# POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT <br> (REPORT OF THE) FOR THE YEAR 1909-10. 

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

My Lord,-
General Post Office, Wellington, 25th June, 1910.
I have the honour to submit to your Exeellency the report of the Post and Telegraph Department for the year 1909-10, and in doing so to offer the following remarks:-

I have again pleasure in reporting increased business and increasing revenue. The latter reached £ 961,500 .

Quite apart from the normal increase required to cope with the larger business, extended services. more particularly in the direction of inland mails and letter-deliveries, have led to increased expenditure.

The cost of the administration of the Old-age Pensions Office has also added to the expenditure
 the Post Office which had formerly been a charge against the Stamp Office.

The fact that the increase in expenditure was larger than that of revenue by about $£ 3,000$ is thus readily accounted for. Had it not been for these items the expenditure would have been $\mathfrak{£ 1 7 , 5 0 0}$ less. It will thus be seen that the result obtained is far more favourable than the figures would seem to indicate. A credit balance of $£ 103,40$, however, bears witness to the success both of the administration and of the policy of increasing facilities without extrat charge.

In the main branches of business-- viz., postal and telegraph-there has been a steady advance of over 5 per cent. in each case. Parcels-post and telephone exchanges show to greater advantage, with nearly 21 and 11 per cent. respectively.

An outstanding factor of the telegraph business is the growing popularity of bureau (telephone) messages. These have so greatly interfered with the ordinary telegraphic work that telegrams have barely held their own, while the burean messages have to their credit a very great percentage of the total increase.

The money-order and postal-note business shows a greater annual turnover of $£ 5 \% 0,0 \%$. The revenue therefrom has not quite recovered from the 50 -per-cent. reduction in rates of two years ago. but at the present rate of progress the shortage should disappear in another two years.

British postal orders are in favour for small remittances, and have proved a great public convenience.
Savings-hank deposins have increased during the year at a greater ratio than the population, the amount at credit of depositors standing at $£ 12,666,898$.

Many of the suggestions embodied in the report of the Serretary to the Department on his visit to Europe have been brought into force. with marked success.

Altogether, $I$ am gratified to be able to present a report showing such sound and steady progress.
I have the honour to be.
My Lord,
Your most obedient servant.
J. (:. WARD).

Postmaster-General.

## Revenue and Expenditure.

The revenue and expenditure of the Department for the financial year 1909-10 are shown in the following table:-


The"total revenue exceeded that ${ }^{\circ}$ of $1908-9$ by $£ 47.50513 \mathrm{~s}$., and the expenditure exceeded the expenditure of $1908-9$ by $£ 50,4075 \mathrm{~s} .3 \mathrm{~d}$.

Postal matter delivered in New Zealand, including that received from abroad, during the year reached a total of $93,650,908$ letters, $8,049,808$ post-cards, $48,195,407$ other articles, and $1,122,029$ parcels. The number of parcels insured during the year was 2,252 , valued at $£ 73.782 \mathrm{l} 2 \mathrm{~s}$. 10 d . upon which premiums amounting to $£ 110^{\circ} 15 \mathrm{~s}$. ld. were received.

538,740 money-orders, for $£ 2,307,592$ 18s. 1d. were issued, and 418,764 , for $£ 1,984,978$ 0s. 11d paid. The increase in the number of orders issued as compared with last year was 50,656 .

The postal-note business continues to increase. During the year $1,414,752$ postal notes, of the value of $£ 454,138 \mathrm{ts} .8 \mathrm{~d}$., were sold, being an increase of 15.75 per cent. in number and 16.7 in amount as compared with the preceding year.

The number of British postal orders sold increased from 44,877, for $£ 24,1785 \mathrm{~s}$. 6d., to 54,360 , valued at $£ 29,67611 \mathrm{~s}$. 10 d ., and 18,326 orders, for $£ 12,411 \mathrm{l} 6 \mathrm{~s}$., were paid, as against 14,801 , for $£ 10,26419 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d} .$, paid during the previous year.

The Savings-bank deposits ( $£ 9,611,119$ 11s. 3d.) exceeded the withdrawals ( $£ 9,499,31916 \mathrm{~s}$. 4 d. ) by $£ 111,79914 \mathrm{~s}$. 11 d . There has been added $£ 395,8044 \mathrm{~s}$. 5 d . as interest, making a total increase of $£ 507,60319 \mathrm{~s} .4 \mathrm{~d}$., and bringing the whole amount at credit up to $£ 12,666,89717 \mathrm{~s}$. 5 d ., a sum which equals $£ 125$ s. 10d. per head of the population.

The number of old-age-pension payments was 177,839 , as compared with 164,633 in the previous year, the respective amounts being $£ 362,495 \mathrm{lls}$. and $£ 336,813 \mathrm{ls}$.

The total number of telegrams forwarded was $7,846,890$, an increase of 421,197 , or 5.67 per cent., over the business of the previous year.

The number of bureau communications shows a marked increase, heing 1,757.869, as against 1,423.093.

The amount expended on telegraph-extension was $£ 123,422$, with liabilities amounting to $£ 39,310$ 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, 1910 , there were 10,901 miles of telegraph-line and 34.788 miles of wire. The length of submarine cables within the Dominion was 368 knots.

The number of telephone-exchange connections still continues to increase rapidly. lt has now remed 29,681.

Statement showing Revenue and Expenditure of the Post and Telegraph Department for the Ten Years ended 31st March, 1910, and for the Years 1881-82 and 1891-92.


## Report.

The improvements in the service recommended by the Secretary to the Department on his return from Europe last year are being carried into effect as rapidly as possible, and the full effect of the annual saving estimated should soon be apparent. There have been unavoidable delays in making some of the changes proposed, mainly owing to mechanical difficulties, which are rapidly being overcome. The state of the principal improvements recommended may be summarised as follows :-

## Abolition of Back-stamping of Letters.

This has been carried into effect at all the principal offices, and has proved to be of great value, not only as a saving of labour, but as facilitating the despatch of work. Large mails arriving at the principal centres are sorted much more rapidly than when it was necessary to back-stamp received letters. It often happens that a saving of twelve to twenty-four hours has been possible owing to the letters being sorted in time to catch the letter-carrier's delivery or country mails, which would not have been possible in the time under the old system. *The saving of labour was particularly appreciated during the Christmas pressure, and not the least good point is that it has enabled Sunday work to be materially reduced. After an experience of eight months, it has been fully demonstrated that the absence of date-stamping at the office of receipt causes no inconvenience to the public or the P .st Office. Had the back-stamping not been abolished, it would have been necessary to increase the staff at several offices.

Closing of Mail-bags.
An initial supply of lead seals and sealing apparatus has been ordered from London, and will be brought into use immediately on receipt.

## Stamp-vending Machine.

The proprietors of the Dickie machine were only able to deliver one machine up to May, 1910, when an additional seven were delivered. The first machine has been in constant use in Wellington since November last, and has worked satisfactorily. The machines recently delivered are being distributed to Auckland, Napier, Wanganui, Christchurch, Dunedin, and Invercargill. By the installation of the machine at Wellington the Stamp Clerk has been saved attendance upon an average of eighty purchasers of stamps per diem. As the machine becomes better known it will, no doubt, be patronised more freely by the public.

## Parcel-post.

The suggested improvements in practice have been carried out, and the new system is working smoothly. Although it was not proposed to remove any officers from the parcel-post branch, it was found that under the new arrangement the staff was not fully employed at the principal offices, which chabled several olficers to be placed at other duties.

## Rural Deliveries.

It is proposed to ask for a vote of Parliament to enable rural deliveries to be established. Long and troublesome negotiation has been necessary with the company controlling the special boxes referred to in the Secretary's report; but, the difficulty having been practically overcome, it is hoped that a supply' ${ }^{\prime}$ of boxes will be in the Dominion by the end of August.

## Collection of Letters from Posting-boxes.

The necessary boxes to provide largely increased facilities to the public are being manufactured, and will be installed as soon as special locks, ordered from London, are to hand.

## Registered Letters.

The new registered-letter system commenced in June. There is little doubt that it will prove a success.

## Dead Letters.

The proposed improvement in the dead-letter system was carried into effect, and has resulted in a saving of stafflwithout impairing efficiency.

## Undeliverable Letters.

The new system is working well, and is believed to be appreciated by the public.

## Organization of City Deliveries.

Letter-carrier's deliveries throughout the Dominion are being extended and accelerated according to local requirements. It is hoped that before long it will be possible to introduce hourly deliveries in the principal cities.

## Sorting-cases.

All new sorting-cases are being made on the upright pigeon-hole pattern. and are regarded as as considerable improvement on the old pattern. Less floor-space is required, and quicker sorting results, while the cost of the cases is less than that of the open-table pattern.

## Facing-up Tables.

Negotiations are now going on with the manufacturers of these tables.
Abolishing Use of Envelope for Telegram.
This important matter has beell pushed forward, but delays have oceurred owing to the necessary paper having to be specially manufactured in England. The new forms have been successfully introduced in Dunedin and Auckland, and their use will be commenced throughout the rest of the Dominion very shortly. Since the forms recommended were printed, a local inventor has submitted a form which is considered to be a still further improvement. Machinery is now being made which will enable the latter to be printed, perforated, and gummed automatically. One advantage of the local form is that it is capable of being folded by machinery. Machines are being built which will fold and close the form. From experience in Dunedin, it would appear that the self-addressed form is appreciated by the public, who are fully alive to the fact that its use insures greater secrecy and quicker despatch. It is estimated that from three to five minutes is saved in the despatch of every telegram owing to the simplicity of handling. The saving in staff when the new form is used throughout the Dominion will be fully up to expectations.

## Office Copies of Telegrams.

The abolition of office copies of telegrams was intended to be concurrent with the use of the self-addressed form, but at the request of the Controller and Auditor-General the matter has been delayed until he has had an opportunity of going personally into the details of the present and of the proposed method of telegraphic accounting.

## Delivery of Telegrams.

It has not yet been possible to devise a suitable basis on which to pay telegraph message-boys by results, owing to the great diversity of the conditions in the principal centres. The intention is to give the scheme a trial in Auckland concurrently with the issue of the self-addressed telegram-form at that office.

Other matters referred to in the Secretary's report are already receiving or are noted for attention.
Staff.
Comparative Return of Officers of the Post and Telegraph Depariment for the Years conded 31st March: 1909, and 31st March, 1910.
The total number of officers on the staff on the 31st March, 1909 and 1910, was as under :-


## Health of Staff.

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


Nine ofticers died during the year.

## Classification.

By Orders in Council of the 20th September, 1909, and the 24th March, 1910, applicable to the whole of the Civil Service, the annual leave granted to officers of this Department was reduced to three weeks for officers with more than fifteen years' service, and two weeks for all others. Previously permanent officers with above fifteen years' service received four weeks' leave; those with above ten years, three weeks ; and all others, two weeks except telegraph message-boys, who received one week.

Examinations under Classification Regulations 50 and 5 l have been instituted for senior and jumior counter-clerks, junior exchange clerks, despatch clerks, and telephone-exchange clerks.

## Departmental Classes.

During the year the departmental classes to enable officers of the Department to qualify for test and promotion examinations have been materially enlarged. Last year the classes were conducted in Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, andf Wellington'alone. This year a scheme of teaching by correspondence has been instituted, enabling every officer of the Department to enjoy the advantages of the instruction; and the classes will be both technical and general in character. They will include instruction in the subjects of the Civil Service Senior and Junior Examinations, and of the Sixth Standard Examination, and in the subjects of the Cadets' Technical and of the Telegraph Second Examinations.

## Board of Appeal

The departmental Board of Appeal sat from the 21st to the 29th April, 1909. The main feature of the appeals was the protest by several appellants against the numerical position of an officer in the Sixth Class. Twenty-six appeals were considered, eight of which were appeals against a decision of the previous Board. In fifteen cases the appeals were sustained, in eight instances no recommendation was made, and in the remaining three the appeals were dismissed. In thirteen cases the recommendations of the Board were carried out; in the remaining two the recommendations will be given effect to as soon as the opportunity occurs. The Minister's right of veto was not exercised in any case.

## Parcel-post System.

A new system of dealing with parcels commenced on the 1st March, 1910. The sender, on presenting a parcel, receives a card, on half of which must be written the name and address of the addressee. The other half of the card bears the sender's name and address, also written by the sender. The parcel is numbered with an adhesive stamp, and a similar number affixed to the counterfoil of the card, which is then posted to the Postmaster of the delivery-office, thus notifying him that a parcel bearing the corresponding number is being forwarded to his office for delivery. By this system all book and list entries are dispensed with.

A special device invented by an employee of the Department for fastening parcel-post hampers has been brought into use. By this device labour and material are both saved.

## Post Office.

On the 1st September last a system was inaugurated whereby the inspection of a number of the small non-permanent post-offices was undertaken by the permanent Postmasters, who were instructed to inspect selected non-permanent offices in their vicinity. This was found necessary owing to the increase which has taken place in the number of small post-offices during recent years, the work of inspection having outgrown the existing staff of inspectors. The system has been found to work both satisfactorily and economically, the average cost of the inspection of these small offices by Postmasters being very moderate. During the year the Assistant Inspectors of Post-offices inspected 2,142 offices, and relieved Chief Postmasters in several districts.

Eighty-one post-offices were established (of these, 2 were reopened offices) and 20 closed.
The number of post-offices open at the end of the year was 2,194 .
The names of 27 offices were changed to meet altered circumstances, or to agree more nearly with local designations.

The number of articles delivered in the Dominion, including those received from places outside, during the year 1909, as compared with the number in 1908, was as under :-


The letters and letter-cards increased $5 \cdot 12$, post-cards 5.31 , other articles 1.64 , and parcels 20.61 per cent.

In 1908 letters and letter-cards increased 11.06 , post-cards 18.37 , other articles 11.82 , and parcels 19.80 per cent.

The average number of letters and letter-cards posted per head of population was estimated to be 95.98 . The average in 1908 was 91.37 .

The correspondence of 96 persons or firms has been prohibited transmission under section 28 of the Post and Telegraph Act, 1908. Money-orders may not be issued in favour of such persons or firms.

Twenty-three newspapers were registered for transmission by post, and 27 were removed from the register.

The declared value of parcels received from places outside the Dominion in 1909 was $£ 279,684$, as against $£ 323,481$ in $1!08$. The Customs duty collected amounted to $£ 52.540 \mathrm{l} 3 \mathrm{~s} .8 \mathrm{~d}$.

The declared value of parcels despatched to places beyond the Dominion was $£ 33,071$, as against £37,109 in 1908.

Four new letter-carriers' deliveries were established. Deliveries were extended in 13 and increased in frequency in 7 places.

Eighty-eight receiving-boxes were established, and 3 closed.
On Saturdays, from the beginming of October to the end of March yearly, the hours of duty at the Head Office, General Post Office, Wellington, were made from $8 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. - noon, instead of $9 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. $1 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. The new arrangement commenced on the 30th October, 1909.

Roller obliterating-stamps, without date. have been adopted for cancelling the postage on newspapers.

