

1911.
NEW ZEALAND.

POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT

(REPORT OF THE) FOR THE YEAR 1910-11.

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

MY LORD,—

General Post Office, 28th August, 1911.

I have the honour to submit to Your Excellency the Report of the Post and Telegraph Department for the year 1910-11, and in doing so to offer the following remarks:—

This report is the seventeenth I have had the honour of presenting. When I first assumed the office of Postmaster-General in 1891 the revenue for the year was £320,058. It is a source of much satisfaction to record that the revenue for last year exceeded for the first time a million pounds, thus marking an epoch in the history of the Department. To produce this result over one hundred millions of letters and over eight millions and a half of telegrams were dealt with.

The revenue has doubled since 1902.

In order to cope with the volume of business represented by these figures, considerable increase has been made to the permanent staff, which now stands at 4,531 officers. The revenue has nevertheless exceeded the expenditure by £123,196.

The Commonwealth of Australia has inaugurated a penny post to this Dominion, thus reciprocating New Zealand's action of ten years ago.

After due consideration and a careful observance of the experience of other Administrations, steps have been taken to effect such an installation of radiotelegraphy as is found most suitable to the country's requirements.

After lengthy negotiation it has been possible to secure the resumption of the mail-service between this Dominion and Canada after an interval of twelve years. The terms are very favourable. An effort is being made to improve the mail-service between New Zealand and San Francisco.

The use of the telephone for long- and short-distance communications is increasing rapidly. Contrary to expectation, the ordinary telegraph business continues to increase steadily in spite of the opposition of the telephone.

Generally, the business of the Department shows satisfactory results, of which full details will be found in the report and statistical tables.

During my absence from the Dominion this important Department was ably administered by the Hon. Thomas Mackenzie.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,
Your most obedient servant,
J. G. WARD,
Postmaster-General.

His Excellency the Governor, Wellington.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

The revenue and expenditure of the Department for the financial year 1910–11 are shown in the following table:—

Item.	Postal.		Telegraph.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
<i>Receipts.</i>						
Stamps for postage	556,804	11 9	..	..	556,804	11 9
Money-order and postal-note commission	22,388	13 3	..	..	22,388	13 3
Money-order commission received from foreign offices	698	19 1	..	..	698	19 1
Private box and bag fees	11,790	3 9	..	..	11,790	3 9
Miscellaneous receipts	11,467	9 8½	7,318	10 0	18,785	19 8½
Paid telegrams .. .. .	..	..	265,624	2 10½	265,624	2 10½
Telephone exchanges .. .. .	..	..	161,173	6 10	161,173	6 10
	603,149	17 6½	434,115	19 8½	1,037,265	17 3
Balance of expenditure over revenue .. .. .	..	..	12,593	17 4½	..	..
Totals	603,149	17 6½	446,709	17 1	1,037,265	17 3
<i>Expenditure.</i>						
Salaries (classified officers)	204,721	4 6	320,505	4 7	525,226	9 1
Salaries (country Postmasters and telephonists, and contributions to Railway Department)	16,498	0 0	32,998	0 0	49,496	0 0
Conveyance of mails by sea	62,879	10 6	..	..	62,879	10 6
Conveyance of inland mails	69,540	0 4	..	..	69,540	0 4
Conveyance of mails by railway	60,908	13 3	..	..	60,908	13 3
Rural mail services	181	0 9	..	..	181	0 9
Money-order commission credited to foreign offices	2,250	4 6	..	..	2,250	4 6
Maintenance of telegraph-lines .. .. .	..	..	47,286	12 10	47,286	12 10
Miscellaneous	50,380	16 11	45,919	19 8	96,300	16 7
	467,359	10 9	446,709	17 1	914,069	7 10
Balance of revenue over expenditure (Postal)	135,790	6 9½	..	..	..	..
" " (whole Department) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	123,196	9 5
Totals	603,149	17 6½	446,709	17 1	1,037,265	17 3

The total revenue exceeded that of 1909–10 by £75,765 7s. 0½d., and the expenditure exceeded the expenditure of 1909–10 by £56,009 12s. 9d.

Postal matter delivered in New Zealand, including that received from abroad, during the year reached a total of 100,328,930 letters, 7,895,251 post-cards, 50,301,836 other articles, and 1,281,253 parcels.

569,657 money-orders, for £2,457,522 18s. 5d., were issued, and 449,773, for £2,126,588 16s. 7d., paid. The increase in the number of orders issued as compared with last year was 30,917.

The postal-note business continues to increase. During the year 1,666,959 postal notes, of the value of £524,942 18s. 6d., were sold, being an increase of 17·82 per cent. in number and 17·27 in amount as compared with the preceding year.

The number of British postal orders sold increased from 54,360, valued at £29,676 11s. 10d., to 67,769, for £35,270 7s. 9d., and 19,941 orders, for £13,183 16s. 6d., were paid, as against 18,326, for £12,411 16s., paid during the previous year.

The savings-bank deposits (£10,708,938 16s. 10d.) exceeded the withdrawals (£9,695,514 16s. 1d.) by £1,013,424 0s. 9d. There has been added £424,668 1s. as interest, making a total increase of £1,438,092 1s. 9d., and bringing the whole amount at credit up to £14,104,989 19s. 2d., a sum which equals £13 8s. 7d. per head of the population.

The number of old-age pension payments was 186,857, as compared with 177,839 in the previous year, the respective amounts being £383,392 10s. 8d. and £362,495 11s.

The total number of telegrams forwarded was 8,559,055, an increase of 712,165, or 9·08 per cent., over the business of the previous year.

The number of bureau communications continues to show a marked increase, being 2,031,376, as against 1,757,869.

The amount expended on telegraph-extension was £111,868, with liabilities amounting to £71,904 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, 1911, there were 11,316 miles of telegraph-line and 37,212 miles of wire. The length of submarine cables within the Dominion was 368 knots.

The number of telephone-exchange connections still continues to increase.

STATEMENT showing REVENUE and EXPENDITURE of the POST and TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT for the Ten Years ended 31st March, 1911, and for the Years 1881-82 and 1891-92.

Year.	Revenue.			Expenditure.			Balance of Revenue over Expenditure.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1881-82	234,529	8	0	233,291	10	4	1,237	17	8
1891-92	320,058	1	3	268,343	1	1	51,715	0	2
1901-1902	488,573	1	11½	465,756	9	5	22,816	12	6½
1902-1903	525,098	17	3½	487,814	10	0	37,284	7	3½
1903-1904	580,771	4	5½	526,746	14	5	54,024	10	0½
1904-1905	633,305	12	7½	559,921	1	5	73,384	11	2½
1905-1906	684,878	11	2	578,726	11	7	106,151	19	7
1906-1907	746,249	16	0½	619,121	0	9	127,128	15	3½
1907-1908	822,639	8	9½	709,024	16	2	113,614	12	7½
1908-1909	913,994	17	2½	807,652	9	10	106,342	7	4½
1909-1910	961,500	10	2½	858,059	15	1	103,440	15	1½
1910-1911	1,037,265	17	3	914,069	7	10	123,196	9	5
Total for ten years	...	...	...	...	...	...	£867,385	0	6

STAFF.

Comparative Return of Officers of the Post and Telegraph Department for the Years ended 31st March, 1910, and 31st March, 1911.

The total number of officers on the staff on the 31st March, 1910 and 1911, was as under:—

	31st March, 1910.	31st March, 1911.
Postmaster-General	1	1
Classified staff,—		
First Division	3	3
Clerical Division	2,427	2,599
Non-clerical Division	1,754	1,928
Telegraph message-boys	...	...
Total, classified staff	4,185	4,531
Permanent Non-classified staff,—		
Clerical	26	*
Non-clerical	56	*
Employees not on permanent staff,—		
Country Postmasters and Postmistresses	2,157	2,138
Nightwatchmen	2	2
Mail-cart drivers	2	6
Postmasters and telegraphists or telephonists who are		
Railway officers	166	166
Total	6,594	6,843

HEALTH OF STAFF.

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

	Numbers comprised.	Average Absence per Sick Officer.	Average Absence for each Officer employed.
		Days.	Days.
Men	3,896	10·68	2·46
Women	669	15·71	6·10

Nine officers died during the year.

RETIREMENTS, ETC.

Mr. J. K. Logan, I.S.O., who joined the telegraph service in 1865, and who has for the last seventeen years been Superintendent of Electric Lines, retired on pension during the year. During Mr. Logan's term of office the telegraph system of the Dominion developed to its present magnitude. Mr. W. W. Beswick, Chief Postmaster, Oamaru, and Mr. R. Tait, Assistant Postmaster, Christchurch, also retired after long and faithful service. Mr. E. V. Senn, Chief Postmaster, Nelson, who served the Department conscientiously for nearly thirty-five years, died on the 14th November, 1910.

BOARD OF APPEAL.

The departmental Board of Appeal sat from the 25th to the 27th April, 1910. Four appeals were considered, and the finding in every case was against the appellants. One appeal was practically against a previous finding of the Board, but as no fresh facts were submitted, the Board did not make a recommendation. In two cases officers appealed against the promotion under Regulation 45, subsection (4), of certain officers on account of their special qualifications, and the fourth was against the officer's classification.

* Now shown under heading "Classified Staff."

CLASSIFICATION.

From the 1st January, 1911, the annual leave granted to officers of the Department was increased to twenty-one working-days for officers with more than fifteen years' service, fourteen working-days for officers with less service, and seven working-days for telegraph message-boys. Previously the period was three weeks, two weeks, and one week respectively.

By Order in Council dated the 13th day of March, 1911, the period of temporary employment of—

Basket-repairers,	Draughtsmen,	Mechanics,
Batterymen,	Drivers,	Post Office messengers,
Batterymen (assistant),	Foremen linemen,	Storemen,
Cabinetmakers,	Letter-carriers,	Telegraph message-boys,
Cable-steamer labourers,	Linemen,	Telegraph messengers (adult),
Carpenters,	Linemen labourers,	Watchmen,
Charwomen,	Mail-bag makers,	

was extended from three years to six years.

POST AND TELEGRAPH AMENDMENT ACT, 1910.

By the Post and Telegraph Amendment Act, 1910, which came into force from the 1st January, 1911, power was given to the Governor to take and retain possession of telegraph-stations in time of war or danger of war; the limit of insurable value of postal packets was raised from £50 to £400; the Fine Fund was vested in the Postmaster-General; the conditions of production of telegrams as evidence for certain offences were amended; the allowances granted to officers who are widowers or widows were restricted to those whose children are below the age of fourteen years; and the powers formerly vested in the Superintendent of Electric Lines were transferred to the Secretary, the position of Superintendent of Electric Lines being abolished and that of Chief Telegraph Engineer created.

ABOLISHING TELEGRAM-ENVELOPES.

The new telegram form and envelope combined has now been introduced at practically every permanent office in the Dominion, and continues to give satisfaction to the public. The estimated saving was £3,000 per annum, which has practically been realized. A check taken at Wellington on two days showed that compared with the old system there was an average saving of two minutes per message in the time taken between receipt in the instrument-room and despatch from the office.

FINE FUND.

From the beginning of New Zealand postal history there has been in the charge of the Department the accumulation of money from fines levied on officers of the Department for breaches of duty. This money is commonly known as the Fine Fund. For many years past the money has been deposited in the Post-office Savings-bank and has been used by the Postmaster-General for making advances to deserving necessitous officers. All fines imposed on officers since the 1st day of January, 1908, when the Superannuation Act came into force, have, by law, been paid to the Superannuation Fund. A question having arisen regarding the administration of the Post and Telegraph Fine Fund, provision was made in the Post and Telegraph Amendment Act, 1910, to confirm the Postmaster-General's control.

GOOD-CONDUCT BADGES.

The Postmaster-General has decided to issue badges to be worn by letter-carriers to indicate long service, good conduct, and efficiency. The badges will consist of a stripe or of stripes of gold lace 3in. long, $\frac{1}{4}$ in. wide, sewn to blue cloth, and worn on the left breast of the tunic. A letter-carrier conducting himself and performing his duties to the Department's entire satisfaction for five years will be allowed to wear one stripe; for ten years, two stripes; and for fifteen years, three stripes. The stripes or any of them may be withdrawn for misconduct or inefficiency.

PENNY POSTAGE.

On and from the 1st May, 1911, the postage on letters from Australia to New Zealand was reduced to 1d. per half-ounce.

INSURANCE OF LETTERS.

On the 1st January, 1911, a system was introduced whereby the sender of a letter is enabled to insure it against loss up to a value of £400. At the time the scheme was confined to inland letters and letters exchanged between New Zealand and the United Kingdom, but since the 1st July it has been extended, with necessary modifications, to certain other British possessions and many foreign countries *via* London.

The system has not yet been in operation for a sufficient time to indicate how far the public is likely to make use of it.

APERTURE-PLATES FOR HOUSE-DOORS.

The demand for aperture-plates still continues. The Department imported a supply, and is now in a position to meet all demands.

PARCEL POST.

The new parcel system begun on 1st March, 1910, continues to give satisfaction.

On the 1st January, 1911, a scheme was introduced enabling the senders of parcels posted in New Zealand for Australia or Papua, and *vice versa*, to prepay the Customs duty and other charges

due thereon which would in ordinary course be payable by the addressees. A similar scheme has long been in force with the United Kingdom. The number of duty-prepaid parcels which have been exchanged with Australia indicates that the recent extension of the system is appreciated.

POSTAL STATISTICS (1909) OF COUNTRIES OF UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION.

The postal statistics for 1909 of the countries comprising the Universal Postal Union show that the average number of letters, &c., posted per head in New Zealand is higher than in any other country. The number of letters and post-cards per head in New Zealand was 93, and the number of articles of all kinds per head, 139. New Zealand was followed by Victoria and New South Wales. The number of letters and post-cards per head in Great Britain was 84, and of articles of all kinds 111; and in Germany 71 and 100 respectively. The figures for the United States of America are not given.

ALTERATION IN SYSTEM OF AUDIT OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS: PAYMENT THROUGH POST OFFICE.

One of the effects of the alteration in the system of audit of Government accounts, which came into operation on the 1st April, 1911, is to make the Post Office the medium for the payment of a large number of charges heretofore made by the Treasury, after the claims had been passed by the Audit Department. By the adoption of the system of post-audit, claims against the General Government thus dealt with are now paid promptly. When payment is to be made through the Post Office it is now made directly to the payee on application, or the cash is handed to approved local officers of the various Departments, who, after disbursing it, hand back properly completed vouchers for the total amount. This Department forwards the vouchers to the Audit Department and on their return claims credit from the Treasury. The Post Office possesses special facilities for effecting prompt payment of claims through its money-order offices, which are established throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion, and while the new system has undoubtedly thrown upon it a considerable amount of work, and necessitated a strengthening of the staffs, the advantages to the community are manifest, seeing that it provides for the elimination of the tedious delays inherent in the system of pre-audit, and also for speedy payments at points convenient to the payees.

POST-OFFICE.

During 1910, the Assistant Inspectors of Post-offices visited 1,644 offices, and travelled 38,401 miles. They also relieved Chief Postmasters in several districts. In conformity with the system inaugurated in 1909, 433 small non-permanent post-offices were inspected by the permanent Postmasters in their vicinity.

Seventy-six post-offices were established (of these, six were reopened offices) and 13 closed.

The number of post-offices open at the end of the year was 2,257.

The post and telegraph offices, Napier, were amalgamated as from the 1st January, 1911.

The names of 14 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 1910, as compared with the number in 1909, was as under:—

	1910.	1909.	Increase.	Decrease.
Letters and letter-cards ..	100,328,930	93,650,908	6,678,022	..
Post-cards	7,895,251	8,049,808	..	154,557
Other articles	50,301,836	48,195,407	2,106,429	..
	<u>158,526,017</u>	<u>149,896,123</u>	<u>8,629,894</u>	<u>..</u>
Parcels	1,281,253	1,122,029	159,224	..

The letters and letter-cards increased 7.13, post-cards decreased 1.92, other articles increased 4.37, and parcels 14.19 per cent. The decrease in the number of post-cards may be accounted for by the decline in popularity of the pictorial post-card.

In 1909 letters and letter-cards increased 5.12, post-cards 5.31, other articles 1.64, and parcels 20.61 per cent.

The average number of letters and letter-cards posted per head of population was estimated at 97.14. The average in 1909 was 95.98.

The correspondence of 109 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-one newspapers were registered for transmission by post, and 24 were removed from the register.

The declared value of parcels received from places outside the Dominion in 1910 was £307,299, as against £279,684 in 1909. The Customs duty collected amounted to £60,177 10s. 2d.

The declared value of parcels despatched to places beyond the Dominion was £35,190, as against £33,071 in 1909.

Four new letter-carriers' deliveries were established. Deliveries were extended in 19, and increased in frequency in 8 places.

A post-office was established at Victoria Land in connection with Captain Scott's Antarctic expedition, which left New Zealand on the 29th November, 1910. Special stamps, overprinted "Victoria Land," to the value of £100, were issued for the use of the expedition.

An hourly clearance of city and suburban posting-boxes has been established at Auckland, Christchurch, and Dunedin, and in the central portion of the city at Wellington.

The Commonwealth Post Office agreed from the 1st October, 1910, to accept impressions of the automatic franking-machine on letters in prepayment of postage. This dispensed with the necessity of this Department's stamping such letters with the "paid" stamp.

From the 27th October, 1910, the rate on inland registered magazines was reduced from 1d. for each copy not exceeding 16 oz. and 1d. each additional 16 oz. to $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for each copy not exceeding 8 oz. and $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for each additional 8 oz. The value of this reduction to the public is already in evidence.

As from the 1st January, 1911, the Post and Telegraph Guide Supplement was published quarterly instead of monthly, and the annual subscription of the Guide (including the Supplement) reduced from 2s. to 1s. 6d.

Dickie stamp-vending machines were installed at Christchurch, Dunedin, Invercargill, and Palmerston North. Judging by the large number of stamps vended, the machines appear to fill a distinct want. In Dunedin the sales on Sundays have been so heavy that it has been necessary, pending the installation of a second machine, to renew the stamps during the day. As many as 960 stamps have been vended by the Dunedin machine on one Sunday.

A synchronome clock system was installed in Christchurch in May, 1910.

POSTAGE-STAMPS.

Owing to the similarity in colour of the 1s. and the 4d. King Edward postage-stamps, arrangements were made to print the 4d. stamp in a colour distinctly different from any used for other stamps of the present issue.

Stamp-booklets containing 18 penny stamps and 11 half-penny stamps, and sold at the price of 2s., superseded the old issues in August, 1910.

In November last it was decided to secure a suitable design for new postage and revenue stamps, and the High Commissioner for New Zealand was requested to place the matter in the hands of Mr. Bertram Mackennal, A.R.A., the sculptor who is designing the new coinage. The design will include a portrait of King George V, together with the lettering "Dominion of New Zealand Postage and Revenue," and the value in figures only. Only one design will be used for all values, the value being altered to suit. The design is to be suitable for reproduction by the intaglio process. The new stamps are to be of exactly the same size as those of the present issue.

OCEAN MAIL-SERVICES.

San Francisco Service.

The Wellington-Papeete contract with the Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand (Limited), whose vessels connected with the "Mariposa" running between Papeete and San Francisco, was determined on the 7th October, 1910, and a new "through" service commenced with the same company on the 22nd October between New Zealand and San Francisco *via* Rarotonga and Papeete, the last New Zealand port of call on the outward voyage being Auckland, and the first inward port of call Wellington. The contract price is £1,666 13s. 4d. a voyage, and the number of voyages a year thirteen, with the option on the part of the Government of extending the duration for two years, with Wellington as the inward and outward New Zealand port of call. The contract-time between Auckland and San Francisco is 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, and between San Francisco and Wellington 21 days.

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 San Francisco mail-service was:—

	Maximum.	Minimum.	Average.
London to Auckland	37	34	36
Auckland to London	35	32	34
London to Wellington	36	33	35
Wellington to London	36	33	35
London to Christchurch	37	34	36
Christchurch to London	37	34	36
London to Dunedin	37	34	36
Dunedin to London	37	34	36

Owing to an accident to the machinery, the R.M.S. "Aorangi," which left Auckland on the 11th February, 1911, did not reach San Francisco until the 8th March, five days late. The mails reached London on the 20th March, seven days late. The "Aorangi" was due to leave San Francisco for New Zealand on the 8th and to reach Wellington on the 31st March. As repairs took about eight days, mails for New Zealand were despatched by the "Mariposa," leaving San Francisco on the 10th March, 1911, and transferred at Papeete to the "Talune," which arrived at Auckland at 6.30 a.m. on the 6th April. The southern portion of the mail was despatched by special train, which arrived in Wellington on the 7th April at 5.45 a.m., in time to enable correspondents there to send replies by the outward San Francisco mail leaving the same day. The mails reached Wellington seven days later than if they had left San Francisco on the due date. The penalty provided in the contract was not enforced, the breakdown being due to circumstances beyond the company's control.

The "Aorangi" left San Francisco on the 20th March and arrived at Wellington on the 11th April, twelve days later than if she had left San Francisco on due date.

Vancouver Service.

The contract between Australia and Vancouver expires on the 31st July, 1911. Alternative tenders were called by the Canadian Post Office, receivable up to the 1st November, 1910. Two of the alternative tenders included a call at Auckland. The Canadian Post Office accepted a tender from the Union

Steam Ship Company of New Zealand, Limited, for five years, the steamers to call at Honolulu, Suva, and Auckland, the Canadian Post Office reserving the right to require the contractors to proceed to Sydney or Melbourne, or both, the payment to be the present contribution by Canada, £37,091, plus contributions from Fiji and New Zealand. New Zealand has agreed to the conditions, with the amendments included in the following:—

1. The contract to be for five years.
2. Subsidy to be contributed by the New Zealand Government, £20,000 per annum, with exemption from harbour and dock dues.
3. Permission to be given to the contractors to proceed from Auckland to Sydney or Melbourne, and to retain any sum contributed by the Commonwealth.
4. First voyage outwards from Auckland, 4th August; from Vancouver, 6th October. Dates of departure from Auckland to be amended as soon as practicable, to enable a fortnightly alternation to be made with the San Francisco service.
5. The voyage between Vancouver and Auckland, *via* Honolulu and Suva, to be made in nineteen days. The same time to be kept in the reverse direction.
6. New Zealand shippers to have the first refusal of all space for freight, so long as no subsidy is being paid by the Commonwealth Government. No discrimination in rates of freight, passenger-accommodation, or passenger-rates is to be made against New Zealand, whether a subsidy is paid by the Commonwealth or not.

The Department of Agriculture, Commerce, and Tourists will bear one-half of New Zealand's contribution.

