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NEW ZEALAND.

# POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT

(REPORT OF THE) FOR THE YEAR 1902.

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

MY LORD,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 8th June, 1903.

I have the honour to submit to Your Excellency the Report of the Post and Telegraph Department for the year 1902, 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 business was highly satisfactory, the receipts exceeding those of any previous year. The gross revenue, which showed a drop last year on account of the penny post, was £36,525 in excess of that for 1901, while the balance of revenue over expenditure reached £37,284. Despite the cheap postage the telegraph revenue has continued to increase abnormally, but the large addition to the staff required to handle the telegraph business is responsible for the fact that there is still a balance of expenditure over the telegraph receipts, which has to be made good out of postal revenue. The different character of the postal and telegraph business may be gauged by the fact that £21,507 more postal revenue was collected than in the preceding year, for an increase in salaries of £6,792; while for an increased telegraph revenue of £15,018 the telegraph salaries rose by £11,930—that is to say, the additional postal business cost 31·58 per cent. for salaries, while the additional telegraph business cost 79·44 per cent. Moreover, had the same volume of postal business been done at the postage rates subsisting two years ago, nearly double the revenue would have been derived at the same cost. On the other hand, the telegraph business was dealt with under the same tariff as had been in operation during the six preceding years.

The total telegraph salaries show an increase of £22,680, but the large difference is accounted for by the inclusion for the first time under the head of salaries of the payments made to country telephonists by way of fees, and formerly charged to miscellaneous.

It is not alone in the handling of mail-matter and the transmission of telegrams that the business continues to grow. The year is also a record one for savings-banks, and nearly all other classes of business transacted, except money-orders issued and newspapers handled, which latter fell 2·41 per cent. as compared with the previous year, a result to be attributed mainly if not wholly to the happier though less stirring period which has followed the late war. The money-orders issued show a decrease, which is entirely due to the attempt to suppress the Tasmanian racing-lotteries.

The extraordinary expansion of the Savings-Bank during the past decade is fully referred to later on.

The revenue and expenditure for the year are given below:—

Item.	Postal.		Telegraph.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
<i>Receipts.</i>						
Stamps used for postage (estimated) .. .. .	246,660	8 1½	..	..	246,660	8 1½
Money-order and postal-note commission .. .. .	19,323	9 6	..	..	19,323	9 6
Money-order commission received from foreign offices .. .. .	714	9 7	..	..	714	9 7
Private box and bag fees .. .. .	7,812	12 9	..	..	7,812	12 9
Miscellaneous receipts .. .. .	28,093	0 10	7,005	4 4	35,098	5 2
Paid telegrams .. .. .	..	..	153,338	3 3	153,338	3 3
Telephone exchanges .. .. .	..	..	62,151	8 11	62,151	8 11
Balance of expenditure over revenue (Telegraph) .. .. .	302,604	0 9½	222,494	16 6	525,098	17 3½
	..	..	5,872	4 1	..	..
Totals .. .. .	£302,604	0 9½	£228,367	0 7	£525,098	17 3½

Item.	Postal.		Telegraph.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
<i>Expenditure.</i>						
Salaries (classified officers) .. .. .	92,512	4 0	164,337	7 0	256,849	11 0
Salaries (country Postmasters and telephonists and contributions to railway officers)	18,400	4 1	15,400	6 0	33,800	10 1
Conveyance of mails by sea .. .. .	53,283	17 5	..	..	53,283	17 5
Conveyance of inland mails .. .. .	47,386	17 7	..	..	47,386	17 7
Conveyance of mails by railway .. .. .	18,351	13 0	..	..	18,351	13 0
Money-order commission credited to foreign offices .. .. .	1,954	4 0	..	..	1,954	4 0
Maintenance of telegraph-lines .. .. .	..	..	22,898	14 1	22,898	14 1
Miscellaneous .. .. .	27,558	9 4	25,549	3 6	53,107	12 10
Telegraph-cable subsidies .. .. .	..	..	181	10 0	181	10 0
	259,447	9 5	228,367	0 7	487,814	10 0
Balance of revenue over expenditure (Postal) .. .. .	43,156	11 4½	..	..	..	..
" " (combined Department) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	37,284	7 3½
Totals .. .. .	£302,604	0 9½	£228,367	0 7	£525,098	17 3½

The amount payable to the Railway Department for the conveyance of mails was £42,457 12s. against which the sum of £30,426 6s. was recovered for the postage on railway correspondence, for private-box rents, transmission of railway telegrams, telephone-exchange subscriptions, and maintenance of railway telegraph-wires. £9,836 was also paid by the Post Office on account of the salaries of railway officers who also act as Postmasters and telegraphists or telephonists at combined offices. There was a balance in favour of the Railway Department of £21,867 6s.

53,278,875 letters were posted, equal to 66·78 letters to each head of the population, an increase of 4,908,059. The total increase on all letters dealt with was 5,144,991.

The number of forwarded telegrams of all codes was 4,559,304, an increase of 391,323.

80 post-offices were established (including 7 re-opened). The number of post-offices open at the close of the year was 1807.

367,207 money-orders, for £1,277,059 2s. 3d., were issued; and 286,642 orders, representing £1,117,137 12s. 8d., paid.

616,264 postal notes, of the value of £191,904 13s., were sold.

£5,069,619 6s. 2d. was deposited in the Post-Office Savings-Bank, and £4,708,771 11s. 2d. withdrawn.

The total amount to credit of depositors on the 31st December last was £6,883,787 5s. 9d., as compared with £6,350,013 9s. 2d. at the close of the previous year.

1,137 inland mail-services (excluding services by railway) were in operation during the year.

At the close of the year there were 7,749 miles of telegraph-line, and 22,672 miles of wire.

The net expenditure on telegraph construction was £68,578 7s. 8d.

There were 10,633 telephone-exchange connections on 31st March last. The subscriptions received amounted to £62,151 8s. 11d.

A comparison of the revenue and expenditure year by year for the past ten years is shown in the table below. The figures for 1881-82—the first year after the amalgamation of the Post-Office and Telegraph services—and 1891-92 are also given.

STATEMENT showing REVENUE and EXPENDITURE of the POST and TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT for the Ten Years ended 31st March, 1903, and for the Years 1881-82 and 1891-92.

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
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
1901-1902	488,573	1 11½	465,756	9 5	22,816	12 6½
1902-1903	525,098	17 3½	487,814	10 0	37,284	7 3½
Total for ten years	..	..	..	..	£523,286	14 7½

The balance of revenue over expenditure for last year was £37,284 7s. 3d., as compared with £22,816 12s. 6d. for 1901-1902.

Adding the value of the free official correspondence and Government telegrams, there is a credit balance on the year's transactions of £135,670 10s. 1d.

## STAFF.

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

	31st March, 1903.
Postmaster-General ... ..	1
Classified staff:—	
First Division ... ..	3
Clerical Division ... ..	1,217
Non-clerical Division ... ..	677
Distributors and messengers ... ..	503
Total, classified staff ... ..	2,401
Employees not on permanent staff:—	
Country Postmasters and Postmistresses ... ..	1,656
Nightwatchmen ... ..	3
Mail-cart drivers ... ..	4
Postmasters and telegraphists or telephonists who are Railway officers ... ..	151
Total ... ..	4,215

COMPARATIVE Return of Officers of the Post and Telegraph Department for the Years ended 31st March, 1902, and 31st March, 1903.

	Mar. 31, 1902.	Mar. 31, 1903.		Mar. 31, 1902.	Mar. 31, 1903.
Postmaster-General .. ..	1	1	Brought forward .. ..	122	128
Secretary .. ..	1	1	Chief Postmasters .. ..	17	17
Superintendent of Electric Lines .. ..	1	1	Postmasters and Officers in Charge on permanent staff .. ..	111	112
Assistant Secretary and Inspector .. ..	1	1	Clerks (including Telephone Exchange cadettes and cadets in post-offices) .. ..	1,167	1,274
Controller of Money-orders and Savings-banks and Accountant .. ..	1	1	Operators (including cadets in telegraph-offices) .. ..	—	10
Chief Clerk .. ..	1	1	Post Office Sorters .. ..	234	230
Assistant Controller of Money-orders and Savings-banks and Accountant .. ..	1	1	Letter-carriers .. ..	49	58
Clerks in General Post Office—			Messengers (Post Office) .. ..	70	69
Secretary's Office .. ..	18	18	Linemen .. ..	468	503
Inspector's and Dead-letter Branch .. ..	7	7	Telegraph distributors and message boys .. ..	3	3
Controller of Money-orders and Savings-banks and Accountant's Branch .. ..	66	69	Nightwatchmen .. ..	4	4
Storekeeper and assistants .. ..	7	10	Mail-cart drivers .. ..	—	—
Electrician .. ..	1	1	Postmasters and telegraphists or telephonists who are Railway officers .. ..	144	151
Assistant Electrician .. ..	2	1	Country Postmasters, Postmistresses, and telephonists .. ..	1,601	1,656
Mechanicians and cadets .. ..	7	6	Totals .. ..	3,990	4,215
Telegraph Inspectors .. ..	4	5			
Assistant Inspectors of Post-offices .. ..	3	4			
Carried forward .. ..	122	128			

The staff is efficient, and the conduct of its members continues satisfactory. Grave offences have been practically unknown, and minor errors and irregularities have been comparatively few, which is to the credit of the employees as a whole.

A partial reorganization of the postal staff became necessary, owing to the growing importance of many of the offices and the growth of work generally. An increase in the number of supervising officers has resulted; and, while not overlooking the interchange of duties among the rank and file, it has been found necessary to place branches under officers of a higher rank than heretofore. The condition of many of the controlling officers of the telegraph branch has also been improved. This not only opens out an additional prospect of promotion, but will make for increased efficiency as well.

“The Post and Telegraph Department Act, 1902” (referred to in last year's report as an amending Classification Bill), became law on the 1st October last. It provides an amelioration of the pay of many of the lower grades of the non-clerical division, as may be gathered from the following:—

Letter-carriers, first grade, and telegraph linemen: Minimum salary increased from £130 to £135 per annum, and maximum salary from £140 to £150.

Letter-carriers, second grade: Minimum salary increased from £95 to £105, and maximum from £120 to £125.

Letter-carriers, third grade: Minimum salary increased from £50 to £60, and maximum from £85 to £100.

Post-office messengers, first grade: Minimum salary increased from £85 to £105, maximum from £120 to £140.

Post-office messengers, second grade: Minimum salary increased from £50 to £60, maximum from £80 to £95.

In the assistant counter-clerks' class the annual increments have been altered from two of £10 and six of £5 to five of £10. In the assistant despatch-clerks' class, from two of £10 and ten of £5 to seven of £10; in the distributors' class, from one of £10 and four of £5 to three of £10. Assistant counter-clerks now reach the maximum pay in five instead of eight years; assistant despatch-clerks, in seven instead of twelve years; distributors, in three instead of five years.

A new class of sorters is also provided, mainly with a view to the transfer of non-clerical officers, such as letter-carriers, not educationally or otherwise qualified for higher positions in the clerical division, to the mail-sorting branches of the principal offices. At the same time there is

no intention of limiting the prospect of promotion for letter-carriers and others who have the necessary educational and other qualifications for clerkships. Such men will, as far as circumstances warrant, continue to receive consideration for clerkships. The Department sees no reason at present to abandon its policy of recruiting the clerical staff from the lower ranks; but the large additions which have had to be made to the staff during the past two or three years made it necessary on a few occasions to go outside the service. It will not be out of place to mention here that in the last five years 430 letter-carriers, telegraph messengers, and other non-clerical employees have been promoted to the clerical division.

Considerable changes have taken place in the service, owing to the retirement of several principal officers under the age limit. Of those who retired last year, Mr. R. Kirton, who joined the Post Office as long ago as 1854, deserves mention. Mr. Kirton was successively clerk at Wellington, Chief Clerk at Christchurch, and Chief Postmaster at Hokitika and Nelson, and at Christchurch, where previous to his retirement he held the position for over ten years with general satisfaction. Mr. S. J. Jago, Chief Postmaster at Wellington, and Mr. E. Cook, Chief Postmaster at Dunedin, and other officers will retire in the course of this year.

#### HEALTH OF STAFF.

The following table gives the average absence of officers on sick-leave :—

				Numbers comprised.	Average Absence per Sick Officer.	Average Sick- absence per each Officer employed.
					Days.	Days.
Men	...	...	...	1,281	11·94	6·00
Women	...	...	...	165	14·72	12·73

There were four deaths.

The Department sustained a loss by the death of Mr. Samuel Birt Biss, late Chief Postmaster at Auckland, on the 20th October last, at the comparatively early age of fifty-nine. Mr. Biss joined the postal service as a cadet in March, 1860, and was appointed Chief Postmaster at Auckland in March, 1870. He was unsparing in attention and devotion to his duties. To his powers of organization and tactful methods may be credited the satisfactory position of the Auckland postal district during his long term of office as Chief Postmaster.

#### APPEAL BOARD.

Fifteen appeals were dealt with by the Board in May last year, of which nine were reported against, two had already been met by Departmental recommendations, and four cases were reported upon in favour of the appellants.

The term of the elective members of the Board having expired, an election was held in February of the present year, which resulted in the return of Mr. F. M. Scully, as postal representative. Mr. W. F. Young was returned unopposed as telegraph representative.

#### NEWSPAPER POSTAGE.

The reduction of the newspaper postage to Canada from Postal Union rates (1d. for the first 4 oz. and  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for each succeeding 2 oz.) to 1d. for each newspaper, which took place as from the 16th May last, will prove popular. It is to be hoped that the new rate to Canada will be speedily followed by a reversion to the rate to the United Kingdom which existed prior to July, 1892, when, notwithstanding strong opposition on the part of the Postmaster-General at Australian Conferences and in correspondence with the Imperial Post Office, New Zealand was required to adopt the higher Postal Union rate to all countries except Australia. Recognising the advantages of a cheap postage rate for our newspapers to places beyond the colony, no opportunity has been lost by the Department in endeavouring to secure a uniform rate of one penny irrespective of weight. While it is the case that a heavy newspaper costs more to transport than a light one, there can be no question that the incidence of the present charges presses so heavily as to make the transmission of the principal illustrated New Zealand newspapers almost prohibitive. It is without question that a better dissemination of such newspapers, which are of a high standard, would do much to make the people of Great Britain better acquainted with the resources of the colony, and at the same time enable many persons to keep more closely in touch with their relatives in different parts of the Empire.

As the history of the newspaper postage is an interesting one, it may be opportune to refer briefly to it. Prior to 1843 the postage on newspapers to and from Great Britain was free, but under the regulations then passed newspapers were liable to postage if received by a private ship from beyond seas, and to an additional rate if conveyed from one part of the colony to another, the rate being 1d. for British or colonial papers and 2d. for foreign. From beyond seas the cost to the Department was 1d. each, and from one part of the colony to another  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. A great many surcharged newspapers were refused by the addressees on account of the postage, while many remained in the Post-offices unclaimed.

In 1846 Commissioners appointed by the Postmaster-General in England to visit the Australian Colonies in order to inspect and report upon the various colonial postal establishments arrived in Auckland. The *New-Zealander* took the opportunity to protest against the newspaper postage. A penny was levied on newspapers posted from Auckland to Sydney, where they were forwarded free of charge to their destination; and if posted from Sydney to New Zealand they

were free at the former place, but were charged 1d. on arrival in the colony. In 1850 newspapers were once more placed on the free list. The rate from the United Kingdom appears to have been at first 1d., although the postage from New Zealand was free. Later the rate from the United Kingdom was raised to 2d. on newspapers forwarded *via* Southampton and Suez, the option being given to the colonies of charging the same rate in the opposite direction. The New Zealand Government considered, however, that the benefit to be derived from accepting the proposal appeared to be so small in comparison with the inconvenience likely to be occasioned to the public that they declined to act upon it.

"The Post Office Act, 1858," provided for the free transmission by post of all newspapers published in the colony, but not of those published elsewhere. An abuse which threatened great inconvenience by unduly increasing the weight of the mails was thus put a stop to.

The finances of the Post Office appear to have been strained in the few years following 1860, owing mainly to the sudden call for inland-mail services in Otago as a result of the discovery of gold, and the Postmaster-General in his report for 1863 remarked that "the Post Office expenditure in New Zealand is very far in excess of the revenue, an excess mainly caused by the very heavy cost of transmission of mails. The inland conveyance of mails is an especially heavy item, and this is to a very large extent caused by the great bulk of newspapers transmitted by post. At present newspapers are in New Zealand transmitted free, although such a course is not adopted, as far as can be ascertained, in any other colony. There seems no good reason why the finances of the colony should be burdened with the cost of carriage of newspapers, and it is a matter which should receive the consideration of the next General Assembly whether all newspapers transmitted by post should not be subject to a small postage rate."

An attempt was almost immediately made to apply a postage rate, but this was not successful, as would appear from the following extract from the report for 1864:—

"The question of making newspapers transmitted by post subject to a small postage rate was recommended by the late Postmaster-General in his report for the year 1863, and, heartily concurring in the expediency and justice of the proposal, an Order in Council was issued on the 29th December, 1864, to give effect to this recommendation. Owing to some supposed illegality or informality the order was revoked, and also in order that the subject might be brought prominently before the Assembly for its decision. During the short time it was in operation there is reason to believe that it met with very general satisfaction. The interval which has been allowed to elapse has strengthened the conviction that such a tax is alike demanded by fairness and necessity, especially when there is no restriction against the carriage of newspapers by private enterprise, which, as regards letters, is contrary to law. In Great Britain, with its network of railways affording every facility for cheap conveyance, newspapers transmitted by post are subject to a penny stamp, with a fine for improper folding. In Victoria for each newspaper posted in the colony, not exceeding 5 oz. in weight, 1d. must be prepaid, and the instructions are precise as to the mode of sending. In New South Wales every newspaper whatever posted in the colony for transmission inland or beyond sea is subject to a charge of 1d. If it be urged that such a charge is a tax upon literature, it may be replied that in Victoria the charge did not have the effect of diminishing the number of newspapers posted, nor was such the case in some parts at least of this colony; and, considering the expense of country mails in New Zealand, amounting to no less a sum than £31,646 9s. 7d. per annum, and the number of newspapers sent by these, amounting to 1,616,919, averaging about six times the weight of the letters, there can be little doubt that the public will reconcile itself to the charge, if not now approving of it already, especially when it is remembered that the newspapers received from abroad are invariably prepaid. The amount derivable from this payment would probably increase the postal revenue by about £10,000 per annum in the shape of direct receipts, while at the same time it is reasonable to suppose that the contracts for the conveyance of inland mails, being much affected by the carriage of newspapers, would in some measure be diminished in amount."

Free newspaper postage remained until 1866, when "The New Zealand Post Office Act Amendment Act, 1866," fixed the rate of 1d. each on all newspapers posted within the colony for delivery within the colony, and provided for an additional charge to be fixed by Order in Council on newspapers posted within the colony for transmission to other countries. In 1868 the rate to the United Kingdom by way of Panama or Suez was 1d. for each newspaper, and *via* Suez and Marseilles 3d., the higher charge apparently being fixed to cover transmission by the overland route. Thenceforward, until 1873, the postage on inland newspapers remained at 1d. each, the same rate being charged by the sea routes to the United Kingdom, with an additional charge of 1d. if sent overland *via* Trieste, when a reduction of the inland postage from 1d. to ½d. each newspaper took place, and no further change was made until 1892, when the rate by weight was reluctantly applied to newspapers to the United Kingdom and other places beyond the colony, Australia excluded.

At the time of writing the Postmaster-General is not in receipt of any definite reply to the representations made to the London Post Office by cable immediately it was learned that a special arrangement had been come to between the United Kingdom and Canada, under which Canadian newspapers are transmitted to the United Kingdom at the Canadian inland rate. Unfortunately (as indicated in a Press telegram) the Postmaster-General of the Australian Commonwealth does not at the moment appear to be disposed to ask the London Post Office to revert to the penny rate; and, if this be correct, there may be delay in concluding negotiations with the Imperial Post Office.

#### INSPECTION.

During the year 1902 the Postal Inspectors visited and inspected 1,414 offices, the distance travelled being 25,221 miles

## BREACH OF THE POST OFFICE ACT.

The only prosecution under the Post Office Act during the year was one in which a person pleaded guilty to two charges of having fraudulently stated that he had posted in the post-office a postal packet containing valuable enclosure, whereas in fact he had not posted such postal packet, thereby committing a breach of subsection (2) of section 98 of "The Post Office Act, 1900." The accused was fined £5 on each charge. The punishment provided under the Act for the offence is imprisonment for any term not exceeding two years, with or without hard labour, or a penalty not exceeding £50, or both.

## SAVINGS-BANK DEVELOPMENT.

The popularity of the Post-Office Savings-Bank and the thrift of the people of New Zealand are evidenced by even the most casual examination of the mass of figures embodied in the table dealing with that branch of the Department's business. That the number of separate deposit accounts is in the ratio of 1 in every  $3\frac{1}{2}$  of the population (excluding Maoris) indicates that the adult without a savings-bank account must be the exception, and that numbers of young people and children have accounts. Nor is the account of a depositor a mere matter of a few shillings saved, as the average amount at credit of each account has reached the very respectable sum of £30 5s. 3d., or a total of £6,883,787, which is equal to £8 10s. 5d. for each man, woman, and child in the colony.

But it is when a comparison is made between the year just closed and 1892 that the progress of the savings-bank system is realised. To meet the public convenience branches have been opened wherever practicable, and during the past ten years the facilities for the encouragement of thrift have been extended by increasing the number of offices from 318 to 481, or over 51 per cent. The public has marked its appreciation of this in no uncertain manner, as shown by the fact that the number of deposits has increased from 186,945 to 411,215—that is to say, by 120 per cent.—and the amount deposited from £1,878,270 to £5,069,619, or 170 per cent. There has also been a steady increase in the total and individual savings. During the decennial period the amount at credit of depositors increased from £2,863,670 to £6,883,787, or at the rate of over 140 per cent. It is only natural that with an increase of 102 per cent. in the number of depositors their credit balances should be largely augmented; but when it is remembered that the increase in the savings far outstripped the ratio of increase in the number of depositors, it will be seen that not only are there more than double the number of depositors, but that each depositor is richer than in 1892. The table shows the average to have increased 19 per cent., or from £25 9s. to £30 5s. 3d.

While the amount at credit of depositors increased 140 per cent., the amount allowed by way of interest only exceeded that of 1892 by some 55 per cent. This, of course, is due to the reduction made in the rates of interest between June, 1893, and November, 1897; but the fact tends to prove that the institution fulfils its function as a savings-bank independently of the rate of interest. The interest paid rose from £111,301 in 1892 to £172,926 in 1902. The total amount of interest credited depositors during the ten years was £1,363,971.

It is somewhat noteworthy that the number of withdrawals has increased in a greater ratio than the number of deposits, the percentages being 120 and 127 respectively. This is probably due to the tendency to deposit amounts in excess of actual savings, and to draw thereon as occasion requires. On the principle that money in a savings-bank is less readily expended than when in the pocket, this is distinctly in favour of increased savings, although throwing more work on the Department and slightly increasing the relative cost of management.

The excess of deposits over withdrawals in 1892 was £56,921; in 1902 it rose to £360,847, showing an increase of 534 per cent.

The Department has every reason to congratulate itself on the marked success of the Post-Office Savings-Bank, and the unabated and increasing confidence of the general public in the institution.

## NEW POSTAGE-STAMPS, ETC.

During the year postage-stamps at 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 8d., and 1s. have been printed on watermarked paper. The  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 1d. stamps had already been issued on watermarked paper, which will be used for the remaining values shortly.

In connection with the express delivery service, a special 6d. stamp was issued in February. The stamp is a long rectangular one, in the form of a tablet, bearing in plain characters "N.Z. Post-Office Express Delivery. Secures immediate delivery at a Special Delivery Office." The stamp, which in colour is a bright mauve with the value in vermilion, is ornamented with representations of Maori carvings and of the large black fern.

The stamp-booklets were printed from special plates in August last.

New 1d. post- and letter-cards, bearing the King's effigy, have been issued.

A postal wrapper, to cover both newspapers and commercial papers, has been put on sale.

New dies, bearing a representation of His Majesty's head, for impressing envelopes with  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 1d. postage have just been brought into use.

New Zealand postage-stamps at  $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. had previously been overprinted for use at Niue and Penrhyn Island, and during the year further stamps for those islands at 3d., 6d., and 1s. were issued. The overprint on the new stamps consists of the name of the island and the value of the stamp: Tolu e Pene, Ono e Pene, and Taha e Sileni for the Niue stamps at 3d., 6d., and 1s. respectively; and Toru Pene, Ono Pene, and Tahi Silingi for the Penrhyn Island stamps at 3d., 6d., and 1s. Through a printer's error the Niue stamp at 1s. was printed "Tahae Sileni," which quite altered the meaning of the value. Immediately the error was discovered the stamp was withdrawn, and a corrected one issued.

It has been decided to overprint postage-stamps at  $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d.,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d., 3d., 6d., and 1s. for the Island of Aitutaki.

It is not intended meanwhile to overprint post- and letter-cards for the islands named.

#### PACIFIC CABLE.

The colony is to be congratulated on the consummation of this highly important undertaking. The cable, which was opened for traffic between New Zealand and Australia and Fiji on the 9th April of last year, was completed to Bamfield, Vancouver Island, on the 31st October following, and opened for international business on the 8th December.

The steamer "Colonia," with the Vancouver-Fanning Island section of the cable, left London on the 12th July, 1902, and arrived at Vancouver on the 14th September. She landed the Vancouver shore end at Bamfield on the 18th September, and completed laying the deep-sea portion of the cable to Fanning Island on the 6th October. The shore end, which was on the "Anglia," was spliced and landed the following day. This vessel, which had proceeded to London after laying the Southport, Norfolk Island, Doubtless Bay, and Fiji sections, reached Honolulu on the 30th September with the Fanning Island-Fiji section and the Fanning Island shore end of the Vancouver cable. She commenced laying the Fiji section the same day as that on which she landed the shore end of the Vancouver cable, and finished her work at Suva on the 31st, thereby establishing communication by the State-owned cable with Great Britain and Europe, Canada, and the United States.

Congratulatory messages on the completion of so important and far-reaching a project affecting the Empire were exchanged by the Acting-Governor, the Premier, and the Postmaster-General with the Secretary of State for the Colonies; the Acting Governor-General of the Australian Commonwealth; the Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of New Zealand, at Hobart; the Prime Minister of the Australian Commonwealth; the Chairman, Pacific Cable Board; the Prime Minister, Ottawa; the Agent-General; and others.

The deep-sea portion of the Vancouver-Fanning Island cable, the longest in the world, was laid without a hitch in the record time of about twenty days, and the contractors and others connected with the work are to be heartily congratulated. It may be mentioned that the "Colonia," a steamer of 7,976 tons, was built specially for conveying from London, and laying, the Vancouver-Fanning Island section.

The Fiji-Fanning Island-Vancouver sections were subjected for thirty days to the usual tests, with excellent results. Indeed, the tests on the Fanning Island-Vancouver section, which is 3,458 knots in length, proved that, instead of a speed of only 70 to 80 letters, 102 letters per minute could, under normal conditions, be relied upon, thereby demonstrating that the working-capacity of the cable was much higher than the expert evidence had indicated. The cable was handed over to the Board, at the end of the thirty days (as provided by the contract with the manufacturers), on the 17th November. But, as already stated, it was the 8th December before the cable was opened for international traffic.

The Telegraph Maintenance and Construction Company, the contractors for manufacturing and laying the cable, carried out their contract in a highly satisfactory manner, the cable-laying being actually finished nearly two months within contract time.

The cable had only been opened for business about three weeks when the newly erected land line across Vancouver Island, connecting with the cable at Bamfield, was interrupted, cutting off communication *via* the Pacific with Europe and places east of Vancouver; and, unfortunately, there were six subsequent interruptions to this particular line up to the 9th February last. The line, from the nature of the country it traverses, having proved unreliable, it has been decided that a short length of cable from Bamfield to Alberni, about thirty-five miles, shall be laid, and that part of the land line across the island, which has given so much trouble abandoned. The work is to be completed by the end of July. The other telegraph-lines across Canada gave no trouble whatever.

The Pacific cable traffic is transmitted across the Atlantic by the Anglo-American and Commercial Telegraph companies. Following the opening of the Pacific cable a much faster cable service between the colony and America and Europe has resulted, and the time has also improved on the Eastern Extension Company's lines. Messages *via* the Pacific from London frequently reach the colony within the hour, and the average time of transmission may be put down at about three hours, which should be regarded as a really good service.

The Pacific traffic is steadily growing, and since the completion of the cable the colony's telegraph business by both routes has increased by about fifty per cent.

On the opening of the Pacific cable for through traffic, the ordinary rate to Great Britain was reduced from 3s. 4d. to 3s. a word, a previous reduction from 5s. 2d. to 3s. 4d. having been made by the Eastern Company as from the 1st June last year; Government messages from 2s. 4d. to 1s. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., and Press from 1s. 2d. to 1s. a word. The following reduced rates were also brought into operation: To Vancouver and San Francisco, 2s. 4d. per word; to New York, 2s. 8d. per word; a reduction of 2s. 6d. and 1s. 8d. per word on the rates formerly charged *via* Eastern. Corresponding reductions came into force for America generally.

The average number of messages transmitted to and from New Zealand prior to the opening of the Pacific cable was about 425 per day. The present average is nearly 600 a day by both routes.

The date and handed-in time were not at the outset inserted in international messages *via* Pacific passing over the Atlantic cables, but this was subsequently arranged for, as from the 30th January last, on payment of a fixed annual sum by the Board to the Atlantic cable companies. The date, hour, and minute to the nearest five minutes are now inserted in the preamble of messages from Europe, and messages from Canada and the United States bear Vancouver date and time.

The Pacific rates to the European continent are generally higher than the Eastern Company's route, and there does not at present appear any prospect of a reduction.

But to the advent of the Pacific cable is to be credited the general reduction of rates and the improvement in the cable services generally. The reduced rates based on the present traffic, it is estimated, mean a saving of over £50,000 a year to business firms and other users of the cables between New Zealand and other parts of the world.

From a statement furnished by the Pacific Cable Board the contracting Governments may have to provide £94,000 to cover an estimated deficiency in the working of the cable for the year ending the 31st March, 1904, New Zealand's proportion being a ninth, or £10,444. The deficiency far exceeds any previous estimate, and is one which has given rise to much comment. No explanation of this large deficit has been made, but it is a fact that the cable has not secured certain traffic it was expected it would obtain. While the Eastern Extension Company have been actively canvassing for business, the Pacific Cable Board, until very recently, made no attempt to neutralise this. The Board have now decided to solicit business in Australia and New Zealand, and otherwise protect their cable business. A brief canvass of New Zealand showed how very little had to be done to convince the public of the advantages of the State-owned cable, and the result in all respects has been highly satisfactory. Canvassers will shortly be at work in Victoria, New South Wales, and Queensland.

The Board's cable-repairing steamer "Iris," 2,850 tons, was launched in September last. She arrived at Auckland on the 21st May, left for Doubtless Bay on the 24th, and after calling at Norfolk Island, Suva, and Fanning Island was to proceed to Vancouver to lay the short length of cable between Bamfield and Alberni, already mentioned. On completion of this work she will make either Suva or Auckland her headquarters.

Nothing further has been done in the matter of connecting Fanning Island with Honolulu, so as to provide an alternative route in the event of an interruption to the Fanning Island-Vancouver section of the Pacific cable. The Board is waiting further development of the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy before deciding whether the connection shall be by deep-sea cable or by wireless telegraphy.

The cable which had been decided to be laid between San Francisco and Honolulu by the Commercial Pacific Cable Company was opened for traffic in January last. The same company is to lay a cable from Honolulu to the Philippines *via* Midway Island and Guam, and the work is already in hand. This will give San Francisco direct cable communication with the East.

#### CABLE BUSINESS.

The number and value of cable messages forwarded from New Zealand during 1902 are shown in the following statement. (The Pacific cable was opened for traffic—New Zealand to Southport and Suva, 23rd April, 1902; New Zealand to Vancouver, 8th December following.)

#### *Viâ Pacific.*

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
International ... ..	7,573	11,600 15 8	62	132 1 4
Australia ... ..	34,785	7,452 16 3	305	237 16 11
Total for 1902 ... ..	42,358	19,053 11 11	367	369 18 3

#### *Viâ Extension.*

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
International ... ..	7,320	20,165 19 10	170	603 7 6
Australia ... ..	27,179	6,923 0 7	1,293	799 2 7
Total for 1902 ... ..	34,499	27,089 0 5	1,463	1,402 10 1
Total for 1901 ... ..	64,959	46,974 17 7	1,420	2,718 12 0

The subsidy of £235 per annum paid to the Eastern Extension Company for the midnight cable press service ceased on 8th December, 1902.

The colony's outward international and Australian cable business, not including Press, for the years 1901 and 1902 was as follows:—

*International.*

	Number of Messages.	Value.		
		£	s.	d.
1902	14,893	31,766	15	6
1901	11,879	32,744	4	4
	Inc. 3,014*	Dec.	977	8 10†

\* 25·37 per cent.

† 2·98 per cent.

*Australia.*

	Number of Messages.	Value.		
		£	s.	d.
1902	61,964	14,375	16	10
1901	53,080	14,230	13	3
	Inc. 8,884*	Inc.	145	3 7†

\* 16·74 per cent.

† 1·02 per cent.

There was a total increase of 11,898 messages, but a decrease of £832 5s. 3d. in value.

