	..	0 13 4	0 13 4	..	..	..	..
Stamp Department receipts ..	..	..	2 1 0	2 1 0	..	..	..	..
Sanatorium, Hanmer Plains ..	231 6 6	..	1,732 13 5	1,780 17 1	183 2 10	..	..	..
Sheep-rates ..	567 19 8	..	20,522 12 3	21,013 3 11	77 8 0	..	..	..
Stock Department ..	..	..	255 3 10	234 18 0	20 5 10	..	..	..
Valuation revenue ..	7 7 3	..	11 15 6	15 18 9	3 4 0	..	..	..
Water-rates ..	16 0 0	..	116 5 0	132 5 0	..	..	..	..
Profit and loss ..	152,090 3 10	..	247,191 7 1	226,884 17 8	172,396 13 3	..	..	..
Totals ..	5,788,387 19 4	5,788,387 19 4	20,637,883 17 8	20,637,883 17 8	6,417,908 3 11	6,417,908 3 11		

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, 1900.

Description of Securities, &c.	Nominal Value.		Value at Cost Price.		Accrued Interest on 31st December, 1900.	
	£	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 Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1896-97" Debentures, 3 per cent.	65,000	0 0	65,000	0 0	203	0 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. ...	107,100	0 0	107,100	0 0	1,242	13 0
"The Dairy Industry Act 1898" Debentures, 3½ per cent. ..	1,781	0 0	1,781	0 0	8	7 11
"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.	457,500	0 0	457,500	0 0	362	9 3
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	*2,118	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.	1,884,940	0 0	1,879,614	0 0	14,011	2 11
"The Land for Settlements Act 1894" Debentures, 3½ per cent.	731,066	0 0	731,066	0 0	4,276	4 9
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
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.	519,200	0 0	519,200	0 0	..	
Westport Harbour Board Debentures, 4 per cent.	459,500	0 0	459,500	0 0	8,972	9 3
Accrued interest on Post Office Account .. ..	..		..		574	0 2
Totals	5,928,887	0 0	5,905,959	7 8	47,989	17 8

* Includes eight half-yearly interest-payments of £250, and £50 balance of a ninth not yet paid.

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

Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1900.

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s.	d.		
Balance to credit of depositors, 1st January, 1900	5,320	370	14	10	3,827	416	7	3	
Deposits during 1900	4,170	428	15	3	5,809	552	5	3	
Interest credited depositors, 1900	146	169	2	5					
	£9,636,968			12	£9,636,968			12	6

Liabilities and Assets.

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s.	d.		
Balance to credit of depositors, 31st December, 1900	5,809	552	5	3	5,905	959	7	8	
Amount of accumulated profits invested	96	407	2	5					
	£5,905,959			7	£5,905,959			7	8

Profit and Loss.

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s.	d.		
Balance forward, 1st January, 1900	152	090	3	10	146	169	2	5	
Interest received	£199,201	9	5		50,215	15	3		
Interest accrued on 31st December, 1900	47,989	17	8		10,500	0	0		
	247,191			7	20,000	0	0		
	£399,281			10	172,396	13	3		
	£399,281			10	£399,281			10	11

Table No. 9.

RETURN showing the Total Number of Post-Office Savings-Bank Accounts open on the 31st December, 1900, classified according to the Balances at Credit, compared with the Number open at the end of 1899.

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	18,295	2,962	1,984	1,763	690	180	136	106	26,116
Blenheim	2,818	321	212	174	58	22	18	8	3,631
Christchurch	27,357	4,060	2,228	2,249	1,765	279	139	128	38,205
Dunedin	20,241	3,509	2,062	1,654	610	154	101	120	28,451
Gisborne	1,949	356	183	139	38	12	9	10	2,696
Greymouth	2,523	400	251	240	91	30	15	9	3,559
Hokitika	956	192	145	164	69	17	9	16	1,568
Invercargill	5,466	1,029	604	518	175	39	27	21	7,879
Napier	6,636	992	606	494	198	54	36	23	9,089
Nelson	4,210	659	410	416	143	46	33	11	5,928
New Plymouth	3,744	589	376	287	81	28	23	15	5,143
Oamaru	2,094	418	273	240	69	27	6	6	3,133
Thames	5,127	796	488	351	145	40	15	23	6,985
Timaru	4,073	647	440	362	124	45	19	27	5,737
Wanganui	7,720	1,026	538	445	162	44	37	31	10,003
Wellington	27,549	4,117	2,722	1,521	660	203	141	109	37,022
Westport	1,610	260	182	156	73	18	9	5	2,313
Totals, 1900	142,368	22,333	13,704	11,173	5,151	1,238	773	668	197,408
Totals, 1899	133,851	20,206	12,286	10,403	3,915	1,145	654	586	183,046

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.			SYDNEY.			MELBOURNE.		
Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Auckland.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Wellington.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Dunedin.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Sydney.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Melbourne.	No. of Days.
1900. January 13	1900. February 14	32	1900. January 13	1900. February 16	34	1900. January 13	1900. February 16	34	1900. January 13	1900. February 19	37	1900. January 13	1900. February 20	38
February 10	March 15	33	February 10	March 16	34	February 10	March 17	35	February 10	March 19	37	February 10	March 20	38
March 10	April 10	31	March 10	April 11	32	March 10	April 13	34	March 10	April 16	37	March 10	April 17	38
April 7	May 8	31	April 7	May 9	32	April 7	May 10	33	April 7	May 12	35	April 7	May 14	37
May 5	June 6	32	May 5	June 7	33	May 5	June 9	35	May 5	June 11	37	May 5	June 12	38
June 2	July 3	31	June 2	July 4	32	June 2	July 5	33	June 2	July 7	35	June 2	July 9	37
July 30	August 31	31	July 30	August 31	32	July 30	August 30	33	July 30	August 4	35	July 30	August 6	37
August 28	September 28	31	August 28	September 29	32	August 28	September 30	33	August 28	September 1	35	August 28	September 3	37
September 25	October 25	31	September 25	October 26	32	September 25	October 27	33	September 25	October 1	37	September 25	October 2	38
October 22	November 24	32	October 22	November 25	33	October 22	November 26	34	October 22	November 29	37	October 22	November 30	38
November 20	December 20	31	November 20	December 22	33	November 20	December 23	34	November 20	December 25	36	November 20	December 27	38
December 10	1901. December 12	32	December 10	1901. December 13	33	December 10	1901. December 14	34	December 10	1901. December 17	37	December 10	1901. December 18	38
December 1	1901. January 4	34	December 1	1901. January 5	35	December 1	1901. January 7	37	December 1	1901. January 9	39	December 1	1901. January 10	40
December 22	1901. January 23	32	December 22	1901. January 24	33	December 22	1901. January 26	35	December 22	1901. January 28	37	December 22	1901. January 29	38
Maximum	...	34	...	...	35	...	...	37	...	...	39	...	...	40
Minimum	...	31	...	...	32	...	...	33	...	...	35	...	...	37
Average	...	31.71	...	...	32.86	...	...	34.07	...	...	36.5	...	...	37.86

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.
1900. January 16	1900. February 22	37	1900. January 17	1900. February 22	36	1900. January 19	1900. February 22	34	1900. January 20	1900. February 22	33	1900. January 22	1900. February 22	31
February 13	March 22	37	February 14	March 22	36	February 16	March 22	34	February 17	March 22	33	February 19	March 22	31
March 13	April 19	37	March 14	April 19	36	March 16	April 19	34	March 17	April 19	33	March 19	April 19	31
April 10	May 17	37	April 11	May 17	36	April 13	May 17	34	April 14	May 17	33	April 16	May 17	31
May 8	June 13	36	May 9	June 13	35	May 11	June 13	33	May 12	June 13	32	May 14	June 13	30
June 5	July 12	37	June 6	July 12	36	June 8	July 12	34	June 9	July 12	33	June 11	July 12	31
July 3	August 9	37	July 4	August 9	36	July 6	August 9	34	July 7	August 9	33	July 9	August 9	31
August 31	September 6	37	August 1	September 6	36	August 3	September 6	34	August 4	September 6	33	August 6	September 6	31
September 28	October 3	36	September 29	October 3	35	September 31	October 3	33	September 1	October 3	32	September 3	October 3	30
October 25	November 1	37	October 26	November 1	36	October 28	November 1	34	October 29	November 1	33	October 31	November 1	31
November 23	December 29	37	November 24	December 29	36	November 26	December 29	34	November 27	December 29	33	November 29	December 29	31
December 30	1901. January 5	36	December 1	1901. January 5	35	December 4	1901. January 5	34	December 5	1901. January 5	33	December 6	1901. January 5	30
December 21	1901. January 27	37	December 22	1901. January 27	36	December 24	1901. January 27	34	December 25	1901. January 27	33	December 26	1901. January 27	32
Maximum	...	37	...	...	36	...	...	34	...	...	33	...	...	32
Minimum	...	36	...	...	35	...	...	33	...	...	32	...	...	30
Average	...	36.77	...	...	35.77	...	...	33.69	...	...	32.69	...	...	30.85