An endeavour is being made to form the closest possible connection with the mails from Liverpool by the Canadian-Pacific Railroad "Empress" steamers, and also to alternate on even four-weekly dates with the four-weekly mail from San Francisco. It will not be practicable to make fortnightly sailings from New Zealand. Under the present proposed dates the steamer for Vancouver will leave Auckland each Friday four weeks, seven days after the departure of the steamer for San Francisco from Wellington.

Suez Service.

The P. and O. steamers resumed making calls regularly every four weeks at Auckland during the southern summer.

The s.s. "Warrimoo," which left Wellington on the 1st July, 1910, the s.s. "Moeraki," which left on the 26th August, 1910, the s.s. "Aorangi," which left Wellington on the 19th May, 1911, and the s.s. "Warrimoo," which left Wellington on the 16th June, 1911, were the only vessels which failed to connect with the outward English mail at Sydney.

Payments on Account of the Peninsular and Oriental, and Orient, Mail-service during the Year 1910-11.

	£	£
Payment to Peninsular and Oriental and Orient lines	10,784	
Transit-charges across Australia and Europe	6,139	
Mail-service to Australia	15,289	
Proportion chargeable to mails for Commonwealth	4,000	
	-----	11,289

		28,212

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 O. Line.			Orient Line.		
	Max.	Min.	Average.	Max.	Min.	Average.
London to Auckland	39	36	37-19	38	37	37-12
Auckland to London	37	36	36-33	39	37	37-73
London to Wellington	40	35	38-04	39	38	38-19
Wellington to London	36	35	35-37	38	36	36-73
London to Christchurch	39	36	38-69	39	38	38-96
Christchurch to London	37	36	36-37	39	37	37-73
London to Dunedin	39	38	38-12	39	38	38-12
Dunedin to London	37	36	36-37	39	37	37-73

INLAND MAIL-SERVICES.

By Order in Council dated the 13th day of March, 1911, the gratuities payable on bags or packets containing mail-matter for delivery within New Zealand conveyed between Wellington and Lyttelton by steamers running to a regular daily time-table was fixed at £1 13s. 6d. per cubic ton. Previously the rate was 1s. 4d. per bag.

The system of interchanging officers between Christchurch and Wellington for the purpose of learning the sorting of the other office is being continued.

One of the motor-vans used in connection with the Wellington city mail-service was sold, and replaced by a second Albion motor-lorry, which was brought into use in March, 1911. It is intended to replace all horsed vehicles by motor-vans as early as possible.

The sum paid to the Railway Department for the conveyance of mails by ordinary trains was £59,803.

The number of inland mail-services in operation on the 31st December, 1910, was 1,576.

The s.s. "Koi," with the Motueka-Nelson mail on board, foundered in Nelson Harbour on 30th March, 1910. The mail was subsequently recovered.

The Tokaanu-Waiouru mail-coach was blocked by snow on the 20th June, 1910. The mails were despatched by rail *via* Rotorua.

Floods in Hawke's Bay and Marlborough districts interrupted mail-communication during the end of June and the beginning of July, 1910.

The Shannon-Foxton mail-service was temporarily suspended through a flood on the 15th July, 1910.

The Cass-Otira mail-coach was delayed by floods on the 20th December, 1910.

On the 13th March, 1911, the Gisborne-Tolaga Bay mail-coach capsized in the surf at Waihau, the mail being damaged to some extent.

DEAD AND MISSING LETTERS.

The undermentioned articles of value were found in letters opened in the Dead Letter Office, and returned to senders where practicable: 708 post-office orders, £1,779 2s. 11d.; 38 bank-drafts, £1,633 5s. 8d.; 718 cheques, £6,267 2s. 10½d.; 27 dividend-warrants, £98 1s. 1d.; 18 promissory notes, £674 7s. 7d.; postal notes, £785 0s. 6d.; British postal orders, £74 1s. stamps, £52 11s. 4d.; bank-notes, £433; gold, £54; silver and copper, £12 12s. 11½d.: representing a total of £11,863 5s. 11d.

Amongst other things, there were dealt with 9 gold watches, 15 silver watches, 23 gold rings, 6 gold watch-chains, 3 gold bangles, 12 gold brooches, 60 greenstone ornaments, 1 gold medal, 1 gold neck-chain, 1 jewelled pendant, 1 gold cross, 3 pieces of polished greenstone, 2 silver spoons, 1 silver jug, 5 silver medals, 4 boars'-tusks, 3 steamer-tickets, 1 passage-order Auckland to London, 1 passage-order Sydney to Melbourne, 15 pawn-tickets, 14 share certificates, and 34 lottery-tickets.

The proportion of dead or unclaimed letters, letter-cards, and post-cards to the total number delivered within the Dominion was 0.39 per cent.

179,850 letters were opened and returned to the writers through the Dead Letter Office. 45,551 were returned unopened to other countries; 559 were reissued; 24,200 were destroyed; 174,179 were returned by Chief Postmasters; a total of 424,339 letters, as compared with 428,766 in 1909.

41,642 other articles were returned to foreign countries; 5,704 were returned to the senders through the Dead Letter Office; 204,881 were returned by Chief Postmasters: a total of 252,227 other articles, as compared with 235,688 in 1909.

5,855 letters were wrongly addressed; 14 letters were discovered to have been posted with previously used stamps; 5,901 unclaimed registered letters were dealt with.

5,006 newspapers and 2,926 books and other articles without addresses were received, many of which were subsequently applied for and delivered.

21,672 newspapers were returned to the publishers.

1,966 letters and 652 letter-cards were posted without addresses.

Ninety-nine letters with libellous addresses were intercepted.

4,050 inquiries for postal packets alleged to have been posted and not delivered were made during 1910. In 2,164 of the inquiries—over one-half of the total number—the investigations by the Department resulted in the missing articles being traced or accounted for. These may be summarized as follows:—

Number of Traced Cases.	Result.
611	Sender responsible for delay.
388	Addressee responsible for delay.
232	Post Office responsible for delay.
933	No delay, or responsibility not fixed.
<hr/> 2,164	

A cheque for £4,880, at Christchurch, was posted in a posting-box loose.

OFFENCES.

For stealing a letter and cashing money-orders to the value of £71 7s. 5d. contained therein, two men at Dunedin were ordered to repay the amount by instalments, and to come up for sentence when called upon.

On a charge of theft at the Molesworth Post-office, and concealment of the act by means of forged telegrams, a man was sentenced at Christchurch, to three years' imprisonment.

For stealing a postal packet containing a cheque for £20 15s. 8d. a youth at Auckland was admitted to probation for two years.

For illegally opening a postal packet a man at Auckland was sentenced to seven days' hard labour.

A man was sentenced at Wellington to three years' imprisonment with hard labour for forging a telegram.

For posting a letter bearing a previously used stamp a young man was fined 5s. with costs at Auckland.

For stealing small sums of money from the Department an officer was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

For stealing a postal note from a letter an officer was sentenced at Wanganui to nine months' imprisonment.

An officer charged with the theft of money from letters at Feilding was sentenced at Wellington to six months' imprisonment.

Two men were sentenced, one to nine months' imprisonment with hard labour and the other to twelve months' imprisonment, at Wellington, for forging telegrams.

On a charge against two youths of forging a Savings-bank withdrawal-form for £18, at Wellington one was sentenced to imprisonment for one year, and the other admitted to probation for twelve months.

For stealing a letter containing a postal note an officer of the Department was sentenced at Dunedin to three months' imprisonment.

A man at Wanganui who made use of the Post Office by sending letters to various persons stating that a parcel would be sent to them on receipt of 5s. was convicted of fraud.

A man who made a false statement that he had posted a letter containing money on the 27th November, 1910, was convicted of perjury at Wanganui, and sentenced.

On a charge of stealing a postal packet and letter containing a postal note, an officer of the Department was sentenced at Invercargill to six months' imprisonment.

A man was arrested at Christchurch on the charge of forging a Savings-bank withdrawal-receipt for £20, but committed suicide while awaiting trial.

The Tokarahi Post-office was entered by burglars, and £5 stolen.

The Manunui Post-office was entered by burglars, and £134 stolen.

BUILDINGS.

The following new post-offices were opened by the Postmaster-General: Dominion Road (13/12/10), Greenmeadows (28/12/10), Te Araroa (9/1/11), St. Kilda (17/1/11), Addington (25/2/11); the following by the Acting Postmaster-General: Waiiau (22/3/11), Ferry Road (Christchurch) (12/4/11), and Rakaia (13/4/11); Takapau (17/5/11) by the Acting Prime Minister; Waimate (6/1/11), Rahotu (5/6/11), by the Hon. D. Buddo.

The following offices were transferred to departmental new buildings: Bull's (22/8/10), Hangaroa (24/8/10), Frankton Junction (26/10/10), Kohukohu (3/6/11), Okato (27/8/10), Patutahi (15/10/10), Waiiau (17/10/10), Helensville (1/3/11), Takapau (16/3/11), Bannockburn (21/4/11).

Sites have been purchased at Hangaroa, Havelock North, Kaitaia, Kaiwarawara, Kilbirnie, Kohukohu, Manutuke, Petane, Richmond (Christchurch), Tuatapere, Waikanae, and Woodend.

During the year buildings were erected at Addington, Dominion Road, Ferry Road, Frankton Junction, Greenmeadows, Hangaroa, Kohukohu, Mangapai, Otaki (lineman's cottage), Patutahi, Rakaia, St. Kilda, Takapau, Te Araroa, Tokatoka (purchased), and Waiiau.

General repairs, additions, &c., were carried out during the year at the following offices: Bull's, Dannevirke, Fairlie, Hawarden, Kawhia, Levin, Lincoln, Linwood, Mercer, New Plymouth, Okato, Richmond, Thames, Timaru, Tolaga Bay, and Waipawa.

Plans have been prepared or are in preparation for buildings at Kawakawa, Little River, Mount Albert, Ohura, Ongarue, Ponsonby, Takapuna, Taradale, Te Aroha, Te Awamutu, and Waiuku.

Properties were purchased at Adelaide Road, Avondale, Pleasant Point, Waipiata, and Wanganui.

Contracts have been let for buildings at Amberley, Balclutha, Culverden, Ellerslie, Granity, Kaeo, Kaitangata, Kilbirnie, Leeston, Manaia, Matata, Murchison, Rangiwahia, Taupo, Tikokino, and Warkworth.

Buildings are in course of erection at Auckland, Bannockburn, Green Island, Hamilton East, Rahotu, Riverton, Runanga, Shannon, Taneatua, Waimate, Wairoa, Wellington, and Westport.

■ A public clock was erected at the Hastings post-office building.

The foundation-stone of the Auckland new post-office building was laid by the Postmaster-General on the 1st August, 1910.

The foundation-stone of the General Post Office new building was laid on the 8th August, 1910. A copper cylinder containing copies of the local daily papers, an official directory, and coins of the realm was placed under the stone.

The clock in the Christchurch Post-office was connected with the City Council's synchronome system on the 22nd August, 1910.

The Opotiki Post-office was destroyed by fire on the 8th February, 1911. Very little postal property was destroyed. Business was not dislocated, temporary quarters being established in the Courthouse.

The Tuparoa Post-office was damaged by heavy seas on the 25th April, 1910.

MONEY-ORDERS.

During the year there were 32 money-order offices opened and 5 closed, the number remaining open at the end of the year being 664.

569,657 money-orders were issued, for £2,457,522 18s. 5d., as compared with 538,740, for £2,307,592 18s. 1d., for the previous year—an increase of 30,917 in number and £149,930 0s. 4d. in amount.

449,773 money-orders, amounting to £2,126,588 16s. 7d., were paid, as against 418,764, for £1,984,978 0s. 11d., during 1909—an increase of 31,009 orders and £141,610 15s. 8d. in amount.

156,343 orders, for £475,645 16s. 3d., were drawn for payment in places beyond New Zealand.

36,126 orders, for £145,698 1s. 5d., were issued at offices abroad for payment in New Zealand.

The commission received for money-orders amounted to £14,300 7s. 9d., as against £13,782 14s. 6d. for 1909, an increase of £517 13s. 9d.

POSTAL NOTES.

Forty-one offices were opened and 4 closed, leaving 829 postal-note offices at the end of the year. 1,666,959 notes, representing a value of £524,942 18s. 6d., were sold, as against 1,414,752 notes, for £447,618 14s., sold during the previous year—an increase of 17·83 per cent. in number and 17·28 per cent. in value.

The postal notes paid numbered 1,650,065, of the value of £520,675 16s. as compared with 1,404,946, of the value of £445,376 19s. 6d., paid during 1909–10.

The postal-note commission amounted to £7,627 12s. 4d., as against £6,519 10s. 8d.—an increase of £1,108 1s. 8d., or 17 per cent.

Postal notes are on sale and may be cashed between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. at the Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, and Wellington Offices.

BRITISH POSTAL ORDERS.

67,769 orders, representing a value of £35,270 7s. 9d., have been sold, and 19,941, for £13,183 16s. 6d. paid. An extended table of the transactions is printed in Table No. 5. There was an increase of 24·67 per cent. in the number of postal orders sold during the year, and 8·81 per cent. in the number paid.

SAVINGS-BANK.

During the year 33 offices were opened and 6 closed, leaving 647 offices open at the end of 1910. 78,566 accounts were opened and 57,695 closed, the net gain on the year's working being 20,871 accounts.

The number of accounts on the 31st December, 1910, was 380,585, and the proportion per head of population was 1 in 2·76, as compared with 1 in 2·87 at the end of the previous year.

The deposits numbered 768,827, representing £10,708,938 16s. 10d., an average of £13 18s. 7d. per transaction.

The withdrawals numbered 520,413 for £9,695,514 16s. 1d., an average of £18 12s. 7d. for each withdrawal.

The net amount added by depositors to their savings during the year was therefore £1,013,424 0s. 9d. excess of deposits, plus £424,668 1s. interest earned and credited, making a total of £1,438,092 1s. 9d.

The total amount at credit of depositors increased from £12,666,897 17s. 5d. at the close of the previous year to £14,104,989 19s. 2d. on the 31st December last, representing a sum equal to £13 8s. 7d. per head of the entire population, and £37 1s. 3d. to each depositor.

The interest credited to depositors since the post-office savings-banks were established in 1867 now amounts to £5,001,125 18s. 9d.

The cost of working the savings-banks amounted to 5·21d. per transaction, or £28,000 for the year.

The cost of management per cent. on the total amount at credit of depositors was 0·20 per cent., or 4s. per £100.

Home savings-bank boxes were brought into use during the year at Dunedin, Auckland, Cambridge, Hamilton, Otorohanga, Taumarunui, Te Awamutu, Te Kuiti, Whangarei, Thames, Waihi, and Palmerston North.

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 £63,233 14s. 4d., and on account of ordinary Customs work £1,555 13s. 4d.

Advances to Settlers receipts amounted to £1,946,631 9s. 7d., and payments to £1,944,665 4s. 5d.

Fishing licenses were issued by Postmasters to the value of £1,404 16s. 6d., and game licenses to the value of £2,181.

For the Government Insurance Department premiums were collected from the public amounting to £30,316 0s. 1d.

The sum of £28,019 5s. 6d. was paid to Imperial pensioners by Postmasters.

Income-tax amounting to £194,305 2s. 6d. and land-tax to £463,858 10s. 1d. were collected by Postmasters.

The sum of £9,018 7s. 6d., fees due to the Machinery Department, was received.

Under the Mining Act the receipts were £321 5s.

New Zealand consols for £29,845 were sold on behalf of the Treasury.

On behalf of the Public Trustee, £1,131,248 5s. 3d. was received and £1,124,035 2s. 7d. paid.

Railway revenue amounting to £2,936 13s. 5d. was collected by Postmasters.

Fees received for the registration of births, deaths, and marriages amounted to £2,435 19s.

Receipts from the Hanmer Springs Sanatorium amounted to £1,573 2s. 7d.

Valuation fees paid to Postmasters reached £6,455 19s. 10d.

Claims on the General Government for £1,291,889 18s. 2d. were paid on behalf of the Treasury.

Discount-stamps numbering 1,689,360, for £1,759 15s., were sold and 1,639,104, for £1,707 8s., 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 £8,600.

GROSS RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

The gross amount received by the Department during 1910 was £30,463,297 10s. 3d., of which £26,124,342 15s. 1d. was departmental and £4,338,954 15s. 2d. on account of other Departments.

The gross amount paid out was £30,478,487 5s. 8d. made up of £26,178,784 3s. 5d. departmental and on behalf of other Departments, to individuals £3,096,719 12s. 6d., and to accounts £1,202,983 9s. 9d.

The total gross receipts and payments were therefore £60,941,784 15s. 11d.

TELEGRAPHS.

The total value of the telegraph and telephone business for the year ended the 31st March, 1911, including miscellaneous telegraph receipts and Government telegrams, was £438,989 19s. 10d., as compared with £399,361 2s. for the previous year—an increase of £39,628 17s. 10d., or 9·92 per cent.

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

	Number.		Revenue. £	
1906-7 ...	6,160,080	Increase, 15·12 per cent. ...	202,301	Increase, 12·09 per cent.
1907-8 ...	6,958,279	" 12·96 "	222,926	" 10·2 "
1908-9 ...	7,338,017	" 5·46 "	233,517	" 4·75 "
1909-10 ...	7,757,128	" 5·71 "	244,906	" 4·88 "
1910-11 ...	8,268,340	" 6·59 "	265,624	" 8·45 "

The number of telegrams forwarded and the revenue derived therefrom during the four quarters of the financial years 1909-10 and 1910-11 respectively are as follows:—

Quarter.	Number of Telegrams forwarded.			Revenue.			Increase per Cent.
	Year ended 31st March, 1910.	Year ended 31st March, 1911.	Increase per Cent.	Year ended 31st March, 1910.	Year ended 31st March, 1911.	Increase per Cent.	
June quarter ...	1,849,664	1,958,996	5·91	£ 58,185 17 0½	£ 62,873 10 2½	8·05	
September quarter ...	1,783,950	1,930,574	8·21	56,747 19 9½	62,382 16 11½	9·92	
December quarter ...	2,028,706	2,160,751	6·50	63,903 3 6	69,195 18 11	8·28	
March quarter ...	2,094,808	2,218,019	5·88	66,068 9 9	71,171 16 9½	7·72	
	7,757,128	8,268,340	6·59	244,905 10 1	265,624 2 10½	8·45	

The telegraph receipts for the financial year, including telephone-exchange subscriptions, private-wire rents, &c., amounted to £434,115 19s. 8½d., as compared with £394,510 4s. 10d. in 1909-10—an increase of £39,605 14s. 10½d., or 10·04 per cent.

The expenditure was £446,709 17s. 1d., as against £411,296 17s. 2d. for the previous year—an increase of £35,412 19s. 11d., or 8·61 per cent.

There were 11,316 miles of line and 37,212 miles of wire at the close of the year—an increase of 415 and 2,424 miles respectively.

The net expenditure out of Public Works Fund for telegraph-extension was £111,867 13s. 1d., as compared with £123,421 17s. 1d. in 1909-10.

The number of private wires and subsidized lines was 536, as compared with 516 in 1909-10.

The amount received for rent and maintenance, &c., of such lines was £3,712 15s. 4d., as against £2,602 4s. 1d. in 1909-10.

The total number of telegraph and telephone offices open at the close of the year was 1,963. Of these, 300 were telegraph-offices and 1,663 were telephone-offices.

The number of telegrams of all codes forwarded during the last financial year was 8,360,647—an increase of 513,757, or 6·54 per cent. over 1909-10.

The proportion of paid telegrams per head of population was 7·78, and 7·53 the previous year.

The number of ordinary telegrams forwarded was 5,536,706, of the value of £173,142 15s. 11½d., compared with 5,303,000, of the value of £165,438 12s. 4½d. in 1909-10—an increase of 233,706 in number and of £7,704 3s. 7d. in amount.

The urgent telegrams numbered 262,144, to the value of £16,073 17s. 1d.—a decrease of 15,173 in number and £905 5s. 2d. in amount.

The average value of each ordinary telegram was 7·50d., and of each urgent telegram 1s. 2·71d.

438,114 Press telegrams, of the value of £22,069 11s. 1d., were forwarded in 1910-11, as compared with 418,942, valued at £19,734 8s. 6½d., forwarded in 1909-10—an increase in number of 19,172, or 4·57 per cent., and an increase of £2,335 2s. 6½d., or 11·83 per cent., in value.

The value of each Press telegram averaged 1s. 0·08d., as against 11·30d. in 1909-10.

The bureau messages numbered 2,031,376, of the value of £54,337 18s. 9d., as compared with 1,757,869, of the value of £42,753 6s. 11d., in 1909-10—an increase of 273,507 in number and £11,584 11s. 10d. in amount.

The average value of each bureau message was 6·41d., as against 5·84d. in 1909-10.

The number of Government telegrams forwarded was 92,307, valued at £4,874 0s. 1½d., as compared with 89,762, valued at £4,850 17s. 2d.—an increase of 2,545 in number, and a decrease of £23 2s. 11½d. in amount.

The number of paid forwarded telegrams to every hundred letters posted in New Zealand was 8·57.

From March, 1911, the method of estimating the deficiency on subsidized telephone-lines was changed, $3\frac{1}{2}$ instead of 5 per cent. per annum being charged on the cost of construction. Guarantors of such lines are now required to pay only half the estimated deficiency, the Department taking half the risk of the expected loss. The charge for stationery has been abolished.

From the 27th October, 1910, the period for which inland telegrams are kept was reduced from six to three months.

A twopence-in-the-slot telephone instrument was erected on the Queen's Wharf, Wellington, in December, 1910, and at Strand Arcade, Auckland, in March, 1911. Similar machines are also installed on the Lambton and Thorndon Railway-stations, at the Christchurch Railway-station, and at the Tolls Office, Queen's Wharf, Wellington, the last-named being open continuously. On placing two pennies in the slot the central exchange is notified and makes the necessary connection with the number asked for. If the number asked for cannot be connected the coins are automatically returned.

The Napier-Gisborne trunk telephone line (metallic circuit) was opened for traffic on the 8th July, 1910.

Hangers and copying pencils were substituted for pen and ink in August, 1910, at all telegraph-offices at the public desks used for writing telegrams.

NEW ZEALAND CABLE SERVICE.

The No. 4 Cook Strait cable parted on the 13th February. It was repaired on the 22nd February, 1911.

OCEAN CABLE SERVICES.

The ordinary international telegrams for the year increased 6·3 per cent., and the intercolonial 2·33 per cent.

New Zealand's proportion of the deficit of £59,586 6s. 7d. on the eighth year's working of the Pacific cable, 1909-10, amounted to £6,620 18s. 6d.

