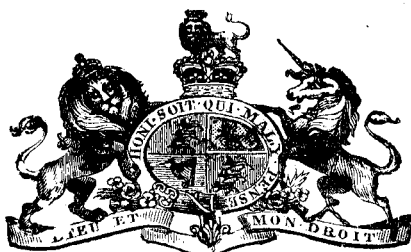


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FOR THE YEAR 1917.

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SESSION II.
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POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT

(REPORT OF THE) FOR THE YEAR 1917-18.

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

My Lord,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 18th October, 1918.

I have the honour to submit to Your Excellency the report of the Post and Telegraph Department for the financial year 1917-18.

Notwithstanding the state of war the business of the Department during the year was very satisfactory. The total revenue amounted to £1,837,260; the expenditure amounted to £1,489,446: there was thus a balance of receipts over payments of £347,814. The regular expenditure shows a serious increase due to the rise, amounting in some cases to 300 per cent., in the cost of materials required for the maintenance of the Department's services.

The confidence of the public in the Post Office Savings-bank is markedly maintained. The deposits during the year ended on the 31st December, 1917, exceeded the withdrawals by £2,645,360. The returns disclose that the accumulated savings of depositors in the Post Office Savings-bank now exceed twenty-nine million pounds sterling.

Matters of detail with reference to the revenue, expenditure, and business are fully set out in the report.

Your Excellency will be pleased to learn that over 52 per cent. of the permanent staff eligible for military service and over 300 of the casual staff have joined the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. I deeply regret to state that some of the Department's officers have lost their lives, and many have been wounded. I have pleasure in stating that many have received decorations and other signal marks of distinction.

Despite the fact that the loss of the services of many officers of long experience and proved efficiency was involved, the Department was able to release every medically fit man of the First Division of the Expeditionary Force Reserve, exclusive of a few wireless operators retained at the request of the British Government, and at the same time to continue to the public full services. But with the calling-up of the Second Division the Department was faced with the alternatives of appealing for the exemption of the majority of the members of that division to enable it to continue its pre-war services, or curtailing the services to enable it to release men as they were required by the military authorities. The latter course was adopted without hesitation; and it is gratifying to report that, while the curtailments are materially assisting the Department to achieve the object with which they were made, the inconvenience to which the public is put is not serious.

During my absence from the Dominion this important Department was ably administered by the Hon. W. D. S. MacDonald.

I have, &c.,

J. G. WARD,
Postmaster-General.

His Excellency the Governor-General, Wellington.

REPORT.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

The receipts and payments of the Department for the financial year 1917-18 are shown in the following table:—

Item.	Postal.		Telegraph.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
<i>Receipts.</i>						
Postages	930,371	14 4½	..	..	930,371	14 4½
Money-order and postal-note commission	26,225	16 9	..	..	26,225	16 9
Money-order commission received from foreign offices	784	3 1	..	..	784	3 1
Private box and bag rents	16,747	11 2	..	..	16,747	11 2
Miscellaneous receipts	1,897	16 8½	62,642	8 2½	64,540	4 11
Paid telegrams .. .. .	..	..	454,222	9 0½	454,222	9 0½
Telephone exchanges .. .. .	..	..	344,368	10 0	344,368	10 0
Totals	976,027	2 1	861,233	7 3	1,837,260	9 4
<i>Payments.</i>						
Salaries (classified officers)	243,620	2 3	428,649	0 0	672,269	2 3
Salaries (country Postmasters and telephonists, and contributions to Railway Department)	20,800	0 0	40,345	0 0	61,145	0 0
Conveyance of mails by sea	56,817	2 4	..	..	56,817	2 4
Conveyance of inland mails	113,678	16 1	..	..	113,678	16 1
Conveyance of mails by railway	80,319	3 5	..	..	80,319	3 5
Money-order commission credited to foreign offices	2,301	10 1	..	..	2,301	10 1
Maintenance of telegraph and telephone lines .. .. .	..	..	124,379	11 3	124,379	11 3
Miscellaneous	168,218	1 9	210,317	18 5	378,536	0 2
Totals	685,754	15 11	803,691	9 8	1,489,446	5 7
Balance of receipts over payments	290,272	6 2	57,541	17 7	347,814	3 9
Totals	976,027	2 1	861,233	7 3	1,837,260	9 4

The total receipts exceeded those of 1916-17 by £27,943.

The receipts and payments for the ten years ended 31st March, 1918, 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
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	1,695,757	1,296,522	399,235
1916-1917	1,809,317	1,370,810	438,507
1917-1918	1,837,260	1,489,446	347,814
Total for ten years	13,139,609	11,214,905	1,924,704

EXPENDITURE.

The regular expenditure has been seriously increased by the abnormal rise in the prices of materials that are absolutely necessary for the upkeep of telegraph and other business. The price of iron wire has gone up some 300 per cent.; mechanics' tools, 75 to 100 per cent.;

switchboards and parts, 75 to 100 per cent.; dry cells, 100 per cent.; brass screws, 300 per cent.; telephones, 70 per cent.; copper earth-plates, 50 per cent.; insulators, 75 to 200 per cent.; battery zines, 160 per cent.; soldering preparations, 300 per cent.; lead seals, 88 per cent.; checking and copying pencils, about 300 per cent.; the cheaper qualities of paper, 300 per cent.; canvas for mail-bags, according to quality, from 91 to 173 per cent.; twine, 90 per cent.; and stationery generally, about 40 per cent. These are simply quoted as leading examples, and will give some idea as to how the increased expenditure has arisen.

STAFF.

Comparative Return of Officers of the Post and Telegraph Department for the Years ended 31st March, 1917, and 31st March, 1918.

The total number of officers on the staff on the 31st March, 1917 and 1918, was as under:—

	31st March, 1917.	31st March, 1918.
Postmaster-General	1	1
Classified staff—		
Permanent—		
Administrative Division	3	3
Professional Division	38	38
Clerical Division	3,266	3,463
General Division	3,652	3,464
Temporary—		
Night-watchmen	4	2
Postmistresses and assistants	118	164
Switchboard attendants	337	520
Note-sorters, distributors, &c.	69	146
Postmen, messengers, and chauffeurs	185	306
Night telephonists	21	50
Total, classified staff	7,694	8,157
Employees not on classified staff—		
Country Postmasters and Postmistresses	2,357	2,303
Postmasters and telegraphists or telephonists who are Railway officers	143	140
Total	10,194	10,600

HEALTH OF PERMANENT STAFF.

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

	Number on Staff.	Average Absence per Sick Officer.	Average Absence for each Officer employed.
Men	6,121*	Days. 12·6	Days. 3·7
Women	847	18·31	12·09

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

PERSONAL AND STAFF.

The decoration of the Imperial Service Order was conferred in June, 1917, on Mr. W. R. Morris, Secretary of the Department.

Mr. J. Orchiston, who filled the position of Chief Telegraph Engineer for the Dominion for over seven years, retired on superannuation at the end of May, 1918.

The following senior officers, each with many years of service to his credit, retired during the year: C. Hill, Chief Postmaster, Tinaru; S. Inder, Postmaster, Palmerston North; C. Whelan, Chief Postmaster, Blenheim; M. C. Corliss, Superintendent, Telegraph-office, Wanganni; A. W. Oxley, Superintendent, Telegraph-office, Nelson; F. Perrin, Postmaster, Hastings; and W. Callaghan, Postmaster, Hawera.

Mr. R. M. Baird, Telegraph Engineer, Auckland, died on the 7th October, 1917. He had completed over forty years' service in the Department.

Up to the 31st March, 1918, the number of permanent and temporary officers of the Department accepted for service with the Expeditionary Forces was 2,302. Of these officers, 154 have been killed in action or have died from wounds or sickness, and 330 have been wounded.

The Department has supplied regular reinforcements to the wireless-telegraphy troop recruited in 1916 from its officers. It has provided also a number of expert telegraphists, mechanics, linemen, and postal sorters for special military service.

During the year the Department has employed many returned soldiers, mostly men with no previous training in clerical duties.

In the ballots for Second Division Reservists many of the Department's most useful officers have been selected for service, but up to the 31st March the Department has sought exemption for

* Including 1,508 officers absent with the Expeditionary Force.

ten men only. In the ballot of Class A 199 departmental officers were selected, and of these 139 passed as fit for service. The strain on the Department to make good the losses has been heavy and constant.

During the year the Department has found the need of considerably extending the employment of girls as telegraph messengers. The services of the girls are satisfactory.

Hitherto the Department has required that the declaration of secrecy (non-statutory) of a telegraph officer or a telephone-exchange officer be made before a Justice of the Peace. Pending an amendment of the Post and Telegraph Act, it has been arranged, as a matter of convenience, for the declarations to be made before the Inspector of Telegraph-offices, a Superintendent of a Telegraph-office, a Post Office Inspector, a Telegraph Engineer, or any Postmaster. This will permit of dispensing with the appointment in future of post and telegraph officers as Justices of the Peace, as such officers were appointed solely for the purpose of witnessing these declarations in isolated places.

It was arranged that, commencing with the month of April, 1918, payment of salary should be made by twice-monthly instalments to those officers who so desired; other officers to continue to be paid monthly.

EXAMINATIONS.

The number of officers who sat for efficiency examinations during the year 1917-18 was 939. Of this number, 538 (57 per cent.) were either wholly or partially successful.

CURTAILMENT OF SERVICES.

Notwithstanding the severe drain upon its man-power due to military requirements, the Department was able to give the public practically a pre-war service up to the end of June, 1918. When it was found that the calling-up of members of the Second Division of the Expeditionary Force Reserve would make it impossible for the full services to be continued, the question of reducing the facilities to the public was exhaustively considered; and the curtailments decided on were made from the 1st July, 1918. Generally, they are in the direction of shortening the hours during which post and telegraph offices are open to the public, reducing the number of deliveries by postmen in the cities and towns, allowing a greater margin of time between the closing and despatch of mails, and reducing the frequency of clearances of street posting-boxes. The alterations, involving a considerable reduction of night-work, have enabled women to be employed to a greater extent than formerly, when a large proportion of the work was done at night. The policy under which women are engaged for the period of the war instead of permanently is rendered necessary by the undertaking of Government to keep open against his return to civil life the position of every man released to join the military Forces. The loss of the services of permanent officers of experience is felt in every office in the Dominion, and as the same skill and local knowledge cannot be expected of the temporary substitutes, it is felt seriously. Controlling officers, working with depleted and inexperienced staffs, find their duties most exacting and responsible and their executive abilities tried to the utmost.

AUCKLAND POST-OFFICE INQUIRY.

Allegations against the Auckland postal service were made by the Rev. Howard Elliott at a public meeting of the Protestant Political Association held at Auckland on the 11th July, 1917. Mr. H. W. Bishop, Stipendiary Magistrate, was appointed by Royal Commission to investigate the charges. The Commissioner was empowered to inquire—

- (a.) Whether correspondence addressed to post-office box 912 at Auckland had been corruptly or improperly suppressed or detained by the officers of the Post-office.
- (b.) On what grounds military censorship has been established over the correspondence of the persons using the said post-office box.

The Commission sat in Auckland from the 13th to the 23rd August, 1917. The Commissioner reported (a) that he was convinced that no postal official was responsible for any improper or corrupt dealing with any of the letters in question; (b) that the charge that the military censorship had been established in the interests of the Roman Catholic Church was completely disproved. The Commissioner's report and the minutes of evidence taken at the inquiry have been printed in parliamentary paper F.—8, 1917.

POST OFFICE SAFE-DEPOSIT SYSTEM.

A safe-deposit system has been inaugurated by the Department, and special safes for the purpose have been installed at twenty-five principal post-offices. The system will enable the public to place in safe keeping sealed packages not exceeding 11 in. in length containing valuable documents, such as wills, insurance policies, debentures, deeds, &c. Coin, bank-notes, jewellery, precious stones, or other articles of value will not be received. The charges for the service, which range from 5s. to £1 per annum, will be according to the thickness and the weight of the packages deposited.

SUGAR FOR SOLDIERS.

During August, 1917, complaints reached the Department that parcels containing sugar addressed to persons in the United Kingdom were not being delivered. As no official intimation of any embargo had been received, the London Post Office was asked by cable on the 5th September whether, in the event of the report being correct, an exception could be made in favour of New

Zealand. On the 20th September a reply was received to the effect that the Royal Commission was unable to issue licenses for private importation of sugar from any quarter, and that no exception in favour of New Zealand could be made. On the 15th October the High Commissioner was requested to urge that small quantities of sugar addressed to soldiers and despatched before receipt of notice of prohibition be allowed delivery. On the 31st October he replied that he had secured the removal of the prohibition so far as it applied to gift parcels to soldiers in England and in France. Such packages and tins of condensed milk can be forwarded only by parcel-post.

THE WAR AND THE DEPARTMENT.

Early in the war it was arranged for three free inquiries to be made by cable about the condition of soldiers officially reported to be sick or wounded, on application being made by the next-of-kin. The cable companies and the Pacific Cable Board transmitted the messages without charge. As the work of obtaining the reports is now undertaken by the Defence Department under a new system, the arrangement with the cable companies was terminated from the 1st May, 1918. There is, however, to be no change in the acceptance of the free inquiries from the public or supplying the information sought for.

With the object of promoting economy in the matter of food-supplies and as a means of advertising the war loan, it was arranged for the post-marking machines at the principal post-offices to print on correspondence the following:—

Food wins the War: Save it.
Food means Victory.
Waste of Food means Defeat.

Invest in the War Loan.
Buy War-loan Certificates.
Your Money is required for the War.
It is your Duty to help the War Loan.

WAR LOANS.

The Department has continued without intermission its work in connection with war loans. Since the date of the last report two loans have been placed in New Zealand—one in September, 1917, and the other in March, 1918, and the sale of war-loan certificates has been steady throughout the intervening periods. The contributions received towards war loans by the Post Office now amount to £10,876,000, of which sum £3,955,000 represents the sale of war-loan certificates, and the balance Treasury bonds. The public has lodged in custody of the General Post Office certificates to the value of £1,553,314. Many inquiries were made as to the custody of Treasury bonds. This is provided for by the safe-deposit system recently established at post-offices.

TELEGRAPHIC CONCESSIONS TO PATRIOTIC BODIES.

At the beginning of the war free telegraphic privileges were granted to the various Patriotic Societies in order that their work might be facilitated as much as possible. Recently the concession was withdrawn as not required generally. In lieu thereof the Central Advisory Board of the Patriotic Societies has been supplied by the Department of Internal Affairs with official postage-stamps to the value of £500 for distribution, at the Board's discretion, to approved societies.

POSTAL AND TELEGRAPHIC CONCESSIONS TO MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Members of the House of Representatives and the Legislative Council are now supplied with official postage-stamps up to the value of £24 and £12 per annum respectively. The stamps are provided to cover payments for postages, cable messages, inland telegrams, and telephone-bureau communications, and for the subscription due on a telephone-exchange connection held in the name of the member.

