

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)				383,242	11	4	250,063	1	3½
							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.

Adding the value of free official posted correspondence (£83,075 1s.) and official telegrams (£20,597 11s. 10d.), the net credit balance on the year's transactions amounts to £177,057 4s.

A considerable increase in the expenditure is due to the additional net payment to the Railway Department. For conveyance of mails by rail a total of £50,853 was paid, which, together with a contribution towards the salaries of officers of that Department acting as Postmasters, at the rate of £10,390 per annum, brings the total payment up to £61,243. Against this must be set recoveries amounting to £19,000 for services performed, leaving a balance in favour of the Railway Department of £42,243, compared with £23,631 the previous year. It should be explained that of the £50,853 paid for conveyance of mails the sum of £10,853 represented payment for work done in the previous year.

Salaries paid to officers of all classes absorbed 51 per cent. of the revenue, while the expenditure on all services, including salaries, amounts to 88 per cent. of the receipts. The net surplus of the combined departments was £73,385, or almost £20,000 more than that of the previous year.

The money-order business shows but slight advance, the orders issued numbering 407,783 and those paid 313,267, for £1,476,887 and £1,267,351 respectively. The comparatively small increase is accounted for by the greater use year by year of postal notes and the recent exchange of British postal orders inaugurated between this colony and the United Kingdom and certain other parts of the Empire. During the ten months ended the 31st March, 1905, 17,776 British postal orders were sold and 3,912 paid.

New Zealand postal notes numbering 785,347, for £250,123 7s. 6d., were sold.

Savings-Bank depositors have increased the amount standing to their credit by over £372,000, of which, however, £200,930 represents interest. Deposits totalled £5,836,540, and withdrawals £5,664,770. The balance at credit of depositors on the 31st December, 1904, was equal to £9 1s. per head of the population, amounting in all to £7,761,382.

There were 1,429 parcels, valued at £21,117, insured during the year, for which premiums amounting to £46 8s. 3d. were received.

The increase in telegrams handled is about 4 per cent., which, in view of the low rates and heavy increase in postal work, is somewhat disappointing. In all, 5,159,745 messages of all codes were forwarded, producing a revenue of £167,582.

The number of telephone-exchange subscribers again shows a considerable increase, having risen from 12,105 to 13,423, while the revenue reached £79,061, or some £8,000 more than the previous year.

There were 7,944 miles of telegraph-line, carrying 23,704 miles of wire.

The expenditure on telegraph extension was £79,298.

STATEMENT showing REVENUE and EXPENDITURE of the POST and TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT for the Ten Years ended 31st March, 1905, 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
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
1903-1904	580,771	4	5½	526,746	14	5	54,024	10	0½
1904-1905	633,305	12	7½	559,921	1	5	73,384	11	2½
Total for ten years	...	...	...	...	...	...	£542,244	17	5½

STAFF.

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

	31st March, 1904.
Postmaster-General	1
Classified staff:—	
First Division	3
Clerical Division	1,342
Non-clerical Division	834
Telegraph messengers	525
Total, classified staff	2,705
Employees not on permanent staff:—	
Country Postmasters and Postmistresses	1,760
Nightwatchmen	2
Mail-cart drivers	4
Postmasters and telegraphists or telephonists who are Railway officers	168
Total	4,639

COMPARATIVE Return of Officers of the Post and Telegraph Department for the Years ended 31st March, 1904, and 31st March, 1905.

	Mar. 31,			Mar. 31,	
	1904.	1905.		1904.	1905.
Postmaster-General	1	1	Brought forward	125	130
Secretary	1	1	Assistant Inspectors of Post-offices	4	4
Superintendent of Electric Lines	1	1	Chief Postmasters	17	17
Assistant Secretary and Inspector	1	1	Postmasters and Officers in Charge on permanent staff	116	114
Controller of Money-orders and Savings-banks and Accountant	1	1	Clerks (including Telephone Exchange cadettes and cadets in post-offices)	1,360	1,466
Chief Clerk	1	1	Operators (including cadets in telegraph-offices)		
Assistant Controller of Money-orders and Savings-banks and Accountant	1	1	Post Office Sorters	13	18
Clerks in General Post Office—			Letter-carriers	273	285
Secretary's Office	18	19	Messengers (Post Office)	66	77
Inspector's and Dead letter Branch	7	8	Linemen	76	69
Controller of Money-orders and Savings-banks and Accountant's Branch	69	73	Telegraph message-boys	524	525
Storekeeper and assistants	10	10	Nightwatchmen	3	2
Master cable steamer "Tutanekai"	1	*	Mail-cart drivers	4	4
Electrician	1	1	Postmasters and telegraphists or telephonists who are Railway officers	160	168
Assistant Electrician	1	1	Country Postmasters, Postmistresses, and telephonists	1,713	1,760
Mechanicians and cadets	6	6			
Telegraph Inspectors	5	5			
Carried forward	125	130	Totals	4,454	4,639

* Now treated as attached to Marine Department.

The conduct of the staff has on the whole been satisfactory. There have, however, been several cases of serious misconduct necessitating criminal prosecutions.

Regret has again to be expressed that so small a proportion of the younger officers qualify for the Civil Service examinations.

HEALTH OF STAFF.

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

	Numbers comprised (Principal Offices).	Average Absence per Sick Officer.	Average Sick-absence per each Officer employed.
		Days.	Days.
Men	1,451	20·64	6·80
Women	201	24·33	15·74

The principal causes of absence on account of sick-leave were pulmonary troubles, nervous debility, and surgical operations. The fact that the average absence on sick-leave is increasing appears to point to the urgent necessity for the appointment of Departmental medical officers.

There were four deaths.

APPEAL BOARD.

Seven appeals were dealt with by the Board of Appeal in April last year, of which two were reported against, four reported upon in favour of the appellants, and one reported upon partly in the appellant's favour. One was a question of departmental arrangements, in which the Postmaster-General was unable to agree entirely with the Board's finding, three were on the subject of the promotion of the officers appealing, and the fifth referred to the promotion of specially qualified officers.

Under "The Public Officers' Appointment and Powers Act, 1904," subsection (2) of section 5 of "The Post and Telegraph Department Act, 1894," has been amended so as to provide that the non-elective members of the Board shall be such persons as the Governor from time to time appoints.

Mr. John McGowan, Commissioner of Taxes, who had rendered valuable service as Chairman of the Appeal Board from its inception, died in September last. The late Mr. McGowan possessed the full confidence of the Administration and the service, and his sudden death was keenly regretted. Mr. F. W. Waldegrave, Under-Secretary, Justice Department, has been appointed Chairman in the place of Mr. McGowan, and Mr. Logan, Superintendent of Electric Lines, reappointed.

NEWSPAPER POSTAGE.

As announced in last year's report, the London Post Office agreed, subject to certain conditions, to deliver in the United Kingdom without surcharge newspapers posted in New Zealand prepaid 1d. each, irrespective of weight.

The penny rate on newspapers from New Zealand has now been extended to the following countries: Ascension, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, British Honduras, Caicos Islands, Canada, Ceylon, Egypt, Falkland Islands, Federated Malay States, Gambia, Gibraltar, Hongkong, Jamaica, Johore, Labuan, Leeward Islands, Malta, Mauritius, Natal, Newfoundland, North Borneo, Orange River Colony, St. Helena, Sarawak, Sierra Leone, Southern Nigeria, South Sea Islands, Straits Settlements, Transvaal, Trinidad, Turks Islands.

The Australian Commonwealth Post Office was unable to see its way to agree to a penny rate irrespective of weight, in place of the present charge of 1d. for the first 20 oz. and $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for each additional 10 oz.

POST-OFFICE INSPECTION.

During the year the four Assistant Inspectors of post-offices visited and inspected 1,767 offices, and travelled 33,037 miles. In addition to this they also acted as relieving Chief Post-masters in several districts.

OFFENCES, ETC.

A case occurred in which a sum of £93 8s. 1d. was fraudulently withdrawn at Dunedin from a savings-bank account by a person other than the depositor. The culprit, who was prosecuted and sentenced to three years' imprisonment, had stolen the depositor's pass-book. He had claimed to be unable to write owing to an alleged injury to his hand, and was wrongfully identified by a third person. The case proves another instance of the careless, if not reckless, manner in which well-known persons are often ready to identify men whose surnames are not even known to them.

A money-order telegram was claimed by a person at Christchurch other than the addressee, but of the same name, who cashed the order. He was prosecuted and sentenced to one month's imprisonment.

In the Wellington district a person who forged a name on a money-order receipt and requested payment of the amount was prosecuted. He pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment.

A person who forged the name of another at Wellington to a telegram requesting remittance of an amount, and also to a resulting money-order telegram, and received the amount, was convicted and sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

For forging a savings-bank withdrawal-receipt, and fraudulently obtaining a considerable sum of money, a young man at Wellington was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

POSTAGE-STAMPS, ETC.

Stamps cut from letter-cards, post-cards, postal wrappers, registered-letter envelopes, and embossed envelopes may now be used as adhesive stamps in payment of postage. A "registration-fee" stamp cut out of a registered-letter envelope may be used on any registered packet, but not on an unregistered packet. Postage-due stamps, discount-stamps, or stamps cut from stamped paper (meaning thereby bill or note forms, share-transfer forms, or any other form on which a stamp is impressed for payment of stamp duties under "The Stamp Act, 1882") cannot, however, be used for prepayment of postage or for payment of telegrams.

Experience having shown that the sale of stamp booklets containing twelve stamps was not sufficient to warrant the continuance of this form of booklet, it has been decided to substitute booklets containing twenty-four penny stamps for those formerly issued containing twelve and thirty stamps.

PARCEL-POST AMENDED REGULATIONS.

Under a recent regulation the enclosure of coin, bank-notes, and bank drafts in inland parcels is permitted, provided the parcels are registered and sealed. Invoices may now be sent in inland parcels.

It has been decided to increase the limit of length of parcels containing fishing-rods from 3 ft. 6 in. to 4 ft. 6 in. This will be a decided convenience to sportsmen throughout the colony. To enable the rods to be carried safely special receptacles have been provided.

PICTORAL POST-CARDS.

By an arrangement with the Commonwealth Post Office, pictorial post-cards bearing communications on the left-hand half of the address side may be sent to and from Australia without surcharge. The British Post Office was approached some time ago with respect to the granting of a similar concession, but was unable to see its way to do so.

The post-cards dealt with during the year showed an increase over the previous year of nearly 59 per cent. In 1902 there was a decrease, and in 1903 an increase of 11.62 per cent. The increase for last year is accounted for by the ever-growing popularity of the pictorial post-card, which, besides being used freely throughout the year, is posted in large quantities at the Christmas season. It would seem as if these cards are largely replacing the ordinary Christmas-card.

UNCLAIMED REGISTERED LETTERS.

The rule requiring all unclaimed registered letters to be opened in the Dead Letter Office has been relaxed to permit of the return of such letters to the senders unopened when the covers clearly indicate by whom the letters are sent.

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The revision of the Rules and Regulations has been completed. The Telegraph section was issued to officers in January last. The General and Postal sections are now in the Press.

POST AND TELEGRAPH MAP.

The map was reissued in January last. The next issue will be made in 1907.

BRITISH POSTAL ORDERS.

The system of exchanging British postal orders between New Zealand and the United Kingdom, referred to in last report, was brought into operation on the 1st June, 1904, and, judging by the business transacted during the ten months ended the 31st March last, the system is proving a decided convenience in affording a simple means whereby small sums may be remitted at a comparatively nominal rate of commission.

The system has now been extended to include all the British Crown colonies and agencies of the British Post Office in foreign countries; but it is regretted that none of the larger British possessions—such as Canada, Australia, the Cape Colony, Transvaal, Natal, and Orange River Colony—have yet agreed to join.

The practice of limiting the currency of the postal orders to three months from the last day of the month of issue, after which extra poundage was payable by the holder equal to the original poundage for every three months or fraction thereof beyond the first three months, has been modified in so far that in future only one rate of poundage will be charged after three months' currency, no matter what period may have elapsed since the order was issued.

It has been arranged with the London Post Office that New Zealand stamps not exceeding 5d. in value may be affixed to British postal orders issued in New Zealand, and such stamps will be recognised in the United Kingdom as an extension of value of the particular orders to which they are affixed. In like manner British postage-stamps affixed to orders issued in the United Kingdom will be recognised in New Zealand.

During the ten months ended the 31st March last there were 17,776 British postal orders sold, representing £8,821 15s., and in the same period 3,912 orders, for £2,768 4s. 6d., were paid.

A communication recently received from the Postmaster-General, Cape Town, covered copy of a proposal submitted to the British postal authorities relative to the issue of an Imperial postal order, which, it was suggested, should be used for the reciprocal interchange of remittances of small amounts throughout the Empire, in lieu of the existing arrangement, to which various objections were urged. The objections of the Cape office seem to some extent apparently based upon a mistaken apprehension of the relative proportion of the issues of postal orders and money-orders. Our experience so far has been that there was a very trifling loss in the shape of commission, and that quite a new class of business was created in the remittance of small amounts, which would not have been sent by money-orders, owing to the higher commission. The British postal order has been found to answer admirably the purpose for which it was introduced, and it is not believed that any practical advantage would be gained by substituting an almost similar note under a different name.

Statement showing the Number and Value of British Postal Orders sold in New Zealand from 1st June, 1904, to 31st March, 1905.

/6	1/	1/6	2/	2/6	3/	3/6	4/	4/6	5/	5/6	6/	6/6	7/	7/6	8/	8/6	9/	9/6	10/	10/6	11/									
358	989	652	713	995	597	310	476	231	1,681	187	368	186	451	290	224	165	151	95	2,095	198	145									
																			Total.											
																			Number.		Amount.									
11/6	12/	12/6	13/	13/6	14/	14/6	15/	15/6	16/	16/6	17/	17/6	18/	18/6	19/	20/														
67	173	139	129	90	67	38	324	31	84	34	70	65	84	45	169	4,610					£ s. d.									
																							17,776		8,821		15		0	

Statement showing the Number and Value of British Postal Orders paid in New Zealand from 1st May, 1904, to 31st March, 1905.

/6	1/	1/6	2/	2/6	3/	3/6	4/	4/6	5/	5/6	6/	6/6	7/	7/6	8/	8/6	9/	9/6	10/	10/6	11/									
18	83	44	89	170	56	25	39	16	359	7	25	11	13	30	15	6	12	5	540	16	8									
																			Total.											
																			Number.		Amount.									
11/6	12/	12/6	13/	13/6	14/	14/6	15/	15/6	16/	16/6	17/	17/6	18/	18/6	19/	20/	21/													
8	16	13	7	5	8	5	54	9	10	2	6	10	5	5	10	2,007	145					£ s. d.								
																							3,912		2,768		4		6	

INCREASE OF MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF POST-OFFICE MONEY-ORDERS.

In pursuance of proposals submitted by the General Post Office, London, in 1904, and outlined in last report, authority was given by Order in Council of the 3rd October, 1904, to extend the maximum amount for which a single money-order could be issued in New Zealand for payment within the colony from £20 to £40; also authorising the extension of the limit to £40 for money-orders issued in New Zealand for payment in the United Kingdom, British colonies, and foreign countries, provided that the consent in writing of the postal authority of the country concerned is first obtained.

Money-orders are now issued for payment in New Zealand up to the increased limit, and the following countries have agreed to the extension as from the dates given below:—

United Kingdom, 1st October, 1904.	Canada, 1st January, 1905.
Fiji, 1st October, 1904.	Ceylon, 1st January, 1905.
Hongkong, 1st October, 1904.	Germany, 1st February, 1905.
Natal, 1st October, 1904.	Samoa, 1st February, 1905.
Transvaal, 1st October, 1904.	India, 1st February, 1905.
Australia, 1st December, 1904.	Cape of Good Hope, 1st March, 1905.

Money-orders may also be issued for the maximum sum for payment in most of the foreign countries with which this colony has only an indirect exchange.

The maximum amount for which a single money-order may be drawn for payment in the United States of America will remain for the present at £20, as the postal laws of that country do not permit of any extension of the existing limit until sanctioned by Congress.

SAVINGS-BANK INTEREST.

On the 1st December, 1904, the rate of interest allowed Savings-Bank depositors was raised to $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. for balances at credit not exceeding £200, and 3 per cent. for that portion of the balance exceeding £200 but not exceeding £500. This benefits depositors not alone by the increase in the rate, but also by allowing the higher rate on the first £200 at credit irrespective of the sum of the total balance up to £500, whereas in the past the lower rate only was paid on the whole amount at credit so soon as it exceeded £200.

In this connection it may be convenient to place on record the fluctuations in the rates of interest allowed since the introduction of post-office savings-banks in New Zealand.

They are as follows :—

Date when Rate fixed.	Up to £200.	From £200 to £500.
1st February, 1867	4	3
1st July, 1874	$4\frac{1}{2}$	4
1st June, 1893	4	$3\frac{1}{2}$
1st January, 1896	$3\frac{1}{2}$	3
1st November, 1897	3	$2\frac{1}{2}$
1st December, 1904	$3\frac{1}{2}$	3

CARD-LEDGER SYSTEM AS APPLIED TO POST-OFFICE SAVINGS-BANK.

The question of adopting the card-ledger system for the accounts of depositors in the Post-Office Savings-Bank is under consideration. It is believed that the card-ledger would afford quicker and more convenient reference, because of the minute classification of accounts, the freedom of the ledger from closed accounts, and the ease with which the cards may be handled. The capacity of the card-ledger is practically unlimited. The accounts, once opened, have not to be transferred to a new ledger, as the ledger, without any rewriting, expands and contracts as the accounts increase or are closed.

The adoption of the card-ledger would also render possible a variation in the present method of identifying depositors, which is by means of the signature of the depositor written on the fly-leaf of the pass-book. It has been urged against this practice that it is an incentive to fraud, by enabling a depositor's signature to be copied by any dishonest person into whose hands a pass-book may come by theft or otherwise. The card-ledger would enable a specimen signature to be recorded on the card containing the particulars of the depositor's account, by which means the operation of determining the identity of persons applying for withdrawals would be greatly facilitated, and the risk of successful forgery diminished.

In order to test the suitability of the system a trial is being made at the chief post-office, Wanganui.

BUILDINGS.

During the year new brick buildings were completed and occupied at Eltham and Kaiapoi, and at Otaki (the latter opened on the 10th May last). A new wooden building has been completed at Waikaka. New brick buildings are in course of erection for Palmerston North, Greymouth, Nelson, Tauranga, and Winton, and new wooden buildings at Waipiro Bay, Tokomaru Bay, Pungarehu, Whakarewarewa, and Half-moon Bay.

The growing requirements of the Wellington Chief Post-office have necessitated the occupation of a large portion of the old building lately purchased from the Levin Estate. The whole of the parcels branch has now been removed into the building facing Grey Street and adjoining the chief post-office, and the letter-carriers have also been housed in commodious quarters on the top floor of the same building, thus setting free considerable space in the mail-room for the urgent requirements of that branch. The growth of business has rendered it necessary to remove the Te Aro Post-office from the shop in which it has been conducted for many years. A suitable building has been rented in Ghuznee Street, and a permanent officer placed in charge. The post and telegraph building at Collingwood was destroyed by a fire which consumed a considerable number of the business premises of the town on the 7th November last, and a new building is about to be erected.

The following general repairs, additions, &c., were carried out during the year: Akaroa: additions, drainage, &c.; Alexandra South: additions, &c.; Auckland: alterations to and raising roof of telegraph-operating room and telephone exchange, additional room in brick over passage, removal of fumigating-shed to new site; Christchurch: additional private letter-boxes, &c.; Feilding: erection of clock; Grey Lynn: purchase of property and alterations to building; Hawera: installation of electric light; Kaeo: repairs, &c.; Lower Hutt: purchase of land for new building; Manaia: alterations, additions, &c., to quarters; Mangonui: additions, alterations, &c.; Middlemarch: additions for post-office at railway-station; Mohaka: general repairs, drainage, &c.; Oamaru: renovations; Port Albert: repairs, painting, &c.; Pukekohe: additions for post-office at railway-station; Queenstown: renovations to office and quarters; Ranfurly: additions for post-office at railway-station; St. Albans: purchase of land and building for post-office, and alterations; Seddon: additions for post-office at railway-station; Shannon: addition of new public room, &c.; Stirling: additions for post-office at railway-station; Taihape: fittings for temporary office; Te Aroha: repairs, painting, &c.; Te Awamutu: repairs, painting, &c.; Te Horo: erection of office; The Port (Nelson): additions and alterations; Timaru: alterations, &c.; Waiapu: additions to Postmaster's quarters; Waihi: additional private boxes; Waimate: alterations, additions, &c.; Waitotara: purchase of site; Wakapuaka: repairs to officer in charge's and officers' quarters; Waverley: alterations, painting, &c.; Wellington (General Post Office): improved accommodation for letter-carriers, renewing plaster damaged by earthquake, alterations and additions to private letter-boxes, fitting up premises for parcels branch; Wellington Telephone Exchange: additions, &c.; Whakatane: removal of temporary building to new site, fencing, &c.

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, 1905:—

Month.	1903-4.			1904-5.				
	Number of Payments.	Amount.			Number of Payments.	Amount.		
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
April	12,272	17,343	0	8	11,326	15,940	13	0
May	12,201	17,237	12	1	11,475	16,155	17	9
June	12,060	17,051	17	3	11,477	16,171	1	6
July	12,124	17,148	13	1	11,619	16,332	15	9
August	12,040	17,010	8	8	11,621	16,338	17	2
September	11,989	16,934	11	0	11,744	16,487	12	5
October	12,064	17,001	1	7	11,655	16,384	7	8
November	11,925	16,827	8	2	11,587	16,281	8	10
December	11,938	16,824	16	8	11,699	16,466	5	9
January	11,829	16,651	7	6	11,501	16,188	19	1
February	11,883	16,760	14	4	11,716	16,485	2	1
March	11,601	16,351	3	8	11,544	16,237	9	10
Totals	143,926	£203,142	14	8	138,964	£195,470	10	10

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

Postal District.	1903-4.			1904-5.				
	Number of Payments.	Amount.			Number of Payments.	Amount.		
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Auckland	29,529	41,396	14	10	27,769	38,871	5	11
Blenheim	1,931	2,688	18	4	1,748	2,480	18	4
Christchurch	21,108	29,395	0	9	20,959	29,008	5	8
Dunedin	22,168	31,221	19	7	21,600	30,217	4	2
Gisborne	1,324	1,872	4	4	1,226	1,736	0	4
Greymouth	6,467	9,513	18	5	6,268	9,243	17	6
Hokitika	6,115	8,954	15	11	6,081	8,849	19	4
Invercargill	9,598	13,500	13	10	9,481	13,292	17	8
Napier	5,524	7,680	0	2	5,325	7,394	5	4
Nelson	4,032	5,419	0	11	3,620	4,852	9	4
New Plymouth	2,643	3,681	12	1	2,614	3,629	9	1
Oamaru	2,752	3,939	11	4	2,512	3,527	15	3
Thames	5,702	8,182	6	2	5,457	7,842	8	7
Timaru	4,418	6,136	17	3	4,352	6,045	15	9
Wanganui	4,175	6,007	5	8	4,067	5,814	2	1
Wellington	13,054	18,611	4	7	12,640	17,919	2	2
Westport	3,383	4,940	10	6	3,245	4,744	14	4
Totals	143,926	£203,142	14	8	138,964	£195,470	10	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 1904, as compared with the number in 1903, was as under:—

	1904.	1903.	Increase.
Letters—			
Posted in the colony	60,639,233	56,549,532	
Received from places outside the colony	4,480,327	3,963,115	
	65,119,560	60,512,647	4,606,913
Letter-cards—			
Posted in the colony	1,381,874	1,174,810	207,064
Post-cards—			
Posted in the colony	2,053,363	1,377,987	
Received from places outside the colony	257,188	75,476	
	2,310,551	1,453,463	857,088

Books and pattern-packets—			
Posted in the colony .. .. .	..	17,976,214	17,613,689
Received from places outside the colony .. .. .	..	2,131,707	1,954,045
		<u>20,107,921</u>	<u>19,567,734</u>
			540,187
Newspapers—			
Posted in the colony .. .. .	..	15,404,618	14,107,523
Received from places outside the colony .. .. .	..	6,096,126	5,588,911
		<u>21,500,744</u>	<u>19,696,434</u>
			1,804,310
Parcels—			
Posted in the colony .. .. .	..	289,617	267,974
Received from places outside the colony .. .. .	..	67,887	59,655
		<u>357,504</u>	<u>327,629</u>
			29,875

The letters increased 7·61, letter-cards 17·63, post-cards 58·97, books and pattern-packets 2·76, newspapers 9·16, and parcels 9·12 per cent.

In 1903 letters increased 6·74, letter-cards 14·57, post-cards 11·62, books and pattern-packets 5·05, newspapers 6·37, and parcels 12·33 per cent.

The average number of letters posted per head of population was estimated to be 71·76, or 73·4 including letter-cards. The averages in 1903 were 68·94, or 70·38 including letter-cards.

The Post Office receipts for the year amounted to £383,242 11s. 4d., an increase of 11·67 per cent.

The expenditure was £300,943 10s. 8d., an increase of 11·1 per cent.

The balance of postal revenue over expenditure was £82,299 0s. 8d. The estimated value of the free official correspondence of other Government Departments was £83,075 1s. The gross earnings of the Post Office for the year were therefore £466,317 12s. 4d., and the credit balance £165,374 1s. 8d.

WORK PERFORMED FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

Among the many branches of Government work performed by the Department may be mentioned the following:—

Customs duties were collected on parcels and other articles coming through the post from places beyond the colony amounting to £37,209 10s. 8d., and on account of ordinary Customs work £2,212 13s. 7d.

The Advances to Settlers receipts amounted to £447,396 12s. 11d., and payments to £451,799 0s. 4d.

Fishing licenses were issued by Postmasters to the value of £1,566 15s. 6d., and game licenses to the value of £2,263.

For the Government Insurance Department premiums were collected from the public amounting to £27,246 5s. 5d.

Publications sent out by the Government Printer and paid for through the Post Office brought in £831 4s. 3d.

Income-tax amounting to £143,656 5s. 1d., and land-tax £259,839 8s. 9d., were collected by Postmasters.

The sum of £6,387 19s., fees due to the Machinery Department, was received.

Under the Mining Act the receipts were £213 6s.

New Zealand Consols for £1,030 were sold on behalf of the Treasury.

£7,845 19s. 3d. was the amount paid for Official Assignees as dividends in bankrupt estates.

The amount paid to old-age pensioners through the Post Office was £196,322 5s. 4d.

On behalf of the Public Trustee £433,386 2s. 6d. was received, and £438,856 1s. 10d. paid.

Railway revenue amounting to £10,885 13s. was collected by Postmasters.

Fees for the registration of births, deaths, and marriages received by Postmaster-Registrars were £2,249 19s.

Receipts from the Hanmer Springs Sanatorium amounted to £2,217 19s. 1d.

Sheep rates amounting to £19,247, and £24 7s. sundry amounts, were collected for the Stock Department.

On behalf of the Tourist Department £1,502 6s. 1d. was received.

Valuation Department fees paid to Postmasters reached £2,986 4s. 1d.

Claims on the General Government for £683,147 14s. 7d. were paid on behalf of the Treasury.

Discount-stamps numbering 3,220,800, for £3,355, were sold, and 3,024,864, for £3,150 18s., redeemed, during the year.

The amount invested by the general public in Government 4-per-cent. debentures through the medium of the Post Office was £104,800.

GROSS RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

The gross amount received by the Department during 1904 was £16,385,474 10s. 8½d., of which £13,998,953 19s. 7½d. was departmental, and £2,386,520 11s. 1d. on account of other Departments.

The gross amount paid out was £16,332,668 18s. 10½d., made up of £13,930,042 8s. 4½d. departmental, and on behalf of other Departments—to individuals £1,777,971 1s. 4d., and to accounts £624,655 9s. 2d.

The total gross receipts and payments were therefore £32,718,143 9s. 7d.

LETTER-CARRIERS' DELIVERIES.

Deliveries by letter-carrier were established at: Auckland—Pukekohe, Rotorua, including Ohinemutu. Wanganui—Taihape. Wellington—Levin.

Letter-carriers' deliveries were extended as follows:—Auckland (C.P.O.): Second daily delivery in Mount Eden, to include Fairview, Kingsview, and Woodside Roads, Pencarrow Avenue, Windmill and Melton Roads, Paice Avenue, Burnley Terrace, and Kingsland Block. Rotorua, to include village of Whakarewarewa. Christchurch (C.P.O.): In Heathcote district, to include Sandwich Road and part of Norwood Road; Heathcote delivery, to include Baretta Street, Spreydon; New Brighton delivery, to Breeze's Road and along tramway-line between Wainoni and New Brighton; Linwood (first delivery), to include Cemetery and Berry's Roads, Kruse, Jubilee, and Stanley Streets, and Cranley Road; Linwood (second) and North Opawa deliveries, to include Hereford, Cashel, and Buccleugh Streets, Park Road, Tuam Street to Canal Reserve, and Wellington, Havelock, and Marlborough Streets; Sumner, to include Clifton and Seaton. Dunedin (C.P.O.): St. Kilda delivery, in Anderson's Bay Road to Junction of Tomahawk Road. Mosgiel, quarter-mile along Factory Road, taking in Severn and Mossburn Streets. Greymouth (C.P.O.): Suburban delivery, to include Blaketown district; and Cobden delivery, to include whole of township. Napier (C.P.O.): To include Western Spit. Dannevirke, to Te Papakuku Block; twenty chains further along the road into the Te Papakuku Block; to take in the district bounded by Colac Street on the north, Taradale Road on the south, the borough boundary on the east, and Adelaide Road on the west. Hastings, to include Frederick, Nelson, and Duke Streets, Cemetery Road, Tomoana Road to Boundary Road, Omaha Road to Canning Works, Southland Road to the "Willows," Willow Park, Grove, and Selwood Roads, Lumsden Road to Taylor's Farm, and Copeland Road to Tait's Farm. Nelson (C.P.O.): To take in The Port delivery. (The Port separate delivery abolished.) New Plymouth: Inglewood, morning delivery, on west to Waiongona Bridge, and on north to borough boundary; to include the whole of Konini Street. Waitara, morning delivery on east side of river to end of Richmond Street, also to first house on Main North Road, and to fourth house on Ngatimaru Road beyond junction with Main North Road; and on west side of river to end of Parris Street, down Nelson Road to McLean Street, and along Brooke's Terrace to Cracroft Street. Timaru (C.P.O.): North delivery, to include the whole of Waimataitai Hill; south delivery (afternoon), to junction of Otupua and Main South Roads; Waimate, along Timaru Road to Bathgate's Corner. Wanganui (C.P.O.): To include suburbs of Eastown, Sedgebrook, Gonville, and St. John's once daily; late delivery to include business part of Guyton Street between Victoria Avenue and Wicksteed Street; Gonville delivery to include Alma Road. Wellington (C.P.O.): Brooklyn delivery, to include Mitchell Street, Karepa Road, and Rubin Avenue. Carterton, northward, to Christie's, Anderson's Line; eastward from Park Road, taking in Rutland and Richmond Roads; and westward along Belvedere Road and Connolly's Line to Burnett's. Hutt, from junction of Waiwetu Road to Hutt Racecourse, and from junction of Lower Waiwetu Road to suspension bridge, White's Lane; also from junction of Lower Waiwetu Road along the Lowry Bay Road to Wainui Hill; afternoon delivery, to Blackbridge; afternoon delivery, to Lower Belmont Road, along Parliament Street, and the Hutt Main Road to White's Lane, including Leary and Bridge Streets. Levin, to Weraroa to include Oxford and Seddon Streets as far as Makomako Road, including the intermediate cross streets. Palmerston North, second delivery to include College Street on the south and Fitzroy and Terrace Streets on the east.