The receipts and working-expenses of the Pacific cable for the year ended the 31st March, 1911, are estimated as follows:—

Traffic revenue	£	135,000	Annuity and renewals	£	107,545
Estimated deficit		54,546	Working-expenses		82,001
		<u>£189,546</u>			<u>£189,546</u>

New Zealand's proportion of the loss is estimated at £6,060.

The share of ordinary paid business obtained by the Pacific cable shows a decrease. In 1906 the Pacific's proportion was 89 per cent., the Eastern's 11 per cent. Last year's figures are: Pacific 72 per cent., Eastern, 28 per cent.

The following figures show the total number of forwarded ordinary telegrams for each of the past five years, and the percentages of such business falling to each route:—

Year.	Pacific.		Year.	E.E.A. & C.	
	Messages.	Percentage of Total.		Messages.	Percentage of Total.
1906	94,199	89	1906	11,522	11
1907	102,490	88	1907	13,610	12
1908	101,724	85	1908	18,873	15
1909	96,648	83	1909	19,812	17
1910	87,326	72	1910	33,273	28

The average best times in which messages are handled on the Pacific route are:—

From London	H.	m.
From America	1	20
From Sydney	0	17
From Melbourne	0	4½
	0	16

During the year New Zealand has only given the Pacific route 72·68 per cent. of the ordinary business to Australia, as against 83·77 per cent. last year.

Nine hundred and twenty-five Press telegrams were sent *via* Pacific and 1,336 *via* Eastern, compared with 1,050 and 1,220 respectively last year.

In view of delay happening occasionally to cable traffic between New Zealand and Australia *via* Pacific through the deviation to Norfolk Island and the traversing of the long land-section between Southport and Sydney, the partners in the Pacific cable discussed the advisability of laying a direct cable between New Zealand and Australia. The proposal was agreed to. In terms of the Pacific Cable Authorization Act, 1906, a motion agreeing to the scheme was submitted to both Houses of the New Zealand General Assembly on the 28th September, 1910, and carried.

In order to provide a more satisfactory service for cable messages across Canada, the Pacific Cable Board obtained from the Canadian Pacific Railway on lease for five years from the 24th August, 1910, the exclusive use of a telegraph wire between Montreal and Bamfield. The wire will be operated by the Cable Board's staff.

A break in the Wakapuaka-La Perouse cable was repaired by H.M.C.S. "Iris" on the 14th July, 1910. It lasted about a week.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

During the past year contracts have been let for the installation of two high-power, and for the necessary equipment for five low-power, stations in different parts of the Dominion. A good deal of initial work has been done in connection with the selection of suitable sites that will give a maximum range of transmission and of immunity from interference, as well as the greatest economy of operation and maintenance. One of the high-power stations is to be at Awanui, north of Auckland, and will have a range of 1,250 miles in the daytime, while at night-time, and under favourable conditions, the range will be considerably increased. This station will therefore be able to maintain uninterrupted communication with Sydney day and night. The other high-power station is to be installed near Bluff, Southland, and will have a similar equipment and range to that of the Awanui Station. It has been decided to place one of the low-power stations upon the summit of Mount Etako, South Tinakori Range, near Wellington, and probably one or two Government steamers will be similarly equipped. The station on Mount Etako will have a daylight range of at least 300 miles, and double that distance at night-time, thus enabling commercial business to be done with the numerous steamers equipped with wireless apparatus which make Wellington their port of call. The site has been so chosen as to give the greatest possible range of communication that can be economically obtained, within a convenient distance of Wellington. The power equipment has been chosen to give continuous operation of the plant both day and night, and to provide, as far as possible, against risk of interruption. The preliminary work of excavation and road-formation is being pushed forward. Plans and specifications for the buildings are complete, and this work will be put in hand with all possible despatch. Part of the electrical equipment is now being utilized in the General Post Office experimental station, and the remainder is expected shortly. Apparatus will be erected at or near Gisborne and Christchurch. The equipment for these stations is being manufactured by the Australasian Wireless Company (Limited), upon which devolves the erection and installation of the high-power stations. The equipment for the low-power stations will be installed by officers of the Department.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGES.

Calculagraphs for checking the duration of bureau communications were installed in twenty exchanges in April, 1910.

Twenty-one new exchanges were opened during the year, the number of subscribers increased 2,473, and the total number of connections by 3,547.

The total number of exchanges now is 174, made up of 58 central and 116 sub-exchanges.

The total number of connections is 33,228, compared with 29,681 in 1910. They may be classified as follows: Paying, 24,715; free, 1; bureaux, 3,032; service, 345; extensions, 5,135.

New connections numbered 4,280, and those given up 1,399. The increase in connections is equal to 11.43 per cent.

On the 31st March, 1911, there were 1,384 miles of telephone line and 33,440 miles of wire.

To meet the requirements of the increased number of subscribers, new switchboards have been installed at Thames, Tauranga, Opotiki, Ashburton, Sanson, Bull's, Kimbolton, Levin, Mangaweka, Martinborough, Rongotea, Masterton, and Patea; and additions have been made to existing boards at Waihi and Dargaville.

The laying of conduits for the purpose of placing the telephone cables in Auckland City underground is nearing completion. 25 miles 4 chains of ducts have been laid, and are now ready to receive cables.

At Oamaru aerial lead cables have been erected preparatory to installing the metallic system.

The subscribers' lines at Hastings have been converted to metallic circuits, and a modern central-battery switchboard installed at the exchange.

Work in connection with converting the Napier plant to an underground metallic-circuit system is proceeding, and preliminary arrangements have been made for the conversion to metallic circuit of the New Plymouth, Hawera, Palmerston North, Gisborne, Shannon, Masterton, and Manaia Exchanges.

CONSTRUCTION OF TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE TRUNK LINES.

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

	1906.		1907.		1908.		1909-10.		1910-11.	
	Poles.	Wire.	Poles.	Wire.	Poles.	Wire.	Poles.	Wire.	Poles.	Wire.
Auckland	M. ch. 135 60	M. ch. 494 40	M. ch. 139 60	M. ch. 350 60	M. ch. 228 60	M. ch. 795 0	M. ch. 191 36	M. ch. 952 78	M. ch. 173 15	M. ch. 654 43
Wellington	156 35	641 40	104 43	696 74	157 2½	974 52	192 55	490 53	117 23	989 20
Nelson	146 67	217 49	245 16	484 77	52 22	254 58	38 16	189 72	31 15	156 27
Canterbury	111 30	170 8	90 47	266 20	62 30½	641 50	17 78	268 40	50 68	305 33
Otago	48 40	392 20	121 0	518 20	248 60	644 60	64 0	286 40	54 0	351 0
Totals	598 72	1,915 77	701 6	2,311 11	749 15	3,310 60	504 25	2,188 43	426 41	2,456 43

The extension of lines to outlying districts has been vigorously proceeded with, and 103 new offices opened.

Increased facilities for telegraph and bureau communication between centres have been given by the erection of additional metallic circuits and by superimposing Morse and telephone circuits over existing metallic circuits.

The construction of a metallic circuit of No. 8 copper wire between Auckland and Wellington to be used for bureau and telegraphic purposes is rapidly progressing.

APPENDIX.

DESIGNATION OF OFFICES CHANGED OR CORRECTED.

Postal District.	Changed from	Changed to
Auckland	Kaitara	Kara.
"	Mount Roskill	Dominion Road.
"	Whangapara	Okonga.
Christchurch	Ashburton Forks	Spreadeagle.
Invercargill	Waikaka Siding	McNab.
Napier	Kaikora North	Otane.
"	Pohui	Te Pohue.
Nelson	Terakohe	Tarakohe.
Timaru	Pareora	Pareora West.
"	Pareora East	Pareora.
Wanganui	Turangaarere Railway	Hihitahi.
Wellington	Hutt	Lower Hutt.
"	Oroua Bridge	Rangiotu.
Westport	St. Kilda	Powellville.

INLAND MAIL-SERVICES ESTABLISHED, EXTENDED, AND ABOLISHED.

District.	Name of Service.	Frequency.	Remarks.
Auckland	Otahuhu Post-office - Railway-station	As required	Established. (See ABOLISHED.)
	Whangarei Town Wharf - Railway Wharf	"	"
	Devonport-Takapuna	Twice daily	"
	Ngongotaha Post-office - Railway-station	"	"
	Cambridge - Frankton Junction	Daily	"
	Mercer-Kopuku	Daily in summer; thrice weekly in winter	"
	Taringamotu Railway-station - Post-office	Daily	"
	Te Awamutu Railway-station - Post-office	"	"
	Te Awamutu, &c. - Pirongia	Six times weekly	"
	Te Awamutu Railway-station - Post-office	"	"
	Papakura-Clevedon	Five afternoons a week	"
	Patumahoe - Waiau Pa (rural delivery)	Thrice weekly	"
	Wainoni Post-office - Wharf	"	"
	Aukopae-Roto	Twice weekly	(See ABOLISHED.)
	Awarata - Junction of Ohura and Toroto Roads	"	"
	Fairburn's - Victoria Valley - Peria	"	"
	Komiti-Paranui	"	"
	Matiere-Otangiwai	"	(See ABOLISHED.)
	Maungatawhiri-Mangatangi	"	"
	Opuatia Post-office - Glen Murray Landing	"	"
	Orewa-Waiwera	"	"
	Pakotai-Nukutawhiti	"	"
	Ponga - Hunua Siding	"	"
	Roto-Tokirima	"	"
	Ruawai-Matakohe-Paparua	Twice weekly to Matakohe; weekly to Paparua	"
	Te Awamutu - Pokuru	Twice weekly	"
	Te Maire Landing - Patunga	Twice weekly in summer; weekly in winter	"
	Te Mapara Post-office - Junction Main Road	Twice weekly	"
	Towai Post-office - Railway-station	"	"
	Waimiha-Tangitu	"	"
	Whangarei-Waiotama-Tangiteroria	"	"
	Dairy Flat - Wade	Weekly (May to October)	"

INLAND MAIL-SERVICES ESTABLISHED, EXTENDED, AND ABOLISHED—*continued.*

District.	Name of Service.	Frequency.	Remarks.
Auckland— <i>contd.</i>	Kaihu-Rotorima	Weekly ..	Established.
	Kaihu, &c. - Taheke	Weekly (November to April)	..
	Kawakawa-Karetu	Weekly ..	..
	Kawhia-Pukeinoi .. ..	.. ..	..
	Mairoa-Mangeao .. ..	.. ..	..
	Maungatapere-Otahi .. ..	.. ..	..
	Ohautira and Ngaruawahia - Raglan Road .. ..	.. ..	..
	Oneteca-Pakotai .. ..	.. ..	..
	Otorohanga, &c. - Maihihi .. ..	.. ..	..
	Pioiio-Mangaotaki-Haku .. ..	.. ..	..
	Rawhiti - Cape Brett Lighthouse .. ..	.. ..	..
	Taumarunui-Otunui .. ..	.. ..	..
	Te Mata - Te Papatapu .. ..	.. ..	..
	Towai-Hukerenui	Weekly (one way only)	..
	Whangaruru, &c. - Motukauri Island	Weekly ..	.. (See ABOLISHED.)
	Whangarei, &c. - Poroti .. ..	.. ..	Extended to Titoki.
	Aranga - Rotorima .. ..	.. ..	Abolished.
	Aukopae-Roto .. ..	.. ..	..
	Clevedon-Maraetai .. ..	.. ..	..
	Hukerenui-Towai .. ..	.. ..	..
	Kohukohu-Motukaraka .. ..	.. ..	..
	Maungatapere-Waiotama .. ..	.. ..	..
	Ohautira-Ngaruawahia-Raglan Road .. ..	.. ..	..
	Ohura-Tokirima .. ..	.. ..	..
	Otahuhu Post-office - Railway-station .. ..	.. ..	..
	Matiere-Otangiwai .. ..	.. ..	(See ESTABLISHED.)
	Papakura-Ponga .. ..	.. ..	..
	Piopia-Mangaotaki .. ..	.. ..	..
	Pirongia, &c. - Te Awamutu .. ..	.. ..	..
	Poroti-Mangakahia .. ..	.. ..	..
Rawhiti - Cape Brett Lighthouse .. ..	.. ..	(See ESTABLISHED.)	
Rowell's-Maungaturoto .. ..	.. ..	..
Russell-Rawhiti .. ..	.. ..	(See ESTABLISHED.)	
Te Pahi Railway-station - Pokuru .. ..	.. ..	..
Wade-Orewa .. ..	.. ..	(See ESTABLISHED.)	
Whangaruru - Motukauri Island .. ..	.. ..	..
Blenheim ..	Koromiko Post-office - Railway-station	Twice daily ..	Established.
	Parcels delivery within the letter-carriers' delivery	Daily ..	..
Christchurch ..	Portage, &c. - Crail Bay	Weekly ..	..
	Christchurch and all suburban offices on tramway-routes	As required ..	..
	Hawarden Post-office - Railway-station	Twice daily ..	..
	Christchurch and Suburbs, Delivery of parcels	Daily ..	..
	Horrelville Post-office - Railway-station .. ..	.. ..	..
	Oxford-Whakahua	Twice weekly ..	..
	Rangiora, &c. - North Loburn .. ..	.. ..	Extended to Tokama.
	Christchurch-Burwood .. ..	.. ..	Abolished.
	Christchurch - New Brighton .. ..	.. ..	..
	Christchurch - St. Albans .. ..	.. ..	..
	Christchurch, &c. - Sumner .. ..	.. ..	..
	Christchurch-Spreydon .. ..	.. ..	..
	Christchurch-Sydenham .. ..	.. ..	..
Christchurch, &c. - Sockburn .. ..	.. ..	..
Papanui, &c. - Christchurch .. ..	.. ..	..
Dunedin ..	Auripo Post-office - Poolburn Railway-siding	Daily ..	Established.
	Ngapuna Post-office - Railway-siding .. ..	.. ..	..
	The Reefs Post-office - Railway-platform .. ..	.. ..	..
	Dunback-Palmerston	Thrice weekly ..	..
	Houipapa-Tawanui	Twice weekly ..	..
Gisborne ..	Puketiro-Houipapa .. ..	.. ..	..
	Tokomaru Bay, Steamers in roadstead	As required ..	..
	Waikohu Post-office - Railway-station	Twice weekly ..	..
	Gisborne, &c. - Wairoa	Weekly ..	..
	Patutahi-Whenuanui .. ..	.. ..	..
	Hicks Bay - Cape Runaway	Fortnightly ..	..
Pouawa Post-office - Junction Gisborne - Tolaga Bay Road .. ..	.. ..	Abolished.	
Greymouth ..	Blackball Post-office - Railway-station	Twice daily ..	Established.
	Totara Flat - Granville	Twice weekly ..	..
	Totara Flat - Noble's	Weekly ..	..
	Blackball-Atarau .. ..	.. ..	Extended to Upper Moonlight.
	Ngahere - Nelson Creek .. ..	.. ..	Extended to include Ngahere Railway-station before Ngahere.
	Blackball-Ngahere .. ..	.. ..	Abolished.

INLAND MAIL-SERVICES ESTABLISHED, EXTENDED, AND ABOLISHED—*continued.*

District.	Name of Service.	Frequency.	Remarks.
Hokitika	Kumara-Dillmanstown .. ..	.. ..	Abolished.
Invercargill	Otautau-Aparima	Thrice weekly ..	Established.
	Bluff - Ruapuke Island	Fortnightly ..	..
	Otautau-Blackmount .. ..	.. ..	Extended to Manapouri.
Napier	Matamau Post-office - Railway-station	Twice daily ..	Established.
	Hastings-Whana	Twice weekly ..	..
	Hastings, &c. - Mangaohane .. ..	.. ..	Extended to Mangaohane Junction.
	Waikokopu-Morere .. ..	.. ..	Abolished.
Nelson	Umukuri-Riwaka	Daily	Established.
	Collingwood-Mangarakau	Weekly .. ..	..
	Golden Ridge - Mangarakau .. ..	.. ..	..
	Puramahoi-Takaka .. ..	.. ..	..
New Plymouth	Te Wera - Huiakama - Strathmore	Daily .. ..	..
	Stratford - Skinner Road Gravel-pit	Thrice weekly ..	..
	Te Wera - Reporua - Pohokura - Whangamomona .. ..	.. ..	..
	Taurakawa-Puniwhakau	Twice weekly ..	..
	Kotare-Waitaanga-Upper Okau Road	Weekly .. ..	..
	Whangamomona, along Mangare Road as far as Waitara River (rural deli- very) .. ..	.. ..	..
	Whangamomona - Tuhanaroa (rural delivery) .. ..	.. ..	..
	Stratford-Whangamomona .. ..	.. ..	Abolished. (See ESTABLISHED.)
Thames	Opotiki - Ohiwa and Opotiki Post- office - Wharf	As required ..	Established.
	Mackaytown Post-office - Karanga- hake Railway-station	Daily .. ..	..
	Oponae-Matahanea	Weekly .. ..	..
	Whakatane-Taneatua .. ..	.. ..	..
	Mackaytown Post-office - Railway- station .. ..	.. ..	Abolished. (See ESTABLISHED.)
Timaru	Geraldine-Temuka	Twice daily ..	Established.
	Timaru Post-office <i>via</i> Grant's and Page's Roads, by Hadlow to Tycho Flat School, then back by Rolling Ridges and Rosewill School past Harper's, Davies's, Kelland's, and Lindsay's corner to Timaru Post- office	Daily .. ..	..
	Lake Tekapo - Burke's Pass	Weekly .. ..	..
	Hermitage - Lake Pukaki	Fortnightly ..	..
	Geraldine-Temuka .. ..	.. ..	Abolished.
Wanganui	Waiouru-Tangiwai	Daily	Established.
	Marton - Onepuhi Bridge - Gower's Gate (Leedstown) and Cliff Road (rural delivery)	Thrice weekly ..	..
	Karioi Post-office, Karioi Road, Field's Track to Kennedy's Track, and Rangiwaea Road to Karioi (rural delivery)	Twice weekly ..	..
	Wanganui Post-office - St. John's (rural delivery) .. ..	.. ..	Extended to Rapanui.
	Ohakune: Conveyance of Mail-agents to and from Railway-station .. ..	.. ..	Abolished.
	Rapanui Post-office-Westmere Rail- way-station .. ..	.. ..	Abolished.
Wellington	Wellington Chief Post Office - Parcels Office	Daily, hourly ..	Established.
	Eketahuna-Newman	Daily, one way only	..
	Hamua-Hukanui	Daily .. ..	..
	Kakariki - Railway-station .. ..	.. ..	..
	Konini Post-office - Railway-station .. ..	.. ..	..
	Pohangina-Raumai .. ..	.. ..	..
	Foxton - Manawatu Heads	Daily in summer, thrice weekly in winter .. ..	..
	Pukehinau - Maku - Pongaroa	Thrice weekly ..	..
	Te Wharau - Kaiwhata - Kummer- stein (rural delivery)	Twice weekly ..	..
	Tararua-Aokautere	Weekly .. ..	.. (See ABOLISHED.)
	Tararua-Aokautere .. ..	.. ..	..
	Masterton, &c.-Longbush .. ..	.. ..	Extended to Spring Grove.
	Apti - Marton Block .. ..	.. ..	Abolished.
	Maku-Pukehinau .. ..	.. ..	..
	Pongaroa - Maku and Maku - Waihi Junction .. ..	.. ..	..
	Tararua-Aokautere .. ..	.. ..	..
	Tokomaru Post-office - Railway-sta- tion .. ..	.. ..	..
Westport	Westport: Extra clearance of posting- boxes	Daily	Established.
	Granity-Mangatina .. ..	.. ..	..
	Granity Post-office - Coal-bins .. ..	.. ..	..

SUBSIDIZED SEA MAIL-SERVICES.

The several subsidized sea mail-services, the subsidy-payments for the year 1910, the dates when established, and the date on which each terminates are shown below :—

Service.	Annual Subsidy or Payment.			Duration of Service.		Number of Voyages per Annum.	Mileage for Complete Voyage.	Cost per Mile.	
				When established.	When terminated or terminable.			s.	d.
Auckland and Fiji	£	s.	d.	June, 1880	..	13	2,334	s.	d.
Auckland and South Pacific Islands	1,690	0	0	June, 1885	..	12	6,992	1	1-37
Auckland and Great Barrier ..	250	0	0	Oct., 1891	Dec., 1912	52	124	0	3-43
Auckland, Whangaroa, and Mangonui	126	0	0	Nov., 1907	Dec., 1912	52	368	0	9-31
Dargaville and Tangiteroria ..	110	0	0	Nov., 1893	Dec., 1912	156	62	0	1-58
Helensville and Matakoho ..	150	0	0	Jan., 1881	Dec., 1912	104	116	0	2-73
Helensville and Dargaville ..	575	0	0	Jan., 1881	Dec., 1912	156	128	0	2-98
Horeke, Kohukohu, Rawene, Koutu, Rangi Point, Opononi, and Omapere	150	0	0	Jan., 1889	Dec., 1912	156	52	0	6-91
Russell and Opua	90	0	0	Jan., 1889	Dec., 1912	(as required)	..	..	4-44
Wellington, Rarotonga, and Paapeete (Tahiti)	7,000	0	0	Jan., 1909	Oct., 1910	8	4,722	2	11-58
New Zealand - San Francisco ..	21,666	13	4	Oct., 1910	Oct., 1911	13	6,429	5	2-2
New Zealand and Australia (Wellington-Sydney)	15,000	0	0	Dec., 1906	..	52	1,230	4	8-28
Wellington, Wakatahuri, Home-wood (and other offices), and Havelock	410	0	0	Dec., 1891	Dec., 1912	26	300	0	5-7
Wellington and Motueka ..	255	0	0	Nov., 1902	Dec., 1912	43	220		
Picton, offices in Sounds, and Havelock	265	0	0*	Jan., 1907	Dec., 1912	26	165	1	2-66
Portage and Crail Bay	190	0	0	Jan., 1910	Dec., 1912	52	106	0	5-74
	135	0	0†						
Nelson, Tarakohe, Tonga Bay, Totaranui, Takaka, and Collingwood	110	0	0	..	Dec., 1912	104	130	0	2-17
	140	0	0‡						
Nelson and Otarawao	140	0	0	Jan., 1904	Dec., 1912	52	61	0	10-59
Westport and Karamea	650	0	0	June, 1886	Dec., 1912	36	102	2	9-51
Westport and Little Wanganui ..	850	0	0	Jan., 1895	Dec., 1912	12	82		
Hokitika, Okarito, Bruce Bay, Paringa, Haast, Okura, and Jackson's Bay	850	0	0	Jan., 1886	Dec., 1912	6	270	10	5-93
Lyttelton and Chatham Islands (including Pitt Island)	350	0	0	..	April, 1911	6	1,050	1	1-33
Bluff and Half-moon Bay	300	0	0	July, 1886	Dec., 1912	52	44	2	7-47
Bluff and Ruapuke Island	43	0	0	Sept., 1903	Dec., 1912	19	26	1	8-89
Bluff, Te Oneroa, and Cromarty ..	137	10	0	April, 1893	Dec., 1912	6	190	2	4-95

* Subsidy increased from 19th April, 1910. from 1st August, 1910.

