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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	..	..	108,821	4 5
" " (combined Department) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	106,151	19 7
Totals .. .. .	410,967	3 7	276,580	12 5	684,878	11 2

Postage-stamp sales alone exceed those of the previous year by £27,506, and the estimate by £13,874. Telephone-exchange receipts increased £10,481, and paid telegrams produced £12,892 more than in 1904-5.

The total revenue exceeded that of 1904-5 by £51,572.

If to the balance of revenue over expenditure there be added the value of free official postal correspondence (£94,252 5s. 7d.) and official telegrams (£24,168 10s. 4d.), the net credit balance on the year's transactions will be found to be £224,572 15s. 6d.

The money-order business again shows a relatively small percentage of increase. As will be seen from the tables, some 15,500 more orders were dealt with in all. The orders issued numbered 417,441, and those paid 318,127, for £1,541,712 and £1,310,810 respectively. Almost half the total net increase in money-order business is with New South Wales alone, the issues on that State having increased 23 per cent, and the orders drawn there on New Zealand by 9 per cent.

New Zealand postal notes numbering 875,324 were sold, their value being £276,279.

The British postal-order business showed marked expansion, the number of orders sold having increased from 17,776 to 27,369, and the number paid from 3,912 to 7,364.

The number of parcels insured during the year was 1,517, valued at £17,682, upon which premiums amounting to £46 13s. 4d. were received.

The increase in the amount standing to the credit of Savings-Bank depositors far exceeds that of any previous year. The deposits (£6,625,744) exceeded the withdrawals (£5,984,185) by £641,559. To this there has been added £259,081 as interest, making a total increase of £900,640, and bringing the whole amount of savings up to £8,662,023, an amount which equals £9 16s. 4d. per head of the population.

The number of old-age pensions payments shows a considerable increase, having risen from 138,964 to 141,018, representing £195,471 and £254,361 respectively. For making these payments and the consequent accounting involved, there is now received from the Old-age Pensions Department a sum of £1,010 per annum, which, however, does not nearly cover the cost of the work to the Post Office.

Telegrams show a far more satisfactory rate of increase than in the previous year, the number dealt with having risen from 5,159,745 to 5,640,219. This is equal to an increase of about 9½ per cent. The revenue amounted to £180,474.

The telephone exchanges still continue to rapidly expand. The number of connections on 31st March last was 15,333. The year previous it was 13,423. The receipts increased from £79,061 to £89,542.

The amount expended on telegraph extension was £77,186; but there are liabilities amounting to £83,295 on account of works for which the authority of Parliament was granted too late for the necessary expenditure to be brought within the financial year.

On the 31st March, 1906, there were 8,355 miles of telegraph-line and 25,116 miles of wire. The length of cables within the colony was 283 knots.

The total number of telegrams forwarded does not in itself convey an adequate idea of the work performed by the telegraph branch. Each inland forwarded message becomes a received message at the office of destination. Thus, while the forwarded messages numbered 5,640,219, the received numbered 5,617,224, the difference being due to fewer cable messages being received than forwarded. A very large number of messages have also to be transmitted *en route*. These numbered 8,723,612. Adding together all these figures it will be found that the number of telegrams dealt with at all stations reached the very large total of 19,981,055. This does not include service telegrams of the Post and Telegraph Department.

STATEMENT showing REVENUE and EXPENDITURE of the POST and TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT for the Ten Years ended 31st March, 1906, 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
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
1905-1906	684,878	11	2	578,726	11	7	106,151	19	7
Total for ten years	...	...	...	...	...	...	£614,994	15	3½

## STAFF.

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

	31st March, 1906.
Postmaster-General .. .. .	1
Classified staff:—	
First Division .. .. .	3
Clerical Division .. .. .	1,893
Non-clerical Division .. .. .	471
Telegraph messengers .. .. .	555
Total, classified staff .. .. .	2,923
Employees not on permanent staff:—	
Country Postmasters and Postmistresses .. .. .	1,829
Nightwatchmen .. .. .	2
Mail-cart drivers .. .. .	4
Postmasters and telegraphists or telephonists who are Railway officers .. .. .	171
Total .. .. .	4,929

COMPARATIVE Return of Officers of the Post and Telegraph Department for the Years ended 31st March, 1905, and 31st March, 1906.

	Mar. 31, 1905.	Mar. 31, 1906.		Mar. 31, 1905.	Mar. 31, 1906.
Postmaster-General .. .. .	1	1	Brought forward .. .. .	130	140
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 .. .. .	114	118
Controller of Money-orders and Savings-banks and Accountant .. .. .	1	1	Clerks (including Telephone Exchange cadettes and cadets in post-offices) .. .. .	1,466	1,618
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 .. .. .	18	19
Clerks in General Post Office—			Letter-carriers .. .. .	285	303
Secretary's Office .. .. .	19	19	Messengers (Post Office) .. .. .	77	75
Inspector's and Dead-letter Branch .. .. .	8	8	Linemen .. .. .	69	74
Controller of Money-orders and Savings-banks and Accountant's Branch .. .. .	73	82	Telegraph message-boys .. .. .	525	555
Storekeeper and assistants .. .. .	10	10	Nightwatchmen .. .. .	2	2
Electrician .. .. .	1	1	Mail-cart drivers .. .. .	4	4
Assistant Electrician .. .. .	1	3	Postmasters and telegraphists or telephonists who are Railway officers .. .. .	168	171
Mechanicians and cadets .. .. .	6	5	Country Postmasters, Postmistresses, and telephonists .. .. .	1,760	1,829
Telegraph Inspectors .. .. .	5	5			
Carried forward .. .. .	130	140	Totals .. .. .	4,639	4,929

With the exception of a regrettable breach of duty on the part of three officers, the conduct of the staff as a whole was good.

The rapid expansion of the telegraph business made it necessary to open a school for learners. As there was sufficient spare accommodation at Oamaru that office was selected, and a class of twenty-four lads commenced on the 19th February, 1906. A second class is now in course of tuition.

The principle of filling all clerical positions by promotion from the non-clerical division will have to be restricted to some extent. While promoted non-clerical officers give satisfaction in certain positions in the clerical division, it is becoming daily more evident that the performance of non-clerical work during the more plastic years of a young man's life seriously handicaps him against purely clerical work, such as that of the money-order and savings-bank and other similar branches of chief post-office work. A scheme has been approved under which periodical examinations will be held for vacant cadetships.

His Majesty the King was pleased on the 1st July, 1905, to confer upon Mr. William Gray, Secretary of the Post and Telegraph Department, the Companionship of the Imperial Service Order, a well-deserved recognition of long and faithful public service.

The regulations under "The Post and Telegraph Classification and Regulation Act, 1890," have been amended as regards letter-carriers of the second grade, who are now required to have ten years' service in the Department or class before they are eligible for promotion to the first grade. Such eligibility is also subject to the officer being favourably reported upon as regards competency, conduct, and merit.

Telephone-exchange cadettes with ten years' service or over have been placed in the class of cadettes with a maximum salary of £100 by four annual increments of £5.

To conform with the provisions of "The Education Act, 1904," the regulations issued under "The Post and Telegraph Classification and Regulation Act, 1890," were altered in the direction of requiring that an appointee to a telegraph messengership shall possess a Fifth Standard pass or its equivalent.

No person is now eligible for appointment to the Department if two or more persons belonging to his family are already officers of the Department. The expression "family" includes father, mother, and their children. Not more than one daughter in a family is eligible for appointment as a telephone-exchange cadette.

## 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.
Men ... ..	1,501	Days. 12·35	Days. 4·81
Women ... ..	219	19·44	14·56

## APPEAL BOARD.

The new Board, which met in April last year, dealt with three appeals. In one case the finding was favourable to the appellant, and in two instances the appeals were not sustained.

## POSTAL UNION CONGRESS.

The sixth Postal Union Congress, which was to have met in 1904, but was postponed from year to year at the instance of the Italian Government, assembled at Rome on Saturday, the 7th April last.

The inaugural address was delivered by His Excellency M. Alfredo Baccelli, the Italian Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, in the presence of the Diplomatic Corps and of the High Government officials. Their Majesties the King and Queen of Italy honoured the assembly by their presence. M. Senator Cruciani-Alibrandi, Syndic of the City of Rome, also addressed the assemblage.

The Congress, which met for general business on the following Monday, under the presidency of the Italian Director-General of Posts, had more than ordinary interest for New Zealand. It was the first at which the colony was directly represented by its Postmaster-General, while the Minister's important proposals in favour of universal penny postage and for a separate vote for New Zealand lent additional interest to the proceedings.

The practical business began by the appointment of three committees, whose business it would be to revise the existing Convention and regulations, and examine the new proposals and suggested amendments, for the final adjudication of the Congress.

The first (or "Grand") Committee comprised the delegates of the principal Union countries, including Australia and New Zealand, and was presided over by the principal British delegate. This Committee, among other things, had to deal with all questions relating to postage-rates, sea and territorial transit-charges, &c. The propositions emanating from the Australasian Colonies also came under the review of this Committee.

A summary of the more important business, and the decisions of the Congress on the propositions brought forward by and on behalf of New Zealand, are given below. A fuller report of the proceedings will be laid before Parliament later on.

New Zealand's proposal for universal penny postage was introduced by the Postmaster-General in an impressive speech, setting forth the great advantages of cheap postage and the success which had attended the introduction of penny postage in Canada and New Zealand. The motion was seconded by the delegate for Egypt, who strongly advocated its adoption, and was cordially supported by the Commonwealth delegate. When the question came to a vote, only the United States, Egypt, and Australasia were found supporting the motion, Great Britain, Canada, India, and Japan abstaining from voting. On its becoming known that Great Britain would not support the motion, its defeat was a foregone conclusion. The opposition displayed by many of the delegates was for other than financial reasons—a disinclination to move with the times, and a belief that the proposals were somewhat ambitious for so young a colony. But there is little doubt that the discussion awakened a very wide interest in the question, and that the Congress of 1911 will give the world universal penny postage. Meantime it may be possible for New Zealand to establish restricted unions with some of the Union countries for penny postage. Such a union, it is hoped, may be possible with the United States, or, failing this, an agreement for the delivery of our penny letters within the States without surcharge. These matters were discussed with the President and the Postmaster-General of the United States by the Postmaster-General of this colony when he passed through America.

Germany, it should be mentioned, had already carried a proposition to raise the letter-weight from 15 to 20 grammes, as opposed to Great Britain's proposal to reduce the letter-rate from 2½d. to 2d. for the first half-ounce, and from 2½d. to 1d. for each succeeding half-ounce, a proposal strongly opposed by Germany, France, and other Continental countries. After the division was taken, Great Britain intimated that it could not accept the 20 grammes—an impossible weight for countries which had not adopted the decimal system, and that it would bring up the question again. Japan's proposal to reduce the rate from 2½d. to 2d. was also defeated.

At a later stage Great Britain moved that the letter-rate be 2½d. for the first 20 grammes, and 1½d. for each succeeding 20 grammes, and that the countries not having the decimal system should adopt the ounce (which is over 28 grammes) as the equivalent of 20 grammes. The proposal was again strongly opposed by Germany, France, and others, but after a very animated debate in full Congress, Great Britain's motion was carried by a majority of four. The reduction, which means a material concession to the public, but is more favourable to countries not using the decimal system, will not have effect until October next year.

The question of a separate vote for New Zealand was brought forward in the first Committee by the principal British delegate in a forcible and tactful speech, demonstrating that the colony

was entitled to separate representation. The Postmaster-General of New Zealand spoke strongly in favour of the motion, affirming that New Zealand was entitled to a vote of her own. Australia and Egypt also urged that the separate vote be given. Appeals for additional representation from the United States, Germany, France, Italy, and Portugal had also been made, and were considered with Great Britain's proposals. There was, however, strong opposition from the outset to New Zealand being given a separate vote, and its nature may be gathered from the fact that Germany was prepared to waive its claim for increased voting-powers for its colonies if the other countries would do the same, in the hope, no doubt, of defeating Great Britain's proposals. Hungary moved an amendment to give an extra vote to the United States only, and to maintain the *status quo* in respect of the other countries. This amendment, which was intended to burke New Zealand obtaining a separate vote, was carried by a majority of three—eleven to eight. Five countries, the United States, Argentine, Denmark, Mexico, and Holland abstained from voting. As Great Britain's motion was not defeated on its merits, the Postmaster-General determined, after conferring with the British and other delegates, to have the question brought up again in full Congress. This was done, and the motion providing for a separate vote for New Zealand was carried by a majority of two, after a hard and anxious struggle, and heated debate. Germany, France, and other countries renewed their opposition to New Zealand having a separate vote; but a better appreciation of the justice of the colony's claim was now shown by the majority of the delegates, and the unreasonable opposition was defeated. On the motion being carried, Germany, France, Italy, and Portugal's applications for additional representation for their colonies were granted, practically without debate, Great Britain and her colonies supporting.

Great Britain's comprehensive proposals for a general reduction in the sea- and land-transit rates, after a very protracted and somewhat acrimonious debate, and the acceptance of an amendment by Switzerland, submitted with the object of reconciling the strong objections raised by France and Italy to the suggested reductions in the railway rates for the transit of forward mails through their territories, were practically agreed to. The reductions mean a considerable saving to New Zealand in respect of the San Francisco service, as the heavy territorial special rates so long paid for the transit of the British and colonial mails between San Francisco and New York are to be abolished. The ordinary territorial and sea rates are also to be reduced, and the total reductions will result in a saving to the colony in respect of the San Francisco service. Up to the present these payments have been made on 1896 statistics. Since 1896 the correspondence has more than doubled, so that under the new statistics to be taken in 1907 the payments would, at the old rates, have increased proportionately. Under the reduced rates, however, the amount will remain about the same as now paid—practically a saving of about £5,000 a year. The reductions do not have effect until October, 1907.

Mr. Shattky's (of Hastings, New Zealand) reply stamp was submitted for consideration; but it, with other similar propositions, was set aside in favour of Great Britain's "reply coupon," which was approved by Congress. This coupon is of the nature of a small postal order, payable to bearer, and exchangeable for a postage-stamp of the value of 25 centimes (2½d.). The International Bureau will supply coupons of the value of 25, 10, and 5 centimes, exchangeable for postage-stamps of equivalent value in any country adopting the scheme. A small additional charge may be made to cover the cost of printing, &c. It was claimed that the coupon system precludes fraud, and disposes of the vexed question of exchange on the values of the currencies of different countries—safeguards which it was held were not provided by Mr. Shattky's scheme. The coupon really provides a reply-paid stamp.

New Zealand's proposal that seeds should be admitted at sample rates was not agreed to.

The proposition by New Zealand to exclude gambling and lottery circulars from the post was met by a decision of the Congress that countries whose legislation did not prevent the transmission of such matter should take power to prohibit delivery, and to notify the International Bureau that such articles would not be accepted. It is the intention to amend our law in this direction.

Another proposal of New Zealand's, to reduce the postage on printed matter to enable the bulky weekly newspapers being forwarded at ½d. for 4 oz., in place of 2 oz., was unfortunately not agreed to.

The transmission of "spent" letters at book rates of postage was adopted under certain conditions.

Post-cards may now have writing on the left-hand front half of the card, and vignettes and photographs on thin paper are allowed to be affixed to the cards. Post-cards, subject to the regulations being complied with, will also be accepted for transmission by post at printed-paper rates.

The regulation against postage-stamps being placed on the back of letters was amended. While not actually prohibiting stamps being affixed on the back of posted articles, the Congress strongly urged the public to place them on the front. There will, however, be no penalty for placing a stamp on the back of an article sent by post.

Many other amendments and reforms of a far-reaching character and for simplifying the general administration were agreed to. These will be referred to in more detail in the separate paper which is to be laid before Parliament.

The several changes and amendments do not have effect until October, 1907. The Congress concluded its business on the 25th May. The next Congress is to meet at Madrid in 1911.

This brief reference to the Congress proceedings would not be complete without hearty acknowledgment of the many courtesies extended by the Italian Government to the delegates and their parties, and appreciation of the lavish hospitality which provided many instructive and diverting excursions and entertainments.

#### NEWSPAPER POSTAGE.

The penny rate on newspapers from New Zealand has been further extended, and now applies to the following countries: Ascension, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, British Hon-

duras, British New Guinea, British N. Borneo, Caicos Islands, Canada, Ceylon, Cyprus, Egypt, Falkland Islands, Fed. Malay States, Gambia, Gibraltar, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, Johore, Labuan, Leeward Islands, Malta, Mauritius, Natal, Newfoundland, Orange River Colony, St. Helena, Sarawak, Sierra Leone, South Sea Islands, Southern Nigeria, Straits Settlements, Transvaal, Trinidad, Turks Islands, Zanzibar.

Newspapers for Australia and British New Guinea exceeding 20 oz. in weight for each copy are still liable to an additional  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for each 10 oz. over 20 oz.

The United Kingdom also continues to accept New Zealand newspapers prepaid 1d. each, irrespective of weight, subject to certain conditions.

#### POST-OFFICE INSPECTION.

During the year the four Assistant Inspectors of post-offices visited and inspected 1,535 offices, and travelled 30,046 miles. In addition to this they also acted as relieving Chief Postmasters in several districts.

#### OFFENCES.

A sea captain was prosecuted and fined 10s., with £1 8s. costs, for failing to give notice of the intended sailing of his vessel, as required by sections 39 and 40 of "The Post Office Act, 1900."

A letter-carrier was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for unlawfully detaining postal matter, &c.

A Maori who forcibly took illegal possession of a letter, and on being remonstrated with violently assaulted a Postmaster, was convicted and bound to keep the peace. He was also ordered to pay costs, or in default to be imprisoned for two months with hard labour.

For forgery of a receipt for £26 3s. 6d. withdrawn from a Savings-Bank account, a young man at Wellington was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, to be concurrent with a term which he was then serving. The presiding Justice in giving sentence took occasion to denounce in strong terms the prevalent gambling mania which in that instance had been responsible for the crime.

A man obtained wrongful possession of a letter, addressed to another person, containing a money-order, and exchanged the order for cash from a third person. He was prosecuted, and failing to pay a fine which was inflicted was imprisoned for one month.

A person who was found guilty of sending a false telegram by which he fraudulently obtained a sum of money, and of forgery of the receipt on a money-order telegram, was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment for the first offence and two years for the second, the sentences to be concurrent.

At Wellington a man was charged with having "fraudulently stated that he had posted a packet containing money, which he had not done," an empty envelope only having been posted. The suspicion laid upon Postal officers by such fraudulent action was regarded as casting a serious aspect on the case, as against which the Judge ruled that "a false statement did not mean an attempt to defraud." His Honour said the point to be considered by the jury was "whether the prisoner, when he made the false statement to the detective, intended to deceive the Post Office people into believing that the amount had been posted, and whether he intended to deceive the addressee by his act." The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and the accused was admitted to probation for twelve months. His Honour was of opinion "that the offence lay; but it might be that argument before the Court of Appeal would show that no offence had been committed, and if it could be established that a man could make a statement reflecting upon the honesty of our Post Office officials without creating a breach of the law, it might be well to make an alteration in the law.

An officer was charged in five indictments with the theft of postal packets and the misappropriation of moneys. He pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to one year's imprisonment on each charge, the sentences to be concurrent.

There have been prosecutions of persons who have posted post-cards considered to be of an indecent and immoral nature, with the result in one instance that a fine of £3 and costs was inflicted. Strict measures are taken to intercept in the post obscene cards, but the evil effect of such articles being circulated cannot be overcome while the cards are imported and sold in the colony.

#### NEW POSTAGE-STAMPS, ETC.

The former plates from which the 1d. postage-stamp was printed having become worn, new plates were brought into use in January last.

The design of the 1d. and 2d. postage-due stamps is now the same as that for the  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. value—viz., green with red centre.

#### POST-CARDS.

During the year arrangements have been made whereby pictorial post-cards bearing communications on the left-hand half of the address side may be sent to the following countries: Algeria, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Dahomey, Danish West Indies, Denmark, Egypt, Erithrea, France, French Congo, French Guiana, French Guinea, French Indo-China, Germany, Hayti, Holland, Hungary, Iceland, India (French), Italy, Ivory Coast, Luxemburg, Macao, Madagascar, Martinique, Mexico, Montenegro, New Caledonia, Norway, Portugal, Portuguese East Africa, Portuguese India, Portuguese Timor, Portuguese West Africa, Réunion, Roumania, Russia, Senegambia, Siam, Society Islands, Somaliland (French), Somaliland (Italian), Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tahiti, Tunis, Tripoli (Africa), Italian Agencies at Tripoli and

Bengasi. The Commonwealth of Australia had agreed to accept such cards in 1904. Great Britain has intimated its willingness to receive post-cards, pictorial or otherwise, similarly bearing written communications on the front.

The recent importation into the colony of post-cards bearing pictures calculated to have an immoral effect on the community is a subject which calls for consideration. Such cards which may be received for transmission by post are at once intercepted. In some instances the senders have been prosecuted for a breach of the provisions of the Offensive Publications Act, and in one case a serious warning was given. A supply of indecent post-cards which had arrived from abroad by parcel post was confiscated by the Customs Department in accordance with section 198 of "The Customs Laws Consolidation Act, 1882."

#### AFFIXING STAMPS TO LETTERS.

It is now obligatory that postage-stamps be affixed on the front or address side of a letter, and in the right-hand upper corner of that side. Stamps placed on the back of a letter are no longer recognised, and the letter is charged as insufficiently prepaid. On redirected letters fresh stamps may not be placed over the stamps which have been previously used. This rule has, however, been amended by the late Postal Congress.

#### "CUT-OUT" ENVELOPES.

"Cut-out" envelopes—namely, covers having an aperture in the front to allow the address of the enclosure to be read—are now prohibited from transmission by post.

#### RECEIVING-BOXES.

The posting of matter in receiving-boxes has been restricted to letters, and to newspapers and other articles which do not exceed 13 in. in length and 2 in. in thickness. Not more than six newspapers or other printed articles may, however, be posted in any one receiving-box in one day by the same person or on behalf of any one person. This regulation was found necessary owing to the boxes being frequently blocked by large numbers of newspapers from publishing offices, &c.

#### EARLY HISTORY OF THE NEW ZEALAND POST OFFICE.

A brief history of the postal service of the colony from the year 1831 until the passing of the Post Office Act of 1858, compiled by Mr. D. Robertson, Chief Clerk of the Department, from early official documents and information received from old colonists, has been issued. The book makes an interesting addition to the volumes relating to the early colonisation of New Zealand.

#### DEPARTMENTAL RULES.

The General and Postal section of the Departmental Rules and Regulations, the revision of which has been completed, is now through the Press, and is being issued to officers.

#### BUILDINGS.

During the year brick buildings were erected at Mornington, Otaki, and Palmerston North, and wooden buildings at Half-moon Bay, Kahukura, Lyell Bay (cable hut), Parnell, Pungarehu, Waipiro Bay, Waitotara, and Whakarewarewa. At Puketeraki a contribution was made towards the cost of a building on the Native reserve. At Linwood a property was purchased for the purpose of a post-office building. Buildings in brick are in course of erection at Bull's, Greymouth, Hutt, Nelson, New Plymouth, Otautau, Taihape, Tauranga, and Winton. Wooden buildings are being erected at Collingwood and Millerton. Sites for buildings were purchased at Devonport and Johnsonville. At Christchurch the growth of the Department's business has necessitated extensive alterations and additions to the chief post and telegraph office, and these are now in hand. Substantial alterations have been made and offices refitted at Napier. The question of extensive additions to the General and Chief Post Office building, Wellington, is being considered.

The following general repairs, additions, &c., were carried out during the year:—Amberley: providing accommodation at railway-station for postal purposes; Auckland: supply of fire-extinguishers and additional private letter-boxes; Culverden: providing accommodation at railway-station for postal purposes; Dannevirke: additions, furniture, fittings; Dunedin: additions to Money-order Office; Dunedin North: repairs and renovations; Eltham: drainage, water-supply, &c.; Fairlie: providing accommodation at railway-station for postal purposes; Feilding: repairs, &c., necessitated through damage caused by fire in adjoining building; Grey Lynn: alterations; Greymouth: renovations, &c., to Chief Postmaster's residence; Greytown North: additions and alterations; Henderson: providing accommodation at railway-station for postal purposes; Inglewood: installing electric light; Kihikihi: improvements; Longburn: providing accommodation at railway-station for postal purposes; Lumsden: providing accommodation at railway-station for postal purposes; Oamaru: improvements; Pahiatua: additions and alterations; Palmerston: additions; Pembroke: additions; Petone: repairs and renovations put in hand; Ponsonby: repairs, painting &c.; Reefton: renovations and drainage; St. Albans: alterations to property purchased; Timaru: renovating clock-tower, &c.; Waikaia: alterations; Waipawa: additions and alterations; Wairoa: erecting bathroom, wash-house, &c.; Waverley: improvements; Wellington: alterations and renovations, and fitting up parcel office; additions to mechanics' workshop; Winchester: providing accommodation at railway-station for postal purposes; Woodlands: providing accommodation at railway-station for postal purposes.

#### INLAND TELEGRAPHIC CODE ADDRESSES.

The system of code addresses, which had formerly been applicable only to cable messages, was, on the 6th April last, extended to apply to inland telegrams. The concession is of considerable

convenience to the mercantile community, which has largely availed itself of the opportunity to register code addresses for their inland telegrams.

“COLLECT” TELEGRAMS FOR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

With a view to restricting the number of “collect” telegrams for Government Departments, which have usually been franked as on public service by the addressees, a regulation has been made that such messages shall only be accepted for transmission when addressed from or to duly authorised persons.

PRESS TELEGRAMS FOR COUNTRY NEWSPAPERS.

A concession in the rate for Press telegrams for country newspapers has been made. Between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. the rate is 1s. for every 150 words or fraction thereof. Not more than one such telegram may be sent to any one newspaper on any one day. A country newspaper is defined as one printed and published at any place other than a city or town where there is a chief post-office.

TELEPHONE TRUNK WIRES.

The charges for the use of telephone trunk wires have been altered and assimilated in regard to subscribers' and non-subscribers' rates for distances exceeding twenty-five miles. A charge is now made for sending out for the person to whom it is desired to converse with.

PRIVATE TELEPHONE ANNUNCIATOR CHARGES.

A charge of 5s. per annum is now levied as rental for the number on the annunciator by which the connection of a private telephone with a telephone exchange is obtained.

PAYMENT OF IMPERIAL PENSIONS.

On the 1st September the Department added further to its many duties the payment of Imperial pensions to such pensioners as reside in the colony. The work, though not bulking very largely, necessitates the handling of a large number of special forms and the observance of many special rules, the pensions emanating from various branches of the Imperial service. The system set up to meet requirements is working smoothly, and there has been an entire absence of complaint on the part of the pensioners.

OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

The Post Office, as the medium through which the monthly payment of old-age pensions is made, performs a very considerable portion of the work in connection with that system. Throughout the length and breadth of the country the aged, who are often more or less infirm, are enabled by the widely extended facilities afforded, to obtain the pension with a minimum of inconvenience. They present their pension certificate, which is indorsed by the paying officer, sign a receipt, and receive the pension in cash.

The Post Office first distributes and then collects the warrants, afterwards accounting for these payments to the Treasury. They are made out of a special imprest granted monthly by the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer to the General Post Office in Wellington. The postal officials necessarily come into more regular and personal contact with the pensioners than any other officials concerned, and consequently it is to them that the old folk appeal for information upon the thousand and one questions about which they require enlightenment.

Yet so complete is the organization, and so smoothly does the whole arrangement work, that the outsider hardly knows that the Post Office has added this work to its manifold duties.

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, 1906:—

Month.	1904-5.		1905-6.	
	Number of Payments.	Amount.	Number of Payments.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
April ... ..	11,326	15,940 13 0	11,437	16,141 13 7
May ... ..	11,475	16,155 17 9	11,721	16,528 13 7
June ... ..	11,477	16,171 1 6	11,654	16,428 3 0
July ... ..	11,619	16,332 15 9	11,599	16,354 6 7
August ... ..	11,621	16,338 17 2	11,571	16,323 18 1
September ... ..	11,744	16,487 12 5	11,501	23,915 5 6
October ... ..	11,655	16,384 7 8	11,749	24,457 14 3
November ... ..	11,587	16,281 8 10	11,767	24,498 15 5
December ... ..	11,699	16,466 5 9	11,885	24,715 12 7
January ... ..	11,501	16,188 19 1	11,859	24,651 14 5
February ... ..	11,716	16,485 2 1	12,063	25,030 14 11
March ... ..	11,544	16,237 9 10	12,212	25,314 4 7
Totals ... ..	138,964	£195,470 10 10	141,018	£254,360 16 6



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

Postal District.	1904-5.			1905-6.				
	Number of Payments.	Amount.		Number of Payments.	Amount.			
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Auckland...	27,769	38,871	5	11	28,016	50,265	11	5
Blenheim...	1,748	2,480	18	4	1,695	3,055	3	0
Christchurch...	20,959	29,008	5	8	22,369	40,155	0	9
Dunedin...	21,600	30,217	4	2	21,791	39,247	4	2
Gisborne...	1,226	1,736	0	4	1,249	2,246	18	5
Greymouth...	6,268	9,243	17	6	6,016	11,206	19	8
Hokitika...	6,081	8,849	19	4	5,972	11,065	1	7
Invercargill...	9,481	13,292	17	8	9,454	17,102	15	6
Napier...	5,325	7,394	5	4	5,213	9,213	0	6
Nelson...	3,620	4,852	9	4	3,337	5,755	0	6
New Plymouth...	2,614	3,629	9	1	2,866	4,987	11	0
Oamaru...	2,512	3,527	15	3	2,591	4,682	6	7
Thames...	5,457	7,842	8	7	5,521	10,126	7	6
Timaru...	4,352	6,045	15	9	4,518	8,060	13	7
Wanganui...	4,067	5,814	2	1	4,182	7,641	11	9
Wellington...	12,640	17,919	2	2	12,916	23,383	0	6
Westport...	3,245	4,744	14	4	3,312	6,166	10	1
Totals	138,964	£195,470	10	10	141,018	£254,360	16	6

## POST OFFICE.

## ARTICLES POSTED AND DELIVERED.

The number of articles posted in the colony and received from places outside the colony during the year 1905, as compared with the number in 1904, was as under:—

	1905.	1904.	Increase.
Letters—			
Posted in the colony .. .. .	64,750,510	60,639,233	
Received from places outside the colony .. .. .	4,914,431	4,480,327	
	<u>69,664,941</u>	<u>65,119,560</u>	4,545,381
Letter-cards—			
Posted in the colony .. .. .	1,451,320	1,381,874	69,446
Post-cards—			
Posted in the colony .. .. .	2,942,953	2,053,363	
Received from places outside the colony .. .. .	708,074	257,188	
	<u>3,651,027</u>	<u>2,310,551</u>	1,340,476
Books and pattern-packets—			
Posted in the colony .. .. .	21,347,921	17,976,214	
Received from places outside the colony .. .. .	2,359,980	2,131,707	
	<u>23,707,901</u>	<u>20,107,921</u>	3,599,980
Newspapers—			
Posted in the colony .. .. .	17,288,829	15,404,618	
Received from places outside the colony .. .. .	6,337,533	6,096,126	
	<u>23,626,362</u>	<u>21,500,744</u>	2,125,618
Parcels—			
Posted in the colony .. .. .	313,617	289,617	
Received from places outside the colony .. .. .	78,400	67,887	
	<u>392,017</u>	<u>357,504</u>	34,513

The letters increased 6·98, letter-cards 5·03, post-cards 58·02, newspapers 9·89, other printed matter and pattern-packets 17·9, and parcels 9·65 per cent.

In 1904 letters increased 7·61, letter-cards 17·63, post-cards 58·97, newspapers 9·16, other printed matter and pattern-packets 2·76, and parcels 9·12 per cent.

The average number of letters posted per head of population was estimated to be 74·43, or 76·09 including letter-cards. The averages in 1904 were 71·76, or 73·4 including letter-cards.

The Post Office receipts for the year amounted to £410,967 3s. 7d., an increase of 7·23 per cent.

The expenditure was £302,145 19s. 2d., an increase of 0·40 per cent.

The balance of postal revenue over expenditure was £108,821 4s. 5d. The estimated value of free correspondence of other Government departments was £94,252 5s. 7d. The gross earnings of the Post Office for the year were therefore £505,219 9s. 2d., and the credit balance £203,073 10s.

## 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 £42,658 7s. 6d., and on account of ordinary Customs work £2,318 15s. 8d.

Advances to Settlers receipts amounted to £639,930 10s., and payments to £640,754 10s. 10d.

Fishing licenses were issued by Postmasters to the value of £1,578 17s. 6d., and game licenses to the value of £2,126.

For the Government Insurance Department premiums were collected from the public amounting to £28,504 11s. 7d.

Publications sent out by the Government Printer and paid for through the Post Office brought in £719 14s. 7d.

Income-tax amounting to £155,109 1s., and land-tax £289,897 6s. 1d., were collected by Postmasters.

The sum of £6,746 17s. 6d., fees due to the Machinery Department, was received.

Under the Mining Act the receipts were £314 6s.

New Zealand Consols for £1,130 were sold on behalf of the Treasury.

£5,172 8s. 6d. was the amount paid for Official Assignees as dividends in bankrupt estates.

The amount paid to old-age pensioners through the Post Office was £228,275 13s. 7d.

On behalf of the Public Trustee £468,040 14s. 11d. was received, and £448,484 7s. 3d. paid.

Railway revenue amounting to £9,573 16s. 11d. was collected by Postmasters.

Fees for the registration of births, deaths, and marriages received by Postmaster-Registrars were £2,286 4s.

Receipts from the Hanmer Springs Sanatorium amounted to £2,026 16s. 5d.

Sheep rates amounting to £20,074 13s. 4d., and £22 1s. sundry amounts, were collected for the Stock Department.

On behalf of the Tourist Department £1,099 19s. 2d. was received.

Valuation Department fees paid to Postmasters reached £3,968 12s. 5d.

Claims on the General Government for £754,920 10s. were paid on behalf of the Treasury.

Discount-stamps numbering 3,273,560, for £3,409 19s. 2d. were sold, and 3,078,896 for £3,207 3s. 8d. 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 £55,050.

## GROSS RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

The gross amount received by the Department during 1905 was £18,189,901 15s. 3½d., of which £15,442,800 19s. 11½d. was departmental, and £2,747,100 15s. 4d. on account of other Departments.

The gross amount paid out was £18,171,224 19s. 10d., made up of £15,464,619 1s. departmental, and on behalf of other Departments—to individuals £2,082,084 14s. 3d., and to accounts £624,521 4s. 7d.

The total gross receipts and payments were therefore £36,361,126 15s. 1½d.

## LETTER-CARRIERS' DELIVERIES.

Deliveries by letter-carrier were established at—Nelson—Motueka; Wanganui—Hunterville, Waverley; Wellington—Johnsonville, Otaki (by permanent letter-carrier in place of by lineman).

Letter-carriers' deliveries were extended as follows:—Auckland (C.P.O.): To include area bounded by Richardson, Swan, and Hillsborough Roads and Pah Estate. Avondale, to include Block House Bay. Cambridge, to include Stafford, Robinson and Richmond Streets, Taylor Street East, and Thorndon Road as far as McLean Street. Hamilton, along east bank of Waikato River to Valder's corner, thence along Primrose's northern boundary to continuation of Grey Street, Claudelands, and to the railway-line. Christchurch (C.P.O.): City North, third delivery to include Colombo Street North from Colombo Street Bridge to Peterborough Street and Victoria Street, from Peterborough Street to Bishop's Court; City South, third delivery to include Colombo Street from Tuam Street to Moorhouse Avenue, Manchester Street from St. Asaph Street to Moorhouse Avenue, Marton Street, Dundas Street, St. Asaph Street between Manchester Street and Lower High Street, Lower High Street from Tuam Street to Barbadoes Street South; Fendalton, delivery to include Braco Settlement, afternoon delivery to include Wairarapa Terrace, Queen Street, Holmwood Road, Helmore's Road, and Fendalton Road to railway crossing; Heathcote, delivery to include Wychbury Street; Richmond, afternoon delivery to include Bealey Street, part of Gresford Street and Swan's Road; St. Albans North, afternoon delivery to include Crescent Road, Dover Street, Henley Street, Spooner's Road, School Road, and portion of St. Albans Lane; Spreydon, delivery to include Neville and Cobham Streets; Sydenham delivery to include Wherstead Street. Dunedin (C.P.O.): St. Clair delivery extended to Ravenswood Road. Lawrence, extended along Beaumont Road as far as Hastings Street and across Tuapeka Creek. Palmerston, for 250 yards beyond north town boundary on Dunback Road. Ravensbourne, from north-east boundary for 25 chains along Main West Harbour Road. Gisborne (C.P.O.): On Kaiti side, to include Crawford Road, Parau Street, Dickson Street, De Lautour Road to Huxley Road, Iranui Road, Hinaki Street, Harris Street to River, Huruhura Road, Haronga Road, and Heta Road. Hokitika (C.P.O.): Afternoon delivery to be full, instead of in business parts only. Napier (C.P.O.): To south end of borough. New Plymouth (C.P.O.): To include Westown and Frankley

Road. Timaru (C.P.O.): To include whole of Otipua Road. Waimate, along Parsonage Road to White's, and along road towards Painstown to Buckingham's and adjoining dwelling; also to include Bushtown and Belt, King and Opie Streets. Wanganui (C.P.O.): 4 p.m. delivery to include Victoria Avenue between Guyton and Ingestre Streets; also St. John's delivery to include Upper London Street. Eltham, along Castle Street. Patea, to include district south-east side of bridge in neighbourhood of railway-station. Wellington (C.P.O.): Along Adelaide Road from Duppa Street to Island Bay, serving houses along beach, returning along Adelaide Road and serving houses at back of Newtown Park; also city delivery to include Northland and Creswick. Feilding, morning delivery to include Kawakawa Road, Aorangi Street and Aorangi Settlement; afternoon delivery to include Awahuri Road, Giesen's Estate, Ranfurly Road, Makino Road, Kimbolton Road as far as Kiwitea Bridge, returning *via* Kimbolton Road. Hutt, to include Drew's Farm, Taita Gorge, to Stokes Valley Post-office. Otaki, along Mill Road to Hospital, Waerenga Road to Armstrong's, Main Road northward to Waitahu Bridge, Main Road south-westward to Powell's.

Letter-carriers' deliveries were increased in frequency at:—Auckland (C.P.O.): Once to twice daily, area bounded by Portland Road, Remuera Road to corner of Victoria Avenue, Waipiti and Cornwall Avenues, Green Lane to entrance of Cornwall Park, Manukau Road to Royal Oak Hotel, Mount Stuart and Church Roads, Surrey Crescent and Wolseley Avenue. Christchurch (C.P.O.): In city south, delivery from twice to thrice daily, portion of Colombo Street, Lichfield Street, Lower High Street, Manchester Street, Tuam Street, Oxford Terrace, Durham Street, St. Asaph Street, Marton Street, Dundas Street, and Eaton Place. Invercargill (C.P.O.): Afternoon delivery to commence at 3 o'clock, and additional delivery established in business portion of town at noon. Timaru: At Geraldine, Temuka, and Waimate, by addition of midday delivery in business parts only, after arrival of express train.

Letter-carriers' deliveries were curtailed as follows:—Auckland: Onehunga, to area bounded by Richardson, Swan, and Hillsborough Roads and Pah Estate (see Auckland (C.P.O.), under "Extended").

#### NEWSPAPERS REGISTERED.

Twenty-eight newspapers were registered for transmission by post, and ten ceased publication.