Table No. 11.—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.
1900. Jan. 5	1900. Feb. 5	31	1900. Jan. 5	1900. Feb. 6	32	1900. Jan. 5	1900. Feb. 13	39	1900. Jan. 5	1900. Feb. 14	40	1900. Jan. 5	1900. Feb. 13	39	1900. Jan. 5	1900. Feb. 12	38
1900. Jan. 19	1900. Feb. 20	32	1900. Jan. 19	1900. Feb. 21	33	1900. Jan. 19	1900. Feb. 27	39	1900. Jan. 19	1900. Feb. 28	40	1900. Jan. 19	1900. Feb. 27	39	1900. Jan. 19	1900. Feb. 26	38
1900. Feb. 2	1900. March 4	30	1900. Feb. 2	1900. March 6	32	1900. Feb. 2	1900. March 13	39	1900. Feb. 2	1900. March 14	40	1900. Feb. 2	1900. March 16	42	1900. Feb. 2	1900. March 12	38
1900. Feb. 16	1900. March 18	30	1900. Feb. 16	1900. March 20	32	1900. Feb. 16	1900. March 27	39	1900. Feb. 16	1900. March 28	40	1900. Feb. 16	1900. March 29	41	1900. Feb. 16	1900. March 27	39
1900. March 2	1900. April 1	30	1900. March 2	1900. April 3	32	1900. March 2	1900. April 13	42	1900. March 2	1900. April 12	41	1900. March 2	1900. April 10	39	1900. March 2	1900. April 16	45
1900. March 16	1900. April 16	31	1900. March 16	1900. April 17	32	1900. March 16	1900. April 27	42	1900. March 16	1900. April 27	42	1900. March 16	1900. April 24	39	1900. March 16	1900. April 25	40
1900. March 30	1900. May 1	32	1900. March 30	1900. May 2	33	1900. March 30	1900. May 14	45	1900. March 30	1900. May 12	43	1900. March 30	1900. May 11	42	1900. March 30	1900. May 14	45
1900. April 13	1900. May 13	30	1900. April 13	1900. May 15	32	1900. April 13	1900. May 23	40	1900. April 13	1900. May 24	41	1900. April 13	1900. May 21	38	1900. April 13	1900. May 22	39
1900. April 27	1900. May 28	31	1900. April 27	1900. May 29	32	1900. April 27	1900. June 9	43	1900. April 27	1900. June 8	42	1900. April 27	1900. June 7	41	1900. April 27	1900. June 5	39
1900. May 11	1900. June 11	31	1900. May 11	1900. June 13	33	1900. May 11	1900. June 20	40	1900. May 11	1900. June 22	42	1900. May 11	1900. June 21	41	1900. May 11	1900. June 18	38
1900. May 25	1900. June 25	31	1900. May 25	1900. June 26	32	1900. May 25	1900. July 3	39	1900. May 25	1900. July 4	40	1900. May 25	1900. July 6	42	1900. May 25	1900. July 2	38
1900. June 8	1900. July 8	30	1900. June 8	1900. July 10	32	1900. June 8	1900. July 23	45	1900. June 8	1900. July 21	43	1900. June 8	1900. July 19	41	1900. June 8	1900. July 16	38
1900. June 22	1900. July 22	30	1900. June 22	1900. July 24	32	1900. June 22	1900. August 1	40	1900. June 22	1900. August 2	41	1900. June 22	1900. August 2	41	1900. June 22	1900. July 30	38
1900. July 6	1900. August 6	30	1900. July 6	1900. August 7	32	1900. July 6	1900. August 13	38	1900. July 6	1900. August 14	39	1900. July 6	1900. August 16	41	1900. July 6	1900. August 14	39
1900. July 20	1900. August 21	32	1900. July 20	1900. August 22	33	1900. July 20	1900. August 31	42	1900. July 20	1900. August 30	41	1900. July 20	1900. August 29	40	1900. July 20	1900. August 27	38
1900. August 3	1900. Sept. 5	33	1900. August 3	1900. Sept. 6	34	1900. August 3	1900. Sept. 12	40	1900. August 3	1900. Sept. 13	41	1900. August 3	1900. Sept. 11	39	1900. August 3	1900. Sept. 14	42
1900. August 17	1900. Sept. 18	32	1900. August 17	1900. Sept. 19	33	1900. August 17	1900. Sept. 24	38	1900. August 17	1900. Sept. 25	39	1900. August 17	1900. Sept. 27	41	1900. August 17	1900. Sept. 28	42
1900. August 31	1900. Oct. 1	31	1900. August 31	1900. Oct. 2	32	1900. August 31	1900. Oct. 11	41	1900. August 31	1900. Oct. 10	40	1900. August 31	1900. Oct. 12	42	1900. August 31	1900. Sept. 9	39
1900. Sept. 14	1900. Oct. 15	31	1900. Sept. 14	1900. Oct. 16	32	1900. Sept. 14	1900. Oct. 26	42	1900. Sept. 14	1900. Oct. 27	43	1900. Sept. 14	1900. Oct. 25	41	1900. Sept. 14	1900. Oct. 22	38
1900. Sept. 28	1900. Oct. 31	33	1900. Sept. 28	1900. Nov. 1	34	1900. Sept. 28	1900. Nov. 12	45	1900. Sept. 28	1900. Nov. 13	46	1900. Sept. 28	1900. Nov. 15	48	1900. Sept. 28	1900. Nov. 12	45
1900. Oct. 12	1900. Nov. 11	30	1900. Oct. 12	1900. Nov. 13	32	1900. Oct. 12	1900. Nov. 19	38	1900. Oct. 12	1900. Nov. 20	39	1900. Oct. 12	1900. Nov. 19	38	1900. Oct. 12	1900. Nov. 19	38
1900. Oct. 26	1900. Nov. 26	31	1900. Oct. 26	1900. Nov. 27	32	1900. Oct. 26	1900. Dec. 4	39	1900. Oct. 26	1900. Dec. 5	40	1900. Oct. 26	1900. Dec. 3	38	1900. Oct. 26	1900. Dec. 3	38
1900. Nov. 9	1900. Dec. 11	32	1900. Nov. 9	1900. Dec. 12	33	1900. Nov. 9	1900. Dec. 18	39	1900. Nov. 9	1900. Dec. 19	40	1900. Nov. 9	1900. Dec. 18	39	1900. Nov. 9	1900. Dec. 17	38
1900. Nov. 23	1900. Dec. 25	32	1900. Nov. 23	1900. Dec. 26	33	1900. Nov. 23	1900. Dec. 31	38	1900. Nov. 23	1900. Jan. 1	39	1900. Nov. 23	1900. Jan. 2	40	1900. Nov. 23	1900. Dec. 31	38
1901. Jan. 7	1901. Jan. 8	31	1901. Jan. 7	1901. Jan. 8	32	1901. Jan. 7	1901. Jan. 15	39	1901. Dec. 7	1901. Jan. 16	40	1901. Dec. 7	1901. Jan. 14	38	1901. Dec. 7	1901. Jan. 14	38
1901. Dec. 21	1901. Dec. 22	30	1901. Dec. 21	1901. Dec. 22	32	1901. Dec. 21	1901. Jan. 29	39	1901. Dec. 21	1901. Jan. 30	40	1901. Dec. 21	1901. Jan. 29	39	1901. Dec. 21	1901. Jan. 28	38
Maximum	...	33	...	...	34	...	...	45	...	...	46	...	...	48	...	...	45
Minimum	...	30	...	...	32	...	...	38	...	...	39	...	...	38	...	...	38
Average	...	31.04	...	...	32.42	...	...	40.38	...	...	40.35	...	...	39.35	...	...	39.38

Table No. 11.—PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL 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 Peninsular and Oriental Line—continued.