## Postage-stamps.

The three-halfpenny stamp was withdrawn from circulation from the 31st October, 1909, those remaining unsold being destroyed.

A new issue of stamps was brought into use on the 8th November, 1909, the denominations being $\frac{1}{2} d ., 1 d ., 2 d ., 3 d ., 4 d ., 5 d ., 6 d ., 8 d .$, and 1 s . Each value excepting Id. bears an impression of the late King's head, and the penny stamp is of the same general design as heretofore, except that "Dominion of New Zealand " is substituted for "New Zealand," and the value appears in arabic numerals in addition to the value in words. The halfpenny and penny stamps are printed by the surface process. The stamps at 2 d., 3 d., 4 d., 5 d., 6 d., 8 d., and 1s., which are engraved for the recess process of printing, exhibit very fine workmanship. All the plates were prepared in London, the printing being done in New Zealand.

New stamp booklets containing eighteen stamps at 1d. and eleven at $\frac{1}{2} d$. have been printed, and will be on sale at 2 s . each as soon as the old issue is exhausted.

## Ocean Mail-services. <br> Suez Service.

The greater portion of the mails to and from the United Kingdom and Europe has been despatched and received by way of Suez. The special comecting service, Wellington to Sydney, has been rumning with great regularity throughout the year, one connection only being missed, the vessel from Wellington on the 11th June, 1909, being delayed by bad weather. The inward comection is, however, not satisfactory. Until the 14 th March, 1910 , the inward mails from London conveyed by the P. and 0 . steamers were timed to reach Sydney on alternate Mondays, while the mails conveyed by the Orient steamers were not due until the Wednesday. From the date named, the Orient as well as the P. and $O$. mails are timed to reach Sydncy on Monday. The steamer for New Zealand continues to leave Sydney on Wednesday. Repeated efforts have been made to induce the Union Steam Ship Company to alter the day of departure to Monday; but, although the company has expressed its willingness to make the alteration if practicable, action has been delayed as the company has not been able to see its way to make the extensive changes in the intercolonial running which the proposal would involve. Unfortunately, the wreck of the "Waikare" has, it is understood, intensified the difficulties, which were in a fair", way of being removed. Negotiations are still proceeding.
Payments on Account of the Peninsular and Oriental, and Orient. Mait-scrvice during the Year 190910.


The maximum, minimum. and average number of days within which the mails were delivered at and from London, and Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin, by the Peninsular and Oriental and Orient lines was:-

|  |  | P. and 0 . Line. |  |  | Orient Line. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Max. | Min. | Average. | Max. | Min. | Average. |
| London to Auckland |  | 38 | 36 | 37.23 | 42 | 37 | 38.56 |
| Auckland to London |  | 38 | 36 | 36.62 | 40 | 38 | 38.80 |
| London to Wellington |  | 39 | 35 | 38.19 | 40 | 38 | 38.78 |
| Wellington to London |  | 37 | 35 | 35.50 | 38 | 37 | 37.68 |
| London to Christchurch |  | 40 | 39 | 39.04 | 41 | 38 | 39.15 |
| Christchurch to London | . | 38 | 36 | 36.50 | 39 | 38 | 38.68 |
| London to Dunedin |  | 39 | 38 | 38.12 | 41 | 38 | 38.44 |
| Dunedin to London | . | 38 | 36 | 36.50 | 39 | 38 | 38.71 |

Mails for South Africa despatched from New Zealand on the 11th, 14th, and 18th March. 1910, were lost in the wreck of the s.s. "Pericles" off Cape Leeuwin on the 31st March, 1910. No mails from New Zealand for the United Kingdom were on board.

## Vancouver Service.

The present position of this Dominion in regard to the Vancouver service is most unsatisfactory. Before the contract expired last year strong efforts were made to induce the Canadian and Commoinwealth Governments to allow the steamers to call at Auckland, a subsidy of $£ 20,000$ a year being offered. The Government of Canada and the contractors for the service were quite willing to fall in with the wishes of New Zealand, and this Government had every reason to suppose that its proposal would be accepted. The Commonwealth Government, however, decided merely to renew the contract for a year on the existing basis. The year's extension expires in July, 1910; and negotiations have been going on for some months with a view of securing the desired alteration of route of the mail-steamers to include Auckland, the same subsidy being offered by New Zealand as 'ast year. Canada and the contractors have again expressed their willingness to make the call at Auckland; but the Commonwea!th Government has declined to alter the running of the mail-steamers. Tenders have just been called for by Canada for a new service commencing in Mugust, 1911, Auckland being incliaded in two of the alternative routes advertised.

## San Francisco Service.

The Wellington-Papeete contract, which expired in January, 1910, was extended to May, 1910. A larger steamer, the "Mokoia," was employed in the service from the 16 th March of this year. In April arrangements were made to further extend the service until the meeting of Parliament; and in May the July sailing was provided for. Unfortunately it has not ibeen possible to arrange a" more frequent service than one of ten voyages a year. To be of the best value the service should be at least four-weekly. The Union Company, which performs the Wellington-Papeete section of the through service, would, it is understood, be willing to arrange a four-weekly running, but the contractors with the United States for the San Francisco Papeete section have not been able to make the desired acceleration, which would involve the provision of a second steamer. Notwithstanding this disadvantage, the service has been a very useful one, as it has enabled a connection to be maintained between New Zealand and the United States. The through time, Wellington to London, has been satisfactory, averaging $35 \cdot 20$ days. The time London to Wellington is longer, owing to the mails having to wait at Papeete until the Wellington steamer arrives. The time-table of the latter is fixed so that the connection from New Zealand will be a close one.

## Inland Mails.

The number of inland mail-services in operation on the 31st December, 1909, was 1,36.t.
In order to expedite the delivery of mails, and to bridge the gap in the travelling-post-office system, which extends from Auckland to Invercargill, with the exception of the Wellington Christchurch section, arrangements were made in September, 1909, for the interchange of mail officers between these two latter offices. Mails arriving from North at Wellington are sorted there by the Christchurch officers ready for delivery in Christchurch soon after they arrive. Wellington mails from the South being similarly sorted at Christchurch. By this means addressees receive their letters appreciably earlier than formerly.

A motor lorry was brought into use at Wellington on the 11th September, 1909, for carrying mails between the office, steamers, and trains. It has worked very satisfactorily, and has caused a considerable saving in the time occupied in travelling between the General Post Office, wharves, and railwaystations.

The sum paid to the Railway Department for the conveyance of mails by ordinary trains was £60, 728 .

Eighty parcels, 17 registered letters, and a quantity of other mail-matter was lost in s.s. "Duco," supposed to have foundered in September, 1909, on the way from Wellington to Chatham Islands.

The travelling post-offices on the Christchurch-Culverden and on the Wellington-Woodville sections were discontinued from the 1st October and the 6th December, 1909, respectively.

As the result of an amendment of the Workers' Compensation Act, 1908, the liability of the Department in respect of mail contractors waspractically removed, and consequently the "globo "insurance of contractors' employees was discontinued from the 1st January, 1910.

Floods and stormy weather in March and April, 1910, interfered with the mail and telegraph services throughout the Dominion.

## Dead and Missing Leiters.

The undermentioned articles of value were found in letters opened in the Dead Letter Office, and returned to senders where practicable : 652 post-office orders, $£ 1,49712 \mathrm{~s}$. $5 \mathrm{~d} . ; 54$ bank drafts, $£ 3,678$ (1s. 7d. ; 495 cheques, $£ 3,374$ 6s. 6 d. ; 18 dividend-warrants, $£ 141$ 9s. 2 d .; 6 promissory notes, $£ 169$ 6s. 3d. ; postal notes, £524 7s.; British postal orders, $£ 7110 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d}$.; stamps, $£ 422 \mathrm{~s} .4 \mathrm{~d}$. ; bank-notes, $£ 384$; gold, $£ 54$ 12s. 6 d .; silver and copper, $£ 1212 \mathrm{~s}$. 6 d .: representing a total of $£ 9,94919 \mathrm{~s}$. 9 d .

Amongst other things, there were dealt with 8 gold, 19 silver, and 21 metal watches, 43 gold rings, 41 gold and other brooches, 21 greenstone and other pendants, 3 gold lockets, 2 silver lorkets, 3 gold and 8 greenstone hearts, 10 gold tie-pins, 5 gold and 9 silver watch-chains, 6 silver sovereign-cases, 1 gold bangle, 1 gold medal, 3 gold-mounted tusks, 1 gold neck-chain, 1 silver tankard, 1 silver cigarettecase, 1 silver tobacco-pouch, 3 gold-mounted silk watch-guards, 2 silver butter-knives, 1 electro-plated
butter-knife, 2 silver salt-spoons, 1 pair of binoculars, 2 pairs of gold-rimmed spectacles, 1 greenstone penholder, 2 pairs of gold and 1 pair of greenstone sleeve-links, 1 miner's right, 1 fire-brigade longservice medal, 25 lottery-tickets, 10 pawn-tickets, 2 share-certificates, 4 books, 100 packets and 7 sheets of used postage-stamps, and 1 third-class-passage order, London to Wellington.

The proportion of dead or unclaimed letters, letter-cards, and post-cards to the total number delivered within the Dominion was $0 \cdot 42$ per cent.

174,730 letters were opened and returned to the writers through the Dead Letter Office; 47,665 were returned unopened to other countries; 737 were reissued; 19,238 were destroyed; 186,396 were returned by Chief Postmasters: a total of 428,766 letters, as compared with 410,474 in 1908.
40.621 other articles were returned to foreign countries; 14,897 were returned to senders through the Dead Letter Office ; 180,170 were returned by Chief Postmasters : a total of 235,688 other articles, as compared with 269,621 in 1908.

2,462 letters were wrongly addressed; 43 letters were discovered to have been posted with previously used stamps ; 5,742 unclaimed registered letters were dealt with.

5,195 newspapers and 3,363 books and other articles without addresses were received, many of which were subsequently applied for and delivered.

21,585 newspapers were returned to the publishers.
1,790 letters and letter-cards were posted without addresses.
63 letters with libellous addresses were intercepted.
3,160 inquiries for postal packets alleged to have been posted and not delivered were made during 1909. In 1,863 of the inquiries-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. |  |  |  |  | Result. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - 382 |  | .. |  |  | Sender responsible for delay. |
| 382 |  |  |  |  | Addressee responsibility for delay. |
| 275 |  |  | $\cdots$ |  | Post Office responsible for delay. |
| 824 |  | . | . |  | No delay, or responsibility not fixed. |

Amongst these inquiries the two following may be deemed worthy of brief notice :-
A letter, posted in Wellington, containing a cheque for a large sum failed to reach the addressee. who also lived in Wellington, until some months after the date of posting, the cause of the delay being due to the fact that the letter had been misaddressed to London.

A registered letter, posted at Chadron, Nebraska, containing one 10 -dollar gold piece and one 5 -dollar gold piece, addressed to Masterton, was received at its destination without the coins. which were subsequently found loose in the mail-bag, having escaped from the envelope.

## Undeliverable Lettrers.

From the lst January, 1910, all undeliverable inland letters addressed to the four principal centres, except those for delivery at the post-office itself, are immediately returned to the senders. The system has worked well, and appears to give public satisfaction. Obviously it is better for the sender of a faultily addressed letter to have it returned at once rather than to have it held in the post-office whilst attempts are being made, often without result, to effect delivery.

A special stamp, "Return to sender," was brought into use in January, 1910, for stamping unclaimed special-request correspondence having the names and addresses of the senders thereon, thus obviating the necessity of enclosing such letters in a fresh envelope. This plan has proved in every way successful, and has resulted in a substantial saving of labour and expense.

## Offences.

On a charge of forging the signature to a monev-order for $£ 5$ on the 19th July. 1909. a man was sentenced in Christchurch to six months' imprisoument.

On a charge of stealing a letter, containing a cheque, at Hamilton. on the 2nd September, 1909, a man was sentenced to imprisonment.

A letter containing a pictorial post-card with a match attached ignited in the post on the 20 th September, 1909. The sender was severely cautioned. It is a punishable offence to send inflammable articles through the post.

On a charge of forging a telegram a man was, on the 28th September, 1909, sentenced at Hamilton to six months' imprisonment.

On the 11th October, 1909, a youth was fined at Napier for sending an indecent post-card through the post.

On a charge of attempted forgery of a savings-bank withdrawal notice, a man was sentenced in November, 1909, at Hamilton, to three years' imprisonment.

Two persons who posted packages. in November, 1909, and Derember, 1909, respectively, containing in one case matches. and in the other cartridges, were severely cautioned.

The post-office, Douglas, was broken into on the 2nd Deremiber. 1909. and several letters stolen.
For sending through the post letters bearing words of an improper character a man was fined at Wellington, on the 7th December. 1909, 5 , and costs on ewh of three charges in default one month's imprisonment.

A letter containing a cheque was misappropriated by a railway employee at Paekakariki on the 14th December, 1909, The offender was dismissed.
$1 \cdot 1$ The Papatoetoe Post-office was broken into on the 28th December, 1909, and 2s. stolen.
A deposit of $£ 100$ by forged cheque was made at Oamaru in January, 1910, and $£ 90$ withdrawn before the forgery was discovered. The deficiency was made good to the Department, and the offender sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

On a charge of obtaining payment of a savings-bank withdrawal by false pretences on the 15 th February, 1910, a Native at Tuparoa was fined.

On a charge of fraud by ante-timing telegrams for betting purposes, a despatch clerk at Napier was admitted to three years' probation on the 26th February, 1910.

## Buildings.

The following new post-offices were formally opened by the Postmaster-General : Foxton (7/8/09), Ohakune ( $9 / 8 / 09$ ), Te Arn (11/8/09), Richmond (16/8/09), Huntly (17/9/09), Pukekohe (18/9/09), Wyndham ( $6 / 5 / 10$ ).

The following offices were transferred to departmental new buildings: Maungaturoto ( $5 / 8 / 09$ ), Otorohanga (6/10/09), Mount Eden (21/10/09), Rangataua (11/11/09), St. Bathan's ( $24 / 11 / 09$ ), Epsom (24/11/09), Ngaruawahia (4/12/09), Nuhaka (12/12/09), Wyndham (7/4/10).

A contract has been let for the restoration of the building at Bull's damaged by fire.
Sites have been purchased at Balclutha, Castlecliff (cable hut), Ellerslie, Hikurangi, Karori, Lincoln, Owaka, Takapau, and Upper Riccarton.

During the year buildings were erected at Epsom, Hastings, Maungaturoto, Mount Eden, Ngaruawahia, Nuhaka, Ongaonga, Otira Tunnel, Rangataua, St. Bathan's, Waipiro Bay (quarters), Wekefield, Weraroa, Whangarei, Whitianga (quarters), and Wyndham.

General repairs, additions, \&c., were carried out during the year at the following offices: Alfredton, Ashhurst, Bluff, Carterton, Christchurch, Dunedin, Feilding, Grey Lynn, Hanmer Springs, Hikurangi, Hokitika, Kilbirnie, Mangaweka, Marton, Paeroa, Palmerston North, Pembroke, Petone, Picton, Pirongia, Queenstown, Stratford, Te Puke, The Port, Timaru, Taratahi, Wakapuaka, Wanganui, Waverley, Wellington (old drillshed), and Whakapara.