#### RECEIVING-BOXES.

Forty-seven receiving-boxes were established at: Auckland—City and suburbs, 2; Onehunga, 1; Te Awamutu, 1; Whangarei, 1. Blenheim—Town, 1. Christchurch—City and suburbs, 4; Amberley, 1; Rangiora, 4. Dunedin—City and suburbs, 2; Mornington, 1; Port Chalmers, 1. Gisborne—Town, 1. Invercargill—Town, 1. Napier—Town, 2; Dannevirke, 1. Nelson—City, 2. New Plymouth—Town, 1; Inglewood, 2. Oamaru—Town, 2; Hampden, 1. Timaru—Town, 2; Temuka, 1. Wanganui—Town and suburbs, 2; Marton, 1; Ohingaiti, 1; Taihape, 1. Wellington—City and suburbs, 5; Pahiatua, 2.

Seven receiving-boxes were closed at: Auckland—City and suburbs, 1. Dunedin—Mornington, 1. Greymouth—Town, 1. New Plymouth—Inglewood, 1. Oamaru—Town, 1. Thames—Waitekauri, 1. Wellington—Pahiatua, 1.

#### DESIGNATION OF OFFICES.

The designation of offices were changed as follows: Auckland—Tangawahia to Taniwha. Invercargill—Seaward Moss to Awarua Plains. Nelson—Puponga to Puponga Wharf.

Designations were corrected as follows: New Plymouth—Ponihakau to Puniwhakau. Wanganui—Momahaki to Moumahaki. Wellington—Paikakariki to Paekakariki.

#### POST-OFFICES ESTABLISHED, ETC.

Sixty-nine post-offices were established (of these eight were reopened offices) and nineteen closed.

#### Opened.

Arataha, Gisborne.  
Argyll East, Napier.  
Aokautere, Wellington.  
Cardiff (reopened), New Plymouth.  
Craigieburn, Christchurch.  
Cromarty, Invercargill.  
Douglas Road, New Plymouth.  
Edievale, Dunedin.  
Flaxbourne, Blenheim.  
Grassmere, Blenheim.  
Hangatiki, Auckland.  
Ida Valley (reopened), Dunedin.  
Kirikopuni, Auckland.  
Kiritehere, Auckland.  
Kohunaru, Auckland.  
Lauder, Dunedin.  
Makahu, New Plymouth.  
Mangaone Valley, Napier.  
Mangarawa, Wellington.  
Matapouri, Auckland.  
Matatoki, Thames.  
Miramar, Wellington.  
Mitcham, Christchurch.  
Moengawahine, Auckland.

Moewhare, Auckland.  
Morton Mains, Invercargill.  
Mount Bruce, Wellington.  
Okaeria, Auckland.  
Okau, New Plymouth.  
Omoana, Wanganui.  
Oparure, Auckland.  
Oratia, Auckland.  
Oruanui, Auckland.  
Ouruhia, Christchurch.  
Papaiti, Wanganui.  
Papamoa, Thames.  
Paradise, Invercargill.  
Piopio, Auckland.  
Ponihakau, New Plymouth.  
Poroporo, Thames.  
Pukenui, Auckland.  
Puketeraki, Dunedin.  
Puponga, Nelson.  
Puwera, Auckland.  
Rangiheke, Auckland.  
Raurimu, Auckland.  
Rawhiti, Auckland.

Rotomana, Greymouth.  
Ruakohua, Auckland.  
Ruataniwha, Napier.  
Runanga, Greymouth.  
Spreydon (reopened), Christchurch.  
Tahuna, Auckland.  
Taikorea (reopened), Wellington.  
Tapawera, Nelson.  
Tararua, Wellington.  
Tatu, New Plymouth.  
Te Haroto, Napier.  
Te Houhi, Auckland.  
Tokaanu (reopened, 22/5/05), Auckland.  
Tokaora, Wanganui.  
Waingake, Gisborne.  
Wairangi, Nelson.  
Wakatahuri (reopened, 29/5/05), Blenheim.  
Whangara, Gisborne.  
Whareponga (reopened), Gisborne.  
Whenuakura (reopened), Wanganui.  
Whenuakura Railway, Wanganui.  
Woodcock's Auckland.

## Closed.

Aorangi, Wellington.  
 Braco, Christchurch.  
 Castle Hill, Christchurch.  
 Eastown, Wanganui.  
 Galatea, Auckland.  
 Karitane, Dunedin.  
 Kawarau Bridge, Dunedin.

Ohinemutu, Auckland.  
 Oponoi, Auckland.  
 Owhango, Auckland.  
 Pukerimu, Auckland.  
 Puponga Wharf, Nelson.  
 Ridgelands, Wellington.

Te Awa, Wellington.  
 Te Oneroa, Invercargill.  
 Tokaanu, Auckland (28/2/05).  
 Tokatea, Auckland.  
 Upper Mohaka, Napier.  
 Wakatahuri, Blenheim (31/3/05).

The number of post-offices open at the end of the year was 1,937.

## PARCEL-POST.

The following table shows the number and weight of parcels posted during the years 1890, 1900, 1904, and 1905:—

Postal Districts.	1890.		1900.		1904.		1905.	
	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	61,933	219,254 12	68,037	224,620 14
Thames .. .. .	1,491	3,661 8	2,989	9,094 4	4,381	12,273 12	4,263	12,467 13
New Plymouth .. .. .	1,007	2,674 3	3,038	9,615 9	5,273	16,679 14	5,299	16,373 15
Gisborne .. .. .	938	2,570 6	2,022	5,771 15	2,535	7,274 5	2,120	8,871 8
Napier .. .. .	6,265	17,075 14	8,848	28,142 15	11,523	35,996 10	12,589	39,659 10
Wanganui .. .. .	4,035	9,563 8	8,846	28,206 10	12,837	41,286 5	14,900	46,542 14
Wellington .. .. .	25,893	74,544 2	44,322	160,737 4	75,149	272,630 10	85,782	295,495 15½
Nelson .. .. .	4,723	13,370 7	5,261	16,916 4	6,733	22,469 13	7,209	22,828 7
Westport .. .. .	1,077	2,332 4	1,868	4,645 15	2,921	7,359 9	2,855	7,072 13
Greymouth .. .. .	2,509	6,243 13	2,533	7,711 4	3,199	10,417 2	2,712	8,854 1
Hokitika .. .. .	1,413	3,924 5	2,527	9,173 5	3,131	11,136 13	3,421	11,904 11
Blenheim .. .. .	1,846	4,357 11	1,961	5,976 4	2,426	7,875 10	2,618	8,762 7
Christchurch .. .. .	19,383	58,708 4	30,897	118,206 3	39,770	144,827 8	41,968	152,861 13
Timaru .. .. .	2,013	4,774 8	1,743	5,294 1	3,176	9,474 6	2,848	8,540 14
Oamaru .. .. .	859	2,123 3	1,149	4,162 7	2,407	8,533 2	2,017	6,163 13
Dunedin .. .. .	22,500	65,329 13	34,411	125,419 10	44,933	170,583 0	47,362	182,306 2
Invercargill .. .. .	3,458	7,477 5	6,661	20,617 0	7,235	20,245 13	7,617	21,573 10
Totals .. .. .	121,292	336,643 12	199,413	682,140 7	289,617	1,018,369 0	313,617	1,074,901 4½

The following table shows the number and weight of parcels exchanged with the United Kingdom and the undermentioned places during the years 1904 and 1905:—

Country.	Received.				Despatched.			
	1904.		1905.		1904.		1905.	
	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.
		Lb. oz.		Lb. oz.		Lb. oz.		Lb. oz.
United Kingdom and foreign countries ( <i>vid</i> London)	43,808	192,379 0	50,777	234,131 0	8,552	22,127 12	8,778	22,722 0
United States of America .. .. .	5,310	15,659 9	6,083	17,393 0	1,321	2,778 11	1,515	3,318 6
Canada .. .. .	386	755 8	413	930 4	236	809 6	293	672 11
Victoria .. .. .	5,937	17,607 0	7,058	19,578 4	3,062	6,407 14	3,067	6,483 1
New South Wales .. .. .	9,287	26,903 4	10,734	30,804 0	3,842	7,849 9½	4,330	8,385 9
South Australia .. .. .	417	1,198 0½	443	1,163 10	394	932 11	435	853 11
Queensland .. .. .	555	1,267 8	641	1,502 4	677	1,644 8	894	1,812 11
Tasmania .. .. .	320	839 5	358	881 11	589	1,230 7	630	1,193 14
Western Australia .. .. .	292	719 4	313	779 0	560	1,209 15	526	1,110 4
Samoa .. .. .	12	37 6	20	53 13	175	527 9	239	697 1
Fiji .. .. .	67	163 9	93	225 6	328	942 6	297	747 9
Ceylon .. .. .	390	1,129 11½	340	1,299 14½	74	192 15½	100	251 2½
Uruguay .. .. .	..	..	..	..	24	89 14	29	97 0
Cape Colony .. .. .	391	558 8	357	649 4	445	947 14	233	432 3
Natal .. .. .	114	192 8	85	139 0	107	219 9½	278	530 13
India .. .. .	601	1,928 4½	685	2,291 3½	204	470 7	225	481 12
Totals .. .. .	67,887	261,338 5½	78,400	311,821 10½	20,640	48,381 8½	21,369	49,789 11½

The declared value of parcels received from places outside the colony in 1905 was £188,543. The Customs duty collected amounted to £39,728 1s. 10d.

The declared value of parcels despatched to places beyond the colony was £20,610, as against £20,722 in 1904.

## REGISTERED LETTERS.

The number of registered articles dealt with in 1905, compared with the numbers in 1890, 1900, and 1904, is shown below :—

Postal Districts.	1890.			1900.			1904.			1905.		
	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	101,593	119,641	25,746	140,533	166,279	22,108	158,466	180,569
Thames ..	180	4,781	4,911	267	19,912	20,179	310	18,573	18,883	294	20,346	20,640
New Plymouth ..	341	3,372	3,713	1,310	16,903	18,213	2,017	17,455	19,472	2,995	19,202	22,197
Gisborne ..	118	2,120	2,238	421	7,193	7,614	373	6,948	7,321	476	7,874	8,350
Napier ..	999	10,911	11,910	1,659	26,685	28,344	8,584	25,318	33,902	1,813	26,297	28,110
Wanganui ..	211	6,060	6,271	2,151	24,980	27,131	2,530	33,167	35,697	2,620	35,239	37,859
Wellington ..	6,129	30,369	36,498	9,513	85,915	95,428	20,886	145,256	166,142	20,935	157,517	178,452
Blenheim ..	92	3,193	3,285	116	6,371	6,487	147	8,905	8,952	171	9,854	10,025
Nelson ..	322	3,430	3,752	644	14,726	15,370	1,708	19,383	21,091	1,837	19,514	21,351
Westport ..	112	3,254	3,366	354	6,974	7,328	1,059	8,759	9,818	936	7,481	8,417
Greymouth ..	102	8,879	8,981	680	11,606	12,286	840	15,125	15,965	719	11,412	12,131
Hokitika ..	95	2,579	2,674	94	4,344	4,438	534	9,937	10,471	550	10,535	11,085
Christchurch ..	8,659	20,404	24,063	5,404	49,049	54,453	8,276	62,440	70,716	10,293	73,304	83,597
Timaru ..	312	3,551	3,863	1,196	9,973	11,169	798	10,368	11,166	1,410	10,548	11,958
Oamaru ..	278	2,505	2,783	120	8,880	9,000	140	6,562	6,702	147	6,967	7,114
Dunedin ..	4,615	19,696	24,311	6,954	44,003	50,957	8,215	57,759	65,974	8,160	59,473	67,633
Invercargill ..	1,740	9,819	11,559	3,352	24,989	28,341	6,742	27,307	34,049	6,495	32,252	38,747
Totals ..	26,374	169,321	195,695	52,343	464,036	516,379	88,905	613,695	702,600	81,954	666,281	748,235

## OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The estimated volume and value of official and other free correspondence posted during 1905 is given in the statement below :—

District.	Letters.	Packets.	Registered Articles.	Newspapers.
Auckland ..	1,088,828	12,406	39,162	71,238
Thames ..	104,767	2,960	3,369	37,502
New Plymouth ..	168,064	15,800	4,731	62,835
Gisborne ..	62,816	2,376	1,264	19,959
Napier ..	299,767	15,632	2,371	62,714
Wanganui ..	294,398	5,020	7,900	110,830
Wellington ..	1,442,688	626,610	40,728	552,563
Blenheim ..	76,505	1,869	1,510	29,306
Nelson ..	153,881	7,312	6,041	52,980
Westport ..	42,016	1,091	1,895	28,170
Greymouth ..	52,663	4,785	2,989	44,978
Hokitika ..	55,497	3,963	4,602	31,900
Christchurch ..	499,863	51,823	32,270	126,498
Timaru ..	124,761	6,300	520	28,500
Oamaru ..	58,435	1,307	1,004	29,899
Dunedin ..	767,520	67,315	20,390	236,490
Invercargill ..	361,426	21,561	9,768	79,570
Totals ..	5,653,895	848,130	180,514	1,605,932

The estimated postage value of official correspondence was £94,252 5s. 7d.

## 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.	1890.	1895.	1896.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.
Opened and returned to the writers	68,942	66,592	60,540	61,065	63,112	68,872	74,132	76,692	100,036	107,476	107,271	119,642	125,106
Returned unopened to other countries	9,134	8,115	7,779	12,929	7,546	8,899	9,706	9,707	12,251	14,401	18,176	26,048	26,943
Reissued ..	107	185	141	199	148	219	178	265	*5,112	†13,373	203	234	265
Destroyed ..	3,936	2,872	2,660	3,617	4,069	3,368	4,536	4,900	5,705	6,249	9,579	12,167	18,060
Returned unopened by Chief Postmasters	17,593	19,187	21,931	25,980	26,414	33,273	22,915	40,232	44,523	54,285	93,920	85,670	97,267
Totals ..	99,762	96,951	93,051	103,790	101,289	114,631	111,467	131,846	167,627	195,784	229,149	243,761	267,641

\* 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 0·38 per cent., as against 0·35 per cent. in 1904.

43,485 book-packets and circulars were returned to foreign countries; 26,619 were returned to senders through the Dead-letter Office; 110,342 were returned by Chief Postmasters: a total of 180,446 book-packets and circulars, as compared with 145,676 in 1904.

1,706 letters were wrongly addressed; 25 letters were discovered to have been posted with previously used stamps; 3,257 unclaimed registered letters were dealt with.

2,395 newspapers and 1,603 books and other articles without addresses were received, many of which were subsequently applied for and delivered.

1,590 newspapers were returned to the publishers.

1,228 letters and 245 letter-cards were posted without addresses.

27 letters with libellous addresses were intercepted.

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

	£	s.	d.
455 post-office orders	1,064	15	0
58 bank drafts	4,120	14	7
437 cheques	4,930	11	8
36 dividend warrants	50	7	6
12 promissory notes	241	5	5
Credit notes	45	8	4
Postal notes	249	5	6
Stamps	36	16	4½
Bank-notes	284	0	0
Gold	47	0	0
Silver and copper	14	1	3½
Representing a total of	£11,084	5	8

In addition, 7 gold watches, 10 silver watches, 3 metal watches, 3 Waterbury watches, 9 gold-mounted greenstone brooches, 5 gold brooches, 4 silver brooches, 1 silver-mounted greenstone brooch, 1 greenstone cross, 10 gold chains, 8 silver chains, 17 gold rings, 4 silver match-boxes, 1 silver sovereign-case and match-box, 2 pairs of gold sleeve-links, 2 nuggets of gold, 11 oz. of gold, 1 gold tusk, 1 gold lock for bangle, 11 greenstone hearts, 6 gold-mounted greenstone pendants, 1 gold medal, 1 gold necklace, 1 gold tooth-pick, 1 gold locket, 1 silver-mounted greenstone pendant, 5 gold tie-pins, 1 opal tie-pin, 1 greenstone bangle with gold and pearl setting, 1 small cut-glass jar with silver top, 1 silver-mounted brush and comb, 1 silver-mounted card-case, 2 jam-spoons with greenstone handles, 1 silver jam-spoon, 1 silver-plated button-hook and shoe-horn, 1 silver tooth-pick, 1 silver butter-knife, 1 silver bread-fork, 3 silver cigarette-cases, 2 silver cigarette mouth-pieces, 1 silver note-case, 1 spoon of Egyptian design, 1 bangle frame, 2 lady's purses, 1 pair of ear-rings, 1 set of false-teeth, 7 thimbles, 1 pocket-knife, 4 kauri-gum licenses, 13 pawn tickets, 37 Tattersall tickets, 10 share certificates, 2 trotting certificates, 1 fixed-deposit receipt, 4 sheets and 2 packets of foreign stamps, 1 saloon return ticket New Plymouth to Onehunga, 1 steerage ticket Wellington to Auckland, 1 steerage ticket Wellington to Lyttelton, 1 steerage ticket Lyttelton to Onehunga, 1 order for a steerage ticket Lyttelton to Auckland, and a railway workman's pass Hamilton to Te Aroha were dealt with.

The number of inland, intercolonial, and international articles received and disposed of during the years 1904 and 1905 was as under:—

	1904.					1905.				
	Letters.	Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Packets.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Packets.	Newspapers.
<i>Inland.</i>										
Returned, delivered, &c., through Dead-letter Office	101,908	2,557	53	17,369	1,800	106,160	2,684	417	24,439	1,590
Returned by Chief Postmasters direct ..	81,345	..	4,325	88,830	..	92,128	..	5,139	110,342	..
Destroyed in accordance with law ..	8,684	753	405	1,599	55,307	11,402	791	1,605	2,107	32,849
<i>Australian.</i>										
Originally addressed to other States:—										
Returned to writers ..	4,902	..	68	703	..	5,224	..	232	764	..
Destroyed in accordance with law ..	633	37	129	64	..	810	40	430	69	..
Returned to other States as unclaimed	12,900	..	615	5,749	..	11,901	..	669	7,784	..
<i>International.</i>										
Originally addressed to other countries:—										
Returned to writers ..	10,072	..	316	1,059	..	10,362	..	292	1,416	..
Destroyed in accordance with law ..	828	103	595	97	..	1,475	80	1,427	129	..
Returned to other countries as unclaimed	11,628	..	905	31,966	291	13,106	..	1,267	35,701	..
Totals .. ..	232,900	3,450	7,411	147,436	57,398	252,568	3,595	11,478	182,751	34,439

## MISSING LETTERS.

1,641 inquiries for letters and 1,472 for other articles alleged to have been posted and not delivered were made during 1904. In 874 of the inquiries for letters and 903 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.		
63	75	...	Missent, misdelivered, or otherwise delayed through fault of Post Office.
44	43	...	Delayed in delivery through fault of addressees.
34	44	...	Not posted.
28	63	...	Posted later than advised; forwarded by slower routes than letters of advice, &c.
106	146	...	Defectively or wrongly addressed.
95	49	...	Mislaid or lost after delivery.
65	49	...	Returned through Dead-letter Office as unclaimed, &c.
439	434	...	Delivered. Reason for inquiry not given, but probably in most cases omission by addressees to acknowledge receipt.
874	903		

## MONEY-ORDERS.

Fourteen money-order offices were opened during the year—namely, Brooklyn, Colac Bay, Henderson, Islington, Kaipara Flats, Kinohaku, Leigh, Moana, Puponga, Raurimu, Tangowahine, Te Rauamoā, Tiniroto, and Upper Matakītaki.

Three offices were closed—namely, Golden Cross, Oio, and Whangapara.

The number of offices open at the end of the year was 537, as against 526 twelve months previously.

417,441 money-orders were issued for £1,541,711 19s. 10d., as compared with 407,783 for £1,476,887 8s. 5d. in 1904, an increase of 9,658 in number and £64,824 11s. 5d. in amount.

318,127 money-orders amounting to £1,310,810 1s. 2d. were paid, as against 313,267 for £1,267,351 0s. 11d. during 1904, an increase of 4,860 orders and £43,459 0s. 3d.

There were 63,682 telegraph money-orders issued for £228,423 5s. 10d., as compared with 61,057 orders for £210,790 7s. 6d. in 1904; an increase of 2,625 in number and £17,632 18s. 4d. in amount.

130,047 orders for £352,326 6s. 6d. were issued on places beyond New Zealand, as against 126,128 orders for £328,661 5s. 5d. during 1904.

30,007 orders for £120,087 2s. 3d. were issued in places beyond New Zealand for payment in the colony, as compared with 30,844 orders for £117,617 8s. 6d. during the previous year.

The commission received for money-orders amounted to £17,073 9s. 6d., as against £16,385 9s. received during 1904.

Money-order exchanges were established between New Zealand and the Orange River Colony as from the 1st July, 1905, and with Tonga as from the 1st January, 1906.

The Administration of the Straits Settlements has fallen into line with others, and increased the maximum amount for which a single order may be drawn to £40.

Exchanges are in course of negotiation with Austria and Tahiti.

## SAVINGS-BANK.

There were thirteen offices opened during the year for the transaction of Savings-Bank business—namely, Brooklyn, Colac Bay, Henderson, Islington, Kaipara Flats, Kinohaku, Leigh, Moana, Puponga, Raurimu, Tangowahine, Te Rauamoā, and Upper Matakītaki.

Three offices were closed—namely, Golden Cross, Oio, and Whangapara.

There were 520 offices open at the end of 1905, as against 510 at the end of the previous year.

60,015 accounts were opened and 43,113 closed, the net gain on the year's working being 16,902 accounts. The number of depositors on the 31st December was 276,066, and the proportion of accounts per head of population was 1 in 3·20, as compared with 1 in 3·31 at the end of the previous year.

The deposits numbered 509,112, representing £6,625,744 0s. 10d., an average of £13 0s. 3d. per transaction. The withdrawals numbered 346,022 for £5,984,184 12s. 2d., an average of £17 5s. 11d. for each withdrawal.

The net amount added by the depositors to their savings during the year was therefore £641,559 8s. 8d., plus £259,081 7s. 6d. interest earned and credited, making a total of £900,640 16s. 2d.

The total amount at credit of depositors increased from £7,761,382 0s. 11d. at the close of the previous year to £8,662,022 17s. 1d. on the 31st December last, representing a sum equal to £9 16s. 4d. per head of the entire population, and £31 7s. 6d. to each depositor. Last year the figures were £9 1s. and £29 18s. 11d. respectively.

The interest credited to depositors since the Post-Office Savings-Banks were established in 1867 now amounts to £3,166,229 0s. 6d.

The cost of working the Savings-Banks amounted to 4·63d. per transaction, or £16,500 for the year.

The cost of management per cent. on the total amount at credit of depositors was 0·19 per cent., or 3s. 10d. per £100.

The excess of deposits over withdrawals during the year constituted a record, amounting to £641,559, a sum most nearly approached in the year 1904–5, when the figures were £425,173.

## POSTAL NOTES.

The following were created postal-note offices during the year 1905-6:—

Athol	Henderson	Ohutu	Tarras
Awanga	Huiroa	Okato	Taupiri
Awarua Plains	Islington	Ongarue	Te Araroa
Barewood	Kaipara Flats	Puponga	Te Rauamoa
Beaumont	Kinohaku	Rangitata	Tuatapere
Brookside	Kohatu	Raupo	Upper Matakaitaki
Buckland	Kopu	Raurimu	Waiouru
Elsthorpe	Leigh	Ruahine	Whangapara
Glen Murray	Moana	Tangowahine	Whatatutu.
Glenorchy	Ohau		

—a total of 38. Four offices were closed—namely, Motupiko Railway, Oio, Omapere, and Whangapara.

The number of offices at which postal notes were sold at the end of the year was 654, as compared with 620 on the 31st March, 1905.

875,324 notes of the value of £276,279 7s. 6d. were sold, as against 785,347 for £250,123 7s. 6d. sold during the previous year.

The postal notes paid numbered 869,392, of the value of £274,678 16s. 6d., as compared with 775,417, of the value of £247,320 15s. 6d., paid during 1904-5.

The postal-note commission amounted to £5,979 4s. 1½d., as against £5,404.

The steadily continued growth of the postal-note business is one of the most notable features of the Department's work.

Provision has been made for the issue of a duplicate of a lost or destroyed postal note upon proof of ownership and particulars as to number and amount accompanied by an indemnity should the original at any time be paid.

## BRITISH POSTAL ORDERS.

The Imperial postal-order scheme has during the past year proved both its usefulness and the fact that it has met a public want.

It has been extended to include Transvaal, Natal, and Orange River Colony. So far Australia, Canada, and Cape Colony have not seen fit to take advantage of the system. In the case of Australia at least, the necessity has been made manifest, and correspondence is proceeding upon the question of the adoption of some system of interchange of British or colonial orders.

27,369 orders have been sold, valued at £13,581 18s., and 7,364 paid for £5,052 7s. 6d. An extended table of the transactions is printed elsewhere.

The 20s. order is the most popular, sales having reached 26 per cent. of the total. Following in order of popularity are the 10s., 5s., 1s., 2s. 6d., with a percentage of 12, 9, 6, and 6 respectively. At the bottom of the list stands the order issued at 16s. 6d.

## INLAND MAILS.

The Westport-Reefton coach-service was interrupted for ten days owing to landslips in the Buller Gorge. The Westport-Karamea sea service was interrupted during September, 1905, in consequence of the mail contract steamer being barbound at Okarito. A substitute steamer performed the service for one or two trips, and the mails were in addition carried overland.

A bag of mail while being carried from Waipiro Bay to Port Awanui was lost on the beach by the mailman. It was subsequently found, the contents being intact but somewhat damaged by salt water.

The contractor for the Milton-Glenledi mail-service, while on his homeward journey on the 3rd April, 1906, was accidentally killed through his horse bolting.

While being transhipped at sea a bag of mail from Totaranui to Takaka was lost.

A mail-carrier lost a bag of mail from Collingwood to Mangarakau.

There was a gratifying absence of floods in the Otago and Southland Districts during the year.

The general contracts for inland services expire at the end of this year. Tenders for the services will be called for about September next, when the whole of the inland mail contracts will be reviewed.

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

The coach-service between Paeroa and Waihi was terminated owing to the opening of the section of railway between those places. The coach-service between Waiouru and Taihape was increased in frequency, from once weekly in winter and twice weekly in summer to twice weekly throughout the year.

The number of contracts for inland mails in operation in 1905 was 654.

There were in addition 530 services not under bond.

The length of inland postal routes by road (counted one way only) was 11,513 miles, and the total number of miles travelled 2,960,501, at an average cost of 3'63d. per mile. In 1904 the respective mileages were 11,613 miles and 2,891,245, at an average cost of 3'54d. per mile.

Ordinary railway-trains with mails travelled 3,633,187 miles.

The estimated sum payable to the Railway Department for the conveyance of mails by ordinary trains was £44,000.

## OCEAN MAIL-SERVICES.

*San Francisco Service.*

The total amount paid at poundage rates to the contractors for the contract year ended November, 1905, was £19,173 18s. 5d. The maximum payable amount for any year under the contract is £20,000. The present contract expires in November next. Proposals for a renewal of the service will be brought down for the consideration of Parliament.

The dispute between the Commonwealth and the contractors relative to the rate of poundage to be paid as from the 1st December, 1900, for the conveyance of Australian postal matter has not so far been settled.



The 6 p.m. passenger-train which formerly left San Francisco daily for New York has been taken off, and a fast mail-train substituted.

The time-table for the fast mail-train is as follows: Leave San Francisco, say, Monday, 6 p.m., arrive Chicago 10.30 a.m.; arrive New York Friday, 9.30 a.m. Leave New York, say, Monday, 3.15 a.m., due San Francisco Thursday, 12.28 p.m. This reduces the actual time from San Francisco to New York to 3 days 12 hours 30 minutes, and from New York to San Francisco to 3 days 12 hours 13 minutes.

Owing to the disastrous earthquake and fire which destroyed the City of San Francisco on the 18th April last, the San Francisco mail-service has been seriously disturbed. The "Sonoma," which was due to leave on the day after the earthquake, was kept back until the 31st May, after which date the time-table was resumed. Mails by the "Ventura" which left Auckland on the 13th April, and by the "Sierra" which left Auckland on the 4th May, received prompt despatch from San Francisco to New York. There was no outward steamer from Auckland on the 25th May, and the trip of the 15th June was also dropped. Mails from New Zealand were forwarded to America and London as opportunity offered by the Vancouver and direct steamers, and *via* Suez. The mails which should in ordinary course have come on by the "Sonoma" on the 19th April were diverted to Vancouver, and conveyed thence by the R.M.S. "Moana" on the 28th April. Under the exceptional circumstances, the Canadian and Commonwealth Governments generously consented to the "Moana's" calling at Auckland on her way to Australia, the result being that the mails reached Auckland on the 18th May, only eleven days later than they would have arrived had they come on by the "Sonoma." The "Moana" made excellent time throughout, her trip from Vancouver to Auckland, including the stoppage at Honolulu and Fiji, being 18 days 23 hours. In connection with the mails from London, it was only necessary to divert one lot to another route—namely, that which should have left London *via* San Francisco on the 28th April. These mails were sent *via* Brindisi on the 27th April, reaching New Zealand on the 4th, 5th, and 6th June, or about a week later than if they had come *via* San Francisco. On the whole, the colony is to be congratulated on the very slight inconvenience which resulted from the disturbance in the service. Credit is due to the Mail Agent attached to the "Sonoma," who, in the face of many difficulties, and on his own initiative, succeeded in transferring the mails from San Francisco to Vancouver. The Department is also indebted to the officers of the Railway Mail-service and Post-office of the United States and others for invaluable assistance.

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

#### *Vancouver Service.*

The contract between the Federal Government and the Union Steam Ship Company has been extended until next year. The Commonwealth subsidy now totals £26,000 per annum. Canada has expressed its disapproval of Brisbane being replaced by a New Zealand port as the southern terminus of the service; but the whole question of the future of the service will, no doubt, be fully gone into before the expiry of the contract in 1907.

#### *Suez Services.*

A new contract between the Imperial Post Office and the Peninsular and Oriental Company was concluded on the 25th July, 1904, for a term of three years from the 1st February, 1905.

The Commonwealth Government entered into a contract with the Orient Company on the 25th April, 1905, for a fortnightly service between Naples and Adelaide, which, with the Peninsular and Oriental fortnightly service between Brindisi and Adelaide, provides a weekly exchange of mails between London and the Commonwealth. It runs for nearly three years from the 4th April, 1905, to the 31st January, 1908, and may be terminated on the Commonwealth giving notice before the 1st day of February, 1906. This notice, it is understood, was given on the 14th November, 1905.

During the short break between the termination of the late Peninsular and Oriental and Orient contract and the new one made with the Orient Company by the Commonwealth in April, 1905, the Commonwealth intimated that New Zealand could use the services at the reduced poundage rates of 2s. per pound of letters and 4s. per hundredweight of other matter. Since then it is understood that New Zealand may avail itself of the services on payment of Postal Union rates—3s. 1.7d. per pound of letters and 3.76d. per pound of other articles. The rates paid by New Zealand in 1904 were: Adelaide to Italy, letters and post-cards, 12s. per pound; books, 1s. 6d. per pound; newspapers, 6d. per pound. The amount paid for 1904 at the above rates was £3,649 19s. At the Postal Union rates the payments would not have exceeded £1,400.

RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS on Account of the SAN FRANCISCO, PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL, and ORIENT MAIL-SERVICES for the Year 1905.

#### *San Francisco Service.*

DR.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Payments by weight—									
On mails from New Zealand (eighteen voyages) ...	20,508	9	5						
On mails from Fiji ...		42	11	2					
				20,551	0	7			
Interprovincial service, mail agents, &c. ...				4,687	7	10			
Transit charges { San Francisco to New York ...				4,300	7	5			
{ New York to Queenstown ...				1,822	10	9			
							31,361	6	7
CR.									
Postages collected in the colony ...				16,463	9	10			
Contributions from Fiji...					42	11	2		
							16,506	1	0
Net cost to the colony ...							£14,855	5	7

1,647,540 letters and post-cards, 786,065 books, and 1,549,800 newspapers were received from, and 1,811,708 letters and post-cards, 251,702 books, and 351,302 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, 30·39 days, as against 30·78 in 1904; and from London to Auckland, 31·06 days, as compared with 30·55 days in the previous year. The shortest delivery was made in 29 days.

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

DR.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Payment to P. and O. and Orient lines	...	1,034	15	4			
Transit charges across Australia	...	162	14	0			
Transit charges across Europe	...	326	19	1			
Gratuities (to and from Australia)	...	2,023	13	10			
					3,548	2	3
CR.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Postages collected in the colony	...	1,877	7	1			
Postages, &c., from London and foreign offices	...	1,531	16	4			
					3,409	3	5

Net cost to the colony ... .. £138 18 10

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—1,191,058 letters and post-cards, 465,220 books, and 1,909,962 newspapers; despatched—177,257 letters and post-cards, 19,339 books, and 28,272 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 1905 by the San Francisco service and by the Peninsular and Oriental and Orient lines was:—

	San Francisco Service.				P. and O. Line.				Orient Line.		
	Max.	Min.	Average.		Max.	Min.	Average.		Max.	Min.	Average.
London to Auckland	34	30	31·06	..	42	35	36·93	..	42	37	38·33
Auckland to London	34	29	30·39	..	40	35	38·93	..	44	38	41·00
London to Wellington	35	31	32·29	..	40	36	38·18	..	41	38	39·19
Wellington to London	35	30	31·39	..	43	38	41·08	..	46	40	43·52
London to Dunedin	36	32	33·35	..	43	36	39·18	..	43	39	39·32
Dunedin to London	36	31	32·39	..	41	39	40·08	..	45	42	42·33
London to Bluff	37	33	34·10	..	42	35	38·43	..	42	38	38·57
Bluff to London	37	32	33·14	..	40	38	39·33	..	44	41	41·58

The several subsidised sea mail-services, the subsidy-payments for the year 1905, 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.			
Auckland and San Francisco	£ 20,508 s. 9 d. 5	Mar., 1870	Nov., 1906	17 <sup>(a)</sup>	5,925	s. 3 d. 10·15
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 0·21
Wellington and Motueka	710 0 0 <sup>(b)</sup>	Nov., 1902	Dec., 1906	43	210	..
Havelock and Bulwer	137 10 0	Jan., 1904	Dec., 1906	26	64	1 7·83
Nelson, Totaranui, Takaka, and Collingwood	100 0 0	..	Dec., 1906	104	130	0 1·78
Nelson and Croixelles	60 0 0	Jan., 1904	Dec., 1906	52	44	0 6·29
Westport and Karamea	450 0 0 <sup>(c)</sup>	June, 1886	Dec., 1906	36	102	..
Westport and Little Wanganui	400 0 0	Jan., 1895	Dec., 1906	12	82	1 10·55
Hokitika, Okarito, Bruce Bay, Paringa, Haast, Okura, and Jackson's Bay	600 0 0	Jan., 1886	Dec., 1906	6	384	5 2·50
Lyttelton and Chatham Islands (including Pitt Island)	300 0 0	..	Mar., 1906	6	1,050	0 11·43
Lyttelton and Pigeon Bay	225 0 0	..	Dec., 1906	156	14	0 8·57
Bluff and Half-moon Bay	245 0 0	July, 1886	Dec., 1906	52	48	1 11·56
Bluff and Ruapuke Island <sup>(d)</sup>	45 0 0	Sept., 1903	Dec., 1906	26	26	1 3·95
Bluff and Te Oneroa <sup>(e)</sup>	234 0 0	April, 1893	May, 1906	12	208	1 5·63
Interprovincial service in connection with San Francisco line	175 0 0	Nov., 1886	Nov., 1906	17	..	..
	4,000 0 0					

(a) Payment for 18 voyages was actually made during the year.

(b) Subsidy increased by £10 a year from 16th February, 1906, and Whatanihi included in service.

(c) Subsidy reduced by £50 from 1st January, 1906.

(d) Service diminished in frequency from weekly on reletting of service on 25th January, 1906.

(e) Te Oneroa eliminated from and Cromarty included in service on 15th June, 1905. Subsidy reduced by £59 on reletting of service on 22nd May, 1905.

## 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 £298,079 17s. 11d., as compared with £270,660 13s. 1½d. for the previous year—an increase of £27,419 4s. 9½d., or 10·13 per cent.

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

	Number.		Value.	
1896-97 ...	2,285,001		97,453	
1897-98 ...	2,469,415	Increase, 8·07 per cent.	96,537	Decrease, 0·94 per cent.
1898-99 ...	2,717,548	" 10·05	101,104	Increase, 4·73
1899-00 ...	3,159,093	" 16·25	114,383	" 13·13
1900-1 ...	3,534,444	" 11·88	126,382	" 10·49
1901-2 ...	3,850,391	" 8·94	141,581	" 12·03
1902-3 ...	4,271,218	" 10·93	153,338	" 8·30
1903-4 ...	4,671,904	" 9·38	162,498	" 5·97
1904-5 ...	4,900,495	" 4·89	167,581	" 3·12
1905-6 ...	5,351,084	" 9·19	180,474	" 7·69

## TELEGRAPH BUSINESS.

Table showing the number of telegrams forwarded, and the revenue derived therefrom, during the four quarters of the financial years 1904-5 and 1905-6 respectively:—

Quarter.	Number of Telegrams forwarded.		Increase per Cent.	Revenue.			Increase per Cent.			
	Year ended 31st March, 1905.	Year ended 31st March, 1906.		1904-5.		1905-6.				
June quarter ...	1,142,677	1,255,080	9·84	£ 39,262	s. 19	d. 11	42,296	7	0	7·73
September quarter ...	1,134,318	1,226,811	8·15	38,760	4	3	41,658	16	6	7·48
December quarter ...	1,280,432	1,414,598	10·48	43,777	7	10	47,762	5	10	9·10
March quarter ...	1,343,068	1,454,595	8·30	45,781	1	7½	48,756	18	5	6·50
	4,900,495	5,351,084	9·19	167,581	13	7½	180,474	7	9	7·69

The telegraph receipts for the financial year, including telephone-exchange subscriptions, private-wire rents, &c., amounted to £273,911 7s. 7d., compared with £250,063 1s. 3½d. in 1904-5—an increase of £23,848 6s. 3½d., or 9·54 per cent.

The expenditure was £276,580 12s. 5d., as against £258,977 10s. 9d. for the previous year—an increase of £17,603 1s. 8d., or 6·80 per cent.

There were 8,355 miles of line and 25,116 miles of wire at the close of the year—an increase of 411 and 1,412 miles respectively.

The net expenditure out of Public Works Fund for telegraph extension was £77,186 7s. 2d., as compared with £79,297 15s. 1d. in 1904-5.

The number of private wires and subsidised lines was 335, compared with 350 in 1904-5. The amount received for rent, maintenance, &c., was £2,182 9s. 6d., as against £1,973 19s. 5d. in 1904-5.

The total number of telegraph and telephone offices open at the close of the year was 1,312. Of these 267 were telegraph-offices and 1,045 telephone-offices.

The number of telegrams of all codes forwarded during last financial year was 5,640,219—an increase of 480,474, or 9·31 per cent., over 1904-5.

The proportion of paid telegrams per head of population was 6·15, and 5·75 the previous year.

The number of ordinary telegrams forwarded was 3,995,998, of the value of £135,203 12s. 9½d., compared with 3,720,114, of the value of £126,578 7s. 10½d., in 1904-5—an increase of 275,884 and £8,625 4s. 11d.

The urgent telegrams numbered 211,571, of the value of £12,807 8s. 11d.—an increase of 24,544 in number and £913 0s. 8d. in amount.

The average value of each ordinary telegram was 8·12d., and of each urgent telegram 1s. 2·52d.