Letter-carriers' deliveries were increased in frequency at:—Auckland (C.P.O.): A special delivery made in Queen Street at 11 a.m. on Saturdays. Christchurch: Ashburton, a fourth delivery (in business parts only) made after arrival of express trains; Sumner, a second delivery made daily, except Saturday, around Sumner and Clifton, omitting Redcliffs. Dunedin: Lawrence, from twice to thrice daily. New Plymouth: Inglewood, additional delivery (afternoon) made in principal streets. Wellington: Palmerston North, a third delivery daily made around the Square after arrival of the northern express.

Letter-carriers' deliveries were curtailed as follows:—Auckland—Coromandel: Delivery now bounded on the north by posting-box north of hospital, Kapanga Road, south by Hauraki Road, east by Whangapoua and the Tiki Roads to Plummer's Corner, and on the west by Bunker's and Hauraki Freeholds Mines.

Letter-carrier's delivery was diminished in frequency as follows:—Wanganui: At Mangaweka by abolition of second delivery daily.

Letter-carrier's delivery was abolished at:—Nelson—The Port (included in city delivery).

NEWSPAPERS REGISTERED.

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

RECEIVING-BOXES.

Forty-five receiving-boxes were established at: Auckland—City and suburbs, 6; Kirikiriroa, 1; Rotorua, 1. Christchurch—City and suburbs, 4; Ashburton, 1. Dunedin—City and suburbs, 1; Milton, 1; Mosgiel, 1; Waikouaiti, 1. Gisborne—Town, 1. Greymouth—Runanga, 1. Hokitika—Ross, 1. Napier—Town, 1; Dannevirke, 2. Nelson—City, 2; The Port, 1. New Plymouth—Town, 1. Timaru—Waimate, 1. Wanganui—Town, 2; Eltham, 1. Wellington—City and suburbs, 8; Feilding, 1; Palmerston North, 3; Weraroa, 1. Westport—Town, 1.

Seventeen receiving-boxes were closed at: Auckland—City and suburbs, 3; Dargaville, 1. Christchurch—City and suburbs, 2. Gisborne—Town, 2. Thames—Greerton, 1. Wanganui—Eltham, 1. Wellington—City and suburbs, 5; Feilding, 1; Mangatainoka, 1; Masterton, 1.

DESIGNATIONS OF OFFICES.

The designations of offices were changed as follows:—Auckland—Arch Hill to Grey Lynn (to Grey Lynn—Arch Hill, 1905); Grey Lynn to Arch Hill (to Surrey Crescent, 1905); Opango to Whangateau. Christchurch—Harewood Road to Harewood. Dunedin—Sandymount to Pukehiki. Gisborne—Te Arai Bridge to Manutuke. Invercargill—Belmont to Mangapiri. Nelson—Elmslie's Bay to French Pass. Wellington—Dreyerton to Kopuaranga.

Designations were corrected as follows:—Auckland—Waiau Pah to Waiau Pa. New Plymouth—Tuhara to Tahora. Wellington—Northlands to Northland.

POST-OFFICES ESTABLISHED, ETC.

Seventy-two post-offices were established (of these 7 were reopened offices) and 29 closed:—

Opened.

Anaroa, Napier	Mangaoronga, Wellington	Pokokomuka, Napier
Aorangi, Wellington	Mangarakau, Nelson	Pori (reopened), Wellington
Aorere, Nelson	Mangorei, New Plymouth	Pukekata, Wanganui
Awa-iti, Nelson	Manui, Wanganui	Ranana, Wanganui
Birch Hill, Blenheim	Matiere, Auckland	Raukura, Wanganui
Braeburn, Nelson	Ma-warō, Timaru	Rissington (reopened), Napier
Cashmere, Christchurch	Moa Creek, Dunedin	Robin Hood Bay, Blenheim
Egmont Village (reopened), New Plymouth	Mokoia, Wanganui	Sandy Bay, Nelson
Eureka, Auckland	Mornington, Dunedin	Sandymount, Dunedin
Fitzherbert West, Wellington	Naumai, Auckland	Streamlands, Auckland
Gate Pa, Thames	Ngaputahi, Wellington	Tatapouri, Gisborne
Grey Lynn, Auckland	Ngatira, Auckland	Tawharanui, Auckland
Hinakura, Wellington	Ocean Bay, Blenheim	Te Ahuahu (reopened), Auckland
Horeke, Auckland	Oio, Auckland	Tuatapere, Invercargill
Hurimoana, New Plymouth	Okoha, Blenheim	Tuturau, Invercargill
Islington, Christchurch	Omakau, Dunedin	Waiharakeke, Auckland
Kaipaki, Auckland	Onerahi, Auckland	Waihoaka, Invercargill
Kakatiki, Wanganui	Orautoha, Wanganui	Waikawa Bay, Nelson
Kanakanae (reopened), Gisborne	Otago Heads, Dunedin	Waingarara, Thames
Karekare, Auckland	Otamakitai, Thames	Waipapakauri, Auckland
Kohi (reopened), Wanganui	Owhango, Auckland	Waitoa, Auckland
Kongahu, Westport	Parawa, Invercargill	Wakatahuri, Blenheim
Makauri, Gisborne	Paraora East, Timaru	Whangape (reopened), Auckland
Mangahai, Napier	Pirinoa, Wellington	Willowbridge, Timaru.

Closed.

Aberfeldie, Wanganui	Ingram's Homestead, Wanganui	Pukeroa, Wanganui
Awatere, Blenheim	Kanakanae, Gisborne	Sedgebrook, Wanganui
Cardiff, New Plymouth	Kotikotia, Wanganui	Sommerville, Wanganui
Claverley, Christchurch	Kutuku, Hokitika	Taumatatahi, Wanganui
Greenburn, Christchurch.	Mawheraiti, Greymouth	Taylorville, Wanganui
Grey Lynn, Auckland	Ngatapa, Gisborne	Western Spit, Napier
Hawainga, Wanganui	Nihotupu, Auckland	Whareponga, Gisborne
Henley West, Dunedin	Packington, Auckland	Whenuakura, Wanganui
Huarau, Auckland	Pori, Wellington	Whitecombe, Dunedin.
Ida Valley, Dunedin	Pouawa, Gisborne	

The number of post-offices open at the end of the year was 1,887.

PARCEL-POST.

The following table shows the number and weight of parcels posted during the years 1890, 1900, 1903, and 1904:—

Postal Districts.	1890.		1900.		1903.		1904.	
	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	55,623	192,866 10	61,933	219,254 12
Thames	1,491	3,661 8	2,989	9,094 4	3,727	11,196 1	4,381	12,273 12
New Plymouth ..	1,007	2,674 3	3,038	9,615 9	4,920	14,845 4	5,273	16,679 14
Gisborne	938	2,570 6	2,022	5,771 15	3,363	9,820 10	2,535	7,274 5
Napier	6,265	17,075 14	8,848	28,142 15	10,744	32,946 5	11,528	35,996 10
Wanganui	4,035	9,563 8	8,846	28,206 10	12,508	38,127 14	12,837	41,286 5
Wellington	25,893	74,544 2	44,322	160,737 4	66,238	240,286 13	75,149	272,630 10
Nelson	4,723	13,370 7	5,261	16,916 4	5,803	19,771 9	6,733	22,469 13
Westport	1,077	2,332 4	1,868	4,645 15	2,885	7,758 10½	2,921	7,359 9
Greymouth	2,509	6,243 13	2,583	7,711 4	2,991	10,285 5	3,199	10,417 2
Hokitika	1,413	3,924 5	2,527	9,173 5	2,964	10,579 7	3,131	11,136 13
Blenheim	1,846	4,357 11	1,961	5,976 4	2,309	7,804 8	2,426	7,875 10
Christchurch ..	19,383	58,708 4	30,897	118,206 3	37,573	140,619 3	39,770	144,827 8
Timaru	2,013	4,774 8	1,743	5,294 1	3,025	8,441 9½	3,176	9,474 6
Oamaru	859	2,123 3	1,149	4,162 7	1,707	5,883 15	2,407	8,583 2
Dunedin	22,500	65,329 13	34,411	125,419 10	44,619	164,277 12	44,983	170,583 0
Invercargill ..	3,458	7,477 5	6,661	20,617 0	6,975	19,113 4	7,235	20,245 13
Totals	121,392	336,643 12	199,413	682,140 7	267,974	934,624 12	289,617	1,018,369 0

The following table shows the number and weight of parcels exchanged with the United Kingdom and the undermentioned places during the years 1903 and 1904:—

Country.	Received.				Despatched.			
	1903.		1904.		1903.		1904.	
	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.
United Kingdom and foreign countries (<i>via</i> London)	37,652	lb. 163,875 oz. 0	43,808	lb. 192,379 oz. 0	7,575	lb. 19,567 oz. 0	8,552	lb. 22,127 oz. 12
United States of America ..	5,024	14,366 6	5,310	15,659 9	1,286	3,442 1	1,321	2,778 11
Canada	353	762 0	386	755 8	167	409 14	286	809 6
Victoria	5,058	15,527 10	5,937	17,607 0	2,365	4,932 12	3,062	6,407 14
New South Wales	8,865	25,241 0	9,287	26,903 4	3,322	6,461 14	3,842	7,849 9½
South Australia	347	913 9	417	1,198 0½	325	772 13	394	932 11
Queensland	449	1,065 0	555	1,267 8	453	1,132 1	677	1,644 8
Tasmania	349	992 8	320	839 5	496	1,029 14	589	1,230 7
Western Australia	291	941 6	292	719 4	394	903 1	560	1,209 15
Samoa	12	54 2	12	37 6	170	498 5	175	527 9
Fiji	73	184 7	67	163 9	286	751 5	328	942 6
Ceylon	260	849 13	390	1,129 11½	78	190 8	74	192 15½
Uruguay .. .. .	..	..	..	..	21	75 15	24	89 14
Cape Colony	352	730 14	391	558 8	396	933 1	445	947 14
Natal	84	141 15	114	192 8	89	204 11	107	219 9½
India	486	1,313 8	601	1,928 4½	154	399 13	204	470 7
Totals	59,655	226,959 2	67,887	261,338 5½	17,577	41,707 0	20,640	48,381 8½

The declared value of parcels received from places outside the colony in 1904 was £165,939. The Customs duty collected amounted to £34,341 14s. 8d.

The declared value of parcels despatched to places beyond the colony was £20,722, as against £20,844 in 1903.

On the arrival of the "Turakina" at Wellington in November last, two bags containing 24 parcels were found to have been broached, and part of the contents stolen. The contents of 13 parcels were satisfactorily identified and delivered, leaving 11 having the whole or part of the contents missing. Subsequently a fireman on the "Tongariro" was arrested for receiving a tablecloth knowing it to have been stolen, and sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment. The tablecloth was identified as belonging to one of the broached parcels. Nothing further has been recovered. Arrangements have been made for the more secure stowage of mails in future.

REGISTERED LETTERS.

The number of registered articles dealt with in 1904, compared with the numbers in 1890, 1900, and 1903, is shown below:—

Postal Districts.	1890.			1900.			1903.			1904.		
	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	20,068	121,952	142,020	25,746	140,533	166,279
Thames ..	130	4,781	4,911	267	19,912	20,179	345	19,034	19,379	310	18,573	18,888
New Plymouth ..	341	3,372	3,713	1,310	16,903	18,213	2,150	22,199	24,349	2,017	17,455	19,472
Gisborne ..	118	2,120	2,238	421	7,193	7,614	337	6,791	7,128	373	6,948	7,321
Napier ..	999	10,911	11,910	1,659	26,685	28,344	1,836	26,079	27,915	8,584	25,318	33,902
Wanganui ..	211	6,060	6,271	2,151	24,980	27,131	2,442	30,453	32,895	2,530	33,167	35,697
Wellington ..	6,129	30,369	36,498	9,513	85,915	95,428	17,934	121,729	139,663	20,886	145,256	166,142
Blenheim ..	92	3,193	3,285	116	6,371	6,487	147	9,182	9,329	147	8,805	8,952
Nelson ..	322	3,430	3,752	644	14,726	15,370	1,314	18,043	19,357	1,703	19,333	21,091
Westport ..	112	3,254	3,366	354	6,974	7,328	926	8,425	9,351	1,059	8,759	9,818
Greymouth ..	102	8,879	8,981	680	11,606	12,286	957	13,901	14,858	840	15,125	15,965
Hokitika ..	95	2,579	2,674	94	4,344	4,438	536	10,324	10,860	534	9,937	10,471
Christchurch ..	3,659	20,404	24,063	5,404	49,049	54,453	7,480	51,623	59,103	8,276	62,440	70,716
Timaru ..	312	3,551	3,863	1,196	9,973	11,169	705	10,496	11,201	798	10,368	11,166
Oamaru ..	278	2,505	2,783	120	8,880	9,000	114	6,171	6,285	140	6,562	6,702
Dunedin ..	4,615	19,696	24,311	6,954	44,003	50,957	8,797	53,895	62,692	8,215	57,759	65,974
Invercargill ..	1,740	9,819	11,559	3,352	24,989	28,341	6,700	29,214	35,914	6,742	27,307	34,049
Totals ..	26,374	169,321	195,695	52,343	464,086	516,379	72,788	559,511	632,299	88,905	613,695	702,600

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The estimated volume and value of official and other free correspondence posted during 1904 is given in the statement below :—

District.	Letters.	Packets.	Registered Articles.	Newspapers.
Auckland	918,853	10,817	26,772	70,561
Thames	88,777	2,764	1,730	36,866
New Plymouth	147,849	15,300	3,684	62,835
Gisborne	47,749	2,296	992	19,459
Napier	241,956	14,100	1,817	60,036
Wanganui	253,747	4,670	7,800	110,729
Wellington	1,424,254	565,699	37,156	497,694
Blenheim	53,872	1,906	1,020	25,000
Nelson	139,958	7,164	6,038	52,608
Westport	39,026	1,016	1,971	33,722
Greymouth	55,809	3,270	2,913	23,158
Hokitika	44,824	3,875	4,109	32,200
Christchurch	586,157	25,480	22,204	124,956
Timaru	104,247	3,335	968	24,752
Oamaru	50,037	1,200	884	32,199
Dunedin	467,987	58,567	17,746	232,228
Invercargill	346,619	20,117	5,314	81,370
Totals	5,011,721	741,576	143,118	1,520,373

The estimated value of official correspondence was £83,075 1s.

DEAD LETTERS.

The following comparative table shows the number of unclaimed letters, letter-cards, and post-cards dealt with in the Dead-letter Office and by Chief Postmasters during the undermentioned years :—

Manner of Disposal.	1884.	1885.	1887.	1890.	1895.	1896.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.
Opened and returned to the writers	68,942	66,592	62,847	60,540	61,065	63,112	68,872	74,132	76,692	100,036	107,476	107,271	119,642
Returned unopened to other countries	9,134	8,115	7,287	7,779	12,929	7,546	8,899	9,706	9,707	12,251	14,401	18,176	26,048
Reissued	107	185	96	141	199	148	219	178	265	*5,112	†13,373	203	234
Destroyed	3,986	2,872	5,974	2,660	3,617	4,069	3,368	4,536	4,900	5,705	6,249	9,579	12,167
Returned unopened by Chief Postmasters	17,593	19,187	20,185	21,931	25,980	26,414	33,273	22,915	40,282	44,523	54,285	93,920	85,670
Totals	99,762	96,951	96,389	93,051	103,790	101,289	114,631	111,467	131,846	167,627	195,784	229,149	243,761

* 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 0·35 per cent., as against 0·36 per cent. in 1903.

37,715 book-packets and circulars were returned to foreign countries; 19,131 were returned to senders through the Dead-letter Office; 88,830 were returned by Chief Postmasters: a total of 145,676 book-packets and circulars, as compared with 139,742 in 1903.

1,538 letters were wrongly addressed; 25 letters were discovered to have been posted with previously used stamps; 2,939 unclaimed registered letters were dealt with.

2,479 newspapers and 1,738 books and other articles without addresses were received, many of which were subsequently applied for and delivered.

1,800 newspapers were returned to the publishers.

681 letters and 200 letter-cards were posted without addresses.

25 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 :—

476 post-office orders	...	...	...	...	...	£	s.	d.
45 bank drafts	...	...	...	...	...	1,154	15	9
376 cheques	...	...	...	...	...	4,431	14	11
19 dividend warrants	...	...	...	...	...	2,769	6	1
10 promissory notes	...	...	...	...	...	28	10	4
Credit notes	...	...	...	...	...	365	16	7
Postal notes	...	...	...	...	...	300	0	0
Stamps	...	...	...	...	...	211	8	2
Bank-notes	...	...	...	...	...	28	7	5½
Gold	...	...	...	...	...	327	0	0
Silver and copper*	...	...	...	...	...	38	0	0
						14	4	0¼
Representing a total of	...	...	...	...	...	£9,669	3	3¼

* Including a United States silver dollar bill.

In addition, 1 gold watch, 1 gold wrist watch, 16 silver watches, 2 metal keyless watches, 1 Waterbury watch, portions of 2 rolled-gold American Waltham watches, 1 gold chain, 3 silver chains, 1 steel chain, 23 gold-mounted greenstone brooches, 6 gold brooches, 7 silver brooches, 1 metal brooch, 15 gold rings, 2 gold-mounted greenstone pendants, 4 silver-mounted greenstone pendants, 7 greenstone pendants, 2 greenstone bracelets, 3 gold bangles, 3 pairs of gold sleeve-links, 1 gold locket with three small rubies, 1 pair of gold-rimmed spectacles, 1 gold-mounted greenstone bean, 1 greenstone cross, 3 silver sovereign cases, 4 greenstone hearts, 1 greenstone ornament, 2 military ornaments, 2 rubies, 11 pieces of greenstone, 1 gold charm, 8 gold pins, 3 servietterings, 4 silver butter-knives, 6 purses, 1 small silver tray, 1 piece of kauri-gum, 2 studs, 3 small pieces of gold, 1 bread-fork, 1 necklace, 2 trinkets, 17 packets and 39 sheets of foreign stamps, 1 silver coin (foreign), 22 thimbles, 6 pawn tickets, 32 share certificates, 19 Tattersall tickets, 1 half-adult return saloon ticket Wellington to London, 1 half-adult steerage ticket Wellington to Bluff, 1 order for steerage passage Capetown to Wellington, 1 second-class railway ticket Dunedin to Christchurch, half a bank-note, 2 horse-registration certificates, 1 second-class engineer's certificate, and 8 lottery tickets were dealt with.

The number of inland, intercolonial, and international articles received and disposed of during the years 1903 and 1904 was as under :—

	1903.					1904.				
	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	88,463	2,000	452	17,698	1,650	101,908	2,557	53	17,369	1,800
Returned by Chief Postmasters direct ..	88,132	..	5,788	86,277	..	81,345	..	4,325	88,830	..
Destroyed in accordance with law ..	8,333	166	183	1,229	50,787	8,684	753	405	1,599	55,307
<i>Australian.</i>										
Originally addressed to other States :—										
Returned to writers ..	5,366	..	144	515	..	4,902	..	68	703	..
Destroyed in accordance with law ..	218	25	56	33	..	633	37	129	64	..
Returned to other States as unclaimed	8,387	..	400	4,831	..	12,900	..	615	5,749	..
<i>International.</i>										
Originally addressed to other countries :—										
Returned to writers ..	10,679	..	370	966	..	10,072	..	316	1,059	..
Destroyed in accordance with law ..	386	63	149	60	..	828	103	595	97	..
Returned to other countries as unclaimed	8,890	..	499	29,455	350	11,628	..	905	31,966	291
Totals	218,854	2,254	8,041	141,064	52,787	232,900	3,450	7,411	147,436	57,398

MISSING LETTERS.

2,007 inquiries for letters and 1,579 for other articles alleged to have been posted and not delivered were made during 1904. In 1,050 of the inquiries for letters and 833 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.	
92	57	... Missent, misdelivered, or otherwise delayed through fault of Post Office.
87	60	... Delayed in delivery through fault of addressees.
66	48	... Not posted.
37	55	... Posted later than advised; forwarded by slower routes than letters of advice, &c.
142	131	... Defectively or wrongly addressed.
82	46	... Mislaid or lost after delivery.
72	21	... Returned through Dead-letter Office as unclaimed, &c.
472	415	... Delivered. Reason for inquiry not given, but probably in most cases omission by addressees to acknowledge receipt.
1,050	833	

MONEY-ORDERS.

Twenty money-order offices were opened during the year—namely, Ballance, Castlecliff, Cheltenham, Greenmeadows, Grey Lynn, Gumtown, Hinakura, Hukerenui, Kilbirnie, Koeke, Mataroa, Mornington, Muritai, Ohura, Oio, Pihama, Pirinoa, Turangarere, Waimamaku, and Whitford.

Four offices were closed—namely, Opitonui, Piriaka, Riverhead, and Tokatea.

The number of offices open at the end of the year was 526, as against 510 twelve months previously.

407,783 money-orders were issued for £1,476,887 8s. 5d., as compared with 396,312 for £1,416,224 12s. 4d. in 1903—an increase of 11,471 in number and £60,662 16s. 1d. in amount.

313,267 money-orders amounting to £1,267,351 0s. 11d. were paid, as against 304,106 for £1,224,842 12s. 4d. during 1903—an increase of 9,161 orders and £42,508 8s. 7d.

There were 61,057 telegraph money-orders issued for £210,790 7s. 6d., as compared with 54,933 orders for £187,472 14s. in 1903—an increase of 6,124 in number and £23,317 13s. 6d. in amount.

126,128 orders for £328,661 5s. 5d. were issued on places beyond New Zealand, as against 122,777 orders for £308,157 6s. 8d. during 1903.

30,844 orders for £117,617 8s. 6d. were issued in places beyond New Zealand for payment in the colony, as compared with 30,812 orders for £117,521 9s. 11d. during the previous year.

The commission received for money-orders amounted to £16,385 9s., as against £15,881 18s. 5d. received during 1903.

SAVINGS-BANK.

There were twenty-one offices opened during the year for the transaction of Savings-Bank business—namely, Ballance, Castlecliff, Cheltenham, Greenmeadows, Grey Lynn, Gumtown, Hinakura, Hukerenui, Kilbirnie, Koeke, Mataroa, Mornington, Muritai, Ohura, Oio, Pihama, Pirinoa, Rangiwhahia, Turangarere, Waimamaku, and Whitford.

Four offices were closed—namely, Opitonui, Piriaka, Riverhead, and Tokatea.

There were 510 offices open at the end of 1904, as against 493 at the end of the previous year.

57,769 accounts were opened and 42,280 closed, the net gain on the year's working being 15,489 accounts. The number of depositors on the 31st December was 259,164, and the proportion of accounts per head of population was 1 in 3·31, as compared with 1 in 3·42 at the end of the previous year.

The deposits numbered 469,799, representing £5,836,540, an average of £12 8s. 6d. per transaction. The withdrawals numbered 323,609 for £5,664,770 3s. 9d., an average of £17 10s. 1d. for each withdrawal.

The net amount added by the depositors to their savings during the year was therefore £171,769 16s. 3d., plus £200,930 6s. 1d. interest earned and credited, making a total of £372,700 2s. 4d.

The total amount at credit of depositors increased from £7,388,681 18s. 7d. at the close of the previous year to £7,761,382 0s. 11d. on the 31st December last, representing a sum equal to £9 1s. per head of the entire population, and £29 18s. 11d. to each depositor. Last year the figures were £9 0s. 2d. and £30 6s. 5d. respectively.

The interest credited to depositors since the Post-Office Savings-Banks were established in 1867 now amounts to £2,907,147 13s.

The cost of working the Savings-Banks amounted to 4·84d. per transaction, or about £16,000 for the year.

The cost of management per cent. on the total amount at credit of depositors was 0·206 per cent., or 4s. 1d. per £100.

POSTAL NOTES.

The following were created postal-note offices during the year 1904-5 :—

Auroa	Hinakura	Oio	Tokarahi
Ballance	Hukerenui	Papatowai	Turangarere
Cheltenham	Livingstone	Pihama	Waimamaku
Colac Bay	Mahau	Pirinoa	Whitford
Greenmeadows	Nydia Bay	Puketitiri	Woodside
Gumtown	Ohura	Tiniroto	

—a total of 23. Six offices were closed—namely, Cardrona, Opitonui, Piriaka, Riverhead, Tokatea, and Upper Waiwera.

The number of offices at which postal notes were sold at the end of the year was 620, as compared with 603 on the 31st March, 1904.

785,347 notes of the value of £250,123 7s. 6d. were sold, as against 707,044 for £220,069 11s. sold during the previous year.

The postal notes paid numbered 775,417, of the value of £247,320 15s. 6d., as compared with 704,031, of the value of £219,312 2s. 6d., paid during 1903-4.

The postal-note commission amounted to £5,404, as against £4,795 3s. 4½d.

INLAND MAILS.

During a heavy flood in the Opawa River on the 18th March, 1904, a regrettable accident occurred to the Nelson-Blenheim mail-coach whereby Mr. George Richardson, the driver, lost his life, and four horses were drowned. One bag of mail from Blenheim to Havelock Suburban was lost. The late driver left a wife and one child, who were provided for under the policy against accident which the Department requires all mail-contractors to take out.

In March, 1904, floods occurred in the district south of Dunedin, causing interruptions to railway mail-services on the main line, and on the Lawrence and Owaka branch lines.

In November last important changes were made in the railway and steamer services providing close through connection between Auckland and Invercargill, which reduced the total time of the journey by south-bound steamer and rail to about fifty-five hours. From Invercargill to Auckland the time occupied is about fifty-two hours. The express daily services between Christchurch and Dunedin, and Dunedin and Invercargill, were, in addition, duplicated. The alterations have provided services which are a marked improvement on those formerly existing. Under the initial arrangement the train from Wellington to New Plymouth was timed to leave at 9.10 a.m., but as this was found to disarrange business in the Manawatu district it was from the 1st March last decided to put forward the time of departure to 7.50 a.m. This involved

a very close connection for the steamer from Lyttelton, but only on a few occasions during the summer was there any failure. With the beginning of winter, however, the Union Steam Ship Company has found it necessary to withdraw one of the fast steamers from the Lyttelton-Wellington "ferry" service, and to substitute one of the slower steamers of the fleet. The New Plymouth - Onehunga "ferry" service will probably be reduced from daily to four times weekly as from the 1st July. This is much to be regretted. The new train-running made it necessary to provide a night mail staff at the Invercargill Post-office.

Following on the extension of railway communication to Omakau (Ophir) on the Otago Central line on the 1st September, 1904, daily mail communication by that route between Dunedin and Cromwell was established; and the services between Cromwell and Pembroke and Queenstown were improved.

Among improvements effected in mail-services during the year were the following:—

The delivery of parcels in Auckland City was arranged to be performed by contract. In consequence of an extension of the northern section of the North Island Main Trunk Railway, the subsidised mail-service between Taumarunui and Piriaka was abolished. At the southern end an extension to Taihape admitted of the withdrawal of the coach service between that place and Mangaweka. The mail frequency to Taihape was also increased to twice daily. An additional mail-service, providing a second daily mail, was established between Eltham and Kaponga. The coach service between New Plymouth and Opunake was increased in frequency from thrice weekly to daily; and that between Waiouru and Moawhango was altered by the substitution of Taihape for Moawhango as the southern terminus. On the renewal of the coach service between Springfield and Kumara, the running from Otira to Springfield was increased in frequency from twice to thrice weekly throughout the year, and in the opposite direction a similar increase was arranged for during the tourist season. The Culverden - Hanmer Springs coach service was accelerated. The service between Omarama and Pembroke during the summer, which enabled tourists visiting Mount Cook to travel direct between Lake Pukaki and the southern lakes without deviation to the East Coast, was satisfactorily performed during the summer of 1904-5.

The number of contracts for inland mails in operation in 1904 was 647.

There were in addition 502 services not under bond.

The length of inland postal routes by road (counted one way only) was 11,613 miles, and the total number of miles travelled 2,891,245, at an average cost of 3·54d. per mile. In 1903 the respective mileages were 10,569 miles and 2,725,716, at an average cost of 3·57d. per mile.

Ordinary railway-trains with mails travelled 3,573,156 miles.

The estimated sum payable to the Railway Department for the conveyance of mails by ordinary trains was £40,000.

OCEAN MAIL-SERVICES.

San Francisco Service.

The San Francisco service, which expires on the 9th November, 1906, has of late impaired its good name for regularity, especially in respect of the homeward voyages. The mails have too frequently been late in reaching London, the delays varying from one day to five days. These delays were not altogether due to the late arrival of the steamers at San Francisco. There have been many delays on the American railways and across the Atlantic from weather conditions and other causes. The contractors are using every effort to assure their steamers reaching San Francisco sufficiently early for the mails to be transferred to the trains for New York timed to leave at 10 a.m. Failure to connect with this train may mean missing the Saturday fast steamer from New York, and a corresponding late delivery in London. The Twentieth Century express, a very fast train running between Chicago and New York, is now availed of, and as the east-bound trains since the 1st May leave San Francisco at 11 a.m. instead of 10 a.m. it is hoped that the London delivery will be more regular than it has been for some time.

On the Union Steam Ship Company's San Francisco contract being cancelled in 1900, and the Oceanic Company taking up the service, there was advisedly no provision for the conveyance of Australian mails, the company being left to make its own arrangements with non-contracting colonies.