The privileges of members of sending through the post free of charge baskets of books addressed to the Parliamentary Library, and of franking correspondence during the session with the franking-stamp in Parliament Buildings, still continue.

POST OFFICE.

During 1917, Inspectors of Post-offices visited 2,723 offices, and permanent Postmasters inspected 41 non-permanent offices in their vicinity.

Twenty-three post-offices were established and 56 closed. The number of post-offices open on the 31st December, 1917, was 2,346. The names of 4 offices were changed to meet local circumstances.

The number of articles delivered in the Dominion, including those received from places beyond, during the year 1917, compared with the number in 1916, was as under:—

	1917.	1916.	Increase.	Decrease.
Letters and letter-cards..	124,753,070	121,609,306	3,143,764	..
Post-cards	4,254,705	4,602,910	..	348,205
Other articles	43,488,744	46,456,046	..	2,967,302
Totals	172,496,519	172,668,262	..	..
Parcels	3,019,336	2,981,892	37,944	..

The letters and letter-cards increased 2·59 per cent., post-cards decreased 7·56 per cent., other articles decreased 6·39 per cent., and parcels increased 1·27 per cent.

In 1916, letters and letter-cards increased 1·72 per cent., post-cards decreased 9·36 per cent., other articles decreased 4·27 per cent., and parcels increased 3·30 per cent.

The average number of letters and letter-cards posted per unit of population during 1917 was estimated at 110·27. The average in 1916 was 109·54.

The declared value of parcels received from places outside the Dominion in 1917 was £580,126, as against £668,377 in 1916. The Customs duty amounted to £107,432 15s. 3d. The declared value of parcels despatched to places beyond the Dominion in 1917 was £31,215, as against £39,133 in 1916.

RATES OF POSTAGE FOR PACKETS AND PARCELS.

On the 15th October, 1917, the rates of postage on inland packets (comprising commercial papers, books and printed papers, pattern and sample packets, and unregistered magazines) were amended to ½d. for each 2 oz. or fraction thereof up to 1 lb., and 2d. for each additional 1 lb. up to 5 lb. The inland parcel rates were also altered to 4d. for the first pound and 2d. for each additional pound up to 6 lb., and 1d. for each additional pound up to 28 lb.

In regard to the rates on inland packets, a concession has been given in respect of commercial papers up to 2 oz. in weight, but the postage on inland packets above 12 oz. in weight has been slightly increased.

The postage-rates on parcels up to 12 lb. in weight have been somewhat increased, but this was found necessary as the cost of handling had absorbed more than the postage collected for some years.

A special rate of 6d. on inland fragile parcels has also become necessary owing to the heavy expenses incurred in the conveyance of all parcels in hampers or boxes. It was found that in the case of light-weight bulky parcels the cost of conveyance far exceeded the postage. All inland parcels on which the "fragile" fee is not paid are now conveyed in bags.

DEAD AND MISSING LETTERS.

There were 6,241 inquiries made during 1917 for postal packets alleged to have been posted and not delivered. In 3,695 of the inquiries—nearly three-fifths of the total number—the investigations made by the Department resulted in the missing articles being traced or accounted for. These may be summarized as follows:—

Number of Traced Cases.		Result.
831	.. ..	Sender responsible for delay.
1,177	.. ..	Addressee responsible for delay.
479	.. ..	Post Office responsible for delay.
1,208	.. ..	No delay, or responsibility not fixed.

Total .. 3,695

The proportion of dead or unclaimed letters, letter-cards, and post-cards to the total number delivered within the Dominion was 0·51 per cent.

296,472 letters (including letters addressed to soldiers and registered letters) were opened and returned to writers through the Dead Letter Office; 39,413 were returned unopened to other countries; 65,088 (including those addressed to soldiers) were reissued; 39,098 were destroyed; 212,568 were returned by Chief Postmasters to senders within New Zealand; 13,790 were returned by Chief Postmasters to other countries: a total of 666,429 letters, as compared with 630,014 in 1916.

8,483 other articles were returned to foreign countries; 2,791 were returned to the senders through the Dead Letter Office, and 86,115 by Chief Postmasters; 13,625 were returned by Chief Postmasters to other countries: a total of 111,014 other articles, as compared with 163,238 in 1916.

14,153 letters were wrongly addressed; 81 letters were discovered to have been posted with previously used stamps; 8,480 unclaimed registered letters were dealt with.

3,858 newspapers and 3,541 books and other articles without addresses were received, many of which were subsequently applied for and delivered.

17,628 newspapers were returned to publishers; 7,661 letters and 1,662 letter-cards were posted without addresses.

293 letters with libellous addresses were intercepted.

PROHIBITED CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence of 21 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 223. Prohibition was withdrawn in the case of 4 persons.

Under the authority of the regulations made under the War Regulations Act, 1914, postal packets were prohibited transmission to 40 persons or firms. Telegrams may not be transmitted to, or money-orders issued in favour of, such persons or firms.

NEWSPAPERS.

Twenty-one newspapers were registered for transmission by post, and 14 were removed from the register. Three magazines were registered, and 1 was removed from the register.

AUTOMATIC STAMP AND POST-CARD VENDING-MACHINES.

Automatic stamp and post-card vending-machines are in use throughout the Dominion, and have proved themselves efficient and economical. With the curtailment of hours during which post-offices are open for the sale of stamps, &c., they will be found a still greater convenience. The patent rights of the stamp-vending machines for New Zealand have recently been purchased by the Department.

POSTAGE-STAMPS.

The twopenny official stamp of the pictorial series was superseded by an overprinted King George stamp on the 20th April, 1917.

The sixpenny and twopenny stamps of the King George series were overprinted and issued for use at Samoa on the 5th May, 1917, and 14th February, 1918, respectively.

As the various stamps in use in the Island dependencies of Niue, Aitutaki, and Penrhyn Island comprised three distinct issues, several denominations being of the New Zealand pictorial series of 1898, it was decided to bring them up to date by overprinting King George stamps. It was also decided to discontinue indicating the values in the respective native languages. The following stamps have accordingly already been issued: Aitutaki, 1½d., 3d., 1s.; Niue, 1d., 1½d., 3d., and 2s. and 5s. (New Zealand fiscal); Penrhyn Island, 1½d., 6d., 1s.

Similar action is proposed with regard to the present issue of Cook Island stamps, which has now been in use since 1902. As soon as circumstances permit, arrangements will be made to replace the existing series with current stamps of the Dominion suitably overprinted. The denominations at 5d. and 10d., which do not exist in the King George series, will be omitted from the new set. The new series will consist of the denominations ½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 4½d., 6d., 7½d., 9d., and 1s.

As the black colour of the 1½d. postage-stamp does not show the obliterating-mark satisfactorily, it has been arranged to print the stamp in cadmium-brown colour. The change dates from the 11th September, 1908.

REGISTERED-LETTER ENVELOPES.

As a consequence of war conditions the cost of manufacture of registered-letter envelopes has increased to such an extent that it was found necessary to increase the price at which the envelopes are retailed to the public.

The small-sized (5¼ in. by 3¼ in.) registered-letter envelope was withdrawn from issue during the year, as the demand for it had ceased.

OCEAN MAIL-SERVICES.

Four bags of mails for the United Kingdom and two bags for Malta, despatched from Wellington on the 3rd and 10th May, 1917, were lost in the "Mongara," which was sunk at the entrance to Messina Harbour, in the Mediterranean Sea.

The P. and O. Company's "Mongolia," which was sunk off Bombay on the 23rd June, 1917, carried 925 bags of mail for New Zealand. These mails, all of which were lost, comprised letters awaiting despatch from London from the 16th to the 31st May, and printed papers awaiting despatch from the 16th to the 30th May.

The "Port Kembla," which left Melbourne on the 12th September, 1917, was sunk on the 19th idem by an explosion when near Cape Farewell. The mails on board included correspondence from Australia, India, Aden, South Africa, and a transport. None of the mails were recovered.

The s.s. "Wimmera" left Auckland for Sydney on the 25th June, 1918. An external explosion occurred at 5 a.m. on the following day, and the vessel sank in ten minutes. The eighty-five bags of mail on board were lost.

In accordance with the provisions of the additional war regulations made on the 9th January, 1917, the time of closing of oversea mails, and any particulars about the dates of sailing and the names of vessels carrying such mails, ceased to be published. Publication of the times of closing of mails only, without any reference to vessels, was resumed on the 7th February, 1918. On the 10th May, 1918, permission was given to advertise as freely as before the war the despatch of mails via Vancouver and San Francisco.

San Francisco Service.

This service has been carried out during the past year by the "Moana" and "Paloona," and until recently a fairly satisfactory time-table has been maintained.

Vancouver Service.

The Vancouver contract, which was due to expire in October, 1918, has been extended for a further twelve months. A satisfactory time-table has been observed by the "Niagara" and "Makura."

INLAND MAIL-SERVICES.

Inland mail-service contracts generally were due to expire on the 31st December, 1918. Owing to the abnormal conditions it was decided to renew them if satisfactory arrangements could be made; and in accordance with this decision the greater number have been extended for a further period of one year, or two or three years. In cases in which contractors were not willing to accept a renewal, or in which their demands for additional subsidy were considered to be exorbitant, and in other special cases tenders will be invited.

Many mail contractors have joined the Expeditionary Force, and in every case a suitable arrangement has been made for the continuance of the service.

Serious floods in Hawke's Bay in June, 1917, caused considerable damage to roads and railways, and in consequence a number of mail-services were temporarily suspended. On the 12th of the month, owing to a washout near Napier, mail communication between Wellington and Napier was interrupted.

Owing to heavy floods the mail-services Kaikoura-Waiiau and Kaikoura-Parnassus were suspended from the 13th to the 18th September, 1917.

In January, 1918, the coach running between Oturehua and Cambrian was wrecked. One bag of mail from St. Bathans was lost.

The s.s. "Himitangi," which had carried the mails between New Zealand and the Chatham Islands for a number of years, was wrecked at Chatham Islands on the 29th July, 1918. Of the mails carried on the trip, those for Waitangi had been landed, but those for Kaingaroa, Owenga, and Pitt Island were lost.

BUILDINGS.

New buildings were opened at the following places: Aria, Heretaunga, Horotiu, Piopio, Tauparekai Military Camp, Te Karaka, Turua.

The departmental buildings at Lumsden were destroyed by fire. All contents were saved.

MONEY-ORDERS.

The money-order business for the year shows a decrease in the number of transactions and in the total of the amount remitted.

Thirteen money-order offices were opened and 8 closed, leaving 809 offices open at the close of the year.

The money-orders issued numbered 642,683, for a total of £3,476,645; those paid 550,921, for £3,130,574.

The business with countries outside New Zealand also shows a decrease, the total amount sent abroad being £498,648, and the amount received from abroad £168,710.

The total commission received for the transaction of money-order business amounted to £16,077.

POSTAL NOTES.

The postal-note business shows a slight decrease; 2,166,597 postal notes, for £638,246, were issued, and 2,150,613 were paid. On this business the commission of £9,326 was received.

Twenty-one offices were opened and 13 closed, leaving 1,024 postal-note offices in operation at the end of the year.

BRITISH POSTAL ORDERS.

The number of British postal orders sold was 93,058, as compared with 108,612 for the previous year. The amount sent away by means of this very useful form of remittance was £55,489. The twenty-shilling and ten-shilling notes still continue to have the greatest sales.

SAVINGS-BANK.

The business of the Post Office Savings-bank again shows a remarkable increase in the excess of deposits over withdrawals. It amounted to no less than £2,645,360; and, in addition to this, there was credited to depositors' accounts an amount of £947,821 for interest. Thus the total amount at credit of depositors was increased during the year by £3,593,181. The total balance at credit of depositors on the 31st December, 1917, was £29,196,389. These results are an indication of the unabated confidence reposed in the institution by the people of the Dominion.

There were 13 new savings-bank offices opened during the year and 8 closed, leaving a total of 791 offices open.

82,200 new accounts were opened and 53,921 closed, leaving 566,351 still in operation at the end of the year. This gives a proportion of one account in every 2·03 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 £17,106,529, and the withdrawals £14,461,169. The average deposit amounted to £14 2s. 3d., and the average withdrawal to £20 2s. 4d., while the average amount at credit of each depositor was £51 11s. If the total at credit were divided equally among the whole of the people, the amount at credit of each person would be £25 8s. 10d.

Fixed deposits, if part of a war fund within the War Funds Act, 1915, and exceeding £50 in amount, are accepted for a period of five years at 4 per cent. per annum.

The working-expenses of the Savings-bank amounted to 3·97d. per transaction, which gives a cost per cent. on the total amount at credit of depositors of 0·11 per £100.

The system of nomination by depositors in favour of relatives who receive moneys at their credit in case of death is steadily growing in favour. During the year 301 nominations were made.

The system of transfer of accounts between the Dominion and the United Kingdom resulted in £12,551 being transferred to the United Kingdom and £3,251 to New Zealand. A similar arrangement with the Australian Savings-banks resulted in £26,286 being transferred to Australia and £31,810 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 of a total amount of £97,723, and for the same Department £15,132 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 for the State Advances reached a total of £1,444,137, for the Public Trustee £1,047,408, and for the Government Insurance £268,255; while the amounts paid were £1,461,323 for the State Advances and £1,041,870 for the Public Trustee.

Land and income taxes may be paid at any money-order office; and the total amount of these taxes received during the year was £3,761,895. For the Valuation Department fees amounting to £7,041 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 £5,775,145.

For the Pensions Department £564,183 was paid on account of old-age pensions, £47,293 on account of military pensions, £49,628 on account of widows' pensions, £377,291 on account of war pensions, and £11,816 on account of miners' pensions.

Contributions to the National Provident Fund collected by Postmasters amounted to £28,920. £215,853 was paid out on behalf of the Public Service Superannuation Fund, and £71,202 on behalf of the Teachers' 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 £1,303, and game licenses, £3,837; machinery- and boiler-certificate fees collected, £11,549; mining licenses, £190; and sanatorium receipts, £1,822.

On behalf of the British Government £30,167 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 £2,714.

Discount stamps valued at £582 and numbering 558,720 were sold, but the popularity of these stamps seems to be steadily diminishing, the sales being practically confined to Wellington.

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 reaching the large total of 753,632, of an amount of £3,455,333.

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 due principally to two causes—(1) the increased telegraph rates which are in force, and (2) payments received from the Defence Department on account of the immense amount of work performed for that Department. The grand total of the telegraph revenue, including telephone exchanges and miscellaneous receipts, amounted to £861,233, equivalent to an increase of almost 1·97 per cent. If to this be added the value of "free" Government telegrams, the total amounts to £868,182. The payments made on account of these services amounted to £803,691, an increase equal to about 15·24 per cent. The expenditure for salaries is below normal on account of the large number of officers at the war who are replaced by temporary and other lower-paid officers.

There is still a steadily increasing number of bureau communications, the number having increased from 4,382,823 to 5,040,672, an increase of 657,849. The number of telegrams increased from 5,742,739 to 5,828,198, an increase of 85,459.