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

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.
1900. January 8	1900. February 17	40	1900. January 6	1900. February 17	42	1900. January 9	1899. February 17	39	1900. January 16	1900. February 17	32	1900. January 17	1900. February 17	31
1900. January 23	1900. March 3	39	1900. January 20	1900. March 3	44	1900. January 23	1900. March 3	39	1900. January 30	1900. March 3	34	1900. January 31	1900. March 3	31
1900. February 5	1900. March 17	40	1900. February 3	1900. March 17	44	1900. February 6	1900. March 17	39	1900. February 13	1900. March 17	32	1900. February 14	1900. March 17	31
1900. February 19	1900. March 31	40	1900. February 17	1900. March 31	42	1900. February 20	1900. March 31	39	1900. February 27	1900. March 31	32	1900. February 28	1900. March 31	31
1900. March 5	1900. April 14	40	1900. March 3	1900. April 14	42	1900. March 6	1900. April 14	39	1900. March 13	1900. April 14	32	1900. March 14	1900. April 14	31
1900. March 20	1900. April 28	39	1900. March 17	1900. April 28	42	1900. March 21	1900. April 28	38	1900. March 27	1900. April 28	32	1900. March 28	1900. April 28	31
1900. April 3	1900. May 12	39	1900. March 31	1900. May 12	42	1900. April 3	1900. May 12	39	1900. April 10	1900. May 12	32	1900. April 11	1900. May 12	31
1900. April 17	1900. May 26	39	1900. ..	1900. ..	42	1900. April 3	1900. May 12	39	1900. April 24	1900. May 26	32	1900. April 25	1900. May 26	31
1900. April 30	1900. June 9	40	1900. ..	1900. ..	42	1900. April 30	1900. June 9	40	1900. May 8	1900. June 9	32	1900. May 9	1900. June 9	31
1900. May ..	1900. July ..	41	1900. May 14	1900. July 25	42	1900. May 15	1900. July 25	41	1900. May 22	1900. July 25	34	1900. May 23	1900. July 25	33
1900. May 28	1900. August 8	41	1900. May 29	1900. July 8	40	1900. May 28	1900. July 8	41	1900. June 5	1900. July 8	33	1900. June 6	1900. July 8	32
1900. June ..	1900. August ..	41	1900. June ..	1900. August ..	40	1900. June 8	1900. August 23	45	1900. June 19	1900. August 23	34	1900. June 20	1900. August 23	33
1900. July ..	1900. August ..	42	1900. June 26	1900. August 5	40	1900. June 28	1900. August 5	38	1900. July 3	1900. August 5	33	1900. July 4	1900. August 5	32
1900. July 25	1900. August 20	42	1900. July 7	1900. August 20	44	1900. July 7	1900. August 20	44	1900. July 17	1900. August 20	34	1900. July 18	1900. August 20	33
1900. August 2	1900. August 16	40	1900. August 9	1900. August 16	38	1900. July 23	1900. August 16	41	1900. July 31	1900. August 16	33	1900. August 1	1900. August 16	32
1900. August 16	1900. September 1	41	1900. August 18	1900. September 1	43	1900. August 18	1900. September 1	43	1900. August 28	1900. September 1	33	1900. August 29	1900. September 1	32
1900. August 30	1900. September 13	40	1900. August 31	1900. September 13	43	1900. August 31	1900. September 13	43	1900. September 7	1900. September 13	32	1900. August 12	1900. September 13	31
1900. September 3	1900. October 13	40	1900. Sept. ..	1900. October 28	38	1900. Sept. 19	1900. October 28	39	1900. September 25	1900. October 28	33	1900. September 26	1900. October 28	32
1900. Sept. 17	1900. October 28	41	1900. Sept. 20	1900. November 10	42	1900. Sept. 19	1900. October 28	39	1900. October 2	1900. November 10	32	1900. September 10	1900. November 10	31
1900. October 1	1900. November 10	40	1900. Sept. 29	1900. November 10	42	1900. ..	1900. ..	..	1900. October 9	1900. November 10	32	1900. October 10	1900. November 10	31
1900. October 15	1900. November 24	40	1900. November 1	1900. December 8	37	1900. ..	1900. ..	..	1900. October 23	1900. November 24	32	1900. October 24	1900. November 24	31
1900. October 29	1900. December 8	40	1900. November 8	1900. December 8	37	1900. October 31	1900. December 8	38	1900. November 6	1900. December 8	32	1900. November 7	1900. December 8	31
1900. November 12	1900. December 23	41	1900. November 16	1900. December 23	37	1900. ..	1900. ..	..	1900. November 20	1900. December 23	33	1900. November 21	1900. December 23	32
1900. November 26	1900. January 5	40	1900. ..	1900. ..	..	1900. November 27	1900. January 5	39	1900. December 4	1900. January 5	32	1900. December 5	1900. January 5	31
1900. December 3	1900. January 19	47	1900. December 1	1900. January 19	49	1900. December 4	1900. January 19	46	1900. December 11	1900. January 19	39	1900. December 19	1900. January 19	31
1900. December 12	1900. January 19	38	1900. December 8	1900. January 19	42	1900. December 11	1900. January 19	39	1900. December 18	1900. January 19	32	1900. December 19	1900. January 19	31
1900. December 24	1900. February 2	40	1900. December 26	1900. February 2	38	1900. December 24	1900. February 2	40	1900. January 1	1900. February 2	32	1900. January 2	1900. February 2	31
Maximum ..	..	47	..	..	49	..	..	46	..	..	39	..	..	33
Minimum ..	..	38	..	..	37	..	..	32	..	..	32	..	..	31
Average ..	..	40.36	..	..	41.20	..	..	40.26	..	..	32.74	..	..	32.22