† Subsidy increased from 23rd August, 1910.

‡ Subsidy increased

CABLE BUSINESS.

The number and value of cable messages forwarded from New Zealand during 1910 are shown in the following statement :—

VIA PACIFIC.

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
International	27,272	£ 39,445 11 11½	232	£ 424 8 1¼
Australia	60,054	11,332 18 4	693	189 2 4½
Total for 1910	87,326	50,778 10 3½	925	613 10 5¾
Total for 1909	96,648	53,053 5 2½	1,050	1,290 17 11½

VIA EXTENSION.

Destination.	Ordinary.			Press.				
	Number of Messages.	Value.			Number of Messages.	Value.		
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
International	10,703	13,968	5	4	34	69	12	1
Australia	22,570	4,171	4	2½	1,302	679	11	3½
Total for 1910	33,273	18,139	9	6½	1,336	749	3	4½
Total for 1909	19,812	11,562	2	4	1,220	940	0	3½

The Dominion's outward international and Australian cable business, not including Press, for the years 1910 and 1909 was as follows:—

INTERNATIONAL.

	Number of Messages.	Value.
		£ s. d.
1910	37,975	53,413 17 3½
1909	35,717	49,495 10 1
Increase	2,258 = 6·3 per cent.	£3,918 7 2½ = 7·9 per cent.

AUSTRALIA.

	Number of Messages.	Value.
		£ s. d.
1910	82,624	15,504 2 6½
1909	80,743	15,119 17 5½
Increase	1,881 = 2·33 per cent.	£384 5 1 = 2·54 per cent.

There was a total increase of 4,139 messages, and an increase of £4,302 12s. 3½d. in value.

The number of cable messages received in New Zealand during 1910, exclusive of Press, was as follows:—

VIA PACIFIC.

	International.	Australia.
1910	20,802	44,976
1909	20,237	45,796
Increase	565	Decrease 820

VIA EXTENSION.

	International.	Australia.
1910	14,108	29,503
1909	12,524	26,448
Increase	1,584	Increase 3,055

The forwarded and received cable Press business for the ten years ended the 31st December, 1910, was:—

Year.	Forwarded.			Received.			
	Number of		Value.	Number of			
	Messages.	Words.		Messages.	Words.		
			£	s.	d.		
1901	1,420	148,400	2,718	12	0	3,989	351,291
1902	1,830	202,968	1,772	8	4	4,443	396,438
1903	1,595	159,732	1,235	11	1	5,636	425,824
1904	1,551	161,094	1,147	8	8	4,488	392,888
1905	2,226	181,196	1,290	9	3	4,548	398,878
1906	1,815	186,128	1,290	7	9	4,061	394,337
1907	1,874	135,325	1,003	5	5	4,204	405,498
1908	2,404	236,759	2,643	6	0½	4,264	380,117
1909	2,270	199,291	2,230	18	3	4,515	422,949
1910	2,261	168,262	1,362	13	10½	5,893	528,843

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.														
Year.	Commission received.		Where payable.						Total.					
			In the Dominion.		United Kingdom and Foreign Offices.		Australia and other British Possessions.							
			No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.		
1863	£	s. d.	2,201	£	s. d.	4,740	£	s. d.	4,645	£	s. d.	11,586	£	s. d.
	1,057	9 0		9,613	11 11		21,944	2 1		24,145	7 5		55,703	1 5
1873	3,562	3 2	34,288	142,642	4 10	11,913	48,547	11 4	6,150	28,068	5 5	52,351	219,258	1 7
1883	9,022	10 6	132,232	402,558	12 11	26,211	91,634	4 7	14,113	46,939	17 11	172,556	541,132	15 5
1893	10,248	14 5	146,133	576,358	17 2	29,616	86,544	19 11	35,208	88,025	8 9	210,957	750,929	5 10
1894	10,600	19 7	155,534	608,042	2 11	28,513	79,348	10 2	38,631	89,392	11 10	222,678	776,783	4 11
1895	11,433	13 8	162,600	635,062	17 11	28,882	78,465	0 4	52,015	99,076	16 8	243,497	812,604	14 11
1896	12,671	6 7	181,505	717,217	19 1	29,238	82,498	15 6	58,823	102,443	1 0	269,566	902,159	15 7
1897	13,835	15 4	193,867	762,592	10 3	31,770	93,649	1 3	68,002	114,589	3 5	293,659	970,830	14 11
1898	14,747	9 6	206,265	798,725	15 8	35,377	107,140	7 5	76,728	123,375	4 6	318,370	1,029,241	7 7
1899	15,533	4 6	221,354	864,513	4 9	38,528	122,064	3 1	84,782	132,230	17 9	344,664	1,118,808	5 7
1900	16,512	12 9	239,565	951,860	7 4	40,925	122,934	10 4	89,344	140,057	18 9	369,834	1,214,852	16 5
1901	17,518	11 0	255,344	1,002,056	12 1	45,701	125,549	5 11	104,922	158,902	3 10	495,967	1,286,508	1 10
1902	14,915	18 2	258,110	1,014,723	16 0	53,910	138,755	2 8	55,187	123,580	3 7	367,207	1,277,059	2 3
1903	15,881	18 5	273,535	1,108,067	5 8	63,309	157,789	16 0	59,468	150,367	10 8	396,312	1,416,224	12 4
1904	16,385	9 0	281,655	1,148,226	3 0	60,490	165,245	0 8	65,638	163,416	4 9	407,783	1,476,887	8 5
1905	17,073	9 6	287,394	1,189,385	13 4	57,414	177,609	18 8	72,633	174,716	7 10	417,441	1,541,711	19 10
1906	18,278	10 3	301,650	1,312,270	13 4	60,120	186,902	16 6	77,250	187,057	12 1	439,020	1,686,231	1 11
1907	18,846	12 6	305,424	1,389,800	4 4	58,565	193,356	5 3	77,498	190,434	7 6	441,487	1,773,590	17 1
1908	12,555	10 3	338,752	1,611,968	4 11	67,384	226,408	10 1	81,948	212,307	11 10	488,084	2,050,684	6 10
1909	13,782	14 0	383,283	1,841,030	7 7	74,893	256,803	12 2	80,564	209,758	18 4	538,740	2,307,592	18 1
1910	14,300	7 9	413,314	1,981,877	2 2	79,651	273,449	2 2	76,692	202,196	14 1	569,657	2,457,522	18 5

DRAWN ON THE DOMINION.

DRAWN ON THE DOMINION.												
Year.	Where issued.						Total.					
	In the Dominion.		United Kingdom and Foreign Offices.		Australia and other British Possessions.							
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.		
1863	2,067	£	s. d.	415	£	s. d.	558	£	s. d.	3,040	£	s. d.
		9,169	4 6		1,824	0 8		3,077	13 7		14,070	18 9
1873	34,288	142,642	4 10	1,482	6,625	14 5	1,668	7,689	6 8	37,438	156,957	5 11
1883	132,232	402,558	12 11	3,725	15,553	3 11	5,697	23,299	12 11	141,654	441,411	9 9
1893	146,133	576,358	17 2	8,746	32,616	17 2	10,679	40,929	2 5	165,558	649,904	16 9
1894	155,534	608,042	2 11	9,293	33,786	17 6	10,690	38,571	3 1	175,517	680,400	3 6
1895	162,600	635,062	17 11	9,938	35,155	7 9	11,520	39,862	18 10	184,058	710,081	4 6
1896	181,505	717,217	19 1	10,254	35,553	7 1	11,507	40,836	4 7	203,266	793,607	10 9
1897	193,867	762,592	10 3	10,085	35,238	10 3	11,407	40,105	1 11	215,359	837,936	2 5
1898	206,265	798,725	15 8	10,671	36,106	9 10	12,753	44,558	10 10	229,689	879,390	16 4
1899	221,354	864,513	4 9	10,624	37,290	8 7	13,399	48,533	15 11	245,377	950,337	9 3
1900	239,565	951,860	7 4	10,342	36,014	6 3	15,271	59,304	9 6	265,178	1,047,179	3 1
1901	255,344	1,002,056	12 1	11,082	40,021	14 4	16,688	63,800	4 10	283,114	1,105,878	11 3
1902	258,110	1,014,723	16 0	11,732	41,370	13 3	16,527	62,159	10 8	286,369	1,118,253	19 11
1903	273,535	1,108,067	5 8	13,035	49,181	1 3	17,777	68,340	8 8	304,347	1,225,588	15 7
1904	281,655	1,148,226	3 0	11,567	45,793	1 1	19,277	71,824	7 5	312,499	1,265,843	11 6
1905	287,394	1,189,385	13 4	10,338	47,649	9 0	19,669	72,437	13 3	317,401	1,309,472	15 7
1906	301,650	1,312,270	13 4	10,314	50,559	18 10	20,462	75,091	14 2	332,426	1,437,922	6 4
1907	305,424	1,389,800	4 4	10,315	55,032	3 3	21,697	77,118	8 9	337,436	1,521,950	16 4
1908	338,752	1,611,968	4 11	10,970	58,499	19 11	21,886	80,500	4 3	371,608	1,750,968	9 1
1909	383,283	1,841,030	7 7	11,783	61,289	17 2	23,592	82,409	13 2	418,658	1,984,729	17 11
1910	413,314	1,981,877	2 2	11,954	63,196	12 3	24,172	82,501	9 2	449,440	2,127,575	3 7

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 1909 and 1910.

ISSUED IN NEW ZEALAND.

Where payable.	1909.		1910.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
United Kingdom and Foreign Offices through United Kingdom	61,385	£ 200,457 1 1	65,809	£ 216,538 6 10
United States of America	10,057	21,015 3 4	10,287	19,235 17 7
Austria	2,550	32,753 7 0	2,372	33,248 10 4
Canada	736	2,979 3 0	841	3,708 17 5
Cape of Good Hope	355	1,200 3 6	267	957 19 9
Ceylon	201	935 6 4	249	1,452 5 1
Fiji	211	1,314 6 1	258	805 13 8
Germany	875	2,378 14 2	1,034	3,225 13 6
Hong Kong	336	1,421 19 4	362	1,568 16 4
India	845	3,172 9 10	949	3,435 10 5
Natal	132	563 19 1	116	571 7 10
New South Wales	36,939	92,869 5 1	36,344	92,977 0 11
Norway .. .. .	..	..	70	275 3 1
Orange Free State	22	119 3 3	16	91 1 9
Queensland	2,716	9,418 16 1	2,771	9,971 7 7
Samoa	26	199 6 7	32	192 14 2
South Australia	1,942	5,381 1 1	1,746	5,525 12 4
Straits Settlements	19	59 11 5	41	111 11 11
Tasmania	6,319	14,410 16 3	6,077	13,165 16 1
Tonga	60	418 0 7	47	732 16 8
Transvaal	223	1,055 13 11	197	994 13 1
Victoria	27,486	69,312 10 4	24,584	61,893 14 8
Western Australia	2,022	5,126 13 2	1,874	4,965 5 3
Totals	155,457	466,562 10 6	156,343	475,645 16 3

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Where issued.	1909.		1910.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
United Kingdom and Foreign Offices through United Kingdom	9,160	£ 47,829 13 6	8,884	£ 46,737 1 3
United States of America	2,046	8,862 7 7	2,015	8,994 7 7
Austria	31	281 15 6	31	97 16 9
Canada	608	2,897 8 11	710	2,947 19 8
Cape of Good Hope	173	939 14 9	177	1,139 1 1
Ceylon	35	107 1 7	36	119 18 11
Fiji	709	3,101 2 0	719	3,191 2 6
Germany	160	678 6 1	165	788 8 1
Hong Kong	50	339 10 2	42	207 19 7
India	240	945 10 4	224	1,027 8 0
Natal	76	312 1 5	97	445 18 11
New South Wales	9,080	27,339 4 2	9,700	29,119 17 10
Norway .. .. .	..	..	1	0 6 7
Orange Free State	24	252 2 7	23	216 13 0
Queensland	1,748	6,027 2 4	1,941	6,587 18 11
Samoa	386	3,637 14 6	338	2,454 5 6
South Australia	982	3,461 5 8	1,096	3,696 9 6
Straits Settlements	56	255 5 10	24	147 18 7
Tasmania	1,895	6,742 5 4	1,869	7,202 8 6
Tonga	479	3,813 10 1	520	4,124 6 6
Transvaal	377	2,289 6 6	396	2,411 9 4
Victoria	5,882	18,119 7 7	5,876	18,248 4 11
Western Australia	1,178	5,467 13 11	1,242	5,790 19 11
Totals	35,375	143,699 10 4	36,126	145,698 1 5

Table No. 3.
TABLE showing the Number and Value of Postal Notes sold from the 1st January, 1886—the date upon which they were first issued—to the 31st March, 1911.

Year.	Number of Postal Notes sold.													Total.		
	At 1s.	At 1s. 6d.	At 2s.	At 2s. 6d.	At 3s.	At 5s.	At 7s. 6d.	At 10s.	At 12s. 6d.	At 15s.	At 17s. 6d.	At £1.	At £5*.		Number.	Value.
Quarter ended Mar. 31, 1886	3,019	2,046	..	1,012	..	2,059	969	2,379	695	992	425	2,866	..	16,442	£ 6,909 15 6	s. d. 6
1886-87 ..	16,605	12,283	..	6,647	..	11,566	5,729	13,103	4,090	5,187	2,375	14,961	..	92,546	37,659 7 0	7 0
1887-88 ..	22,467	17,167	..	9,162	..	15,563	7,671	17,487	5,278	6,940	2,952	17,578	..	122,255	47,729 5 0	5 0
1888-89 ..	27,428	21,900	..	11,912	..	19,741	9,477	21,149	6,618	8,243	3,633	19,778	..	149,879	56,841 18 0	18 0
1889-90 ..	32,754	25,387	..	14,478	..	23,550	10,894	24,011	7,809	9,386	4,158	22,596	..	175,023	65,484 2 0	2 0
1890-91 ..	35,915	28,569	..	16,092	..	25,204	12,229	25,906	7,969	10,172	4,366	23,503	..	189,915	69,721 18 6	6 6
1891-92 ..	42,416	33,722	..	19,383	..	29,550	14,019	30,132	9,058	11,611	5,369	25,889	..	220,668	79,325 16 6	6 6
1892-93 ..	48,612	38,849	..	22,038	..	33,012	16,072	32,747	9,904	12,330	6,156	28,989	..	247,902	87,856 18 0	0
1893-94 ..	56,761	44,706	..	25,461	..	37,771	18,096	37,687	11,016	13,800	6,156	33,985	..	285,389	101,002 7 6	6 6
1894-95 ..	62,506	49,846	..	28,975	..	43,829	20,423	43,167	11,864	15,567	6,790	36,601	..	319,368	112,307 10 0	0
1895-96 ..	68,454 ^a	56,185	..	32,801	..	49,204	22,802	47,787	13,601	17,191	7,020	33,390	1,192	349,627	123,368 6 6	6 6
1896-97 ..	74,534	62,056	..	35,322	..	54,219	24,871	51,963	14,365	18,102	7,904	32,898	1,090	376,796	129,011 18 0	0
1897-98 ..	81,958	69,981	..	38,617	..	60,843	26,968	55,748	15,463	19,477	7,904	32,179	728	409,866	134,378 9 6	6 6
1898-99 ..	86,529	72,710	..	41,991	..	64,386	28,448	59,631	16,202	19,990	8,193	32,696	673	431,449	139,957 4 0	0
1899-1900 ..	93,762	77,431	..	44,384	..	70,416	30,680	63,787	16,957	21,393	8,530	33,491	607	461,447	147,686 8 6	6 6
1900-1901 ..	85,478	68,068	..	52,691	..	80,630	24,437	71,001	13,304	23,875	6,799	35,067	560	490,506	154,435 16 6	6 6
1901-1902 ..	49,529	30,255	..	62,285	..	65,467	109,663	92,708	..	32,128	..	43,042	556	556,316	173,317 5 0	0
1902-1903 ..	54,268	38,409	..	76,613	..	119,593	..	102,641	..	34,508	..	48,852	558	616,264	191,904 13 0	0
1903-1904 ..	61,379	37,514	..	86,228	..	134,271	..	114,755	..	38,080	..	58,623	656	707,044	220,069 11 0	0
1904-1905 ..	65,484	40,263	..	96,228	..	154,291	..	130,430	..	42,317	..	69,206	688	785,347	250,123 7 6	6 6
1905-1906 ..	74,389	45,358	..	108,493	..	167,430	..	143,216	..	46,228	..	76,508	788	875,324	276,279 7 6	6 6
1906-1907 ..	82,417	54,375	..	120,321	..	187,083	..	159,045	..	51,559	..	91,193	954	981,642	314,053 6 0	0
1907-1908 ..	89,906	58,202	..	124,052	..	205,500	..	171,951	..	57,637	..	104,714	423	1,092,631	347,300 0 0	0
1908-1909 ..	97,285	59,484	..	162,588	..	227,471	..	188,677	..	62,916	..	123,786	..	1,222,280	389,143 0 0	0
1909-1910 ..	113,825	67,406	..	195,168	..	261,945	..	214,453	..	70,967	..	143,611	..	1,414,752	447,618 14 0	0
1910-1911 ..	130,645	79,792	..	244,941	..	301,707	..	242,854	..	82,253	..	171,900	..	1,666,959	524,942 18 6	6 6

* Issued only from 17th June, 1885, to 31st October, 1907.

Table No. 4.

TABLE showing the Number and Amount of Transactions at the Money-order and Savings-bank Offices of New Zealand during the Year 1910.

Office.	Money-orders.						Savings-banks.					
	Issued.			Paid.			New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.	
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.		Amount.	No.		Amount.	
POSTAL DISTRICT OF—		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Auckland ..	129550	3,425 8 8	550,586 16 4	123116	561,653 12 2	14591	126,049	1,985,993 9 11	9,494	92,895	176,421	12 1
Blenheim ..	8,149	179 16 0	35,994 4 10	3,899	26,156 9 1	1,024	9,141	144,888 19 9	817	6,059	129,967	11 4
Christchurch ..	54,754	1,467 17 6	235,844 4 2	51,389	262,978 11 0	10693	125,697	1,782,478 0 7	7,873	90,889	166,272	13 3
Dunedin ..	55,238	1,248 18 9	207,499 5 2	56,044	251,396 0 0	7,752	95,773	1,293,584 10 5	5,806	61,583	116,792	2 10
Gisborne ..	13,371	340 17 3	58,754 4 1	5,123	26,592 10 11	2,391	19,532	258,297 18 1	1,542	13,428	222,694	12 0
Greymouth ..	16,685	442 11 3	73,515 13 3	7,138	34,101 10 6	1,987	15,901	217,835 17 7	1,580	9,289	199,658	0 7
Hokitika ..	3,703	77 8 9	14,325 1 0	2,348	9,498 14 7	313	2,340	40,166 11 6	269	1,680	36,533	6 11
Invercargill ..	27,576	586 7 9	103,012 0 0	16,350	68,161 5 6	3,220	26,866	442,071 17 2	2,175	16,239	377,328	3 0
Napier ..	29,104	673 3 0	140,091 2 3	18,372	104,981 9 1	4,152	36,825	521,950 0 10	3,083	23,410	467,082	11 2
Nelson ..	15,316	359 5 9	72,103 12 8	11,332	63,948 15 5	1,617	14,131	227,815 11 11	1,172	9,904	209,400	3 1
New Plymouth ..	15,783	343 12 9	66,292 4 9	9,251	50,531 10 3	2,212	17,936	283,916 19 3	1,716	11,163	247,860	2 9
Oamaru ..	9,036	167 13 0	63,066 13 2	3,814	16,280 11 3	986	8,651	156,758 19 2	763	5,786	142,189	16 0
Thames ..	26,897	563 4 9	102,396 0 4	10,620	49,957 12 10	2,610	20,195	292,305 13 1	1,801	11,703	252,046	14 2
Timaru ..	16,679	347 18 3	105,274 18 8	8,265	41,246 19 11	2,434	22,253	358,120 2 10	1,701	14,382	312,128	10 5
Wanganui ..	37,939	793 8 0	165,052 5 3	19,347	88,682 11 7	4,787	39,774	534,058 13 8	3,610	25,435	492,331	19 3
Wellington ..	95,226	2,899 17 1	394,947 8 0	98,864	443,021 14 0	16,458	176,211	2,019,767 17 6	13,173	120,907	188,778	9 8
Westport ..	14,651	382 19 3	68,767 4 6	4,501	27,398 18 6	1,339	11,549	148,927 13 7	1,120	5,661	133,669	7 7
Grand totals ..	569657	14,300 7 9	2,457,522 18 5	449773	2,126,588 16 7	78566	768,824	10,708,938 16 10	57,695	520,413	969,551	16 1

Table No. 5.

STATEMENT showing the Number of British Postal Orders of each Denomination sold and paid in the Dominion of New Zealand during the Financial Years 1909-10 and 1910-11.

Denomination.	Sold.		Paid.	
	1909-10.	1910-11.	1909-10.	1910-11.
s. d.				
0 6		970	118	153
1 0	2,797	4,326	567	662
1 6	1,212	1,907	218	273
2 0	1,947	3,167	555	609
2 6	2,996	3,872	924	1,042
3 0	1,509	2,517	326	353
3 6	806	991	136	203
4 0	1,065	1,537	310	255
4 6	472	722	62	75
5 0	5,508	8,290	1,648	1,891
*5 6	420	211	47	36
*6 0	928	452	174	163
*6 6	523	203	56	45
*7 0	627	247	84	115
7 6	848	1,646	147	167
*8 0	642	284	73	86
*8 6	383	180	25	33
*9 0	393	159	51	58
*9 6	201	105	29	36
10 0	7,494	9,791	2,255	2,552
*10 6	395	209	89	88
*11 0	320	148	40	47
*11 6	122	60	30	40
*12 0	435	203	108	93
12 6	336	675	70	123
*13 0	283	144	55	42
*13 6	116	69	21	38
*14 0	253	121	64	62
*14 6	61	40	17	26
15 0	1,417	2,138	583	602
*15 6	88	50	10	11
*16 0	256	99	35	31
*16 6	57	37	18	7
*17 0	143	67	22	26
17 6	142	373	37	33
*18 0	215	97	30	40
*18 6	159	80	10	24
*19 0	380	152	29	36
*19 6	56	50	16	32
20 0	17,172	20,544	8,863	9,310
*21 0	213	148	474	423
Number ..	54,360	67,769	18,926	19,941
Value ..	£29,676 11s. 10d.	£35,270 7s. 9d.	£12,411 16s.	£13,188 16s. 6d.