The forwarded and received cable Press business for the past ten years ended 31st December, 1902, has been:—

Year.	Forwarded.			Received.				
	Number of		Value.	Number of		Value.		
	Messages.	Words.		Messages.	Words.			
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
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
1901	1,420	148,400	2,718	12	0	3,989	351,291	1,967 19 3
1902	1,830	202,968	1,772	8	4	4,443	396,438	2,200 10 6

## OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

The following is a comparative return showing the number and amount of old-age pension payments made each month for the two years ended 31st March, 1903:—

Month.	1901-2.		1902-3.				
	Number of Payments.	Amount.	Number of Payments.	Amount.			
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
April	11,900	16,962	19	5	12,295	17,389	3 6
May	12,107	17,207	17	7	12,471	17,647	16 9
June	12,110	17,190	16	11	12,321	17,428	17 10
July	12,220	17,327	17	9	12,481	17,629	8 10
August	12,210	17,276	9	8	12,401	17,523	12 9
September	12,121	17,132	4	6	12,392	17,505	3 8
October	12,256	17,321	8	8	12,453	17,596	19 4
November	12,343	17,446	0	6	12,348	17,441	3 11
December	12,257	17,292	10	2	12,418	17,562	1 0
January	12,296	17,350	5	6	12,325	17,416	4 10
February	12,285	17,333	3	7	12,386	17,507	6 3
March	12,322	17,406	7	1	12,385	17,496	5 2
Totals	146,427	£207,248	1	4	148,676	£210,144	3 10

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

Postal District.	1901-2.		1902-3.	
	Number of Payments.	Amount.	Number of Payments.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Auckland ... ..	32,091	44,821 3 2	31,903	44,623 11 5
Blenheim ... ..	1,863	2,635 19 5	2,007	2,811 7 6
Christchurch ... ..	20,828	29,064 10 3	21,182	29,671 9 10
Dunedin ... ..	22,283	31,486 17 10	22,706	32,008 18 4
Gisborne ... ..	1,236	1,756 6 6	1,380	1,966 6 3
Greymouth ... ..	6,409	9,458 11 6	6,524	9,612 6 0
Hokitika ... ..	6,128	8,992 7 2	6,278	9,227 6 8
Invercargill ... ..	8,848	12,620 4 7	9,429	13,343 9 2
Napier ... ..	5,640	7,775 10 3	5,710	7,861 15 10
Nelson ... ..	4,238	5,755 10 8	4,233	5,684 11 6
New Plymouth ... ..	3,051	4,294 8 4	2,950	4,097 4 6
Oamaru ... ..	2,876	4,147 7 4	2,960	4,275 2 2
Thames ... ..	5,911	8,550 14 2	5,885	8,511 12 9
Timaru ... ..	4,614	6,569 13 6	4,611	6,479 19 10
Wanganui ... ..	4,261	6,081 11 11	4,628	6,634 1 0
Wellington ... ..	12,446	17,823 6 10	12,796	18,246 1 11
Westport ... ..	3,704	5,413 17 11	3,494	5,088 19 2
Totals ... ..	146,427	£207,248 1 4	148,676	£210,144 3 10

## POST OFFICE.

## ARTICLES POSTED AND DELIVERED.

The number of articles posted in the colony and received from places outside the colony during the year 1902, as compared with the number in 1901, was as under:—

	1902.	1901.	Increase.
Letters—			
Posted in the colony .. ..	53,278,875	48,370,816	
Received from places outside the colony .. ..	3,410,381	3,173,449	
	56,689,256	51,544,265	5,144,991
Letter-cards—			
Posted in the colony .. ..	1,025,375	1,023,295	2,080
Post-cards—			
Posted in the colony .. ..	1,239,004	1,460,589	Decrease.
Received from places outside the colony .. ..	63,163	61,788	
	1,302,167	1,522,377	220,210
Books and pattern-packets—			
Posted in the colony .. ..	16,870,951	16,176,195	Increase.
Received from places outside the colony .. ..	1,755,373	1,624,871	
	18,626,324	17,801,066	825,258
Newspapers—			
Posted in the colony .. ..	13,392,847	13,858,234	Decrease.
Received from places outside the colony .. ..	5,124,429	5,115,398	
	18,517,276	18,973,632	456,356
Parcels—			
Posted in the colony .. ..	244,016	233,491	Increase.
Received from places outside the colony .. ..	47,654	39,951	
	291,670	273,442	18,228

The letters increased 9·98, letter-cards increased 0·2, post-cards decreased 14·46, books and pattern-packets increased 4·64, newspapers decreased 2·41, and parcels increased 6·67 per cent.

In 1901 letters increased 33·32, letter-cards decreased 17·22, post-cards decreased 20·23, books and pattern-packets increased 0·48, newspapers increased 11·31, and parcels increased 17·13 per cent.

The average number of letters posted per head of population was estimated to be 66·78, or 68·07 including letter-cards. The averages in 1901 were 62·18, or 63·49 including letter-cards.

The Post Office receipts for the year amounted to £302,604 0s. 9½d.—an increase of £21,507 3s. 6d., or 7·65 per cent.

The expenditure was £259,447 9s. 5d., as against £253,340 18s. 5d.—an increase of £6,106 11s., or 2·41 per cent. There was a balance of revenue over expenditure of £43,156 11s. 4d.

The estimated value of official (free) correspondence was £71,946. The gross earnings of the Post Office for the year were therefore £374,550, and the credit balance £115,103.

## WORK PERFORMED FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

Customs duties amounting to £26,549 were collected on articles received through the post from places beyond the colony, and £2,187 13s. 11d. on account of ordinary Customs work.

The sum of £2,211 was collected from the sale of game licenses.

Premiums amounting to £27,107 6s. 3d. were collected from policyholders on behalf of the Government Insurance Department.

£552 8s. 9d. was collected for the Government Printer on the sale of Government publications.

Income-tax amounting to £109,623 8s. 6d., and land-tax for £219,464 3s., were received at post-offices.

Fees under the Live-stock Acts amounting to £21,325 19s. 4d. were collected.

The sum of £5,299 was received for machinery fees.

The receipts from the sale of miners' licenses amounted to £629 2s.

£4,276 14s. was lodged at post-offices for investment in New Zealand Consols.

The receipts on behalf of the Public Trust Office were £311,064 15s. 4d., and payments £308,715 6s. 1d.

Railway receipts for £9,026 15s. 6d. were also accounted for through the Post Office Account.

The fees collected in respect of the registration of births, deaths, and marriages totalled £1,997 14s. 6d.

The Advances to Settlers Office receipts amounted to £615,341 3s. 5d., and payments £612,670 19s. 6d.

Fees, &c., were also collected on account of the Audit Office, Tourist Department, water rates, goldfields, County Councils, Road Boards, Clerks of Court, Harbourmasters, Arms Act, fishing licenses, Lunacy Department, Factories Act, Education Department, Homing-pigeons Protection Act, Hanmer Springs Sanatorium, Rotorua baths, Rotorua patients, the Treasury, Licensing Act, Valuation revenue, Coal-mines Act, Immigration Restriction Act, loan-debenture receipts, and receipts under the Unclaimed Moneys Act.

The payments made by the Post Office on behalf of the Treasury were £650,063 11s. 9d.

2,174,160 discount-stamps, valued at £2,264 15s., were sold during the year, and 1,955,184, for £2,036 13s., redeemed.

## GROSS RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

The gross receipts dealt with during the year were : Departmental, £12,811,940 14s. 3d. ; on account of other Departments, £2,226,686 17s. 2d. : total, £15,038,627 11s. 5d.

The payments were : Departmental, £12,805,084 7s. 1½d. ; on behalf of other Departments—to individuals, £1,759,322 2s. 2d. ; to Government accounts, £447,641 18s. 6d. : a total of £15,012,048 7s. 9d.

The gross receipts and payments were therefore £30,050,675 19s. 3d. for the year.

## LETTER-CARRIERS' DELIVERIES.

Deliveries by letter-carrier were established at : Dunedin—Kaitangata and Palmerston.

Letter-carriers' deliveries were extended as follows :—Auckland : (C.P.O.) To include Ellerslie district ; at Northcote, to include the whole borough. Christchurch : (C.P.O.) Suburban delivery in Addington in the afternoon to take in district towards Sydenham ; in Spreydon, to include Tankerville and adjacent parts, once daily ; extended to Heathcote, including Beckenham and adjacent parts, once daily ; at Ashburton, to include larger area in Allenton district. Dunedin : (C.P.O.) Midday delivery in George and King Streets. Invercargill : At Bluff, morning and afternoon deliveries. Napier : At Hastings, on the north-west, west, and south-west. Thames : At Waihi, to be made twice daily over Waihi, Broadway, Kenny, Johnson, and Union Streets. Timaru : At Waimate, to include Mill Road, King Street, &c. Wanganui : (C.P.O.) To Aramoho ; to Taylorville, No. 2 Line ; to Durietown ; to Putiki ; to houses beyond the railway-line in London Street ; and to Smiley's Paddock. Wellington : (C.P.O.) Brooklyn delivery to include Vogelstown ; Aro Street and Mitchelltown delivery to include Kelburne ; at Feilding, boundaries generally on all sides ; at Hutt, to Dew's Farm and along the Cemetery Road.

## NEWSPAPERS REGISTERED.

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

## RECEIVING-BOXES.

Forty-seven receiving-boxes were established at : Auckland—City and suburbs, 3 ; Cambridge, 2. Christchurch—City and suburbs, 6 ; Ashburton, 2. Dunedin—City and suburbs, 4 ; Milton, 1 ; Mosgiel, 1. Greymouth—Town, 1. Napier—City, 1 ; Wairoa, 1. New Plymouth—Inglewood, 1 ; Waitara, 1. Thames—Katikati, 2 ; Waihi, 1. Timaru—Geraldine, 1 ; Waimate, 2. Wanganui—Marton, 2. Wellington—City and suburbs, 7 ; Eketahuna, 1 ; Feilding, 1 ; Foxton, 1 ; Hutt, 3 ; Otaki, 1 ; Palmerston North, 1.

Five receiving-boxes were closed at : Auckland—City, 1. Christchurch—City and suburbs, 2. Dunedin—City and suburbs, 1. Wellington—Greytown North, 1.

## DESIGNATIONS OF OFFICES.

The designations of offices were changed as follows: Auckland—Hautapu to Pukeroro; Owana to Awanga. Dunedin—Victoria Bridge to Waitiri. Invercargill—Maitland Village to Maitland. Napier—Maharashtra East to Kiritaki; Patoka to Pakiaka. New Plymouth—Tariki Road to Tariki. Wanganui—Torere to Ohutu. Wellington—Trentham Rifle Range to Trentham, and again to Trentham Rifle Range.

Designations were corrected as follows: Auckland—Tawhere to Tauwhare. Dunedin—Otakia to Otokia. Napier—Petane to Petane, H.B.

## POST-OFFICES ESTABLISHED, ETC.

Eighty post-offices were established (of these seven were reopened offices) and fourteen closed:—

*Opened.*

Ahuroa, Auckland	Lichfield Street, Christchurch	Pukekawa, Auckland
Akaaka, Auckland	Long Bay Road (reopened), Christchurch	Puketoi (reopened), Wellington
Anama, Christchurch	Lorne, Invercargill	Puketui, Auckland
Anuanu, Thames	Mackaytown, Thames	Richmond Brook, Blenheim
Awatuna East, Wanganui	Mangapuaka, Napier	Rock Ford, Christchurch
Barewood, Dunedin	Mangatoro, Napier	Saies, Auckland
Claverley (reopened), Christchurch	Mangatuna, Napier	Sedgebrook, Wanganui
Cooper's Creek, Christchurch	Matangi, Auckland	Stokes Valley, Wellington
Creighton, Invercargill	Mataroa, Wanganui	Tangawahia, Auckland
Eastown, Wanganui	Maungatautari, Auckland	Tapuhi, Auckland
Fabian's Valley, Blenheim	Mine Creek, Westport	Taumarunui, Auckland
Fanning Island, Auckland	Muripara, Auckland	Te Awa, Wellington
Gordonton, Auckland	Newbury, Wellington	Te Kowhai, Auckland
Grahamsfern, Auckland	Newton Flat (reopened), Westport	Titahi Bay, Wellington
Hampden Square (R.O.), (1899)	Nihotupu, Auckland	Titiroa, Invercargill
Hapuku, Blenheim	Ohinewairua, Wanganui	Torere, Thames
Haunui, Wellington	Omaka, Blenheim	Tussock Creek, Invercargill
Hautapu, Auckland	Onetea, Auckland	Tututawa, New Plymouth
Hil sborough, New Plymouth	Orua Bay, Auckland	Upper Moonlight, Greymouth
Huiakama (reopened), New Plymouth	Owana, Auckland	Upper Nevis, Invercargill
Huiarua, Gisborne	Pangatotara, Nelson	Waenga, Dunedin
Ida Valley, Dunedin	Patoka, Napier	Waimatua, Invercargill
Inchbonnie, Greymouth	Penrhyn Island (Sept., '01), Auckland	Waitahora, Napier
Kaitara, Auckland	Poolburn, Dunedin	Waima (reopened), Auckland
Karewarewa (reopened), Wellington	Pouawa, Gisborne	Whareama, Wellington
Kinohaku, Auckland		Whareponga, Gisborne
Kononi, Dunedin		Wingatui, Dunedin.
Koutu, Auckland		

*Closed.*

Anuanu, Thames	Claverley, Christchurch	Rissington, Napier
Ashburton Gorge, Christchurch	Cromarty, Invercargill	Takekeroa, Auckland
Birkdale, Auckland	Khandallah, Wellington	Te Ahuahu, Auckland
Blackbridge, Wellington	Motiti, Thames	Tuiwahi, Wellington.
Bullendale, Invercargill	Otira Gorge, Greymouth	

The number of post-offices open at the end of the year was 1,807.

## PARCEL-POST.

The following table shows the number and weight of parcels posted during the years 1890, 1901, and 1902:—

Postal Districts.	1890.		1900.		1901.		1902.	
	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.
		lb. oz.		lb. oz.		lb. oz.		lb. oz.
Auckland .. .. .	21,882	57,912 10	40,287	122,449 9	45,131	145,899 4	48,878	167,123 3
Thames .. .. .	1,491	3,661 8	2,989	9,094 4	3,763	10,848 12	3,426	10,376 9
New Plymouth .. .. .	1,007	2,674 3	3,038	9,615 9	4,203	10,589 1	4,501	13,202 0
Gisborne .. .. .	938	2,570 6	2,022	5,771 15	2,243	7,100 3	2,570	7,650 11
Napier .. .. .	6,265	17,075 14	8,848	28,142 15	10,543	32,021 7	10,363	31,606 2
Wanganui .. .. .	4,035	9,563 8	8,846	28,206 10	11,143	34,715 1	11,487	35,232 10
Wellington .. .. .	25,893	74,544 2	44,322	160,737 4	54,398	194,258 6	60,954	219,805 11
Nelson .. .. .	4,723	13,370 7	5,261	16,916 4	5,931	18,940 6	5,846	18,761 4
Westport .. .. .	1,077	2,332 4	1,868	4,645 15	2,307	5,811 14	2,384	6,119 6
Greymouth .. .. .	2,509	6,243 13	2,583	7,711 4	3,076	9,416 10	2,737	9,011 15
Hokitika .. .. .	1,413	3,924 5	2,527	9,173 5	2,993	10,786 3	2,961	10,197 13
Blenheim .. .. .	1,846	4,357 11	1,961	5,976 4	2,417	7,282 13	2,090	6,469 8
Christchurch .. .. .	19,383	58,708 4	30,897	118,206 3	35,308	122,838 2	35,292	127,831 6
Timaru .. .. .	2,013	4,774 8	1,743	5,294 1	2,072	6,025 1	2,507	6,856 10
Oamaru .. .. .	859	2,123 3	1,149	4,162 7	1,715	5,822 13	1,805	6,002 7
Dunedin .. .. .	22,500	65,329 13	34,411	125,419 10	39,400	145,149 15	39,600	166,967 1
Invercargill .. .. .	3,458	7,477 5	6,661	20,617 0	6,848	18,590 0	6,692	17,855 3
Totals .. .. .	121,292	336,643 12	199,413	682,140 7	233,491	786,095 15	244,093	861,069 7

## REGISTERED LETTERS.

The number of registered articles dealt with in 1902, compared with the numbers in 1890, 1900, and 1901, is shown below:—

Postal Districts.	1890.			1900.			1901.			1902.		
	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	18,108	101,533	119,641	18,577	117,891	136,468	18,779	120,739	139,518
Thames ..	130	4,781	4,911	267	19,912	20,179	302	22,768	23,070	297	20,057	20,354
New Plymouth ..	341	3,372	3,713	1,310	16,903	18,213	1,498	18,306	19,804	1,890	19,736	21,626
Gisborne ..	118	2,120	2,238	421	7,193	7,614	421	6,468	6,889	426	6,651	7,077
Napier ..	999	10,911	11,910	1,659	26,685	28,344	1,952	26,404	28,356	1,904	26,282	28,186
Wanganui ..	211	6,060	6,271	2,151	24,980	27,131	2,364	32,707	35,071	2,390	33,212	35,602
Wellington ..	6,129	30,369	36,498	9,513	85,915	95,428	13,595	106,859	120,454	15,953	96,336	112,289
Blenheim ..	92	3,193	3,285	116	6,371	6,487	116	8,071	8,187	372	7,736	8,108
Nelson ..	322	3,430	3,752	644	14,726	15,370	1,018	14,814	15,832	1,220	16,919	18,139
Westport ..	112	3,254	3,366	354	6,974	7,328	880	8,518	9,398	882	8,431	9,313
Greymouth ..	102	8,879	8,981	680	11,606	12,286	602	13,776	14,378	527	7,955	8,482
Hokitika ..	95	2,579	2,674	94	4,344	4,438	503	6,684	7,137	562	6,643	7,205
Christchurch ..	3,659	20,404	24,063	5,404	49,049	54,453	5,690	56,399	62,089	6,430	51,215	57,645
Timaru ..	312	3,551	3,863	1,196	9,973	11,169	1,260	10,736	11,936	1,100	13,174	14,274
Oamaru ..	278	2,505	2,783	120	8,880	9,000	116	7,815	7,931	136	6,094	6,230
Dunedin ..	4,615	19,696	24,311	6,954	44,003	50,957	7,746	53,324	61,070	7,986	53,411	61,397
Invercargill ..	1,740	9,819	11,559	3,352	24,989	28,341	5,107	26,071	31,178	5,580	31,233	36,813
Totals ..	26,374	169,321	195,695	52,343	464,036	516,379	61,747	537,561	599,308	66,434	525,824	592,258

## INLAND MAILS.

The inland mail-service contracts have been performed without serious interruption. A general reletting of contracts for the triennium 1904-6 takes place this year.

The contract for a twice-weekly steamer service between Wanganui and Pipiriki, in addition to that carried on by Messrs. Hatrick and Co., referred to in last year's report as having been let to the Wanganui Settlers' River Steamship Company, was allowed to lapse on the 15th September owing to the company going into liquidation.

On the 28th January last the frequency of the Wanganui River steamer mail-service was increased as far as Pipiriki from twice to five times weekly during the tourist season, and once to twice weekly during the remainder of the year. The contract entered into between the Postmaster-General and Messrs. Hatrick and Co. in 1896 was, in so far as it related to the service between Wanganui and Pipiriki, terminated on that date, a new contract being entered into between the Department of Industries and Commerce and the company.

A further extension of the railway travelling post-office in the Auckland district is to take place immediately. Under the new arrangement sorting-vans will be run through from Auckland to Thames, and *vice versa*. This will materially relieve the work of the Chief Post-office, by throwing the distribution of a large quantity of mail-matter on the travelling post-office and reducing the number of small mails hitherto made up at Auckland.

The number of contracts for inland mails in operation in 1902 was 685.

There were in addition 452 services not under bond.

The length of inland postal routes by road (counted one way only) was 10,562 miles, and the total number of miles travelled 2,645,407, at an average cost of 3·38d. per mile. In 1901 the respective mileages were 10,310 miles and 2,518,094, at an average cost of 3·37d. per mile.

Ordinary railway-trains with mails travelled 3,272,855 miles.

The estimated sum payable to the Railway Department for the conveyance of mails by ordinary trains was £43,012 12s.

## SAN FRANCISCO MAIL-SERVICE.

The authority the House of Representatives gave Government to renew for eighteen months the arrangement with the J. D. Spreckels and Bros. Company for the performance of the San Francisco mail-service expired with May of the present year. Temporary provision has been made to continue the service until the House has had an opportunity of considering the question of renewal. There have been no serious delays for which the contractors could be charged, but the vexation is still experienced of a few hours' late arrival of the steamer at San Francisco with the Homeward mails being followed by a late arrival of days in London. Delays on the Atlantic and with the United States railway services have been responsible for a number of late deliveries at Auckland.

A contract dated the 30th June, 1902, embodied generally the decision of the House of Representatives, and made the usual provisions for safeguarding the interests of the colony in so far as the sailings from New Zealand were concerned. Clause 9 of the contract was the subject of considerable discussion: the Government, being desirous of obtaining the maximum delay of the vessels in San Francisco to await the arrival of the English mails, contended for a detention of ninety-six hours, as provided in previous contracts. Ultimately the period was fixed at seventy-two hours, subject to the consent of the United States Government, which alone could sanction such an arrangement. This was given. It is not, however, expected that the period of seventy-two hours will need to be availed of in holding a vessel for the mails.

## VANCOUVER MAIL-SERVICE.

No progress has been made in the negotiations for the inclusion of a New Zealand port as a calling-place for the Vancouver steamers. The Commonwealth Government has now extended the term of the present contract for two years only, presumably because the Imperial Government has given notice to terminate the P. and O. and Orient contract services in 1904, so as to admit of the whole question of mail-services between the colonies and Great Britain coming up for general review. The present Vancouver service leaves much to be desired in the direction of regular delivery of mails in London, and this can only be attained by placing faster steamers on the Pacific. The ocean mail-service question was fully discussed at the Conference of Premiers in London last year.

## RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS on Account of the SAN FRANCISCO, PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL, and ORIENT MAIL-SERVICES for the Year 1902.

*San Francisco Service.*

DR.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Payments by weight—									
On mails from New Zealand ... ..	16,038	16	4						
On mails from Fiji (from 1st July, 1901, to 31st December, 1902)	96	5	7				16,135	1	11
Interprovincial service, mail agents, &c. ... ..				5,813	8	5			
Transit charges { San Francisco to New York ... ..				4,300	7	5			
{ New York to Queenstown ... ..				1,822	10	9			
							28,071	8	6
CR.									
Postages collected in the colony ... ..				13,290	2	2			
Contributions from Fiji... ..				96	5	7			
							13,386	7	9
Net cost to the colony ... ..							£14,685	0	9

1,032,497 letters, 12,540 post-cards, 614,117 books, and 1,210,682 newspapers were received from, and 1,029,028 letters, 12,498 post-cards, 179,022 books, and 720,882 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, 30·61 days, as against 30·88 days in 1901; and from London to Auckland, 30·94 days, as compared with 30·94 days in the previous year. The shortest delivery was made in 28 days.

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

DR.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Payments to P. and O. and Orient lines ... ..	3,209	11	11			
Transit charges across Australia ... ..	156	8	2			
Transit charges across Europe ... ..	375	4	6			
Gratuities (to and from Australia) ... ..	1,787	10	5			
				5,528	15	0
CR.						
Postages collected in the colony ... ..	1,743	4	11			
Postages, &c., from London and foreign offices ... ..	1,381	18	5			
				3,125	3	4
Net cost to the colony ... ..				£2,403	11	8

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—817,590 letters, 9,930 post-cards, 408,107 books, and 1,675,572 newspapers; despatched—127,252 letters, 1,545 post-cards, 16,732 books, and 84,546 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 1902 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	30	30·94	39	36	37·27	43	37	39·15
Auckland to London .. ..	34	28	30·61	42	38	39·85	44	38	40·88
London to Wellington .. ..	36	31	32·44	42	38	39·35	41	39	40·08
Wellington to London .. ..	35	29	31·61	44	36	41·37	46	37	42·54
London to Dunedin .. ..	37	33	33·72	43	39	39·29	43	39	39·52
Dunedin to London .. ..	37	31	33·61	43	40	40·79	45	41	41·79
London to Bluff .. ..	38	34	34·47	42	38	38·54	42	38	38·77
Bluff to London .. ..	38	32	34·36	42	39	40·04	44	40	41·04

The several subsidised sea mail-services, the subsidy-payments for the year 1902-3, 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 ..	16,039	0	0	April, 1871	May, 1903	17	5,925	3	2.22½
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., 1903	939	6	0	2.56
Auckland and Great Barrier ..	250	0	0	Oct., 1891	Dec., 1903	52	120	0	9.62
Dargaville and Tangiteroria ..	100	0	0	Nov., 1893	Dec., 1903	52	46	0	10.03
Helensville and Matakoho ..	550	0	0	Jan., 1881	Dec., 1902	52	118	0	6.05
Helensville and Dargaville ..	600	0	0*		Dec., 1903	104	170		
Horseke, Kohukohu, Rawene, Koutu, and Opononi	233	0	0	Jan., 1889	Dec., 1903	52	48	1	10.40
Russell and Opuā ..	112	0	0	Jan., 1889	Dec., 1903	156	16	0	10.77
Whangaroa and Totara North ..	25	0	0	Jan., 1891	Dec., 1903	52	2	..	..
Wellington, Ketu Bay, Homewood, Maori Bay (and other offices), and Havelock	365	0	0	Dec., 1891	Dec., 1903	26	183	1	6.41
Wellington and Motueka ..	475	0	0	Nov., 1902	Oct., 1903	43	210	1	0.62
Nelson, Motueka, Totaranui, Takaka, and Collingwood	125	0	0	..	Dec., 1903	52	130	0	4.44
Westport and Karamea ..	400	0	0	June, 1886	Dec., 1903	36	102	1	8.62
Westport and Little Wanganui ..				Jan., 1895	Dec., 1903	12	82		
Hokitika, Okarito, Bruce Bay, Paringa, Haast, Okura, and Jackson's Bay				Jan., 1886	Dec., 1903	6	384		
Lyttelton and Chatham Islands (including Pitt's Island)	300	0	0	..	Mar., 1904	6	1,050	0	11.43
Bluff and Half-moon Bay ..	245	0	0	July, 1886	Dec., 1903	52	48	1	11.56
Bluff and Te Oneroa ..	300	0	0†	April, 1893	April, 1904	12	208	2	4.85
Interprovincial service in connection with San Francisco line	3,500	0	0	Nov., 1886	June, 1903	13	..	..	..

\* Subsidy increased by £50 from 1st January, 1903.

† Subsidy to be paid in moieties by the Marine and the Post and Telegraph Departments.

‡ On basis of payment for outward voyage, which alone is controlled by New Zealand.

#### BUILDINGS.

The extensive alterations and additions to the Chief Post-office building at Dunedin are being pushed forward, and are nearly completed.

The extension and alteration of the Chief Post-office building at Christchurch should not be longer delayed. This is an urgent work.

The land and buildings adjoining the General Post Office, Wellington, have been acquired. A part has been fitted up as a mechanics' workshop, and accommodation is being provided for part of the clerical staff of the clearing-room and for storage of mails. No decision has yet been come to about the plan to be adopted for enlarging the General Post Office.

New offices are to be erected at Greymouth, Tauranga, Nelson, Palmerston North, and several smaller places.

The public clocks for the post-offices at Ashburton, Feilding, and Oamaru are now in course of manufacture.

New buildings have been erected, or are in course of erection, at Carterton, Dargaville, Gisborne, Half-moon Bay, Hunterville, Kaponga, Levin, Norsewood, Onehunga, Paparoa, Raetihi, Spit, Tapanui (Postmaster's residence), Te Puke, Wanganui, and Woodville.

The following general repairs, additions, &c., were carried out during the year: Repairs, Akaroa; completion of alterations, also water-supply, &c., Auckland; erection of public clock, Bluff; renovations and repairs, Cheviot; purchase of land for storage purposes, Christchurch; painting, &c., Collingwood; fencing, Denniston; water-supply service, drainage, &c., Pacific-cable Station, Doubtless Bay; linoleum, &c., Dunedin Telegraph-office; renovations, furniture, and fittings, Gisborne; fittings, &c., Gore; renovations, furniture, &c., Hastings; repairs, Havelock; repairs, Hokitika; reclaiming site, Hunterville; purchase of house and land, Kaeo; repairs, Kumara; purchase of site, Levin; altering and repairing building for branch post-office, Lichfield Street, Christchurch; additions and repairs, Lyell; alterations and additions, Manaia; erection of public clock, Masterton; postal accommodation at railway-station, Mercer; room for mails at railway-station, New Plymouth; alterations to caretaker's quarters and erection of public-clock tower, Oamaru; fittings, &c., at new office and alterations and repairs at old post-office building, Onehunga; drainage, Opuake; accommodation for post-office at railway-station, Orepuki; additions, Raglan; purchase of land, Rongotea; repairs, &c., Te Kopuru; fencing, &c., Temuka; alterations, &c., Timaru; repairs, painting, &c., Waiāu; additions, Waihi; additions to Postmaster's residence, Waipukurau; alterations and additions, Wairoa; repairs, &c., Waiuku; fittings at new post-office building and erection of public clock, Wanganui; excavating cellar, furniture, &c., General Post Office; renovations and extension of water-mains, Post and Telegraph Store; enlargement of switching-room, Wellington Telephone Exchange; additions and alterations, Westport; additions, Whangarei.

## PARCEL-POST.

The following table shows the number and weight of parcels exchanged with the United Kingdom and the undermentioned places during the years 1901 and 1902:—

Country.	Received.				Despatched.			
	1901.		1902.		1901.		1902.	
	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.
United Kingdom and foreign countries ( <i>via</i> London)	24,011	93,411 0	28,881	119,612 0	5,787	15,308 0	6,225	15,411 0
United States .. .. .	3,019	8,784 15	4,123	11,725 5	833	2,380 1	1,085	2,968 6
Canada .. .. .	221	299 8	303	512 8	131	285 10	168	501 12
Victoria .. .. .	2,853	13,235 0	4,071	13,393 0	1,456	3,045 0	1,961	4,509 4
New South Wales .. .. .	7,260	21,233 0	7,705	21,461 0	2,386	5,849 1½	2,704	5,948 10
South Australia .. .. .	284	857 6	380	1,147 9	245	707 1	246	622 0
Queensland .. .. .	408	807 14	507	1,102 12	342	990 6	359	742 15
Tasmania .. .. .	217	567 13	237	753 14	377	914 8	464	1,039 7
Western Australia .. .. .	211	517 6	235	645 8	264	692 12	310	778 4
Samoa .. .. .	..	..	112	53 0	155	394 4	143	508 10
Cook Islands .. .. .	32	109 12	21	74 8	86	378 15	27	119 2
Fiji .. .. .	60	137 2	48	121 9	168	532 8	251	781 9
Ceylon .. .. .	487	1,196 3½	209	646 6	101	239 15	54	114 11
Uruguay .. .. .	..	..	..	..	17	36 1	24	85 9
Cape Colony .. .. .	814	860 0	396	740 8	537	1,342 6	407	975 12
Transvaal .. .. .	..	..	..	..	378	779 10	151	261 10
Natal .. .. .	*72	103 0	174	300 13	*26	56 2	64	149 4
Malta .. .. .	2	21 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
India .. .. .	..	..	352	939 9	147	78 11	136	339 13
Totals .. .. .	39,951	142,140 15½	47,654	173,229 13	13,336	34,010 15½	14,779	35,852 10

\* Six months only.

† Four months only.

‡ Five months only.

§ Seven months only.

The declared value of parcels received from places outside the colony in 1902 was £123,912. The Customs duty collected amounted to £22,737.

The declared value of parcels despatched to places beyond the colony was £16,313, as against £16,154 in 1901.

## OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The estimated volume and value of official and other free correspondence posted during 1902 is given in the statement below:—

District.	Letters.	Packets.	Registered Articles.	Newspapers.
Auckland .. .. .	870,441	6,604	11,867	53,162
Thames .. .. .	74,776	2,946	2,004	33,178
New Plymouth .. .. .	158,873	15,100	1,900	33,670
Gisborne .. .. .	38,649	3,484	1,012	18,343
Napier .. .. .	189,306	9,731	2,367	56,749
Wanganui .. .. .	249,119	3,997	7,668	90,406
Wellington .. .. .	1,500,187	275,270	29,840	368,003
Nelson .. .. .	123,279	7,406	6,028	43,362
Westport .. .. .	44,850	617	2,337	32,064
Greyouth .. .. .	62,920	3,799	1,866	48,354
Hokitika .. .. .	39,455	3,624	2,251	32,082
Blenheim .. .. .	56,368	2,748	850	24,910
Christchurch .. .. .	572,169	24,352	13,794	137,414
Timaru .. .. .	84,760	3,500	3,650	32,000
Oamaru .. .. .	57,083	1,612	1,049	33,696
Dunedin .. .. .	641,576	55,452	13,472	206,088
Invercargill .. .. .	275,821	19,117	7,972	80,220
Totals .. .. .	5,039,632	439,359	109,927	1,323,701

The estimated value of official correspondence was £71,946.

## DEAD LETTERS.

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

Manner of Disposal.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1889.	1890.	1894.	1896.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.
Opened and returned to the writers	68,942	66,592	66,729	62,847	62,654	60,540	61,745	63,112	68,872	74,132	76,692	100,036	107,476
Returned unopened to other countries	9,134	8,115	8,359	7,287	6,220	7,779	8,941	7,546	8,899	9,706	9,707	12,251	14,401
Reissued .. .. .	107	185	251	96	92	141	130	148	219	178	265	*5,112	†13,373
Destroyed .. .. .	3,986	2,872	6,600	5,974	4,340	2,660	4,725	4,069	3,368	4,536	4,900	5,705	6,249
Returned unopened by Chief Postmasters	17,593	19,187	21,144	20,185	21,164	21,931	22,042	26,414	33,273	22,915	40,282	44,523	54,285
Totals .. .. .	99,762	96,951	103,083	96,389	94,470	93,051	97,563	101,289	114,631	111,467	131,846	167,627	195,784

\* Including 4,911 troopers' letters.

† Including 13,180 troopers' letters.

The proportion of dead or unclaimed letters, letter-cards, and post-cards to the total number dealt with in the colony was 0·31 per cent., as against 0·31 per cent. in 1901.

37,072 book-packets and circulars were returned to foreign countries; 36,591 were returned to senders through the Dead-letter Office; 54,664 were returned by Chief Postmasters: a total of 128,327 book-packets and circulars, as compared with 106,868 in 1901.

686 letters were wrongly addressed; 21 letters were discovered to have been posted with previously used stamps; 2,973 unclaimed registered letters were dealt with.

2,313 newspapers and 1,375 books and other articles without addresses were received, many of which were subsequently applied for and delivered.

1,613 newspapers were returned to the publishers.

622 letters and 134 letter-cards were posted without addresses.

14 letters with libellous addresses were intercepted.

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

	£	s.	d.
954 post-office orders	1,091	14	7
59 bank drafts	5,320	19	3
318 cheques	2,207	14	9
18 dividend warrants	27	11	8
10 promissory notes	273	3	0
Postal notes	244	17	4
Stamps	38	6	4½
Bank-notes	358	0	0
Gold	33	10	0
Silver and copper	6	17	5

Representing a total of ... .. £9,602 14 4½

Included in the above list of articles of value, the following items related to letters addressed to "Tattersall," which were returned from Hobart, Tasmania, in accordance with the lottery laws now in force throughout the Commonwealth of Australia:—

	£	s.	d.
623 post-office orders	406	0	2
8 bank drafts	25	7	0
15 cheques	27	1	0
Postal notes	141	19	4
Stamps	11	19	11
Bank-notes	148	0	0
Gold	6	10	0
Silver and copper	0	5	0

Total ... .. £767 2 5

In addition, 1 ladies' gold watch, 2 ladies' gold keyless watches and chains, 1 ladies' rolled-gold watch and chain, 1 ladies' silver watch, 1 ladies' silver watch and chain, 1 gold watch, 6 silver watches, 5 silver keyless watches, 2 silver keyless watches and chains, 1 metal watch and chain, 1 keyless metal watch, 1 wrist watch, 7 gold rings, 1 silver ring, 1 metal ring, 3 gold brooches, 13 gold-mounted brooches, 3 gold-mounted greenstone brooches, 1 gold-plated brooch, 5 brooches, 1 silver brooch, 6 gold-mounted ear-rings, 1 gold nugget scarf-pin, 3 gold scarf-pins, 1 gold scarf-pin with opal, 2 greenstone pendants, 2 gold-mounted greenstone pendants, 1 gold-mounted greenstone maltese cross, 1 pair of gold sleeve-links, 1 set of studs, 5 silver spoons, 3 silver medals, 1 gold bracelet, 1 rolled-gold bangle, 1 gold trinket, 2 small pieces of gold, 1 boar's tusk, 1 pair pince-nez, 1 pair of silver scissors, 4 metal tie-pins, 1 purse, 1 ladies' blouse, 3 pawn tickets, 28 share certificates, 4 sheets foreign stamps, 3 packets foreign stamps, 1 white silk handkerchief and scapula, 254 Tattersall's lottery tickets, 5 steamer tickets (1 San Francisco to Auckland, 1 Melbourne to Bluff steerage, 1 Sydney to Dunedin steerage, 1 Thames to Auckland saloon, 1 Lyttelton to Wellington steerage), and 1 order for third-class passage from London to Bluff were dealt with.