The total number of offices open on the 31st March was 2,371. Of these, 335 are Morse telegraph-offices and 2,036 telephone-offices.

From the 535 private wires and subsidized lines the amount of rent and maintenance received was £3,540.

The various telegraph tables give full particulars with reference to telegrams handled. The total number of all codes dealt with was 11,624,720, an increase of 749,600 over the previous year. The proportion of paid telegrams per unit of population was 10·03.

While ordinary telegrams show the increase in number already referred to, the revenue therefrom increased by £14,687. Urgent ordinary telegrams show an increase of 67,074, the increase of revenue being £9,927.

The number of Press telegrams fell from 304,192 to 270,352, and the revenue derived therefrom fell from £25,373 to £24,092.

The bureau business, in addition to showing an increase in number, gave a greater revenue by £24,571. At the same time the average value of each bureau message increased from 6·89d. to 7·16d.

The Government messages for which no payment was received totalled during the year 114,010. Their value at ordinary rates amounted to £6,949.

The number of paid telegrams forwarded amounted to 8·9 messages for every 100 letters posted in New Zealand.

The maintenance of existing telegraph and inter-urban telephone lines has been given careful attention during the year, the number of miles overhauled or reconstructed in each Telegraph Engineer's district being as follows: Auckland, 389 miles; Wellington, 860 miles; Canterbury, 40 miles; Otago, 183 miles; Nelson, 263 miles.

The very difficult work of restoring communication with Puysegur Point was successfully accomplished.

Owing to increase in business, four offices were converted from telephone to Morse, and in four other 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 is 867. The use of Morse repeating sets has been further extended during the year, and a satisfactory saving in staff has resulted therefrom.

The length of telegraph and telephone line and wire on the 31st March, 1917 and 1918 respectively, was as follows:—

	Miles of Pole Line.			Miles of Wire.		
	Year ended 31st March, 1917.	Year ended 31st March, 1918.	Increase.	Year ended 31st March, 1917.	Year ended 31st March, 1918.	Increase.
Telegraph and inter-urban telephone	13,566*	13,687	121	49,608*	50,291	683
Telephone-exchange plant	3,897	4,403	506	142,469	154,799	12,330
Totals	17,463	18,090	627	192,077	205,090	13,013

* Amended figures.

A trunk telephone circuit between Dunedin and Christchurch has been completed and brought into use.

The total length of telephone circuits derived by phantom working over ordinary telephone metallic circuits is now 1,878 miles, and the total length of telegraph circuits obtained by super-imposed Morse working over telephone circuits is 7,678 miles.

In pursuance of the Department's policy of instituting direct telegraph working between distant centres wherever possible, instead of the traffic being handled at one or more intermediate offices, repeaters have been installed at Nelson, through which the Wanganui office works direct with Christchurch. Repeaters are also installed at Wanganui, so that in case of need for an additional outlet Auckland, Napier, Wellington, and Palmerston North may work through Wanganui direct with the South Island.

In the matter of the sale by the Department of second-hand wire, it was arranged that the needs of returned soldiers who require fencing-wire for their own use are to be given first consideration. The wire is very suitable for fencing purposes.

During the year proceedings were taken under section 147 of the Post and Telegraph Act, 1908, against a person who presented a telegram addressed to himself at another place, and signed, without authority, with the name of a merchant, to the effect that a certain commodity had fallen considerably in price. The telegram was fraudulent, and the sender was convicted and fined.

NEW ZEALAND SUBMARINE-CABLE SERVICE.

The negotiations which had been in progress for the transfer of the terminus of the Eastern Extension Company's cables from Wakapuaka to Wellington were completed during the year, and direct communication between Wellington and Sydney was established on the 23rd May, 1917.

The buildings at Cable Bay which have been in use as a cable station were handed over to the Public Works Department.

During the year an additional cable, 42 knots in length, was laid across Cook Strait from Titahi Bay to Dieffenbach Point (Queen Charlotte Sound).

The length of submarine cable for the Dominion now totals 416 knots.

Three faults occurred in the Cook Strait cables during the year, and were repaired.

The Centre Island - Colac Bay cable is still out of action.

Satisfactory arrangements having been made with the Pacific Cable Board for the repair of the Department's submarine cables. The s.s. "Tutanekai" was no longer required for the work, and from the 2nd November, 1917, the vessel was retransferred to the control of the Marine Department.

OCEAN CABLE SERVICES.

The cable business during the year shows an increase in the traffic, and also discloses the fact that the Pacific route, which in the previous year took 71 per cent. of the ordinary outward business, received 63 per cent., while the Eastern Company's proportion of the business increased from 29 per cent. to 37 per cent.

The following table shows the total number of ordinary telegrams forwarded by each route during each of the past five years, and the percentages of the total of such business falling to each:—

Year.	PACIFIC.		Year.	EASTERN.	
	Messages.	Percentage of Total.		Messages.	Percentage of Total.
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
1916-17	114,718	71	1916-17	47,790	29
1917-18	114,046	63	1917-18	66,318	37

The number of international cable messages forwarded during the year shows an increase of 20.59 per cent. on the number sent during 1916-17, and the number forwarded to Australia shows an increase of 1.07 per cent.

Messages received from international stations increased by 32·42 per cent., and there was a decrease of 2·87 per cent. in the traffic received from Australia.

230 Press telegrams were sent via Pacific and 1,316 via Eastern, compared with 492 and 1,423 respectively last year.

The number of cable messages sent as "deferred" during the year shows an increase of 5·9 per cent. over the previous year's figures.

The number of week-end and Expeditionary Force messages forwarded from New Zealand shows a decrease of 15·77 per cent.; the total number of messages for the years 1917-18 and 1916-17 was 23,818 and 28,277 respectively.

During the year 1917-18 the number of free casualty remittance messages forwarded was 2,730, representing 63,768 words, and the payment by the Department to the Atlantic cable companies amounted to £664 5s.

For 1917-18 the number of casualty messages (messages regarding the condition of wounded or sick soldiers) forwarded via Pacific was 408, containing 42,344 words, and the number received 723, containing 279,285 words.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

The five wireless stations of the Dominion continue to work satisfactorily. The volume of traffic is not great, owing to the exigencies of the times. Attentive watch is kept at all the stations to meet any shipping emergencies that may arise.

The erection of a wireless station at Rarotonga was completed, and the first official message sent on the 2nd September, 1918.

The Apia station is generally in good condition, and maintains touch with the Awanui Station, north of Auckland.

In regard to the improved methods of detecting wireless signals referred to in the last report, by which the area from which signals can be received has been greatly extended, patent litigation in the United States has established the fact that the apparatus there mentioned is that invented by Dr. Fleming, of the Marconi Company.

On the 21st February, 1918, Captain Percival Henry Hall-Thompson, Government Naval Adviser, was by warrant appointed by the Minister of Telegraphs to take possession of all apparatus for wireless telegraphy on board any foreign merchant ship or any British merchant ship not registered in New Zealand, while in the territorial waters of New Zealand, and by warrant dated the 6th March, 1918, was given similar authority with respect to ships registered in New Zealand. This action was taken as it was considered desirable in the public interest to transfer to the naval authority the control of all wireless traffic in New Zealand during the time of war. Such control has been virtually in existence since the outbreak of the war. Regulations for the control of wireless-telegraph stations on merchant ships while in New Zealand waters were issued by Captain Hall-Thompson on the 9th March, and gazetted on the 14th March, 1918.

As far as shore stations are concerned, they remain under the administrative control of the Post and Telegraph Department, and carry out their work in accordance with the requests of the naval authority.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGES.

The expansion of the telephone-exchange system continued steadily throughout the year. Thirteen new exchanges were opened, and the number of subscribers increased by 4,415 and connections by 5,240. The total number of exchanges is 280, of which 62 are central exchanges—*i.e.*, self-contained—and 218 sub-exchanges.

The total number of connections of all kinds amounts to 67,763, of which 53,501 are direct-paying connections, 10,567 extensions, and 3,695 bureau and service connections. The increase in the connections during the year amounted to 8·38 per cent.

The telephone-exchange system includes 4,403 miles of line and 154,799 miles of wire.

The total revenue received was £344,368, an increase of £27,093 on last year's figures.

The conversion of earth-working exchanges to metallic circuit is steadily proceeding, and 20 exchanges have been changed to the latter system during the year. Of the existing exchanges, 228 are on the metallic-circuit system, 44 on the single-line system, and 8 are in course of conversion from single line to metallic.

The party-line system has been effective in greatly extending the radius of subscribers' lines and in reaching country settlers. Its popularity and success have been maintained, and resulted in the opening of several new exchanges and the extension of others. There are now 3,749 party-line circuits, with a total of 12,786 subscribers, an increase in this particular branch of exchange work of 600 lines and 2,125 subscribers.

The proportion of exchange connections of all kinds to the population of the Dominion on the 31st March, 1918, was 6·09 per cent. The percentages in each of the four principal centres are as follows: Wellington, 8·56; Auckland, 6·17; Christchurch, 6·85; Dunedin, 7·33.

The number of telephone connections at the ten principal telephone exchanges on the 31st March, 1918, was as follows: Auckland, 8,246; Wellington, 8,169; Christchurch, 6,366; Dunedin, 5,148; Wanganui, 1,790; Gisborne, 1,785; Napier, 1,627; Hastings, 1,561; Invercargill, 1,527; Palmerston North, 1,362.

AUTOMATIC-TELEPHONE INSTALLATIONS.

At Wellington the Courtenay Place Exchange, with equipment for 2,500 lines, is expected to be completed in a few months. Wellington South Exchange is also well advanced. The quantity of material now wanting for these exchanges is small, and is expected early. When

these exchanges are brought into service considerable relief to the operating staff will result, and it will become practicable to accept connections that have had to be refused for some months in the southern portion of the city.

Portion of the apparatus for the Stout Street main exchange has arrived. Arrangements are being made for the erection of the necessary building.

Buildings at Kelburn and Khandallah to accommodate exchange equipments at those places will be put in hand during the year.

Masterton Exchange is nearing completion. It is expected that it will be in operation in a few months.

Blenheim: Only a small quantity of apparatus has now to arrive for this exchange. With that exception the equipment is installed. When it will be finished depends on the time of arrival of the rest of the material.

Palmerston North: The switch-room and other rooms to accommodate the automatic equipment have been ready for some time. About half of the equipment has arrived. The outside plant is being converted to provide for metallic circuit.

Wanganui: A contract has been let for the erection of a new exchange building to accommodate an automatic installation. The Strowger system has been adopted for this exchange. A large quantity of material and the telephones are to hand, and a start will be made to install the apparatus as soon as the building is ready.

Auckland District: At Ponsonby, Remuera, and Mount Eden the bulk of the equipment has been installed in suitable buildings, and the work is still going on. A contract has been let for the Wellesley Street combined post-office and automatic-exchange building. A large quantity of automatic material has arrived. Its installation will begin when the building is ready. Sections have been secured at Devonport and Takapuna upon which suitable buildings will be provided. The Onehunga apparatus will be housed in the post-office building.

At Hamilton the bulk of the apparatus is in place. Some has still to arrive to complete the equipment. This is one of the exchanges that may be expected to be brought into operation in a few months.

For Christchurch 1,200 lines of Strowger equipment have been obtained, and will be installed in a building a short distance from the existing exchange. This is to enable business to be carried on until the Western Electric Company's apparatus for St. Albans and Sydenham Exchanges is received, installed, and ready to operate. Alterations are being made to the large upstairs room of the Sydenham Post-office to render it suitable for the equipment.

At Dunedin apparatus has not yet come to hand for the buildings at South Dunedin and Roslyn, which are ready. It is expected about the end of the year.

The Oamaru installation is well advanced, and the work is still in progress. A portion of the post-office building has been used to accommodate the equipment.

Telephones of the Western Electric system have not yet been received. It is expected, however, that sufficient will be received early to enable exchanges that are nearing completion to be brought into service.

The delays that have occurred in the delivery of goods for these works are attributable to the war.

SLOT TELEPHONES.

During the year twenty-five new slot-telephone installations have been made, bringing the total number in the Dominion up to 261. It is found that wherever these instruments are erected in business centres the revenue pays the expenses of management and upkeep, while the reverse is usually the case in purely residential areas.

During the year the Department has experienced considerable trouble owing to wilful damage and to disregard of the instructions by the users of machines. The type of machine is being altered to a uniform design as rapidly as circumstances will permit.

Generally, the slot machines have proved to be not only a great public convenience, but a very considerable success. The total revenue derived from them during the year amounted to £11,264, an increase of £2,371 over the previous year.

APPENDIX.

DESIGNATION OF OFFICES CHANGED OR CORRECTED.

Postal District.	Changed from	Changed to
Blenheim	Waitaria	Waitaria Bay.
Nelson	Croixelles	Croisilles.
"	Motueka Wharf	Port Motueka.
Wellington	Maranui	Lyall Bay.

INLAND MAIL-SERVICES ESTABLISHED.

District.	Name of Service.	Frequency.
Auckland ..	Onehunga Wharf - C.P.O., Auckland	As required.
	Onerahi Wharf - Onerahi Post-office	"
	Raurimu Railway-station - Post-office	"
	Hamilton (delivery of parcels)	Daily.
	Kaipara Flats Post-office - Railway-station	"
	Okahukura Post-office - Railway-station	"
	Okoroire-Rangitinuku (rural delivery)	"
	Waharoa-Wardville (rural delivery)	"
	Tauhoa - Hoteo Bridge (rural delivery)	Thrice weekly in summer ; twice weekly in winter.
	Mititai-Okehu	Ditto.
	A point near Marua-Matapouri	Twice weekly.
	Kaawa - Glen Murray	"
	Oparau - Okupata Road	"
	Cabbage Bay - Poihakene	Weekly.
	Cambridge - Frankton Junction	"
	Mangapai Wharf - Waikiekie	"
	Mangatawhiri-Kaiaua	"
	Oruru-Paranui	"
	Owhango - Oio Road (rural delivery)	"
	Rangiahua-Umawera	" (one way only)
Te Waitere - Waerengahou	"	
Waiotemarama - Junction of Main Road	"	
Blenheim ..	Hapuku - Chisnall's Homestead (rural delivery)	Thrice weekly.
Christchurch ..	Ashburton Post-office - Railway-station	Four times daily.
	Spotswood Post-office - Railway-station	Daily.
Dunedin ..	Pembroke-Glendhu	Weekly.
	Tarras - Lindis Pass	Weekly (1st May to 31st October).
Gisborne ..	Te Karaka Post-office - Railway-station	Twice daily.
	Waerengaahika Post-office - Railway-station	Daily.
	Kahukura - Port Awanui	Four times weekly.
	Ruatorea-Tuparoa	"
	Waitakaro Post-office - Coach Road	"
	Te Puia Springs - Tinaaruhe	Weekly.
	Waimata Valley - Arakihi Road	"
Greymouth ..	Blackball-Roa	Daily.
	Jackson's - Hokitika	Twice weekly.
Hokitika ..	Riverside-Waikai	Thrice weekly.
	Winton-Hedgehope	"
	Chasland's - Waipati	Twice weekly.
	Gore-Waikaka	"
Napier ..	Porangahau - Manawaangi Settlement	"
	Ruakituri - Te Reinga	Weekly.
New Plymouth	Kohuratahi Post-office - Railway-station	As required.
	Eltham-Rotokari	Daily.
	Eltham-Rawhitiroa (rural delivery)	"

INLAND MAIL-SERVICES ESTABLISHED—*continued.*

District.	Name of Service.	Frequency.
New Plymouth	Eltham - Te Roti (rural delivery)	Daily.
	New Plymouth - Huirangi	Thrice weekly.
	Kaimiri - Egmont Village	Weekly.
Oamaru ..	Island Cliff - Railway-station	Twice daily.
Thames ..	Omaia Beach - Post-office	As required.
	Paengaroa - Mount Maunganui	Four times daily.
	Kopuarahi Post-office - Wharf	Daily.
	Waihi - Maungapuke	"
	Kutarere - Waiotahi	Thrice weekly.
Wanganui ..	Opotiki - Haupoto	Weekly.
	Junction Ohura and Brua Roads - Duncan's ..	"
	Waverley - Junction of Mataimoana and Moeawatea Roads	"
	Mataimoana Post-office - Junction of Mataimoana and Moeawatea Roads	"
Wellington ..	Turakina Post-office - Turakina South Post-office ..	Twice weekly.
	Greytown Post-office - Matarawa	As required.
Westport ..	Ohau Post-office - Railway-station	"
	Umere - Karamea	Weekly.