379,185 Press telegrams, of the value of £16,094 15s. 9½d., were forwarded in 1905-6, as compared with 367,066, valued at £15,274 19s. 0½d., forwarded in 1904-5—an increase of 12,119, or 3·30 per cent. in number, and an increase of 5·37 per cent. in value.

The value of each Press telegram averaged 10·19d., as against 9·98d. in 1904-5.

The bureau messages numbered 764,330, of the value of £16,368 10s. 3d., as compared with 626,288, of the value of £13,833 18s. 5½d.—an increase of 138,042 in number, and £2,534 11s. 9½d. in amount.

The average value of each bureau message was 5·14d., as against 5·30d. in 1904-5.

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

			Average Value.	
			Year 1905-6.	Year 1904-5.
The total number of ordinary telegrams increased by	275,884, or 7.42 %	and relative receipts by ...	£8,625 4s. 11d., or 6.81 %	8.12d.
The total number of bureau communications increased by	138,042, or 22.04 %			

The number of official telegrams forwarded was 289,135, valued at £24,168 10s. 4d., as compared with 259,250, of the value of £20,597 11s. 10d.—an increase of 29,885 in number, and of £3,570 18s. 6d. in amount.

63,682 money-orders, for £228,423 5s. 10d., were transmitted by telegraph, as against 61,057, for £210,790 7s. 6d., in 1904—an increase of 2,625 telegrams.

The number of paid forwarded telegrams to every hundred letters posted in New Zealand for delivery within the colony was 8.26, as against 8.08 in 1904-5.

#### TELEGRAPH MESSENGERS' DELIVERIES.

Telegraph messengers' deliveries (by departmental messenger) were established as follows: Christchurch—Amberley, St. Albans. Dunedin—Omakau. Invercargill—Mataura. Napier—Ormondville, Takapau, Weber. Timaru—Pleasant Point, Winchester. Wanganui—Raetihi. Wellington—Johnsonville.

#### OFFICES OPENED and CLOSED during Financial Year ended 31st March, 1906.

##### Opened.

Ahipara	Islington	Niagara	Springburn
Ahuriri Flat	Kaihiku	Ohinewai	Taikorea
Allanton Bureau	Kaikoura Suburban	Ohura	Tapawera
Aponga	Kaipara Flats	Oruanui	Tawai
Ashley Downs	Kaurihohore	Otara	Te Anau
Barrhill	Kelchers	Ouruha	Te Haroto
Bishops	Kiritaki	Pakipaki	Te Maire
Blind River	Koeke	Pakowhai	Te Moechau
Braemore	Komako	Parkvale	Te Pare
Cardiff	Korere	Paterangi	Te Tatua
Carnarvon	Levels	Pohonui	Te Teko
Clydevale	Little Wanganui Ferry	Progress Junction	Te Uku
Dromore	Lowcliffe	Pukenui	The Key
Edievale	Mabel Bush	Pukeroa	Tokonui Gorge
Greenfield	Makahu	Puniwhakau	Totara Valley
Green Hills	Manapouri	Puponga	Tututawa
Grove Bush	Mangamaire	Purangi	Twelve-mile Landing
Hairini	Matatoki	Quarry Hills	Umutoi
Hangatiki	Matau	Rakauhauka	Upper Waiwera
Hazelburn	Matiere	Rangiheke	Utuwai
Herbert Bureau	Merton	Raurimu	Waihaorunga
Herekino	Miramar	Reikorangi	Waikawa
Highbank	Moana	Rewa	Waikawa Valley
Hillend	Moewhare	Rongokokaho	Waikiekie
Holmeslea	Mokoia	Rotomana	Waimai
Huiroa	Momona	Ruatangata	Waimea West
Ida Valley	Moumahaki Farm	Ruataniwha	Wakatahuri
Ihuraua Valley	Myross Bush	Seaward Moss	Whangape.
Islay Downs	Ngaputahi	Shag Valley	

##### Closed.

Kawarau Bridge	Tokatea	Upper Mohaka.
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##### Summary.

Number of offices open on the 31st March, 1905, 1,200; opened during year, 115; closed during year, 3; increase, 112. Number of offices open on the 31st March, 1906, 1,312.

#### OCEAN CABLE SERVICES.

There has been an increase of 6.2 per cent. in the number of messages, but a decrease of 0.37 per cent. in the value of the colony's ordinary outward international cable traffic for the year; while the ordinary traffic from Australia shows increases of 3.37 per cent. in the number of messages, and 0.54 in the value. 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. Delays due to weather conditions and forest fires occurred occasionally on the Canadian land lines, but as a rule they were trifling.

New Zealand's proportion of the deficit of £75,849 18s. 6d. on the third year's working of the Pacific cable amounted to £8,427 15s. 4d.

The receipts and working-expenses of the Pacific cable for the year ended the 31st March, 1906, are estimated as under:—

Traffic Revenue	.. .. .	£ 82,000	Annuity and Renewals	.. .. .	£ 111,545
Estimated Deficit	.. .. .	86,017	Working-expenses	.. .. .	56,472
		£168,017			£168,017

During the past three years the business of the Pacific cable has steadily increased. Of the ordinary paid business the Pacific obtained in 1903 82 per cent., in 1904 86 per cent., and in 1905 87 per cent., the Eastern Company's share being 18, 14, and 13 per cent. during the same years.

The New Zealand figures for the past three years' ordinary telegrams are:—

Pacific.		E. E. A. & C.	
Year.	Messages.	Year.	Messages.
1903	72,595	1903	16,351
1904	74,804	1904	12,395
1905	78,765	1905	12,013

There has been a marked increase in the Press, the figures for which are as follow:—

Pacific.		E. E. A. & C.	
Year.	Messages.	Year.	Messages.
1903	325	1903	1,270
1904	486	1904	1,065
1905	722	1905	1,504

Recent checks show that the average best time in which messages are handled on the Pacific route are:—

	Hr.	min.
From London	1	20
„ America	0	12
„ Sydney	0	8
„ Melbourne	0	13

The Pacific service continues working smoothly, and there are scarcely any interruptions of any moment.

The figures show that not only has New Zealand given the Pacific cable support beyond the most favourable estimate of international business, but it has also given that route 87 per cent. of the ordinary business to Australia.

The conference of delegates representing the Pacific partners, which had adjourned from time to time, met on the 21st June, 1905. Sir Sandford Fleming represented this colony.

The report of the Conference will be found in the paper on telegraph cables to be presented to Parliament this year.

Mr. C. H. Reynolds, C.I.E., General Manager to the Pacific Cable Board, visited Australia in March-April of this year, the object of his mission being the reorganization of the Pacific cable management in the Commonwealth. Later in April Mr. Reynolds visited New Zealand on a tour of inspection.

On the 23rd April, 1906, the two cables of the Eastern Extension Company between New Zealand and Australia parted. Communication by cable was thus restricted to the Pacific route until the 28th May, when one of the Eastern Company's cables was repaired.

#### Cable Business.

The number and value of cable messages forwarded from New Zealand during 1905 are shown in the following statement:

#### Via Pacific.

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
International	20,507	£ 33,137 19 6	39	£ 75 11 3
Australia	58,258	11,136 2 1	683	323 8 7
Total for 1905	78,765	44,274 1 7	722	398 19 10
Total for 1904	74,804	43,636 7 5	486	518 8 8

#### Via Extension.

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
International	3,398	£ 4,717 10 11	106	£ 240 17 5
Australia	8,615	1,780 2 10	1,398	650 12 0
Total for 1905	12,013	6,497 13 9	1,504	891 9 5
Total for 1904	12,395	7,204 10 7	1,065	629 0 0

The colony's outward international and Australian cable business, not including Press, for the years 1904 and 1905 was as follows:—

*International.*

	Number of Messages.	Value.		
		£	s.	d.
1905 ...	23,905	37,855	10	5
1904 ...	22,508	37,994	12	10

Inc. 1,397 = 6·20 per cent. Dec. 139 2 5 = 0·37 per cent.

*Australia.*

	Number of Messages.	Value.		
		£	s.	d.
1905 ...	66,873	12,916	4	11
1904 ...	64,691	12,846	5	2

Inc. 2,182 = 3·37 per cent. Inc. 69 19 9 = 0·54 per cent

There was a total increase of 3,579 messages, and a decrease of £69 2s. 8d. in value.

The forwarded and received cable Press business for the ten years ended the 31st December, 1905, was:—

Year.	Forwarded.			Received.				
	Number of		Value.	Number of		Value.		
	Messages.	Words.		Messages.	Words.			
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
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
1905 ...	2,226	181,196	1,290	9	3	4,548	398,878	2,254 18 5

## TELEPHONE EXCHANGES.

Sixteen new exchanges were opened during the year, and the number of subscribers increased by 1,910.

The total number of exchanges now numbers 101, made up of 29 central and 72 sub-exchanges.

The total number of connections is 15,333, compared with 13,423 in 1905. They may be classified as follows: Paying, 14,108; free, 296; bureaux, 929.

New connections numbered 2,537, and those given up 627.

The increase in connections is equal to 14·23 per cent.

On the 31st March, 1906, there were 885 miles of telephone-line and 12,798 miles of wire.

The following is a comparative return of telephone-exchange connections for the years 1905-6 and 1904-5:—

Exchange.	Number of Subscribers or Connections:	
	March 31, 1906.	March 31, 1905.
Ashburton ...	138	130
Auckland ...	2,036	1,854
Cambridge ...	42	...
Devonport ...	37	38
Onehunga ...	23	...
Blenheim ...	157	137
Pictou ...	41	...
Christchurch ...	1,887	1,647
Akaroa ...	40	40
Doyleston ...	7	7
Duvauchelle ...	7	8
Leeston ...	11	10
Lincoln ...	6	6
Little River ...	8	9
Lyttelton ...	13	8
Rangiora ...	15	15
Southbridge ...	5	6
Dannevirke ...	127	109
Makotuku ...	1	...
Dunedin ...	1,848	1,702
Balclutha ...	33	27
Clinton ...	11	8
Kaitangata ...	13	13

Exchange.	Number of Subscribers or Connections:	
	March 31, 1906.	March 31, 1905.
Milton ... ..	24	23
Mosgiel ... ..	22	...
Palmerston South ... ..	21	19
Port Chalmers ... ..	24	22
Waikouaiti ... ..	8	8
Feilding ... ..	166	145
Kimbolton ... ..	11	...
Rongotea ... ..	8	...
Sanson ... ..	1	1
Gisborne ... ..	395	329
Greymouth ... ..	220	193
Reefton ... ..	55	47
Hamilton ... ..	88	66
Hawera ... ..	158	157
Eltham ... ..	28	30
Kaponga ... ..	6	6
Manaia ... ..	14	14
Otakeho ... ..	1	...
Patea ... ..	33	33
Hokitika ... ..	129	132
Kumara ... ..	10	10
Ross ... ..	6	6
Invercargill ... ..	413	372
Balfour ... ..	6	...
Bluff ... ..	42	33
Edendale ... ..	5	5
Gore ... ..	104	88
Lumsden ... ..	16	16
Mataura ... ..	11	11
Otautau ... ..	23	24
Riversdale ... ..	18	16
Riverton ... ..	18	18
Winton ... ..	25	25
Woodlands ... ..	5	5
Wyndham ... ..	12	12
Lawrence ... ..	30	...
Masterton ... ..	243	205
Carterton ... ..	44	38
Eketahuna ... ..	43	30
Featherston ... ..	28	...
Greytown North ... ..	14	9
Martinborough ... ..	48	...
Napier ... ..	445	399
Hastings ... ..	245	185
Waipawa ... ..	36	...
Weber ... ..	1	1
Nelson ... ..	283	251
New Plymouth ... ..	324	329
Inglewood ... ..	28	23
Waitara ... ..	14	14
Oamaru ... ..	235	219
Ngapara ... ..	3	2
Pahiatua ... ..	83	82
Woodville ... ..	28	23
Palmerston North ... ..	396	328
Foxton ... ..	37	25
Longburn ... ..	5	...
Rotorua ... ..	103	91
Stratford ... ..	119	106
Thames ... ..	98	82
Paeroa ... ..	36	29
Waihi ... ..	56	...
Timaru ... ..	294	243
Fairlie ... ..	12	11
Geraldine ... ..	40	28
St. Andrew's ... ..	8	9
Studholme Junction ... ..	5	6
Temuka ... ..	18	18
Waimate ... ..	48	35
Wanganui ... ..	480	445
Bull's ... ..	16	...
Hunterville ... ..	11	6
Marton ... ..	73	63
Okaiawa ... ..	1	1
Waverley ... ..	10	7
Wellington ... ..	2,462	2,260
Westport ... ..	124	125
Whangarei ... ..	74	55
Totals ... ..	15,333	13,423

## WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Much attention has been given to wireless telegraphy. Negotiations have been proceeding with the Commonwealth Government for establishing a wireless-telegraph system between Australia and New Zealand, and some of the outlying islands, but nothing definite will be settled until there has been practical experience of the working of the installation just completed by the Marconi Company between Queenscliff, Victoria, and Devonport, Tasmania.

The Commonwealth and the New Zealand Governments have been approached by the Marconi Company, London; the International Telegraph Construction Company (Shoemaker's system), New York; the Lodge-Muirhead Wireless and General Telegraph Syndicate, London; the Gesellschaft für Drahtlose Telegraphie (Slaby-Arco-Braun system), Berlin; and the Wireless Telegraphy Company (Telefunken system), Berlin. No business arrangement has been made with either company, as the intention is to invite tenders, under certain well-defined conditions, at the proper time.

When at Rome the Postmaster-General had the opportunity of seeing the practical working of the Marconi wireless system between Monte Mario, Rome, and the island of Sardinia, a distance of about two hundred miles, which is maintained for military purposes. Messages were exchanged between the two stations with marked promptness and clearness, and the advantages of the system otherwise demonstrated. This means of communication between the two points is regarded as of great strategic value by the Italian Government, which have also equipped their war-vessels with the Marconi wireless system of telegraphy.

While in London, the Postmaster-General met Mr. Marconi and other representatives of his company. The Lodge-Muirhead Wireless and General Telegraph Syndicate's system was also seen.

On the voyage from Liverpool to New York in the White Star Company's "Majestic," which is fitted with one of Marconi's low-power apparatus, the Marconi Company was good enough to place the installation at the disposal of the Postmaster-General. News bulletins from Great Britain or America were accurately received daily, and official and private messages received and sent as well. The "Majestic" was in repeated touch with steamers travelling east and west, and messages giving the position of the vessels, the weather conditions—present and prospective—exchanged. This information, to say nothing of its obvious advantages to the travelling public, is of the highest value to navigators, who now look upon the wireless system as indispensable. To demonstrate the possibilities of the Marconi system, the company's London manager sent a message from Poldhu to the Postmaster-General when the "Majestic" was about twelve hundred miles from Liverpool, to prove the feasibility of transmitting wireless messages between Australia and New Zealand. The message was correctly received; but a reply could not at the time be sent owing to the "Majestic" being fitted with low-power, and not high-power, apparatus.

At New York representatives of the International Telegraph Construction Company (Shoemaker wireless system) invited the Postmaster-General to visit the company's factory and the United States Navy Yard to witness the practical working of their system, which had been adopted by the United States naval authorities. It was not convenient to visit the factory, but the installation at the navy yard, and another fitted up on the United States war-ship "Maryland" were seen. The authorities expressed themselves as well satisfied with the working of the Shoemaker system.

The Marconi system, it may be mentioned, has been adopted by the British naval authorities, and they are satisfied with its working.

## TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE.

## NEW ZEALAND CABLE SERVICES.

The four cables across Cook Strait, and also the Wanganui-Wakapuaka cable, have been periodically tested, and found to be electrically sound. There has been no fault in these cables for over three years. A new cable hut has been built a short distance inshore at Lyell Bay, and the end of the cable transferred to it from the old hut, which has become buried in sand.

Late in November a break occurred in the cable across Foveaux Strait. The fault was found to be near the north shore. The insertion of a new shore end was completed by the cable-repairing ship on the 8th December, and the cable is now in good order. The short cables in other parts of the colony are satisfactory.

Owing to the great increase which has taken place in telegraphic business passing between the North and Middle Islands, it has become necessary to make greater use than formerly of the Wakapuaka-Wanganui cable.

## SUPERIMPOSED CIRCUITS.

As will be seen from the reports on Telegraph Inspectors' districts which follow, the Department has during the year extended the work of superimposing telegraph circuits on telephone-wires, and of telephone circuits on telegraph-wires, wherever this has been practicable and the volume of business has called for it. It should, however, be again stated that only where the conditions are suitable may circuits be superimposed, and that a general application of this means of increasing accommodation is not practicable. A third metallic circuit has been provided between Invercargill and the Bluff by superimposing on two circuits already existing, and a similar improvement has been effected between Invercargill and Gore.

## TELEPHONE EXCHANGE METALLIC CIRCUITS.

The installation of telephone-exchange metallic circuits contained in lead cables, to prevent induction from the electric tramways and the telephone connections of other subscribers, is now in active progress at Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, and Wellington.



## ELECTRIC TRAMWAY AND ELECTRIC LIGHT UNDERTAKINGS.

One Order in Council for electric-tramway extension has been reviewed by the Department during the year on behalf of the Board of Control, and supervision is being exercised over the tramway systems in operation to insure the regulations for their control being complied with.

Three licenses for the electric lighting of boroughs under "The Electric Lines Act, 1884," have been issued, and applications for several others are under consideration.

## AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

*Construction.*

The following new lines and wires were erected during the year:—	Poles.		Wire.	
	M.	ch.	M.	ch.
Mangonui to Ahipara, Herekino, and Whangape ...	27	0	47	0
Waihi to Paeroa (exchange trunk wire) ...	...	...	14	0
Whangarei to Ruatangata and Aponga ...	15	0	19	0
Te Awamutu to Hairini ...	3	0	3	0
Te Awamutu to Paterangi ...	5	0	5	0
Mangapai to Moewhare and Waikiekie ...	10	0	10	0
Waingarua to Waimai ...	8	0	8	0
Whakatane to Te Teko ...	12	0	12	0
Ongarua to Ohura ...	28	40	30	0
Waiwera to Upper Waiwera ...	4	20	4	20
Huntly to Ohinewai ...	0	40	6	20
Whangarei to Kaurihohore ...	0	40	0	40
Mangonui to Pukenui ...	0	10	0	10
Te Awamutu to Hangatiki ...	0	20	0	20
Waihi Junction (old line near Bowentown) ...	10	0	20	0
Hikutai Junction to Paeroa (diversion) ...	...	...	22	0
Paeroa to Waihi (diversion of wires) ...	...	...	28	0
Mercer to Paeroa (diverted from Miranda) ...	...	...	89	0
Panmure to Howick (extending wire) ...	...	...	5	0
Auckland to Te Tau ...	...	...	3	0
Mercer to Rangiriri (made metallic) ...	...	...	16	0
Waihou to Waitoa ...	...	...	3	0
Ohaupo to Te Awamutu (Morse wire extended) ...	...	...	7	0
Te Awamutu to Taumarunui (Morse wire) ...	...	...	74	0
	124	10	426	30
Paeroa Railway to Puriri Railway (maintained for Railway Department) ...	10	20	10	20
	134	30	436	50
The following lines were dismantled:—				
Te Awamutu to Cambridge (old No. 5) ...	14	0	17	0
Tauranga to Opotiki (old line replaced by new) ...	20	0	80	0
Hikutai Junction, near Bowentown (old line replaced by new) ...	37	0	148	0
Paengarua Junction to Rotorua (three wires) ...	...	...	90	0
	71	0	335	0

The net increase is 63 miles 30 chains of line, and 101 miles 50 chains of wire.

The total distance of line in this district is 2,126 miles 70 chains, and of wire 5,709 miles 57 chains, exclusive of that maintained by the Railway Department for its own use.

*Maintenance.*

The wire across Ohiwa Harbour was fitted with half a mile of single-core cable. Two pieces of single-core cable, each 310 yards in length, were laid across the Hairini River, near Tauranga, to carry the Opotiki and Rotorua wires. The old line extending from 5 miles south of Tauranga, where a new line connects to Maketu, has been sold for dismantling.

The line carrying two wires from Paeroa to Waihi has been rebuilt and extended for a distance of 10 miles—namely, to the vicinity of Bowentown—where it intersects the old line to Kati-kati. The old line of four wires from this junction to Hikutai Junction has been abandoned and sold for dismantling. It measured 37 miles, and contained 148 miles of wire. This section had completely decayed, and had been both troublesome and expensive to maintain. There is now a first-class line through to Rotorua, with the exception of the portion between Bowentown Junction and Tauranga, which it is intended shall be overhauled and strengthened. From Paengarua Junction to Rotorua three wires of 90 miles in length were dismantled. The Hamilton—Morrinsville—Paeroa line has been overhauled and strengthened, and is now in good order. The section from Paeroa to Thames is being attended to. A line *via* Miranda was diverted to run by way of Hamilton, Paeroa, and Waihi to Tauranga.

The Auckland—Morrinsville wire has been made a constant-current circuit.

In connection with the Tauranga—Matata—Whakatane wire, a condenser apparatus has been fitted at Whakatane and Matata to superimpose a telephone circuit on the Opotiki Morse circuit, and is working satisfactorily.

Of the old line between Te Awamutu and Cambridge, 17 miles of wire have been dismantled, and 14 miles of line which was decayed and useless have been sold.

The Auckland—Otahuhu line has been overhauled and a new wire erected, thus completing the overhaul of the main Waikato line.

#### Offices.

Twenty-five new offices were opened during the year.

One office was closed—viz., Tokatea.

Two offices were converted from Morse to telephone, and one was converted from telephone to Morse.

Quadruplex instruments were fitted at Hamilton and Thames, and a duplex instrument at Tauranga. The duplex set at Te Awamutu was removed.

The following offices were refitted and supplied with new test-boards: Paemako, Morrinsville, Te Aroha.

The office at Frankton Junction was removed from the railway-station to a store, which was fitted up for the purpose. At Whakarewarewa the office was removed to a new departmental building.

The total number of telegraph and telephone offices open is 295, of which 49 are Morse and 246 are telephone offices.

#### Telephone Exchanges.

The subscribers to the Auckland Exchange are steadily increasing in number, there being on the 31st March a total of 2,036 connections, an increase of 182 for the year, as compared with 147 for the previous year. Of these connections 1,948 are paid for, while 26 are free, and 62 are bureau connections. There are also 447 extension telephones connected with the exchange, an increase of 60 for the year. The work of enlarging the telephone exchange to provide accommodation for extension of the switchboard is now in hand.

The connections to the exchange involve the use of 114 miles 73 chains of line, and 1,983 miles 16 chains of wire.

There are 16 miles 60 chains of dead wire.

Of aerial wire 1,272 miles have been replaced by double wire in leaden metallic-circuit cables.

The aerial wire replaced by metallic-circuit wires is being, or will be, dismantled.

Three new exchanges have been opened—viz., at Cambridge, with 13 miles of wire on 1 mile of line; at Waihi, with 15 miles of wire on 2 miles of line; and at Onehunga, with 9 miles of wire on 70 chains of line.

At Hamilton there are 22 subscribers; at Whangarei, 19; at Thames, 16; at Rotorua, 12; and at Paeroa, 7 subscribers. There are 10 exchanges in this district, having a total of 2,593 connections, of which 2,446 are subscribed to, while 37 are free, and 110 are bureau connections. The total increase of connections at all exchanges during the year was 378. Substantial increases in the number of subscribers took place in most of the exchanges.

The number of extension telephones in the district is 457. The total length of lines and wires connected with the 10 exchanges aggregates 152 miles 52 chains and 2,204 miles respectively, exclusive of 34 miles of dead wire.

#### Telephone Metallic Circuits.

The metallic circuits at Auckland brought into use numbered 647 on the 31st March, and provision has been made for introducing a large additional number on the western side of the city. The plan adopted has been to first convert the circuits subject to tramway interference, and to deal later with those in the city proper where there is not much induction. This explains why a comparatively small number of subscribers' connections has so far been converted into metallic circuits. The nearer the work draws to a completion the greater will be the rate of progress. A specially made metallic cable, having 2,300 yards of 26 pairs of wires, has been laid across the harbour to serve the North Shore. This will shortly be brought into use.

#### WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

##### Construction.

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

	Poles.		Wire.	
	M. ch.		M. ch.	
Pahiatua to Mangamaire	1	54½	1	54½
Wellington to Shannon (completion of Wellington—New Plymouth), (new wire)	...	...	64	0
Hunterville to Koeke	24	0	24	0
Hawera to Mokoia	0	12	6	40
Carterton to Parkvale	0	44	3	40
Napier Park Racecourse to Taradale	...	...	1	40
Douglas Road to Puniwhakau	8	60	8	60
Eketahuna to Rongokokako	0	70	0	70
Halcombe to Makino	...	...	6	9
Kilbirnie to Miramar	0	45	1	33
Wanganui to Taihape	...	...	73	0
Waverley to Moumahaki Farm	1	40	4	40

	Poles.	Wire.
	M. ch.	M. ch.
Maharahara to Kiritaki	2 60	2 60
Branch to Te Moehau	0 15	0 15
Featherston to Te Pare	9 0	15 10
Branch to Ruataniwha	...	0 1½
Pohangina to Komako	10 0	10 0
Tarata to Matau	13 40	13 40
Hastings to Pakipaki	0 10	5 0
Turakina to Wangaehu	...	4 64
Eketahuna to Ihuraua Valley	5 60	5 60
Waikanae to Reikorangi (metallic circuit)	3 0	6 0
Apiti to Utuwai	14 0	14 0
Waituna West to Rewa	5 0	5 0
Douglas Road to Huiroa	4 0	4 0
Puniwhakau to Makahu	4 40	4 40
Rongotea to Carnarvon	3 26	3 26
Glen Oroua to Taikorea	3 0	3 0
Fernhill to Pakowhai	2 40	2 40
Napier to Pohui	...	26 0
Extension to Peep-o'-Day (new office)	0 15	0 15
Sentry Hill to Waitara	4 0	25 40
Trunk telephone wires—		
Feilding to Kimbolton	...	18 0
Bull's to Marton	...	9 0
Gisborne to Te Karaka (metallic circuit)	...	37 0
Palmerston North to Longburn (metallic circuit)	...	8 0
Palmerston North to Rongotea (metallic circuit)	6 40	31 0
Waipawa to Waipukurau (metallic circuit)	...	8 0
Featherston to Greytown North	...	18 0
Featherston to Martinborough	...	12 0
Wellington to Palmerston North	...	92 40
For Public Works Department—		
Taihape to overseer's office	0 60	0 60
Turangarere to Waiouru	...	10 0
Waiouru to Ohakune	...	17 0
Douglas Road to Huiroa	...	3 0
Taihape to Mataroa	6 0	6 0
Stratford to Waipuku	...	4 40
Railway wire—		
Muritai to Pencarrow Heads Quarry	0 60	0 60
Less wires dismantled—		
Sentry Hill to Waitara	4 0	25 40
Railway wire ceased to be maintained by the Department—		
Woodville Railway to Ngawapurua Bridge	4 0	4 0
	8 0	29 40
Net increase	128 71½	592 78

The lengths of lines and wires now maintained in this district are 2,216 miles 41½ chains and 7,923 miles 68 chains respectively.

Eleven private wires, aggregating 1 mile 42 chains of line and 11 miles 49 chains of wire, were erected during the year.

There are 25 authorised but uncompleted construction works, some of which are nearing completion, and others will be proceeded with as soon as practicable. These works include extensions to new districts and the erection of wires on existing lines to give increased accommodation and to improve existing services.

#### Maintenance.

The lines throughout the district are in good order. The overhaul of the main lines from Wellington to New Plymouth and from Palmerston North to Napier has been completed during the year. There are branch lines requiring overhaul, and this will be done during the coming year.

The following sections were overhauled and strengthened, extra or larger poles being provided where necessary:—

	Miles.
Himatangi to Bull's	21
Wairoa to Frasertown	5
Wairoa to Mohaka	22
Waipawa to Waipukurau	4
Waipawa to Pakipaki	23
Pahiatua to Makuri	18
Tolaga Bay to East Cape	67

	Miles.
Palmerston North to Kaiwarawara ... ..	90
Feilding to Wangaehu ... ..	34
Feilding to Kimbolton ... ..	18
New Plymouth to Māhoenui ... ..	70
Ormond to Waimata Valley ... ..	8
	380

Early in June an unusually heavy snowstorm did considerable injury to the lines, especially those lightly constructed in the higher altitudes, as, for instance, those between Pohui and Tarawera and in the vicinity of Taihape, Eketahuna, Mauriceville, Takapau, Wakarara, and Stratford.

Interruptions continue to be caused by traction-engines and threshing-machines fouling the wires, and by persons felling trees or throwing pieces of wire over the lines. Thirteen instances of the latter kind occurred.

Telegraph insulators have very frequently been wantonly broken. Two lads caught in the act were charged with the offence in the Magistrate's Court, and fined 10s. each, and costs, 8s. 6d. and £1 15s. respectively.

New jack-knife test-boards have been fitted at Palmerston North, Dannevirke, Taihape, Waipawa, and Kaitoke.

A second quadruplex repeater has been installed at Napier to work on an Auckland-Wellington circuit, and another forked quadruplex repeater has been fitted up at New Plymouth, which provides two duplex circuits—viz., one between Wellington and New Plymouth, and one between Wellington and Auckland.

#### *Offices.*

New offices have been erected at Palmerston North, Otaki, Longburn, Waipiro Bay, Pungarehu, and Tuparoa, and the transfer of apparatus has been effected.

Te Aro, Shannon, and Kimbolton have been converted from telephone to Morse offices.

Thirty-five offices were opened during the year. One office—viz., that at Upper Mohaka—was closed.

There are 368 offices in the district, of which 64 are Morse and 304 telephone offices.

#### *Telephone Exchanges.*

Nine new exchanges were opened, as follows: Bull's, with 12 subscribers; Featherston, with 16 subscribers; Kimbolton, with 5 subscribers; Longburn, with 5 subscribers; Makotuku, with 1 subscriber; Martinborough, with 28 subscribers; Otakeho, with 1 subscriber; Rongotea, with 8 subscribers; Waipawa, with 15 subscribers.

Nine telephones were destroyed by fire—namely, one each at Hastings, Napier, Palmerston North, Stratford, Wanganui, and Wellington, and three at Feilding.

Considerable alterations to the lines at New Plymouth were necessitated owing to the installation of the Borough Council's electric-light system.

In regard to the Wellington Exchange, the conversion of the subscribers' telephone wires into metallic circuits is progressing satisfactorily, 685 subscribers' connections having been improved in this direction.

The increase in the number of subscribers continues, the number now reaching 2,462, an increase of 202, as compared with 157 last year. Of these, 2,355 are paying connections, 52 are free, and 55 are bureau connections. There are also 582 extension telephones, making a grand total of 3,044 connections.

A large number of new lines has been erected, and a considerable quantity of old material has been dismantled to provide accommodation for lead-covered cables.

There are now 53 miles of lines and 2,357 miles 75 chains of wire connected with the exchange.

Lead-covered cables of various sizes have been suspended, representing 752 miles of double wire, of which 439 miles have been brought into use to replace a similar mileage of aerial wire.

Three gangs of men are employed in the installation of metallic telephone circuits, and it is contemplated to increase this number shortly.

Considerable alterations to telephone-lines have been necessary in Island Bay and Brooklyn, and along the Kilbirnie proposed tramway route, to meet the requirements of the tramway extensions in those directions.

Two sections of multiple switchboard, which will increase the capacity of the exchange by accommodation for 600 subscribers, will arrive shortly. When in position these will provide, with present boards, accommodation for 3,300 subscribers.

There are now 39 exchanges in the district, an increase of 9 for the year, all of which are working satisfactorily. The subscribers connected therewith aggregate 6,183 in number, an increase of 780 for the year, as compared with 535 last year. Of these connections 5,735 are paid for, 121 are free, and 327 are bureau connections. They are connected by 329 miles 45 chains of line, and 4,651 miles 33 chains of wire. Extension telephones at the various exchanges number 869, making a grand total of 7,062 telephones.

The number of subscribers is increasing so rapidly that many of the exchanges have outgrown the accommodation provided. It is imperative that greater space should be provided for immediate requirements.

At Gisborne, Napier, New Plymouth, Palmerston North, and Wanganui provision is being made for further accommodation, and for the installation of new multiple switchboards which are shortly to arrive. Several of the smaller exchanges will also require additional space in the near future.

The construction of the Wairoa Exchange is expected to be completed shortly. The establishment of proposed exchanges at Alfredton, Opunake, and Waipukurau will be put in hand immediately.

#### *Metallic Circuits.*

Additional metallic-circuit telephone trunk wires have been established between Featherston and Greytown North, Palmerston North and Rongotea, Palmerston North and Longburn, and Gisborne and Te Karaka. It is proposed to superimpose a Morse circuit on the two circuits last mentioned.

Metallic circuits have also been provided by looping a telegraph-wire with a telephone trunk wire between the following offices: Feilding and Kimbolton, New Plymouth and Waitara, New Plymouth and Inglewood, Inglewood and Stratford, Stratford and Eltham, Hawera and Patea, Patea and Waverley, Waverley and Wanganui, Marton and Bull's, Martinborough and Featherston, Napier and Pohui. Morse circuits are superimposed on these sections.

Condenser metallic circuits have been established between Wellington and Palmerston North, and between Waipawa and Napier, with Hastings intermediate, two telegraph-wires being used in each case. These circuits are working satisfactorily.

#### NELSON DISTRICT.

##### *Construction.*

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

	Poles. M. ch.	Wire. M. ch.
Twelve-mile Landing ... ..	...	0 4
Progress Junction ... ..	1 72	1 72
Forsyth Bay ... ..	10 0	10 0
Puponga ... ..	1 0	1 0
Greymouth to Stillwater (metallic circuit) ... ..	...	20 53
Stillwater to Moana (metallic circuit) ... ..	...	28 0
Westport to Granity (metallic circuit) ... ..	...	18 0
Westport to Burnett's Face (metallic circuit) ... ..	...	15 0
Moana to Rotomana (metallic circuit) ... ..	0 40	14 60
Little Wanganui Ferry... ..	...	0 3
Tapawera ... ..	...	0 1
Totara Flat (loop) ... ..	...	0 65
Waimea West ... ..	2 40	2 40
Korere ... ..	7 30	7 30
Blenheim to Picton (trunk line) ... ..	...	18 0
Picton to Mahakipawa ... ..	...	12 0
Blind River extension ... ..	1 73	1 73
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	25 15	152 1

The line from Okarito to Bruce Bay has been constructed as far as the Waiho Gorge. There are 1,019 miles 66 chains of line and 2,940 miles 49 chains of wire maintained in this district.

##### *Maintenance.*

The following sections have been overhauled and strengthened during the year: Ahaura to Reefton, Reefton to Inangahua Junction, and Inangahua Junction to within 3 miles of Lyell. The Kaikoura-Clarence Bridge section has been cleared of scrub, and a deviation of the line made on the whole Kaikoura section in several places to clear heavy slips.

The Okarito-Ross section suffered very much from bad weather and lightning. This section needs overhauling and will receive attention.

The Greymouth-Kumara section and the Mokihinui section at Westport have had the angles strengthened, and the sections have been cleared of undergrowth.

A loop has been put in at Totara Flat and the office there converted into a Morse station, thus relieving the telephone circuit.

An overhaul of the Collingwood-Farewell Spit line and its branches is required, and will shortly be put in hand.

The lines generally have been very free from interruptions during the year, and have received careful inspection.

At Hokitika it was found necessary to erect a number of large poles, owing to alterations to the approaches of the railway bridge.

##### *Offices.*

During the year 11 new offices have been opened, making a total of 169 for the district, of which 25 are Morse and 144 are telephone stations.

The offices at Flaxbourne, Pakawau, and Stoke have been removed to other premises, and several other offices have been refitted.

The office building at Greymouth was moved back to make room for the erection of a new building. The conduct of business was not thereby interrupted.

New post and telegraph buildings are in course of erection at Greymouth and Nelson.

*Telephone Exchanges.*

A sub-exchange has been opened at Picton with 22 subscribers, and connections made with offices at Pelorus Sound and Havelock, thus enabling 15 bureaux to obtain direct telephonic communication with Picton and Blenheim.

The number of subscribers' connections to the exchanges in this district is steadily increasing, and now totals 1,025, of which 871 are paying connections, while 39 are free, and 115 are bureau connections. There are also 53 extension telephones, making a total of 1,078 connections.

The Nelson Exchange has 12 miles 38 chains of line and 156 miles of wire. At this exchange the new poles for the alterations in the routes to lead the wires to the new building have been erected, and wires are being run.

A branching multiple switchboard, with accessories, is under order for installation in the new building at Nelson. It will provide for 900 subscribers.

The Greymouth Exchange has 25 miles 48 chains of line and 154 miles 45 chains of wire. When the new building is ready a new telephone switchboard will be provided.

The length of line and wire in the district is 73 miles 59 chains and 505 miles 45 chains respectively.

There are 9 exchanges in this district, all of which are working satisfactorily.

*Metallic Circuits.*

The erection of an additional wire between Greymouth and Rotomana has provided a metallic circuit for bureau purposes between these two points, and at several intermediate offices. Additional wires, with Morse circuit superimposed, have also been erected between Westport and Grantly and Westport and Burnett's Face for metallic circuits. Between Blenheim and Picton a single wire was run and combined with a telegraph-wire to make a metallic circuit, upon which the Morse circuits were superimposed. Telephonic communication on these circuits is now practically free from induction, and the telegraph superimposed upon the several circuits is working satisfactorily.

## CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT.

*Construction.*

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

	Poles. M. ch.	Wire. M. ch.
Waimate to Glenavy ... ..	...	34 0
Ashburton to Hinds and Lowcliffe ... ..	7 40	19 0
Mount Somers to Springburn ... ..	5 0	5 0
Ouruhia (loop and metallic circuit) ... ..	0 20	0 40
Loop into Morven (loop and metallic circuit) ... ..	...	3 0
Ashburton to Dromore ... ..	...	6 40
Waihao Downs to Waihaorunga ... ..	7 0	7 0
Rakaia to Highbank ... ..	17 0	17 0
Loop into Makikihi (metallic circuit) ... ..	...	0 40
Loop into Islington (metallic circuit) ... ..	...	2 40
Pleasant Point to Hazelburn ... ..	10 0	10 0
Glenavy to Tawai ... ..	5 0	5 0
Tawai to Ikawai ... ..	5 40	5 40
Timaru to Levels ... ..	...	7 0
Levels to Pleasant Point ... ..	...	5 0
Timaru to Fairlie ... ..	...	38 0
	57 20	165 40

On the Waipara-Cheviot section 11 miles of line have been reconstructed along the railway route.

The total number of miles of line and wire in this district is 978 $\frac{3}{4}$  and 3,719 $\frac{1}{4}$  respectively.

*Maintenance.*

An overhaul of the main line from Waiiau to Kaiapoi was made. A number of new poles was put in, and the section put in good order. The Washdyke-Fairlie section also received attention. The line from Springfield to Otira received a thorough overhaul, two old wires in the Otira Gorge being renewed and all doubtful poles attended to. The line is in good order. Minor maintenance work has also been performed.

*Offices.*

Fifteen new offices have been opened during the year.

The Mount Somers office has been converted from a Morse to a telephone and bureau station.

Sumner is now a Morse office, the circuit being superimposed on a telephone metallic circuit.

There are 178 offices in the district, of which 60 are Morse and 118 are telephone stations.

*Telephone Exchanges.*

There has been no increase in the number of exchanges.

There has been a considerable increase in the number of exchange subscribers. This is particularly the case at Christchurch.

