

1916.
NEW ZEALAND.

POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT

(REPORT OF THE) FOR THE YEAR 1915-16.

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

MY LORD,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 16th June, 1916.

I have the honour to submit to Your Excellency the report of the business of the Post and Telegraph Department for the financial year 1915-16, and in doing so offer the following remarks :—

As was the case last year, the war has not seriously affected the business of the Department, although necessarily it has added largely to the cost of administering it.

The censorship continues, both of letters and of telegrams.

The mails for the New Zealand Forces oversea still increase in volume.

It has unfortunately been found impossible to substantially advance the work of introducing automatic telephone exchanges owing to the state of war.

The total revenue of the Department for the year ended the 31st March, 1916, was £1,695,757, an increase of £336,697 over the preceding year.

The confidence of the public in the Post Office Savings-bank is markedly maintained. The balance at credit of depositors is now £22,166,365, and the deposits during the year ended the 31st December, 1915, exceeded the withdrawals by £2,411,083.

Your Excellency will be pleased to hear that the enlistments from the ranks of the Department into the Expeditionary Forces amount to 1,013, out of a staff of 7,198 permanent and temporary officers. It is with deep regret that I have to add that some of the men have already met their death and a large number have been seriously wounded at the hands of our common enemy.

Otherwise the year has been an exceedingly prosperous one for the Department, as will be seen from the information fully set out in the report.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your obedient servant,

J. G. WARD,

His Excellency the Governor, Wellington.

Postmaster-General.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

The receipts and payments of the Department for the financial year 1915-16 are shown in the following table:—

Item.	Postal.		Telegraph.		Total.	
<i>Receipts.</i>						
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Postages	801,937	14 10½	..	..	801,937	14 10½
Money-order and postal-note commission	27,407	14 1	..	..	27,407	14 1
Money-order commission received from foreign offices	571	9 3	..	..	571	9 3
Private box and bag fees	15,311	12 8	..	..	15,311	12 8
Miscellaneous receipts	13,354	4 8½	163,488	8 6	176,842	13 2½
Paid telegrams .. .. .	..	..	386,138	5 2½	386,138	5 2½
Telephone exchanges .. .. .	..	..	287,547	7 8½	287,547	7 8½
Totals	858,582	15 7	837,174	1 5	1,695,756	17 0
<i>Payments.</i>						
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Salaries (classified officers)	293,722	7 4	412,555	12 6	706,277	19 10
Salaries (country Postmasters and telephonists, and contributions to Railway Department)	21,408	0 0	40,052	0 0	61,460	0 0
Conveyance of mails by sea	69,764	14 10	..	..	69,764	14 10
Conveyance of inland mails	95,483	7 5	..	..	95,483	7 5
Conveyance of mails by railway	71,874	17 6	..	..	71,874	17 6
Money-order commission credited to foreign offices	1,809	18 3	..	..	1,809	18 3
Maintenance of telegraph and telephone lines .. .. .	..	..	112,275	3 8	112,275	3 8
Miscellaneous	83,886	6 8	93,689	6 8	177,575	13 4
	637,949	12 0	658,572	2 10	1,296,521	14 10
Balance of receipts over payments	220,633	3 7	178,601	18 7	399,235	2 2
Totals	858,582	15 7	837,174	1 5	1,695,756	17 0

The total receipts exceeded those of 1914-15 by £336,696 19s. 8½d.

The receipts and payments for the ten years ended 31st March, 1916, and for the years 1881-82, 1891-92, and 1901-2, are shown hereunder:—

Year.	Receipts.	Payments.	Balance of Receipts over Payments.
1881-1882	£ 234,529	£ 233,291	£ 1,238
1891-1892	320,058	268,343	51,715
1901-1902	488,573	465,756	22,817
1906-1907	746,249	619,121	127,128
1907-1908	822,639	709,024	113,615
1908-1909	913,994	807,652	106,342
1909-1910	961,500	858,059	103,441
1910-1911	1,037,265	914,069	123,196
1911-1912	1,087,710	988,911	98,799
1912-1913	1,167,826	1,069,272	98,554
1913-1914	1,269,921	1,173,314	96,607
1914-1915	1,359,059	1,246,850	112,209
1915-1916	1,695,756	1,296,522	399,235
Total for ten years	11,061,920	9,682,794	1,379,126

STAFF.

Comparative Return of Officers of the Post and Telegraph Department for the Years ended 31st March, 1915, and 31st March, 1916.

The total number of officers on the staff on the 31st March, 1915 and 1916, was as under :—

				31st March, 1915.	31st March, 1916.
Postmaster-General	...	...	...	1	1
Classified staff—					
Permanent—					
Administrative Division	...	...	...	3	3
Professional Division	...	...	...	36	39
Clerical Division	...	...	...	2,477	2,855
General Division	...	...	...	3,445	3,547
Temporary—					
Night-watchmen	...	...	...	5	6
Postmistresses and assistants	...	...	...	...	52
Switchboard attendants	...	...	...	119	336
Note-sorters	...	...	...	8	9
Total, classified staff	...	...	...	6,094	6,848
Employees not on permanent staff—					
Country Postmasters and Postmistresses	...	...	...	2,347	2,346
Postmasters and telegraphists or telephonists who are Railway officers	...	...	...	143	153
Total	...	...	...	8,584	9,347

HEALTH OF STAFF.

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

	Mean Number on Staff.	Average Absence per Sick Officer. Days.	Average Absence for each Officer employed. Days.
Men	5,819	10·31	3·57
Women	652	17·68	9·22

Fifteen officers died during the year, exclusive of casualties in the Expeditionary Force.

PERSONAL AND STAFF.

During the year Mr. H. W. Harrington, Inspector of Telegraph-offices, retired after over fifty years' service.

His Majesty the King was pleased during the year to confer the Imperial Service Medal on five ex-officers of the Department in recognition of long and faithful service. It is noteworthy that one of the recipients, Miss Sarah Brock, was the first lady in New Zealand to receive the honour.

Up to 31st March, 1916, 747 permanent officers of the Department have been accepted for service with the Expeditionary Forces; this includes one Nursing Sister. Of these officers I regret to say 27 have been killed in action or have died from wounds or sickness; 7 are reported as "Missing, believed dead," and 36 have been wounded. The number accepted mentioned above represents 26 per cent. of the permanent male staff eligible for active military service.

From the temporary staff 190 men have been accepted. Of these, 4 have been killed in action, 1 is reported "Missing, believed dead," and 8 have been wounded. The Department's total contribution of men to 31st March numbers 937, and to date 1,013.

During the year the Department was asked to supply a wireless-telegraphy troop of sixty-two officers. This constituted a very heavy drain of the Department's experts, but the call was promptly met, and the Department had the satisfaction of supplying the whole troop, including the officers.

The Department has also provided a large number of expert telegraphists, mechanics, and linemen for duty with the Force, and by selecting trained postal men has enabled the postal arrangements abroad for the Expeditionary Force to be placed on a very good footing.

The whole of the work in connection with the distribution and collection of the schedules for the War Census Register was undertaken by the Department for the Department of Internal Affairs, and performed very satisfactorily at a minimum cost. Subsequently the Department supplied a large staff of junior officers for sorting the schedules, and a staff of some 244 clerks, who worked after ordinary office hours under the direction of the Government Statistician, preparing the data from which the Register was compiled. The organization of the Department has been found useful before in work of this nature.

During the year 80 officers of the Department in Wellington rendered assistance in the Base Records Office of the Defence Department, writing up the "history sheets" of members of the Expeditionary Force.

During the year the Department has given employment to several returned soldiers, and it has been arranged that preference in the matter of employing lads and telegraph message-boys is to be given to sons of members of the Expeditionary Force after fatherless lads have been provided for.

Owing to the enlistment in the Expeditionary Force of male officers of the Department, it has been necessary to engage a large number of female assistants in many branches of the Department. These are employed for the period of the war only, and the arrangement enables the Department to hold positions open for the return of its permanent officers.

INSTRUCTION CLASSES FOR OFFICERS.

The correspondence classes inaugurated in 1910 for the tuition of officers of the Department in technical telegraphy and telephony, and in subjects of the Public Service Senior and Entrance Examinations and the Sixth Standard, were continued during 1915. During the year the fee was raised from 10s. 6d. to £1 1s. for each course. The total number of students who joined the classes was 353, of whom 119 were technical students. The results of the year's work were, as in previous years, very satisfactory.

In all 346 lads received instruction at the telegraph learners' schools at Auckland, Oamaru, and Wellington.

EXAMINATIONS.

The number of officers who sat for efficiency examinations during the year 1915-16 was 779. Of this number, 551 (71 per cent.) were successful either wholly or partially.

To enable officers of the Department taking magnetism and electricity as a subject for the Public Service Senior Examination to fulfil the conditions regarding a minimum course of practical work in the subject, arrangements were made at places where the necessary certificate could not otherwise be obtained for certificates from the Telegraph Engineers, countersigned by the Chief Telegraph Engineer, to be accepted by the Education Department.

INCREASED POSTAGE AND TELEGRAPH RATES.

On the 23rd September, 1915, the postage rates on all postal packets, including parcels, but excepting newspapers, were raised by one halfpenny. But in respect of those addressed to those places beyond the Dominion to which the Postal Union rates already apply no additional charge was imposed. The charge on inland packets prepaid at bulk rates—*i.e.*, *Hansard*, *School Journal*, &c.—was raised $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per pound. An exemption was subsequently made in favour of correspondence addressed to soldiers on active service or in camp in New Zealand, and of correspondence posted by soldiers in New Zealand camps, on all of which the war-tax is remitted. Sailors in H.M. ships on Dominion service have the same privilege.

On the same date the following charges were fixed for telegrams: For ordinary telegrams—(a) on week-days, for twelve words or less, including address and signature—urgent, 1s. 2d.; ordinary, 8d.; extra words, 1d. and $\frac{1}{2}$ d. each respectively; (b) on Sundays, for twelve words or less, including address and signature—urgent, 2s. 2d.; ordinary, 1s. 2d.; extra words, 2d. and 1d. each respectively. Sunday rates were made applicable at all offices without exception. For cable messages the charges were increased by 2d. for each message except in the case of cable messages addressed to soldiers. The rates on Press telegrams were also increased.

PARCEL-POST.

By Order in Council of the 20th December, 1915, it was provided that a fresh rate of postage should be charged for the return to the sender of an unclaimed inland parcel.

Parcel-post number labels are now supplied at the cost of the Department to any firm posting 1,000 or more parcels per annum. The labels bear the initials of the firm and the name of the town in abbreviated form.

Parcels for the Expeditionary Force which are found on arrival at chief offices to be insufficiently packed are returned to the senders for repacking.

Since the 1st September, 1915, inland parcels have been insured for any sum not exceeding £2 on payment of a fee of 2d.

THE WAR AND THE DEPARTMENT.

Special steps were taken to urgently impress on every officer of the Department the need for economy in the use of official supplies during the continuance of the war.

The Department has continued throughout the year to grant concessions wherever possible to soldiers on active service abroad and in camp in New Zealand, and to the general public in communicating with soldiers.

As has been mentioned above, the war-tax has been remitted in the case of correspondence addressed to members of the Expeditionary Forces, whether in camp in the Dominion or on active service abroad, and that posted by soldiers in camp. The estimated value of the concession is £12,000.

The rates of postage for parcels addressed to soldiers, nurses, and Sisters in Egypt and despatched by the Suez route were reduced from 2s. 8d. to 1s. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for parcels not exceeding 3 lb.; from 4s. 4d. to 2s. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for parcels not exceeding 7 lb.; from 6s. to 4s. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for parcels not exceeding 11 lb. The Department also agreed to accept parcels for members of the British Expeditionary Forces in France at the postage fixed for parcels for the United Kingdom.

In May, 1915, public information bureaux were established at all chief post-offices, with the object of affording prompt information to the public on matters concerning the war. It came to the knowledge of the Department that many people were quite at sea as to the avenues of information on a variety of things connected with the war, particularly in matters concerning communication with our men at the front or those lying in the various hospitals; and in order to give the public every facility of finding out as quickly as possible any legitimate information the bureaux were established. Among the many matters of information the bureaux afford may be mentioned—

- (1.) Names on nominal rolls of New Zealand Forces;
- (2.) Supplying enrolment cards;
- (3.) List of wounded;
- (4.) Cable rates and methods of cabling money to soldiers;
- (5.) Condition of wounded soldiers;
- (6.) Changes of addresses of next-of-kin of soldiers in the field accepted to be forwarded to Defence Department;
- (7.) Parcel rates;
- (8.) Any information regarding relief or patriotic funds.

The bureaux are greatly appreciated by the public.

The system of free official inquiries by cable about the state of soldiers reported wounded continues to give much satisfaction. It is to be remarked that it is only by the courtesy of the cable companies and the Pacific Cable Board, in carrying the messages without charge, that this system is made practicable.

Magazines, books, &c., for the entertainment of soldiers in camp in New Zealand or on active service have been accepted from the public by Postmasters, and forwarded without charge to Wellington.

Unpaid or insufficiently prepaid letters and post-cards from soldiers and sailors on active service belonging to any of the allies of Great Britain have been delivered free of charges.

Post-offices, money-order offices, and savings-banks were opened at the military camps.

PATRIOTIC FUNDS.

The Department continues to render assistance to the organizers of the various patriotic and relief funds by the granting of special concessions.

Contributions from officers of the Department as a separate body to the Belgian and other war-relief funds ceased in February, 1916. The total amount contributed by officers through the Department was £3,685 11s. 8d.

POST OFFICE.

During 1915 the Inspectors of Post-offices visited 2,021 offices. 560 non-permanent offices were inspected by permanent Postmasters in their vicinity.

Fifty post-offices were established (of which 4 were reopened offices), and 44 closed. The number of post-offices open on the 31st December, 1915, was 2,402. The names of ten offices were changed to meet local circumstances.

The number of articles delivered in the Dominion, including those received from places beyond, during the year 1915, as compared with the number in 1914, was as under:—

	1915.	1914.	Increase.	Decrease.
Letters and letter-cards..	119,542,410	118,808,274	734,136	..
Post-cards	5,078,723	5,646,784	..	568,061
Other articles	48,528,376	55,492,801	..	6,964,425
Totals	173,149,509	179,947,859	..	..
Parcels	2,886,039	2,585,719	300,320	..

The letters and letter-cards increased 0·61, post-cards decreased 10·05, other articles decreased 12·55; and parcels increased 11·61 per cent.

In 1914 letters and letter-cards increased 4·76, post-cards decreased 1·51, other articles increased 6·86, and parcels increased 17·58 per cent.

The average number of letters and letter-cards posted per unit of population during 1915 was estimated at 111·53. The average in 1914 was 105·01.

The declared value of parcels received from places outside the Dominion in 1915 was £444,648, as against £448,108 in 1914. The Customs duty amounted to £70,299 7s.

The declared value of parcels despatched to places beyond the Dominion in 1915 was £35,674, as against £44,470 in 1914.

The inland rates for books and printed papers and for pattern and sample packets have been reduced to correspond with the inland parcel rates in all cases where they formerly exceeded them. The new rates for books and printed papers were adopted on the 21st January, 1916; those for pattern and sample packets on the 18th February, 1916.

Owing to uncertainty in obtaining supplies of paper the monthly issue of the Post and Telegraph Guide Supplement was replaced by a pamphlet containing additions and alterations to the Guide.

On the 1st January, 1916, amended regulations for the prepayment of postage in cash by the "permit" system came into force.

On the 1st August, 1915, the offices in the Eltham, Hawera, and Waimate West Counties, and also those offices in the Egmont and Stratford Counties which were included in the Wanganui Postal District, were transferred to the New Plymouth Postal District.

Special arrangements were made by the Department to deal with the large amount of undelivered correspondence returned from the Military Base Post-office at Alexandria.

Many of the parcels returned undelivered from the Base Post-office in Egypt were infested with vermin. By arrangement with the Wellington Hospital Board the parcels were sterilized in the steam disinfectant before being returned to the senders.

PROHIBITED CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence of 13 persons or firms was prohibited transmission, under section 28 of the Post and Telegraph Act, 1908. Letters addressed to prohibited persons or firms withheld from delivery during the year numbered 598. Prohibition was withdrawn in the case of 1 person.

Under the authority of the regulations made under the War Regulations Act, 1914, postal packets were prohibited transmission to 33 persons or firms. Telegrams may not be transmitted to or money-orders issued in favour of such persons or firms.

NEWSPAPERS.

Thirteen newspapers were registered for transmission by post, and 11 were removed from the register. Thirty-three magazines were registered.

AUTOMATIC STAMP-VENDING MACHINES.

Automatic penny-stamp-vending machines were erected at 5 offices during 1915, making a total of 76 machines in use throughout the Dominion. In addition to these 76 machines which sell 1d. stamps, there are halfpenny-stamp-vending machines in operation at Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, Invercargill, Palmerston North, Wanganui, and Wellington. These machines have proved a great convenience to the public, and have relieved the counter officers to a great extent. The numbers of stamps sold from the machines for the past three years are as follows:—

1913	..	..	..	..	..	984,000
1914	..	..	..	..	..	1,222,560
1915	..	..	..	..	..	1,365,840

Post-card-vending machines are installed at Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, Greymouth, Nelson, Palmerston North, Wanganui, and Wellington, and a letter-card-vending machine at Wellington.

POSTAGE-STAMPS.

The King George series of postage-stamps, designed by Mr. H. Linley Richardson, R.B.A., was issued on 30th July, 1915. The design consists of an inset full side-face likeness of His Majesty King George V. The border is an adaptation of a Maori rafter pattern; and the four stars in each lower corner are further symbolical of the Dominion. The words are "Postage and Revenue," and, in larger letters, "New Zealand." The denominations are shown in figures only, and are in the upper corners. They and the colours are as follow: $\frac{1}{2}$ d., sap-green; $1\frac{1}{2}$ d., grey; 2d., aniline-mauve; $2\frac{1}{2}$ d., slate-blue; 3d., sepia; 4d., orange-yellow; $4\frac{1}{2}$ d., myrtle-green; 6d., rose-carmine; $7\frac{1}{2}$ d., red-brown; 9d., olive-green; 1s., orange-red. The new values $1\frac{1}{2}$ d., $4\frac{1}{2}$ d., and $7\frac{1}{2}$ d. were introduced for parcel-post purposes, and the existing 1d. value has not been changed. The new stamps were sold concurrently with those of the old issue until the supply of the latter was exhausted.