The Commonwealth applied their poundage rates of 2s. per pound for letters and post-cards, and 4s. 6d. per cwt. for other mail-matter, to the San Francisco service as from the 1st December, 1900, a very material reduction as compared with the rates of 12s. per pound for letters, 1s. 6d. for books, and 6d. for newspapers formerly paid. The contractors were so dissatisfied that they declined to accept such a minimum payment, and the matter in dispute is still the subject of correspondence. During the Postmaster-General's late visit to Australia he took occasion to confer with the Commonwealth Postmaster-General on the question, in the hope that the service would receive better treatment from the Commonwealth.

The service for the collection and distribution coastwise of the San Francisco mails has been performed satisfactorily.

Vancouver Service.

The contract for the Vancouver service expired in February last, and by temporary extensions is to be continued until August, 1906, at an increased subsidy of £6,000 a year, shared between Canada, the Commonwealth, and Fiji, in the proportion of £3,000, £2,700, and £300.

Negotiations have been in progress for some time between this colony, the Commonwealth, and Canada, with the object of the service embracing New Zealand. The Queensland Government was desirous of withdrawing, and New Zealand was prepared to take her place and pay £20,000 a year if Brisbane were omitted and the steamers called at Auckland or Wellington at the contractors' option. The Commonwealth Government was agreeable, but Canada was not favourable to the change, although there was reason to suppose that consent would eventually be given. Within the last few weeks the position has assumed an entirely new phase, as the Queensland Government has intimated that it will not be adverse to the continuation of the service provided the subsidy of £10,000 a year is paid by the Commonwealth, as in the case of other mail subsidies, and not by Queensland alone. It is probable that the Federal Government will agree to this, and, if so, New Zealand will thus be effectually shut out, as the service could not take in Brisbane as a calling-place as well as a New Zealand port.

The outlook, so far as New Zealand is concerned, in the direction of diverting the service, is now anything but encouraging. At one time there was every prospect of the colony securing it. Further efforts, however, will be made to get the steamers to call at New Zealand.

Suez Services.

The Federal mail-services performed under contract by the Peninsular and Oriental and the Orient steamship companies between the United Kingdom and Australia expired in January last. The Imperial Government renewed a contract with the Peninsular and Oriental Company for a fortnightly despatch to Australia; but the Commonwealth Government was unable immediately to arrange for the alternating fortnightly service from Australia with either the Orient Company or any other, and for a time forwarded mail-matter at the minimum poundage rates. The Federal Government, however, eventually succeeded in making a contract with the Orient Company as from the 11th and 16th April from Sydney and Naples respectively. The service, which is fortnightly (providing a weekly despatch), is for a 696-hours service for £120,000 a year (against a 662-hours service by the Peninsular and Oriental steamers), and has to be ratified by the Commonwealth Parliament. The contract is operative until January, 1908.

The uncertainty of re-establishing a regular weekly contract service between Great Britain and Australia *via* Suez resulted in much larger use being made of the San Francisco service for a time. The "Sierra" left San Francisco on the 18th March last with 1,878 bags of mail for all ports, the largest mail despatched by a contract steamer in the San Francisco service; of these, 900 bags were for Australia.

As the result of personal discussions in Melbourne in April last between the Postmaster-General of New Zealand and the Commonwealth Postmaster-General, there is a probability of the Commonwealth making increased payments to the San Francisco service, and this colony securing the use of the Federal services at Postal Union rates. New Zealand paid the Commonwealth 12s. per pound for letters, 1s. 6d. per pound for books, and 6d. per pound for newspapers; while the Commonwealth refused to pay the San Francisco contractors more than 2s. per pound for letters and 4s. 6d. per hundredweight for other matter—a payment wholly inadequate to the value of the service to Australia.

RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS on Account of the SAN FRANCISCO, PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL, and ORIENT MAIL-SERVICES for the Year 1904.

		<i>San Francisco Service.</i>					
DR.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Payments by weight—							
On mails from New Zealand	...	18,467	0	1			
On mails from Fiji	...	56	6	4			
					18,523	6	5
Interprovincial service, mail agents, &c.	...				4,761	4	5
Transit charges	{ San Francisco to New York				4,300	7	5
	{ New York to Queenstown				1,822	10	9
						29,407	9 0
CR.							
Postages collected in the colony	...				14,317	18	5
Contributions from Fiji...	...				56	6	4
						14,374	4 9
Net cost to the colony	..					£15,033	4 3

1,449,250 letters and post-cards, 729,596 books, and 1,438,332 newspapers were received from, and 1,385,566 letters and post-cards, 222,732 books, and 421,284 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, 30·78 days, as against 30·22 days in 1903; and from London to Auckland, 30·55 days, as compared with 30·47 days in the previous year. The shortest delivery was made in 28 days.

Peninsular and Oriental and Orient Lines (Suez Services).

DR.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Payments to P. and O. and Orient lines	3,649	19	0			
Transit charges across Australia	152	19	4			
Transit charges across Europe	348	10	6			
Gratuities (to and from Australia)	1,993	6	0			
				6,144 14 10		
 CR.						
Postages collected in the colony	1,776	1	11			
Postages, &c., from London and foreign offices	1,504	0	11			
				3,280 2 10		
Net cost to the colony				<u>£2,864 12 0</u>		

The number of letters and post-cards, books, and newspapers conveyed from and to the United Kingdom by the Peninsular and Oriental and Orient packets was: Received—1,014,573 letters and post-cards, 465,906 books, and 1,912,874 newspapers; despatched—158,592 letters and post-cards, 21,714 books, and 42,970 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 1904 by the San Francisco service and by the Peninsular and Oriental and Orient lines was:—

	San Francisco Service.			P. and O. Line.			Orient Line.		
	Max.	Min.	Average.	Max.	Min.	Average.	Max.	Min.	Average.
London to Auckland ..	33	30	30·55	39	37	37·30	43	37	38·15
Auckland to London ..	34	28	30·78	43	36	40·07	44	40	41·50
London to Wellington ..	34	31	31·67	40	38	38·67	41	38	39·42
Wellington to London ..	35	30	31·83	45	41	42·28	46	37	42·85
London to Dunedin ..	35	32	32·72	41	38	39·12	44	38	39·25
Dunedin to London ..	37	31	33·61	44	40	40·82	45	41	42·29
London to Bluff ..	36	33	33·47	40	37	38·37	43	37	38·50
Bluff to London ..	38	32	34·36	43	39	40·07	44	40	41·54

The several subsidised sea mail-services, the subsidy-payments for the year 1904-5, the dates when established, and the date on which each terminates are shown below:—

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 ..	18,467 0 0	Mar., 1870	Nov., 1906	17	5,925	3 8·00 ^(a)
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., 1906	939	6	0 2·56
Auckland and Great Barrier ..	250 0 0	Oct., 1891	Dec., 1906	52	120	0 9·62
Dargaville and Tangiteroria ..	100 0 0	Nov., 1893	Dec., 1906	52	46	0 10·03
Helensville and Matakoho ..	150 0 0	Jan., 1881	Dec., 1906	52	118	0 5·87
Helensville and Dargaville ..	450 0 0	Jan., 1881	Dec., 1906	104	170	0 5·42
Horeke, Kohukohu, Rawene, Koutu, Rangi Point, and Opononi ..	147 0 0	Jan., 1889	Dec., 1906	52	48	1 2·13
Russell and Opua ..	102 0 0	Jan., 1889	Dec., 1906	156	16	0 9·81
Russell and Waitangi ..	10 0 0	Jan., 1904	Dec., 1906	52	14	0 3·30
Whangaroa (all boating in harbour) ..	44 0 0	..	Dec., 1906	(as required)	..	..
Wellington, Ketu Bay, Homewood, Maori Bay (and other offices), and Havelock ..	700 0 0	Dec., 1891	Dec., 1906	26	183	1 0·18
Wellington and Motueka ..	125 0 0	Nov., 1902	Dec., 1906	43	210	..
Havelock and Bulwer ..	137 10 0 ^(b)	Jan., 1904	Dec., 1906	26	64	1 6·83
Nelson, Totaranui, Takaka, and Collingwood ..	100 0 0	..	Dec., 1906	104	130	0 1·78
Nelson and Croixelles ..	50 0 0	Jan., 1904	Dec., 1906	52	44	0 6·25
Westport and Karamea ..	60 0 0 ^(c)	..	..	..	..	..
Westport and Little Wanganui ..	500 0 0	June, 1886	Dec., 1906	36	102	2 1·13
Hokitika, Okarito, Bruce Bay, Paringa, Haast, Okura, and Jackson's Bay ..	450 0 0 ^(d)	Jan., 1895	Dec., 1906	12	82	..
Lyttelton and Chatham Islands (including Pitt Island) ..	600 0 0	Jan., 1886	Dec., 1906	6	384	5 2·50
Lyttelton and Pigeon Bay ..	300 0 0	..	Mar., 1906	6	1,050	0 11·43
Bluff and Half-moon Bay ..	225 0 0 ^(e)	..	Dec., 1906	156	14	0 8·57
Bluff and Ruapuke Island ..	245 0 0	July, 1886	Dec., 1906	52	48	1 11·56
Bluff and Te Oneroa ..	36 0 0	Sept., 1903	Oct., 1905	52	26	0 7·07
Bluff and Te Oneroa ..	45 0 0 ^(f)	..	..	..	..	..
Bluff and Te Oneroa ..	300 0 0	April, 1893	April, 1905	12	208	1 11·03
Interprovincial service in connection with San Francisco line ..	234 0 0 ^(g)	Nov., 1886	Nov., 1906	17	..	..
	4,000 0 0	..	..	..	..	..

(a) On basis of payment for outward voyage, which alone is controlled by New Zealand. Payment by weight of mail-matter carried not to exceed £20,000 a year.

(b) Subsidy increased by £12 10s. a year from 20th October, 1904, and Nydia Bay included in service.

(c) Subsidy increase 1 by £10 from 1st April, 1905, and Wairangi included in service.

(d) Subsidy reduced by £50 from 1st January, 1905.

(e) First time of treating as a sea mail-service.

(f) Subsidy increased by £9 from 23rd October, 1904.

(g) Subsidy reduced by £66 from 1st May, 1904. Payments to be made in moieties by Marine and Post and Telegraph Departments.

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 £270,660 13s. 1½d., as compared with £261,941 6s. 6½d. for the previous year—an increase of £8,719 6s. 7d., or 3·33 per cent.

The following is a comparison of the traffic in paid telegrams during the last ten 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	141,531	" 12·03
1902-3 ...	4,271,218	" 10·93	153,338	" 8·30
1903-4 ...	4,671,904	" 9·38	162,498	" 5·97
1904-5 ...	4,900,495	" 4·89	167,531	" 3·12

TELEGRAPH BUSINESS.

Table showing the number of telegrams forwarded, and the revenue derived therefrom, during the four quarters of the financial years 1903-4 and 1904-5 respectively :—

Quarter.	Number of Telegrams forwarded.		Increase per Cent.	Revenue.		Increase per Cent.
	Year ended 31st March, 1904.	Year ended 31st March, 1905.		1903-4.	1904-5.	
June quarter ...	1,086,890	1,142,677	5·13	£ 38,072 6 0	£ 39,262 19 11	3·12
September quarter ...	1,069,311	1,134,318	6·07	37,350 18 7	38,760 4 3	3·77
December quarter ...	1,215,959	1,280,432	5·30	42,233 3 6	43,777 7 10	3·65
March quarter ...	1,299,744	1,343,068	3·33	44,841 5 6½	45,781 1 7½	2·09
	4,671,904	4,900,495	4·89	162,497 13 7½	167,581 13 7½	3·12

The telegraph receipts for the financial year, including telephone-exchange subscriptions, private-wire rents, &c., amounted to £250,063 1s. 3½d., compared with £237,564 4s. 11½d. in 1903-4—an increase of £12,498 16s. 4d., or 5·26 per cent.

The expenditure was £258,977 10s. 9d., as against £255,863 1s. 2d. for the previous year—an increase of £3,114 9s. 7d., or 1·22 per cent.

There were 7,943¾ miles of line and 23,704 miles of wire at the close of the year—an increase of 165 and 773 miles respectively.

The net expenditure out of Public Works Fund for telegraph extension was £79,297 15s. 1d., as compared with £47,226 19s. 7d. in 1903-4.

The number of private wires and subsidised lines was 350, compared with 364 in 1903-4. The amount received for rent, maintenance, &c., was £1,973 19s. 5d., as against £2,018 7s. in 1903-4.

The total number of telegraph and telephone offices open at the close of the year was 1,200. Of these, 262 were telegraph-offices, and 938 telephone-offices.

The number of telegrams of all codes forwarded during last financial year was 5,159,745—an increase of 194,548, or 3·91 per cent., over 1903-4.

The proportion of paid telegrams per head of population was 5·75, and 5·65 the previous year.

The number of ordinary telegrams forwarded was 3,720,114, of the value of £126,578 7s. 10½d., compared with 3,603,674, for £123,782 6s. 8½d., in 1903-4—an increase of 116,440 and £2,796 1s. 2d.

The urgent telegrams numbered 187,027, of the value of £11,894 8s. 3d.—an increase of 10,251 in number, and £443 17s. 9d. in amount.

The average value of each ordinary telegram was 8·16d., and of each urgent telegram 1s. 3·26d. 367,066 Press telegrams, of the value of £15,274 19s. 0½d., were forwarded in 1904-5, as compared with 364,860, valued at £15,115 19s. 8d., forwarded in 1903-4—an increase of 2,206, or 0·6 per cent., in number, and an increase of 1·05 per cent. in value.

The value of each Press telegram averaged 9·98d., as against 9·94d. in 1903-4.

The bureau messages numbered 626,288, of the value of £13,833 18s. 5½d., as compared with 526,594, of the value of £12,148 16s. 9d.—an increase of 99,694 in number, and £1,685 1s. 8½d. in amount.

The average value of each bureau message was 5·3d., as against 5·54d. in 1903-4.

The following figures show the growth of the traffic in bureau messages as compared with ordinary telegrams :—

	1904-5.	1903-4.	Average Value.
The total number of ordinary telegrams increased by	116,440, or 3·23 %		8·16d.
The total number of bureau communications increased by	99,694, or 18·93 %		5·3d.
	and relative receipts by		
	£2,796, or 2·26 %		8·24d.
	£1,685, or 13·87 %		5·54d.

The number of Government telegrams forwarded was 259,250, valued at £20,597 11s. 10d., as compared with 293,293, of the value of £24,377 1s. 7d.—a decrease of 34,043 in number, and of £3,779 9s. 9d. in amount.

61,057 money-orders, for £210,790 7s. 6d., were transmitted by telegraph, as against 54,933, for £187,472 14s., in 1903—an increase of 6,124 telegrams.

The number of paid forwarded telegrams to every hundred letters posted in New Zealand for delivery within the colony was 8.08, as against 8.26 in 1903-4.

TELEGRAPH MESSENGERS' DELIVERIES.

Telegraph messengers' deliveries (by Departmental messenger) were established as follows: Auckland—Raglan. Christchurch—Culverden. Greymouth—Totara Flat. New Plymouth—Urenui. Westport—Millerton.

OFFICES OPENED and CLOSED during Financial Year ended 31st March, 1905.

Opened.

Akatore,	Lauder,	Omarama,	Te Wharau,
Balcairn,	Lochiel,	Otematata,	Tokato,
Cambridge West,	Longbeach,	Owaka Valley,	Umutaoroa,
Craigieburn,	Macleod's Terrace,	Pirinoa,	Waihao Forks,
Douglas Road,	Mangarawa,	Puketeraki,	Waikuku,
Eiffelton,	Maranui,	Purekireki,	Waimamaku,
Flemington,	Mount Eden Railway,	Quail Island,	Waingarō,
Gorge Road,	Mount Hercules,	Riverlea,	Waterton,
Hapuka,	Ngatira,	Roslyn Bush,	Wharekuri,
Heathdale,	Ngaurukehu,	Spotswood,	Wharerata,
Himatangi,	Northland,	Tahatika,	Whenuakura,
Hinakura,	Oio,	Te Ahuahu,	Whetukura,
Hinuera,	Omakau,	Te Akatea,	Whitford,
Kaikoura Wharf,	Omanaia,	Terrace End,	Willowby.
Kohurutahi,			

Closed.

Awatere,	Ida Valley,	Piriaka,	Waikowhai,
Cardiff,	Kuripuni,	Thorndon,	Waimatua.
Castle Hill,	Opitonui,		

Summary.

Number of offices open on the 31st March, 1904, 1,153; opened during year, 57; closed during year, 10; increase, 47. Number of offices open on the 31st March, 1905, 1,200.

OCEAN CABLE SERVICES.

There has been an increase of 5.89 per cent. in the value of the colony's outward international cable traffic for the year, while the traffic to and from Australia has decreased by 5.03 per cent. in the number of messages and 8.09 in value, but this falling-off is probably but temporary. The proportion of cable messages to and from New Zealand transmitted by the Pacific cable exceeds 75 per cent. of the total traffic.

The working of the Pacific cable has been satisfactory. Interruptions due to weather conditions and forest fires occurred on the Canadian land-lines, but the delays as a rule did not exceed a few hours.

The Pacific Cable Board has been able to arrange with the Atlantic companies for the delivery in duplicate of cablegrams *via* Pacific to addressees in the United Kingdom.

Since early in 1904 the section of the cable between Doubtless Bay and Norfolk Island has been worked by the Wheatstone automatic with much success.

The receipts and working-expenses of the Pacific cable for the year ended the 31st March, 1905, are estimated (after six months' working) as under:—

Traffic revenue	...	...	£	80,000	Annuity and renewals	...	£	112,545
Deficit	...	...	£	82,089	Working-expenses...	...	£	49,544
			£	162,089			£	162,089

New Zealand's proportion of the deficit of £87,751 4s. 5d. on the second year's working of the Pacific cable amounted to £9,750 2s. 9d. The traffic receipts amounted to £79,824.

It should be mentioned that the yearly deficit includes a terminable annuity-payment of £77,545, which includes not only interest, but a sinking fund which extinguishes the capital cost of the cable in fifty years.

The conference of delegates representing the Pacific cable partners, which has been adjourned from time to time, met on the 21st June instant. Sir Sandford Fleming represents this colony.

CABLE BUSINESS.

The number and value of cable messages forwarded from New Zealand during 1904 are shown in the following statement:—

Viâ Pacific.

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
International	19,202	£ 32,722 12 7	52	£ 159 18 9
Australia	55,602	10,913 14 10	434	358 9 11
Total for 1904	74,804	43,636 7 5	486	518 8 8
Total for 1903	72,595	39,512 19 2	325	297 0 8

Viâ Extension.

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
International	3,306	£ 5,272 0 3	88	£ 145 4 0
Australia	9,089	1,932 10 4	977	483 16 0
Total for 1904	12,395	7,204 10 7	1,065	629 0 0
Total for 1903	16,351	10,344 11 4	1,270	938 10 5

The colony's outward international and Australian cable business, not including Press, for the years 1903 and 1904 was as follows:—

International.

	Number of Messages.	Value.
		£ s. d.
1904	22,508	37,994 12 10
1903	20,826	35,879 8 7
	Inc. 1,682*	Inc. 2,115 4 3†
	* 8.07 per cent.	† 5.89 per cent.

Australia.

	Number of Messages.	Value.
		£ s. d.
1904	64,691	12,846 5 2
1903	68,120	13,978 1 11
	Dec. 3,429*	Dec. 1,131 16 9†
	* 5.03 per cent.	† 8.09 per cent.

There was a total decrease of 1,747 messages, and an increase of £983 7s. 6d. in value.

The forwarded and received cable Press business for the past ten years ended 31st December, 1904, has been:—

Year.	Forwarded.			Received.		
	Number of		Value.	Number of		Value.
	Messages.	Words.		Messages.	Words.	
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
1903	1,595	159,732	1,235 11 1	5,636	425,824	2,333 10 2
1904	1,551	161,094	1,147 8 8	4,488	392,888	2,169 1 3

TELEPHONE EXCHANGES.

Four new exchanges were opened during the year, and one closed. 1,318 new subscribers were added to the exchanges throughout the colony, bringing the total connections up to 13,423, an increase of 10·89 per cent. for the year. Of the total increase, 595 were added at the four chief centres.

There were on the 31st March last 28 central and 57 sub-exchanges, a total of 85 in all.

The following is a comparative return of the telephone-exchange connections for the years 1903-4 and 1904-5 :—

Exchange.	Number of Subscribers or Connections:	
	March 31, 1904.	March 31, 1905.
Ashburton	118	130
Auckland	1,707	1,854
Devonport	34	38
Blenheim	133	137
Christchurch	1,479	1,647
Akaroa	36	40
Doyleston	7	7
Duvauchelle ... ..	...	8
Leeston	11	10
Lincoln	8	6
Little River	8	9
Lyttelton	8	8
Rangiora	15	15
Southbridge	6	6
Dannevirke	88	109
Dunedin	1,579	1,702
Balclutha	24	27
Clinton	8	8
Kaitangata	10	13
Milton	21	23
Palmerston	18	19
Port Chalmers	21	22
Waikouaiti	8	8
Feilding	133	45
Sanson	1	1
Gisborne	281	329
Greymouth	183	193
Reefton	44	47
Hamilton ... ..	...	66
Hawera	143	157
Eltham	26	30
Kaponga ... ..	...	6
Manaia	18	14
Patea	31	33
Hokitika	129	132
Kumara	10	10
Ross	6	6
Invercargill	335	372
Bluff	30	33
Edendale	5	5
Gore	83	88
Lumsden	16	16
Mataura	10	11
Otautau	25	24
Riversdale	17	16
Riverton	18	18
Winton	22	25
Woodlands	5	5
Wyndham	12	12
Masterton	155	205
Carterton	33	38
Eketahuna	18	30
Greytown North	10	9
Napier	384	399
Hastings	118	185
Weber	1	1
Nelson	220	251
New Plymouth	320	329
Inglewood	18	23
Waitara	16	14
Oamaru	210	219
Ngapara	2	2
Pahiatua	79	82
Woodville	20	23

Exchange.	Number of Subscribers or Connections	
	March 31, 1904.	March 31, 1905.
Palmerston North	264	328
Foxton	24	25
Rotorua	70	91
Stratford	98	106
Thames	78	82
Paeroa	25	29
Timaru	206	243
Fairlie	12	11
Geraldine	...	28
St. Andrew's	8	9
Studholme Junction	6	6
Temuka	17	18
Waimate	29	35
Wanganui	425	445
Hunterville	5	6
Marton	47	63
Okaiawa	1	1
Waverley	8	7
Wellington	2,103	2,260
Westport	109	125
Whangarei	36	55
	12,105	13,423

The connections are classified: Paying, 12,377; free, 276; bureaux, 770: total, 13,423.

The following are particulars of telegraph and telephone wires, &c., in the colony on the 31st March, 1905, exclusive of those now maintained by the Railway Department:—

	Telegraph.	Telephone.
Miles of lines, 31st March, 1904	7,779 $\frac{1}{8}$	721 $\frac{1}{2}$
" 31st March, 1905	7,943 $\frac{3}{8}$	785 $\frac{1}{2}$
Miles of wire, 31st March, 1904	22,920 $\frac{1}{2}$	9,834 $\frac{1}{8}$
" 31st March, 1905	23,704	11,028
Increase during the year—		
Miles of line	164 $\frac{1}{4}$	64
Miles of wire	783 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,193 $\frac{7}{8}$
Cables—		
Submarine, 31st March, 1904	283·107 knots.	3·392 knots.
" 31st March, 1905	283·107 "	3·392 "

TELEPHONE RATES IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

The following list of rates charged for telephone exchange connections in other countries, extracted from the latest available publications, will be of interest:—

New York, for 600 messages a year, \$60. (£12); for 800 messages, \$75 (£15); for 1,000 messages, \$87 (£17 10s.); extra talks, 8c. each. For 1,200 messages, \$99 (say, £20); and extra talks, 7c. each.

Helsingfors (Russia).—Annual subscription, from £5 to £5 10s. if the instrument and line are hired, and £3 10s. if bought. Workmen and female operators receive on an average 3s. a day of ten hours.

Rome.—Subscription, £6 14s. annually, with an extra charge for distances exceeding 3 kilos. (1·8 miles). Workmen's wages, 1s. 8d. to 3s. 4d. a day of ten hours. Female operators receive £1 5s. to £2 a month.

Florence.—Annual subscription, from £6 10s. for 1 kilo (0·6 mile) to £9 3s. 4d. within 3 kilos. (1·8 miles). Wages same as at Rome.

Amsterdam.—Municipal telephone. Each subscriber on entry pays £2 1s. 8d., and £7 10s. per annum.

Rotterdam.—Entrance fee less than Amsterdam. Private (not business) subscribers pay £5 10s. a year. Capital outlay per wire in Amsterdam, £33; Rotterdam, £45.

Stockholm.—Entrance fee, £2 15s. 6d. Annual subscription, £4 8s. 10d. for unlimited calls. Average length of wire, 1·3 kilo. (0·8 mile). Wages, 2s. 9d. to 4s. 1d. per ten-hours day.

Vienna.—Annual subscription, £8 6s. 8d. within a radius of one mile and a quarter. Female attendants paid from £2 10s. to £3 10s. a month; workmen, 2s. to 3s. a day.

Belgium.—Annual subscription, £10 8s. 4d.

Antwerp and Brussels.—Single wire within 3 kilos. (1·8 miles): Annual subscription, £10 8s. 4d.; each additional kilo., £2 1s. 8d. For double wires the charge is increased by 50 per cent.

Switzerland.—Annual subscription, £4 and £2 16s. for the first two years, and £1 12s. for succeeding years, a charge of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. being made for each communication, 'thus proportioning the expense to the use made of the telephone.' Workmen's wages, 3s. to 3s. 5d. a day of ten hours.

Berlin.—Annual subscription, £7 10s. per instrument. Wages: Female clerks, 2s. 3d. to 3s. a day; workmen, 3s. to 4s. 6d. a day.

Glasgow.—National Telephone Company. Annual subscription, £10 the first year and £8 10s. second year; or a toll service of £3 10s., and 1d. for each talk.

Tunbridge Wells.—Maximum rates fixed were those charged by National Company for unlimited users within area—namely, £10 a year within a mile; £2 10s. each additional half-mile.

In Australian States before Federation and in New Zealand.

State.	Service for Distances up to One Mile from Exchange.	Charge per Annum.	
		£	s. d.
New South Wales (Sydney and suburbs)	(Business	9	0 0
	(Private residence	5	0 0
New South Wales (country)	(Business	8	0 0
	(Private residence	5	0 0
Victoria (Melbourne and suburbs)	(Business	9	0 0
	(Private residence	5	0 0
Victoria (country)	(Business	7	0 0
	(Private residence	5	0 0
Queensland (throughout whole State)	(One rate up to half-mile	6	0 0
	(Every additional half-mile	1	5 0
	(Business	6	0 0
Tasmania (throughout whole State)	(Private residence	4	10 0
	(Business	7	0 0
Western Australia (throughout whole State)	(Private residence	5	0 0
	(Business	10	0 0
South Australia (throughout whole State)	(Private residence	5	0 0
	(Business (continuous service)	7	0 0
New Zealand	(Private	5	0 0
	(Business (limited service)	5	0 0

Proposed Commonwealth Charges Under Toll System.

Subscribers connected.	Annual Ground-rent.	Free Calls covered by Ground-rent.	Extra Calls (each).		
			1 to 1,000.	1,001 to 5,000.	5,001 to 20,000.
	£ s. d.		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1 to 5,000	4 10 0	300	0 1	0 0½	0 0¼
5,001 to 20,000... ..	5 0 0	300	0 1	0 0½	0 0¼

Charges in United Kingdom.

London.—Unlimited service with two miles, £17 per annum; or toll service, annual subscription, £5, and 1d. for each call. Minimum payable for calls, £1 10s.

Glasgow municipal rates, £5 5s. per annum; unlimited conversations.

Paris, £12 10s. per annum.

Lyons, £10 10s. per annum.

Warsaw, £7 10s. per annum.

Moscow, £8 7s. per annum.

SUPERIMPOSED CIRCUITS.

The Department has for several years been superimposing telephone circuits on telegraph-wires and telegraph circuits on telephone-wires. It is obvious that the use of telegraph-wires for telephone purposes is limited, and nearly all the wires available for this purpose have now been absorbed. Wherever the conditions permit, use will be made of telegraph-wires for telephone purposes or *vice versa*, either superimposed or on the condenser system. It is intended to give a telephone service between Wellington and Palmerston North on the condenser system—that is, using telegraph-wires both for telegraph and telephone purposes. Certain alterations to the line will be necessary, but in a few months it is hoped to put the system in operation.

There is also in operation what is known as duplex-telephone circuits, and these will be extended where the necessary wires exist. Such a duplex circuit is at work between Napier and Hastings, where four telephone-wires allow of a third metallic circuit being superimposed on the two metallic-circuit pairs.

TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE.

NEW ZEALAND CABLE SERVICES.

The cables across Cook Strait, including the Wanganui-Wakapuaka cable, have been periodically tested with satisfactory results. No faults have occurred during the last two years.

The cable connecting the Middle Island with Stewart Island continues in good working-order.

It may be of interest to note that the four Cook Strait cables are quadruplexed. One is used direct to Dunedin and one to Christchurch. The other two are quadruplexed to Blenheim, and through repeaters there, Wellington is enabled to work on one a duplex circuit to Christchurch and a duplex circuit to Greymouth, and on the other a duplex circuit to Nelson and a duplex to Wakapuaka, with Blenheim intermediate. Wellington has direct communication with these places in the Middle Island, as well as all important towns in the Wellington, Napier, Wanganui, and New Plymouth districts; and also with Auckland.

These four cables are equal to sixteen single wires, and a single wire has a capacity in ordinary working of forty messages an hour. When quadruplexed the wire has four times the carrying capacity. The Wanganui-Wakapuaka cable is duplexed, making it equal to two single wires.

TRUNK TELEPHONE WIRES.

Contrasted with the use that can be made of a telegraph-wire, it is found that a trunk telephone-wire has the very limited capacity of about fifty to sixty spoken communications a day; and where a telephone circuit, either metallic or single, is carrying that volume of business there is a demand for an extra wire. Where there are other wires on the same poles, efficient communication requires the provision of a metallic circuit—that is, two wires; and where there is an existing single-wire circuit for any length, and a second one is required, it is absolutely necessary to erect a metallic circuit to have each free from induction from the other. This points to the necessity of charges being made for spoken communications in proportion to the length of wire. This is the practice in England, America, and other countries. In England the charges are 3d. for twenty-five miles, 6d. for twenty-five to fifty miles, 9d. for fifty to seventy-five miles, 1s. for seventy-five to 100 miles, and 6d. for every additional forty miles. The time allowed at the above rates is three minutes. With three minutes as the basis of charge it is found from records made here that each spoken communication takes up the circuit for an average of nine minutes.