* British Postal Orders of these denominations were withdrawn from issue at all offices in the Dominion on the 1st September, 1910.

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, 1910.

Postal Districts.	Number of Post-Office Savings-Banks Open at the Close of the Year.	Total Amount of Deposits received during the Year.			Average Amount of each Deposit received during the Year.			Number of Deposits received during the Year.	Total Amount of Withdrawals during the Year.			Average Amount of each Withdrawal during the Year.			Excess of Deposits over Withdrawals during the Year.			Excess of Withdrawals over Deposits during the Year.	Cost of Management during the Year.	Average Cost of each Transaction, Deposit or Withdrawal.			Interest for the Year.	Number of Accounts opened during the Year.	Number of Accounts closed during the Year.	Number of Accounts remaining Open at Close of the Year.	Total Amount standing to the Credit of all Open Accounts inclusive of Interest to the Close of the Year.			Average Amount standing to the Credit of each Open Account at Close of the Year.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	175	1,985,993	9	11	15	15	1	92,895	1,764,215	12	1	18	19	10	221,777	17	10	..	..	70,056	11	7	14,591	9,494	60,266	2,391,970	3	3	39	13	10
Blenheim	11	144,888	19	9	15	17	0	6,059	129,967	11	4	21	9	0	14,921	8	5	..	..	6,426	16	5	1,024	817	6,142	211,126	2	10	34	7	6
Christchurch	69	1,782,478	0	7	14	3	7	90,889	1,662,722	13	3	18	5	11	119,755	7	4	..	..	70,602	4	10	10,693	7,873	64,371	2,330,208	12	9	36	4	0
Dunedin	57	1,293,584	10	5	13	10	2	61,583	1,157,927	2	10	18	16	1	135,657	7	7	..	..	61,685	8	5	7,752	5,806	47,283	2,010,754	3	5	42	10	6
Gisborne	15	258,297	18	1	13	4	6	13,428	222,694	12	0	16	11	8	35,603	6	1	..	..	7,812	5	8	2,391	1,542	8,822	273,544	14	10	31	0	2
Greymouth	15	217,835	17	7	13	14	0	9,289	199,658	0	7	21	9	11	18,177	17	0	..	..	10,260	13	0	1,987	1,580	7,416	330,796	5	0	44	12	1
Hokitika	7	40,166	11	6	17	3	4	1,680	36,533	6	11	21	14	10	3,633	4	7	..	..	3,036	12	10	313	269	1,898	95,130	17	7	50	2	5
Invercargill	30	442,071	17	2	16	9	1	16,239	377,328	3	0	23	4	9	64,743	14	2	..	..	20,571	6	1	3,220	2,175	16,112	678,490	6	7	42	2	3
Napier	34	521,950	0	10	14	3	6	23,410	467,082	11	2	19	19	0	54,867	9	8	..	..	19,829	13	2	4,152	3,083	18,658	660,704	3	1	35	8	3
Nelson	20	227,815	11	11	16	2	5	9,904	209,400	3	1	21	2	10	18,415	8	10	..	..	10,968	10	7	1,617	1,172	9,689	357,274	2	3	36	17	6
New Plymouth	16	283,916	19	3	15	16	7	11,163	247,860	2	9	22	4	1	36,056	16	6	..	..	10,779	3	11	2,212	1,716	9,583	357,674	19	3	37	6	6
Oamaru	10	156,758	19	2	18	2	5	5,786	142,189	16	0	24	11	6	14,569	3	2	..	..	7,585	4	7	986	763	5,008	244,848	19	9	48	17	10
Thames	22	292,305	13	1	14	9	6	11,703	252,046	14	2	21	10	9	40,258	18	11	..	..	11,406	6	3	2,610	1,801	11,791	386,763	13	9	32	16	0
Timaru	16	358,120	2	10	16	1	10	14,382	312,128	10	5	21	14	1	45,991	12	5	..	..	14,032	0	7	2,434	1,701	11,465	469,371	0	8	40	18	9
Wanganui	48	534,058	13	8	13	8	7	25,435	492,331	19	3	19	7	2	41,726	14	5	..	..	19,261	15	5	4,787	3,610	20,115	636,952	0	6	31	13	4
Wellington	84	2,019,767	17	6	11	9	3	120,907	1,887,758	9	8	15	12	3	132,009	7	10	..	..	74,546	1	1	16,458	13,173	77,223	2,479,885	16	8	32	2	3
Westport	18	148,927	13	7	12	17	11	5,661	133,669	7	7	23	12	3	15,258	6	0	..	..	5,807	6	7	1,339	1,120	4,743	189,493	17	0	39	19	1
Totals for Dominion in 1910	647	10,708,938	16	10	13	18	7	520,413	9,695,514	16	1	18	12	7	1,013,424	0	9	..	..	424,668	1	0	78,566	57,695	380,585	14,104,989	19	2	37	1	3

Table No. 6.—POST-OFFICE SAVINGS-BANKS.—GENERAL STATEMENT—continued. TABLE showing the Business of the Post-Office Savings-banks in New Zealand, Year by Year, from the Date they were established, in February, 1867, to the 31st December, 1910

Table with 17 columns: Number of Office Savings-Banks Open at the Close of the Year, Total Amount of Deposits received during the Year, Average Amount of each Deposit received during the Year, Number of Deposits received during the Year, Total Amount of Withdrawals during the Year, Average Amount of each Withdrawal during the Year, Excess of Deposits over Withdrawals during the Year, Excess of Withdrawals over Deposits during the Year, Cost of Management during the Year, Average Cost of each Transaction, Deposit or Withdrawal, Interest for the Year, Number of Accounts opened during the Year, Number of Accounts closed during the Year, Number of Accounts remaining Open at Close of the Year, Total Amount standing to the Credit of all Open Accounts, inclusive of Interest to the Close of the Year, Average Amount standing to the Credit of each Open Account at Close of the Year.

Totals for Dominion from 1st Feb. to 31st Dec., 1867

Table No. 7.

BALANCE-SHEET of the New Zealand Post Office Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1910.

	Balances on 1st January, 1910.		Transactions.				Balances on 31st December, 1910.	
	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
MONEY-ORDER ACCOUNTS:—								
Money-orders (general)	39,843	4 2	2,605,465	7 11	2,603,229	8 1	42,079	4 0
United Kingdom, &c.	17,428	16 3½	266,331	10 3	256,064	0 10	27,996	5 8½
United States of America			19,321	16 2	18,224	8 7	919	10 0
Australia	2,757	12 6½	190,554	16 4	190,168	2 10½	3,144	6 0
Austria	2,303	15 7	33,334	11 5	31,819	16 11	3,818	10 1
Canada			4,331	14 10	3,825	11 0		
Cape of Good Hope	72	13 1	1,063	1 1	1,294	17 0		
Ceylon	126	14 10	1,459	10 4	1,400	12 1	185	13 1
Fiji			3,022	16 2	3,229	14 7		
Germany	2,072	2 9	3,241	16 0	2,689	8 1	2,624	10 8
Hong Kong	113	18 6	1,578	9 0	1,538	19 10	153	7 8
India	636	18 2	3,489	7 11	3,422	4 4	703	1 9
Natal			736	19 11	761	4 3		
Orange River Colony			148	4 9	217	3 10		
Samoa			2,674	7 1	2,466	10 11		
Straits Settlements			214	18 3	156	11 5		
Tonga			1,174	5 6	4,134	12 9		
Transvaal			345	6 5	2,454	8 5		
Norway					275	16 10		
Commission					2,228	12 11		
			414	17 8				
SAVINGS-BANK ACCOUNTS:—								
Deposits and withdrawals	12,666,897	17 5	11,133,606	17 10	9,695,514	16 1	14,104,989	19 2
Transfers	6,608	12 8	991,368	2 7	991,235	5 7	6,741	9 8
POSTAL ACCOUNTS:—								
Stamps	185,858	14 5	848,493	11 1	856,247	13 3	178,104	12 3
Postal Guides	12	1 0	640	16 2	642	16 0	10	1 2
Postal notes	106,913	17 8	512,323	15 0	508,401	11 1½	110,836	1 6½
Private box and bag rents			11,135	3 9	11,135	3 9		
Money-order commission			14,474	9 6	14,474	9 6		
British postal orders—H.O. a/c	46,935	8 11	29,989	11 8	56,006	5 7	20,918	15 0
" C.P.M.'s a/c	57,224	6 8	33,245	17 3	71,673	8 4	18,796	15 7
" London a/c			33,643	7 2	33,655	16 7		
B.P.O. commission			373	14 8	373	14 8		
Postal revenue			584,377	5 3	578,849	10 6	4,492	0 1
TELEGRAPH ACCOUNTS:—								
New South Wales Telegraphs	364	1 3	13,763	14 9	13,618	18 1	508	17 11
New Zealand and Australian Cable	178	16 11	5,834	9 0	5,781	9 6	231	16 5
Pacific Cable Board	2,095	2 11	48,823	15 5	49,019	2 1	1,899	16 3
Telephone-exchange receipts			159,852	15 2	159,852	15 2		
Special messenger receipts			574	10 9	574	10 9		
Maintenance of private wires			2,585	9 2	2,585	9 2		
Registration of code addresses			1,305	10 5	1,305	10 5		
Cable deposits	298	2 9	5,316	6 6	5,343	18 5½	270	10 9½
Telegraph revenue	4,790	1 0	496,769	16 10½	495,477	0 7½	6,082	17 3
GENERAL ACCOUNTS:—								
Post Office Account			545,121	4 5	7,759,865	9 3½		
Postmasters and Telegraphists			612,806	17 2	19,438,327	7 2		
Investments			12,301,772	12 3	876,644	4 2		
Accrued interest on investments			160,096	9 8	160,096	9 8		
							587,132	18 6
							466,582	14 10
							13,725,819	19 7
							150,578	4 5

Table No. 7—continued.
BALANCE-SHEET of the New Zealand Post Office Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1910—continued.

	Balances on 1st January, 1910.			Transactions.						Balances on 31st December, 1910.					
	Cr.		Dr.	Cr.		Dr.		Cr.		Dr.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
(GENERAL ACCOUNTS—continued)															
Miscellaneous receipts (general)	3,303	0	5½		14,215	12	2	13,866	1	10	3,652	10	9½		
Foreign postage	309	10	10½		23,129	7	7½	18,442	9	0	4,986	9	6		
Miscellaneous expenses	65,903	6	2		1,266,695	9	8	1,291,889	18	2	30,708	17	8		
Discount-stamps	1,938	5	0		1,877	0	0	1,728	12	0	2,086	13	0		
Foreign Mail Settlements a/c					29,704	3	0	19,050	3	8	10,653	19	4		
FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS:—															
Advances to Settlers	12,701	16	9		1,946,631	9	7	1,944,665	4	5	14,668	1	11		
Arms Act licenses	6	0	0		144	0	0	147	0	0	3	0	0		
Audit fees					5	0	0				5	0	0		
Clerks of Court					53	0	8				0	12	0		
County Clerks	6	0	0		178	18	2	184	18	2					
Customs dues (H.M.C.)	41	3	3		1,555	13	4	1,254	17	4	341	19	3		
Customs duty (parcels)	6,018	6	11		63,233	14	4	63,091	4	3	6,160	17	0		
Education Department					0	10	0	0	10	0					
Electoral receipts					0	2	0				0	2	0		
Factories Act					37	0	0	37	0	0					
Fishing licenses	65	4	0		1,404	16	6	1,338	0	6	132	0	0		
Game licenses					2,181	0	0	2,181	0	0					
Goldfields revenue	3	12	1		145	3	9	144	13	1	4	2	9		
Government debentures					8,600	0	0	8,600	0	0					
Government Insurance	2,279	0	1		30,316	0	1	30,546	5	9	2,048	14	5		
Government Printer					22	9	7	22	1	7	0	8	0		
Homing-pigeons Protection Act	0	1	0		0	1	0	0	2	0					
Imperial pensions					29,000	0	0	28,019	5	6	555	1	2		
Income-tax	642	1	10	425	13	4	194,844	0	0	103	4	4			
Land-tax	2,199	17	11		463,858	10	1	464,012	0	0	2,046	8	0		
Licensing Act					20	0	0	20	0	0					
Machinery	563	15	0		9,018	7	6	8,783	2	6	799	0	0		
Marine light dues	0	1	8		2	0	0	1	18	4	0	3	4		
Mining Act	422	0	0		321	5	0	264	5	0	479	0	0		
Miners' Guides	1	5	6								1	5	6		
New Zealand Consols					29,845	0	0	29,845	0	0					
Official Assignee	0	12	6												
Old-age pensions				917	5	6									
Old-age pensions (miscellaneous)					410,000	0	0	381,903	1	0	27,179	13	6		
Public Trust	26,248	8	11		4	18	8	4	5	4	0	13	4		
Railways	227	14	10		1,131,248	5	3	1,124,035	2	7	33,461	11	7		
Registration of births, &c.	230	9	0		2,936	13	5	2,840	6	6	324	1	9		
Rents	9	13	10		335	7	9	2,482	7	0	184	1	0		
Sanatorium, Hanmer Springs	135	9	0		1,573	2	7	1,531	19	10	11	4	10		
Stock Department					13	7	6	13	7	6					
Valuation revenue	25	0	6		6,455	19	10	6,341	2	10	139	17	6		
Miscellaneous revenue	8	6	9		54	12	1	61	4	8	1	14	2		
Savings-Bank Funds in hands of Treasury a/c				915	15	10		2,101	9	2					
Suspense Account					2,101	9	2	636,175	3	3					
Profit and loss	260,457	6	8		623,660	15	5				257,942	18	10		
Totals	13,527,279	10	0	13,527,279	10	0	52,643,206	13	8½	52,643,206	13	8½	14,934,354	1	0

Table No. 8.

SECURITIES, &c., standing in the Name of the Postmaster-General on Account of the Post-Office Savings-Bank Fund on 31st December, 1910.

Description of Securities.	Nominal Value.		Cost Price.		Accrued Interest on 31st December, 1910.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1899 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	125,000	0 0	125,000	0 0	731	3 3
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1900 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	56,500	0 0	56,500	0 0	325	1 4
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1901 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	32,600	0 0	32,600	0 0	570	10 0
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1901 Debentures, 4 per cent.	2,500	0 0	2,500	0 0	8	4 4
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1902 Debentures, 4 per cent.	2,700	0 0	2,700	0 0	8	17 6
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1902 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	125,000	0 0	125,000	0 0	359	11 9
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1903 Debentures, 4 per cent.	167,900	0 0	167,900	0 0	2,796	15 10
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1903 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	61,525	0 0	61,525	0 0	1,076	13 9
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1905 Debentures, 4 per cent.	51,550	0 0	51,550	0 0	1,091	0 0
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1906 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	500,000	0 0	500,000	0 0	8,750	0 0
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1907 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	200,000	0 0	200,000	0 0	3,500	0 0
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1908 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	50,000	0 0	50,000	0 0	496	6 0
Canadian Stock, 3 per cent.	5,000	0 0	4,800	0 0	95	12 6
Canadian Stock, 2½ per cent.	12,666	15 11	10,133	8 9	132	5 10
The Cape of Good Hope Consolidated Stock, 3½ per cent.	200	0 0	186	1 3	4	9 3
The Coal-mines Act 1908 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	30,000	0 0	30,000	0 0	261	15 7
The Consolidated Loan Act 1867 Debentures, 4 per cent.	13,000	0 0	12,480	0 0	109	13 11
The Consolidated Stock Act 1884 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	194,200	0 0	194,200	0 0	2,830	10 7
The Consolidated Stock Act 1884 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	283,500	0 0	283,500	0 0	3,289	7 4
The Consolidated Stock Act 1884 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	165,000	0 0	165,000	0 0	1,914	8 11
The Dairy Industry Act 1898 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	438	0 0	438	0 0	6	7 7
The Dairy Industry Act 1898 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	1,343	0 0	1,343	0 0	19	11 7
The Defence and other Purposes Loan Act 1870 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	8,100	0 0	8,100	0 0	141	15 0
The Defence and other Purposes Loan Act 1870 Debentures, 4 per cent.	75,000	0 0	72,000	0 0	632	17 6
Dunedin Garrison Hall Debentures, 4½ per cent.	4,500	0 0	4,500	0 0	87	13 1
The General Purposes Loan Act 1873 Debentures, 4 per cent.	5,200	0 0	4,342	0 0	43	17 7
The Government Advances to Settlers Act 1894 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	300,000	0 0	300,000	0 0	863	0 5
The Government Advances to Settlers Act 1906 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	555,000	0 0	555,000	0 0	1,596	11 7
The Government Advances to Settlers Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	12,900	0 0	12,964	10 0	258	0 0
The Government Advances to Settlers Extension Act 1901 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	80,000	0 0	80,000	0 0	230	2 8
The Government Advances to Workers Act 1906 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	25,000	0 0	25,000	0 0	71	18 4
The Government Advances to Workers Act 1906 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	205,000	0 0	205,000	0 0	3,587	10 0
The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act 1886 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	231,500	0 0	231,500	0 0	2,686	0 7
The Government Railways Act 1908 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	85,000	0 0	85,000	0 0	..	..
The Government Railways Act 1908 and Finance Act 1909 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	50,000	0 0	50,000	0 0	..	..
The Government Railways Amendment Act 1910 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	50,350	0 0	50,350	0 0	186	10 1
The Government Railways Amendment Act 1910 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	1,150	0 0	1,150	0 0	..	..
Greymouth Harbour Board Debentures, 4 per cent.	200,000	0 0	200,000	0 0	4,000	0 0
Hamilton Borough Debentures, 4½ per cent.	3,000	0 0	3,000	0 0	56	4 4
The Hutt Railway and Road Improvement Act 1903 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	45,000	0 0	45,000	0 0	258	18 2
The Hutt Railway and Road Improvement Act 1905 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	105,000	0 0	105,000	0 0	604	2 0
The Hutt Railway and Road Improvement Act 1907 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	67,000	0 0	67,000	0 0	385	9 6
The Hutt Railway and Road Improvement Act 1907 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	27,590	0 0	27,590	0 0	402	2 7
The Hutt Railway and Road Improvement Act 1910 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	15,000	0 0	15,000	0 0	77	13 5
The Immigration and Public Works Loan Act 1870 Debentures, 4½ per cent.	20,900	0 0	20,527	10 0	198	8 2
The Immigration and Public Works Loan Act 1870 Debentures, 4 per cent.	175,300	0 0	168,372	0 0	1,479	4 10
India Stock, 3½ per cent.	216	14 5	213	18 9	3	0 1
India Stock, 3 per cent.	52	13 9	45	15 0	0	10 10
Inscribed Stock, 3½ per cent.	618,000	0 0	618,000	0 0	11,445	17 6
Inscribed Stock, 5 per cent.	2,260,495	11 1	2,244,582	18 0	20,863	1 5

Table No. 8—continued.

SECURITIES, &c., standing in the Name of the Postmaster-General on Account of the Post-Office Savings-Bank Fund on 31st December, 1910—continued.

Description of Securities.	Nominal Value.		Cost Price.		Accrued Interest on 31st December, 1910.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Irish Land Stock, 2½ per cent.	100	0 0	89	15 0	1	13 7
The Land for Settlements Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	200	0 0	200	0 0	4	0 0
The Land for Settlements Act 1908 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	76,150	0 0	76,150	0 0	1,332	12 6
The Land for Settlements Act 1908 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	62,000	0 0	62,000	0 0	541	0 3
The Land for Settlements Act 1908 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	27,000	0 0	27,000	0 0	155	6 9
The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act 1900 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	741,066	0 0	741,066	0 0	4,334	14 9
The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act 1900 Debentures, 4 per cent.	11,650	0 0	11,650	0 0	233	0 0
The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act 1900 Debentures, 4 per cent.	1,700	0 0	1,700	0 0	28	6 4
The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act 1900 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	10,650	0 0	10,650	0 0	155	4 6
The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act 1900 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	18,000	0 0	18,000	0 0	315	0 0
The Lands Improvement and Native Lands Acquisition Act 1894 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	339,000	0 0	339,000	0 0	2,990	12 3
The Local Bodies' Loans Act 1901 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	516,000	0 0	516,000	0 0	5,986	19 11
The Local Bodies' Loans Act 1908 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	785,000	0 0	785,000	0 0	9,108	2 6
The Local Bodies' Loans Act 1908 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	150,000	0 0	150,000	0 0	1,740	8 1
The Local Bodies' Loans Act 1908 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	370,000	0 0	370,000	0 0	3,883	1 4
The Maori Land Settlement Act 1905 Debentures, 4 per cent.	750	0 0	750	0 0	15	0 0
The Maori Land Settlement Act 1905 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	24,900	0 0	24,900	0 0	..	..
The Maori Land Settlement Act Amendment Act 1907 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	50,000	0 0	50,000	0 0	875	0 0
New South Wales Stock, 3½ per cent.	27,000	0 0	26,865	0 0	513	1 3
The New Zealand Land for Settlements Act 1908 and State-guaranteed Advances Amendment Act 1910 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	28,175	0 0	28,175	0 0	..	..
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	400,000	0 0	400,000	0 0	3,490	7 11
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	595,000	0 0	595,000	0 0	4,741	5 7
The Oamaru Borough Consolidated Loan 1893 Debentures, 5 per cent.	13,800	0 0	13,800	0 0	345	0 0
Oamaru Harbour Board Bonds, 5½ per cent.	28,000	0 0	28,000	0 0	645	10 8
Patea Harbour Board Debentures, 4½ per cent.	30,000	0 0	30,000	0 0	536	6 0
The Post-Office Savings-Bank Funds Investment Act 1907 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	125,000	0 0	125,000	0 0	2,187	10 0
The Post and Telegraph Act 1908 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	75,000	0 0	75,000	0 0	1,312	10 0
The Railways Improvement Authorization Act 1907 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	25,000	0 0	25,000	0 0	..	..
The Reserve Fund Securities Act 1907 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	800,000	0 0	800,000	0 0	11,660	5 0
The Scenery Preservation Act 1903 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	30,000	0 0	30,000	0 0	172	12 0
The Scenery Preservation Act 1908 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	10,000	0 0	10,000	0 0	57	10 8
South Australian Stock, 4 per cent.	1,772	16 2	1,861	9 0	29	4 3
South Australian Stock, 3½ per cent.	12,000	0 0	11,760	0 0	415	1 3
The State Coal-mines Act 1908 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	100,000	0 0	100,000	0 0	872	12 0
The State Fire Insurance Act 1903 Debentures, 4 per cent.	500	0 0	500	0 0	3	5 9
The State Fire Insurance Act 1903 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	1,500	0 0	1,500	0 0	8	12 7
Thames Harbour Board Debentures, 4 per cent.	10,000	0 0	10,000	0 0	99	14 6
The Public Revenues Act 1908 Debentures (Treasury bills), 3½ per cent.	300,000	0 0	300,000	0 0	..	..
Victorian Stock, 3 per cent.	12,379	19 10	10,708	13 10	246	0 8
Wellington City Council Debentures, 4 per cent.	100,000	0 0	99,000	0 0	2,000	0 0
Wellington City Council Debentures, 4 per cent.	25,000	0 0	24,500	0 0	500	0 0
Wellington Harbour Board Debentures, 4½ per cent.	28,900	0 0	28,900	0 0	420	12 8
Westport Harbour Board Debentures, 4 per cent.	489,500	0 0	489,500	0 0	9,790	0 0
Accrued interest on Post Office Account . . . . .	..	..	..	..	412	2 5
Totals	13,759,571	11 2	13,725,819	19 7	150,578	4 5

Table No. 9.

