

1905.
NEW ZEALAND.

POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT

(REPORT OF THE) FOR THE YEAR 1904.

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

MY LORD,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 26th June, 1905.

I have the honour to submit to Your Excellency the Report of the Post and Telegraph Department for the year 1904, 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 revenue and expenditure of the Department for the year 1904-5 are shown in the following table:—

Item.	Postal.			Telegraph.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Receipts.</i>									
Stamps for postage (estimated)	326,367	19	1½	..	..	..	326,367	19	1½
Money-order and postal-note commission	22,238	13	0	..	..	..	22,238	13	0
Money-order commission received from foreign offices	742	12	1	..	..	..	742	12	1
Private box and bag fees	7,988	7	6	..	..	..	7,988	7	6
Miscellaneous receipts	25,904	19	7½	3,420	0	4	29,324	19	11½
Paid telegrams .. .. .	..	..	..	167,581	13	7½	167,581	13	7½
Telephone exchanges .. .. .	..	..	..	79,061	7	4	79,061	7	4
Balance of expenditure over revenue (Telegraph) .. .. .	..	..	..	250,063	1	3½	633,305	12	7½
	..	..	..	8,914	9	5½	..	..	..
Totals	383,242	11	4	258,977	10	9	633,305	12	7½
<i>Expenditure.</i>									
Salaries (classified officers)	103,689	17	3	178,968	15	2	282,658	12	5
Salaries (country Postmasters and telephonists and contributions to railway officers)	18,762	19	6	24,077	19	5	42,840	18	11
Conveyance of mails by sea	56,277	6	4	..	..	..	56,277	6	4
Conveyance of inland mails	53,371	6	4	..	..	..	53,371	6	4
Conveyance of mails by railway	37,015	15	0	..	..	..	37,015	15	0
Money-order commission credited to foreign offices	2,385	19	6	..	..	..	2,385	19	6
Maintenance of telegraph-lines .. .. .	..	..	..	30,981	14	6	30,981	14	6
Miscellaneous	29,440	6	9	24,949	1	8	54,389	8	5
Balance of revenue over expenditure (Postal)	300,943	10	8	258,977	10	9	559,921	1	5
" " (combined Department)	82,299	0	8	..	..	..	73,384	11	2½

Totals	383,242	11	4	258,977	10	9	633,305	12	7½

A continued expansion of the business of the Department has again to be recorded. The revenue for 1904-5 was estimated to produce £34,000 more than that of the previous year, but the estimate was exceeded by £18,000, the actual increase in revenue being over £52,000. The success of the penny post becomes more apparent, for although 1903-4 showed the estimated postages at £43,000 more than the previous year, a still further increase of over £36,000 is disclosed by last year's accounts in respect to all postal matter, the receipts from this source having risen in the year from £290,016 to £326,368. Such expansion, of course, necessitates increased expenditure on salaries, in which, however, it will be found that the rate of progression was only about half that of the increase in postages.