Before the Department extends its trunk-telephone facilities these facts will require consideration, and a preliminary scale of distance rates prepared. On ordinary telephone-lines, which serve the largest number of offices in the colony—namely, 936 out of a total of 1,200 offices—used for the transmission of telegrams, the business that can be done is about twenty messages an hour, while spoken communications between subscribers or telephone bureaux average only six to seven an hour.

CHEAP TELEPHONE LINES.

Every effort is being made to reduce the cost of country extensions, consistent with safety to the public and a reasonable prospect of an uninterrupted service. The cost of poles is the largest item of expenditure, and by the use of a pole costing 10s. extensions may be made for about £20 a mile. Each extension must be dealt with, however, on its merits. Its remoteness from a lineman's station, the character of the country, fenced or open, the number of roads or gateways, whether sheep-country or cropping-country, have all to be considered, also whether long or short cartage of poles and material is necessary.

METALLIC CIRCUITS.

The work of installing metallic circuits to eliminate induction from electric tramways, telegraph-wires, and neighbouring telephonic circuits is in progress at Auckland, Wellington, and Dunedin. Materials for Christchurch also are now coming to hand.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

The Department is watching the progress of the system, which has recently been considerably developed; and there can be no question that it has come to stay. When recently in Australia the Postmaster-General of this colony, in the course of an interview with the Commonwealth Postmaster-General, discussed the desirableness and feasibility of establishing wireless stations between Australia and New Zealand, and Mr. Sydney Smith expressed himself favourable to the proposition. Since then the matter has been under the consideration of Government, and the Postmaster-General has been requested to make a specific recommendation.

For communication with vessels at sea, and outlying islands, the wireless-telegraph system could be brought into use with considerable advantage.

Further important developments are foreshadowed by inventors, who, however, are naturally very reticent on the subject; at least, until their latest improvements are open for public use.

ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT UNDERTAKINGS.

The work of the Department under the Electric Telegraph Commissioner, who has the delegated powers of the Board of Control for electrical undertakings, including tramways, and also the authority under the Electric Lines Act to issue licenses, has been steadily increasing.

The tramway undertakings now in existence in the Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin districts include eight Orders in Council, all of which have been reviewed for the Board of Control, and supervision over the electrical conditions of these undertakings is continually being exercised. One of them (the Dunedin tramways) involves a 32-mile transmission-line, in course of erection, at a voltage of 35,000.

Up to the present nine licenses have been granted by the Electric Telegraph Commissioner under the Electric Lines Act, and several are now being dealt with. These licenses embody regulations framed to meet the varying circumstances of each installation, mainly to secure the safety of the public. The work in connection with this is very great, and involves much consideration and technical knowledge.

The following is a list of licenses issued: Bluff, Christchurch, Dunedin, Gore, Hawera, Inglewood, Maori Hill, New Plymouth, Outram, and Reefton.

Owing to the many technical branches of electrical work requiring attention, and the rapid growth of all branches of the business, especially in exchange-work, an increase in the superior and technical staff will have to be considered. The Department has officers capable of filling any such positions.

SCHEDULE OF INSTRUMENTS AND BATTERIES IN USE IN TELEGRAPH-OFFICES.

Inspectors' Districts.	Morse Instruments (in use).		No. of Duplexes.		No. of Direct Souder Sets.	No. of Quads.	No. of Quad Translator Sets.	No. of Autos.	No. of Telephones not connected with Exchanges.	No. of Cells.				
	Constant Current.	Intermittent Current.	Single Current.	Double Current.						Leclanche.	Gordon.	Daniell.	Bichromate.	Storage.
Auckland ..	34	64	13	4	2	10	2	1	235	5,698	40	274	..	6
Wellington ..	61	151	14	7	12	18	5	2	132	7,771	700	1,130	22	38
Nelson ..	9	32	9	4	..	1	3	..	115	3,248	..	541	10	..
Christchurch ..	101	30	3	5	..	6	1	2	44	1,652	..	861	552	2
Dunedin ..	99	68	2	1	..	6	1	1	144	4,474	..	620	42	4
Totals ..	304	345	41	21	14	41	12	6	670	22,843	740	3,426	626	50

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Construction.

The following new lines have been erected during the year :—

	Miles of Poles.	Miles of Wire.
Waipa Prison (lead off Waiotapu line)	0 $\frac{3}{16}$	0 $\frac{3}{16}$
Ngaruawahia to Te Akatea and Waingaro	16	16
Auckland to Newton and Mount Eden Railway .. ..	..	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
Cambridge Sanatorium	0 $\frac{7}{16}$	0 $\frac{7}{16}$
Auckland to Warkworth (diversion of Nos. 1 and 2 wires) .. ..	..	96
Waiotemarama to Waimamaku	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Hinuera (lead off Morrinsville-Putaruru line)	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Cambridge to Cambridge West	1	1
Auckland to Atiamuri Junction (diversion of No. 3 wire) .. ..	..	156
Tauranga to Te Puke diversion	13	26
Paengaroa Junction towards Matata diversion	18	18
Hamilton to Te Awamutu (diversion of No. 5 wire) .. ..	..	18
Auckland - Manukau Heads (second wire) .. ..	..	23
For Railway Department—		
Paeroa Railway to Puriri Railway	10 $\frac{1}{4}$	10 $\frac{1}{4}$
Totals	62 $\frac{7}{8}$	371 $\frac{1}{8}$

Railway wires ceased to be maintained by this Department from 31st July, 1904 :—

	Miles of Poles.	Miles of Wire.
Newmarket - Mount Eden telephone	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
Mount Eden and Avondale signal-repeaters .. ..	..	0 $\frac{3}{8}$
Auckland-Penrose telephones .. ..	..	7
„ blocks	1	19 $\frac{3}{4}$
Auckland Railway crossing bells .. ..	..	0 $\frac{3}{4}$
Greenlane Racecourse platform .. ..	..	1
Newmarket signalbox tunnel .. ..	..	0 $\frac{3}{4}$
Auckland - Mount Smart telephone .. ..	..	7 $\frac{3}{4}$
Otahuhu Railway - Papakura Railway telephone	10 $\frac{3}{4}$	10 $\frac{3}{4}$
Tuakau-Whangarata telephone .. ..	..	2 $\frac{1}{8}$
Huntly-Ohinewai telephone	5 $\frac{1}{8}$	5 $\frac{1}{8}$
Paeroa Railway - Puriri Railway telephone	10 $\frac{1}{4}$	10 $\frac{1}{4}$
Totals	28 $\frac{3}{8}$	66 $\frac{7}{8}$

The total number of miles of poles and wire in this district, exclusive of those maintained by the Railway Department for their own use, is 2,063 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 5,608 $\frac{7}{8}$ respectively.

Maintenance.

The reconstruction of the Auckland - Doubtless Bay section was completed at the beginning of the year. Reconstruction of the section Otahuhu to Hamilton has been finished, and the line from Hamilton to Cambridge rebuilt. These sections are now in first-class order.

Nos. 1 and 2 north wires, which originally ran *via* Helensville, are now on the main line *via* Waiwera.

Another wire from Auckland to Atiamuri Junction (156 miles), taking the place of a wire *via* Thames and Mercer, has been erected, thus giving another direct wire to Napier and south.

The line, Tauranga - Te Puke, has been diverted from the coast to the main road, requiring the erection of 13 miles of poles and 26 miles of wire.

The Te Puke - Paengaroa Junction line has been entirely rebuilt and strengthened.

Maketu—Opotiki line: This line, for a distance of 18 miles along the beach, has been diverted to the main road. The whole section is receiving a thorough overhaul, which will be completed early in the year.

Manukau Heads: A second wire, 23 miles long, has been erected on the main south line, for the purpose of forming a metallic circuit to the junction of the Heads line, thereby eliminating induction. A transformer is inserted at that point, and the circuit continued on the single wire to the terminal office. This arrangement gives entire satisfaction.

The Paeroa—Waihi line is being rebuilt, and will be completed early in the year.

The Hikutaia Junction line towards Katikati is being diverted to within 8 miles of Katikati, and will run through Waihi, connecting with the new line on to Paeroa, thus providing a much better route.

The Cambridge—Te Awamutu line, which carried one wire only and would require considerable attention to thoroughly repair, will be dismantled. The wire has been diverted to the King-country line from Hamilton.

Offices.

Ten new offices were opened in the district during the year, nine being connected by telephone, and one (Mount Eden Railway) by Morse instruments.

Three offices were closed—viz., Waikowhai, Opitonui, and Piriaka; whilst Omanaia was reopened.

The total number of offices open is now 271, 50 of which are Morse and 221 telephone.

Two offices, Newton and Whakatane, were converted from telephone to Morse, and one, Katikati, from Morse to telephone.

The Tauranga, Whakatane, and Mangonui offices have been refitted, whilst those at Dargaville, Cambridge, and Te Awamutu have been fitted with duplex sets, and the Auckland office with two new quadruplex sets of instruments for the purpose of meeting the steadily increasing traffic.

Two small offices, Okete and Ardmore, were burnt down during the year, but communication was soon restored.

The ceiling of the Auckland operating-room has been raised, and the ventilation considerably improved.

Telephone Exchanges.

The Auckland Exchange is steadily increasing in numbers, there being on 31st March a total of 1,854 connections, an increase of 147 for the year. Of these, 1,773 are paying, 23 free, and 58 bureaux. There are also 387 extension telephones connected with the exchange. A new section of 300 numbers is being added to the switchboard, which will enable 2,400 connections to be dealt with.

108½ miles of poles and 1,951 miles of wire are utilised for the present connections.

A new exchange was opened at Hamilton. On the 31st March there were 66 subscribers, requiring the erection of 4¾ miles of poles and 26 miles of wire.

Substantial increases at Rotorua and Whangarei, by 21 and 18 subscribers respectively, have taken place; whilst all the other exchanges show a slight increase over the number of connections last year.

The 7 exchanges are working satisfactorily. The total connections therewith number 2,215 (2,093 paying, 33 free, and 89 bureaux). The poles and wire connected with the various exchanges aggregate, respectively, 138 miles and 2,117½ miles.

Metallic Circuits.

On the 31st March there were 285 subscribers connected by metallic circuit.

The work on the eastern side of the city, which embraces Otahuhu, Onehunga, Ellerslie, Epsom, Remuera, and Parnell, and most of which required very long circuits, entailing considerable labour, is completed.

In the remainder of the city the work will be comparatively easy, and a much larger number of subscribers will be joined up in a shorter time.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Construction.

The following new lines and wires were erected in this district during the year:—

	Miles of Poles.	Miles of Wire.
Inglewood to Halcombe } Part of through wire, Welling-	.. ..	134½
Shannon to Otaki } ton to New Plymouth	.. ..	24
Gladstone to Te Wharau	14	14
Mangatera to Umutaoroa	4½	4½
Kilbirnie to Maranui (lead off Worser Bay line)	0¼	0¼
Aramoho to Aramoho Railway	0¼	0¼
Martinborough to Hinakura	14½	14½
Waitara to Sentry Hill .. ..	.. ..	3¾
Utiku to Ohutu	0¾	1¾
Ngaurukehu (lead off Mataroa—Ruanui line)	0¼	0¼
Napier to Hastings (metallic circuit) .. ..	.. ..	25
Northland (lead off Wellington—Karori line) .. ..	.. ..	0¼
Gisborne to Manutuke (metallic circuit) .. ..	.. ..	16
Muriwai to Wharerata .. ..	.. ..	8
Patea to Whenuakura .. ..	.. ..	0¾
Petone to Hutt .. ..	.. ..	2½

Construction—continued.

	Miles of Poles.	Miles of Wire.
Riverlea (lead off Eltham-Kaponga wire) .. .. .	..	..
Napier to Eskdale .. .. .	..	1
Woodville to Mangarawa	2	2
Douglas Road (lead off Toko-Strathmore wire) .. .. .	..	..
Wairoa to Opoutama (new route)	23	46
Telephone exchange to telegraph office, Wellington .. .. .	..	0½
Napier to Napier Park Racecourse .. .. .	..	3
Otaki Railway to Otaki (loop lines) .. .. .	..	12
Levin to Shannon (new route)	9½	57
Palmerston North to Terrace End .. .. .	..	1
Whangamomona to Kohuratahi	4¼	4¼
Ormondville to Whetukura	3¾	3¾
Himatangi (bridged across Foxton - Palmerston N., metallic circuit) .. .. .	..	..
Transferred from telephone exchange, Napier (for metallic circuits) .. .. .	..	9¾
For Public Works Department—		
Mangaweka to Taihape	14	14
Totals	90	404
Lines dismantled—		
Whenuakura, from main line to old office .. .. .	..	2½
Wairoa to Opoutama (old beach route)	21	42
Shannon to Levin (old route)	12	72
Totals	33	116½

The above operations resulted in a net increase of 57 miles of poles and 287½ miles of wire, making grand totals of 2,087½ miles of poles and 7,330½ miles of wire maintained in this district, exclusive of those maintained by the Railway Department for their own use.

Ten private wires, principally in outlying districts, have been erected, aggregating 7¼ miles of poles and 10¾ miles of wire.

Maintenance.

The lines generally are in good order, several sections, enumerated below, having recently been overhauled; but the following sections still need attention: Wairoa-Mohaka, Wangaehu-Feilding, Pakipaki-Waipukurau, Waipukurau-Porangahau, and Otaki-Wellington. The work will be taken in hand during the year.

The following sections were overhauled and strengthened with extra or larger poles where necessary:—

	Miles.
Inglewood to Wangaehu	120
Nuhaka to Opoutama	7
Gisborne to Opoutama	43
Kaitoke to Upper Hutt	8
Pohui to Rangitaiki	50
Masterton to Castlepoint and Whakataki	45
Gisborne to Manutuke	8
Wellington to Hutt (partial)	8
Opoutama to Mr. Ormond's	5½
Nuhaka to Morere	6¼
Otaki to Otaki Railway (reconstructed)	1½
Total	302¼

Heavy gales followed by a severe snowstorm in August last did much damage to the line on the high levels between Napier and Taupo.

Line faults are still caused by traction-engines and threshing-machines colliding with the wires, and also by persons felling trees, or throwing pieces of wire, over the lines.

Offices.

Sixteen new offices have been opened and three closed during the year.

A new Jackknife testboard has been erected at New Plymouth, and the instruments refitted and rearranged to provide room for a forked quadruplex repeater set, which has been installed to work on the Wanganui-New Plymouth and New Plymouth-Auckland circuits. A full quadruplex repeater set has also been installed at Napier for repeating on No. 2 wire, between Wellington and Auckland.

A lineman is now stationed at Hastings.

A new permanent office has been erected at Eltham, and sledge offices at Te Horo and Kahukura, requiring the transfer of instruments, &c.

The name of the Te Arai Bridge office has been changed to Manutuke, and that of Dreyerton to Kopuaranga.

There are 334 offices in the district—61 Morse and 273 telephone.

Metallic Circuits.

The erection of two additional wires between Napier and Hastings has provided another metallic circuit for bureau purposes, and by coupling this circuit with the previously existing metallic circuit, a third metallic circuit has been superimposed on the other two, all of which are working very satisfactorily and carrying a large amount of work.

The section between Wellington and Otaki of the No. 3 Morse wire, Wellington to Palmerston North, and the Wellington-Otaki telephone-wire, have been utilised to install a metallic circuit for bureau purposes between Wellington Exchange and the Otaki Post-office, with intermediate offices bridged across the two wires. Telephonic communication on the circuit, 50 miles in length, is now practically free from induction from neighbouring wires, and the Morse superimposed over these is working very satisfactorily from Wellington to Palmerston North, with Otaki and Levin intermediate.

Telephone Exchanges.

One new sub-exchange was opened during the year at Kaponga, with 6 subscribers. The exchange at Otakeho was closed.

New switchboards have been fitted at Inglewood, Marton, Waitara, and Eltham, and the exchanges at Masterton and Hastings have been refitted.

Thirteen telephones were destroyed by fire, 9 of them at Wellington.

The exchange at Hawera has been removed to a more suitable and commodious room on the first floor, and a new switchboard installed.

Considerable alterations to the lines at Hawera, Manaia, and Okaiawa were needed on account of the operations of the Hawera Electric Light Company.

New Plymouth was visited by a severe thunderstorm in August last, and by a whirlwind in December. The former did considerable damage to the switchboard indicator coils and line wires, and the latter damaged the lines considerably.

The extensive alterations to the lines in Wellington, on account of the installation of electric tramways, were completed early in January. The subscribers to this exchange continue to increase rapidly, the total number being 2,260, an increase of 157 for the year. Of these, 2,157 are paying subscribers, 49 free, and 54 bureaux.

In addition there are 519 extension telephones, making a grand total of 2,779 instruments used. With the addition of the subsection of 300 numbers just received, the capacity of the exchange will be 2,700.

The poles and wire necessary to connect the present subscribers total $51\frac{3}{4}$ miles and 2,119 miles respectively, irrespective of that connected with bureaux.

There are 30 exchanges in the district, all of which are working satisfactorily. The subscribers connected therewith aggregate 5,403, an increase of 535 for the year. Of this number 5,021 are paying, 111 free, and 271 bureaux, connected by 280 miles 67 chains of poles and 4,045 miles 45 chains of wire. Extension telephones at the various exchanges number 793, making a grand total of 6,205 telephones in use.

The alterations to the Wellington Exchange building and the installation of the cable-drying machinery therein has been completed, and a large number of poles erected preparatory to the suspension of the lead-covered cables.

NELSON DISTRICT.

Construction.

The following new lines have been erected to connect the offices indicated hereunder:—

	Miles of Poles.	Miles of Wire.
Kaikoura to Kaikoura Wharf	2	2
McLeod's Terrace (lead off Okarito line) .. .. .	..	$0\frac{1}{8}$
Heathdale (lead off Brunner line) .. .. .	..	$0\frac{1}{8}$
Maniaroa (lead off Tadmor line) .. .. .	..	..
Hapuka (cut in on Kaikoura-Blenheim line)	1	1
Mount Hercules (lead off Okarito line)	$0\frac{1}{4}$	$0\frac{1}{4}$
Totals	$3\frac{1}{4}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$
Lines dismantled—		
Belgrove section .. .. .	..	5
Railway wires, &c., ceased to be maintained by this Department—		
Greymouth-Reefton section	17	26
Westport-Conn's Creek section	$10\frac{3}{4}$	$10\frac{3}{4}$
Westport-Crane Wharf	$0\frac{3}{4}$	$0\frac{3}{4}$
Totals	$28\frac{1}{2}$	$37\frac{1}{2}$

The total mileages of poles and wire maintained in this district are $994\frac{5}{8}$ and $2,788\frac{5}{8}$ respectively.

Maintenance.

The following sections have been overhauled and strengthened: Takaka-Motueka, Motueka-Richmond, and Hokitika-Kumara. The Ahaura-Reefton section is in course of overhaul. A flying

overhaul of the Okarito-Ross section has been made, but considerable work is necessary to make the line thoroughly efficient.

The Havelock-Pelorus Bridge section was reconstructed, owing to the line having been washed away during a flood in March last year.

The encroachment of the Teremakau River on the roadway at several places on the Kumara-Taipo section necessitated a deviation of our line at these places.

The Haast River signalling-wire, which was washed away, was replaced in a less dangerous position. Telephones were installed at the Big Wanganui and Wataroa Rivers in place of the bells hitherto used. The lines in connection therewith were also strengthened.

The Reefton-Lyell-Longford section requires attention, but the lines generally are in good order. Very few interruptions to traffic have occurred during the year.

Offices.

Five new offices were opened and one (Awatere) closed, making 158 offices open, of which 23 are Morse and 135 telephone.

An extra set of Morse instruments has been put in at Picton to facilitate disposal of the traffic upon arrival of steamers.

Several offices have been removed to new premises and others refitted.

The Lyell building was struck by lightning on the 25th August last, and the inside of the office, as well as the instruments, and part of the line, was wrecked. Prompt measures were taken to restore communication and effect repairs.

The Collingwood office was burnt down on the 7th November.

Telephone Exchanges.

The exchanges in the district are in good working-order. The subscribers number 901, an increase of 67 for the year. Of this number 774 are paying, 36 free, and 91 bureaux; 40 extension telephones are in use, making a total of 941 telephones, requiring $64\frac{1}{2}$ miles of poles and $436\frac{3}{4}$ miles of wire.

CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT.

Construction.

The following new lines and wires were erected:—

	Miles of Poles.	Miles of Wire.
Ashburton to Longbeach and Flemington, <i>via</i> Winslow	$16\frac{1}{2}$	$23\frac{3}{4}$
Temuka to Geraldine (metallic trunk circuit) .. .. .	.. .. .	15
Amberley to Balcairn .. .. .	.. .. .	4
Woodend to Waikuku .. .. .	.. .. .	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Spotswood (fork off Cheviot-Mendip line)	$0\frac{1}{4}$	$0\frac{1}{4}$
Ohoka-Kaiapoi-Woodend (circuit made metallic) .. .. .	.. .. .	$11\frac{1}{4}$
Duvauchelle to Akaroa (trunk wire) .. .. .	.. .. .	6
Totals	$16\frac{3}{4}$	$64\frac{3}{4}$

The construction of the metallic trunk circuit between Glenavy and Waimate to connect with the Oamaru-Glenavy circuit was commenced on the 28th March.

The total mileage of poles in the district is $921\frac{1}{2}$, and of wire $3,553\frac{3}{4}$.

Maintenance.

The overhaul of the line between Timaru and Christchurch has been completed to a point half a mile north of Rolleston. Every fifth pole is doubled to increase the stability of the line.

Four miles of the Rangiora-Amberley line has been reconstructed to give facilities for the erection of additional wires. Minor line maintenance has been attended to where necessary.

Offices.

Eleven new offices have been opened and one (Castle Hill) closed, a new office in place thereof being opened at Craigieburn.

A new brick building at Kaiapoi was opened on the 19th December.

At Temuka and Geraldine circuits have been rearranged. Those stations now work Morse to Timaru superimposed over the metallic trunk wire, and are no longer in circuit on No. 8 wire. This practically gives Christchurch another clear wire to Timaru.

Sydenham has been converted from a telephone to a Morse station.

There are 164 offices in the district—61 Morse and 103 telephone.

Telephone Exchanges.

New sub-exchanges were opened at Geraldine and Duvauchelle.

A large amount of reconstruction work has had to be done in Christchurch City in consequence of the introduction of electric tramways, and also owing to increased business, thus necessitating the use of larger poles.

There are 1,647 connections to the Christchurch exchange—1,563 paying, 39 free, and 45 bureaux—an increase of 168 for the year.

A new subsection of 450 numbers is being erected, which will bring the capacity of the exchange up to 2,400.

A 2-horse power motor has been installed to take the place of the gas-engine for charging the batteries.

The Timaru exchange has increased by 37 subscribers, there being 243 connections.

Ashburton has 130 subscribers, an increase of 12.

Other exchanges show slight increases over last year. The total number of subscribers is 2,236—2,075 paying, 52 free, and 109 bureaux—an increase of 262.

There are 411 extension telephones, 364 of which are connected with the Christchurch exchange.

All exchanges are working satisfactorily.

DUNEDIN DISTRICT.

Construction.

The following extensions have been carried out during the year :—

	Miles of Poles.	Miles of Wire.
Kurow to Otematata and Omarama	32	32
Seacliff to Puketeraki	0 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
Invercargill to Winton (metallic circuit) .. .. .	..	37 $\frac{1}{2}$
Gorge Road (lead off Waimahaka line)	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Owaka to Owaka Valley, Tahatika and Purekireki	13	13
Winton to Lochiel .. .. .	..	4
Taieri Beach to Akatore	7	7
Clinton to Ashley Downs and Clydevale	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	15
Omakau to Lauder .. .. .	..	5
Oamaru to Glenavy (Waimate metallic trunk) .. .. .	..	29 $\frac{3}{4}$
For Public Works Department—	Miles of Poles.	Miles of Wire.
Lauder to Chatto Creek	13	13
Heriot to Edievale	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Totals	81 $\frac{3}{4}$	166

The total length of lines at the end of the year was 1,876 $\frac{3}{8}$ miles of poles and 4,422 miles of wire.

Maintenance.

No interruptions of any consequence occurred during the year. Some 600 miles of line were overhauled. The lines generally are in good order.

Offices.

Fourteen new offices were opened and two (Waimatua and Ida Valley) closed, leaving 273 offices open—viz., 69 Morse and 204 telephone stations.

Telephone Exchanges.

A steady increase of subscribers to the Dunedin exchange has taken place, bringing the total connections to 1,702, an increase of 123. Of these 1,641 are paying, 22 free, and 39 bureaux.

There are 386 extension telephones, an increase of 50 since last year.

Two sections, of 450 numbers each, have been added to the switchboard, which will provide for 2,950 connections.

The work of installing the metallic circuit system in Dunedin is now in hand. A large number of circuits should be converted during the year.

The subscribers to the 22 exchanges in the district numbered 2,668, an increase of 189. Including extension connections, there were 3,155 instruments.

Of the ordinary connections, 2,414 are paying, 44 free, and 210 bureaux.

The Oamaru exchange is being refitted with new annunciators.

The total mileage of poles connected with the exchanges amounts to 142 $\frac{1}{2}$ and of wire 2,121 $\frac{1}{2}$.

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.

ISSUED IN THE COLONY.

Year.	Commission received.		Where payable.						Total.					
			In the Colony.		United Kingdom and Foreign Offices.		Australia and other British Possessions.							
			No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.				
1863	£ 1,057	s. d. 9 0	2,201	£ 9,613	s. d. 11 11	4,740	£ 21,944	s. d. 2 1	4,645	£ 24,145	s. d. 7 5	11,586	£ 55,703	s. d. 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	25,953	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
1903	15,881	18 5	273,535	1,108,067	5 8	63,309	157,789	16 0	59,468	150,367	10 8	396,312	1,416,224	12 4
1904	16,385	9 0	281,655	1,148,226	3 0	60,490	165,245	0 8	65,638	163,416	4 9	407,783	1,476,887	8 5

DRAWN ON THE COLONY.

Year.	Where issued.						Total.					
	In the Colony.		United Kingdom and Foreign Offices.		Australia and other British Possessions.							
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.				
1863	2,067	£ 9,169	s. d. 4 6	415	£ 1,824	s. d. 0 8	558	£ 3,077	s. d. 13 7	3,040	£ 14,070	s. d. 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	8,963	33,254	2 3	133,910	482,437	17 4
1888	122,042	432,056	6 2	7,336	26,262	14 5	15,365	56,141	4 1	144,450	513,728	8 2
1889	127,323	458,469	7 7	7,469	26,887	17 9	15,859	56,402	1 4	150,651	541,759	6 8
1890	130,641	472,967	4 7	7,775	27,975	15 5	13,331	47,890	2 6	151,747	548,833	2 6
1891	138,555	504,834	16 9	7,910	28,518	14 0	13,604	48,700	9 6	160,069	582,054	0 3
1892	140,672	540,763	15 0	8,152	29,349	14 7	11,291	41,064	6 6	160,115	611,177	16 1
1893	146,133	576,358	17 2	8,746	32,616	17 2	10,679	40,929	2 5	165,558	649,904	16 9
1894	155,534	608,042	2 11	9,293	33,786	17 6	10,690	38,571	3 1	175,517	680,400	3 6
1895	162,600	635,062	17 11	9,938	35,155	7 9	11,520	39,862	18 10	184,058	710,081	4 6
1896	181,505	717,217	19 1	10,254	35,553	7 1	11,507	40,836	4 7	203,266	793,607	10 9
1897	193,867	762,592	10 3	10,085	35,238	10 3	11,407	40,105	1 11	215,359	837,936	2 5
1898	206,265	798,725	15 8	10,671	36,106	9 10	12,753	44,558	10 10	229,689	879,930	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
1903	273,535	1,108,067	5 8	13,035	49,181	1 3	17,777	68,340	8 8	304,347	1,225,588	15 7
1904	281,655	1,148,226	3 0	11,567	45,793	1 1	19,277	71,824	7 5	312,499	1,265,843	11 6

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 1903 and 1904.

ISSUED IN NEW ZEALAND.

Where payable.	1903.		1904.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
United Kingdom and Foreign Offices through United Kingdom	52,172	£ 131,198 s. 2 d. 10	49,097	£ 141,033 s. 3 d. 10
United States of America	10,307	24,090 5 9	10,507	21,801 11 5
Canada	535	2,009 8 2	564	1,866 4 5
Cape Colony	146	424 8 2	168	524 18 9
Ceylon	115	453 10 2	122	353 1 11
Fiji	94	213 9 4	140	494 13 10
Germany	820	2,463 18 5	871	2,389 17 5
Hongkong	268	987 2 9	378	1,275 10 6
India	513	1,529 13 4	605	1,989 4 9
Natal	102	383 13 10	87	312 14 5
New South Wales	25,650	65,341 2 8	28,021	70,002 10 7
Queensland	2,710	8,209 16 2	3,189	9,500 8 6
Samoa	10	37 9 0	15	20 8 0
South Australia	1,321	3,447 10 11	1,515	4,051 1 1
Straits Settlements	35	123 2 6	55	208 17 6
Tasmania	3,998	8,267 5 7	4,270	9,207 16 0
Transvaal	111	360 2 0	151	607 2 6
Victoria	22,904	55,747 4 7	25,247	59,366 5 0
Western Australia	966	2,870 0 6	1,126	3,655 15 0
Totals	122,777	308,157 6 8	126,128	328,661 5 5

DRAWN ON NEW ZEALAND.

Where issued.	1903.		1904.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
United Kingdom and Foreign Offices through United Kingdom	10,676	£ 35,731 s. 0 d. 11	9,334	£ 34,472 s. 5 d. 6
United States of America	1,654	6,867 17 9	1,571	6,228 15 1
Canada	364	2,281 2 4	424	2,212 3 5
Cape Colony	445	1,916 17 9	444	1,943 3 4
Ceylon	29	44 15 5	32	112 6 8
Fiji	501	1,466 19 10	490	1,673 5 2
Germany	124	808 5 5	135	661 5 3
Hongkong	49	214 14 10	70	289 16 7
India	269	966 9 11	357	1,331 15 2
Natal	437	2,273 16 0	361	1,556 18 4
New South Wales	5,919	19,798 0 9	5,922	18,654 7 0
Queensland	1,132	4,583 4 9	1,198	4,490 13 4
Samoa	581	5,773 17 2	527	4,430 15 3
South Australia	599	2,142 15 9	662	2,313 11 3
Straits Settlements	61	282 13 3	51	174 1 11
Tasmania	1,848	8,135 4 4	2,438	11,633 19 5
Transvaal	824	4,501 13 7	830	4,422 12 4
Victoria	3,989	13,684 15 10	4,613	15,210 1 1
Western Australia	1,311	6,047 4 4	1,385	5,805 12 5
Totals	30,812	117,521 9 11	30,844	117,617 8 6

Table No. 3.