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.
1900. Jan. 12	1900. Feb. 13	32	1900. Jan. 12	1900. Feb. 14	33	1900. Jan. 12	1900. Feb. 20	39	1900. Jan. 12	1900. Feb. 21	40	1900. Jan. 12	1900. Feb. 20	39	1900. Jan. 12	1900. Feb. 19	38
1900. Jan. 26	1900. Feb. 27	32	1900. Jan. 26	1900. Feb. 28	33	1900. Jan. 26	1900. March 6	39	1900. Jan. 26	1900. March 7	40	1900. Jan. 26	1900. March 7	40	1900. Jan. 26	1900. March 5	38
1900. Feb. 9	1900. March 13	32	1900. Feb. 9	1900. March 14	33	1900. Feb. 9	1900. March 20	39	1900. Feb. 9	1900. March 21	40	1900. Feb. 9	1900. March 22	41	1900. Feb. 9	1900. March 19	38
1900. Feb. 23	1900. March 27	32	1900. Feb. 23	1900. March 28	33	1900. Feb. 23	1900. April 4	40	1900. Feb. 23	1900. April 5	41	1900. Feb. 23	1900. April 6	42	1900. Feb. 23	1900. April 10	46
1900. March 9	1900. April 11	33	1900. March 9	1900. April 12	34	1900. March 9	1900. April 24	46	1900. March 9	1900. April 23	45	1900. March 9	1900. April 21	43	1900. March 9	1900. April 17	39
1900. March 23	1900. April 24	32	1900. March 23	1900. April 24	32	1900. March 23	1900. May 7	45	1900. March 23	1900. May 8	46	1900. March 23	1900. May 15	41	1900. March 23	1900. May 14	38
1900. April 6	1900. May 8	32	1900. April 6	1900. May 9	33	1900. April 6	1900. May 16	40	1900. April 6	1900. May 16	40	1900. April 6	1900. May 28	38	1900. April 6	1900. May 14	38
1900. April 20	1900. May 22	32	1900. April 20	1900. May 23	33	1900. April 20	1900. May 30	40	1900. April 20	1900. May 31	41	1900. April 20	1900. May 28	38	1900. April 20	1900. May 30	40
1900. May 4	1900. June 5	32	1900. May 4	1900. June 6	33	1900. May 4	1900. June 15	42	1900. May 4	1900. June 14	41	1900. May 4	1900. June 12	39	1900. May 4	1900. June 11	38
1900. May 18	1900. June 19	32	1900. May 18	1900. June 20	33	1900. May 18	1900. July 2	45	1900. May 18	1900. June 30	43	1900. May 18	1900. June 28	41	1900. May 18	1900. June 26	39
1900. June 1	1900. July 3	32	1900. June 1	1900. July 4	33	1900. June 1	1900. July 11	40	1900. June 1	1900. July 12	41	1900. June 1	1900. July 11	40	1900. June 1	1900. July 10	39
1900. June 15	1900. July 17	32	1900. June 15	1900. July 18	33	1900. June 15	1900. July 27	42	1900. June 15	1900. July 26	41	1900. June 15	1900. July 24	39	1900. June 15	1900. July 23	38
1900. June 29	1900. July 31	32	1900. June 29	1900. August 1	33	1900. June 29	1900. August 10	42	1900. June 29	1900. August 9	41	1900. June 29	1900. August 7	39	1900. June 29	1900. August 6	38
1900. July 13	1900. August 14	32	1900. July 13	1900. August 15	33	1900. July 13	1900. August 24	42	1900. July 13	1900. August 23	41	1900. July 13	1900. August 21	39	1900. July 13	1900. August 20	38
1900. July 27	1900. August 28	32	1900. July 27	1900. August 29	33	1900. July 27	1900. Sept. 7	42	1900. July 27	1900. Sept. 6	41	1900. July 27	1900. Sept. 4	39	1900. July 27	1900. Sept. 3	38
1900. August 10	1900. Sept. 11	32	1900. August 10	1900. Sept. 12	33	1900. August 10	1900. Sept. 21	42	1900. August 10	1900. Sept. 20	41	1900. August 10	1900. Sept. 18	39	1900. August 10	1900. Sept. 17	38
1900. August 24	1900. Sept. 27	34	1900. August 24	1900. Sept. 28	35	1900. August 24	1900. Oct. 4	41	1900. August 24	1900. Oct. 6	43	1900. August 24	1900. Oct. 4	41	1900. August 24	1900. Oct. 4	41
1900. Sept. 7	1900. Oct. 9	32	1900. Sept. 7	1900. Oct. 10	33	1900. Sept. 7	1900. Oct. 15	38	1900. Sept. 7	1900. Oct. 16	39	1900. Sept. 7	1900. Oct. 16	39	1900. Sept. 7	1900. Oct. 15	38
1900. Sept. 21	1900. Oct. 23	32	1900. Sept. 21	1900. Oct. 24	33	1900. Sept. 21	1900. Nov. 2	42	1900. Sept. 21	1900. Nov. 1	41	1900. Sept. 21	1900. Oct. 30	39	1900. Sept. 21	1900. Oct. 28	37
1900. Oct. 5	1900. Nov. 7	33	1900. Oct. 5	1900. Nov. 8	34	1900. Oct. 5	1900. Nov. 12	38	1900. Oct. 5	1900. Nov. 13	39	1900. Oct. 5	1900. Nov. 15	41	1900. Oct. 5	1900. Nov. 13	39
1900. Oct. 19	1900. Nov. 20	32	1900. Oct. 19	1900. Nov. 21	33	1900. Oct. 19	1900. Nov. 26	38	1900. Oct. 19	1900. Nov. 27	39	1900. Oct. 19	1900. Dec. 12	40	1900. Oct. 19	1900. Nov. 26	38
1900. Nov. 2	1900. Dec. 5	33	1900. Nov. 2	1900. Dec. 6	34	1900. Nov. 2	1900. Dec. 11	39	1900. Nov. 2	1900. Dec. 12	40	1900. Nov. 2	1900. Dec. 12	40	1900. Nov. 2	1900. Dec. 13	41
1900. Nov. 15	1900. Dec. 19	34	1900. Nov. 15	1900. Dec. 20	35	1900. Nov. 15	1900. Dec. 31	46	1900. Nov. 15	1900. Dec. 28	43	1900. Nov. 15	1900. Dec. 27	42	1900. Nov. 15	1900. Dec. 26	41
1901. Jan. 2	1901. Jan. 3	33	1901. Jan. 3	1901. Jan. 4	34	1901. Jan. 3	1901. Jan. 9	40	1901. Jan. 3	1901. Jan. 10	41	1901. Jan. 3	1901. Jan. 9	40	1901. Jan. 3	1901. Jan. 11	42
1901. Dec. 14	1901. Jan. 16	33	1901. Dec. 14	1901. Jan. 17	34	1901. Dec. 14	1901. Jan. 21	38	1901. Dec. 14	1901. Jan. 22	39	1901. Dec. 14	1901. Jan. 23	40	1901. Dec. 14	1901. Jan. 22	39
1901. Dec. 28	1901. Jan. 31	34	1901. Dec. 28	1901. Feb. 1	35	1901. Dec. 28	1901. Feb. 6	40	1901. Dec. 28	1901. Feb. 7	41	1901. Dec. 28	1901. Feb. 6	40	1901. Dec. 28	1901. Feb. 6	40
Maximum	...	34	...	...	35	...	...	46	...	...	46	...	...	43	...	...	46
Minimum	...	32	...	...	32	...	...	38	...	...	39	...	...	38	...	...	37
Average	...	32.42	...	...	33.38	...	...	40.96	...	...	41.08	...	...	39.96	...	...	39.15

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.

TO LONDON VIA NAPLES (ORIENT 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.
1900. January 2	41	1900. February 12	1900. January 13	43	1900. February 12	1900. January 3	40	1900. February 12	1900. January 9	34	1900. February 12	1900. January 10	33	1900. February 12
January 18	38	February 25	January 27	43	February 25	January 16	40	February 25	January 23	33	February 25	January 24	32	February 25
March 11	40	March 11	February 10	43	March 11	January 30	40	March 11	February 6	33	March 11	February 7	32	March 11
March 25	39	March 25	February 25	43	March 25	February 13	40	March 25	February 20	33	March 25	February 21	32	March 25
April 8	41	April 8	February 24	43	April 8	February 26	41	April 8	March 6	33	April 8	March 7	32	April 8
April 22	38	May 5	March 10	43	May 5	March 13	40	May 5	March 20	33	May 5	March 21	32	May 5
May 20	40	May 20	March 26	40	May 20	March 27	39	May 20	April 3	32	May 20	April 4	31	May 20
May 20	40	May 20	April 9	41	May 20	April 27	41	May 20	April 17	33	May 20	April 18	32	May 20
June 16	39	June 16	April 25	42	June 16	April 21	45	June 16	May 1	35	June 16	May 2	34	June 16
July 3	43	July 3	May 5	42	July 3	May 7	40	July 3	May 15	32	July 3	May 16	31	July 3
July 17	41	July 17	May 21	43	July 17	June 3	43	July 17	May 29	35	July 17	May 30	34	July 17
July 30	40	July 30	June 5	42	July 30	June 5	42	July 30	June 12	34	July 30	June 13	33	July 30
August 13	41	August 13	June 16	44	August 13	June 18	44	August 13	June 26	34	August 13	June 27	33	August 13
August 27	42	August 27	July 16	44	August 27	July 18	44	August 27	July 10	34	August 27	July 11	33	August 27
August 27	42	August 27	July 30	44	August 27	July 30	44	August 27	July 24	34	August 27	July 25	33	August 27
September 12	43	September 12	August 18	40	September 12	August 18	40	September 12	August 7	36	September 12	August 8	35	September 12
September 24	42	September 24	August 28	46	September 24	August 28	46	September 24	August 21	34	September 24	August 22	33	September 24
September 24	42	September 24	September 12	43	September 24	September 12	43	September 24	August 28	34	September 24	August 29	33	September 24
October 7	44	October 7	September 29	39	October 7	September 28	44	October 7	September 18	35	October 7	September 19	34	October 7
October 22	44	October 22	October 8	44	October 22	October 8	44	October 22	September 4	33	October 22	September 5	32	October 22
November 6	42	November 6	October 22	44	November 6	October 22	44	November 6	September 18	35	November 6	September 19	34	November 6
November 21	44	November 21	October 11	41	November 21	October 11	41	November 21	October 2	36	November 21	October 3	35	November 21
December 3	40	December 3	October 20	44	December 3	October 20	44	December 3	October 16	36	December 3	October 17	35	December 3
December 16	41	December 16	October 30	44	December 16	October 30	44	December 16	October 30	34	December 16	October 31	33	December 16
December 30	39	December 30	November 6	37	December 30	November 6	37	December 30	November 13	33	December 30	November 14	32	December 30
1901. January 27	41	1901. January 27	November 23	43	1901. January 27	November 23	43	1901. January 27	November 27	33	1901. January 27	November 28	32	1901. January 27
1901. January 27	41	1901. January 27	December 15	43	1901. January 27	December 15	43	1901. January 27	December 25	33	1901. January 27	December 26	32	1901. January 27
Maximum	44	Maximum	46	46	Maximum	46	46	Maximum	36	36	Maximum	36	35	Maximum
Minimum	38	Minimum	37	37	Minimum	37	37	Minimum	32	32	Minimum	32	31	Minimum
Average	40.74	Average	42.14	42.14	Average	41.14	41.14	Average	33.76	33.76	Average	33.76	32.76	Average

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, 1900.