Official stamps of the £1 denomination, being no longer required, were withdrawn from issue on the 31st August, 1915.

Current $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamps overprinted with two stars and the words "War Stamp" were issued on the 24th September, 1915.

In view of the increase of postage for war-tax purposes, a new inland post-card printed in red and bearing 1d. postage was issued in November, 1915.

By the Finance Act, 1915, the duty on receipts for amounts of £2 and over was increased to 2d. The 2d. stamp was found to be unsuitable by reason of its colour for cancellation with pen and ink. It was, therefore, decided to interchange the colours of the 2d. and 4d. denominations. Twopenny stamps of the new colour (yellow) were issued on the 15th January, 1916. The new 4d. stamps were issued on the 7th April, 1916.

In December, 1915, embossed envelopes bearing postage $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. were ordered through the High Commissioner. The new die was provided in London. †

Halfpenny and threepenny stamps of the King George series were overprinted "Official" and issued on the 12th October and 9th December, 1915, respectively.

Owing to the great demand for $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamps, arrangements were made to print this denomination by the surface process in sheets of 240 impressions each. The printing of this denomination by the slower and more costly intaglio process has been discontinued. The same die has been used for the printing of a new $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. letter-card.

It was intended on the issue of the King George stamps to discontinue the printing of all denominations of the King Edward issue. It was found, however, owing to the imposition of the war-tax of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. on postal matter and 2d. on telegrams, that the 5d. stamp was in great demand for parcel-post purposes and the 8d. stamp for telegraph messages. As these denominations were not included in the King George issue, it was decided to continue printing those of the King Edward issue meanwhile.

Owing to the large number of $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 8d. stamps required by Government officials for the prepayment of charges on letters and telegrams, it has been decided to overprint "Official" stamps of these

denominations. This action will result in a large saving in the consumption of stamp-paper, in connection with which it is anticipated that some difficulty may be experienced in obtaining sufficient supplies.

OCEAN MAIL-SERVICES.

San Francisco Service.

In October, 1914, the R.M.S. "Marama," formerly of the Vancouver service, was transferred to this route. In November, 1915, this vessel was withdrawn from the San Francisco service and converted into a hospital ship. The service has since been performed by the R.M.S. "Maitai" and R.M.S. "Moana." By speeding-up these two vessels the time-table has been fairly well maintained.

Owing to the R.M.S. "Maitai" requiring overhaul, the round trip due to commence at Wellington on the 3rd February last was cancelled.

Owing principally to the dislocation of the transatlantic service, the average time occupied during 1915 in the delivery of mails from Wellington to London was thirty-seven days instead of thirty-one days.

Vancouver Service.

This service is still being carried out by the R.M.S. "Makura" and R.M.S. "Niagara."

Owing to delay *en route* for Vancouver, 200 bags of English mails for New Zealand ex "Adriatic" failed to connect with the R.M.S. "Makura" on the voyage commencing at Vancouver on the 16th February, 1916. The mails were diverted to San Francisco and despatched by the s.s. "Ventura" on the 29th February, arriving in New Zealand on the 28th March.

Forty-six bags of letters and 165 bags of newspapers, &c., intended for New Zealand were lost in the s.s. "Arabic," sunk by a German submarine on the 19th August, 1915.

Owing principally to the dislocation of the transatlantic service, the average time occupied during 1915 in the delivery of mails from Auckland to London was thirty-five days instead of thirty days.

Suez Service.

The overland transit of mails through Europe was resumed in June, 1915, the port of transhipment being Marseilles in place of Brindisi or Naples. Correspondence to be sent by this route still requires to be specially superscribed.

INLAND MAIL-SERVICES.

The contracts for inland mail-services expired on the 31st December, 1915. Owing to the unsettled conditions all contractors were asked to extend their contracts until the 31st December, 1916. Approximately three-fifths of the total number agreed to the extension, and alternative tenders were invited for one year and three years for those services the contractors for which declined to extend. This year tenders will be invited for two years for most, if not all, of the contracts extended or re-let for one year, thus making all inland-mail contracts terminate on the 31st December, 1918.

Owing to a difficulty in obtaining a tender for the midnight clearance of pillar-boxes at Dunedin, the Department decided to undertake the service by its own officers supplied with motor-cars.

By the grouping of a number of services in close proximity to Napier, the Department found it advantageous to perform them also by a departmental officer and a motor-car.

On all mail-services advertised as rural deliveries contractors are now required to carry a stock of stamps, and to obtain money-orders and postal notes for settlers along the route.

Owing to serious floods the south-bound express from Auckland on the 22nd July was unable to proceed farther than Te Kuiti. The mails were brought on by a special train, and the departure of the s.s. "Maitai" from Wellington for San Francisco was delayed in order to enable a connection to be made with her. For a few days railway communication was seriously interrupted. On the 24th July mails from Auckland for offices in the South Island and the southern part of the North Island were despatched by steamer. The railway-line between Stratford and Whangamomona was blocked during the last week of August, and light mails were sent by pack-horse and by horse-drawn vehicle.

DEAD AND MISSING LETTERS.

There were 6,844 inquiries made during 1915 for postal packets alleged to have been posted and not delivered. In 4,582 of the inquiries, over two-thirds 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.
1,020	Sender responsible for delay.
1,018	Addressee responsible for delay.
438	Post Office responsible for delay.
2,106	No delay, or responsibility not fixed.

Total .. 4,582

The proportion of dead or unclaimed letters, letter-cards, and post-cards to the total number delivered within the Dominion was 0.47 per cent.

282,102 letters (including 5,584 registered, and 55,511 soldiers' letters) were opened and returned to writers through the Dead Letter Office; 44,609 letters were returned unopened to other countries; 1,452 were reissued; 45,636 were destroyed; 204,376 were returned to senders by Chief Postmasters; 18,185 were returned by Chief Postmasters to other countries: a total of 596,360 letters, as compared with 565,125 in 1914.

9,064 other articles were returned to foreign countries ; 3,156 were returned to the senders through the Dead Letter Office ; 148,365 were returned by Chief Postmasters ; 24,312 were returned by Chief Postmasters to other countries : a total of 184,897 other articles, as compared with 247,448 in 1914.

22,711 letters were wrongly addressed ; 67 letters were discovered to have been posted with previously used stamps.

3,906 newspapers and 2,726 books and other articles without addresses were received, many of which were subsequently applied for and delivered.

21,420 newspapers were returned to publishers.

2,752 letters and 1,579 letter-cards were posted without addresses.

290 letters with libellous addresses were intercepted.

BUILDINGS.

The following new office buildings were opened : Arrowtown, Chatham Islands, Edendale, Glenorchy, Hikurangi, Mamaku, Manunui, Matiere, Methven, Ohingaiti, Patumahoe, Port Nelson, Ross, Waimamaku, and Whatawhata.

The accommodation proving inadequate for the increasing requirements, the local officers of the Tourist and Pensions Departments in Wellington, which formerly occupied portions of the General Post Office building, vacated them in December, 1915.

MONEY-ORDERS.

The money-order business for the year shows a falling-off in the number of transactions, but an increase in the total of the amount remitted. This is due principally to the war having cut off communication with certain European countries, and also to the fact that postal notes are being more largely used for the remittance of small amounts.

Twenty-six money-order offices were opened, and seven closed, leaving 806 offices open at the close of the year.

The money-orders issued numbered 664,860, for a total of £3,471,818 ; those paid to 555,068, for £3,146,578.

The business with countries outside New Zealand decreased for the reasons already referred to, the total amount sent abroad being £485,797, and the amount received from abroad being £165,699. It will be noticed that there is an entry against both Austria and Germany of orders drawn on New Zealand. The explanation of this is that a large number of orders issued in New Zealand on those countries prior to the declaration of the war have been repaid to the remitters in New Zealand, and the amounts having been originally credited to Austria and Germany have now been debited to those countries.

The total commission received for the transaction of money-order business amounted to £15,819.

POSTAL NOTES.

The postal-note business shows the usual increase. 2,370,079 postal notes, for £723,314, were issued, and 2,364,495 were paid. On this business the commission of £10,561 was received.

Forty offices were opened and 12 closed, leaving 1,016 postal-note offices in operation at the end of the year.

BRITISH POSTAL ORDERS.

The war has had the effect of decreasing the British postal-order business by about 8 per cent., the number sold amounting to 101,859, as compared with 110,625 for the previous year. The amount sent away by means of this very useful form of remittance was £57,352. The twenty-shilling and ten-shilling notes still continue to have the greatest sales.

It is a matter for regret that the Australian Administration has not yet agreed to transact British postal-order business, as the orders may now be obtained and cashed, with this exception, throughout the British Empire.

SAVINGS-BANK.

The business of the Post Office Savings-bank shows a remarkable increase in the excess of deposits over withdrawals, an excess which has not been approached at any time during the history of the bank. It amounted to no less than £2,411,083 ; and, in addition to this, there was credited to depositors' accounts an amount of £707,252 for interest. Thus the total amount at credit of depositors was increased during the year by no less than £3,118,335. The total balance at credit of depositors on the 31st December, 1915, was £22,166,365. These results are an indication of the confidence reposed in the Government institution by the people of the Dominion.

There were 26 new savings-bank offices opened during the year and 5 closed, leaving a total of 787 offices at which savings may be deposited and withdrawals made.

83,244 new accounts were opened and 57,421 closed, leaving 509,085 still in operation at the end of the year. This gives a proportion of one account in every 2.28 of the population.

Full particulars as to the numbers of deposits and withdrawals will be found in the tables. The total transactions show a material increase. The deposits reached a total of £13,706,057 and the withdrawals £11,294,974. The average deposit amounted to £14 2s. 5d. and the average withdrawal to £17 3s. 9d., while the average amount at credit of each depositor was £43 10s. 10d. If the total at credit be divided equally between the entire population it would amount to £19 0s. 5d. per head.

The working-expenses of the Savings-bank amounted to 4.42d. per transaction, which gives a cost per cent. on the total amount at credit of depositors of 0.14 per £100.

The system of nominations by depositors in favour of relatives who receive moneys at their credit in case of death is steadily growing in favour. During the year 388 additional nominations were made, bringing the total in force up to 1,309. The system is an excellent one, particularly for those persons whose whole estate is the amount of their savings in the bank, as it relieves their nominees from the procedure necessary in connection with the proving of the will or the obtaining of letters of administration.

The system of transfer of accounts between the Dominion and the United Kingdom resulted in £33,677 being transferred to the United Kingdom and £7,473 to New Zealand. A similar arrangement with the Australian Savings-banks resulted in £53,728 being transferred to Australia and £47,645 to New Zealand.

WORK PERFORMED FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

The scope of the Department's usefulness to the State is constantly being widened, and there are very few services under State control for which the Post Office is not in some measure the agent dealing directly with the public.

Among the many branches of work undertaken during the year those deserving of particular mention are Customs duties collected for a total amount of £78,426, and for the same Department £10,156 for beer duty.

The agencies for the State Advances, Public Trust, and Government Insurance Departments lead to a very large amount of business. The amount received on account of State Advances reached a total of £1,911,903, for the Public Trustee £1,334,826, and for the Government Insurance £239,103; while the amounts paid were £1,927,428 for the State Advances and £1,333,611 for the Public Trustee.

Land and income tax may be paid at any money-order office, and the total amount of these taxes received during the year was £1,189,692. For the Valuation Department fees amounting to £6,396 were collected.

A very large number of claims chargeable to the appropriations made by Parliament are paid through the medium of the Post Office on behalf of the Treasury. Last year the amount so paid in cash was £2,708,698.

For the Pensions Department £477,941 was paid on account of old-age pensions, £48,680 on account of military pensions, and £35,822 on account of widows' pensions. There was also a considerable amount paid out on account of war pensions and miners' pensions.

Contributions to the National Provident Fund collected by Postmasters amounted to £19,053, and £129,957 was paid out on behalf of the Public Service Superannuation Fund.

Among the items which do not bulk largely with regard to amount but involve numerous transactions may be mentioned the sale of fishing licenses, to the value of £1,442, and game licenses, £3,642; machinery- and boiler-certificate fees collected, £12,804; mining licenses, £215; and sanatorium receipts, £1,425.

On behalf of the British Government £29,003 was paid to Imperial pensioners resident in New Zealand.

For the registration of births, deaths, and marriages and the performance of the marriage ceremony Postmasters collected £3,656. It may be a matter of interest that some Registrars are Postmistresses, and have proved themselves adept in performing the marriage ceremony.

Discount stamps valued at £782 and numbering 750,720 were sold, but the popularity of these stamps seems to be steadily diminishing, the sales being practically confined to Wellington.

Since the 1st January, 1916, the Post Office has also acted as agent for the Public Service Superannuation Fund in the matter of applications for loans, in addition to the payment of superannuation allowances.

The work performed in connection with the payment of allotments made by members of the New Zealand military forces has assumed very large proportions, the number of payments made amounting to the large total of 200,880 for £951,700.

Some idea of the other services performed may be obtained from the balance-sheet of the Post Office Account.

TELEGRAPHS.

The telegraph revenue shows a marked increase, which is principally due to two causes—(1) the increased telegraph rates which were in force for the last six months of the year, and (2) to a payment received from the Defence Department on account of the immense amount of work performed for that Department during the first fifteen months of the war. The grand total of the telegraph revenue, including telephone exchanges and miscellaneous receipts, amounted to £837,174, equivalent to an increase of almost 27 per cent. If to this be added the value of "free" Government telegrams, the total amounts to £846,259. The payments made on account of these services amounted to £658,572, an increase equal to about 7½ per cent. The increase in this class of expenditure has been kept down by reason of two main factors—the first, the large number of officers who have enlisted and whose places are taken by juniors; the second, the very considerable decrease in the number of Press messages, which has enabled the staffs at large centres to be materially reduced.

The outstanding feature of the telegraph business is the large and steadily increasing number of bureau communications, which are to some extent taking the place of the sixpenny telegram; for, while the number of ordinary telegrams decreased from 6,169,047 to 6,062,131, the number of bureau messages increased from 3,753,592 to 3,963,801. Thus, while the number of telegrams fell off by 106,916, the bureau communications increased by 210,209.

The extension of the telegraph and telephone lines was steadily proceeded with during the year. Twenty-seven new offices were opened, bringing the total number up to 2,413 on the 31st March. Of these, 334 were Morse telegraph-offices and 2,079 telephone-offices,

From the 523 private wires and subsidized lines the amount of rent and maintenance received was £3,989.

The various telegraph tables give full particulars with reference to telegrams handled. The total number of all codes dealt with was 10,836,751, an increase of only 8,783 over the previous year. The proportion of paid telegrams per unit of population was 9.29.

While ordinary telegrams show the decrease in number already referred to, the increased rates produced an increased revenue therefrom of £24,180, and urgent ordinary telegrams, which showed a considerable falling-off in number for the same reason, showed an increase of £155 in revenue.

The number of Press telegrams fell from 471,455 to 383,155, but the revenue derived therefrom on account of the increased rates during the last half of the year was £24,417, as against £22,328.

The bureau business was not affected by the increased rates, and, in addition to showing the increase in number referred to above, also gave the greater revenue by £12,116. At the same time the average value of each bureau message increased from 6.38d. to 6.78d.

The Government messages, for which no payment was received, show a tendency to steadily increase, and during the year they totalled 127,841. Their value at ordinary rates amounted to £9,085. The increase shown is no less than 16,486 telegrams.

The number of paid telegrams forwarded amounted to 8.71 messages for every 100 letters posted in New Zealand.

The overhaul and reconstruction of telegraph and inter-urban telephone-lines was steadily proceeded with during the year, the number of miles in each Telegraph Engineer's district so dealt with being as follows: Auckland, 312; Wellington, 356; Nelson, 231; Canterbury, 114; Otago, 1,126.

Owing to increase in business, five offices were converted from telephone to Morse offices, and in two cases, where the business did not justify the retention of Morse instruments, the offices were converted from Morse to telephone. The total number of telegraph-instrument sets of all classes in use in the Dominion numbers 870. A double-current duplex set has been fitted up at Westport, the consequent rearrangement of circuits permitting direct working with Wellington. New test-boards have been installed for long-distance lines at eighteen of the more important telegraph-offices.

The length of telegraph and telephone line and wire on the 31st March, 1915 and 1916 respectively, was as follows:—

	Miles of Pole Line.			Miles of Wire.		
	Year ended 31st March, 1915.	Year ended 31st March, 1916.	Increase.	Year ended 31st March, 1915.	Year ended 31st March, 1916.	Increase.
Telegraph and inter-urban telephone	13,434	13,684	250	46,778	48,052	1,274
Telephone-exchange plant...	3,029	3,437	408	113,479	128,525	15,046
Totals	16,463	17,121	658	160,257	176,577	16,320

NEW ZEALAND SUBMARINE CABLE SERVICE.

There was no alteration in the length of submarine cable, which remains at 374 knots. During the year faults developed in the No. 2 Cook Strait cable, and in the cable between Motuihi and Waiheke and between Motuihi and Howick. They were, however, promptly repaired. In the two first cases it was found that the fault was caused by a species of crustacean borer, and in the third case the armoring of the cable was eaten away by chemical action.

OCEAN CABLE SERVICES.

The cable business during the year shows a marked increase in the traffic handled, and also discloses the fact that the Pacific route, which in the previous year handled 74 per cent. of the ordinary outward business, only received 67 per cent., while the Eastern Company increased their proportion of the business from 26 per cent. to 33 per cent. The following table shows the total number of ordinary telegrams forwarded by each route during the past five years, and the percentages of the total of such business falling to each:—

PACIFIC.				EASTERN.			
Year.	Messages.	Percentage of Total.		Year.	Messages.	Percentage of Total.	
1911-12	89,276	69		1911-12	39,374	31	
1912-13	99,617	71		1912-13	40,680	29	
1913-14	104,638	73		1913-14	38,023	27	
1914-15	106,018	74		1914-15	37,446	26	
1915-16	114,151	67		1915-16	56,684	33	

The number of international cable messages forwarded during the year shows an increase of 34.75 per cent. on the number sent during 1914-15, and the number forwarded to Australian stations shows an increase of 7.98 per cent.

Messages received from international stations increased by 46.55 per cent., and there was an increase of 11.43 per cent. in the Australian received traffic.