TABLE showing the Number and Value of Postal Notes sold from the 1st January, 1886—the date upon which they were first issued—to the 31st March, 1905.

Year.	Number of Postal Notes sold.													Total.	
	At 1s.	At 1s. 6d.	At 2s.	At 2s. 6d.	At 3s.	At 5s.	At 7s. 6d.	At 10s.	At 12s. 6d.	At 15s.	At 17s. 6d.	At £1.	At £5.*	Number.	Value.
Quarter ended Mar. 31, 1886	3,019	2,046	..	1,012	..	2,059	969	2,379	695	992	525	2,866	..	16,542	£ 6,997
1886-87 ..	16,605	12,283	..	6,647	..	11,566	5,729	13,103	4,090	5,187	2,375	14,961	..	92,546	37,659
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
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
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
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
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
1892-93 ..	48,612	38,849	..	22,088	..	33,012	16,072	32,747	9,904	12,330	5,369	28,969	..	247,902	87,856
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
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
1895-96 ..	68,454	56,185	..	32,801	..	49,204	22,892	47,787	13,601	17,191	7,020	33,390	1,192	349,627	123,368
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
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
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
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
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
1901-1902	49,529	30,255	62,285	70,633	65,467	109,663	..	92,708	..	32,128	..	43,042	556	556,316	173,317
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
1903-1904	61,379	37,514	85,909	86,626	89,276	134,270	..	114,755	..	38,030	..	58,629	656	707,044	220,069
1904-1905	65,484	40,263	86,711	96,223	99,739	154,281	..	130,430	..	42,317	..	69,206	638	785,347	250,123

* First issued on 17th June 1895.

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 1904—continued.

Office.	Money-orders.						Savings-banks.					
	Issued.			Paid.			New Accounts opened.	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.	
Poroti ..	197	15 15 6	827 15 6	28	109 13 9	6	40	541 11 0	4	15	199 14 11	
Port Albert ..	165	4 15 6	420 2 2	82	397 13 0	14	104	1,157 2 0	1	65	940 7 9	
Puhoi ..	55	1 9 6	178 4 6	7	51 12 10	17	109	2,482 15 0	3	31	981 8 3	
Pukekohe ..	702	24 19 6	2,095 10 3	321	1,362 15 6	62	401	4,078 16 3	14	150	2,211 7 2	
Putaruru ..	96	3 7 0	372 1 8	65	138 14 10	..	..	..	..	..	..
Raglan ..	241	6 18 6	751 3 4	94	555 0 7	15	87	954 12 8	3	68	891 1 5	
Rangiriri ..	178	5 17 0	622 11 11	33	102 4 11	12	79	573 2 0	7	29	421 19 5	
Rarotonga ..	368	23 13 6	2,665 1 11	366	2,629 7 9	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rawene ..	226	7 8 0	884 2 0	242	1,055 12 6	20	121	1,400 7 0	12	110	1,010 15 10	
Rehia ..	162	4 3 6	432 12 10	4	14 3 3	5	37	131 8 0	5	19	143 1 4	
Riverhead ..	34	0 18 6	67 0 11	7	17 10 2	4	48	191 0 0	..	4	16 0 0	
Rotorua ..	3,037	91 6 6	9,278 6 4	1,437	7,498 5 10	246	1,391	14,217 7 2	110	759	12,545 2 7	
Russell ..	307	9 7 6	945 10 6	110	498 14 7	26	142	1,064 13 8	3	79	1,631 7 2	
Saies ..	87	3 3 6	218 13 8	29	65 13 4	12	93	1,382 11 0	6	40	515 19 3	
Strand Arcade ..	2,109	86 13 0	6,652 4 3	58	211 11 0	73	541	4,544 5 6	4	19	302 18 8	
Taheke ..	89	2 12 6	239 10 8	49	90 17 1	5	41	297 15 0	2	17	85 10 8	
Tairua ..	597	33 16 6	2,433 14 7	47	176 11 2	37	275	1,651 5 10	14	63	1,763 15 5	
Takapuna ..	59	2 0 0	168 16 2	59	172 15 1	4	32	108 13 0	3	30	95 10 9	
Taumarunui ..	1,277	40 15 6	5,019 11 3	111	536 14 6	48	275	2,658 3 8	11	102	1,231 2 10	
Taupo ..	335	11 9 0	1,305 15 0	133	1,089 13 10	22	124	1,487 9 11	6	63	1,097 13 9	
Te Awamutu ..	456	16 0 0	1,737 16 0	537	2,648 14 0	57	536	6,819 19 10	34	189	5,035 10 3	
Te Kopuru ..	913	44 18 6	3,045 4 5	223	1,412 6 5	47	444	3,766 13 0	18	145	3,014 10 10	
Te Kuiti ..	492	14 15 6	1,794 16 2	156	1,029 9 11	27	157	2,678 13 6	15	117	1,625 15 11	
Te Mata ..	93	2 13 0	228 1 7	34	217 8 0	6	35	489 3 0	1	12	208 7 8	
Te Uku ..	28	0 19 6	153 13 1	1	6 1 0	1	21	292 17 0	1	16	228 5 2	
Tirau ..	171	6 7 6	537 0 2	47	205 18 9	15	138	884 18 4	1	39	737 1 1	
Tokatea ..	38	1 6 0	116 1 2	6	24 12 6	3	10	66 10 0	1	5	50 6 5	
Tokatoka ..	258	8 15 0	826 16 0	38	134 14 8	10	77	659 6 1	11	43	296 19 8	
Towai ..	227	16 19 6	1,009 19 10	25	113 16 2	5	7	357 15 0	1	13	135 18 0	
Tuakau ..	370	12 11 0	1,276 12 3	202	927 11 5	24	146	1,284 5 7	6	106	1,018 9 10	
Upper Symonds Street ..	638	22 17 6	1,293 5 1	241	704 11 1	44	726	3,165 17 0	2	29	233 16 7	
Wade ..	172	7 10 0	484 2 3	78	314 2 3	11	101	928 5 0	1	34	587 1 7	
Waerenga ..	93	2 17 6	304 15 0	63	322 6 5	10	23	230 15 7	7	17	162 19 8	
Waihoro ..	802	48 7 6	3,362 0 11	210	2,464 0 3	33	156	2,322 1 9	8	92	830 1 6	
Waihou ..	310	8 19 6	1,223 5 3	59	279 19 0	8	59	755 3 0	2	36	488 2 2	
Waimamaku ..	29	0 12 0	63 9 6	1	5 0 0	7	22	189 10 0	..	3	22 15 0	
Waipu ..	856	55 2 6	3,562 10 1	111	591 5 3	29	206	4,670 9 6	18	128	3,003 3 10	
Waiuku ..	696	26 18 0	2,242 15 5	178	918 18 10	52	385	4,171 9 6	25	200	2,962 7 9	
Waiwera ..	110	3 4 0	327 5 7	23	140 0 9	14	93	422 2 0	3	18	194 6 4	
Waotu ..	79	2 12 6	274 0 4	20	98 3 4	6	14	294 3 0	5	27	333 11 5	
Warkworth ..	573	20 18 0	1,725 11 2	227	1,030 4 9	66	497	4,138 9 2	15	130	2,272 1 6	
Wellford ..	92	3 13 6	244 17 1	18	61 10 6	9	47	649 2 0	1	18	432 12 1	
Whakapara ..	343	9 16 6	1,109 2 7	119	442 0 6	12	132	711 6 0	4	33	625 19 4	
Whakapirau ..	103	3 8 6	262 7 0	39	124 1 0	10	67	172 10 0	1	15	63 0 4	
Whangapara ..	99	2 19 6	316 11 2	23	100 18 9	1	23	363 8 0	2	7	232 4 7	
Whangarei ..	3,160	121 16 0	11,716 9 0	1,018	3,882 18 11	263	2,126	28,047 14 10	127	993	21,616 14 3	
Whangaroa ..	98	2 19 0	263 6 4	53	302 14 1	4	100	1,248 14 0	5	37	892 5 1	
Wharekawa ..	50	8 7 6	391 17 0	2	3 19 0	8	46	727 5 5	..	3	472 0 0	
Whitford ..	11	0 7 6	38 12 6	..	..	2	3	3 0 0	..	..	..
Whitianga ..	1,250	51 11 6	4,481 15 9	192	849 17 8	37	381	3,683 18 0	16	175	2,217 8 0	
BLenheim ..	3,196	117 16 0	10,964 19 7	1,887	8,335 7 11	585	4,197	72,036 11 11	540	3,699	72,919 8 4	
Havelock ..	797	23 3 6	2,572 4 4	176	807 19 0	45	366	4,028 17 1	18	201	4,592 2 4	
Kekerangu ..	119	3 14 6	366 6 11	13	44 15 6	5	39	367 7 0	1	10	139 13 11	
Mahakipawa ..	113	3 18 0	354 15 2	41	206 2 1	4	37	52 18 0	8	23	213 9 11	
Pictou ..	1,399	43 2 0	4,231 7 11	541	2,440 0 10	96	676	7,998 18 0	49	409	7,135 16 0	
Renwicktown ..	119	3 18 6	371 9 1	40	205 17 8	11	128	1,100 8 0	6	37	353 3 4	
Seddon ..	147	4 12 0	390 6 6	51	186 8 5	20	125	984 5 5	1	20	183 12 6	
Spring Creek ..	200	6 13 0	701 8 4	65	179 6 0	6	85	467 18 0	2	12	34 6 10	
CHRISTCHURCH ..	17,847	847 2 6	64,178 14 9	31,733	138,971 14 1	5,997	59,144	804,789 2 8	5,594	52,952	890,777 4 2	
Addington ..	259	8 5 0	628 4 9	205	726 16 4	25	274	852 19 7	10	43	283 10 1	
Akaroa ..	500	19 6 0	1,615 9 0	227	1,075 4 2	74	574	11,164 16 1	30	282	7,061 11 1	
Amberley ..	367	13 16 6	1,457 17 10	227	854 8 3	38	346	5,382 10 6	16	140	4,340 7 7	
Ashburton ..	3,991	150 3 6	14,899 17 10	1,468	5,980 9 3	470	3,494	40,568 17 6	260	1,870	36,244 7 10	
Bealey ..	57	2 1 6	202 3 6	19	96 12 10	..	34	451 5 0	..	3	29 0 0	
Belfast ..	121	4 8 0	292 7 7	76	279 3 5	15	134	605 11 0	2	28	163 10 4	
Chertsey ..	114	2 16 6	309 10 1	26	242 14 7	9	72	2,170 19 3	3	47	1,109 15 0	
Cheviot ..	800	25 4 6	4,213 10 6	180	1,227 6 0	36	323	4,499 11 4	19	162	4,343 13 8	
Coalgate ..	76	2 19 0	280 17 5	17	39 13 5	7	22	128 11 0	1	17	96 3 1	
Culverden ..	219	7 15 0	723 4 0	99	530 12 10	21	141	1,691 16 11	5	38	387 6 6	
Darfield ..	158	5 14 0	494 19 0	52	165 13 7	10	56	846 3 1	4	34	830 10 7	
Dunsandel ..	120	3 16 6	365 5 1	33	91 6 10	15	142	1,503 2 9	10	46	701 15 7	
Duvauchelle ..	109	3 19 3	411 9 5	44	175 15 4	19	109	1,034 3 2	9	49	726 18 3	
East Oxford ..	261	7 10 6	1,085 2 10	70	426 19 7	20	141	2,171 17 4	12	67	1,548 12 3	
Ellesmere ..	42	1 12 6	145 10 0	6	41 2 6	8	50	549 13 0	2	11	212 3 5	
Glentunnel ..	151	3 19 0	390 14 11	39	108 0 5	8	104	984 8 6	4	37	722 1 0	
Greendale ..	69	2 7 0	202 5 10	6	35 0 3	4	37	271 4 4	2	17	206 18 1	
Halswell ..	49	2 6 6	272 16 3	23	89 12 3	13	115	84 2 1	1	2	13 44 2 3	
Hanmer Springs ..	672	21 0 0	2,437 9 5	187	861 17 0	49	367	2,535 12 2	8	121	1,346 18 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 1904—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>contd</i>		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Hinds ..	106	3 1 0	379 7 3	20	128 5 8	7	51 599 0 0	2	19 260 3 6			
Hornby ..	213	7 15 0	610 1 7	49	329 19 2	18	158 1,342 3 3	3	57 286 19 4			
Hororata ..	86	2 18 6	317 4 4	24	62 1 4	10	93 1,487 1 0	5	34 591 7 2			
Kaipoi ..	656	25 4 0	2,416 4 8	380	1,407 15 9	122	1,186 13,487 0 6	63	508 14,334 10 10			
Kaikoura ..	975	28 4 0	5,262 10 9	208	796 8 3	65	421 6,602 15 10	34	188 4,632 8 8			
Kirwee ..	117	4 18 6	391 8 6	44	116 9 8	10	103 913 0 0	2	31 513 0 6			
Leeston ..	419	14 7 0	1,477 15 5	158	546 4 3	70	409 7,077 8 0	26	162 3,315 8 8			
Lichfield Street	2,405	92 18 6	6,887 2 7	51	146 18 5	88	1,482 7,967 9 6	8	38 590 12 3			
Lincoln ..	136	5 14 0	419 2 6	97	413 12 10	17	145 894 7 3	3	52 336 3 10			
Linwood ..	427	15 7 0	904 16 5	426	1,338 5 6	78	784 3,429 8 8	24	148 848 15 3			
Little Akaloa ..	47	1 12 6	139 6 8	20	73 15 8	4	11 153 19 0	4	7 103 4 3			
Little River ..	276	10 1 6	1,041 13 11	89	380 8 3	22	205 4,188 16 0	8	76 1,438 1 2			
Lytelton ..	2,223	103 2 6	7,769 3 9	1,083	4,251 15 8	305	2,965 26,845 15 7	142	984 17,935 12 0			
Mayfield ..	38	1 13 6	98 4 5	18	54 0 0	1	61 224 19 0	2	12 451 2 4			
Methven ..	390	12 18 0	1,386 17 7	66	304 5 10	41	248 2,960 3 8	7	86 1,582 13 4			
Mount Somers..	155	6 3 6	460 13 7	29	97 16 4	19	88 841 10 11	1	27 548 5 9			
New Brighton ..	92	3 13 6	190 15 3	107	540 2 6	28	275 1,092 9 6	6	64 323 2 6			
Ohoka ..	69	2 3 0	150 17 2	37	129 18 3	5	33 256 4 5	3	21 212 3 2			
Oxford ..	487	13 16 0	1,683 11 3	201	857 2 11	24	226 1,999 12 7	17	95 1,731 0 10			
Papanui ..	221	7 7 6	573 4 0	172	636 16 7	34	205 1,798 9 7	2	57 316 19 4			
Pigeon Bay ..	87	2 18 6	358 6 3	32	193 16 6	9	47 917 16 1	1	6 65 0 0			
Prebbleton ..	40	1 18 6	116 15 2	30	139 13 4	7	23 300 0 6	1	11 475 3 2			
Rakaia ..	619	19 4 0	2,317 7 1	209	781 0 0	43	272 4,153 3 4	22	123 3,141 17 4			
Rangiora ..	1,179	45 12 6	4,297 12 0	740	2,773 8 7	180	1,709 26,770 12 11	88	893 20,085 2 7			
Rolleston ..	41	1 9 0	152 10 1	22	55 0 0	3	25 391 7 8	2	11 180 19 0			
St. Albans ..	69	2 3 0	185 3 7	144	530 16 8	24	191 245 13 0	2	19 38 15 0			
Scargill ..	650	21 6 3	2,513 17 1	27	173 4 1	17	89 1,283 5 6	4	37 1,002 18 2			
Sefton ..	98	4 3 6	329 16 5	70	309 4 8	9	106 987 2 5	7	58 797 2 9			
Sheffield ..	274	8 14 0	894 2 0	75	370 12 3	14	137 1,482 7 0	5	66 1,185 19 6			
Southbridge ..	242	8 14 6	722 11 4	77	358 0 9	36	223 2,666 15 7	11	109 1,714 15 0			
Springfield ..	885	31 1 0	3,686 18 5	142	988 17 8	29	219 2,320 4 2	7	74 2,127 14 5			
Springfield Rail- way Works	1	24 208 2 0		
Springston Rail- way	71	2 12 6	237 8 7	47	193 12 8	5	70 631 13 0	3	26 529 5 9			
Sunmer ..	104	3 15 0	266 1 8	156	708 10 0	28	281 1,131 7 0	8	91 716 2 4			
Sydenham ..	774	31 5 6	2,178 5 9	768	2,731 17 4	147	1,979 10,084 4 10	39	254 1,261 0 7			
Templeton ..	37	1 12 0	166 10 3	43	201 16 3	4	88 482 8 0	4	31 214 10 7			
Tinwald ..	115	3 16 6	383 2 8	26	94 3 0	15	134 1,107 15 0	9	59 1,383 2 3			
Upper Riccarton	131	5 11 6	583 18 11	79	547 13 10	13	172 767 13 1	1	26 291 8 1			
Waiau ..	391	12 0 0	2,555 12 1	91	483 16 4	21	240 3,023 14 7	4	119 2,745 16 8			
Waikari ..	354	12 6 6	1,272 11 5	128	514 15 3	35	267 4,325 10 6	13	82 1,935 1 3			
Waipara ..	59	1 14 6	147 7 10	20	88 12 2	16	88 610 13 2	4	33 1,862 10 2			
Whitecliffs ..	141	3 14 6	289 4 3	39	239 8 1	6	58 750 14 0	3	27 604 9 9			
Woodend ..	91	3 14 6	351 1 3	32	125 1 2	16	109 1,469 2 0	9	53 1,044 15 11			
Woolston ..	251	8 18 0	646 17 11	218	737 11 11	127	529 1,949 4 4	18	100 1,535 11 1			
DUNEDIN ..	16,828	750 4 0	58,550 3 8	33,055	134,204 8 8	4,298	43,383 602,265 19 4	4,230	38,039 644,141 7 7			
Alexandra South	1,422	49 8 0	5,068 6 9	427	1,600 14 2	91	845 6,662 1 6	32	243 4,506 11 5			
Allantown ..	174	5 3 0	554 8 2	28	187 16 1	14	163 1,100 8 11	5	40 584 16 5			
Balclutha ..	1,313	42 19 0	4,514 12 2	676	2,157 17 7	88	681 11,438 11 11	45	306 8,576 16 8			
Caversham ..	651	25 14 6	1,784 11 1	579	1,821 7 8	160	1,764 6,058 7 5	35	209 1,989 18 0			
Clinton ..	566	18 9 0	1,860 6 4	124	509 12 7	26	179 2,436 2 2	17	72 1,546 13 9			
Clyde ..	662	18 12 6	1,874 9 4	242	825 6 9	30	217 2,528 12 0	14	103 1,345 8 6			
Cromwell ..	956	31 18 0	3,155 11 0	303	1,537 15 7	60	433 4,317 4 0	22	113 2,050 4 11			
Dunback ..	208	5 18 6	793 19 2	63	159 15 11	9	63 497 12 11	9	39 523 12 1			
Dunedin North	1,890	76 9 0	4,624 5 9	500	1,945 16 2	436	5,945 36,626 13 2	151	1,079 12,511 12 9			
Gimmerburn ..	122	3 13 6	413 11 11	10	66 4 5	8	30 292 4 7	2	9 25 8 6			
Green Island ..	183	7 4 6	540 8 0	197	718 2 6	29	309 2,519 12 0	15	67 1,108 4 1			
Hawea Flat ..	75	1 17 0	201 13 6	10	54 17 5	1	21 174 7 2	1	2 24 16 5			
Heriot ..	282	9 3 0	917 14 10	62	298 0 9	20	116 1,017 0 5	7	35 505 16 0			
Hyde ..	328	8 18 6	966 9 5	47	227 15 2	7	29 262 2 0	1	20 379 5 1			
Kaitangata ..	1,812	65 7 0	5,550 11 11	268	1,120 16 1	171	1,175 9,627 8 10	81	327 6,262 6 1			
Kelso ..	422	12 11 0	1,294 11 1	64	324 13 2	14	90 999 14 6	3	27 482 7 9			
Kokonga ..	128	3 4 6	421 17 10	32	130 14 3	3	31 209 2 0	1	12 136 3 11			
Lawrence ..	1,112	33 17 0	3,310 10 9	788	2,963 7 7	98	930 10,123 8 0	68	371 7,504 1 1			
Lovell's Flat ..	204	9 1 6	734 0 10	35	221 2 7	16	160 1,356 9 0	5	20 647 4 6			
Macrae's Flat ..	255	7 1 0	762 0 4	27	118 12 3	6	59 945 13 0	2	9 263 14 9			
Matakanui ..	189	5 4 6	647 9 6	24	89 10 5		
Middlemarch ..	616	17 2 6	2,177 13 0	119	619 18 6	16	139 2,205 9 5	4	49 720 5 4			
Miller's Flat ..	402	12 6 6	1,243 5 11	52	278 5 10	23	183 2,249 3 0	11	80 1,730 12 10			
Milton ..	1,115	37 9 0	3,540 13 11	779	2,555 4 3	102	793 9,793 12 2	57	412 7,426 4 1			
Mornington ..	103	4 6 6	217 16 10	69	315 2 7	85	550 1,949 10 0	9	37 153 13 8			
Mosgiel ..	683	23 3 6	1,775 6 2	756	2,632 4 7	100	868 6,724 7 8	49	244 5,842 13 11			
Naseby ..	1,160	29 0 0	6,042 15 7	480	1,689 14 0	35	374 3,819 11 8	16	125 2,419 13 3			
North-east Valley	134	4 10 6	247 15 11	142	477 11 7	26	301 915 13 0	4	20 99 14 5			
Ophir ..	1,651	55 0 0	7,141 17 10	115	520 14 3	52	338 3,788 3 6	14	98 1,858 16 9			
Outram ..	323	9 13 6	1,134 4 6	130	521 7 2	34	202 2,115 3 4	14	58 985 12 3			
Owaka ..	959	25 2 0	2,777 13 7	221	977 15 1	49	306 4,824 14 2	22	162 3,212 18 4			
Palmerston ..	885	29 6 6	3,456 9 0	427	1,781 3 11	89	724 7,830 2 11	32	229 5,635 11 6			

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 1904—continued.

Office.	Money-orders.					Savings-banks.					
	Issued.			Paid.		New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.	
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.
DUNEDIN—contd.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.		£ s. d.		
Patearoa ..	256	6 16 0	886 16 0	30	157 1 2	..	..	..	..
Pembroke ..	150	4 2 6	570 1 0	35	125 5 8	11	103 ..	7	17 295 15 2		
Port Chalmers ..	1,301	54 10 6	3,870 7 11	796	2,950 19 3	166	2,146 16,388 19 3	70	611 8,631 18 1		
Portobello ..	47	1 10 0	147 6 10	28	125 9 5	7	95 875 19 0	3	30 260 13 3		
Puerua ..	133	2 19 0	357 9 1	79	208 5 10	13	78 1,015 15 6	6	22 341 15 7		
Ranfurlly ..	358	8 14 0	1,232 14 5	47	163 17 5	3	35 515 17 0	3	15 151 17 4		
Roslyn ..	340	13 19 6	783 13 5	232	825 17 11	120	1,278 5,436 14 0	36	193 1,857 8 5		
Rough Ridge ..	325	9 5 6	1,094 5 6	61	232 1 8	28	62 563 19 0	2	24 159 13 8		
Roxburgh ..	805	25 11 0	3,013 6 4	223	1,129 8 3	55	432 6,882 14 1	30	194 4,847 19 9		
St. Bathans ..	384	11 16 6	1,372 8 3	107	440 2 6	12	143 1,346 12 0	4	26 316 16 5		
Seacliff ..	236	7 10 0	892 19 2	192	745 13 9	23	179 1,801 4 10	6	55 742 12 9		
South Dunedin ..	718	25 16 0	1,884 11 11	740	2,805 15 5	174	2,138 9,084 3 2	43	381 3,201 11 6		
Stirling ..	257	8 0 0	697 12 5	111	351 15 2	15	126 1,091 12 8	16	78 1,652 5 0		
Tapanui ..	709	20 11 0	2,239 16 9	197	706 11 11	35	354 3,106 13 8	23	101 2,510 2 4		
Waihola ..	196	5 14 0	529 12 4	54	316 3 6	15	136 1,053 9 10	10	39 372 18 0		
Waikaia ..	652	21 5 6	2,156 15 10	86	402 4 7	31	163 1,824 5 0	12	65 939 0 3		
Waikoikoi ..	80	2 9 6	204 9 9	12	28 18 2	..	..	..	..
Waikouaiti ..	435	12 12 0	1,630 16 5	201	681 19 1	23	213 2,134 12 2	21	108 2,313 16 9		
Waipiata ..	256	5 19 0	769 10 9	76	223 14 9	11	50 364 10 0	4	19 398 11 8		
Waipori ..	195	6 19 6	684 18 4	68	403 13 3	..	..	..	..
Waitahuna ..	323	9 10 6	1,023 6 10	88	414 19 11	14	81 821 0 5	6	54 926 13 3		
Waitati ..	194	8 0 0	686 18 3	96	377 19 4	9	109 639 11 1	6	46 747 4 0		
Wedderburn ..	199	5 0 6	659 9 1	37	136 11 5	13	37 454 18 11	6	23 337 3 3		
GISBORNE	4,893	190 18 6	16,918 9 4	1,935	8,557 4 2	1,138	7,369 95,149 18 6	746	5,572	90,397 10 6	
Port Awanui ..	115	3 18 6	402 4 6	48	169 1 1	..	..	..	..
Te Karaka ..	165	5 15 6	581 13 5	22	122 5 1	20	77 867 10 0	8	36 245 6 9		
Tokomaru Bay ..	261	8 3 6	879 11 11	52	239 0 11	34	105 895 16 6	14	108 720 1 10		
Tolaga Bay ..	318	10 14 0	1,243 15 11	52	210 7 8	39	178 1,249 17 11	18	121 1,138 12 7		
Tuparoa ..	138	5 15 6	519 11 3	22	67 9 8	21	86 904 9 3	7	33 310 6 6		
Waipiro Bay ..	270	8 16 6	819 13 10	37	170 19 10	50	200 2,982 10 6	13	95 895 15 10		
GREYMOUTH	4,307	169 5 6	16,746 0 8	2,976	12,097 3 3	680	4,937 75,892 11 10	680	4,056	86,251 7 10	
Ahaura ..	426	13 17 6	1,332 13 5	127	718 0 3	18	126 1,809 13 6	4	45 597 3 11		
Blackball ..	603	22 17 6	2,035 16 1	74	235 2 3	49	257 3,113 16 6	28	96 1,732 8 0		
Brunnerton ..	449	14 13 0	1,435 14 9	214	755 15 4	62	419 4,397 9 6	10	159 2,341 8 4		
Nelson Creek ..	226	8 1 0	990 19 9	19	102 13 11	10	123 1,695 5 5	4	21 341 14 8		
Ngahere ..	203	6 17 6	673 1 3	19	70 0 2	4	64 689 3 0	2	35 267 14 8		
Otira Railway ..	84	3 5 6	467 19 4	12	34 5 0	5	30 218 1 0	3	11 154 3 6		
Reefton ..	2,865	109 16 0	10,035 0 10	984	3,555 3 9	335	1,942 23,385 13 9	145	756	14,127 8 4	
Stillwater ..	55	2 4 6	279 18 4	22	66 18 6	12	73 490 2 9	2	30 233 5 8		
Totara Flat ..	176	6 4 0	668 12 10	41	167 0 7	12	89 1,027 5 7	3	14 250 1 3		
HOKITIKA	1,710	66 1 6	6,273 19 5	1,198	4,821 18 10	188	996 18,314 4 8	205	843	24,659 10 4	
Goldsborough ..	75	2 9 0	219 2 4	29	176 6 6	2	20 332 0 0	3	18 1,046 6 8		
Kumara ..	835	27 5 6	2,605 6 4	332	1,411 14 11	62	466 5,474 0 6	43	234 4,509 18 4		
Okarito ..	100	4 2 0	505 0 9	25	174 15 5	11	28 259 3 0	..	3 27 0 0		
Rimu ..	114	4 5 6	495 14 5	25	95 15 8	16	106 1,323 4 0	5	61 1,101 7 0		
Ross ..	474	16 7 0	1,677 5 8	120	495 5 1	30	182 1,968 6 3	17	85 1,585 11 8		
Stafford ..	176	6 12 6	765 15 0	38	177 5 10	14	68 1,307 10 8	7	29 259 10 0		
INVERCARGILL	6,197	257 5 0	20,852 12 8	6,476	24,243 11 10	1,231	9,170 130,811 17 2	1,239	7,567	160,606 1 8	
Arrowtown ..	501	15 19 6	2,093 16 10	150	571 3 1	48	236 2,317 3 5	25	91 1,867 9 6		
Balfour ..	227	7 18 6	816 1 10	29	184 0 6	31	171 1,704 18 11	15	52 1,277 4 6		
Bluff ..	812	34 1 6	2,757 11 2	495	1,736 13 1	77	633 5,676 5 7	35	280 4,164 5 1		
Clifden ..	36	0 18 6	147 16 8	6	43 7 8	..	..	..	..
Dipton ..	222	7 11 0	717 11 2	46	184 5 6	13	89 720 16 0	6	30 240 16 5		
Edendale ..	233	8 1 0	916 16 11	46	272 2 5	34	92 2,125 8 10	16	48 1,285 19 11		
Fairfax ..	58	2 8 6	234 19 11	13	36 15 8	7	36 448 7 6	..	10 184 19 0		
Fortrose ..	272	8 8 0	946 2 4	30	124 16 1	21	207 1,224 15 11	6	27 286 2 2		
Gore ..	3,075	105 13 6	10,014 13 1	1,428	4,952 10 10	301	1,965 30,254 11 9	97	835	21,448 14 11	
Half-moon Bay ..	217	6 3 6	718 18 4	50	179 13 7	11	77 452 0 0	4	19 225 12 4		
Kingston ..	156	5 13 0	402 19 9	9	15 1 3	4	50 396 11 6	2	12 138 10 5		
Lumsden ..	330	10 12 0	892 5 10	200	730 19 10	29	159 1,649 7 5	17	73 1,016 19 1		
Mataura ..	1,066	32 18 6	2,834 5 11	259	850 12 0	98	582 7,699 18 11	27	192 3,623 8 0		
Nightcaps ..	442	15 12 0	1,517 16 11	87	373 14 8	30	139 1,528 1 9	1	24 223 8 5		
Orepuki ..	1,037	30 8 0	3,113 16 5	135	546 19 7	43	332 3,028 14 11	24	120 2,029 6 7		
Otautau ..	531	17 9 0	1,616 6 10	226	669 17 11	45	240 2,293 9 11	25	95 1,141 3 4		
Pukerau ..	188	5 15 6	551 10 2	31	80 11 4	6	57 403 18 0	5	26 482 14 3		
Queenstown ..	881	29 14 0	2,753 3 5	375	1,494 15 6	61	443 5,810 8 10	23	162 3,573 5 11		
Riversdale ..	354	11 12 0	1,184 6 6	115	516 5 3	9	53 573 4 0	13	38 838 10 4		
Riverton ..	760	24 6 6	2,183 0 3	305	1,131 18 0	57	563 5,477 14 7	40	219 2,981 9 2		
Thornbury ..	113	3 15 0	310 3 4	41	106 10 3	14	73 633 1 11	2	21 259 16 11		
Waikaka ..	369	11 7 0	1,150 17 9	33	131 9 8	32	135 1,003 6 10	8	41 543 8 10		
Waipahi ..	140	4 8 6	527 17 10	88	231 10 9	10	71 876 16 6	2	28 1,022 9 0		
Wairoa ..	84	3 5 0	304 12 9	19	59 18 0	8	57 975 16 0	3	10 202 18 8		
Winton ..	785	25 11 0	2,139 0 8	201	808 17 2	68	383 4,590 9 5	30	140 2,860 17 5		
Woodlands ..	161	5 5 0	448 11 2	160	296 15 2	13	110 1,423 10 6	1	24 532 6 5		
Wyndham ..	568	18 9 0	2,214 12 8	143	551 0 0	59	264 3,098 7 5	26	102 2,167 16 2		
NAPIER	5,688	243 4 0	20,183 14 4	6,643	32,634 12 5	1,363	11,075 127,251 18 4	1,352	8,572	154,761 16 8	
Blackburn ..	52	1 14 6	217 5 5	11	40 15 11	..	..	..	..
Clive ..	59	2 8 6	218 5 3	38	144 18 6	25	159 878 19 8	8	60 600 16 1		
Dannevirke ..	3,486	118 2 0	13,587 0 11	1,531	5,628 8 1	498	2,698 30,789 8 7	189	1,381	19,178 3 5	

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, 1904.