Plans have been prepared for buildings at Green Island, Kaitangata, Rakaia, St. Kilda, and Westport.

Properties were purchased at Kawhia and Okato.
A public clock was erected in the post-office building at Geraldine, and a contract has been entered into for a clock with chimes for the Hastings Post-office.

The post-office at Strand Arcade (Auckland) was destroyed by fire on the 16th August, 1909. Temporary premises were secured in Wellesley Street, Auckland.

A contract was let to Messrs. J. and A. Wilson (Limited), Wellington, for the Gencral Post Office building at Wellington, the price being £96, 923 . The erection of the building is proceeding satisfactorily. The foundations were laid by the Public Works Department.

The contractors for the new Chief Post-office at Auckland have completed the foundations, and steady progress is being made with the work.

The following post-offices, not in departmental buildings, were destroyed by fire: Ashley Bank, Hamilton East, Te Houhi.

## Money-orders.

During the year there were 34 money-order offices opened and 7 closed, the number remaining open at the end of the year being 637 .

538,740 money-orders were issued, for $£ 2,307,59218$ s. 1d., as compared with 488,084 , for $£ 2,050,684$ 6 s .10 d ., for the previous year-an increase of $50,656 \mathrm{in}$ number and $£ 256,90811 \mathrm{~s}$. 3 d . in amount.

418,764 money-orders, amounting to $£ 1,984,9780 \mathrm{~s}$. 11 d ., were paid, as against 371,424 , for $£ 1,747,67019 \mathrm{~s}$. 1d., during $1908-$ an increase of 47,340 orders and $£ 237,307 \mathrm{ls}$. 10 d . in amount.

155,457 orders, for $£ 466,56210 \mathrm{~s}$. 6d., were drawn for payment in places beyond New Zealand.
35,375 orders, for $£ 143,699$ 10s. 4d., were issued at offices abroad for payment in New Zealand.
The commission received for money-orders amounted to $£ 13,78214 \mathrm{~s}$, as against $£ 12,55510 \mathrm{~s}$. 3 d . for 1908 , an increase of $£ 1,2273 \mathrm{~s} .9 \mathrm{~d}$.

An arrangement has been made with the Postal authorities in the United Kingdom and the Australian Commonwealth whereby the advices of money-orders for payment in those countries, after heing listed in this Dominion, are posted direct to the paying offices, thereby enabling payment to be effected promptly on arrival of the mail by which the orders may be transmitted.

## Postal Notes.

Forty-eight offices were opened and ten closed, leaving 792 postal-note offices at the end of the year.
$1,414,752$ notes, representing a value of $£ 454,1384 \mathrm{~s}$. 8 d., were sold, as against $1,222,280$ notes, for £ 389,143 , sold during the previous year-an increase of $15 \cdot 75$ per cent. in number and 16.7 per cent. in value.

The postal notes paid numbered $1,404,946$, of the value of $£ 445,37619 \mathrm{~s}$. 6 d . as compared with $1,214,548$, of the value of $£ 386,9448 \mathrm{~s}$. 6d., paid during $1908-9$.

The postal-note commission amounted to $£ 6.51910 \mathrm{~s} .8 \mathrm{~d}$., as against $£ 5,67018 \mathrm{~s} .2 \mathrm{~d}$.-an increase of $£ 84812 \mathrm{~s}$. 6 d ., or $14: 96$ per cent.

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Postal notes are now on sale and may be cashed between $8 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. and $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. at the Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, and Wellington offices.

The colour of the ten-shilling postal note was changed to a maroon shade from the 1st August, 1909.

## British Postal Orders.

54,360 orders, representing a value of $£ 29,67611 \mathrm{~s}$. 10 d ., have been sold, and 18,326 , for $£ 12,411 \mathrm{l}$ s. paid. An extended table of the transact:ons is printed in Table No. 5. There was an increase of 21.13 per cent. in the number of postal orders sold during the year, and 23.82 per cent. in the number paid.

The increasing use made of this method of remitting small sums to the various parts of the British Empire has more than justified its introduction.

## Savings-Bank.

During the year 36 offices were opened and 10 closed, leaving 619 offices open at the end of 1909 .
77,400 accounts were opened and 59,763 closed, the net gain on the year's working being 17,637 accounts.

The number of accounts on the 31st December, 1909, was 359,714 , and the proportion per head of population was 1 in $2 \cdot 87$, as compared with 1 in $2 \cdot 95$ at the end of the previous year.

The deposits numbered 724,501 , representing $£ 9,611,11911 \mathrm{~s}$. 3 d ., an average of $£ 135 \mathrm{~s} .4 \mathrm{~d}$. per transaction.

The withdrawals numbered 520,971 for $£ 9,499,31916 \mathrm{~s} .4 \mathrm{~d}$., an average of $£ 184 \mathrm{~s} .8 \mathrm{~d}$. for each withdrawal.

The net amount added by depositors to their savings during the year was therefore $£ 111,799$ 14s. 1ld. excess of deposits, plus $\mathfrak{f} 395,804.4 \mathrm{~s}$. 5 d . interest earned and credited, making a total of £507,603 19s. 4d.

The total amount at credit of depositors increased from $£ 12,159,29318 \mathrm{~s}$. ld. at the close of the previous year to $£ 12,666,89717 \mathrm{~s} .5 \mathrm{~d}$. on the 31 st December last, representing a sum equal to $£ 125 \mathrm{~s} .10 \mathrm{~d}$. per head of the entire population, and $£ 354 \mathrm{~s}$. 3d. to each depositor.

The interest credited to depositors since the Post-Office Savings-banks were established in 1867 now amounts to $£ 4,576,45717 \mathrm{~s}$. 9 d .

The cost of working the savings-banks amounted to $5 \cdot 20 \mathrm{~d}$. per transaction, or $£ 27,000$ for the year.
The cost of management per cent. on the total amount at credit of depositors was 0.21 per cent., or 4s. 3d. per $£ 100$.

The card-ledger system is now in operation at every chief office with the exception of Auckland and Thames, where it will be installed in the near future.

The home savings-bank safes referred to in the previous report have been readily taken up at the Wellington and Suburban offices, and Dunedin and some of the local sub-offices. The issue of them will be extended to other ch'ef centres shortly.

From the 1st October, 1909, Chief Postmasters were authorised to supply direct to District Managers and Agents of the Public Trust Office information respecting accounts of Savings-Bank depositors whose estates are being administered by the Public Trustee.

## 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 Dominion amounting to $£ 56,091 \mathrm{15s}$. 2d., and on account of ordinary Customs work £908 18s. 6d.

Advances to Settlers receipts amounted to $£ 1,139,6606 s$. , and payments to $£ 1,144,43816 \mathrm{~s}$. 5 d .
Fishing licenses were issued by Postmasters to the value of $£ 1,2516 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d}$., and game licenses to the value of $£ 3,1892 \mathrm{~s}$.

For the Government Insurance Department premiums were collected from the public amounting to $£ 28,3523 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d}$.

The sum of $£ 28,61710$ s. 11d. was paid to Imperial pensioners by Postmasters.
Income-tax amounting to $£ 201,861$ 3s. 8 d., and land-tax, $£ 463,195 \mathrm{ls}$. $6 \mathrm{~d} .$, were collected by Postmasters.

The sum of $£ 8,87215 s$., fees due to the Machinery Department, was received.
Under the Mining Act the receipts were $£ 3255 \mathrm{~s}$.
New Zealand Consols for $£ 80$ were sold on behalf of the Treasury.
On behalf of the Public Trustee $£ 698,075$ 16s. 11d. was received and $£ 699,30018$ s. paid.
Railway revenue amounting to $£ 2,885$ 19s. 8d. was collected by Postmasters.
Fees received for the registration of births, deaths, and marriages amounted to $£ 2,3598 \mathrm{~s}$.
Receipts from the Hanmer Springs Sanatorium amounted to $£ 1,573$ 17s. 9d.
Valuation fees paid to Postmasters reached $£ 4,346$ 12s. 6 d .
Claims on the General Government for $£ 1,050,6310 \mathrm{~s}$. 10 d . were paid on behalf of the Treasury.
Discount-stamps numbering $2,087,760$, for $£ 2,187$ 5s., were sold, and $2,057,712$, for $£ 2,1439$ s., 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 $£ 15,700$,

## Gross Receipts and Payments.

The gross amount received by the Department during 1909 was $£ 27,739,021$ 3s. 3d., of which $£ 24,753,861 \mathrm{lbs} .5 \mathrm{~d}$. was departmental and $£ 2,985,1596 \mathrm{~s}$. 10 d . on account of other Departments.

The gross amount paid out was $£ 27,735,41318 \mathrm{~s}$. $8 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$., made up of $£ 24,711,0632 \mathrm{~s}$. $8 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. departmental, and, on behalf of other Departments, to individuals $£ 2,230,1537 \mathrm{~s} .2 \mathrm{~d}$., and to accounts £794,197 8s. 10d.

The total gross receipts and payments were therefore $£ 55,474,4351$ s. $11 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$.

## Telegraphs.

The total value of the telegraph and telephone business for the year ended the 31st March, 1910, including miscellaneous telegraph receipts and Government telegrams, was $£ 399,361$ 2s., as compared with $£ 374,1747 \mathrm{~s}$. 10 d . for the previous year-an increase of $£ 2 \overline{5}, 18614 \mathrm{~s}$. 2 d ., or 6.73 per cent.

The following is a comparison of the traffic in paid telegrams during the last five years :-

|  | Number. |  |  | Revenue. £ |  |  |  | Increase, | 7.69 per cent. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1905-6 | ... | 5,351,084 | Increase, | $9 \cdot 19$ | per cent. |  | 180,474 |  |  |  |
| 1906-7 | ... | 6,160,080 | " | $15 \cdot 12$ | " | ... | 202,301 | " | 12.09 | " |
| 1907-8 | .. | 6,958,279 | " | 12.96 | " |  | 222,926 | " | $10 \cdot 2$ | " |
| 1908-9 | $\ldots$ | 7,338,017 | " | $5 \cdot 46$ | " |  | 233,517 | " | $4 \cdot 75$ | " |
| 1909-10 | $\ldots$ | 7,757,128 | " | $5 \cdot 71$ | " |  | 244,906 | " | $4 \cdot 88$ | " |

The number of telegrams forwarded and the revenue derived therefrom during the four quarters of the financial years 1908-9 and 1909-10 respectively are as follows:-


The telegraph receipts for the financial year, including telephone-exchange subscriptions, privatewire rents, \&c., amounted to $£ 394,5104 \mathrm{~s}$. 10 d ., compared with $£ 369,35217 \mathrm{~s}$. in $1908-9$--an increase of $£ 25,1577 \mathrm{~s}$. 10 d ., or 6.81 per cent.

The expenditure was $£ 411,29617 \mathrm{~s}$. 2 d ., as against $£ 394,64919 \mathrm{~s}$. 6 d . for the previous year-an increase of $£ 16,64617 \mathrm{~s}$. 8 d ., or $4 \cdot 22$ per cent.

There were 10,901 miles of line and 34,788 miles of wire at the close of the year-an increase of 497 and 2,134 miles respectively.

The net expenditure out of Public Works Fund for telegraph-extension was $£ 123,421$ 17s. 1d., as compared with $£ 163,032$ 14s. 2d. in 1908-9.

The number of private wires and subsidised lines was 516, compared with 430 in 1908-9.
The amount received for rent and maintenance, \&c., of such lines was $£ 2,6024 \mathrm{~s}$. ld., as against £2,110 in 1908-9.

The total number of telegraph and telephone offices open at the close of the year was 1,871 . Of these, 291 were telegraph-offices and 1,580 were telephone-offices.

The number of telegrams of all codes forwarded during the last financial year was $7,846,890$ an increase of 421,197 , or $5 \cdot 67$ per cent. over 1908-9.

The proportion of paid telegrams per head of population was $7 \cdot 53$, and 7.36 the previous year.
The number of ordinary telegrams forwarded was $5,303,000$, of the value of $£ 165,43812 \mathrm{~s}$. $4 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$., compared with $5,237,207$ of the value of $£ 165,5963 \mathrm{~s} .8 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. in 1908-9, an increase of 65,793 in number, and a decrease of $£ 157 \mathrm{11s}$. 4 d . in amount.

The urgent telegrams numbered 277,317 , to the value of $£ 16,9792 \mathrm{~s}$. 3 d .-an increase of 34,329 in number, and $£ 2,273$ 11s. in amount.

The average value of each ordinary telegram was 7.49 d , and of each urgent telegram 1 s .2 .69 d -
418,942 Press telegrams, of the value of $£ 19,7348 \mathrm{~s}$. $6 \frac{1}{2}$ d., were forwarded in 1909-10, as compared with 434,729 , valued at $£ 21,1029 \mathrm{~s}$. $7 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$., forwarded in 1908-9-a decrease in number of 15,787 , or 3.63 per cent., and a decrease of $£ 1,368$ 1s. 1d., or 6.48 per cent., in value.

The value of each Press telegram averaged $11 \cdot 30 \mathrm{~d}$., as against $11 \cdot 65 \mathrm{~d}$. in 1908-9.
The bureau messages numbered $1,757,869$, of the value of $£ 42,7536 \mathrm{~s}$. 11d., as compared with $1,423,093$, of the value of $£ 32,1125 \mathrm{~s} .9 \mathrm{~d}$., in $1908-9$-an increase of 334,776 in number and $£ 10,641$ 1 s . 2d. in amount.

The average value of each bureau message was $5 \cdot 84 \mathrm{~d}$., as against $5 \cdot 42 \mathrm{~d}$. in 1908-9.
The following figures show the growth of the traffic in bureau messages as compared with ordinary telegrams :-

| Average Value. |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Year | Year <br> $1909-10$. <br> $1908-9$. |
| $7 \cdot 49 \mathrm{~d}$. | 7.59 d. |
|  | $5 \cdot 84 \mathrm{~d}$. |
|  | $5 \cdot 42 \mathrm{~d}$. |

The number of Government telegrams forwarded was 89,762 , valued at $£ 4,85017 \mathrm{~s}$. 2 d ., as compared with 87,676 , valued at $£ 4,821$ 10s. 10d.-an increase of 2,086 in number and $\mathfrak{£ 2 9} 6 \mathrm{~s}$. 4 d . in amount.

The number of paid forwarded telegrams to every hundred letters posted in New Zealand was 8.32 .

## New Zealand Cable Services.

At Orewa River three pieces of three-core cable, aggregating 440 yards, were laid to replace two short pieces which had to be abandoned owing to alterations to the bridge.

At Ohiwa a length of 10 chains had to be spliced in the cable owing to sea-encroachment.
On two occasions the D'Urville. Island-Stephen Island cable has broken on the shore at the Stephen Island end. Repairs were promptly effected by the Nelson staff.

Two of the Cook Strait cables, Nos. 1 and 3, Oterangi Bay, developed faults in August, 1909. Repairs were effected after some delay caused by heavy sea.