The number of inland, intercolonial, and international articles received and disposed of during the years 1901 and 1902 was as under:—

	1901.					1902.				
	Letters.	Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Packets.	News-papers.	Letters.	Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Packets.	News-papers.
<i>Inland.</i>										
Returned, delivered, &c., through Dead-letter Office	88,115	1,726	1,360	34,215	1,951	100,699	2,225	1,035	35,245	1,618
Returned by Chief Postmasters direct ..	40,909	..	3,614	46,456	..	49,986	..	4,299	54,664	..
Destroyed in accordance with law ..	4,746	118	86	9,139	42,736	5,061	114	160	1,348	31,596
<i>Australian.</i>										
Originally addressed to other States:—										
Returned to writers ..	5,475	..	91	556	..	7,143	..	259	662	..
Destroyed in accordance with law ..	291	..	10	34	..	386	..	14	67	..
Returned to other States as unclaimed	4,969	48	32	3,959	..	5,948	..	249	4,851	..
<i>International.</i>										
Originally addressed to other countries:—										
Returned to writers ..	8,272	..	109	963	..	9,156	..	332	634	..
Destroyed in accordance with law ..	439	..	15	45	..	496	..	18	85	278
Returned to other countries as unclaimed	7,091	67	44	20,719	..	7,874	..	330	32,221	536
Totals .. .. .	160,307	1,959	5,361	116,086	44,687	186,749	2,339	6,696	129,827	34,023

## MISSING LETTERS.

1,183 inquiries for letters and 1,049 for other articles alleged to have been posted and not delivered were made during 1902. In 584 of the inquiries for letters and 588 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.		
61	59	...	Missent, misdelivered, or otherwise delayed through fault of Post Office.
46	48	...	Delayed in delivery through fault of addressees.
35	35	...	Not posted.
59	60	...	Posted later than advised; forwarded by slower routes than letters of advice, &c.
121	119	...	Defectively or wrongly addressed.
32	30	...	Mislaid or lost after delivery.
33	37	...	Returned through Dead-letter Office as unclaimed, &c.
197	200	...	Delivered. Reason for inquiry not given, but probably in most cases omission by addressees to acknowledge receipt.
584	588		

## MONEY-ORDERS.

Twenty-one money-order offices were opened during the year—namely, Ahuroa, Anuanu, Aramoho, Halswell, Hawea Flat, Kiripaka, Koputarua, Lichfield Street, Mamaku, Niue, Northcote, Okaiawa, Penrhyn Island, Rarotonga, St. John's, Saies, Tariki, Toko, Towai, Turua, Whakapara.

Four offices were closed—namely, Anuanu, Motupiko, Porootarao, Tahekeroa.

The number of offices open at the end of the year was 494, as against 477 twelve months previously.

367,207 money-orders were issued for £1,277,059 2s. 3d., as compared with 405,967 for £1,286,508 1s. 10d. in 1901—a decrease of 38,760 in number and £9,448 19s. 7d. in amount. The decrease is due to the suppression of racing-lotteries in Tasmania. In 1901 there were 69,012 orders for £62,184 1s. 8d. drawn in New Zealand for payment in Tasmania, while in 1902 there were only 14,589 for £15,628 8s. 8d., a falling-off of 54,423 orders, representing £46,555 13s.

286,642 money-orders, amounting to £1,117,137 12s. 8d., were paid, as against 283,611 for £1,108,399 6s. 2d. during 1901—an increase of 3,031 orders and £8,738 6s. 6d.

There were 49,230 telegraph money-orders issued for £152,407 14s., as compared with 46,570 orders for £147,524 14s. 9d. in 1901—an increase of 2,660 in number and £4,882 19s. 3d. in amount.

109,097 orders for £262,335 6s. 3d. were issued on places beyond New Zealand, as against 150,623 orders for £284,451 9s. 9d. during 1901.

28,259 orders for £103,530 3s. 11d. were issued at places beyond New Zealand for payment in the colony, as compared with 27,770 orders for £103,821 19s. 2d. during the previous year.

The commission received for money-orders amounted to £14,915 18s. 2d., as against £17,518 11s. received during 1901. The loss of revenue is due to the cause already mentioned.

## SAVINGS-BANKS.

There were nineteen offices opened during the year for the transaction of savings-bank business—namely, Anuanu, Aramoho, Ahuroa, Halswell, Hawea Flat, Kiripaka, Koputarua, Lichfield Street, Mamaku, Nireaha, Northcote, Okaiawa, St. John's, Saies, Tariki, Toko, Towai, Turua, and Whakapara.

Four offices were closed—namely, Anuanu, Motupiko, Porootarao, and Tahekeroa.

There were 481 offices open at the end of 1902, as against 466 at the end of the previous year.

53,587 accounts were opened and 38,558 closed, the net gain on the year's working being 15,029 accounts. The number of depositors on the 31st December was 227,465, and the proportion of accounts per head of population was 1 in 3.51, as compared with 1 in 3.66 at the end of the previous year.

The deposits numbered 411,215, representing £5,069,619 6s. 2d., an average of £12 6s. 7d. per transaction. The withdrawals numbered 273,454 for £4,708,771 11s. 2d., an average of £17 4s. 5d. for each withdrawal.

The net amount added by the depositors to their savings during the year was therefore £360,847 15s., plus £172,926 1s. 7d. interest earned and credited, making a total of £533,773 16s. 7d.

The total amount at credit of depositors increased from £6,350,013 9s. 2d. at the close of the previous year to £6,883,787 5s. 9d. on 31st December last, representing a sum equal to £8 10s. 5d. per head of the entire population, and £30 5s. 3d. to each depositor.

Last year the figures were £8 3s. 3d. and £29 17s. 10d. respectively.

The interest credited to depositors since the Post-Office Savings-banks were established in 1867 now amounts to £2,519,087 4s. 3d.

The cost of working the savings-banks amounted to 4.90d. per transaction, or £14,000 for the year.

The cost of management per cent. on the total amount at credit of depositors was 0.203 per cent., or 4s. 1d. per £100.

Average number of deposits per day, 1901 ...	...	...	...	1,244
" " " " 1902 ...	...	...	...	1,344
Increase per cent. ...	...	...	...	8·04
Average number of withdrawals per day, 1901 ...	...	...	...	810
" " " " 1902 ...	...	...	...	894
Increase per cent. ...	...	...	...	10·37
Average daily amount deposited, 1901 ...	...	...	£15,070	2s. 4d.
" " " " 1902 ...	...	...	£16,567	7s. 8d.
Average daily amount withdrawn, 1901 ...	...	...	£13,824	3s. 2d.
" " " " 1902 ...	...	...	£15,388	2s. 10d.

#### POSTAL NOTES.

The postal-note business, as in former years, continues to show a considerable increase.

The following offices were created postal-note offices during the year ended 31st March, 1903:—

Ahuroa.	Halswell.	Morere.	Te Kiri.
Anuanu.	Huiakama.	Nine.	Towai.
Aramoho.	Jackson's.	Penrhyn Island.	Turua.
Birchfield.	Kiripaka.	Rarotonga.	Uruti Road.
Clifden.	Koputarua.	Rough Ridge.	Waipara.
Flat Creek.	Lichfield Street.	Springston.	Whakapara.
Garston.	Mangamahoe.	St. John's.	
Greatford.	Matahuru.	Tariki.	

Total opened, 30; 5 closed—namely, Anuanu, Cheltenham, Hastwell's, Porootarao, Tahekeroa.

The number of offices at which postal notes were sold at the end of the financial year was 575, as compared with 550 on the 31st March, 1902.

616,264 notes of the value of £191,904 13s. were sold, as against 556,316 for £173,317 5s. sold during the previous year.

The postal notes paid numbered 610,464, of the value of £190,374 14s. 6d., as compared with 552,878, of the value of £172,522 15s. 6d., paid during 1901–2.

The postal-note commission amounted to £4,195 17s. 10d., as against £3,790 15s. 11d.

#### TELEGRAPHS.

The total value of the telegraph and telephone business for the year ended the 31st March last, including miscellaneous telegraph receipts and Government telegrams, was £248,934 19s. 4d., as compared with £234,984 2s. 2d. for the previous year—an increase of £13,950 17s. 2d., or 5·94 per cent.

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

	Number.		Value.	
1895–96 ...	1,899,632	...	£92,289	
1896–97 ...	2,285,001	Increase, 20·29 per cent.	97,453	Increase, 5·60 per cent.
1897–98 ...	2,469,415	" 8·07 "	96,537	Decrease, 0·94 "
1898–99 ...	2,717,548	" 10·05 "	101,104	Increase, 4·73 "
1899–00 ...	3,159,093	" 16·25 "	114,383	" 13·13 "
1900–1 ...	3,534,444	" 11·88 "	126,382	" 10·49 "
1901–2 ...	3,850,391	" 8·94 "	141,581	" 12·03 "
1902–3 ...	4,271,218	" 10·93 "	153,338	" 8·30 "

#### TELEGRAPH BUSINESS.

Table showing the number of telegrams forwarded, and the revenue derived therefrom, during the four quarters of the financial years 1901–2 and 1902–3 respectively:—

Quarter.	Number of Telegrams forwarded.		Increase per Cent.	Revenue.		Increase Per Cent.
	Year ended 31st March, 1902.	Year ended 31st March, 1903.		1901–2.	1902–3.	
June quarter ...	951,480	1,007,506	5·89	£ 34,983 9 5	£ 36,643 5 9	4·75
September quarter ...	874,759	979,372	11·96	32,333 13 2	35,387 4 5	9·44
December quarter ...	980,310	1,131,682	15·44	35,773 9 9	40,436 4 11½	13·03
March quarter ...	1,043,842	1,152,658	10·42	38,490 10 3	40,871 8 1½	6·18
	3,850,391	4,271,218	10·93	141,581 2 7	153,338 3 3	8·30

The telegraph receipts for the financial year, including telephone-exchange subscriptions, private-wire rents, &c., amounted to £222,494 16s. 6d., compared with £207,476 4s. 8d. in 1901–2—an increase of £15,018 11s. 10d., or 7·24 per cent.

The expenditure was £228,367 Os. 7d., as against £212,415 11s. for the previous year—an increase of £15,951 9s. 7d., or 7·51 per cent.

There was 7,749 miles of line and 22,672 miles of wire at the close of the year—an increase of 280 and 967 miles respectively.

The net expenditure out of Public Works Fund for telegraph extension was £68,578 7s. 8d., as compared with £31,728 16s. 2d. in 1901-2.

The number of private wires and subsidised lines was 360, compared with 365 in 1901-2. The amount received for rent, maintenance, &c., was £1,967 3s. 8d., as against £1,959 19s. in 1901-2.

The total number of telegraph and telephone offices open at the close of the year was 1,103. Of these, 260 were telegraph-offices and 843 telephone-offices.

The number of telegrams of all codes forwarded during last financial year was 4,559,304—an increase of 391,323, or 9·39 per cent., over 1901-2.

The proportion of paid telegrams per head of population was 5·32, and 5·33 the previous year.

The number of ordinary telegrams forwarded was 3,341,813, of the value of £115,896 8s. 7d., compared with 3,046,421 for £107,633 2s. 10d. in 1901-2—an increase of 295,392 and £8,263 5s. 9d.

The average value of each ordinary telegram was 8·32d., and of urgent telegrams, 1s. 3·60d.

The urgent telegrams numbered 183,412, of the value of £11,919 8s. 11d.—an increase of 18,871 in number and £1,006 6s. 2d. in amount.

374,045 press telegrams, of the value of £14,750 3s. 11d., were forwarded in 1902-3, as compared with 328,405, valued at £13,878 17s. 1d., forwarded in 1901-2—an increase of 45,640, or 13·9 per cent. in number and 6·28 per cent. in value.

The value of each press telegram averaged 9·46d., as against 10·14d. in 1901-2.

The bureau messages numbered 371,948, of the value of £10,772 1s. 9d., as compared with 311,024, of the value of £9,195 9s. 4d.—an increase of 60,924 in number and £1,576 12s. 5d. in amount.

The average value of each bureau message was 6·95d. as against 7·09d. in 1901-2.

It will thus be seen that all classes of paid telegrams show a substantial increase.

The number of Government telegrams forwarded was 288,086, valued at £26,440 2s. 10d., as compared with 317,590, of the value of £27,507 17s. 6d.—a decrease of 29,504 in number and of £1,067 14s. 8d. in amount.

49,230 money-orders for £152,407 14s. were transmitted by telegraph as against 46,570 for £147,524 14s. 9d. in 1901-2—an increase of 2,660 telegrams.

The number of paid forwarded telegrams to every hundred letters posted in New Zealand for delivery within the colony was 8·02, as against 7·96 in 1901-2.

#### TELEGRAPH MESSENGERS' DELIVERIES.

Telegraph messengers' deliveries (by Departmental messenger) were established as follows: Auckland—Warkworth. Christchurch—Doyleston, Hammer Springs, Leeston, Little River. New Plymouth—Tariki, Toko. Thames—Karangahake, Whakatane. Wellington—Halcombe, Sanson.

#### OFFICES OPENED and CLOSED during Financial Year ended 31st March, 1903.

##### Opened.

Aburoa.	Hopai.	Newton Flat.	Tane.
Ararimu South.	Horeke.	Okaramio.	Te Kao.
Ardmore.	Huiakama.	Okoia.	Te Kiri.
Ataahua.	Hurunui.	Onewhero.	The Forks.
Awaroa.	Ida Valley.	Otama.	Trentham.
Awhitu Central.	Inaha.	Otamatea.	Tiniroto.
Castlecliff.	Kenepuru Heads.	Papatawa.	Titahi Bay.
Closeburn.	Komata.	Portage.	Turangarere.
Cowes.	Lauriston.	Pukekou.	Victoria Valley.
East Cape.	Lichfield Street.	Putiki.	Waerenga.
East Taieri.	Mahau.	Pyramid.	Waimaha.
Fairburn's.	Maheno Bureau.	Raupo.	Waione.
Fernhill.	Maitland.	Richmond Hill.	Waitaria.
Gibbston.	Manaroa.	Rongomai.	Waitiri.
Golden Downs.	Mangotoro.	St. Helen's.	Waiwera Hotel.
Greenpark.	Matapu.	Scargill.	Wendonside.
Half Moon Bay.	Motupipi.	Scott's Gap.	Westerfield.
Hatuma.	Naumai.	Silverstream.	
Hilton.	Nelson Lighthouse.	Swanson.	

##### Closed.

Bullendale.	Ruapekapeka.	Tahereroa.	Te Moehau.
Mokihinui Mine.	Poro-o-Tarao.	Te Ahuahu.	Tiniroto.
Nelson Lighthouse.			

Opened during year, 74; closed, 9.

#### ELECTRIC POWER AND LIGHTING.

During the year the Department, as representing the Board of Control under "The Tramways Act, 1894," has had to deal with Orders in Council for the construction of tramways in Auckland, Wellington, and Dunedin.

Applications for licenses under "The Electric Lines Act, 1884," for the electric lighting of boroughs have been received from Gore, Hawera, Bluff, Christchurch, &c. Some of these involve transmission lines for considerable distances at voltages from 5,000 upwards, and entail considerable

investigation. The Department, as Board of Control, has also to certify to the accuracy of all electrical meters issued by the New Zealand Electrical Syndicate. The classes of work referred to are found to be generally on the increase.

#### TELEPHONE EXCHANGES.

The telephone exchanges are growing rapidly. 1,373 new subscribers were added last year, equal to an increase of nearly 15 per cent. Of these, 616 were at the four large centres. To keep pace with this growth, which may be expected to show even a greater percentage, the Department must contemplate a large capital expenditure, as well as a larger cost for maintenance in the future. Almost immediately it will be necessary to more than double the size of the Wellington Exchange building, by providing a new switchboard of the latest type for at least 5,000 subscribers. The old switchboard, of a capacity of 2,400, can be cut up and used at some of the smaller exchanges. The Auckland building will also require enlargement in a year or two. Dunedin and Christchurch have sufficient accommodation for some time.

The growth of the larger exchanges and the introduction of the electric tramways bring more prominently under the notice of the users of the telephone the induction from neighbouring wires and the currents from trolley circuits. While these disturbances do not destroy the usefulness of the service, they render conversation at times difficult and disagreeable. The Department has had under consideration for some time the installation of metallic circuits, and the necessary cables and materials for Auckland are expected immediately. Similar arrangements will be made at Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin.

#### TELEPHONE CIRCUITS ON TELEPHONE WIRES.

A change of some importance has been made in some circuits where telephonic communication between important centres has been so seriously affected by induction from neighbouring telegraph and telephone wires as to necessitate metallic circuits for the telephone, by so connecting a telegraph-wire and the affected telephone-wire that while the telegraph circuit remains unimpaired the telephone circuit, by being made metallic, is rendered practically free from inductive noises. Such superimposed circuits have been brought into operation between Wellington and Hutt, Dunedin and Balclutha with Milton intermediate, Dunedin and Palmerston with Waikouaiti intermediate, Christchurch and Akaroa with Little River intermediate, and Christchurch and Rangiora. Ashburton has been connected with Christchurch by telephone without an extra wire being used, it having proved practicable to give an efficient telephone service between those two places by using two telegraph-wires for the metallic circuit, the service of the wires for telegraph purposes being in no way affected.

A similar circuit has been installed between Greymouth and Hokitika, and another is on trial between Greymouth and Reefton. It is intended, where practicable, to introduce more of these superimposed circuits to improve existing telephonic services which are at present subject to induction. It is, however, only under certain conditions of telegraph-work that telegraph-wires can be so utilised, and the employment of these superimposed circuits is therefore somewhat limited.

#### GENERAL.

There were on the 31st March last 26 central and 44 sub-exchanges.

The following is a comparative return of the telephone-exchange connections for the years 1901-2 and 1902-3 :—

Exchange.	Number of Subscribers or Connections :	
	March 31, 1902.	March 31, 1903.
Ashburton ... ..	107	111
Auckland ... ..	1,371	1,554
Devonport ... ..	—	28
Blenheim ... ..	98	112
Christchurch ... ..	1,164	1,297
Akaroa ... ..	33	34
Doyleston ... ..	—	6
Leeston ... ..	—	10
Little River ... ..	—	7
Rangiora ... ..	13	14
Dannevirke ... ..	—	53
Dunedin ... ..	1,291	1,420
Balclutha ... ..	20	20
Kaitangata ... ..	5	5
Milton ... ..	20	20
Palmerston South ... ..	18	20
Port Chalmers ... ..	20	21
Waikouaiti ... ..	8	9
Feilding ... ..	99	110
Gisborne ... ..	215	237
Greymouth ... ..	128	161
Hawera ... ..	117	126
Eltham ... ..	13	26
Manaiia ... ..	18	19
Otakeho ... ..	1	1
Patea ... ..	24	30

Exchange.	Number of Subscribers or Connections:	
	March 31, 1902.	March 31, 1903.
Hokitika	95	122
Ross	—	7
Invercargill	291	313
Bluff	25	29
Edendale	6	5
Gore	66	78
Lumsden	16	16
Mataura	10	9
Otautau	26	28
Riversdale	17	18
Riverton	19	17
Winton	19	21
Woodlands	4	5
Wyndham	12	11
Masterton	111	134
Carterton	22	29
Eketahuna	14	15
Greytown North	—	11
Napier	334	357
Hastings	54	65
Weber	—	1
Nelson	138	185
New Plymouth	253	299
Inglewood	17	17
Waitara	14	14
Oamaru	173	183
Ngapara	1	1
Pahiatua	71	78
Woodville	17	21
Palmerston North	187	223
Rotorua	—	37
Stratford	86	95
Thames	81	79
Paeroa	17	23
Timaru	162	185
Fairlie	10	12
Temuka	15	17
Wanganui	328	379
Hunterville	6	6
Marton	29	36
Okaiawa	—	1
Waverley	—	11
Wellington	1,731	1,902
Westport	—	87
	<u>9,260</u>	<u>10,633</u>

The connections are classified: Paying, 9,769; free, 232; bureaux, 632: total, 10,633.

The exchange subscriptions amounted to £62,151 8s. 11d., or £6,609 4s. 2d. more than the previous year's.

The year's working-expenses, plus 5 per cent. on the capital cost, amounted to £56,276 19s. 8d.

The marked increase in number of exchanges and subscribers indicates the appreciation of the public both in town and country of the telephone-exchange system.

The following are particulars of telegraph and telephone wires, &c., in the colony on the 31st March, 1903:—

	Telegraph.	Telephone.
Miles of line, 1st April, 1902	7,469	601
"  31st March, 1903	7,748 $\frac{7}{8}$	667
Miles of wire, 1st April, 1902	21,705	7,767
"  31st March, 1903	22,672 $\frac{3}{8}$	8,727
Increase during the year—		
Miles of line	279 $\frac{7}{8}$	66
Miles of wire	967 $\frac{3}{8}$	960

## TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE.

## AUCKLAND.

*Construction.*

The following new lines have been erected in connection with the opening of new offices and providing further outlets between existing offices :—

	Miles of Poles.	Miles of Wire.
Auckland to Doubtless Bay	—	224
Henderson to Swanson	4	4
Motuihi to Waiheke Island offices (Putiki, Awaroa, and Cowes)	13½	13½
Tuakau to Onewhero	7	7
Aroa to Mangawhare	—	3
Totara North to Mangonui	—	17
Waihopo (telephone moved)	1¼	1¼
Lead off Mercer-Rangiriri line to Waerenga	8	8
Paeroa to Komata	3½	7½
Rotorua to Taupo	25	120
Opotiki to Ohiwa	—	10
Cambridge to Cambridge Sanatorium	5½	6
Manukau Heads to Awhitu Central	0½	5
Lead off Rawene-Kohukohu line to Horeke	5	5
Lead off Tekopuru-Behia line to Naumai and Raupo	5	5
Lead off Mercer-Rangiriri line to Waerenga Experimental Farm	—	0¼
Peria to Fairburn's and Victoria Valley	16	16
Ponsonby to Richmond Hill	0¾	1¾
Auckland to Devonport (trunk wire)...	—	11
For Public Works Department—		
Tahekeroa telephone moved to beyond Ahuroa	0¼	0¼
For Railway Department—		
Newmarket-Mount Eden Railway-station	1¼	1¼
Mercer Railway-signal wire	—	½
<b>Totals</b>	<b>96¾</b>	<b>467¾</b>
Dismantled—		
Whangaroa loop	—	12
Rotorua to Taupo	2	41
<b>Net increase</b>	<b>94¾</b>	<b>414¾</b>

The additions for the year make a grand total of 1,984¾ miles of poles and 5,131¾ miles of wire in this district.

*Offices.*

Seventeen new offices were opened during the year, and a bureau only at Waiwera Hotel.

Three offices were reopened (Ararimu South, Otamatea, and Te Kao) and four closed (Te Ahuahua, Tahekeroa, Paro-o-Tarao, and Ruapekapeka).

New offices have been occupied at Waihi, Mercer, Dargaville, Te Puke, Paparoa, Tapu, and Oponini.

Tauranga office was destroyed by fire on the 16th November, 1902.

Hamilton, Kawhia, and Raglan have been made bureaux. At Whangarei a duplex has been installed in place of the single set of instruments.

The Auckland operating-room has had to be enlarged and two extra quadruplexes installed. This office is also being refitted.

Whangaroa has been converted from a Morse to a telephone office.

*Maintenance.*

*Rotorua-Taupo.*—A new line from Rotorua connecting with the Cambridge-Taupo line at a point 25 miles south of Rotorua was erected, upon which three wires were run between this new junction and the old one, a distance of fifteen miles, the old route having been in a bad state and difficult to maintain.

On the old line between Orakeikorako and Earthquake Flat (where the Waiotapu line branches off) 2 miles of poles and 8 miles of wire have been dismantled, and between Earthquake Flat and Rotorua 33 miles of wire have been taken down. The whole section from Rotorua to the old junction (40 miles) has been thoroughly overhauled and strengthened, and is now in excellent order.

The section Auckland to Hamilton has received considerable attention. The Mangonui-Cape Maria Van Diemen section (100 miles) has been completely overhauled, and is now in good condition.

The Rotorua to Putaruru section (32 miles) has also been well attended to.

The work of rebuilding the Auckland-Doubtless Bay section is well in hand. The portion between Doubtless Bay and Whangarei, with the exception of about 3 miles near Kaeo, has been entirely rebuilt and brought on to the roads. To give greater stability a heavier and better class of pole has been used.

The line has now been connected into the Ohaeawai office, which enables faults to be localised within a much smaller distance. Linemen have been stationed at Mangonui, Whangarei, and Ohaeawai, permitting the men to cover their sections and meet in less than four hours.

*Telephone Exchanges.*

The Auckland Exchange is steadily increasing in numbers, there being on the 31st March 1,554 connections, including 55 bureaux, an increase of 183 during the year. Another section of 600 numbers has been added to the switchboard, providing for 2,099 subscribers.

The installation of the electric-tramways system in Auckland has necessitated considerable alterations to the telephone-lines, but nevertheless serious disturbance is experienced from induction. To overcome the difficulty metallic circuits will be installed immediately the necessary cable now on order arrives.

105¼ miles of poles and 1,657¼ miles of wire are utilised for exchange connections.

*Other Exchanges.*—New exchanges were opened during the year at Devonport (25 subscribers) and Rotorua (36 subscribers). Both are working well.

*Thames.*—This exchange is working satisfactorily. There is a decrease of 2 in the number of subscribers since last report.

*Paeroa.*—There are now 23 subscribers, an increase of 6.

The total connections with the various exchanges in the district are 1,721, of which 1,626 are paying, 28 free, and 67 bureaux—an increase of 252—and the poles and wire connected therewith aggregate respectively 125 miles and 1,749¼ miles.

WELLINGTON.

*Construction.*

The following new lines and wires were erected:—

	Miles of Poles.	Miles of Wire.
Okoia—lead off Wanganui—Mangamahu line ...	1	1
Taradale to Fernhill ...	5¾	6⅞
Taita to Upper Hutt ...	—	9½
Wanganui to Castlecliff ...	—	4¼
Awahuri to Rongotea ...	7	7
Papatawa—lead off Woodville—Maharahara line ...	—	0⅙
Hastings to Hastings Racecourse ...	—	2¼
Porirua to Titahi Bay ...	2⅞	2⅞
Te Aute to Pukehou ...	—	4¼
Normanby to Eltham ...	—	8½
Kahukura to East Cape Lighthouse ...	9½	9½
Gisborne to Tokomaru Bay ...	—	60½
Waipukurau to Hatuma ...	—	5
Kaitawa to Tane ...	6⅝	6⅝
Taradale to Taradale Racecourse ...	—	0½
Weber to Waione ...	6½	6½
Manaia to Inaha ...	—	2⅝
Awatuna to Te Kiri ...	2½	2½
Okiawa to Matapu ...	2⅝	2⅝
Opunake to Pungarehu ...	—	13⅝
Ohingaiti to Mangaonoho ...	—	4
Mangatoro—lead off Dannevirke—Weber line ...	—	0⅙
Fordell to Wangaeahu ...	—	4½
Turangarere—lead off Mangaweka—Pipiriki line ...	—	0⅙
Muriwai Extension ...	—	2½
Gisborne to Ormond (metallic trunk circuit) ...	—	23¼
Greytown North to Carterton (metallic trunk circuit) ...	—	10¾
Hawera to Manaia (metallic trunk circuit) ...	—	19½
Dannevirke to Woodville (metallic trunk circuit) ...	—	34
Patea to Wanganui (single trunk circuit) ...	—	40
For the Railway Department—	Poles. Miles.	Wire. Miles.
Palmerston North to Marton (tablet wires)*	29	58
Upper Hutt to Kaitoke (tablet wires)*	7⅞	7⅞
Gisborne to Kaiteratahi Extension	—	0¼
For the Public Works Department—		
Ohingaiti to Turangarere ...	0½	33
Mangaweka to Mangaonoho ...	8⅝	8⅝
Totals	89⅞	402½

\* Maintained by the Railway Department.

## Lines dismantled—

	Miles of Poles.	Miles of Wire.
Woodville to Kumeroa ... ..	—	2½
Waipukurau to Porangahau ... ..	—	28
Railway lines ceased to be maintained by this Department ( <i>vide</i> Appendix A) ... ..	108½	317
Totals ... ..	108½	347½

The total number of miles of poles and wire in the district, exclusive of those maintained by the Railway Department, are now 2,014½ and 6,889 respectively.

*Maintenance.*

The lines throughout the district are in good order, but the increasing number of wires on the main lines makes it imperative that the matter of replacing the present poles with heavier ones should be kept in view.

The following sections have been overhauled, and in many cases strengthened with extra poles:—

	Miles.
Kahukura to Tokomaru Bay ... ..	34
Gisborne to Tokomaru Bay ... ..	60½
Gisborne to Mahanga ... ..	39¾
Wairoa to Nuhaka (partially) ... ..	20
Napier to Moeangiangi ... ..	27
Napier to Meanee ... ..	9½
Woodville to Dannevirke ... ..	17
Woodville to Palmerston North ... ..	17
Palmerston North to Foxton (partially) ... ..	24½
Bull's to Marton ... ..	9
Marton to Halcombe ... ..	11
Carterton to Greytown North ... ..	5½
Greytown North to Featherston ... ..	9
Wellington to Oterangi Bay (partially) ... ..	12
Railway wire, Kaitoke to Summit ... ..	7½
Wairoa to Nuhaka (partially, second occasion) ... ..	20
Total ... ..	323½

A quantity of bush has been felled on the Uruti-Mount Messenger section of the New Plymouth-Mahoenui line, which has so far been effective in preventing further faults from falling timber, but it may be necessary to continue the clearing to make the line absolutely safe.

The Napier-Taupo section is in process of overhaul, and arrangements are being made for removing the Napier-Opoutama section of the Gisborne line from the beach to avoid the recurring expense of overhauling the existing line at frequent intervals on account of the sand-drifts.

No less than 10 faults (contacts) were caused in the district through pieces of wire being maliciously or mischievously thrown over the lines.

Several faults have also occurred through traction engines and threshing-machines coming in contact with the wires.

*Offices.*

Four offices were destroyed by fire—viz., Otaki, Egmont, Cheltenham, and Raetihi.

Transfers were effected to new permanent offices or to other non-permanent premises at Wanganui, Gisborne, Tokomaru Bay, Pongaroa, Okiawa, Norsewood, Woodville, Tekaraka, Tongaporutu, Tariki, Kiwitea, Muriwai, Kilbirnie, and Manawatu Heads.

New test cabinets have been put in at Gisborne, Greytown North, Carterton, Ormond, Tokomaru Bay, and Tolaga Bay.

A quadruplex forked repeater set has been installed at Hawera, which enables that office to work duplex with Wanganui, whilst the latter office also works duplex simultaneously with New Plymouth.

Mangaonoho has been separated from the railway and converted to a telephone office.

Ohingaiti has been combined with the railway and converted to a Morse office.

Tokomaru Bay and Tolaga Bay are also now Morse offices.

Nineteen new offices were opened during the year, one reopened (Huiakama), and two closed (Tiniroto and Te Moeheu).

*Cables.*

The laying of a 10-ton cable 3·8 knots in length to connect East Cape Island with the mainland was completed on the 7th July, 1902.

The No. 4 Lyell Bay cable, in which a fault was located near White's Bay, was repaired on 16th July, and has been working satisfactorily since.

At the end of December last No. 1 Oterangi Bay cable broke, without warning, about 4 miles from Oterangi Bay; and on the 15th January No. 2 Oterangi Bay cable developed a fault about 3 miles from Oterangi Bay, which, however, did not entirely destroy the use of the cable.

Early in February the "Tutanekai" was equipped to repair both cables, which were restored on the 21st of that month.

The cable from Wanganui to Wakapuaka (108 knots) had been showing signs of weakness for some months, and during the repairs to the Oterangi Bay-White's Bay cables had become so much worse that it became necessary to repair it also. The fault, which, however, had not affected communication, was localised at 48 knots from Wanganui, and the repairing-steamers sailed on the 27th February to remove it. Repairs were effected on 3rd March. This cable had been laid for twenty-three years and had not previously developed any fault. From the sound appearance of the armour it is probable that a long period of usefulness may still be expected from the cable.

On the 31st March a break again occurred in No. 1 Oterangi Bay, which fault, on being tested, was found to be close to the Oterangi Bay beach. The "Tutanekai" left on the 1st May to effect repairs, and the work was successfully completed on the 5th May, a new shore end being run out.

All cables are now in good order.

#### Telephone Exchanges.

Five new exchanges were opened during the year—viz., Dannevirke, Greytown North, Okiawa, Waverley, and Weber—with subscribers aggregating 60.

*Wanganui.*—The exchange was transferred to the new office, occasioning the erection of a new terminal and other heavy poles and a number of new cables.

*Manaia.*—This exchange has been practically reconstructed and separated from the telegraph line.

*Gisborne.*—The transfer of the exchange to the new office necessitated a large amount of reconstruction. Cables aggregating one mile and a half have replaced many of the aerial wires, which were overloading the poles.

*Wellington.*—The switchboard-room has been enlarged and the board increased by 600 numbers, bringing the capacity of this exchange up to 2,400. The total number of subscribers on the 31st March was 1902, an increase of 171 for the year. Of this number 1,810 are paying connections, 44 free, and 48 bureaux. The total number of telephones connected with this exchange is 2,302.

Telegraph Manufacturing Company's 50-number annunciators have been fitted up at Carterton, Greytown North, Woodville, Eketahuna, and Waverley.

There are now 28 exchanges in the district, all of which are working satisfactorily.

The subscribers connected with the various exchanges in this district total 4,296, an increase of 535 during the year. The aggregate number of telephones connected with the several exchanges is 4,862. There are 233 miles 11 chains of poles and 3,094 miles 22 chains of wire connected with the exchanges in this district.

#### Railway Department's Lines.

Railway Department's lines, alongside the railway, which ceased to be maintained by the Post and Telegraph Department:—

		Miles of Poles.	Miles of Wire.
Te Aro to Featherston Section—			
Lower Hutt to Upper Hutt	...	11 $\frac{3}{4}$	34 $\frac{1}{2}$
Kaitoke to Featherston	...	17	52
Wanganui Section—			
Wanganui to Hawera	...	...	60
Aramoho to Wanganui	...	3	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Aramoho to Kai Iwi	...	9 $\frac{1}{4}$	120
Kai Iwi to Waverley	...	20 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Waverley to Manutahi	...	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Manutahi to Hawera	...	10	41
Aramoho to Fordell	...	6	
Fordell to Wangaehu	...	9	
Wangaehu to Turakina	...	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
		108 $\frac{1}{4}$	317

#### NELSON.

##### Construction.

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

Ngahere to Stillwater, 6 miles, to bring the following offices into direct communication with Greymouth: Little Grey Junction, Totara Flat, Nelson Creek, Brunnerton, and Ngahere.

