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POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT

(REPORT OF THE) FOR THE YEAR 1919-20.

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

General Post Office,
Wellington, 12th July, 1920.

SIR,—

I have the honour to submit to Your Excellency the report of the Post and Telegraph Department for the financial year 1919-20.

A perusal of the statements contained in the report will indicate that the business of the Department continues to increase.

The revenue amounted to £2,106,995; the expenditure amounted to £1,944,161: there was thus an excess of receipts over payments of £162,834.

I have, &c.,

J. G. COATES,

Postmaster-General.

His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, Wellington.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

The receipts and payments of the Department for the financial year 1919-20 are shown in the following table:—

Item.	Postal.			Telegraph.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Receipts.</i>									
Postages	1,013,025	11	1½	..	..	..	1,013,025	11	1½
Money-order and postal-note commission	32,360	15	5	..	..	..	32,360	15	5
Money-order commission received from foreign offices	854	0	8	..	..	..	854	0	8
Private box and bag rents	20,347	8	5	..	..	..	20,347	8	5
Miscellaneous receipts	1,901	12	8	14,967	1	7½	16,868	14	3½
Paid telegrams .. .. .	..	..	..	604,221	0	6½	604,221	0	6½
Telephone exchanges .. .. .	..	..	..	419,317	10	4½	419,317	10	4½
	1,068,489	8	3½	1,038,505	12	6½	2,106,995	0	10
Balance of payments over receipts (Telegraph) .. .. .	..	..	..	40,455	14	5½	..	..	..
Totals	1,068,489	8	3½	1,078,961	7	0	2,176,995	0	10
<i>Payments.</i>									
Salaries (classified officers)	391,963	13	9	659,3	1	8	1,051,324	15	5
Salaries (country Postmasters and telephonists, and contributions to Railway Department)	24,647	0	0	38,174	0	0	62,821	0	0
Conveyance of mails by sea	53,811	15	3	..	..	..	53,811	15	3
Conveyance of inland mails	144,130	17	9	..	..	..	144,130	17	9
Conveyance of mails by railway	79,017	6	11	..	..	..	79,017	6	11
Money-order commission credited to foreign offices	2,667	8	3	..	..	..	2,667	8	3
Maintenance of telegraph and telephone lines .. .. .	..	..	..	162,068	13	3	162,068	13	3
Miscellaneous	168,961	10	7	219,357	12	1	388,319	11	8
	865,200	1	6	1,078,961	7	0	1,944,161	8	6
Balance of receipts over payments (Postal)	203,289	6	9½	..	..	..	..	..	..
.. .. . (whole Department) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	162,833	12	4
Totals	1,068,489	8	3½	1,078,961	7	0	2,106,995	0	10

Receipts and Payments for the Ten Years ended 31st March, 1920, and for the Years 1881-82, 1891-92, and 1901-2.

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
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
1918-1919	..	..	..	1,972,539	1,702,048	270,491
1919-1920	..	..	..	2,106,995	1,944,161	162,834
Totals for ten years ..				15,343,649	13,195,403	2,148,246

STAFF.

Comparative Return of Officers of the Post and Telegraph Department for the Years ended 31st March, 1919, and 31st March, 1920.

The total number of officers on the staff on the 31st March, 1919 and 1920, was as under:—

				31st March, 1919.	31st March, 1920.
Postmaster-General	...	...	...	1	1
Classified staff—					
Permanent—					
Administrative Division	...	...	...	4	4
Professional Division	...	...	...	33	35
Clerical Division	...	...	...	3,601	3,528
General Division	...	...	...	3,722	4,094
Temporary—					
Night-watchmen	...	...	...	2	6
Postmistresses and assistants	...	...	...	188	30
Switchboard attendants	...	...	...	313	267
Note-sorters, distributors, &c.	...	...	...	66	5
Postmen, messengers, and chauffeurs	...	...	...	331	242
Night telephonists	...	...	...	65	41
Other temporary employees...	...	...	...	...	151
Totals, classified staff	...	...	...	8,325	8,404
Employees not on classified staff—					
Country Postmasters and Postmistresses	...	...	...	2,280	2,252
Postmasters and telegraphists or telephonists who are Railway officers	...	...	...	143	141
Totals	...	...	...	10,748	10,797

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.
				Days.	Days.
Men	...	...	6,444	15.57	7.46
Women	...	...	1,217	19.99	14.58

Nineteen officers died during the year.

PERSONAL AND STAFF.

The Right Hon. Sir Joseph Ward, who held the offices of Postmaster-General and Minister of Telegraphs, resigned on the 21st August, 1919. The Hon. J. G. Coates assumed the offices on the 4th September, 1919. In the interim the Hon. Sir William Fraser administered the Department.

Mr. F. D. Holdsworth, who, prior to taking up the position of Director of Postal Services with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, was Chief Postmaster at Auckland, retired in October, 1919. Mr. Holdsworth had served for over fifty-one years.

Mr. E. Northcroft, Chief Postmaster, Christchurch, retired in February, 1920. Mr. Northcroft had served for nearly forty-nine years.