Ocean Cable Services.
The ordinary international telegrams for the year increased $9 \cdot 4$ per cent., and the intercolonial decreased by 8.19 per cent.

New Zealand's proportion of the deficit of $£ 60,8879 \mathrm{~s} .10 \mathrm{~d}$. on the seventh year's working of the Pacific cable, $1908-9$, amounted to $\mathfrak{£ 6 , 7 6 5} 5 \mathrm{~s}$. 6 d .

The receipts and working-expenses of the Pacific cable for the year ended the 31st March, 1910, are estimated as follows :-


New Zealand's proportion of the loss is stated at $£ 6,631$.
Of the ordinary paid business, the Pacific obtained-in 1907, 88 per cent.; in 1908, 85 per cent. and in 1909, 83 per cent. ; the Eastern Company's share being 12, 15, and 17 per cent. during the same years.

The following figures show the total number of forwarded ordinary telegrams for each of the past three years:-

|  | Pacific. |  |  | Messages. |  |  | Year. | E.A. \& C. | Messages. |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yıar. |  | 102,490 | 1907 | $\ldots$ | 13,610 |  |  |  |  |
| 1907 | $\ldots$ | 101,724 | 1908 | $\ldots$ | 18,873 |  |  |  |  |
| 1908 | $\ldots$ | 96,648 | 1909 | $\ldots$ | 19,812 |  |  |  |  |

The average best times in which messages are landled on the Pacific route are :-


During the year New Zealand has given the Pacific route 83.77 per cent. of the ordinary business to Australia.

1,050 Press telegrams were sent via Pacific and 1,220 via Eastern, compared with 1,142 and 1,262 respectively last year.

Regulations were issued on the 16th September dealing with the procedure to be followed by persons wishing to submit telegraph codes for examination. Persons can thus obtain an assurance by means of a certificate that their codes meet the requirements of the International Telegraph Regulations.

The Press cable rate to and from the United Kingdom was reduced from 1s. to 9d. a word from the 1st August, 1909. At the same time the New Zealand terminal and transit rate for all international Press matter was reduced from 1d. to $\frac{1}{2} d$. per word.

Fiom Ist Augu.t. 1909, the Department's business at Wakapuak was transferred to the charge of the Eastern Extension Australasia and Chin Telegraph Company (Limited), which now works on beha'f of the Department the land lines communicating with Wellington and Nelson.

A break in the Doubtless Bay - Norfolk Island cable occurred on the 5th March, 1910. Communication was restored on 10th idem

## Wireless Telegraphy.

A Wireless Telegraphy Conference of delegates representing Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji, and the Admiralty, met in Melbourne on the 15th December, 1909, to discuss a scheme for connecting New Zealand, Australia, and the Pacific islands by wireless. Mr. J. K. Logan, I.S.O., Superintendent of Electric Lines, represented New Zealand. The recommendations of the Conference were as follows :-
(1.) Establishment of high-power stations at Sydney, Doubtless Bay, and Suva; the Sydney i station to be capable of communicating with Doubtless Bay, and Doubtless Bay with Suva.
(2.) Establishment of medium-power stations at Tulagi (Solomon Islands), Ocean Island (Gilbert Archipelago), and Vila (New Hebrides).
(3.) Rejection of proposals of Pacific Radio-telegraph Company.
(4.) State control of system.
(5.) Cost of Vila and Tulagi stations to be borne by Imperial and Commonwealth Governments in proportion of two-thirds and one-third respectively ; any loss on working to be borne by same Governments in same proportions; the question of the co-operation of French Government in establishment of Vila station to be left to Imperial Government.
(6.) Cost of Fiji station to be borne by Imperial Government, one-third; Commonwealth, one-fourth; New Zealand, one-sixth ; and Fiji, one-fourth; any loss on annual working to be borne in same proportions; Fiji to pay additional contribution if station used in connection with a local Fijian system.
(7.) Cost of Ocean Island station, capable of communication with Fiji, to be bome by Imperial Government, two-thirds; Commonwealth, one-third; the Pacific Phosphates Company to guarantee against loss on working-expenses and sinking fund.
(8.) Embodiment of wireless system for Western Pacific in an agreement between Governments interested, and for executive control and management by High Commissioner for Western Pacific.
New Zealand's liability for other than for the Doubtless Bay station would be $£ 2,000$ for the suva station. The resolutions have been agreed to by the New Zealand Government.

Tenders have been invited for the erection of five wireless-telegraph stations to meet the requirements of defence, the navy, and the mercantile marine service in the Dominion. Provision is made for high-power stations at or near Doubtless Bay and Bluff, with a range of 1,250 nautical miles, and three medium-power stations, one at or near Gisborne, one at or near Cape Farewell, and one at Sumner. These medium-power stations will command ships at sea for a distance of 500 nautical miles, and the Sumner one will reach the Chatham Islands. Doubtless Bay will command Sydney and Fiji, and communicate with vessels of the navy and the mercantile marine. The stations above mentioned will also be able to intercommunicate with each other, either direct or by transmission. Ships approaching New Zealand from any direction equipped with wireless apparatus will therefore be able to communicate with one or other of these stations.

## Telephone Exchanges.

Seventeen new exchanges were opened during the year, the number of subscribers increased by 2,104 and the total number of connections by 2,848 .

The total number of exchanges now is 153 , made up of 30 central and 123 subexchanges.
The total number of connections is 29,681 , compared with 26,833 in 1909. They may be classified as follows: Paying, 22,242 ; free, 2 ; bureaux, 2,656 ; service, 312 ; extensions, 4,469.

New connections numbered 3,711 , and those given up 1,314 . The increase in connections is equal to 10.61 per cent.

On the 31st March, 1910, there were 1,270 miles of telephone-line and ${ }^{5} 35,233$ miles of wire.
Owing to increasing number of subscribers, new switchboards were installed at Te Aroha, Paeroa, Ie Kuiti, Greytown, Kimbolton, Manaia, Opunake, Pahiatua, Waipawa, Waitara, Woodville, Picton, and Kumara.

Two sections were added to the Auckland Exchange switchboard, increasing the capacity to 3,599.

The central-battery equipment which was brought into operation at Invercargill and Timaru in June, 1909, has given entire satisfaction to subscribers, besides greatly facilitating switching operations.

At Hastings, the conversion to metallic circuit and the installation of the central-battery system are well forward.

The conversion of exchange subscriber's circuits from earthworking to metallic was completed at Auckland, Wellington, Wanganui, and Christchurch.

Preliminary steps have been taken to establish the metallic-circuit system at the following exchanges: New Plymouth, Feilding, Hawera, Palmerston North, Napier, Gisborne, and Masterton.

In August, 1909, the work of laying conduits to provide for placing the telephone cables in Auckland Jity underground was commenced. 628 chains of ducts are now ready for receiving cables.

Over five miles of lead cable, representing 1,615 miles 74 chains of twin wire, have been drawn into the underground ducts in Wellington City. 769 miles 18 chains of this are in use, "and on completion of the splices many overhead circuits will be diverted underground and a quantity of overhead cable dismantled.

The following is a comparative statement showing the length of new lines and wires erected in Telegraph Engineers' districts during the last five years :-

|  |  | 1905. |  |  |  | 1806. |  |  |  | 1907. |  |  |  | 1908. |  |  | 1909-10. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Poles. |  | Wire. |  | Poles. |  | Wire. |  | Poles. |  | Wire. |  | Poles. |  | Wire. | Poles. |  |  | Wire. |  |
| Auckland | . $\cdot$ | M. | ch. 30 | ${ }^{\text {M }} 101$ |  |  | ch. | M. 494 | ${ }_{40}^{\text {ch. }}$ | 139 | ch. | M. <br> $\mathbf{3 5 0}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ch. } \\ & 60 \end{aligned}$ | M. | $60$ | $\frac{M .}{795}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \mathrm{ch} \\ 0 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { chl. } \\ & 36 \end{aligned}$ | $\underset{\mathbf{9 5}}{\mathbf{M}}$ | ch. 78 |
| Christehurch | .. | 57 | 20 | 165 |  | 111 | 30 | 170 | 8 | 90 | 47 | 266 | 20 | 62 | $30_{2}$ | 641 | 50 | 17 | 78 | 268 | 40 |
| Dunedin | . | 136 | 50 | 400 |  | 48 | 40 | 392 | 20 | 121 | 0 | 518 | 20 | 248 | 60 | 644 | 60 | 64 | 0 | 286 | 40 |
| Nelson | . | 25 | 15 | 152 |  | 146 | 67 | 217 | 49 | 245 | 16 | 484 | 77 | 52 | 22 | 254 | 58 | 38 | 16 | 189 | 72 |
| Wellington | .. | 128 | 71 | 592 | 78 |  | 35 | 641 | 40 | 104 | 43 | 696 | 74 | 157 | 212 | 974 | 52 |  | 55 | 490 | 53 |
| Totals | . | 411 | 26 | 1,412 |  |  | 72 | 1,915 | 77 | 701 | 6 | 2,311 | 11 |  | 15 | 3,310 | 60 |  | 25 | 2,188 | 43 |

Arrangements are being made to immediately erect two copper wires between Wellington and Auckland for telegraph purposes by a new route on the Main Trunk Railway line which is much shorter than the existing routes. These wires will also be used during certain hours for telephonic purposes between the two cities.

Between Auckland and Whangarei ( 126 miles) a telephone circuit was superimposed on two telegraph wires, with most satisfactory results.

The two wires (Morse and telephone) between Nelson and Motueka have been utilised to form a trunk metallic circuit with the Morse superimposed over it.

A similar circuit has been arranged between Nelson and Wakefield.
Additional telephone circuits have been superimposed over existing metallic circuits between Ashhurst and Palmerston North, Masterton and Greytown, and Masterton and Eketahuna; and Morse circuits have been superimposed over metallic circuits between New Plymouth and Waitara, Manaia and Opunake, and Wellington and Levin.

## Maintenance of Telegraph and Telephone Trunk Lines.

The following are principal lines overhauled and strengthened during the year :-
Miles.

| Morrinsville-Putaruru | .. .. | . | . | 36 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Henderson-Helensville |  |  |  | 22 |
| Waipu - Parua Bay | . |  |  | 18 |
| Waipu - Pollok Settlement |  |  |  | 13 |
| Paekakariki - Palmerston North |  |  |  | 61 |
| Gisborne-Opoutama | .- $\cdot$ |  |  | 50 |
| Tikokino - Makaretu - Ashley Clinton | $\cdots$ |  |  | 31 |
| Hawera-Opunake .. | .. .. |  |  | 29 |
| Woodville-Dannevirke | .. . |  |  | 17 |
| Omoana-Eltham | .. $\cdot$ - |  |  | 26 |
| Greymouth-Ahaura |  |  |  | 22 |
| Hokitika-Ross | .. $\quad$. |  |  | 22 |
| Blenheim-Kekerangu | .. .. |  |  | 55 |
| Blenheim-Tophouse |  |  |  | 60 |
| Christchurch-Timaru, main line (Hinds | Timaru section) |  |  | 36 |
| Palmerston-Dunedin |  |  |  | 41 |
| Dunedin-Clinton | .. .. |  |  | 73 |
| Mataura-Clinton | .. .. |  |  | 34 |
| Gore-Edendale | .. $\quad$. |  |  | 17 |
| Invercargill-Bluff | $\cdots$ |  |  | 17 |
| Dunedin-Akatore |  |  |  | 42 |

A section, one mile in length, of Ohiwa line bad to be removed back and reconstructed on account of sea-encroachment.

Arrangements have been made to overhaul the Frankton-Otorohanga and Frankton-Kawhia lines.
Owing to frequent washing-out of poles at the Wairau Ford river-crossing, eight sets of iron pipes (four in each set) have been driven 20 ft . into the Wairau River bed as supports, and wooden poles braced thereto.

The supervision of the Ross Goldfields electrical installation was undertaken by this Department under the powers conferred by the Board of Control.

The work of rebuilding the line between Christchurch and Timaru was completed simultaneously with the running of the new 300 lb . copper Morse wire for Dunedin, and the two wires for the Timaru trunk circuit.

## APPENDIX

## DESIGNATION OF OFFICES CHANGED OR CORRECTED.

| Postal D | District. |  | Changed from |  |  | Changed to |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Auckland | $\ldots$ |  | Cambridge West |  |  | Leamington. |
| " | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | Kirikiriroa ... | .. | .. | Hamilton East. |
| " | ... | ... | Oira |  | ... | Runciman. (19/9/09.) |
| " | $\ldots$ | ... | Opau | $\ldots$ |  | Kioreroa. |
| " | $\cdots$ | ... | Runciman ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | Oira. (5/2/09.) |
| " | $\cdots$ | ... | Waitakerei ... |  |  | Waitakere. |
|  | $\cdots$ |  | Wellesley Street (Auckland) | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | Auckland S.C. |
| Blenheim | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | Richmond Brook | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | Marama. |
|  | $\ldots$ |  | Te Awaite ... |  |  | Te Awaiti. |
| Christchurch | $\ldots$ |  | Meade | $\ldots$ |  | Te Pirita. |
| Dunedin | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | Hyde | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | Hyde Railway. |
|  | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | Millburn | $\ldots$ |  | Milburn. |
| Greymouth | $\ldots$ | ... | Otira | . |  | Otira Railway. |
|  |  |  | Otira Tunnel |  | $\ldots$ | Otira. |
| Invercargill | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | Malaghan's ... | .. |  | Wharehuanui. |
| Napier | ... | $\ldots$ | Rangitane ... | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | Te Rehunga. |
| New Plymouth | h... | $\ldots$ | Maryville ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | Pariwaro. |
| Wanganui | $\ldots$ | .. | Ngaire ... | $\ldots$ |  | Ngaere. |
| " | ... | .. | Sedgebrook ... |  |  | Wanganui East. |
|  | $\cdots$ | . | Turangarere | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | Turangaarere. |
| Wellington | ... | - ... | Koputarua ... | $\cdots$ |  | Koputaroa. |
| " | $\cdots$ | ... | Mungaroa ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | Mangaroa. |
| " | $\ldots$ | ... | Otaki Gorge | $\cdots$ | ... | Waihoanga. |
| " | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | Te Nui . .. |  |  | Tinui. |
|  | $\ldots$ | ... | Te Rawhiti ... ... | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | Terawhiti. |
| Westport | $\ldots$ |  | Little Wanganui Ferry | $\ldots$ | ... | Te Namu. |
| " | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | Nine-mile ... ... | ... | $\ldots$ | Te Kuha. |

INLAND MAIL-SERVICES ESTABLISHED, EXTENDED, ETC.


Inland Mail-services established, extended, etc.-continued.