New Zealand's proportion of the deficit of £7,915 8s. 1d. on the thirteenth year's working of the Pacific cable amounted to £879 9s. 9d.

During the year New Zealand has given the Pacific route 68·19 per cent. of the ordinary business to Australia, as against 75·66 per cent. last year.

963 Press telegrams were sent via Pacific and 1,542 via Eastern, compared with 1,124 and 1,608 respectively last year.

The number of cables sent as "deferred" during the year shows an increase of approximately 93 per cent. over the previous year's figures.

The Pacific Cable Board's auxiliary schooner "Strathcona" was wrecked on the Minerva Reef during a voyage from Auckland to Fanning Island. All on board were saved, but a bag of mails was lost.

There has been a very large increase in the number of week-end messages sent, the total number being 28,387, an increase of 212 per cent. To a great extent this increase is accounted for by the number of such messages sent to members of the Expeditionary Forces, with reference to which special arrangements have been made and special facilities afforded. Owing to the exigencies of the war the week-end cable service was occasionally suspended. Arrangements were made, however, to accept messages to be telegraphed to Montreal and posted from that city to the United Kingdom.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

The two high-power stations at Awanui and Awarua have continued to work satisfactorily, also the low-power stations at Wellington and Chatham Islands. The low-power station at Auckland was closed on the 8th May, 1915, but not dismantled.

Ships continue to exercise care not to disclose their whereabouts, and, owing to the restriction placed since the outbreak of war upon business of an unimportant nature, a considerable decline in the volume of wireless traffic has resulted.

Twenty-four ship-stations are registered in New Zealand. Observations are being made at Chatham Islands and Awarua of atmospheric electrical disturbances which prevail in greater or less degree at all times. These are despatched to the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

Wireless communication on long waves between Awanui and Apia, Samoa, a distance of 1,550 knots, established shortly after the seizure of the Samoan group by the New Zealand Expeditionary Force on behalf of the Imperial Government on the outbreak of war, continues to be satisfactorily maintained.

Recently the wireless station at Awarua served a useful purpose that is unusual in these waters. The chronometers of the "Aurora" had not been checked since that vessel's departure for the southern seas. The vessel was returning damaged, and required correct time to check the chronometers. Arrangements were made by which at the three consecutive hours of 11 a.m., noon, and 1 p.m. the Observatory clock at Wellington was connected direct to a land-line circuit to the Awarua wireless-station. The length of this circuit was approximately 650 miles. The ship was on the lookout for a wireless signal, which was despatched by preconcerted arrangement practically simultaneously with its receipt over the land circuit. The result was found to be highly satisfactory.

The native trees that have been planted on the 30-acre site of the Wellington radio-station on Mount Wakefield are doing well, and giving promise that in a few years they will relieve the denuded aspect that prevails at present.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGES.

The expansion of the telephone-exchange system continued steadily throughout the year. Ten new exchanges were opened, and the number of subscribers increased by 3,542 and connections by 4,715. The total number of exchanges is 259, of which 62 are central exchanges—*i.e.*, self-contained—and 197 sub-exchanges.

The total number of connections of all kinds amounts to 58,976, of which 44,836 are direct-paying connections and 8,668 extensions, and 5,472 bureau and service connections. The increase in the connections during the year amounted to 8·69 per cent.

The telephone-exchange system includes 3,437 miles of line and 128,525 miles of wire.

The total revenue received was £287,547, an apparent decrease on last year's figures; but, as was explained in the returns, on account of the alteration in due date of subscriptions, receipts fell into the previous year which would in ordinary course have been collected during the currency of the year just closed. The necessary alignment will be completed during the present year, and in future the figures will not be affected.

The conversion of earth-working exchanges to metallic circuit is steadily proceeding, and 19 exchanges have been changed to the latter system during the year. Of the existing exchanges, 195 are on the metallic-circuit system, 57 on the single-line system, and 7 are in course of conversion from single line to metallic.

The party-line connection has become exceedingly popular. There are now 2,541 party-line circuits, with a total of 8,505 subscribers, an increase in this particular branch of exchange work of 478 lines and 1,810 circuits.

The work of laying the telephone-cables underground is still proceeding, and during the year four and a half miles of ducts, fifteen miles of pipes, and sixteen miles of armoured cable were thus laid. Toll circuits are now available for telephone communication between Wellington and Napier, and Napier and Gisborne.

The proportion of exchange connections of all kinds to the population of the Dominion on the 31st March, 1916, was slightly over 5 per cent. The percentages in each of the four principal centres are as follows: Wellington, 9·54; Auckland, 6·55; Christchurch, 6·28; Dunedin, 6·91.

The number of telephone connections at the ten principal telephone exchanges on the 31st March, 1916, was as follows: Auckland, 7,563; Wellington, 7,140; Christchurch, 5,547; Dunedin, 4,725; Gisborne, 1,557; Wanganui, 1,533; Napier, 1,454; Hastings, 1,420; Invercargill, 1,408; Palmerston North, 1,213.

SLOT TELEPHONES.

The installation of slot telephones for public use has been fully justified by the results, and the experience of the Department has been that wherever there is a fair population or a public centre the machines are appreciated by the public, and an extensive use made of them. During the year 59 new slot installations have been made, bringing the total number up to 198.

The revenue derived from these machines amounted to £6,343, an increase of £1,984 over the receipts during the previous year. The reduction from 2d. to 1d. on instruments within one-half mile from telephone exchanges at Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin, introduced during 1914, has been extended to cover the distance of two miles from these exchanges. The reduction applies also to several other towns in the Dominion. The result has been that wherever there is a busy centre the reduced rate has had the effect of promoting the use of the service to such an extent that the revenue is well maintained. A check on the business done shows that these telephones are not much availed of between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.—in fact, the distribution of business accords fairly well with that of the general working of an exchange.

There are numerous applications for the establishment of these slot telephones under consideration, and the workshops have in hand the manufacture of a large number of machines. A considerable number of micro-telephones continue to be stolen from the various cabinets.

AUTOMATIC EXCHANGES.

The opening of the automatic exchanges has been seriously delayed on account of materials not coming to hand owing to the war. The transfer of the manufacture from Antwerp to London, mentioned in last year's report, did not prove successful, owing partly to the scarcity of skilled craftsmen, and also to the fact that the factories were required for the manufacture of munitions of war. To meet the Department's requirements the company then transferred its tools for the manufacture of these automatic appliances to their extensive works at Chicago, and although this was done as promptly as possible there was necessarily a considerable time occupied in fitting up the appliances and adapting the staff to the new requirements. The latest advice is that matters are now progressing as well as can be reasonably expected in the unique conditions, and that a much more rapid delivery of the equipment may be looked for.

The necessary buildings for automatic exchanges have been completed at Blenheim, Hamilton, Pongsonby, Mount Eden, and Remuera. In all these places some of the apparatus is to hand, as well as for the exchange at Oamaru. Plans have been prepared and approved for the erection of a building in Wellesley Street, Auckland, which, while providing accommodation for a post-office, will also be the site of the automatic equipment for the principal exchange. In this connection it may be well to remark that provision for improved communication between Devonport, Takapuna, and Onehunga and the principal exchange in Auckland City is necessarily deferred owing to the difficulties that have arisen owing to the war. Before these places can work into the city exchanges it is necessary that the latter should be first completed, and such completion is entirely dependent upon the arrival of apparatus.

The installation of automatic equipments has necessitated considerable alterations in the outside plant. In some places, such as Blenheim, Hamilton, and Masterton, the existing exchanges are single-wire earth-working systems. It was necessary, therefore, to introduce metallic circuits for any new system of switchboard, and this led to a good deal of underground work, which has already been completed at Masterton and Blenheim and is nearing completion at Hamilton.

The Auckland and Wellington metallic circuits had existed in overhead lead cables. It has been found desirable to place these in ducts under ground, and also to extend the area over which such underground protection and facilities should be afforded. The work has progressed satisfactorily.

At Christchurch the switchboard accommodation has been exhausted for some time, and new subscribers have been accommodated upon detached standard switchboards. While this arrangement gives the necessary service, it is not without serious disadvantages. It can only be availed of to a limited extent—that extent has now almost been reached. About two years ago an order was placed for a new toll-board for Christchurch, but owing to the war the last lot of this material is only now arriving, and it is hoped that the use of it will enable the Department to carry on until better provision is made. Some automatic equipment has been ordered, to be installed in a new exchange building at St. Albans and at Sydenham, and when these installations are complete the strain on the main switchboard will be relieved, and leave accommodation for growth until a new main automatic exchange is erected in Hereford Street.

At Dunedin also the switchboard accommodation is practically exhausted. It has been decided to install automatic equipment on the Western Electric system throughout the whole area. This can not be done at once, and to relieve the present switchboard it is proposed to install automatic exchanges of the ultimate capacity of 2,000 lines in South Dunedin and Roslyn. When these two exchanges are in service they will relieve the present main exchange and render it capable of meeting future growth until a new main exchange can be erected, equipped, and brought into service.

The Strowger automatic apparatus at Wellington and Auckland continues to work satisfactorily. The whole 1,000 lines at Wellington are in operation. At Auckland there are 747 lines in use, leaving 553 still available, a number which will enable new business to be handled until one or more of the outlying automatic exchanges is brought into service.

At Wellington there is very little spare switchboard accommodation of any kind. It is expected, however, that the Courtenay Place and Wellington South automatic exchanges will be ready for operation about the end of the year, and it is thought that it will be practicable to provide for all new connections in the meantime.

It is anticipated that the equipment for all the exchanges for which the Department now has buildings in readiness will be shipped from America during June.

APPENDIX.

DESIGNATION OF OFFICES CHANGED OR CORRECTED.

Postal District.	Changed from	Changed to
Auckland	Hangatiki Central	Hangatiki.
"	Maraekowhai	Houseboat.
"	Okoroire	Okoroire Railway.
"	Okoroire Springs	Okoroire.
"	Oranga	Makeokeo.
"	Ranginui	Ngahape.
"	Wainoni	Greenhithe.
Christchurch	Lake Coleridge	Whakamatau.
Dunedin	Hyde	Hyde Township.
"	Pahika	Wairuna.
"	Pukema	Pukekoma.
Hokitika	Okura	Okuru.
Thames	Shortland	Thames South.
Wanganui	Ohakune East	Ohakune Junction.

INLAND MAIL-SERVICES ESTABLISHED, EXTENDED, AND ABOLISHED.

District.	Name of Service.	Frequency.	Remarks.
Auckland	Taumarunui Post-office - Railway-station - River Landing	As required	Established.
	Tokatoka Post-office - Wharf	Fourteen trips weekly	"
	Greenwood's Corner - Auckland	Twice daily	"
	Horotiu Post-office - Railway-station	"	"
	Aratapu-Mititai	Daily	"
	Cambridge-Bruntwood	"	"
	Dargaville-Ruawai	"	"
	Frankton Junction - Te Rapa (rural delivery)	"	"
	Manunui-Ngapuke	"	"
	Ohaupo along Ohaupo and Lake Roads	"	"
	Tatua Railway-station - Tatuanui Post-office	"	"
	Te Awamutu - Mangapiko (rural delivery)	"	"
	Te Awamutu-Te Pahu (rural delivery)	"	"
	Waihou - Morrinsville and Thomas Roads (rural delivery)	"	"
	Waihou Railway-station - Post-office	"	"
	Otiria - Tuhipa - Kaikohe	Four times weekly to Kaikohe; thrice weekly to Tuhipa	"
	Kiwitahi Railway-station to settlers' boxes (rural delivery)	Thrice weekly	"
	Morrinsville-Patetonga	"	"
	Onerahi-Portland	"	"
	Pirongia-Oranga	"	"
	Waihakatu - Pirongia - Oparau Ferry Road	"	"

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

District.	Name of Service.	Frequency.	Remarks.
Auckland— <i>ctd.</i>	Onehunga-Waiuku	About nine times monthly	Established.
	Aria-Onaio	Twice weekly ..	"
	Henderson-Massey (rural delivery) ..	" ..	"
	Kaikohe-Tautoro along Mangakahia and Otaienga Roads (rural delivery)	" ..	"
	Kawhia-Owhiro	" ..	"
	Matahuru-Kaihere	" ..	"
	Matakohe-Ararua	" ..	(See Abolished.)
	Matakohe-Parahi (rural delivery) ..	" ..	"
	Whitianga-Whenuakite	" ..	(See Abolished.)
	Woodleigh-Waikaria	" ..	"
	Port Albert - Wharehine	Weekly ..	"
	Saies-Otangaroa	" ..	"
	Kuaotunu Landing Service	Fortnightly ..	"
	Maungatapere-Kara	" ..	Extended to Kokopu. (See Abolished.)
	Te Kauwhata Railway-station - Waeronga	" ..	Extended to Taniwha.
	Aratapu-Mititai	" ..	Abolished.
	Bickerstaffe-Waipu	" ..	"
	Big Omaha Post-office - Steamer ..	" ..	"
	Bruntwood Post-office - Railway-station	" ..	"
	Dargaville-Mititai	" ..	"
	Dargaville - Te Kopuru	" ..	"
	Hairini - Te Awamutu	" ..	"
	Hautapu Post-office - Railway-station	" ..	"
	Hikurangi - A point near Marua ..	" ..	"
	Kaikohe along Mangakahia and Otaienga Roads	" ..	"
	Kaikohe-Tautoro	" ..	"
	Kaiwaka-Hakaru	" ..	"
	Kakahi Post-office - Railway-station	" ..	"
	Matakohe-Ararua	" ..	(See Established.)
	Matakohe-Oparaku	" ..	"
	Maungaturoto-Waipu	" ..	"
	Oparau Ferry Post-office - River Bank	" ..	"
	Otamatea Post-office - Ranganui Railway-station	" ..	"
	Pipiwai-Titoki	" ..	"
	Poroti-Kokopu	" ..	(See Extended.)
	Putaruru-Lichfield	" ..	Abolished.
	Putaruru-Tokoroa	" ..	"
	Te Rapa Post-office - Railway-station	" ..	"
	S.s. " Kanieri " - Parua Bay	" ..	"
	Tatua Railway-station - Settlers' Boxes	" ..	"
Te Awamutu Post-office - Railway station	To meet Main Trunk expresses	"	
Tokatoka Post-office - Wharf	" ..	"	
Waerenga-Taniwha	" ..	"	
Whakapirau-Maungaturoto	" ..	"	
Whangapara-Awanga	" ..	"	
Whitianga-Gumtown	" ..	"	
Whitianga-Whenuakite	" ..	(See Established.)	
Blenheim ..	Blenheim - Top Valley	Twice weekly ..	Established.
	Picton-Urukaka	" ..	"
	Seddon - Tetley Brook (rural delivery)	Weekly ..	"
Christchurch ..	Blenheim-Hillersden	" ..	Extended to Wantwood.
	Renwicktown - Benhopai	" ..	" to Netherwood.
	Fabian's Valley - Wairau Valley ..	" ..	Abolished.
	Mahakipawa-Cullensville	" ..	"
Dunedin ..	Mayfield - Porateko district (rural delivery)	Thrice weekly ..	Established.
	Waiau - No. 2 Settlement	" ..	"
Dunedin ..	Parnassus-Kaikoura	Twice weekly ..	"
	Papatowai Post-office - Maclellan Railway-station	Thrice weekly ..	Established.
	Kahuika Post-office - Caberfeidh Railway Siding	" ..	"
	Pembroke - Mount Barker (rural delivery)	Twice weekly ..	"
	Ratanui-Tarara (rural delivery) ..	" ..	"
	Tahakopa Post-office - Railway-station	" ..	"
	Kaitangata - Inchelutha	" ..	Extended to Paretai.
	Kahuika Post-office - Houipapa Railway Siding	" ..	Abolished.
	Miller's Flat Post-office - Coach and delivery of telegrams	" ..	"
	Ratanui-Papatowai	" ..	"
	Tautuku-Papatowai	" ..	"
	Wharuarimu-Papatowai	" ..	"

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

District.	Name of Service.	Frequency.	Remarks.
Gisborne ..	Rakauroa Post-office - Railway-station	As required ..	Established.
	Otoko Post-office - Railway-station ..	..	Abolished.
Greymouth ..	Reefton - Murray Creek	Twice weekly ..	Established.
Hokitika ..	Kumara - Wainihinihi .. ..	..	Extended to Tuhua.
Invercargill ..	Garston Post-office - Railway-station	As required ..	Established.
	Mataura Post-office - Railway-station	..	..
	Wairio-Moretown	Daily ..	..
	Glenorchy Post-office - Wharf ..	Thrice weekly in summer; twice weekly in winter	..
	Pukerau-Benio (rural delivery) ..	Thrice weekly ..	..
	Mataura - Knowsley Park (rural delivery)	Twice weekly ..	..
	Bluff - Ruapuke Island	Twice monthly ..	..
	Queenstown - Moke Creek .. ..	..	Abolished.
Napier ..	Matamau-Tataramoa	Daily ..	Established.
	Takapau - Otawhao Block (rural delivery)	Thrice weekly ..	..
	Main Road - Mangahei Post-office ..	Twice weekly ..	..
Nelson ..	Bronte Corner - Mahana	Thrice weekly ..	..
	Collingwood-Ferntown .. ..	..	Abolished.
	Riwaka-Umukuri .. ..	..	..
New Plymouth	Okato - Carrington Road (rural delivery)	Daily ..	Established.
	Rahotu-Kahui, Ngariki and Manihi Roads	Twice weekly ..	..
	Inglewood-Kaimiro .. ..	..	Extended to Rahiri.
	Ngaere-Pukengahu (rural delivery) ..	..	.. to Wingrove Road.
	Okato - Carrington Road (rural delivery)	..	.. to Newall Road School
	Briston Post-office - Waitara Road Railway-station	..	Abolished.
Oamaru ..	Omarama-Longslip	Weekly ..	Established.
	Windsor-Maruaoko .. ..	..	Extended to Oamaru.
Thames ..	Cape Runaway Beach - Post-office ..	As required ..	Established.
	Waihaui Bay - Raukokore .. ..	..	..
	Manawaru-Hungahunga	Daily ..	..
	Opotiki - Otara Road	Weekly ..	..
	Ake Ake - Tauranga .. ..	..	Abolished.
Timaru ..	Willowbridge Post-office - Railway-station	Thrice daily ..	Established. (See Abolished.)
	Waihaui Forks - Allanholt Settlement	Thrice weekly ..	..
	Waiariari - Hook Railway-station ..	..	Abolished.
	Willowbridge Post-office - Railway-station	..	.. (See Established.)
Wanganui ..	Hawera-Manaia	Daily ..	Established.
	Ngaero-Pukengahu, via Cheal Road (rural delivery)	.. ..	..
Wellington ..	Chief Post Office and suburbs by electric tram	As required. ..	..
	Makowhai - Rongotea Tramline Junction	Daily ..	..
	Woodville-Ngaawapurua .. ..	..	..
	Featherston - Featherston Military Camp	Twice daily ..	..
	Tiakitahuna Post-office - Railway-station	..	..
	Te Rauparaha - Gorge Railway-station	Thrice weekly ..	..
	Eastbourne - Day's Bay .. ..	..	Abolished.
	Eketahuna-Newman .. ..	..	..
	Feilding - Rongotea .. ..	..	..
	Foxton - Sanson .. ..	..	..
	Ohau Post-office - Railway-station ..	..	..
Westport ..	Little Wanganui Post-office - Wharf - Junction Karamea Road	As required ..	Established.
	Sullivan's Bridge - Ariki	Four times weekly	..
	Ariki-Paenga (rural delivery)	Weekly ..	..
	Seddonville-Waitaiawa .. ..	..	..
	Waitaiawa-Karamea .. ..	..	..
	Fern Flat - Paenga .. ..	..	Abolished.
	Fern Flat - Sullivan's Bridge .. ..	..	..
	Karamea-Arapito .. ..	..	..
	Karamea - Little Wanganui .. ..	..	..
	St. Helen's - Corbyvale .. ..	..	..
	Te Namu - Little Wanganui .. ..	..	..