Postal Districts.	Number of Post-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 Withdrawal during the Year.	Excess of Deposits over Withdrawals during the Year.	Excess of Withdrawals over Deposits during the Year.	Cost of Management during the Year.	Average Cost of each Transaction, Deposit or Withdrawal.	Interest for the Year.	Number of Accounts Opened during the Year.	Number of Accounts Closed during the Year.	Number of Accounts remaining Open at Close of the Year.	Total Amount standing to the Credit of all Open Accounts, inclusive of the Interest to the Close of the Year.	Average Amount standing to the Credit of each Open Account at Close of the Year.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	s. d.	£	£	s. d.	s. d.	£	£ s. d.
Auckland	119	62,242	857,732 3 4	13 15 7	47,527	841,868 6 8	17 14 3	15,863 16 8	..	..	..	30,588 4 11	8,213	5,714	35,846	1,188,265 8 0	33 3 0
Blenheim	8	5,653	87,037 3 5	15 7 11	4,411	85,571 13 2	19 8 0	1,465 10 3	..	..	..	2,966 7 1	772	625	4,376	116,659 2 2	26 13 2
Christchurch	64	81,968	1,034,512 17 2	12 12 5	60,952	1,046,467 5 2	17 3 4	..	11,954 8 0	..	..	36,129 0 3	8,610	6,619	47,492	1,377,195 13 5	29 0 0
Dunedin	52	69,359	803,587 19 0	11 11 9	44,757	756,208 3 0	16 17 11	47,379 16 0	..	..	..	31,322 11 1	6,974	5,292	35,677	1,203,768 14 9	33 14 10
Gisborne	6	8,015	102,050 2 8	12 14 8	5,965	93,707 14 2	15 14 2	8,342 8 8	..	..	..	2,664 8 3	1,302	806	4,122	107,541 16 4	26 1 10
Greymouth	10	8,060	112,719 2 10	13 19 8	5,223	106,296 16 2	20 7 0	6,422 6 8	..	..	..	4,406 7 6	1,187	881	4,662	170,675 4 4	36 12 2
Hokitika	7	1,866	28,978 9 1	15 10 7	1,273	33,189 4 0	26 1 5	..	4,210 14 11	..	..	1,901 11 5	323	280	1,708	66,703 7 9	39 1 1
Invercargill	27	16,387	217,259 3 6	13 5 2	10,286	215,315 14 5	20 18 8	1,943 9 1	..	..	..	9,074 7 8	2,360	1,692	10,458	339,253 15 9	32 8 10
Napier	27	22,049	245,306 13 6	11 2 6	13,393	226,152 18 7	16 17 9	19,153 14 11	..	..	..	8,704 17 4	3,084	2,026	11,969	341,950 19 1	28 9 11
Nelson	15	9,788	152,012 16 2	15 10 7	6,806	152,753 18 1	22 8 11	..	741 1 11	..	..	6,279 3 3	1,198	819	7,423	237,680 3 11	32 0 5
New Plymouth	11	11,053	134,149 15 4	12 2 9	7,678	136,648 10 2	17 15 11	..	2,498 14 10	..	..	4,883 12 9	1,539	1,354	6,757	181,517 11 10	26 17 3
Oamaru	10	6,453	95,271 11 1	14 15 3	4,765	93,562 3 8	19 12 8	1,709 7 5	..	..	..	3,767 19 6	973	766	3,871	141,155 4 7	36 9 4
Thames	19	13,106	150,792 19 9	11 10 1	8,815	151,272 18 0	17 3 3	..	479 18 3	..	..	5,781 15 4	1,792	1,435	8,327	217,525 11 4	26 2 6
Timaru	14	13,702	222,637 10 9	16 5 0	8,926	203,916 10 6	22 16 11	18,721 0 3	..	..	..	6,924 0 1	1,850	1,294	7,767	274,556 8 9	35 7 0
Wanganui	33	21,248	270,755 11 8	12 14 10	14,194	266,047 17 7	18 14 10	4,707 14 1	..	..	..	8,796 17 6	3,313	2,660	13,073	336,546 1 6	25 14 10
Wellington	72	112,939	1,250,459 6 3	11 1 5	75,428	1,189,357 5 8	15 15 4	61,102 0 7	..	..	..	33,888 4 3	13,449	9,366	52,420	1,349,925 8 3	25 15 1
Westport	16	5,911	71,276 14 6	12 1 2	3,210	66,433 4 11	20 13 11	4,843 9 7	..	..	..	2,850 17 11	830	651	3,216	111,361 9 2	34 12 7
Totals for Colony in 1904	510	469,799	5,836,540 0 0	12 8 6	323,609	5,664,770 3 9	17 10 1	171,769 16 3	..	16,000 0 4	84	200,930 6 1	57,769	42,280	259,164	7,761,382 0 11	29 18 11

Table No. 5.—POST-OFFICE SAVINGS-BANKS.—GENERAL STATEMENT.—continued.
 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, 1904

Totals for Colony in 1904 ..	Number of Post-Office Savings-banks Open at the Close of the Year.	Number of Deposits received during the Year.	Total Amount received during the Year.	Average Amount of each Deposit during the Year.	Number of Withdrawals during the Year.	Total Amount of Withdrawals during the Year.	Average Amount of each Withdrawal during the Year.	Excess of Deposits over Withdrawals during the Year.	Excess of Withdrawals over Deposits during the Year.	Cost of Management during the Year.	Average Cost of each Transaction, Deposit or Withdrawal.	Interest for the Year.	Number of Accounts Opened during the Year.	Number of Accounts Closed during the Year.	Number of Accounts remaining Open at Close of the Year.	Total Amount standing to the Credit of all Open Accounts, inclusive of Interest to the Close of the Year.	Average Amount standing to the Credit of each Open Account at Close of the Year.
1903 ..	493	444,510	5,661,592	15 2 12	14 9 2	3,343,828	5 0 17	171,769	16 3 3	16,000	0 4 84	200,930	57,769	42,280	259,164	7,761,382	29 18 11
1902 ..	481	411,215	5,069,619	6 2 12	14 9 2	3,011,076	5 0 17	317,764	10 2 2	15,000	0 4 83	187,130	57,047	40,837	243,675	7,388,681	30 6 5
1901 ..	466	380,888	4,611,456	6 1 12	12 6 7	273,454	5 0 17	360,847	15 0 2	14,000	0 4 90	172,926	53,587	38,558	227,465	6,883,787	9 30 5 3
1900 ..	445	347,956	4,170,428	5 3 12	12 6 7	247,854	5 0 17	381,262	19 11 1	11,500	0 4 39	159,198	50,046	35,018	212,436	6,350,013	9 29 17 10
1899 ..	427	313,783	3,644,980	9 10 11	12 6 7	227,079	5 0 17	343,681	8 0 2	10,500	0 4 38	134,017	41,362	28,284	197,408	5,869,552	5 29 8 7
1898 ..	409	285,749	3,279,611	7 5 11	12 6 7	196,764	5 0 17	84,717	10 10 8	8,500	0 4 26	128,128	37,265	26,628	169,968	4,957,771	5 29 1 4
1897 ..	388	267,615	3,187,219	2 4 11	11 18 2	179,555	5 0 17	286,049	16 8 8	8,000	0 4 29	137,240	36,394	24,821	159,331	4,744,924	5 29 15 7
1896 ..	371	242,283	2,881,152	16 3 11	17 10 16	167,248	5 0 17	289,593	16 11 11	7,000	0 4 10	126,497	32,982	22,997	147,758	4,311,634	5 29 3 7
1895 ..	357	217,393	2,794,506	16 0 12	17 1 1	159,904	5 0 17	425,173	9 5 5	7,000	0 4 45	129,489	39,261	22,001	137,683	3,895,543	5 29 5 10
1894 ..	348	204,545	2,252,862	6 11 11	0 3 15	132,130	5 0 17	15,762	1 5 5	6,500	0 4 37	114,643	28,669	21,930	129,423	3,340,879	4 25 16 3
1893 ..	327	202,276	2,386,089	7 11 15	11 11 11	176,739	5 0 17	263,597	13 11 11	5,500	0 4 60	114,760	29,755	19,599	122,684	3,241,998	7 10 26 8 6
1892 ..	318	186,945	1,878,270	6 4 10	0 11 12	120,628	5 0 17	56,921	8 3 3	5,500	0 4 29	111,301	26,232	18,171	112,528	2,863,670	12 10 25 9 0
1891 ..	311	176,971	1,842,987	5 2 10	8 3 11	111,603	5 0 17	149,472	5 11 1	5,000	0 4 16	104,098	25,131	17,872	104,467	2,695,447	11 6 25 16 0
1890 ..	296	162,938	1,658,543	3 5 10	3 6 10	106,868	5 0 17	158,105	14 0 3	5,000	0 4 45	92,319	23,719	17,256	97,208	2,441,876	8 7 25 2 4
1889 ..	294	153,920	1,515,281	11 3 9	16 10 9	99,185	5 0 17	185,253	2 10 2	4,000	0 4 23	84,809	21,778	15,521	90,745	2,191,451	14 1 24 2 11
1888 ..	290	145,355	1,544,747	7 11 10	12 6 9	96,204	5 0 17	157,276	6 1 3	4,000	0 3 97	78,080	21,307	16,543	84,488	2,048,441	10 9 24 4 10
1887 ..	283	136,197	1,312,151	1 5 9	12 8 8	89,962	5 0 17	129,741	13 11 11	4,000	0 4 24	67,363	20,368	15,515	79,724	1,813,084	18 8 22 14 10
1886 ..	271	137,989	1,248,405	6 11 9	0 11 11	89,182	5 0 17	76,695	14 11 11	4,000	0 4 23	65,825	21,071	16,757	74,871	1,615,979	9 6 21 11 8
1885 ..	256	131,373	1,341,001	3 2 10	4 1 1	84,832	5 0 17	31,978	10 5 5	4,000	0 4 44	62,228	20,661	16,421	69,957	1,638,035	19 5 23 8 4
1884 ..	243	129,279	1,227,909	11 4 9	9 11 8	80,800	5 0 17	117,245	14 2 2	4,000	0 4 57	57,381	20,228	16,447	65,717	1,499,112	0 7 22 16 3
1883 ..	222	127,609	1,178,474	4 1 9	8 8 7	78,405	5 0 17	183,253	2 10 2	4,000	0 4 66	56,046	20,386	15,967	61,936	1,409,751	16 7 22 15 2
1882 ..	207	129,952	1,325,852	2 11 10	4 0 4	69,308	5 0 17	72,106	13 9 9	4,000	0 4 82	54,909	21,014	14,505	57,517	1,470,950	13 6 25 11 5
1881 ..	190	125,855	1,189,012	2 7 9	8 11 9	60,137	5 0 17	286,817	0 11 6	3,500	0 4 52	42,204	25,059	12,718	38,667	1,232,787	16 9 24 3 4
1880 ..	178	81,600	864,441	18 10 10	11 9 9	57,446	5 0 17	83,937	5 6 6	3,500	0 6 04	32,822	16,137	12,217	38,667	903,765	16 9 24 3 6
1879 ..	165	71,865	812,399	11 11 11	11 6 10	54,698	5 0 17	63,781	7 4 4	3,000	0 5 69	31,715	15,401	12,786	34,747	787,005	19 0 22 12 11
1878 ..	147	69,908	762,084	12 0 10	18 0 18	42,746	5 0 17	20,030	17 9 9	2,500	0 5 33	31,664	13,005	9,634	32,132	819,071	8 2 25 9 9
1877 ..	138	60,953	681,294	13 2 11	6 3 6	39,363	5 0 17	14,271	5 9 9	2,500	0 5 08	29,193	8,591	8,591	28,761	767,375	17 8 25 9 9
1876 ..	124	57,295	664,134	6 11 11	9 9 9	39,486	5 0 17	32,146	14 10 10	2,500	0 6 20	28,702	11,255	9,472	26,117	723,910	17 5 27 14 4
1875 ..	119	56,129	657,653	4 1 14	4 0 14	36,977	5 0 17	72,106	13 9 9	2,250	0 6 44	26,935	11,273	8,681	24,334	727,295	7 8 29 17 9
1874 ..	103	52,627	699,249	14 3 13	5 8 8	29,778	5 0 17	79,004	5 6 6	2,250	0 6 55	26,935	10,346	5,736	21,742	770,836	18 0 35 9 9
1873 ..	97	39,223	580,542	5 5 14	16 2 16	21,268	5 0 17	154,634	2 0 0	1,800	0 7 14	20,106	7,382	3,816	17,132	664,807	5 10 38 16 1
1872 ..	92	31,681	436,877	0 13 12	0 13 12	17,254	5 0 17	117,700	12 1 1	1,556	0 7 63	14,711	6,205	3,188	13,566	490,066	7 0 36 2 5
1871 ..	81	24,642	312,338	18 4 12	13 9 13	14,773	5 0 17	59,991	2 1 1	1,351	0 8 23	11,291	4,615	2,383	10,549	357,654	14 6 33 18 1
1870 ..	70	20,489	264,328	5 7 12	18 0 18	11,934	5 0 17	54,818	12 5 5	1,264	0 9 36	9,242	4,304	2,277	8,317	295,372	1 7 35 10 3
1869 ..	59	17,133	240,898	5 9 14	1 2 1	8,380	5 0 17	60,386	1 8 3	1,186	0 10 77	7,412	3,880	1,801	6,200	231,311	5 7 36 15 5
1868 ..	55	13,014	194,535	5 9 14	18 1 1	6,365	5 0 17	87,440	1 8 3	789	0 9 77	4,880	3,282	1,186	4,252	163,518	15 7 38 9 1
Totals for Colony from 1st Feb. to 31st Dec., 1867	46	6,977	96,372	7 10 13	16 3 15	1,919	5 0 17	60,936	9 1 1	822	1 10 18	1,241	2,520	364	2,156	71,197	14 1 33 0 0

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, 1904.

Description of Securities, &c.	Nominal Value.			Value at Cost Price.			Accrued Interest on 31st December, 1904.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
"The Government Advances to Settlers Extension Act 1901" Debentures, 3½ per cent.	80,000	0	0	80,000	0	0	230	2	9
"The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1899" Debentures, 3½ per cent.	125,000	0	0	125,000	0	0	731	3	3
"The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1902" Debentures, 4 per cent.	100,000	0	0	100,000	0	0	328	15	4
"The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1903" Debentures, 4 per cent.	5,050	0	0	5,050	0	0	101	0	0
"The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1903" Debentures, 4 per cent.	142,900	0	0	142,900	0	0	2,380	7	1
"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, 3 per cent. ..	65,000	0	0	65,000	0	0	646	8	9
"The Consolidated Stock Act 1884" Debentures 3½ per cent. ..	789,700	0	0	789,700	0	0	9,162	13	2
"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.	5,500	0	0	5,500	0	0	119	0	10
"The General Purposes Loan Act 1873" Debentures, 4 per cent.	5,200	0	0	4,342	0	0	43	17	7
"The Government Advances to Settlers Act 1894" Debentures, 4 per cent.	30,000	0	0	30,000	0	0	98	12	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.	125,000	0	0	125,000	0	0	2,500	0	0
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	3,118	9	10*
"The Hutt Railway and Road Improvement Act 1903" Debentures, 3½ per cent.	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	0	57	10	8
"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.	2,184,940	0	0	2,176,582	18	0	17,948	10	5
"The Land for Settlements Act 1894" Debentures, 3½ per cent.	741,066	0	0	741,066	0	0	4,334	14	9
The Land for Settlements Act Debentures, 3½ per cent. ..	62,000	0	0	62,000	0	0	541	0	3
"The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act 1900" Debentures, 4 per cent.	25,000	0	0	25,000	0	0	164	7	8
"The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act 1900" Debentures, 4 per cent.	150	0	0	150	0	0	2	9	11
"The Lands Improvement and Native Lands Acquisition Act 1894" Debentures, 4 per cent.	279,000	0	0	279,000	0	0	2,812	18	7
"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.	650,000	0	0	650,000	0	0	7,471	5	7
"The Scenery Preservation Act 1903" 3½ per cent.	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	0	57	10	8
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.	21,870	0	0	21,870	0	0	390	19	3
"The State Coal-mines Act 1901" Debentures, 3½ per cent. ..	140,000	0	0	140,000	0	0	1,221	12	9
"The State Fire Insurance Act 1903" Debentures, 3½ per cent.	1,500	0	0	1,500	0	0	8	9	8
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.	599,200	0	0	599,200	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 .. ..	..			..			506	19	9
Totals	7,790,957	0	0	7,764,998	5	8	73,379	10	2

* Interest over six years in arrear; principal fell due 11th November, 1896.

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

Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1904.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Balance to credit of depositors, 1st January, 1904	7,388,681	18	7	Withdrawals during 1904	5,664,770	3	9
Deposits during 1904	5,836,540	0	0	Balance to credit of depositors, 31st December, 1904	7,761,382	0	11
Interest credited to depositors, 1904	200,930	6	1				
	<u>£13,426,152</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>		<u>£13,426,152</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>

Liabilities and Assets.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Balance to credit of depositors, 31st December, 1904	7,761,382	0	11	Securities (<i>vide</i> Table No. 7)	7,764,998	5	8
Balance of assets over liabilities	277,204	14	6	Accumulated profits .. £277,204	14	6	
	<u>£8,038,586</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>5</u>	Less amount invested and included in total of securities above	3,616	4	9
					<u>273,588</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>
					<u>£8,038,586</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>5</u>

Profit and Loss.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Interest credited to depositors during 1904	200,930	6	1	Balance forward, 1st January, 1904	248,163	8	11
Interest paid on debentures purchased by Department, ex div.	102	10	11	Rebate on investments paid before due date		57	10
Paid Public Account, for expenses of Savings-bank management during 1904	16,000	0	0	Interest received during 1904	260,431	6	5
Savings-bank profits carried to postal revenue	23,000	0	0	Accrued interest on 31st December, 1904	73,379	10	2
Balance to next account	277,204	14	6		<u>£333,810</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>7</u>
	<u>£517,237</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>	Less accrued interest on 31st December, 1903	64,892	17	8
				Savings-bank fines		98	13
					<u>268,917</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>11</u>
					<u>£517,237</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>

Table No. 9.

RETURN showing the Total Number of Post-Office Savings-Bank Accounts open on the 31st December, 1904, classified according to the Balances at Credit, compared with the Number open at the end of 1903.

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	25,629	3,759	2,690	2,287	916	287	144	134	35,846
Blenheim	3,374	383	241	246	80	29	10	13	4,376
Christchurch	35,062	4,991	3,124	2,632	981	370	187	145	47,492
Dunedin	24,886	4,220	2,791	2,317	934	270	136	123	35,677
Gisborne	3,038	494	278	194	75	20	13	10	4,122
Greymouth	3,166	507	432	333	128	59	21	16	4,662
Hokitika	1,103	211	139	184	51	10	5	5	1,708
Invercargill	7,059	1,377	946	738	233	55	30	20	10,458
Napier	8,959	1,192	758	669	231	87	48	25	11,969
Nelson	5,287	872	525	460	158	65	34	22	7,423
New Plymouth	4,998	734	463	371	128	23	24	16	6,757
Oamaru	2,499	546	340	344	93	29	10	10	3,871
Thames	6,379	732	532	440	156	38	28	22	8,327
Timaru	5,405	949	565	512	184	59	46	47	7,767
Wanganui	10,037	1,264	787	605	219	77	49	35	13,073
Wellington	38,496	5,631	3,497	3,043	984	409	156	204	52,420
Westport	2,254	369	255	208	73	31	15	11	3,216
Totals, 1904	187,631	28,231	18,363	15,583	5,624	1,918	956	858	259,164
Totals, 1903	174,563	26,887	17,592	15,589	5,499	1,795	905	845	243,675

Table No. 10.

INLAND MAIL-SERVICES ESTABLISHED, ACCELERATED, ETC.

District.	Name of Service.	Frequency.	Remarks.
Auckland ..	Awanui-Waipapakauri	As required ..	Established.
	Coromandel-Driving Creek ..	Daily ..	.. (See ABOLISHED.)
	Hinuera Post-office-Railway-station	" ..	" ..
	Waitoa Post-office-Railway-station	" ..	" ..
	Kakahi Railway-station-Owhango-Oio	Thrice weekly ..	" ..
	Kihikihi: rural delivery to Waimanu	" ..	" ..
	Onerahi Post-office-Steamer ..	" ..	" ..
	Driving Creek-Tokatea (see Coromandel-Driving Creek, daily)	Twice weekly ..	" ..
	Waikumete-Karekare	" ..	" ..
	Herekino-Whangape	Weekly ..	" ..
	Horeke-Koutu-Rawene-Kohukohu-Opononi	" ..	" ..
	Kaihu-Aranga-Kawerua	" ..	" ..
	Mangawai-Te Arai	" ..	" .. (Giving Te Arai a twice-weekly mail from Mangawai and Wellsford alternately.)
	Mangonui-Oruru-Peria	" ..	" ..
	Matakana-Tawharanui	" ..	" ..
	Ohaeawai - Te Ahuahu - Okaihau - Utakura-Maraeroa-Horeke	" ..	" .. (See ABOLISHED.)
	Hukerenui Post-office-Railway-station	..	Frequency increased: daily to as required.
	Scarrot's Post-office-Steamer ..	..	Frequency decreased: as required to once weekly.
	Tangaihi Landing-Service .. ..	..	Frequency decreased: as required to once weekly.
	Kuaotunu-Upper Kuaotunu .. ..	..	Frequency decreased: four times to twice weekly.
	Whangamata-Wharekawa .. ..	..	Frequency decreased: weekly to fortnightly. (See ABOLISHED.)
	Tauwhare-Tamahere .. ..	..	Altered: now Tauwhare-Eureka (new office), Tamahere omitted.
	Birtle's Bridge-Huarau .. ..	..	Abolished.
Coromandel-Tokatea .. ..	..	" .. (See ESTABLISHED.)	
Ohaeawai-Okaihau .. ..	..	" .. (See ESTABLISHED.)	
Ruakaka Road-Mangapai .. ..	..	" ..
Taumarunui-Piriaka .. ..	..	" .. (As a subsidised service; offices now connected by railway.)	
Blenheim ..	Whangamata-Wharekawa .. ..	..	" ..
	Waikumete-Nihotupu .. ..	..	" ..
	Waiuku-Packington .. ..	..	" ..
	Wairau Valley-Birch Hill	Weekly ..	Established.
	Picton-Portage .. ..	..	Frequency increased: twice weekly to daily.
Christchurch..	Havelock, &c.-Bulwer .. ..	..	Altered: by inclusion of Nydia Bay, after Maori Bay.
	Tuamarina-Port Underwood .. ..	..	" .. by inclusion of Ocean Bay and Robin Hood Bay (new Post-offices.)
Christchurch..	Seddon-Awatere .. ..	..	Abolished.
	Sockburn Post-office-Railway-station	Daily ..	Established.
	Rangiora-Haylands (no post-office)-Birch Hill (no post-office)-Rakahuri (no post-office)-Orahaki (no post-office)	Thrice weekly ..	" ..
	Akaroa-Pigeon Bay Post-office ..	..	Extended: to include Pigeon Bay Wharf.
	Ealing-Carew .. ..	..	" .. to Ruapuna, (See FREQUENCY INCREASED.)
	Christchurch Chief Post-office-Railway-station	..	Frequency increased: extra trip daily (to meet express train).
	Christchurch-Rolleston (by railway)	..	Frequency increased: daily to twice daily.
	Cust Post-office-Railway-station ..	..	Frequency increased: daily to twice daily.
	Mayfield-Valetta Railway-station ..	..	Frequency increased: daily to twice daily.
	Christchurch-Greenpark-Motukarara-Ataahua-Little River	..	Frequency increased: eight to nine times a week.
	Fernside Post-office-Railway-station	..	Frequency increased: daily and thrice weekly to twice daily.
	Culverden-Upper Waiau Ferry-Hammer Springs	..	Frequency increased: daily and thrice weekly (summer and winter) to daily throughout year.
	Flaxton-Ohoka .. ..	..	Frequency increased: five times a week to daily.
Ashburton-Westerfield (by railway)	..	Frequency increased: thrice weekly to daily.	
Ashley Bank-North Loburn .. ..	..	Frequency increased: thrice weekly to daily.	

Table No. 10—continued.

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

District.	Name of Service.	Frequency.	Remarks.
Christchurch— continued.	Loburn-Okuku .. .. .	..	Frequency increased: thrice weekly to daily.
	Akaroa—Wainui .. .. .	..	Frequency increased: twice to thrice weekly.
	Ealing-Carew .. .. .	..	Frequency increased: twice to thrice weekly (extended to Ruapuna. See EXTENDED.)
	Springfield, &c.—Kumara ..	..	Frequency increased: twice to thrice weekly.
	Waiau - Hawkeswood (twice) - Claverley (once)	..	Frequency increased: weekly to weekly and twice weekly.
	Culverden—Hanmer Springs ..	..	Accelerated.
	Greenpark—Lincoln .. .. .	..	Frequency decreased: thrice to twice weekly.
	Waiau—Hawkeswood—Conway Flat—Claverley	..	Curtailed: Claverley closed; service to stop at Conway Flat.
	Waiau—Kaikoura .. .. .	..	Altered: by exclusion of Greenburn (office closed).
	Oxford—East Oxford .. .. .	..	Abolished.
Dunedin ..	Dunedin—Mornington	Twice daily ..	Established
	Ophir Post-office—Railway-station ..	..	..
	Ratanui Post-office—Catlin's River Railway-station	Daily .. ..	..
	Beck's—Lauder Railway-station ..	Thrice weekly ..	.. (See CURTAILED.)
	Ophir—Poolburn .. .. .	..	..
	Poolburn—Moa Creek .. .. .	..	..
	Port Chalmers—Otago Heads .. ..	..	..
	Pembroke—Cardrona	Weekly .. ..	.. (Winter service renewed.)
	Dunedin - Sandymount (Pukehiki, name changed)	..	Extended to Sandymount; new office of same name further on.
	Taioma, &c. - Ida Valley (railway service)	..	Extended to Ophir.
	Cromwell - Lowburn Ferry - Queensberry - Luggate - Hawea Flat - Albert Town—Pembroke	..	Frequency increased: twice to thrice weekly.
	Hawea Flat—Maungawera .. .. .	..	Frequency increased: twice to thrice weekly (one way only).
	Ratanui—Houipapa .. .. .	..	Frequency increased: weekly outwards and twice weekly inwards to thrice weekly each way.
	Palmerston—Shag Valley—Dunback—Green Valley—Morrison's	..	Frequency increased: weekly to thrice weekly.
	Ratanui—Tarara - Papatowai section of Ratanui—Tahakopa service	..	Frequency increased: weekly to twice weekly.
	Ida Valley—Poolburn—Ophir—Chatto Creek—Alexandra South	..	Curtailed: by exclusion of Ida Valley, Poolburn, and Ophir; coach service now starts from Ophir railway-station. (See EXTENDED.)
	St. Bathans—Cambrian—Beck's ..	..	Curtailed: by exclusion of Beck's. (See ESTABLISHED.)
	Glenary—Whitecombe .. .. .	..	Abolished.
	Henley West Post-office—Henley Railway-station	..	..
	Owaka—Ratanui .. .. .	..	.. (Owing to railway extension.)
Poolburn (delivery of correspondence, including Lower Valley to Noone's and Dundas's and to McNaughton's corner)	..	..
Gisborne ..	Makauri Post-office—Railway-station	Daily	Established.
	Te Karaka—Kanakanae	Twice weekly (Oct. - May); weekly (June - Sept.)	..
	Tolaga Bay Post-office and beach service	..	Extended to include vessels in roadstead.
	Gisborne—Patutahi .. .. .	..	Frequency increased: thrice weekly to daily.
	Gisborne—Tolaga Bay .. .. .	..	Frequency increased: twice to thrice weekly.
	Te Karaka—Poututu .. .. .	..	Frequency increased: weekly to twice weekly.
	Tolaga Bay—Tokomaru Bay—Waipiro Bay	..	Frequency increased: weekly to twice weekly.
	Gisborne - Pakarāe - Hauiti—Tolaga Bay	..	Frequency decreased: thrice to twice weekly.
	Gisborne—Tolaga Bay .. .. .	..	Altered: by inclusion of Tatapouri (new office).
	Port Awanui, &c.—Hicks Bay .. ..	..	Altered: by deviation of route when rivers in flood.
	Te Karaka - Poututu - Whakarau - Motu	..	Altered: by deviation of route when rivers in flood.
	Gisborne—Pouawa .. .. .	..	Abolished.