Inland Mail-services established, extended, etc.-continued.

| District. |  | Name of Service. | Frequency. |  | Kemarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Blenheim |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Timatangi - Flat Creek |  |  |  |
|  |  | Picton, \&c. - Havelock |  |  | Altered: by inclusion of Otanerau after Picton. |
|  |  | Seddon, \&c. - Kaikoura |  |  | Altered: by inclusion of Mangamaunu after Hapuku. |
| Christchurch | . | Doyleston Post-office - Railway-station | Twice daily |  | Established. |
|  |  | Christchurch-Burwood (carriage of letter-carriers' bags) | Daily .. | . | " |
|  |  | Christchurch-Harewood .. .. |  |  | " |
|  |  | Methven-Highbank |  |  | " |
|  |  | Kaiapoi-Ohapuku $\quad$.Waiau - Mendip Hills (renewal) | Four times weekkyThrice weekly . |  |  |
|  |  |  | Weekly |  | Extended : to 'J'ai 'lapu. <br> Altered: by change of terminal office from Kumara to Otira. |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Spreydon-Halswell <br> Broken River - Otira - Kumara |  |  |  |
|  |  | Rakaia-Meade | .. |  | Altered : by change of name of Meade to Te Pirita, and opening of new intermediate office at Meade. |
|  |  | Rangiora, \&c - Orahaki | . |  | Altered: by change of terminal office from Orahaki to Birch Hill. |
|  |  | Hawarden Post-office - Railway-station | $\cdots$ |  | Abolished. |
| Dunedin | . | Houipapa Post-office - Railway-siding | Thrice weekly |  | Established. |
|  |  | Wharetoa-Clydevale   <br> Papatowai-Wharuarimu .. .. | Weekly |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | ", (Summer service resumed.) |
|  |  | Pembroke-Cardrona | " |  |  |
|  |  | Bannockburn-Nevis | .. |  | Frequency increased : weekly to twice weekly (for summer service). |
|  |  | Houipapa-Tawanui | . |  | Frequency increased: weekly to twice weekly. |
|  |  | Clinton-Popotunoa Ratanui-Tahakopa | . |  | Altered: now rural ${ }^{[ }$delivery. <br> Altered: by change of terminal office from Tahakopa to Papatowai. Abolished. |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Ratanui-Houipapa |  |  |  |
|  |  | Tahakopa-Wharuarimu . . . . | Daily |  | Established. |
| Gisbome |  | Mataura Post - office - Johnstone's (rural delivery) | Twice weekly | $\cdots$ | Established |
|  |  | Waikohu-Otoko .. .. |  |  | " |
|  |  | Tuparoa-Pakihiroa | Weekly |  |  |
|  |  | Gisborne-Puha |  |  | Extended : to Waikohu. |
|  |  | Te Karaka - Kanakanae |  |  | Frequency increased : weekly to twice weekly (for summer service). |
|  |  | Te Karaka - Kanakanae | . |  | Frequency decreased : twice to once weekly (for winter service). |
|  |  | Gisborne, 8c. - Tolaga Bay | . |  | Altered : by inclusion of Tamarau after Gisborne. |
| Greymouth | - | Ahaura - Upper Moonlight | - $\cdot$ |  | Altered: by change of starting-point from Ahaura to Blackball. Abolished. |
|  |  | Blackball - Upper Moonlight ${ }_{\text {Totara }}$ Flat - Granville and Noble's |  |  |  |
| Hokitika |  | Totara Flat - Granville and Noble's Ross Post-office - Railway-station .. | As required |  | Establlished. |
|  |  | Hokitika-Ruatapu-Ross. (Railway service) | Eight times, ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | klyi | " (See Abolished.) |
|  |  | Rimu, \& ${ }^{\text {P }}$ - - Hokitika | Daily .. | - | " |
|  |  | Kumara-Wainihinihi | Weekly |  |  |
| Invercargill |  | Ross, \&c. - Hokitika .. ... |  |  | Abolished. (See Established.) |
|  | $\cdots$ | Waikaia Post-office - Railway-station Waikaka Post-office - Railway-station Waikaka Valley Post-office - Railwaystation | Twice daily |  | Established. |
|  |  |  | Daily .. |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | , |
|  |  |  |  |  | ", (Summer service resumed.) |
|  |  | Otautau-Gladfield (rural delivery) .. <br> Te Anau - (ilade House .. .. |  |  |  |
|  |  | Te Anau - (ilade House .. Garston-Nevis Glade House - Milford Sound | Weekly Fortnightly |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Nightcaps-Annandale <br> Arrowtown-Queenstown |  |  | Extended : to Beaumont. <br> Frequency increased: four times weekly to daily. |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Glenorchy Post-office - wharf | $\cdots$ |  | Frequency increased : twice to thrice weekly (for summer service). |
|  |  | Glenorchy-Paradise | $\cdots$ |  | Ditto. <br> 3 |
|  |  | Kinloch Post-office - wharf | - |  |  |
|  |  | Queenstown, \&c. - Creighton <br> Lumsden \&c. -Te Anau |  |  | Frequency increased: once to twice weekly (for summer service). |
|  |  | Lumsden, \&c. - Te Anau .. | $\cdots$ |  |  |
|  |  | Manapouri - Hillside Creek | $\cdots$ |  | Ditto. |
|  |  | Mossburn-Matuku .. | - |  |  |
|  |  | Glenorchy Post-office - wharf |  |  | Frequency decreased : thrice to twice weekly (for winter service). <br> Ditto. |
|  |  | Glenorchy-Paradise .- | $\cdots$ |  |  |
|  |  | Kinloch Post-office - wharf Queenstown, \&c. - Creighton | $\ldots$ |  | " |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

Inland Mail-services established, extended, etc.-continued.

| District. | Name of Service. | Frequency, | Jemarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Invercargill-ctd. | Lumsslen, \&c. - Te Anau .Manapouri- Hillside Creek |  | Frequency decreased: twice to once weekly (for winter service). |
|  |  | - | Ditto. |
|  | Mossburn-Matuku |  |  |
|  | Garston-Nevis |  | 'Temporarily discontinued. (for winter). |
|  | Glade House - Milford Sound |  | " |
|  | Te Anau - Clade House .. Bluff - Ruapuke Island | $\cdots$ | Abolish ${ }^{\text {d }}$ |
|  | Bluft - Ruapuke Island Glenorchy Post-office - wharf |  | Abolish:d. |
|  | Gore-Waikaka .. .. | $\cdots$ | " |
|  | Orepuki-Tuatapere |  | " |
|  | Riversdale-Waikaia |  |  |
| Napier | Wairio-Aparima . |  |  |
|  | Dannevirke-Ruaroa | Daily | Established. |
|  | Horoeka-Waimiro-Waipatiki | Thrice weekly | " (See Abolished.) |
|  | Hastings-Whana. . | Twice weekly | ", |
|  | Mohaka - coach on main road |  | " |
|  | Ormondville - Te tri | " |  |
|  | Pukehou-Railway-station.. |  | Frequency increased: daily to twice daily. |
|  | Waipukurau-Porangahau . . | $\cdots$ | Frequency increased : thrice weekly to daily. |
|  | Waipatiki-Horoeka .. .. | . | Frequency increased: twice to thrice weekly. |
|  | Waipaw 1 , \&c. - Blackhead | $\cdots$ | Altered : by inclusion of Omakere after Tamumu. |
|  | Horocka-Waimiro |  | Abolished. (See Establisued.) |
|  | Kea-Kiwi | Twice weekly | Established. |
| Nelson | Kiwi-'Tui | " | " |
|  | Rockville-Aorere-Bainham | " | ,, (See Abolished.) |
|  | Tadmor-Kiwi (train service) .. |  |  |
|  | Belgrove - Golden Downs -- Tophouse Collingwood, \&c: - Bainham | Weekly | Abolished (See Establisered.) |
|  | Collingwood - Mangarakau and Golden Ridge | - | ", (See Hemabiserd) |
|  | Riwaka-Collingwood .. . |  | (See Esmablisami) |
|  | Tadmor-Kiwi (trap service) .. |  | \# (See Established.) |
|  | Douglas Post-office -- Railway-station | As required | Established. |
| New Plymouth | New Plymouth and Suburbs (delivery of parcels within letter-carrier's deliveries) | Daily .. | , |
|  | Lowgarth - Junction of Hastings and Opunake Roads | Thrice weekly | " |
|  | Ratapiko-Tariki . . . . . | " | " |
|  | Okohe-lirenui .. .. .. | Twice weekly | " |
|  | Okau-Kotare . . . . | Weekly | " |
|  | Toncaporutu-Rerekapa <br> Purangi-Matau | , | Frequency inereased : twice to thrice |
|  | Purangi-Matau . |  | Frequency inereased: twice to thrice weekly. |
|  | Stratford, \&c. - Whangamomona .. | . | Altered : by inclusion of Reporua after Huiakama. |
|  | Kaimata-Ratapiko |  | Abolished. |
|  | Whitstone - Kia Ora | Daily | Established. (See Abolisued.) |
| Oamara .. | Omarama - Lake Pukaki | Weekly | F ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ (Summer service resumed.) |
|  | Oamaru-Kurow .. |  | Frequency increased: daily to seven times weekly (for summer service). |
|  | Oamaru-Kurow .. | .. | Frequency decreased: seven times weekly to daily (for winter service). |
|  | Omarama - Lake Pukaki . . . |  | Temporarily discontinued for winter. |
|  | Manuka Creek Post-office - Railwaysiding |  | Abolished. |
|  | Totara Railway-station - Kia Ora .. |  | (See Established.) |
|  | Mangaiti Post-office - Railway-station Omaramutu - Motu Road | Twice daily Weetly | Established. |
| Thames | Thames-Waitakaruru |  | ", |
|  | Waimana-Kutarere |  | 'Temporarily discontinued (30/12/0817/2/09). |
|  | Tancatua-Waimana |  | Abolished. |
|  | Tapu-Waipatukahu .. |  |  |
|  | Otaio-Kohika (rural delivery) | Thrice weekly | Established. (See Abolished.) |
| Timaru | Waiariari-Waimate <br> Morven - Waikakahi Settlement (rural delivery) | Twice"weekly | $"$ |
|  | Fairlie, \&c. - Hermitage . . | -• | Frequency increased: thrice-weekly summer service resumed in terms of contract. (See Frequency decreased.) |
|  | Fairlie, \&c. - Hermitage . . . | - | Frequency decreased : discontinued to Hermitage and reduced thrice to twice weekly to Lake Tekapo, and once weekly to Lake Pukaki for winter service. (See Frequency increased.) |

Inland Mail-services established, extended, etc.--continueí.


The several subsidised sea mail-services, the subsidy-payments for the year 1909, the dates when established, and the date on which each terminates are shown below :-

*Frequency increased, 4th May, 1908 (1s. 4d, per bag paid for extra mail).
$\dagger$ Otaneran included and subsidy
increased, 25 th January, 1909 .

CABLE BUSINESS.
The number and value of cable messages forwarded from New Zealand during 1909 are shown in the following statement:-

## Via Pacific .



The Dominion's outward international and Australian cable business, not including Press, for the years 1909 and 1908 was as follows:--

International.


There was a total decrease of 4,137 messages, but an increase of $£ 1,093 \mathrm{ss} .10 \mathrm{~d}$. in value.
The number of cable messages received in New Zealand during 1909, exclusive of Press, was as follows :-

Via Pacific.


## Via Extension.

|  |  |  |  | International. |  |  | Australia. |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1909 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 12,524 | 26,448 |  |
| 1908 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 11,518 |  | 27,400 |
|  | Increase | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 1,006 | Decrease |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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The forwarded and received cable Press business for the ten years ended the 31st December, 1909, was:-


Table No. 1.
Table showing the Number and Amount of Money-orders issued and of Money-orders payable in New Zealand since the Year 1863.

Issued in the Dominion.


Drawn on the Dominion.


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Table No. 2.
Table showing the Money-orders issued in New Zealand on Offices beyond the Dominion, and Money-orders issued at Offices beyond the Dominion on New Zealand, during the Years 1908 and 1909.

Issued in New Zealand.


Drawn on New Zealand.

Table No. 3.
Table showing the Number and Value of Postal Notes sold from the 1st January, 1886-the date upon which they were tirst issued-to the 31st March, 1910 .


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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 1909.


Table No. 4-cuntinued.
Table showing the Number and Amount of Transactions at the several Money-order and Savings-bank Offices in New Zealand during the Year 1go9-continted.


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 rgog-continued.