SUBSIDIZED SEA MAIL-SERVICES.

The several subsidized sea mail-services, the subsidy-payments for the year ended 31st December, 1915, the dates when established, and the date on which each terminates are shown below:—

Service.	Annual Subsidy or Payment.		Duration of Service.		Number of Voyages per Annum.	Mileage for Complete Voyage.	Cost per Mile.		
			When established.	When terminated or terminable.					
Auckland and Great Barrier ..	£	s.	d.	Oct., 1891	Dec., 1916	52	124	0	9·31
Auckland, Whangaroa, and Mangonui	126	0	0	Nov., 1907	Dec., 1916	52	368	0	1·58
Dargaville and Ruawai ..	90	0	0	Jan., 1916	Dec., 1916	312	40	0	1·73
Dargaville and Tangiteroria ..	160	0	0	Nov., 1893	Dec., 1916	260	62	0	2·38
Helensville and Matakohē ..	150	0	0	Jan., 1881	Dec., 1916	104	116	0	2·98
Helensville and Dargaville ..	900	0	0	Jan., 1881	Dec., 1916	312	128	0	5·4
Horeke, Kohukohu, Rawene, Koutu, Rangi Point, Opononi, and Omapere	119	15	0	Jan., 1889	Dec., 1916	156	52	0	3·54
Offices in Whangarei Harbour ..	117	0	0	Sept., 1912	Dec., 1916	156	22	0	8·18
Rawene and Horeke ..	32	0	0	Jan., 1916	Dec., 1916	52	9	1	4·43
Russell and Opua ..	90	0	0	Jan., 1889	Dec., 1916	416	8	0	6·49
New Zealand - San Francisco ..	25,000	0	0	Oct., 1910	June, 1919	13	12,180	3	1·89
New Zealand - Vancouver ..	20,000	0	0	Aug., 1911	Sept., 1916	13	12,660	2	5·16
New Zealand and Australia (Wellington-Sydney)	15,000	0	0*	Dec., 1906	Mar., 1915	52	1,230	4	8·28
Wellington, Wakatahuri, Home-wood (and other offices), and Havelock	440	0	0	Dec., 1891	Dec., 1916	26	300	1	1·56
Picton, offices in Sounds, and Havelock	330	0	0	Jan., 1907	Dec., 1916	26	330	0	9·23
Picton, Grove Wharf, Te Awaite, and Resolution Bay	192	10	0	Jan., 1913	Dec., 1916	156	88	0	3·36
Picton and Portage	60	0	0	Jan., 1913	Dec., 1916	12	14	0	3·3
Portage and Kenepuru Head ..	70	0	0	Jan., 1913	Dec., 1916	304	46	0	3·51
Port Nelson and Waikawa Bay ..	25	0	0	Jan., 1913	Dec., 1916	126	62	0	3·72
Ngakuta, Hakahaka, Kakapo Bay, Ocean Bay, Robin Hood Bay, and Blenheim	77	10	0	April, 1911	Dec., 1916	52	86	0	4·16
Portage and Crail Bay ..	147	0	0	Jan., 1910	Dec., 1916	52	106	0	6·4
Port Nelson, Tarakohe, Tonga Bay, Totaranui, Takaka, and Collingwood	200	0	0	..	Dec., 1916	104	130	0	3·55
Port Nelson and Croixelles ..	100	0	0	Jan., 1904	Dec., 1916	52	61	0	7·57
Waitai and French Pass ..	25	0	0	June, 1914	Dec., 1916	52	12	0	9·61
Westport and Karamea ..	400	0	0	Nov., 1914	Jan., 1915	52	102	1	3·27
Westport and Little Wanganui ..					12	82			
Wellington or Lyttelton and Chatham Islands (including Pitt Island)	500	0	0	..	Sept., 1916	6	1,050	1	7·05
Bluff and Half-moon Bay ..	300	0	0	July, 1886	Dec., 1916	52	44	2	7·47

* Subsidy abolished 18th March, 1915.

CABLE BUSINESS.

Hereunder are shown the number and value of cable messages forwarded from New Zealand during the financial year 1915-16, in comparison with the figures for 1914-15:—

VIA PACIFIC.

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
International	52,296	£ 62,638	240	£ 292
Australian	61,855	15,507	723	193
Totals for 1915-16	114,151	78,145	963	485
Totals for 1914-15	106,018	79,460	1,124	533

VIA EASTERN.

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
International	27,828	£ 37,578	22	£ 55
Australian	28,856	7,492	1,520	844
Totals for 1915-16	56,684	45,070	1,542	899
Totals for 1914-15	37,446	35,301	1,608	858

The Dominion's outward International and Australian cable business, excluding Press, for the same two years was as follows:—

INTERNATIONAL.

	Number of Messages.	Value. £
1915-16	80,124	100,216
1914-15	59,460	95,097
	Increase 20,664 = 34.75 per cent.	5,119 = 5.38 per cent.

AUSTRALIAN.

	Number of Messages.	Value. £
1915-16	90,711	22,999
1914-15	84,004	19,663
	Increase 6,707 = 7.98 per cent.	3,336 = 16.96 per cent.

There was a total increase of 27,371 messages, and an increase in value of £8,455.

RECEIVED CABLES.

The number of cable messages received in New Zealand during the years 1915-16 and 1914-15, exclusive of Press, was as follows:—

				VIA PACIFIC.			
				International.		Australian.	
1915-16	41,933	52,596	
1914-15	27,214	49,611	
Increase				...	14,719	Increase	2,985

				VIA EASTERN.			
				International.		Australian.	
1915-16	34,187	37,844	
1914-15	24,816	31,549	
Increase				...	9,371	Increase	6,295

PRESS.

The forwarded and received cable Press business for the past five years was,—

Year.	Forwarded.			Received.			
	Number of		Value.	Number of			
	Messages.	Words.		Messages.	Words.		
1911-12	2,117	158,590	£ 1,298	6,682	582,247
1912-13	2,680	252,725	2,161	6,004	546,187
1913-14	3,846	455,175	2,729	6,212	621,923
1914-15	2,732	212,120	1,390	8,056	796,352
1915-16	2,505	201,665	1,384	9,739	967,485

RADIO-TELEGRAMS.

The radio business transacted by the New Zealand Coast Stations during the years 1915-1916 and 1914-1915 was as follows:—

Year.	Forwarded.				Received.		
	Number of		Amount earned by New Zealand.	Total Value.	Number of		Amount earned by New Zealand.
	Messages.	Words.			Messages.	Words.	
1915-16	£ 1,262	£ 2,296	4,666	71,291	£ 1,574
1914-15	712	1,077	4,656	64,284	1,049
Increases		...	540	1,219	10	7,007	525

The increase in the number of radio-telegraphic messages over the previous year was 27.2 and 0.21 per cent. for the forwarded and received respectively.

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	£ 1,057	2,201	9,614	4,740	21,944	4,645	24,145	11,586	55,703
1873	3,562	34,288	142,642	11,913	48,548	6,150	28,068	52,351	219,258
1883	9,023	132,232	402,559	26,211	91,634	14,113	46,940	172,556	541,133
1893	10,249	146,133	576,359	29,616	86,545	35,208	88,025	210,957	750,929
1894	10,601	155,534	608,042	28,513	79,349	38,631	89,393	222,678	776,783
1895	11,434	162,600	635,063	28,882	78,465	52,015	99,077	243,497	812,605
1896	12,671	181,505	717,218	29,238	82,499	58,823	102,443	269,566	902,160
1897	13,836	193,867	762,593	31,770	93,649	68,002	114,589	293,659	970,831
1898	14,747	206,265	798,726	35,377	107,140	76,728	123,375	318,370	1,029,241
1899	15,533	221,354	864,513	38,528	122,064	84,782	132,231	344,664	1,118,808
1900	16,513	239,565	951,860	40,925	122,935	89,344	140,058	369,834	1,214,853
1901	17,519	255,344	1,002,057	45,701	125,549	104,922	158,902	405,967	1,286,508
1902	14,916	258,110	1,014,724	53,910	138,755	55,187	123,580	367,207	1,277,059
1903	15,882	273,535	1,108,067	63,309	157,790	59,468	150,368	396,312	1,416,225
1904	16,385	281,655	1,148,226	60,490	165,245	65,638	163,416	407,783	1,476,887
1905	17,073	287,394	1,189,386	57,414	177,610	72,633	174,716	417,441	1,541,712
1906	18,279	301,650	1,312,271	60,120	186,903	77,250	187,058	439,020	1,686,231
1907	18,847	305,424	1,389,800	58,565	193,356	77,498	190,434	441,487	1,773,591
1908	12,556	338,752	1,611,968	67,384	226,409	81,948	212,308	488,084	2,050,684
1909	13,783	383,283	1,841,030	74,893	256,804	80,564	209,759	538,740	2,307,593
1910	14,300	413,314	1,981,877	79,651	273,449	76,692	202,197	569,657	2,457,523
1911	15,307	444,169	2,262,366	88,364	289,857	75,231	207,170	607,764	2,759,393
1912	16,399	493,345	2,702,469	98,452	322,037	74,628	206,843	666,425	3,231,350
1913	16,872	516,536	2,821,624	100,634	336,992	73,575	199,158	690,745	3,357,774
1914	16,336	536,674	2,933,911	87,774	299,155	67,070	194,439	691,518	3,427,505
1915	15,819	511,487	2,986,021	81,483	263,371	71,890	222,426	664,860	3,471,818

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	9,169	415	1,824	558	3,078	3,040	14,071
1873	34,288	142,642	1,482	6,626	1,668	7,689	37,438	156,957
1883	132,232	402,559	3,725	15,553	5,697	23,300	141,654	441,411
1893	146,133	576,359	8,746	32,617	10,679	40,929	165,558	649,905
1894	155,534	608,042	9,293	33,787	10,690	38,571	175,517	680,400
1895	162,600	635,063	9,938	35,155	11,520	39,863	184,058	710,081
1896	181,505	717,218	10,254	35,553	11,507	40,836	203,266	793,608
1897	193,867	762,593	10,085	35,239	11,407	40,105	215,359	837,936
1898	206,265	798,726	10,671	36,106	12,753	44,559	229,689	879,391
1899	221,354	864,513	10,624	37,290	13,399	48,534	245,377	950,337
1900	239,565	951,860	10,342	36,014	15,271	59,304	265,178	1,047,179
1901	255,344	1,002,057	11,082	40,022	16,688	63,800	283,114	1,105,879
1902	258,110	1,014,724	11,732	41,371	16,527	62,160	286,369	1,118,254
1903	273,535	1,108,067	13,035	49,181	17,777	68,340	304,347	1,225,589
1904	281,655	1,148,226	11,567	45,793	19,277	71,824	312,499	1,265,844
1905	287,394	1,189,386	10,338	47,649	19,669	72,438	317,401	1,309,473
1906	301,650	1,312,271	10,314	50,560	20,462	75,092	332,426	1,437,922
1907	305,424	1,389,800	10,315	55,032	21,697	77,118	337,436	1,521,951
1908	338,752	1,611,968	10,970	55,500	21,886	80,500	371,608	1,750,968
1909	383,283	1,841,030	11,783	61,290	23,592	82,410	418,658	1,984,730
1910	413,314	1,981,877	11,954	63,196	24,172	82,501	449,440	2,127,575
1911	444,169	2,262,366	11,866	65,074	27,561	97,532	483,596	2,424,973
1912	493,345	2,702,469	13,195	72,743	30,266	100,831	536,806	2,876,044
1913	516,536	2,821,624	12,693	70,084	31,450	110,487	560,679	3,002,194
1914	536,674	2,933,911	11,439	60,324	30,974	110,032	579,087	3,104,268
1915	511,487	2,986,021	12,409	58,189	30,356	107,510	554,252	3,151,720

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 1914 and 1915.

ISSUED IN NEW ZEALAND.

Where payable.	1914.		1915.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
United Kingdom and Foreign Offices through United Kingdom	71,752	£ 234,174	67,176	£ 221,320
United States of America	12,904	26,808	13,698	39,297
Austria	1,769	34,135		
Canada	1,148	6,381	1,599	7,463
Ceylon	216	1,163	347	1,434
Fiji	227	1,507	274	1,577
France	498	1,096	413	1,554
Germany	633	1,941		
Hong Kong	346	1,314	618	4,985
India	1,517	9,333	1,627	11,202
New South Wales	32,369	90,849	32,782	101,489
Norway	210	957	196	1,199
Queensland	2,321	8,539	2,474	9,119
Samoa	8	44		
South Australia	1,562	5,082	1,777	5,625
Straits Settlements	37	156	44	176
Tasmania	4,264	10,527	4,497	12,360
Tonga	18	89	29	118
Union of South Africa	525	2,340	587	2,973
Victoria	20,594	51,889	22,280	57,473
Western Australia	1,926	5,270	2,955	6,433
Totals	154,844	493,594	153,373	485,797

DRAWN ON NEW ZEALAND.

Where issued.	1914.		1915.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
United Kingdom and Foreign Offices through United Kingdom	8,833	£ 46,024	9,699	£ 42,673
United States of America	2,113	9,608	2,262	10,787
Austria	16	160	298	4,071
Canada	1,238	8,702	847	3,351
Ceylon	63	293	52	367
Fiji	858	4,365	977	4,939
France	77	150	57	215
Germany	112	596	71	264
Hong Kong	35	84	41	154
India	207	847	228	956
New South Wales	13,697	42,807	13,452	42,082
Norway	27	355	22	179
Queensland	2,216	7,451	2,470	8,463
Samoa	261	3,431		
South Australia	1,115	3,637	1,251	5,320
Straits Settlements	30	74	23	112
Tasmania	2,258	7,790	1,905	8,300
Tonga	510	5,456	548	5,231
Union of South Africa	448	2,523	410	2,300
Victoria	7,054	20,972	6,918	21,273
Western Australia	1,245	5,032	1,234	4,662
Totals	42,413	170,357	42,765	165,699

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, 1916.

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	..	2,039	969	2,379	695	992	425	2,866	..	16,442	6,910
1886-87 ..	16,605	12,283	..	6,647	..	11,566	5,729	13,103	4,090	5,187	2,375	14,961	..	92,546	37,659
1887-88 ..	22,467	17,167	..	9,162	..	15,553	7,671	17,487	5,278	6,940	2,952	17,578	..	122,255	47,729
1888-89 ..	27,428	21,900	..	11,912	..	19,741	9,477	21,149	6,618	8,243	3,633	19,778	..	149,879	56,842
1889-90 ..	32,754	25,387	..	14,478	..	23,550	10,894	24,011	7,809	9,386	4,158	22,596	..	175,023	65,484
1890-91 ..	35,915	28,559	..	16,092	..	25,204	12,299	25,906	7,969	10,172	4,366	23,503	..	189,915	69,722
1891-92 ..	42,416	33,722	..	19,383	..	29,550	14,019	30,132	9,058	11,611	4,953	25,859	..	220,683	79,326
1892-93 ..	48,612	38,849	..	22,038	..	33,012	16,072	32,747	9,904	12,330	5,369	28,969	..	247,902	87,857
1893-94 ..	56,761	44,706	..	25,461	..	37,771	18,096	37,687	11,016	13,800	6,156	33,995	..	285,389	101,002
1894-95 ..	62,306	49,846	..	28,975	..	43,829	20,423	43,167	11,864	15,567	6,790	36,601	..	319,368	112,308
1895-96 ..	68,454	56,185	..	32,801	..	49,204	22,802	47,787	13,601	17,191	7,020	33,380	1,192	349,627	123,368
1896-97 ..	74,534	62,056	..	35,322	..	54,219	24,871	51,963	14,365	18,102	7,406	32,179	1,090	376,796	129,012
1897-98 ..	81,958	69,981	..	38,617	..	60,843	26,968	55,748	15,463	19,477	7,904	32,696	728	409,866	134,378
1898-99 ..	86,529	72,710	..	41,991	..	64,386	28,448	59,631	16,202	19,990	8,193	33,491	673	431,449	139,957
1899-1900 ..	93,762	77,431	..	44,384	..	70,416	30,680	63,787	16,957	21,393	8,539	33,491	607	461,447	147,686
1900-1901 ..	85,478	68,069	13,834	52,691	..	80,630	24,497	71,001	13,304	23,875	6,799	35,067	560	490,506	154,436
1901-1902 ..	49,529	30,255	62,285	70,683	65,467	109,663	..	92,708	..	32,128	..	43,042	556	556,316	173,317
1902-1903 ..	54,268	33,409	70,122	76,613	75,700	119,593	..	102,641	..	34,508	..	48,832	558	616,264	191,905
1903-1904 ..	61,379	37,514	85,909	86,626	89,276	134,270	..	114,755	..	38,030	..	58,629	656	707,044	220,070
1904-1905 ..	65,484	40,263	86,711	96,228	99,739	154,281	..	130,430	..	42,317	..	69,206	688	785,347	250,123
1905-1906 ..	74,389	45,358	98,503	108,493	114,411	167,430	..	143,216	..	46,228	..	76,508	788	875,324	276,279
1906-1907 ..	82,417	54,375	106,311	120,321	128,384	187,083	..	159,045	..	51,559	..	91,193	954	981,642	314,053
1907-1908 ..	89,906	58,202	124,052	136,892	143,854	205,500	..	171,951	..	57,637	..	104,714	423	1,092,631	347,300
1908-1909 ..	97,285	59,484	153,925	162,588	146,148	227,471	..	188,677	..	62,916	..	123,786	..	1,222,280	389,143
1909-1910 ..	113,825	79,492	181,791	195,168	166,486	261,045	..	214,453	..	70,967	..	143,611	..	1,414,752	447,619
1910-1911 ..	130,645	67,792	211,298	244,941	201,569	301,707	..	242,354	..	82,253	..	171,900	..	1,666,959	524,943
1911-1912 ..	141,504	85,130	236,665	263,829	215,984	337,388	..	261,600	..	88,693	..	190,823	..	1,821,566	574,980
1912-1913 ..	154,201	92,342	264,844	279,311	220,109	367,942	..	283,206	..	95,535	..	213,133	..	1,970,643	636,473
1913-1914 ..	172,400	103,753	298,669	324,417	256,231	418,712	..	312,870	..	106,560	..	245,230	..	2,238,842	721,743
1914-1915 ..	182,733	107,483	307,934	346,011	263,522	444,427	..	325,071	..	107,506	..	229,640	..	2,314,327	725,118
1915-1916 ..	186,973	114,570	319,115	364,086	267,363	461,137	..	334,277	..	111,095	..	211,543	..	2,370,079	733,314

* Issued only from 17th June, 1895, 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 1915.