The sub-exchanges at Geraldine and Waimate are rapidly developing. To meet the requirements at Geraldine a second trunk wire is to be run from Timaru to Temuka, to relieve the present circuit, which at present serves both exchanges.

Two new cables have been run into the Ashburton Exchange to provide for additional connections.

For the Timaru Exchange larger poles were erected to replace those overloaded and unsafe. Provision was also made for future requirements. A fire which occurred in this exchange on the 22nd July damaged several cables. The necessary repairs were quickly effected without inconvenience to subscribers.

A new room was built to accommodate the telephone exchange at Waimate.

The Waimate-Glenavy trunk metallic circuit was opened on the 19th April, 1905.

A second wire has been run from Timaru to Fairlie to provide, with the present wire, a metallic circuit between those places. Much improvement in telephonic communication has resulted.

At the Christchurch Exchange a new section of branching multiple switchboard, providing for 450 connections, was added to the switchboard early in the year. Two new sections, each of which will provide for 450 connections, are under order. When these are in position there will be switchboard accommodation for 3,300 subscribers. The installation of metallic circuits for subscribers has begun, and is being proceeded with as rapidly as possible. The greater part of the work of erecting the requisite poles has been completed, and 4 miles of overhead cables have been suspended. The work has been delayed by building operations, the room for the terminal apparatus not being yet available. The motor and the air-compressor for air-drying the insulation of lead-covered cables are now in position, and it is expected that they will be working shortly.

The number of subscribers' connections to the Christchurch Exchange is 1,887, comprising 1,800 paying connections, and 40 free and 47 bureau connections.

Considerable alterations to the lines throughout the city, such as strengthening poles, altering routes, elevating and insulating wires in connection with the introduction of electric tramways, &c., have been effected during the year.

There are 502 extension telephones in the district, of which 425 are connected with the Christchurch Exchange and 58 with that at Timaru.

There are 2,562 connections in the district, as compared with 2,236 for last year, which gives an increase of 326 connections.

The total length of line and wire is 176 miles and 2,656 miles 45 chains respectively.

#### DUNEDIN DISTRICT.

##### Construction.

The following lines and wires have been erected during the year:—	Poles.		Wire.
	M.	ch.	M. ch.
Invercargill to Mabel Bush ... ..	13	0	16 0
Mosgiel to Momona ... ..	2	20	9 20
Bluff to Green Hills ... ..			5 0
Invercargill to Awarua Plains ... ..			1 60
Balclutha to Hillend ... ..	6	50	11 0
Invercargill to Gore (second trunk metallic circuit)... ..			85 0
Oamaru to Kurow (trunk wire) ... ..			46 0
Dunedin to Mosgiel (trunk wire) ... ..			22 0
Morrison's to Islay Downs ... ..	0	20	1 40
Dunedin to Milton (trunk wire) ... ..			37 0
Waikouaiti to Merton ... ..			5 40
Clydevale to Greenfield ... ..	3	0	3 0
Warepa to Kaihiku ... ..	3	0	3 0
Centre Bush to Dipton (bureau wire) ... ..			11 0
Rough Ridge to Ida Valley ... ..	5	0	5 0
Oamaru to Ngapara (Morse circuit) ... ..			12 40
Maheno to Hampden Square ... ..			13 0
Waimahaka to Waikawa and Otara ... ..	36	0	37 40
Mossburn to Te Anau and Manapouri ... ..	52	0	52 0
For the Public Works Department:—			
Chatto Creek to Alexandra South ... ..	10	40	10 40
Owaka to Catlin's River Camp ... ..	5	0	5 0
For the Railway Department:—			
Edendale to Kamahi ... ..			3 60
Tapanui to Kelso ... ..			4 0
	136	50	400 20

There were 2,013 $\frac{1}{4}$  miles of line and 4,822 $\frac{1}{4}$  miles of wire in the district on the 31st March, 1906, exclusive of telephone-exchange connections.

##### Maintenance.

With the exception of the break in the Stewart Island cable, from the end of November to the 8th December, there have been but few interruptions during the year, all lines having worked satisfactorily. About one-fourth of the lines of the district has received an overhaul. When running trunk lines and other extensions it has been necessary to strengthen and overhaul the existing lines.

*Offices.*

Thirty new offices were opened, one was closed, and one was transferred to the Christchurch district. The number of offices at the end of the year was 301—viz., 71 Morse and 230 telephone stations.

*Telephone Exchanges.*

Three new exchanges have been opened—viz., at Balfour, with 6 subscribers; Lawrence, with 30; and Mosgiel, with 22 subscribers—making a total of 25 exchanges for the district. The number of subscribers' connections has increased during the year from 2,668 to 2,970. Of these 2,668 are paying connections, 46 are free, and 256 are bureau connections. This is an increase of 302, as compared with 189 during the previous year. Including 555 extension telephones, the total number of connections at all exchanges is 3,525.

In connection with exchanges in the district there are 153 miles 20 chains of line and 2,416 miles of wire.

The business between Invercargill and Gore having outgrown the capacity of one metallic circuit, it became necessary to run an extra pair of wires. As two metallic circuits were thus established, the Department was enabled to superimpose on these a third metallic circuit. By this means the telephone accommodation between those places has been trebled. These circuits were arranged so that, if necessary, the third circuit might be temporarily dispensed with and a Morse connection superimposed on each metallic circuit.

Increased telephonic accommodation which was required between Invercargill and Bluff was provided by similarly superimposing a third circuit on two circuits already in use. The Mataura telephone circuits to Invercargill and to Gore, which were previously single wires and liable to strong induction, were converted into metallic circuits by connecting the telephone-wire to a telegraph-wire and superimposing a Morse circuit.

A trunk wire was run from Oamaru to Kurow, and, in conjunction with an existing telegraph-wire, provided a telephone circuit, with the Duntroon office intermediate, the Morse circuit being superimposed. This improved the imperfect working that had been experienced as the result of two telephone earth-circuits having been erected parallel to each other, and facilitated the transmission of messages.

The total connections to the Dunedin Exchange number 1,848, an increase of 146 for the year. Of these 1,785 are paying connections, while 22 are free and 41 are bureau connections. There are 440 extension telephones, an increase of 54 for the year.

Steady progress has been made in Dunedin with the conversion of exchange connections from earth-return to metallic-return circuits. All subscribers (numbering 310) in the suburbs of Anderson's Bay, Caversham, North-east Valley, St. Clair, St. Kilda, South Dunedin, and Woodhaugh have had their connections thus improved.

Of metallic-circuit double wires in lead cables 876 miles have been erected. Of this 489 miles have been brought into use, displacing open aerial wire to the extent of 416 miles, of which 246 miles have been dismantled.

The total mileage of line connected with the Dunedin Exchange is 76. Including single-wire and metallic circuits in use, the mileage of wire is 1,856.

For the Invercargill Exchange a new branching multiple switchboard has been ordered, and is expected to arrive shortly. The necessary alterations have been made to accommodate the switchboard.

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Table No. 1.

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

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

Year.	Commission received.		Where payable.						Total.					
			In the Colony.		United Kingdom and Foreign Offices.		Australia and other British Possessions.							
			No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.				
1863	£ 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
1893	10,248	14 5	146,133	576,358	17 2	229,616	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
1905	17,073	9 6	287,394	1,189,385	13 4	57,414	177,609	18 8	72,633	174,716	7 10	417,441	1,541,711	19 10

## 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
1893	146,133	576,358	17 2	8,746	32,616	17 2	10,679	40,929	2 5	165,558	649,904	16 9
1894	155,534	608,042	2 11	9,293	33,786	17 6	10,690	38,571	3 1	175,517	680,400	3 6
1895	162,600	635,062	17 11	9,938	35,155	7 9	11,520	39,862	18 10	184,058	710,081	4 6
1896	181,505	717,217	19 1	10,254	35,553	7 1	11,507	40,836	4 7	203,266	793,607	10 9
1897	193,867	762,592	10 3	10,085	35,238	10 3	11,407	40,105	1 11	215,359	837,936	2 5
1898	206,265	798,725	15 8	10,671	36,106	9 10	12,753	44,558	10 10	229,689	879,390	16 4
1899	221,354	864,513	4 9	10,624	37,290	8 7	13,399	48,533	15 11	245,377	950,337	9 3
1900	239,565	951,860	7 4	10,342	36,014	6 3	15,271	59,304	9 6	265,178	1,047,179	3 1
1901	255,344	1,002,056	12 1	11,082	40,021	14 4	16,688	63,800	4 10	283,114	1,105,878	11 3
1902	258,110	1,014,723	16 0	11,732	41,370	13 3	16,527	62,159	10 8	286,369	1,118,253	19 11
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
1905	287,394	1,189,385	13 4	10,338	47,649	9 0	19,669	72,437	13 3	317,401	1,309,472	15 7

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 1904 and 1905.

## ISSUED IN NEW ZEALAND.

Where payable.	1904.		1905.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
United Kingdom and Foreign Offices through United Kingdom	49,097	£ 141,033 3 10	44,777	£ 153,867 3 9
United States of America .. .. .	10,507	21,801 11 5	11,774	21,679 6 2
Canada .. .. .	564	1,866 4 5	589	1,935 0 1
Cape Colony .. .. .	168	524 18 9	187	552 16 1
Ceylon .. .. .	122	353 1 11	129	422 11 11
Fiji .. .. .	140	494 13 10	141	584 17 3
Germany .. .. .	871	2,389 17 5	855	2,035 7 2
Hong Kong .. .. .	378	1,275 10 6	337	1,126 3 2
India .. .. .	605	1,989 4 9	652	1,856 1 7
Natal .. .. .	87	312 14 5	69	304 13 10
New South Wales .. .. .	28,021	70,002 10 7	34,544	78,474 5 3
Orange River Colony* .. .. .	..	..	9	30 17 0
Queensland .. .. .	3,189	9,500 8 6	3,184	9,350 13 4
Samoa .. .. .	15	20 8 0	8	28 1 7
South Australia .. .. .	1,515	4,051 1 1	1,582	4,171 11 10
Straits Settlements .. .. .	55	208 17 6	44	114 0 2
Tasmania .. .. .	4,270	9,207 16 0	4,480	11,125 16 11
Transvaal .. .. .	151	607 2 6	140	684 1 5
Victoria .. .. .	25,247	59,366 5 0	25,258	59,874 0 2
Western Australia .. .. .	1,126	3,655 15 0	1,288	4,108 17 10
Totals .. .. .	126,128	328,661 5 5	130,047	352,326 6 6

\* Direct money-order exchange from 1st July, 1905.

## DRAWN ON NEW ZEALAND.

Where issued.	1904.		1905.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
United Kingdom and Foreign Offices through United Kingdom	9,334	£ 34,472 5 6	8,068	£ 35,947 6 4
United States of America .. .. .	1,571	6,228 15 1	1,659	6,633 19 3
Canada .. .. .	424	2,212 3 5	384	2,009 4 11
Cape Colony .. .. .	444	1,943 3 4	396	1,875 18 2
Ceylon .. .. .	32	112 6 8	44	125 6 1
Fiji .. .. .	490	1,673 5 2	614	1,982 11 4
Germany .. .. .	135	661 5 3	138	926 8 5
Hong Kong .. .. .	70	289 16 7	60	259 12 10
India .. .. .	357	1,331 15 2	249	990 14 11
Natal .. .. .	361	1,556 18 4	286	1,406 18 5
New South Wales .. .. .	5,922	18,654 7 0	6,465	20,331 16 8
Orange River Colony* .. .. .	..	..	7	20 13 0
Queensland .. .. .	1,198	4,490 13 4	1,350	5,232 8 4
Samoa .. .. .	527	4,430 15 3	473	4,141 15 0
South Australia .. .. .	662	2,313 11 3	735	2,819 1 11
Straits Settlements .. .. .	51	174 1 11	35	188 11 7
Tasmania .. .. .	2,438	11,633 19 5	2,285	10,695 1 11
Transvaal .. .. .	830	4,422 12 4	694	3,489 8 5
Victoria .. .. .	4,613	15,210 1 1	4,618	13,850 18 8
Western Australia .. .. .	1,385	5,805 12 5	1,447	7,159 6 1
Totals .. .. .	30,844	117,617 8 6	30,007	120,087 2 3

\* Direct money-order exchange from 1st July, 1905.

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, 1906.

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	8,019	2,046	..	1,012	..	2,089	969	2,379	695	992	525	2,866	..	16,542	£ 6,997 5 6
1886-87 .. ..	16,605	12,283	..	6,647	..	11,566	5,729	13,103	4,090	5,187	2,375	14,961	..	92,546	37,659 7 0
1887-88 .. ..	22,467	17,167	..	9,162	..	15,553	7,671	17,487	5,278	6,940	2,952	17,578	..	122,255	47,729 5 0
1888-89 .. ..	27,428	21,900	..	11,912	..	19,741	9,477	21,149	6,618	8,243	3,633	19,778	..	149,879	56,841 18 0
1889-90 .. ..	32,754	25,387	..	14,478	..	23,550	10,894	24,011	7,809	9,386	4,158	22,596	..	175,023	65,484 2 0
1890-91 .. ..	35,915	28,559	..	16,092	..	25,204	12,229	25,906	7,969	10,172	4,365	23,503	..	189,915	69,721 18 6
1891-92 .. ..	42,416	33,722	..	19,363	..	29,550	14,019	30,132	9,058	11,611	4,953	25,889	..	220,683	79,325 16 6
1892-93 .. ..	48,612	38,849	..	22,088	..	33,012	16,072	32,747	9,904	12,380	5,369	28,969	..	247,902	87,856 18 0
1893-94 .. ..	56,761	44,706	..	25,461	..	37,771	18,096	37,687	11,016	13,800	6,156	33,635	..	285,389	101,002 7 6
1894-95 .. ..	62,306	49,846	..	28,975	..	43,829	20,423	43,167	11,864	15,567	6,790	36,601	..	319,368	112,307 10 0
1895-96 .. ..	68,454	56,185	..	32,801	..	49,204	22,802	47,787	13,601	17,191	7,020	33,390	1,192	349,627	123,368 6 6
1896-97 .. ..	74,534	62,056	..	35,322	..	54,219	24,871	51,963	14,365	18,102	7,406	32,868	1,090	376,796	129,011 18 0
1897-98 .. ..	81,958	69,981	..	38,617	..	60,843	26,968	55,748	15,463	19,477	7,904	32,179	728	409,866	134,378 9 6
1898-99 .. ..	86,529	72,710	..	41,991	..	64,386	28,448	59,631	16,202	19,990	8,193	32,696	673	431,449	139,957 4 0
1899-1900 .. ..	93,762	77,431	..	44,384	..	70,416	30,680	63,787	16,957	21,393	8,539	33,491	607	461,447	147,686 8 6
1900-1901 .. ..	85,460	68,066	13,834	52,691	14,702	80,629	24,534	70,939	13,363	23,745	6,855	35,067	560	490,505	154,434 1 0
1901-1902 .. ..	49,529	30,255	62,285	70,683	65,467	109,663	..	92,708	..	32,128	..	43,042	556	556,316	173,317 5 0
1902-1903 .. ..	54,268	33,409	70,122	76,613	75,700	119,593	..	102,641	..	34,508	..	48,852	558	616,264	191,904 13 0
1903-1904 .. ..	61,379	37,514	85,909	86,626	89,276	134,270	..	114,755	..	38,030	..	53,639	656	707,044	220,069 11 0
1904-1905 .. ..	65,484	40,263	86,711	96,228	99,739	154,281	..	130,430	..	42,317	..	69,206	683	785,347	250,123 7 6
1905-1906 .. ..	74,389	45,358	98,503	108,493	114,411	167,430	..	143,216	..	46,228	..	76,508	788	875,324	276,379 7 6

\* First issued on 17th June, 1885.

Table No. 4.

TABLE showing the Number and Amount of Transactions at the several Money-order and Savings-bank Offices in New Zealand during the Year 1905.

Office.	Money-orders.						Savings-banks.					
	Issued.			Paid.			New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.	
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.		Amount.	No.		Amount.	
AUCKLAND	23,080	1,236 5 6	95,696 0 0	52,473	197,533 16 3	4,213	31,712	634,704 18 2	4,529	38,559	694,669 8 6	
Ahuroa	192	5 18 6	776 15 7	5	71 11 0	4	43	628 4 9	15	163 15 0		
Aitutaki	58	3 9 0	569 2 3	65	203 3 8	..	..	..	..	..		
Aoroa	244	7 9 0	651 8 2	46	297 4 1	9	141	677 17 0	8	48 252 14 9		
Aratapu	997	49 17 6	3,737 6 4	200	806 8 5	62	640	5,900 7 0	20	191 3,762 0 7		
Avondale	201	6 18 0	428 2 0	261	842 9 8	16	208	608 4 9	3	38 181 19 7		
Awhitu	104	4 18 0	265 9 5	17	35 19 6	6	15	215 18 0	..	2 40 0 0		
Bombay	235	7 16 0	782 8 4	82	299 2 9	19	181	1,888 19 0	1	67 763 15 5		
Cabbage Bay	258	7 6 0	868 12 4	38	115 4 4	12	43	243 2 0	6	51 348 2 9		
Cambridge	1,502	50 3 6	5,827 7 5	972	4,465 1 6	181	1,253	13,965 13 9	79	569 10,557 10 7		
Clevedon	299	9 19 0	992 1 9	78	484 7 8	9	129	887 5 2	11	64 503 19 6		
Coromandel	989	30 12 0	2,980 11 10	844	2,950 6 5	46	363	3,945 10 0	46	389 4,729 11 11		
Dargaville	1,977	183 15 6	10,810 4 2	479	3,648 16 11	226	1,403	17,844 16 9	114	592 12,255 4 7		
Devonport	585	22 4 0	1,590 8 0	846	3,092 8 6	69	657	4,460 0 10	21	156 1,339 2 1		
Drury	321	10 3 0	1,078 5 8	96	617 6 11	20	116	1,512 0 4	5	54 758 11 11		
Ellerslie	106	4 7 0	329 12 9	194	919 8 3	28	235	916 10 0	6	44 265 13 7		
Fanning Island	77	5 13 6	280 14 8	1	1 0 0	..	..	..	..	..		
Grey Lynn-Arch Hill	164	5 6 0	308 3 1	188	688 2 3	32	224	1,006 11 8	1	20 70 2 0		
Gumtown	173	21 1 0	1,040 0 9	13	40 6 2	31	112	1,747 15 0	1	10 205 5 1		
Hamilton	2,512	88 9 0	8,747 16 7	1,652	8,086 18 8	312	2,276	34,786 5 8	115	1,095 23,474 18 8		
Helensville	600	26 1 6	2,608 2 11	241	1,067 0 2	44	403	2,660 4 9	27	155 1,440 15 11		
Henderson	6	0 3 6	5 7 5	2	4 19 6	..	..	..	..	..		
Hikurangi	672	20 16 0	2,117 0 1	109	562 7 7	50	426	3,077 2 2	10	137 2,103 14 3		
Howick	96	2 19 6	223 1 6	104	457 18 5	13	70	226 9 0	2	50 225 6 8		
Hukerenui	283	8 3 0	887 18 11	22	72 13 4	8	32	276 13 0	..	17 247 10 0		
Huntly	1,261	42 3 0	3,735 9 8	345	1,491 2 8	93	776	6,934 8 10	37	282 4,998 4 9		
Kaeo	194	6 11 0	539 17 2	54	173 12 2	12	119	890 12 0	6	40 423 0 4		
Kaihu	711	25 5 6	2,682 5 8	75	397 6 9	24	192	2,116 11 3	9	102 1,581 0 0		
Kaikohe	567	79 13 6	3,598 7 2	85	436 19 7	66	374	4,467 12 0	14	100 1,342 10 4		
Kaipara Flats	24	1 2 0	92 10 2	..	..	3	8	173 4 0	..	1 32 0 0		
Kaitaia	737	45 13 6	3,187 17 0	105	763 10 2	27	162	2,336 9 5	10	100 1,726 10 9		
Kaiwaka	55	1 13 0	146 19 8	4	11 6 7	6	39	530 18 0	..	11 610 0 0		
Kamo	295	10 9 6	864 0 5	103	506 1 2	34	208	2,929 17 6	14	125 2,502 3 8		
Kaukapakapa	175	5 10 0	520 5 8	41	162 11 9	8	173	1,587 5 0	3	90 804 3 9		
Kawakawa	675	21 7 0	2,201 4 2	215	754 14 6	36	313	3,600 15 0	17	151 3,023 8 10		
Kawhia	505	12 18 0	1,514 8 1	141	1,001 18 1	36	149	1,794 2 8	14	119 1,282 13 10		
Kihikihi	190	5 12 0	507 6 10	130	571 1 6	25	180	971 4 1	20	118 1,381 15 4		
Kinohaku	20	0 11 6	58 5 8	1	6 9 0	1	1	14 13 0	..	3 45 0 0		
Kiripaka	162	6 5 6	457 16 5	11	41 9 6	12	77	812 19 6	5	69 1,159 9 1		
Kohukohu	437	14 8 6	1,511 3 2	91	611 13 3	20	258	2,350 5 6	16	110 1,334 12 4		
Kuaotunu	330	10 4 0	1,176 4 11	22	119 7 7	5	90	597 9 0	..	35 404 15 0		
Leigh	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	11 0 0	..	..		
Mamaku	790	23 1 0	2,273 4 10	91	505 4 2	34	193	1,110 15 0	11	89 1,154 18 10		
Mangapai	318	8 6 0	837 17 8	26	96 2 8	15	67	1,040 16 0	4	36 869 12 0		
Mangawai	310	36 11 0	1,851 7 1	49	472 11 7	17	129	2,172 18 8	1	31 697 13 8		
Mangawhare	278	24 14 6	1,443 2 8	66	318 2 11	22	257	3,084 14 0	5	55 864 13 8		
Mangonui	1,055	84 7 6	5,127 8 6	180	762 4 3	27	253	3,362 15 0	12	140 2,392 15 1		
Matakana	290	11 16 6	902 0 2	69	555 9 3	8	61	968 0 0	2	42 611 0 11		
Matakohe	203	6 18 0	683 19 7	31	182 17 0	16	119	1,199 3 0	6	47 463 10 1		
Matamata	432	15 12 6	3,000 13 4	136	1,099 17 11	28	116	1,941 18 4	10	115 2,342 15 6		
Maungaturoto	243	15 0 6	998 10 3	103	340 10 1	18	141	2,298 5 0	6	63 1,346 9 0		
Mercer	487	14 13 6	1,316 15 4	74	304 7 6	15	110	1,047 16 1	5	62 752 18 11		
Mititai	175	5 4 6	510 8 0	24	175 5 10	2	42	592 0 0	5	20 438 9 1		
Morrinsville	481	17 17 6	1,479 1 5	189	778 7 0	42	235	3,806 6 9	16	114 2,669 7 9		
Mount Eden	93	3 18 6	259 9 7	240	868 6 8	5	31	232 4 0	3	20 85 12 2		
Mount Roskill	78	2 11 0	152 14 2	153	607 8 7	3	61	126 4 0	..	5 41 19 0		
Newmarket	832	31 9 6	2,433 6 7	624	2,060 13 0	74	744	3,575 0 3	23	104 1,058 19 5		
Newton	1,976	74 4 6	4,852 8 5	2,020	6,663 11 11	226	2,442	14,899 3 0	41	265 2,242 17 0		
Ngaruawahia	852	26 14 0	2,347 5 6	473	2,053 6 1	70	512	4,562 2 7	38	217 2,870 4 9		
Niue	26	2 2 6	322 14 11	9	26 17 6	..	..	..	..	..		
Northcote	85	3 16 0	235 19 1	142	458 4 1	11	101	203 0 8	3	21 62 7 9		
Ohaeawai	300	21 8 0	1,344 14 5	58	228 8 5	18	152	2,246 6 0	6	57 1,620 7 5		
Ohaupo	274	8 16 6	862 18 10	91	461 2 1	27	135	2,279 18 9	6	55 1,276 8 1		
Ohura	73	2 1 6	395 4 11	24	215 9 2	12	15	908 15 2	7	21 947 2 1		
Oio	837	32 19 6	3,673 12 11	106	619 14 3	157	883	9,568 8 1	14	150 1,891 15 2		
Okaihau	128	4 17 6	379 14 0	31	200 14 11	11	79	856 0 0	5	34 518 3 8		
Onehunga	1,033	42 4 0	3,071 1 3	1,267	4,950 16 3	85	476	5,749 14 9	38	213 3,328 19 4		
Onewhero	253	8 8 0	781 12 5	33	169 8 4	19	97	1,014 2 0	3	53 939 18 10		
Opononi	157	6 16 0	788 16 9	67	191 7 11	5	33	502 1 0	2	37 304 11 8		
Otahuhu	375	13 9 6	1,009 15 2	440	1,492 17 8	50	571	2,513 4 1	28	186 1,567 3 3		
Otorohanga	434	13 13 6	1,831 18 0	180	1,103 16 11	16	104	708 18 4	8	84 1,077 13 3		
Pahi	115	3 15 6	359 13 3	40	244 2 6	3	67	417 3 0	..	48 337 10 0		
Papakura	302	9 0 6	745 4 9	152	667 14 6	30	153	1,649 0 5	8	94 1,307 13 0		
Paparoa	186	7 13 0	594 17 4	69	250 15 8	14	184	2,484 0 0	..	77 1,643 0 8		
Papatoetoe	50	1 11 6	134 13 7	13	56 4 2	6	51	410 19 0	..	19 174 3 0		
Parnell	468	19 6 6	1,221 10 8	901	3,243 7 3	70	1,072	4,648 4 8	25	154 927 3 7		
Parua Bay	268	10 10 0	778 18 0	43	282 6 7	8	49	548 2 0	2	31 367 13 0		
Penrhyn Island	1	0 0 6	0 13 0	3	1 12 4	..	..	..	..	..		
Pirongia	204	6 8 0	826 7 5	89	331 3 5	16	151	809 11 0	6	59 651 13 1		
Pokeno	110	3 9 6	385 10 8	33	126 16 4	10	69	766 0 4	3	26 280 5 7		
Ponsonby	827	31 6 0	1,983 1 7	1,590	5,653 17 11	92	1,194	4,760 11 1	30	166 1,512 0 9		

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 1905—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 ..	277	27 6 6	1,311 5 0	26	172 5 10	22	76 8 19	11 0 0	3	18	175 6 2
Port Albert ..	175	5 8 6	453 4 3	52	194 16 9	19	127	1,687 11 6	4	43	789 4 7
Puhoi ..	77	2 1 6	227 15 9	19	95 12 1	12	97	2,418 4 0	4	45	2,028 11 1
Pukekohe ..	728	28 9 6	2,439 18 1	382	1,632 16 10	67	487	7,212 19 2	17	234	5,562 6 5
Putaruru ..	192	6 16 6	803 11 2	62	112 11 1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Raglan ..	299	9 4 6	988 15 10	110	788 1 6	23	119	958 3 7	10	70	1,074 16 1
Rangiriri ..	138	4 17 0	591 13 2	53	242 19 9	8	42	571 11 0	2	36	502 7 0
Rarotonga ..	356	22 17 6	2,502 19 1	802	3,478 3 6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Raurimu ..	182	8 11 6	1,081 14 4	36	288 18 8	31	132	1,792 7 4	..	37	382 19 0
Rawene ..	253	7 11 0	888 16 4	131	545 12 10	17	110	1,004 0 11	5	85	718 14 2
Rehia ..	156	6 3 0	469 9 10	15	63 18 4	7	49	224 19 0	1	12	217 6 2
Rotorua ..	2,766	87 0 6	9,605 19 5	1,393	6,612 1 0	217	1,400	13,804 1 3	95	669	8,084 1 3
Russell ..	347	10 4 0	993 12 11	218	825 7 5	21	137	1,038 16 1	11	87	1,283 14 0
Saies ..	49	1 14 6	117 11 7	23	107 16 11	12	68	655 0 7	1	59	834 16 5
Strand Arcade ..	1,909	83 15 0	6,154 15 8	86	292 7 10	49	654	4,933 14 0	1	10	32 14 0
Tabeke ..	160	4 3 6	474 18 6	49	245 3 4	9	34	409 11 0	2	28	366 3 5
Tairua ..	495	27 12 0	1,850 8 8	80	533 10 10	33	219	2,292 11 0	7	55	659 10 2
Takapuna ..	57	1 11 6	135 6 6	68	204 15 0	11	37	114 13 0	3	34	182 16 1
Tangewahine ..	67	2 2 0	230 0 5	5	19 11 6	16	84	288 12 0	4	17	118 3 0
Tangamarunui ..	2,326	77 6 6	9,740 6 0	196	1,246 18 0	81	399	6,114 15 6	17	158	2,181 0 1
Taupo ..	345	11 8 6	1,206 10 9	135	885 9 7	21	136	1,941 10 10	13	74	1,525 3 10
Te Awamutu ..	605	20 11 0	2,096 5 2	308	1,438 3 2	64	583	5,435 11 8	23	213	6,093 4 8
Te Kopuru ..	924	46 9 6	3,478 5 3	227	2,291 1 5	39	497	4,756 12 0	23	212	3,353 18 9
Te Kuiti ..	558	15 4 0	1,832 6 9	144	901 6 1	27	181	2,881 6 7	13	83	2,535 6 7
Te Mata ..	103	3 0 0	251 19 2	28	142 2 7	5	39	211 13 5	1	22	230 3 8
Te Rau-a-moa ..	17	0 8 0	42 17 8	1	9 19 0	4	4	14 9 0	..	..	..
Te Uku ..	23	0 14 0	88 6 8	17	84 18 8	8	53	517 3 0	1	18	185 10 0
Tirau ..	202	7 5 0	676 14 9	64	481 6 8	30	144	1,427 16 7	3	50	761 13 0
Tokatoka ..	298	14 2 6	1,202 10 5	27	155 18 9	18	151	1,114 14 10	4	34	289 15 0
Towai ..	180	7 3 6	846 12 8	34	178 15 6	5	22	85 16 0	1	12	76 12 1
Tuakau ..	382	12 10 6	1,314 18 9	141	637 12 0	24	141	1,360 7 2	18	105	1,500 8 8
Upper Symonds Street ..	777	28 16 0	1,692 14 7	343	1,270 5 4	42	611	3,185 3 9	1	14	44 7 9
Wade ..	168	7 1 6	518 0 10	108	352 10 3	11	76	928 0 0	2	38	310 3 10
Waerenga ..	86	3 2 0	295 0 1	39	195 14 6	13	44	329 0 0	1	11	116 16 2
Waihopo ..	723	45 11 0	2,924 18 9	151	2,777 5 5	33	139	2,566 2 8	9	68	948 13 9
Waihou ..	311	8 17 0	1,308 16 5	73	284 17 7	15	80	800 10 8	9	55	751 3 8
Waimamaku ..	171	4 13 0	532 14 7	13	48 11 5	26	161	376 15 0	2	28	228 15 3
Waipu ..	818	44 18 0	3,169 17 11	183	1,626 18 1	32	247	4,075 12 0	10	97	1,430 2 3
Waiuku ..	663	20 18 6	1,934 15 7	209	950 5 5	66	411	4,452 7 0	20	182	2,302 16 2
Waiwera ..	86	2 12 6	233 5 11	30	158 8 3	11	129	601 15 10	5	20	193 2 2
Waotu ..	39	1 0 0	64 11 11	25	132 18 2	3	16	225 8 0	2	14	102 13 4
Warkworth ..	675	25 6 6	2,056 3 0	216	680 12 0	54	395	4,098 6 6	15	122	1,956 15 3
Wellsford ..	137	10 4 6	617 2 11	17	76 10 3	6	50	582 14 0	8	25	971 4 3
Whakapara ..	315	9 6 6	966 14 11	101	392 13 7	20	158	969 13 10	5	35	517 8 2
Whakapirau ..	135	3 17 0	366 18 0	34	211 6 6	6	70	542 5 11	7	15	145 19 0
Whangapara ..	57	2 5 0	199 0 3	15	87 3 8	4	24	222 9 0	..	5	203 0 0
Whangarei ..	3,098	115 1 0	11,372 0 1	1,140	4,572 3 5	283	2,373	31,074 13 2	103	1,084	23,597 3 5
Whangaroa ..	167	4 11 6	421 1 6	61	269 3 5	3	77	631 1 0	..	34	545 8 8
Wharekawa ..	63	7 17 0	385 16 8	3	12 14 5	4	63	1,417 13 0	1	6	98 8 7
Whitford ..	28	0 17 0	71 17 6	19	99 10 9	9	22	121 10 0	..	..	..
Whitianga ..	1,203	37 6 0	3,775 6 3	146	642 2 4	46	373	4,244 2 6	16	154	2,259 16 11
BLenheim ..	3,599	139 19 6	12,890 10 6	1,944	10,495 4 0	609	4,714	92,718 15 7	471	3,969	82,679 2 3
Havelock ..	770	23 3 6	2,526 8 7	179	754 9 4	46	401	4,906 17 2	29	201	4,421 6 0
Kekerangu ..	85	2 12 6	235 18 9	7	19 8 3	3	20	268 2 0	..	3	21 0 0
Mahakipawa ..	101	3 0 0	257 6 3	19	67 18 2	4	11	107 19 0	2	5	13 14 3
Pictou ..	1,351	43 13 6	4,333 1 6	585	2,599 11 4	132	992	11,165 17 5	56	424	6,152 7 6
Renwicktown ..	144	4 13 0	423 10 1	56	308 2 1	17	221	1,091 13 0	3	44	959 16 6
Seddon ..	310	9 17 0	1,093 15 7	47	284 0 3	28	131	2,088 4 0	5	31	422 17 5
Spring Creek ..	228	7 17 0	675 12 5	71	356 16 4	10	108	629 15 0	1	11	84 15 10
CHRISTCHURCH ..	17,569	873 0 6	64,442 7 7	30,690	145,256 12 3	6,256	63,606	943,335 13 3	5,736	54,016	944,443 9 6
Addington ..	279	8 17 6	639 4 5	215	721 13 4	24	370	1,405 17 0	4	66	542 11 3
Akaroa ..	486	18 11 0	1,596 17 9	242	814 16 5	68	630	9,046 19 2	27	264	7,629 7 7
Amberley ..	436	15 7 6	1,474 5 10	209	842 19 3	43	341	4,571 3 2	12	111	2,528 5 1
Ashburton ..	3,551	135 6 6	12,944 8 6	1,398	5,420 5 5	533	3,744	42,908 18 0	266	1,838	36,302 10 1
Bealey ..	72	2 9 0	360 4 9	10	44 7 0	4	23	323 13 0	1	6	52 13 1
Belfast ..	84	3 6 6	249 19 2	68	251 1 0	15	134	688 17 6	1	32	150 7 0
Chertsey ..	124	3 17 0	299 12 6	19	53 1 9	9	96	1,737 6 6	8	48	887 2 1
Cheviot ..	785	24 16 0	4,058 3 0	179	1,311 19 2	44	398	7,377 9 8	13	142	4,182 19 1
Coalgate ..	92	3 12 0	319 2 9	7	19 5 5	10	51	415 4 0	..	20	147 18 0
Culverden ..	227	9 14 0	951 6 1	97	455 14 4	28	161	1,513 5 0	5	49	801 1 10
Darfield ..	146	4 19 0	443 14 4	60	223 2 9	8	50	535 6 1	8	37	808 1 8
Dunsandel ..	108	3 9 0	308 7 10	27	162 10 11	19	140	1,951 3 0	2	44	621 15 3
Duvauchelle ..	158	6 0 6	616 18 9	43	124 12 2	10	111	1,424 17 0	7	35	575 9 7
East Oxford ..	192	5 3 6	665 8 2	58	257 18 11	20	169	1,722 13 0	7	42	787 11 4
Ellesmere ..	36	2 5 0	147 6 6	12	59 17 6	7	50	516 1 9	..	15	314 14 0
Glentunnel ..	127	4 14 3	411 19 4	40	141 15 5	14	94	857 2 6	5	35	647 13 4
Greendale ..	67	2 3 9	209 16 4	9	25 19 10	11	33	275 14 2	4	15	168 8 2
Halswell ..	69	2 17 3	210 0 0	11	29 4 10	11	109	185 9 5	..	10	19 8 0
Hanmer Springs ..	570	18 7 0	2,134 3 1	132	580 4 5	30	300	3,038 16 11	8	84	887 17 4

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TABLE showing the Number and Amount of Transactions at the several Money-order and Savings-bank Offices in New Zealand during the Year 1905—continued.