| CHRISTCHURCH | 23,044 | 74114 | 3 | 108,709. | 7 |  | 36,386 | 203,045 | 7 | 2 | 7,387 | 85,127, | 285,104 | 10 | 0 | 7,425 | 80,1601 | 1,447,961 | 16 | 11 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Addington | 416 | 78 | 3 | 812 | 7 | 3 | 337 | 1,180 | 181 | 10 | 48 | 698 | 3,166 | 15 | 1 | 8 | 129 | 860 | 12 | 5 |
| Akaroe | 778 | 1615 | 9 | 2,859 | 0 | 11 | 298 | 1,387 | 19 | 1 | 95 | 829 | 14,368 | 0 | 10 | 24 | 388 | 8,238 | 13 | 11 |
| Amberley | 310 | 65 | 6 | 943 | 18 | 6 | 167 | 669 | 11 | 3 | 25 | 388 | 9,056 | 8 | 3 | 8 | 138 | 2,898 | 8 | 5 |
| Ashburton | 3,572 | 8111 | 0 | 14,499 | 8 | 10 | 1,955 | 8,334 | 14 | 4 | 509 | 4,374 | 47,160 | 6 | 2 | 247 | 2,105 | 38,214 | 17 | 11 |
| Bealey | 261 | 60 | 0 | 1,107 | 18 | 4 | 23 | 99 | 13 | 1 | 33 | 135 | 1,640 | 6 | 1. |  | 19 | 168 | 1 | 11 |
| Belfast | 227 | 519 | 0 | 833 | 4 | 10 | 93 | 463 |  | 6 | 43 | 270 | 1,304 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 45 | 259 | 1 | 3 |
| Broken River | 1,592 | 311 | 9 | 6,493 | 1 | 10 | 83 | 290 |  | 0 | 86 | 451 | 6,647 | 14 | 9 | 6 | 74 | 775 | 5 | 10 |
| ('hertsey | $167{ }^{\text {i }}$ | 214 | 9 | 628 | 16 | 5 | 73 | 163 |  | 4 | 10 | 95 | 1,632 | 11 | 6 | 5 | 61 | 1,072 | 10 | 5 |
| ('heviot | 969 | 1717 | 3 | 4,397 | 16 | 10 | 151 | 966 | 3 | 6 | 61 | 482 | 6,246 | 16 | 7 | 6 | 163 | 2,146 | 17 | 8 |
| Coalgate | 147 | 219 | 6 | 553 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 74 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 82 | 583 | 9 | 10 | 1 | 25 | 419 | 0 | 2 |
| Culverden | 261 | 73 | 0 | 1,784 | 12 | 9 | 159 | 723 | 15 | 3 | 29 | 201 | 3,286 | 5 | 9 | 7 | 70 | 2,089 | 7 | 2 |
| Cust | 146 | 214 | $6^{1}$ | 378 | 3 | 4 | 38 | 387 | 5 | 9 | 20 | 210 | 1,737 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 66 | 764 | 0 | 10 |
| Darfield | 144 | 216 | 6 | 455 | 6 | 1 | 62 | 397 |  | $1!$ | 12 | 99 | 1,779 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 23 | 744 | 3 | 3 |
| Dunsandel | 104 | 25 | 9 | 350 | 9 | 1 | 68, | 223 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 194 | 3,215 | 19 | 9 | 3 | 44 | 1,117 | 10 | 9 |
| Duvauchelle | 194 | 314 | 9 | 708 | 15 | 0 | 49 | 217 |  | 1 | 13 | 88 | 907 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 64 | 1,595 | 1 | 7 |
| East Oxford | 284 | 419 | 3 | 1,011 | 3 | 10 | 89 | 344 |  | 11 | 23 | 196 | 2,940 | 19 | 0 | 5 | 77 | 1,352 | 14 | ( |
| Ellesmere | 44 | 017 | 0 | 130 | 12 | 3 | 10 | 45 |  | 0 | 9 | 54 | 850 | 13 | 4 | , | 15 | 338 | 4 |  |
| Glentunnel | 198 | 40 | 9 | 802 | 5 | 7 | 34 | 185 | 10 | 3 | 12 | 146 | 1,269 | (i) | 0 | 1 | 29 | 545 | 18 | 9 |
| Greendale | 67 | 119 | 9 | 309 | 15 | 9 | 9 | 97 |  | 3 | 4 | 30 | 312 | 16 | 7 | 3 | 14 | 183 | 13 |  |
| Halswell | 28 | 014 | 9 | 60 | 0 | 3 | 23 | 54 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 55 | 209 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 22 | 126 | 1 | 3 |
| Hanmer Springs | 722 | 136 | 0 | 2,695 | 8 | 8 | 124 | 847 | 7 | 7 | 55 | 515 | 1,737 | 10 | 2 | 7 | 119 | 1,745 | 16 | 3 |
| High Street . | 2,795 | 7613 | 9 | 9,920 | 1 | 0 | 56 | 266 | 15 | 2 | 196 | 3,819' | 23,788 | 18 | 3 | 8 | 114 | 804 | 17 |  |
| Hinds | 132 | 214 | 9 | 476 | 7 | 3 | 31 | 119 |  | 9 | 20. | 75 | 1,170 | 9 | 10 | 3 | 40 | 602 | 0 | 8 |
| Hornby | 77 | 16 | 6 | 202 | 7 | 1 | 32 | 184 |  | 8 | 14 | 99 | 653 | 6 | 0 | . . | 27 | 237 | 13 |  |
| Hororata | 136 | 37 | 3 | 447 | 6 | 7 | 50 | 230 |  | 4 | 19 | 122 | 1,277 | 15 | 6 | $\cdots$ | 32 | 401 | 10 |  |
| Islington | 192 | 512 | 3 | 521 | 2 | 11 | 21 | 122 | 12 | 8 | 16 | 117 | 941 | 17 | 2 | 3 58 | 44. | 604 13550 | $\stackrel{2}{9}$ |  |
| Kaiapoi | 868 | 1615 | 0 | 2,913 | 19 | 8 | 460 | 1,985 |  | $4!$ | 167 | 1,796 | 20,920 | 6 | 8 | 58. | 675 | 13,550 | 9 |  |
| Kaikoura | 1,337 | 2310 | 3 | 8,759 | 19 | 8 | 370 | 1,732 |  | 3 | 88 | 576 | 7,723 | 5 | 8 | 34 | 259 | 5,374 | 8 |  |
| Kirwee | 151 | 217 | 9 | 490 | 13 | 5 | 50 | 266 | 16 | 3 | 12 | 132 | 2,052 | 4 | 3 | 10 | 53 | 733 | 1 |  |
| Ieeston | 539 | 112 | 0 | 1,985 | 0 | 6 | 179 | 871 |  | 7 | 81 | 655 | 12,005 | 15 | 0 | 20 | 199 | 6,905 | 18 |  |
| ILinooln | 147 | 37 | 6 | 654 | 6 | 0 | 131 | 653 | $12 \cdot 1$ |  | 19 | 172 | 1,702 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 68 | 2,284 | 6 |  |
| Linwood | 772 | 1011 | 9 | 1,619 | 5 | 10 | 848 | 321 | 17: | 0 | 122 | 1,341 | 5,303 | 15 | 3 | 16 | 190 | 990 | 8 | $3$ |
| Little Akaloa | 61 | 115 | 0 | 258 | 11 | 6 | 31 | 160 | 13 | 0 | 3 | 28 | 1,294 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 16 | 81 | 3 |  |

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 1go9-continued.


Table No. 4-cintinued.
Table showing the Number and Amount of Transactions at the several Money-order and Savings-bank
Offices in New Zealand during the Year rgc9-contimued.


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 1909-continued.


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Table No. 4-contimued.
Table showing the Number and Amount of Transactions at the several Money-order and Savings-bank Offices in New Zealand during the Year 1909-continued.


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 1909-continued.


## Table No. 4-continued.

Table showing the Number and dmount of Transactions at the several Money-order and Savings-bank Offices in New Zealand during the Year 1gog-continued.


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 1909-continued.

SUMMARY.


Table No. 5.
Statement showing the Number of British Postal Orders of each Denomination sold and paid in New Zealand during the Financial Years 1908-9 and 1909-10.

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, 1909.

| Postal Districts. | Number of PostSavings. Open at the Close Year. of the | Number of Deposits received duringthe Year. | Total Amount of Deposits received during th Year. |  | Average Amount of each Deposit recetved 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 |  | Average cach Transaction, De-Withdrawal. | Interest for the Year. | $\|$Nunter <br> of <br> Accounts <br> opened <br> during <br> the Year. | Number of Accounts closed during the Year. | Number <br> Accounts remaining Open of the Year. | Total Am standing Credit of inciusive Interest to Close of the | ount <br> to the <br> fall <br> e of <br> o the <br> Year |  | Average <br> Amount standing to the Credit of each Open Account at Close of the Year. |
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|  |  |  | £ 8. d |  | £ s. d. |  | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d . | £ | d. |  |  |  |  | £ |  |  | f s. d |
| Auckland | 165 | 111,567 | 1,723,521 5 |  | $\begin{array}{llll}15 & 9 & 0\end{array}$ | 87,255 | 1,657,721 168 | $19 \quad 0 \quad 0$ | 65,799 811 | . | . | . | 63,921 18 0 | 13,621 | 9,391 | 55,169 | ,100,135 | 13 |  | 381 |
| Blenheim | 11 | 8,882 | 125,002 00 |  | 1416 | 6,084 | 122,182 131 | $20 \begin{array}{lll}1 & 1 & 8\end{array}$ | 2,819 78 |  |  |  | 5,963 $10 \quad 0$ | ,094 | 764 | 5,935 | 189,777 | 18 | 0 | 3119 |
| Christchurch | 66 | 121,918 | $\begin{array}{llll}1,639,354 & 4 & 5\end{array}$ |  | 13811 | 90,459 | 1,630,519 130 | $18 \quad 0 \quad 6$ | 8,834 $11 \quad 5$ | $\ldots$ | . |  | 6,792 1611 | 10,928 | 8,350 | 61,551 | 2,139,851 | 0 | 7 | 3415 |
| Donedin | 57 | 92,930 | 1,174,830 $18 \quad 4$ |  | 121210 | 60,494 | 1,145,707 511 | $1818 \quad 9$ | 29,123 125 | .. | .. | . | 57,286 810 | 8,050 | 6,061 | 45,337 | 1,813,411 | 7 | 5 | 400 |
| Gisborne | 14 | 63 | 214,320 127 |  | $1218 \quad 2$ | 13,07 | 206,192 94 | 1515 | 8,128 3 3 3 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  | 7,047 I | 2,217 | ,513 | 7,973 | 230,129 | 3 | 1 | 2817 |
| Greymouth | 12 | 14,369 | 201,594 46 |  | 140 | 8,738 | 184,586 810 | 2126 | 17,007 15 8 | $\ldots$ | . | . | 9,363 4 | 1,989 | 1,382 | 7,009 | 302,357 | 15 | 0 | $43 \quad 2$ |
| Hokitika | 7 | 2,440 | $\begin{array}{llll}37,611 & 1 & \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{lll}15 & 8 & 3\end{array}$ | 1,651 | 41,867 $13 \quad 5$ | 2572 | .. | 4,256 $12 \quad 2$ | . | . | 2,914 1910 | 342 | 300 | 1,854 | 88,461 | 0 | 2 | 4714 |
| Invercargill | 29 | 24,749 | 361,285 $13 \quad 6$ |  | 14120 | 15,632 | 349,982 18 ธ | $22 \quad 7$ | 11,302 15 |  |  |  | 18,584 7 | 3,089 | 2,095 | 15,067 | 593,170 | 6 | 4 | 397 |
| Napier | 32 | 34,550 | 440,600 $15 \quad 5$ |  | 12151 | 23,935 | $454,031 \quad 3 \quad 7$ | 1819 |  | 13,43082 |  |  | 18,583 18 | 3,929 | 3,150 | 17,589 | 586,007 | 0 | 3 | 336 |
| Nelson | 20 | 13,583 | 207,028 50 |  | $15 \quad 410$ | 9,851 | 204,987 198 | 2016 | 2,040 |  | . | .. | 10,280 62 | ,533 | 1,239 | 9,244 | 327,890 | 1 | 10 | $35 \quad 9$ |
| New Plymouth | 13 | 16,599 | 250,338 919 |  | 15.15 | 11,244 | 240,512 98 | 21710 | 9,825 1911 |  |  |  | 9,720 $\quad 1$ | 2,298 | ,635 | 9,087 | 310,838 | 181 |  | 344 |
| Oamaru | 10 | 8,039 | 148,734 148 |  | $1810 \quad 0$ | 5,81 | 147,146 00 | $\begin{array}{llll}25 & 6 & 5\end{array}$ | 1,588 $14 \quad 7$ | . | . | .. | 7,055 4 ¢ | 990 | 767 | 4,785 | 222,69 |  | 0 | 101 |
| Thames | 21 | 19,201 | 249,227 4 |  | 12197 | 12,278 | 250,766 81 | 208 | . | ,539 36 | . | . | 10,700 1310 | 2,349 | 2,008 | 10,982 | 335,098 | 8 | 7 | 3010 |
| Timaru | 16 | 20,170 | 295,907 12 इ |  | $1413 \quad 5$ | 13,413 | 299,451 77 | $22 \quad 6 \quad 6$ | . | 3,543 $15 \quad 2$ |  |  | $\begin{array}{ll}13,029 & 4\end{array}$ | 2,253 | 1,644 | 10,732 | 409,347 | 7 | 8 | $38 \quad 210$ |
| Wanganui | 44 | 37,026 | $479,182 \quad 6 \quad 3$ |  | 121810 | 26,628 | 511,053 78 | $19 \quad 310$ | . | 31,871 15 | . |  | 18,408 78 | 4,703 | 4,122 | 18,938 | 575,963 |  | 8 | 308 |
| Wellington | 84 | 171,893 | $\begin{array}{llll}1,936,023 & 7 & 4\end{array}$ |  | $11 \begin{array}{lll}11 & 5\end{array}$ | 128,916 | 1,919,860 $16 \quad 4$ | 141710 | 16,162 110 | . | . |  | $70,680 \quad 9 \quad 3$ | 16,767 | 14,292 | 73,938 | 2,273,330 |  | 9 | 301411 |
| Westport | 18 | 9,982 | 126,556 151 |  | $1213 \quad 7$ | 5,505 | 132,749 50 | $24 \quad 23$ |  | 6,192 911 |  |  | 5,421 118 | 1,248 | 1,050 | 4,524 | 168,428 | 4 | 5 | 374 |
| Totals for Dominion in 1909 | 619 | 724,501 | 9,611,119 113 |  | 135 | 520,971 | 9,499,319 $16 \quad 4$ | $\begin{array}{llll}18 & 4 & 8\end{array}$ | 111,799 1411 | . | 27,000 | $5 \cdot 20$ | 395,804 4 3 | 77,400 | 59,763 | 359,714 | 12,888,897 |  | 5 | 354 |


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Balance-sheet of the New Zealand Post Office Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1909.

Balance-sheet of the New Zealand Post Office Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1909-continucd.


## Table No. 8.

Securitifs, de., standing in the Name of the Postmaster-General on Account of the PostOffice Savings-Bank Fund on 31st December, 1909.

The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1899 Debentures, $3 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1900 Debentures, 34 per cent.
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1900 Debentures, $3 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1901 Debentures, $3 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1901 Debentures, 4 per cent.
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Aot 1902 Debentures, 4 per cent.
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1902 Debentures, $3 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1903 Debentures, 4 per cent.
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1903 Debentures, $3 \frac{1}{2}$ per oent.
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Aot 1906 Debentures, 4 per cent.
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1906 Debentures, $3 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Aot 1907 Debentures, $3 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1908 Debentures, $3 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
Canadian Debentures, 4 per cent. ..
Canadian Debentures, 4 per cent.
Canadian Stock, 3 per cent.
Canadian Stock, $2 \frac{7}{2}$ per cent.
The Cape of Good Hope Consolidated Stock, $\ddot{3} \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
The Consolidated Loan Act 1867 Debentures, 4 per cent.
The Consolidated Stock Aot 1884 Debentures, 32 per cent.
The Consolidated Stock Act 1884 Debentures, 31 per cent.
The Consolidated Stock Act 1884 Debentures, $3 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
The Dairy Industry Act 1898 Debentures, $3 \frac{1}{2}$ per oent.
The Defence and other Purposes Loan Act 1870 Debentures, 4 per cent.
The Defence and other Purposes Loan Act 1870 Debentures, 4d per cent.
Dunedin Garrison Hall Debentures, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
The General Purposes Loan Act 1873 Debentures, 4 per cent.
The Government Advances to Bettlers Act 1894 Debentures, 31 per cent.
The Government Advances to Settlers Act 1906 Debentures, 31 per cent.
The Government Advances to Settlers Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.
The Government Advances to Settlers Extension Act 1901 Debentures, $3 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
The Government Advances to Workers Act 1906 Debentures, $3 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
The Government Advances to Workers Act 1906 Debentures, 31 per cent.
The Government Loans to Looal Bodies Act 1886 Debentures, 31 per cent.
The Government Railways Act 1908 and Finance Act 1909 Debentures, $3 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
Greymouth Harbour Board Debentures, 4 per cent. ..
Hamilton Borough Debentures, $4 t$ per cent.
Hokitika Harbour Board Debentures, 4 per cent.
The Hutt Railway and Road Improvement Act 1903 Debentures, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
The Hutt Railway and Road Improvement Act 1905 Debentures, $3 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
The Hutt Railuay and Road Improvement Act 1907 Debentures, $3 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
The Immigration and Public Works Loan Act 1870 Debentures, $4 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
The Immigration and Public Works Loan Act 1870 Debentures, 4 per cent.
India Stock, $3 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent
India Stock, 3 per cent.
Inscribed Stock, $3 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
Insoribed Stock, 3 per cent.
Irish land Stock, 24 per cent.
The Land for Settlements Act 1908 Debentures, $9 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. ..
The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act 1900 Debentures, $3 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
The Land for Settlements Act 1908 Debentures, $3 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. ..