SUBSIDIZED SEA MAIL-SERVICES.

The several subsidized sea mail-services, the subsidy-payments for the year ended 31st December, 1917, the dates when established, and the date on which each terminates are shown below:—

Service.	Annual Subsidy or Payment.		Duration of Service.		Number of Voyages per Annum.	Mileage for Complete Voyage.	Cost per Mile.		
			When established.	When terminated or terminable.			s.	d.	
Auckland and Great Barrier ..	£	s.	d.	Oct., 1891	Dec., 1918	52	124	0	9·31
Auckland, Whangaroa, and Mangonui	126	0	0	Nov., 1907	Dec., 1918	52	368	0	1·58
Dargaville and Ruawai ..	140	0	0	Jan., 1916	Dec., 1918	312	40	0	2·70
Dargaville and Tangiteroria ..	198	0	0	Nov., 1893	Dec., 1918	260	62	0	2·95
Helensville and Matakoho ..	150	0	0	Jan., 1881	Dec., 1918	104	116	0	2·98
Helensville and Dargaville ..	1,000	0	0	Jan., 1881	Dec., 1918	312	128	0	6·01
Horeke, Kohukohu, Rawene, Koutu, Rangi Point, Opononi, and Omapere	200	0	0	Jan., 1889	Dec., 1918	156	52	0	5·92
Offices in Whangarei Harbour ..	150	0	0	Sept., 1912	Dec., 1918	156	22	0	8·18
Rawene and Horeke ..	32	0	0	Jan., 1916	Dec., 1918	52	9	1	4·43
Russell and Opua ..	110	0	0	Jan., 1889	Dec., 1918	312	8	0	10·58
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., 1919	13	12,660	2	5·16
Wellington, Wakatahuri, Home-wood (and other offices), and Havelock	460	0	0	Dec., 1891	Dec., 1918	26	300	1	2·15
Picton, offices in Sounds, and Havelock	410	0	0	Jan., 1907	Dec., 1918	26	330	0	11·47
Picton, Grove Wharf, Te Awaite, and Resolution Bay	208	0	0	Jan., 1913	Dec., 1918	156	88	0	3·64
Picton and Portage	72	0	0	Jan., 1913	Dec., 1918	312	14	0	3·96
Portage and Kenepuru Head ..	90	0	0	Jan., 1913	Dec., 1918	104	46	0	4·51
Port Nelson and Waikawa Bay ..	25	0	0	Jan., 1913	Dec., 1918	26	62	0	3·72
Ngakuta, Hakahaka, Kakapo Bay, Ocean Bay, Robin Hood Bay, and Blenheim	77	10	0	April, 1911	Dec., 1918	52	86	0	4·16
Portage and Crail Bay ..	165	0	0	Jan., 1910	Dec., 1918	52	106	0	7·18
Port Nelson and Croisilles ..	110	0	0	Jan., 1904	Dec., 1918	52	61	0	8·32
Waitai and French Pass ..	36	0	0	June, 1914	Dec., 1918	52	24	0	6·92
Wellington or Lyttelton and Chatham Islands (including Pitt Island)	500	0	0	..	Sept., 1918	6	1,050	1	7·05
Bluff and Half-moon Bay (tug) ..	300	0	0	July, 1886	Dec., 1918	52	44	2	7·47
Bluff and Half-moon Bay (schooner)	26	0	0	Mar., 1916	Dec., 1918	52	44	0	2·73

CABLE BUSINESS.

Hereunder are shown the number and value of cable messages forwarded from New Zealand during the financial year 1917-18, in comparison with the figures for 1916-17:—

VIA PACIFIC.

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
International	60,662	£ 78,061	112	£ 301
Australian	53,384	14,085	118	54
Totals for 1917-18	114,046	92,146	230	355
Totals for 1916-17	114,718	80,553	492	384

VIA EASTERN.

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
International	38,923	£ 62,152	42	£ 58
Australian	27,395	7,516	1,274	590
Totals for 1917-18	66,318	69,668	1,316	648
Totals for 1916-17	47,790	40,915	1,423	892

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

INTERNATIONAL.

	Number of Messages.	Value. £
1917-18	99,585	140,213
1916-17	82,582	100,752

Increase 17,003 = 20.59 per cent. 39,461 = 39.17 per cent.

AUSTRALIAN.

	Number of Messages.	Value. £
1917-18	80,779	21,601
1916-17	79,926	20,716

Increase 853 = 1.07 per cent. 885 = 4.27 per cent.

There was a total increase of 17,856 messages, and an increase in value of £40,346.

RECEIVED CABLES.

The number of cable messages received in New Zealand during the years 1917-18 and 1916-17, exclusive of Press, was as follows:—

				VIA PACIFIC.			
				International.		Australian.	
1917-18	...	...	...	...	41,873	...	43,812
1916-17	...	...	...	...	61,234	...	47,168
	Decrease...	...	...	...	19,361	Decrease	3,356

				VIA EASTERN.			
				International.		Australian.	
1917-18	...	...	...	...	84,257	...	33,189
1916-17	...	...	...	...	34,021	...	32,105
	Increase	...	...	...	50,236	Increase	1,084

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.		
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
1916-17	1,915	161,923	1,276	8,112	851,087
1917-18	1,546	129,162	1,003	6,763	679,710

RADIO-TELEGRAMS.

The radio business transacted by the New Zealand Coast Stations during the years 1917-1918 and 1916-1917 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.		
1917-18	...	...	£ 1,347	£ 3,082	4,338	73,050	£ 1,781
1916-17	...	...	1,413	3,023	4,651	73,149	1,697
	167	3,479	66	59	313	99	84	
	Decrease.	Decrease.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.	Decrease.	Increase.	

The number of radio messages shows a decrease of 5.53 and 6.73 per cent. on the forwarded and received traffic respectively. The amount earned by New Zealand shows a decrease of 4.67 per cent. on the forwarded traffic, and an increase of 4.95 per cent. on the received traffic.

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.*		Australia and other British Possessions.		Foreign Countries.			
		No.	Amount.	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	78,405	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	3,427,393
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
1916	16,966	520,476	3,108,197	60,876	214,254	70,817	221,700	17,186	62,936†	669,355	3,607,087
1917	16,077	508,209	2,977,997	54,852	216,835	63,662	212,144	15,960	69,669†	642,683	3,476,645

Drawn on the Dominion.

Year.	Where issued.								Total.	
	In the Dominion.		United Kingdom.*		Australia and other British Possessions.		Foreign Countries.			
	No.	Amount.	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	58,500	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
1916	520,476	3,108,197	8,337	39,908	35,800	128,370	2,445	10,587†	567,058	3,287,162
1917	508,209	2,977,997	6,872	34,973	36,978	123,390	2,311	10,348†	554,370	3,146,708

* Includes foreign offices to year 1915.

† In previous years included in United Kingdom and foreign offices.

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 1916 AND 1917.

Issued in New Zealand.

Where payable.	1916.		1917.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
United Kingdom and Foreign Offices through United Kingdom	62,160	£ 220,154	55,874	£ 221,971
United States of America	15,302	54,488	14,585	63,551
Austria .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Canada	1,650	9,498	1,448	7,111
Ceylon	358	1,784	292	1,865
Fiji	364	1,979	455	2,641
France	461	1,587	271	723
Germany .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Hong Kong	613	2,646	452	1,911
India	1,655	13,577	1,754	18,686
New South Wales	33,348	95,439	29,778	90,365
Norway	139	962	82	259
Queensland	2,503	8,925	2,146	7,598
Samoa .. .. .	..	..	..	..
South Australia	1,745	5,765	1,538	5,426
Straits Settlements	29	77	30	112
Tasmania	4,295	12,943	3,528	11,358
Tonga	45	197	114	688
Union of South Africa	540	2,681	503	2,288
Victoria	21,180	59,747	19,440	56,715
Western Australia	2,492	6,441	2,184	5,380
Totals	148,879	498,890	134,474	498,648

Drawn on New Zealand.

Where issued.	1916.		1917.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
United Kingdom and Foreign Offices through United Kingdom	8,553	£ 40,965	6,991	£ 35,650
United States of America	2,151	9,224	2,158	9,520
Austria .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Canada	823	2,852	738	2,653
Ceylon	33	99	52	175
Fiji	906	5,004	956	5,946
France	59	259	23	110
Germany .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Hong Kong	60	351	36	62
India	263	1,189	214	897
New South Wales	16,357	51,241	17,567	54,139
Norway	19	47	11	40
Queensland	2,860	8,576	2,898	8,711
Samoa .. .. .	..	..	..	..
South Australia	1,260	6,519	1,437	4,714
Straits Settlements	29	96	20	72
Tasmania	2,008	8,388	2,003	8,160
Tonga	586	9,642	378	3,118
Union of South Africa	354	2,133	344	1,996
Victoria	8,731	26,798	8,736	26,852
Western Australia	1,530	5,482	1,599	5,895
Totals	46,582	178,865	46,161	168,710

Table No. 3.

TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER AND VALUE OF POSTAL NOTES SOLD FROM 1ST JANUARY, 1886—THE DATE UPON WHICH THEY WERE FIRST ISSUED—TO 31ST MARCH, 1918.

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	3,638	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	12,229	25,906	7,969	10,172	4,366	23,503	..	189,915	69,722
1891-92 ..	42,416	33,722	..	19,388	..	29,550	14,019	30,132	9,058	11,611	4,953	25,839	..	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	33,935	..	285,389	101,002
1894-95 ..	62,806	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	33,390	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	32,868	1,090	376,796	139,012
1897-98 ..	81,958	69,981	..	38,617	..	60,843	26,968	55,748	15,463	19,477	7,904	32,179	728	409,866	134,378
1898-99 ..	86,529	72,710	..	41,991	..	64,386	28,448	59,631	16,202	19,990	8,193	32,696	673	431,449	139,957
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	68,068	13,884	52,691	14,702	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	..	48,852	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	136,392	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	..	188,577	..	62,916	..	123,786	..	1,222,280	389,143
1909-1910 ..	113,825	67,406	181,791	195,168	166,486	261,045	..	214,453	..	70,967	..	143,611	..	1,414,752	447,619
1910-1911 ..	130,645	79,792	211,298	244,941	201,569	301,707	..	243,884	..	82,253	..	171,900	..	1,666,959	521,943
1911-1912 ..	141,504	85,130	236,665	263,829	215,984	337,338	..	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	..	213,153	..	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	263,532	444,427	..	325,071	..	107,506	..	229,640	..	2,314,327	725,118
1915-1916 ..	186,873	114,570	319,115	364,086	267,333	461,137	..	334,271	..	111,095	..	211,543	..	2,370,079	723,314
1916-1917 ..	184,873	112,639	322,946	343,031	260,956	440,215	..	301,825	..	108,978	..	211,000	..	2,286,463	695,819
1917-1918 ..	187,005	115,867	316,266	337,418	258,421	401,696	..	252,396	..	103,348	..	194,180	..	2,166,597	638,246

* 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 1917.

Postal District.	Money-orders.					Savings-banks.					
	Issued.			Paid.		Number of New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Number of Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.	
	Number.	Commis-sion.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.
			£		£			£			£
Auckland ..	159,623	4,117	792,465	165,753	868,306	16,887	231,002	3,317,734	10,626	155,395	2,861,942
Blenheim ..	8,392	182	38,391	4,539	34,483	995	14,894	201,995	666	7,609	169,856
Christchurch ..	52,975	1,433	287,246	64,483	383,688	9,124	173,868	2,412,953	6,507	110,910	2,043,510
Dunedin ..	53,371	1,292	258,068	55,426	320,836	7,019	125,321	1,811,678	4,872	71,034	1,568,103
Gisborne ..	16,249	439	94,608	7,005	43,832	2,222	30,487	430,382	1,626	17,698	359,283
Greymouth ..	15,629	347	72,855	7,345	38,821	936	13,051	180,008	860	7,048	176,412
Hokitika ..	3,225	69	15,757	2,502	11,685	274	3,101	39,463	197	1,489	39,885
Invercargill ..	25,654	552	121,461	17,156	89,134	3,245	45,372	647,374	2,012	21,565	535,137
Napier ..	33,653	811	201,838	23,258	158,621	4,388	60,971	895,296	2,993	31,942	744,169
Nelson ..	15,291	338	76,343	12,906	75,099	1,428	22,848	348,743	1,327	12,740	310,538
New Plymouth ..	26,362	600	142,802	15,618	104,870	3,812	47,564	771,727	2,201	22,195	661,477
Oamaru ..	7,663	146	83,840	4,117	24,713	955	13,801	225,965	614	6,858	190,244
Thames ..	28,011	562	144,790	11,263	67,807	2,531	26,618	368,897	1,896	13,928	320,715
Timaru ..	15,435	345	146,640	9,013	53,452	2,110	32,805	516,696	1,591	17,577	451,160
Wanganui ..	35,878	780	207,830	20,125	109,861	4,519	58,851	842,155	3,255	34,448	711,989
Wellington ..	134,066	3,816	738,551	126,017	721,599	21,115	302,169	3,974,314	12,146	181,915	3,206,577
Westport ..	11,206	248	53,160	4,395	24,267	640	9,186	121,149	532	4,556	110,172
Grand totals ..	642,683	16,077	3,476,645	550,921	3,130,574	82,200	1,211,909	17,106,529	53,921	718,907	14,461,169

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 1916-17 AND 1917-18.