Marsden to Kumara, 11 miles, to enable Hokitika and Kumara to have bureau communication with Greymouth.

The Westport to Granity wire, formerly owned by the Cardiff Coal Company, has been taken over by the Department and extended to Seddonville. It is used conjointly with the Railway Department, and between Westport and Granity is worked by means of Morse instruments.

New offices were opened at Golden Downs, Motupipi, Nelson Lighthouse, Newton Flat, Okaramio, St. Helen's, and Waimaha; and the following places in the Pelorus Sound were also brought into telephonic connection with the main system: Mahau, Portage, Kenepuru Head, Waitaria, Manaroa, and Hopai. This line is being extended to include Eli Bay, Crail Bay, and Homewood.

The Waiho River was spanned with 1 mile 10 chains of line, and connected by bells for signalling purposes.

The total mileage of poles and wire erected in connection with the above extensions was 44 miles and 103 miles respectively, making a grand total of 992 miles 45 chains of poles and 2,802 miles 15 chains of wire in the district.

*Maintenance.*

There has been a thorough overhaul during the year of the lines White's Bay to Blenheim, Blenheim to Kekerangu, Taipo to Kumara, Greymouth to Brunner, and all sections throughout the district have received more or less attention.

The Ross-Okarito line will require a thorough overhaul shortly, and also the Richmond-Takaka section and Lyell section.

The iron wires around Greymouth are considerably corroded, and will be replaced by copper wires shortly.

*Offices.*

Granity, Waimangaroa Junction, and Takaka have been converted from telephone to Morse offices. Thirteen new offices were opened, one reopened (The Forks), and two offices closed (Mokihinui Mine and Nelson Lighthouse). The business throughout the district continues to steadily increase.

*Telephone Exchanges.*

An exchange was opened at Westport during the year with 47 subscribers, which had increased to 87 (including bureaux connections) on the 31st March.

A sub-exchange was opened at Ross, which has now seven subscribers.

The Nelson Exchange has been removed to temporary quarters, having outgrown the accommodation in the post-office building.

A steady increase of subscribers has taken place throughout the district, there now being 674 connections with the various exchanges—a net increase of 215.

Of the total 575 are paying, 24 free, and 75 bureaux. The mileage of poles and wire connected with exchanges is 56½ and 318½ respectively.

## CANTERBURY.

*Construction.*

The following new lines and wires were erected and completed:—

	Miles of Poles.	Miles of Wire.
Christchurch to Leeston (metallic trunk circuit) ...	—	54
Geraldine to Hilton ...	6½	6½
Gebbie's Flat to Ataahua ...	—	6
Christchurch to Lichfield Street ...	—	¼
Lincoln to Greenpark ...	3¼	3¼
Waipara to Scargill ...	¼	¼
For Railway Department—	Poles.	Wire.
Addington to Showgrounds ...	—	75 chains
"B" Shed to Weighbridge ...	—	13 "
Colombo Street to Christchurch platform ...	—	16 "
Addington to Rolleston (tablet) ...	12	24 miles
Waipara to Waipara Railway ...	—	40 chains
Totals ...	22	96

The total number of miles of poles and wire in the district is 917 and 3,402 respectively.

*Offices.*

Eight new offices have been opened. A Morse was substituted for the telephone instrument at Waipara.

*Maintenance.*

During the erection of the Leeston trunk wire a complete overhaul and strengthening of the line between Hornby and Leeston (21 miles) was effected. Several other sections have also received attention where necessary. The main line between Timaru and Rangitata will require considerable attention during the year.

*Telephone Exchanges.*

New sub-exchanges were opened at Little River, Leeston, and Doyleston.

Little River uses the Akaroa-Christchurch trunk wire. A metallic circuit was erected for Leeston-Doyleston to Christchurch trunk wire to get rid of induction from the neighbouring wires.

The work of constructing sub-exchanges at Waimate, with metallic-circuit trunk wire to Timaru, is being pushed on rapidly.

*Christchurch Exchange.*

An addition of 450 numbers has been made to the switchboard, bringing up its capacity to 1,950. The number of subscribers is steadily increasing, the total now being 1,297—an increase of 133 for the year. Of these 1,224 are paying, 36 free, and 37 bureaux.

*Other Exchanges.*

Timaru is increasing steadily, there being 23 additional subscribers for the year.

Ashburton is practically at a standstill, having increased by 4 subscribers only.

There are three main exchanges and seven sub-exchanges in the district, all of which are working satisfactorily.

The total subscribers to the various exchanges in the district is 1,693—an increase of 189 for the year. Of these 1,576 are paying, 46 free, and 71 bureaux.

The poles and wires connecting subscribers total 130 miles 37 chains and 1,865 miles 51 chains respectively.

OTAGO.  
Construction.

The extensions completed during the year are as under :—

			Miles of Poles.	Miles of Wire.
Merrivale line to Scott's Gap ... ..	...	...	2½	2½
Waimahaka to Railway Station ... ..	...	...	0¼	0¼
Bluff to Half-moon Bay (Stewart Island), also cable 19·12 knots ... ..	...	...	4½	6
Kawarau Bridge to Gibbston ... ..	...	...	—	6½
Poolburn Gorge to Manuherikia ... ..	...	...	—	0¼
Gore to Balfour ... ..	...	...	—	26¾
Seacliffe to Inebriates' Home, Waitati ... ..	...	...	0¾	8
Gibbston to Waitiri ... ..	...	...	—	6
Dunedin to East Taieri... ..	...	...	—	12
Gore to Otama ... ..	...	...	11½	11½
Riversdale line to Pyramid ... ..	...	...	0⅛	0⅛
Waikaka line to Maitland ... ..	...	...	0¾	0¾
Kakanui line to Maheno Bureau ... ..	...	...	—	0⅛
Waikaia line to Wendonside ... ..	...	...	3	3
		Poles. Miles.	Wire. Miles.	
For the Railway Department—				
Main line to Mosgiel Railway ... ..	—	—	0¾	
Railway Superintendent, Dunedin, to Locomotive Foreman and running-shed ... ..	—	—	1¼	
Hedgehope to railway ganger ... ..	—	—	0¾	
Dunedin to Invercargill ... ..	124¾	131	155½	284¼
Wingatui to Ida Valley ... ..	5½	97¾		
Invercargill to Riverton ... ..	23	50		
Seacliffe to Puketeraki ... ..	2¼	2¼		
Electric bells and telephones at Thames Street, Oamaru ... ..	—	0½		
Totals ... ..	...	...	178¾	368
Dismantled—				
Thornbury to Riverton ... ..	...	...	5	5
Net increase ... ..	...	...	173¾	363

To meet the demand for increased wire accommodation between Dunedin and Timaru and Dunedin and Oamaru, a quadruplex repeating set has been put in at Oamaru, enabling Dunedin to work duplex with Oamaru on one side of the quadruplex and with Timaru on the other side ; so that where formerly one wire, worked single, served these offices each has now practically the equivalent of two wires, and can work simultaneously with Dunedin.

*Offices.*

Twelve new offices were opened during the year.

At Balfour, Fairfax, Heriot, and Kelso telephones have been replaced by Morse instruments.

The addition to the Dunedin telegraph-office has been completed, giving better facilities to cope with the increasing business as well as increased comfort for the staff.

A new office has also been erected at Gore.

*Maintenance.*

The lines have been free from interruptions of any magnitude.

Repairing parties have thoroughly overhauled and put in order 505 miles of line during the year, but much remains to be done.

There are now 1,840⅓ miles of poles and 4,447¾ miles of wire in the district.

*Telephone Exchanges.*

No new exchanges were opened during the year, but a steady increase of subscribers to the 21 existing exchanges has been maintained, the number having risen from 2,067 to 2,249—a gain of 182. The Dunedin list now totals 1,420, an increase of 129 for the year, of which 1,370 are paying, 15 free, and 35 bureaux. There are also 355 extension telephones in use, making a grand total of telephones in the district of 2,604.

These subscribers are connected by means of 122 miles of poles and 1,699¼ miles of wire, showing a net gain respectively of 3¼ and 199¼ miles.

All the exchanges are in good order.

Table No. 1.

## POST-OFFICE MONEY-ORDERS ISSUED AND PAID.

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

Year.	Commission received.		Where payable.						Total.					
			In the Colony.		United Kingdom and Foreign Offices.		Australia and other British Possessions.							
			No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.		
1863	£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	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
1901	17,518	11 0	255,344	1,002,056	12 1	45,701	125,549	5 11	104,922	158,902	3 10	405,967	1,286,508	1 10
1902	14,915	18 2	258,110	1,014,723	16 0	53,910	138,755	2 8	55,187	123,580	3 7	367,207	1,277,059	2 3

## 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	17,679	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	8,903	33,254	2 3	133,910	482,437	17 4
1888	122,042	432,056	6 2	7,336	26,262	14 5	15,305	50,141	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
1901	255,344	1,002,056	12 1	11,082	40,021	14 4	16,688	63,800	4 10	283,114	1,105,878	11 3
1902	258,110	1,014,723	16 0	11,732	41,370	13 3	16,527	62,159	10 8	286,369	1,118,253	19 11

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 1901 and 1902.

ISSUED IN NEW ZEALAND.				
Where payable.	1901.		1902.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
United Kingdom and Foreign Offices through United Kingdom	38,092	107,571 2 7	44,091	115,132 15 5
United States of America .. .. .	6,829	16,013 15 3	8,773	20,052 5 9
Canada .. .. .	389	1,468 16 11	520	1,952 3 4
Cape Colony .. .. .	183	484 15 8	219	779 7 11
Ceylon .. .. .	87	216 14 8	95	261 7 1
Cook Islands .. .. .	201	934 7 1	49	205 12 9
Fiji .. .. .	87	286 12 0	95	230 10 2
Germany .. .. .	780	1,964 8 1	1,046	3,570 1 6
Hawaii .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Hongkong .. .. .	200	842 5 3	221	824 7 0
India .. .. .	519	2,031 9 2	472	2,203 13 8
Natal .. .. .	64	189 6 5	90	344 14 3
New South Wales .. .. .	15,951	44,203 5 1	19,203	50,495 0 7
Queensland .. .. .	1,097	3,344 16 4	1,337	4,120 3 2
Samoa .. .. .	..	..	10	44 5 2
South Australia .. .. .	957	2,408 2 0	1,038	2,655 6 5
Straits Settlements .. .. .	62	150 15 11	69	189 19 11
Tasmania .. .. .	69,012	62,184 1 8	14,589	15,628 8 8
Transvaal .. .. .	..	..	18	87 8 0
Victoria .. .. .	15,410	38,095 13 8	16,308	40,899 1 5
Western Australia .. .. .	793	2,061 2 0	854	2,658 14 1
Totals .. .. .	150,623	284,451 9 9	109,097	262,335 6 3

## DRAWN ON NEW ZEALAND.

Where issued.	1901.		1902.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
United Kingdom and Foreign Offices through United Kingdom	9,351	31,429 9 8	10,115	34,017 2 2
United States of America .. .. .	1,390	5,934 18 3	1,521	6,864 2 0
Canada .. .. .	293	1,621 15 3	317	1,621 15 11
Cape Colony .. .. .	545	3,016 2 6	815	4,293 10 9
Ceylon .. .. .	30	101 4 8	36	152 18 7
Cook Islands .. .. .	189	1,562 9 2	66	515 11 5
Fiji .. .. .	370	1,234 11 10	486	1,465 5 11
Germany .. .. .	341	2,657 6 5	96	489 9 1
Hawaii .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Hongkong .. .. .	48	159 9 9	48	113 17 3
India .. .. .	183	413 19 10	292	1,008 18 4
Natal .. .. .	195	1,111 11 10	334	1,865 7 1
New South Wales .. .. .	5,227	18,525 7 6	5,306	17,870 10 7
Queensland .. .. .	1,082	4,776 3 9	1,044	4,203 6 2
Samoa .. .. .	..	..	374	2,935 10 3
South Australia .. .. .	584	2,012 5 0	600	2,001 18 2
Straits Settlements .. .. .	30	84 6 3	27	103 13 8
Tasmania .. .. .	3,114	12,994 7 0	1,846	6,710 2 2
Transvaal .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Victoria .. .. .	3,513	10,424 14 9	3,678	11,666 3 11
Western Australia .. .. .	1,285	5,761 15 9	1,258	5,631 0 6
Totals .. .. .	27,770	103,821 19 2	28,259	103,530 3 11

**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, 1903.

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 13s. 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	12,383	..	6,647	..	11,566	5,729	13,103	4,090	5,187	2,375	14,961	..	92,546	37,659 7 0
1887-88 ..	22,467	17,167	..	9,162	..	15,553	7,671	17,487	5,278	6,940	2,952	17,578	..	122,255	47,729 5 0
1888-89 ..	27,428	21,900	..	11,912	..	19,741	9,477	21,149	6,618	8,243	3,633	19,778	..	149,879	56,841 18 0
1889-90 ..	32,754	25,387	..	14,478	..	23,550	10,894	24,011	7,809	9,386	4,158	22,596	..	175,023	65,484 2 0
1890-91 ..	35,915	28,559	..	16,092	..	25,204	12,229	25,906	7,969	10,172	4,366	23,503	..	189,915	69,721 18 6
1891-92 ..	42,416	33,722	..	19,383	..	29,550	14,019	30,132	9,058	11,611	4,953	25,839	..	220,683	79,325 16 6
1892-93 ..	48,612	38,849	..	22,038	..	33,012	16,072	32,747	9,904	12,330	5,369	28,969	..	247,902	87,856 18 0
1893-94 ..	56,761	44,706	..	25,461	..	37,771	18,096	37,687	11,016	13,800	6,156	33,935	..	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	30,680	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	24,534	70,999	13,363	23,745	6,855	35,067	560	490,505	154,434 1 0
1901-1902 ..	49,529	30,255	62,285	70,683	65,467	109,663	..	92,708	..	32,128	..	43,042	556	556,316	173,317 5 0
1902-1903 ..	54,268	33,409	70,122	76,613	75,700	119,593	..	102,641	..	34,508	..	48,852	558	616,264	191,904 13 0

\* First issued on 17th June 1865.

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 1902.

Office.	Money-orders.						Savings-bank.									
	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 ..	20,412	1,052	5 9	74,442	13 7	46,695	166,870	4 4	3,633	24,147	457,731	1 8	3,742	28,335	525,463	14 0
Ahuroa ..	23	0	17 0	102	11 4	2	24	1 0	..	3	32	0 0	..	..	..	..
Aoroa ..	400	15	2 9	1,292	8 4	34	184	12 6	29	417	1,308	3 6	12	79	496	4 11
Aratapu ..	1,306	68	14 0	4,736	3 10	198	744	9 2	79	858	8,905	18 2	30	193	4,730	5 9
Avondale ..	97	3	6 0	235	4 10	192	750	15 8	13	109	596	9 3	4	33	327	15 7
Awhitu ..	109	2	14 6	171	6 6	23	81	2 7	4	8	69	8 0	..	3	59	19 0
Bombay ..	200	5	18 0	599	6 7	43	219	1 0	25	208	2,513	2 9	9	96	1,762	17 11
Cabbage Bay ..	202	5	11 3	650	17 5	46	379	13 1	10	36	208	5 11	7	30	189	19 5
Cambridge ..	1,324	41	12 0	4,513	4 6	746	2,885	6 9	174	942	14,672	0 11	49	390	10,890	12 6
Clevedon ..	190	6	0 6	574	10 0	97	440	7 9	52	236	1,312	8 2	14	68	713	3 4
Coromandel ..	1,226	42	1 6	4,036	15 8	704	2,206	16 10	82	551	6,436	9 6	40	422	4,928	14 3
Dargaville ..	1,130	81	3 9	5,046	5 11	279	982	10 5	115	971	10,946	2 1	60	275	5,298	11 1
Devonport ..	473	17	10 0	1,436	2 2	683	2,690	0 9	63	700	3,458	0 0	24	205	1,770	6 1
Drury ..	216	6	9 0	551	2 9	111	682	2 0	20	117	1,589	9 11	7	38	777	17 2
Ellerslie ..	124	5	12 0	408	7 6	134	595	18 3	30	214	601	7 0	6	27	123	18 6
Hamilton ..	1,525	55	1 9	5,581	8 6	1,034	3,975	12 9	158	1,351	17,351	19 2	67	511	15,369	5 10
Helensville ..	451	19	15 3	1,652	17 7	215	795	6 6	46	385	2,822	14 5	20	128	1,620	3 10
Hikurangi ..	558	17	6 0	1,674	13 6	130	611	0 0	33	268	2,893	2 0	19	123	3,032	13 1
Howick ..	85	2	11 0	164	17 7	67	290	5 1	6	29	119	2 7	3	15	53	19 2
Huntly ..	1,084	35	13 9	3,542	17 9	376	2,049	5 10	75	561	4,616	15 4	41	224	3,091	4 6
Kaeo ..	269	9	0 6	707	11 1	62	217	6 8	12	110	728	14 0	10	40	472	7 8
Kaihu ..	696	23	0 3	2,572	8 8	67	321	3 11	39	284	2,972	3 6	24	114	813	17 0
Kaikohe ..	225	12	17 3	726	8 9	63	367	6 1	30	254	1,945	6 5	12	68	628	9 11
Kaitaia ..	565	44	15 0	2,577	10 9	65	374	4 0	28	208	3,630	15 6	11	93	1,759	12 11
Kaiwaka ..	60	2	3 3	168	0 8	4	24	3 0	2	37	419	7 0	2	11	313	16 4
Kamo ..	290	9	11 0	1,143	3 4	103	432	9 7	34	237	2,661	4 8	11	117	2,182	18 4
Kaukapakapa ..	176	8	2 6	525	17 3	36	130	19 1	9	241	2,093	2 0	3	71	677	1 8
Kawakawa ..	508	14	15 6	1,445	0 11	184	539	8 8	36	328	3,008	15 8	23	151	2,255	12 6
Kawhia ..	421	16	3 9	1,738	17 3	138	844	5 9	57	167	4,208	7 1	13	108	2,856	8 3
Kihikihi ..	176	5	17 6	512	1 9	144	591	17 4	18	186	1,409	14 0	10	111	1,183	7 1
Kiripaka ..	78	2	8 6	189	18 6	8	17	14 4	8	23	244	6 0	..	5	37	0 0
Kohukohu ..	279	7	14 3	963	0 3	63	274	3 7	31	211	1,732	17 1	10	99	1,537	6 1
Kuaotunu ..	371	11	12 3	1,043	5 10	66	277	5 10	21	159	1,197	4 0	3	83	723	13 2
Mamaku ..	22	0	14 3	84	17 0	4	10	4 4	10	16	312	15 0	..	2	110	0 0
Mangapai ..	302	8	6 9	1,000	3 7	49	269	4 8	8	60	923	5 0	2	29	427	17 7
Mangawai ..	239	16	19 6	931	16 7	40	200	17 4	19	174	1,925	9 0	2	25	560	15 5
Mangawhare ..	318	15	17 6	1,172	3 4	51	145	12 3	27	258	2,248	11 2	4	43	748	12 8
Mangonui ..	776	47	3 0	3,083	10 2	149	667	16 4	28	189	1,763	16 10	14	89	1,242	7 11
Matakaohe ..	186	6	17 9	524	11 6	69	437	1 11	16	131	1,724	14 0	9	53	701	8 3
Matakohe ..	176	5	13 0	429	5 10	32	101	11 2	18	105	1,263	16 0	5	29	397	15 0
Matamata ..	172	5	9 9	537	13 5	55	185	8 8	25	189	1,665	15 7	10	59	1,091	6 3
Maungaturoto ..	146	4	13 3	412	2 7	87	282	12 3	6	113	1,138	19 0	3	44	1,825	8 6
Mercer ..	404	12	0 9	1,135	9 11	113	354	9 8	32	197	1,183	0 10	8	82	710	18 1
Mititai ..	247	8	4 0	824	17 5	16	91	13 1	4	31	312	2 0	1	19	403	7 1
Morrinsville ..	202	6	11 9	584	9 10	159	602	3 2	29	205	1,364	18 5	9	52	858	12 0
Mount Eden ..	97	4	3 6	252	0 1	176	587	3 3	4	20	57	11 0	2	9	74	5 2
Mount Roskill ..	85	2	10 6	154	4 6	122	436	11 10	6	42	94	4 0	2	11	35	16 4
Newmarket ..	539	20	5 3	1,674	14 2	374	1,229	17 5	30	446	2,233	8 2	3	75	685	11 6
Newton ..	1,331	51	13 6	3,149	3 11	1,598	5,251	12 1	189	1,647	10,208	7 3	45	274	2,835	19 0
Ngaruawahia ..	587	17	2 0	1,617	8 3	441	1,415	17 0	68	422	3,733	16 8	27	216	3,188	10 7
Niue ..	2	0	3 0	11	5 0	3	2	15 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Northcote ..	105	4	2 9	271	11 8	51	192	0 10	13	50	87	1 0	..	5	7	19 0
Ohacawai ..	254	11	2 3	786	0 3	57	280	14 1	32	225	2,079	3 5	8	62	593	6 1
Ohaupo ..	224	8	15 6	829	3 3	101	592	8 2	16	160	1,143	12 9	7	48	1,208	0 5
Okaihau ..	112	4	3 3	341	13 10	41	187	9 5	9	69	574	10 0	1	27	426	18 7
Onehunga ..	851	33	2 6	2,510	15 2	1,074	3,585	11 3	65	437	6,150	7 6	22	155	2,644	2 9
Onewhero ..	209	6	0 0	550	14 7	14	92	18 8	11	59	1,062	0 0	1	39	479	16 6
Ongarue ..	1,395	47	5 6	5,177	13 7	68	327	6 6	45	286	2,870	15 5	9	88	838	3 0
Opitonui ..	474	17	0 0	1,760	3 2	55	228	10 9	33	366	2,707	0 2	11	55	767	19 2
Opononi ..	200	14	19 9	1,103	9 0	52	347	3 7	10	44	763	0 11	7	24	130	6 9
Otahuhu ..	395	16	3 0	1,116	13 1	485	1,885	5 3	69	696	3,263	1 1	17	165	1,637	18 6
Otorohanga ..	309	10	9 0	952	17 10	99	545	19 10	21	162	1,178	14 7	16	82	1,216	2 0
Pahi ..	154	6	18 0	429	9 6	82	427	14 4	8	110	573	8 0	1	45	296	4 1
Papakura ..	246	7	7 0	617	7 7	170	667	18 0	21	162	1,653	11 6	5	70	496	11 5
Paparoa ..	176	6	16 0	564	17 1	51	171	4 0	23	138	2,041	0 0	9	58	1,889	9 2
Papatoetoe ..	14	0	11 0	33	17 4	7	31	10 0	2	19	49	13 4	..	11	37	15 0
Parnell ..	452	16	14 0	1,048	7 6	759	2,536	2 7	117	1,206	4,832	9 3	29	216	1,417	11 6
Parua Bay ..	223	6	12 6	661	2 10	26	166	11 3	7	47	514	5 11	4	62	617	18 9
Penrhyn Island ..	2	0	1 0	2	10 6	2	2	5 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Piungia ..	201	5	3 3	586	19 1	106	416	13 5	19	118	967	2 10	8	56	804	7 11
Pokeno ..	128	3	16 6	412	16 4	32	120	0 8	9	132	1,722	4 0	2	20	354	13 7
Ponsonby ..	620	22	13 9	1,366	15 11	1,263	4,122	16 3	78	644	3,586	14 2	19	114	752	7 8
Porootarao ..	97	2	10 3	243	13 11	8	30	1 11	4	29	94	1 0	3	7	53	4 6
Poroti ..	165	11	0 0	676	11 10	15	25	10 6	6	64	1,067	0 0	4	7	478	8 10
Port																

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 1902—continued.

Office.	Money-orders.					New Accounts opened.	Savings-banks.				
	Issued.			Paid.			Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.	
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.
AUCKLAND—contd.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Rangiriri ..	185	5 6 3	495 9 2	41	203 5 1	10	58 27 16 0	2	25 212 8 3		
Rarotonga ..	164	9 8 6	1,113 10 1	219	1,291 0 9						
Rawene ..	197	7 14 0	728 17 4	160	713 19 6	14	86 675 13 2	6	44 261 7 8		
Rehia ..	153	4 5 6	494 2 4	10	18 10 6	8	41 178 8 0	2	12 628 10 5		
Rotorna ..	2,584	85 2 3	9,310 7 10	1,218	6,639 16 6	193	1,008 10,248 8 8	73	484 6,452 1 11		
Russell ..	250	7 19 9	776 11 9	74	320 7 3	16	249 958 13 0	10	64 1,052 14 5		
Saies ..	50	1 14 9	107 1 0	16	84 6 10	20	55 553 12 0	1	11 404 17 9		
Strand Arcade ..	1,610	68 12 6	4,491 11 4	69	195 0 0	87	480 5,840 3 0	2	23 329 9 10		
Tabeke ..	44	1 7 6	108 0 5	34	109 0 3	5	29 293 19 2	3	15 295 5 10		
Takekoroa ..	37	1 2 6	101 9 1	8	25 18 6	7	26 289 19 0	1	5 15 4 4		
Tairua ..	445	30 5 9	1,779 11 5	69	357 18 0	25	181 2,947 6 1	3	32 287 2 1		
Takapuna ..	61	2 10 3	179 11 9	66	165 5 10	6	16 101 10 0	1	3 22 2 7		
Taupo ..	313	10 4 0	1,118 2 8	75	442 1 10	18	86 960 19 11	1	29 751 17 4		
Te Awamutu ..	427	14 19 3	1,468 7 9	383	1,849 12 1	66	481 7,134 3 11	26	172 4,448 12 6		
Te Kopuru ..	1,007	55 6 3	3,791 15 7	146	1,432 7 1	64	536 6,411 12 1	33	178 3,178 2 7		
Te Kuiti ..	469	14 9 3	1,654 0 0	138	800 11 1	43	144 2,755 7 10	17	86 1,051 8 8		
Te Mata ..	101	2 11 9	264 17 10	52	359 4 2	11	35 762 10 7	4	26 434 13 1		
Tirau ..	211	6 10 3	607 17 9	46	241 12 6	5	131 832 14 0	5	23 344 10 3		
Tokaanu ..	102	3 4 6	295 7 10	11	62 3 3	2	12 106 10 0	1	8 58 16 7		
Tokatea ..	117	4 8 6	491 14 9	26	161 16 10	1	29 200 0 0	1	17 204 15 6		
Tokatoka ..	233	7 10 6	770 7 10	25	127 1 1	24	102 842 2 7	4	35 244 14 9		
Towai ..	55	1 9 0	123 2 4	2	10 15 0	1	4 148 0 0		2 6 9 0		
Tuakau ..	326	10 11 9	1,059 10 6	136	619 10 9	32	124 1,639 17 2	9	57 1,112 14 1		
Up'r Symonds St.	537	19 9 3	1,189 17 9	183	630 15 6	37	390 1,912 7 0	5	35 317 6 8		
Wade ..	135	9 17 0	525 18 10	72	279 16 11	12	185 2,073 9 0	3	54 643 18 6		
Waerenga ..	77	2 4 0	223 18 9	35	131 2 1	12	40 252 14 0	1	12 161 19 4		
Waihopo ..	252	17 8 3	947 18 5	60	647 2 2	41	139 2,515 13 0	4	14 239 9 11		
Waihou ..	285	7 16 0	1,372 2 5	45	133 5 7	13	65 439 0 0	7	36 1,392 14 1		
Waipu ..	597	19 15 0	1,795 8 9	89	434 0 0	17	183 3,443 3 3	12	96 1,858 17 3		
Waiuku ..	625	25 6 0	2,205 19 9	146	644 7 2	40	309 3,297 11 7	19	118 1,628 3 1		
Waiwera ..	100	3 3 0	260 13 5	32	139 0 4	7	47 427 7 7	3	15 134 8 7		
Waotu ..	71	2 7 0	260 4 4	26	154 15 8	2	15 254 0 0		17 326 14 0		
Warkworth ..	501	16 15 3	1,576 9 1	200	771 4 0	37	316 2,851 16 5	14	100 1,219 13 9		
Wellsford ..	112	6 1 0	330 6 2	14	40 4 3	6	87 1,082 15 0	1	19 332 2 9		
Whakapara ..	13	0 10 0	53 13 11	3	8 8 0	1	6 51 1 0		1 4 0 0		
Whakapirau ..	120	3 13 0	286 10 11	39	127 5 6	15	113 257 6 0	2	18 230 0 11		
Whangapara ..	166	10 13 0	666 4 2	16	81 19 2	7	39 634 1 5	1	6 67 14 4		
Whangarei ..	2,534	92 14 9	8,715 18 7	781	2,743 13 7	244	1,987 26,719 8 6	108	816 19,243 17 3		
Whangaroa ..	150	4 19 3	416 12 0	110	558 13 4	7	114 1,087 16 0	3	37 411 4 3		
Wharekawa ..	99	9 0 0	477 17 10	24	142 17 8	10	87 1,744 15 8	1	3 24 0 7		
Whitianga ..	1,323	42 19 0	4,129 3 3	166	837 14 1	49	486 4,553 10 10	23	177 1,855 19 5		
BLENHEIM ..	3,370	128 3 3	11,611 5 8	1,902	8,794 6 10	606	3,833 63,350 11 8	509	3,080 58,564 0 8		
Havelock ..	891	27 12 6	2,952 12 4	213	1,331 18 4	58	375 4,177 11 4	25	161 2,150 10 4		
Kekerangu ..	97	3 12 0	303 2 1	14	63 11 0	4	32 300 11 0	3	3 365 17 6		
Mahakipawa ..	103	3 10 9	365 3 3	79	483 9 1	7	38 163 5 0	4	16 133 16 11		
Picton ..	1,228	37 14 9	3,884 5 4	478	1,680 10 4	109	631 7,569 7 2	58	360 5,476 10 2		
Renwicktown ..	169	6 4 3	539 7 3	41	133 8 0	21	224 875 8 0	4	20 314 12 9		
Spring Creek ..	233	7 3 3	665 7 2	74	220 11 3	11	127 1,553 13 0	2	14 72 6 11		
CHRISTCHURCH ..	19,070	906 8 0	63,765 9 7	27,708	122,206 12 7	5,683	53,964 755,252 17 0	5,176	46,472 795,156 11 6		
Addington ..	162	5 9 3	432 6 9	188	522 9 3	26	220 1,042 9 0	2	43 551 3 10		
Akaroa ..	548	21 15 6	1,900 16 0	302	1,092 7 6	75	521 7,646 2 6	24	199 4,362 13 7		
Amberley ..	608	19 9 0	2,110 18 2	177	543 10 0	48	359 3,931 3 1	20	164 3,151 11 0		
Ashburton ..	3,333	127 1 0	12,155 2 2	1,337	4,891 0 7	486	3,394 37,163 11 3	228	1,537 27,277 3 3		
Bealey ..	51	1 7 6	135 19 5	14	44 3 10	4	47 441 10 0		8 63 18 6		
Belfast ..	125	4 3 6	305 3 11	74	273 4 11	10	114 440 9 0	2	46 220 2 10		
Chertsey ..	143	4 2 6	447 6 8	33	168 11 9	8	78 895 4 0	5	45 437 13 1		
Cheviot ..	837	27 9 0	8,784 10 11	196	1,539 15 9	36	374 7,296 19 0	10	172 4,378 18 1		
Coalgate ..	104	3 6 3	300 2 8	20	67 14 0	4	20 266 19 0	2	11 227 8 1		
Culverden ..	226	10 0 9	770 16 5	82	300 10 8	27	164 1,772 5 9		35 460 9 0		
Darfield ..	111	3 8 6	287 15 9	56	199 14 7	14	106 891 5 0	4	37 832 7 3		
Dunsandel ..	112	4 7 3	350 16 1	46	151 14 2	14	106 825 15 4	4	25 196 17 0		
Duvauchelle ..	112	3 18 6	397 14 7	106	387 8 0	22	113 1,052 6 1	5	31 630 7 6		
East Oxford ..	238	7 9 6	880 15 3	62	228 3 5	15	172 1,355 7 9	9	62 2,475 2 11		
Ellesmere ..	48	3 1 0	187 5 6	6	16 3 4	1	36 323 0 0	1	12 464 5 2		
Glentunnel ..	113	3 18 3	331 5 10	55	136 0 9	10	87 832 12 0	5	30 377 8 8		
Greendale ..	61	1 17 6	135 0 11	12	39 1 3	6	53 296 14 0	2	16 99 2 8		
Halswell ..	6	0 3 9	13 5 0			20	70 61 7 0	1	6 15 12 11		
Hanmer Springs ..	320	9 13 9	1,017 10 8	104	502 2 5	39	260 2,349 4 9	8	71 1,056 3 4		
Hinds ..	83	2 0 6	326 17 9	34	171 17 6	12	56 541 9 0		31 309 7 0		
Hornby ..	104	3 18 9	322 9 11	41	189 14 10	13	157 1,471 11 4	3	31 604 5 11		
Hororata ..	107	3 5 9	321 2 2	31	97 1 0	25	119 1,262 12 0	3	53 607 4 1		
Kaipoi ..	596	24 8 0	2,012 11 6	442	1,563 5 8	133	1,319 13,370 0 10	64	510 9,883 3 2		
Kaikoura ..	1,069	34 0 6	5,225 7 3	247	969 1 1	72	430 5,246 5 4	42	194 4,181 10 0		
Kirwee ..	116	4 7 3	411 4 1	43	141 4 9	15	105 1,557 2 3	7	41 948 17 7		
Leeston ..	359	12 9 3	1,223 11 10	167	622 7 8	45	451 5,882 11 4	24	153 4,431 8 10		
Lichfield Street ..	207	9 2 3	580 9 6	2	8 10 0	15	143 1,218 4 0		1 2 0 0		
Lincoln ..	143	6 2 0	492 1 6	128	722 6 11	16	205 1,258 18 1	7	54 655 12 11		
Linwood ..	331	13 6 0	692 12 5	303	1,055 3 6	112	720 1,999 6 1	27	138 844 6 5		

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 1902—continued.