Office.	Money-orders.					Savings-banks.					
	Issued.			Paid.		New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.	
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.
CHRISTCHURCH— <i>ctd</i>		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Hinds ..	92	2 19 6	290 4 9	25	117 3 6	14	48 405 10 0	6	31	319 15 5	
Hornby ..	195	6 14 6	515 12 6	39	153 3 8	35	298 1,683 1 7	6	45	304 17 2	
Hororata ..	74	2 12 6	297 6 10	18	43 10 7	9	99 868 10 6	2	42	498 5 11	
Islington ..	2	0 1 0	1 10 0	..	..	..	..	..	1	2 0 0	
Kaipoi ..	648	23 5 0	2,083 18 10	387	1,493 9 8	130	1,212 19,115 18 9	69	485	9,516 5 0	
Kaikoura ..	924	29 1 6	4,918 8 3	262	1,151 18 3	87	543 11,910 2 11	31	194	4,196 3 11	
Kirwee ..	121	5 6 6	404 10 4	38	171 19 5	16	103 2,085 0 1	6	31	809 19 4	
Leeston ..	409	13 10 6	1,371 2 2	156	773 6 11	77	544 8,327 10 1	19	172	4,568 1 11	
Lichfield Street	2,894	111 16 0	8,476 6 4	50	125 5 9	143	2,288 13,473 7 2	5	33	683 0 2	
Lincoln ..	141	4 15 6	376 17 0	96	432 18 8	10	101 997 16 7	1	35	245 2 3	
Linwood ..	394	16 3 0	927 15 3	486	1,675 7 11	90	999 3,792 0 7	14	112	866 13 3	
Little Akaloa ..	42	1 5 0	101 13 6	28	151 18 3	2	26 645 3 1	2	5	4 2 10	
Little River ..	318	11 9 0	1,237 10 2	96	398 15 9	33	215 3,150 0 1	10	84	1,387 12 5	
Lyttelton ..	2,153	99 11 6	7,752 0 11	1,130	4,949 3 9	283	2,801 24,676 0 7	102	964	16,291 2 1	
Mayfield ..	43	1 10 0	94 13 2	9	29 11 11	..	59 311 4 6	2	13	188 4 10	
Methven ..	397	13 10 6	1,279 3 3	76	347 14 3	32	292 3,381 17 9	4	79	1,374 5 9	
Mount Somers..	191	8 5 6	585 8 9	43	248 9 8	16	78 1,225 12 4	1	24	768 9 6	
New Brighton..	72	2 13 6	118 8 7	113	496 12 5	29	289 1,090 1 5	2	56	339 19 3	
Ohoka ..	59	2 3 6	219 0 10	34	119 0 7	3	35 207 12 0	1	31	209 15 10	
Oxford ..	428	14 4 0	1,679 15 10	150	649 10 2	24	219 2,369 13 3	15	84	2,158 8 2	
Papanui ..	241	7 16 6	562 17 8	148	517 0 2	42	309 2,225 8 6	2	90	1,297 7 6	
Pigeon Bay ..	87	2 19 6	294 12 1	39	249 6 8	6	55 666 15 3	1	14	98 3 9	
Prebbleton ..	47	1 14 0	118 5 7	34	153 13 10	6	42 442 4 0	3	17	397 7 4	
Rakaia ..	614	18 17 6	2,114 19 4	214	771 16 7	55	317 4,265 12 8	22	152	4,271 1 4	
Rangiora ..	1,149	42 3 0	3,783 4 5	651	2,573 16 0	207	1,830 29,041 16 9	91	851	18,562 1 4	
Rolleston ..	29	1 1 0	111 16 0	12	30 19 11	6	30 298 19 0	..	12	62 19 0	
St. Albans ..	202	6 13 6	442 8 3	177	679 11 10	39	327 1,523 18 7	..	65	762 2 0	
Scargill ..	1,029	29 16 0	3,167 1 3	41	241 6 6	24	128 1,296 11 10	2	23	536 15 7	
Sefton ..	79	2 18 6	327 8 1	71	299 13 10	20	161 1,593 9 7	8	53	1,021 1 1	
Sheffield ..	247	8 10 6	837 11 3	74	401 12 11	19	163 1,574 13 7	5	44	761 15 7	
Southbridge ..	290	10 15 6	813 13 10	78	325 17 3	38	282 3,620 13 11	18	117	2,281 15 11	
Springfield ..	1,311	44 17 0	5,316 7 10	111	433 4 0	45	277 2,822 8 9	3	55	553 2 0	
Springfield Rail- way Works	..	..	..	..	..	1	28 329 9 0	..	1	10 15 0	
Springston Rail- way	64	2 10 6	216 10 8	38	180 17 1	7	67 1,256 10 1	1	30	307 19 1	
Sumner ..	128	4 15 6	329 4 9	103	415 6 7	27	295 1,274 1 6	5	61	547 14 11	
Sydenham ..	783	30 12 0	2,079 17 0	776	2,746 8 10	179	2,019 10,248 9 10	33	287	1,646 16 4	
Templeton ..	95	3 13 6	377 14 8	44	202 7 6	8	91 565 6 0	..	22	208 16 3	
Tinwald ..	99	3 3 0	313 6 3	17	64 15 9	8	129 995 4 4	3	33	596 15 6	
Upper Riccarton	137	4 17 6	437 18 3	85	545 17 6	15	158 1,167 7 3	1	23	228 8 8	
Waiata ..	388	10 5 0	3,325 3 10	60	456 4 11	36	317 3,693 8 0	3	95	1,592 0 2	
Waikari ..	305	10 9 0	1,064 17 10	104	341 17 5	33	296 5,517 18 9	12	94	2,494 18 8	
Waipara ..	65	2 0 0	192 13 9	61	142 13 8	11	49 329 9 10	3	20	675 3 7	
Whitecliffs ..	122	3 3 6	251 13 7	20	69 3 3	8	76 317 18 0	3	17	480 1 10	
Woodend ..	98	3 18 6	311 14 0	43	214 17 4	11	76 1,105 7 0	3	51	1,452 15 4	
Woolston ..	271	9 0 0	621 1 8	246	843 4 1	43	682 2,662 8 10	15	135	1,220 10 0	
DUNEDIN	16,815	749 3 6	60,316 13 6	32,890	134,540 19 11	4,572	48,282 706,585 14 7	4,301	42,173	717,117 2 5	
Alexandra South	2,033	66 17 0	7,328 4 3	419	1,682 5 4	129	1,160 11,410 5 5	30	338	5,627 14 5	
Allanton ..	159	4 8 6	409 7 11	28	158 14 1	14	121 928 18 7	6	25	732 18 5	
Balclutha ..	1,220	40 9 0	4,242 3 5	623	2,381 12 7	111	703 12,801 16 1	62	342	11,023 7 7	
Caversham ..	570	20 14 0	1,364 2 10	550	1,845 11 0	146	1,956 8,099 7 3	33	235	1,875 6 11	
Clinton ..	659	19 17 0	2,181 12 4	116	521 0 0	40	261 3,491 3 6	17	71	1,736 1 5	
Clyde ..	724	21 9 0	2,696 12 11	214	799 18 6	29	268 3,173 0 7	6	99	1,833 12 10	
Cromwell ..	1,004	34 12 0	3,289 5 6	315	1,264 17 8	88	610 6,528 3 3	28	153	3,055 3 3	
Dunback ..	202	5 4 0	685 1 2	58	194 11 11	15	66 898 0 1	4	44	692 17 8	
Dunedin North	1,695	68 1 6	4,237 14 0	596	2,101 5 2	394	5,929 37,574 0 2	144	1,025	13,994 15 8	
Gimberburn ..	130	4 19 0	449 0 3	15	55 2 0	6	34 345 2 6	3	16	112 11 7	
Green Island ..	201	7 11 0	577 7 8	204	734 3 2	25	279 2,407 14 0	17	95	2,187 18 10	
Hawea Flat ..	97	2 19 6	251 10 7	11	81 5 9	5	21 373 18 6	..	3	62 0 0	
Heriot ..	240	7 15 6	745 16 8	70	336 2 6	24	135 1,119 14 4	11	38	576 5 1	
Hyde ..	354	9 14 0	1,031 6 4	36	105 17 7	11	42 393 5 6	3	11	175 6 10	
Kaitangata ..	1,706	57 16 6	5,011 19 10	280	1,016 8 11	117	871 9,068 6 7	58	266	6,456 16 10	
Kelso ..	416	12 15 6	1,249 5 3	59	256 7 11	15	101 1,222 2 0	12	47	493 9 5	
Kokonga ..	154	4 0 0	476 15 8	20	66 12 9	3	30 330 5 9	..	12	83 9 9	
Lawrence ..	1,048	31 17 6	3,474 5 2	708	2,644 16 1	113	866 12,319 12 3	38	322	6,784 13 4	
Lovell's Flat ..	139	5 17 6	476 8 1	24	90 8 10	13	87 714 10 0	3	18	196 18 1	
Macrae's Flat ..	240	6 10 6	685 18 8	38	188 10 9	10	62 893 11 8	2	7	77 19 5	
Matakantui ..	159	4 3 0	507 14 9	15	107 2 7	..	..	..	..	..	
Middlemarch ..	671	20 1 6	2,439 0 11	133	610 9 11	20	144 2,990 9 10	9	65	1,242 14 8	
Miller's Flat ..	412	13 10 0	1,350 8 7	46	242 18 11	22	274 3,604 6 0	12	79	2,263 8 2	
Milton ..	1,020	36 10 6	3,242 14 11	780	2,648 1 4	129	960 12,199 5 1	68	475	10,138 16 8	
Mornington ..	152	6 19 6	378 6 9	179	741 2 7	43	519 1,982 8 6	18	57	293 12 5	
Mosgiel ..	700	25 9 0	2,432 0 7	642	2,359 17 7	104	896 9,908 7 3	41	227	4,321 10 0	
Naseby ..	1,018	26 8 0	4,665 7 2	419	1,458 16 9	35	359 3,811 1 0	19	113	2,343 15 0	
North-east Valley	165	5 8 6	351 14 9	215	770 2 8	42	409 1,902 0 5	7	34	126 17 2	
Ophir ..	1,026	30 2 0	3,899 12 4	138	568 4 0	40	253 2,905 14 3	10	72	1,133 15 11	
Outram ..	315	10 0 6	1,085 0 8	129	466 1 4	18	167 1,908 0 3	17	64	1,683 0 9	
Owaka ..	891	23 7 6	2,654 4 0	236	1,273 0 0	47	332 4,711 16 6	13	152	2,685 2 6	
Palmerston ..	893	26 16 0	3,248 7 1	432	1,727 12 2	73	808 8,160 13 1	43	256	6,051 2 9	

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 1905—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.		£ s. d.
Patearoa ..	260	7 7 6	770 2 11	27	100 9 9	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pembroke ..	163	5 5 6	609 2 3	28	104 17 6	7	95	664 7 0	2	12	174 2 3
Port Chalmers ..	1,272	52 12 0	3,937 2 11	817	3,047 19 4	147	1,826	14,286 11 0	88	558	8,519 18 0
Portobello ..	51	2 1 6	206 4 7	23	95 3 4	4	77	534 9 6	3	22	296 1 2
Puerua ..	134	3 1 6	326 19 6	95	256 17 9	5	51	441 2 0	2	29	357 18 11
Ranfurly ..	475	11 18 6	1,553 17 11	65	216 11 4	9	74	707 14 0	..	16	373 5 0
Roslyn ..	325	12 19 6	893 5 11	267	1,156 1 3	113	1,377	5,808 4 7	30	227	2,129 4 10
Rough Ridge ..	279	7 11 0	923 16 9	53	141 9 5	4	73	305 1 0	1	25	200 12 2
Roxburgh ..	890	29 16 0	3,372 0 4	168	758 0 1	51	440	6,535 6 7	34	201	4,736 17 9
St. Bathans ..	377	11 5 6	1,295 1 4	117	427 9 2	21	104	1,103 18 9	5	56	893 4 11
Seacliff ..	244	8 10 6	779 16 6	234	984 3 2	19	262	2,645 7 4	7	49	1,350 7 3
South Dunedin ..	695	25 9 0	1,737 11 4	597	2,217 0 4	164	1,960	11,335 17 5	36	372	4,016 7 2
Stirling ..	225	6 7 0	606 0 8	164	340 19 1	12	74	710 18 0	14	48	890 9 11
Tapanui ..	706	22 2 6	2,104 0 0	182	656 12 11	48	424	5,251 13 11	20	110	3,314 8 10
Waihola ..	157	5 10 0	469 7 3	18	111 2 3	9	84	824 13 11	6	44	546 10 8
Waikaia ..	824	27 11 0	2,873 1 7	79	311 2 3	49	239	2,809 1 2	18	90	2,202 1 0
Waikoikoi ..	71	1 17 6	182 17 0	8	109 11 4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Waikouaiti ..	477	14 0 0	1,703 1 5	206	808 5 7	42	259	2,842 18 7	12	96	1,805 4 9
Waipiata ..	233	5 11 6	794 3 5	58	168 5 2	8	47	350 17 0	7	27	692 9 10
Waipori ..	125	3 14 6	360 15 3	52	297 17 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Waitahuna ..	333	9 17 6	1,077 13 6	115	561 14 9	35	176	2,427 16 0	5	55	525 11 1
Waitati ..	200	7 16 6	689 2 10	78	286 6 4	15	117	976 10 3	4	31	300 5 6
Wedderburn ..	170	4 14 0	612 9 9	20	173 8 10	7	45	78 4 0	..	14	320 19 6
GISBORNE	5,416	223 17 6	20,065 5 8	2,239	10,360 16 10	1,252	8,538	108,752 4 2	769	6,995	106,857 7 2
Port Awanui ..	138	5 1 6	590 8 4	58	196 1 11	..	..	..	..	..	..
Te Karaka ..	187	6 9 0	705 9 0	48	360 4 2	36	125	1,032 13 0	7	44	275 3 2
Tiniroto ..	18	0 14 0	91 11 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tokomaru Bay ..	292	12 4 6	1,503 1 1	53	219 0 10	45	176	2,528 15 3	14	131	1,262 8 5
Tolaga Bay ..	433	16 6 6	1,663 6 9	81	487 17 11	51	230	2,070 11 0	21	153	1,041 0 6
Tuparoa ..	251	10 8 0	1,082 5 8	36	111 8 9	11	58	683 6 6	3	42	476 2 3
Waipori Bay ..	377	13 1 0	1,512 17 0	49	269 16 6	56	216	3,010 1 1	27	145	1,672 4 9
GREYMOUTH	4,550	188 14 6	18,183 16 7	3,015	11,790 15 2	659	5,053	76,714 16 11	618	3,959	74,019 2 10
Ahaura ..	396	12 10 6	1,301 13 9	100	726 14 6	25	143	1,933 11 4	7	71	555 10 5
Blackball ..	425	16 1 6	1,620 3 3	53	223 18 1	12	135	1,853 5 7	8	70	1,341 6 5
Brunnerton ..	394	14 19 6	1,393 5 3	201	596 15 5	30	285	3,432 8 4	16	115	1,440 3 0
Moana ..	40	1 11 6	149 18 6	9	27 15 6	5	22	474 19 0	..	4	97 5 3
Nelson Creek ..	234	8 13 6	1,112 19 8	12	40 19 6	4	84	1,063 11 0	2	31	685 6 5
Ngahere ..	181	6 13 6	682 6 10	17	42 8 9	12	66	561 14 6	1	13	140 14 11
Otira Railway ..	183	6 9 0	734 9 3	36	95 8 2	10	55	450 12 0	5	17	191 2 6
Reefton ..	2,826	106 12 6	10,178 9 4	1,004	3,580 15 4	264	1,989	23,087 13 0	152	749	14,621 2 7
Stillwater ..	91	2 16 6	246 16 4	15	71 3 6	13	76	543 1 0	2	19	118 8 10
Totara Flat ..	141	4 19 0	474 0 6	53	292 9 3	8	77	583 3 0	..	8	50 13 0
HOKITIKA	1,898	71 4 0	7,038 17 6	1,223	4,632 8 8	159	952	17,067 10 1	222	846	19,815 2 1
Goldsborough ..	52	1 17 0	166 5 4	24	124 17 4	2	20	385 19 0	2	8	94 17 3
Kumara ..	766	25 1 0	2,348 9 7	393	1,709 17 0	61	418	5,180 3 7	44	192	3,569 0 0
Okarito ..	89	3 1 6	325 11 9	26	184 13 3	6	18	206 7 0	2	8	68 19 0
Rimu ..	64	2 4 0	210 6 11	23	77 2 4	16	144	1,402 19 0	8	54	357 13 2
Ross ..	449	14 17 0	1,526 12 8	124	675 14 2	27	187	2,338 8 8	15	104	2,427 1 0
Stafford ..	187	6 13 0	698 13 8	43	203 7 8	6	76	825 0 0	6	31	353 0 0
INVERCARGILL	6,240	265 3 0	22,223 1 10	6,513	25,183 3 9	1,322	10,063	155,960 1 10	1,270	8,293	166,032 10 2
Arrowtown ..	459	13 17 0	1,611 17 1	139	523 2 4	33	229	2,323 17 2	20	89	1,131 19 9
Balfour ..	294	10 2 6	869 4 3	53	376 8 1	25	146	2,415 4 9	9	51	1,780 18 6
Bluff ..	718	30 1 0	2,288 3 3	496	1,752 14 2	103	763	6,834 5 3	41	251	3,880 13 2
Clifden ..	48	1 9 0	223 5 2	2	21 2 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Colac Bay ..	65	2 1 6	178 0 3	22	64 9 7	9	40	180 12 0	5	16	322 15 5
Dipton ..	179	6 1 6	552 1 8	59	275 14 5	14	79	848 2 2	5	26	403 16 10
Edendale ..	314	9 19 6	1,483 8 10	66	433 0 3	18	74	1,514 19 1	6	36	513 9 3
Fairfax ..	79	2 18 0	253 16 11	24	104 10 6	2	37	557 2 5	3	12	100 15 11
Fortrose ..	301	8 17 0	953 11 7	49	172 19 11	16	208	1,088 0 0	14	44	406 14 7
Gore ..	3,097	102 19 6	9,334 3 0	1,471	5,140 16 10	316	2,260	34,758 9 4	108	947	21,921 0 11
Half-moon Bay ..	235	6 12 0	706 3 7	55	213 7 3	14	71	556 3 7	5	24	226 17 2
Kingston ..	121	3 1 6	381 15 9	8	28 17 10	7	55	472 11 8	3	3	51 14 6
Lumsden ..	351	11 13 6	1,061 1 5	199	754 13 9	25	168	1,807 17 5	11	96	1,428 17 10
Mataura ..	1,053	32 9 6	3,123 15 3	302	997 17 10	75	505	6,552 12 6	37	223	4,436 9 2
Nightcaps ..	456	16 2 6	1,605 0 8	113	521 9 8	21	139	2,051 15 9	10	37	863 18 8
Orepuki ..	893	26 9 6	2,749 14 7	156	781 3 8	45	283	2,694 7 6	17	122	1,800 3 6
Otautau ..	577	17 14 0	1,610 5 9	253	791 7 10	56	274	2,423 12 0	15	104	1,465 9 5
Pukerau ..	150	4 4 0	322 11 1	34	141 10 9	19	91	854 1 6	3	30	713 7 11
Queenstown ..	842	28 6 0	2,736 17 1	447	1,763 9 3	46	356	5,537 2 0	19	152	2,509 15 6
Riversdale ..	322	10 5 0	997 10 0	94	317 6 9	24	87	1,353 10 5	13	40	826 5 6
Riverton ..	943	30 12 0	2,587 15 11	313	1,206 5 1	63	566	6,602 15 7	35	222	4,781 1 9
Thornbury ..	77	2 11 6	258 17 4	11	62 12 9	7	58	616 11 0	2	16	234 14 3
Waikaka ..	372	11 15 0	1,293 11 9	40	128 2 3	20	147	1,258 6 8	6	53	647 18 0
Waipahi ..	181	5 16 0	658 4 11	83	188 3 10	6	54	621 4 5	1	23	714 1 1
Wairoa ..	82	2 17 6	252 12 11	15	66 14 4	3	54	940 18 0	4	10	287 16 9
Winton ..	776	28 4 0	2,447 13 5	245	899 4 9	97	471	6,804 16 10	42	217	3,092 9 3
Woodlands ..	154	4 15 6	456 15 7	217	320 17 10	12	139	1,079 2 6	2	25	265 10 8
Wyndham ..	727	22 10 0	2,559 15 8	213	867 2 6	65	333	5,235 13 0	31	109	2,746 12 9
NAPIER ..	5,625	248 0 6	21,970 6 4	6,537	34,982 5 8	1,322	11,820	149,846 0 8	1,383	9,333	157,732 10 4

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 1905—continued.

Table with columns for Office, Money-orders (Issued/Paid), and Savings-banks (Deposits/Withdrawals). Includes sub-columns for No., Commission, Amount, and Accounts opened/closed. Data is presented for various offices such as Napier, Nelson, and Thames.



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 1905—continued.

Office.	Money-orders.					Savings-banks.					
	Issued.			Paid.		New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.	
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.
<i>THAMES—contd.</i>		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.			£ s. d.	
Waiorongomai ..	91	2 12 0	216 17 6	3	5 9 0	10	50 302 14 0	1	24	143 0 2	
Waitekauri ..	213	6 14 0	624 7 1	40	175 6 3	9	98 828 0 7	12	76	1,214 9 5	
Whakatane ..	447	12 13 6	1,270 3 4	135	677 7 2	32	124 1,317 9 0	16	84	1,034 13 1	
<i>TIMARU</i>	5,736	210 18 0	33,805 16 8	3,338	12,898 1 0	1,104	9,704 153,489 16 10	1,012	7,386	161,042 11 6	
Albury ..	333	8 8 6	2,592 11 4	31	129 6 8	10	84 1,029 7 7	4	23	288 12 5	
Fairlie ..	558	19 14 0	2,829 8 5	148	576 0 6	68	351 3,390 5 0	11	97	1,449 8 10	
Geraldine ..	961	32 3 6	4,374 0 0	292	1,162 19 1	117	978 14,532 7 8	62	373	8,858 0 0	
Glenavy ..	202	4 18 6	775 10 2	69	424 14 11	10	46 639 10 1	6	29	314 2 10	
Makikihi ..	120	4 13 6	519 19 10	52	211 11 3	20	94 1,246 13 3	5	36	893 13 0	
Morven ..	182	4 19 0	912 0 5	37	143 10 7	13	60 1,235 17 4	7	33	1,284 3 5	
Orari ..	182	4 13 0	505 19 10	41	95 19 0	9	83 806 2 0	5	37	319 6 9	
Pleasant Point ..	331	10 12 6	1,310 19 10	82	447 15 10	34	116 1,150 7 10	7	35	465 7 7	
St. Andrew's Junc.	265	8 12 0	1,193 3 8	76	280 9 2	35	192 1,611 5 3	6	46	490 14 10	
Studholme Junc.	91	3 1 0	377 18 4	37	97 15 10	9	48 367 15 2	2	25	302 1 5	
Temuka ..	1,444	44 19 6	4,748 3 6	481	1,860 12 9	141	1,063 13,314 19 2	54	359	7,047 6 10	
Waimate ..	2,447	76 6 6	17,770 10 11	749	2,805 1 9	257	1,691 28,745 4 8	111	738	18,247 16 2	
Winchester ..	106	2 19 0	239 1 1	33	148 9 11	8	121 929 15 2	6	46	623 17 3	
<i>WANGANUI</i>	6,647	280 18 0	27,029 6 0	7,007	26,890 13 0	1,480	10,895 160,132 14 1	1,871	9,776	184,258 11 7	
Alton ..	140	5 9 0	639 9 10	12	57 4 10	18	80 888 18 0	6	22	161 2 1	
Aramoho ..	364	12 14 6	1,041 0 9	161	725 2 4	45	311 2,148 2 9	8	75	452 9 3	
Awatuna East ..	104	3 16 6	265 1 0	3	15 9 6	..	.. ..	..	..	.. ..	
Bull's ..	706	24 12 0	2,329 9 6	472	1,329 13 10	60	362 4,506 7 8	30	182	2,168 6 1	
Castlecliff ..	154	4 5 6	317 9 8	33	134 17 10	12	86 266 14 0	..	9	86 0 0	
Eltham ..	1,668	55 9 6	6,462 19 4	686	2,724 7 4	230	1,309 14,934 3 11	116	615	11,759 19 0	
Fordell ..	182	6 9 0	547 3 4	42	159 17 8	15	141 1,163 1 0	4	24	315 3 8	
Hawera ..	2,264	86 2 0	9,008 0 6	1,636	6,111 17 6	329	2,333 30,529 5 3	168	1,102	23,547 1 10	
Hunterville ..	1,162	38 14 6	5,572 15 2	376	1,687 16 7	105	606 8,578 11 8	40	274	5,044 17 8	
Hurleyville ..	74	2 5 0	263 12 3	7	42 3 6	8	42 135 2 0	4	12	67 6 0	
Kaponga ..	606	21 18 0	2,149 14 10	121	561 17 7	74	378 3,914 18 1	24	141	2,610 13 11	
Koeke ..	74	2 11 0	298 6 11	13	64 4 6	8	16 166 6 0	2	3	152 12 10	
Manaia ..	576	20 3 0	1,893 11 11	193	789 1 4	86	500 7,589 10 5	41	202	5,001 11 0	
Mangamahua ..	157	4 9 6	755 16 3	26	115 16 11	..	.. ..	..	..	.. ..	
Mangaonoho ..	146	4 12 0	437 6 9	31	88 16 3	8	50 719 14 0	2	22	434 16 0	
Mangaweka ..	1,175	32 2 0	5,040 2 5	406	1,695 11 0	78	468 4,895 9 9	39	280	3,943 12 1	
Manutahi ..	95	2 16 0	315 3 2	19	53 3 4	6	81 549 1 0	6	34	218 10 2	
Marton ..	1,712	61 16 6	7,671 16 9	1,232	4,306 6 6	178	1,311 14,366 14 9	87	589	10,252 9 10	
Mataroa ..	564	17 3 6	1,876 14 6	37	154 3 1	36	147 1,450 12 6	10	39	495 8 10	
Moawhango ..	403	13 19 6	1,982 8 5	58	282 10 2	20	71 763 7 7	1	20	231 18 9	
Normanby ..	251	8 0 6	635 13 2	99	371 19 5	24	153 1,410 15 8	10	75	1,929 17 3	
Ohingaiti ..	348	11 4 0	1,237 16 0	106	478 11 7	19	113 1,204 12 7	6	71	969 17 11	
Okaiawa ..	128	4 3 6	433 2 0	34	125 3 2	21	145 814 14 3	12	53	761 0 4	
Otakeho ..	100	4 2 6	415 9 8	23	90 14 9	15	87 483 14 7	7	45	737 18 0	
Patea ..	1,123	35 0 0	3,714 19 8	301	1,061 1 7	107	737 8,244 11 0	47	305	4,785 2 11	
Pihama ..	112	3 14 0	368 13 11	15	93 11 7	22	53 835 7 2	3	11	125 6 8	
Raetihi ..	806	22 11 0	3,364 19 6	141	594 15 9	50	218 2,680 2 4	6	80	1,472 8 6	
St. John's ..	181	6 11 0	450 4 7	26	97 16 6	4	41 161 10 0	..	14	39 16 6	
Taihape ..	2,629	78 0 6	9,595 13 11	517	2,284 9 5	252	1,080 15,968 4 1	94	561	8,426 7 8	
Turakina ..	291	9 11 6	783 14 5	48	143 1 11	11	93 818 9 7	8	42	641 19 2	
Turangarere ..	561	21 8 0	1,995 1 9	27	109 4 5	79	296 3,100 7 8	7	43	484 14 3	
Utiku ..	824	22 19 6	2,472 15 10	103	633 18 7	52	214 3,307 11 0	25	95	1,199 14 11	
Waitotara ..	246	9 6 0	815 14 9	84	357 12 4	29	163 1,641 10 9	11	88	483 0 3	
Waverley ..	994	34 10 0	3,679 4 10	196	746 18 9	70	537 8,915 3 11	34	243	6,416 15 2	
<i>WELLINGTON</i>	28,755	1,961 2 0	117,020 11 7	48,038	196,492 15 0	7,195	64,536 894,741 3 11	7,355	63,421	955,094 5 11	
Adelaide Road ..	311	10 10 0	620 15 6	23	67 18 9	58	912 2,808 5 3	7	82	504 2 0	
Alfredton ..	214	8 15 6	894 3 1	34	158 5 10	35	183 2,925 15 3	6	52	1,165 14 4	
Apiti ..	495	13 15 6	2,082 2 9	63	239 18 5	29	260 2,532 1 5	8	93	1,298 10 4	
Ashhurst ..	415	12 1 6	1,066 14 5	216	798 3 2	38	301 3,126 12 10	21	166	2,461 19 7	
Awahuri ..	164	7 0 0	587 4 0	45	130 7 5	17	118 783 1 2	4	57	658 2 1	
Ballance ..	25	0 10 6	114 7 7	9	36 17 4	1	5 31 5 0	..	2	75 0 0	
Brooklyn ..	49	2 1 0	103 13 9	11	39 0 6	13	81 136 2 10	..	7	15 2 0	
Bunnythorpe ..	150	5 6 6	484 9 6	69	337 16 1	19	165 1,265 4 1	9	92	1,028 2 5	
Carterton ..	1,526	49 11 0	4,581 13 3	723	2,720 12 10	158	1,479 16,061 7 8	73	608	12,517 10 8	
Castlepoint ..	32	0 18 0	94 8 5	3	6 7 11	1	1 4 9 0	..	..	.. ..	
Chatham Islands ..	179	7 9 6	914 3 10	66	716 8 3	8	47 609 10 1	1	7	138 1 7	
Cheltenham ..	169	5 11 6	471 11 9	42	148 15 0	42	250 1,932 10 10	10	44	440 3 6	
Colyton ..	151	5 4 0	497 17 11	29	106 12 2	13	79 432 12 0	12	56	927 5 4	
Courtenay Place ..	614	25 5 0	1,636 12 5	98	262 10 11	98	1,841 5,975 0 0	16	123	530 5 4	
Cross Creek ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.. ..	
Eketahuna ..	1,251	38 17 0	4,090 15 0	315	1,002 0 3	124	979 12,856 13 1	29	376	7,986 5 8	
Featherston ..	895	31 15 6	2,635 16 5	346	1,206 16 10	89	606 6,232 12 10	25	244	3,665 5 2	
Feilding ..	3,057	110 3 6	11,634 8 6	1,775	6,270 10 2	461	3,194 35,441 14 10	205	1,499	25,358 19 5	
Foxton ..	1,358	46 6 0	4,691 13 1	518	2,359 15 1	135	1,004 8,607 4 2	72	531	6,398 1 8	
Gladstone ..	43	2 14 6	163 3 8	21	96 4 7	3	30 230 0 0	3	7	61 14 5	
Greytown North ..	953	32 8 6	3,107 17 1	516	2,058 13 5	88	792 7,331 3 3	36	300	5,646 13 6	
Halcombe ..	396	12 7 0	1,056 15 8	127	460 10 10	28	194 1,269 14 5	15	131	1,116 18 11	
Hinakura ..	92	4 1 6	300 11 11	6	21 14 7	9	15 100 9 0	1	3	20 17 10	
Hukanui ..	129	4 6 0	496 9 5	37	163 3 10	7	75 558 19 7	..	29	289 18 7	
Hutt ..	1,026	44 5 0	3,536 7 7	456	1,816 13 11	194	1,392 15,932 19 11	51	454	7,952 19 4	
Johnsonville ..	220	7 13 0	618 4 1	211	686 1 4	24	290 1,599 7 0	13	118	866 1 10	
Kaitoke ..	141	4 12 0	522 8 7	8	51 12 10	8	95 1,480 6 5	..	22	213 18 4	
Kaiwarawara ..	103	3 7 0	225 8 10	27	73 11 1	6	199 597 11 0	2	26	250 14 3	
Karori ..	65	2 6 0	160 18 9	64	269 11 1	12	90 638 12 0	..	40	360 18 2	
Kilbirnie ..	94	2 16 6	179 15 0	122	550 11 0	18	79 237 16 5	4	17	118 3 10	

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 1905—continued.

Office.	Money-orders.					Savings-banks.					
	Issued.			Paid.		New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.	
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.
WELLINGTON— <i>ctd.</i>		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Kimbolton ..	441	14 5 0	1,288 18 11	158	707 3 5	37	214 2,375 7 2	18	86	2,032 5 11	
Koputarua ..	116	4 4 0	381 10 6	11	57 18 8	15	140 1,107 16 11	1	51	885 5 7	
Levin ..	1,282	40 11 6	3,722 6 6	524	2,024 15 4	123	778 10,086 15 5	42	416	7,182 0 4	
Longburn ..	236	7 16 6	639 5 0	68	380 12 5	43	330 1,923 2 1	33	136	2,421 6 6	
Makuri ..	230	5 10 0	730 11 6	43	127 2 6	11	65 730 12 3	3	22	403 3 9	
Manakau ..	237	7 15 0	654 10 11	58	321 3 3	35	141 748 14 0	17	87	1,258 10 11	
Mangatainoka ..	303	7 2 6	811 10 3	101	383 5 4	12	154 2,093 8 11	10	82	1,514 14 8	
Martinborough ..	974	32 16 0	2,724 11 5	191	557 17 10	108	556 7,318 17 11	28	218	2,468 14 4	
Masterton ..	4,458	173 1 6	16,894 9 8	2,511	9,329 8 4	568	4,362 53,657 2 2	252	2,252	43,824 0 3	
Mauriceville ..	179	6 1 6	552 8 7	47	208 3 1	11	117 1,482 16 0	3	57	783 9 7	
West ..	164	6 19 6	481 19 2	12	30 11 6	11	119 2,500 15 5	12	70	1,965 15 9	
Molesworth St. ..	1,818	74 13 6	5,130 10 10	88	444 6 9	160	2,559 10,552 14 11	24	257	1,817 18 0	
Muritai ..	29	1 0 0	104 9 0	24	87 1 6	6	49 287 10 3	1	6	65 13 0	
Ngahauranga ..	180	6 17 0	589 9 0	26	74 1 2	15	148 954 18 7	3	30	255 8 7	
Nireaha ..	150	4 16 0	478 3 3	16	78 10 1	17	107 765 18 5	..	34	774 4 0	
Otaki ..	1,072	35 14 6	3,151 5 7	588	2,005 8 5	93	774 4,825 17 6	55	359	4,369 3 3	
Pahautanui ..	59	2 2 6	207 4 5	7	18 9 0	9	74 802 17 5	2	35	433 5 3	
Pahiatua ..	2,189	70 6 0	9,133 11 11	1,128	3,889 18 8	242	1,563 18,477 15 7	105	699	11,684 3 4	
Palmerston North ..	6,752	265 12 6	24,249 10 1	5,284	19,242 19 8	1,941	7,346 93,187 6 4	510	4,387	79,067 18 1	
Paraparaumu ..	146	4 12 0	379 15 8	46	129 8 4	21	97 1,324 4 9	6	48	526 19 4	
Petone ..	2,026	81 2 0	6,514 16 9	857	3,039 8 8	425	3,982 30,851 1 0	163	1,537	17,835 9 4	
Pirinoa ..	124	3 10 0	288 15 6	8	28 10 6	5	11 141 6 11	..	4	32 15 0	
Pohangina ..	128	3 15 6	368 17 9	43	185 10 7	8	57 396 8 4	2	20	552 5 4	
Pongaroa ..	405	10 7 6	1,479 12 11	55	278 4 5	15	102 1,544 11 5	6	38	631 6 7	
Porirua ..	263	9 8 0	832 2 5	107	456 1 11	19	143 1,166 12 5	6	29	641 10 7	
Rakaunui ..	257	5 13 6	611 4 7	16	56 12 3	7	18 201 0 0	7	10	171 0 5	
Rangiwahia ..	310	7 16 0	1,250 18 4	49	225 9 11	42	148 1,155 5 9	4	31	351 10 3	
Rongotea ..	494	19 14 6	1,714 12 7	93	337 18 6	58	300 2,238 17 0	26	159	2,249 19 10	
Sanson ..	249	7 6 0	661 12 5	48	141 4 4	14	127 765 6 2	8	53	888 1 3	
Shannon ..	987	33 18 0	3,221 4 8	192	943 6 7	106	628 5,644 14 7	38	328	4,657 13 2	
Taueru ..	93	2 11 6	140 1 4	14	59 19 0	6	24 131 10 0	2	20	361 17 6	
Te Aro ..	4,522	178 1 0	12,282 7 9	355	1,479 8 9	806	10,722 51,614 7 2	71	536	3,852 2 8	
Te Horo ..	154	4 8 6	424 11 4	12	55 5 2	20	111 766 19 5	4	25	375 16 5	
Te Nui ..	178	7 11 6	695 4 8	48	132 12 5	24	175 1,856 15 9	6	33	837 6 4	
Tinakori Road ..	109	3 2 6	208 8 4	10	45 3 3	42	501 1,108 14 0	..	48	190 7 0	
Upper Hutt ..	376	14 4 0	1,201 19 3	137	487 4 2	39	318 3,706 6 9	16	129	1,757 3 8	
Waikanae ..	406	13 10 6	1,555 6 5	62	310 18 8	35	174 1,490 12 2	4	53	444 13 8	
Waituna West ..	155	4 11 6	420 10 11	36	174 7 8	6	66 516 6 0	5	24	702 10 4	
Wellington South ..	2,077	84 18 0	5,391 16 1	1,117	4,548 14 3	632	6,961 37,370 2 5	203	1,374	14,415 10 9	
Weraoa ..	526	13 9 3	1,204 3 4	96	451 9 4	17	152 1,940 12 2	10	126	1,876 6 11	
Whakatiki ..	85	2 11 6	281 12 2	12	51 17 8	7	42 193 2 0	1	8	71 18 1	
Woodville ..	1,659	50 13 6	5,376 1 4	922	2,780 3 6	159	1,098 15,286 5 1	59	536	8,823 17 11	
WESTPORT ..	3,031	123 11 0	11,384 19 3	2,274	9,252 16 10	379	2,609 46,253 4 4	511	2,433	58,729 14 5	
Addison's ..	31	1 0 0	106 12 0	1	10 0 0	..	2 12 0 0	..	2	6 0 0	
Burnett's Face ..	733	34 6 0	2,111 7 9	22	125 18 2	46	363 2,083 5 8	9	59	748 1 8	
Capleston ..	96	2 18 0	278 19 4	29	142 10 8	5	44 625 18 0	1	11	269 2 4	
Charleston ..	281	10 12 0	997 5 11	45	235 19 5	24	150 1,487 10 11	7	49	396 13 1	
Denniston ..	983	38 0 0	4,409 16 2	108	617 17 3	63	774 5,810 14 2	14	143	1,566 4 8	
Fern Flat ..	98	3 0 6	276 17 7	18	81 18 11	1	9 105 15 0	1	1	15 2 7	
Granity ..	578	21 8 6	1,828 5 4	58	253 13 7	35	305 2,582 12 5	10	88	1,026 11 11	
Inangahua Junc. ..	127	3 16 0	395 8 9	21	71 6 0	15	71 368 17 5	1	30	590 0 0	
Karamea ..	339	11 0 6	1,181 5 6	90	543 13 3	9	45 465 14 8	3	21	240 12 10	
Longford ..	141	4 7 6	480 17 8	15	84 1 0	3	14 354 9 4	1	12	178 14 6	
Lyll ..	591	19 12 0	2,121 17 11	100	912 6 5	10	73 966 14 9	7	40	628 7 9	
Millerton ..	894	36 12 0	2,585 14 2	64	317 11 0	82	806 4,927 8 2	28	125	1,951 16 5	
Murchison ..	582	18 8 0	2,303 12 5	89	1,708 8 3	26	166 1,830 1 8	7	62	1,528 1 7	
Up. Matakītaki ..	43	1 6 6	110 15 5	..	..	4	5 1 3 0	..	1	20 0 0	
Seddonsville ..	380	15 6 0	1,280 19 3	70	212 13 8	56	255 2,265 14 7	12	66	618 1 7	
Waimangaroa ..	314	9 19 6	1,230 5 7	54	169 9 2	10	65 422 13 0	5	23	181 17 7	

SUMMARY.

POSTAL DISTRICT OF—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland ..	81,834	3,713 10 6	305,660 17 11	78,238	312,986 7 11	8,688
Blenheim ..	6,579	234 16 0	22,436 3 8	2,908	14,885 9 9	849
Christchurch ..	42,655	1,786 5 3	152,626 15 9	40,009	183,227 16 7	9,091
Dunedin ..	45,914	1,698 8 0	155,312 19 5	44,109	177,311 10 2	7,222
Gisborne ..	7,112	288 2 0	27,214 4 6	2,564	12,005 6 11	1,451
Grey mouth ..	9,461	370 1 6	36,137 19 3	4,515	17,489 3 2	1,042
Hokitika ..	3,505	124 17 6	12,314 17 5	1,856	7,608 0 5	277
Invercargill ..	20,106	719 8 6	65,780 16 6	11,692	44,098 9 9	2,463
Napier ..	22,297	854 10 0	88,225 14 8	13,643	62,294 18 4	3,282
Nelson ..	11,064	417 16 6	39,508 15 4	7,507	31,765 11 9	1,287
New Plymouth ..	12,023	423 5 6	41,987 4 4	8,947	37,421 12 2	1,484
Oamaru ..	6,816	228 16 6	39,379 17 8	3,759	14,553 17 2	933
Thames ..	18,638	650 18 6	61,201 9 10	7,227	28,241 2 11	1,786
Timaru ..	12,958	436 19 0	71,955 4 0	5,466	21,282 8 3	1,835
Wanganui ..	27,567	973 8 6	105,860 13 3	14,291	55,180 4 4	3,551
Wellington ..	79,670	3,797 1 9	283,023 6 4	69,238	275,717 17 2	14,006
Westport ..	9,242	355 4 0	33,085 0 0	3,058	14,740 4 5	768
Grand totals ..	417,441	17,073 9 6	1,547,111 19 10	318,127	1,310,810 1 2	60,015

Table No. 5.

STATEMENT showing the Number of British Postal Orders of each Denomination sold and paid in New Zealand during the Financial Years 1904-5 and 1905-6.