Nominal Value. Cost Price.

| $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 125,000 | 0 | 0 | 125,000 | 0 | 0 |
| 2,200 | 0 | 0 | 2,200 | 0 | 0 |
| 54,300 | 0 | 0 | 54,300 | 0 | 0 |
| 32,600 | 0 | 0 | 32,600 | 0 | 0 |

Accrued Interest on 31st December 1909.
£ s. d. $\begin{array}{lll}731 & 3 & 3\end{array}$

12131
$\begin{array}{lll}312 & 8 & 3\end{array}$
$570 \quad 10 \quad 0$
$\begin{array}{ll}8 & 4\end{array}$
8176
359119
2,7961510
$1,076 \quad 13 \quad 9$
$1,081 \quad 0 \quad 0$
$8,750 \quad 0 \quad 0$
$3,500 \quad 0 \quad 0$
43660
37132
751810
$8617 \quad 6$
118164
$\begin{array}{llll}4 & 1 & 1\end{array}$
1091311
2,830 $10 \quad 7$
3,289 74
1,914811
25192
632176
$97 \quad 711$
43177
$863 \quad 0 \quad 5$
1,596 $11 \quad 7$
$258 \quad 0 \quad 0$
$230 \quad 28$
71184
$3,587 \quad 10 \quad 0$
$2,686 \quad 0 \quad 7$

12,241 $12 \quad 0$
564
$\begin{array}{rrr}76 & 8 & 4 \\ 575 & 6 & 9\end{array}$
287135
$\begin{array}{lll}385 & 9 & 6\end{array}$
$198 \quad 8 \quad 2$
1,479410
$\begin{array}{lll}2 & 910\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{rrr}0 & 9 & 2 \\ 964 & 0 & 4\end{array}$
18,885 0
$110 \quad 5$
$\begin{array}{rrr}1,332 & 12 & 6 \\ 17,308 & 7 & 7\end{array}$
54103

Table No. 8-continued.
Secunities, dc., standing in the Name of the Postmaster-General on Account of the PostOftice Savings-Bank Fund on 31st December, 1909—continued.


Table No. 9.

## Post-Office Savings-Bank.

Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1909.



Profit and Loss Account.

Dr. $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { s. d. }\end{aligned}$


Interest paid on debentures purchased by Department
Paid Public Account, for cost of Savings-
bank management .. .. ..
Loss on debentures at maturity
Savings-bank profits for 1908 paid to $\because$
revenue .. ..
Balance to next account
$151 \quad 5 \quad 2$
$\begin{array}{ccccc}\text { the year } \quad . . \\ \text { Accrued interest on } \\ 31 \text { st }\end{array} 412,347 \quad 411$
27,000 000
$254 \quad 9 \quad 7$
$25,000 \quad 0 \quad 0$
$\begin{array}{rrr}250,457 & 6 & 8\end{array}$
December, 1909 .. 160,096 98
Less accrued interest on $\begin{array}{llll}572,443 & 14 & 7\end{array}$
31st December, 1908 .. 139,852 8 3

| Profit on debentures at maturity | $\ldots$ | 432,591 | 6 | 4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | 6,295 | 16 | 7 |

Sundry receipts
,29516 209
£708,667 510

Table No. 10.
Return showing the Total Number of Post-Office Savings-Bank Accounts open on the 31st December, 1909, classitied according to the Balances at Credit.

| Postal District. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Not } \\ \text { exceeding } \\ \text { £20. } \end{gathered}$ | Exceeding f20 and up to 250 | Exceeding x50 and up to $£ 100$. | Exceedin fil0 and up to ${ }^{2} 200$ | Exceeding £200 and up to $£ 300$. | Exceeding \& 300 and up to $£ 400$. | Exceeding f400 and up to $£ 500$. up to $x 500$. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Exceeding } \\ & £ 500 \text { and } \\ & \text { up to } £ 600 \text {. } \end{aligned}$ |  | Total Number o Accounts open. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Auckland | 39,181 | 5,609 | 3,894 | 3,465 | 1,492 | 788 | 340 | 226 | 174 | 55,169 |
| Blenheim | 4,450 | 531 | 386 | 295 | 129 | 75 | 27 | 24 | 9 | 5,935 |
| Christchurch | 44,204 | 6,652 | 1,318 | 3,467 | 1,460 | 674 | 368 | 235 | 173 | 61,551 |
| Dunedin | 31,135 | 5,193 | 3,520 | 2,920 | 1,306 | 637 | 328 | 183 | 115 | 45,337 |
| Gisborne | 5,950 | 854 | 528 | 356 | 137 | 71 | 29 | 26 | 22 | 7,973 |
| Greymouth | 4,692 | 824 | 558 | 477 | 223 | 124 | 60 | 37 | 19 | 7,009 |
| Hokitika | 1,164 | 230 | 170 | 152 | 74 | 33 | 17 | 7 | 7 | 1,854 |
| Invercargill | 10,174 | 1,856 | 1,220 | 1,004 | 448 | 187 | 108 | 47 | 23 | 15,067 |
| Napier | 12,825 | 1,851 | 1,235 | 890 | 401 | 201 | 79 | 62 | 45 | 17,589 |
| Nelson | 6,517 | 1,087 | 657 | 521 | 244 | 100 | 59 | 33 | 26 | 9,244 |
| New Plymouth | 6,488 | 1,012 | 648 | 528 | 211 | 89 | 56 | 36 | 19 | 9,087 |
| Oamaru | 3,030 | 608 | 450 | 383 | 161 | 67 | 45 | 28 | 13 | 4,785 |
| Thames | 8,192 | 1,024 | 689 | 610 | 238 | 117 | 44 | 40 | 28 | 10,982 |
| Timaru | 7,391 | 1,329 | 820 | 638 | 276 | 130 | 63 | 54 | 31 | 10,732 |
| Wanganui | 14,080 | 2,027 | 1,177 | 919 | 374 | 188 | 85 | 57 | 31 | 18,938 |
| Wellington | 54,531 | 7,804 | 4,767 | 3,673 | 1,632 | 730 | 356 | 330 | 215 | 73,938 |
| Westport | 3,161 | 507 | 377 | 279 | 96 | 48 | 24 | ! 18 | 14 | 4,524 |
| Totals, 1909 | 257,174 | 38,998 | 25,409 | 20,577 | 8,902 | 4,259 | 2,088 | 1,343 | 964 | 359,714 |
| Totals, 1908 | 244,459 | 37,069 | 24,021 | 19,790 | 8,591 | 3,872 | 1,988 | 1,361 | 926 | 342,077 |

Table No. 11.
Return showing the Number and Amount of Old-age Pension Payments made each Month for the Two Years ended 31st March, 1910.


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

| Postal District. |  |  | 1908-9. |  |  |  | 1909-10. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Number <br> of <br> Payments. Amount. |  |  |  | Number of Payments. | Amount. |  |  |
|  |  |  | 34,071 | $69 .{ }^{£} 644$ |  | ${ }_{7}^{\text {d. }}$ | 36,982 | ${ }^{\text {L }} 116$ | s. | ${ }^{\text {d. }}$ |
| Blenheim... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 1,837 | 3,779 | 7 | 9 | 2,007 | 4,126 | 1 | 0 |
| Christchurch | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 27,218 | 55,903. | 6 | 0 | 29,468 | 60,183 | 13 | 7 |
| Dunedin ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 26,022 | 52,231 16 | 16 | 5 | 27,304 | 54,653 | 3 | 7 |
| Gisborne . |  | $\ldots$ | 1,212 | 2,281 1 | 10 | 9 | 1,369 | 2,587 | 2 | 1 |
| Greymouth | .. | $\ldots$ | 6,108 | 12,926 | 2 | 9 | 6,290 | 13,295 | 10 | 0 |
| Hokitika |  |  | 6,294 | 13,271 1 | 17 | 9 | 6,432 | 13,591 | 9 | 10 |
| Invercargill | $\ldots$ |  | 10,138 | 21,012 | 2 | 5 | 11,162 | 23,038 | 5 | 9 |
| Napier ... |  | ... | 5,912 | .11,951 1 | 13 | 5 | 6,471 | 13,038 | 1 | 6 |
| Nelson | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | 3,436 | 6,956 1 | 16 | 1 | 3,636 | 7,359 | 7 | 1 |
| New Plymouth | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 2,975 | 5,993 | 8 | 0 | 3,091 | 6,260 |  | 7 |
| Oamarr | $\ldots$ |  | 3,524 | 7,282 1 | 16 |  | 3,747 | 7,640 | 18 | 8 |
| Thames | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 6,079 | 12,731 1 | 11 | 4 | 6,503 | 13,565 | 10 | 10 |
| Timaru | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 5,961 | 11,982 1 | 14 |  | 6,783 | 13,574 | 0 | 11 |
| Wanganui |  | $\ldots$ | 4,697 | 9,786 | 0 | 5 | 5,324 | 11,091 | 1 | 2 |
| Wellington |  | $\ldots$ | 15,656 | 31,701 | 1 |  | 17,831 | 36,107 | 8 | - |
| Westport... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 3,493 | 7,376 | 5 | 6 | 3,439 | 7,267 | 2 | 8 |
| Totals |  |  | 164,633 | 336,813 | 1 | 0 | 177,839 | 362,495 | 11 | 0 |

Table No. 12.
Table showing the estimated Number of Letters and Letter-cards, Post-cards, Book-packets, Newspapers, and Parcels posted and delivered in the several Postal
Districts of New Zealand during the Year ended 31st December, 1909.

| D | Posted in the Dominion |  |  |  |  | Delivered in the Dominion. |  |  |  |  | otal posted and delivered. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Letters and Letter-cards. | Yost-cards. | Books, dc | Newspapers. | Parcels. | Letters and Letter-cards | Post-carils | Rnoks. N | Newspaprers. | Pa | Letters and <br> Letter-cards. | Pos | Books, \&e. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { News- } \\ & \text { papers. } \end{aligned}$ | Pareets. |
| Auckland | 16,846,893 | 1,130,870 | 3,925,638 | 3,545,153 | 252,781 | 15,211,716 | 1,11+,609 | 3,695,042 | 2,937,935 | 272,822 | 32,058,609 | 2,245, 229 | 7,620,680 | 6,483,088 | 525,603 |
| Blenheim | 1,163,804 | 68,627 | 279,842 | 283,179 | 7,513 | 1,238,380 | 82,407 | 279,656 | 433,212 | 8,14,9 | 2,402,184 | 151,034 | 559,498 | 716,391 | 15,622 |
| Christchurch | 12,618,523 | 873,457 | 3,221,307 | 2,656,542 | 141,641 | 14,819,974 | 1,177,111 | 3,314,129 | 2,528,669 | 152,871 | 27,438,497 | 2,050,568 | 6,535,436 | 5,185,211 |  |
| Dunedin | 11,198,115 | 945,750 | 4,113,955 | 2,207,252 | 133,786 | 10,667,774 | 1,397,266 | 3,538,808 | 2,574,663 | 144,393 | 21,865,889 | 2,343,016 | 7,652,763 | 4,781,915 | 278,179 |
| Gisborne | 1,271,497 | 71,721 | 309,887 | 486,268 | 16,112 | 1,345,084 | 84,422 | 308,698 | 661,687 | 17,389 | 2,616,581 | 156,143 | 618,585 | 1,147,955 | 33,501 |
| Greymouth | 1,138,628 | 73,385 | 202,743 | 367,393 | 10,029 | 1,311,154 | 94,276 | 244,920 | 661,986 | 10,824 | 2,449,782 | 167,661 | 447,663 | 1,029,379 | 20,853 |
| Hokitila | 468,971 | 31,590 | 74,458 | 130,234 | 5,676 | 627,978 | 56,316 | 206,908 | 221,052 | 6,126 | 1,096,949 | 87,906 | 281,366 | 351,286 | 11,802 |
| Invercargill | 4,530,549 | 377,624 | 1,064,477 | 749,963 | 26,902 | 5,218,343 | 559,156 | 1,687,907 | 1,188,13.) | 29,03.5 | 9,748,892 | 936,780 | 2,752,384 | 1,938,098 | 55,937 |
| Napier | 4,742,198 | 298,662 | 1,414,897 | 806,740 | 41,324 | 4,950,569 | 290,927 | 1,384,981 | 1,375,608 | 44,600 | 9,692,767 | 589,589 | 2,799,878 | 2,182,348 | 85,924 |
| Nelson | 2,015,513 | 128,050 | 395,196 | 295,828 | 20,403 | 1,916,200 | 141,713 | 474,786 | 609,557 | 22,021 | 3,931,713 | 269,763 | 869,982 | 905,385 | 42,424 |
| New Plymouth.. | 2,392,793 | 145,717 | 641,312 | 569,699 | 17,088 | 2,643,524 | 197,197 | 581,412 | 917,852 | 18,443 | 5,036,317 | 342,914 | 1,222,724 | 1,487,551 | 35,531 |
| Oamaru | 1,271,258 | 78,611 | 210,584 | 157,014 | 5,980 | 1,469,624 | 108,459 | 235,391 | 252,837 | 6,454 | 2,740,882 | 187,070 | 445,975 | 409,851 | 12,434 |
| Thames | 1,811,491 | 107,185 | 316,385 | 324,470 | 11,749 | 1,974,206 | 128,648 | 390,767 | 476,073 | 12,681 | 3,785,697 | 235,833 | 707,152 | 800,543 | 24,430 |
| Timaru | 2,453,037 | 164,073 | 504,398 | 322,855 | 13,192 | 2,645,955 | 169,390 | 486,720 | 536,211 | 14.238 | 5,098,992 | 333,463 | 991,118 | 859,066 | 27,430 |
| Wanganui | 5,823,861 | 397,059 | 1,864,676 | 1,363,678 | 45,558 | 6,277,947 | 545,740 | 2,021,006 | 2,284,477 | 49,170 | 12,101,808 | 942,799 | 3,885,682 | 3,648,155 | 94,728 |
| Wellington | 22,754,798 | 1,198,834 | 5,850,552 | 5,463,759 | 282,466 | 20,469,852 | 1,842,685 | 6,513,988 | 4,730,635 | 304,861 | +3,224,650 | 3,041,519 | 12,364,540 | 10,194,394 | 587,327 |
| Westport | 773,500 | 47,619 | 122,722 | 171,106 | 7,405 | 362,628 | 59,436 | 189,78 | 269,9 | 7992 | 1,636,128 | 107,055 | 292,502 | 441,025 | 15,397 |
| Totals | 93,275,429 | 8,138,834 | 24,513,029 | 19,901,133 | 1,039,605 | 93,850,908 | 8,049,808 | 25,534,899 | 22,660,508 | 1,122,029 | 186,926,337 | 14,188,642 | 150,047,928 | [42,561,641 | 2,161,634 |
| Previous year . | 86,350,240 | 6,222,684 | 24,144,963 | 19,036,782 | 860,380 | 89,089,871 | 7,643,831 | 25,097,878 | 22,322,131 | 930,267 | 175,440,111 | 13,866,515 | 49,242,841 | 41,358,913 | 1,790,647 |

Table No. 13.