Office.	Money-orders.					Savings-banks.					
	Issued.			Paid.		New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.	
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.
CHRISTCHURCH— <i>ctd</i>		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Little Akaloa ..	31	1 11 9	104 0 3	8	37 17 6	4	26 14 0	..	1	2 0 0	
Little River ..	359	14 7 9	1,437 9 3	97	487 9 3	28	4,236 13 0	7	97	1,228 12 7	
Lytelton ..	2,432	103 16 0	8,071 9 7	1,089	3,744 19 6	311	3,094 273	148	1,080	17,692 12 7	
Methven ..	351	11 3 3	1,335 7 5	78	322 7 10	44	2,818 17 9	7	69	1,514 18 0	
Mount Somers..	145	6 2 9	471 9 8	29	112 1 5	18	79 653 3 0	1	21	298 1 5	
New Brighton ..	66	2 14 0	141 17 1	154	658 10 2	22	291 1,085 9 4	7	76	409 16 2	
Ohoka ..	141	5 13 3	702 4 3	45	117 3 6	3	27 245 16 0	..	19	261 9 0	
Oxford ..	454	13 5 9	1,527 16 5	186	810 8 8	39	297 3,002 10 6	20	96	1,432 13 1	
Papanui ..	175	6 18 3	499 9 6	153	623 5 0	35	265 1,300 6 5	4	60	649 19 3	
Pigeon Bay ..	64	2 3 0	159 12 3	31	202 2 10	11	68 944 5 7	3	25	1,205 8 3	
Prebbleton ..	37	1 14 6	91 0 5	38	98 13 2	3	19 301 1 6	..	7	132 7 10	
Rakaia ..	526	15 4 0	1,454 1 2	163	538 5 10	43	306 3,681 11 9	11	99	2,127 0 0	
Rangiora ..	1,080	41 15 3	3,510 9 1	681	2,382 17 3	245	1,836 28,105 17 8	109	732	15,057 0 7	
Rolleston ..	46	1 11 3	134 7 8	11	46 19 9	7	37 324 0 0	1	5	29 11 7	
St. Albans ..	107	3 4 6	247 8 8	151	462 3 0	5	99 201 17 0	2	19	66 14 5	
Sefton ..	97	3 1 6	271 3 10	89	518 3 6	19	135 1,425 18 10	9	45	404 5 7	
Sheffield ..	312	9 16 0	987 8 7	87	265 19 3	24	156 1,910 13 4	5	77	963 13 4	
Southbridge ..	225	7 4 0	608 12 10	72	252 7 3	26	211 1,604 12 5	16	108	910 6 1	
Springfield ..	877	28 15 6	3,173 10 10	97	436 14 4	29	263 2,146 19 0	9	43	521 15 11	
Springston Rly.	84	3 4 6	231 8 7	42	174 16 9	15	73 744 10 0	2	30	411 10 11	
Summer ..	73	2 12 0	178 5 6	101	419 16 7	25	238 774 14 0	7	74	421 16 8	
Sydenham ..	802	34 0 9	2,166 7 11	706	2,242 4 5	192	2,179 8,794 5 4	48	328	2,106 14 4	
Templeton ..	52	2 1 6	241 16 8	24	113 8 5	14	77 612 0 0	6	43	387 16 1	
Tinwald ..	126	4 4 9	337 18 6	55	204 13 2	21	187 1,382 2 5	13	81	1,452 15 4	
Upper Riccarton	103	4 2 6	305 13 11	64	242 14 9	21	151 1,959 8 6	2	24	534 9 6	
Waiau ..	262	7 15 0	1,125 17 1	54	284 11 1	28	171 2,083 15 3	9	60	1,408 6 0	
Waikari ..	514	17 4 6	1,942 3 6	118	549 6 3	21	227 2,721 11 11	9	76	1,788 17 11	
Whitecliffs ..	124	3 16 9	361 4 8	78	866 18 11	4	58 590 4 0	3	18	305 8 6	
Woodend ..	84	2 17 6	255 2 7	58	152 16 0	33	148 954 3 0	5	42	358 2 5	
Woolston ..	225	7 7 6	514 18 0	164	538 14 8	51	449 2,409 8 1	9	92	921 0 10	
DUNEDIN	16,113	741 3 9	56,245 18 10	31,931	128,332 2 0	4,009	38,057 527,875 19 2	3,980	33,347	552,622 8 5	
Alexandra South	1,606	56 11 6	5,658 12 3	384	1,339 19 1	96	646 7,991 11 7	32	236	3,622 10 3	
Allanton ..	108	3 12 6	337 15 9	41	103 6 4	20	135 919 15 5	12	31	642 3 3	
Balcutha ..	1,312	40 8 0	4,396 6 6	621	2,326 2 4	106	838 10,658 4 10	46	288	6,836 11 8	
Caversham ..	446	15 14 9	1,931 10 10	528	2,022 13 10	161	1,328 5,123 15 8	13	100	881 5 11	
Clinton ..	649	22 6 6	2,107 19 4	141	506 19 8	43	276 2,979 5 2	16	108	1,641 15 3	
Clyde ..	723	23 16 9	2,556 18 6	248	864 14 8	41	312 3,996 4 9	9	91	1,508 19 8	
Cromwell ..	1,025	36 8 9	3,720 16 10	391	1,958 9 5	49	362 5,013 19 3	18	125	2,605 9 0	
Dunback ..	197	4 18 6	857 18 7	58	209 15 9	9	65 564 17 2	7	31	667 0 1	
Dunedin North	1,918	75 9 9	4,499 6 9	700	2,731 9 3	526	5,780 34,276 12 5	178	1,220	11,684 3 1	
Gimberburn ..	59	1 12 0	185 18 2	7	17 4 0	3	8 41 17 0	1	2	8 4 1	
Green Island ..	143	5 18 9	378 7 4	188	638 13 9	56	454 2,378 11 0	12	81	1,373 17 3	
Hawera Flat ..	83	2 12 0	234 9 11	9	51 19 0	5	21 77 6 0	1	1	20 6 0	
Heriot ..	242	6 11 9	658 4 4	70	281 8 10	23	88 1,854 1 3	10	27	492 6 0	
Hyde ..	343	9 6 9	1,087 8 2	48	172 2 7	9	48 319 13 5	5	22	318 12 2	
Kaitangata ..	1,134	37 11 6	3,483 14 11	297	1,065 5 4	125	705 5,613 19 2	49	185	4,579 7 8	
Kelso ..	430	14 1 3	1,258 19 8	78	392 19 7	26	97 1,072 4 2	5	41	511 9 2	
Kokonga ..	122	2 19 3	373 18 11	27	132 9 8	7	27 132 10 0	2	9	82 0 6	
Lawrence ..	1,248	43 5 9	4,030 19 11	715	2,710 10 7	146	907 13,920 18 11	66	322	9,875 7 6	
Lovell's Flat ..	209	7 3 3	796 14 11	58	250 5 8	8	65 709 2 6	2	12	196 11 6	
Macrae's Flat ..	359	10 12 9	1,182 5 9	40	205 0 6	7	29 498 19 0	1	16	212 3 5	
Middlemarch ..	616	18 11 6	2,222 7 10	109	558 2 6	21	163 2,432 6 7	5	62	899 6 8	
Miller's Flat ..	375	12 19 3	1,288 18 6	54	283 16 1	23	179 1,766 3 6	6	54	863 5 10	
Milton ..	1,115	37 10 9	3,204 8 5	697	2,483 7 0	130	888 11,621 7 5	58	335	8,134 6 1	
Mosgiel ..	619	22 19 9	1,628 6 3	621	2,242 6 7	102	762 7,210 0 8	46	230	3,999 10 7	
Naseby ..	1,312	36 4 6	5,114 11 2	499	2,057 13 2	54	408 3,339 10 9	36	160	1,807 4 11	
North-east Valley	87	3 15 6	227 8 8	96	338 13 8	30	301 1,317 19 7	5	21	67 13 11	
Ophir ..	1,275	42 18 9	5,621 13 1	149	528 9 11	46	266 3,426 13 1	23	79	1,218 13 2	
Outram ..	284	8 3 6	889 14 10	84	306 19 8	28	160 2,590 1 1	5	70	1,265 11 9	
Owaka ..	871	23 10 3	3,062 2 0	187	887 11 1	40	280 3,864 9 0	17	136	2,520 3 0	
Palmerston ..	801	25 11 6	3,108 0 9	487	2,263 7 0	64	621 6,029 8 4	35	193	3,395 5 2	
Patearoa ..	293	8 2 6	976 13 2	40	99 13 11	..	..	..	..	..	
Pembroke ..	185	8 1 0	764 18 4	40	188 19 8	16	116 517 0 3	10	35	316 5 1	
Port Chalmers	1,255	50 14 6	3,721 10 4	898	3,415 1 2	190	1,919 14,127 11 0	101	684	9,312 15 3	
Portobello ..	56	2 3 6	157 2 5	4	9 10 0	19	118 499 12 8	3	14	70 8 8	
Puerua ..	140	3 11 9	360 2 4	45	159 17 9	11	64 495 13 0	3	25	376 10 10	
Ranfurlu ..	375	9 10 6	1,187 1 8	48	259 18 6	7	28 394 18 4	1	11	142 2 6	
Roslyn ..	322	11 18 3	697 1 6	227	814 8 11	110	947 3,643 11 11	23	165	1,047 8 10	
Roxburgh ..	785	26 0 6	3,206 8 0	273	1,105 2 0	58	397 5,666 19 9	21	145	2,682 16 0	
St. Bathans's ..	456	12 18 3	1,515 9 11	93	309 9 11	29	143 2,144 15 5	6	30	510 9 3	
Seacliff ..	251	9 17 6	963 5 11	143	661 10 6	21	266 1,681 6 9	3	34	412 3 8	
South Dunedin	645	23 14 6	1,643 2 8	609	1,847 11 7	153	1,745 8,037 16 6	63	384	3,185 11 2	
Stirling ..	239	7 7 6	642 2 4	91	349 8 4	30	139 1,418 11 10	5	35	524 4 0	
Tapanui ..	727	20 7 3	2,133 18 1	195	688 13 3	55	376 3,719 3 11	25	116	2,011 16 2	
Waihola ..	233	10 17 3	1,001 10 10	69	332 11 5	15	137 1,817 3 0	15	66	1,055 7 4	
Waikaka ..	445	13 19 3	1,366 14 3	71	341 17 0	39	180 1,360 12 0	20	69	659 4 2	
Waikoikoi ..	84	2 11 3	212 12 4	27	65 6 0	..	..	..	..	..	
Waikouaiti ..	440	12 15 6	1,584 19 0	187	616 8 9	1	199 2,584 18 5	13	96	1,578 3 11	

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 1902—continued.

Office.	Money-orders.					New Accounts opened.	Savings-banks.				
	Issued.			Paid.			Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.	
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.
DUNEDIN— <i>ctd.</i>		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		
Waipiata ..	245	5 5 0	756 18 6	29	86 14 3	15	52	501 14 0	10	25	507 2 11
Waipori ..	162	5 15 0	603 2 4	53	276 11 1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Waitahuna ..	389	11 2 6	1,327 12 10	86	411 4 6	24	176	1,827 19 0	16	59	1,533 4 10
Waitati ..	143	5 17 6	465 5 7	76	320 14 0	12	92	580 2 6	8	42	613 2 7
Wedderburn ..	316	10 18 6	1,297 3 9	65	267 16 11	8	80	594 3 0	3	26	294 12 11
GISBORNE ..	4,447	179 14 0	14,198 5 6	1,646	6,391 5 11	956	6,118	75,756 3 11	707	4,768	71,181 18 7
Port Awanui ..	121	4 15 3	509 14 6	52	199 14 1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Te Karaka ..	83	3 2 3	293 9 5	11	31 12 6	15	42	187 4 2	1	14	38 5 6
Tokomaru Bay ..	208	8 5 9	636 1 1	22	79 10 11	29	117	1,051 4 5	16	88	549 6 9
Tolaga Bay ..	276	11 18 9	1,115 5 2	51	184 12 0	25	122	1,033 17 10	21	125	611 18 2
Tuparoa ..	185	8 8 3	683 15 0	30	128 12 7	21	109	1,360 0 11	6	35	306 6 7
Waipiro Bay ..	213	8 17 0	723 15 7	35	178 1 11	38	172	1,988 4 0	16	82	1,029 7 6
GREYMOOUTH ..	4,015	169 1 0	15,072 7 1	2,760	10,351 11 7	582	4,032	54,734 7 9	573	3,386	58,848 17 3
Ahaura ..	402	13 15 3	1,360 9 7	174	984 19 6	20	145	1,177 9 8	4	59	501 11 2
Blackball ..	520	21 16 0	1,961 9 8	89	310 8 1	63	436	3,870 7 5	22	74	1,585 4 7
Brunnerton ..	497	17 6 6	1,577 4 3	180	630 1 7	49	443	5,798 3 0	27	202	2,375 9 6
Nelson Creek ..	282	12 9 3	1,400 3 3	20	120 18 3	15	99	738 2 11	6	61	619 5 10
Ngahere ..	138	4 10 0	452 16 10	45	314 8 0	18	89	1,232 4 0	8	42	378 17 4
Otira Railway ..	113	4 0 9	496 6 9	19	90 7 6	2	21	192 18 5	2	8	68 12 2
Reefton ..	2,528	94 9 6	8,534 8 7	914	3,263 14 6	291	1,553	19,991 15 7	136	658	12,642 2 3
Stillwater ..	98	6 7 6	461 0 0	21	104 15 4	4	52	187 2 0	1	8	158 0 9
Totara Flat ..	170	5 15 6	577 1 11	38	185 10 9	11	80	718 6 0	4	24	165 9 3
HOKITIKA ..	1,750	67 12 9	5,670 16 1	1,197	4,482 3 3	162	794	15,599 9 6	197	885	21,199 6 1
Goldsborough ..	72	2 16 9	206 17 6	46	185 5 8	11	58	710 5 0	3	9	183 9 7
Kumara ..	883	29 13 6	2,627 1 6	385	1,531 8 10	76	466	4,502 19 11	54	211	3,860 18 11
Okarito ..	53	2 8 0	172 18 11	21	89 16 3	2	7	75 14 3	..	..	..
Rimu ..	103	3 14 6	243 17 2	60	235 0 8	8	92	1,144 7 0	5	60	855 4 10
Ross ..	447	14 1 6	1,146 2 7	199	922 15 3	37	203	2,650 12 0	21	101	2,069 7 4
Stafford ..	227	8 6 9	871 0 3	46	143 4 7	17	77	897 6 5	4	22	364 17 3
INVERCARGILL ..	5,600	233 0 9	17,796 15 2	5,708	19,661 15 1	1,085	8,145	113,458 18 10	1,075	6,369	122,497 2 11
Arrowtown ..	626	20 17 9	2,138 18 6	172	692 7 0	44	213	2,419 3 4	27	102	1,609 8 8
Balfour ..	262	9 0 3	795 6 8	30	100 14 11	23	97	1,505 16 11	11	48	999 11 3
Bluff ..	819	32 8 3	2,584 13 0	427	1,534 12 3	113	760	6,585 12 3	50	266	3,528 16 11
Dipton ..	195	6 2 3	533 5 1	33	134 18 3	19	86	677 5 0	9	26	271 16 6
Edendale ..	236	8 6 0	1,017 1 5	65	224 9 8	35	222	1,594 7 2	4	38	925 16 7
Fairfax ..	90	2 12 6	184 15 11	14	34 10 6	7	46	325 4 10	2	5	69 4 5
Fortrose ..	245	6 17 3	845 10 7	70	242 2 10	24	160	875 1 4	7	38	504 8 1
Gore ..	2,960	104 6 9	9,181 8 4	1,147	4,180 7 2	280	1,621	20,773 11 4	115	697	11,905 19 9
Half-moon Bay ..	137	3 13 3	371 2 3	34	164 0 7	7	32	296 6 0	3	15	171 10 1
Kingston ..	127	3 6 9	313 17 2	12	33 14 4	3	18	116 0 0	2	7	43 14 8
Lumsden ..	335	11 16 0	1,045 12 0	161	597 2 11	27	166	2,080 5 11	20	71	1,010 10 9
Mataura ..	1,135	35 1 9	3,109 18 5	337	1,141 18 8	74	507	5,361 3 8	33	178	3,644 13 4
Nightcaps ..	342	11 19 6	1,153 2 3	83	381 18 3	18	121	818 8 10	4	20	176 0 4
Orepuki ..	1,091	33 12 6	3,189 5 5	126	486 15 7	58	436	4,832 18 6	35	160	3,614 17 2
Otautau ..	455	14 6 0	1,234 18 8	274	919 9 1	45	193	1,896 8 8	17	56	927 14 0
Pukerua ..	127	4 3 0	351 1 2	26	85 1 7	13	87	525 13 0	5	32	723 18 5
Queenstown ..	851	29 19 6	2,631 4 0	416	1,696 7 6	62	395	3,417 14 6	15	117	2,060 8 6
Riversdale ..	367	12 7 3	1,155 1 8	116	424 8 5	27	110	906 10 8	5	26	389 0 0
Riverton ..	641	22 0 3	1,786 9 11	395	1,402 19 5	75	573	4,762 4 0	42	193	2,363 18 11
Thornbury ..	118	3 13 0	250 10 3	20	67 8 0	13	91	1,025 8 0	5	18	446 8 4
Waikaka ..	304	9 14 9	995 3 8	39	157 18 8	16	73	978 5 6	7	25	356 13 5
Waipahi ..	182	6 7 0	517 13 5	91	242 12 9	9	65	647 7 2	8	29	1,129 6 0
Wairio ..	103	4 6 0	370 6 3	24	103 8 5	11	75	869 14 0	2	14	432 8 9
Winton ..	681	22 11 3	1,901 18 0	289	1,094 16 8	95	391	5,401 8 1	36	149	3,602 15 9
Woodlands ..	181	6 9 9	672 17 3	75	246 17 10	18	82	961 18 8	6	37	371 9 9
Wynndham ..	468	15 9 0	1,529 6 1	232	969 16 7	39	272	2,768 14 8	21	95	2,146 4 11
NAPIER ..	5,285	225 10 6	17,681 13 10	6,351	24,105 18 5	1,007	8,859	104,177 15 6	1,140	7,040	125,656 9 1
Blackburn ..	39	1 3 6	169 11 1	5	21 7 6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clive ..	61	2 5 0	183 4 4	35	120 8 6	20	111	368 15 5	14	53	312 18 6
Dannevirke ..	3,025	99 19 0	10,602 9 9	1,156	4,209 9 4	400	1,959	20,732 17 2	171	1,016	15,090 2 2
Frasertown ..	107	5 1 3	500 3 11	38	165 8 0	7	23	220 12 10	6	24	203 13 9
Hastings ..	2,046	80 11 0	6,471 9 5	1,691	5,422 15 4	359	2,360	24,741 10 4	167	1,159	15,643 5 4
Havelock North ..	110	5 11 9	322 1 8	90	299 2 7	25	257	1,275 0 3	7	75	689 19 9
Herbertville ..	88	3 11 0	244 0 1	21	81 15 0	9	127	508 6 6	4	18	231 16 9
Kaikora North ..	398	12 12 3	1,075 15 9	72	270 1 3	22	192	1,759 5 0	13	93	963 11 10
Kumeroa ..	129	3 10 9	456 18 1	22	116 15 6	6	30	313 1 0	1	14	146 5 10
Makaretu ..	119	3 18 6	496 9 1	30	169 5 11	6	51	481 11 6	5	38	679 17 6
Makotuku ..	267	8 1 6	815 6 10	102	287 13 4	20	132	1,622 19 1	12	61	891 8 8
Mohaka ..	138	4 7 9	418 11 2	44	152 1 10	26	69	690 10 7	16	46	668 13 9
Norsewood ..	496	15 19 9	1,713 11 7	81	292 7 0	36	165	1,617 4 9	19	98	1,048 16 7
Ongaonga ..	152	4 18 0	557 17 4	45	190 7 7	24	156	1,191 17 7	9	61	1,935 5 9
Opoutama ..	89	3 11 3	372 4 8	21	58 7 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ormondville ..	591	18 7 6	2,160 19 11	117	631 14 0	32	146	1,843 6 1	21	111	2,210 16 2
Porangahau ..	336	14 4 0	1,232 15 3	68	277 17 6	42	155	1,059 1 7	9	47	602 10 6
Spit ..	645	26 6 9	2,372 12 2	261	979 13 4	24	503	3,029 6 11	14	78	1,346 0 10
Takapau ..	476	15 12 0	1,431 15 8	106	400 12 8	25	158	1,775 3 10	13	75	1,618 0 5
Taradale ..	307	10 15 0	847 0 9	104	342 0 9	32	231	1,202 12 8	8	130	657 15 4
Te Aute ..	139	5 0 3	450 14 11	145	416 6 6	10	55	510 1 9	6	28	195 9 1

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TABLE showing the Number and Amount of Transactions at the several Money-order and Savings-bank Offices in New Zealand during the Year 1902—continued.

Office.	Money-orders.						Savings-banks.					
	Issued.			Paid.			New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.	
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.		Amount.	No.		Amount.	
<b>NAPIER—continued.</b>		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.				£ s. d.		£ s. d.		
Tikokino ..	224	7 10 3	668 2 8	51	146 2 4	18	95	813 19 2	7	52	806 5 10	
Waione ..	69	0 19 0	274 5 4	3	10 9 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Waipawa ..	1,222	43 0 6	3,745 7 9	739	2,356 5 5	70	634	5,687 0 9	34	247	5,241 9 9	
Waipukurau ..	1,048	37 14 0	3,260 17 6	338	1,339 4 3	110	509	5,835 11 2	44	259	5,246 15 8	
Wairoa ..	749	36 14 3	3,000 13 8	309	1,035 13 0	79	403	4,510 0 5	52	302	5,023 15 1	
Weber ..	206	6 1 6	518 11 1	38	183 12 10	16	50	724 18 8	8	27	328 17 4	
Wimbledon ..	104	4 13 3	357 4 9	9	75 11 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>NELSON..</b>	4,285	173 10 0	14,451 4 0	5,093	19,743 12 7	735	5,986	93,574 11 3	710	4,654	106,613 11 3	
Belgrove ..	65	1 19 6	187 2 3	30	159 19 4	17	131	1,519 8 0	3	50	1,266 1 11	
Brightwater ..	143	5 17 3	487 8 4	129	571 13 2	19	121	1,435 14 11	6	57	854 4 11	
Collingwood ..	1,122	40 17 9	4,525 3 11	202	1,520 0 11	83	439	6,121 16 3	15	145	3,185 0 0	
Motueka ..	836	27 13 3	2,851 4 4	369	1,276 8 9	60	519	5,240 9 3	22	196	4,733 0 1	
Motupiko Rly. . .	153	6 6 3	875 9 10	62	246 15 11	9	103	820 18 0	6	20	248 8 6	
Ngatimote ..	141	4 15 9	407 5 4	46	210 6 5	9	77	884 10 3	5	48	525 15 8	
Ratimonde ..	244	8 17 0	793 2 3	259	1,011 10 1	40	316	3,257 2 4	13	69	815 19 7	
Riwaka ..	233	6 5 9	543 9 8	109	445 19 9	35	242	2,450 11 10	5	83	1,054 14 0	
Tadmor ..	104	2 18 6	334 3 8	62	926 19 4	3	15	97 5 0	1	5	48 14 3	
Takaka ..	592	20 5 9	2,228 15 1	181	912 12 6	80	375	6,085 19 6	30	163	4,485 6 8	
The Port ..	350	14 10 0	1,247 17 1	123	446 10 1	39	307	2,453 6 8	..	39	449 2 8	
Thorpe ..	75	2 9 0	223 15 9	17	44 0 6	15	80	441 11 0	3	21	279 9 3	
Upper Moutere ..	119	4 8 0	266 14 7	35	103 19 1	13	73	724 3 0	4	33	320 15 4	
Wakefield ..	270	9 2 6	826 1 10	143	660 7 9	36	242	2,782 9 2	11	89	1,417 3 3	
<b>NEW PLYMOUTH..</b>	5,280	210 11 3	16,986 12 5	4,834	22,038 18 1	1,935	6,147	93,175 14 0	975	4,943	102,830 19 4	
Inglewood ..	1,530	51 12 9	4,747 6 2	325	1,257 16 9	254	1,648	18,811 3 3	102	600	13,238 12 10	
Midhirst ..	585	17 6 3	1,796 15 7	115	469 14 3	36	209	2,094 3 11	30	121	1,964 11 10	
Opunake ..	1,092	39 8 3	3,525 7 7	237	994 12 6	84	468	5,836 3 11	37	195	3,324 2 1	
Pungarehu ..	355	10 11 0	820 18 11	110	698 17 2	30	150	2,263 7 4	5	30	523 16 0	
Rahotu ..	321	10 16 9	984 4 8	98	322 19 3	18	88	679 2 0	3	31	500 8 7	
Stratford ..	3,395	112 2 6	14,759 16 7	963	4,324 0 5	405	2,319	30,139 10 6	223	1,244	21,446 11 1	
Tariki ..	22	0 15 3	92 8 4	..	..	7	9	186 1 7	1	3	15 1 7	
Toko ..	273	8 11 9	927 1 1	37	153 1 10	30	102	1,024 10 4	10	40	320 19 3	
Waitara ..	968	32 9 0	2,856 13 5	369	1,473 5 4	107	675	8,148 1 0	42	344	5,609 5 8	
<b>OAMARU ..</b>	4,781	158 8 3	29,911 0 0	2,829	14,450 17 1	678	4,878	72,384 16 5	624	3,509	68,419 2 4	
Duntroon ..	377	8 8 6	2,455 16 1	85	406 9 4	26	177	1,488 2 4	10	59	703 9 6	
Hampden ..	495	14 15 6	1,645 0 4	313	1,155 11 10	41	209	2,124 3 10	10	58	924 13 11	
Herbert ..	281	8 10 9	1,403 6 11	54	242 17 8	12	110	1,108 14 4	5	23	556 12 8	
Kakanui ..	46	1 9 6	164 8 2	54	232 17 5	3	23	116 4 2	1	6	44 18 6	
Kurov ..	579	16 6 3	3,231 13 5	141	713 8 5	25	136	1,422 1 3	7	32	506 6 5	
Maheno ..	241	7 13 6	785 8 3	101	496 5 11	16	93	638 8 0	4	20	233 14 7	
Ngapara ..	254	9 3 6	1,027 16 9	59	363 14 9	13	87	976 4 6	2	16	240 5 11	
Pukeuri Junction ..	41	1 11 6	207 13 8	37	164 13 0	5	18	226 16 0	..	12	120 0 0	
Shag Point ..	167	4 15 9	386 13 8	155	586 11 6	9	117	565 18 0	21	60	550 2 1	
<b>THAMES ..</b>	2,991	130 6 6	10,264 5 4	3,143	10,478 17 3	577	3,721	54,945 0 5	869	4,329	78,078 5 5	
Anuanu ..	38	1 2 6	129 10 9	..	..	5	18	135 0 0	..	..	..	..
Golden Cross ..	269	9 3 6	825 16 6	14	32 17 8	18	187	1,155 16 1	8	34	431 9 8	
Karangahake ..	2,094	67 6 6	6,058 15 9	284	1,000 9 0	115	1,043	8,604 7 2	65	502	6,249 15 5	
Katikati ..	218	9 18 6	791 5 7	107	520 5 4	21	105	1,115 0 1	17	93	745 0 10	
Komata ..	333	10 11 3	955 17 7	12	35 13 10	23	214	1,351 8 0	7	48	888 0 4	
Maketu ..	89	2 12 9	241 16 6	31	182 17 11	11	39	358 17 2	6	21	291 12 3	
Miranda ..	56	1 16 3	162 6 7	12	53 10 9	2	14	85 8 0	4	7	68 2 10	
Omahu ..	167	5 12 3	620 6 6	7	20 12 0	7	39	210 0 0	..	8	60 5 0	
Opotiki ..	998	31 17 9	3,522 0 2	225	860 1 9	96	486	6,649 4 6	48	225	3,951 11 4	
Paeroa ..	1,503	48 17 3	4,380 17 10	696	2,298 10 3	115	741	7,577 14 3	62	420	5,090 6 10	
Tauranga ..	981	33 15 0	3,061 16 11	728	3,071 1 7	114	773	9,981 4 10	50	472	7,885 18 2	
Te Aroha ..	1,498	46 15 3	4,662 5 11	617	2,367 6 3	92	600	5,011 8 11	48	327	4,445 14 11	
Te Puke ..	504	16 13 0	1,500 9 6	178	751 4 0	49	205	1,659 6 5	13	87	1,092 11 2	
Turua ..	23	0 19 6	69 8 1	16	90 9 0	5	20	122 17 9	..	3	9 0 0	
Waihi ..	4,109	135 7 6	12,227 9 8	938	3,413 0 0	382	2,958	22,837 15 2	206	1,299	15,012 12 8	
Waikino ..	963	32 4 6	2,810 1 8	80	392 11 2	72	513	3,163 14 9	24	182	1,955 16 0	
Waiorongomai ..	53	1 16 0	104 10 3	16	54 11 6	5	16	27 13 4	4	7	27 9 11	
Waitekauri ..	619	21 14 0	2,038 1 3	187	705 3 2	27	404	3,264 19 8	23	128	1,653 5 11	
Whakatane ..	522	18 15 0	1,944 9 1	121	614 6 1	29	97	993 7 2	13	34	314 17 4	
<b>TIMARU ..</b>	4,248	171 10 3	23,253 8 7	2,727	10,459 17 7	900	7,316	102,488 2 6	842	5,343	100,446 15 1	
Albury ..	207	5 14 3	1,209 11 2	36	181 19 4	13	68	1,132 19 7	2	12	126 1 5	
Fairlie ..	510	18 2 9	1,934 3 10	164	925 19 8	48	256	3,478 13 7	14	84	1,548 7 6	
Geraldine ..	1,007	28 15 9	3,433 16 11	324	1,070 1 2	140	922	9,486 11 5	71	360	6,954 16 0	
Glenavy ..	209	5 1 0	1,098 17 9	95	671 9 4	16	48	464 16 0	4	21	308 1 0	
Makikihi ..	90	3 15 0	431 18 9	43	259 4 5	10	50	723 12 8	3	21	520 14 4	
Morven ..	159	4 12 0	1,142 6 11	60	462 3 2	11	51	803 14 10	4	32	691 16 11	
Orari ..	116	2 7 0	245 3 11	41	212 18 9	3	45	274 18 0	6	29	744 18 3	
Pleasant Point..	214	7 5 3	633 3 5	107	413 1 5	24	117	1,772 4 4	10	36	481 1 7	
St. Andrew's ..	244	7 18 6	1,134 15 8	129	880 6 11	20	104	1,413 18 6	4	22	343 10 9	
Studholme Junct.	87	2 16 9	364 8 2	29	85 5 11	7	52	1,062 12 8	1	11	556 17 3	
Temuka ..	1,148	35 18 0	4,480 2 0	445	1,644 18 7	125	881	11,129 6 8	49	346	6,169 2 3	
Waimate ..	1,941	60 2 9	12,810 19 1	577	2,498 19 7	197	1,176	17,939 7 9	87	539	12,477 16 3	
Winchester ..	107	3 8 6	268 10 8	36	101 11 9	9	95	1,634 16 5	5	53	705 3 6	
<b>WANGANUI ..</b>	7,116	285 5 9	26,335 16 3	6,854	23,447 7 11	1,404	9,076	140,163 10 9	1,639	7,750	162,242 14 9	
Alton ..	130	4 0 0	410 8 1	16	20 4 6	8	49	277 9 0	3	18	241 3 7	

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 1902—continued.