POST-OFFICE SAVINGS-BANK.

Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1910.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Balance to credit of depositors on 1st January, 1910	12,666,897	17	5	Withdrawals during 1910	9,695,514	16	1
Deposits during 1910	10,708,938	16	10	Balance to credit of depositors on 31st December, 1910	14,104,989	19	2
Interest credited to depositors, 1910	424,668	1	0				
	<u>£23,800,504</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>£23,800,504</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>3</u>

Liabilities and Assets.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Balance to credit of depositors on 31st December, 1910	14,104,989	19	2	Securities	13,725,819	19	7
Balance of assets over liabilities	257,942	18	10	Balance uninvested	637,112	18	5
	<u>£14,362,932</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>£14,362,932</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>0</u>

Profit and Loss Account.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Interest credited to depositors during 1910	424,668	1	0	Balance forward, 1st January, 1910 ..	260,457	6	8
Interest paid on debentures purchased by Department	29	10	6	Interest received during the year	472,817	11	9
Paid Public Account, for cost of Savings-bank management	28,000	0	0	Accrued interest on 31st December, 1910	150,578	4	5
Loss on debentures at maturity	347	0	0		623,395	16	2
Savings-bank profits for 1909 paid to revenue	13,000	0	0	Less accrued interest on 31st December, 1909	160,096	9	8
Sundry payments	34	2	1		463,299	6	6
Balance to next account	257,942	18	10	Profit on debentures at maturity	96	11	6
	<u>£724,021</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>	Sundry receipts	168	7	9
					<u>£724,021</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>

Table No. 10.

RETURN showing the Total Number of Post-Office Savings-Bank Accounts open on the 31st December, 1910, classified according to the Balances at Credit.

Postal District.	Not exceeding £20.	Exceeding £20 and up to £50.	Exceeding £50 and up to £100.	Exceeding £100 and up to £200.	Exceeding £200 and up to £300.	Exceeding £300 and up to £400.	Exceeding £400 and up to £500.	Exceeding £500 and up to £600.	Exceeding £600.	Total Number of Accounts open.
Auckland ..	42,550	6,480	4,232	3,630	1,555	801	425	322	271	60,266
Blenheim ..	4,522	593	380	335	150	75	42	28	11	6,142
Christchurch ..	46,069	6,674	4,747	3,577	1,542	819	428	292	223	64,371
Dunedin ..	32,187	5,368	3,653	3,190	1,391	703	376	241	174	47,283
Gisborne ..	6,492	975	584	416	164	97	39	32	23	8,822
Greymouth ..	4,961	827	595	539	219	136	71	40	28	7,416
Hokitika ..	1,217	217	153	152	95	25	21	9	9	1,898
Invercargill ..	10,737	1,945	1,318	1,136	508	229	141	69	29	16,112
Napier ..	13,397	2,021	1,281	1,062	432	208	117	79	61	18,658
Nelson ..	6,860	1,069	681	578	244	114	80	30	33	9,689
New Plymouth ..	6,814	973	688	589	253	134	63	43	26	9,583
Oamaru ..	3,192	619	441	398	163	90	48	40	17	5,008
Thames ..	8,635	1,275	747	589	268	130	69	39	39	11,791
Timaru ..	8,016	1,158	884	749	317	154	78	62	47	11,465
Wanganui ..	14,853	2,171	1,260	991	426	203	106	59	46	20,115
Wellington ..	57,021	8,036	4,946	3,833	1,688	787	403	249	260	77,228
Westport ..	3,289	524	376	306	121	56	37	17	17	4,743
Totals, 1910	270,812	40,931	26,966	22,070	9,536	4,761	2,544	1,651	1,314	380,585
Totals, 1909	257,174	38,998	25,409	20,577	8,902	4,259	2,088	1,343	964	359,714

Table No. 11.

RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Old-age Pension Payments made each Month for the Two Years ended 31st March, 1911.

Month.	1909-10.			1910-11.				
	Number of Payments.	Amount.			Number of Payments.	Amount.		
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
April	14,261	29,159	2	4	15,218	31,008	18	1
May	14,438	29,502	18	5	15,402	31,389	15	2
June	14,574	29,689	14	6	15,477	31,539	1	4
July	14,709	29,988	5	3	15,455	31,483	3	6
August	14,770	30,109	15	5	15,575	31,714	4	8
September	14,786	30,134	13	3	15,579	31,669	7	5
October	14,899	30,382	9	2	15,589	31,743	9	6
November	14,979	30,506	7	1	15,657	31,844	13	2
December	15,617	31,819	3	11	18,693	38,307	6	6
January	14,493	29,464	7	8	12,566	26,331	7	7
February	15,112	30,784	7	8	15,763	33,063	18	0
March	15,201	30,954	6	4	15,833	33,297	5	9
Totals	177,839	362,495	11	0	186,857	383,392	10	8

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

Postal District.	1909-10.			1910-11.				
	Number of Payments.	Amount.			Number of Payments.	Amount.		
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Auckland... ..	36,982	75,116	2	2	39,219	79,770	18	7
Blenheim... ..	2,007	4,126	1	0	2,252	4,634	13	4
Christchurch	29,468	60,183	13	7	31,044	63,893	14	9
Dunedin	27,304	54,653	3	7	27,965	56,867	15	6
Gisborne	1,369	2,587	2	4	1,429	2,761	16	8
Greymouth	6,290	13,295	10	0	6,349	13,280	1	2
Hokitika	6,432	13,591	9	10	6,473	13,742	15	3
Invercargill	11,162	23,038	5	9	11,516	23,658	13	11
Napier	6,471	13,038	1	6	6,972	14,333	18	2
Nelson	3,636	7,359	7	1	3,742	7,796	10	6
New Plymouth	3,091	6,260	11	7	3,343	6,745	9	3
Oamaru	3,747	7,640	18	8	3,737	7,700	15	11
Thames	6,503	13,565	10	10	6,608	13,722	2	6
Timaru	6,783	13,574	0	11	7,333	14,985	10	5
Wanganui	5,324	11,091	1	2	5,856	12,255	1	5
Wellington	17,831	36,107	8	4	19,646	40,211	8	7
Westport	3,439	7,267	2	8	3,373	7,031	4	9
Totals	177,839	362,495	11	0	186,857	383,392	10	8

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, 1910.

Postal Districts.	Posted in the Dominion.					Delivered in the Dominion.					Total posted and delivered.				
	Letters and Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Books, &c.	Newspapers.	Parcels.	Letters and Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Books, &c.	Newspapers.	Parcels.	Letters and Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Books, &c.	Newspapers.	Parcels.
Auckland	19,564,752	1,167,023	6,404,897	3,642,736	304,139	17,482,942	1,051,765	4,459,988	3,242,330	327,266	37,047,594	2,218,788	10,864,885	6,885,066	631,405
Blenheim	1,239,950	78,455	284,426	311,961	10,134	1,467,011	95,472	376,623	513,786	10,905	2,706,961	173,927	661,049	825,747	21,039
Christchurch	13,262,254	779,311	3,406,324	2,738,654	168,885	15,018,523	1,224,197	3,101,592	2,543,060	181,727	28,280,777	2,003,508	6,507,916	5,281,714	350,612
Dunedin	10,941,631	831,636	4,150,610	2,044,519	140,038	10,823,748	1,200,264	3,445,156	2,464,995	150,687	21,765,379	2,031,900	7,595,766	4,509,514	290,725
Gisborne	1,400,552	73,346	401,739	550,330	20,461	1,465,295	89,375	349,375	735,579	22,017	2,865,847	162,721	751,114	1,285,909	42,478
Greytown	1,176,569	48,932	208,678	364,884	12,201	1,519,271	102,414	271,999	721,617	13,129	2,695,840	151,346	480,677	1,086,501	25,330
Hokitika	513,464	18,837	75,887	142,571	8,330	649,428	45,019	312,078	254,033	8,963	1,162,892	63,866	387,965	396,604	17,293
Invercargill	4,757,327	361,517	1,139,999	712,588	33,743	5,434,182	534,846	1,438,554	1,275,352	36,309	10,191,509	896,363	2,578,553	1,987,940	70,052
Napier	5,113,470	296,491	1,521,409	981,456	45,571	5,567,900	326,625	1,410,578	1,585,103	49,036	10,681,370	823,116	2,931,987	2,566,559	94,607
Nelson	2,117,455	129,480	453,436	321,529	20,508	2,051,959	156,195	467,922	638,807	22,067	4,169,414	285,675	921,358	960,336	42,575
New Plymouth	2,417,372	115,739	508,324	311,108	18,229	2,707,042	165,035	537,134	832,195	19,615	5,124,414	280,774	1,045,458	1,343,303	37,844
Oamaru	1,335,106	79,352	208,099	162,227	7,561	1,677,533	128,635	376,974	287,001	8,136	3,012,639	207,987	585,073	449,228	15,697
Thames	1,997,510	103,012	318,345	313,196	12,877	2,212,457	120,393	459,537	533,234	13,856	4,209,967	223,405	777,882	846,430	26,733
Timaru	2,748,190	231,075	780,078	366,717	19,469	2,972,827	206,687	703,612	592,813	20,949	5,721,017	437,762	1,483,690	959,530	40,418
Wanganui	6,378,524	459,043	1,993,208	1,288,545	50,507	7,006,753	596,323	2,076,646	2,197,715	54,348	13,385,277	1,055,366	4,069,854	3,486,260	104,855
Wellington	20,728,392	976,794	6,651,312	3,755,733	310,488	21,245,081	1,795,482	6,398,171	5,203,653	334,097	41,973,473	2,772,276	13,049,483	8,959,386	644,585
Westport	747,520	36,374	129,713	166,842	7,570	1,027,078	56,524	185,939	308,685	8,146	1,774,598	92,898	315,632	475,527	15,716
Totals	96,440,038	5,786,417	28,636,484	18,375,596	1,190,711	100,328,930	7,895,251	26,371,878	23,929,958	1,281,253	196,768,968	13,681,668	55,008,362	42,305,554	2,471,964
Previous year	93,275,429	6,138,534	24,513,029	19,901,133	1,039,605	93,650,908	8,049,808	25,594,899	22,660,508	1,122,029	186,926,337	14,188,642	50,047,928	42,561,641	2,161,634

Table No. 13.

REGISTERED ARTICLES.

The number of registered articles dealt with in 1910, compared with the numbers in 1890, 1900, and 1909, is as follows:—

	1890.	1900.	1909.	1910.
From places beyond the Dominion ...	26,374	52,343	127,197	132,493
Registered in the Dominion ...	169,321	464,036	971,987	993,675
Totals ...	195,695	516,379	1,099,184	1,126,168

DEAD LETTERS.

	1909.	1910.
Opened and returned to writers ...	174,730	179,850
Returned unopened to other countries ...	47,665	45,551
Reissued ...	737	559
Destroyed ...	19,238	24,200
Returned unopened by Chief Postmasters ...	186,396	174,179
Totals ...	428,766	424,339

Table No. 14.

PARCEL-POST.

The following shows the number and weight of parcels posted during the years 1890, 1900, 1909, and 1910:—

	1890.	1900.	1909.	1910.
Number ...	121,292	199,413	1,039,605	1,190,711
Weight ...	336,643 lb. 12 oz.	682,140 lb. 7 oz.	3,369,916 lb. 3 oz.	3,953,284 lb. 15 oz.

The following table shows the number and weight of parcels exchanged with the United Kingdom and the undermentioned places during the years 1909 and 1910:—

Country.	Received.				Despatched.			
	1909.		1910.		1909.		1910.	
	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.
United Kingdom and foreign countries (<i>via</i> London)	77,481	436,390 0	83,312	478,682 0	12,293	36,670 11	12,252	37,745 6
United States of America ..	5,681	17,618 1	6,164	19,568 15	1,154	2,994 15	1,022	2,677 12½
Canada ..	595	1,291 0	601	1,330 12	335	758 4	351	780 5
Victoria ..	8,298	28,670 4	8,241	26,747 8	3,375	7,544 3	3,153	7,259 0
New South Wales ..	12,499	35,765 0	13,365	39,352 0	5,006	11,433 2	4,963	11,273 2
South Australia ..	525	1,429 4	518	1,233 2½	491	1,201 13	409	996 15
Queensland ..	720	1,647 13	765	1,766 10	785	1,729 12	752	1,709 4
Tasmania ..	551	1,394 0	469	1,128 8	782	1,756 11	720	1,716 7
Western Australia ..	378	847 15	377	781 4	507	1,259 2	412	980 14
Samoa ..	10	27 8	18	80 9	165	698 7	148	638 11
Fiji ..	146	342 12	145	400 3	519	1,461 1	511	1,475 6
Ceylon ..	482	1,914 5½	535	2,600 5	89	316 8	86	245 4½
Uruguay ..	..	..	..	..	96	258 6	118	377 12
Cape Colony ..	425	698 10	452	763 6	167	307 0	157	293 6
Natal ..	94	149 5	96	163 12	245	468 7	197	478 11
India ..	1,021	5,108 12½	1,049	5,577 11	280	1,040 9	222	839 8½
Tonga ..	10	16 4	7	33 5	151	415 11	167	475 6
Hong Kong ..	..	..	107	325 0	..	..	39	99 10
Totals ..	108,866	533,310 14	116,221	580,484 14½	26,442	70,314 10	25,679	70,002 12½

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.

FROM LONDON VIA SAN FRANCISCO.

—	Auckland.	Wellington.	Christchurch	Dunedin.	Sydney.	Melbourne.
Maximum (in days) ...	37	36	37	37	41	*
Minimum " ...	34	33	34	34	38	...
Average " ...	36	35	36	36	40	...

TO LONDON VIA SAN FRANCISCO.

—	Melbourne.	Sydney.	Auckland.	Wellington.	Christchurch	Dunedin.
Maximum (in days) ...	†	†	35	36	37	37
Minimum "	32	33	34	34
Average "	34	35	36	36

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.	Christchurch	Dunedin.
Maximum (in days) ...	30	31	39	40	39	39
Minimum " ...	30	31	36	35	36	38
Average " ...	30	31	37	38	39	38

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

—	Auckland.	Wellington.	Christchurch	Dunedin.	Sydney.	Melbourne.
Maximum (in days) ...	37	36	37	37	33	32
Minimum " ...	36	35	36	36	31	30
Average " ...	36	35	36	36	31	30

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 TARANTO (ORIENT PACKETS).

—	Melbourne.	Sydney.	Auckland.	Wellington.	Christchurch	Dunedin.
Maximum (in days) ...	33	33	38	39	39	39
Minimum " ...	30	31	37	38	38	38
Average " ...	30	31	37	38	39	38

TO LONDON VIA TARANTO (ORIENT PACKETS).

—	Auckland.	Wellington.	Christchurch	Dunedin.	Sydney.	Melbourne.
Maximum (in days) ...	39	38	39	39	34	33
Minimum " ...	37	36	37	37	31	30
Average " ...	38	37	38	38	32	31

* No mails received. † No mails despatched.

Table No. 16.

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

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Offices		Number of Telegrams forwarded during the Year.		Telegraph Revenue from all Sources.	Value of Government Messages.	Total Value of Business done during the Year.	Cost of Maintenance of Stations.	Cost of Maintenance of Lines, excluding Australian Cable Subsidy.	Total Expenditure.	Cost of Maintenance of Lines per Mile.	Tariff in Operation.
			Private and Press.	Government.	Total.									
30th June, 1866	699	1,390	13		24,761	2,746	27,407	£ s. d. 5,501 19 2	£ s. d. 483 3 2	£ s. d. 6,045 2 4	£ s. d. 3,934 3 4	£ s. d. 2,443 2 11	£ s. d. 6,377 6 3	£ s. d. 9 10
" 1867	757	1,498	21		55,621	15,331	70,952	£ s. d. 9,070 10 1	£ s. d. 3,770 4 8	£ s. d. 12,840 14 9	£ s. d. 8,017 14 7	£ s. d. 2,541 4 11	£ s. d. 10,558 19 6	£ s. d. 3 7 1
" 1868	1,110	2,223	31		72,241	26,244	98,485	£ s. d. 11,652 3 7	£ s. d. 6,672 0 3	£ s. d. 18,324 3 10	£ s. d. 9,489 17 10	£ s. d. 5,406 7 3	£ s. d. 14,896 5 1	£ s. d. 4 17 4
" 1869	1,329	2,495	45		106,070	50,097	156,167	£ s. d. 18,520 10 4	£ s. d. 13,430 11 9	£ s. d. 31,951 2 1	£ s. d. 14,266 12 7	£ s. d. 8,547 4 9	£ s. d. 22,813 17 4	£ s. d. 6 8 6
" 1870	1,661	2,897	56		122,545	62,878	185,423	£ s. d. 17,218 1 4	£ s. d. 12,252 6 0	£ s. d. 29,470 7 4	£ s. d. 16,417 7 4	£ s. d. 11,120 4 10	£ s. d. 30,537 12 2	£ s. d. 8 9 11
" 1871	1,976	3,247	72		253,582	59,292	312,874	£ s. d. 22,419 8 8	£ s. d. 9,876 17 6	£ s. d. 32,296 6 2	£ s. d. 21,254 4 3	£ s. d. 11,344 3 8	£ s. d. 32,598 7 11	£ s. d. 5 19 6
" 1872	2,185	3,823	81		344,524	67,243	411,767	£ s. d. 28,121 10 0	£ s. d. 11,043 3 9	£ s. d. 39,164 13 9	£ s. d. 23,593 9 9	£ s. d. 8,858 19 7	£ s. d. 32,452 9 4	£ s. d. 4 2 3
" 1873	2,356	4,574	93		485,507	83,453	568,960	£ s. d. 39,680 18 9	£ s. d. 11,105 2 0	£ s. d. 50,786 0 9	£ s. d. 27,040 18 10	£ s. d. 9,479 5 4	£ s. d. 36,520 4 2	£ s. d. 4 1 11
" 1874	2,530	5,782	105		645,067	107,832	752,899	£ s. d. 46,508 18 10	£ s. d. 12,618 11 6	£ s. d. 59,127 10 4	£ s. d. 38,801 19 4	£ s. d. 15,021 17 11	£ s. d. 53,823 17 3	£ s. d. 6 3 11
" 1875	2,986	6,626	127		786,237	130,891	917,128	£ s. d. 55,301 12 3	£ s. d. 13,679 10 9	£ s. d. 68,981 3 0	£ s. d. 45,814 11 4	£ s. d. 14,240 19 7	£ s. d. 60,055 10 11	£ s. d. 4 16 4
" 1876	3,154	7,247	142		890,382	160,704	1,051,086	£ s. d. 62,715 10 4	£ s. d. 16,154 6 0	£ s. d. 78,869 16 4	£ s. d. 61,696 14 5	£ s. d. 21,074 8 8	£ s. d. 82,771 3 1	£ s. d. 5 18 10
" 1877	3,259	7,423	155		952,283	172,159	1,124,442	£ s. d. 65,644 15 3	£ s. d. 17,024 8 9	£ s. d. 82,669 4 0	£ s. d. 63,353 10 10	£ s. d. 17,931 8 0	£ s. d. 81,284 18 10	£ s. d. 5 12 11
" 1878	3,434	8,035	182		1,065,481	194,843	1,260,324	£ s. d. 73,284 1 10	£ s. d. 19,148 12 4	£ s. d. 92,432 14 2	£ s. d. 69,340 1 8	£ s. d. 18,259 4 9	£ s. d. 87,599 6 5	£ s. d. 5 10 0
" 1879	3,512	8,117	195		1,201,982	246,961	1,448,943	£ s. d. 85,402 0 2	£ s. d. 26,949 2 2	£ s. d. 112,351 2 4	£ s. d. 79,502 0 5	£ s. d. 17,299 7 10	£ s. d. 96,801 8 3	£ s. d. 5 0 9
31st March, 1880	3,638	9,333	214		824,734	183,675	1,008,409	£ s. d. 58,120 3 3	£ s. d. 19,707 6 3	£ s. d. 77,827 9 6	£ s. d. 68,651 10 10	£ s. d. 14,758 4 5	£ s. d. 83,409 15 3	£ s. d. 4 3 4
" 1881	3,758	9,587	227		1,058,342	246,370	1,304,712	£ s. d. 73,002 2 0	£ s. d. 27,021 3 8	£ s. d. 100,023 5 8	£ s. d. 78,224 1 8	£ s. d. 23,154 8 3	£ s. d. 101,378 9 11	£ s. d. 6 6 7
" 1882	3,824	9,653	234		1,215,849	222,923	1,438,772	£ s. d. 78,828 19 8	£ s. d. 22,737 16 4	£ s. d. 101,566 16 0	£ s. d. 69,165 5 0	£ s. d. 18,292 13 4	£ s. d. 87,457 18 4	£ s. d. 4 17 4

Mileage tariff.

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

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

Table No. 16—continued.