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	6,483,854	201,010	364,078	3,215,846	2,591,238	40,287	443,332	8,800	386,255	1,106,947	7,110	6,927,186	201,010	372,887	3,602,101	3,698,185	47,397	
Thames	741,702	19,136	32,604	185,133	180,048	2,989	52,210	988	20,023	71,607	599	793,918	19,136	33,592	205,156	252,255	3,498	
New Plymouth	1,273,441	47,775	76,557	392,613	391,807	3,038	85,393	2,170	37,664	150,032	511	1,358,834	47,775	78,727	430,277	541,839	3,549	
Gisborne	283,491	6,175	3,835	94,706	109,655	2,022	18,027	253	10,740	42,217	351	301,518	6,175	4,088	105,536	151,872	2,373	
Napier	1,617,642	61,373	91,130	570,223	524,056	8,848	121,944	2,604	66,852	192,953	1,422	1,739,586	61,373	93,734	637,975	717,009	10,270	
Wanganui	2,012,374	98,735	147,030	755,248	477,685	8,846	123,159	4,072	94,701	182,779	1,323	2,135,533	98,735	151,102	849,949	660,464	10,169	
Wellington	6,484,218	227,734	291,252	2,711,942	1,923,753	44,322	465,780	7,442	276,671	767,137	7,926	6,949,998	227,734	298,604	2,988,613	2,690,800	52,248	
Nelson	706,004	25,636	35,542	209,404	181,558	5,261	50,426	1,144	22,766	68,860	936	750,430	25,636	36,686	232,170	250,418	6,197	
Westport	235,326	4,979	6,097	34,268	99,151	1,868	16,072	88	4,677	44,821	316	251,398	4,979	6,185	38,945	143,972	2,184	
Greymouth	525,551	9,087	14,716	193,115	231,452	2,583	32,311	394	22,546	76,807	473	557,862	9,087	15,110	215,661	308,259	3,056	
Hokitika	243,620	4,953	6,136	44,343	96,187	2,334	15,291	117	3,181	34,675	439	258,911	4,953	6,253	47,524	130,862	2,773	
Blenheim	417,885	14,417	17,875	123,149	114,426	1,961	29,082	438	11,328	42,222	298	446,967	14,417	18,313	134,477	156,648	2,259	
Christchurch	5,163,756	196,846	272,415	2,249,968	1,969,188	30,897	366,567	7,391	209,020	685,064	5,142	5,530,323	196,846	279,806	2,458,988	2,654,252	36,039	
Timaru	937,209	46,722	62,595	332,526	173,095	1,743	65,797	2,104	45,652	69,228	298	1,003,006	46,722	64,699	378,178	242,323	2,041	
Oamaru	629,213	26,455	33,722	157,118	133,237	1,149	41,731	1,138	16,723	50,703	176	670,944	26,455	34,860	173,841	183,940	1,325	
Dunedin	5,539,872	168,727	268,827	3,930,450	2,223,039	34,411	371,282	7,724	284,661	784,409	6,087	5,911,154	168,727	276,551	4,215,111	3,007,448	40,408	
Invercargill	2,889,887	76,414	133,653	911,079	927,199	6,661	178,841	3,575	90,721	327,880	919	3,068,728	76,414	137,228	1,001,800	1,255,079	7,580	
Totals	36,185,045	1,236,183	1,858,064	16,111,221	12,347,374	199,220	2,477,251	50,451	1,604,181	4,698,341	34,236	38,662,296	1,236,183	1,908,515	17,715,402	17,045,715	233,456	
Previous year	35,032,452	1,103,700	1,605,383	16,211,572	11,447,657	193,143	2,348,219	37,668	1,448,286	4,269,731	30,207	37,380,671	1,103,700	1,643,051	17,659,858	15,717,388	223,350	

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, 1900.

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 ..	30,859,307	242,656	1,236,183	1,819,226	1,193	15,389,089	30,582	9,734,579	3,144,727	258,906	89,428	985,211	188,314	656,664	11,016 11 1	..
Intercolonial ..	708,994	63,781	..	24,748	134	121,490	5,601	507,493	30,868	10,148	1,163	39,144	4,163	10,429	330 15 8	11,800 0 0
International ..	1,014,460	25,906	..	12,736	27	270,158	3,611	1,121,303	9,949	14,134	1,308	9,644	6,753	14,569	581 14 9	..
Totals ..	32,582,761	332,343	1,236,183	1,856,710	1,354	15,780,737	39,794	11,363,375	3,185,544	283,188	91,899	983,999	199,230	681,662	11,929 1 6	11,800 0 0
<i>Posted.</i>																
Intercolonial ..	1,055,060	13,422	..	38,543	61	299,277	1,744	1,324,253	17,401	742	911	2,059	10,724	32,988	1,010 7 6	87,662 0 0
International ..	1,352,522	32,767	..	16,797	50	1,298,873	2,934	3,371,818	4,892	322	565	211	23,512	80,944	2,751 17 0	..
Totals ..	2,407,582	46,189	..	50,340	111	1,598,873	4,678	4,696,071	22,293	1,064	1,476	2,270	34,236	113,932	3,762 4 6	87,662 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	3,259,643	111,239	132,110	768,239	767,245	11,311
Thames	374,851	12,792	27,945	184,890	154,380	3,224
New Plymouth	415,538	14,181	59,205	124,260	222,366	3,830
Gisborne	119,587	4,081	3,061	16,137	40,020	1,502
Napier	440,851	15,044	22,169	193,119	131,880	5,944
Wanganui	554,665	18,929	49,837	381,240	240,784	4,653
Wellington	2,448,940	83,573	100,122	522,829	616,168	5,520
Nelson	214,731	7,328	14,513	48,580	124,527	2,593
Westport	93,446	3,189	8,489	26,914	53,096	1,111
Greymouth	227,643	7,769	16,487	81,604	72,594	3,830
Hokitika	75,413	2,574	4,502	16,336	50,851	755
Blenheim	103,936	3,547	6,723	44,626	40,044	1,045
Christchurch	1,925,323	65,704	90,981	778,864	494,404	3,734
Timaru	327,215	11,167	24,992	107,579	67,197	1,247
Oamaru	216,668	7,394	22,629	50,294	37,637	854
Dunedin	1,838,991	62,752	101,637	686,039	511,515	6,582
Invercargill	601,049	20,511	61,648	267,829	206,584	834
Totals	13,238,490	451,774	747,050	4,299,379	3,831,292	58,569
Previous year	12,710,379	393,115	657,881	3,810,547	3,579,846	61,647