Office.	Money-orders.					Savings-banks.						
	Issued.			Paid.		New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.		
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.	
WANGANUI— <i>ctd.</i>		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Aramoho ..	67	2 14 9	222 2 11	13	32 16 0	2	29 238 0 10	..	12	52 10 0	..	12 52 10 0
Bull's ..	756	26 19 0	2,611 0 3	430	1,227 9 10	107	493 4,133 10 2	32	160	2,310 6 0	..	32 160 2,310 6 0
Eltham ..	1,578	50 12 6	6,045 5 9	547	2,483 0 3	193	944 16,657 14 9	54	391	8,908 4 0	..	54 391 8,908 4 0
Fordell ..	212	6 6 0	687 6 5	43	173 9 0	16	102 554 9 0	4	36	617 5 0	..	4 36 617 5 0
Hawera ..	2,728	100 18 9	8,360 13 8	1,614	5,771 3 11	359	2,398 28,429 19 11	205	988	22,373 7 4	..	205 988 22,373 7 4
Hunterville ..	1,433	45 14 3	5,184 13 9	349	1,599 14 2	79	403 4,973 11 8	47	201	3,564 7 4	..	47 201 3,564 7 4
Hurleyville ..	42	1 6 3	179 19 4	9	33 3 0	6	58 163 2 0	..	8	67 13 8	..	8 67 13 8
Kaimanuka ..	26	0 15 0	67 10 8	4	12 0 10	5	18 132 18 7	1	12	95 3 7	..	1 12 95 3 7
Kaponga ..	528	17 17 0	1,724 11 7	83	398 13 6	57	277 2,942 13 4	29	109	2,879 0 9	..	29 109 2,879 0 9
Manaia ..	710	28 0 9	2,241 0 10	180	710 3 10	94	523 9,258 10 4	50	218	7,722 14 0	..	50 218 7,722 14 0
Mangamahu ..	155	3 9 3	609 9 2	14	59 0 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mangaonoho ..	335	9 13 0	964 14 6	67	294 3 1	21	207 1,742 14 8	8	48	363 11 7	..	8 48 363 11 7
Mangaweka ..	1,342	35 4 0	4,577 11 0	254	975 14 8	85	365 3,263 12 7	43	225	2,571 11 7	..	43 225 2,571 11 7
Manutahi ..	73	2 3 6	229 9 8	19	80 17 9	12	82 506 0 2	2	16	157 10 3	..	2 16 157 10 3
Marton ..	1,417	51 11 6	5,358 8 8	873	2,704 4 9	171	1,197 13,146 16 2	77	513	9,472 13 11	..	77 513 9,472 13 11
Moawhango ..	221	8 1 9	907 18 11	24	101 15 6	9	34 646 12 9	7	27	185 15 10	..	7 27 185 15 10
Normanby ..	190	5 19 9	528 15 8	104	471 10 4	31	214 2,873 14 10	20	89	1,473 19 9	..	20 89 1,473 19 9
Ohingaiti ..	571	17 13 0	1,868 4 9	87	380 6 9	46	281 2,608 3 1	19	107	1,265 15 6	..	19 107 1,265 15 6
Okaiawa ..	65	2 9 9	193 11 2	4	26 15 0	7	39 297 13 3	2	11	158 11 0	..	2 11 158 11 0
Otakeho ..	144	6 0 6	504 0 11	22	92 17 8	15	65 262 12 0	5	38	459 17 8	..	5 38 459 17 8
Patea ..	1,001	32 18 9	3,168 12 5	398	1,446 0 10	110	609 7,810 19 2	65	275	4,470 7 10	..	65 275 4,470 7 10
Raetihi ..	600	14 2 9	1,944 11 2	104	657 3 10	19	97 1,166 9 2	9	94	1,261 14 7	..	9 94 1,261 14 7
St. John's ..	20	0 14 9	55 1 11	1	20 0 0	1	6 69 0 0	..	4	24 0 0	..	1 4 24 0 0
Taihape ..	944	24 13 3	3,172 19 4	165	683 0 4	57	192 2,131 17 6	21	128	1,398 9 6	..	21 128 1,398 9 6
Turakina ..	296	10 4 6	955 9 0	69	215 12 9	27	88 938 13 6	8	21	225 15 0	..	8 21 225 15 0
Utiko ..	401	9 15 0	1,224 15 2	57	309 11 5	16	46 539 5 10	9	41	365 2 2	..	9 41 365 2 2
Waikotara ..	265	9 8 0	923 3 0	114	382 16 3	27	149 2,189 3 8	15	90	862 6 1	..	15 90 862 6 1
Waverley ..	1,001	31 10 3	3,684 15 8	224	861 5 4	78	485 6,466 4 2	32	189	4,866 5 10	..	32 189 4,866 5 10
WELLINGTON	25,147	1,855 16 9	93,030 4 0	42,835	165,560 6 3	6,225	48,756 677,588 2 1	6,023	46,049	713,010 13 4	..	6,023 46,049 713,010 13 4
Adelaide Road ..	252	7 16 9	452 6 4	26	71 10 10	81	892 2,540 11 0	10	99	263 15 7	..	10 99 263 15 7
Alfredton ..	207	5 14 3	694 8 7	41	196 16 2	27	127 705 13 5	3	41	551 13 6	..	3 41 551 13 6
Apiti ..	538	12 9 3	1,839 1 1	80	391 1 1	16	129 837 2 10	8	54	1,006 9 2	..	8 54 1,006 9 2
Ashhurst ..	497	14 7 9	1,368 4 10	241	852 0 3	47	311 2,899 8 9	27	160	3,633 18 1	..	27 160 3,633 18 1
Awahuri ..	126	5 4 6	421 4 3	54	144 14 11	15	83 397 5 0	3	39	256 12 9	..	3 39 256 12 9
Bunnythorpe ..	88	2 16 0	319 7 4	47	193 2 1	5	72 655 2 4	6	49	655 6 11	..	6 49 655 6 11
Carterton ..	1,395	47 16 6	4,538 1 11	587	2,157 10 10	140	1,140 10,395 11 8	70	469	9,991 1 6	..	70 469 9,991 1 6
Castlepoint ..	19	0 11 0	40 9 5	..	..	..	3 53 0 0	..	..	..	..	..
Chatham Islands ..	202	6 18 6	812 11 3	79	627 7 1	6	25 255 9 9	2	18	313 4 8	..	2 18 313 4 8
Cheltenham ..	94	3 5 0	368 2 5	33	71 13 6	11	34 230 2 6	8	22	164 4 10	..	8 22 164 4 10
Colyton ..	181	8 0 9	559 13 10	25	80 15 4	17	80 1,434 12 4	12	58	1,314 12 4	..	12 58 1,314 12 4
Cross Creek ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	12 168 11 0	..	..	..	..	..
Courtenay Place ..	609	21 15 6	1,346 9 1	68	229 7 4	143	1,780 6,208 11 0	24	143	948 9 9	..	24 143 948 9 9
Eketahuna ..	1,080	31 2 6	3,140 7 6	309	1,168 9 3	87	567 7,883 19 9	47	327	7,775 0 5	..	47 327 7,775 0 5
Featherston ..	852	31 0 9	2,560 6 2	359	1,292 1 7	125	763 8,040 13 1	44	243	4,713 14 6	..	44 243 4,713 14 6
Feilding ..	2,397	81 18 6	8,512 5 10	1,755	6,013 17 10	287	2,140 22,210 19 5	129	873	14,912 17 4	..	129 873 14,912 17 4
Foxton ..	1,632	55 8 3	4,868 0 2	498	1,598 1 1	232	1,481 12,776 19 7	99	557	4,973 5 6	..	99 557 4,973 5 6
Gladstone ..	75	2 12 0	202 16 5	17	57 15 0	2	34 234 11 10	2	15	152 2 10	..	2 15 152 2 10
Greytown North ..	922	29 13 0	2,636 16 3	434	1,690 3 5	113	805 6,920 18 0	42	382	5,920 11 3	..	42 382 5,920 11 3
Halcombe ..	393	12 8 3	1,312 8 3	121	547 19 8	45	271 2,373 17 3	29	152	2,637 0 0	..	29 152 2,637 0 0
Hukanui ..	169	4 11 3	628 16 8	36	143 13 10	5	79 614 0 0	..	43	973 19 0	..	5 79 614 0 0
Hutt ..	618	23 19 6	1,902 9 5	284	1,314 18 7	129	999 9,891 4 11	50	286	5,103 8 8	..	50 286 5,103 8 8
Johnsonville ..	230	7 3 0	616 7 6	104	336 3 4	42	514 2,945 6 7	6	109	1,427 12 9	..	6 109 1,427 12 9
Kaitoke ..	93	2 16 3	301 1 11	34	135 2 7	9	113 2,057 17 9	4	24	445 4 7	..	4 24 445 4 7
Kaiwarawara ..	125	3 3 9	175 2 11	31	139 10 6	11	244 567 3 0	4	39	529 11 9	..	4 39 529 11 9
Karori ..	47	1 15 3	130 9 2	41	130 12 5	8	72 229 16 0	..	24	201 1 6	..	8 72 229 16 0
Kimbolton ..	446	13 10 0	1,729 16 2	190	812 17 0	58	274 3,313 5 6	21	97	1,604 13 6	..	21 97 1,604 13 6
Koputarua ..	61	2 2 5	180 8 9	9	29 15 11	27	81 759 8 6	..	14	184 14 0	..	27 81 759 8 6
Levin ..	1,051	33 1 0	2,995 13 2	410	1,768 15 6	104	745 6,776 7 5	33	406	7,057 15 5	..	33 406 7,057 15 5
Longburn ..	158	5 4 0	392 8 0	39	135 8 5	34	318 1,195 9 0	19	127	1,614 0 2	..	19 127 1,614 0 2
Makuri ..	271	6 4 9	839 18 11	63	387 1 4	9	42 275 10 8	2	15	140 9 10	..	2 15 140 9 10
Manakau ..	196	8 6 9	679 2 3	52	229 18 8	22	115 1,182 0 9	15	45	1,066 4 8	..	15 45 1,066 4 8
Mangatainoka ..	376	7 1 3	946 3 7	132	408 8 5	29	144 1,117 10 0	18	110	2,230 2 6	..	18 110 2,230 2 6
Martinborough ..	839	29 15 9	2,479 1 5	160	610 19 1	81	349 3,428 7 11	27	167	1,814 19 3	..	27 167 1,814 19 3
Masterton ..	3,424	137 15 0	13,135 0 6	2,126	7,330 1 10	462	3,299 34,036 12 10	198	1,804	27,678 17 4	..	198 1,804 27,678 17 4
Mauriceville ..	173	5 4 0	540 14 10	71	254 12 0	23	109 1,334 6 9	7	67	1,174 17 6	..	7 67 1,174 17 6
" West ..	154	4 16 3	420 5 2	13	72 14 11	18	106 1,414 11 0	8	53	687 16 9	..	8 53 687 16 9
Molesworth St. ..	1,419	57 6 9	3,990 11 6	42	132 3 0	139	1,676 8,270 18 1	27	183	1,470 17 1	..	27 183 1,470 17 1
Ngahauranga ..	299	11 13 6	1,034 8 0	33	142 17 3	41	387 1,782 16 0	8	44	255 6 6	..	8 44 255 6 6
Nireaha ..	67	1 17 6	194 4 1	20	118 13 6	..	..	..	3	14 0 0	..	..
Otake ..	1,077	40 17 9	3,614 17 6	536	1,826 16 3	97	683 4,285 15 2	39	300	3,716 10 8	..	39 300 3,716 10 8
Pahautanui ..	87	2 11 3	208 4 2	20	64 15 5	9	54 390 5 0	1	24	99 4 0	..	1 24 99 4 0
Pahiatua ..	1,994	59 11 0	8,153 14 3	1,077	3,312 8 6	187	1,314 13,776 4 11	84	639	12,279 4 4	..	84 639 12,279 4 4
Palmerston North ..	4,718	174 9 6	15,387 10 10	4,605	15,481 8 0	795	4,960 64,835 2 2	372	2,667	56,563 15 2	..	372 2,667 56,563 15 2
Paraparaumu ..	136	3 19 9	331 18 11	51	239 15 6	15	93 815 6 7	3	47	500 13 1	..	3 47 500 13 1
Petone ..	1,397	55 8 6	4,179 16 4	665	1,987 2 3	338	3,194 24,622 10 3	118				

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TABLE showing the Number and Amount of Transactions at the several Money-order and Savings-bank Offices in New Zealand during the Year 1902—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.
Rakaunui ..	237	5 2 3	612 11 6	18	100 13 6	5	25 125 0 0	3	14	352 13 8	
Rangiwhia ..	208	5 10 3	803 17 3	32	181 9 11	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rongotea ..	477	16 13 9	1,386 7 8	78	276 3 6	50	336 2,430 9 8	35	126	2,034 10 6	
Sanson ..	237	7 0 9	752 7 1	69	247 16 8	27	189 1,563 16 0	13	61	1,598 10 1	
Shannon ..	355	12 8 3	1,147 1 11	120	428 1 5	79	403 3,419 14 7	7	128	1,497 14 2	
Taueru ..	121	3 13 0	327 12 7	10	48 8 8	16	66 388 14 0	2	28	282 15 3	
Te Aro ..	2,772	108 0 0	7,682 3 4	245	949 17 2	433	6,200 22,591 13 9	40	348	1,569 11 0	
Te Nui ..	225	7 13 0	875 12 6	32	111 2 5	12	115 1,196 1 11	..	29	627 1 4	
Tinakori Road..	86	2 10 3	193 17 1	15	50 7 0	52	588 926 3 0	..	53	330 18 0	
Upper Hutt ..	257	9 2 9	850 4 5	131	497 0 2	35	320 2,916 11 5	4	66	882 9 4	
Waikanae ..	394	14 0 6	1,229 15 6	77	366 16 8	32	114 827 3 0	6	64	402 15 11	
Waituna West ..	192	5 2 9	448 6 2	42	134 9 5	9	45 435 2 11	4	20	358 2 5	
Wellington South	1,166	41 18 0	2,800 0 2	1,082	3,432 12 1	532	4,706 21,126 2 3	171	978	6,642 8 0	
Weraroa ..	322	8 11 0	877 8 10	35	158 9 4	34	204 1,588 4 3	6	92	1,857 10 1	
Whakataki ..	61	1 12 9	196 16 4	10	35 2 9	9	33 143 15 0	1	10	28 8 0	
Woodville ..	1,585	47 3 9	4,914 13 8	933	3,125 2 6	137	903 9,410 14 7	73	399	8,712 1 10	
WESTPORT	3,446	138 3 6	11,628 13 11	1,872	7,264 1 10	357	2,286 38,207 7 4	403	2,089	46,357 12 5	
Addison's ..	69	2 8 3	264 5 0	16	33 14 10	..	1 1 0 0	1	3	13 1 9	
Burnett's Face..	448	15 1 0	1,342 18 4	11	89 12 4	62	405 2,659 3 2	13	65	768 15 2	
Capeleston ..	61	2 0 3	180 9 9	10	68 8 0	7	31 174 11 0	..	3	47 0 0	
Charleston ..	267	10 6 3	829 15 11	85	235 15 2	17	142 1,669 9 0	9	50	656 9 11	
Denniston ..	871	32 17 6	3,389 8 0	117	487 12 11	104	809 6,879 5 10	28	151	2,628 1 7	
Granity ..	508	18 10 0	1,478 4 8	65	235 0 2	43	329 3,172 19 1	11	87	1,580 6 5	
Karamea ..	151	4 7 6	467 12 10	50	210 15 1	10	41 452 9 11	1	9	71 4 9	
Longford ..	139	5 3 3	629 10 8	19	96 3 0	3	27 416 8 0	3	12	274 7 11	
Lyell ..	650	22 15 0	2,563 13 8	134	949 6 4	26	116 1,167 4 10	5	44	948 14 2	
Millerton ..	580	24 0 0	1,571 15 8	36	201 4 1	111	609 3,973 16 9	29	90	1,374 17 7	
Murchison ..	476	18 15 6	1,941 8 9	205	3,112 19 5	20	116 1,122 14 0	10	35	933 15 9	
Seddonville ..	287	12 4 3	931 18 6	32	108 3 7	16	72 594 6 0	6	26	327 4 7	
Waimangaroa ..	339	12 0 3	1,371 18 8	90	303 14 4	22	132 1,295 17 1	10	48	414 10 0	

SUMMARY.

POSTAL DISTRICT OF—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland ..	66,051	2,839 16 6	225,859 12 4	66,524	248,395 14 4	7,449	53,475 744,034 16 6
Blenheim ..	6,091	214 0 9	20,321 3 1	2,801	12,707 14 10	816	5,260 77,990 7 2
Christchurch ..	39,417	1,651 0 0	138,908 5 10	36,739	156,760 1 8	8,347	75,615 662,077 12 5
Dunedin ..	44,020	1,668 0 3	148,036 13 9	42,932	170,892 7 11	6,866	61,450 721,231 1 1
Gisborne ..	5,533	225 1 3	18,160 6 3	1,847	7,193 9 11	1,084	6,680 81,376 15 3
Greymouth ..	8,763	349 11 3	31,893 7 11	4,260	16,356 15 1	1,055	6,950 88,640 16 9
Hokitika ..	3,535	128 13 9	10,938 14 0	1,954	7,589 14 6	313	1,697 25,580 14 1
Invercargill ..	18,678	674 8 3	57,757 2 6	10,416	36,992 12 11	2,240	15,037 185,881 10 10
Napier ..	18,665	707 11 0	62,462 10 0	12,092	44,158 7 8	2,425	17,430 186,692 10 6
Nelson ..	8,732	329 16 3	30,248 17 11	6,860	28,280 16 2	1,193	9,026 127,889 16 5
New Plymouth ..	13,821	494 4 9	47,497 4 9	7,088	31,733 5 7	2,006	11,815 162,357 17 10
Oamaru ..	7,262	231 3 0	41,218 17 3	3,828	18,813 6 11	828	5,848 81,051 8 10
Thames ..	18,028	627 4 9	56,371 11 5	7,412	26,943 8 6	1,765	12,193 129,250 3 8
Timaru ..	10,287	357 7 9	52,441 6 10	4,813	19,867 17 7	1,523	11,181 153,805 14 11
Wanganui ..	24,367	846 3 3	84,942 1 7	12,742	45,672 3 6	3,062	18,526 254,585 2 10
Wellington ..	65,665	3,253 2 11	221,409 12 6	61,592	231,473 4 6	11,817	93,916 1,025,386 5 1
Westport ..	8,292	318 12 6	28,591 14 4	2,742	13,396 11 1	798	5,116 61,786 12 0
Grand totals ..	367,207	14,915 18 2	1,277,939 2 3	286,642	1,117,137 12 8	53,587	411,215 5,069,619 6 2

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, 1902.

Table with 15 columns: Postal Districts, Number of Office Savings-Banks Open 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, 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 the Credit of all Open Accounts, inclusive of Interest at Close of the Year, Average Amount standing to the Credit of each Open Account at Close of the Year.

Totals for Colony from 1st Feb. to 31st Dec., 1867

Table No. 6.

BALANCE-SHEET of the New Zealand Post Office Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1902.

	Balances on 1st January, 1902.		Transactions.				Balances on 31st December, 1902.					
	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.				
<b>MONEY-ORDER ACCOUNTS:—</b>	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
Money-orders (general) ..	27,972	5 11	..	..	1,382,712	13 4	1,380,316	16 9	30,368	2 6		
United Kingdom, &c. ..	12,599	5 11	..	..	127,013	8 10	132,450	1 0	7,162	13 9		
United States of America ..	164	6 10	..	..	20,170	19 2	19,918	17 11	416	8 1		
Canada .. .. .	..	..	158	18 7	2,171	8 5	2,144	6 2	..	..		
Cape of Good Hope ..	..	..	1,241	19 10	3,667	11 10	4,370	7 0	..	..		
Ceylon .. .. .	35	2 1	..	..	315	0 10	259	0 3	91	2 8		
Cook Islands .. .. .	..	..	166	7 6	756	3 4	518	3 0	71	12 10		
Fiji .. .. .	..	..	234	14 6	1,505	0 6	1,477	13 5	..	..		
Germany .. .. .	816	11 4	..	..	3,690	13 9	2,846	0 8	1,661	4 5		
Hongkong .. .. .	289	10 9	..	..	834	10 11	1,116	6 5	7	15 3		
India .. .. .	655	0 4	..	..	2,216	18 8	2,777	0 1	94	18 11		
Natal .. .. .	..	..	294	8 7	1,922	0 7	1,899	18 1	..	..		
New South Wales ..	4,364	10 6	..	..	51,173	5 9	54,552	6 9	985	9 6		
Queensland .. .. .	..	..	466	14 9	5,304	0 10	4,400	0 1	437	6 0		
South Australia ..	181	9 1	..	..	3,254	11 10	3,040	12 2	395	8 9		
Samoa .. .. .	..	..	1,806	3 4	2,743	18 8	2,950	8 9	..	..		
Straits Settlements ..	63	4 0	..	..	191	17 11	247	18 4	7	3 7		
Tasmania .. .. .	495	2 10	..	..	15,760	13 3	16,351	2 10	..	..		
Victoria .. .. .	1,134	7 5	..	..	44,627	15 4	44,796	8 4	965	14 5		
Western Australia ..	..	..	511	17 0	5,747	18 5	5,704	15 11	..	..		
Transvaal .. .. .	..	..	..	..	87	16 9	..	..	87	16 9		
Commission .. .. .	..	..	704	11 4	1,964	8 7	1,895	11 8	..	..		
<b>SAVINGS-BANK ACCOUNTS:—</b>												
Deposits and withdrawals ..	6,350,013	9 2	..	..	5,242,545	7 9	4,708,771	11 2	6,883,787	5 9		
Transfers .. .. .	2,264	5 0	..	..	336,243	16 7	335,724	4 10	2,783	16 9		
<b>POSTAL ACCOUNTS:—</b>												
Discount-stamps .. .. .	1,290	4 0	..	..	2,245	0 0	2,047	3 0	1,488	1 0		
Stamps .. .. .	132,526	9 0½	..	..	410,940	5 5	412,948	6 3	130,518	8 2½		
Postal Guides .. .. .	..	..	..	..	385	2 6	385	2 6	..	..		
Postal notes .. .. .	64,889	17 11	..	..	194,554	12 6	188,637	1 10	70,807	8 7		
Private box and bag rents ..	..	..	..	..	5,764	12 0	5,764	12 0	..	..		
Money-order commission ..	..	..	..	..	15,029	7 2	15,029	7 2	..	..		
Postal revenue .. .. .	587	16 9	..	..	260,194	7 2½	256,531	1 0	4,251	2 11½		
<b>TELEGRAPH ACCOUNTS:—</b>												
Pacific cable .. .. .	..	..	..	..	17,876	8 5	16,753	17 11	1,122	10 6		
New South Wales Telegraphs ..	2,309	0 4	..	..	20,976	13 4	22,883	17 7	401	16 1		
New Zealand & Australian Cable ..	870	17 6	..	..	7,006	10 0	7,715	17 3	161	10 3		
Telephone-exchange receipts ..	..	..	..	..	61,756	15 10	61,756	15 10	..	..		
Maintenance of private wires ..	..	..	..	..	2,036	2 6	2,036	2 6	..	..		
Special messenger service ..	..	..	..	..	104	4 7	104	4 7	..	..		
Registration of code addresses ..	..	..	..	..	417	12 6	417	12 6	..	..		
Telegraph revenue .. .. .	1,551	16 9½	..	..	268,911	5 1	268,496	16 0½	1,966	5 10		
<b>GENERAL ACCOUNTS:—</b>												
Post Office Account .. .. .	..	170,994	0 3	4,052,078	7 8	4,037,471	14 10	..	..	156,387	7 5	
Postmasters and Telegraphists ..	..	277,592	12 4½	8,910,814	17 6	8,931,755	4 2	..	..	298,532	19 0½	
Investments .. .. .	..	6,361,959	7 8	1,245,200	0 0	1,817,700	0 0	..	..	6,934,459	7 8	
Accrued interest on investments ..	..	56,934	10 7	56,934	10 7	59,654	3 9	..	..	59,654	3 9	
Miscellaneous receipts (general) ..	1,660	3 0½	..	..	4,490	12 1	5,422	0 4	728	14 9½		
Foreign postage .. .. .	8,384	16 9	..	..	4,992	7 8	4,500	0 0	8,877	4 5		
Miscellaneous expenses .. .. .	11,336	7 0	..	..	650,063	11 9	624,283	19 2	37,115	19 7		
<b>FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS:—</b>												
Advances to Settlers .. .. .	2,754	17 1	..	..	615,341	3 5	612,670	19 6	5,425	1 0		
Arms Act licenses .. .. .	60	0 0	..	..	471	0 0	480	0 0	51	0 0		
Bath receipts, Rotorua .. .. .	181	16 0	..	..	1,674	11 7	1,788	2 3	68	5 4		
Bath tickets, Hanmer Plains ..	424	3 2	..	..	481	18 6	861	6 2	44	15 6		
Clerks of Court .. .. .	..	..	..	..	46	14 6	43	4 0	3	10 6		
County Clerks .. .. .	..	..	..	..	296	13 2	290	13 2	6	0 0		
Customs dues (H.M.C.) .. .. .	248	4 5	..	..	2,187	13 11	2,100	15 1	335	3 3		
Customs duty (parcels) .. .. .	1,836	0 0	..	..	20,549	0 0	24,677	12 8	3,797	7 4		
Factories Act .. .. .	..	..	..	..	35	9 0	35	9 0	..	..		
Fishing licenses .. .. .	75	0 0	..	..	681	12 6	713	17 6	42	15 0		
Education Department .. .. .	..	..	..	..	3	6 0	3	6 0	..	..		
Game licenses .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2,211	0 0	2,211	0 0	..	..		
Geraldine County Council .. .. .	..	..	..	..	429	11 8	429	11 8	..	..		
Goldfields revenue .. .. .	17	5 9	..	..	122	16 0	138	15 3	1	6 6		
Government Audit .. .. .	3	0 0	..	..	14	10 0	17	10 0	..	..		
Government Insurance .. .. .	2,043	4 1	..	..	27,107	6 3	26,622	1 7	2,528	8 9		
Government Printer .. .. .	144	5 7	..	..	552	8 9	642	10 6	54	3 10		
Harbourmaster Pouto .. .. .	79	3 4	..	..	0	16 8	80	0 0	..	..		
Homing-pigeons Protection Act ..	..	..	..	..	1	17 0	1	17 0	..	..		
Income-tax .. .. .	36	2 0	..	..	109,623	8 6	109,575	0 0	84	10 6		
Land-tax .. .. .	9,937	1 1	..	..	219,464	3 0	227,496	0 0	1,905	4 1		
Licensing Act .. .. .	..	..	..	..	22	1 0	22	1 0	..	..		
Lunacy .. .. .	6	8 0	..	..	38	0 0	38	8 0	6	0 0		
Machinery .. .. .	577	17 6	..	..	5,299	0 0	5,487	10 0	389	7 6		
Mining Act .. .. .	530	15 0	..	..	629	2 0	561	12 0	598	5 0		
Miners' Guides .. .. .	1	5 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5 6		
New Zealand Consols .. .. .	5	0 0	..	..	4,276	14 0	4,281	14 0	..	..		
Official Assignee .. .. .	0	12 6	..	..	1,859	10 6	1,790	10 8	69	12 4		
Old-age Pensions .. .. .	21,671	15 9	..	..	205,800	0 0	209,814	3 9	17,657	12 0		
Outside patients, Rotorua .. .. .	55	13 0	..	..	474	1 6	482	9 6	47	5 0		
Probation officers .. .. .	..	..	..	..	3	0 0	3	0 0	..	..		
Public Trust .. .. .	7,533	7 7	..	..	311,064	15 4	308,715	6 1	9,882	16 10		
Railways .. .. .	1,481	3 6	..	..	9,026	15 6	9,617	12 6	890	6 6		
Registration of births, &c. ..	247	6 6	..	..	1,997	14 6	2,019	15 0	225	6 0		
Rents .. .. .	74	6 0	..	..	205	4 4	254	6 4	25	4 0		
Road Board receipts .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	0 0	1	0 0	..	..		
Sanatorium, Hanmer Springs ..	293	19 6	..	..	1,928	8 0	1,970	11 11	251	15 7		
Sheep rates .. .. .	78	1 0	..	..	21,325	19 4	21,373	9 4	30	11 0		
Tourist receipts .. .. .	..	..	..	..	627	5 1	566	0 1	61	5 0		
Stock Department .. .. .	1	1 2	..	..	26	4 2	26	18 6	0	6 10		
Unclaimed moneys .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	17 8	0	17 8	..	..		
Valuation revenue .. .. .	7	12 5	..	..	2,056	5 3	2,061	0 0	2	17 8		
Water rates, Rotorua .. .. .	..	..	..	..	160	10 0	154	10 0	6	0 0		
Suspense Account .. .. .	250	0 0	..	..	256	9 2	506	9 2	..	..		
Stamp Department receipts ..	..	..	..	..	2	1 8	2	1 8	..	..		
Profit and loss .. .. .	195,953	18 7	..	..	291,916	14 4	264,234	11 7	223,636	1 4		
<b>Totals</b> .. .. .	<b>6,873,066</b>	<b>6 3½</b>	<b>6,873,066</b>	<b>6 3½</b>	<b>25,315,690</b>	<b>1 10½</b>	<b>25,315,690</b>	<b>1 10½</b>	<b>7,454,802</b>	<b>11 9½</b>	<b>7,454,802</b>	<b>11 9½</b>

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, 1902.

Description of Securities, &c.	Nominal Value.			Value at Cost Price.			Accrued Interest on 31st December, 1902.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
"The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1896" Debentures, 3½ per cent.	100,000	0	0	100,000	0	0	1,457	10	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 Acts 1896 and 1897 Debentures, 3 per cent.	65,000	0	0	65,000	0	0	203	0	3
"The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1902" Debentures, 4 per cent.	100,000	0	0	100,000	0	0	328	15	4
"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. . .	629,100	0	0	629,100	0	0	7,299	5	3
"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.	231,500	0	0	231,500	0	0	2,686	0	6
Greymouth Harbour Board Debentures, 4 per cent. . . . .	105,000	0	0	105,000	0	0	2,038	18	1
Hamilton Borough Debentures, 4½ per cent. . . . .	3,000	0	0	3,000	0	0	56	4	4
Hokitika Harbour Board Debentures, 5 per cent. . . . .	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	0	2,218	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. . . . .	2,134,940	0	0	2,129,614	0	0	15,968	2	6
"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
"The Local Bodies' Loans Act 1901" Debentures, 3½ per cent.	245,000	0	0	245,000	0	0	2,391	19	6
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. . . . .	31,000	0	0	31,000	0	0	714	14	0
Patea Harbour Board Debentures, 4½ per cent. . . . .	13,000	0	0	13,000	0	0	292	10	0
"The State Coal-mines Act 1901" Debentures, 3½ per cent. . .	30,000	0	0	30,000	0	0	245	0	0
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.	749,200	0	0	749,200	0	0	..		
Westport Harbour Board Debentures, 4 per cent. . . . .	489,500	0	0	489,500	0	0	9,755	4	1
Accrued interest on Post Office Account . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	426	6	3
Totals . . . . .	6,957,387	0	0	6,934,459	7	8	59,654	3	9

**Table No. 8.**  
POST-OFFICE SAVINGS-BANK.

Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1902.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Balance to credit of depositors, 1st January, 1902 .. ..	6,350,013	9	2	Withdrawals during 1902 .. ..	4,708,771	11	2
Deposits during 1902 .. ..	5,069,619	6	2	Balance to credit of depositors, 31st December, 1902 .. ..	6,883,787	5	9
Interest credited depositors, 1902 .. ..	172,926	1	7				
	<u>£11,592,558</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>11</u>		<u>£11,592,558</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>11</u>

*Liabilities and Assets.*

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.	
Balance to credit of depositors, 31st December, 1902 .. ..	6,883,787	5	9	Securities ( <i>vide</i> Table No. 7) .. ..	6,934,459	7	8	
Balance of assets over liabilities .. ..	223,636	1	4	Accumulated profits .. £223,636	1	4		
	<u>£7,107,423</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	Less amount invested and included in total of securities above .. ..	50,672	1	11	
						172,963	19	5
					<u>£7,107,423</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	

*Profit and Loss.*

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.	
Interest credited to depositors during 1902 .. ..	172,926	1	7	Balance forward, 1st January, 1902 .. ..	195,953	18	7	
Paid Public Account, for expenses of Savings-bank management .. ..	14,000	0	0	Interest received .. ..	£232,262	10	7	
Savings-bank profits carried to postal revenue .. ..	20,000	0	0	Interest accrued on 31st December, 1902 .. ..	59,654	3	9	
Interest on debentures purchased, ex div. .. ..	373	19	5		£291,916	14	4	
Balance to next account .. ..	223,636	1	4	Less accrued interest on 31st December, 1901 .. ..	56,934	10	7	
	<u>£430,936</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>			234,982	3	9
					<u>£430,936</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	

**Table No. 9.**

RETURN showing the Total Number of Post-Office Savings-Bank Accounts open on the 31st December, 1902, classified according to the Balances at Credit, compared with the Number open at the end of 1901.

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 .. ..	21,157	3,361	2,499	2,227	895	262	160	120	30,681
Blenheim .. ..	3,077	375	252	218	65	27	14	13	4,041
Christchurch .. ..	30,235	4,491	3,116	3,324	1,116	318	144	131	42,875
Dunedin .. ..	22,518	3,897	2,462	2,114	776	207	139	102	32,215
Gisborne .. ..	2,514	360	232	169	42	20	9	11	3,357
Greymouth .. ..	2,805	499	309	297	126	34	12	18	4,100
Hokitika .. ..	1,023	216	141	152	59	14	9	8	1,622
Invercargill .. ..	6,247	1,178	807	643	231	62	31	17	9,216
Napier .. ..	7,523	1,061	712	573	194	65	34	24	10,186
Nelson .. ..	4,795	716	468	412	162	47	25	19	6,644
New Plymouth .. ..	4,569	748	430	357	98	39	18	19	6,278
Oamaru .. ..	2,238	488	322	282	88	25	9	9	3,461
Thames .. ..	5,663	821	491	406	142	50	24	16	7,613
Timaru .. ..	4,545	806	545	437	187	52	21	28	6,621
Wanganui .. ..	8,770	1,229	615	545	209	61	39	29	11,497
Wellington .. ..	32,315	4,963	3,020	2,296	1,016	311	162	152	44,235
Westport .. ..	1,995	311	200	205	67	25	10	10	2,823
Totals, 1902 .. ..	161,989	25,520	16,621	14,657	5,473	1,619	860	726	227,465
Totals, 1901 .. ..	153,593	23,743	14,705	12,797	4,765	1,394	768	671	212,436

Table No. 10.

## INLAND MAIL-SERVICES ESTABLISHED, ACCELERATED, ETC.

District.	Name of Service.	Frequency.	Remarks.
Auckland	Hautapu Post-office-Railway-station	Daily .. ..	Established.
	Matangi-Tamahere Railway-station ..	" .. ..	"
	Ngaruawahia-Te Kowhai .. ..	" .. ..	"
	Taupiri-Gordonton .. ..	" .. ..	"
	Kihikihi-Te Awamutu .. ..	Four times weekly	"
	Hukerenui Post-office-Railway-station	Thrice weekly ..	"
	Ongarue-Taumarunui .. ..	Twice weekly ..	"
	Waikumete-Nihotupu .. ..	" .. ..	"
	Waiuku-Akaaka .. ..	" .. ..	"
	Waiuku-Otaua .. ..	" .. ..	"
	Cambridge-Maungatautari .. ..	Weekly .. ..	"
	Coromandel-Cabbage Bay .. ..	" .. ..	" (Giving Cabbage Bay a twice-weekly mail.)
	Galatea-Muripara .. ..	" .. ..	"
	Hikuai-Puketui .. ..	" .. ..	"
	Hukerenui-Tapuhi .. ..	" .. ..	"
	Kawhia-Kinohaku .. ..	" .. ..	"
	Manukau Heads-Orua Bay .. ..	" .. ..	"
	Ohaeawai-Okaihau .. ..	" .. ..	" (Giving Okaihau a twice-weekly mail.)
	Ohaeawai-Whangaroa .. ..	" .. ..	"
	Okupu-Owana .. ..	" .. ..	"
	Tangowahine-Onetea .. ..	" .. ..	"
	Totara North-Saies .. ..	" .. ..	"
	Tryphena-landing and shipping mails	" .. ..	" (First subsidised service.)
	Tuakau-Pukekawa .. ..	" .. ..	"
	Waerenga-Tangawahia .. ..	" .. ..	"
	Whangarei-Kaitara .. ..	" .. ..	"
	Pukekohe-Mauku-Waiuku .. ..	" .. ..	Extended to Waiuku, thrice weekly, giving Waiuku a daily mail.
Kihikihi-Te Awamutu .. ..	" .. ..	Frequency increased: from daily to twice daily four days a week (daily the other two).	
Te Awamutu-Railway-station .. ..	" .. ..	Ditto.	
Howick-Whitford .. ..	" .. ..	Frequency increased: twice to thrice weekly.	
Rotorua-Waiotapu-Wairakei-Taupo	" .. ..	Ditto.	
Tuakau-Onewhero .. ..	" .. ..	"	
Rotorua-Atiamuri .. ..	" .. ..	Frequency increased: once to twice weekly. (See Curtailed.)	
Rotorua-Atiamuri-Taupo .. ..	" .. ..	Curtailed to Rotorua-Atiamuri, but frequency increased; and frequency of Rotorua-Waiotapu-Wairakei-Taupo service also increased.	
Rotorua-Galatea .. ..	" .. ..	Altered: to terminate at Muripara instead of Galatea (alteration of route).	
Galatea-Te Whaiti .. ..	" .. ..	Abolished. (See Otherwise Altered.)	
Kaukapakapa-Makarau-Komokoriki-Glorit	" .. ..	"	
Porootarao Post-office-Railway-station	" .. ..	"	
Te Aroha Post-office-Railway-station	" .. ..	"	
Blenheim	Renwicktown-Omaka .. ..	Twice weekly ..	Established.
	Seddon-Richmond Brook .. ..	" .. ..	"
	Fabian's Valley-Wairau Valley .. ..	Weekly .. ..	"
Wairau Valley-Top Valley .. ..	" .. ..	Frequency increased: once to twice weekly.	
Christchurch	Anama Post-office-Railway-station ..	Twice weekly ..	Established.
	Mayfield-Valetta Railway-station	" .. ..	" (Giving Mayfield a daily service.)
	Springfield-Porter's Pass-Castle Hill-Bealey-Otira Railway-Aicken's-Jackson's-Taipo	" .. ..	" (Renewal, 1/1/02.)
	Lyttelton-Chatham Islands .. ..	Six times a year ..	" (Renewal.)
	Oxford-Cooper's Creek-View Hill .. ..	" .. ..	Extended to Rock Ford (new office).
	Waiau-Conway Flat .. ..	" .. ..	Extended to Claverley (office reopened).
	Christchurch-Coalgate (railway) .. ..	" .. ..	Frequency increased: daily to twice daily.
	Christchurch-Halswell .. ..	" .. ..	"
	Christchurch-Little River .. ..	" .. ..	Frequency increased: two additional mails each way on Thursdays.
	Ataahua Post-office-Kaituna Railway-station	" .. ..	Frequency increased: by an extra mail on Thursdays.
	Kowai Bush-Springfield .. ..	" .. ..	Frequency decreased: daily to twice weekly for winter.
Waipara-Cheviot .. ..	" .. ..	Curtailed to Scargill-Domett-Cheviot; Waipara and Omihi to be served by railway.	
Dunedin	Abolished.	" .. ..	"
	Mount Somers-Ashburton Gorge .. ..	" .. ..	Abolished.
	Clyde-Springvale (no post-office) .. ..	Daily .. ..	Established.
	Houipapa-Ratanui .. ..	Weekly .. ..	" (One way only.)
	Pembroke-Cardrona .. ..	" .. ..	" (Winter service: 17th April-31st October, 1902.)
	Taioma-Barewood-Sutton, &c. .. ..	" .. ..	Extended: first to Wedderburn, then to Ida Valley (by extension of railway).
Rough Ridge-Ida Valley-Ophir-Chatto Creek-Alexandra South-Clyde	Two services: Thrice weekly	" .. ..	Curtailed: by extension of railway from Rough Ridge to Ida Valley.