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

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Offices Open.	Number of Telegrams forwarded during the Year.		Telegraph Revenue from all Sources.	Value of Government Messages.	Total Value of Business done during the Year.		Cost of Maintenance of Stations.	Cost of Maintenance of Lines, excluding Australian Cable Subsidy.	Total Expenditure.	Cost of Maintenance of Lines per Mile.	Tariff in Operation.
				Private and Press.	Government.			£	s. d.						£	s. d.
31st Dec. 1882	3,974	9,848	264	1,361,817	208,372	1,570,189	20,608	111,242	3 1	73,554	122,451	96,005	£ s. d. 4 5 17 5	From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free. From 1st Jan., 1886, delayed telegrams posted to addressees immediately after their receipt at offices of destination.
" 1883	4,074	10,037	302	1,379,483	219,917	1,599,400	21,555	115,378	2 5	73,054	619,210	92,264	£ s. d. 0 4 16 8	
" 1884	4,264	10,474	330	1,433,458	220,847	1,654,305	20,855	116,490	0 0	70,036	220,941	96,078	£ s. d. 0 4 18 4	
" 1885	4,463	10,931	375	1,533,406	240,867	1,774,273	24,860	0 126,512	17 0	77,082	420,900	97,982	£ s. d. 0 6 4 15 9	
" 1886	4,546	11,178	412	1,583,717	252,549	1,836,266	27,281	0 133,919	16 11	77,473	721,402	98,875	£ s. d. 0 4 15 11	
" 1887	4,646	11,375	437	1,589,771	245,623	1,835,394	30,205	0 136,753	15 10	76,580	0 21,321	97,901	£ s. d. 0 4 13 9	
" 1888	4,790	11,617	473	1,548,233	217,030	1,765,263	23,164	0 129,476	5 5	72,201	523,202	95,463	£ s. d. 0 5 0 1	
" 1889	4,874	11,827	489	1,589,157	213,830	1,802,987	24,218	0 130,681	7 3	75,426	726,007	101,433	£ s. d. 0 5 0 1	
" 1890	5,148	12,812	520	1,734,381	226,780	1,961,161	26,070	0 136,767	10 3	76,845	1 027,546	104,391	£ s. d. 0 5 13 0	
" 1891	5,349	13,235	573	1,740,115	222,149	1,962,264	24,840	0 142,474	10 4	85,058	1 128,986	114,644	£ s. d. 0 5 12 7	
" 1892	5,479	13,459	615	1,686,064	218,979	1,904,143	24,342	0 128,155	15 6	87,472	1 329,580	117,053	£ s. d. 0 5 8 0	
" 1893	5,513	13,515	640	1,825,646	244,045	2,069,691	28,317	0 140,783	3 7	92,109	1 029,141	121,251	£ s. d. 0 5 5 9	

For the Financial Years ended 31st March, 1895, to 31st March, 1911.

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Offices	Number of Telegrams forwarded during the Year.		Revenue (including Miscellaneous Receipts).		Value of Government Messages.	Total Value of Business done during the Year.	Total Expenditure (excluding Cable Subsidy).	Remarks.		
				Private and Press.	Government.	Telegraph.	Telephone.					£	s. d.
31st March, 1895	5,961	14,881	705	1,802,182	231,618	2,033,800	88,459	210,552	12 10	136,062	135,791	£ s. d. 0 7 1	Cable subsidy, 6,492 11 8
" 1896	6,245	15,764	743	1,899,632	224,570	2,124,211	97,178	25,933	12 9	148,955	143,665	£ s. d. 0 8 1	
" 1897	6,284	16,470	780	2,285,001	235,108	2,520,109	100,385	29,448	19 5	152,752	153,484	£ s. d. 0 8 0	
" 1898	6,484	18,024	824	2,469,415	226,818	2,696,233	99,798	36,422	8 2	160,725	165,198	£ s. d. 0 5 6	
" 1899	6,736	18,746	878	2,717,548	243,190	2,960,738	105,576	0 39,718	7 7	170,794	173,152	£ s. d. 0 5 5	
" 1900	6,910	19,228	915	3,159,093	310,538	3,469,631	119,641	0 43,903	2 10	192,376	181,634	£ s. d. 0 3 3	
" 1901	7,249	20,682	991	3,534,444	303,684	3,838,128	137,861	0 49,117	0 8	222,305	194,014	£ s. d. 0 12 11	
" 1902	7,469	21,705	1,038	3,850,391	317,590	4,167,981	151,933	0 55,542	4 9	234,984	212,180	£ s. d. 0 16 0	
" 1903	7,748	22,672	1,103	4,271,218	288,086	4,559,304	160,343	0 62,151	8 11	248,934	228,185	£ s. d. 0 7 4	
" 1904	7,779	22,920	1,153	4,671,904	293,293	4,965,197	166,535	0 71,028	6 3	243,377	245,805	£ s. d. 0 9 7	
" 1905	7,943	23,704	1,200	4,900,495	299,250	5,199,745	171,001	0 89,542	7 4	270,660	258,977	£ s. d. 0 9 7	
" 1906	8,355	25,116	1,312	5,351,084	289,135	5,640,219	184,369	0 89,542	1 5	241,688	298,079	£ s. d. 0 12 5	
" 1907	8,956	27,031	1,446	6,160,080	230,252	6,390,332	206,706	0 100,814	0 3	17,486	325,007	£ s. d. 0 12 6	
" 1908	9,656	29,343	1,611	6,958,279	84,644	7,042,923	227,398	0 116,852	13 10	4,498	348,749	£ s. d. 0 13 3	
" 1909	10,404	32,654	1,764	7,338,017	87,676	7,425,693	238,103	0 131,249	0 7	4,821	374,174	£ s. d. 0 10 6	
" 1910	10,901	34,788	1,871	7,757,128	89,762	7,846,890	250,212	0 144,298	2 9	4,850	399,361	£ s. d. 0 10 2	
" 1911	11,316	37,212	1,963	8,268,340	92,307	8,360,647	272,942	0 161,173	6 10	4,874	438,989	£ s. d. 0 10 1	

NOTE.—Tariff, 1890: 1s. for ten words, and free address and signature up to ten words; delayed telegrams, 6d. 1892: For twelve words, and free address and signature, ordinary telegrams, 1s.; delayed, 6d. Later in 1892 the number of words in text and signature made eighteen. 1896: First twelve words, 6d.; each additional word, 1d.; address and signature paid for. 1906: For each additional word after first twelve, 4d.

Table No. 17.

TABLE showing the Cash Revenue 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 31st March, 1911.

Postal Districts.	Revenue derived from Paid Telegrams of all Codes.			Value of Franked Government Telegrams.			Total Value of Telegrams of all Codes.			Number of Paid Telegrams.	Number of Franked Government Telegrams.	Total Number of Telegrams of all Codes.
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
Auckland	52,035	19	3½	641	13	0	52,677	12	3½	1,620,042	12,527	1,632,569
Blenheim	4,704	4	11½	266	13	2	4,970	18	1½	151,999	5,340	157,339
Christchurch	28,300	3	4	518	6	2½	28,818	9	6½	830,793	9,364	846,157
Dunedin	22,591	13	6½	312	15	0	22,904	8	6½	679,923	5,257	685,180
Gisborne	8,570	12	9	79	5	8½	8,649	18	5½	231,733	1,560	233,293
Greymouth	6,393	3	7½	193	12	6	6,586	16	1½	177,227	3,856	181,083
Hokitika	2,245	19	7½	11	14	6	2,257	14	1½	66,142	238	66,380
Invercargill	13,907	7	10½	180	5	11½	14,087	13	10	432,419	3,550	435,969
Napier	17,791	7	7½	200	10	0	17,991	17	7½	584,248	3,935	588,183
Nelson	6,160	12	4	643	18	0	6,804	10	4	266,343	12,692	279,035
New Plymouth	7,918	1	5	142	9	2	8,060	10	7	245,410	2,839	248,249
Oamaru	3,927	8	0	40	7	3½	3,967	15	3½	103,351	812	104,163
Thames	7,936	14	7	40	16	9½	7,977	11	4½	249,800	833	250,633
Timaru	7,460	18	8	98	9	11½	7,559	8	7½	228,787	1,888	230,675
Wanganui	17,468	4	7½	98	5	2½	17,566	9	10	554,732	1,821	556,553
Wellington	54,007	12	10½	1,122	5	3	55,129	18	1½	1,721,364	20,173	1,741,537
Westport	4,203	17	9	282	12	5	4,486	10	2	118,027	5,622	123,649
Totals, 1910-11	265,624	2	10½	4,874	0	1½	270,498	3	0	8,268,340	92,307	8,360,647
Totals, 1909-10	244,905	10	1	4,850	17	2	249,756	7	3	7,757,128	89,762	7,846,890

Table No. 18.

TABLE showing the Paid Telegrams of all Codes forwarded during the Twelve Months ended 31st March, 1911, and the Revenue received therefrom.

Class of Telegrams.	June Quarter, 1910.		September Quarter, 1910.		December Quarter, 1910.		March Quarter, 1911.		Totals.	
	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.	Number.	Revenue.
Ordinary	1,310,859	£ 57,627 18 7½	1,272,212	£ 56,304 9 5	1,460,091	£ 61,959 9 3½	1,493,544	£ 64,893 12 3½	5,536,706	£ 210,785 9 7½
Urgent	68,259	4,263 5 3	65,075	3,948 19 7	64,826	3,866 2 4	63,984	3,995 9 11	262,144	16,073 17 1
Press	104,820	5,698 8 6½	110,288	6,273 9 0	113,583	6,436 1 8	109,423	6,016 16 7½	438,114	24,424 15 10
Bureau	475,058	12,357 16 2½	482,999	12,832 12 10	522,251	14,116 11 3	551,068	15,030 18 5½	2,031,376	54,337 18 9
Gross totals	1,958,996	79,947 8 7½	1,930,574	79,359 10 10	2,160,751	86,378 4 6½	2,218,019	89,936 17 3½	8,268,340	335,622 1 3½
Less other lines and credits	..	17,073 18 5	..	16,976 13 10½	..	17,182 5 7½	..	18,765 0 6	..	69,997 18 5
Net totals, 1910-11	1,958,996	62,873 10 2½	1,930,574	62,382 16 11½	2,160,751	69,195 18 11	2,218,019	71,171 16 9½	8,268,340	265,624 2 10½
Net totals, 1909-10	1,849,664	58,185 17 0½	1,783,950	56,747 19 9½	2,028,706	63,903 3 6	2,094,808	66,068 9 9	7,757,128	244,905 10 1

Table No. 19.

TABLE showing the CLASS and NUMBER of INSTRUMENTS and BATTERIES in use at TELEGRAPH OFFICES for the Year ended 31st March, 1911.

District.	Number of Morse Instruments in Use (Full Sets).		Number of Duplexes (Differential).		Number of Direct-sounder Sets.	Number of Quadruplex Sets.	Number of Automatic Sets.
	Intermittent Current.	Constant Current.	Single Current.	Double Current.			
Auckland	46	59	16	3	..	19	1
Wellington	69	157	21	11	2	30	2
Nelson	33	12	10	8	..	4	..
Canterbury	20	108	3	4	..	9	2
Otago	83	103	1	1	..	8	1
Totals	251	439	51	27	2	70	6

District.	Number of Quadruplex Translator Sets.	Number of Telephones not connected with Exchange.	Number of Cells.				
			Leclanche.	Gordon.	Daniell.	Bichromate.	Storage.
Auckland	7	279	8,148	477	721	316	6
Wellington	9	189	10,496	857	1,604	84	52
Nelson	3	50	4,128	282	336	..	2
Canterbury	2	44	1,700	66	988	806	2
Otago	1	94	4,992	..	410	150	40
Totals	22	645	29,464	1,682	4,059	1,356	102

Table No. 20.

TABLE showing the COST of MAINTENANCE of TELEGRAPH LINES for the Year ended 31st March, 1911.

District.	Miles of Wire.	Miles of Lines.	Travelling-expenses of Inspectors and Linemen.	Extra Labour.	Cost of Material purchased.	Value of Material issued from Stores.	Salaries of Inspectors and Linemen.	Total Cost of Maintenance.	Average Cost per Mile of Line.
Auckland	8,878	2,988	£ s. d. 1,343 2 2	£ s. d. 1,229 15 7	£ s. d. 499 18 0	£ s. d. 2,785 19 5	£ s. d. 4,506 0 0	£ s. d. 10,364 15 2	£ s. d. 3 9 5
Wellington	11,711	2,944	1,867 1 0	1,993 19 10	273 17 0	4,898 3 10	5,094 0 0	14,127 1 8	4 16 0
Nelson ..	4,242	1,581	1,038 7 11	1,387 0 9	344 3 11	1,046 8 3	2,178 0 0	5,994 0 10	3 18 4
Canterbury	5,371	1,312	646 12 0	657 11 8	250 15 11	1,600 12 2	3,276 0 0	6,431 9 9	4 18 1
Otago ..	7,010	2,541	1,199 0 9	747 10 2	206 17 2	1,092 0 6	3,135 0 0	6,380 8 7	2 10 3
	37,212	11,316	6,094 3 10	6,015 18 0	1,575 10 0	11,423 4 2	18,189 0 0	43,297 16 0	3 16 6
Cables ..	368	..	101 16 9	2,597 4 2	282 8 1	639 8 4	50 0 0	3,670 17 4	Per Knot. 9 19 6
Stores ..	..	..	106 5 3	1,296 1 1	..	..	1,012 0 0	2,414 6 4	..
Rural tele- phones	..	..	..	..	674 3 7	..	..	674 3 7	..
Totals ..	..	..	6,302 5 10	9,909 3 3	2,532 1 8	12,062 12 6	19,251 0 0	50,057 3 3	..

Table No. 21.

TABLE showing the EXPENDITURE on, and the COST of, TELEGRAPH CONSTRUCTION during the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1911.

Line.	Expenditure.			Material from Stores.			Total Cost during the Year.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Telephone exchanges,—									
Ashburton	815	7	0	764	15	7	1,580	2	7
Auckland	15,505	11	10	5,686	6	7	21,191	18	5
Blenheim	74	3	10	244	8	1	318	11	11
Christchurch	2,641	3	4	5,619	8	3	8,260	11	7
Dannevirke	30	19	9	217	17	9	248	17	6
Dunedin	2,002	9	3	4,095	4	1	6,097	13	4
Feilding	518	1	2	1,792	7	2	2,310	8	4
Gisborne	522	2	11	2,056	13	1	2,578	16	0
Greymouth	175	8	1	256	11	1	431	19	2
Hamilton	164	16	8	463	10	10	628	7	6
Hawera	99	0	1	719	8	2	818	8	3
Hokitika	1	0	0	23	5	2	24	5	2
Invercargill	696	5	10	889	12	10	1,585	18	8
Levin	36	6	11	342	8	10	378	15	9
Masterton	434	16	2	1,115	5	5	1,550	1	7
Napier	7,950	5	5	18,153	14	1	26,103	19	6
Nelson	551	1	2	1,211	3	3	1,762	4	5
New Plymouth	87	6	0	976	13	3	1,063	19	3
Oamaru	2,148	19	1	1,567	0	9	3,715	19	10
Pahiatua	27	0	7	54	8	11	81	9	6
Palmerston North	95	5	10	539	13	0	634	18	10
Rotorua	140	4	3	107	5	11	247	10	2
Stratford	8	18	8	221	1	3	229	19	11
Thames	385	9	4	880	0	0	1,265	9	4
Timaru	443	1	6	509	0	11	952	2	5
Wanganui	1,571	1	2	1,611	1	5	3,182	2	7
Wellington	4,456	0	4	7,484	15	5	11,940	15	9
Westport	28	18	4	102	19	10	131	18	2
Whangarei	8	6	9	70	2	5	78	9	2
Total exchanges	41,619	11	3	57,776	3	4	99,395	14	7
Broadwood-Paponga	0	5	0	4	3	5	4	8	5
Motukaraka-Broadwood	240	10	7	0	3	4	240	13	11
Marangai-Utakura	66	1	5	12	2	4	78	3	9
Okaihau-Marangai	33	5	3	11	2	9	44	8	0
Russell-Opua	145	3	10	124	2	6	269	6	4
Karetu	22	19	7	7	8	5	30	8	0
Hukerenui-Tapuhi	0	7	11	7	0	4	7	8	3
Hukerenui-Koraha	56	18	2	13	7	2	70	5	4
Whangarei-Kaitara .. .. .	..	..	..	0	1	1	0	1	1
Whangarei-Onerahi	86	15	10	0	17	6	87	13	4
Whangarei-Hikurangi	23	16	0	22	18	6	46	14	6
Maungatapere-Kaitara	41	0	11	11	12	3	52	13	2
Ngunguru-Matapouri	105	6	3	22	6	3	127	12	6
Parua Bay-Onerahi	159	6	7	..	..	..	159	6	7
Dargaville-Aratapu-Te Kopuru	7	18	2	57	6	4	65	4	6
Mapau	2	4	0	..	..	..	2	4	0
Warkworth-Streamlands-Tauhoa	67	18	7	2	16	2	70	14	9
Warkworth-Leigh-Big Omaha	4	18	0	..	..	..	4	18	0
Tauhoa-Mangakura	56	17	6	13	7	2	70	4	8
Port Albert-Wharehine	75	17	11	16	6	1	92	4	0
Helensville-Kumeu	0	12	2	4	19	2	5	11	4
Helensville-Makarau	58	19	9	1	7	8	60	7	5
Woodhill-Waimauku	9	3	11	10	1	0	19	4	11
Oranoa	22	10	5	15	16	8	38	7	1
Auckland-Matapouri .. .. .	..	..	..	1	0	4	1	0	4
Auckland-Waiwera	104	3	3	342	8	2	446	11	5
Auckland-Pukekohe	1	10	0	..	..	..	1	10	0
Auckland-Wellington (Auckland-Horopito)	978	8	11	1,026	11	8	2,005	0	7
Waiuku-Ruakohua Extension	1	2	3	18	18	5	20	0	8
Otaua-Waiuku and Puni-Akaaka	1	18	1	138	10	5	140	8	6
Pukekohe-Bombay	30	16	5	23	16	8	54	13	1

Table No. 21—continued.

TABLE showing the EXPENDITURE on, and the COST of, TELEGRAPH CONSTRUCTION during the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1911—continued.

Line.	Expenditure.		Material from Stores.		Total Cost during the Year.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Mangatangi (Mercer-Kaiiua)	7	9 9	5	2 4	12	12 1
Ngaruawahia-Mercer	5	1 0	143	6 4	148	7 4
Hamilton-Ngaruawahia .. ..	..	..	46	0 3	46	0 3
Hamilton-Paeroa	224	14 7	803	3 4	1,027	17 11
Hamilton-Kawhia	152	17 4	147	14 11	300	12 3
Cambridge-Rotoorangi	1	15 6	..	..	1	15 6
Cambridge-Horahora	27	19 4	27	19 5	55	18 9
Leamington-Rotoorangi	0	10 0	12	17 5	13	7 5
Otorohanga-Raurimu	822	9 8	84	13 1	907	2 9
Otorohanga-Honikiwi	145	9 7	32	8 7	177	18 2
Otorohanga-Kiokio	21	0 0	29	3 8	50	3 8
Piopio-Mangaotaki	96	7 1	16	12 4	112	19 5
Mairoa-Marokopa	8	15 6	9	2 9	17	18 3
Mahoenui-Paemako	82	17 5	101	9 4	184	6 9
Tokirima (extension from Tatu)	40	15 0	15	7 3	56	2 3
Raurimu-Katieke	136	14 5	34	2 4	170	16 9
Amodeo Bay Extension	40	4 6	20	7 4	60	11 10
Thames-Puriri	5	3 3	41	13 10	46	17 1
Wharepoa Extension	0	8 6	11	1 0	11	9 6
Omokoroa (branch off Tauranga-Waihi)	1	8 0	..	..	1	8 0
Matamata-Okauia	77	8 8	29	7 11	106	16 7
Whakatane-Opotiki	20	17 11	158	17 10	179	15 9
Opotiki-Toatoa	214	12 10	3	0 10	217	13 8
Opouriao-Waimeha Extension	0	7 6	..	..	0	7 6
Rotorua-Taupo	36	5 7	41	15 8	78	1 3
Rotorua-Okere	75	7 6	155	17 9	231	5 3
Auckland-Wellington (Wellington-Horopito)	2,102	15 10	5,686	16 9	7,789	12 7
Kahukura-Rangitukia	4	0 6	4	19 3	8	19 9
Hauiti-Tolaga Bay .. ..	..	..	25	10 10	25	10 10
Gisborne-Te Karaka	118	15 9	38	16 9	157	12 6
Gisborne-Morere	195	0 8	192	15 8	387	16 4
Wairoa-Nuhaka .. ..	..	..	62	1 10	62	1 10
Wairoa-Frasertown	48	9 3	56	17 11	105	7 2
Napier-Gisborne (metallic circuit)	959	8 5	76	8 6	1,035	16 11
Tangoio	45	17 2	53	3 5	99	0 7
Petane-Tangoio .. ..	..	..	0	10 6	0	10 6
Napier-Otane	0	6 2	..	..	0	6 2
Napier-Waipawa	110	6 6	344	14 9	455	1 3
Waipawa-Waipukurau .. ..	..	..	34	1 6	34	1 6
Waipukurau-Porangahau	212	1 8	222	14 6	434	16 2
Porangahau-Aohanga	12	12 0	39	8 10	52	0 10
Weber Coaching Company's Stables	3	2 10	..	..	3	2 10
Pongaroa-Glencoe-Akitio	121	10 6	45	6 8	166	17 2
Pongaroa-Rakaunui	20	11 3	15	5 11	35	17 2
Pahiatua-Porangahau .. ..	..	..	135	5 7	135	5 7
Pahiatua-Pongaroa	125	3 11	..	..	125	3 11
Masterton-Featherston	176	13 1	293	14 0	470	7 1
Masterton-Tinui-Castlepoint	251	0 4	85	13 4	336	13 8
Wellington-Kaiwarawara .. ..	..	..	56	1 11	56	1 11
Wellington-Featherston	275	9 2	494	17 7	770	6 9
Te Kohanga	3	12 0	24	4 11	27	16 11
Upper Hutt-Mangaroa	26	17 4	32	9 5	59	6 9
Awakino-Mangaawakino	5	9 0	25	16 8	31	5 8
Okau-Kotare	81	19 6	67	11 1	149	10 7
Okau-Rerekapa	139	2 10	0	13 0	139	15 10
Urenui-Okoke	49	14 0	124	19 9	174	13 9
Te Wera-Kiore .. ..	..	..	55	0 7	55	0 7
Te Wera (lead off Tahora)	3	13 0	9	3 2	12	16 2
Kiore Extension (branch Stratford-Tahora)	52	2 2	6	12 1	58	14 3
Puniwhakau-Taurakawa	64	6 3	84	8 6	148	14 9
Stratford-Inglewood	50	4 8	95	14 7	145	19 3
Midhirst-Makara Road Extension	62	12 3	179	13 1	242	5 4
Mahoe-Tahutimai (now Dawson Falls)	16	17 3	..	..	16	17 3

Table No. 21—continued.

TABLE showing the EXPENDITURE on, and the COST of, TELEGRAPH CONSTRUCTION during the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1911—continued.