Postal District.	Money-orders.						Savings-banks.												
	Issued.		Paid.		Number of New Accounts opened.		Deposits.		Number of Accounts closed.		Withdrawals.								
	Number.	Commission.	£	s.	d.	Number.	Amount.	£	s.	d.	Number.	Amount.							
Auckland	165,720	3,969 13 2	763,328	5	5	164,520	836,838	10	11	16,988	188,273	2,622,810	7	4	10,994	143,081	2,166,843	18	8
Blenheim	9,369	182 13 4	43,061	6	7	4,837	42,582	19	3	947	10,915	170,376	12	1	766	6,950	151,108	15	3
Christchurch	57,588	1,500 15 6	311,450	15	3	63,296	385,193	1	11	9,397	144,128	2,079,387	6	3	6,324	105,579	1,716,387	11	8
Dunedin	55,407	1,268 1 1	249,392	8	11	57,165	306,832	0	3	6,729	106,999	1,478,885	14	0	4,763	68,365	1,227,182	3	3
Gisborne	16,727	416 8 6	97,792	16	7	6,727	41,835	13	8	2,400	24,291	319,716	0	0	1,907	17,675	283,769	10	11
Greymouth	18,168	412 12 10	85,960	15	1	8,001	43,526	13	11	1,248	13,532	186,382	17	2	1,046	8,095	173,311	17	3
Hokitika	3,751	78 13 2	17,556	0	9	2,636	11,871	15	6	285	2,441	35,847	16	2	245	1,557	37,747	1	10
Invercargill	27,002	543 7 2	117,025	0	6	19,146	90,339	11	5	3,077	33,072	487,500	3	4	2,146	20,433	414,399	17	5
Napier	35,764	803 10 3	216,973	4	9	22,983	172,965	18	6	4,265	47,998	713,090	0	4	3,239	31,125	617,770	5	1
Nelson	16,627	359 11 5	77,432	4	11	13,053	81,090	19	9	1,639	18,169	298,537	19	5	1,030	11,010	237,363	16	6
New Plymouth	22,501	479 5 10	124,633	17	9	13,609	98,829	13	3	5,571	29,871	602,808	19	8	1,552	14,533	318,035	6	4
Oamaru	9,300	169 4 0	80,170	12	5	4,343	25,349	19	7	1,037	10,501	213,538	5	5	685	6,652	178,108	4	1
Thames	29,401	569 7 0	147,403	5	11	12,192	73,360	8	1	2,482	22,007	310,356	1	10	1,842	13,452	281,666	4	4
Timaru	17,229	352 19 8	163,380	13	4	10,428	61,689	14	4	2,468	26,765	517,250	18	11	1,737	16,843	411,494	13	7
Waiganui	43,434	866 16 10	258,799	15	4	25,272	146,189	1	0	4,759	50,779	724,566	8	6	6,574	34,924	760,085	11	3
Wellington	123,302	3,550 0 0	654,438	5	4	121,814	700,336	1	7	19,166	282,256	2,890,646	13	2	11,751	151,733	2,201,800	4	9
Westport	13,570	296 5 6	63,018	4	11	5,046	27,745	12	3	786	8,762	124,355	2	1	820	5,230	117,898	14	3
Grand totals	664,860	15,819 5 3	3,471,817	13	9	555,068	3,146,577	15	2	83,244	970,759	13,706,057	5	8	57,421	657,237	11,294,973	16	5

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 1914-15 and 1915-16.

Denomination.	Sold.		Paid.	
	1914-15.	1915-16.	1914-15.	1915-16.
s. d.				
0 6	2,367	1,816	492	248
1 0	6,136	4,990	1,204	997
1 6	2,596	2,159	412	305
2 0	5,085	4,421	1,081	948
2 6	5,997	5,629	1,863	1,517
3 0	4,429	3,235	592	465
3 6	1,413	1,257	293	240
4 0	2,655	2,353	420	342
4 6	1,117	874	180	105
5 0	15,068	14,001	3,477	2,515
*5 6	..	..	89	49
*6 0	..	..	199	203
*6 6	..	..	63	81
*7 0	..	..	136	135
7 6	2,957	2,408	232	258
*8 0	..	..	117	118
*8 6	..	..	46	29
*9 0	..	..	66	43
*9 6	..	..	71	39
10 0	17,619	16,439	3,110	2,849
*10 6	..	..	123	73
*11 0	..	..	64	57
*11 6	..	..	24	38
*12 0	..	..	125	132
12 6	1,338	1,197	162	122
*13 0	..	..	52	56
*13 6	..	..	25	26
*14 0	..	..	83	82
*14 6	..	..	31	24
15 0	3,988	3,605	781	748
*15 6	..	..	42	16
*16 0	..	..	56	27
*16 6	..	..	34	14
*17 0	..	..	30	21
17 6	810	788	73	42
*18 0	..	..	72	28
*18 6	..	..	46	15
*19 0	..	..	67	16
*19 6	..	..	96	29
20 0	37,050	36,687	9,654	9,663
*21 0	..	..	634	302
Number ..	110,625	101,859	26,417	23,017
Value	£59,771	£57,352	£15,298	£14,062

* 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 the various Postal Districts in New Zealand during the Year ended the 31st December, 1915.

Postal Districts.	Number of Post Office Savings-banks Open at the Close of the Year.	Number of Deposits received during the Year.	Total Amount of Deposits received during the Year.		Average Amount of each Deposit received during the Year.		Number of Withdrawals during the Year.	Total Amount of Withdrawals during the Year.		Average Amount of each Withdrawal during the Year.		Excess of Deposits over Withdrawals during the Year.	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 the Close of the Year.		
			£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.				£	s. d.				£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
Auckland	229	188,273	2,622,810	7 4	13 18 7	143,081	2,166,843	18 8	15 2 11	455,966	8 8	£	..	d.	128,910	2 8	16,988	10,994	95,194	4,087,116	4 1	£	42 18 8	41 6 9
Blenheim	16	10,915	170,376	12 1	15 12 2	6,950	151,108	15 3	21 14 10	19,267	16 10	..	..	..	10,271	16 0	947	766	7,527	311,156	19 8	£	41 6 9	42 19 9
Christchurch	72	144,128	2,079,387	6 3	14 8 7	105,579	1,716,387	11 8	16 5 2	362,999	14 7	..	..	..	110,253	2 0	9,397	6,324	80,174	3,446,364	3 6	£	42 19 9	50 4 11
Dunedin	66	106,999	1,478,885	14 0	13 16 5	68,365	1,227,182	3 3	17 19 0	251,703	10 9	..	..	..	92,950	7 6	6,729	4,763	56,715	2,849,649	5 7	£	35 18 5	48 12 2
Gisborne	21	24,291	319,716	0 0	13 3 3	17,675	283,769	10 11	16 1 1	35,946	9 1	..	..	..	14,681	8 2	2,400	1,907	12,737	457,531	2 7	£	46 9 8	45 8 3
Greymouth	19	13,532	186,382	4 2	13 15 6	8,095	173,311	17 3	21 8 2	13,070	19 11	..	..	..	13,779	19 1	1,248	1,046	8,492	412,778	8 9	£	41 12 10	42 6 9
Hokitika	9	2,441	35,847	16 2	14 13 9	1,567	37,747	1 10	24 4 10	..	..	1,899	5 8	..	3,922	18 3	285	245	2,452	112,581	15 11	£	48 7 4	57 16 7
Invercargill	32	33,072	487,500	3 4	14 14 10	20,433	414,399	17 5	20 5 7	73,100	5 11	..	..	..	31,548	2 2	3,077	2,146	20,968	952,187	7 6	£	42 6 9	48 7 4
Napier	45	47,998	713,090	0 4	14 17 2	31,125	617,770	5 1	19 17 0	95,319	15 3	..	..	..	35,227	7 4	4,265	3,239	26,285	1,094,534	11 4	£	42 6 9	48 7 4
Nelson	27	18,169	298,537	19 5	16 8 7	11,010	237,363	16 6	21 11 2	61,174	2 11	..	..	..	16,777	17 8	1,639	1,030	12,449	527,055	11 4	£	42 6 9	48 7 4
New Plymouth	30	29,871	602,808	19 8	20 3 7	14,533	318,035	6 4	21 17 8	284,773	13 4	..	..	..	20,479	11 1	5,571	1,552	16,118	779,573	13 0	£	42 6 9	48 7 4
Oamaru	11	10,501	213,538	5 5	20 6 8	6,652	178,108	4 1	26 15 6	35,430	1 4	..	..	..	12,006	11 3	1,037	685	6,366	368,145	5 1	£	42 6 9	48 7 4
Thames	30	22,007	310,356	1 10	14 2 1	13,452	281,666	4 4	20 18 9	28,689	17 6	..	..	..	17,661	17 8	2,482	1,842	14,700	538,676	11 10	£	42 6 9	48 7 4
Timaru	16	26,765	517,250	18 11	19 6 6	16,843	411,494	13 7	24 8 7	105,756	5 4	..	..	..	25,875	6 4	2,468	1,737	15,303	808,690	1 1	£	42 6 9	48 7 4
Wanganui	43	50,779	724,566	8 6	14 5 5	34,924	760,085	11 3	21 15 3	..	..	35,519	2 9	..	31,991	6 1	4,759	6,574	24,652	911,868	6 7	£	42 6 9	48 7 4
Wellington	103	232,256	2,820,646	13 2	12 2 11	151,733	2,201,800	4 9	14 10 3	618,846	8 5	..	..	..	133,027	16 3	19,166	11,751	103,697	4,275,288	8 0	£	42 6 9	48 7 4
Westport	18	8,762	124,355	2 1	14 3 10	5,230	117,898	14 3	22 10 10	6,456	7 10	..	..	..	7,886	14 3	786	820	5,286	233,166	16 3	£	42 6 9	48 7 4
Totals for 1915	787	970,759	13,706,057	5 8	14 2 5	657,237	11,294,973	16 5	17 3 9	2,411,083	9 3	..	30,000	4.42	707,252	3 9	83,244	57,421	509,085	22,166,364	12 1	£	43 10 10	43 10 10

Table No. 6a.—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, 1915.

Main data table with columns: Year, 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 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, and Amount of Credit to each Open Account at Close of the Year.

Totals 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, 1915.

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	Balances on 1st January, 1915			Transactions.			Balances on 31st December, 1915.		
	Cr.		Dr.	Cr.		Dr.	Cr.		Dr.
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
MONEY-ORDER ACCOUNTS:—									
Money-orders (general)	64,432	19	3	3,639,819	9	2	70,618	13	1
United Kingdom, &c.	23,969	19	5½	300,197	14	8½	27,796	0	8
United States of America .. ..	.. ..			39,602	0	2	37,431	15	5
Australia .. ..	.. ..			196,931	5	6	1,248	12	10
Austria	1,900	11	5	6	16	2	4,080	18	0
Canada .. ..	.. ..			14,381	2	4	5,434	13	2
Ceylon	149	3	2	1,442	1	3	8,004	4	7
Fiji .. ..	.. ..			4,767	4	0	1,525	10	3
France .. ..	.. ..			1,563	1	6	4,966	5	8
Germany	676	12	9	3	8	11	1,142	7	4
Hong Kong .. ..	.. ..			5,010	4	2	265	13	1
India	98	9	5	11,257	10	7	4,888	8	5
Norway	2,543	15	6	1,202	4	8	8,818	12	6
Samoa	223	8	3	.. ..			1,088	10	1
Straits Settlements .. ..	.. ..			176	13	9	.. ..	
Tonga	49	8	0	3,900	18	1	244	3	3
Union of South Africa .. ..	.. ..			3,006	17	6	5,244	3	9
Commission .. ..	.. ..			2,261	10	2	2,354	5	7
SAVINGS-BANK ACCOUNTS:—									
Deposits and withdrawals	19,048,028	19	1	14,413,309	9	5	11,294,973	16	5
Transfers	5,360	9	1	1,156,824	3	0	1,156,338	10	2
POSTAL ACCOUNTS:—									
Stamps	238,873	3	7	1,110,359	8	6½	1,046,503	18	5
Postal Guides .. ..	.. ..			642	19	10	634	13	10
Postal notes	151,614	19	3	746,433	0	0	730,563	16	0
Private box and bag rents .. ..	.. ..			14,975	10	10	14,975	10	10
Money-order commission .. ..	.. ..			16,840	6	2	16,840	6	2
British postal orders—H.O. a/c	24,593	19	2	56,533	6	8	59,188	19	2
" " C.P.M.'s a/c	23,092	6	5	59,188	19	2	58,290	13	0
" " London a/c .. ..	.. ..			57,706	5	5½	57,706	5	5½
B.P.O. commission .. ..	.. ..			610	6	2½	610	12	5½
Postal revenue	5,032	9	10½	788,754	9	9½	789,363	17	4
TELEGRAPH ACCOUNTS:—									
New South Wales Telegraphs	1,969	13	7	30,913	1	3	31,086	16	1
New Zealand and Australian Cable	573	13	6	10,166	11	7	10,279	1	1
Pacific Cable Board	4,743	12	6	77,464	17	11	79,289	7	2
Telephone-exchange receipts .. ..	.. ..			284,053	13	8½	284,053	13	8½
Special-messenger receipts .. ..	.. ..			537	13	11	537	13	11
Maintenance of private wires .. ..	.. ..			3,986	9	11	3,986	9	11
Registration of code addresses .. ..	.. ..			2,422	9	9	2,422	9	9
Cash deposits	1,822	13	4	22,194	0	5	22,311	7	6
Telegraph revenue	10,882	13	4	785,304	14	11½	791,779	16	3½
GENERAL ACCOUNTS:—									
Post Office Account .. ..	.. ..			12,872,111	18	1	13,260,070	13	3
Postmasters and Telegraphists .. ..	.. ..			26,556,142	11	3½	26,707,557	19	10½
Investments .. ..	.. ..			1,937,450	0	0	4,369,592	0	0
Accrued interest on investments .. ..	.. ..			193,311	1	1	214,131	6	9
Miscellaneous receipts (general)	8,934	6	3	23,693	15	7½	26,890	5	6½
Foreign postage	7,607	11	11	13,940	15	6½	16,153	1	1
				536,629	19	3	924,588	14	5
				631,382	2	6½	782,797	11	1½
				18,808,307	9	7	21,240,449	9	7
				193,311	1	1	214,131	6	9
				.. ..			5,737	16	4
				.. ..			5,395	6	4½

Table No. 8.

SECURITIES, ETC., STANDING IN THE NAME OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL ON ACCOUNT OF THE
POST OFFICE SAVINGS-BANK FUND ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1915.