Denomination.	Sold.		Paid.	
	1916-17.	1917-18.	1916-17.	1917-18.
s. d.				
0 6	1,685	982	183	394
1 0	4,734	2,762	902	1,183
1 6	2,124	1,314	309	510
2 0	4,241	2,811	932	1,257
2 6	5,895	5,766	1,371	1,387
3 0	3,079	2,387	520	911
3 6	1,133	742	217	241
4 0	2,289	1,585	346	458
4 6	939	695	102	201
5 0	14,637	14,112	2,579	2,682
*5 6	..	..	71	1,533
*6 0	..	..	169	1,007
*6 6	..	..	69	131
*7 0	..	..	117	131
7 6	2,352	1,619	272	265
*8 0	..	..	102	134
*8 6	..	..	29	51
*9 0	..	..	49	65
*9 6	..	..	25	39
10 0	18,058	17,842	2,798	2,957
*10 6	..	..	82	218
*11 0	..	..	46	969
*11 6	..	..	33	327
*12 0	..	..	141	209
12 6	1,195	850	123	161
*13 0	..	..	71	97
*13 6	..	..	33	38
*14 0	..	..	77	105
*14 6	..	..	29	36
15 0	3,753	2,838	784	715
*15 6	..	..	17	24
*16 0	..	..	36	92
*16 6	..	..	16	154
*17 0	..	..	21	112
17 6	850	612	44	79
*18 0	..	..	34	64
*18 6	..	..	14	24
*19 0	..	..	19	35
*19 6	..	..	22	30
20 0	41,648	36,141	10,093	9,949
*21 0	..	..	230	612
Number ..	108,612	93,058	23,177	29,587
Value ..	£63,456	£55,489	£14,474	£16,809

* 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, 1917.

Postal Districts.	Number of Post Office Savings-banks Open at the Close of the Year.	Number of Deposits received during the Year.	Total Amount of Deposits received during the Year.		Average Amount of each Deposit received during the Year.		Number of Withdrawals during the Year.	Total Amount of Withdrawals during the Year.		Average Amount of each Withdrawal during the Year.		Excess of Deposits over Withdrawals during the Year.	Excess of Withdrawals over Deposits during the Year.	Cost of Management during the Year.	Average Cost of each Transaction, Deposit or Withdrawal.		Interest for the Year.	Number of Accounts opened during the Year.	Number of Accounts closed during the Year.	Number of Accounts remaining Open at Close of the Year.	Total Amount standing to the Credit of all Open Accounts, inclusive of Interest to the Close of the Year.		Average Amount standing to the Credit of each Open Account at Close of the Year.	
			£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.				£	s. d.					£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Auckland ..	232	231,002	3,317,734	1 9	14 7 3	155,395	2,861,941	16 3	18 8 4	455,792	5 6	..	..	..	176,063	17 11	16,887	10,626	108,183	5,437,592	3 9	50 5 3
Blenheim ..	15	14,894	201,994	18 6	13 11 3	7,609	169,855	17 11	22 6 5	32,139	0 7	..	..	..	13,348	12 9	995	666	8,156	403,424	1 4	49 9 3
Christchurch ..	71	173,868	2,412,952	13 7	13 17 7	110,910	2,043,510	5 7	18 8 6	369,442	8 0	..	..	..	140,389	1 3	9,124	6,507	85,347	4,306,056	1 10	50 9 1
Dunedin ..	69	125,321	1,811,678	11 3	14 9 1	71,034	1,563,102	13 8	22 1 6	243,575	17 7	..	..	..	116,145	9 0	7,019	4,872	61,407	3,503,599	9 2	57 1 1
Gisborne ..	22	30,487	430,381	11 4	14 2 4	17,698	359,283	6 2	20 6 0	71,098	5 2	..	..	..	21,008	3 10	2,222	1,626	14,079	650,409	1 4	46 3 11
Greymouth ..	18	13,051	180,008	0 0	13 15 10	7,048	176,412	0 3	25 0 7	3,595	19 9	..	..	..	14,815	12 5	936	860	8,588	441,344	2 10	51 7 10
Hokitika ..	7	3,101	39,462	17 9	12 14 6	1,489	39,885	3 8	26 15 9	..	..	422	5 11	..	3,980	4 1	274	197	2,475	116,387	15 10	47 0 6
Invercargill ..	34	45,372	647,373	11 10	14 5 4	21,565	535,137	4 8	24 16 4	112,236	7 2	..	..	..	42,388	14 1	3,245	2,012	23,395	1,284,170	6 3	54 17 10
Napier ..	46	60,971	895,295	14 4	14 13 8	31,942	744,169	2 3	23 5 11	151,126	12 1	..	..	..	48,878	19 1	4,388	2,993	29,170	1,522,672	1 2	52 4 0
Nelson ..	27	22,848	348,742	12 0	15 5 3	12,740	310,537	14 1	24 7 6	38,204	17 11	..	..	..	22,174	8 9	1,428	1,327	13,145	661,071	0 5	50 5 10
New Plymouth ..	30	47,564	771,727	9 2	16 4 6	22,195	661,477	4 7	29 16 1	110,250	4 7	..	..	..	38,549	18 1	3,812	2,201	20,067	1,191,012	17 2	59 7 0
Oamaru ..	11	13,801	225,964	18 9	16 7 6	6,858	190,243	14 1	27 14 10	35,721	4 8	..	..	..	14,088	0 7	955	614	6,907	424,439	15 10	61 9 0
Thames ..	30	26,618	368,897	3 5	13 17 2	13,928	320,714	19 2	23 0 6	48,182	4 3	..	..	..	21,933	2 2	2,531	1,896	16,019	672,362	17 4	41 19 5
Timaru ..	16	32,805	516,696	9 7	15 15 0	17,577	451,159	17 8	25 13 4	65,536	11 11	..	..	..	32,111	7 2	2,110	1,591	16,508	963,501	7 1	58 7 4
Wanganui ..	44	58,851	842,155	3 4	14 6 2	34,448	711,989	5 6	20 13 4	130,165	17 10	..	..	..	39,645	1 0	4,519	3,255	26,695	1,224,207	13 0	45 17 2
Wellington ..	100	302,169	3,974,314	2 8	13 3 0	181,915	3,206,577	3 1	17 12 6	767,736	19 7	..	..	..	193,575	11 5	21,115	12,146	120,819	6,127,587	11 6	50 14 4
Westport ..	19	9,186	121,149	6 1	13 3 9	4,556	110,171	15 0	24 3 7	10,977	11 1	..	..	..	8,725	2 5	640	532	5,391	266,551	13 2	49 8 10
Totals for 1917	791	1,211,909	17,106,529	5 4	14 2 3	718,907	14,461,169	3 7	20 2 4	2,645,360	1 9	..	..	32,000	947,521	6 0	82,200	53,921	566,351	29,196,389	19 0	51 11 0

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, 1917.

Main data table with multiple columns: Number of Post Office Savings-banks, 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, Number of Accounts opened during the Year, Number of Accounts closed during the Year, Number of Accounts remaining Open at Close of the Year, Total Amount standing to the Credit of all Open Accounts, inclusive of Interest to the Close of the Year, Average Amount standing to the Credit of each Open Account at Close of the Year.

Totals 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, 1917.

	Balances on 1st January, 1917.			Transactions			Balances on 31st December, 1917.		
	Cr.	Dr.	s. d.	Cr.	Dr.	s. d.	Cr.	Dr.	s. d.
MONEY-ORDER ACCOUNTS—									
Money-orders (general)	72,347 13 3	..	..	3,647,557 2 3	3,630,455 9 1	..	89,449 6 5	..	..
United Kingdom, &c.	23,795 5 6½	..	..	281,168 7 10½	264,051 6 0	..	40,912 7 5	..	..
United States of America	5,589 17 1	..	..	63,880 19 9	65,355 3 3	..	4,115 13 7	..	..
Australia	129 11 0	..	..	185,953 6 10	193,953 3 8	..	7,870 5 10	..	..
Canada	8,326 9 7	..	..	10,013 2 7	16,029 16 6	..	8,326 9 7	..	..
Ceylon	8,380 18 6	..	..	1,874 8 6	2,111 18 7	..	2,364 4 7	..	..
Fiji	330 2 1	..	693 17 7	6,339 8 8	6,043 16 1	..	92 12 0	..	..
France	1,337 15 6	1,051 6 10	..	730 3 1	1,024 7 8	..	1,043 10 11	..	..
Germany	..	..	..	1,920 6 1	2,052 16 9	..	172 9 3	..	..
Hong Kong	304 19 11	..	..	18,793 13 6	17,271 17 10	..	8,779 12 3	..	..
India	7,257 16 7	..	..	262 0 4	339 16 6	..	149 15 5	..	..
Norway	227 11 7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Samoa	..	1,195 6 11	..	138 3 10	140 0 0	..	11 12 2	..	1,195 6 11
Straits Settlements	13 8 4	..	..	5,277 13 9	3,125 6 2	..	..	..	1,158 16 3
Tonga	..	3,311 3 10	..	2,315 8 11	2,530 0 2	..	..	..	307 15 11
Union of South Africa	..	93 4 8	..	2,359 6 2	2,301 10 1	..	..	..	435 9 1
Commission	..	493 5 2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
SAVINGS-BANK ACCOUNTS—									
Deposits and withdrawals	25,603,208 11 3	..	..	18,054,350 11 4	14,461,169 3 7	29,196,389 19 0	..	..	..
Transfers	11,902 15 4	..	..	1,493,394 3 6	1,493,861 7 2	11,435 11 8	..	..	..
POSTAL ACCOUNTS—									
Stamps	303,111 18 9	..	..	1,245,704 8 10½	1,210,491 15 1	338,324 12 6½	..	..	..
Postal Guides	16 13 2	..	..	475 6 4	479 14 10	12 4 8	..	..	..
Postal notes	178,609 15 1½	..	..	655,226 13 4	641,691 2 4½	192,145 5 6 1	..	..	..
Private box and bag rents	..	..	..	16,209 5 4	16,209 5 4	..	..	..	..
Money-order commission	..	..	..	17,058 16 2	17,058 16 2	..	..	..	..
British postal orders—H.O. Account	15,726 12 6	..	..	65,137 10 0	56,487 13 4	24,376 9 2	..	..	..
" C.P.M.'s Account	25,084 0 6	..	..	56,488 2 6	57,308 5 8	24,263 17 4	..	..	..
London Account	..	16 4 9	..	56,767 12 8½	56,751 7 11½	..	..	..	..
B.P.O. commission	..	..	..	591 5 0½	591 5 0½	..	..	..	..
Postal revenue	20,926 1 5½	..	..	974,097 5 7½	988,781 3 9	6,242 3 4	..	..	..
TELEGRAPH ACCOUNTS—									
New South Wales Telegraphs	2,301 9 8	..	..	46,836 17 11	43,640 8 4	5,497 19 3	..	..	..
New Zealand and Australian Cable	440 16 9	..	..	11,987 4 3	11,420 13 3	1,007 7 9	..	..	..
Pacific Cable Board	3,292 19 1	..	..	89,044 16 7	87,515 4 4	4,822 11 4	..	..	..
Telephone-exchange receipts	..	..	..	339,920 14 1	339,920 14 1	..	..	..	..
Special-messenger receipts	..	..	..	131 12 5	131 12 5	..	..	..	..
Maintenance of private wires	..	..	..	3,519 14 0	3,519 14 0	..	..	..	..
Registration of code addresses	..	..	..	1,627 14 5	1,627 14 5	..	..	..	..
Cash deposits	2,068 7 9	..	..	22,087 14 5½	21,787 13 11½	2,368 8 3	..	..	..
Telegraph revenue	4,249 18 6	..	..	1,055,586 10 11	1,050,226 19 1½	9,609 10 3½	..	..	..

Mining Act	432 15 0	189 15 0	195 5 0	427 5 0	..
National Provident Fund receipts	1,364 16 5	28,919 16 1	29,794 6 3	490 6 3	..
Old-age pensions	7,565 14 9	544,500 0 0	564,183 6 2	..	2,117 11 5
Orchard-tax	203 13 11	1,505 4 2	1,585 18 4	262 19 9	..
Public Trust	42,990 6 9	1,047,408 9 9	1,041,870 9 4	48,528 7 2	..
Public Service Superannuation	18,046 6 10	195,611 12 2	215,853 6 10	..	2,195 7 10
Registration of births, &c.	284 18 10	2,713 17 2	2,689 3 6	309 12 6	..
Rents	34 11 8	241 9 4	259 3 0	16 18 0	..
Sanatorium, Hanmer Springs	187 6 8	1,822 11 10	1,704 16 3	305 2 3	..
Stock Department	0 10 0	3 5 0	3 0 0	0 15 0	..
Teachers' Superannuation Fund	..	75,085 0 1	71,201 11 2	3,883 8 11	..
Valuation revenue	378 1 3	7,041 7 1	6,769 2 10	650 5 6	..
Widows' pensions	1,898 7 7	47,450 0 0	49,627 15 10	..	279 8 3
Miscellaneous revenue	12,558 16 0	48 1 6	43 10 3	6 0 0	..
War pensions	41 18 1	371,300 0 0	377,291 5 6	6,567 10 6	..
Workers' dwellings	..	137 10 3	179 8 4	..	..
Suspense Account	2 1 0	..	..	2 1 0	..
Profit and loss	343,110 3 7	..	..	408,065 15 11	..
Post Office 5-per-cent. War Bonds	..	1,319,628 10 10	1,254,672 18 6	21,800 0 0	..
New Zealand Government Loan Debentures	4,750 0 0	1,518,265 0 0	1,496,465 0 0	14,780 0 0	..
War Loan Certificates—H.O. Account	367,920 0 0	1,803,092 10 0	1,793,062 10 0	373,125 14 0	..
" " C.P.M.'s Account	221,330 14 0	1,780,900 0 0	1,775,694 6 0	310,387 7 0	..
" " Fund Account	1,192,749 6 0	1,779,696 6 0	1,690,637 13 0	2,376,809 10 0	..
" " Interest Account	..	1,688,720 1 0	4,659 17 0	56,136 15 0	..
" " Sales Investment Account	..	56,136 15 0	1,737,500 0 0	..	2,886,500 0 0
" " Interest Investment Account	..	..	56,200 0 0	..	56,200 0 0
" " for Custody Account	..	764,787 0 0	764,787 0 0	..	..
Y.M.C.A. coupons—H.O. Account	..	28,125 0 0	22,515 12 6	5,609 7 6	..
" " C.P.M.'s Account	..	22,515 12 6	12,055 13 0	10,459 19 6	..
Y.M.C.A. Adjustment Account	..	12,055 3 0	8,189 6 6	3,865 16 6	..
Fixed Deposit Account	..	42,000 0 0	21,000 0 0	21,000 0 0	..
" " Investment Account	..	..	21,000 0 0	..	21,000 0 0
Totals	28,691,267 2 8	118,317,639 15 10	118,317,639 15 10	34,570,598 3 2	34,570,598 3 2

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, 1917.