Table No. 10—continued.

## INLAND MAIL-SERVICES ESTABLISHED, ACCELERATED, ETC.—continued.

District.	Name of Service.	Frequency.	Remarks.
Dunedin— <i>ctd.</i>	Pembroke—Cardrona .. ..	..	Temporarily discontinued, 31st October, 1902 (extra weekly winter service, maintaining twice-weekly communication throughout the year).
	Palmerston Post-office—Railway-station	..	Abolished as a subsidised service, owing to addition of a letter-carrier to the staff.
Gisborne ..	Te Araroa Post-office—Beach ..	As required ..	Established. (First subsidised service.)
	Tokomaru Bay—Huiarua .. ..	Weekly ..	"
	Gisborne—Tolaga Bay Road Junction—Pouawa	Twice weekly ..	"
	Te Araroa—East Cape Lighthouse (no post-office)	Monthly ..	"
	Gisborne—Waimata Valley—Arakihi ..	..	Frequency increased: once to twice weekly between Gisborne and Waimata Valley.
	Gisborne—Ormond .. ..	..	Altered: offices now served by railway.
	Gisborne—Whatautu .. ..	..	"
	Gisborne—Waerengaokuri—Timiroto—Ruakituri—Marumaru—Frasertown	..	Abolished as an intermediate service. A through service from Napier established 1st January, 1903.
Greymouth ..	Atarau—Ahaura .. ..	Daily ..	Extended to Upper Moonlight (new office).
Invercargill ..	Dalmore Post-office—Railway-siding ..	Daily ..	Established. (First subsidised service.)
	Titiroa Post-office—Railway-siding ..	" ..	"
	Tussock Creek—Wilson's Crossing ..	Twice weekly ..	"
	Wainatua Post-office—Railway-siding	" ..	"
	Garston—Upper Nevis .. ..	Weekly ..	"
	Invercargill—Tisbury .. ..	..	Frequency increased: twice weekly to daily.
Napier ..	Hastings Post-office—Railway-station	As required ..	Established. (First subsidised service.)
	Mangatuna—Junction on Dannevirke—Weber Road	Weekly ..	"
	Napier—Dannevirke .. ..	..	Extended to Woodville (each way) once daily.
	Ormondville—Whetukura .. ..	..	Extended to Mangapuaka (new office).
	Frasertown—Waikaremoana .. ..	..	Altered: accelerated.
	Ongaonga—Wakarara .. ..	..	Abolished.
	Te Aute—Anarua .. ..	..	"
Nelson ..	Delivery of parcels and letter-carriers' bags within the City of Nelson	Twice daily ..	Established.
	Motueka—Pangatotara .. ..	Thrice weekly ..	"
	Ngatimote—Orinoco .. ..	" ..	(First subsidised service.)
New Plymouth	Toko—Tutuawa .. ..	Twice weekly ..	"
	New Plymouth—Hillsborough ..	Twice and once weekly	"
	Stratford—Toko .. ..	..	Abolished as a coach service; railway extended to Toko.
Oamaru ..	Oamaru—Maheno—Herbert—Hampden—Palmerston—Dunedin (train service)	..	Frequency increased: twice to thrice daily.
	Oamaru—Totaratahi (train service) ..	..	Frequency increased: once to twice daily.
Thames ..	Ohiwa—Opotiki .. ..	As required ..	Established.
	Hikutaia—Anuanu .. ..	Twice weekly ..	"
	Taneatua—Waimana .. ..	Weekly ..	"
	Opotiki—Omaio .. ..	..	Frequency increased: fortnightly to weekly. Section of Opotiki—Raurokore service.
	Paeroa—Waitekauri .. ..	..	Frequency decreased: twice to once daily.
	Tauranga—Rotorua .. ..	..	Altered: from a two-horse to a three-horse service.
	Thames Chief Post-office: Landing and shipping mails	..	Abolished as a separate service; now part of post-office messenger's duty.
	Hikutaia—Anuanu .. ..	..	Abolished.
	Ruatoki Waimana .. ..	..	"
Timaru ..	Woodbury—Orari Gorge (no post-office)	Thrice weekly ..	Established.
	Lake Pukaki—Hermitage .. ..	Weekly ..	" (1st May to 31st Oct., 1902; renewal of winter service).
	Sutherland's Post-office—Railway-station	..	Frequency increased: thrice weekly to daily.
Wanganui ..	Pipiriki Post-office—Steamers ..	As required ..	Established. (First subsidised service.)
	Mangaweka Post-office—Railway-station	Four times daily	"
	Eastown Post-office—Railway-station	Twice daily ..	"
	Wanganui—Sedgebrook .. ..	Daily ..	"
	Hawera—Ararata .. ..	Thrice weekly ..	" (Open-mail delivery.)
	Mangaonoho—Ohingaiti—Mangaweka—Utiku—Taihape—Te Moehau—Moawhango	" ..	" (Renewal.)
	Taihape—Mataroa—Ruanui .. ..	" ..	" (In place of Koeke—Ruanui, abolished.)
	Te Moehau—Turangarere—Waiouru ..	Twice and once weekly (summer and winter)	" (Renewal.)
	Casey's Junction—Ohinewairua ..	Weekly ..	" (Open-mail delivery as well as to new office, Ohinewairua.)

Table No. 10—continued.

## INLAND MAIL-SERVICES ESTABLISHED, ACCELERATED, ETC.—continued.

District.	Name of Service.	Frequency.	Remarks.	
Wanganui— <i>ctd.</i>	Mangaweka open-mail delivery to Te Kapua Road	Weekly.. ..	Established.	
	Utiku-Torere .. ..	" .. ..	"	
	Wanganui-Aramoho .. ..	" .. ..	Frequency increased: twice to thrice daily.	
	Mangaweka-Utiku-Taihape .. ..	" .. ..	Frequency increased: daily to twice daily thrice a week, daily other days.	
	Koeke-Ruanui .. ..	" .. ..	Abolished. (See Established.)	
	Mangaweka-Te Moehau .. ..	" .. ..	"	
	Moawhango-Waiouru .. ..	" .. ..	"	
	Ohingaiti Post-office - Mangaonoho Railway-station	" .. ..	"	
	Ohingaiti-Mangaweka .. ..	" .. ..	"	
	Wanganui - Upokongaro - Koriniti - Jerusalem, &c.-Pipiriki	" .. ..	" (Second twice-weekly service of Wanganui Settlers' River Steamship Company.)	
Wellington ..	Feilding Post-office-Railway-station	As required ..	Established.	
	Harbour service: Anchorage-Wharf and <i>vice versa</i> , and Anchorage-Somes Island-Wharf	" .. ..	"	
	Kaiwarawara - Crofton - Khandallah (letter-delivery)	Daily .. ..	"	
	Palmerston North-Newbury .. ..	" .. ..	"	
	Porirua-Titahi Bay .. ..	" .. ..	"	
	Seatoun - Worsler Bay - Karaka Bay (letter-delivery)	" .. ..	"	
	Wellington-Day's Bay (no post office)-Muritai	Daily, 1st Nov. to 31st May; thrice weekly, 1st June to 31st Oct.	"	"
	Wellington-Seatoun-Worsler Bay .. ..	" .. ..	" (By steamer)	
	Whareama-Langdale Junction .. ..	Thrice weekly ..	" (Connecting at Langdale Junction with Masterton-Te Nui coach.)	
	Puketoi Post-office-Mail-box on Makuri-Pongaroa Road	Twice weekly ..	"	
	Stokes Valley-Taita .. ..	" .. ..	"	
	Colyton-Te Awa .. ..	Weekly .. ..	"	
	Haunui-Junction on Alfredton-Waterfalls Road	" .. ..	"	
	Wellington-Motueka .. ..	Weekly, 1st Nov., '02, to 30th June, '03; fortnightly, 1st July, '03, to 31st Oct., '03.	"	"
	Levin Post-office-Railway-station .. ..	" .. ..	Frequency increased: thrice daily to as required.	
	Wellington-Day's Bay (no post office)-Muritai	" .. ..	Frequency increased; thrice weekly to daily during winter.	
	Akatarawa-Upper Hutt .. ..	" .. ..	Abolished.	
Masterton-Stronvar .. ..	" .. ..	" (Masterton-Brancepeth service extended to Stronvar, 1st Jan., 1903.)		
Muritai-Hutt .. ..	" .. ..	"		
Seatoun-Wellington .. ..	" .. ..	" (By road. See Established.)		
Wellington-Worsler Bay .. ..	" .. ..	"		
Westport ..	Millerton-Mine Creek .. ..	Thrice weekly ..	Established.	

Table No. 11.—SAN FRANCISCO MAIL-SERVICE.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails between London and the undermentioned 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.
1902. January 4	1902. February 4	31	1902. January 4	1902. February 5	32	1902. January 4	1902. February 6	33	1902. January 4	1902. February 8	35	1902. January 4	1902. February 10	37
1902. January 25	1902. February 28	34	1902. January 25	1902. March 20	36	1902. January 25	1902. March 3	37	1902. January 25	1902. March 4	38	1902. January 25	1902. March 6	40
1902. February 15	1902. March 18	31	1902. February 15	1902. March 20	33	1902. February 15	1902. March 22	35	1902. February 15	1902. March 24	37	1902. February 15	1902. March 25	38
1902. March 8	1902. April 31	31	1902. March 8	1902. April 10	33	1902. March 8	1902. April 11	34	1902. March 8	1902. April 14	37	1902. March 8	1902. April 15	38
1902. March 29	1902. April 29	31	1902. March 29	1902. April 30	32	1902. March 29	1902. May 1	33	1902. March 29	1902. May 5	37	1902. March 29	1902. May 6	38
1902. April 19	1902. May 21	32	1902. April 19	1902. May 22	33	1902. April 19	1902. May 23	34	1902. April 19	1902. May 26	37	1902. April 19	1902. May 27	38
1902. May 10	1902. June 10	31	1902. May 10	1902. June 12	33	1902. May 10	1902. June 13	34	1902. May 10	1902. June 13	34	1902. May 10	1902. June 17	38
1902. May 31	1902. June 30	30	1902. May 31	1902. July 2	32	1902. May 31	1902. July 3	33	1902. May 31	1902. July 5	35	1902. May 31	1902. July 7	37
1902. June 21	1902. July 21	30	1902. June 21	1902. July 22	31	1902. June 21	1902. July 24	33	1902. June 21	1902. July 25	34	1902. June 21	1902. July 28	37
1902. July 12	1902. August 12	31	1902. July 12	1902. August 13	32	1902. July 12	1902. August 14	33	1902. July 12	1902. August 16	35	1902. July 12	1902. August 18	37
1902. August 2	1902. September 1	30	1902. August 2	1902. September 3	32	1902. August 2	1902. September 4	33	1902. August 2	1902. September 6	35	1902. August 2	1902. September 8	37
1902. August 23	1902. September 22	30	1902. August 23	1902. September 25	33	1902. August 23	1902. September 27	35	1902. August 23	1902. September 27	35	1902. August 23	1902. September 29	37
1902. September 13	1902. October 14	31	1902. September 13	1902. October 15	32	1902. September 13	1902. October 16	33	1902. September 13	1902. October 19	36	1902. September 13	1902. October 20	37
1902. October 4	1902. November 3	30	1902. October 4	1902. November 4	31	1902. October 4	1902. November 6	33	1902. October 4	1902. November 7	34	1902. October 4	1902. November 8	35
1902. October 25	1902. November 25	31	1902. October 25	1902. November 26	32	1902. October 25	1902. November 27	33	1902. October 25	1902. November 29	35	1902. October 25	1902. December 1	37
1902. November 15	1902. December 16	31	1902. November 15	1902. December 17	32	1902. November 15	1902. December 18	33	1902. November 15	1902. December 20	35	1902. November 15	1902. December 22	37
1903. December 6	1903. January 6	31	1903. December 6	1903. January 8	33	1903. December 6	1903. January 9	34	1903. December 6	1903. January 11	36	1903. December 6	1903. January 13	38
1903. December 27	1903. January 27	31	1903. December 27	1903. January 28	32	1903. December 27	1903. January 30	34	1903. December 27	1903. January 31	35	1903. December 27	1903. February 2	37
Maximum	...	34	...	...	36	...	...	37	...	...	38	...	...	40
Minimum	...	30	...	...	31	...	...	33	...	...	34	...	...	35
Average	...	30.94	...	...	32.44	...	...	33.72	...	...	35.55	...	...	37.39

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.
1902. January 6	1902. February 10	35	1902. January 7	1902. February 10	34	1902. January 8	1902. February 10	33	1902. January 10	1902. February 10	31	1902. January 11	1902. February 10	30
1902. January 27	1902. March 6	38	1902. January 28	1902. March 6	37	1902. January 29	1902. March 6	36	1902. January 31	1902. March 6	34	1902. February 1	1902. March 6	33
1902. February 10	1902. March 27	38	1902. February 18	1902. March 27	37	1902. February 19	1902. March 27	36	1902. February 21	1902. March 27	34	1902. February 22	1902. March 27	33
1902. March 31	1902. April 14	35	1902. March 11	1902. April 14	34	1902. March 12	1902. April 14	33	1902. March 14	1902. April 14	31	1902. March 15	1902. April 14	30
1902. April 22	1902. May 8	38	1902. April 1	1902. May 8	37	1902. April 2	1902. May 8	36	1902. April 4	1902. May 8	34	1902. April 5	1902. May 8	33
1902. May 12	1902. June 14	34	1902. April 22	1902. May 26	34	1902. April 23	1902. May 26	33	1902. April 25	1902. May 26	31	1902. April 26	1902. May 26	30
1902. June 2	1902. July 6	34	1902. May 13	1902. June 14	32	1902. May 14	1902. June 14	31	1902. May 16	1902. June 14	29	1902. May 17	1902. June 14	28
1902. June 21	1902. July 26	35	1902. June 3	1902. July 6	33	1902. June 4	1902. July 6	32	1902. June 6	1902. July 6	30	1902. June 7	1902. July 6	29
1902. July 12	1902. August 18	37	1902. June 23	1902. July 26	33	1902. June 24	1902. July 26	32	1902. June 26	1902. July 26	30	1902. June 27	1902. July 26	29
1902. August 2	1902. September 7	35	1902. July 14	1902. August 18	35	1902. July 15	1902. August 18	34	1902. July 17	1902. August 18	32	1902. July 18	1902. August 18	31
1902. August 23	1902. September 28	36	1902. August 4	1902. September 6	33	1902. August 5	1902. September 6	32	1902. August 7	1902. September 6	30	1902. August 8	1902. September 6	29
1902. September 13	1902. October 21	38	1902. August 25	1902. September 28	34	1902. August 26	1902. September 28	33	1902. August 28	1902. September 28	31	1902. August 29	1902. September 28	30
1902. October 4	1902. November 9	36	1902. September 15	1902. October 21	36	1902. September 16	1902. October 21	35	1902. September 18	1902. October 21	33	1902. September 19	1902. October 21	32
1902. October 25	1902. December 4	40	1902. October 6	1902. November 9	34	1902. October 7	1902. November 9	33	1902. October 9	1902. November 9	31	1902. October 10	1902. November 9	30
1902. November 15	1902. December 20	35	1902. October 27	1902. December 4	38	1902. October 28	1902. December 4	37	1902. October 30	1902. December 4	35	1902. October 31	1902. December 4	34
1903. December 6	1903. January 12	37	1902. November 17	1902. December 20	33	1902. November 18	1902. December 20	32	1902. November 20	1902. December 20	30	1902. November 21	1902. December 20	29
1903. December 27	1903. February 1	36	1903. December 8	1903. January 12	35	1903. December 9	1903. January 12	34	1903. December 11	1903. January 12	32	1903. December 12	1903. January 12	31
Maximum	...	40	...	...	38	...	...	37	...	...	35	...	...	34
Minimum	...	33	...	...	32	...	...	31	...	...	29	...	...	28
Average	...	36.11	...	...	34.61	...	...	33.61	...	...	31.61	...	...	30.61

Table No. 12.—PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL MAIL-SERVICE.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails between London and the undermentioned 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.						
1902. Jan. 3	1902. Feb. 3	31	1902. Jan. 3	1902. Feb. 11	39	1902. Jan. 3	1902. Feb. 12	40	1902. Jan. 3	1902. Feb. 13	41	1902. Jan. 3	1902. Feb. 13	41	1902. Jan. 3	1902. Feb. 10	38						
Jan. 17	Feb. 17	31	Jan. 17	Feb. 25	39	Jan. 17	Feb. 26	40	Jan. 17	Feb. 26	40	Jan. 17	Feb. 24	38	Jan. 17	Feb. 22	36						
Jan. 31	March 4	32	Jan. 31	March 5	33	Jan. 31	March 13	41	Jan. 31	March 13	41	Jan. 31	March 12	40	Jan. 31	March 9	37						
Feb. 14	March 17	31	Feb. 14	March 23	39	Feb. 14	March 25	42	Feb. 14	March 27	43	Feb. 14	March 27	43	Feb. 14	March 24	38						
Feb. 28	March 31	31	Feb. 28	April 7	38	Feb. 28	April 8	39	Feb. 28	April 8	39	Feb. 28	April 27	41	Feb. 28	March 25	36						
March 14	April 15	32	March 14	April 22	39	March 14	April 23	40	March 14	April 23	40	March 14	April 23	40	March 14	April 5	38						
March 28	April 28	31	March 28	May 5	38	March 28	May 7	40	March 28	May 7	40	March 28	May 8	41	March 28	April 21	36						
April 11	May 11	30	April 11	May 19	38	April 11	May 20	39	April 11	May 20	39	April 11	May 19	38	April 11	May 17	37						
April 25	May 26	31	April 25	June 2	38	April 25	June 3	39	April 25	June 3	39	April 25	June 4	40	April 25	June 1	37						
May 9	June 9	31	May 9	June 16	38	May 9	June 17	39	May 9	June 17	39	May 9	June 18	40	May 9	June 16	38						
May 23	June 23	31	May 23	July 30	38	May 23	July 1	39	May 23	July 2	40	May 23	July 2	40	May 23	June 29	37						
June 6	July 7	31	June 6	July 15	39	June 6	July 16	40	June 6	July 16	40	June 6	July 16	40	June 6	July 14	38						
June 20	July 20	30	June 20	July 28	38	June 20	July 29	39	June 20	July 29	39	June 20	August 1	42	June 20	July 27	37						
July 4	August 4	31	July 4	August 11	38	July 4	August 12	39	July 4	August 13	40	July 4	August 13	40	July 4	August 11	38						
July 18	August 18	31	July 18	August 25	38	July 18	August 26	39	July 18	August 26	39	July 18	August 26	39	July 18	August 24	37						
August 1	August 31	30	August 1	Sept. 9	39	August 1	Sept. 10	40	August 1	Sept. 10	40	August 1	Sept. 8	38	August 1	Sept. 7	37						
August 15	Sept. 16	32	August 15	Sept. 23	39	August 15	Sept. 24	40	August 15	Sept. 24	40	August 15	Sept. 23	39	August 15	Sept. 21	37						
August 29	Sept. 29	31	August 29	October 6	38	August 29	October 7	39	August 29	October 7	39	August 29	October 7	39	August 29	October 5	37						
Sept. 12	October 13	31	Sept. 12	October 21	39	Sept. 12	October 22	40	Sept. 12	October 22	40	Sept. 12	October 21	39	Sept. 12	October 19	37						
Sept. 26	October 27	31	Sept. 26	Nov. 3	38	Sept. 26	Nov. 4	39	Sept. 26	Nov. 4	39	Sept. 26	Nov. 4	39	Sept. 26	Nov. 3	38						
October 10	Nov. 9	30	October 10	Nov. 18	39	October 10	Nov. 19	40	October 10	Nov. 19	40	October 10	Nov. 18	39	October 10	Nov. 18	39						
October 24	Nov. 24	31	October 24	Dec. 1	38	October 24	Dec. 3	40	October 24	Dec. 3	40	October 24	Dec. 1	38	October 24	Nov. 30	37						
Nov. 7	Dec. 7	30	Nov. 7	Dec. 15	38	Nov. 7	Dec. 16	39	Nov. 7	Dec. 16	39	Nov. 7	Dec. 16	39	Nov. 7	Dec. 15	38						
Nov. 21	Dec. 22	31	Nov. 21	Dec. 29	38	Nov. 21	Dec. 30	39	Nov. 21	Dec. 30	39	Nov. 21	Dec. 29	38	Nov. 21	Dec. 28	37						
Dec. 5	1903. Jan. 6	32	Dec. 5	1903. Jan. 12	38	Dec. 5	1903. Jan. 13	39	Dec. 5	1903. Jan. 13	39	Dec. 5	1903. Jan. 13	39	Dec. 5	1903. Jan. 11	37						
Dec. 19	Jan. 19	31	Dec. 19	Jan. 27	39	Dec. 19	Jan. 28	40	Dec. 19	Jan. 28	40	Dec. 19	Jan. 26	38	Dec. 19	Jan. 25	37						
Maximum	...	32	...	...	42	...	...	41	...	...	41	...	...	42	...	...	39						
Minimum	...	30	...	...	38	...	...	39	...	...	38	...	...	38	...	...	36						
Average	...	30.96	...	...	38.54	...	...	39.54	...	...	39.54	...	...	37.27	...	...	37.27						

Table No. 12.—PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL MAIL-SERVICE—continued.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails between London and the undermentioned 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.	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.
1902. January 6	40	1902. February 15	1902. January 10	36	1902. February 15	1902. January 6	40	1902. February 15	1902. January 14	32	1902. February 15	1902. January 15	32	1902. February 15
January 20	40	March 1	January 18	42	March 1	January 21	39	March 1	January 28	32	February 1	January 29	31	March 1
February 4	39	15	..	..	..	February 3	40	15	February 11	32	March 15	February 12	31	March 15
February 17	40	29	February 15	42	March 29	February 17	40	29	February 25	32	March 29	February 26	31	March 29
March 3	40	12	March 1	42	April 12	March 4	39	12	March 11	32	April 12	March 12	31	April 12
March 19	38	26	March 15	42	April 26	March 17	40	26	March 25	32	April 26	March 26	31	April 26
March 31	40	10	March 29	42	May 10	April 1	39	10	April 8	32	May 10	April 9	31	May 10
April 14	40	24	April 14	40	May 24	April 15	39	24	April 22	32	May 24	April 23	31	May 24
April 29	40	8	April 26	43	June 8	April 28	41	8	May 6	33	June 8	May 7	32	June 8
May 13	40	22	May 10	43	June 22	May 13	40	22	May 20	33	June 22	May 21	32	June 22
May 26	40	5	May 24	42	July 5	May 26	40	5	June 3	32	July 5	June 4	31	July 5
June 11	40	21	June 7	44	July 21	June 9	42	21	June 17	34	July 21	June 18	33	July 21
June 23	42	4	June 21	44	August 4	June 23	42	4	July 1	34	August 4	July 2	33	August 4
July 7	41	17	July 5	43	August 17	July 7	41	17	July 15	33	August 17	July 16	32	August 17
July 22	40	31	July 19	43	August 31	July 21	41	31	August 1	33	August 31	July 30	32	August 31
August 6	39	14	August 2	43	Sept. 14	August 6	39	14	August 12	33	August 14	August 13	32	August 14
August 19	40	28	August 16	43	Sept. 28	August 18	41	28	August 26	33	Sept. 28	August 27	32	Sept. 28
Sept. 2	39	11	Sept. 3	38	October 11	Sept. 1	40	11	Sept. 9	32	October 11	Sept. 10	31	October 11
Sept. 15	40	25	Sept. 16	39	October 25	Sept. 16	39	25	Sept. 23	32	October 25	Sept. 24	31	October 25
Sept. 29	42	10	Sept. 27	44	November 10	Sept. 30	41	10	October 7	34	November 10	October 8	33	November 10
October 14	39	22	October 11	42	November 22	October 14	39	22	October 21	32	November 22	October 22	31	November 22
October 27	40	6	October 25	42	December 6	October 14	40	6	November 4	32	December 6	November 5	31	December 6
November 12	38	..	..	..	..	November 10	40	..	November 18	32	December 20	November 19	31	December 20
November 25	39	1903. January 3	November 22	42	1903. January 3	November 10	40	3	December 2	32	1903. January 3	December 3	31	1903. January 3
December 8	40	17	December 12	36	January 17	December 8	40	17	December 16	32	January 17	December 17	31	January 17
December 22	40	31	December 26	36	January 31	December 23	39	31	December 30	32	January 31	December 31	31	January 31
Maximum	42	..	..	44	..	..	42	..	..	34	..	..	33	..
Minimum	38	..	..	36	..	..	39	..	..	32	..	..	31	..
Average	39.85	..	..	41.37	..	..	40.04	..	..	32.46	..	..	31.46	..

Table No. 13.—ORIENT MAIL-SERVICE.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails between London and the undermentioned 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.
1902. Jan. 10	1902. Feb. 11	32	1902. Jan. 10	1902. Feb. 12	33	1902. Jan. 10	1902. Feb. 18	39	1902. Jan. 10	1902. Feb. 19	40	1902. Jan. 10	1902. Feb. 18	39	1902. Jan. 10	1902. Feb. 17	38
Jan. 24	Feb. 25	32	Jan. 24	Feb. 26	33	Jan. 24	March 3	38	Jan. 24	March 4	39	Jan. 24	March 5	40	Jan. 24	March 3	38
Feb. 7	March 11	32	Feb. 7	March 12	33	Feb. 7	March 18	39	Feb. 7	March 19	40	Feb. 7	March 19	40	Feb. 7	March 17	38
Feb. 21	March 25	32	Feb. 21	March 26	33	Feb. 21	March 31	38	Feb. 21	April 1	39	Feb. 21	April 2	40	Feb. 21	March 31	38
March 7	April 8	32	March 7	April 9	33	March 7	April 15	39	March 7	April 16	40	March 7	April 16	40	March 7	April 14	38
March 21	April 22	32	March 21	April 23	33	March 21	April 29	39	March 21	April 30	40	March 21	May 1	41	March 21	April 28	38
April 4	May 6	32	April 4	May 7	33	April 4	May 12	38	April 4	May 13	39	April 4	May 15	41	April 4	May 11	37
April 18	May 20	32	April 18	May 21	33	April 18	May 28	40	April 18	May 29	41	April 18	May 28	40	April 18	May 27	39
May 2	June 3	32	May 2	June 4	33	May 2	June 9	38	May 2	June 10	39	May 2	June 11	40	May 2	June 9	38
May 16	June 17	32	May 16	June 18	33	May 16	June 24	39	May 16	June 25	40	May 16	June 26	41	May 16	June 23	38
May 30	July 4	35	May 30	July 5	36	May 30	July 11	42	May 30	July 10	41	May 30	July 9	40	May 30	July 21	41
June 13	July 16	33	June 13	July 17	34	June 13	July 21	38	June 13	July 22	39	June 13	July 23	40	June 13	July 24	41
July 27	August 29	32	July 27	August 31	34	July 27	August 4	38	July 27	August 5	39	July 27	August 6	40	July 27	August 8	42
July 11	August 12	32	July 11	August 13	33	July 11	August 18	38	July 11	August 20	40	July 11	August 21	41	July 11	August 19	39
July 25	August 26	32	July 25	August 28	34	July 25	Sept. 1	38	July 25	Sept. 2	39	July 25	Sept. 4	41	July 25	Sept. 6	43
August 8	Sept. 9	32	August 8	Sept. 10	33	August 8	Sept. 15	38	August 8	Sept. 16	39	August 8	Sept. 18	41	August 8	Sept. 15	38
August 22	Sept. 23	32	August 22	Sept. 24	33	August 22	Sept. 29	38	August 22	Oct. 1	40	August 22	Sept. 30	39	August 22	Sept. 30	39
Sept. 5	October 7	32	Sept. 5	October 8	33	Sept. 5	October 14	39	Sept. 5	October 15	40	Sept. 5	October 15	40	Sept. 5	October 13	38
Sept. 19	October 23	34	Sept. 19	October 24	35	Sept. 19	October 31	42	Sept. 19	October 30	41	Sept. 19	October 29	40	Sept. 19	October 31	42
October 3	Nov. 5	33	October 3	Nov. 6	34	October 3	Nov. 10	38	October 3	Nov. 12	40	October 3	Nov. 13	41	October 3	Nov. 13	41
October 17	Nov. 18	32	October 17	Nov. 19	33	October 17	Nov. 25	39	October 17	Nov. 26	40	October 17	Nov. 26	40	October 17	Nov. 24	38
October 31	Dec. 2	32	October 31	Dec. 3	33	October 31	Dec. 8	38	October 31	Dec. 10	40	October 31	Dec. 9	39	October 31	Dec. 8	38
Nov. 14	Dec. 18	34	Nov. 14	Dec. 19	35	Nov. 14	Dec. 25	41	Nov. 14	Dec. 24	40	Nov. 14	Dec. 23	39	Nov. 14	Dec. 25	41
Nov. 28	Dec. 31	33	Nov. 28	Jan. 1	34	Nov. 28	Jan. 5	38	Nov. 28	Jan. 6	39	Nov. 28	Jan. 8	41	Nov. 28	Jan. 8	41
Dec. 12	Jan. 13	32	Dec. 12	Jan. 14	33	Dec. 12	Jan. 19	38	Dec. 12	Jan. 20	39	Dec. 12	Jan. 20	39	Dec. 12	Jan. 19	38
Dec. 26	Jan. 27	32	Dec. 26	Jan. 28	33	Dec. 26	Feb. 2	38	Dec. 26	Feb. 3	39	Dec. 26	Feb. 3	39	Dec. 26	Feb. 1	37
Maximum	...	35	...	...	36	...	...	42	...	...	41	...	...	41	...	...	43
Minimum	...	32	...	...	33	...	...	38	...	...	39	...	...	39	...	...	37
Average	...	32.38	...	...	33.46	...	...	38.77	...	...	39.69	...	...	40.08	...	...	39.15

Table No. 13.—ORIENT MAIL-SERVICE—continued

STATEMENT showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails between London and the undermentioned 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.	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.
1902. January 13	1902. February 23	41	1902. January 13	1902. February 23	41	1902. January 13	1902. February 23	41	1902. January 21	1902. February 23	33	1902. January 22	1902. February 23	32
January 27	March 9	41	February 27	March 9	41	February 27	March 9	41	February 4	March 9	33	February 5	March 9	32
February 10	March 23	41	February 10	March 23	41	February 10	March 23	41	February 18	March 23	33	February 19	March 23	32
February 24	April 6	41	February 24	April 6	41	February 24	April 6	41	March 4	April 6	33	March 5	April 6	32
March 10	April 20	41	March 10	April 20	41	March 10	April 20	41	March 18	April 20	33	March 19	April 20	32
March 24	May 3	40	March 24	May 3	40	March 24	May 3	40	April 1	May 3	32	April 2	May 3	31
April 8	May 18	40	April 8	May 18	40	April 8	May 18	40	April 15	May 18	33	April 16	May 18	32
April 21	June 1	41	April 21	June 1	41	April 21	June 1	41	April 29	June 1	33	April 30	June 1	32
May 5	June 15	41	May 5	June 15	41	May 5	June 15	41	May 13	June 15	33	May 14	June 15	32
May 22	June 29	38	May 22	June 29	38	May 22	June 29	38	May 27	June 29	33	May 28	June 29	32
June 2	July 14	42	June 2	July 14	42	June 2	July 14	42	June 10	July 14	34	June 11	July 14	33
June 16	July 28	42	June 16	July 28	42	June 16	July 28	42	June 24	July 28	34	June 25	July 28	33
July 1	August 11	41	July 1	August 11	41	July 1	August 11	41	July 8	August 11	34	July 9	August 11	33
July 14	August 27	44	July 14	August 27	44	July 14	August 27	44	July 22	August 27	36	July 23	August 27	35
July 28	Sept. 7	41	July 28	Sept. 7	41	July 28	Sept. 7	41	August 5	Sept. 7	33	August 6	Sept. 7	32
August 12	Sept. 22	41	August 12	Sept. 22	41	August 12	Sept. 22	41	August 19	Sept. 22	34	August 20	Sept. 22	33
August 25	October 5	41	August 25	October 5	41	August 25	October 5	41	August 28	October 5	33	August 29	October 5	32
Sept. 8	October 20	42	Sept. 8	October 20	42	Sept. 8	October 20	42	Sept. 16	October 20	34	Sept. 17	October 20	33
Sept. 23	November 2	40	Sept. 23	November 2	40	Sept. 23	November 2	40	Sept. 30	November 2	33	Sept. 31	November 2	32
October 7	November 16	40	October 7	November 16	40	October 7	November 16	40	October 14	November 16	33	October 15	November 16	32
October 20	December 1	42	October 20	December 1	42	October 20	December 1	42	October 30	December 1	34	October 31	December 1	33
November 4	December 15	41	November 4	December 15	41	November 4	December 15	41	November 11	December 15	34	November 12	December 15	33
November 17	December 28	41	November 17	December 28	41	November 17	December 28	41	November 25	December 28	33	November 26	December 28	32
December 1	1903. January 11	41	December 2	1903. January 11	40	December 2	1903. January 11	40	December 9	1903. January 11	33	December 10	1903. January 11	32
December 16	January 25	40	December 15	January 25	41	December 15	January 25	41	December 23	January 25	33	December 24	January 25	32
December 31	February 8	39	December 29	February 8	41	December 29	February 8	41	1903. January 6	February 8	33	1903. January 7	February 8	32
Maximum	..	44	..	..	44	..	..	44	..	..	36	..	..	35
Minimum	..	38	..	..	40	..	..	40	..	..	32	..	..	31
Average	..	40.88	..	..	41.04	..	..	41.04	..	..	33.35	..	..	32.35

**Table No. 14.**  
**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, 1902.**

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	9,768,213	184,470	226,434	2,942,111	2,560,948	48,878	625,325	11,548	306,247	978,482	10,747	10,393,538	184,470	237,982	3,248,358	3,539,430	59,625				
Thames	917,280	16,042	18,876	184,795	206,700	3,426	58,705	963	19,209	79,166	380	975,985	16,042	19,839	203,914	285,866	3,806				
New Plymouth	1,687,543	52,312	65,247	431,340	447,317	4,501	108,002	3,327	44,859	171,322	1,349	1,795,545	52,312	68,574	476,199	618,639	5,850				
Gisborne	476,931	3,770	4,342	111,150	167,362	2,570	30,523	221	11,560	64,100	727	507,454	3,770	4,503	122,710	231,402	3,297				
Napier	2,493,635	44,668	56,875	646,357	540,449	10,303	153,832	2,901	67,221	206,992	1,799	2,557,467	44,668	59,776	713,578	747,441	12,162				
Wanganui	2,671,214	64,948	71,331	735,644	494,741	11,487	170,957	3,638	76,507	189,485	1,992	2,842,171	64,948	74,969	812,151	684,226	13,479				
Wellington	9,876,971	169,325	196,742	3,255,399	1,841,320	60,954	632,286	10,034	338,826	705,226	12,000	10,509,257	169,325	206,776	3,594,225	2,546,546	73,014				
Nelson	1,045,824	26,546	27,729	283,465	207,831	5,846	66,932	1,414	29,480	79,599	675	1,112,756	26,546	29,143	312,945	287,430	6,521				
Westport	402,545	2,873	6,825	81,484	124,215	2,384	25,762	348	8,474	47,574	251	428,397	2,873	7,173	89,958	171,789	2,635				
Greymouth	727,890	4,862	5,603	89,622	243,568	2,737	46,585	286	9,320	93,287	649	774,481	4,862	5,889	98,942	336,855	3,386				
Hokitika	282,906	2,444	4,953	39,732	94,172	2,961	18,105	253	3,196	36,068	272	301,011	2,444	5,206	33,928	130,240	3,233				
Blenheim	685,815	13,208	10,374	124,279	189,202	2,013	43,892	529	12,925	72,464	357	729,707	13,208	10,993	137,204	261,666	2,370				
Christchurch	8,007,025	180,245	184,171	2,867,868	2,521,064	35,292	512,559	9,393	298,523	964,233	7,593	8,519,584	180,245	193,504	3,166,391	3,485,297	42,885				
Timaru	1,483,131	41,990	32,110	308,355	195,455	2,507	94,920	1,638	32,069	74,859	868	1,578,051	41,990	33,748	340,424	270,314	3,375				
Oamaru	912,873	23,725	24,570	139,423	145,652	1,805	58,423	1,253	13,564	55,785	542	971,296	23,725	25,823	143,987	201,437	2,347				
Dunedin	8,424,689	138,567	210,431	3,604,687	2,486,400	39,000	539,293	10,705	374,887	948,658	5,982	8,963,982	138,567	221,136	3,979,574	3,429,058	45,582				
Invercargill	3,594,384	55,380	92,391	1,043,330	932,451	6,692	224,280	4,712	108,566	357,129	1,411	3,728,664	55,380	97,103	1,151,836	1,289,580	8,103				
Totals	53,278,875	1,025,375	1,239,004	16,870,951	13,392,847	244,016	3,410,381	63,163	1,755,373	5,124,429	47,654	56,689,256	1,025,375	1,302,167	18,626,324	18,517,276	291,670				
Previous year	48,370,816	1,023,295	1,460,589	16,176,195	13,858,234	233,491	3,173,449	61,788	1,624,871	5,115,398	39,951	51,544,265	1,023,295	1,522,377	17,801,066	18,973,632	273,442				



Table No. 16.