Description of Securities.	Nominal Value.			Cost-price.			Accrued Interest on 31st December, 1915.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1900 Debentures, 4 per cent.	200	0	0	200	0	0	1	6	3
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1900 Debentures, 4 per cent.	500	0	0	500	0	0	3	5	9
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1900 Debentures, 3½ per cent. (New Zealand Loans Act, 1908)	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, 3½ per cent.	2,500	0	0	2,500	0	0	7	3	10
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1901 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	8,100	0	0	8,100	0	0	24	19	3
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1901 Debentures, 4 per cent.	300	0	0	300	0	0	6	0	0
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1902 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	128,000	0	0	128,000	0	0	394	10	4
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1903 Debentures, 4 per cent.	1,250	0	0	1,250	0	0	25	0	0
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1903 Debentures, 4 per cent.	170,100	0	0	170,100	0	0	2,833	8	9
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 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 1906 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	61,750	0	0	61,750	0	0	1,080	12	6
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1906 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	8,650	0	0	8,650	0	0	162	3	9
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	436	6	0
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1911 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	50,000	0	0	50,000	0	0	154	2	2
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1911 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	49,000	0	0	49,000	0	0	918	15	0
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1912 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	175,300	0	0	175,300	0	0	1,386	15	9
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1914 Debentures, 4 per cent.	1,845,000	0	0	1,845,000	0	0	12,131	10	0
The Aid to Water-power Works Act 1910 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	50,000	0	0	50,000	0	0	308	4	4
The Aid to Water-power Works Act 1910 Debentures, 4 per cent.	249,000	0	0	249,000	0	0	1,583	11	7
Akaroa County Council Debentures, 4½ per cent.	900	0	0	900	0	0	13	8	6
The Appropriation Act 1912 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	0	61	12	10
Canadian Stock, 3 per cent.	5,000	0	0	4,800	0	0	75	0	0
Canadian Stock, 2½ per cent.	12,666	15	11	10,133	8	9	395	12	4
Cape of Good Hope Consolidated Stock, 3½ per cent.	200	0	0	186	1	3	3	10	0
The Coal-mines Act 1908 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	40,000	0	0	40,000	0	0	349	0	9
The Coal-mines Act 1908 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	135,000	0	0	135,000	0	0	1,262	3	1
The Consolidated Loan Act 1867 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	13,000	0	0	13,000	0	0	101	10	1
The Consolidated Stock Act 1884 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	194,200	0	0	194,200	0	0	3,032	14	1
The Consolidated Stock Act 1884 Debentures, 4 per cent.	283,500	0	0	283,500	0	0	..	..	..
The Consolidated Stock Act 1884 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	165,000	0	0	165,000	0	0	1,914	8	11
The Defence and other Purposes Loan Act 1870 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	75,000	0	0	75,000	0	0	593	6	5
The Defence and other Purposes Loan Act 1870 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	8,100	0	0	8,100	0	0	141	15	0
The Ellesmere Land Drainage Board Debentures, 4 per cent.	2,850	0	0	2,850	0	0	24	7	2
The Finance Act 1909 Debentures, 4 per cent.	46,901	0	0	46,901	0	0	765	16	8
The Finance Act 1909 and Government Railways Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	50,000	0	0	50,000	0	0	..	..	..
The Fruit Preserving Industry Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent.	11,600	0	0	11,600	0	0	115	13	8
The General Purposes Loan Act 1873 Debentures, 4 per cent.	5,200	0	0	5,200	0	0	43	17	7
The Government Advances to Settlers Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	105,000	0	0	105,000	0	0	345	4	1
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, 4 per cent.	80,000	0	0	80,000	0	0	263	0	3
The Government Advances to Settlers Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	25,000	0	0	25,000	0	0	82	3	10
The Government Railways Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	140,000	0	0	140,000	0	0	..	..	..
The Government Railways Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	2,000	0	0	2,000	0	0	13	3	0
The Government Railways Act 1908 and Finance Act 1909 Debentures, 4 per cent.	100	0	0	100	0	0	1	13	3
The Government Railways Amendment Act 1910 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	50,350	0	0	50,350	0	0	733	17	4
The Government Railways Amendment Act 1910 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	11,150	0	0	11,150	0	0	195	2	6
The Government Railways Amendment Act 1910 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	0	187	10	0

Table No. 8—continued.

SECURITIES, ETC., STANDING IN THE NAME OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL ON ACCOUNT OF THE POST OFFICE SAVINGS-BANK FUND ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1915—continued.

Description of Securities.	Nominal Value.			Cost-price.			Accrued Interest on 31st December, 1915.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
The Government Railways Amendment Act 1910 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	5,000	0	0	5,000	0	0	93	15	0
The Government Railways Amendment Act 1910 Debentures, 4 per cent.	50,000	0	0	50,000	0	0	1,000	0	0
Greymouth Harbour Board Debentures, 4 per cent.	260,000	0	0	260,000	0	0	5,200	0	0
Hamilton Borough Council Debentures, 4½ per cent.	3,000	0	0	3,000	0	0	56	4	4
The Hauraki Plains Amendment Act, 1913, Debentures, 4 per cent.	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	0	166	11	6
The Hutt Railway and Road Improvement Acts 1903 and 1905 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	100,000	0	0	100,000	0	0	575	6	9
The Hutt Railway and Road Improvement Act 1907 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	27,590	0	0	27,590	0	0	402	2	8
The Hutt Railway and Road Improvement Acts 1903, 1905, and 1907 Debentures, 4 per cent.	127,000	0	0	127,000	0	0	835	1	5
The Hutt Railway and Road Improvement Act 1910 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	15,000	0	0	15,000	0	0	218	12	7
The Hutt Railway and Road Improvement Act 1910 Debentures, 4 per cent.	2,000	0	0	2,000	0	0	13	3	0
The Immigration and Public Works Loan Act 1870 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	20,900	0	0	20,900	0	0	165	6	9
India Stock, 3½ per cent.	216	14	5	213	18	9	5	12	0
India Stock, 3 per cent.	52	13	9	45	15	0	1	3	2
Inscribed Stock, 3½ per cent.	618,000	0	0	618,000	0	0	10,815	0	0
Inscribed Stock, 5 per cent.	2,260,495	11	1	2,244,582	18	0	16,907	4	3
Irish Land Stock, 2½ per cent.	100	0	0	89	15	0	1	7	6
The Irrigation and Water-supply Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent.	85,000	0	0	85,000	0	0	823	11	2
The Kauri Gum Industry Amendment Act 1914 Debentures, 4 per cent.	23,000	0	0	23,000	0	0	124	7	8
The Land for Settlements Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent. . .	300	0	0	300	0	0	6	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	10
The Land for Settlements Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent. . .	236,015	0	0	236,015	0	0	3,836	4	4
The Land for Settlements Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent. . .	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	0	132	12	0
The Land for Settlements Act 1908 and New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Amendment Act 1910 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	44,925	0	0	44,925	0	0	786	3	9
The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act 1900 Debentures, 4 per cent.	2,600	0	0	2,600	0	0	52	0	0
The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act 1900 Debentures, 4 per cent.	20,000	0	0	20,000	0	0	199	9	0
The Lands Improvement and Native Lands Acquisition Act 1894 Debentures, 4 per cent.	341,000	0	0	341,000	0	0	3,438	0	6
The Land Laws Amendment Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent.	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	0	100	16	5
The Land Laws Amendment Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent.	9,800	0	0	9,800	0	0	163	17	9
The Land Laws Amendment Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent.	52,400	0	0	52,400	0	0	872	17	0
The Land Laws Amendment Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent.	148,000	0	0	148,000	0	0	1,390	9	3
The Local Bodies' Loans Act 1903 Debentures, 3½ per cent. . .	785,000	0	0	785,000	0	0	9,108	2	6
The Local Bodies' Loans Act 1903 Debentures, 3½ per cent. . .	786,000	0	0	786,000	0	0	9,119	14	7
The Local Bodies' Loans Act 1908 Debentures, 3½ per cent. . .	50,000	0	0	50,000	0	0	143	16	8
The Local Bodies' Loans Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent. . .	231,500	0	0	231,500	0	0	3,069	15	0
The Local Bodies' Loans Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent. . .	250,000	0	0	250,000	0	0	3,315	1	3
The Maori Land Settlement Act 1905 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	25,650	0	0	25,650	0	0	448	17	6
The Maori Land Settlement Act Amendment Act 1907 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	50,000	0	0	50,000	0	0	875	0	0
The Mining Amendment Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent. . .	11,500	0	0	11,500	0	0	75	12	4
The Native Land Amendment Act 1913 Debentures 4 per cent.	433,500	0	0	433,500	0	0	3,974	12	6
The Native Land Purchase Act 1892 and New Zealand Loans Act 1908 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	125,000	0	0	125,000	0	0	783	7	9
New South Wales Stock, 3½ per cent.	27,000	0	0	26,865	0	0	785	15	5
The New Zealand Consols Act 1908 Debentures, 3½ per cent. . .	340	0	0	340	0	0	4	19	1
The New Zealand Consols Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent. . .	400	0	0	400	0	0	6	13	3
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Advances to Settlers Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	100,000	0	0	100,000	0	0	872	12	0
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Advances to Settlers Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	37,000	0	0	37,000	0	0	345	18	6
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Acts 1909 and 1910 (Advances to Settlers Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	750,000	0	0	750,000	0	0	5,316	14	9
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Advances to Workers Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	325,000	0	0	325,000	0	0	2,835	18	11
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Advances to Workers Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	100,000	0	0	100,000	0	0	934	18	7
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Acts 1909 and 1910 (Advances to Workers Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	205,000	0	0	205,000	0	0	3,587	10	0
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Guaranteed Mining Advances Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	5,000	0	0	5,000	0	0	46	14	11
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Land for Settlements Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	25,000	0	0	25,000	0	0	218	3	0
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Acts 1909 and 1910 and New Zealand Loans Act 1908 (Land for Settlements Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	99,000	0	0	99,000	0	0	863	17	6

Table No. 8—continued.

SECURITIES, ETC., STANDING IN THE NAME OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL ON ACCOUNT OF THE POST OFFICE SAVINGS-BANK FUND ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1915—continued.

Description of Securities.	Nominal Value.		Cost-price.		Accrued Interest on 31st December 1915.
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£ s. d.
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Acts 1909 and 1910 (Land for Settlements Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	8,000	0 0	8,000	0 0	46 15 10
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Acts 1909 and 1910 (Land for Settlements Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	64,850	0 0	64,850	0 0	1,134 17 6
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Acts 1909 and 1910 (Land for Settlements Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	741,066	0 0	741,066	0 0	4,644 6 10
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Acts 1909 and 1910 (Land for Settlements Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	12,350	0 0	12,350	0 0	231 11 3
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 and 1910 (Land for Settlements Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	15,300	0 0	15,300	0 0	94 6 2
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Acts 1909 and 1910 (Lands for Settlements Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	21,500	0 0	21,500	0 0	335 15 0
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Land for Settlements Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	410,000	0 0	410,000	0 0	3,833 4 3
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Acts 1909 (Local Authorities Branch) Debentures, 4 per cent.	48,000	0 0	48,000	0 0	478 13 3
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Local Authorities Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	400,000	0 0	400,000	0 0	3,490 7 11
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Local Authorities Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	975,000	0 0	975,000	0 0	8,507 16 10
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Local Authorities Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	112,000	0 0	112,000	0 0	976 6 3
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Local Authorities Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	275,000	0 0	275,000	0 0	2,399 13 0
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Local Authorities Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	96,000	0 0	96,000	0 0	897 10 8
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Local Authorities Branch) Debentures, 4 per cent.	9,000	0 0	9,000	0 0	89 15 1
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Native Land Settlement Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	381,600	0 0	381,600	0 0	3,329 16 8
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Acts 1909 and 1910 (Native Land Settlement Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	30,000	0 0	30,000	0 0	280 9 7
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Acts 1909 and 1910 (Native Land Settlement Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	50,000	0 0	50,000	0 0	467 9 4
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Native Land Settlement Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	54,500	0 0	54,500	0 0	509 10 9
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Native Land Settlement Branch) Debentures, 4 per cent.	110,000	0 0	110,000	0 0	1,096 19 9
Oamaru Borough Consolidated Loan 1893, Debentures, 5 per cent.	13,800	0 0	13,800	0 0	345 0 0
Patea Harbour Board Debentures, 4½ per cent.	35,000	0 0	35,000	0 0	625 13 8
The Post and Telegraph Act 1903 Debentures, 4 per cent.	200,000	0 0	200,000	0 0	4,000 0 0
The Railways Improvement Authorization Act 1914 Debentures, 4 per cent.	110,000	0 0	110,000	0 0	1,075 1 4
The Rangitaiki Land Drainage Amendment Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent.	10,000	0 0	10,000	0 0	132 12 0
The Rangitaiki Land Drainage Amendment Act 1913, Debentures, 4 per cent.	21,000	0 0	21,000	0 0	207 4 7
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 1908 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	40,000	0 0	40,000	0 0	230 2 8
The Scenery Preservation Act 1908 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	20,000	0 0	20,000	0 0	123 5 9
The Scenery Preservation Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	19,000	0 0	19,000	0 0	124 18 7
The Scenery Preservation Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	5,000	0 0	5,000	0 0	32 17 6
South Australian Stock, 4 per cent.	1,772	16 2	1,861	9 0	88 11 10
South Australian Stock, 3½ per cent.	12,000	0 0	11,760	0 0	210 0 0
The State Advances Act 1913 (Advances to Settlers Branch) Debentures, 4 per cent.	573,200	0 0	573,200	0 0	1,884 9 8
The State Advances Act 1913 (Advances to Workers Branch) Debentures, 4 per cent.	50,000	0 0	50,000	0 0	164 7 8
The State Advances Act 1913 (Local Authorities Branch) Debentures, 4 per cent.	200,000	0 0	200,000	0 0	657 10 7
Thames Harbour Board Debentures, 4 per cent.	10,000	0 0	10,000	0 0	99 14 6
Timaru Borough Council Debentures, 4 per cent.	4,000	0 0	4,000	0 0	..
The Public Revenues Act 1910 and Amendment Act 1915 (No. 2) Treasury Bills, 4 per cent.	200,000	0 0	200,000	0 0	..
Victorian Stock, 3 per cent.	12,379	19 10	10,708	13 10	185 13 11
The Waihou and Ohinemuri Rivers Improvement Act 1910 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	100,000	0 0	100,000	0 0	1,457 10 7
The Waikaka Branch Railway Act 1905 Debentures, 4 per cent.	53,476	0 0	53,476	0 0	351 12 6
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.	27,900	0 0	27,900	0 0	406 1 6
Wellington Harbour Board Debentures, 4 per cent.	50,000	0 0	50,000	0 0	684 18 7
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	..	..	..	..	449 1 0
Totals	21,262,522	11 2	21,240,449	9 7	214,131 6 9

Table No. 9.
POST OFFICE SAVINGS-BANK.

Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 31st December, 1915.

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s.	d.
Balance at credit of depositors on 1st January, 1915	19,048,028	19	1	Withdrawals, 1915	11,294,973	16	5
Deposits 1915	13,706,057	5	8	Balance at credit of depositors on 31st December, 1915	22,166,364	12	1
Interest credited to depositors, 1915	707,252	3	9				
	<u>£33,461,338</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>£33,461,338</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>

Liabilities and Assets.

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s.	d.
Balance at credit of depositors on 31st December, 1915	22,166,364	12	1	Securities	21,240,449	9	7
Balance of assets over liabilities	303,454	15	6	Balance uninvested	1,229,369	18	0
	<u>£22,469,819</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>£22,469,819</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

Profit and Loss Account.

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s.	d.
Interest credited to depositors during 1915	707,252	3	9	Balance forward, 1st January, 1915 ..	294,741	10	6
Interest paid on debentures purchased by the Department	2	2	6	Interest received during the year	724,349	5	8
Paid Public Account, for cost of Savings-bank management	30,000	0	0	Accrued interest on 31st December, 1915	214,131	6	9
Purchase of home savings-banks	1,170	18	9		938,480	12	5
Sundry expenditure	12	14	8	Less accrued interest on 31st December, 1914	193,311	1	1
Balance forward to next account	303,454	15	6		745,169	11	4
	<u>£1,041,892</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>2</u>	Sundry receipts	1,981	13	4
					<u>£1,041,892</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>2</u>

Table No. 10.
SAVINGS-BANK ACCOUNTS REMAINING OPEN ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1915, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO BALANCE AT CREDIT OF EACH ACCOUNT.

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 and up to £700.	Exceeding £700 and up to £800.	Exceeding £800 and up to £900.	Exceeding £900 and up to £1,000.	Exceeding £1,000.	Total Number of Accounts open.
Auckland	68,998	9,487	6,273	5,145	2,289	1,288	666	416	252	124	76	68	112	95,194
Blenheim	4,061	2,118	500	396	186	98	71	47	18	8	11	1	12	7,527
Christchurch	56,378	8,304	5,739	4,677	2,208	1,206	620	457	262	111	73	47	92	80,174
Dunedin	38,003	6,357	4,453	3,743	1,792	967	535	367	190	102	64	53	89	56,715
Gisborne	9,212	1,404	831	678	268	119	94	60	32	12	7	10	10	12,737
Greymouth	5,973	755	549	561	269	157	93	55	31	22	11	6	10	8,492
Hokitika	1,717	228	140	153	85	44	19	17	10	4	2	0	3	2,422
Invercargill	13,837	2,411	1,808	1,522	655	331	188	105	46	22	11	12	20	20,968
Napier	18,816	2,691	1,811	1,448	661	348	188	132	75	34	25	21	35	26,285
Nelson	8,567	1,454	942	755	339	161	82	55	40	17	11	5	18	12,449
New Plymouth	10,811	1,912	1,228	1,080	474	245	143	94	49	31	16	15	20	16,118
Oamaru	3,850	858	627	458	248	139	77	43	31	11	4	14	6	6,366
Thames	10,969	1,450	899	761	324	77	82	50	43	15	8	9	13	14,700
Timaru	10,009	1,728	1,277	1,054	508	270	149	114	84	37	18	11	44	15,303
Wanganui	18,200	2,522	1,483	1,256	516	307	118	111	56	27	22	12	22	24,652
Wellington	73,741	11,052	7,138	5,770	2,581	1,499	715	490	279	126	105	67	134	103,697
Westport	3,826	455	349	302	152	87	51	25	19	7	5	3	5	5,286
Totals, 1915	356,968	55,186	36,047	29,750	13,555	7,346	3,891	2,638	1,517	710	469	354	645	509,085
Totals, 1914	347,464	47,722	33,354	27,499	12,011	6,707	3,534	2,239	Exceeding £600. 2,732	..	..	..	..	483,262

Table No. 11.

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, 1915.