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 Open.	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.								
30th June, 1866	699	1,390	13	24,761	2,746	27,407	£ 483 3 2	£ 6,045 2 4	£ 3,934 3 4	£ 2,443 2 11	£ 6,377 6 3	£ s. d. 3 9 10	
"	757	1,498	21	55,621	15,331	70,952	£ 3,770 4 8	£ 12,840 14 9	£ 8,017 14 7	£ 2,541 4 11	£ 10,558 19 6	£ s. d. 3 7 1	Mileage tariff.
"	1,110	2,223	31	72,241	26,244	98,485	£ 6,672 0 3	£ 18,324 3 10	£ 9,489 17 10	£ 5,406 7 3	£ 14,896 5 1	£ s. d. 4 17 4	
"	1,329	2,495	45	106,070	59,097	156,167	£ 13,430 11 9	£ 31,951 2 1	£ 14,266 12 7	£ 8,547 4 9	£ 22,813 17 4	£ s. d. 6 8 6	
"	1,661	2,897	56	122,545	62,878	185,423	£ 12,252 6 0	£ 29,470 7 4	£ 16,417 7 4	£ 14,120 4 10	£ 30,537 12 2	£ s. d. 8 9 11	Mileage tariff in operation up to 1st Sept., 1869; unit form as 6d. tariff from 1st Sept., 1869, to 31st March, 1870; and 1s. tariff from 1st April, 1870.
"	1,976	3,247	72	253,582	59,292	312,874	£ 9,876 17 6	£ 32,296 6 2	£ 21,254 4 3	£ 11,344 3 8	£ 32,598 7 11	£ s. d. 5 19 6	
"	2,185	3,823	81	344,524	67,243	411,767	£ 11,043 3 9	£ 39,164 13 9	£ 23,593 9 9	£ 8,858 19 7	£ 32,452 9 4	£ s. d. 4 2 3	
"	2,356	4,574	93	485,507	83,453	568,960	£ 11,105 2 0	£ 50,786 0 9	£ 27,040 18 10	£ 9,479 5 4	£ 36,520 4 2	£ s. d. 4 1 11	
"	2,530	5,782	105	645,067	107,832	752,899	£ 12,618 11 6	£ 59,127 10 4	£ 38,801 19 4	£ 15,021 17 11	£ 53,823 17 3	£ s. d. 6 3 11	
"	2,986	6,626	127	786,237	130,891	917,128	£ 13,679 10 9	£ 68,981 3 0	£ 45,814 11 4	£ 14,240 19 7	£ 60,055 10 11	£ s. d. 4 16 4	
"	3,154	7,247	142	890,382	160,704	1,051,086	£ 16,154 6 0	£ 78,869 16 4	£ 61,696 14 5	£ 21,074 8 8	£ 82,771 3 1	£ s. d. 5 18 10	
"	3,259	7,423	155	952,283	172,159	1,124,442	£ 17,024 8 9	£ 82,669 4 0	£ 63,353 10 10	£ 17,931 8 0	£ 81,284 18 10	£ s. d. 5 12 11	
"	3,434	8,035	182	1,065,481	194,843	1,260,324	£ 19,148 12 4	£ 92,432 14 2	£ 69,340 1 8	£ 18,259 4 9	£ 87,599 6 5	£ s. d. 5 10 0	
"	3,512	8,117	195	1,201,982	246,961	1,448,943	£ 26,949 2 2	£ 112,351 2 4	£ 79,502 0 5	£ 17,299 7 10	£ 96,801 8 3	£ s. d. 5 0 9	
31st March, 1880	3,638	9,333	214	824,734	183,675	1,008,409	£ 19,707 6 3	£ 77,827 9 6	£ 68,651 10 10	£ 14,758 4 5	£ 83,409 15 3	£ s. d. 4 3 4	
"	3,758	9,587	227	1,058,342	246,370	1,304,712	£ 27,021 3 8	£ 100,023 5 8	£ 78,224 1 8	£ 23,154 8 3	£ 101,378 9 11	£ s. d. 6 6 7	
"	3,824	9,653	234	1,215,849	222,923	1,438,772	£ 22,737 16 4	£ 101,566 16 0	£ 69,165 5 0	£ 18,292 13 4	£ 87,457 18 4	£ s. d. 4 17 4	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 Open.	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.								
31st Dec., 1882	3,974	9,848	264	1,361,817	208,372	1,570,189	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
1883	4,074	10,037	302	1,379,483	219,017	1,599,400	20,608	111,242	122,451	96,005	5 17 5	From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.	
1884	4,264	10,474	330	1,433,458	220,847	1,654,305	21,555	115,378	119,210	92,264	5 16 8		
1885	4,463	10,931	375	1,533,406	240,867	1,774,273	20,855	116,490	120,941	90,078	4 18 4		
1886	4,546	11,178	412	1,583,717	252,549	1,836,266	24,860	126,512	120,900	97,982	4 15 9		
1887	4,646	11,375	437	1,589,771	245,623	1,835,394	27,281	133,919	121,402	98,875	4 15 11		
1888	4,790	11,617	473	1,548,233	217,630	1,765,863	30,205	136,753	121,321	97,901	4 13 9	From 1st Jan., 1886, delayed telegrams posted to addressees immediately after their receipt at offices of destination.	
1889	4,874	11,827	489	1,589,157	213,830	1,802,987	24,218	130,681	126,007	101,433	5 0 1		
1890	5,148	12,812	520	1,734,381	226,780	1,961,161	26,070	136,767	127,546	104,391	5 0 7		
1891	5,349	13,235	573	1,746,115	222,149	1,968,264	24,840	142,474	128,986	114,644	5 13 0		
1892	5,479	13,459	615	1,686,064	218,079	1,904,143	24,342	128,155	129,580	117,053	5 12 7		
1893	5,513	13,515	640	1,825,640	244,045	2,069,685	28,317	140,783	129,141	121,231	5 5 9		

For the Financial Years ended 31st March, 1895, to the 31st March, 1901.

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Offices Open.	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.				
31st March, 1895	5,961½	14,881½	705	1,802,182	231,618	2,033,800	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Cable subsidy, 6,492 11 8
1896	6,245½	15,764½	743	1,899,632	224,579	2,124,211	88,459	21,552	136,062	135,791	" " " "
1897	6,284½	16,470½	780	2,285,001	235,168	2,520,169	97,178	25,933	145,955	143,665	" " " "
1898	6,484	18,024	824	2,469,415	220,818	2,690,233	100,385	20,248	152,752	153,484	" " " "
1899	6,736	18,746	878	2,717,548	243,190	2,960,738	99,798	30,422	160,725	165,198	" " " "
1900	6,910	19,228	915	3,159,093	310,538	3,469,631	105,576	39,718	170,794	173,152	" " " "
1901	7,124½	20,682½	991	3,534,444	363,684	3,898,128	119,641	43,303	192,376	181,634	" " " "
							137,861	49,117	222,305	194,014	" " " "

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, 1901.

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	20,032	10	8	3,880	3	11	23,912	14	7	558,377	46,218	604,595
Blenheim	1,933	17	11½	475	10	1	2,409	8	0½	51,767	6,696	58,463
Christchurch	15,389	16	7	2,147	15	8	17,537	12	3	379,314	25,409	404,723
Dunedin	19,062	5	3½	1,932	19	6	20,995	4	9½	500,913	24,309	525,222
Gisborne	2,771	5	5	368	11	8	3,139	17	1	67,628	5,014	72,642
Greymouth	3,880	12	11	904	13	9	4,785	6	8	96,970	8,788	105,758
Hokitika	1,739	6	2	274	19	9	2,014	5	11	41,239	3,005	44,244
Invercargill	7,081	12	1	896	3	7	7,977	15	8	203,500	11,185	214,685
Napier	6,771	12	9	803	8	1	7,575	0	10	177,281	12,250	189,531
Nelson	3,066	14	1	746	0	1	3,812	14	2	161,543	10,179	171,722
New Plymouth	4,223	10	4	717	4	9	4,940	15	1	116,016	9,792	125,808
Oamaru	2,193	2	1½	227	19	3	2,421	1	4½	51,164	3,163	54,327
Thames	4,259	16	9	572	17	2	4,832	13	11	115,714	10,109	125,823
Timaru	3,482	4	6½	423	6	2	3,905	10	8½	77,215	5,420	82,635
Wanganui	7,265	14	8½	1,059	5	10	8,325	0	6½	200,090	13,198	213,288
Wellington	20,825	13	3½	19,352	19	2	40,178	12	5½	677,084	161,625	838,709
Westport	2,407	18	10	543	7	9	2,945	6	7	58,629	7,324	65,953
Totals, 1900-1901	126,381	14	6	35,327	6	2	161,709	0	8	3,534,444	363,684	3,898,128
Totals, 1899-1900	114,383	2	1½	29,431	19	0	143,815	1	1½	3,159,093	310,538	3,469,631

Table No. 18.

RETURN of Paid Telegrams of all Codes forwarded during the Twelve Months ended 31st March, 1901, and the Revenue received.

Class of Telegrams.	June Quarter, 1900.		September Quarter, 1900.		December Quarter, 1900.		March Quarter, 1901.		Totals.	
	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.
Ordinary ..	672,160	£ 35,742 13 2½	637,449	£ 34,451 6 5½	742,175	£ 37,156 8 4½	788,642	£ 39,986 2 11	2,840,426	£ 147,336 10 11½
Urgent ..	35,945	2,478 0 8	28,590	1,962 17 9	50,596	3,201 12 11	45,297	2,906 15 9	160,428	10,549 7 1
Press ..	61,601	3,155 16 9	69,424	3,706 18 3	64,819	3,270 19 8	79,804	4,012 7 2	275,738	14,146 1 10
Bureau ..	57,431	1,601 14 9	57,922	1,654 5 10	66,641	1,934 2 11	75,858	2,164 6 1	257,852	7,354 9 7
Gross totals	..	42,978 5 4½	..	41,775 8 3½	..	45,563 3 10½	..	49,069 11 11	..	179,386 9 5½
Less other lines and credits	..	13,618 18 6½	..	13,870 5 2	..	12,887 9 8	..	12,628 1 7	..	53,004 14 11½
Net totals, 1900-1901	827,137	29,359 6 10	793,385	27,905 3 1½	924,231	32,675 14 2½	989,691	36,441 10 4	3,534,444	126,381 14 6
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

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, 1900.