Table No. 10—continued.

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

District.	Name of Service.	Frequency.	Remarks.
Gisborne— <i>ctd.</i>	Patutahi—Ngatapa .. ..	..	Abolished.
Greymouth ..	Te Karaka—Kanakanae .. ..	..	..
	Paroa Post-office—Railway-station	Daily	Established.
	Greymouth—Paroa .. ..	..	Frequency increased: thrice weekly to daily, by train, replacing coach service.
Hokitika ..	Greymouth — Paroa — Rutherglen — Marsden—Dunganville	..	Frequency decreased: daily to thrice weekly.
	Mawheraiti Post-office — Railway-station.	..	Abolished: post-office closed.
Invercargill ..	Hokitika—Kutuku—Lower Kokatahi—Upper Kokatahi	..	Frequency increased: weekly to twice weekly.
	Queenstown Post-office—Steamers ..	As required ..	Established. (First subsidised service.)
	Wright's Bush—Railway-station ..	Daily .. ..	..
	Mataura—Tuturau	Thrice weekly ..	..
	Glenorchy Post-office—Wharf ..	Twice weekly ..	..
	Kinloch Post-office—Wharf ..	..	..
	Invercargill—Te Oneroa	Monthly .. ..	.. (Renewal.)
	Orepuki—Te Tua .. ..	..	Extended to Tuatapere.
	Wild Bush—Main Road .. ..	..	Frequency increased: twice to thrice weekly.
	Mossburn—Matuku .. ..	..	Frequency increased: weekly to twice weekly.
Napier ..	Te Anau—Glade House .. ..	..	Frequency increased: weekly to twice weekly.
	Wendonside — Junction at Muddy Creek	..	Frequency decreased: thrice to twice weekly.
	Orepuki—Te Tua—Tuatapere ..	..	Altered: by inclusion of Waihoaka (new office).
	Edendale—Wyndham .. ..	..	Abolished as a subsidised service. (Service now performed by railway.)
	Paterson's Inlet—The Neck .. ..	..	Abolished.
	Anarua—Pukehou	Daily	Established.
	Dannevirke—Ngapaeruru .. ..	..	Extended to Pokokomuka and Mangahei (new offices).
	Waipawa—Ongaonga .. ..	..	Frequency increased: thrice weekly to daily.
	Waipawa—Tikokino .. ..	..	Frequency increased: thrice weekly to daily.
	Ormondville—Whetukura .. ..	..	Frequency increased: twice weekly to daily.
Nelson ..	Takapau—Ashley Clinton—Makaretu	..	Frequency increased: twice to thrice weekly.
	Dannevirke—Ngapaeruru—Waipatiki—Weber—Ti-tree Point—Wimbleton—Herbertville	..	Frequency increased: weekly to thrice weekly.
	Riwaka—Sandy Bay	Thrice weekly ..	Established.
	Totaranui—Awa-iti	Twice weekly ..	..
	Belgrove—Tophouse	Weekly .. ..	..
	Nelson—Stoke .. ..	..	Frequency increased: daily to twice daily.
	Collingwood—Rockville .. ..	..	Frequency increased: twice to four times weekly.
	Nelson—Collingwood .. ..	..	Frequency increased: weekly to twice weekly.
	Nelson—Richmond .. ..	..	Altered: mails to be carried by coach instead of by railway.
	New Plymouth	Inglewood—Egmont Village	Thrice weekly ..	Established.
New Plymouth—Kent Road—Egmont Village		..	..
New Plymouth—Kent Road		Twice weekly ..	.. (Abolished as a separate service.)
New Plymouth—Mangorei .. ..		..	..
Inglewood—Kaimata—Tarata—Purangi		..	Frequency increased: thrice weekly to daily, Tarata—Purangi portion of service, making service daily right through.
New Plymouth—Opunake .. ..		..	Frequency increased: thrice weekly to daily.
New Plymouth—Hillsborough .. ..		..	Frequency decreased: twice weekly (Nov.—April) and weekly (May—Oct.) to weekly throughout the year.
Whangamomona—Kohuratahi—Tahora		..	Altered: by inclusion of Hurimoana (new office).
New Plymouth—Egmont Village ..		..	Abolished. (As a separate service. See ESTABLISHED, New Plymouth—Egmont Village.)
New Plymouth—Kent Road .. ..		..	.. (As a separate service. See ESTABLISHED, New Plymouth—Egmont Village.)

Table No. 10—continued.

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

District.	Name of Service.	Frequency.	Remarks.
Oamaru	Oamaru-Tokarahi-Livingstone-Maerewhenua	..	Frequency increased: thrice to four times weekly.
	Oamaru-Maheno-Incholme	..	Frequency increased: twice to thrice weekly.
	Kurow-Wharekuri-Omarama	..	Frequency decreased: thrice to twice weekly.
Thames	Tauranga-Oropi-Ngawaro-Rotorua	Thrice weekly	Established. (By motor car. See ABOLISHED.)
	Hikutaia-Otamakitai	Weekly	"
	Whakatane-Waingarara	"	"
	Opotiki-Torere-Omaio	Fortnightly	" (See FREQUENCY INCREASED.)
	Hikutaia-Otamakitai	..	Extended to Wharekawa.
	Paeroa-Netherton	..	Frequency increased: thrice weekly to daily (1st Oct.-30th June).
Timaru	Opotiki-Torere - Omaio section of Opotiki-Cape Runaway service	..	Frequency increased: fortnightly to weekly. (See ESTABLISHED.)
	Tauranga-Oropi-Ngawaro-Rotorua	..	Abolished. (By motor car.)
	Pareora East Post-office-Railway-station	Twice daily	Established.
	Willowbridge Post-office - Railway-station	"	"
	Mawaro Post-office-Coal Creek Railway-station	Thrice weekly	"
	Ikawai-Takitū	Twice weekly	" (Open delivery service.)
	Lake Pukaki-Hermitage	Weekly	" (Winter service performed by Tourist and Health Resorts Department; re-established.)
	St. Andrew's-Blue Cliffs	..	Extended: to Lyalldale.
	Timaru Chief Post-office - Railway-Station	..	" to vessels at wharf, and to include distribution of letter-carriers' bags.
	Orari-Geraldine	..	Frequency increased: three to four times daily.
Wanganui	Waitohi Road } Railway-station-Kerrytown	..	Frequency increased: thrice weekly to daily.
	Makikihi-Hunter	..	Frequency increased: twice weekly to daily.
	Eltham Post-office-Railway-station	As required	Established.
	Hunterville } Post-office - Railway-station	"	"
	Taihape Post-office-Railway-station	Twice daily	"
	Utiku Post-office-Railway-station	"	"
	Eltham-Mangatoki-Kaponga	Daily	"
	Makoia Post-office-Railway-station	"	"
	Wanganui and around Nos. 1 and 2 Lines	"	" (Rural delivery.)
	Mangaweka-Manui	Thrice weekly	"
Taihape-Raukura	Twice weekly	"	
Raetihi-Orautoha-Pukekaka	Twice weekly (Nov. - April); weekly (May-Oct.)	"	
Te Moehau Junction-Turangarere	Weekly	" (For winter, June - Oct., giving Turangarere twice-weekly mail during winter.)	
Wanganui	Koeke - Mataroa - Sommerville via Rongoiti and Panemango Roads	..	Extended to include Huia, Whaka, and Murray's Track Roads.
	Makirikiri-Aberfeldie	..	Extended to Kotikotia. (See ALTERED.)
	Marton Junction, &c.- Mangaweka (railway-service)	..	Extended to Utiku and Taihape. (See ALTERED.)
	Waverley Post-office-Railway-station	..	Frequency increased: six to eight times daily.
	Taihape Post-office-Railway-station	..	Frequency increased: twice to thrice daily.
	Mangaweka-Utiku-Taihape	..	Frequency increased: daily to twice daily. (See ALTERED.)
	Marton-South Makirikiri	..	Frequency increased: twice weekly to daily.
	Eltham-Rawhitiroa	..	Frequency increased: twice to thrice weekly.
	Mangaweka - Hawainga - Kawhatau Junction - Kawhatau Valley - Auputu-Mangakoeka Road-Upper Kawhatau	..	Frequency increased: weekly to twice weekly.
	Ngamatia-Wangaehu Valley Road-Mangamahu (Mangamahu - Ingram's Homestead service.)	..	Frequency increased: weekly to twice weekly.
Waverley-Kohi	..	Frequency increased: weekly to daily (summer) and thrice weekly (winter).	

Table No. 10.—*continued.*INLAND MAIL-SERVICES ESTABLISHED, ACCELERATED, ETC.—*continued.*

District.	Name of Service.	Frequency.	Remarks.	
Wanganui— <i>ctd.</i>	Bull's—Greatford .. .. .	.. .. .	Frequency decreased: four times to thrice daily.
	Wanganui—Marton—Feilding—Palmerston North (railway service)	.. .. .	Frequency decreased: four times to thrice daily.
	Marton—South Makirikiri (delivering correspondence, &c.)	.. .. .	Frequency decreased: daily to twice weekly.
	Patea—Maben Road .. .. .	.. .. .	Frequency decreased: twice weekly to weekly.
	Koeke—Mataroa—Sommerville .. .. .	.. .. .	Curtailed: by closing of Sommerville.
	Mangaonoho—Tiriraukawa .. .. .	.. .. .	Curtailed: Whaka and Ngaminga Road and Murray's Track now served from Koeke. (See EXTENDED.)
	Makirikiri—Kotikotia—Aberfeldie .. .. .	.. .. .	Altered: by closing offices at Kotikotia and Aberfeldie, and opening office at Kakatihi (mileage reduced by four miles).
	Mangaweka—Manui—Ohutu—Utiku—Taihape	.. .. .	Altered: from coach to train service.
	Mangaweka—Utiku—Taihape .. .. .	.. .. .	Altered: to include Manui (new office).
	Waiouru—Turangarere—Moawhango .. .. .	.. .. .	Altered: by substitution of Taihape as terminus in place of Moawhango.
	Wanganui—Pipiriki .. .. .	.. .. .	Altered: to include Ranana (new office).
	Eastown Post-office—Railway-station	.. .. .	Abolished.
	Mangaweka—Manui—Ohutu—Utiku—Taihape	.. .. .	.. (Coached service. See ALTERED.)
	Mangaweka—Te Kapua Road (delivery service)	.. .. .	..
	Mokoia Post-office—Railway-station	.. .. .	..
	Patea—Maben Road .. .. .	.. .. .	..
	Te Moehau Junction—Turangarere .. .. .	.. .. .	..
	Wanganui—Sedgebrook .. .. .	.. .. .	.. (Sedgebrook now served by letter-carrier.)
	Waverley—Kohi (delivering correspondence into boxes, &c.)	.. .. .	..
	Whenuakura Post-office—Railway-station	.. .. .	..
	Wellington ..	Aorangi Post-office—Railway-station	Daily	Established.
		Colyton—Wanganui Harbour Board Block—Spur Road—Midland Road
		Dalefield Post-office—Railway-station
Feilding—Awahuri—Sanson—Ohakea		.. .. .	..
Palmerston North—Fitzherbert West		.. .. .	..
Palmerston North—Newbury—Awahuri—Rongotea—Carnarvon		.. .. .	..
Ngaputahi—Pohangina—Komako Road Junction		Thrice weekly .. .. .	..
Woodville—Ballance—Mangahao .. .. .		.. .. .	..
Eketahuna—Mangaoronga		Twice weekly .. .. .	..
Hinakura—Martinborough .. .. .		.. .. .	..
Rakaunui—Waikereru—Waiowaka .. .. .		.. .. .	..
Admiral (no post-office)—Clifton Grove (no post-office)—Gladstone		Weekly .. .. .	.. (Open-bag delivery.)
Hinakura—Glendhu—Pahaoa—Glenburn		.. .. .	..
Pori—Kaitawa and Pori—Saunders Road—Alfredton		.. .. .	.. (Re-established.)
Bull's—Sanson .. .. .		.. .. .	Extended to Ohakea, and to return <i>via</i> Macdonald's line, delivering correspondence where practicable.
Mangahao—Makomako—Nikau .. .. .		.. .. .	Extended to Marima.
Ashhurst Post-office—Railway-station		.. .. .	Frequency increased: four to six times daily.
Eketahuna—Pleckville—Tawataia—Alfredton		.. .. .	Frequency increased: thrice weekly to daily.
Stokes Valley—Taita .. .. .		.. .. .	Frequency increased: twice to thrice weekly.
Masterton—Whareama .. .. .		.. .. .	Frequency decreased: thrice to twice weekly.
Wellington—Havelock (sea service) .. .. .	.. .. .	Altered: by inclusion of Ohoka (new post-office in Anakoia Bay) and Wakatahuri (new office), and exclusion of Te Puru (now otherwise served).	
Rakaunui—Waikereru .. .. .	.. .. .	Abolished.	
Waiowaka—Waikereru .. .. .	.. .. .	..
Westport ..	Karamea—Kongahu	Weekly	Established.	

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.
1904. January 9	1904. February 9	31	1904. January 9	1904. February 10	32	1904. January 9	1904. February 11	33	1904. January 9	1904. February 13	35	1904. January 9	1904. February 15	37
January 30	March 3	33	January 30	March 4	34	January 30	March 5	35	January 30	March 7	37	January 30	March 8	38
February 12	March 11	30	February 12	March 12	31	February 12	March 13	31	February 12	March 15	33	February 12	March 16	34
March 2	April 3	31	March 2	April 4	32	March 2	April 5	33	March 2	April 7	35	March 2	April 9	37
April 23	May 23	30	April 23	May 24	31	April 23	May 25	32	April 23	May 27	34	April 23	May 28	35
May 14	June 13	30	May 14	June 14	31	May 14	June 15	31	May 14	June 17	33	May 14	June 18	34
June 4	July 4	30	June 4	July 5	31	June 4	July 6	32	June 4	July 8	34	June 4	July 9	35
July 16	August 15	30	July 16	August 16	31	July 16	August 17	32	July 16	August 20	34	July 16	August 22	36
August 6	September 5	30	August 6	September 7	32	August 6	September 8	33	August 6	September 10	34	August 6	September 12	36
September 27	October 26	30	September 27	October 27	31	September 27	October 28	31	September 27	October 30	33	September 27	October 31	34
October 17	November 17	30	October 17	November 18	31	October 17	November 19	32	October 17	November 21	34	October 17	November 22	35
November 7	December 7	30	November 7	December 9	32	November 7	December 10	33	November 7	December 12	35	November 7	December 14	37
December 29	January 28	30	December 29	January 29	31	December 29	January 30	31	December 29	January 31	32	December 29	February 3	35
1905. January 19	1905. February 20	31	1905. January 19	1905. February 21	32	1905. January 19	1905. February 22	33	1905. January 19	1905. February 24	35	1905. January 19	1905. February 26	37
December 10	January 11	32	December 10	January 12	33	December 10	January 13	34	December 10	January 16	36	December 10	January 17	38
December 31	January 31	31	December 31	February 1	32	December 31	February 2	33	December 31	February 4	34	December 31	February 6	36
Maximum	...	33	...	...	34	...	...	35	...	...	37	...	...	38
Minimum	...	30	...	...	31	...	...	32	...	...	33	...	...	34
Average	...	30'55	...	...	31'67	...	...	32'72	...	...	34'78	...	...	36'25

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.
1904. January 9	1904. February 15	37	1904. January 11	1904. February 15	35	1904. January 12	1904. February 15	34	1904. January 14	1904. February 15	32	1904. January 15	1904. February 15	31
January 30	March 10	40	February 1	March 10	38	February 2	March 10	37	February 4	March 10	35	February 5	March 10	34
February 20	March 28	37	February 22	March 28	35	February 23	March 28	34	February 25	March 28	32	February 26	March 28	31
March 12	April 18	37	March 14	April 18	35	March 15	April 18	34	March 17	April 18	32	March 18	April 18	31
April 2	May 9	37	April 4	May 9	35	April 5	May 9	34	April 7	May 9	32	April 8	May 9	31
April 23	May 28	35	April 25	May 28	33	April 26	May 28	32	April 28	May 28	30	April 29	May 28	29
May 14	June 19	36	May 16	June 19	34	May 17	June 19	33	May 19	June 19	31	May 20	June 19	30
June 4	July 14	40	June 6	July 14	38	June 7	July 14	37	June 9	July 14	35	June 10	July 14	34
July 16	August 1	37	July 18	August 1	35	July 19	August 1	34	July 21	August 1	32	July 22	August 1	31
August 6	September 22	37	July 27	August 22	35	July 28	August 22	34	July 30	August 22	32	July 31	August 22	31
September 27	October 11	36	August 8	September 11	34	August 9	September 11	33	August 11	September 11	31	August 12	September 11	30
October 17	November 1	35	August 29	October 1	33	August 30	October 1	32	September 1	October 1	30	September 2	October 1	29
September 8	October 23	36	September 19	October 23	34	September 20	October 23	33	September 22	October 23	31	September 23	October 23	30
October 29	November 12	35	October 31	November 12	33	October 11	November 12	32	October 13	November 12	30	October 15	November 12	28
November 19	December 4	36	November 3	December 4	34	November 2	December 4	32	November 3	December 4	31	November 4	December 4	30
December 10	December 24	35	November 21	December 24	33	November 23	December 24	31	November 24	December 24	30	November 25	December 24	29
December 31	1905. January 16	37	December 12	1905. January 16	35	December 14	1905. January 16	33	December 15	1905. January 16	32	December 16	1905. January 16	31
January 9	February 9	40	January 2	February 9	38	January 4	February 9	36	January 5	February 9	35	January 6	February 9	34
Maximum	...	40	...	...	38	...	...	37	...	...	35	...	...	34
Minimum	...	35	...	...	33	...	...	31	...	...	30	...	...	28
Average	...	36'83	...	...	34'83	...	...	33'61	...	...	31'83	...	...	30'78

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

STATEMENT showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails from 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.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Sydney.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival at Bluff.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Christchurch.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Wellington.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Auckland.
No. of Days.	No. of Days.	No. of Days.	No. of Days.	No. of Days.	No. of Days.	No. of Days.	No. of Days.	No. of Days.	No. of Days.	No. of Days.	No. of Days.
1904. Jan. 1	1904. Feb. 1	1904. Jan. 1	1904. Feb. 9	1904. Jan. 1	1904. Feb. 1	1904. Jan. 1	1904. Feb. 10	1904. Jan. 1	1904. Feb. 8	1904. Jan. 1	1904. Feb. 7
15	14	15	15	15	22	15	23	15	23	15	22
29	29	29	22	29	28	29	29	29	28	29	26
12	13	12	21	12	21	12	22	12	22	12	21
26	27	26	3	26	3	26	4	26	6	26	4
11	10	11	20	11	20	11	21	11	19	11	17
25	24	25	16	25	16	25	17	25	17	25	22
8	9	8	10	8	16	8	17	8	17	8	15
22	23	22	24	22	30	22	28	22	30	22	29
6	5	6	7	6	13	6	14	6	14	6	13
20	19	20	20	20	29	20	30	20	29	20	26
3	3	3	5	3	11	3	13	3	13	3	11
17	18	17	19	17	25	17	26	17	27	17	26
1	1	1	2	1	8	1	9	1	9	1	8
15	15	15	16	15	22	15	23	15	22	15	21
29	29	29	30	29	5	29	6	29	5	29	27
12	12	12	13	12	19	12	20	12	19	12	18
26	26	26	27	26	3	26	4	26	3	26	25
9	9	9	11	9	18	9	19	9	18	9	17
23	23	23	25	23	31	23	31	23	31	23	30
7	7	7	8	7	14	7	15	7	15	7	14
21	21	21	22	21	28	21	29	21	28	21	27
4	5	4	6	4	12	4	13	4	12	4	11
18	18	18	20	18	27	18	27	18	26	18	25
2	3	2	4	2	10	2	11	2	9	2	8
16	15	16	17	16	24	16	24	16	23	16	22
30	31	30	31	30	6	30	7	30	6	30	5
Maximum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Minimum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Average	...	...	30.63	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			33		40		41		40		39
			31		37		38		38		37
			31.96		38.37		39.37		38.67		37.30

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.	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 Melbourne.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.
1904. January 4	1904. February 13	40	1904. January 2	1904. February 13	42	1904. January 5	1904. February 13	39	1904. January 13	1904. February 13	32
January 18	February 27	40	January 16	February 27	42	January 18	February 27	40	January 27	February 27	32
February 1	March 12	42	February 30	March 12	42	February 1	March 12	40	February 10	March 12	32
February 15	March 26	40	February 13	March 26	42	February 15	March 26	40	February 24	March 26	31
March 3	April 8	36	February 27	April 8	41	February 29	April 8	39	March 9	April 8	30
March 14	April 23	40	March 12	April 23	42	March 14	April 23	40	March 23	April 23	31
March 28	May 7	40	..	..	..	March 28	May 7	40	April 6	May 7	31
April 11	May 21	40	..	..	..	April 11	May 21	40	April 20	May 21	31
April 25	June 4	40	April 23	June 4	42	April 25	June 4	40	May 4	June 4	31
May 9	June 19	41	May 7	June 19	43	May 10	June 19	40	May 18	June 19	32
May 23	July 3	41	May 21	July 3	43	May 23	July 3	41	June 1	July 3	32
June 6	July 19	43	June 4	July 19	45	June 6	July 19	43	June 15	July 19	34
June 20	July 31	41	June 18	July 31	43	June 21	July 31	40	June 29	July 31	32
July 4	August 14	41	July 2	August 14	43	July 4	August 14	41	July 13	August 14	32
July 18	August 28	41	July 16	August 28	43	July 18	August 28	41	July 27	August 28	32
August 1	Sept. 11	41	July 30	Sept. 11	43	August 2	Sept. 11	40	August 10	Sept. 11	32
August 15	Sept. 25	41	August 13	Sept. 25	43	August 15	Sept. 25	41	August 24	Sept. 25	32
August 29	October 8	40	August 27	October 8	42	August 29	October 8	40	Sept. 7	October 8	31
Sept. 12	October 22	40	Sept. 10	October 22	42	Sept. 12	October 22	40	Sept. 21	October 22	31
Sept. 26	November 5	40	Sept. 24	November 5	42	Sept. 27	November 5	39	Oct. 5	November 5	31
October 10	November 19	40	..	..	..	Oct. 10	November 19	40	Oct. 19	November 19	31
October 24	December 3	40	October 22	December 3	42	October 24	December 3	40	November 2	December 3	31
November 8	December 16	38	November 19	December 16	41	November 7	December 16	39	November 16	December 16	30
November 21	December 30	39	November 30	December 30	41	November 21	December 30	39	November 30	December 30	30
December 5	1905. January 14	40	December 3	1905. January 14	42	December 5	1905. January 14	40	December 14	1905. January 14	31
December 20	January 28	39	December 17	January 28	42	December 19	January 28	40	December 28	January 28	31
1905. January 2	February 11	40	December 31	February 11	42	1905. January 2	February 11	40	1905. January 11	February 11	31
Maximum	..	43	..	..	45	..	..	43	..	..	34
Minimum	..	36	..	..	41	..	..	39	..	..	30
Average ..	..	40'07	..	..	42'28	..	..	40'07	..	..	31'26

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.	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.	No. of Days.
1904. January 11	41	1904. February 21	1904. January 11	41	1904. February 21	1904. January 11	41	1904. February 21	1904. January 19	33	1904. February 21	1904. January 20	33	1904. February 21	32
1904. January 25	41	1904. March 6	1904. January 23	43	1904. March 6	1904. January 26	40	1904. March 6	1904. February 16	33	1904. March 6	1904. February 3	32	1904. March 6	32
1904. February 9	40	1904. March 20	1904. February 20	43	1904. March 20	1904. February 22	42	1904. March 20	1904. March 1	34	1904. March 20	1904. February 17	32	1904. March 20	32
1904. February 22	42	1904. April 4	1904. March 5	44	1904. April 4	1904. March 7	41	1904. April 4	1904. March 15	33	1904. April 4	1904. March 2	33	1904. April 4	33
1904. March 7	41	1904. April 17	1904. March 25	37	1904. April 17	1904. March 21	41	1904. April 17	1904. March 29	33	1904. April 17	1904. March 16	32	1904. April 17	32
1904. March 21	41	1904. May 1	1904. April 2	42	1904. May 1	1904. April 5	41	1904. May 1	1904. April 12	34	1904. May 1	1904. April 30	32	1904. May 1	32
1904. April 4	42	1904. May 16	1904. April 16	44	1904. May 16	1904. April 18	44	1904. May 16	1904. April 26	34	1904. May 16	1904. April 13	33	1904. May 16	33
1904. April 18	41	1904. May 29	1904. April 16	43	1904. May 29	1904. April 18	41	1904. May 29	1904. May 10	33	1904. May 29	1904. April 27	32	1904. May 29	32
1904. May 3	42	1904. June 14	1904. April 30	45	1904. June 14	1904. May 3	42	1904. June 14	1904. May 10	35	1904. June 14	1904. May 11	34	1904. June 14	34
1904. May 16	43	1904. June 28	1904. May 14	45	1904. June 28	1904. May 16	43	1904. June 28	1904. May 24	35	1904. June 28	1904. May 25	34	1904. June 28	34
1904. May 30	43	1904. July 12	1904. May 28	45	1904. July 12	1904. May 30	43	1904. July 12	1904. June 7	35	1904. July 12	1904. May 28	34	1904. July 12	34
1904. June 13	42	1904. July 25	1904. May 31	44	1904. July 25	1904. June 3	42	1904. July 25	1904. June 21	34	1904. July 25	1904. June 8	33	1904. July 25	33
1904. June 27	42	1904. August 8	1904. June 11	44	1904. August 8	1904. June 13	42	1904. August 8	1904. July 5	34	1904. August 8	1904. July 22	33	1904. August 8	33
1904. July 11	42	1904. August 22	1904. June 25	44	1904. August 22	1904. July 27	44	1904. August 22	1904. July 19	34	1904. August 22	1904. July 6	33	1904. August 22	33
1904. July 26	41	1904. Sept. 5	1904. July 23	41	1904. Sept. 5	1904. July 25	42	1904. Sept. 5	1904. August 2	34	1904. Sept. 5	1904. July 20	33	1904. Sept. 5	33
1904. August 9	40	1904. Sept. 18	1904. August 9	40	1904. Sept. 18	1904. August 11	41	1904. Sept. 18	1904. August 16	33	1904. Sept. 18	1904. August 3	32	1904. Sept. 18	32
1904. August 22	42	1904. Oct. 3	1904. August 20	44	1904. Oct. 3	1904. August 22	42	1904. Oct. 3	1904. August 30	34	1904. Oct. 3	1904. August 17	33	1904. Oct. 3	33
1904. Sept. 5	42	1904. Oct. 17	1904. Sept. 3	44	1904. Oct. 17	1904. Sept. 5	42	1904. Oct. 17	1904. Sept. 13	34	1904. Oct. 17	1904. August 31	33	1904. Oct. 17	33
1904. Sept. 19	41	1904. Oct. 30	1904. Sept. 17	43	1904. Oct. 30	1904. Sept. 19	41	1904. Oct. 30	1904. Sept. 27	35	1904. Oct. 30	1904. Sept. 14	32	1904. Oct. 30	32
1904. Oct. 3	43	1904. Nov. 15	1904. Oct. 17	39	1904. Nov. 15	1904. Oct. 19	40	1904. Nov. 15	1904. Oct. 27	33	1904. Nov. 15	1904. Oct. 28	32	1904. Nov. 15	32
1904. Oct. 17	41	1904. Nov. 27	1904. Oct. 30	41	1904. Nov. 27	1904. Oct. 3	40	1904. Nov. 27	1904. Oct. 11	32	1904. Nov. 27	1904. Oct. 12	31	1904. Nov. 27	31
1904. Oct. 31	40	1904. Dec. 10	1904. Oct. 18	42	1904. Dec. 10	1904. Oct. 18	40	1904. Dec. 10	1904. Oct. 25	36	1904. Dec. 10	1904. Oct. 26	35	1904. Dec. 10	35
1904. November 14	44	1904. Dec. 28	1904. Oct. 29	44	1904. Dec. 28	1904. Oct. 31	44	1904. Dec. 28	1904. Nov. 8	33	1904. Dec. 28	1904. Nov. 9	32	1904. Dec. 28	32
1904. November 29	40	1905. Jan. 8	1904. Nov. 14	46	1905. Jan. 8	1904. Nov. 14	46	1905. Jan. 8	1904. Nov. 22	36	1905. Jan. 8	1904. Nov. 23	35	1905. Jan. 8	35
1904. December 12	41	1905. Jan. 22	1904. Nov. 26	38	1905. Jan. 22	1904. Nov. 28	41	1905. Jan. 22	1904. Dec. 6	33	1905. Jan. 22	1904. Dec. 7	32	1905. Jan. 22	32
1904. December 26	41	1905. Feb. 5	1904. Dec. 15	43	1905. Feb. 5	1904. Dec. 12	41	1905. Feb. 5	1905. Dec. 20	33	1905. Feb. 5	1905. Dec. 21	32	1905. Feb. 5	32
Maximum	44	..	December 24	46	..	December 26	44	..	1905. Jan. 3	33	February 5	January 4	35	..	..
Minimum	40	..	..	37	..	..	40	..	..	36	..	..	31	..	..
Average	41.5	..	..	42.85	..	..	41.54	..	..	33.69	..	..	32.69	..	..

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, 1904.