Denomination.	Sold		Paid	
	1904-5 (Commenced 1/6/04).	1905-6.	1904-5 (Commenced 1/5/04).	1905-6.
s. d.				
0 6	358	542	18	28
1 0	989	1,698	88	206
1 6	652	891	44	102
2 0	713	1,076	89	280
2 6	995	1,593	170	333
3 0	597	985	56	134
3 6	310	558	25	48
4 0	476	713	39	72
4 6	231	349	16	29
5 0	1,681	2,637	359	700
5 6	187	311	7	26
6 0	368	597	25	68
6 6	186	259	11	19
7 0	451	552	13	32
7 6	290	419	30	64
8 0	224	318	15	29
8 6	165	240	6	12
9 0	151	219	12	18
9 6	95	119	5	10
10 0	2,095	3,220	540	954
10 6	198	267	16	47
11 0	145	201	8	9
11 6	67	91	8	14
12 0	173	308	16	36
12 6	139	191	13	17
13 0	129	166	7	15
13 6	90	123	5	7
14 0	67	111	8	11
14 6	38	57	5	6
15 0	324	487	54	82
15 6	31	64	9	2
16 0	84	121	10	8
16 6	34	53	2	5
17 0	70	79	6	7
17 6	65	94	10	12
18 0	84	101	5	5
18 6	45	103	5	6
19 0	169	318	10	10
19 6	..	..	..	2
20 0	4,610	7,188	2,007	3,704
21 0	..	..	145	245
Number ..	17,776	27,369	3,912	7,364
Value .. ..	£8,821 15s.	£13,581 18s.	£2,768 4s. 6d.	£5,052 7s. 6d.

Table No. 6.—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, 1905.

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 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.
		£	£	£ s. d.	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	s. d.	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.
Auckland	124	66,693	980,947	4 4 14	51,316	901,120	5 3 17	2 79,826	19 1	..	..	39,257	8,688	6,055	38,479	1,307,349	33 19 6
Blenheim	8	6,598	112,977	3 2 17	4,688	94,754	19 9 20	4 3 18,222	3 5	..	..	4,044	849	567	4,658	138,925	17 11 29
Christchurch	65	89,063	1,202,388	4 2 13	61,792	1,089,239	16 0 17	7 113,148	8 2	..	..	45,551	9,091	6,649	49,934	1,535,895	0 30 15
Dunedin	52	74,809	935,313	6 9 12	49,016	840,826	6 3 17	3 1 94,487	0 6	..	..	40,611	7,222	5,329	37,570	1,338,867	13 11 35
Gisborne	6	9,343	118,077	11 0 12	7,510	111,584	6 3 14	17 2 6,493	4 9	..	..	3,541	1,451	841	4,732	117,576	11 9 24
Grey-mouth	11	7,985	109,798	15 8 13	5,056	93,260	16 2 18	8 11 16,537	19 6	..	..	5,750	1,042	811	4,893	192,963	10 8 39
Hokitika	7	1,815	27,406	7 4 15	1,243	26,685	12 6 21	9 4 720	14 10	..	..	2,219	277	299	1,686	69,644	1 8 41
Invercargill	28	17,810	253,943	16 4 14	11,271	224,187	18 2 19	17 10 29,755	18 2	..	..	11,509	2,463	1,737	11,184	380,519	13 6 34
Napier	27	24,537	299,623	6 2 12	15,184	259,320	8 3 17	1 7 40,302	17 11	..	..	11,727	3,282	2,186	13,065	393,081	8 5 30
Nelson	16	10,908	180,176	13 5 16	7,024	156,560	2 11 22	5 9 23,616	10 6	..	..	8,355	1,287	853	7,857	269,652	4 0 34
New Plymouth	11	10,918	144,124	4 0 13	7,604	135,126	10 11 17	15 5 8,997	13 1	..	..	6,006	1,484	1,254	6,987	196,521	9 5 28
Oamaru	10	6,942	103,721	16 2 14	4,608	89,538	3 2 19	8 7 14,183	13 0	..	..	4,824	933	720	4,084	160,162	19 11 39
Thames	18	13,284	154,816	8 6 11	9,074	149,363	11 4 16	9 3 5,452	17 2	..	..	7,003	1,786	1,424	8,689	229,981	11 1 26
Timaru	14	14,631	222,489	7 0 15	9,263	201,627	2 10 21	15 4 20,862	4 2	..	..	9,139	1,835	1,298	8,304	304,558	12 3 36
Wanganui	33	23,117	307,285	9 0 13	15,147	279,676	10 1 18	9 3 27,608	18 11	..	..	11,266	3,551	2,729	13,895	375,416	11 6 27
Wellington	73	124,903	1,402,090	10 9 11	83,060	1,262,616	19 5 15	4 0 139,473	11 4	..	..	44,655	14,006	9,744	56,682	1,534,059	19 1 27
Westport	17	5,756	70,563	17 1 12	3,166	68,695	2 11 21	13 11 1,868	14 2	..	..	3,615	768	617	3,367	116,845	9 1 34
Totals for Colony in 1905	520	509,112	6,625,744	0 10 13	346,022	5,984,184	12 2 17	5 11 641,559	8 8	16,500	0 4 63	259,081	60,015	43,113	276,066	8,662,022	17 1 31

Table No. 6.—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, 1905

Year.	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 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.	
				£	s. d.			£	s. d.				£	s. d.							£
Totals for Colony in 1905 ..	520	509,112	6,625,744	0	13	346,022	5,984,184	12	2	11	8	16,500	0	4	259,081	60,015	43,113	276,066	8,662,022	£	s. d.
" 1904 ..	510	469,799	5,836,540	0	12	323,609	5,664,770	3	9	10	3	16,000	0	4	200,930	57,769	42,280	259,164	7,761,382	0	11
" 1903 ..	493	444,510	5,061,592	15	12	301,076	5,343,828	5	0	17	15	15,000	0	4	187,130	57,047	46,837	243,675	7,388,681	18	7
" 1902 ..	481	411,215	5,069,619	6	12	273,454	4,708,771	11	2	17	4	14,000	0	4	172,926	53,587	38,558	227,465	6,883,687	5	30
" 1901 ..	466	380,808	4,611,456	6	12	247,854	4,230,193	6	2	17	4	11,500	0	4	159,108	50,046	35,018	212,436	6,350,013	9	29
" 1900 ..	445	347,056	4,170,428	15	12	227,079	3,827,416	7	3	16	17	10,500	0	4	146,169	46,086	31,724	197,408	5,809,552	5	3
" 1899 ..	427	313,783	3,644,980	9	10	206,940	3,417,298	19	8	16	10	9,500	0	4	134,917	41,362	28,284	183,046	5,320,370	14	10
" 1898 ..	409	281,749	3,279,611	7	11	196,764	3,104,893	16	7	16	4	8,500	0	4	128,128	37,265	26,628	169,968	4,957,771	5	29
" 1897 ..	388	267,615	3,187,219	2	11	179,555	2,891,169	5	8	16	2	8,000	0	4	137,240	36,394	24,821	159,331	4,744,924	18	1
" 1896 ..	371	242,283	2,881,152	16	11	167,248	2,591,558	19	4	15	9	7,000	0	4	126,497	32,982	22,907	147,758	4,311,634	13	5
" 1895 ..	357	217,393	2,794,506	16	10	159,904	2,369,333	6	7	14	16	7,000	0	4	129,489	30,261	22,001	137,683	3,895,543	0	3
" 1894 ..	348	204,545	2,252,862	6	11	152,136	2,268,624	8	4	14	18	6,500	0	4	114,643	28,669	21,930	129,423	3,340,879	11	4
" 1893 ..	337	202,276	2,386,089	10	11	136,739	2,122,621	16	8	15	5	6,500	0	4	114,760	29,755	19,599	122,684	3,241,998	7	10
" 1892 ..	318	186,945	1,878,270	6	10	120,628	1,821,348	18	1	15	2	5,500	0	4	111,301	26,232	18,171	112,528	2,863,670	12	25
" 1891 ..	311	176,971	1,842,987	15	10	111,603	1,693,515	9	3	15	3	5,000	0	4	104,098	25,131	17,872	104,467	2,695,447	11	6
" 1890 ..	296	162,938	1,658,543	3	10	106,868	1,500,437	9	5	14	0	5,000	0	4	92,319	23,719	17,256	97,208	2,441,876	11	7
" 1889 ..	290	153,920	1,515,281	11	9	99,185	1,457,081	5	0	14	13	4,000	0	4	84,809	21,778	15,521	90,745	2,191,451	14	1
" 1888 ..	280	145,355	1,544,747	7	11	96,204	1,387,471	1	10	14	8	4,000	0	4	78,080	21,307	16,543	84,488	2,048,441	10	9
" 1887 ..	283	136,197	1,312,151	5	9	89,962	1,182,409	7	6	13	2	4,000	0	4	67,363	20,368	15,515	79,724	1,813,084	18	8
" 1886 ..	271	137,989	1,248,405	6	11	89,182	1,136,287	6	4	14	19	4,000	0	4	65,825	21,671	16,757	74,871	1,615,979	9	6
" 1885 ..	256	131,373	1,341,001	3	10	84,832	1,264,395	8	3	14	18	4,000	0	4	62,228	20,661	16,447	69,957	1,638,035	19	5
" 1884 ..	243	129,279	1,227,909	11	9	80,800	1,193,931	0	11	14	16	4,000	0	4	57,381	20,228	16,447	65,717	1,499,112	0	7
" 1883 ..	222	127,609	1,178,474	4	10	78,405	1,295,719	18	3	16	10	4,000	0	4	56,046	20,368	15,967	61,936	1,409,751	16	7
" 1882 ..	207	129,952	1,325,852	2	11	69,308	1,142,599	0	1	16	9	4,000	0	4	54,909	21,014	14,505	57,517	1,470,950	13	6
" 1881 ..	190	125,855	1,189,012	2	7	60,137	902,195	1	8	15	0	3,500	0	4	42,204	25,059	12,718	51,008	1,232,787	16	9
" 1880 ..	178	81,660	864,441	18	10	57,446	786,504	13	4	11	8	3,500	0	4	32,822	16,137	12,217	38,667	903,765	19	10
" 1879 ..	165	71,865	812,399	11	11	54,668	742,053	14	3	16	0	3,000	0	4	31,715	15,401	12,786	34,747	787,065	16	23
" 1878 ..	147	69,908	762,084	12	10	42,746	667,023	3	17	7	2	2,500	0	4	31,664	13,005	9,634	32,132	819,071	8	25
" 1877 ..	138	57,295	681,294	12	11	39,363	607,281	7	5	16	18	2,500	0	4	29,193	13,005	9,634	32,132	819,071	9	25
" 1876 ..	124	50,953	664,134	6	11	39,486	607,281	7	4	12	8	2,500	0	4	28,762	11,255	9,472	26,117	767,375	17	8
" 1875 ..	119	56,129	657,653	4	11	36,977	729,759	17	9	19	14	2,500	0	4	28,565	11,273	8,681	24,334	727,295	7	29
" 1874 ..	103	52,627	699,249	14	13	32,778	620,155	8	9	20	16	2,500	0	4	26,935	10,346	7,361	21,742	770,836	18	35
" 1873 ..	97	580,542	580,542	5	14	21,268	425,908	3	20	0	5	1,800	0	4	20,106	7,382	3,816	17,132	664,807	5	10
" 1872 ..	92	31,681	430,877	0	13	17,254	333,176	7	11	18	3	1,556	0	4	14,711	6,205	3,188	13,566	490,066	7	0
" 1871 ..	81	24,642	312,338	18	12	14,773	261,347	16	3	17	13	1,351	0	4	11,291	4,615	2,383	10,549	357,654	14	6
" 1870 ..	70	20,489	264,328	5	7	11,934	209,509	13	2	17	11	1,264	0	4	9,242	3,301	2,277	8,317	295,372	1	7
" 1869 ..	59	17,133	240,898	5	9	9,292	180,518	4	1	19	8	1,186	0	4	7,412	3,839	1,801	6,290	231,311	5	3
" 1868 ..	55	13,014	194,535	11	6	6,395	107,094	17	3	16	6	789	0	4	4,880	3,282	1,186	4,252	163,518	15	7
Totals for Colony from 1st Feb. to 31st Dec., 1867	46	6,977	96,372	7	10	1,919	26,415	18	9	13	15	822	0	4	1,241	2,520	364	2,156	71,197	14	1

Table No. 7.

BALANCE-SHEET of the New Zealand Post Office Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1905.

	Balances on 1st January, 1905.			Transactions.						Balances on 31st December, 1905.						
	Cr.	Dr.		Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.							
MONEY-ORDER ACCOUNTS:—																
Money-orders (general)	£ 30,990	s. 6	d. 4	£ ..	s. ..	d. ..	£ 1,663,428	s. 16	d. 2	£ 1,663,989	s. 4	d. 7	£ 30,429	s. 17	d. 11	
United Kingdom, &c.	..	..	..	3,099	5	3½	163,660	16	2	154,594	8	8	5,967	2	2½	
United States of America	..	..	..	546	4	5	21,754	14	1	21,431	8	8	..	..	..	
Australia ..	1,828	16	7	..	..	..	174,254	17	7	174,411	18	3	1,671	15	11	
Canada ..	..	..	..	403	17	11	2,408	19	0	2,214	19	10	..	..	..	
Cape of Good Hope ..	..	..	..	182	13	8	1,729	5	5	1,895	2	1	..	..	..	
Ceylon ..	9	0	4	..	..	..	455	6	0	366	16	2	97	10	2	
Fiji ..	..	..	..	252	16	1	1,932	4	9	1,994	9	7	..	..	..	
Germany ..	1,608	0	4	..	..	..	2,045	9	0	2,683	9	5	969	19	11	
Hong Kong ..	8	10	9	..	..	..	1,137	8	5	1,161	7	9	..	..	..	
India ..	184	10	7	..	..	..	1,868	3	11	1,455	14	8	596	19	10	
Natal ..	..	..	..	601	13	0	1,703	5	11	1,414	9	2	..	..	..	
Orange River Colony	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	0	1	20	15	1	10	5	0	
Samoa ..	..	..	..	1,624	11	7	3,214	6	3	4,162	9	2	..	..	2,572	
Straits Settlements ..	51	12	2	..	..	..	115	3	0	190	19	4	..	..	24	
Transvaal ..	..	..	..	381	0	3	3,157	3	11	3,511	4	10	..	..	735	
Commission ..	..	..	..	785	13	4	2,273	2	1	2,075	12	7	..	..	588	
SAVINGS-BANK ACCOUNTS:—																
Deposits and withdrawals	7,761,382	0	11	..	..	..	6,884,825	8	4	5,984,184	12	2	8,662,022	17	1	
Transfers ..	4,157	16	2	..	..	..	517,413	6	8	516,444	16	2	5,126	6	8	
POSTAL ACCOUNTS:—																
Stamps ..	148,649	15	2½	..	..	..	549,882	11	2½	534,134	7	4½	164,397	19	0½	
Postal Guides ..	9	0	10	..	..	..	556	12	4	553	6	0	12	7	2	
Postal notes ..	81,732	14	5	..	..	..	276,279	7	8	273,800	15	6	84,211	6	7	
Private box and bag rents	..	..	..	..	..	..	8,064	17	3	8,064	17	3	..	..	..	
Money-order commission	..	..	..	..	..	..	17,418	19	6	17,418	19	6	..	..	..	
British postal orders—H.O. a/c	101,445	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	12,626	19	2	88,818	0	10	
"    C.P.M.'s a/c	49,762	2	8	..	..	..	12,971	15	0	13,284	15	1	49,449	2	7	
"    London a/c	0	1	2	..	..	..	12,810	16	8	12,809	7	6	1	10	4	
B.P.O. commission ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	151	10	7	151	10	7	..	..	..	
Postal revenue ..	4,382	6	10½	..	..	..	366,688	18	8	372,103	12	3	..	..	1,032	
TELEGRAPH ACCOUNTS:—																
New South Wales Telegraphs	218	0	2	..	..	..	5,039	4	1	5,117	11	6	139	12	9	
New Zealand & Australian Cable	119	4	2	..	..	..	3,242	7	10	3,244	1	2	117	10	10	
Pacific Cable Board ..	1,569	16	10	..	..	..	42,055	18	2	40,931	8	8	2,694	6	4	
Telephone-exchange receipts	..	..	..	..	..	..	88,463	3	5	88,463	3	5	..	..	..	
Special messenger receipts	..	..	..	..	..	..	248	13	6	248	13	6	..	..	..	
Maintenance of private wires	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,098	1	11	2,098	1	11	..	..	..	
Registration of code addresses	..	..	..	..	..	..	539	15	0	539	15	0	..	..	..	
Cable deposits ..	112	19	5	..	..	..	2,565	14	1	2,562	15	4½	115	18	1½	
Telegraph revenue ..	1,083	7	2	..	..	..	321,945	17	7	319,023	9	2½	4,005	15	6½	
GENERAL ACCOUNTS:—																
Post Office Account ..	..	..	..	310,622	2	3	4,559,922	18	5	4,789,069	9	11	..	..	539,768	
Postmasters and Telegraphists	..	..	..	380,633	8	0½	11,471,141	13	5	11,506,367	1	5½	..	..	415,858	
Investments ..	..	..	..	7,764,998	5	8	952,076	17	8	1,629,575	0	0	8,442,496	8	0	
Accrued interest on investments	..	..	..	73,379	10	2	73,379	10	2	82,733	17	0	..	..	82,733	
Miscellaneous receipts (general)	1,383	1	8½	..	..	..	11,972	6	3	11,896	13	4	1,458	14	7½	
Foreign postage ..	10,161	6	8	..	..	..	4,725	10	1	2,254	14	0	12,032	2	9	
Miscellaneous expenses	12,575	16	0	..	..	..	754,920	10	0	752,069	5	8	15,427	0	4	
Discount-stamps ..	1,825	4	0	..	..	..	3,378	0	0	3,389	19	0	1,813	5	0	
FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS:—																
Advances to Settlers ..	3,719	13	11	..	..	..	639,930	10	0	640,754	10	10	2,895	13	1	
Arms Act licenses ..	32	0	0	..	..	..	261	0	0	278	0	0	15	0	0	
Auctioneers' licenses	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	0	0	30	0	0	..	..	..	
Company licenses ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	0	0	10	0	0	..	..	..	
Clerks of Court ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	4	0	28	14	0	1	10	0	
County Clerks ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	366	13	10	366	13	10	..	..	..	
Customs dues (H.M.C.)	142	14	3	..	..	..	2,318	15	8	2,281	1	9	180	8	2	
Customs duty (parcels)	3,893	17	8	..	..	..	42,658	7	6	42,603	10	1	3,948	15	1	
Electoral receipts ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	3	0	21	1	0	5	2	0	
Factories Act ..	0	11	0	..	..	..	60	16	0	61	7	0	..	..	..	
Fishing licenses ..	158	3	6	..	..	..	1,578	17	6	1,589	4	0	147	17	0	
Game licenses ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,126	0	0	2,126	0	0	..	..	..	
Geraldine County Council	..	..	..	..	..	..	551	9	1	551	9	1	..	..	..	
Goldfields revenue ..	4	13	6	..	..	..	133	19	4	133	8	4	5	4	6	
Government Audit ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	13	4	12	13	4	3	0	0	
Government debentures	..	..	..	..	..	..	55,050	0	0	54,350	0	0	700	0	0	
Government Insurance	2,471	15	6	..	..	..	28,504	11	7	28,196	16	5	2,779	10	8	
Government Printer ..	178	13	4	..	..	..	719	14	7	707	0	6	191	7	5	
Homing-pigeons Protection Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	0	1	3	0	..	..	..	
Imperial pensions ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15,500	0	0	7,357	8	0	8,142	12	0	
Income-tax ..	1,033	5	8	..	..	..	155,109	1	0	156,010	0	0	132	6	8	
Industrial schools ..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	
Land revenue ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	5	0	22	5	0	..	..	..	
Land-tax ..	1,743	0	6	..	..	..	289,897	6	1	287,400	0	0	4,240	6	7	
Licensing Act ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	0	0	20	0	0	..	..	..	
Machinery ..	480	15	0	..	..	..	6,746	17	6	6,662	17	6	564	15	0	
Matakana East Road Board	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	0	0	2	0	0	..	..	..	
Mining Act ..	443	0	0	..	..	..	314	6	0	358	16	0	398	10	0	
Miners' Guides ..	1	5	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	6	
New Zealand Consols	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,130	0	0	1,130	0	0	..	..	..	
Official Assignee ..	14	0	1	..	..	..	5,172	8	6	5,143	9	7	42	18	10	
Old-age pensions ..	16,336	1	3	..	..	..	236,450	0	0	228,275	13	7	24,510	7	8	
Old-age pensions (miscellaneous)	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	7	3	3	7	..	..	..	
Public Trust ..	12,767	7	8	..	..	..	468,040	14	11	448,484	7	3	32,323	15	4	
Railways ..	854	0	10	..	..	..	9,573	16	11	9,552	9	1	875	8	8	
Registration of births, &c.	243	0	6	..	..	..	2,286	4	0	2,288	13	0	240	11	6	
Rents ..	32	14	6	..	..	..	277	15	11	280	5	5	30	5	0	
Sanatorium, Hanmer Springs	260	7	9	..	..	..	2,026	16	5	2,052	9	2	234	15	0	

Table No. 8.

SECURITIES, &c., standing in the Name of the Postmaster-General on Account of the Post-Office Savings-Bank Fund on the 31st December, 1905.

Description of Securities, &c.	Nominal Value.		Value at Cost Price.		Accrued Interest on 31st December 1905.	
	£	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 1901" Debentures, 4 per cent.	17,600	0 0	17,600	0 0	352	0 0
"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 1901" Debentures, 3½ per cent.	15,000	0 0	15,000	0 0	11	10 1
"The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1903" Debentures, 4 per cent.	5,825	0 0	5,825	0 0	116	10 0
"The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1903" Debentures, 4 per cent.	167,900	0 0	167,900	0 0	2,500	18 0
"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. . .	507,500	0 0	507,500	0 0	5,888	7 5
"The Consolidated Stock Act 1884" Debentures, 3½ per cent. . .	128,200	0 0	128,200	0 0	1,868	11 1
"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	..	..
Dunedin Garrison Hall Debentures, 5 per cent. . . . .	5,000	0 0	5,000	0 0	108	4 4
"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 Advances to Settlers Act 1894" Debentures, 3½ per cent.	210,000	0 0	210,000	0 0	604	2 2
"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. . . . .	140,000	0 0	140,000	0 0	2,771	4 7
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	3,618	9 10*
"The Hutt Railway and Road Improvement Act 1903" Debentures, 3½ per cent.	45,000	0 0	45,000	0 0	258	18 1
"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	19,624	14 5
Inscribed Stock, 3½ per cent. . . . .	358,300	0 0	358,300	0 0	5,270	1 8
"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 Acts 1894 and 1897 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 Land for Settlements Consolidation Act 1900" Debentures, 3½ per cent.	10,000	0 0	10,000	0 0	7	13 5
"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.	60,000	0 0	60,000	0 0	371	1 10
"The Local Bodies' Loans Act 1901" Debentures, 3½ per cent.	755,000	0 0	755,000	0 0	8,333	6 8
"The Local Bodies' Loans Act 1901" Debentures, 4 per cent.	55,000	0 0	55,000	0 0	729	6 3
"The New Zealand Consols Act 1894" Debentures, 3½ per cent.	25,000	0 0	25,000	0 0	364	7 8
"The Scenery Preservation Act 1903" Debentures, 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 . . . . .	26,870	0 0	26,870	0 0	423	12 8
"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	12 7
"The State Fire Insurance Act 1903" Debentures, 4 per cent.	500	0 0	500	0 0	3	5 9
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 . . . . .	..	..	..	..	893	18 3
Totals . . . . .	8,462,532	0 0	8,442,496	8 0	82,733	17 0

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

**Table No. 9.**  
**POST-OFFICE SAVINGS-BANK.**

*Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1905.*

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s.	d.
Balance to credit of depositors, 1st January, 1905 .. ..	7,761,882	0	11	Withdrawals during 1905 .. ..	5,984,184	12	2
Deposits during 1905 .. ..	6,625,744	0	10	Balance to credit of depositors, 31st December, 1905 .. ..	8,662,022	17	1
Interest credited to depositors, 1905 .. ..	259,081	7	6				
	<u>£14,646,207</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>£14,646,207</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>

*Liabilities and Assets.*

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s.	d.
Balance to credit of depositors, 31st December, 1905 .. ..	8,662,022	17	1	Securities ( <i>vide</i> Table No. 8) .. ..	8,442,496	8	0
Balance of assets over liabilities .. ..	272,347	17	10	Accumulated profits .. ..	272,347	17	10
	<u>£8,934,370</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	S.B. cash in Post Office Account .. ..	219,526	9	1
					<u>£8,934,370</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>

*Profit and Loss.*

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s.	d.
Interest credited to depositors during 1905 .. ..	259,081	7	6	Balance forward, 1st January, 1905 .. ..	277,204	14	6
Interest paid on debentures purchased by Department, ex div. .. ..	10	14	5	Gain on sale of debentures purchased below par .. ..	5,923	2	4
Paid Public Account, for expenses of Savings-bank management during 1905 .. ..	16,500	0	0	Interest received during 1905 .. ..	278,379	2	1
Savings-bank profits carried to postal revenue .. ..	23,000	0	0	Accrued interest on 31st December, 1905 .. ..	82,733	17	0
Balance to next account .. ..	272,347	17	10		<u>£361,112</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>£570,939</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>9</u>	Less accrued interest on 31st December, 1904 .. ..	73,379	10	2
					<u>287,733</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>
				Savings-bank fines .. ..	78	14	0
					<u>£570,939</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>9</u>

**Table No. 10.**

TABLE showing the Total Number of Post-Office Savings-Bank Accounts open on the 31st December, 1905, classified according to the Balances at Credit, compared with the Number open at the end of 1904.

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 .. ..	27,932	3,718	2,675	2,380	1,041	352	192	189	38,479
Blenheim .. ..	3,538	409	273	246	107	50	16	19	4,658
Christchurch .. ..	36,419	5,357	3,399	2,764	1,130	464	223	178	49,934
Dunedin .. ..	26,056	4,349	2,879	2,543	1,051	332	195	165	37,570
Gisborne .. ..	3,552	531	306	210	86	26	10	11	4,732
Greymouth .. ..	3,302	550	425	333	159	67	33	24	4,893
Hokitika .. ..	1,070	214	140	177	58	16	6	5	1,686
Invercargill .. ..	7,605	1,387	981	786	267	89	33	36	11,184
Napier .. ..	9,723	1,337	867	709	252	93	55	29	13,065
Nelson .. ..	5,539	895	587	503	188	85	33	27	7,857
New Plymouth .. ..	5,156	769	459	362	153	41	25	22	6,987
Oamaru .. ..	2,629	550	378	329	126	38	22	12	4,084
Thames .. ..	6,610	843	501	451	167	57	34	26	8,689
Timaru .. ..	5,767	944	652	547	195	93	57	49	8,304
Wanganui .. ..	10,459	1,447	879	671	242	95	56	46	13,895
Wellington .. ..	40,747	6,417	3,962	3,601	1,116	446	184	209	56,682
Westport .. ..	2,377	387	248	223	73	26	20	13	3,367
Totals, 1905 .. ..	198,481	30,104	19,611	16,835	6,411	2,370	1,194	1,060	276,066
Totals, 1904 .. ..	187,631	28,231	18,363	15,583	5,624	1,918	956	858	259,164



TABLE No. 11.

INLAND MAIL-SERVICES ESTABLISHED, EXTENDED, ETC.

District.	Name of Service.	Frequency.	Remarks.
Auckland	Auckland landing service .. ..	As required ..	Established. (Renewal.)
	Ngaruawahia-Te Kowhai .. ..	Daily (summer), thrice weekly (winter)	" "
	Waiuku-Ruakohua .. ..	Thrice weekly ..	"
	Pirongia-Te Rauamo-Oparau (Kawhia Road)-Kawhia .. ..	Twice weekly ..	(See ABOLISHED.)
	Waerenga-Okaeria .. ..	" ..	"
	Whangarei-Onerahi .. ..	" ..	"
	Houhora-Te Kao-Parenga .. ..	Weekly ..	"
	Kakepuku-Ormsby's Farm .. ..	" ..	(Renewal.)
	Mangonui-Kohumaru .. ..	" ..	"
	Matapouri-Ngunguru .. ..	" ..	"
	Morrinsville-Tabuna .. ..	" ..	"
	Onewhero-Wairamarama .. ..	" ..	(Renewal.)
	Rangi Point-Mitimiti-Whangape .. ..	" ..	(See ABOLISHED.)
	Russell-Rawhiti .. ..	" ..	"
	Te Houhi-Muripara .. ..	" ..	"
	Te Kuiti-Oparure .. ..	" ..	"
	Waikumete-Oratia .. ..	" ..	"
	Oponini-Omapere-Waiotemarama-Waimamuku .. ..	" (one way)	"
	Te Maika-Kiritehere .. ..	Fortnightly ..	"
	Auckland, &c.-Ahuroa (railway service)	" ..	Extended: to Woodcock's (new office).
	Kamo-Aponga .. ..	" ..	Extended: to Moengawahine (new office).
	Kaiwaka-Hakaru-Mangawai .. ..	" ..	Frequency increased: twice weekly to as required.
	Dargaville, &c.-Kaihu (railway service)	" ..	Frequency increased: thrice weekly to daily.
	Ohinewai-Matahuru .. ..	" ..	Frequency increased: weekly to twice weekly.
	Kakahi Railway-station-Oio .. ..	" ..	Altered: to Oio-Raurimu (new office).
	Driving Creek-Tokatea .. ..	" ..	Abolished.
	Herekino-Whangape .. ..	" ..	(See ESTABLISHED.)
	Kaihu-Aranga-Kawerua .. ..	" ..	"
	Ohinewai Railway-station-Post-office	" ..	"
	Omapere Post-office-steamer .. ..	" ..	"
	Onerahi Post-office-steamer .. ..	" ..	"
	Pirongia-Te Rauamo .. ..	" ..	(See ESTABLISHED.)
Rangi Point-Mitimiti .. ..	" ..	"	
Russell landing service .. ..	" ..	(Now performed by staff arrangement.)	
Te Rauamo-Oparau (Kawhia Road)-Kawhia .. ..	" ..	(See ESTABLISHED.)	
Wade-Whangaparaoa .. ..	" ..	"	
Blenheim	Blind River Post-office-mail-coach on main road	Four times weekly	Established. (See ALTERED.)
	Seddon, &c.-Kaikoura .. ..	" ..	Altered: by exclusion of Blind River. (See ESTABLISHED.)
	" .. ..	" ..	Altered: by inclusion of Flaxbourne (new office) before Kekerangu.
	" .. ..	" ..	Altered: by inclusion of Grassmere (new office) after Seddon.
Christchurch	Lichfield Street Post-office-Christchurch Chief Post-office	As required ..	Established.
	Chertsey-Pendarves .. ..	Daily ..	"
	Marshland (delivery of letters by subsidised carrier)	" ..	"
	Scargill-Motunau-Stonyhurst Gate ..	" ..	"
	Springfield, &c.-Kumara .. ..	Thrice weekly ..	(Renewal.)
	Waipara-Omihi-Scargill (railway service)	" ..	Extended to Ethelton.
	Christchurch-Redcliffs-portion of Christchurch-Sumner service	" ..	Frequency increased: daily to twice daily.
	Springfield, &c.-Kumara .. ..	" ..	Frequency increased: twice to thrice weekly.
	" .. ..	" ..	Frequency decreased: by discontinuance of Sunday trip from Springfield.
	Scargill-Cheviot .. ..	" ..	Curtailed: by exclusion of Scargill and Motunau, owing to railway extension; service now Ethelton-Domett-Cheviot
Springfield, &c.-Kumara .. ..	" ..	Altered: by exclusion of Castle Hill (office closed) and inclusion of Craigieburn (new office) after Porter's Pass.	
Waiau-Hawkeswood .. ..	" ..	Altered: Arrangement for extra weekly mail continued for June and July to maintain twice weekly mail throughout the year.	

Table No. 11—continued.

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

District.	Name of Service.	Frequency.	Remarks.	
Dunedin	Cromwell-Bannockburn .. ..	Thrice weekly ..	Established.	
	Hawea Flat—Maungawera .. ..	Twice weekly ..	" (Renewal.)	
	Queensberry—Tarras .. ..	" ..	"	
	Pembroke—Cardrona .. ..	Weekly ..	" (Winter service renewed).	
	Pomahaka—Heriot (railway service) ..	" ..	Extended to Edievale.	
	Tapanui Post-office—Railway-station ..	" ..	Frequency increased: twice to thrice daily.	
	Dunedin—Caversham—Dunedin North—North-east Valley—South Dunedin ..	" ..	Altered: by inclusion of Anderson's Bay before Caversham. See ABOLISHED.	
	Karitane Post-office—Puketeraki Railway-station ..	" ..	Altered: by closing of Karitane and opening of post-office at Puketeraki.	
	Taioma, &c.—Omakau (railway service) ..	" ..	Altered: by inclusion of Lauder (new office) after Rough Ridge.	
	Taioma, &c.—Omakau (railway service) ..	" ..	Altered: by inclusion of Ida Valley (office reopened) after Lauder.	
Gisborne	Dunedin—Anderson's Bay .. ..	" ..	Abolished. (See ALTERED.)	
	Queensberry—Tarras .. ..	" ..	Abolished.	
	Kaiteratahi Post-office—Railway-station ..	Twice daily ..	Established.	
	Te Karaka Post-office—Railway-station ..	" ..	"	
	Hauti—Arataha .. ..	Twice weekly ..	"	
	Manutuke—Waingake .. ..	" ..	"	
	Gisborne—Wharerata—Tarewa—Morere—Nuhaka—Wairoa .. ..	Weekly ..	" (Extra weekly service during tourist season, 1st Feb., 1905, to 30th April, 1905.)	
	Gisborne—Kaiteratahi (railway service) ..	" ..	Extended to Te Karaka.	
	Gisborne, &c.—Wairoa .. ..	" ..	Frequency increased: weekly to twice weekly, during tourist season. (See ESTABLISHED.)	
	Poututu—Whakarau—Motu portion of Te Karaka—Motu service ..	" ..	Frequency increased: weekly to twice weekly.	
Grey-mouth	Whakarau—Rakauoroa .. ..	" ..	Ditto.	
	Kaiteratahi—Te Karaka—Whatatutu ..	" ..	Curtailed: to Te Karaka—Whatatutu (owing to railway extension).	
	Te Araroa—East Cape Lighthouse .. ..	" ..	Abolished.	
	Grey-mouth—Runanga (railway service) ..	Daily ..	Established.	
	Poerua—Rotomana .. ..	Twice weekly ..	"	
	Ahaura—Atarau .. ..	Weekly ..	" (Separate service. See ALTERED.)	
	Ngahere—Blackball .. ..	" ..	Frequency increased: daily to twice daily.	
	Ahaura—Upper Moonlight .. ..	" ..	Altered: by exclusion of Atarau, now served by a separate service. (See ESTABLISHED.)	
	Hokitika	Gillespie's Beach—Bruce Bay—Mahitahi—Paringa .. ..	Fortnightly ..	Established: extra service. (See FREQUENCY INCREASED.)
		Gillespie's Beach—Paringa portion of Gillespie's Beach—Jackson's Bay service ..	" ..	Frequency increased: fortnightly to weekly. (See ESTABLISHED.)
Invercargill	Paradise—Glenorchy .. ..	As required ..	Established.	
	Te Anau—Glade House .. ..	Twice weekly ..	" (Renewal, 1st Nov., 1905, to 30th April, 1906.)	
	Garston—Upper Nevis .. ..	Weekly ..	" (Renewal, 6th Oct., 1905, to 6th June, 1906.)	
	Glade House—Milford Sound .. ..	Fortnightly ..	" (Renewal, 1st Nov., 1905, to 30th April, 1906.)	
	Invercargill—Te Oneroa .. ..	Monthly ..	" (Renewal.)	
	Mill Road—Mabel Bush .. ..	" ..	Frequency increased: twice to thrice weekly.	
	Mossburn—Matuku .. ..	" ..	Frequency increased: weekly to twice weekly. (1st Nov., 1905, to 30th April, 1906.)	
	Mossburn—Matuku .. ..	" ..	Frequency decreased: twice to once weekly.	
Napier	Invercargill—Te Oneroa .. ..	" ..	Altered: by closing of Te Oneroa and opening of Cromarty; service now Invercargill—Cromarty.	
	Waipawa—Argyll East .. ..	Daily ..	Established.	
	Takapau—South Makaretu .. ..	Thrice weekly ..	" (Rural delivery.)	
	Ngapaeruru—Pokokomuka—Mangahei ..	Twice weekly ..	" (Renewal.)	
	Nuhaka—Mangsons Valley .. ..	Weekly ..	"	
	Hastings—Havelock North .. ..	" ..	Frequency increased: twice to thrice daily.	
	Waipukurau—Porangahau section of Waipukurau—Herbertville service ..	" ..	Frequency increased: twice to thrice weekly.	
	Napier—Taupo .. ..	" ..	Altered: by inclusion of Te Haroto (new office) after Pohui.	
Nelson	Stanley Brook—Thorpe—Dovedale—Wakefield .. ..	Thrice weekly ..	Established. (Renewal. See FREQUENCY INCREASED.)	
	Stanley Brook—Thorpe—Dovedale—Wakefield .. ..	" ..	Frequency increased: twice to thrice weekly. (See ESTABLISHED.)	
	Collingwood—Puponga .. ..	" ..	Frequency increased: weekly to twice weekly.	
	The Port—Croixelles .. ..	" ..	Altered: by inclusion of Wairangi.	

Table No. 11—continued.

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

District.	Name of Service.	Frequency.	Remarks.
New Plymouth	Egmont Road Crossing—Hillsborough	Thrice weekly ..	Established. (See ABOLISHED.)
	Makahu—Strathmore .. ..	Twice weekly ..	"
	Okau Post-office—Junction of Okau and Mokau Roads	" ..	"
	Puniwhakau—Tututawa .. ..	" ..	"
	Tariki—Ratapiko .. ..	" ..	" (Renewal.)
	Toko—Tututawa .. ..	" ..	"
	Whangamomona, &c.—Tahora	" ..	Extended: to Tatu (new office).
	Tututawa—Douglas Road .. ..	" ..	Frequency increased: twice to thrice weekly. (See CURTAILED.)
	Douglas Road—Huiroa .. ..	" ..	Frequency increased: weekly to twice weekly. (See CURTAILED.)
	Toko—Huiroa .. ..	" ..	Curtailed: now Douglas Road—Huiroa. (See FREQUENCY INCREASED.)
Thames	Toko—Tututawa .. ..	" ..	Curtailed: now Tututawa—Douglas Road (owing to railway extension). (See FREQUENCY INCREASED.)
	Stratford—Whangamomona .. ..	" ..	Altered: by inclusion of Douglas Road (new office) after Toko.
	New Plymouth—Hillsborough .. ..	" ..	Abolished. (See ESTABLISHED.)
	Ohiwa—Opotiki .. ..	As required ..	Established.
	Waihi Post-office—Railway-station ..	Eight times daily	"
	Karangahake Post-office—Railway-station	Five times daily..	"
	Waikino Post-office—Railway-station	" ..	"
	Paeroa—Mackaytown—Karangahake—Waikino—Waihi (railway service)	Four times daily	" (Railway service, superseding coach service. See ABOLISHED.)
	Mackaytown Post-office—Karangahake Railway-station	Twice daily ..	Established.
	Waitekauri—Golden Cross .. ..	" ..	Frequency decreased: daily to twice weekly.
Timaru	Thames—Te Aroha (railway service) ..	" ..	Altered: by inclusion of Matatoki (new office) after Kopu.
	Paeroa—Mackaytown—Karangahake—Waikino—Waihi	" ..	Abolished. (Coach service. See ESTABLISHED.)
	Wahimomona—Beautiful Valley (no post-office)	Thrice weekly ..	Established. (Rural delivery.)
	Levels Post-office—Rosewell (no post-office) and Papaka (no post-office) Settlements	Twice weekly ..	"
	Sutherland's Post-office—Tycho Flat (no post-office)—Cave—Cannington (no post-office)	Twice weekly ..	"
	Cave—Cannington—Motukaika .. ..	Weekly.. ..	"
	Lake Pukaki—Hermitage .. ..	Weekly.. ..	" (Winter service performed by Tourist Department re-established.)
	Waihao Downs—Pentland Hills .. ..	" ..	Frequency increased: twice to thrice weekly.
	Sutherland's—Tycho Flat—Cave—Cannington	" ..	Curtailed: to Sutherland's—Tycho Flat—Cave, by abolition of Cave—Cannington portion.
	Lake Pukaki—Hermitage .. ..	" ..	Temporarily discontinued: in terms of agreement. (Winter service by Tourist Department. See ESTABLISHED.)
Wanganui	Eltham—Mangatoki—Kaponga .. ..	Daily .. ..	Established. (Renewal.)
	Patea—Whenuakura .. ..	" .. ..	"
	Wanganui (Nos. 1 and 2 Lines)	" .. ..	" (Rural delivery; renewal.)
	Hawera—Tokaora .. ..	Daily (summer), thrice weekly (winter)	"
	Turakina—Mangara Creek .. ..	Ditto .. ..	" (Renewal.)
	Whenuakura—Maben Road .. ..	Daily (summer), weekly (winter)	"
	Eltham—Rawhitiroa—Mangamingi (thrice weekly)—Omoana (weekly)	Thrice and once weekly	" (See ABOLISHED.)
	Hawera—Ararata (no post-office) ..	Thrice weekly ..	" (Rural delivery. Renewal.)
	Okoia—No. 3 Line—Long Acre Valley	Twice weekly ..	" (Rural delivery.)
	Bull's—Greatford .. ..	" ..	Frequency increased: thrice to four times daily.
Wanganui	Taihape—Mataroa portion of Taihape—Ruanui service	" ..	Frequency increased: thrice weekly to daily.
	Tokaanu—Pipiriki, in respect of Mangaturua office only	" ..	Frequency increased: twice to five times weekly—thrice via Pipiriki, and twice via Taihape. (10th Nov., 1905.)
	Pipiriki—Taumarunui .. ..	" ..	Frequency increased: weekly to thrice weekly.
	Waiouru—Turangarere—Taihape ..	" ..	Frequency increased: twice (summer) and once weekly (winter) to twice weekly throughout the year.