Districts.	Number.	Telegraph Commission.	Value of Orders.
Auckland	6,562	£ 328 2 0	£ 23,580 6 5
Blenheim	937	46 17 0	2,619 9 1
Christchurch	3,081	154 1 0	11,002 5 3
Dunedin	3,365	168 5 0	12,728 1 3
Gisborne	1,138	56 18 0	4,150 14 6
Greymouth	1,557	77 17 0	5,046 2 7
Hokitika	435	21 15 0	1,314 4 2
Invercargill	1,315	65 15 0	4,799 19 11
Napier	2,726	136 6 0	8,414 15 6
Nelson	743	37 3 0	2,269 9 4
New Plymouth	1,435	71 15 0	4,314 14 0
Oamaru	321	16 1 0	893 5 7
Thames	2,877	143 17 0	8,925 7 7
Timaru	617	30 17 0	2,012 15 11
Wanganui	3,268	163 8 0	9,276 6 2
Wellington	7,658	382 18 0	23,112 9 2
Westport	1,276	63 16 0	3,091 6 1
Totals, 1900	39,311	1,965 11 0	127,551 12 6
Totals, 1899	36,933	1,846 13 0	120,034 3 2

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.	Number of Connections.	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.	
		Average Cost of each Connection.	Total for all Connections.	£	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 for the year ended 31st March,—													
1882	116	21 16 6	2,531 14 0	613 5 2	£ s. d.	285 0 0	275 0 0	283 0 0	150 0 0	963 0 0	£ s. d.	207 16 0	8.17
1883	379	21 16 6	8,271 13 6	5,014 9 2	£ s. d.	595 0 0	595 0 0	827 0 0	300 0 0	2,317 0 0	£ s. d.	4,492 8 8	54.31
1884	715	21 16 6	15,604 17 6	7,746 16 7	£ s. d.	695 0 0	770 0 0	1,560 0 0	350 0 0	3,375 0 0	£ s. d.	3,653 7 4	23.41
1885	1,075	21 18 6	23,461 17 6	10,008 3 6	£ s. d.	1,770 0 0	1,590 0 0	2,346 0 0	475 0 0	6,181 0 0	£ s. d.	3,827 3 6	16.31
1886	1,710	20 8 6	37,319 12 1	12,294 1 2	£ s. d.	2,849 1 3	1,704 0 0	3,731 19 2	700 0 0	8,985 0 5	£ s. d.	5,011 19 7	13.42
1887	2,038	19 19 5	40,686 3 1	15,477 16 2	£ s. d.	2,873 0 0	1,580 10 0	4,068 12 2	320 0 0	8,842 2 2	£ s. d.	6,635 14 0	16.30
1888	2,153	22 19 0	49,407 5 0	16,881 8 6	£ s. d.	3,119 10 0	2,252 0 0	4,940 14 6	330 0 0	10,642 4 6	£ s. d.	6,239 4 1	12.63
1889	2,249	23 18 10	53,849 11 6	17,613 4 0	£ s. d.	3,315 10 0	2,249 7 0	5,344 9 2	335 0 0	11,244 6 2	£ s. d.	6,368 17 10	11.82
1890	2,402	24 4 1	58,229 3 0	18,581 11 7	£ s. d.	3,790 0 0	2,206 10 0	5,823 0 1	375 0 0	12,194 10 1	£ s. d.	6,387 1 6	11.00
1891	2,587	24 17 1	64,294 4 4	19,961 4 2	£ s. d.	4,132 0 0	2,249 18 5	6,439 8 5	394 3 9	13,265 10 7	£ s. d.	6,695 13 7	10.43
1892	3,080	24 16 11	76,579 1 8	18,571 7 8	£ s. d.	4,630 0 0	2,345 2 9	7,658 7 11	398 1 6	15,026 12 2	£ s. d.	3,544 15 6	4.63
1893	3,690	24 16 11	91,687 11 1	19,155 11 5	£ s. d.	7,405 0 0	2,695 19 10	9,168 15 1	464 6 2	19,734 1 1	£ s. d.	-578 9 8	Loss.
1894	4,244	24 12 1	104,425 3 0	21,771 4 4	£ s. d.	7,720 0 0	3,313 1 1	10,442 10 4	741 18 9	22,217 10 2	£ s. d.	-446 5 10	Loss.
1895	4,616	25 6 3	116,845 10 4	21,552 12 10	£ s. d.	9,285 0 0	4,253 11 4	11,684 11 0	817 19 5	26,041 1 9	£ s. d.	-3,420 1 9	Loss.
1896	5,143	24 6 6	125,108 4 1	25,933 12 9	£ s. d.	9,686 0 10	5,303 11 9	12,510 16 5	1,952 8 3	29,452 17 3	£ s. d.	-3,519 4 6	Loss.
1897	5,747	23 7 4	134,299 11 4	29,243 19 5	£ s. d.	12,306 9 7	7,398 0 10	13,429 19 1	1,856 13 2	34,991 2 8	£ s. d.	-5,742 3 3	Loss.
1898	5,787	24 11 6	142,218 11 8	36,422 6 8	£ s. d.	14,181 18 0	11,834 2 11	7,110 18 7	1,881 11 11	35,008 11 5	£ s. d.	1,413 15 3	0.99
1899	6,203	24 5 3	150,490 18 9	39,718 7 7	£ s. d.	15,030 7 1	16,190 4 0	7,524 10 11	1,861 2 3	40,606 4 3	£ s. d.	-887 16 8	Loss.
1900	7,150	22 14 1	162,333 1 2	43,303 2 10	£ s. d.	15,710 13 2	20,847 13 6	8,116 13 0	1,892 10 8	46,567 10 4	£ s. d.	-3,264 7 6	Loss.
1901	8,210	21 9 7	176,349 1 8	49,117 0 8	£ s. d.	16,304 6 3	18,225 18 9	8,817 9 0	2,000 15 10	45,348 9 10	£ s. d.	3,768 10 10	2.14

* 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, 1901.

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 ..	1,851 ¹ / ₂	887 19 5	1,008 11 9	411 5 4	581 15 10	2,770 0 0	5,609 12 4	3 0 7
Wellington ..	1,911 ¹ / ₂	1,125 7 9	1,701 16 8	350 18 0	2,048 18 1	3,028 0 0	8,255 0 6	4 6 4
Nelson ..	955 ¹ / ₂	1,039 16 10	2,138 11 8	1,274 0 11	1,831 15 7	1,785 0 0	8,069 5 0	8 8 10
Canterbury ..	889 ¹ / ₂	486 15 4	902 10 9	221 0 0	1,447 0 0	1,940 0 0	4,997 6 1	5 12 4
Otago ..	1,641	644 15 11	850 16 2	788 0 3	779 7 4	1,435 0 0	4,497 19 8	2 14 10
	7,249 ¹ / ₂	4,134 15 3	6,602 7 0	3,045 4 6	6,688 16 10	10,958 0 0	31,429 3 7	4 6 9
Cables .. (knots)	244	236 13 11	2,050 4 7	23 17 6	..	..	2,310 16 0	9 9 5
Stores ..	..	134 11 9	330 10 0	448 19 5	..	..	914 1 2	..
Totals ..	..	4,506 0 11	8,983 1 7	3,518 1 5	6,688 16 10	10,958 0 0	34,654 0 9	..

Table No. 22.

STATEMENT showing the EXPENDITURE on, and the COST of, TELEGRAPH CONSTRUCTION during the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1901.

Line.	Expenditure.	Material from Stores.	Total Cost during the Year.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Telephone exchanges,—			
Ashburton ..	12 16 0	67 15 9	80 11 9
Auckland ..	563 2 6	1,407 6 8	1,970 9 2
Blenheim ..	19 5 6	130 13 8	149 19 2
Christchurch ..	278 11 7	427 3 10	705 15 5
Dunedin ..	888 2 1	1,569 3 11	2,457 6 0
Feilding ..	26 11 5	168 6 9	194 18 2
Gisborne ..	85 5 5	273 6 9	358 12 2
Greymouth ..	24 2 0	168 16 1	192 18 1
Hastings ..	2 15 10	13 8 0	16 3 10
Hawera ..	17 10 2	93 6 4	110 16 6
Hokitika ..	4 13 0	..	4 13 0
Invercargill ..	229 18 5	957 4 11	1,187 3 4
Marton ..	2 14 0	42 4 2	44 18 2
Masterton ..	16 19 0	229 19 10	246 18 10
Napier ..	16 5 8	64 8 5	80 14 1
Nelson ..	34 12 0	189 2 5	223 14 5
New Plymouth ..	12 1 2	491 3 4	503 4 6
Oamaru ..	72 6 8	152 19 11	225 6 7
Pahiatua ..	290 8 5	631 11 4	921 19 9
Palmerston North ..	23 9 0	281 6 9	304 15 9
Stratford ..	7 0 11	70 16 7	77 17 6
Thames ..	6 2 9	44 13 10	50 16 7
Timaru ..	138 0 4	501 0 5	639 0 9
Wanganui ..	91 10 1	308 18 4	400 8 5
Wellington ..	690 18 1	2,023 12 4	2,714 10 5
Woodville ..	22 0 5	130 7 9	152 8 2
Total exchanges ..	3,577 2 5	10,438 18 1	14,016 0 6
Mangonui—Oruru—Peria ..	121 11 4	..	121 11 4
Kerikeri ..	5 11 9	23 9 1	29 0 10
Ohaeawai—Pakaraka ..	99 7 3	33 0 9	132 8 0
Whangarei—Kawakawa ..	126 16 1	..	126 16 1
Kaihu—Aranga ..	170 3 8	32 9 5	202 13 1
Dargaville—Tangiteroria ..	442 3 2	99 5 10	541 9 0
Otamatea ..	0 12 0	4 7 5	4 19 5
Mangawai—Te Arai ..	1 3 6	23 5 10	24 9 4
Kaukapakapa—Makarau ..	61 16 6	..	61 16 6
Auckland—Kawakawa ..	85 3 3	580 6 0	665 9 3
Auckland—New Plymouth ..	241 7 9	2,309 4 10	2,550 12 7
Auckland—Manukau Heads ..	..	3 9 2	3 9 2
Howick—Motuihi Island ..	112 3 2	129 4 5	241 7 7

Table No. 22—continued.