Mr. D. St. George, Chief Postmaster, Invercargill, retired at the end of March, 1920. Mr. St. George had served for about fifty years.

Mr. J. J. Pickett, Chief Postmaster, Timaru, retired in November, 1919. Mr. Pickett had served for about forty-five years.

Staff conditions are rapidly becoming normal, but throughout the Dominion demands are being made for additional staff, principally on account of the increased business following on the termination of the war. All of the staff who had been absent on military service have now resumed, but new appointments are still being made in order to meet requirements.

Notwithstanding the fact that the remuneration of message-boys in Wellington is in excess of that of message-boys in any other part of the Dominion, great difficulty has been experienced in securing lads for the delivery of telegrams in that city. To relieve the situation it was decided to engage men for the purpose, and several disabled returned soldiers are now employed. They are paid 10s. a day and provided with uniforms.

Four Natives of the Cook Islands who had secured scholarships at the islands have been given apprenticeships in the departmental workshops at Wellington.

COST-OF-LIVING BONUS AND MARRIED OFFICERS' ALLOWANCE.

In order to assist officers in meeting the increased cost of living, Government decided to grant a cost-of-living bonus, from the 1st January, 1920, of £15 per annum to married officers and £7 10s. per annum to unmarried officers. From the same date the minimum payment to married men of twenty-one years of age and over was fixed at £187 16s. per annum for salaried officers and 12s. per diem for wages-men, irrespective of the cost-of-living bonus.

APPEAL BOARD.

Subsection (1) of section 16 of the Post and Telegraph Department Act, 1918, provided for any officer appealing against the determination of the Secretary in regard to his salary only. This section was subsequently repealed by section 30 of the Post and Telegraph Amendment Act, 1919. An officer now has recourse to the Appeal Board in any matter affecting his classification, grade, salary, or promotion. An officer may also appeal against any fine exceeding £2 in amount, any reduction in salary, reduction in grade or class, or dismissal.

At the 1919 sitting of the Post and Telegraph Appeal Board approximately 1,300 appeals from officers were dealt with. This number was larger than usual, but the increase is explained by the fact that the Post and Telegraph Department Act, 1918, introduced entirely new principles of classification and promotion.

The number of appeals allowed by the Board was very small, although a considerable percentage of the number lodged was conceded by the Department following a decision that the increase over the previous year should approximate £45 in each case. The Appeal Board reported that it had accepted the general principles adopted by the Promotion Board, and had where necessary extended those principles so as to make the scheme of reclassification more harmonious and logically complete. This was possible in the light of evidence submitted to the Board concerning individual cases, which evidence was more comprehensive than that available to the Promotion Board when it classified the service.

Mr. F. V. Frazer, Stipendiary Magistrate, who was Chairman of the Post and Telegraph Appeal Board for a number of years, has been appointed an Assistant Public Service Commissioner.

EXAMINATIONS.

Regulations have been made under the Post and Telegraph Department Act, 1918, providing for the examination of candidates for appointment as to their fitness for employment and for the examination of officers as to their fitness for promotion.

Examinations are required to be passed for appointment as an engineering cadet, technical clerk, Assistant Engineer, and Engineer, as a cadet, and as a shorthand-writer, typist, or machinist. Shorthand-writers, typists, and machinists, before advancement beyond a salary of £156 per annum, are required to pass an examination of a higher standard than that for appointment to the same positions. An officer in the Seventh Class, before advancement beyond a salary of £165 per annum, is required to pass a Competency Examination, which is an examination in the duties he performs. An officer is not eligible for promotion in the Clerical Division to any position with a salary exceeding £270 per annum unless he has passed the Controlling Officer's Examination. The Controlling Officer's Examination comprises a general paper, to be taken by all officers of every branch of the service, and a special paper dealing with the work of the branch of the service in which the officer seeks promotion. The examination is designed to test an officer's capacity to deal with matters which arise for the decision of a senior officer in the conduct of the Department's business, as regards his management of the office, and his relations with the staff, the public, and his controlling officer. The style and general composition of the replies are essential factors in awarding a pass. For officers in the General Division, special examinations are provided to enable them to qualify for positions graded higher than the rank and file.

During the year 1919-20 the number of officers who sat for efficiency examinations was 791, of which number 469 were either wholly or partially successful.

DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE TECHNICAL CLASSES.

The departmental correspondence classes, by means of which members of the service receive instruction in technical subjects, were reinstated in October, 1919, and the scope was extended to cover five courses instead of three. The number of students enrolled for the first term was 510. The largeness of the number shows the value of and necessity for the facilities provided. The course for linemen was completed on the 19th February, 1920. The percentage of students who completed the course and passed the Lineman's Competency Examination held in March was 93·2.

POST AND TELEGRAPH AMENDMENT ACT, 1919.

The Post and Telegraph Act was amended in 1919; and, in addition to machinery alterations, the amending Act contains a number of important provisions.