Description of Securities.	Nominal Value.			Cost-price.			Accrued Interest on 31st December, 1917.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
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, 4 per cent.	90,300	0	0	90,300	0	0	593	15	1
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	4
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1901 Debentures, 4 per cent.	32,900	0	0	32,900	0	0	658	0	0
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1901 Debentures, 4 per cent.	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	0	32	17	6
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1902 Debentures, 4 per cent.	128,000	0	0	128,000	0	0	420	16	5
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1903 Debentures, 4 per cent.	25,100	0	0	25,100	0	0	418	2	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, 4 per cent.	101,050	0	0	101,050	0	0	2,008	4	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 1906 Debentures, 4 per cent.	5,000	0	0	5,000	0	0	100	0	0
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1907 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	200,000	0	0	200,000	0	0	3,500	0	0
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	50,000	0	0	50,000	0	0	498	12	7
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.	2,390,100	0	0	2,390,100	0	0	15,651	9	5
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.	324,000	0	0	324,000	0	0	2,130	8	4
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
Auckland Harbour Board Debentures, 5½ per cent.	500	0	0	500	0	0	3	11	11
Canadian Stock (extra half making 3½ per cent.), 3 per cent.	5,000	0	0	4,800	0	0	87	10	0
Canadian Stock, 2½ per cent.	12,666	15	11	10,133	8	9	237	5	8
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.	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	0	87	5	2
The Coal-mines Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	135,000	0	0	135,000	0	0	1,262	3	1
The Coal-mines Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	30,000	0	0	30,000	0	0	299	3	7
The Consolidated Loan Act 1867 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	13,000	0	0	13,000	0	0	102	16	10
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	5,670	0	0
The Consolidated Stock Act 1884 (the New Zealand Loans Act, 1908) Debentures, 4 per cent.	165,000	0	0	165,000	0	0	3,300	0	0
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 (the New Zealand Loans Act, 1908) Debentures, 4 per cent.	8,100	0	0	8,100	0	0	162	0	0
Devonport Borough Council Debentures, 4½ per cent.	100	0	0	100	0	0	1	2	8
The Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act 1915 Debentures, 4 per cent.	26,000	0	0	26,000	0	0	344	15	4
The Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act 1915 and Amendment Act 1916 Debentures, 4 per cent.	74,000	0	0	74,000	0	0	976	13	1
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	781	5	0
The Finance Act 1909 Debentures, 4 per cent.	50,000	0	0	50,000	0	0	1,000	0	0
The Finance Act 1909 Debentures, 4 per cent.	5,500	0	0	5,500	0	0	91	12	4
The Finance Act 1915 Debentures, 4½ per cent.	500	0	0	500	0	0	0	19	9
The Finance Act 1916 (section 35) War Expenses Debentures, 4 per cent.	1,120,000	0	0	1,120,000	0	0	11,169	6	4
The Finance Act 1916 (section 35) Debentures, 4½ per cent.	500	0	0	500	0	0	7	9	2
The Finance Act 1916 (section 35) Debentures, 4½ per cent.	1,000	0	0	1,000	0	0	3	6	7
The Finance Act 1916 (section 35) Debentures, 4½ per cent.	500	0	0	500	0	0	7	9	2
The Finance Act 1916 (section 49) Debentures, 4 per cent.	600,000	0	0	600,000	0	0	7,923	5	5
The Finance Act 1916 (section 50) Debentures, 4 per cent.	35,000	0	0	35,000	0	0	452	12	0
The Fruit-preserving Industry Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent.	35,700	0	0	35,700	0	0	356	0	5
The General Purposes Loan Act 1873 Debentures, 4 per cent.	5,200	0	0	5,200	0	0	43	17	7

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, 1917—continued.

Description of Securities.	Nominal Value.		Cost-price.		Accrued Interest on 31st December, 1917.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
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 Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	100,000	0 0	100,000	0 0	1,326	0 6
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 (Part III, Workers) Debentures, 4 per cent.	25,000	0 0	25,000	0 0	82	3 10
The Government Railways Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	141,000	0 0	141,000	0 0	2 812	16 5
The Government Railways Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	2,000	0 0	2,000	0 0	33	6 3
The Government Railways Amendment Act 1910 Debentures, 4 per cent.	50,350	0 0	50,350	0 0	838	14 1
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
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
Hamilton Borough Council Debentures, 4½ per cent. ..	1,000	0 0	1,000	0 0	11	4 4
The Hauraki Plains Amendment Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent.	16,000	0 0	16,000	0 0	266	10 5
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 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 Acts 1903, 1905, and 1907 Debentures, 4 per cent.	27,590	0 0	27,590	0 0	459	11 7
The Hutt Railway and Road Improvement Act 1910 Debentures, 4 per cent.	15,000	0 0	15,000	0 0	249	17 3
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, 2½ per cent.	109	4 8	51	15 0	2	0 5
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, 3 per cent.	2,260,495	11 1	2,244,582	18 0	16,907	4 3
The Irrigation and Water-supply Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent.	89,900	0 0	89,900	0 0	896	10 9
The Kauri-gum Industry Amendment Act 1914 Debentures, 4 per cent.	42,000	0 0	42,000	0 0	276	3 3
The Land for Settlements Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	62,000	0 0	62,000	0 0	618	6 0
The Land for Settlements Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	29,500	0 0	29,500	0 0	193	19 5
The Land for Settlements Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	391,685	0 0	391,685	0 0	6,524	9 10
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 Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	499,735	0 0	499,735	0 0	9,780	19 10
The Land for Settlements Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	400	0 0	400	0 0	4	0 8
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.	4,000	0 0	4,000	0 0	80	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.	20,000	0 0	20,000	0 0	201	12 10
The Land Laws Amendment Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent.	9,800	0 0	9,800	0 0	196	0 0
The Land Laws Amendment Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent.	56,900	0 0	56,900	0 0	947	16 3
The Land Laws Amendment Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent.	241,800	0 0	244,800	0 0	3,246	2 2
The Land Laws Amendment Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent.	193,000	0 0	193,000	0 0	1,852	7 8
The Land Laws Amendment Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent.	8,000	0 0	8,000	0 0	142	0 6
The Land Laws Amendment Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent.	100,000	0 0	100,000	0 0	328	15 4
The Local Bodies' Loans Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	785,000	0 0	785,000	0 0	15,700	0 0
The Local Bodies' Loans Act 1908 Debentures, 3½ per cent. ..	416,000	0 0	416,000	0 0	4,826	14 6
The Local Bodies' Loans Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	370,000	0 0	370,000	0 0	4,906	5 11
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 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.	908,500	0 0	908,500	0 0	8,780	4 9
The Native Land Purchases Act 1892 and New Zealand Loans Act 1908 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	125,000	0 0	125,000	0 0	783	7 9

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, 1917—*continued.*

Description of Securities.	Nominal Value.		Cost-price.		Accrued Interest on 31st December, 1917.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
New South Wales Stock, 3½ per cent.	27,000	0 0	26,865	0 0	1,181	5 0
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. . .	500	0 0	500	0 0	8	6 7
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, 4 per cent.	205,000	0 0	205,000	0 0	673	19 5
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	15 7
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 and 1910 (Advances to Settlers Branch) Debentures, 4 per cent.	2,093	15 0	2,093	15 0	34	17 3
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 Acts 1909 and 1910 (Advances to Workers Branch) Debentures, 4 per cent.	406	5 0	406	5 0	6	15 3
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 Act 1909 and New Zealand Loans Act 1908 (Land for Settlements Debentures, 3½ per cent.	99,000	0 0	99,000	0 0	863	17 6
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	0 6
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 Acts 1909 and 1910 (Land for Settlements Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	15,300	0 0	15,300	0 0	94	6 3
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Acts 1909 and 1910 (Land for Settlements Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	21,500	0 0	21,500	0 0	335	15 1
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 and 1910 (Land for Settlements Branch) Debentures, 4 per cent.	39,500	0 0	39,500	0 0	393	18 4
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Local Authorities Branch) Debentures, 4 per cent.	48,000	0 0	48,000	0 0	478	13 8
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	977	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	12 11
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Local Authorities Branch) Debentures, 3½ per cent.	96,000	0 0	96,000	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 9
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 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent. . .	200,000	0 0	200,000	0 0	4,000	0 0
The Public Revenues Act 1910 (the Reserve Fund Securities Act, 1907) Debentures, 4 per cent.	800,000	0 0	800,000	0 0	13,326	0 0
The Public Revenues Amendment Act 1915 Debentures, 4 per cent.	1,703,750	0 0	1,703,750	0 0	28,380	4 3
The Public Revenues Amendment Act 1915 Debentures, 4 per cent.	390,000	0 0	390,000	0 0	2,564	7 10
The Railways Improvement Authorization Act 1914 Debentures, 4 per cent.	420,000	0 0	420,000	0 0	6,996	3 0
The Railways Improvement Authorization Act 1914 Debentures, 4 per cent.	8,000	0 0	8,000	0 0	133	5 2
The Rangitaki Land Drainage Amendment Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent.	10,000	0 0	10,000	0 0	132	12 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, 1917—continued.

Description of Securities.	Nominal Value.		Cost-price.		Accrued Interest on 31st December, 1917.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
The Rangitaiki Land Drainage Amendment Act 1913 and Amendment Act 1914 Debentures, 4 per cent.	45,000	0 0	45,000	0 0	596	14 3
The Scenery Preservation Act 1908 Debentures, 3½ per cent. ..	30,000	0 0	30,000	0 0	172	12 0
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 8
The Scenery Preservation Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	20,000	0 0	20,000	0 0	131	10 2
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
The Swamp Drainage Act 1915 Debentures, 4 per cent. ..	16,000	0 0	16,000	0 0	105	4 1
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	80	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	..	..
Wellington Harbour Board Debentures, 4½ per cent.	27,100	0 0	27,100	0 0	394	8 8
Wellington Harbour Board Debentures, 4 per cent.	49,400	0 0	49,400	0 0	676	14 2
Wellington—Manawatu Railway Purchase Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	499,700	0 0	499,700	0 0	6,626	3 0
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 .. ..	..	..	..	..	257	17 3
Totals	28,489,411	15 10	28,467,291	9 7	328,417	17 7

Table No. 9.

POST OFFICE SAVINGS-BANK.

Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 31st December, 1917.

Dr.	£	s. d.	Cr.	£	s. d.
Balance at credit of depositors on 1st January, 1917	25,603,208	11 3	Withdrawals, 1917	14,461,169	3 7
Deposits, 1917	17,106,529	5 4	Balance at credit of depositors on 31st December, 1917	29,196,389	19 0
Interest credited to depositors, 1917	947,821	6 0			
	£43,657,559	2 7		£43,657,559	2 7

Fixed Deposit Account.

Dr.	£	s. d.	Cr.	£	s. d.
Balance at credit on 1st January, 1917 .. ..	..	..	Withdrawals, 1917 .. ..	..	..
Deposits, 1917	21,000	0 0	Balance at credit on 31st December, 1917	21,000	0 0
Interest credited, 1917 .. ..	..	..	
	£21,000	0 0		£21,000	0 0

Liabilities and Assets.

Dr.	£	s. d.	Cr.	£	s. d.
Balance at credit of Post Office Savings-bank depositors on 31st December, 1917	29,196,389	19 0	Securities (Post Office Savings-bank)	28,467,291	9 7
Balance on fixed deposit	21,000	0 0	" (fixed deposit)	21,000	0 0
Balance on transfer	14,321	19 5	Balance uninvested	1,151,486	4 9
Balance of assets over liabilities	408,065	15 11			
	£29,639,777	14 4		£29,639,777	14 4

Profit and Loss Account.

Dr.	£	s. d.	Cr.	£	s. d.
Interest credited to depositors during 1917	947,821	6 0	Balance forward, 1st January, 1917	343,110	3 7
Interest paid on debentures purchased by the Department	93	7 11	Interest received during the year	988,221	14 9
Loss on conversion in London of Irish Land Stock at 2½ per cent. into India Stock at 2¼ per cent.	38	0 0	Accrued interest on 31st December, 1917	328,417	17 7
Paid Public Account, for cost of Savings-bank management	32,000	0 0			
Balance forward to next account	408,065	15 11			
	£1,388,018	9 10	Less accrued interest on 31st December, 1916	274,720	4 7
			Sundry receipts	2,988	18 6
				1,041,919	7 9
				£1,388,018	9 10

Table No. 10.
SAVINGS-BANK ACCOUNTS REMAINING OPEN ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1917, 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	74,690	10,793	8,168	7,282	3,062	1,614	879	725	355	203	123	113	176	108,183
Blenheim	5,571	796	654	541	246	130	79	60	30	18	12	7	12	8,156
Christchurch	56,959	8,949	6,999	5,998	2,781	1,443	846	535	317	162	132	94	132	85,347
Dunedin	40,138	6,299	5,013	4,736	2,157	1,295	647	405	267	174	89	79	108	61,407
Gisborne	9,586	1,485	1,101	990	398	207	127	70	38	25	20	8	24	14,079
Greytown	5,981	729	576	560	344	167	77	63	42	15	11	8	15	8,388
Hokitika	1,703	274	157	156	90	38	19	14	10	7	4	..	3	2,475
Invercargill	14,181	2,831	2,360	2,098	923	445	233	142	103	25	16	19	19	23,395
Napier	19,781	2,862	2,418	2,033	793	524	258	196	113	60	30	24	78	29,170
Nelson	8,673	1,390	1,096	1,034	424	239	119	72	33	23	20	12	10	13,145
New Plymouth	13,079	2,047	1,795	1,541	698	371	197	129	87	32	32	29	30	20,067
Oamaru	4,078	883	681	598	296	170	80	51	35	10	12	4	9	6,907
Thames	11,341	1,780	1,113	967	437	108	111	57	45	16	15	10	19	16,019
Timaru	10,265	1,941	1,477	1,369	628	350	159	124	78	47	27	18	25	16,508
Wanganui	18,999	2,375	1,826	1,752	741	434	212	125	97	30	37	19	48	26,695
Wellington	83,892	13,783	7,579	7,790	3,043	1,696	1,055	833	499	182	140	110	517	120,819
Westport	3,772	463	379	368	182	99	54	27	14	13	4	6	10	5,391
Totals, 1917	382,689	59,680	43,392	39,813	17,243	9,330	5,152	3,628	2,163	1,042	724	560	935	566,351
Totals, 1916	369,769	57,216	39,715	34,498	15,443	8,690	4,775	3,149	1,865	987	625	481	859	538,072

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, 1917.