STATEMENT showing the EXPENDITURE on, and the Cost of, TELEGRAPH CONSTRUCTION during the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1901—continued.

Line.	Expenditure.			Material from Stores.			Total Cost during the Year.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Manurewa	0	2	8	4	11	8	4	14	4
Mangapeehi	0	14	10	...	...	...	0	14	10
Gumtown	151	5	1	0	4	3	151	9	4
Thames—Paeroa ... ..	...	...	...	232	5	5	232	5	5
Te Puke Loop	131	8	6	55	17	7	187	6	1
Whakatane—Taneatea	97	14	3	...	...	...	97	14	3
New Plymouth—Pungarehu	77	3	7	431	4	4	508	7	11
New Plymouth—Inglewood	205	12	0	430	9	2	636	1	2
New Plymouth—Wanganui	235	9	4	1,003	11	2	1,239	0	6
Waitara—Tikorangi	6	0	3	...	...	...	6	0	3
Courtenay Street Bureau ... ..	...	...	...	8	18	10	8	18	10
Douglas Road Bureau ... ..	...	...	...	7	17	2	7	17	2
Kaimata ... ..	...	...	...	0	16	10	0	16	10
Opunake—Pihama ... ..	...	...	...	55	14	4	55	14	4
Strathmore—Whangamomona	94	13	1	171	14	4	266	7	5
Wanganui—Marton	180	12	2	357	18	3	538	10	5
Mangaituroa—Pipiriki	141	9	6	...	...	...	141	9	6
Rata—Silverhope	13	4	0	6	1	0	19	5	0
Matawhero ... ..	...	...	...	4	2	4	4	2	4
Tatapouri	3	18	0	4	12	10	8	10	10
Rangataiki	0	18	0	...	...	...	0	18	0
Upper Mohaka... ..	2	3	6	1	17	10	4	1	4
Greenmeadows—Taradale—Meeanee	34	13	9	92	7	8	127	1	5
Napier—Hastings—Pakipaki	0	17	6	...	...	...	0	17	6
Ti-tree—Wimbleton	10	3	0	46	15	6	56	18	6
Dannevirke—Pahiatua ... ..	...	...	...	10	7	5	10	7	5
Matahiwi	6	4	6	...	...	...	6	4	6
Kimbolton	0	18	0	3	3	4	4	1	4
Rongotea—Glenoroua	17	18	10	53	4	4	71	3	2
Palmerston North—Pahiatua	51	5	6	205	6	6	256	12	0
Weraroa ... ..	...	...	...	6	7	6	6	7	6
Te Horo	3	9	2	0	7	8	3	16	10
Raumai ... ..	...	...	...	3	13	4	3	13	4
Alfredton—Pongaroa	502	17	3	304	8	0	807	5	3
Lower Hutt ... ..	...	...	...	34	10	5	34	10	5
Petone Loop ... ..	...	...	...	33	18	2	33	18	2
Wellington—Dannevirke	211	7	8	1,234	0	9	1,445	8	5
Wellington South Bureau ... ..	...	...	...	18	13	1	18	13	1
Mitchelltown Bureau ... ..	...	...	...	24	1	6	24	1	6
Aro Street Bureau ... ..	...	...	...	4	18	8	4	18	8
Muritai—Pencarrow	2	3	0	162	7	10	164	10	10
French Pass—Elmslie's Bay	12	15	6	17	15	3	30	10	9
Nelson—Blenheim	124	2	0	13	5	2	137	7	2
Hope	2	13	0	7	6	9	9	19	9
Three Channel Flat	0	7	0	2	12	10	2	19	10
Mokihinui	50	4	4	49	15	10	100	0	2
Brunnerton Bureau ... ..	...	...	...	8	13	9	8	13	9
Marsden	42	0	6	56	1	3	98	1	9
Cobden ... ..	...	...	...	9	6	5	9	6	5
Kokatihi	0	19	6	...	...	...	0	19	6
Reefton—Greymouth ... ..	...	...	...	499	8	9	499	8	9
Haast Ferry	49	19	7	2	5	1	52	4	8
Arawata—Jackson's Bay	49	9	6	...	...	...	49	9	6
Conway	1	5	0	4	7	6	5	12	6
Amberley—Leithfield	8	1	9	15	7	11	23	9	8
Annat	5	10	2	...	...	...	5	10	2
Sheffield—Waddington	3	14	0	3	12	8	7	6	8
Yaldhurst	13	14	2	...	...	...	13	14	2
Hornby ... ..	...	...	...	74	4	4	74	4	4
Dallington ... ..	...	...	...	21	8	9	21	8	9
Christchurch—Port Levy	297	13	5	471	13	7	769	7	0
Gebbie's Valley	10	14	5	35	14	8	46	9	1
Prebbleton	12	5	0	34	10	2	46	15	2
Allandale ... ..	...	...	...	4	7	1	4	7	1
Heathcote Valley	3	0	0	...	...	...	3	0	0

Table No. 22—continued.

STATEMENT showing the EXPENDITURE on, and the COST of, TELEGRAPH CONSTRUCTION during the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1901—continued.

Line.	Expenditure.	Material from Stores.	Total Cost during the Year.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
North Linwood	13 11 2	3 17 8	17 8 10
Arundel	55 17 4	77 2 10	133 0 2
Timaru-Fairlie	94 4 0	440 7 5	534 11 5
Waimate-Waihao	104 19 8	202 3 4	307 3 0
Morven	29 7 2	65 2 11	94 10 1
Georgetown-Ikawai	82 3 8	...	82 3 8
Borton's	35 9 6	32 3 2	67 12 8
Peebles	9 11 5	10 2 9	19 14 2
Duntroon-Marowhenua	102 13 4	251 15 4	354 8 8
Dunedin-Oamaru	66 4 11	...	66 4 11
Palmerston South-Hillgrove	2 9 6	43 10 0	45 19 6
Palmerston South-Goodwood	5 11 1	25 6 11	30 18 0
Henley-Waihola	37 0 2	34 4 9	71 4 11
Henley-Berwick	16 1 10	23 18 5	40 0 3
Waihola Bureau	10 4 0	...	10 4 0
Macrae's-Moonlight	41 3 4	6 5 0	47 8 4
Kaikorai Valley ... ..	...	13 17 11	13 17 11
The Camp-Broad Bay	32 13 10	14 19 0	47 12 10
Ranfurly-Wedderburn	32 9 1	...	32 9 1
Lawrence-Clyde	975 15 11	357 9 8	1,333 5 7
Heriot-Dunrobin	61 6 8	173 13 6	235 0 2
Invercargill-Wyndham	203 8 8	...	203 8 8
Invercargill-Waimahaka	39 14 3	153 8 3	193 2 6
Invercargill-Riverton	515 14 11	138 14 0	654 8 11
Invercargill-Gore	112 4 3	412 4 4	524 8 7
Mokotua ... ..	...	5 4 7	5 4 7
Riverton-Gummie's Bush	32 16 8	100 17 7	133 14 3
Titiroa	1 4 0	...	1 4 0
Winton-Lumsden	130 7 11	288 3 7	418 11 6
Winton-Limehills ... ..	...	41 16 10	41 16 10
Purchase of material	10,762 5 10 39,338 13 9	22,941 17 4	33,704 3 2
	50,100 19 7		
Total expenditure to 31st March, 1900	856,057 6 6		
Total expenditure out of Public Works Fund to 31st March, 1901	£906,158 6 1	Total cost of lines during 1900-1901	£33,704 3 2

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