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 1902.

Postal Districts.	Letters.	Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Books, &c.	Newspapers.	Parcels.
Auckland .. .. .	3,816,153	73,515	90,942	883,951	815,613	15,923
Thames .. .. .	574,493	11,065	35,460	181,935	149,600	4,327
New Plymouth .. .. .	540,969	10,421	32,327	78,691	229,699	6,431
Gisborne .. .. .	169,833	3,272	2,633	16,308	41,849	1,895
Napier .. .. .	598,290	11,526	18,531	203,573	142,596	6,771
Wanganui .. .. .	645,006	12,425	43,905	407,363	249,031	5,961
Wellington .. .. .	3,648,378	70,283	107,253	1,161,594	869,883	14,337
Nelson .. .. .	294,583	5,675	14,213	83,393	105,974	3,669
Westport .. .. .	179,437	3,457	7,647	40,037	63,412	3,044
Greymouth .. .. .	265,842	5,121	21,345	91,622	64,277	4,121
Hokitika .. .. .	96,429	1,858	5,082	19,163	39,558	962
Blenheim .. .. .	157,378	3,032	5,553	38,774	52,002	2,008
Christchurch .. .. .	2,347,916	45,230	64,626	932,163	538,031	12,804
Timaru .. .. .	455,365	8,772	19,031	123,838	78,732	3,299
Oamaru .. .. .	249,276	4,802	30,143	49,172	43,808	1,476
Dunedin .. .. .	2,845,109	54,808	139,169	1,021,370	774,243	8,282
Invercargill .. .. .	989,829	19,068	69,098	554,853	215,373	2,101
Totals .. .. .	17,874,196	344,330	706,958	5,887,800	4,533,681	97,411
Previous year .. .. .	16,076,586	339,893	732,744	5,124,504	4,179,621	78,338

Table No. 17.

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.		£	s.							d.													
30th June, 1866	699	1,390	13	24,761	2,746	27,407	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Mileage tariff.												
"	757	1,498	21	55,621	15,331	70,952	5,501	19	2	493	3	2	6,045	2	4		6,377	6	3	9	10							
"	1,110	2,223	31	72,241	26,244	98,485	11,652	3	7	6,072	0	3	18,324	3	10	10,558	19	6	3	7	1	Mileage tariff.						
"	1,329	2,495	45	106,070	50,097	156,167	18,520	10	4	13,430	11	9	31,951	2	1	9,489	17	10	5,406	7	3		14,896	5	1	4	17	4
"	1,661	2,897	56	122,545	62,878	185,423	17,218	1	4	12,252	6	0	29,470	7	4	16,417	7	4	14,120	4	10	30,537	12	2	8	9	11	Mileage tariff in operation up to 1st Sept., 1869; uniform ss. 6d. tariff from 1st Sept., 1869, to 31st March, 1870; and is. tariff from 1st April, 1870.
"	1,976	3,247	72	253,582	59,292	312,874	22,419	8	8	9,876	17	6	32,296	6	2	21,254	4	3	11,344	3	8	32,598	7	11	5	19	6	
"	2,185	3,823	81	344,524	67,243	411,767	28,121	10	0	11,043	3	9	39,164	13	9	23,593	9	9	8,858	19	7	32,452	9	4	4	2	3	Mileage tariff in operation up to 1st Sept., 1869; uniform ss. 6d. tariff from 1st Sept., 1869, to 31st March, 1870; and is. tariff from 1st April, 1870.
"	2,356	4,574	93	485,507	83,453	568,960	39,680	18	9	11,105	2	0	50,786	0	9	27,040	18	10	9,479	5	4	36,520	4	2	4	1	11	
"	2,530	5,782	105	645,067	107,832	752,899	46,508	18	10	12,618	11	6	59,127	10	4	38,801	19	4	15,021	17	11	53,823	17	3	6	3	11	Mileage tariff in operation up to 1st Sept., 1869; uniform ss. 6d. tariff from 1st Sept., 1869, to 31st March, 1870; and is. tariff from 1st April, 1870.
"	2,986	6,626	127	786,237	130,891	917,128	55,301	12	3	13,679	10	9	68,981	3	0	45,814	11	4	14,240	19	7	60,055	10	11	4	16	4	
"	3,154	7,247	142	890,382	160,704	1,051,086	62,715	10	4	16,154	6	0	78,869	16	4	61,696	14	5	21,074	8	8	82,771	3	1	5	18	10	Mileage tariff in operation up to 1st Sept., 1869; uniform ss. 6d. tariff from 1st Sept., 1869, to 31st March, 1870; and is. tariff from 1st April, 1870.
"	3,259	7,423	155	952,283	172,159	1,124,442	65,644	15	3	17,024	8	9	82,669	4	0	63,353	10	10	17,931	8	0	81,284	18	10	5	12	11	
"	3,434	8,035	182	1,065,481	194,843	1,260,324	73,284	1	10	19,148	12	4	92,432	14	2	69,340	1	8	18,259	4	9	87,599	6	5	5	10	0	From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
"	3,512	8,117	195	1,201,982	246,961	1,448,943	85,402	0	2	26,949	2	2	112,351	2	4	79,502	0	5	17,299	7	10	96,801	8	3	5	0	9	
31st March, 1880	3,638	9,333	214	824,734	183,675	1,008,409	58,120	3	3	19,707	6	3	77,827	9	6	68,651	10	10	14,758	4	5	83,409	15	3	4	3	4	From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
"	3,758	9,587	227	1,058,342	246,370	1,304,712	73,002	2	0	27,021	3	8	100,023	5	8	78,224	1	8	23,154	8	3	101,378	9	11	6	6	7	
"	3,824	9,653	234	1,215,849	222,923	1,438,772	78,828	19	8	22,737	16	4	101,566	16	0	69,165	5	0	18,292	13	4	87,457	18	4	4	17	4	

Table No. 17—continued.

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

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Offices.	Number of Telegrams forwarded during the Year.		Telegraph Revenue from all Sources.	Value of Government Messages.		Total Value of Business done during the Year.	Cost of Maintenance of Stations.		Cost of Maintenance of Lines, excluding Australian Cable Subsidy.	Total Expenditure.		Cost of Maintenance of Lines per Mile.	Tariff in Operation.		
				Private, and Press.	Government.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
31st Dec., 1882	3,974	9,848	264	1,361,817	208,372	1,570,189	99,633	11	11	111,242	3	1	73,554	9	122,451	6	3	From 1st November 1873, address and signature given in free. From 1st Jan., 1886, delayed telegrams posted to addressees immediately after their receipt at offices of destination.
" 1883	4,074	10,037	302	1,379,483	219,917	1,599,400	93,822	3	3	115,378	5	5	73,054	4	191,210	6	0	
" 1884	4,264	10,474	330	1,433,458	220,847	1,654,305	93,634	5	5	116,490	5	0	70,036	6	202,041	15	0	
" 1885	4,463	10,931	375	1,533,406	240,867	1,774,273	101,652	8	0	126,512	17	0	77,082	4	420,900	6	2	
" 1886	4,546	11,178	412	1,583,717	252,549	1,836,266	106,638	12	2	133,919	16	11	77,473	10	721,402	18	2	
" 1887	4,646	11,375	437	1,589,771	245,623	1,835,394	106,548	0	0	136,713	15	10	76,580	10	621,321	9	4	
" 1888	4,790	11,617	473	1,548,233	217,630	1,765,863	106,311	11	6	129,476	5	5	72,201	13	523,262	1	0	
" 1889	4,874	11,827	489	1,589,157	213,830	1,802,987	106,462	18	4	130,681	7	7	75,426	9	726,007	1	5	
" 1890	5,148	12,812	520	1,734,381	226,780	1,961,161	110,696	17	8	136,767	10	3	76,845	1	1,027,546	2	0	
" 1891	5,349	13,235	573	1,746,115	222,149	1,968,264	117,633	15	9	142,474	1	4	85,658	4	1,128,986	10	10	
" 1892	5,479	13,459	615	1,686,064	218,079	1,904,143	103,813	8	6	128,155	15	6	87,472	13	329,580	10	11	
" 1893	5,513	13,515	640	1,825,646	244,045	2,069,691	112,465	15	9	140,783	3	7	92,109	17	629,141	6	0	

For the Financial Years ended 31st March, 1895, to the 31st March, 1903.

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Offices.	Number of Telegrams forwarded during the Year.		Revenue (including Miscellaneous Receipts).		Value of Government Messages.		Total Value of Business done during the Year.	Total Expenditure (excluding Cable Subsidy).		Remarks.			
				Private, and Press.	Government.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.	
31st March, 1895	5,961½	14,881½	705	1,802,182	231,618	2,033,800	88,459	10	11	21,552	12	10	135,791	0	7	Cable subsidy, 6,492
" 1896	6,245½	15,764½	743	1,899,632	224,579	2,124,211	97,178	14	0	25,933	12	9	148,935	18	8	"
" 1897	6,284½	16,470½	780	2,285,001	235,168	2,520,169	100,385	16	1	29,248	19	5	152,752	18	0	"
" 1898	6,484	18,024	824	2,469,415	226,818	2,696,233	99,798	8	10	36,422	6	8	160,725	5	2	"
" 1899	6,736	18,746	878	2,717,548	243,190	2,960,738	105,576	6	0	39,718	7	7	170,794	19	5	"
" 1900	6,910	19,228	915	3,159,093	310,538	3,469,631	119,641	11	6	43,303	2	10	192,376	13	4	"
" 1901	7,249½	20,682½	991	3,534,444	363,684	3,898,128	137,861	1	2	49,117	0	8	222,305	8	0	"
" 1902	7,469	21,795	1,038	3,850,391	416,981	4,267,372	151,933	19	11	55,542	4	9	234,984	2	2	"
" 1903	7,748½	22,672½	1,103	4,271,218	459,086	4,730,304	160,343	7	7	62,151	8	11	248,934	19	4	"

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. 18.

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, 1903.

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 Government Messages.	Total Number of Messages of all Codes.
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.			
Auckland .. .. .	24,746	8 0	4,356	4 7	29,102	12 7	707,793	43,801	751,594
Blenheim .. .. .	2,385	5 6	449	13 2	2,834	18 8	63,479	6,308	69,787
Christchurch .. .. .	18,087	12 10	2,270	15 8	20,358	8 6	461,813	26,207	488,020
Dunedin .. .. .	17,792	16 9	1,985	5 8	19,778	2 5	490,790	26,407	517,197
Gisborne .. .. .	3,768	13 3½	396	9 0	4,165	2 3½	89,909	5,126	95,035
Greymouth .. .. .	3,941	7 0	552	3 8	4,493	10 8	104,206	6,381	110,587
Hokitika .. .. .	1,700	12 9½	258	8 11	1,959	1 8½	42,266	2,311	44,577
Invercargill .. .. .	8,005	15 1½	958	13 2	8,964	8 3½	235,920	13,011	248,931
Napier .. .. .	8,676	15 6½	914	11 3	9,591	6 9½	232,560	10,424	242,984
Nelson .. .. .	3,953	11 5½	1,109	7 3	5,062	18 8½	200,788	13,606	214,394
New Plymouth .. .. .	5,487	5 5½	720	10 9	6,207	16 2½	147,004	10,171	157,175
Oamaru .. .. .	2,311	16 10½	229	16 7	2,541	13 5½	55,940	3,213	59,153
Thames .. .. .	4,809	10 0½	475	1 0	5,284	11 0½	131,594	5,444	137,038
Timaru .. .. .	3,838	15 0½	398	19 3	4,237	14 3½	100,810	5,096	105,906
Wanganui .. .. .	9,491	3 3½	950	2 6	10,441	5 9½	267,997	9,702	277,699
Wellington .. .. .	31,474	1 4½	9,854	1 6	41,328	2 10½	865,822	93,586	959,408
Westport .. .. .	2,866	12 10½	559	18 11	3,426	11 9½	72,527	7,292	79,819
Totals, 1902-3 .. .. .	153,338	3 3	26,440	2 10	179,778	6 1	4,271,218	288,086	4,559,304
Totals, 1901-2 .. .. .	141,581	2 7	27,507	17 6	169,089	0 1	3,850,391	317,590	4,167,981

Table No. 19.

RETURN of Paid Telegrams of all Codes forwarded during the Twelve Months ended 31st March, 1903, and the Revenue received.

Class of Telegrams.	June Quarter, 1902.		September Quarter, 1902.		December Quarter, 1902.		March Quarter, 1903.		Totals.	
	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.
Ordinary ..	790,359	£ 38,483 7 4½	760,163	£ 37,829 7 1	888,784	£ 41,518 5 2½	902,507	£ 43,082 8 8	3,341,813	£ 160,913 8 4
Urgent ..	43,166	2,913 7 1	36,306	2,464 3 10½	52,490	3,227 7 4	51,450	3,314 10 7½	183,412	11,919 8 11
Press ..	91,293	3,997 14 5	95,990	4,470 10 1	92,931	4,067 6 6½	93,831	4,178 13 4	374,045	16,714 4 4½
Bureau ..	82,688	2,445 2 6	86,913	2,616 8 3	97,477	2,933 8 10	104,870	2,777 2 2	371,948	10,772 1 9
Gross totals	..	47,839 11 4½	..	47,380 9 3½	..	51,746 7 11	..	53,352 14 9½	..	200,319 3 4½
Less other lines and credits	..	11,196 5 7½	..	11,993 4 10½	..	11,310 2 11½	..	12,481 6 8	..	46,981 0 1½
Net totals, 1902-3	1,007,506	£ 36,643 5 9	979,372	£ 35,387 4 5	1,131,682	£ 40,436 4 11½	1,152,658	£ 40,871 8 1½	4,271,218	£ 153,338 3 3
Net totals, 1901-2	951,480	£ 34,983 9 5	874,759	£ 32,333 13 2	980,310	£ 35,773 9 9	1,043,842	£ 38,490 10 3	3,850,391	£ 141,581 2 7

Table No. 20.

RETURN of the Number and Value of Telegraph Money-orders issued within the several Postal Districts during the Year ended 31st December, 1902.

Districts.	Number.	Telegraph Commission.	Value of Orders.
Auckland .. .. .	7,320	£ 366 0 0	£ 24,538 0 5
Blenheim .. .. .	1,126	56 6 0	2,950 18 11
Christchurch .. .. .	3,757	187 17 0	12,395 9 2
Dunedin .. .. .	3,677	183 17 0	12,012 9 0
Gisborne .. .. .	1,607	80 7 0	5,748 11 0
Greymouth .. .. .	1,927	96 7 0	6,271 19 7
Hokitika .. .. .	611	30 11 0	1,909 8 10
Invercargill .. .. .	1,737	86 17 0	5,185 8 5
Napier .. .. .	3,348	167 8 0	10,181 16 4
Nelson .. .. .	1,115	55 15 0	3,437 17 11
New Plymouth .. .. .	2,315	115 15 0	6,426 4 9
Oamaru .. .. .	474	23 14 0	1,552 16 6
Thames .. .. .	2,749	137 9 0	7,205 17 7
Timaru .. .. .	768	38 8 0	2,079 2 7
Wanganui .. .. .	4,854	242 14 0	13,381 16 1
Wellington .. .. .	10,071	503 11 0	32,228 4 9
Westport .. .. .	1,774	88 14 0	4,901 12 2
Totals, 1902 .. .. .	49,230	2,461 10 0	152,407 14 0
Totals, 1901 .. .. .	46,570	2,328 10 0	147,524 14 9

Table No. 21.

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.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Salaries and Allowances of Clerks, &c.	Materials and Linemen.	*Wear-and-tear, &c.	Rent, Fuel, Light, Paper, Printing, Binding, &c.	Total.		
Total for the year ended 31st March,—													
1882	..	116	21 16 6	2,531 14 0	613 5 2	285 0 0	275 0 0	253 0 0	150 0 0	963 0 0	207 16 0	8.17	
1883	..	379	21 16 6	8,271 13 6	5,014 9 2	595 0 0	595 0 0	827 0 0	300 0 0	2,317 0 0	4,492 8 8	54.31	
1884	..	715	21 16 6	15,604 17 6	7,746 16 7	695 0 0	770 0 0	1,560 0 0	350 0 0	3,375 0 0	3,653 7 4	23.41	
1885	..	1,075	21 18 6	23,461 17 6	10,008 3 6	1,770 0 0	1,590 0 0	2,346 0 0	475 0 0	6,181 0 0	3,827 3 6	16.31	
1886	..	1,710	20 8 6	37,319 12 1	12,284 1 2	2,849 1 3	1,704 0 0	3,731 19 2	700 0 0	8,985 0 5	5,011 19 7	13.42	
1887	..	2,038	19 19 5	40,686 3 1	15,477 16 2	2,873 0 0	1,580 10 0	4,068 12 2	320 0 0	8,842 2 2	6,635 14 0	16.30	
1888	..	2,153	22 19 0	49,407 5 0	16,881 8 6	3,119 10 0	2,252 0 0	4,940 14 6	330 0 0	10,642 4 6	6,239 4 1	12.63	
1889	..	2,249	23 18 10	53,849 11 6	17,613 4 0	3,315 10 0	2,249 7 0	5,344 9 2	335 0 0	11,244 6 2	6,368 17 10	11.82	
1890	..	2,402	24 4 1	58,229 3 0	18,581 11 7	3,790 0 0	2,206 10 0	5,823 0 1	375 0 0	12,194 10 1	6,387 1 6	11.00	
1891	..	2,587	24 17 1	64,294 4 4	19,961 4 2	4,192 0 0	2,249 18 5	6,429 8 5	394 3 9	13,265 10 7	6,695 13 7	10.43	
1892	..	3,080	24 16 11	76,579 1 8	18,571 7 8	4,630 0 0	2,345 2 9	7,658 7 11	393 1 6	15,023 12 2	3,544 15 6	4.63	
1893	..	3,690	24 16 11	91,687 11 1	19,135 11 5	7,405 0 0	2,695 19 10	9,168 15 1	464 6 2	19,734 1 1	-578 3 8	Loss.	
1894	..	4,244	24 12 1	104,425 3 0	21,771 4 4	7,720 0 0	3,313 1 1	10,442 10 4	741 18 9	22,217 10 2	-446 5 10	Loss.	
1895	..	4,616	25 6 3	116,845 10 4	21,552 12 10	9,285 0 0	4,253 11 4	11,684 11 0	817 19 5	26,041 1 9	-3,420 1 9	Loss.	
1896	..	5,143	24 6 6	125,108 4 1	25,933 12 9	9,686 0 10	5,303 11 9	12,510 16 5	1,952 8 3	29,452 17 3	-3,519 4 6	Loss.	
1897	..	5,747	23 7 4	134,299 11 4	29,248 19 5	12,306 9 7	7,398 0 10	13,429 19 1	1,856 13 2	34,991 2 8	-5,742 3 3	Loss.	
1898	..	5,787	24 11 6	142,218 11 8	36,422 6 8	14,181 18 0	11,834 2 11	7,110 18 7	1,881 11 11	35,008 11 5	1,413 15 3	0.99	
1899	..	6,203	24 5 3	150,490 18 9	39,718 7 7	15,030 7 1	16,190 4 0	7,524 10 11	1,861 2 3	40,606 4 3	-887 16 8	Loss.	
1900	..	7,150	22 14 1	162,333 1 2	43,303 2 10	15,710 13 2	20,847 13 6	8,116 13 0	1,892 10 8	46,567 10 4	-3,264 7 6	Loss.	
1901	..	8,210	21 9 7	176,349 1 8	49,117 0 8	16,304 6 3	18,225 18 9	8,817 9 0	2,000 15 10	45,348 9 10	3,768 10 10	2.14	
1902	..	9,260	20 18 0	193,511 6 2	55,542 4 9	18,448 3 5	20,570 0 9	9,675 11 9	2,078 12 10	50,772 8 9	4,769 16 0	2.46	
1903	..	10,633	20 2 6	213,966 10 8	62,151 8 11	20,885 13 3	22,078 4 11	10,698 6 6	2,614 15 0	56,276 19 8	5,874 9 3	2.75	

\* 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. 22.

RETURN of the COST of MAINTENANCE of TELEGRAPH LINES for the Year ended 31st March, 1903.

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 ..	1,984 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	1,186 5 3	1,494 2 2	2,742 19 2	2,574 18 2	2,745 0 0	10,743 4 9	5 8 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
Wellington ..	2,014 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	1,367 5 1	2,029 12 11	427 13 0	1,835 7 10	2,810 0 0	8,469 18 10	4 4 1
Nelson ..	992 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	972 18 1	1,923 0 5	363 8 11	1,788 3 4	1,350 0 0	6,396 10 9	6 8 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
Canterbury ..	917	641 11 11	664 12 4	497 5 10	888 9 5	1,760 0 0	4,451 19 6	4 17 1
Otago ..	1,840 <sup>8</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	693 16 11	976 11 3	761 10 2	798 10 6	1,320 0 0	4,550 8 10	2 9 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
Cables .. (knots)	274	4,861 17 3	7,086 19 1	4,792 17 1	7,885 9 3	9,985 0 0	34,612 2 8	4 9 4
Stores ..		110 14 2	1,417 11 5	46 11 8	586 11 11	..	2,161 9 2	7 17 9
		74 5 9	464 12 4	2,670 14 2	..	..	3,209 12 3	..
Totals ..		5,046 17 2	8,969 2 10	7,510 2 11	8,472 1 2	9,985 0 0	39,983 4 1	..

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Line.	Expenditure.	Material from Stores.	Total Cost during the Year.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Telephone exchanges,—			
Ashburton ..	25 3 4	80 19 8	106 3 0
Auckland ..	1,235 3 10	2,120 5 11	3,355 9 9
Blenheim ..	14 6 6	124 1 4	138 7 10
Christchurch ..	911 16 10	1,851 15 10	2,763 12 8
Dannevirke ..	424 7 3	551 18 0	976 5 3
Dunedin ..	847 0 7	1,924 1 3	2,771 1 10
Feilding ..	32 7 1	67 11 1	99 18 2
Gisborne ..	83 12 0	309 4 6	392 16 6
Greymouth ..	25 9 3	176 5 3	201 14 6
Hawera ..	28 7 3	165 5 7	193 12 10
Hokitika ..	55 0 6	136 18 0	191 18 6
Invercargill ..	328 0 8	252 17 0	580 17 8
Masterton ..	212 4 6	451 19 3	664 3 9
Napier ..	88 10 4	468 16 10	557 7 2
Nelson ..	24 4 6	282 5 8	306 10 2
New Plymouth ..	31 16 8	381 3 1	412 19 9
Oamaru ..	57 7 11	96 12 4	154 0 3
Pahiatua ..	19 13 4	68 11 6	88 4 10
Palmerston North ..	110 14 0	415 14 2	526 8 2
Rotorua ..	130 17 7	196 17 8	327 15 3
Stratford ..	12 1 8	217 6 9	229 8 5
Thames ..	42 0 10	25 11 9	67 12 7
Timaru ..	50 4 2	405 6 11	455 11 1
Wanganui ..	258 4 9	879 17 8	1,138 2 5
Wellington ..	785 15 4	2,434 17 9	3,220 13 1
Westport ..	290 18 9	243 10 4	534 9 1
Total exchanges ..	6,125 9 5	14,329 15 1	20,455 4 6
Doubtless Bay ..	6,369 8 4	3 17 9	6,373 6 1
Waihopo ..	38 10 5	6 3 7	44 14 0
Horeke ..	195 8 3	2 5 6	197 13 9
Whangaroa ..	0 10 0	185 18 8	186 8 8
Totara North—Mangonui... ..	99 2 11	..	99 2 11
Warkworth—Whangarei ..	70 19 6	767 0 10	838 0 4
Aoroa—Mangawhare ..	8 5 5	31 18 3	40 3 8
Tuakau—Onewhero ..	259 6 0	1 11 3	260 17 3
Pahi—Whakapirau ..	0 13 4	96 7 10	97 1 2
Limestone Island ..	..	157 12 11	157 12 11
Raupo—Rehia ..	167 0 9	28 3 9	195 4 6
Ahuroa ..	0 10 10	4 10 10	5 1 8
Waingaro—Ngaruawahia... ..	2 12 2	45 6 6	47 18 8
Awhitu Central—Manukau Heads... ..	49 8 9	26 19 8	76 8 5

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Line.	Expenditure.			Material from Stores.			Total Cost during the Year.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland-Devonport ... ..	...	...	...	189	14	0	189	14	0
Auckland-Waiheke Island ... ..	475	17	1	404	9	2	880	6	3
Ponsonby-Devonport ... ..	...	...	...	182	18	6	182	18	6
Mount Roskill-Waikowai ... ..	...	...	...	45	9	9	45	9	9
Otahuhu-East Tamaki ... ..	17	15	4	26	9	11	44	5	3
Henderson-Swanson ... ..	88	11	8	1	5	1	89	16	9
Hobsonville ... ..	70	3	4	40	2	6	110	5	10
Richmond Hill Bureau ... ..	...	...	...	9	6	4	9	6	4
Waerenga ... ..	223	4	6	37	11	4	260	15	10
Waerenga Experimental Farm ... ..	...	...	...	5	13	1	5	13	1
Peria-Victoria Valley-Fairburn's ... ..	450	16	5	84	3	11	535	0	4
Cambridge Sanatorium ... ..	99	18	0	...	...	...	99	18	0
Cambridge-Hautapu-Fencourt ... ..	14	10	0	...	...	...	14	10	0
Ardmore ... ..	1	12	10	5	8	4	7	1	2
Paeroa-Komata ... ..	88	14	7	20	11	0	109	5	7
Opotiki-Ohiwa ... ..	35	9	6	38	13	9	74	3	3
Ormond-Gisborne ... ..	32	4	0	75	13	6	107	17	6
Gisborne-Tokomaru Bay ... ..	247	14	6	260	16	4	508	10	10
Napier Park Racecourse-Taradale ... ..	...	...	...	5	7	8	5	7	8
Taradale-Fernhill ... ..	65	15	4	13	16	8	79	12	0
Pukehou-Te Aute ... ..	7	1	0	49	10	6	56	11	6
Mangatera ... ..	...	...	...	5	5	4	5	5	4
Waipawa-Elsthorpe ... ..	56	6	8	...	...	...	56	6	8
Waipukurau-Hatuma ... ..	4	6	3	60	7	9	64	14	0
Weber-Waione ... ..	181	0	11	19	7	11	200	8	10
Blackburn-Whakarara ... ..	9	3	0	10	7	7	19	10	7
Opunake-Pungarehu ... ..	42	3	5	131	10	1	173	13	6
Otakeho-Auroa ... ..	64	3	9	...	...	...	64	3	9
Okaiawa-Matapu ... ..	40	2	6	10	14	10	50	17	4
Kaponga-Awatuna ... ..	81	0	8	10	3	5	91	4	1
Awatuna-Tekiri ... ..	51	2	0	...	...	...	51	2	0
Manaia-Inaha ... ..	5	15	10	23	16	5	29	12	3
Hawera-Manaia ... ..	43	19	4	244	8	3	288	7	7
Normanby-Eltham ... ..	21	18	7	92	12	3	114	10	10
Wanganui-Okoia ... ..	8	18	4	20	12	0	29	10	4
Wanganui-Castlecliff ... ..	1	16	9	1	0	7	2	17	4
Wangaehu-Fordell ... ..	...	...	...	42	15	6	42	15	6
Ohingaiti-Mangaonoho ... ..	...	...	...	48	10	4	48	10	4
Taihape-Ruanui ... ..	12	0	6	70	2	2	82	2	8
Awahuri-Rongotea ... ..	135	17	6	13	18	0	149	15	6
Shannon-Tokomaru ... ..	0	3	0	62	12	3	62	15	3
Porirua-Titahi Bay ... ..	37	12	8	97	4	7	134	17	3
Rongomai ... ..	17	8	11	12	9	1	29	18	0
Woodville-Dannevirke (metallic circuit) ... ..	...	...	...	2	14	4	2	14	4
Dannevirke-Waipukurau ... ..	...	...	...	298	13	10	298	13	10
Eketahuna-Nireaha ... ..	11	15	3	...	...	...	11	15	3
Papatawa ... ..	1	2	0	3	14	10	4	16	10
Kaitawa-Tane ... ..	153	16	11	49	19	9	203	16	8
Taita-Upper Hutt ... ..	30	17	3	107	11	5	138	8	8
Blenheim-Nelson ... ..	...	...	...	1	4	6	1	4	6
Mahau ... ..	128	8	11	...	...	...	128	8	11
Pelorus Sound ... ..	501	17	11	1,080	7	3	1,582	5	2
Kaituna-Okaramio ... ..	105	11	2	100	13	0	206	4	2
Golden Downs ... ..	0	11	10	9	19	10	10	11	8
Motupipi ... ..	104	6	0	19	10	10	123	16	10
Karamea ... ..	147	8	11	307	14	0	455	2	11
Newton Flat-Fern Flat ... ..	42	8	5	31	15	3	74	3	8
St. Helen's ... ..	8	11	0	5	14	7	14	5	7
Ngahere ... ..	9	13	10	27	4	3	36	18	1
Globe Hill-Crushington ... ..	...	...	...	44	7	2	44	7	2
Koiterangi-Upper Kokatahi ... ..	33	18	9	1	3	4	35	2	1
Waiho Ferry ... ..	27	17	11	3	5	9	31	3	8
Kumara-Marsden ... ..	1	5	6	...	...	...	1	5	6
Ross-South Lagoon ... ..	1	12	6	10	16	5	12	8	11
Hurunui ... ..	2	13	0	...	...	...	2	13	0

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Line.	Expenditure.	Material from Stores.	Total Cost during the Year.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Scargill ... ..	...	5 17 3	5 17 3
Kowai Bush ... ..	0 18 5	...	0 18 5
Gebbie's Valley—Kaituna ... ..	32 9 5	...	32 9 5
Ataahua ... ..	...	1 11 8	1 11 8
Akaroa Trunk ... ..	15 3 10	10 15 6	25 19 4
Leeston Trunk ... ..	...	524 16 4	524 16 4
Green Park ... ..	47 6 8	111 15 9	159 2 5
Lauriston ... ..	2 3 1	1 18 10	4 1 11
Westerfield ... ..	1 4 6	6 5 3	7 9 9
Geraldine—Hilton ... ..	106 9 0	208 2 9	314 11 9
Waimate Trunk ... ..	8 6 9	517 14 4	526 1 1
Maheno ... ..	...	3 11 5	3 11 5
Dunback Bureau ... ..	...	3 11 7	3 11 7
Seacliff—Waitati ... ..	60 2 0	...	60 2 0
Dunedin—Palmerston ... ..	7 11 2	...	7 11 2
Dunedin—Balclutha ... ..	13 9 3	...	13 9 3
East Taieri ... ..	13 9 1	8 2 10	21 11 11
Waikawa Bureau ... ..	13 5 0	...	13 5 0
Waikaka—Maitland ... ..	28 6 1	7 7 3	35 13 4
Kawarua Bridge—Gibbston—Waitiri ... ..	76 9 8	48 12 1	125 1 9
Waikaia—Wendonside ... ..	87 10 10	8 13 8	96 4 6
Waimahaka ... ..	...	0 12 10	0 12 10
Riversdale—Pyramid ... ..	9 10 6	4 2 7	13 13 1
Scott's Gap ... ..	64 13 9	15 17 11	80 11 8
Riverton—Orepuki ... ..	5 15 3	...	5 15 3
Gore—Balfour ... ..	90 17 8	96 6 3	187 3 11
Gore—Otama ... ..	407 2 4	56 7 1	463 9 5
Bluff—Half-moon Bay ... ..	339 19 9	4,152 11 6	4,492 11 3
	18,867 15 10	26,063 17 1	44,931 12 11
Purchase of material ... ..	49,710 11 10		
Total expenditure 1902-3 ... ..	68,578 7 8		
Total expenditure to 31st March, 1902 ... ..	937,887 2 3		
Total expenditure out of Public Works Fund to 31st March, 1903 ... ..	£1,006,465 9 11	Total cost of lines during 1902-3	£44,931 12 11