Table No. 11—continued.

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

District.	Name of Service.	Frequency.	Remarks.	
Wanganui— <i>ctd.</i>	Waverley Post-office—Railway-station	..	Frequency decreased: eight to seven times daily.	
	Wanganui—Waverley—Patea—Hawera—Eltham—Stratford—New Plymouth Tokaanu—Pipiriki, in respect of Mangaituroa office only	..	Frequency decreased: four times to thrice daily, outwards by train.	
		..	Frequency decreased: five times to twice weekly—once <i>via</i> Pipiriki and once <i>via</i> Waiouru. (1st February, 1905.)	
	Raetihi—Orautoha—Pukekata	..	Frequency decreased: twice (summer) and once weekly (winter) to once weekly throughout the year.	
Wellington ..	Eltham—Mangamingi	..	Abolished. (See ESTABLISHED.)	
	Eltham—Rawhitiroa	..	..	
	Wellington: conveyance of mails by tramway within the Wellington Ward, &c.	As required	..	Established. (Renewal.)
	Wellington Harbour service	..	..	..
	Brooklyn—Wellington	Daily	..	.. (Conveyance of parcels.)
	Colyton—Midland Road	..	..	.. (Renewal.)
	Eketahuna—Rongokokako—Kaiparoro	Daily	..	Established. (See ABOLISHED.)
	Mount Bruce—Mikimiki Junction (no post-office)—Masterton	..	..	.. (Rural delivery.)
	Palmerston North—Aokautere	..	..	..
	Peep-o'-Day Post-office—coach on main road	..	..	..
	Wellington—Miramar (new office)	..	..	..
	Woodville—Mangarawa	..	..	..
	Rangiwahia—Whitebridge (no post-office)	Daily (summer), twice weekly (winter)	..	.. (Rural delivery.)
	Taikorea—Oroua Bridge	..	Four times weekly	..
	Gladstone—Longbush (no post-office)	..	Thrice weekly	.. (Rural delivery.)
	Hautere Cross—Te Horo	..	..	.. (1st Jan., 1904.)
	Tararua—Aokautere	..	..	..
	Rakaunui—Waikereru	..	Twice weekly	.. (See ABOLISHED.)
	Waiowaka—Waikereru	..	Weekly	..
	Ohau Post-office—Railway-station	..	..	Frequency increased: twice to thrice daily.
	Nireaha—Eketahuna	..	..	Frequency increased: thrice weekly to daily.
	Waikanae—Reikorangi	..	..	Frequency increased: thrice weekly to daily.
	Alfredton—Pori	..	..	Frequency increased: weekly to twice weekly.
Kaitawa—Pori—Saunders Road—Alfredton	..	..	Curtailed: to Pori—Saunders Road—Alfredton.	
Apiti—Table Flat	..	..	Altered: from closed mail to open-delivery service.	
Hinakura—Martinborough	..	..	Altered: to include the despatch of a mail for Crown-land tenants on the line of route.	
Aorangi Post-office—Railway-station	..	..	Abolished.	
Colyton—Te Awa	..	..	..	
Mangamahoe—Hastwell's—Kaiparoro	..	..	.. (See ESTABLISHED.)	
Stokes Valley—Taita	..	..	..	
Waiowaka—Rakaunui	..	..	.. (See ESTABLISHED.)	
Westport ..	Westport—Karamea (thrice monthly)—Little Wanganui (monthly)	Thrice monthly and monthly	Established. (Renewal.)	

Table No. 12.—SAN FRANCISCO MAIL-SERVICE.  
 STATEMENT showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails between London and the undermentioned Places by the San Francisco Mail-service.

FROM LONDON VIA SAN FRANCISCO.														
AUCKLAND.			WELLINGTON.			DUNEDIN.			SYDNEY.			MELBOURNE.		
Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Auckland.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Wellington.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Dunedin.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Sydney.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Melbourne.	No. of Days.
1905. January 21	1905. February 20	30	1905. January 21	1905. February 22	32	1905. January 21	1905. February 23	33	1905. January 21	1905. February 24	34	1905. January 21	1905. February 25	35
1905. February 11	1905. March 15	32	1905. February 11	1905. March 16	33	1905. February 11	1905. March 17	34	1905. February 11	1905. March 20	37	1905. February 11	1905. March 20	37
1905. March 4	1905. April 5	32	1905. March 4	1905. April 6	33	1905. March 4	1905. April 7	34	1905. March 4	1905. April 9	36	1905. March 4	1905. April 10	37
1905. March 25	1905. April 24	30	1905. March 25	1905. April 25	31	1905. March 25	1905. April 26	32	1905. March 25	1905. April 28	34	1905. March 25	1905. April 29	35
1905. April 15	1905. May 15	30	1905. April 15	1905. May 16	31	1905. April 15	1905. May 18	33	1905. April 15	1905. May 19	34	1905. April 15	1905. May 20	35
1905. May 6	1905. June 5	30	1905. May 6	1905. June 7	32	1905. May 6	1905. June 8	33	1905. May 6	1905. June 10	35	1905. May 6	1905. June 12	37
1905. May 27	1905. June 30	34	1905. May 27	1905. July 1	35	1905. May 27	1905. July 2	36	1905. May 27	1905. July 4	38	1905. May 27	1905. July 5	39
1905. June 17	1905. July 18	31	1905. June 17	1905. July 19	32	1905. June 17	1905. July 20	33	1905. June 17	1905. July 22	35	1905. June 17	1905. July 24	37
1905. July 8	1905. August 7	30	1905. July 8	1905. August 9	32	1905. July 8	1905. August 10	33	1905. July 8	1905. August 11	34	1905. July 8	1905. August 14	37
1905. July 29	1905. August 28	30	1905. July 29	1905. August 29	31	1905. July 29	1905. August 30	32	1905. July 29	1905. September 2	35	1905. July 29	1905. September 4	37
1905. August 19	1905. September 20	32	1905. August 19	1905. September 22	34	1905. August 19	1905. September 23	35	1905. August 19	1905. September 25	37	1905. August 19	1905. September 26	38
1905. September 9	1905. October 9	30	1905. September 9	1905. October 10	31	1905. September 9	1905. October 11	32	1905. September 9	1905. October 14	35	1905. September 9	1905. October 16	37
1905. September 30	1905. October 31	31	1905. September 30	1905. November 1	32	1905. September 30	1905. November 2	33	1905. September 30	1905. November 6	37	1905. September 30	1905. November 7	38
1905. October 21	1905. November 21	31	1905. October 21	1905. November 22	32	1905. October 21	1905. November 23	33	1905. October 21	1905. November 27	37	1905. October 21	1905. November 28	38
1905. November 11	1905. December 12	31	1905. November 11	1905. December 13	32	1905. November 11	1905. December 14	33	1905. November 11	1905. December 18	37	1905. November 11	1905. December 19	38
1906. December 2	1906. January 4	33	1906. December 2	1906. January 5	34	1906. December 2	1906. January 6	35	1906. December 2	1906. January 9	38	1906. December 2	1906. January 10	39
1906. December 23	1906. January 23	31	1906. December 23	1906. January 24	32	1906. December 23	1906. January 25	33	1906. December 23	1906. January 27	35	1906. December 23	1906. January 29	37
Maximum	...	34	...	...	35	...	...	36	...	...	38	...	...	39
Minimum	...	30	...	...	31	...	...	32	...	...	34	...	...	36
Average	...	31.06	...	...	32.29	...	...	33.35	...	...	35.76	...	...	37.12

  

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. December 31	1905. February 9	40	1905. January 2	1905. February 9	38	1905. January 4	1905. February 9	36	1905. January 5	1905. February 9	35	1905. January 6	1905. February 9	34
1905. January 21	1905. February 27	37	1905. January 23	1905. February 27	35	1905. January 25	1905. February 27	33	1905. January 26	1905. February 27	32	1905. January 27	1905. February 27	31
1905. February 11	1905. March 15	34	1905. February 13	1905. March 22	37	1905. February 15	1905. March 22	35	1905. February 16	1905. March 22	34	1905. February 17	1905. March 22	33
1905. March 4	1905. April 5	32	1905. March 6	1905. April 9	34	1905. March 8	1905. April 9	32	1905. March 9	1905. April 9	31	1905. March 10	1905. April 9	30
1905. March 25	1905. April 24	30	1905. March 27	1905. May 3	37	1905. March 29	1905. May 3	35	1905. March 30	1905. May 3	34	1905. March 31	1905. May 3	33
1905. April 15	1905. May 15	30	1905. April 17	1905. May 21	34	1905. April 19	1905. May 21	32	1905. April 20	1905. May 21	31	1905. April 21	1905. May 21	30
1905. May 6	1905. June 5	30	1905. May 8	1905. June 10	33	1905. May 10	1905. June 10	31	1905. May 11	1905. June 10	30	1905. May 12	1905. June 10	29
1905. May 27	1905. June 30	34	1905. May 29	1905. July 2	36	1905. May 31	1905. July 2	34	1905. June 1	1905. July 2	31	1905. June 2	1905. July 2	30
1905. June 17	1905. July 18	31	1905. June 19	1905. July 22	33	1905. June 21	1905. July 22	32	1905. June 22	1905. July 22	30	1905. June 23	1905. July 22	29
1905. July 8	1905. August 7	30	1905. July 10	1905. August 13	34	1905. July 12	1905. August 13	32	1905. July 13	1905. August 13	31	1905. July 14	1905. August 13	30
1905. July 29	1905. August 28	30	1905. July 31	1905. August 31	33	1905. August 2	1905. August 31	31	1905. August 3	1905. August 31	30	1905. August 4	1905. August 31	29
1905. August 19	1905. September 23	35	1905. August 21	1905. September 23	33	1905. August 23	1905. September 23	31	1905. August 24	1905. September 23	30	1905. August 25	1905. September 23	29
1905. September 9	1905. October 14	35	1905. September 11	1905. October 14	33	1905. September 13	1905. October 14	31	1905. September 14	1905. October 14	30	1905. September 15	1905. October 14	29
1905. September 30	1905. November 6	37	1905. September 30	1905. November 6	35	1905. October 4	1905. November 6	33	1905. October 5	1905. November 6	32	1905. October 6	1905. November 6	31
1905. October 21	1905. November 25	35	1905. October 23	1905. November 25	33	1905. October 25	1905. November 25	31	1905. October 26	1905. November 25	30	1905. October 27	1905. November 25	29
1905. November 11	1905. December 18	37	1905. November 13	1905. December 18	35	1905. November 15	1905. December 18	33	1905. November 16	1905. December 18	32	1905. November 17	1905. December 18	31
1906. December 2	1906. January 8	37	1906. December 4	1906. January 8	35	1906. December 6	1906. January 8	33	1906. December 7	1906. January 8	32	1906. December 8	1906. January 8	31
1906. December 23	1906. January 27	35	1906. December 25	1906. January 27	33	1906. December 27	1906. January 27	31	1906. December 28	1906. January 27	30	1906. December 29	1906. January 27	29
Maximum	...	40	...	...	38	...	...	36	...	...	35	...	...	34
Minimum	...	35	...	...	33	...	...	31	...	...	30	...	...	29
Average	...	36.39	...	...	34.39	...	...	32.39	...	...	31.39	...	...	30.39

**Table No. 13.—PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL MAIL-SERVICE.**  
**STATEMENT showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails between London and the undermentioned Places by the Packets of the Peninsular and Oriental Line.**

**FROM LONDON BY THE P. AND O. PACKETS.**

MELBOURNE.			SYDNEY.			BLUFF.			CHRISTCHURCH.			WELLINGTON.			AUCKLAND.		
Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Melbourne.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Sydney.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival at Bluff.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Christchurch.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Wellington.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Auckland.	No. of Days.
1905. Jan. 13	1905. Feb. 13	31	1905. Jan. 13	1905. Feb. 14	32	1905. Jan. 13	1905. Feb. 20	38	1905. Jan. 13	1905. Feb. 21	39	1905. Jan. 13	1905. Feb. 20	38	1905. Jan. 13	1905. Feb. 19	37
Jan. 27	Feb. 27	31	Jan. 27	Feb. 28	32	Jan. 27	March 7	39	Jan. 27	March 8	40	Jan. 27	March 6	38	Jan. 27	March 5	37
Feb. 10	March 12	30	Feb. 10	March 13	31	Feb. 10	March 20	38	Feb. 10	March 20	38	Feb. 10	March 22	40	Feb. 10	March 19	37
*Feb. 17	March 24	35	Feb. 17	March 25	36	Feb. 17	March 31	42	Feb. 17	March 30	41	Feb. 17	March 29	40	Feb. 17	March 31	42
Feb. 24	March 26	30	Feb. 24	March 27	31	Feb. 24	April 3	38	Feb. 24	April 4	39	Feb. 24	April 1	36	Feb. 24	March 31	35
March 10	April 9	30	March 10	April 10	31	March 10	April 17	38	March 10	April 18	39	March 10	April 17	38	March 10	April 16	37
*March 17	April 21	35	*March 17	April 22	36	March 17	April 28	42	March 17	April 27	41	March 17	April 26	40	March 17	April 28	42
March 24	April 23	30	March 24	April 25	32	March 24	May 2	39	March 24	May 3	40	March 24	May 3	40	March 24	April 30	37
April 7	May 7	30	April 7	May 8	31	April 7	May 16	39	April 7	May 17	40	April 7	May 13	36	April 7	May 12	35
April 21	May 21	30	April 21	May 22	31	April 21	May 29	38	April 21	May 30	39	April 21	May 29	38	April 21	May 28	37
May 5	June 4	30	May 5	June 6	32	May 5	June 13	39	May 5	June 14	40	May 5	June 13	39	May 5	June 11	37
May 19	June 19	31	May 19	June 20	32	May 19	June 27	38	May 19	June 27	38	May 19	June 26	38	May 19	June 25	37
June 2	July 2	30	June 2	July 3	31	June 2	July 10	38	June 2	July 11	39	June 2	July 11	39	June 2	July 9	37
June 16	July 16	30	June 16	July 18	32	June 16	July 25	39	June 16	July 26	40	June 16	July 24	38	June 16	July 23	37
July 30	August 30	31	July 30	August 31	32	July 30	August 7	38	July 30	August 8	39	July 30	August 7	38	July 30	August 4	35
August 13	September 13	30	August 13	September 14	31	August 13	September 22	39	August 13	September 23	40	August 13	September 21	38	August 13	September 20	37
August 27	September 27	30	August 27	October 28	31	August 27	September 4	38	August 27	September 5	39	August 27	September 4	38	August 27	September 3	37
September 10	October 10	30	September 10	October 11	31	September 10	September 18	38	September 10	September 19	39	September 10	September 17	37	September 10	September 15	35
September 25	October 25	31	September 25	October 26	32	September 25	October 3	38	September 25	October 3	39	September 25	October 3	39	September 25	October 1	37
October 8	November 8	30	October 8	November 9	31	October 8	October 16	38	October 8	October 17	39	October 8	October 16	38	October 8	October 15	37
September 22	October 22	30	September 22	October 23	31	September 22	October 30	38	September 22	October 31	39	September 22	October 28	36	September 22	October 27	35
October 6	November 5	30	October 6	November 6	31	October 6	November 13	38	October 6	November 14	39	October 6	November 12	37	October 6	November 12	37
October 20	November 19	30	October 20	November 20	31	October 20	November 24	35	October 20	November 25	36	October 20	November 28	39	October 20	November 26	37
November 3	December 3	30	November 3	December 4	31	November 3	December 11	38	November 3	December 11	38	November 3	December 9	36	November 3	December 8	35
November 17	December 18	31	November 17	December 19	32	November 17	December 25	38	November 17	December 26	39	November 17	December 26	39	November 17	December 24	37
December 1	December 31	30	1906. Jan. 1	1906. Jan. 2	32	December 1	1906. Jan. 9	39	December 1	1906. Jan. 10	40	December 1	1906. Jan. 8	38	December 1	1906. Jan. 7	37
December 15	1906. Jan. 14	30	December 15	1906. Jan. 16	32	December 15	January 22	38	December 15	January 23	39	December 15	January 23	39	December 15	January 21	37
December 29	January 28	30	December 29	January 29	31	December 29	February 5	38	December 29	February 6	39	December 29	February 5	38	December 29	February 4	37
Maximum	...	35	...	...	36	...	...	42	...	...	41	...	...	40	...	...	42
Minimum	...	30	...	...	31	...	...	35	...	...	36	...	...	36	...	...	35
Average	...	30.54	...	...	31.71	...	...	38.43	...	...	39.21	...	...	38.18	...	...	36.93

\* Extra mails despatched during cessation of Orient mail-service.

Table No. 13.—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.

AUCKLAND.		WELLINGTON.		BLUFF.		SYDNEY.		MELBOURNE.	
Date of Despatch from Auckland.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Wellington.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Bluff.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Sydney.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Melbourne.	No. of Days.
1905. January 2	40	1904. December 31	42	1905. January 2	40	1905. January 10	32	1905. January 11	31
1905. January 16	39	1905. January 14	41	1905. January 17	38	1905. January 24	31	1905. January 25	30
1905. February 2	36	1905. January 28	41	1905. February 30	39	1905. February 7	31	1905. February 8	30
1905. February 13	39	1905. February 11	41	1905. February 13	39	1905. February 21	31	1905. February 22	30
1905. February 27	39	1905. February 28	38	1905. February 27	39	1905. March 7	31	1905. March 8	30
1905. March 15	37	1905. ..	..	1905. March 13	39	1905. March 21	31	1905. March 22	30
1905. March 27	39	1905. ..	..	1905. March 27	39	1905. April 4	31	1905. March 22	30
1905. April 10	40	1905. ..	..	1905. April 10	39	1905. April 18	31	1905. April 5	30
1905. April 24	40	1905. ..	..	1905. April 22	42	1905. May 2	32	1905. April 19	31
1905. May 8	40	1905. ..	..	1905. May 10	40	1905. May 16	32	1905. May 3	31
1905. May 22	40	1905. ..	..	1905. May 8	38	1905. May 16	32	1905. May 17	31
1905. June 6	40	1905. ..	..	1905. May 22	40	1905. May 30	32	1905. June 19	31
1905. June 19	40	1905. ..	..	1905. June 6	43	1905. June 13	33	1905. June 14	32
1905. July 3	40	1905. ..	..	1905. June 17	42	1905. June 27	32	1905. July 14	31
1905. July 19	40	1905. ..	..	1905. July 19	42	1905. July 27	32	1905. July 28	31
1905. July 31	38	1905. ..	..	1905. July 3	42	1905. August 11	32	1905. July 12	31
1905. August 14	40	1905. ..	..	1905. July 17	40	1905. July 25	32	1905. July 26	31
1905. August 29	40	1905. ..	..	1905. July 31	40	1905. August 8	32	1905. August 9	31
1905. Sept. 11	39	1905. ..	..	1905. August 14	42	1905. August 22	32	1905. August 23	31
1905. Sept. 25	39	1905. ..	..	1905. August 28	38	1905. August 22	32	1905. August 23	31
1905. October 10	38	1905. ..	..	1905. Sept. 9	42	1905. Sept. 19	32	1905. Sept. 6	31
1905. October 23	39	1905. ..	..	1905. Sept. 23	42	1905. Sept. 19	32	1905. Sept. 20	31
1905. November 6	39	1905. ..	..	1905. Oct. 9	41	1905. Oct. 19	31	1905. Oct. 20	30
1905. November 22	37	1905. ..	..	1905. Oct. 23	41	1905. Oct. 25	31	1905. Oct. 20	30
1906. December 4	39	1905. ..	..	1905. Oct. 28	42	1905. Oct. 3	31	1905. Oct. 4	30
1906. December 18	39	1905. ..	..	1905. Oct. 30	42	1905. Oct. 9	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
1906. January 5	35	1905. ..	..	1905. Nov. 6	41	1905. Oct. 23	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1905. Nov. 12	41	1905. Oct. 28	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1905. Nov. 17	41	1905. Oct. 31	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1905. Nov. 24	41	1905. Nov. 1	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1905. Dec. 1	41	1905. Nov. 8	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1905. Dec. 8	41	1905. Nov. 15	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1905. Dec. 15	41	1905. Nov. 22	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1905. Dec. 22	41	1905. Dec. 1	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1905. Dec. 29	41	1905. Dec. 8	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. January 5	41	1905. Dec. 15	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. January 12	41	1905. Dec. 22	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. January 19	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. February 2	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. February 9	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. February 16	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. February 23	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. February 30	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. March 6	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. March 13	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. March 20	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. March 27	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. April 3	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. April 10	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. April 17	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. April 24	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. May 1	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. May 8	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. May 15	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. May 22	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. May 29	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. June 5	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. June 12	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. June 19	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. June 26	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. July 3	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. July 10	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. July 17	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. July 24	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. July 31	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. August 7	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. August 14	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. August 21	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. August 28	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. September 4	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. September 11	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. September 18	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. September 25	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. October 2	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. October 9	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. October 16	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. October 23	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. October 30	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. November 6	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. November 13	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. November 20	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. November 27	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. December 4	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. December 11	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. December 18	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. December 25	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. January 1	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. January 8	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. January 15	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. January 22	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. January 29	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. February 5	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. February 12	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. February 19	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. February 26	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. March 5	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. March 12	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. March 19	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. March 26	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. April 2	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. April 9	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. April 16	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. April 23	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. April 30	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. May 7	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. May 14	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. May 21	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. May 28	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..	1906. June 4	41	1905. Dec. 29	31	1905. Oct. 18	30
		1905. ..	..						

Table No. 14.—ORIENT MAIL-SERVICE.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails between London and the undermentioned Places by the Packets of the Orient Line.

FROM LONDON BY THE ORIENT LINE.

MELBOURNE.			SYDNEY.			BLUFF.			CHRISTCHURCH.			WELLINGTON.			AUCKLAND.		
Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Melbourne.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Sydney.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival at Bluff.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Christchurch.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Wellington.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Auckland.	No. of Days.
1905. Jan. 6	1905. Feb. 7	32	1905. Jan. 6	1905. Feb. 8	33	1905. Jan. 6	1905. Feb. 14	39	1905. Jan. 6	1905. Feb. 15	40	1905. Jan. 6	1905. Feb. 14	39	1905. Jan. 6	1905. Feb. 12	37
1905. Jan. 20	1905. Feb. 23	34	1905. Jan. 20	1905. Feb. 24	35	1905. Jan. 20	1905. March 3	42	1905. Jan. 20	1905. March 2	41	1905. Jan. 20	1905. March 1	40	1905. Jan. 20	1905. March 3	43
*April 28	1905. May 16	32	1905. April 28	1905. May 17	33	1905. April 28	1905. May 23	39	1905. April 28	1905. May 24	40	1905. April 28	1905. May 22	38	1905. April 28	1905. May 21	37
1905. May 12	1905. May 30	32	1905. May 12	1905. May 31	33	1905. May 12	1905. June 6	39	1905. May 12	1905. June 7	40	1905. May 12	1905. June 6	39	1905. May 12	1905. June 4	37
1905. May 26	1905. June 13	32	1905. May 26	1905. June 14	33	1905. May 26	1905. June 20	39	1905. May 26	1905. June 21	40	1905. May 26	1905. June 19	39	1905. May 26	1905. June 18	37
1905. June 9	1905. July 27	32	1905. June 9	1905. July 12	33	1905. June 9	1905. July 18	39	1905. June 9	1905. July 19	40	1905. June 9	1905. July 19	40	1905. June 9	1905. July 3	38
1905. July 23	1905. August 10	32	1905. July 23	1905. August 9	33	1905. July 23	1905. August 31	38	1905. July 23	1905. August 1	39	1905. July 23	1905. August 31	38	1905. July 23	1905. August 30	37
1905. July 7	1905. August 8	32	1905. July 7	1905. August 9	33	1905. July 7	1905. August 14	38	1905. July 7	1905. August 15	39	1905. July 7	1905. August 14	38	1905. July 7	1905. August 13	37
1905. July 21	1905. August 23	33	1905. July 21	1905. August 24	34	1905. July 21	1905. August 29	39	1905. July 21	1905. August 30	40	1905. July 21	1905. August 31	40	1905. July 21	1905. Sept. 1	42
1905. August 4	1905. Sept. 5	32	1905. August 4	1905. Sept. 6	33	1905. August 4	1905. Sept. 11	38	1905. August 4	1905. Sept. 12	39	1905. August 4	1905. Sept. 11	38	1905. August 4	1905. Sept. 10	37
1905. August 18	1905. Sept. 19	32	1905. August 18	1905. Sept. 20	33	1905. August 18	1905. Sept. 25	38	1905. August 18	1905. Sept. 26	39	1905. August 18	1905. Sept. 25	38	1905. August 18	1905. Sept. 24	37
1905. Sept. 1	1905. Oct. 3	32	1905. Sept. 1	1905. Oct. 4	33	1905. Sept. 1	1905. Oct. 9	38	1905. Sept. 1	1905. Oct. 10	39	1905. Sept. 1	1905. Oct. 9	38	1905. Sept. 1	1905. Oct. 8	36
1905. Sept. 15	1905. Oct. 17	32	1905. Sept. 15	1905. Oct. 18	33	1905. Sept. 15	1905. Oct. 24	39	1905. Sept. 15	1905. Oct. 24	39	1905. Sept. 15	1905. Oct. 24	39	1905. Sept. 15	1905. Oct. 22	37
1905. Sept. 29	1905. Nov. 1	33	1905. Sept. 29	1905. Nov. 2	34	1905. Sept. 29	1905. Nov. 7	39	1905. Sept. 29	1905. Nov. 7	39	1905. Sept. 29	1905. Nov. 8	40	1905. Sept. 29	1905. Nov. 7	39
1905. Oct. 13	1905. Nov. 14	32	1905. Oct. 13	1905. Nov. 15	33	1905. Oct. 13	1905. Nov. 20	38	1905. Oct. 13	1905. Nov. 21	39	1905. Oct. 13	1905. Nov. 21	39	1905. Oct. 13	1905. Nov. 20	38
1905. Oct. 27	1905. Nov. 28	32	1905. Oct. 27	1905. Nov. 29	33	1905. Oct. 27	1905. Dec. 4	38	1905. Oct. 27	1905. Dec. 5	39	1905. Oct. 27	1905. Dec. 5	39	1905. Oct. 27	1905. Dec. 3	37
1905. Nov. 10	1905. Dec. 12	32	1905. Nov. 10	1905. Dec. 14	34	1905. Nov. 10	1905. Dec. 18	38	1905. Nov. 10	1905. Dec. 19	39	1905. Nov. 10	1905. Dec. 20	40	1905. Nov. 10	1905. Dec. 22	42
1905. Nov. 24	1905. Dec. 26	32	1905. Nov. 24	1905. Dec. 27	33	1905. Nov. 24	1906. Jan. 1	38	1905. Nov. 24	1906. Jan. 2	39	1905. Nov. 24	1906. Jan. 3	40	1905. Nov. 24	1906. Jan. 1	38
1905. Dec. 8	1906. Jan. 10	33	1905. Dec. 8	1906. Jan. 11	34	1905. Dec. 8	1906. Jan. 15	38	1905. Dec. 8	1906. Jan. 15	38	1905. Dec. 8	1906. Jan. 17	40	1905. Dec. 8	1906. Jan. 19	42
1905. Dec. 22	1906. Jan. 23	32	1905. Dec. 22	1906. Jan. 24	33	1905. Dec. 22	1906. Jan. 29	38	1905. Dec. 22	1906. Jan. 29	38	1905. Dec. 22	1906. Jan. 31	40	1905. Dec. 22	1906. Jan. 29	38
Maximum	...	34	...	...	35	...	...	42	...	...	41	...	...	41	...	...	42
Minimum	...	32	...	...	33	...	...	38	...	...	38	...	...	38	...	...	37
Average	...	32.24	...	...	33.29	...	...	38.57	...	...	39.29	...	...	39.19	...	...	38.33

\* No mails were despatched from London by the Orient Line between 20th January and 14th April owing to cessation of contract.



Table No. 14.—ORIENT MAIL-SERVICE—continued

STATEMENT showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails between London and the undermentioned Places by the Packets of the Orient Line—continued.

TO LONDON VIA NAPLES (ORIENT PACKETS).

AUCKLAND.			WELLINGTON.			BLUFF.			SYDNEY.			MELBOURNE.		
Date of Despatch from Auckland.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Wellington.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Bluff.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Sydney.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Melbourne.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.
1905. January 11	1905. February 19	39	1905. January 7	1905. February 19	43	1905. January 9	1905. February 19	41	1905. January 17	1905. February 19	33	1905. January 18	1905. February 19	32
January 23	March 5	41	January 21	March 5	43	January 23	March 5	41	January 31	March 5	33	February 1	March 5	34
February 6	March 22	44	February 4	March 22	46	February 6	March 22	44	February 14	March 22	36	February 15	March 22	35
February 20	April 4	43	February 18	April 4	45	February 20	April 4	43	February 28	April 4	35	March 1	April 4	34
*March 20	April 30	41	March 18	April 30	43	March 20	April 30	41	March 28	April 30	33	March 28	April 30	33
April 5	May 14	39	..	..	..	April 3	May 14	41	April 11	May 14	33	April 12	May 14	32
April 17	May 28	41	April 15	May 28	43	April 17	May 28	41	April 25	May 28	33	April 26	May 28	32
May 1	June 12	42	April 29	June 12	44	May 1	June 12	42	May 9	June 12	34	May 10	June 12	33
*May 29	July 10	42	May 27	July 10	44	May 29	July 10	42	June 6	July 10	34	May 10	June 12	33
June 12	July 24	42	June 10	July 24	44	June 12	July 24	42	June 20	July 24	34	June 7	July 10	33
June 30	August 7	38	June 24	August 7	44	June 26	August 7	42	July 4	August 7	34	June 21	August 7	33
July 10	August 21	42	July 8	August 21	44	July 10	August 21	42	July 18	August 21	34	July 5	August 21	33
July 24	Sept. 4	42	July 22	Sept. 4	44	July 24	Sept. 4	42	July 26	Sept. 4	34	July 19	Sept. 4	33
August 7	Sept. 18	42	August 5	Sept. 18	44	August 7	Sept. 18	42	August 15	Sept. 18	34	August 2	Sept. 18	33
August 21	October 2	42	August 19	October 2	44	August 21	October 2	42	August 29	October 2	34	August 16	Sept. 18	33
Sept. 4	October 17	43	Sept. 2	October 17	45	Sept. 4	October 17	43	Sept. 12	October 17	35	August 30	October 2	33
Sept. 21	October 29	38	Sept. 16	October 29	43	Sept. 18	October 29	41	Sept. 26	October 29	33	Sept. 13	October 17	34
October 2	November 12	41	Sept. 30	November 12	43	Sept. 30	November 12	41	October 6	November 12	33	Sept. 27	October 29	32
October 16	November 25	40	October 14	November 25	42	October 17	November 25	39	October 10	November 25	32	October 11	November 12	31
November 1	December 10	39	October 31	December 10	40	October 30	December 10	41	November 7	December 10	33	October 25	November 25	31
November 13	December 25	42	November 11	December 25	44	November 13	December 25	42	November 21	December 25	34	November 8	December 10	32
November 27	January 7	41	November 25	January 7	43	November 27	January 7	41	December 5	January 7	33	December 6	January 7	32
December 13	January 21	39	December 9	January 21	43	December 11	January 21	41	December 19	January 21	33	December 20	January 21	32
December 25	February 4	41	December 23	February 4	43	December 25	February 4	41	January 2	February 4	33	January 3	February 4	32
Maximum	..	44	..	..	46	..	..	44	..	..	36	..	..	35
Minimum	..	38	..	..	40	..	..	41	..	..	32	..	..	31
Average	..	41	..	..	43.52	..	..	41.58	..	..	33.62	..	..	32.67

\* Mails despatched from Wellington on 4th March and Auckland and Bluff on 6th March forwarded by German line. Mails despatched from Wellington on 13th May and Auckland and Bluff on 15th May forwarded by French line.

**Table No. 15.**  
**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, 1905.**

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	11,653,417	238,758	539,565	3,594,369	3,818,967	68,037	883,854	129,819	397,177	1,399,420	17,009	12,537,271	238,758	669,384	3,991,546	5,218,387	85,046	
Thames	1,129,739	34,177	62,140	245,713	200,148	4,263	85,737	14,980	27,151	73,374	1,066	1,215,476	34,177	77,090	272,864	273,522	5,359	
New Plymouth	1,824,407	44,278	88,894	480,283	429,455	5,299	138,372	21,487	53,071	157,438	1,325	1,962,779	44,278	110,381	533,354	586,893	6,624	
Gisborne	763,152	14,274	27,235	176,245	311,441	2,126	57,913	6,552	19,475	114,474	530	821,065	14,274	33,787	195,720	425,615	2,650	
Napier	3,302,916	65,689	156,176	794,612	791,533	12,589	250,491	36,132	87,804	290,175	3,147	3,553,407	65,689	186,308	882,416	1,081,708	15,736	
Wanganui	3,822,313	106,977	181,649	1,157,375	753,286	14,900	290,983	43,704	127,889	276,154	3,725	4,113,296	106,977	225,353	1,285,264	1,029,440	18,625	
Wellington	12,653,785	287,235	615,784	4,280,664	2,763,969	85,782	959,732	148,066	474,050	1,013,271	21,443	13,613,517	287,235	763,850	4,754,714	3,777,240	107,225	
Nelson	1,324,557	41,548	70,278	328,696	212,784	7,209	100,433	16,968	37,150	78,006	1,802	1,424,990	41,548	87,186	365,846	200,790	9,011	
Westport	442,065	6,461	23,140	65,878	135,824	2,855	33,552	5,507	7,657	49,793	714	475,617	6,461	28,707	73,535	185,617	3,509	
Greymouth	920,189	24,648	43,060	144,496	337,324	2,712	69,618	10,362	15,523	123,729	678	989,807	24,648	53,431	159,929	461,053	3,390	
Hokitika	409,552	5,915	19,994	74,659	118,053	3,421	31,279	4,810	8,869	43,278	855	449,831	5,915	24,864	83,528	161,331	4,276	
Blenheim	898,625	20,124	22,854	259,937	216,281	2,618	68,200	5,498	27,329	79,288	654	966,825	20,124	28,352	287,266	295,509	3,272	
Christchurch	9,022,373	203,658	335,335	3,994,391	2,923,046	41,968	684,448	80,681	441,370	1,071,588	10,492	9,706,821	203,658	416,016	4,435,671	3,994,634	52,460	
Timaru	1,841,996	53,235	60,164	437,971	537,772	2,848	139,707	14,475	48,296	197,148	712	1,981,793	53,235	74,639	485,367	734,920	3,560	
Oamaru	1,032,460	29,094	27,378	199,847	147,316	2,017	78,353	6,587	22,087	54,006	504	1,110,813	29,094	33,965	221,934	201,322	2,521	
Dunedin	9,111,245	184,015	393,120	3,978,366	2,470,783	47,362	693,093	94,584	439,609	995,789	11,840	9,804,338	184,015	487,704	4,417,975	3,376,572	59,202	
Invercargill	4,597,719	91,234	282,178	1,135,499	1,120,847	7,617	348,666	67,892	125,473	410,902	1,904	4,946,385	91,234	350,070	1,260,972	1,531,749	9,521	
Totals	64,750,510	1,451,320	2,942,953	21,347,921	17,288,829	313,617	4,914,431	708,074	2,359,980	6,337,533	78,400	69,664,941	1,451,320	3,651,027	23,707,901	23,626,362	392,017	
Previous year	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	357,504	

**Table No. 16.**  
**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, 1905.**

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.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Packets.	Registered Articles.	Newspapers.	Number.	Weight.	Postage.					
	Ordinary.	Registered.		Single.	Reply paid.										Ordinary.		Registered.		
			£			s.	d.	lb.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.					
Inland ..	55,014,794	354,658	1,451,320	2,187,494	1,976	19,808,383	25,924	13,745,210	5,611,591	898,618	178,138	1,601,232	291,748	1,025,112	17,016	1	9	..	..
Australian ..	1,438,907	42,549	..	248,163	..	233,825	5,664	898,076	23,061	3,009	1,118	783	9,882	19,839	649	5	5	..	..
International ..	2,041,989	48,806	..	505,320	..	457,583	8,166	1,039,611	19,243	6,503	1,258	3,917	11,987	29,951	902	13	5	..	20,610 0 0
Totals ..	58,495,690	446,013	1,451,320	2,940,977	1,976	20,499,791	39,754	15,682,897	5,653,895	848,130	180,514	1,605,982	313,617	1,074,902	18,568	0	7	..	20,610 0 0
<i>Posted.</i>																			
<i>Received.</i>																			
Australian ..	1,965,279	22,290	..	286,080	..	431,626	3,953	1,783,546	20,155	2,040	590	1,568	19,547	54,709	1,754	18	2	..	188,543 0 0
International ..	2,851,246	46,269	..	421,994	..	1,914,859	7,086	4,552,312	8,014	416	588	107	58,853	257,113	5,904	1	4	..	..
Totals ..	4,816,525	68,559	..	708,074	..	2,346,485	11,039	6,335,858	28,169	2,456	1,178	1,675	78,400	311,822	7,658	19	6	..	188,543 0 0

Table No. 17.

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 1905.