## Registered Articles.

The number of registered articles dealt with in 1909, compared with the numbers in 1890 , 1900, and 1908, is as follows:-

|  |  |  | 1890. | 1900. | 1908. | 1909. |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| From places beyond the Dominion | $\ldots$ | 26,374 | 52,343 | 110,648 | 127,197 |  |
| Registered in the Dominion | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 169,321 |  | 464,036 | 860,656 |
|  | $\underline{971,987}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Totals | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 195,695 | $\overline{516,379}$ | $\overline{971,304}$ | $-1,099,184$ |

Dead Letters.

|  |  | 1908. | 1909. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Opened and returned to writers | .. | 177,535 | 174,730 |
| Returned unopened to other countries | $\ldots$ | 41,187 | 47,665 |
| Reissued | $\ldots$ | 455 | 737 |
| Destroyed ... | $\ldots$ | 28,136 | 19,238 |
| Returned unopened by Chief Postmasters | $\ldots$ | 163,161 | 186,396 |
| Totals | ... | 410,474 | 428,766 |

Table No. 14.

## Parcel-post.

The following shows the number and weight of parcels posted during the years 1890, 1900, 1908, and $1909:-$

|  |  | 1890. | 1900. | 1908. | 1909. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number | $\ldots$ | 121,292 | 199,413 | 860,380 | $1,039,605$ |
| Weight | $\ldots$ | $336,643 \mathrm{lb} .12 \mathrm{oz}$. | $682,140 \mathrm{lb} .7 \mathrm{oz}$. | $2,824,567 \mathrm{lb} .10 \mathrm{oz}$. | $3,369,916 \mathrm{lb} .3 \mathrm{oz}$. |

The following table shows the number and weight of parcels exchanged with the United Kingiom and the undermentioned places during the years 1908 and $1909:-$


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## Table No. 15.-SAN FRANCISCO AND SUEZ SERVICES.

Statement showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails between London and the undermentioned Places by the San Francisco Mail Service.


TO LONDON via SAN FRANCISCO.


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 Service.

FROM LONDON VIA BRINDISI (P. and O. Packets).

|  | - | Melbourne. | Sydney. | Auckland. | Wellington. | Ohristchurch | Dunedin. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Maximum | days) | 32 | 33 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 39 |
| Minimum |  | 30 | 31 | 36 | 35 | 39 | 38 |
| Average | " | $30 \cdot 15$ | 31.23 | $37 \cdot 23$ | $38 \cdot 19$ | 39.04 | 38.12 |

TO LONDON VIA BRINDISI (P. AND O. PACKETS).


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 VIA NAPLES (ORIENT PACKETS).

|  | - |  | Melbourr | Sydney. | Auckland. | Wellington. | Christchureh | Dunedin. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Maximum (in days) |  | $\ldots$ | 34 | 35 | 42 | 40 | 41 | 41 |
| Minimum | " | $\ldots$ | 31 | 33 | 37 | 38 | 38 | 38 |
| Average | " |  | $32 \cdot 26$ | $33 \cdot 41$ | 38.56 | 38.78 | $39 \cdot 15$ | $38 \cdot 44$ |

to London via naples (ORIENT Packets).


## Table No. 16.


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## Table No. 16-continued.

For the Financial Years ended 3ist March, 1895, to 3ist March, 1910.



Table No. 17.
Table showing the Cash Kevenue derived from Paid Telegrams of all Codes, the Value of Franked Government Telegrams, and the Number of Telegrams transmitted in the several Postal Districts of New Zealand for the Twelve Months ended 3Ist March, igio.

| Postat Districts. |  |  |  | Revenue derived from Paid Telegrams of all Codes. |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { Value } \\ \text { Telegrams } \\ \text { Codes } \end{gathered}$ | of of s. |  | Number of Paid Telegrams. | Number of Franked Government Telegrams. | Total Number of Telegrams all Codes. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Auckland |  |  |  | $\stackrel{\neq}{47,554}$ |  |  |  |  |  | $\stackrel{t}{48,187}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{s} . \\ & 14 \end{aligned}$ |  | 1,517,695 | 12,152 | ,529,847 |
| Blenheim |  |  |  | 4,650 | 10 |  | 258 | 10 |  | 4,909 | I | $6 \frac{1}{2}$ | 144,374 | 5,272 | 149,646 |
| Christchurch |  |  |  | 25,941 | 2 | $1{ }_{1}$ | 472 | 1 |  | 26,413 | 4 | 5 ${ }^{1}$ | 782,509 | 8,351 | 790,860 |
| Dunedin |  |  |  | 21,767 | 3 | 11. | 317 | 11 |  | 22,084 | 15 | 4 | 665,661 | 5,118 | 670,779 |
| Gisborne |  |  |  | 6,934 | 10 |  | 59 | 2 |  | 6,993 | t2 | 3 | 210, 324 | 1,176 | 211,500 |
| Greymouth |  |  |  | 6,081 | 14 |  | 181 | 7 | 8 | 6,263 | 11 | II ${ }_{2}^{1}$ | 172,317 | 3,562 | 175,879 |
| Hokitika |  |  |  | 2,109 | 7 |  | 14 | 2 | 10 | 2,123 | 10 | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 64,102 | 213 | 64,315 |
| Invercargill |  |  |  | 13,011 | 7 |  | ${ }^{171}$ | 11 | 51 | 13,182 | 18 | $6 \frac{1}{2}$ | 406,348 | 3,338 | 409,686 |
| Napier .. |  |  |  | 15,163 |  | 713 | 177 | 8 |  | 15,341 | 7 | $8!$ | 534,382 | 3,421 | 537,803 |
| Nelson .. |  |  |  | 5,579 |  |  | 674 | 14 |  | 6,254 | - | I ${ }_{\text {I }}$ | 262,119 | 13,006 | 275,125 |
| New Plymouth |  |  |  | 7,329 | 3 | 5 ${ }^{\frac{1}{2}}$ | 162 |  | 31 | 7,491 | 18 | 9 | 230,651 | 3,236 | 233,887 |
| Oamaru |  |  |  | 3,563 | 17 | $1 \frac{1}{2}$ | 34 | 7 | o | 3,598 | 4 | It | 99,849 | 662 | 100,511 |
| Thames.. |  |  | . | 7,507 |  |  | 33 | 4 | 5 | 7,540 | 5 | - | 231,604 | 688 | 232,292 |
| Timaru.. |  |  |  | 6,765 | 11 |  | 80 | 3 | 2 | 6,845 | 14 | 212i ${ }^{\text {i }}$ | - 209,695 | 1,532 | 211,227 |
| Wanganui |  |  |  | 16,304 | 18 | 5 ${ }^{\frac{1}{2}}$ |  | 17 | 64 | 16,393 | 16 | $\bigcirc$ | 526,086 | 1,721 | 527,807 |
| Wellington |  |  | . | 50, 594 |  | 3 | 1,120 | 19 |  | 51,715 | 12 |  | 11,584,725 | 19,568 | 1,604,293 |
| Westport |  |  |  | 4,046 | 8 | 712 | 371 | - | 5 ${ }^{2}$ | 4,417 | ro | I | $\mathrm{II}_{4}, 687$ | 6,746 | 121,433 |
| Totals | 909 |  | .. | 244,905 | 10 | 1 | 4,850 | 17 | 2 | 249,756 | 7 | 3 | 7,757,128 | 89,762 | 7,846,890 |
| Totals | 908 |  |  | 233,516 | 10 | 4 | 4,821 | ı | 10 | 238,338 | 1 | 2 | 7,338,017 | 87,676 | 7,425,693 |

Table No. 18.
Table showing the Paid Telegrams of all Codes forwarded during the Twelve Months ended 3ist March, 19io, and the Revenue received therefrom.


Table No. 19.
Table showing the Class and Number of Instrumints and Batteries in use at Telegrapr Offices for the Year ended 31st March, 1910.


Table No. 20.
Table showing the Cost of Maintenance of Teleqkaph Lines for the Year ended 31st March, 1910.


Table No. 21.
Table showing the Expenditure on, and the Cost of, Telegraph Construetion during the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1910.


Table No. 21-continued.
Table showing the Expenditure on, and the Cost of, Telegraph Construction during the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1910-continued.


Table No. 21-continued.
Table showing the Expenditure on, and the Cost of, Telegraph Construyrion during the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1909-continued.

| Line. |  | Expenditure. | Material from Stores. | Total Cost during |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| Makirikiri-Upokonuil |  | 14146 | 25158 | 40102 |
| Ahuiti TeTuhi. . |  | -) 90 | 66111 | 71131 |
| Aramoho Papaiti , i |  | 080 | $519 \%$ | $6{ }_{6} 75$ |
| Makirikiri-Kakatihij |  | 8216 | $7!0$ | 89106 |
| T'urangarere Railway |  |  | ${ }_{6} 1838$ | $\begin{array}{llll}6 & 3 & 3\end{array}$ |
| Raetihi Ohakune-Taihape (me | c circuit) | 670 | 70:3 \% 11 | 7091211 |
| Marton Thihape (metallic circu |  | . | 7132 | $713 \quad 2$ |
| Mangoihe |  | $\cdots$ | 560 | 560 |
| Ohakune Last |  |  | 5) 63 | 56 |
| Ohakune -Horopito |  | 6163 |  | 616 |
| Utiku Taihape (metallic eireuit |  | 10014 | 32162 | 13310 |
| Mangaweka--Ruahine |  | 0126 |  | ${ }^{1} 12$ |
| Apiti- Kimbolton |  | 550 |  | $5) 5$ |
| Kaheke (off Umutoi line) |  | 140 |  | 140 |
| Komako-Utuwai |  | $68 \quad 3 \quad 3$ | 512 | 731510 |
| Stanway . . |  |  | 2230 | 2230 |
| Rewa-Livingstone | $\cdots$ | 3154 | 3918 9 | 714 |
| Palmerston North-Ashhurst |  |  | 117 | 1172 |
| Karewa Road |  |  | 5 0 | 50 |
| Foxton - Te Wharangi |  | 318 + | $819 \quad 3$ | 1217 |
| Oroua Downs (Foxton-Bull's) |  | 156 | 0) 6 | 1119 |
| Otaki - Hautere Cross -- Waihoa |  | $\begin{array}{lll}71 & 8 & 2\end{array}$ | 4108 | 112810 |
| Levin-Shannon (metallic circuit) |  |  | 4691710 | 4691710 |
| Pahiatua-Wellington (metallic |  | 53141 | 18175 | 72116 |
| Pongaroa-Makuri | .. | 246119 | $1+8$ | 247165 |
| Rakaunui-Waikereru |  | 63144 | 1517 5 | 79119 |
| Waikereru-Mara |  | 57163 |  | 5716 |
| Waikereru-Waiowaka |  | 1717 0 | $1+17$ 6 | 32146 |
| Te Pare - Cape Palliser |  | 323 3 11 | 320156 | $6+319 \quad 5$ |
| Upper Hutt - Hutt (metallic ci |  | 101194 | ${ }^{1} 666$ | 102 \% 10 |
| Hutt - Rona Bay |  | $\begin{array}{lll}29 & 2 & 5\end{array}$ | $129 \quad 310$ | $158 \quad 6 \quad 3$ |
| Wellington-Levin |  | $40810 \quad 3$ | 570168 | 979611 |
| Petone-Korokoro |  |  | 23133 | 23133 |
| Wellington - Day's Bay |  | $88 \quad 90$ |  | $88 \quad 90$ |
| Wellington-Makara |  | 0110 |  | 0110 |
| Makara-Terawhiti (Macmenam |  | $65 \quad 0 \quad 10$ | $74 \quad 18$ | 13926 |
| Wellington-Dunedin |  | 4160 | $65119+$ | 69354 |
| Blenheim-Seddon (metallic cir |  | 5070 | () $10 \quad 4$ | 50174 |
| Blenheim - Cape Campbell - Fla | ourne | 182311 | 20150 | $20219 \quad 2$ |
| Rapaura -- Spring Creek | . | 23109 | $\begin{array}{llll}65 & 6 & 10\end{array}$ | $8817 \quad 7$ |
| French Pass -- Bulwer |  | 240194 | $65 \quad 54$ | 30648 |
| Waitata Bay (branch off French | ss-Bulwe | 4106 | $1510 \geq$ | $20 \quad 108$ |
| Nelson-Richmond |  | $\begin{array}{llll}27 & 2 & 2\end{array}$ | 86100 | 113122 |
| Nelson-Wakefield (metallic cir |  | 311710 | $22 \quad 20$ | 531910 |
| Upper Moutere-Appleby .. |  | 01010 |  | $\begin{array}{llll}0 & 10 & 10\end{array}$ |
| Redwood's Valley (cut in Motu | -Richmond | 170 | 413 | $6{ }_{6} 101$ |
| Umukuri |  | 12106 | 21155 | 3 t 5 11 |
| Terakohe (Takaka-Totaranui) |  | 630 |  | 630 |
| Tui (Kohatu-Kiwi-Manu) | $\cdots$ | 486 | 4154 | $9 \quad 310$ |
| Karamea-Arapito | . | 22110 |  | 22110 |
| Summerlea-Wairere | . | .. | 2163 | 2163 |
| Waimarie |  | 4120 | 1174 | 1519 |
| Hinehaka |  |  | 0114 | 011 |
| Millerton-Mine Creek | $\ldots$ | 186 |  | 186 |
| Blackball-Roa |  | $70 \quad 96$ | (6) 118 | $77 \quad 1$ |
| Greymouth-Otira |  | $121 \quad 1$ | 1117 x | 13818 |
| Otira - Otira Tunnel | . | $\begin{array}{lll}19 & 6 & 2\end{array}$ | $19 \quad 6$ | 38128 |
| Hokitika-Tainui-Ruatapu | . | 12199 | $\begin{array}{llll}31 & 3 & 6\end{array}$ | 44 3 |
| Waiau-Conway | . | 1481211 | 1719 t | 16612 : |
| Kaiapoi-Clarkville | . | $4 \quad 510$ | 8510 | 12118 |
| Olarkville - Coutts Island |  | 6160 |  | 6160 |
| Christchurch-Amberley .. | $\cdots$ | 10347 | 177150 | $\because 80 \quad 197$ |

Table No. 21-continued.
Table showing the Expendipure on, and the Costr of, Telearaph Construction during the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1910-continued.


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Table No. 23.
Table showing the Number of Connections at each Telephone Exchange.


Table No. 23-continued.
Table showing the Number of Connections at each Telephone Exchange-continued.


Apmoximate ('nst of Paper.-Preparation, not given; printing ( 9,150 enpies), $\mathfrak{f} 66$ lus

By Authority : John Mackay, Government Printer, Wellington.--1910
Price 1s. 3d.?


[^0]:    *The small decrease in the number of parcels received from the United Kingdom is po doubt still due to the increaged rate charged in London on light but bulky parcels.