Postal Districts (1915).	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	29,905,478	987,025	7,691,361	4,835,456	754,806	25,391,210	961,233	4,766,047	4,266,691	636,756	55,296,688	1,948,258	12,457,408	9,102,147	1,391,562
Blenheim	1,481,069	39,156	201,472	257,738	23,972	1,737,424	47,112	265,512	451,399	55,251	3,218,493	86,268	466,984	709,137	79,223
Christchurch	15,490,841	473,486	3,125,927	2,445,010	396,396	16,295,071	990,197	3,740,906	2,286,362	300,908	31,785,912	1,463,683	6,866,833	4,731,372	697,304
Dunedin	12,363,361	666,705	4,183,331	1,963,461	286,039	11,317,995	581,906	3,459,768	1,987,284	259,499	23,681,356	1,248,611	7,643,099	3,950,745	545,538
Gisborne	2,339,803	46,241	498,906	544,566	44,954	2,433,899	76,752	573,911	994,396	78,138	4,773,702	122,993	1,072,817	1,538,962	123,092
Greymouth	1,125,405	16,159	166,316	293,639	22,997	1,365,143	32,968	241,852	487,812	51,586	2,490,548	49,127	408,168	711,451	74,583
Hokitika	6,580,569	16,315	97,475	156,195	11,843	757,081	23,140	152,776	271,739	27,635	1,837,650	39,455	250,251	427,934	39,478
Invercargill	6,370,422	225,576	1,962,083	902,168	88,296	6,671,496	269,633	1,371,916	1,256,580	133,420	13,041,918	493,209	3,333,999	2,158,748	221,716
Napier	6,638,606	238,407	1,962,614	953,167	100,152	7,107,750	282,971	1,781,234	1,768,169	172,206	13,746,356	521,378	3,743,848	2,721,336	272,358
Nelson	2,320,224	75,257	537,603	282,971	47,593	2,464,592	101,114	455,104	631,839	84,057	4,784,816	176,371	992,707	914,810	131,650
New Plymouth	3,413,580	116,428	675,830	553,151	65,364	3,691,064	140,920	621,491	837,759	114,155	7,104,644	257,348	1,297,321	1,390,910	178,519
Oamaru	1,540,540	60,788	247,632	213,135	21,697	2,061,839	94,432	382,122	304,213	44,041	3,602,379	155,220	629,774	517,348	65,738
Thames	2,530,570	65,910	417,483	328,769	47,034	3,115,892	111,111	676,572	604,370	104,878	5,646,462	177,021	1,094,055	983,139	151,912
Timaru	4,574,764	229,528	1,150,246	511,693	57,005	4,605,809	193,258	1,187,342	814,476	85,910	9,180,573	422,786	2,337,588	1,326,169	142,915
Wanganui	5,316,897	191,425	1,188,934	823,326	112,970	5,640,167	207,974	1,141,062	1,311,518	178,958	10,957,064	399,399	2,329,996	2,134,844	291,938
Wellington	26,220,191	707,486	7,562,280	3,527,882	737,451	23,690,121	937,300	4,851,574	4,010,305	530,075	49,910,312	1,644,786	12,413,854	7,538,187	1,267,526
Westport	793,129	8,177	123,262	161,187	19,968	1,195,857	26,702	231,166	343,109	28,566	1,988,986	34,879	354,428	504,296	48,534
Totals	123,005,449	4,164,069	31,792,775	18,683,514	2,838,537	119,542,410	5,078,723	25,900,355	22,628,021	2,886,039	242,547,859	9,242,792	57,693,130	41,311,535	5,724,576
Previous Year ..	115,093,046	4,938,258	34,104,217	19,892,873	2,469,428	118,808,274	5,646,784	31,605,691	23,887,110	2,585,719	233,901,320	10,585,042	65,709,908	43,779,983	5,055,147

Table No. 12.

REGISTERED ARTICLES.

The number of registered articles dealt with in 1915, compared with the number in 1890, 1900, 1910, and 1914, is as follows:—

	1890.	1900.	1910.	1914.	1915.
From places beyond the Dominion	26,374	52,343	132,493	139,003	118,416
Registered in the Dominion	169,321	464,036	993,675	1,390,880	1,323,708
Totals	195,695	516,379	1,126,168	1,529,883	1,442,124

DEAD LETTERS.

	1914.	1915.
Opened and returned to writers	231,706	282,102
Returned unopened to other countries	48,715	44,609
Reissued	368	1,452
Destroyed	44,662	45,636
Returned unopened to writers by Chief Postmasters	217,672	204,376
Returned unopened to other countries by Chief Postmasters	22,002	18,185
Totals	565,125	596,360

Table No. 13.

PARCEL-POST.

The following shows the number and weight of parcels posted during the years 1890, 1900, 1910, 1914, and 1915:—

	1890.	1900.	1910.	1914.	1915.
Number	121,292	199,413	1,190,711	2,469,428	2,838,537
Weight	336,643 lb. 12 oz.	682,140 lb. 7 oz.	3,953,284 lb. 15 oz.	8,756,596 lb. 14 oz.	10,886,709 lb. 11 oz.

The following table shows the number and weight of parcels exchanged with the United Kingdom and the undermentioned places during the years 1914 and 1915:—

Country.	Received.				Despatched.			
	1914.		1915.		1914.		1915.	
	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.
United Kingdom and foreign countries (via London)	107,767	660,747 0	115,639	737,261 0	16,681	59,039 4	34,517	104,692 15
United States of America	12,225	47,307 14	14,995	63,702 13	1,832	5,839 3	2,032	6,624 0
New Zealand Expeditionary Force, Egypt	..	..	2,128	5,295 0	..	..	60,214	215,084 0
Canada	1,256	3,902 0	1,499	5,904 0	651	1,897 13	714	2,318 1
Victoria	8,590	29,440 4	8,574	30,042 12	3,612	9,418 12	3,802	9,630 5
New South Wales ..	15,636	45,330 0	15,990	45,321 0	6,483	16,929 13	9,209	26,146 12
South Australia ..	483	1,167 1	524	1,305 1	556	1,310 8	560	1,451 9
Queensland	718	1,746 12	837	2,036 0	952	2,332 14	1,093	2,762 11
Tasmania	464	1,107 6	390	881 0	810	1,785 12	819	1,966 2
Western Australia..	351	799 13	463	1,004 15	509	1,360 3	568	1,482 4
Samoa	13	30 15	*..	..	139	562 12	*..	..
Fiji	176	597 11	244	698 10	768	2,237 6	1,112	3,768 11
Ceylon	553	2,586 6½	566	2,211 11	48	146 11	357	1,933 12
Uruguay .. ..	..	..	..	..	133	550 11	114	383 7
Cape of Good Hope	483	813 12	484	790 15	49	153 2	83	212 0
Natal .. ..	..	..	..	..	315	812 6	309	785 4
India	1,246	6,294 2¼	1,090	5,062 0	323	1,485 4	498	2,818 11
Tonga	11	40 4	31	114 8	265	1,021 6	294	1,184 8
Tahiti .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	260	1,439 15
Hong Kong	457	2,597 0	694	4,068 0	93	363 15	113	405 6
Straits Settlements	138	493 14	103	350 3	57	215 4	79	320 13
Totals	150,567	805,002 2¾	164,251	906,049 8	34,276	107,462 15	116,747	385,411 2

* Now treated as inland.

Table No. 14.

SAN FRANCISCO, VANCOUVER, 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.
Maximum (in days)	...	...	...	46	47	48	48
Minimum	"	...	...	33	32	33	33
Average	"	...	...	37	36	38	38

TO LONDON VIA SAN FRANCISCO.

—				Dunedin.	Christchurch	Wellington.	Auckland.
Maximum (in days)	...	...	...	43	43	42	43
Minimum	"	...	...	37	37	36	37
Average	"	...	...	38	38	37	38

STATEMENT showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails between London and the undermentioned Places by the Vancouver Mail-service.

FROM LONDON VIA VANCOUVER.

—				Auckland.	Wellington.	Christchurch	Dunedin.	Sydney.
Maximum (in days)	...	...	...	37	39	40	40	42
Minimum	"	...	...	32	33	34	34	37
Average	"	...	...	34	35	36	36	38

TO LONDON VIA VANCOUVER.

—				Sydney.	Dunedin.	Christchurch	Wellington.	Auckland.
Maximum (in days)	...	...	...	46	44	44	42	41
Minimum	"	...	...	36	34	34	32	31
Average	"	...	...	40	38	38	36	35

STATEMENT showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails between London and the undermentioned Places by the Suez Service.

FROM LONDON (P. AND O. PACKETS).

—		Melbourne.	Sydney.	Auckland.	Wellington.	Christchurch	Dunedin.
Maximum (in days)	...	39	40	47	47	48	48
Minimum	"	32	33	38	38	38	38
Average	"	36	37	44	44	45	45

TO LONDON (P. AND O. PACKETS).

—		Auckland.	Wellington.	Christchurch	Dunedin.	Sydney.	Melbourne.
Maximum (in days)	...	48	47	48	48	41	40
Minimum	"	40	39	40	40	34	33
Average	"	43	42	43	43	38	37

FROM LONDON (ORIENT PACKETS).

—		Melbourne.	Sydney.	Auckland.	Wellington.	Christchurch	Dunedin.
Maximum (in days)	...	44	45	51	52	53	53
Minimum	"	31	32	38	38	39	39
Average	"	36	37	43	44	45	45

TO LONDON (ORIENT PACKETS).

—		Auckland.	Wellington.	Christchurch	Dunedin.	Sydney.	Melbourne.
Maximum (in days)	...	47	46	47	47	40	39
Minimum	"	40	39	40	40	34	33
Average	"	44	43	44	44	37	36

Table No. 15.

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

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Offices Open	Number of Telegrams forwarded during the Year.		Value of Government Messages.	Total Value of Business done during the Year.	Cost of Maintenance of Stations.	Cost of Maintenance of Lines, excluding Australian Cable Subsidy.	Total Expenditure.	Cost of Maintenance of Lines per Mile.	Tariff in Operation.
				Private and Press.	Government.							
30th June, 1866	699	1,390	13	24,761	2,746	483 3 2	6,045 2 4	3,934 3 4	2,443 2 11	6,377 6 3	£ s. d.	Mileage tariff.
" 1867	757	1,498	21	55,621	15,331	3,770 4 8	12,840 14 9	8,017 14 7	2,541 4 11	10,558 19 6	3 7 1	
" 1868	1,110	2,223	31	72,241	26,244	6,672 0 3	18,324 3 10	9,489 17 10	5,406 7 3	14,809 5 1	4 17 4	
" 1869	1,329	2,495	45	106,070	50,097	13,430 11 9	31,951 2 1	14,206 12 7	8,547 4 9	22,813 17 4	6 8 6	
" 1870	1,661	2,897	56	122,545	62,878	12,252 6 0	29,470 7 4	16,417 7 4	14,120 4 10	30,537 12 2	8 9 11	Mileage tariff in operation up to 1st Sept., 1869; uniform 2s. 6d. tariff from 1st Sept., 1869, to 31st March, 1870; and 1s. tariff from 1st April, 1870.
" 1871	1,976	3,247	72	253,582	59,292	9,876 17 6	32,296 6 2	21,254 4 3	11,314 3 8	32,598 7 11	5 19 6	
" 1872	2,185	3,823	81	344,524	87,443	11,043 3 9	39,164 13 9	23,593 9 9	8,858 19 7	32,452 9 4	2 4 2	
" 1873	2,356	4,574	93	485,507	83,543	11,105 2 0	50,786 0 9	27,940 18 10	9,479 5 4	36,520 4 2	4 1 11	
" 1874	2,530	5,782	105	645,067	107,832	12,618 11 6	59,127 10 4	38,801 19 4	15,021 17 11	53,823 17 3	6 3 11	
" 1875	2,986	6,626	127	786,237	130,891	13,679 10 9	68,981 3 0	45,814 11 4	14,240 19 7	60,055 10 11	4 16 4	
" 1876	3,154	7,247	142	890,382	160,704	16,154 6 0	78,869 16 4	61,696 14 5	17,931 8 8	82,771 3 1	5 18 10	
" 1877	3,259	7,423	155	952,283	172,159	17,024 8 9	82,669 4 0	63,353 10 10	17,931 8 8	81,284 18 10	5 12 11	
" 1878	3,434	8,035	182	1,065,481	194,843	19,148 12 4	92,432 14 2	69,340 1 8	18,259 4 9	87,599 6 5	5 10 0	
" 1879	3,512	8,117	195	1,201,982	240,901	26,949 2 2	112,351 2 4	79,502 0 5	17,299 7 10	96,801 8 3	5 0 9	
31st March, 1880	3,638	9,333	214	824,734	183,675	19,707 6 3	77,827 9 6	68,651 10 14	14,758 4 5	83,409 15 3	4 3 4	From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 1881	3,758	9,577	227	1,058,342	246,370	27,021 3 8	100,023 5 8	78,224 1 8	23,154 8 3	101,378 9 11	6 6 7	
" 1882	3,824	9,653	234	1,215,849	222,923	22,737 10 4	101,566 10 0	69,165 5 0	18,292 13 4	87,457 18 4	4 17 4	
" 1883	3,974	10,037	264	1,361,817	268,372	20,608 11 11	111,242 3 1	73,554 9 12	24,451 6 3	96,005 15 4	5 17 5	
" 1884	4,074	10,474	302	1,539,483	219,917	21,555 19 2	115,378 2 5	73,954 4 6	19,210 6 6	92,264 11 0	4 16 8	
" 1885	4,264	10,931	330	1,433,458	220,847	20,855 19 7	116,490 5 0	70,036 6 2	20,041 15 10	90,078 2 0	4 18 4	From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 1886	4,463	11,178	375	1,533,406	240,867	24,860 9 0	126,512 17 0	77,473 10 7	21,402 18 2	97,982 10 6	4 15 9	
" 1887	4,546	11,788	412	1,583,717	252,549	27,281 4 9	133,919 16 11	77,473 10 7	21,402 18 2	98,875 8 9	4 15 11	
" 1888	4,646	11,375	437	1,589,771	245,623	30,205 11 10	136,753 15 10	76,580 10 0	21,321 2 9	97,901 12 9	4 13 9	
" 1889	4,790	11,817	473	1,548,233	217,930	23,164 13 11	129,470 5 5	72,201 13 5	23,202 1 0	95,463 14 5	5 0 1	
" 1890	5,148	12,812	520	1,734,381	226,780	24,218 3 3	130,681 7 7	75,426 9 7	26,007 1 5	101,433 11 0	5 8 7	From 1st Jan., 1886, posted to addressees immediately after their receipt at offices of destination.
" 1891	5,349	13,235	573	1,746,115	222,149	26,070 12 7	136,767 10 3	76,845 1 10	27,546 0 0	104,391 3 10	5 13 0	
" 1892	5,479	13,459	615	1,686,064	218,979	24,342 5 7	142,474 1 4	85,658 4 11	28,986 10 10	114,644 15 9	5 12 7	
" 1893	5,513	13,515	640	1,825,646	244,945	28,317 7 10	146,783 3 7	92,109 17 0	29,141 6 0	121,251 3 0	5 5 9	

Table No. 15—continued.

COMPARATIVE TABLE showing the Progress of the Telegraph Department during the Financial Years ended 31st March, 1895, to 31st March, 1916.

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Offices Open.	Number of Telegrams forwarded during the Year.			Revenue (including Miscellaneous Receipts).		Value of Government Messages.	Total Value of Business done during the Year.	Total Expenditure (excluding Cable Subsidy).	Remarks. (Cable Subsidy).
				Private and Press.	Government.	Total.	Telegraph.	Telephone.				
31st Mar., 1895	5,961 $\frac{1}{2}$	14,881 $\frac{1}{2}$	705	1,802,182	231,618	2,033,800	£ 88,459	£ 21,552	£ 26,051	£ 136,062	£ 135,791	£ 6,492
" 1896	6,245 $\frac{1}{4}$	15,764 $\frac{1}{4}$	743	1,899,632	224,579	2,124,211	97,178	25,933	25,844	148,955	143,665	4,774
" 1897	6,284 $\frac{3}{4}$	16,470 $\frac{3}{4}$	780	2,285,001	235,168	2,520,169	100,385	29,248	23,119	152,752	153,484	3,972
" 1898	6,484	18,024	824	2,469,415	226,818	2,696,233	99,798	36,422	24,505	160,725	165,198	1,849
" 1899	6,736	18,746	878	2,717,548	243,190	2,960,738	105,576	39,718	25,500	170,794	173,152	1,427
" 1900	6,910	19,228	915	3,159,093	310,538	3,469,631	119,641	43,303	29,432	192,376	181,634	1,608
" 1901	7,249 $\frac{3}{8}$	20,682 $\frac{3}{8}$	991	3,534,444	363,684	3,898,128	137,861	49,117	35,327	222,305	194,014	1,000
" 1902	7,469	21,705 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,038	3,850,391	317,590	4,167,981	151,933	55,542	27,508	234,984	212,180	234
" 1903	7,748 $\frac{7}{8}$	22,672 $\frac{3}{8}$	1,103	4,271,218	288,086	4,559,304	160,343	62,151	26,440	248,934	228,185	181
" 1904	7,779 $\frac{1}{4}$	22,920 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,153	4,671,904	293,293	4,965,197	166,535	71,028	24,378	261,941	245,805	10,057
" 1905	7,943 $\frac{5}{8}$	23,704	1,200	4,900,495	259,250	5,159,745	171,001	79,061	20,598	270,660	258,977	..
" 1906	8,355	25,116	1,312	5,351,084	289,135	5,640,219	184,369	89,542	24,168	298,079	276,580	..
" 1907	8,953	27,031	1,446	6,160,080	236,252	6,396,332	206,706	100,814	17,487	325,007	291,359	..
" 1908	9,656	29,343	1,611	6,958,279	84,644	7,042,923	227,398	116,852	4,499	348,749	357,581	..
" 1909	10,404	32,654	1,764	7,338,017	87,676	7,425,693	238,103	131,249	4,822	374,174	394,649	..
" 1910	10,901	34,788	1,871	7,757,128	89,762	7,846,890	250,212	144,298	4,851	399,361	411,296	..
" 1911	11,316	37,212	1,963	8,268,340	92,307	8,360,647	272,942	161,173	4,874	438,989	446,709	..
" 1912	11,805	39,370	2,079	8,971,725	91,408	9,063,133	295,334	179,123	4,832	479,289	469,716	..
" 1913	12,508	41,892	2,203	9,850,379	93,893	9,944,272	321,951	201,237	4,931	528,119	509,496	..
" 1914	13,044	44,642	2,305	10,594,556	99,476	10,694,032	342,595	232,190	5,031	579,816	563,108	..
" 1915	13,434	46,778	2,386	10,716,613	111,355	10,827,968	356,306	303,856	5,776	665,938	612,665	..
" 1916	13,684	48,052	2,413	10,708,910	127,841	10,836,751	549,627	287,547	9,085	846,259	658,572	..

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, $\frac{1}{4}$ d.

Table No. 16.

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, 1916.

Postal District.	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.
Auckland	£ 79,487	£ 1,116	£ 80,603	2,259,125	18,132	2,277,257
Blenheim	5,949	185	6,134	184,848	3,523	188,371
Christchurch	38,642	671	39,313	993,282	12,136	1,005,418
Dunedin	30,530	456	30,986	808,804	9,074	817,878
Gisborne	12,270	226	12,496	292,018	5,296	297,314
Greymouth	6,699	179	6,878	162,121	3,618	165,739
Hokitika	2,451	8	2,459	68,198	169	68,367
Invercargill	17,504	269	17,773	521,022	5,920	526,942
Napier	25,755	215	25,970	817,905	4,273	822,178
Nelson	8,964	506	9,470	328,511	11,118	339,629
New Plymouth	13,739	95	13,834	414,047	1,940	415,987
Oamaru	5,836	50	5,886	130,967	1,291	132,258
Thames	11,428	180	11,608	332,139	2,470	334,609
Timaru	11,262	124	11,386	316,184	2,696	318,880
Wanganui	20,416	111	20,527	615,183	1,986	617,169
Wellington	91,290	4,521	95,811	2,368,933	40,766	2,409,699
Westport	3,917	173	4,090	95,623	3,433	99,056
Totals, 1915-16	386,138	9,085	395,224	10,708,910	127,841	10,836,751
Totals, 1914-15	347,597	5,777	353,373	10,716,613	111,355	10,827,968

Table No. 17.