Postal Districts.	Letters.	Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Books, &c.	Newspapers.	Parcels.
Auckland .. .. .	4,825,332	108,041	297,227	1,052,761	890,400	21,833
Thames .. .. .	637,022	14,263	52,007	159,904	141,677	3,726
New Plymouth .. .. .	648,104	14,511	56,490	119,628	251,002	2,994
Gisborne .. .. .	315,855	7,072	10,544	27,274	54,460	2,006
Napier .. .. .	877,985	19,658	49,175	259,276	214,002	4,746
Wanganui .. .. .	1,009,826	22,610	73,469	526,772	333,039	5,267
Wellington .. .. .	4,917,482	110,104	486,735	2,310,395	1,188,013	18,754
Blenheim .. .. .	201,663	4,515	18,127	48,948	50,118	2,477
Nelson .. .. .	395,439	8,854	44,136	169,755	193,771	4,721
Westport .. .. .	153,599	3,439	13,763	46,570	50,242	2,583
Greymouth .. .. .	377,630	8,455	34,952	92,955	120,898	7,082
Hokitika .. .. .	116,487	2,608	9,288	68,009	33,100	1,169
Christchurch .. .. .	3,218,133	72,055	214,759	1,199,949	659,911	22,348
Timaru .. .. .	667,664	14,949	49,867	176,293	103,710	2,128
Oamaru .. .. .	339,320	7,597	35,121	63,590	53,919	1,476
Dunedin .. .. .	3,540,600	79,275	515,111	1,589,047	1,007,599	9,844
Invercargill .. .. .	1,044,838	23,394	111,233	584,832	220,691	5,321
Totals .. .. .	23,286,979	521,400	2,072,004	8,495,958	5,566,552	118,475
Previous year .. .. .	21,738,393	495,822	1,312,024	7,386,089	5,248,202	110,394

Table No. 18.

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

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Offices Open.	Number of Telegrams forwarded during the Year.		Telegraph Revenue from all Sources.	Value of Government Messages.	Total Value of Business done during the Year.	Cost of Maintenance of Stations.	Cost of Maintenance of Lines, excluding Australian Cable Subsidy.	Total Expenditure.	Cost of Maintenance of Lines per Mile.	Tariff in Operation.
				Private and Press.	Government.								
30th June, 1866	699	1,390	13	24,761	2,746	27,407	£ 483 3 2	£ 6,045 2 4	£ 3,934 3 4	£ 2,443 2 11	£ 6,377 6 3	£ s. d. 3 9 10	
" 1867	757	1,498	21	55,621	15,331	70,952	£ 3,770 4 8	£ 12,840 14 9	£ 8,017 14 7	£ 2,541 4 11	£ 10,558 19 6	£ s. d. 3 7 1	Mileage tariff.
" 1868	1,110	2,223	31	72,241	26,244	98,485	£ 6,672 0 3	£ 18,324 3 10	£ 9,489 17 10	£ 5,406 7 3	£ 14,896 5 1	£ s. d. 4 17 4	
" 1869	1,329	2,495	45	106,070	50,097	156,167	£ 13,430 11 9	£ 31,951 2 1	£ 14,266 12 7	£ 8,547 4 9	£ 22,813 17 4	£ s. d. 6 8 6	
" 1870	1,661	2,897	56	122,545	62,878	185,423	£ 12,252 6 0	£ 29,470 7 4	£ 16,417 7 4	£ 14,120 4 10	£ 30,537 12 2	£ s. d. 8 9 11	
" 1871	1,976	3,247	72	253,582	59,292	312,874	£ 9,876 17 6	£ 32,296 6 2	£ 21,254 4 3	£ 11,344 3 8	£ 32,598 7 11	£ s. d. 5 19 6	
" 1872	2,185	3,823	81	344,524	67,243	411,767	£ 11,043 3 9	£ 39,164 13 9	£ 23,593 9 9	£ 8,858 19 7	£ 32,452 9 4	£ s. d. 4 2 3	
" 1873	2,356	4,574	93	485,507	83,453	568,960	£ 11,105 2 0	£ 50,786 0 9	£ 27,040 18 10	£ 9,479 5 4	£ 36,520 4 2	£ s. d. 4 1 11	
" 1874	2,530	5,782	105	645,067	107,832	752,899	£ 12,618 11 6	£ 59,127 10 4	£ 38,801 19 4	£ 15,021 17 11	£ 53,823 17 3	£ s. d. 6 3 11	
" 1875	2,986	6,626	127	786,237	130,891	917,128	£ 13,679 10 9	£ 68,981 3 0	£ 45,814 11 4	£ 14,240 19 7	£ 60,055 10 11	£ s. d. 4 16 4	
" 1876	3,154	7,247	142	890,382	160,704	1,051,086	£ 16,154 6 0	£ 78,869 16 4	£ 61,696 14 5	£ 21,074 8 8	£ 82,771 3 1	£ s. d. 5 18 10	
" 1877	3,259	7,423	155	952,283	172,159	1,124,442	£ 17,024 8 9	£ 82,669 4 0	£ 63,353 10 10	£ 17,931 8 0	£ 81,284 18 10	£ s. d. 5 12 11	
" 1878	3,434	8,035	182	1,065,481	194,843	1,260,324	£ 19,148 12 4	£ 92,432 14 2	£ 69,340 1 8	£ 18,259 4 9	£ 87,599 6 5	£ s. d. 5 10 0	
" 1879	3,512	8,117	195	1,201,982	246,961	1,448,943	£ 26,949 2 2	£ 112,351 2 4	£ 79,502 0 5	£ 17,299 7 10	£ 96,801 8 3	£ s. d. 5 0 9	
31st March, 1880	3,638	9,333	214	824,734	183,675	1,008,409	£ 19,707 6 3	£ 77,827 9 6	£ 68,651 10 10	£ 14,758 4 5	£ 83,409 15 3	£ s. d. 4 3 4	
" 1881	3,758	9,587	227	1,058,342	246,370	1,304,712	£ 27,021 3 8	£ 100,023 5 8	£ 78,224 1 8	£ 23,154 8 3	£ 101,378 9 11	£ s. d. 6 6 7	
" 1882	3,824	9,653	234	1,215,849	222,923	1,438,772	£ 22,737 16 4	£ 101,566 16 0	£ 69,165 5 0	£ 18,292 13 4	£ 87,457 18 4	£ s. d. 4 17 4	

Mileage tariff in operation up to 1st Sept., 1869; uniform as 6d. tariff from 1st Sept., 1869, to 31st March, 1870; and 1s. tariff from 1st April, 1870.

From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.

Table No. 18—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 Telegraphs 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.	£		s.	d.	£	s.			
31st Dec., 1882	3,974	9,848	264	1,361,817	208,372	1,570,189	£ 90,633	11	20,608	9	122,451	6	96,005	£ 5	From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 1883	4,074	10,037	302	1,379,483	219,917	1,599,400	93,822	3	21,555	4	119,210	6	92,264	5	
" 1884	4,264	10,474	330	1,433,458	220,847	1,654,305	95,634	5	20,855	7	116,490	10	90,078	4	
" 1885	4,463	10,931	375	1,533,466	240,867	1,774,273	101,652	8	24,800	9	126,512	17	97,982	4	
" 1886	4,546	11,178	412	1,583,717	252,549	1,836,266	106,638	12	27,281	4	133,919	16	98,875	11	
" 1887	4,646	11,375	437	1,589,771	245,623	1,835,394	106,548	0	30,205	10	136,753	15	97,901	9	From 1st Jan., 1886, delayed telegrams posted to addressees immediately after their receipt at offices of destination.
" 1888	4,790	11,517	473	1,548,233	217,630	1,765,863	106,311	11	23,164	13	129,476	5	95,403	5	
" 1889	4,874	11,827	489	1,589,157	213,830	1,802,987	106,462	18	24,218	9	130,681	7	104,331	7	
" 1890	5,148	12,812	520	1,734,381	226,780	1,961,161	110,696	7	26,070	12	136,767	10	104,391	0	
" 1891	5,349	13,235	573	1,746,115	222,149	1,968,264	117,633	9	24,840	5	142,474	1	114,644	9	
" 1892	5,479	13,459	615	1,686,064	218,079	1,904,143	103,813	6	24,342	7	128,155	15	117,053	2	
" 1893	5,513	13,515	640	1,825,646	244,045	2,069,691	112,465	9	28,317	10	140,783	3	121,251	0	

For the Financial Years ended 31st March, 1895, to 31st March, 1906.

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Offices Open.	Number of Telegrams forwarded during the Year.		Revenue (including Miscellaneous Receipts).		Value of Government Messages.	Total Value of Business done during the Year.	Total Expenditure (excluding Cable Subsidy).	Remarks.
				Private and Press.	Government.	Telegraph.	Telephone.				
31st March, 1895	5,961	14,881	705	1,802,182	231,618	£ 88,459	10	26,950	£ 136,062	£ 135,791	Cable subsidy, 6,492
" 1896	6,245	15,704	743	1,899,632	224,579	97,173	14	25,933	148,955	143,665	4,774
" 1897	6,264	16,470	780	2,285,001	235,168	100,385	19	23,118	152,752	153,484	3,972
" 1898	6,484	18,024	824	2,469,415	226,818	99,788	8	24,504	160,725	165,198	1,849
" 1899	6,736	18,746	878	2,717,548	243,190	105,576	6	25,500	170,794	173,152	1,427
" 1900	6,910	19,228	915	3,159,093	310,538	119,641	11	29,431	192,376	181,034	1,608
" 1901	7,249	20,682	991	3,534,444	363,684	137,861	1	35,327	222,305	194,014	1,000
" 1902	7,469	21,705	1,038	3,859,391	317,590	151,933	19	37,507	234,984	222,180	1,000
" 1903	7,748	22,672	1,103	4,271,218	286,986	160,343	7	26,440	248,934	228,185	234
" 1904	7,794	22,920	1,153	4,671,904	293,293	166,535	18	24,377	261,491	245,865	181
" 1905	7,943	23,764	1,266	4,966,465	289,250	171,061	13	20,997	270,660	258,977	10,957
" 1906	8,355	25,116	1,312	5,351,084	289,135	184,369	6	24,108	298,079	270,530	

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. 19.

TABLE showing the Cash Revenue derived from Private and Press Telegrams, the Value of Government Telegrams, and the Number of Telegrams transmitted in the several Postal Districts of New Zealand for the Twelve Months ended 31st March, 1906.

Postal Districts.	Revenue derived from Private and Press Telegrams.		Value of Government Telegrams.		Total Value of Telegrams of all Codes.		Number of Private and Press Telegrams.	Number of Government Telegrams.	Total Number of Telegrams of all Codes.
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.			
Auckland .. .. .	31,663	9 11	4,068	15 11	35,732	5 10	924,451	49,805	974,256
Blenheim .. .. .	3,257	2 4	459	17 3	3,716	19 7	90,805	6,563	97,368
Christchurch .. .. .	20,378	11 4	2,244	2 0	22,622	13 4	576,169	25,614	601,783
Dunedin .. .. .	17,754	7 5½	1,525	1 1	19,279	8 6½	520,144	20,644	540,788
Gisborne .. .. .	4,797	13 3½	421	13 1	5,219	6 4½	138,450	6,228	144,678
Greymouth .. .. .	4,532	12 5	570	18 8	5,103	11 1	117,661	6,836	124,497
Hokitika .. .. .	1,703	12 5	223	14 7	1,927	7 0	49,068	2,275	51,343
Invercargill .. .. .	8,685	4 4½	899	6 2	9,584	10 6½	272,294	11,103	283,397
Napier .. .. .	11,793	11 5	913	13 4	12,707	4 9	359,659	9,008	368,667
Nelson .. .. .	4,610	18 4	975	2 10	5,586	1 2	241,260	13,934	255,194
New Plymouth .. .. .	5,520	17 4	766	6 11	6,287	4 3	157,892	11,398	169,290
Oamaru .. .. .	2,770	18 6½	180	2 9	2,951	1 3½	75,465	2,403	77,868
Thames .. .. .	5,607	15 0	605	11 2	6,213	6 2	156,893	5,897	162,790
Timaru .. .. .	5,096	0 0½	397	9 10	5,493	9 10½	144,837	5,803	150,640
Wanganui .. .. .	11,658	13 4½	776	15 2	12,435	8 6½	353,247	9,413	362,660
Wellington .. .. .	37,731	2 2	8,614	5 11	46,345	8 1	1,096,327	94,642	1,190,969
Westport .. .. .	2,911	18 0	525	13 8	3,437	11 8	76,462	7,569	84,031
Totals, 1905-6 .. .. .	180,474	7 9	24,168	10 4	204,642	18 1	5,351,084	289,135	5,640,219
Totals, 1904-5 .. .. .	167,581	13 7½	20,597	11 10	188,179	5 5½	4,900,495	259,250	5,159,745

Table No. 20.

TABLE showing the Paid Telegrams of all Codes forwarded during the Twelve Months ended 31st March, 1906, and the Revenue received therefrom.

Class of Telegrams.	June Quarter, 1905.		September Quarter, 1905.		December Quarter, 1905.		March Quarter, 1906.		Totals.	
	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.
Ordinary ..	942,683	£ 42,518 2 10½	909,107	£ 43,242 10 7½	1,056,601	£ 48,129 6 1	1,087,607	£ 50,323 0 6½	3,995,998	£ 184,213 0 1½
Urgent ..	48,922	2,997 6 6	42,567	2,719 17 1	62,126	3,523 14 2	57,956	3,566 11 2	211,571	12,807 8 11
Press ..	92,669	4,456 15 0½	96,604	4,802 4 7	98,615	4,622 0 11	91,297	4,213 13 8	379,185	18,094 14 2½
Bureau ..	170,806	3,709 2 0	178,533	3,843 2 9	197,256	4,209 9 3	217,735	4,606 16 3	764,330	16,368 10 3
Gross totals	1,255,080	53,681 6 5	1,226,811	54,607 15 0½	1,414,598	60,484 10 5	1,454,595	62,710 1 7½	5,351,084	231,483 13 6
Less other lines and credits	..	11,384 19 5	..	12,948 18 6½	..	12,722 4 7	..	13,953 3 2½	..	51,009 5 9
Net totals, 1905-6	1,255,080	42,296 7 0	1,226,811	41,658 16 6	1,414,598	47,762 5 10	1,454,595	48,756 18 5	5,351,084	180,474 7 9
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

Table No. 21.

TABLE showing the Number and Value of Telegraph Money-orders issued within the several Postal Districts during the Year ended 31st December, 1905.

Districts.	Number.	Telegraph Commission.	Value of Orders.
Auckland .. .. .	11,606	£ 580 6 0	£ 45,625 11 4
Blenheim .. .. .	1,246	62 6 0	3,848 0 5
Christchurch .. .. .	4,498	224 18 0	17,547 15 2
Dunedin .. .. .	4,462	223 2 0	16,159 11 3
Gisborne .. .. .	2,541	127 1 0	9,972 6 4
Greymouth .. .. .	2,512	125 12 0	10,073 6 9
Hokitika .. .. .	705	35 5 0	2,882 15 7
Invercargill .. .. .	2,261	113 1 0	7,118 3 8
Napier .. .. .	4,682	234 2 0	15,351 18 8
Nelson .. .. .	1,726	86 6 0	6,432 19 3
New Plymouth .. .. .	1,831	91 11 0	5,540 5 3
Oamaru .. .. .	597	29 17 0	1,837 15 4
Thames .. .. .	3,291	164 11 0	9,667 1 10
Timaru .. .. .	1,218	60 18 0	3,999 16 11
Wanganui .. .. .	6,042	302 2 0	18,947 5 11
Wellington .. .. .	12,861	643 1 0	47,948 19 2
Westport .. .. .	1,603	80 3 0	5,469 13 0
Totals, 1905	63,682	3,184 2 0	228,423 5 10
Totals, 1904	61,057	3,052 17 0	210,790 7 6



Table No. 22.

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.	
		Average Cost of each Connection.	Total for all Connections.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Salaries and Allowances of Clerks, &c.	Materials and Linemen.	Wear-and-tear, &c.	Rent, Fuel, Light, Paper, Printing, Binding, &c.	Total.			
													£ s. d.
Total for the year ended 31st March,—													
1882	116	21 16 6	2,531 14 0	613 5 2	285 0 0	275 0 0	253 0 0	150 0 0	963 0 0	207 16 0	8-17		
1883	379	21 16 6	8,271 13 6	5,014 9 2	595 0 0	595 0 0	827 0 0	300 0 0	2,317 0 0	4,492 8 8	54-31		
1884	715	21 16 6	15,504 17 6	7,746 16 7	695 0 0	770 0 0	1,560 0 0	350 0 0	3,375 0 0	3,653 7 4	28-41		
1885	1,075	21 18 6	23,461 17 6	10,008 3 6	1,770 0 0	1,590 0 0	2,346 0 0	475 0 0	6,181 0 0	3,827 3 6	16-31		
1886	1,710	20 8 6	37,319 12 1	12,294 1 2	2,849 1 3	1,704 0 0	3,731 19 2	700 0 0	8,985 0 5	5,011 19 7	13-42		
1887	2,038	19 19 5	40,686 3 1	15,477 16 2	2,873 0 0	1,580 10 0	4,068 12 2	320 0 0	8,842 2 2	6,635 14 0	16-30		
1888	2,153	22 19 0	49,407 5 0	16,881 8 6	3,119 10 0	2,252 0 0	4,940 14 6	330 0 0	10,642 4 6	6,239 4 1	12-63		
1889	2,249	23 18 10	53,849 11 6	17,613 4 0	3,315 10 0	2,249 7 0	5,344 9 2	335 0 0	11,244 6 2	6,968 17 10	11-32		
1890	2,402	24 4 1	58,229 3 0	18,581 11 7	3,790 0 0	2,206 10 0	5,823 0 1	375 0 0	12,194 10 1	6,387 1 6	11-00		
1891	2,587	24 17 1	64,234 4 4	19,961 4 2	4,192 0 0	2,249 18 5	6,429 8 5	394 3 9	13,265 10 7	6,695 13 7	10-43		
1892	3,080	24 16 11	76,579 1 8	18,571 7 8	4,680 0 0	2,345 2 9	7,658 7 11	393 1 6	15,026 12 2	3,544 15 6	4-63		
1893	3,690	24 16 11	91,687 11 1	19,155 11 5	7,405 0 0	2,695 19 10	9,168 15 1	464 6 2	19,734 1 1	-578 9 8	Loss.		
1894	4,244	24 12 1	104,425 3 0	21,771 4 4	7,720 0 0	3,313 1 1	10,442 10 4	741 18 9	22,217 10 2	-446 5 10	Loss.		
1895	4,616	25 6 3	116,845 10 4	21,552 12 10	9,285 0 0	4,253 11 4	11,634 11 0	817 19 5	26,041 1 9	-3,420 1 9	Loss.		
1896	5,143	24 6 6	125,108 4 1	25,983 12 9	9,686 0 10	5,303 11 9	12,510 16 5	1,952 8 3	29,452 17 3	-3,519 4 6	Loss.		
1897	5,747	23 7 4	134,299 11 4	29,248 19 5	12,306 9 7	7,398 0 10	13,429 19 1	1,856 13 2	34,991 2 8	-5,742 3 3	Loss.		
1898	5,787	24 11 6	142,218 11 8	36,422 6 8	14,181 18 0	11,834 2 11	7,110 18 7	1,881 11 11	35,008 11 5	1,413 15 3	0-99		
1899	6,203	24 5 3	150,490 18 9	39,718 7 7	15,080 7 1	16,190 4 0	7,524 10 11	1,861 2 3	40,606 4 3	-887 16 8	Loss.		
1900	7,150	22 14 1	162,333 1 2	43,303 2 10	15,710 13 2	20,847 13 6	8,116 13 0	1,892 10 8	46,567 10 4	-3,264 7 6	Loss.		
1901	8,210	21 9 7	176,349 1 8	49,117 0 8	16,304 6 3	18,225 18 9	8,817 9 0	2,000 15 10	45,348 9 10	3,768 10 10	2-14		
1902	9,260	20 18 0	193,511 6 2	55,542 4 9	18,448 3 5	20,570 0 9	9,675 11 9	2,078 12 10	50,772 8 9	4,769 16 0	2-46		
1903	10,633	20 2 6	213,966 10 8	62,151 8 11	20,885 13 3	22,078 4 11	10,698 6 6	2,614 15 0	56,276 19 8	5,874 9 3	2-75		
1904	12,105	19 19 8	241,903 2 6	71,028 6 3	23,359 8 3	22,507 9 10	12,095 3 1	2,986 3 8	60,948 4 10	10,080 1 5	4-17		
1905	14,423	21 19 7	295,029 7 2	79,061 7 4	25,121 16 1	26,781 12 6	14,751 9 4	4,447 18 4	71,108 3 3	7,958 4 1	2-69		
1906	15,333	23 13 9	363,192 6 9	89,542 1 5	26,506 16 5	22,576 6 8	18,159 12 4	5,270 0 9	72,512 16 2	17,029 5 3	4-69		

\* 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. 23.

TABLE showing the CLASS and NUMBER of INSTRUMENTS and BATTERIES in use at TELEGRAPH OFFICES for the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

District.	Number of Morse Instruments in Use (Full Sets).		Number of Duplexes (Differential).		Number of Direct Sounder Sets.	Number of Quadruplex Sets.	Number of Automatic Sets.
	Intermittent Current.	Constant Current.	Single Current.	Double Current.			
Auckland .. .. .	46	48	13	3	..	11	1
Wellington .. .. .	63	149	15	7	12	18	2
Nelson .. .. .	34	9	9	4	..	1	..
Christchurch .. .. .	24	86	7	4	..	8	2
Dunedin .. .. .	70	99	2	1	..	7	1
Total .. .. .	237	391	46	19	12	45	6

District.	Number of Quadruplex Translator Sets.	Number of Telephones not connected with Exchange.	Number of Cells.				
			Leclanche.	Gordon.	Daniell.	Bichromate.	Storage.
Auckland .. .. .	3	243	5,260	40	424	..	6
Wellington .. .. .	7	107	3,486	694	1,288	22	36
Nelson .. .. .	3	115	3,272	..	600	20	..
Christchurch .. .. .	2	52	1,692	..	861	652	16
Dunedin .. .. .	..	139	4,572	..	612	30	4
Total .. .. .	15	656	23,282	734	3,785	724	62

Table No. 24.

TABLE showing the COST of MAINTENANCE of TELEGRAPH LINES for the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

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 .. .. .	2,127	1,019 1 8	3,042 7 5	643 18 6	1,445 17 1	2,582 0 0	8,733 4 8	4 2 1
Wellington .. .. .	2,216	1,336 13 10	3,149 7 6	1,237 6 5	3,589 1 11	3,308 0 0	12,620 9 8	5 14 0
Nelson .. .. .	1,020	736 2 2	1,222 17 2	304 16 5	707 17 3	1,569 0 0	4,540 13 0	4 9 0
Canterbury .. .. .	979	617 18 8	889 16 6	318 15 10	1,029 2 0	2,004 0 0	4,859 13 0	4 19 3
Otago .. .. .	2,013	847 6 5	1,319 3 6	945 5 6	952 3 1	1,569 0 0	5,632 18 6	2 16 0
Cables .. .. .	8,355 233 knots	4,557 2 9 12 13 6	9,623 12 1 982 7 1	3,450 2 8 89 14 6	7,724 1 4 505 15 2	11,032 0 0 400 0 0	36,386 18 10 1,990 10 3	4 7 1 7 0 8
Stores .. .. .	..	197 0 5	669 13 0	1,394 10 6	..	305 0 0	2,566 3 11	..
Totals .. .. .	..	4,766 16 8	11,275 12 2	4,934 7 8	8,229 16 6	11,737 0 0	40,943 13 0	..

Table No. 25.

TABLE showing the EXPENDITURE on, and the COST of, TELEGRAPH CONSTRUCTION during the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1906.

Line.	Expenditure.	Material from Stores.	Total Cost during the Year.
Telephone exchanges,—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Ashburton ... ..	36 17 1	107 1 9	143 18 10
Auckland ... ..	5,512 19 9	9,517 18 3	15,030 18 0
Blenheim ... ..	101 10 7	393 4 11	494 15 6
Christchurch ... ..	2,745 3 2	13,826 18 7	16,572 1 9
Dannevirke ... ..	70 19 8	185 10 5	256 10 1
Dunedin ... ..	4,244 19 4	6,177 18 8	10,422 18 0
Feilding ... ..	292 10 6	626 2 6	918 13 0
Gisborne ... ..	179 7 2	666 5 11	845 13 1
Greymouth ... ..	115 1 0	218 11 11	333 12 11
Hamilton ... ..	50 1 6	96 2 3	146 3 9
Hawera ... ..	16 3 1	110 17 7	127 0 8
Hokitika ... ..	11 11 10	5 9 10	17 1 8
Invercargill ... ..	119 11 6	524 4 5	643 15 11
Lawrence ... ..	57 4 6	81 12 5	138 16 11
Masterton ... ..	622 7 10	1,400 7 2	2,022 15 0
Napier ... ..	817 6 6	1,503 16 8	2,321 3 2
Nelson ... ..	10 8 11	250 10 4	260 19 3
New Plymouth ... ..	77 7 10	220 5 11	297 13 9
Oamaru ... ..	109 3 8	217 12 3	326 15 11
Pahiatua ... ..	40 4 2	96 2 11	136 7 1
Palmerston North ... ..	226 14 5	678 10 5	905 4 10
Rotorua ... ..	26 10 10	69 4 1	95 14 11
Stratford ... ..	3 15 11	93 15 0	97 10 11
Thames ... ..	218 6 10	410 2 9	628 9 7
Timaru ... ..	207 0 9	506 19 7	714 0 4
Wanganui ... ..	247 19 7	755 15 6	1,003 15 1
Wellington ... ..	4,516 7 1	8,528 2 3	13,044 9 4
Westport ... ..	42 12 10	109 12 9	152 5 7
Whangarei ... ..	22 7 3	41 7 6	63 14 9
<b>Total exchanges</b> ... ..	<b>20,742 15 1</b>	<b>47,420 4 6</b>	<b>68,162 19 7</b>
Leigh-Pakiri ... ..	0 8 0	17 11 7	17 19 7
Waiharara ... ..	6 14 7	8 4 3	14 18 10
Te Uku ... ..	7 17 6	5 9 0	13 6 6
Kutarere ... ..	...	10 19 1	10 19 1
Oruanui ... ..	0 15 3	5 10 11	6 6 2
Manawaru-Aratiatia, &c. ... ..	...	68 8 11	68 8 11
Waingarua-Waimai ... ..	120 19 1	21 9 10	142 8 11
Te Kuiti-Mangapehi ... ..	10 17 8	63 18 7	74 16 3
Pukekawa - Glen Murray ... ..	153 11 0	56 14 7	210 5 7
Upper Waiwera ... ..	58 0 10	17 13 4	75 14 2
Moewhare-Waikiekie ... ..	120 17 7	...	120 17 7
Te Rauamo - Oparau-Kawhia ... ..	...	153 19 4	153 19 4
Kaipara Flats ... ..	1 7 9	4 11 1	5 18 10
Ruarangi-Waikiekie ... ..	44 2 2	37 1 6	81 3 8
Ongarua-Mangaroa ... ..	384 19 11	96 19 11	481 19 10
Ponga-Hunua ... ..	17 13 0	21 5 6	38 18 6
Kaurihohore ... ..	2 18 0	9 16 2	12 14 2
Hangatiki ... ..	1 3 8	8 13 5	9 17 1
Paterangi ... ..	59 10 0	17 18 8	77 8 8
Grahamsfern ... ..	...	8 12 11	8 12 11
Hairini ... ..	22 15 2	11 12 9	34 7 11
Pukenui ... ..	3 18 6	2 0 0	5 18 6
Huntly-Ohinewai ... ..	22 11 0	33 1 8	55 12 8
Whangarei-Aponga ... ..	207 17 8	67 1 5	274 19 1
Whangape ... ..	179 19 10	15 19 1	195 18 11
Kaitia-Herekino ... ..	398 17 8	...	398 17 8
Matangi-Tauwhare ... ..	...	24 8 11	24 8 11
Waitoa ... ..	4 4 2	16 0 5	20 4 7
Otara - Waioweka Valley ... ..	...	28 3 7	28 3 7

Table No. 25—continued.

TABLE showing the EXPENDITURE on, and the COST of, TELEGRAPH CONSTRUCTION during the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1906—continued.

Line.	Expenditure.	Material from Stores.	Total Cost during the Year.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Ohaupo - Te <sup>a</sup> Awamutu ... ..	14 9 0	...	14 9 0
Te Awamutu - Taumarunui ... ..	291 14 2	7 16 4	299 10 6
Taneatua - Te Teko ... ..	121 10 0	24 8 10	145 18 10
Whangamomona-Kohuratahi ... ..	70 19 3	5 10 11	76 10 2
Toko-Tututawa-Puniwhakau ... ..	294 5 10	2 6 2	296 12 0
Tarata-Purangī-Matau ... ..	290 9 2	72 6 11	362 16 1
Douglas Road - Huiroa ... ..	3 16 9	16 16 5	20 13 2
Kohuratahi-Tuhara ... ..	0 4 5	...	0 4 5
Opunake - Te Kiri ... ..	2 11 6	104 19 7	107 11 1
Puniwhakau-Makahu ... ..	52 3 11	17 7 11	69 11 10
Ormondville-Whetukura ... ..	12 8 5	0 12 10	13 1 3
Maharahara-Kiritaki ... ..	60 4 7	13 6 3	73 10 10
Napier Park Extension ... ..	1 2 0	3 2 3	4 4 3
Wairoa - Mohaka (metallic circuit) ... ..	...	225 0 3	225 0 3
Ruataniwha ... ..	1 0 0	5 4 0	6 4 0
Napier-Pohui ... ..	91 18 0	79 12 6	171 10 6
Taradale-Pakowhai ... ..	2 16 0	54 5 0	57 1 0
Hastings-Pakipaki ... ..	6 5 3	15 18 1	22 3 4
Gisborne - Tolago Bay ... ..	59 15 0	387 16 11	447 11 11
Te Karaka (metallic circuit) ... ..	84 1 8	430 4 7	514 6 3
Brunswick ... ..	20 13 6	13 14 8	34 8 2
Marton - Wanganui (metallic circuit) ... ..	0 12 6	148 13 7	149 6 1
Hunterville-Koeke ... ..	445 2 10	4 19 10	450 2 8
Kaponga-Mahoe ... ..	0 3 0	17 15 7	17 18 7
Ohutu - Lower Moawhango ... ..	0 3 3	...	0 3 3
Wanganui-Taihape ... ..	130 1 6	35 13 11	165 15 5
Hawera-Mokoia ... ..	5 3 0	60 7 7	65 10 7
Kaponga-Kapuni ... ..	58 6 6	21 4 10	79 11 4
Eltham-Omana ... ..	11 16 10	72 1 2	83 18 0
Waverley-Moumahaki ... ..	20 17 2	17 4 10	38 2 0
Te Moehau ... ..	2 4 10	4 18 3	7 3 1
Mataroa-Tiriraukawa ... ..	8 3 6	27 5 10	35 9 4
Wanganui - New Plymouth ... ..	20 14 1	...	20 14 1
Wangaehu-Turakina ... ..	6 2 6	47 5 0	53 7 6
Manaia-Inaha ... ..	1 0 0	...	1 0 0
Mangatainoka-Makairo ... ..	0 18 6	...	0 18 6
Pohangina-Komako ... ..	174 12 8	48 4 6	222 17 2
Ohui-Waiowaka ... ..	57 17 0	...	57 17 0
Masterton-Pahiatua ... ..	4 1 0	117 2 7	121 3 7
Hutt-Trentham ... ..	1 0 0	...	1 0 0
Pahiatua-Mangamaire ... ..	43 18 0	0 9 8	44 7 8
Feilding-Kimbolton ... ..	38 18 3	33 15 4	72 13 7
Woodville-Mangarawa ... ..	0 1 5	...	0 1 5
Mangatoro-Waitahora ... ..	...	16 18 5	16 18 5
Mangatoro-Pokokomuka ... ..	...	8 1 6	8 1 6
Aokautere ... ..	0 7 6	29 1 10	29 9 4
Wellington - New Plymouth ... ..	159 9 11	312 8 4	471 18 3
Eketahuna-Rongokokaka ... ..	30 7 6	7 15 7	38 3 1
Carterton-Parkvale ... ..	22 18 2	12 5 3	35 3 5
Featherston-Kahautara ... ..	57 13 6	138 5 1	195 18 7
Apiti-Utuwai ... ..	380 9 6	40 3 0	420 12 6
Wellington - Palmerston North ... ..	271 10 4	924 9 10	1,196 0 2
Halcombe-Makino ... ..	4 10 0	15 2 8	19 12 8
Waituna West - Rewa ... ..	85 9 8	18 17 3	104 6 11
Masterton - Greytown North (metallic circuit) ... ..	...	154 15 0	154 15 0
Featherston - Te Maire - Te Pare... ..	1 13 6	...	1 13 6
Mangamahoe-Hastwell's ... ..	...	10 4 8	10 4 8
Ihurau Valley... ..	93 17 7	16 16 11	110 14 6
Rongotea-Carnarvon ... ..	26 6 9	11 8 11	37 15 8
Palmerston North - Newbury ... ..	...	11 9 5	11 9 5
Waikanae-Reikorangi ... ..	30 8 6	86 3 1	116 11 7
Glen Oroua - Taikorea ... ..	10 12 0	34 1 7	44 13 7

Table No. 25—continued.

TABLE showing the EXPENDITURE on, and the COST of, TELEGRAPH CONSTRUCTION during the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1906—continued.

Line.	Expenditure.			Material from Stores.			Total Cost during the Year.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Te Haroto ... ..	0	3	6	4	17	2	5	0	8
Manaroa - Forsyth Bay ... ..	163	9	8	215	19	0	379	8	8
Blenheim - Picton (metallic circuit) ... ..	105	16	7	129	10	6	235	7	1
Picton-Mahakipawa ... ..	71	10	2	46	0	9	117	10	11
Blind River Line ... ..	21	6	10	37	9	2	58	16	0
Waimea West ... ..	...	...	...	15	4	8	15	4	8
Puponga Line ... ..	19	3	0	29	2	6	48	5	6
Tapawera ... ..	1	2	0	4	1	9	5	3	9
Motupiko - Upper Motupiko ... ..	74	1	10	91	14	9	165	16	7
Little Wanganui Ferry ... ..	3	5	8	8	14	6	12	0	2
Granity (metallic circuit) ... ..	142	4	7	156	6	8	298	11	3
Globe Mine - Progress Junction ... ..	25	15	0	9	18	1	35	13	1
Twelve-mile Landing ... ..	27	2	2	5	1	10	32	4	0
Stillwater-Moana ... ..	292	13	8	163	1	11	455	15	7
Greymouth-Stillwater ... ..	50	14	5	67	14	7	118	9	0
Moana-Rotomana ... ..	74	9	6	63	9	8	137	19	2
Okarito - Bruce Bay ... ..	9	19	0	124	0	7	133	19	7
Ashburton-Lowcliffe ... ..	220	14	2	0	4	11	220	19	1
Amberley-Balcairn ... ..	39	12	6	...	...	...	39	12	6
Chaney's Corner ... ..	...	...	...	15	6	6	15	6	6
Kaikoura Sub. ... ..	1	5	0	4	7	10	5	12	10
Mount Somers - Springburn ... ..	80	0	8	88	3	10	168	4	6
Dromore ... ..	9	1	3	35	13	8	44	14	11
Islington ... ..	17	8	9	17	14	3	35	3	0
Hanmer Duplex Line ... ..	1	4	0	114	0	0	115	4	0
Rakaia-Highbank ... ..	180	1	10	260	3	1	440	4	11
Morven Line ... ..	31	2	7	7	17	4	38	19	11
Waihao Downs - Waihaorunga ... ..	77	17	1	45	2	9	122	19	10
Makikihi Trunk Line ... ..	2	19	0	5	17	9	8	16	9
Hazelburn Line ... ..	116	2	6	137	14	11	253	17	5
Glenavy-Ikawai ... ..	90	16	6	11	3	1	101	19	7
Timaru - Fairlie (metallic circuit) ... ..	85	9	6	167	11	3	253	0	9
Temuka (metallic circuit) ... ..	...	...	...	255	9	7	255	9	7
Glenavy-Pelvins ... ..	88	4	3	67	19	9	156	4	0
Oamaru-Waimate ... ..	124	14	0	267	8	10	392	2	10
Oamaru-Kurow ... ..	278	13	6	103	14	4	382	7	10
Hampden-Oamaru ... ..	36	9	9	58	10	11	95	0	8
Oamaru-Ngapara ... ..	12	7	3	4	15	9	17	3	0
Enfield-Windsor ... ..	1	0	8	...	...	...	1	0	8
Clinton - Ashley Downs - Clydevale ... ..	184	1	5	66	3	6	250	4	11
Dunedin-Milton ... ..	514	15	6	45	12	1	560	7	7
Lauder Line ... ..	11	12	6	4	3	3	15	15	9
Balclutha-Hillend ... ..	171	6	4	21	6	8	192	13	0
Dunedin - Invercargill (metallic circuit) ... ..	112	12	6	160	8	0	273	0	6
Taieri Beach - Akatore ... ..	2	12	6	...	...	...	2	12	6
Heriot-Edievale ... ..	102	7	11	4	7	11	106	15	10
Mosgiel-Momona ... ..	69	11	0	224	11	6	294	2	6
Outram-Outram Railway-station ... ..	...	...	...	1	7	2	1	7	2
Momona-Allanton ... ..	0	11	9	4	8	3	5	0	0
Ahuriri Flat ... ..	3	6	2	3	19	5	7	5	7
Morrison's - Islay Downs ... ..	4	8	0	10	2	6	14	10	6
Rough Ridge - Ida Valley ... ..	61	5	8	18	3	7	79	9	3
Waikouaiti-Merton ... ..	14	2	3	25	9	1	39	11	4
Inch Valley Bureau ... ..	0	10	6	...	...	...	0	10	6
Warepa-Kaihiku ... ..	45	3	10	13	1	1	58	4	11
Clydevale-Greenfield ... ..	52	9	11	13	19	4	66	9	3
Mataura Island Additions ... ..	8	2	0	...	...	...	8	2	0
Invercargill - Mabel Bush ... ..	179	17	11	1	6	10	181	4	9
Invercargill - Gore Trunk Line ... ..	548	18	1	900	18	11	1,449	17	0
Fortrose-Otara... ..	2	12	0	1	14	0	4	6	0
Winton-Lochiel ... ..	0	13	2	...	...	...	0	13	2
Riversdale-Wendon ... ..	0	14	6	34	12	0	35	6	6
Clifton - Seaward Moss ... ..	2	15	0	15	1	6	17	16	6

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TABLE showing the EXPENDITURE on, and the COST of, TELEGRAPH CONSTRUCTION during the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1906—*continued.*

Line.	Expenditure.	Material from Stores.	Total Cost during the Year.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bluff-Greenhills ... ..	4 7 0	19 12 2	23 19 2
Waimahaka-Waikawa ... ..	341 19 11	160 5 1	502 5 0
Centre Bush - Dipton ... ..	34 17 7	...	34 17 7
Mossburn - Te Anau ... ..	697 18 4	198 16 0	896 14 4
	32,016 11 10	57,030 10 5	89,047 2 3
Purchase of material ... ..	45,169 15 4		
Total expenditure 1905-6 ... ..	77,186 7 2		
Total expenditure to 31st March, 1905 ...	1,132,990 4 7		
Total expenditure out of Public Works Fund to 31st March, 1906 ... ..	£1,210,176 11 9	Total cost of lines during 1905-6	£89,047 2 3

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