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 ..	10,968,507	209,482	459,797	2,645,555	3,202,069	61,933	810,292	57,607	313,710	1,267,230	14,517	11,778,799	209,482	517,404	2,959,265	4,469,299	76,450	
Thames ..	1,068,873	33,930	33,930	205,530	200,239	4,381	78,989	4,248	24,375	79,234	1,020	1,147,802	28,223	38,178	220,905	279,473	5,407	
New Plymouth ..	1,811,342	43,836	106,275	418,330	428,287	5,273	133,858	13,395	49,613	169,473	1,235	1,945,200	43,836	119,586	467,943	597,766	6,508	
Gisborne ..	639,132	16,428	16,913	127,155	245,271	2,535	47,231	2,117	15,080	97,943	594	686,363	12,428	19,030	142,235	342,314	3,129	
Napier ..	2,850,435	62,686	82,550	656,379	612,622	11,528	210,647	10,335	77,846	242,414	2,702	3,061,082	62,686	92,885	734,225	855,036	14,230	
Wanganui ..	3,335,891	94,276	123,786	821,536	722,594	12,837	246,522	15,458	97,434	285,930	3,008	3,582,413	94,276	139,284	918,970	1,008,524	15,845	
Wellington ..	11,826,826	252,304	357,409	4,025,305	2,144,644	75,149	873,279	44,780	477,322	848,764	17,624	12,694,105	252,304	402,189	4,502,627	2,993,468	92,773	
Blenheim ..	828,880	18,681	18,863	201,539	208,793	6,733	61,254	2,361	23,902	82,579	1,578	890,134	18,681	21,224	225,441	291,372	8,311	
Nelson ..	1,266,603	45,825	55,939	321,052	224,198	2,921	93,601	7,003	38,076	88,715	684	1,360,204	45,825	62,942	359,128	312,913	3,605	
Westport ..	451,061	4,524	6,682	76,401	133,341	3,199	33,333	836	9,061	52,763	749	484,394	4,524	7,518	85,462	186,104	3,948	
Greymouth ..	827,632	18,330	30,732	175,082	332,280	3,131	61,162	3,847	20,764	131,483	733	888,794	18,330	34,579	195,846	463,763	3,864	
Hokitika ..	341,393	4,485	11,154	40,157	102,154	2,426	25,228	1,396	4,702	49,422	568	366,621	4,485	12,550	44,919	142,576	2,994	
Christchurch ..	8,763,082	211,523	190,541	2,914,851	2,930,210	39,770	647,486	23,871	345,644	1,159,642	9,322	9,411,468	211,523	214,412	3,260,495	4,089,852	49,092	
Timaru ..	1,671,852	53,768	44,564	443,098	477,147	3,176	123,549	5,579	52,551	188,807	744	1,795,401	53,768	50,143	495,049	665,954	3,920	
Oamaru ..	956,456	26,962	18,811	145,795	151,931	2,407	70,680	2,355	17,291	60,119	564	1,027,116	26,962	21,166	163,086	212,050	2,971	
Dunedin ..	8,685,868	174,382	271,362	3,713,589	2,406,125	44,983	641,709	33,999	440,350	952,219	10,344	9,327,517	174,382	305,361	4,153,945	3,358,344	55,527	
Invercargill ..	4,350,580	120,159	224,055	1,044,860	882,713	7,235	321,507	28,051	123,920	349,289	1,695	4,672,087	120,159	252,106	1,168,780	1,232,002	8,930	
Totals ..	60,639,233	1,381,874	2,053,363	17,976,214	15,404,618	289,617	4,480,327	257,188	2,131,707	6,096,126	67,887	65,119,560	1,381,874	2,310,551	20,107,921	21,500,744	357,594	
Previous year ..	56,549,532	1,174,810	1,377,987	17,613,689	14,107,523	267,974	3,963,115	75,476	1,954,045	5,588,911	59,655	60,512,647	1,174,810	1,453,463	19,567,734	19,696,434	327,629	

Table No. 15.

TABLE showing the Number of Letters, Letter-cards, Post-cards, Packets, Newspapers, and Parcels posted in New Zealand, and the Number received from beyond the Colony, during the Year ended 31st December, 1904.

Service.	Articles subject to Postage.										Articles exempt from Postage.					Parcels.			Declared Value.	
	Letters.		Letter-cards.	Post-cards.		Packets, including Printed Matter (except Newspapers), Commercial Papers, and Samples of Merchandise.			News-papers.	Letters.	Packets.	Registered Articles.	News-papers.	Number.	Weight.	Postage.				
	Ordinary.	Registered.		Single.	Reply paid.	Ordinary.	Registered.													
Inland ..	51,991,886	268,295	1,381,874	1,747,267	1,859	16,633,342	33,700	12,062,477	4,956,753	732,548	139,409	1,515,108	268,977	969,988	15,752	1 8	£	s.	d.	
Australian ..	1,342,558	40,881	..	102,290	..	228,307	3,990	785,371	35,639	2,501	2,113	446	9,124	19,275	632	7 1½	..	..	..
International ..	1,751,826	44,970	..	201,947	..	372,989	6,288	1,036,397	19,329	6,527	1,596	4,319	11,516	29,106	907	13 10½	20,722	0	0	
Totals ..	55,086,270	354,146	1,381,874	2,051,504	1,859	17,234,638	43,978	13,884,245	5,011,721	741,576	143,118	1,520,373	289,617	1,018,369	17,292	2 8	20,722	0	0	
<i>Posted.</i>																				
Australian ..	1,760,191	28,687	..	55,845	..	431,801	3,663	1,760,709	15,391	1,193	1,057	1,480	16,808	48,534	1,522	0 5	165,989	0	0	
International ..	2,621,400	45,857	..	201,343	..	1,687,684	6,954	4,333,586	6,929	412	815	351	51,079	212,804	5,088	0 0	..	..	..
Totals ..	4,381,591	74,544	..	257,188	..	2,119,485	10,617	6,094,295	22,320	1,605	1,872	1,831	67,887	261,338	6,610	0 5	165,989	0	0	
<i>Received.</i>																				

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 1904.

Postal Districts.	Letters.	Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Books, &c.	Newspapers.	Parcels.
Auckland	4,520,760	103,112	210,205	969,798	889,211	20,580
Thames	606,380	13,831	35,616	145,254	159,648	4,192
New Plymouth	649,473	14,814	41,559	102,997	259,032	4,121
Gisborne	258,642	5,899	4,909	14,894	46,867	1,968
Napier	978,675	22,322	42,384	321,029	215,634	5,172
Wanganui	849,413	19,374	61,445	468,907	280,993	6,041
Wellington	4,359,191	99,427	265,514	1,879,249	1,063,604	17,522
Blenheim	179,150	4,085	8,559	45,932	59,056	2,737
Nelson	344,342	7,854	21,753	145,153	202,060	4,982
Westport	186,486	4,253	11,724	33,259	65,959	2,972
Greymouth	317,372	7,239	24,934	80,693	75,431	5,241
Hokitika	97,648	2,227	7,443	47,007	31,681	1,231
Christchurch	2,881,917	65,733	118,827	996,353	599,326	15,941
Timaru	593,688	13,541	36,543	135,865	94,286	2,485
Oamaru	319,973	7,298	33,655	47,480	53,763	2,106
Dunedin	3,628,897	82,770	304,854	1,382,606	937,387	9,481
Invercargill	966,386	22,042	82,100	569,613	223,264	3,622
Totals	21,738,393	495,822	1,312,024	7,386,089	5,248,202	110,394
Previous year	20,146,768	419,552	941,913	6,820,120	5,077,823	111,353

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.	Total.								
30th June, 1866	699	1,390	13	24,761	2,746	27,407	£ 5,561 19 2	£ s. d. 483 3 2	£ 3,934 3 4	£ s. d. 2,443 2 11	£ 6,377 6 3	£ s. d. 3 3 9 10		
" 1867	757	1,498	21	55,621	15,331	70,952	9,070 10 1	3,770 4 8	12,840 14 9	8,017 14 7	2,541 4 11	10,558 19 6	3 7 1	Mileage tariff.
" 1868	1,110	2,223	31	72,241	26,244	98,485	11,652 3 7	6,672 0 3	18,324 3 10	9,489 17 10	5,406 7 3	14,896 5 1	4 17 4	
" 1869	1,329	2,495	45	106,070	50,097	156,167	18,520 10 4	13,430 11 9	31,951 2 1	14,266 12 7	8,547 4 9	22,813 17 4	6 8 6	
" 1870	1,661	2,897	56	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	
" 1871	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	
" 1872	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	
" 1873	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	Mileage tariff in operation up to 1st Sept., 1869; unit-form as 6d. tariff from 1st Sept., 1869, to 31st March, 1870; and 1s. tariff from 1st April, 1870.
" 1874	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	
" 1875	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	
" 1876	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	
" 1877	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	
" 1878	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	
" 1879	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	
" 1881	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	From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 1882	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.	
			Open.	Number of Offices	Private and Press.	Government.	Total.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.			d.	£	s.	d.
31st Dec.	3,974	9,848	264	1,361,817	208,372	1,570,189	90,633	11	20,668	11	111,242	3	1	73,554	9	122,451	6	96,005	15	4	From 1st November 1873, address and signature given in free.
1882	4,074	10,937	302	1,379,483	219,917	1,599,400	93,822	3	21,555	19	115,378	2	5	73,054	4	119,210	6	92,264	11	0	
1883	4,204	10,474	330	1,433,458	220,847	1,654,305	95,634	5	20,835	19	110,490	5	0	70,036	6	220,041	15	90,078	0	4	
1884	4,463	10,931	375	1,533,466	240,867	1,774,266	101,632	8	24,860	9	126,512	17	0	77,082	4	420,900	6	97,982	0	6	
1885	4,546	11,178	412	1,583,717	252,549	1,836,266	106,638	12	27,281	4	133,919	16	11	77,473	10	721,402	18	98,875	8	9	
1886	4,646	11,375	437	1,589,771	245,623	1,835,394	106,548	4	30,205	11	136,753	15	10	76,580	10	621,321	2	97,901	12	9	From 1st Jan., 1886, delayed telegrams posted to addressees immediately after their receipt at their offices of destination.
1887	4,790	11,617	473	1,548,233	217,630	1,765,863	106,311	11	23,104	13	129,416	5	5	72,201	13	523,262	1	95,463	14	5	
1888	4,874	11,827	489	1,589,157	213,830	1,802,987	106,462	18	24,218	9	130,681	7	7	75,426	9	726,007	1	101,433	11	0	
1889	5,148	12,812	520	1,734,381	226,780	1,961,161	110,696	17	26,070	12	136,767	10	3	76,845	4	1,027,546	2	104,391	3	10	
1890	5,349	13,235	573	1,746,115	222,149	1,968,264	117,633	15	24,840	5	142,474	1	4	85,658	4	1,128,986	10	114,044	15	9	
1891	5,479	13,459	615	1,686,064	218,079	1,904,143	103,813	8	24,342	7	128,155	15	6	87,472	13	329,580	10	117,053	4	2	
1892	5,513	13,515	640	1,825,646	244,045	2,069,691	112,465	15	28,317	7	140,783	3	7	92,109	17	429,141	6	121,251	3	0	
1893	5,513	13,515	640	1,825,646	244,045	2,069,691	112,465	15	28,317	7	140,783	3	7	92,109	17	429,141	6	121,251	3	0	

For the Financial Years ended 31st March, 1895, to 31st March, 1905.

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.	Total.	£	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 11 8
1896	6,245½	15,764½	743	1,899,632	224,579	2,124,211	97,178	14	0	25,933	12	8	143,665	14	0	4,774 5 5
1897	6,284½	16,476½	780	2,285,001	235,168	2,520,169	100,385	16	1	29,248	19	5	153,484	6	8	3,972 8 1
1898	6,484	18,024	824	2,469,415	226,818	2,696,233	99,798	8	10	36,422	8	2	165,198	13	5	1,849 2 9
1899	6,736	18,746	878	2,717,548	243,190	2,960,738	105,576	6	0	39,718	7	7	173,152	16	6	1,427 19 11
1900	6,910	19,228	915	3,159,093	310,538	3,469,631	119,641	11	6	43,303	2	10	181,634	11	3	1,008 7 1
1901	7,249½	20,682½	991	3,534,444	363,084	3,898,128	137,861	1	2	49,117	0	8	194,014	12	11	1,000 8 6
1902	7,484	21,705	1,038	3,850,391	317,590	4,167,981	151,933	19	11	55,542	4	2	212,180	16	0	234 15 0
1903	7,779½	22,920½	1,103	4,271,218	288,086	4,559,304	160,343	7	7	62,151	8	11	228,185	10	7	181 10 0
1904	7,779½	22,920½	1,103	4,671,904	293,293	4,965,197	166,535	18	8	71,028	6	3	245,805	9	7	10,057 1 7
1905	7,943½	23,704	1,200	4,900,495	259,250	5,159,745	171,001	13	11	79,061	7	4	258,977	10	9	Nil.

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, 1905.

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	28,136	17	8	3,329	0	10	31,465	18	6	821,046	42,455	863,501
Blenheim	2,658	13	1½	423	5	5	3,081	18	6½	75,046	5,858	80,904
Christchurch	19,711	7	2½	1,847	14	11	21,559	2	1½	541,696	21,211	562,907
Dunedin	17,504	0	8½	1,303	3	4	18,807	4	0½	502,145	18,582	520,727
Gisborne	4,291	4	9½	369	17	9	4,661	2	6½	116,953	5,477	121,530
Greymouth	4,292	8	10½	441	19	6	4,734	8	4½	112,467	5,717	118,184
Hokitika	1,637	2	9	183	15	3	1,820	18	0	48,092	1,940	50,032
Invercargill	8,597	17	9	839	1	10	9,436	19	7	265,479	11,687	277,166
Napier	10,116	13	4	838	6	2	10,954	19	6	301,872	8,009	309,881
Nelson	4,344	2	6	768	6	2	5,112	8	8	219,230	11,906	231,136
New Plymouth	5,390	1	7½	642	9	10	6,032	11	5½	152,862	9,912	162,774
Oamaru	2,585	19	2½	171	8	8	2,757	7	10½	69,569	2,420	71,989
Thames	5,275	17	8	388	0	4	5,663	18	0	142,885	4,804	147,689
Timaru	4,686	0	8	318	0	4	5,004	1	0	128,755	5,110	133,865
Wanganui	10,733	4	0½	757	12	6	11,490	16	6½	320,935	8,930	329,865
Wellington	34,721	8	2½	7,446	12	6	42,168	0	8½	1,005,444	87,820	1,093,264
Westport	2,898	13	6	528	16	6	3,427	10	0	76,919	7,412	84,331
Totals, 1904-5	167,581	13	7½	20,597	11	10	188,179	5	5½	4,900,495	259,250	5,159,745
Totals, 1903-4	162,497	13	7½	24,377	1	7	186,874	15	2½	4,671,904	293,293	4,965,197

Table No. 19.

RETURN of Paid Telegrams of all Codes forwarded during the Twelve Months ended 31st March, 1905, and the Revenue received.

Class of Telegrams.	June Quarter, 1904.		September Quarter, 1904.		December Quarter, 1904.		March Quarter, 1905.		Totals.	
	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.
Ordinary ..	866,330	£ 41,152 14 5	853,207	£ 40,935 9 6½	981,357	£ 44,944 11 1	1,019,220	£ 46,805 0 4½	3,720,114	£ 173,837 15 5
Urgent ..	43,520	2,864 18 6½	40,518	2,560 16 9½	48,986	3,098 6 5½	54,003	3,370 6 5½	187,027	11,894 8 3
Press ..	88,760	3,918 14 4	93,000	4,449 9 5½	87,844	4,243 7 6½	97,462	4,523 13 6½	367,066	17,135 4 10½
Bureau ..	144,067	3,222 2 9	147,593	3,260 19 2½	162,245	3,575 11 4	172,383	3,775 5 2	626,288	13,833 18 5½
Gross totals	1,142,677	£ 51,158 10 0½	1,134,318	£ 51,206 15 0	1,280,432	£ 55,861 16 5	1,343,068	£ 58,474 5 6½	4,900,495	£ 216,701 7 0
Less other lines and credits	..	11,895 10 1½	..	12,446 10 9	..	12,084 8 7	..	12,693 3 11	..	49,119 13 4½
Net totals, 1904-5	1,142,677	£ 39,262 19 11	1,134,318	£ 38,760 4 3	1,280,432	£ 43,777 7 10	1,343,068	£ 45,781 1 7½	4,900,495	£ 167,581 13 7½
Net totals, 1903-4	1,086,890	£ 38,072 6 0	1,069,311	£ 37,350 18 7	1,215,959	£ 42,233 3 6	1,299,744	£ 44,841 5 6½	4,671,904	£ 162,497 13 7½

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, 1904.

Districts.	Number.	Telegraph Commission.	Value of Orders.
Auckland	10,809	£ 540 9 0	£ 40,645 7 9
Blenheim	1,192	59 12 0	3,584 17 8
Christchurch	4,431	221 11 0	15,682 15 4
Dunedin	4,378	218 18 0	15,308 11 3
Gisborne	2,004	100 4 0	7,060 0 4
Greymouth	2,343	117 3 0	9,344 2 8
Hokitika	723	36 3 0	2,965 17 7
Invercargill	2,031	101 11 0	6,748 1 2
Napier	4,173	208 13 0	13,270 0 5
Nelson	1,377	68 17 0	5,046 11 8
New Plymouth	1,896	94 16 0	6,172 17 8
Oamaru	529	26 9 0	1,753 3 10
Thames	3,231	161 11 0	10,014 10 10
Timaru	1,390	69 10 0	4,934 8 11
Wanganui	5,725	286 5 0	17,785 8 10
Wellington	13,192	659 12 0	45,086 16 3
Westport	1,633	81 13 0	5,386 15 4
Totals, 1904	61,057	3,052 17 0	210,790 7 6
Totals, 1903	54,933	2,746 13 0	187,472 14 0

Table No. 21.

TABLE 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.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Materials and Linemen.	Wear-and-tear, &c.	Rent, Fuel, Light, Paper, Printing, Binding, &c.	Total.		
Total for the year ended 31st March, 1882	116	2,531 14 0	613 5 2	285 0 0	275 0 0	253 0 0	150 0 0	300 0 0	300 0 0	963 0 0	207 16 0	8.17
1883	379	8,271 13 6	5,014 9 2	595 0 0	595 0 0	827 0 0	300 0 0	350 0 0	300 0 0	2,317 0 0	4,492 8 8	54.31
1884	715	15,604 17 6	7,746 16 7	695 0 0	770 0 0	1,560 0 0	350 0 0	475 0 0	350 0 0	3,375 0 0	3,653 7 4	23.41
1885	1,075	23,461 17 6	10,008 3 6	1,770 0 0	1,590 0 0	2,346 0 0	475 0 0	700 0 0	475 0 0	6,181 0 0	3,827 3 6	16.31
1886	1,710	37,319 12 1	12,294 1 2	2,849 1 3	1,704 0 0	3,731 19 2	700 0 0	700 0 0	700 0 0	8,985 0 5	5,011 19 7	13.42
1887	2,038	40,686 3 1	15,477 16 2	2,873 0 0	1,580 10 0	4,068 12 2	320 0 0	320 0 0	320 0 0	8,842 2 2	6,635 14 0	16.30
1888	2,153	49,407 5 0	16,881 8 6	3,119 10 0	2,252 0 0	4,940 14 6	330 0 0	330 0 0	330 0 0	10,642 4 6	6,239 4 1	12.63
1889	2,249	53,849 11 6	17,613 4 0	3,315 10 0	2,249 7 0	5,344 9 2	335 0 0	335 0 0	335 0 0	11,244 6 2	6,368 17 10	11.32
1890	2,402	58,229 3 0	18,581 11 7	3,790 0 0	2,206 10 0	5,823 0 1	375 0 0	375 0 0	375 0 0	12,194 10 1	6,387 1 6	11.00
1891	2,587	64,294 4 4	19,361 4 2	4,192 0 0	2,249 18 5	6,429 8 5	394 3 9	394 3 9	394 3 9	13,265 10 7	6,695 13 7	10.43
1892	3,060	76,579 1 8	18,371 7 8	4,630 0 0	2,345 2 9	7,658 7 11	398 1 6	398 1 6	398 1 6	15,026 12 2	3,544 15 6	4.63
1893	3,690	91,687 11 1	19,155 11 5	7,405 0 0	2,695 19 10	9,168 15 1	464 6 2	464 6 2	464 6 2	19,734 1 1	-578 9 8	Loss.
1894	4,244	104,425 3 0	21,771 4 4	7,720 0 0	3,313 1 1	10,442 10 4	741 18 9	741 18 9	741 18 9	22,217 10 2	-446 5 10	Loss.
1895	4,616	116,845 10 4	21,552 12 10	9,285 0 0	4,253 11 4	11,684 11 0	817 19 5	817 19 5	817 19 5	26,041 1 9	-3,420 1 9	Loss.
1896	5,143	125,108 4 1	25,933 12 9	9,686 0 10	5,303 11 9	12,510 16 5	1,952 8 3	1,952 8 3	1,952 8 3	29,452 17 3	-3,519 4 6	Loss.
1897	5,747	134,299 11 4	29,348 19 5	12,306 9 7	7,398 0 10	13,429 19 1	1,856 13 2	1,856 13 2	1,856 13 2	34,991 2 8	-5,742 3 3	Loss.
1898	5,787	142,218 11 8	36,422 6 8	14,181 18 0	11,884 2 11	7,110 18 7	1,881 11 11	1,881 11 11	1,881 11 11	35,008 11 5	1,413 15 3	0.99
1899	6,203	150,490 18 9	39,718 7 7	15,030 7 1	16,190 4 0	7,524 10 11	1,861 2 3	1,861 2 3	1,861 2 3	40,606 4 3	-887 16 8	Loss.
1900	7,150	162,333 1 2	43,303 2 10	15,710 13 2	20,847 13 6	8,116 13 0	1,892 10 8	1,892 10 8	1,892 10 8	46,567 10 4	-3,264 7 6	Loss.
1901	8,210	176,349 1 8	49,117 0 8	16,304 6 3	18,225 18 9	8,817 9 0	2,000 15 10	2,000 15 10	2,000 15 10	45,348 9 10	3,766 10 10	2.14
1902	9,260	193,511 6 2	55,542 4 9	18,448 3 5	20,570 0 9	9,675 11 9	2,078 12 10	2,078 12 10	2,078 12 10	50,772 8 9	4,769 16 0	2.46
1903	10,633	213,966 10 8	62,151 8 11	20,885 13 3	22,078 4 11	10,698 6 6	2,614 15 0	2,614 15 0	2,614 15 0	56,276 19 8	5,874 9 3	2.75
1904	12,105	241,903 2 6	71,028 6 3	23,359 8 3	22,507 9 10	12,095 3 1	2,986 3 8	2,986 3 8	2,986 3 8	60,948 4 10	10,080 1 5	4.17
1905	14,423	295,029 7 2	79,061 7 4	25,121 16 1	26,781 10 6	14,751 9 4	4,447 18 4	4,447 18 4	4,447 18 4	71,103 3 3	7,953 4 1	2.69

* 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, 1905.

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 ..	2,063 $\frac{3}{8}$	1,202 1 2	3,960 6 11	4,938 5 11	2,605 11 2	2,558 0 0	15,264 5 2	7 8 0
Wellington ..	2,087 $\frac{7}{8}$	1,452 12 1	3,856 0 5	5,262 16 5	636 7 7	3,071 0 0	14,268 16 6	6 16 8
Nelson ..	994 $\frac{3}{8}$	897 15 3	1,786 5 2	216 19 7	1,211 3 6	1,533 0 0	5,695 3 6	5 14 6
Canterbury ..	921 $\frac{1}{2}$	668 1 10	926 7 2	327 7 0	1,532 13 6	1,832 0 0	5,286 9 6	5 14 10
Otago ..	1,876 $\frac{5}{8}$	854 16 2	1,337 3 4	1,055 2 1	750 9 11	1,428 0 0	5,425 11 6	2 17 10
Cables ..	7,943 $\frac{3}{8}$ 283 knots	5,075 6 6 8 16 1	11,866 3 0 953 15 2	11,800 11 0 14 0 11	6,726 5 8 585 1 6	10,472 0 0 400 0 0	45,940 6 2 1,961 13 8	5 15 8 6 18 8 per knot
Stores ..	..	107 15 6	312 5 2	1,210 1 1	..	537 0 0	2,167 1 9	..
Totals ..	..	5,191 18 1	13,132 3 4	13,024 13 0	7,311 7 2	11,409 0 0	50,069 1 7	..

Table No. 23.

STATEMENT showing the EXPENDITURE on, and the COST of, TELEGRAPH CONSTRUCTION during the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1905.

Line.	Expenditure.	Material from Stores.	Total Cost during the Year.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Telephone exchanges,—			
Ashburton ..	7 4 6	101 16 5	109 0 11
Auckland ..	4,893 16 3	10,103 18 11	14,997 15 2
Blenheim ..	0 11 0	76 1 10	76 12 10
Cambridge ..	12 15 3	262 7 8	275 2 11
Christchurch ..	1,085 10 0	2,449 9 0	3,534 19 0
Dannevirke ..	47 4 4	220 1 11	267 6 3
Dunedin ..	914 7 11	9,594 6 9	10,508 14 8
Feilding ..	15 14 2	300 6 0	316 0 2
Gisborne ..	120 15 6	603 3 7	723 19 1
Greymouth ..	21 12 5	167 5 9	188 18 2
Hamilton ..	205 7 7	174 19 4	380 6 11
Hawera ..	68 5 10	293 13 7	361 19 5
Hokitika ..	12 5 1	39 6 7	51 11 8
Invercargill ..	91 15 7	329 0 0	420 15 7
Masterton ..	78 5 7	460 16 11	539 2 6
Napier ..	171 12 8	802 16 1	974 8 9
Nelson ..	26 16 6	278 5 1	305 1 7
New Plymouth ..	14 4 6	200 2 6	214 7 0
Oamaru ..	134 14 1	195 18 10	330 12 11
Pahiatua ..	13 7 6	53 13 3	67 0 9
Palmerston North ..	119 11 10	630 0 11	749 12 9
Rotorua ..	19 10 9	82 4 8	101 15 5
Stratford ..	5 13 0	153 5 1	158 18 1
Thames ..	4 3 6	50 2 0	54 5 6
Timaru ..	236 15 4	584 12 2	821 7 6
Waihi ..	..	108 14 4	108 14 4
Waipawa ..	..	110 17 2	110 17 2
Wanganui ..	99 18 1	385 12 8	485 10 9
Wellington ..	1,229 4 10	14,442 8 2	15,671 13 0
Westport ..	21 1 6	100 10 6	121 12 0
Whangarei ..	29 11 6	68 10 5	98 1 11
Total exchanges ..	9,701 16 7	43,424 8 1	53,126 4 8
Kaitaia—Herekino ..	133 4 2	76 5 11	209 10 1
Omapere—Waiotemarama ..	98 8 0	..	98 8 0
Waiotemarama—Waimamaku ..	54 12 3	18 6 8	72 18 11
Howick—Whitford ..	95 4 9	..	95 4 9
Ngaruawahia—Te Akatea—Waingaro ..	200 10 4	42 2 0	242 12 4
Hinuera ..	15 16 1	5 13 10	21 9 11
Cambridge—Cambridge West ..	17 12 2	12 2 9	29 14 11

Table No. 23 - continued.

STATEMENT showing the EXPENDITURE on, and the COST of, TELEGRAPH CONSTRUCTION during the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1905—continued.

Line.	Expenditure.			Material from Stores.			Total Cost during the Year.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Kaiteratahi—Te Karaka	13	1	0	3	3	2	16	4	2
Gisborne—Manutuke (Te Arai Bridge)	45	14	0	163	17	5	209	11	5
Muriwai—Wharerata	36	13	6	77	4	10	113	18	4
Waitara—Sentry Hill	5	9	9	0	14	4	6	4	1
Whangamomona—Kohuratahi	10	4	10	133	8	5	143	13	3
Toko—Tutitawa—Punuihakau	2	15	0	47	18	0	50	13	0
Wanganui—Taihape	0	7	6	692	18	5	693	5	11
Mangaweka—Taihape	33	3	4	1	17	1	35	0	5
Huntermville—Koeke	220	2	8	84	8	6	304	11	2
Aramoho—Aramoho Railway-station	0	12	6	5	11	0	6	3	6
Wellington—New Plymouth	245	13	1	484	2	2	729	15	3
Napier—Hastings	26	16	10	209	6	7	236	3	5
Dannevirke—Mangatera—Umutaoroa	34	16	6	101	13	4	136	9	10
Ormondville—Whetukura	67	15	3	25	10	5	93	5	8
Woodville—Mangarawa	45	19	2	15	6	7	61	5	9
Pahiatua—Mangamaire	0	13	0	14	3	0	14	16	0
Gladstone—Te Wharau	143	16	6	8	18	4	152	14	10
Martinborough—Hinakura (Pahaoa)	146	19	11	63	0	6	210	0	5
Kaikoura—Hapuku	20	19	10	42	9	5	63	9	3
Kaikoura—Kaikoura Wharf	24	3	6	73	17	5	98	0	11
Cheviot—Spotswood	3	1	2	5	8	1	8	9	3
Amberley—Balcairn	98	13	10	27	3	7	125	17	5
Woodend—Waikuku	6	1	6	26	11	9	32	13	3
Duvauchelle	5	5	0	...	...	...	5	5	0
Ashburton—Waterton—Longbeach	284	18	3	325	16	3	610	14	6
Lowcliff—Hinds... ..	...	...	...	70	19	4	70	19	4
Geraldine Trunk	72	12	6	244	5	3	316	17	9
Kurow—Otematata—Omarama	325	5	5	152	1	0	477	6	5
Queenstown—Long Gully	5	12	6	5	7	4	10	19	10
Oamaru—Waimate	50	6	11	298	4	3	348	11	2
Ophir—Poolburn	36	19	5	38	7	7	75	7	0
Seacliff—Puketeraki	26	8	0	20	8	6	46	16	6
Mosgiel—Momona	0	10	0	...	...	...	0	10	0
Woodside—Maungaatua	1	10	3	20	3	9	21	14	0
Taieri Beach—Akatore	152	9	2	36	8	11	188	18	1
Winton—Lochiel	12	16	2	24	6	10	37	3	0
Heriot—Edievale	41	19	6	...	...	...	41	19	6
Balclutha Trunk	0	10	0	...	...	...	0	10	0
Clinton—Ashley Down—Clydevale	11	0	4	...	...	...	11	0	4
Owaka—Purekireki	336	3	3	81	8	10	417	12	1
Nuggets—Tokata	2	3	6	9	11	0	11	14	6
Invercargill—Mabel Bush	93	7	6	30	0	5	123	7	11
Invercargill—Winton	175	11	4	183	8	1	358	19	5
Invercargill—Gorge Road	9	7	7	5	18	4	15	5	11
Te Tua—Tuatapere	26	0	0	0	16	10	26	16	10
Purchase of material	13,221	15	1	47,435	4	1	60,656	19	2
Total expenditure 1904-5	79,297	15	1						
Total expenditure to 31st March, 1904	1,053,692	9	6						
Total expenditure out of Public Works Fund to 31st March, 1905	£1,132,990	4	7	Total cost of lines during 1904-5			£60,656	19	2