Postal Districts (1917).	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.	News- papers.	Parcels.
Auckland	28,902,523	849,797	5,903,528	4,848,228	874,133	27,825,889	869,661	4,814,225	4,267,393	680,250	56,728,412	1,719,458	10,717,753	9,115,621	554,383
Blenheim	1,515,559	40,131	185,758	259,766	27,014	1,643,525	48,282	172,614	380,263	44,600	3,159,084	88,413	358,372	640,029	71,614
Christchurch	13,924,590	341,367	1,571,058	1,954,979	500,903	15,575,027	815,607	2,846,441	2,267,967	342,939	29,499,617	1,156,974	4,417,499	4,222,946	843,842
Dunedin	12,898,413	578,695	3,829,097	2,085,436	365,560	12,052,924	550,979	2,876,445	2,233,244	239,001	24,951,337	1,129,674	6,705,542	4,318,680	604,561
Gisborne	2,362,735	25,181	481,306	583,363	49,764	2,281,656	49,764	417,001	850,863	65,372	4,644,391	74,945	898,307	1,434,226	114,668
Greymouth	1,101,351	18,577	125,358	215,787	30,589	1,382,461	25,415	169,936	427,388	52,958	2,433,812	43,992	295,294	643,175	83,547
Hokitika	629,985	10,634	67,821	144,716	13,117	760,630	16,094	111,280	238,316	22,541	1,390,615	26,728	179,101	383,032	35,638
Invercargill	6,666,843	189,605	1,627,096	868,631	121,459	6,940,453	227,799	1,077,154	1,215,162	142,976	13,450,345	417,404	2,704,250	2,083,793	264,435
Napier	201,331	1,617,612	1,617,612	1,123,139	124,696	7,223,229	252,356	1,708,954	1,638,182	173,185	13,890,072	453,687	3,328,566	2,761,321	297,881
Nelson	1,957,909	40,859	252,522	243,104	58,097	2,341,170	68,757	234,923	549,900	86,886	4,299,079	109,616	487,445	793,004	144,983
New Plymouth	3,868,899	103,727	579,217	574,820	79,079	4,538,014	137,280	497,315	852,046	128,821	8,406,913	241,007	1,076,532	1,426,866	207,900
Oamaru	1,771,359	36,478	361,620	196,339	29,588	2,085,304	50,570	327,340	283,075	36,749	3,856,663	87,048	688,960	479,414	66,337
Thames	2,464,995	52,988	328,063	303,810	54,821	3,405,116	72,865	446,836	622,882	107,476	5,870,111	125,853	774,899	926,692	162,297
Timaru	4,436,288	167,908	874,026	527,109	65,559	4,541,069	195,442	897,871	894,842	84,221	9,005,192	363,350	1,771,897	1,421,951	149,780
Wanganui	94,887	94,887	760,855	693,439	103,584	4,912,453	136,266	764,543	1,163,747	159,524	9,348,741	231,153	1,525,398	1,857,186	263,108
Wellington	26,842,244	538,252	4,900,696	3,457,030	776,529	26,096,642	721,396	3,828,058	3,943,628	621,692	52,938,886	1,259,648	8,728,754	7,400,658	1,398,221
Westport	726,167	4,745	115,305	151,632	21,515	1,197,508	16,172	162,344	306,566	30,145	1,923,675	20,917	277,649	458,198	51,660
Totals	121,043,875	3,295,162	23,580,938	18,231,328	3,295,539	124,753,070	4,254,705	21,353,280	22,135,464	3,019,336	245,796,945	7,549,867	44,934,218	40,366,792	6,314,875
Previous year	120,512,055	3,530,787	25,288,747	18,931,743	3,103,711	121,609,306	4,602,910	23,579,790	22,876,256	2,981,392	242,121,361	8,133,697	48,808,537	41,807,999	6,085,103

Table No. 12.

REGISTERED ARTICLES.

The number of registered articles dealt with in 1917, compared with the number in 1890, 1900, 1910, and 1916, is as follows:—

	1890.	1900.	1910.	1916.	1917.
From places beyond the Dominion	26,374	52,343	132,493	136,919	144,659
Registered in the Dominion	169,321	464,036	993,675	1,362,559	1,619,851
Totals	195,695	516,379	1,126,168	1,499,478	1,764,510

DEAD LETTERS.

	1916.	1917.
Opened and returned to writers	292,266	296,472
Returned unopened to other countries	47,800	39,413
Reissued	23,046*	65,088*
Destroyed	46,213	39,098
Returned unopened by Chief Postmasters	198,174	212,568
Returned unopened to other countries by Chief Postmasters	22,515	13,790
Totals	630,014	666,429

* Includes letters addressed to soldiers.

Table No. 13.

PARCEL-POST.

The following shows the number and weight of parcels posted during the years 1890, 1900, 1910, 1916, and 1917:—

—	1890.	1900.	1910.	1916.	1917.
Number	121,292	199,413	1,190,711	3,103,711	3,295,539
Weight	336,643 lb. 12 oz.	682,140 lb. 7 oz.	3,953,284 lb. 15 oz.	12,504,648 lb.	14,171,140 lb.

The following table shows the number and weight of parcels exchanged with the United Kingdom and the undermentioned places during the years 1916 and 1917:—

Country.	Received.				Despatched.			
	1916.		1917.		1916.		1917.	
	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.
		lb.		lb.		lb.		lb.
United Kingdom and foreign countries (via London)	116,432	763,764	105,368	564,562	23,964	90,154	33,810	135,961
United States of America ..	23,236	127,358	32,904	209,918	2,087	7,447	1,793	6,324
New Zealand Expeditionary Force	2,516	6,108	891	1,931	251,164	960,841	392,235	1,498,537
Canada	1,864	9,857	1,836	9,011	785	2,690	593	1,773
Victoria	8,525	30,766	9,609	38,372	3,572	9,615	3,613	9,980
New South Wales	18,446	55,624	16,087	57,193	12,814	40,675	11,593	37,230
South Australia	566	1,515	550	1,577	487	1,253	557	1,543
Queensland	982	2,667	913	2,437	1,034	2,448	956	2,651
Tasmania	418	1,079	217	487	711	1,692	697	1,590
Western Australia	438	945	362	906	496	1,452	452	1,077
Fiji	311	705	406	904	1,054	3,493	1,143	3,874
Ceylon	524	2,635	237	1,215	629*	3,280	83	343
Uruguay .. .. .	..	..	..	..	66	278	..	..
Cape of Good Hope	889	1,206	1,375	1,837	74	246	113	370
Natal .. .. .	..	..	..	..	337	897	283	719
India	2,500	4,742	1,293	5,869	1,108	5,062	697	3,464
Tonga	41	153	43	140	344	1,328	425	1,592
Tahiti .. .. .	..	..	7	34	214	1,118	337	1,780
Hong Kong	1,048	7,326	1,241	9,681	154	708	164	707
Straits Settlements	117	387	103	346	78	323	101	387
Totals	178,853	1,016,837	173,442	906,320	301,172	1,135,005	449,645	1,709,902

* Including parcels for His Majesty's ships.

Table No. 14.

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 Telegrams forwarded during the Year.		Telegraph Revenue from all Sources.	Value of Government Messages.	Total Value of Business done during the Year.	Cost of Maintenance of Stations.	Cost of Maintenance of Lines, excluding Australian Cable Subsidy.	Total Expenditure.	Cost of Maintenance of Lines per Mile.	Tariff in Operation.
			Private and Press.	Government.								
30th June, 1866	699	1,390	24,761	27,407	£ 5,561 19 2	£ 483 3 2	£ 6,045 2 4	£ 3,934 3 4	£ 2,443 2 11	£ 6,377 6 3	£ 3 9 10	
" 1867	757	1,498	55,621	70,952	9,070 10 1	3,770 4 3	12,840 14 9	8,017 14 7	2,541 4 11	10,558 19 6	3 7 1	Mileage tariff.
" 1868	1,110	2,223	72,241	98,485	11,652 3 7	6,672 0 8	18,324 3 10	9,489 17 10	5,406 7 3	14,893 5 1	4 17 4	
" 1869	1,329	2,495	100,070	156,167	18,520 10 4	13,430 11 9	31,951 2 1	14,266 12 7	8,547 4 9	22,813 17 4	6 8 6	
" 1870	1,661	2,897	122,545	185,423	17,218 1 4	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
" 1871	1,976	3,247	253,582	312,874	22,419 8 8	9,876 17 6	32,206 6 2	21,254 4 3	11,344 3 8	32,598 7 11	5 19 6	up to 1st Sept., 1869; un-
" 1872	2,185	3,823	344,524	411,767	28,121 10 0	11,043 3 9	39,164 13 9	23,593 9 9	8,858 19 7	32,452 9 4	4 2 3	form 2s. 6d. tariff from 1st
" 1873	2,356	4,174	485,507	568,960	39,680 18 9	11,105 2 0	50,786 0 9	27,040 18 10	9,479 5 4	36,520 4 2	4 1 11	Sept., 1869, to 31st March,
" 1874	2,530	5,782	645,067	752,899	46,508 18 10	12,618 11 6	59,127 10 4	38,801 19 4	15,021 17 11	53,823 17 3	6 3 11	1870; and 1s. tariff from
" 1875	2,986	6,626	786,237	917,128	55,301 12 3	13,679 10 9	68,981 3 0	45,814 11 4	14,240 19 7	60,055 10 11	4 16 4	1st April, 1870.
" 1876	3,154	7,247	890,382	1,031,086	62,715 10 4	16,154 6 0	78,869 16 4	61,666 14 5	21,074 8 8	82,771 3 1	5 18 10	From 1st November,
" 1877	3,259	7,423	952,283	1,124,442	65,644 15 3	17,024 8 9	82,669 4 0	63,353 10 10	17,931 8 0	81,284 18 10	5 12 11	1873, address and
" 1878	3,434	8,035	1,065,481	1,260,324	73,284 1 10	19,148 12 4	92,432 14 2	69,340 1 8	18,259 4 9	87,599 6 5	5 10 0	signature given in
" 1879	3,512	8,117	1,201,982	1,448,943	85,402 0 2	26,949 2 2	112,351 2 4	79,502 0 5	17,299 7 10	96,801 8 3	5 0 9	free.
31st March, 1880	3,638	9,333	1,424,734	1,683,675	98,120 3 3	19,707 6 3	112,827 9 6	68,651 10 10	14,758 4 5	83,409 15 3	4 3 4	
" 1881	3,758	9,587	1,058,342	246,370	1,304,712	27,021 3 8	100,023 5 8	78,224 1 8	23,154 8 3	101,378 9 11	6 0 7	
" 1882	3,824	9,653	1,215,849	222,923	1,438,772	22,737 16 4	101,566 16 0	69,165 5 0	18,292 13 4	87,457 18 4	4 17 4	
" 1883	3,974	9,848	1,361,817	208,372	1,570,189	20,608 11 11	111,242 3 1	73,554 9 1	22,451 6 3	96,005 15 4	5 17 5	
" 1884	4,074	10,037	1,379,483	219,917	1,599,400	21,555 19 2	115,378 2 5	73,054 4 6	19,210 6 6	92,264 11 0	4 16 8	From 1st November,
" 1885	4,264	10,474	1,433,458	220,847	1,654,305	20,855 19 7	116,490 5 0	70,036 6 2	20,041 15 10	90,078 2 0	4 18 4	1873, address and
" 1886	4,463	10,931	1,533,496	249,867	1,774,273	24,860 9 0	126,512 17 0	77,082 4 4	20,900 6 2	97,982 10 6	4 15 9	signature given in
" 1887	4,546	11,178	1,583,717	252,549	1,836,266	27,281 4 9	133,919 16 11	77,473 10 7	21,402 18 2	98,875 8 9	4 15 11	free.
" 1888	4,646	11,375	1,589,771	245,623	1,835,394	30,205 11 10	130,573 15 10	76,580 10 9	21,321 2 9	97,901 12 9	4 13 9	From 1st Jan., 1886,
" 1889	4,790	11,617	1,548,233	217,630	1,765,863	33,164 13 11	129,476 5 5	72,201 13 5	23,262 1 0	95,463 14 5	5 0 1	delayed telegrams
" 1890	4,874	11,827	1,589,157	213,830	1,802,987	24,218 9 3	130,681 7 7	75,426 9 7	26,007 1 5	101,433 11 0	5 8 7	posted to addressees
" 1891	5,148	12,812	1,734,381	226,780	1,961,161	26,070 12 7	142,767 1 3	85,658 4 11	28,986 10 10	114,391 3 10	5 13 0	immediately after
" 1892	5,349	13,235	1,746,115	228,149	1,974,264	24,840 5 7	142,470 1 4	85,658 4 11	28,986 10 10	114,644 15 9	5 12 7	their receipt at
" 1893	5,479	13,459	1,686,064	218,079	1,904,143	24,342 7 0	128,155 15 6	87,472 13 3	29,580 10 11	117,053 4 2	5 8 0	offices of destina-
" 1893	5,513	13,515	1,825,646	244,045	2,069,691	28,317 7 10	140,783 3 7	92,109 17 0	29,141 6 0	121,251 3 0	5 5 9	tion.

Table No. 14—continued.

COMPARATIVE TABLE SHOWING THE PROGRESS OF THE TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT DURING THE FINANCIAL YEARS ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1895, TO 31ST MARCH, 1918.

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Offices Open.	Number of Telegrams and Bureau Messages 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	5,961½	14,881½	705	1,802,182	231,618	2,033,800	£ 88,459	£ 21,552	£ 26,051	£ 136,062	£ 135,791	£ 6,492
" 1896	6,245½	15,764½	743	1,899,632	224,579	2,124,211	97,178	25,933	25,844	148,955	143,665	4,774
" 1897	6,284½	16,470½	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	7,249½	20,682½	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	1,038	3,850,391	317,590	4,167,981	151,933	55,542	27,508	234,984	212,180	234
" 1903	7,748½	22,672½	1,103	4,271,218	288,086	4,559,304	160,343	62,151	26,440	248,934	228,185	181
" 1904	7,779½	22,920½	1,153	4,671,904	293,293	4,965,197	166,535	71,028	24,378	261,941	245,805	10,057
" 1905	7,943½	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	509,946	..
" 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	..
" 1917	13,896	50,320	2,409	10,734,188	140,952	10,875,120	527,249	317,275	10,774	855,298	681,217	..
" 1918	13,687	50,291	2,371	11,510,710	114,010	11,624,720	516,865	344,368	6,949	868,182	803,691	..

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, ½d. September, 1915: First twelve words, 8d.; each additional word, ½d.

Table No. 15.

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, 1918.

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	£ 91,779	£ 565	£ 92,344	2,486,976	10,516	2,497,492
Blenheim	6,678	156	6,834	199,770	3,078	202,848
Christchurch	44,515	920	45,435	1,067,283	18,155	1,085,438
Dunedin	35,468	399	35,867	852,355	6,988	859,343
Gisborne	14,465	258	14,723	322,121	5,322	327,443
Greymouth	6,505	175	6,680	147,922	3,996	151,918
Hokitika	2,316	12	2,328	64,516	221	64,737
Invercargill	19,295	143	19,438	539,255	4,919	544,174
Napier	29,901	644	30,545	881,721	9,650	891,380
Nelson	9,324	459	9,783	252,046	11,899	263,945
New Plymouth	17,032	117	17,149	499,297	2,446	501,743
Oamaru	6,173	67	6,240	135,000	1,673	136,673
Thames	13,042	42	13,084	357,941	1,164	359,105
Timaru	12,269	111	12,380	316,532	2,341	318,873
Wanganui	22,366	139	22,505	605,557	2,590	608,147
Wellington	119,222	2,651	121,873	2,693,322	27,199	2,720,521
Westport	3,872	91	3,963	89,096	1,844	90,940
Totals, 1917-18	454,222	6,949	461,171	11,510,710	114,010	11,624,720
Totals, 1916-17	413,853	10,774	424,627	10,734,168	140,952	10,875,120

Table No. 16.

