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# POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT

(REPORT OF THE) FOR THE YEAR 1905.

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

MY LORD,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 6th August, 1906.

I have the honour to submit to Your Excellency the Report of the Post and Telegraph Department for the year 1905, 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 expansion of business which has been recorded in the reports for many years past still continues. Never has the revenue been so buoyant as during the year just closed. The estimate of revenue, which was considered to be an optimistic one, has been exceeded by £29,578, and the balance of revenue over expenditure was greater than ever attained in the history of the Department. The year has throughout been a record one, and it is gratifying to find that an increase in earnings of £51,572 over the previous year has been gained at the moderate increase of expenditure of £18,805. Even on the telegraph side, where an annual deficiency is looked for, the excess of expenditure over revenue was comparatively so slight that it is reasonable to hope that a small surplus will be shown for the current year.

The financial outlook in all branches of the Department is very bright.

The revenue and expenditure of the Department for the year 1905-6 are shown in the following table:—

Item.	Postal.		Telegraph.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
<i>Receipts.</i>						
Stamps for postage .. .. .	353,873	11 7	..	..	353,873	11 7
Money-order and postal-note commission .. .. .	23,668	19 10½	..	..	23,668	19 10½
Money-order commission received from foreign offices .. .. .	637	10 3	..	..	637	10 3
Private box and bag fees .. .. .	8,726	3 0	..	..	8,726	3 0
Miscellaneous receipts .. .. .	24,060	18 10½	3,894	18 5	27,955	17 3½
Paid telegrams .. .. .	..	..	180,474	7 9	180,474	7 9
Telephone exchanges .. .. .	..	..	89,542	1 5	89,542	1 5
	410,967	3 7	273,911	7 7	684,878	11 2
Balance of expenditure over revenue (Telegraph) .. .. .	..	..	2,669	4 10	..	..
Totals .. .. .	410,967	3 7	276,580	12 5	684,878	11 2
<i>Expenditure.</i>						
Salaries (classified officers) .. .. .	110,602	3 1	189,941	5 0	300,543	8 1
Salaries (country Postmasters and telephonists and contributions to railway officers) .. .. .	18,958	0 6	24,491	1 10	43,449	2 4
Conveyance of mails by sea .. .. .	54,610	15 7	..	..	54,610	15 7
Conveyance of inland mails .. .. .	52,929	4 7	..	..	52,929	4 7
Conveyance of mails by railway .. .. .	32,619	10 4	..	..	32,619	10 4
Money-order commission credited to foreign offices .. .. .	1,916	19 1	..	..	1,916	19 1
Maintenance of telegraph-lines .. .. .	..	..	35,089	3 0	35,089	3 0
Miscellaneous .. .. .	30,509	6 0	27,059	2 7	57,568	8 7
	302,145	19 2	276,580	12 5	578,726	11 7
Balance of revenue over expenditure (Postal) .. .. .	108,821	4 5	..	..	..	..
" " (combined Department) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	106,151	19 7
Totals .. .. .	410,967	3 7	276,580	12 5	684,878	11 2