Line.	Expenditure.			Material from Stores.			Total Cost during the Year.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Omoana—Moeroa	5	13	3	..	..	..	5	13	3
Kaponga—Dawson Falls	0	17	1	..	..	..	0	17	1
Hawera—Inaha Extension	12	2	5	74	2	7	86	5	0
Tokaora	1	6	2	..	..	..	1	6	2
Ararata Extension	53	16	9	107	10	3	161	7	0
Moumahaki Telephone	0	11	4	7	7	5	7	18	9
Waverley—Kohi	69	11	8	56	18	11	126	10	7
Kai Iwi—Ahuahu	131	10	6	..	..	..	131	10	6
Ahuiti—Te Tuhi	187	6	0	27	10	9	214	16	9
Brunswick—Raorikia	72	11	9	99	11	4	172	3	1
Makirikiri—Upokonui	3	0	0	..	..	..	3	0	0
Wanganui—Marton	211	1	6	190	1	0	401	2	6
Wanganui—Rapanui	60	12	6	32	11	5	93	3	11
Wanganui—Gonville Extension	0	5	0	5	19	10	6	4	10
Wanganui—Waitotara—Waitotara Exchange .. .. .	..	..	..	217	18	2	217	18	2
Wanganui—Raetihi	2	8	0	53	1	6	55	9	6
Ruanui—Ohakura	139	8	10	27	8	3	166	17	1
Hunterville—Taihape	148	2	6	41	7	4	189	9	10
Hunterville—Mangaonoho	25	5	0	38	1	9	63	6	9
Waitangi (proposed new office)	0	11	0	8	7	8	8	18	8
Tikorangi	0	11	0	..	..	..	0	11	0
Bull's—Makowhai	0	11	6	9	8	8	10	0	2
Marton Railway—Greatford .. .. .	..	..	..	34	11	2	34	11	2
Greatford—Bull's .. .. .	..	..	..	258	17	0	258	17	0
Ruanui—Raketapauma	92	17	8	0	11	2	93	8	10
Hui—Te Huri	0	10	0	..	..	..	0	10	0
Palmerston North—Foxton (metallic circuit)	106	7	9	209	9	4	315	17	1
Palmerston North—Feilding	143	8	11	205	16	5	349	5	4
Palmerston North—Kairanga .. .. .	..	..	..	42	8	3	42	8	3
Kairanga Extension	2	12	10	4	19	9	7	12	7
Kakariki	1	1	0	7	6	5	8	7	5
Oroua Bridge—Tiakitahuna—Longburn (metallic circuit)	28	15	8	47	7	7	76	3	3
Foxton—Rongotea—Bull's (metallic circuit)	13	4	0	57	18	9	71	2	9
Karewarewa	0	12	6	..	..	..	0	12	6
Levin—Otaki (metallic circuit)	59	13	0	9	0	10	68	13	10
Rockville—Aorere	10	0	0	6	8	7	16	8	7
Tarakohe (Takaka—Totaranui)	1	3	0	8	17	4	10	0	4
Orinoco (branch off Motueka—Tapawera)	1	19	0	4	5	0	6	4	0
Nelson—Wakefield (metallic circuit)	0	1	0	..	..	..	0	1	0
Wakefield—Thorpe	213	5	4	56	11	6	269	16	10
Kea	3	3	6	3	19	10	7	3	4
Waimarie (fork off Westport—Seddonville)	1	9	3	..	..	..	1	9	3
Corbyvale	1	10	6	4	4	5	5	14	11
Cronadon—Inangahua	66	10	8	64	13	5	131	4	1
Pleasant View Extension	1	5	0	5	6	0	6	11	0
Granity—Millerton—Mine-creek	24	12	2	42	17	6	67	9	8
Blackwater—Ikamatua	6	11	0	10	4	4	16	15	4
Greymouth—Runanga	7	3	7	22	8	4	29	11	11
Hau (Cate's corner extension) .. .. .	..	..	..	4	18	8	4	18	8
Maruwai (French Pass—Stephen's Island)	2	15	6	4	3	9	6	19	3
Mahau—Te Mehia Bay	2	11	0	5	12	3	8	3	3
Otanerau—Wharehunga	42	19	8	29	17	0	72	16	8
Canvastown—Deep Creek	105	17	1	22	2	0	127	19	1
Blenheim—Picton (metallic circuit)	91	8	3	115	8	4	206	16	7
Blenheim—Molesworth	13	5	8	14	0	0	27	5	8
Blenheim—Renwicktown	26	0	4	52	0	8	78	1	0
Camden Extension .. .. .	..	..	..	3	8	7	3	8	7
Mason Hills	1	0	0	0	2	7	1	2	7
Conway—Waiana—Mason Hills .. .. .	..	..	..	3	16	4	3	16	4
Hawkeswood—Hundalee Extension	50	12	6	..	..	..	50	12	6
Cheviot—Mina	34	10	0	..	..	..	34	10	0
Amberley—Cheviot	271	5	11	691	4	9	962	10	8

Table No. 21 *continued.*

TABLE showing the EXPENDITURE on, and the COST of, TELEGRAPH CONSTRUCTION during the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1911—*continued.*

Line.	Expenditure.			Material from Stores.			Total Cost during the Year.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Amberley-Balcairn	1	12	0	14	7	7	15	19	7
Amberley-Waikari	68	4	8	158	6	2	226	10	10
Christchurch-Amberley (metallic circuit)	44	0	11	15	13	5	59	14	4
Christchurch-Addington Saleyards .. .. .	..	..	..	1	13	4	1	13	4
Christchurch-Kumara-Cass .. .. .	..	..	..	9	18	6	9	18	6
West Melton-Halkett-Aylesbury	184	14	7	28	12	1	213	6	8
Springfield-Cass	102	0	9	240	19	11	343	0	8
Otira Deviation	31	8	11	..	..	..	31	8	11
Ashburton-Rakaia (metallic circuit)	65	6	9	282	16	10	348	3	7
Rakaia-Lyndhurst	107	7	11	99	14	6	207	2	5
Temuka-Clandeboye	171	10	4	36	10	4	208	0	8
Clandeboye-Orton	100	2	0	21	6	3	121	8	3
Timaru-Raorao-Pareora	27	2	0	15	9	6	42	11	6
Pareora-Kingsdown (now Raorao) .. .. .	..	..	..	24	8	0	24	8	0
St. Andrew's - Pareora Extension	0	2	0	..	..	..	0	2	0
Glenavy - Waitaki Extension	30	16	9	13	8	3	44	5	0
Oamaru-Windsor	18	0	0	..	..	..	18	0	0
Oamaru-Ngapara	85	6	7	2	18	9	88	5	4
Oamaru-Duntroon	61	17	2	4	8	0	66	5	2
Oamaru-Maheno	14	4	0	..	..	..	14	4	0
Oamaru-Kakanui	52	17	9	..	..	..	52	17	9
Oamaru-Hampden	119	16	7	..	..	..	119	16	7
Naseby-Tiroiti	29	18	4	12	17	11	42	16	3
Dunedin-Oamaru (second trunk wire)	1,034	6	2	1,471	18	11	2,506	5	1
Dunedin-Middlemarch	1,828	0	8	316	11	2	2,144	11	10
Dunedin-Mosgiel (second trunk telephone circuit)	32	0	0	23	0	4	55	0	4
Dunedin-Balclutha	11	5	11	239	17	0	251	2	11
Whenuakoa	52	1	9	..	..	..	52	1	9
Cromwell-Waitiri	15	1	2	..	..	..	15	1	2
Cromwell-Clyde	71	4	3	66	17	5	138	1	8
Sutton - Barewood Extension	39	12	7	36	9	0	76	1	7
Clydevale-Wharetoa	72	16	3	..	..	..	72	16	3
Clinton - Waiwera South	18	13	6	39	9	11	58	3	5
Waipahi-Pomahaka	123	4	5	35	19	0	159	3	5
Pukerau-Kaiwera-Otaraia	147	19	8	49	0	11	197	0	7
Waikaka - Wendon Valley	73	10	10	26	12	1	100	2	11
Waikaia-Paru	28	5	5	7	12	9	35	18	2
Maitland - Merino Downs	69	19	11	17	8	0	87	7	11
Merino Downs - Pukewhenua .. .. .	..	..	..	6	2	5	6	2	5
Mataura-Tuturau	78	5	4	24	15	4	103	0	8
Mataura-Waimumu	128	10	7	8	0	5	136	11	0
Invercargill-Winton (second trunk wire)	133	13	3	58	6	5	191	19	8
Mabel Bush Extension	24	7	0	..	..	..	24	7	0
Morton Mains - Kamahi Extension	3	19	10	30	13	7	34	13	5
Tuatapere - Te Waewae	1	14	6	14	11	0	16	5	6
Birchwood-Awapoto	68	11	5	18	1	6	86	12	11
Wireless plant, General Post Office	140	4	8	..	..	..	140	4	8
	59,684	9	8	76,856	14	7	136,541	4	3
Purchase of material	52,183	3	5						
Total expenditure, 1910-11	111,867	13	1						
Total expenditure to 31st March, 1910	1,766,190	11	3						
Total expenditure out of Public Works Fund to 31st March, 1911	£1,878,058	4	4	Total cost of lines during 1910-11 ..			£136,541	4	3

TABLE No. 22.
TABLE showing the Capital Cost, Working-expenses, and Revenue of the Telephone Exchanges, Year by Year, from the Date of their Establishment.

Year.	Number of Direct Connections.		Capital Cost for Instruments, Wire, Poles, Labour, Freight, Superintendence, &c.		Revenue.		Working-expenses.					Balance of Revenue over Working-expenses.	Annual Rate per Cent. yielded on Capital Cost							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Salaries and Allowances of Clerks, &c.		Materials and Linemen.	Wear-and-tear, &c.*	Rent, Fuel, Light, Paper, Printing, Binding, &c.			Total.						
							£	s.							d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Total for the year ended 31st March,—																				
1882	116	21	16	6	2,531	14	0	613	5	2	285	0	0	150	0	0	963	0	0	8-17
1883	379	21	16	6	8,271	13	6	5,014	9	2	595	0	0	300	0	0	2,317	0	0	54-31
1884	715	21	16	6	15,604	17	6	7,746	16	7	695	0	0	350	0	0	3,375	0	0	23-41
1885	1,075	21	18	6	23,461	17	6	10,008	3	6	1,770	0	0	475	0	0	6,181	0	0	16-31
1886	1,710	20	8	6	37,319	12	1	12,294	1	2	2,849	1	3	1,704	0	0	8,985	0	5	19-42
1887	2,038	19	19	5	40,686	3	1	15,477	16	2	2,878	0	0	1,580	10	0	8,842	2	2	16-30
1888	2,153	22	19	0	49,407	5	0	16,881	8	6	3,119	10	0	2,252	0	0	10,642	4	6	12-63
1889	2,249	23	18	10	53,849	11	6	17,613	4	0	3,315	10	0	2,249	7	0	11,244	6	2	11-82
1890	2,402	24	4	1	58,229	3	0	18,581	11	7	3,790	0	0	2,206	10	0	12,194	10	1	11-00
1891	2,587	24	17	1	64,294	4	4	19,961	4	2	4,192	0	0	2,249	18	5	13,265	10	7	10-43
1892	3,080	24	16	11	76,579	1	8	18,571	7	8	4,680	0	0	2,345	2	9	15,026	12	2	4-63
1893	3,690	24	16	11	91,637	11	1	19,155	11	5	7,405	0	0	2,695	19	10	16,784	1	1	Loss.
1894	4,244	24	12	1	104,425	3	0	21,771	4	4	7,720	0	0	3,313	1	1	22,217	10	2	Loss.
1895	4,616	25	6	3	116,845	10	4	21,552	12	10	9,285	0	0	4,253	11	4	26,041	1	9	Loss.
1896	5,143	24	6	6	125,108	4	1	25,933	12	9	9,686	0	10	5,903	11	9	29,452	17	3	Loss.
1897	5,747	28	7	4	134,299	11	4	29,248	19	5	12,306	9	7	7,398	0	10	34,991	2	8	Loss.
1898	5,787	24	11	6	142,218	11	8	36,422	6	8	14,181	18	0	11,834	2	11	35,008	11	5	Loss.
1899	6,208	24	5	3	150,490	18	9	39,718	7	7	15,080	7	1	16,190	4	0	40,606	4	3	Loss.
1900	7,150	22	14	1	162,333	1	2	43,303	2	10	15,710	13	2	20,847	13	6	46,567	10	4	Loss.
1901	8,210	21	9	7	176,349	1	8	49,117	0	8	17,110	18	7	7,524	10	11	50,772	8	9	2-14
1902	9,260	20	18	0	193,511	6	2	55,542	4	9	18,448	3	5	18,225	18	9	56,276	19	8	2-46
1903	10,638	20	2	6	213,966	10	8	62,151	8	11	20,885	13	3	22,078	4	11	60,948	4	10	2-75
1904	12,105	19	19	8	241,908	2	6	71,028	6	3	23,959	8	3	22,507	9	10	66,948	8	5	4-17
1905	14,423	21	19	7	295,029	7	9	79,061	7	4	25,121	16	1	26,781	19	6	71,103	3	3	2-69
1906	15,333	23	13	9	363,192	6	9	89,542	1	5	26,506	16	5	22,576	6	8	72,512	16	2	4-69
1907	17,408	24	2	2	420,088	12	1	100,814	1	3	32,913	16	8	26,145	3	4	86,226	6	8	3-47
1908	20,403	24	18	4	508,408	7	8	116,852	13	10	38,107	12	8	36,813	9	6	107,243	19	1	1-89
1909	22,815†	25	18	9	591,760	0	7	131,249	0	7	47,224	7	0	32,995	2	4	117,072	7	9	2-40
1910	25,212†	27	2	7	688,986	11	1	144,298	2	9	52,815	1	8	28,755	11	11	123,010	18	3	3-11
1911	28,093	27	17	8	783,362	15	4	161,173	6	10	54,818	13	10	39,814	5	4	141,833	2	6	2-46

* This column includes 5 per cent. for wear-and-tear, and 5 per cent. for debenture capital, except in 1897-98 and following years, in which only 5 per cent. for debenture capital is included. † In former returns extensions were included for these three years.

Table No. 23.

TABLE showing the Number of Connections at each Telephone Exchange.

Exchange.	Number of Connections on 31st March,					
	1911.			1910.		
	Direct Connections.	Extensions.	Total.	Direct Connections.	Extensions.	Total.
Ashburton	220	21	241	215	21	236
Auckland	3,469	989	4,458	3,148	868	4,016
Devonport	67	1	68	58	1	59
Helensville	24	1	25	16	1	17
Northcote	10	..	10	..	..	..
Onehunga	49	4	53	44	2	46
Pukekohe	47	1	48	41	1	42
Takapuna	27	..	27	24	..	24
Balclutha	75	4	79	66	..	66
Clinton	16	..	16	15	..	15
Kaitangata	12	..	12	11	..	11
Blenheim	324	28	352	296	23	319
Picton	94	2	96	86	2	88
Carterton	101	8	109	95	5	100
Greytown	73	2	75	68	2	70
Cheviot	36	..	36	..	..	..
Christchurch	2,945	818	3,763	2,739	733	3,472
Akaroa	33	4	37	33	4	37
Doyleston	11	..	11	12	..	12
Duvauchelle	20	..	20	21	..	21
Kaiapoi	43	1	44	43	..	43
Leeston	19	..	19	18	..	18
Lincoln	12	2	14	10	2	12
Little River	16	..	16	15	..	15
Lyttelton	21	1	22	17	1	18
New Brighton	6	..	6	5	..	5
Southbridge	13	..	13	9	..	9
Sumner	18	..	18	16	..	16
Cromwell	29	..	29	..	..	..
Dannevirke	223	19	242	202	19	221
Ormondville	29	..	29	26	..	26
Weber	20	..	20	19	..	19
Dargaville	76	..	76	..	..	..
Aratapu	15	..	15	..	..	..
Tangawahine	13	..	13	..	..	..
Te Kopuru	32	..	32	..	..	..
Dunedin	2,723	761	3,484	2,540	679	3,219
Milton	45	1	46	44	..	44
Mosgiel	35	..	35	30	..	30
Outram	23	..	23	22	..	22
Palmerston	30	3	33	27	3	30
Port Chalmers	41	..	41	42	..	42
Waikouaiti	10	..	10	9	..	9
Eketahuna	77	..	77	77	..	77
Alfredton	20	..	20	19	..	19
Eltham	79	4	83	69	2	71
Kaponga	17	..	17	17	..	17

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TABLE showing the Number of Connections at each Telephone Exchange—continued.

Exchange.	Number of Connections on 31st March,					
	1911.			1910.		
	Direct Connections.	Extensions.	Total.	Direct Connections.	Extensions.	Total.
Featherston	79	8	87	71	5	76
Martinborough	73	2	75	72	2	74
Feilding	270	23	293	248	17	265
Cheltenham	16	..	16	16	..	16
Kiwitea	12	1	13	11	1	12
Rongotea	25	..	25	22	..	22
Sanson	16	..	16	5	..	5
Gisborne	861	85	946	713	72	785
Gore	194	25	219	178	23	201
Balfour	9	..	9	9	..	9
Mataura	20	2	22	15	2	17
Riversdale	29	..	29	30	..	30
Waikaia	10	..	10	..	..	..
Waikaka	10	..	10	9	..	9
Waipahi	8	..	8	7	..	7
Greymouth	369	38	407	353	33	386
Reefton	72	4	76	66	4	70
Hamilton	323	26	349	274	19	293
Cambridge	93	2	95	70	2	72
Ngaruawahia	32	..	32	29	..	29
Morrinsville	59	..	59	58	..	58
Te Awamutu	46	4	50	40	1	41
Hastings	567	61	628	514	54	568
Hawera	233	23	256	212	16	228
Manaia	27	1	28	25	1	26
Okaiawa	6	..	6	7	..	7
Opunake	35	1	36	33	..	33
Otakeho	6	..	6	6	..	6
Hokitika	156	5	161	154	4	158
Kumara	29	..	29	29	..	29
Ross	21	..	21	21	..	21
Invercargill	692	164	856	615	140	755
Bluff	72	5	77	66	4	70
Edendale	15	..	15	14	..	14
Lumsden	24	..	24	24	..	24
Nightcaps	8	..	8	..	..	..
Orepuki	9	..	9	7	..	7
Otautau	55	..	55	53	1	54
Riverton	37	..	37	32	..	32
Tuatapere	12	..	12	16	..	16
Waimahaka	23	..	23	23	..	23
Winton	50	1	51	46	1	47
Woodlands	11	..	11	9	..	9
Wyndham	28	2	30	28	2	30
Kaikoura	33	1	34	31	..	31
Kawakawa	42	1	43	..	..	..
Kimbolton	28	..	28	21	..	21
Apiti	13	..	13	13	..	13

Table No. 23—continued.

TABLE showing the Number of Connections at each Telephone Exchange—continued.

Exchange.	Number of Connections on 31st March,					
	1911.			1910.		
	Direct Connections.	Extensions.	Total.	Direct Connections.	Extensions.	Total.
Lawrence	51	..	51	52	1	53
Levin	70	3	73	70	3	73
Otaki	53	2	55	51	1	52
Shannon	24	..	24	25	..	25
Marton	168	8	176	139	7	146
Bull's	34	..	34	29	..	29
Hunterville	43	1	44	38	1	39
Masterton	491	44	535	451	39	490
Napier	785	198	983	726	177	903
Nelson	449	42	491	422	38	460
Motueka	57	1	58	37	1	38
Richmond	27	..	27	..	..	..
Takaka	45	..	45	..	..	..
Wakefield	26	..	26	..	..	..
New Plymouth	412	55	467	407	46	453
Inglewood	61	..	61	54	..	54
Waitara	47	1	48	43	1	44
Oamaru	351	26	377	301	22	323
Duntroon	18	..	18	..	..	..
Kurow	27	..	27	24	..	24
Ngapara	17	..	17	11	..	11
Opotiki	59	1	60	53	1	54
Paeroa	60	5	65	56	3	59
Te Aroha	65	1	66	67	1	68
Pahiatua	129	8	137	124	8	132
Pongaroa	27	..	27	23	..	23
Woodville	56	1	57	53	1	54
Palmerston North	621	85	706	581	77	658
Ashhurst	23	2	25	23	2	25
Foxton	83	3	86	78	3	81
Longburn	13	..	13	12	..	12
Tokomaru	13	..	13	13	..	13
Patea	54	1	55	50	..	50
Queenstown	41	..	41	45	..	4
Arrowtown	18	..	18	31	..	3
Glenorchy	8	..	8	..	..	..
Rakaia	43	..	43	35	..	35
Chertsey	9	..	9	..	..	..
Methven	37	..	37	29	..	29
Rangiora	43	4	47	36	3	39
Amberley	10	..	10	9	..	9
Cust	11	..	11	11	..	11
Rotorua	179	14	193	160	12	17

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TABLE showing the Number of Connections at each Telephone Exchange—continued.

Exchange.	Number of Connections on 31st March,					
	1911.			1910.		
	Direct Connections.	Extensions.	Total.	Direct Connections.	Extensions.	Total.
Stratford	201	16	217	180	9	189
Taihape	105	7	112	93	6	99
Mangaweka	31	..	31	30	..	30
Ohakune	52	..	52	..	..	..
Raetihi	22	..	22	..	..	..
Utiku	21	..	21	25	..	25
Tapanui	20	1	21	19	1	20
Heriot	9	..	9	9	..	9
Tauranga	63	2	65	48	1	49
Te Puke	13	..	13	..	..	..
Te Kuiti	100	6	106	67	3	70
Otorohanga	24	1	25	..	..	..
Thames	161	10	171	155	2	157
Timaru	530	97	627	466	74	540
Fairlie	59	2	61	52	..	52
Geraldine	87	3	90	85	3	88
St. Andrew's	12	..	12	13	..	13
Temuka	54	3	57	31	2	33
Waihi	111	9	120	96	7	103
Waimate	118	9	127	105	8	113
Studholme Junction	8	..	8	7	..	7
Waipawa	132	6	138	93	5	98
Otane	27	..	27	26	..	26
Waipukurau	101	..	101	69	..	69
Wairoa	160	10	170	140	7	147
Mohaka	17	1	18	17	1	18
Nuhaka	22	..	22	22	..	22
Wanganui	791	130	921	719	101	820
Waverley	41	1	42	33	..	33
Wellington	3,457	1,133	4,590	3,256	1,002	4,258
Johnsonville	6	..	6	6	..	6
Lower Hutt	52	..	52	43	..	43
Petone	17	..	17	21	..	21
Upper Hutt	28	..	28
Westport	202	12	214	195	10	205
Whangarei	185	10	195	163	6	169
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