TABLE SHOWING THE PAID TELEGRAMS OF ALL CODES FORWARDED DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1918, AND THE REVENUE RECEIVED THEREFROM.

Class of Telegrams.	June Quarter, 1917.			September Quarter, 1917.			December Quarter, 1917.			March Quarter, 1918.			Totals.		
	Number.	Revenue.	£	Number.	Revenue.	£	Number.	Revenue.	£	Number.	Revenue.	£	Number.	Revenue.	£
	Ordinary	1,439,739	90,500		1,338,636	95,122		1,528,751	106,073		1,521,072	102,233		5,828,198	393,928
Urgent	92,007	8,429		78,971	7,461		98,314	9,379		102,196	8,688		371,488	33,957	
Press	73,654	6,663		68,470	7,311		64,495	6,834		63,733	6,132		270,352	26,940	
Bureau	1,174,296	34,799		1,191,801	35,480		1,312,732	39,459		1,361,843	40,828		5,040,672	150,566	
Gross totals	2,779,696	140,391		2,677,878	145,374		3,004,292	161,745		3,048,844	157,881		11,510,710	605,391	
Less other lines and credits	..	30,607		..	39,420		..	42,305		..	38,837		..	151,169	
Net totals, 1917-18	..	109,784		..	105,954		..	119,440		..	119,044		..	454,222	
Net totals, 1916-17	..	2,571,349	98,900	2,485,404	95,908		2,762,517	106,147		2,914,898	112,898		10,734,168	413,853	

Table No. 17.

TABLE SHOWING THE CLASS AND NUMBER OF INSTRUMENTS AND BATTERIES IN USE AT TELEGRAPH-OFFICES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1918.

District.	Morse Instruments in Use.										Number of Cells.				
	Constant Current.	Intermittent Current.	Single-current Duplex.	Double-current Duplex.	Number of Direct-sounder Sets.	Number of Quadruplex Sets.	Number of Automatic Sets.	Number of Translator Sets.	Number of Telephones not connected with Exchange.	Number of Cells.					
										Leclanche and Dry.	Gordon Burnham.	Daniell.	Bichromate.	Storage.	
Auckland	48	84	14	7	17	24	..	..	7	137	813	208	448	4
Canterbury	120	20	11	7	..	13	..	..	3	4	519	972	1,015	4
Nelson	4	24	4	5	..	2	..	..	1	..	1,831	100	150	2
Otago	58	92	1	1	..	8	..	..	1	46	78	548	835	4
Wellington	127	83	20	15	1	26	..	..	19	40	4,384	1,246	233	177
Totals	357	303	50	35	18	73	31	227	32,391	5,894	3,124	2,021	191

Total number of Morse sets, 867.

Table No. 18.
TABLE SHOWING THE COST OF MAINTENANCE OF TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE LINES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1918.

District.	Miles of Wire.	Miles of Line.	Traveling-expenses of Engineers and Linemen.	Extra Labour.	Material.	Upkeep of S.S. Trenches.	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	..	13,714	3,263	8,214	9,709	..	..	21,186	10,648	31,834	2 6 5	7 13 0
Wellington	..	15,637	2,205	5,376	10,617	..	..	18,198	16,001	34,199	2 3 9	9 18 4
Nelson	..	2,961	738	485	704	..	..	1,927	1,310	3,237	1 1 10	2 18 0
Canterbury	..	8,947	1,061	2,133	2,440	..	..	5,634	5,505	11,139	1 4 11	5 8 5
Otago	..	9,032	1,582	2,299	4,505	..	..	8,386	5,916	14,302	1 11 8	4 18 4
Total	..	50,291	8,849	18,507	27,975	..	..	55,331	39,380	94,711	1 17 8	6 18 5
Cables	..	416*	527	1,538	3,693	3,504	..	9,262	..	9,262	22 5 3†	..
Stores	12	2,643	7,576	..	..	10,231	1,645	11,876	..	..
Rural telephones— Assistance to settlers	1,363	1,363	..	1,363	..	..
Laboratory, &c.	2	2,355	1,893	..	..	4,250	..	4,250	..	..
Wireless stations	13	1,236	815	..	..	2,064	..	2,064	..	..
Total telegraph-lines	..	50,707	9,403	26,279	41,952	3,504	1,363	82,501	41,025	123,526	..	..
Telephone exchanges	..	154,799	1,897	21,162	18,819	..	..	41,878	45,786	87,664	..	..
Grand total	..	205,506	11,300	47,441	60,771	3,504	1,363	124,379	86,811	211,190	..	..

* Knots. † Per knot.

Table No. 19.

TABLE SHOWING COST OF CONSTRUCTING TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE LINES DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1918.

Line.	Total Cost, including Material from Stores.	Line.	Total Cost, including Material from Stores.
Telephone Exchanges—		Telephone Exchanges— <i>continued.</i>	
Auckland	£ 17,794	Rakaia	£ 357
Auckland (automatic)	5,126	Rangiora	372
Coromandel	37	Sefton	70
Dargaville	331	Timaru	1,144
Hamilton	17,110	Waiau	87
Hamilton (automatic)	226	Waikari	£1,077
Kaikohe	189	Waimate	797
Kakaki	596	Balclutha	830
Kawhia	1	Cromwell	1,054
Kohukohu	135	Dunedin	11,386
Kopaki	140	Gore	2,207
Mamaku	208	Invercargill	2,650
Mangere	5	Oamaru	5,718
Mangonui	1,364	Pukerau	528
Matata	10	Queenstown	63
Mount Eden (automatic)	1,049	Roxburgh	2,321
Opotiki	2,908	Tapanui	129
Paeroa	3,240		
Patumahoe	1,267		£199,032
Ponsonby (automatic)	856	Lines—	
Raurimu	16	Aniwaniwa—Puketurua (metallic circuit) ..	98
Remuera (automatic)	864	Auckland—Dargaville (metallic circuit) ..	1,788
Rotorua	181	Auckland—Puhoi (metallic circuit) ..	456
Taumarunui	3,991	Auckland—Thames—Paeroa (metallic circuit) ..	206
Taupiri	1,969	Hamurana Telephone-office (on branch line off Tauranga—Rotorua, metallic circuit) ..	59
Tauranga	1,268	Helensville—Paparoa (metallic circuit) ..	1,645
Te Kuiti	5,036	Kirikopuni Telephone-office (on Tangowahine—Tangateroria line) ..	2
Te Teko	44	Kopaki Telephone Extension of Hamilton—Te Kuiti (metallic circuit) ..	1
Thames	84	Kopuku Telephone Extension of the Mercer—Maramarua Circuit ..	45
Tirau	781	Mahurangi Telephone-office removal (on Warkworth—Mahurangi line) ..	8
Turua	2,188	Mangapuke Telephone-office (branch off Waihi Beach Telephone-line) ..	15
Waitoa	12	Netherton—Kerepahi Telephone-line ..	265
Warkworth	5	Ngapaenga Telephone Extension of the Te Kuiti—Oparue Circuit ..	783
Whangarei	1,323	Ohawhai—Kawakawa (metallic circuit) ..	199
Awakino	701	Ohautira Telephone Extension of Pukemiro—Waingaro Telephone-line ..	183
Blenheim	295	Okere—Paengaroa Telephone wire ..	285
Blenheim (automatic)	130	Opuatia Telephone-office (branch off the Tuakau—Glen Murray line) ..	17
Carterton	2,653	Owhiro Telephone-office (on Kinohaku—Owhiro Branch Line from main line Kawhia—Piopio ..	37
Courtenay Place (automatic)	1,407	Pukeatua—Puketurua Telephone-line ..	51
Dannevirke	1,305	Raglan—Te Akau line ..	371
Eketahuna	358	Tahokeroa—Woodcocks Telephone-line ..	667
Eltham	2,393	Taupiri—Komakorau Telephone-line ..	149
Featherston	2,028	Te Kuiti—Te Kumi Junction (metallic circuit) ..	12
Feilding	4,575	Thames—Hauraki Plains Telephone-wire ..	227
Gisborne	7,488	Waiorongomai: Removal of telephone-office (on Te Aroha—Waiorongomai metallic circuit) ..	7
Hastings	1,879	Wayby: Removal of office (on Warkworth—Wayby line) ..	21
Hawera	790	Gisborne—Kaiteratahi (metallic circuit) ..	402
Kahukura	2,539	Kopua Telephone-office (a lead off Takapau—Ormondville—Dannevirke metallic circuit) ..	9
Kaitiaki	407	Mangahouhi Telephone-office (branch line off Wanganui—Upokonui line) ..	56
Levin	2,312	Motuhora Telephone-office (on Matawai—Motu line) ..	5
Manakau	1,567	Pukearuhe Extension (Urenui—Pukearuhe line) ..	14
Marton	1,069	Ratapiko: Removal of telephone-office (extension of Tariki—Ratapiko Telephone-line) ..	15
Masterton	2,365	Riariaki Telephone Extension (branch line from Ruatiti—Orautoha line) ..	82
Masterton (automatic)	42	Tahumarua Telephone Extension from Whangamomona to Tahumarua ..	53
Napier	5,020	Hiwipango Telephone-office (Belgrove—Gordon Downs line) ..	7
New Plymouth	1,702		
Pahiatua	4,530		
Palmerston North	2,998		
Patea	320		
Pirinou	20		
Stratford	378		
Taihape	3,539		
Waikanae	557		
Waipawa	121		
Wairoa	503		
Wanganui	6,909		
Wellington	15,550		
Wellington South (automatic)	297		
Nelson	2,281		
Murchison	1		
Recfton	57		
Westport	36		
Ashburton	751		
Cheviot	502		
Christchurch	13,648		
Culverden	747		
Greymouth	101		
Hawarden	910		
Kaikoura	107		

Table No. 19—continued.

TABLE SHOWING COST OF CONSTRUCTING TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE LINES DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1918—continued.

Line.	Total Cost, including Material from Stores.	Line.	Total Cost, including Material from Stores.
<i>Lines—continued.</i>	£	<i>Lines—continued.</i>	£
Awarere Telephone-office (intermediate office on Murchison - Warwick Junction line) ..	5	West Kyle Telephone-office (Ashburton-Kyle Telephone-line) ..	5
Howard Telephone-office (on Murchison - Newton Flat line)	23	Alexandra-Roxburgh (metallic circuit) ..	3
Lyell - Newton Flat wire	124	Balclutha-Milton (metallic circuit) ..	490
Market Cross Telephone-office (Umere-Oparara Telephone-line)	8	Dunedin-Maniototo Telephone-line ..	8
Stockton Mine Telephone-office (Westport-Stockton line)	86	Hunt's Road Telephone-office (connection with Owaka - Ahuriri Flat Circuit) ..	12
Stoke-Nelson (metallic circuit)	61	Middlemarch-Alexandra Trunk line ..	1,488
Wakapuaka: Conversion of Morse to telephone office (Nelson-Wakapuaka metallic circuit)	10	Milton-Lawrence (metallic circuit) ..	140
Glenavy-Christchurch (metallic circuit) ..	679	Omarara - Broken Hut (telephone extension of the Kurow-Omarara Telephone-line)	50
Kotuku Telephone-office (on the Greymouth - Otira metallic circuit)	5	Omarara-Benmore (telephone extension of the Kurow-Omarara Telephone-line) ..	266
Otipua-Maungati Telephone Extension (of the Timaru-Otipua Telephone Circuit) ..	480	Popotunoa Telephone-office (on Waipahi-Popotunoa line)	6
Turiwhati Telephone-office (on Kumara-Wainihihi line)	7	Waipango Telephone-office (on Poumakino-Waipango Branch line, off Riverton - Gumnie's Bush line)	98
Valetta Telephone-office (on Ashburton-Mayfield Telephone-line)	69	Total	£211,395

Table No. 20.
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.
	Number of Direct Connections.	Average Cost of each Connection.	£	s. d.	£	£	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.		
Total for the year ended 31st March,—													
1882	116	21 16 6	2,531	613	285	275	253	150	963	207	8.17		
1883	379	21 16 6	8,271	5,014	595	595	827	300	4,492	4,492	5.431		
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	2,098	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	2,402	23 18 10	53,849	17,613	3,316	2,249	5,344	385	11,244	6,368	11.82		
1890	2,492	24 4 1	58,229	18,581	3,790	2,206	5,823	375	12,194	6,387	11.00		
1891	2,587	24 17 1	64,294	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	4,680	2,345	7,658	393	15,026	3,544	4.63		
1893	3,690	24 16 11	91,687	19,155	7,405	2,696	9,169	464	19,734	578	Loss.		
1894	4,244	24 12 1	104,425	21,771	7,720	3,313	10,442	742	22,217	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	25 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	15,030	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	193,511	55,542	18,448	20,570	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	25,132	26,782	14,751	4,448	71,103	7,958	2.69		
1906	15,333	23 13 9	363,192	89,542	26,507	22,576	18,159	5,270	72,512	17,029	4.69		
1907	17,403	24 2 2	420,088	100,814	32,914	26,145	21,004	6,163	86,226	14,587	3.47		
1908	20,402†	24 18 4	508,408	116,852	38,108	36,813	23,995	7,265	107,243	9,608	1.89		
1909	22,815†	25 18 9	591,760	131,249	47,224	32,995	29,588	7,741	117,072	14,176	2.40		
1910	25,212†	27 2 7	683,986	144,298	52,315	28,755	34,199	8,031	123,010	21,287	3.11		
1911	28,093	27 17 8	783,382	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	69,078	42,192	50,156	9,764	171,190	30,047	2.99		
1914	41,932	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‡	88,231	42,548	75,074	12,878	218,731	85,125	5.67		
1916	50,308	33 2 7	1,666,561	287,547	104,950	62,682	83,328	13,429	264,389	23,158	1.40		
1917	52,986	34 7 3	1,820,860	317,275	97,681	71,022	91,043	15,115	274,861	42,414	2.83		
1918	57,196	35 6 3	2,019,892	344,368	97,665	87,664	100,994	16,765	303,088	41,280	2.04		

* 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 in £ to 1915-16 receipts.

Table No. 21.

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					
	1918.			1917.		
	Direct Connections.	Extensions.	Total.	Direct Connections.	Extensions.	Total.
Auckland	14,612	2,412	17,024	13,313	2,202	15,515
Wellington	24,314	4,290	28,604	22,514	3,810	26,324
Nelson	1,654	148	1,802	1,556	137	1,693
Canterbury	8,455	2,068	10,523	8,078	1,849	9,927
Otago	8,161	1,649	9,810	7,525	1,539	9,064
Totals	57,196	10,567	67,763	52,986	9,537	62,523

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