TABLE SHOWING THE PAID TELEGRAMS OF ALL CODES FORWARDED DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1916, AND THE REVENUE RECEIVED THEREFROM.

Class of Telegrams.	June Quarter, 1915.		September Quarter, 1915.		December Quarter, 1915.		March Quarter, 1916.		Totals.	
	Number.	Revenue. £	Number.	Revenue. £	Number.	Revenue. £	Number.	Revenue. £	Number.	Revenue. £
Ordinary	1,521,307	76,297	1,501,518	80,429	1,508,029	90,323	1,531,277	92,759	6,062,131	339,807
Urgent	75,791	5,334	75,754	5,744	72,171	5,733	76,107	5,968	289,823	22,770
Press	112,434	6,361	115,570	7,276	80,875	7,120	74,276	6,799	383,155	27,567
Bureau	933,157	26,136	975,753	27,507	996,146	28,175	1,058,745	30,151	3,963,801	111,969
Gross totals	2,642,689	114,128	2,668,595	120,956	2,657,221	131,851	2,740,405	135,667	10,708,910	502,103
Less other lines and credits .. .. .	..	26,511	..	29,656	..	29,413	..	30,386	..	115,965
Net totals, 1915-16 .. .. .	..	87,617	..	91,300	..	101,938	..	105,281	..	386,138
Net totals, 1914-15	2,716,586	84,376	2,651,742	88,174	2,635,856	86,673	2,712,429	88,375	10,716,613	347,596

Table No. 18.

TABLE SHOWING THE CLASS AND NUMBER OF INSTRUMENTS AND BATTERIES IN USE AT TELEGRAPH-OFFICES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1916.

District.	Number of Morse Instruments in Use (Full Sets).		Number of Duplexes (Differentials).		Number of Direct-sounder Sets.	Number of Quadruplex Sets.	Number of Automatic Sets.	Number of Quadruplex Translator Sets.	Number of Telephones not connected with Exchange.	Number of Cells.				
	Constant Current.	Intermittent Current.	Single Current.	Double Current.						Leclanche and Dry.	Gordon.	Daniell.	Bichromate.	Storage.
	
Auckland	66	76	12	9	11	21	..	7	249	9,236	831	429	548	..
Wellington	128	86	17	13	3	32	..	14	109	12,396	3,569	1,426	223	201
Nelson	2	29	4	7	..	2	..	..	..	1,867	152	50	..	2
Canterbury	114	20	11	7	..	13	..	2	6	2,534	332	958	854	4
Otago	59	93	1	1	..	8	1	1	46	5,299	66	550	260	2
Totals	369	304	45	37	14	76	1	24	410	31,262	4,950	3,413	1,865	209

Total number of Morse sets, 870.

Table No. 19.

TABLE SHOWING THE COST OF MAINTENANCE OF TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE LINES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1916.

District.	Miles of Wire.	Miles of Line.	Travelling-expenses of Engineers and Linemen.	Extra Labour.	Material.	Upkeep of s.s. Tuta-neka.	Rural Telephones: Assistance to Settlers.	Total Expenditure out of Vote Maintenance.	Salaries of Engineers and Linemen.	Total Cost of Maintenance.	Average Cost per Mile of Wire.	Average Cost per Mile of Line.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	s. d.	s. d.
Auckland	12,526	3,984	2,929	6,929	8,372	..	..	18,230	10,463	28,693	2 5 10	7 4 0
Wellington	15,544	3,708	2,674	5,646	15,988	..	..	24,308	10,380	34,688	2 4 8	9 7 1
Nelson	2,988	1,121	513	465	805	..	..	1,788	1,466	3,249	1 1 9	2 18 0
Canterbury	8,482	2,025	1,010	1,115	1,646	..	..	3,771	6,900	10,671	1 5 2	5 5 5
Otago	8,512	2,846	1,430	2,055	4,254	..	..	7,739	6,270	14,009	1 12 11	4 18 5
Total	48,052	13,684	8,556	16,210	31,065	..	..	55,831	35,479	91,310	1 18 0	6 13 5
Cables	..	374*	51	258	91	2,715	..	3,115	..	3,115	8 6 7†	..
Stores	..	..	1	1,812	6,629	..	..	8,442	1,948	10,390	..	..
Rural telephones— Assistance to settlers	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,650	1,650	..	1,650	..	..
Laboratory, &c.	..	..	15	995	919	..	..	1,929	..	1,929	..	..
Wireless stations	..	..	112	1,372	803	..	..	2,287	..	2,287	..	..
Total telegraph-lines	..	..	8,735	20,647	39,507	2,715	1,650	73,254	37,427	110,681	..	..
Telephone exchanges	128,525	3,437	2,070	18,646	18,305	..	..	39,021	23,661	62,682	..	..
Grand total	..	..	10,805	39,293	57,812	2,715	1,650	112,275	61,088	173,363	..	..

* Knots. † Per knot.

Table No. 20.

TABLE SHOWING COST OF CONSTRUCTING TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE LINES DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1916.

Line.	Total Cost, including Material from Stores.	Line.	Total Cost, including Material from Stores.
Telephone Exchanges—	£	Lines— <i>continued.</i>	£
Auckland	27,978	Cambridge—Rotorua (metallic circuit)	45
Coromandel	38	Drury—Waiuku (metallic circuit)	667
Dargaville	137	Frankton Junction Bureau	5
Hamilton	10,179	Hauraki Road Telephone-office	19
Kaikohe	358	Huruiki Telephone-office	5
Kawhia	60	Helensville—Paparua (metallic circuit)	4
Mangonui	415	Hamilton—Auckland (metallic circuit)	573
Matata	1,207	Huapai Telephone Extension	6
Mount Eden (automatic)	4	Kaitaia (Morse)	4
Opotiki	1,196	Kawakawa—Russell (metallic circuit)	276
Paeroa	945	Kaero (Morse)	20
Ponsonby (automatic)	5	Kaihere Telephone-office	6
Pukeatua	77	Mokaiti Telephone Extension	127
Remuera	3	Muripara—Te Whaiti	62
Taumarunui	2,371	Mamaranui Telephone-office	1
Tauranga	3,922	Mangonui—Peria (metallic circuit)	81
Te Kuiti	2,537	Morrinsville—Matamata	416
Thames	360	Oranga Telephone-office	141
Waihi	8	Owhango Telephone Extension	462
Walton	55	Okahukura Telephone Bureau	33
Whangarei	4,112	Otway's Telephone Extension	1
Blenheim	3,313	Opotiki—Gisborne (telephone circuit)	470
Carterton	341	Opararua—Te Awamutu	26
Dannevirke	1,075	Owhiro Telephone-office	23
Eketahuna	729	Opua (Morse)	4
Eltham	450	Patetonga Telephone Extension	384
Featherston	1,233	Paparua—Tokatoka Alterations	347
Feilding	1,049	Pukeatua—Wharepuhunga	103
Gisborne	5,562	Ponsonby Learners' Gallery	52
Glenroua	11	Ratarua Telephone-office	8
Hastings	6,230	Raurimu—Taumarunui	55
Hawera	447	Rotongaro Telephone Extension	236
Hinakura	138	Rotoma	7
Kahutara	218	Te Puna, removal of office	3
Levin	1,409	Taumarunui—Ohura	861
Marton	3,847	Te Aroha—Wardville	242
Masterton	6,901	Tauranga—Whakatane	1,149
Maxwelltown	109	Tukirangi Telephone-office	41
Motu	907	Turiapua Telephone-office	5
Napier	1,343	Te Waitere Telephone-office	5
New Plymouth	4,340	Thornton Telephone-office	4
Ohingaiti	211	Te Kuiti—Hamilton (metallic circuit)	1,140
Patea	235	Upper Papamoa Telephone Extension	116
Pahiatua	1,972	Whakapara—Helena Bay	161
Palmerston North	2,226	Whitiara Telephone-office	34
Raurimu	192	Whangarei—Hukerenui	5
Stratford	154	Whangarata Telephone Extension	9
Taihape	2,539	Waotu Telephone-office	140
Waipawa	338	Waikokowai Telephone-office	135
Wairoa	465	Waimiha—Ongarue (metallic circuit)	297
Wanganui	6,665	Birch Hill Telephone Extension	55
Wellington	20,050	Blenheim—Nelson (Morse)	645
Nelson	2,132	Dannevirke—Weber (metallic circuit)	299
Westport	124	Gisborne—Opotiki Telephone Circuit	2,215
Reefton	53	Kahukura—Tokomaru Bay Telephone-line	2,057
Ashburton	460	Kokohuia Telephone Bureau	21
Christchurch	11,665	Maymorn Military Camp	67
Culverden	52	Murumuru Telephone Extension	243
Greymouth	12	Ngapeka Telephone Extension	102
Kaikoura	43	Orangamea—Rangatatau—Puae Extension	3
Rakaia	1,492	Paekakariki—Waikanae (metallic circuit)	371
Rangiora	818	Pahiatua—Palmerston North (metallic circuit)	13
Timaru	3,155	Tahunaroa Telephone Extension	1
Waimate	238	Temarua Telephone-office	10
Waiau	757	Urukaka Telephone-office	1
Balclutha	525	Wantwood Telephone-office	54
Cromwell	41	Wellington—Masterton (metallic circuit)	1,048
Dunedin	8,029	Wellington—Palmerston North (metallic circuit)	28
Gore	483	Whiritoa Telephone-office	29
Invercargill	3,732	Awaiti Telephone-office	119
Oamaru	235	Baton Telephone Extension	75
Queenstown	343	Braeburn Telephone-office	9
Tapuanui	24	Dryden's Bay Telephone-line	83
	£165,079	Fern Flat Extension	11
Lines—		Hira Telephone-office	24
Auckland—Dargaville (metallic circuit)	613	Karamea Heads Telephone-office	11
Aratoro Telephone Line	47	Matariki Telephone-office	6
Bayswater Telephone Extension	44	Nelson—Tadmor (metallic circuit)	334
Brigham's Creek Telephone Extension	7		

Table No. 20—*continued.*TABLE SHOWING COST OF CONSTRUCTING TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE LINES DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1916—*continued.*

Line.	Total Cost, including Material from Stores.	Line.	Total Cost, including Material from Stores.
<i>Lines—continued.</i>	£	<i>Lines—continued.</i>	£
Nelson-Wakapuaka Suburban (metallic circuit)	59	Ardlussa Telephone-office, removal	37
Onakaka-Collingwood Telephone-wire	101	Bluff-Greenhills (metallic circuit)	28
Pangatotara Telephone Extension	39	Brydone-Mataura Telephone Circuit	21
Stomer Extension	35	Fortification Telephone Extension	183
Upper Moutere - Motueka (metallic circuit)	141	Glenomaru Telephone Extension	51
Westport-Waitaiawa (metallic circuit)	400	Invercargill Railway - Edendale (metallic circuit)	245
Blackball (Morse)	215	Kaka Point - Gorge Telephone-wire	14
Christchurch-Kaiapoi Telephone-line	480	Lawrence-Roxburgh Circuit	590
Christchurch - Little River (metallic circuit)	705	Makarewa Junction Telephone-office	24
Christchurch-Rangiora (metallic circuit)	300	Mossbank Telephone Extension	2
Charwell Forks Telephone Extension	130	Motorimu Telephone-office	97
Coutts Island Telephone-office	23	Mowhiti Telephone Extension	212
Diamond Harbour Telephone-office	29	Orawia Bridge Telephone-office	58
Greymouth-Otira (metallic circuit)	352	Owaka-Ratanui Telephone Extension	10
Mataipuke Telephone-office	8	Paretai Telephone-office	20
Porowhita-Methven Telephone-line	136	Pukekoura Telephone Extension	97
Port Levy - Pigeon Bay Line	126	Rooklands Telephone Extension	27
Rakaia-Methven (metallic circuit)	218	St. Patrick's Telephone-office	2
Rangiora-Fernside (metallic circuit)	54	Tahawai Telephone Extension	145
Sefton Bureau Office	127	The Reefs (new) Telephone-office	53
Springston Railway Bureau	11	Tika Telephone-office	6
Timaru - Pleasant Point (metallic circuit)	45	Tuatapere (Morse installation)	309
Tuhua Telephone-office	38	Wehenga Telephone Extension	53
Waikari-Hawarden	37		
Alexandra-Clyde Trunk Line and Exchange	361		
			<u>£189,194</u>

Table No. 21.
TABLE SHOWING THE CAPITAL COST, WORKING-EXPENSES, AND REVENUE OF THE TELEPHONE EXCHANGES, YEAR BY YEAR, FROM THE DATE OF THEIR ESTABLISHMENT.

Year.	Number of 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.		
		Average Cost of each Connection.	Total for all Connections.		Salaries and Allowances of Clerks, &c.	Materials and Linemen.	Interest on Capital and Wear-and-tear, &c.*	Rent, Fuel, Light, Paper, Printing, Binding, &c.	Total.				
												£	s.
Total for the year ended 31st March.													
1882	116	21	16	6	2,531	613	285	275	253	150	963	307	8.17
1883	379	21	16	6	8,271	5,014	595	595	595	300	2,317	4,492	54.31
1884	715	21	16	6	15,604	7,746	695	770	1,560	350	3,375	3,653	23.41
1885	1,075	21	18	6	23,461	10,008	1,770	1,590	2,346	475	6,181	3,827	16.31
1886	1,710	20	8	6	37,319	12,294	2,849	1,704	3,732	700	8,985	5,011	13.42
1887	2,038	19	19	5	40,686	15,477	2,873	1,580	4,069	320	8,842	6,635	16.30
1888	2,153	22	19	0	49,407	16,881	3,119	2,252	4,941	330	10,642	6,239	12.63
1889	2,249	23	18	10	53,849	17,613	3,316	2,249	5,344	335	11,244	6,368	11.82
1890	2,402	24	4	1	58,239	18,581	3,790	2,206	5,823	375	12,194	6,387	11.00
1891	2,587	24	17	1	64,284	19,961	4,192	2,249	6,429	395	13,265	6,695	10.43
1892	3,080	24	16	11	76,579	18,571	4,630	2,345	7,658	393	15,026	3,544	4.63
1893	3,690	24	16	11	91,687	19,155	4,720	3,313	10,442	742	22,217	578	Loss.
1894	4,244	24	12	1	104,425	21,771	7,220	3,813	10,442	818	26,041	446	Loss.
1895	4,616	25	6	3	116,845	21,552	9,285	4,253	11,685	818	26,041	3,420	Loss.
1896	5,143	24	6	6	125,108	25,933	9,686	5,304	12,510	1,952	29,452	3,519	Loss.
1897	5,747	23	7	4	134,299	29,248	12,306	7,398	13,430	1,857	34,991	5,742	Loss.
1898	5,787	24	11	6	142,218	36,422	14,181	11,884	17,111	1,882	35,008	1,413	0.99
1899	6,203	24	5	3	150,490	39,718	15,090	16,190	17,525	1,861	40,606	887	Loss.
1900	7,150	22	14	1	162,333	43,303	15,710	20,847	8,117	1,893	46,567	3,264	Loss.
1901	8,210	21	9	7	176,349	49,117	16,304	18,226	8,817	2,001	45,348	3,768	2.14
1902	9,260	20	18	0	198,511	55,542	18,448	22,570	9,675	2,079	50,772	4,769	2.46
1903	10,633	20	2	6	213,966	62,151	20,885	22,078	10,698	2,615	56,276	5,874	2.75
1904	12,105	19	19	8	241,903	71,028	23,359	22,508	12,095	2,986	60,948	10,080	4.17
1905	14,423	21	19	7	295,029	79,061	25,122	26,782	14,751	4,448	71,103	7,958	2.69
1906	15,333	23	13	9	363,192	89,542	32,914	22,576	18,159	5,270	72,512	17,029	4.69
1907	17,403	24	2	2	420,088	100,814	36,507	26,145	21,004	6,163	86,236	14,587	3.47
1908	20,403†	24	18	4	508,408	116,852	38,108	36,813	25,420	6,992	107,243	9,608	1.89
1909	22,815†	25	18	9	591,760	131,249	47,224	32,995	29,588	7,265	117,072	14,776	2.40
1910	25,212†	27	2	7	683,986	144,298	52,315	34,199	34,199	7,741	123,010	21,287	3.11
1911	28,093	27	17	8	788,382	161,173	54,819	39,814	39,169	8,031	141,833	19,340	2.46
1912	31,475	27	18	0	878,133	179,123	62,588	33,791	43,907	8,725	149,011	30,112	3.43
1913	36,374	27	11	7	1,003,131	201,237	63,078	42,192	53,907	9,764	171,190	30,047	2.99
1914	41,982	29	11	6	1,241,628	232,190	80,720	53,823	62,081	11,744	208,368	23,822	1.92
1915	46,260	32	9	1	1,501,482	303,856†	98,231	62,548	75,074	12,878	219,731	85,125	5.67
1916	50,308	33	2	7	1,666,561	287,547	104,950	83,323	83,323	13,429	264,389	23,158	1.40

* 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.

‡ Increase due to alterations in date of collecting half-yearly subscriptions, a proportion of which under the old system would have fallen into 1915-16 receipts.

Table No. 22.

TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER OF TELEPHONE-EXCHANGE CONNECTIONS AT EACH TELEGRAPH ENGINEER'S DISTRICT IN THE DOMINION.

Engineer's District.	Number of Connections on 31st March.					
	1916.			1915.		
	Direct Connections.	Extensions.	Total.	Direct Connections.	Extensions.	Total.
Auckland	12,442	2,027	14,469	11,185	1,917	13,102
Wellington	21,292	3,398	24,690	19,485	3,050	22,535
Nelson	1,445	124	1,569	1,315	114	1,429
Canterbury	7,836	1,660	9,496	7,304	1,526	8,830
Otago	7,293	1,459	8,752	6,971	1,394	8,365
Totals	50,308	8,668	58,976	46,260	8,001	54,261

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