The Governor-General in Council is empowered to make regulations requiring the registration of postal packets that contain, or are reasonably supposed to contain, money or other valuable property, and prescribing rules for the purpose of giving effect to transfers of accounts authorized by reciprocal arrangements entered into with foreign savings-banks.

Provision has been made for the insurance of postal packets without registration; the defining and registration of magazines; the free transmission through the post of matter prepared in raised characters for the use of the blind; the establishment of a safe-deposit system; and the carriage by post of strychnine.

Power is given the Department to compel proprietors or others in charge of passenger-coaches, or other vehicles plying for hire, to carry mails; to charge the sender of any unpaid or insufficiently prepaid postal packet the postage due if such article is undeliverable; and to collect the return postage on postal packets (other than letters) returned to the sender on his own application.

The minimum amount of a Post Office Savings-bank deposit to be acknowledged from the General Post Office is raised from £1 to £20.

Authority is given for the payment of the amount at credit of a deceased depositor in the Post Office Savings-bank, in any case in which the amount does not exceed £100, without requiring probate or letters of administration.

The offences are extended to cover the recording on postal packets of the incorrect time of posting; the divulging of information obtained by a person from a letter or other postal packet opened in error; the making of false statements in regard to the value of enclosures in, the non-receipt of, and the abstraction of the contents of, postal packets; the wilful wrong delivery of postal packets; the wilful obstruction of a Post officer in the performance of his duties; the recording on telegrams of the incorrect time of receipt, transmission, or delivery; the improper divulging of the whole or part of the contents of a telegram; and the improper use of departmental forms.

The use of private telephone-lines is prohibited, save pursuant to license. It is also provided that the Department may remove dangerous electric lines at the expense of the person making default.

The definitions of "telegram" and "telegraph" are amended, and "telegraph-office" and "telegraph officer" are defined.

The duplicate copy of a telegram is given the validity of a transcript for production in Court as evidence.

Provision is made for the making of a declaration of secrecy by Telegraph officers, and the form of a Post officer's declaration is amended.

The rights of appeal of officers of the Department, under the Post and Telegraph Department Act, 1918, are extended.

POST OFFICE LOAN CERTIFICATES.

The popularity of the loan certificates issued by the Post Office is proved by the fact that there is a regular and steady demand for them, and sales go on whether a loan is on the market or not. Up to the 31st March, 1920, the amount received from the sale of Post Office war-loan certificates was £4,597,482, an amount that compares very favourably with the amount raised by similar methods in other countries.

POSTMARKING-MACHINES AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES: ADVERTISING NEED OF WORK BY RETURNED SOLDIERS.

In connection with the repatriation of discharged soldiers, it was arranged for postmarking-machines at the four principal offices in the Dominion to print on correspondence passing through the post superscriptions advertising the need of work by discharged soldiers. Similar advertisements appear in the principal telephone directories.

ABOLITION OF CENSORSHIP OF TELEGRAMS.

The censorship of telegrams was abolished throughout the British Empire at midnight on the 23rd July, 1919. The restrictions imposed on messages addressed to former enemy territory occupied by British troops were, however, not then removed.

STORES.

The work of this branch has been well up to the average. The figures showing stores dealt with as compared with the previous year are—

	1919.	1920.
	£	£
Stock on hand, 31st March	259,749	161,331
Purchases	185,941	202,575
Issues	209,472	268,235

While the cost of stores—generally those of a bulky nature—has in certain cases shown a decline, this has been due mainly to reduction in freight rates and war-risk insurance. The latter during the war period had been from £3 3s. to £4 4s. per cent., and had occasionally touched £20 per cent. Prices of goods which the Department was forced to procure from America, on the other hand, showed substantial increases on account of fluctuations in the rate of exchange.

Difficulty in procuring adequate supplies to meet the growing requirements of the Department is still experienced, and stocks of many important lines are difficult to maintain. Overseas shipping has shown but slight improvement. As regular services are again established it is hoped that some of the difficulties now experienced, particularly with regard to the receipt of documents, will disappear.

During the year arrangements were completed to transfer to the District Engineers' offices the accounting for engineering-works, telegraph material, and workmen's equipment hitherto done by Postmasters.

The necessity for a district store at Auckland has long been recognized, and for some years past efforts have been made to procure a suitable site. An area of half an acre has now been secured in Mechanics Bay, whereon it is proposed to erect suitable store buildings.

WORKSHOPS.

The ever-increasing volume of work has necessitated larger premises, and these have been provided and occupied during the year.

Exceptional difficulties have been experienced in keeping the motor vehicles in good order. Repair work has largely increased, and the shortage of parts has interfered with the prompt despatch of such work. With additional working-facilities and the prospect of a more regular supply of material it is expected that the work of repairing the vehicles will be expeditiously disposed of in future.

The scope of the work of the motor section has gradually widened, until repair work is now done for almost every Department of the Government Service.

Repairs to telegraph and telephone instruments have been efficiently carried out.

POST OFFICE.

During 1919 Inspectors visited 2,290 offices, and permanent Postmasters inspected 127 non-permanent offices in their vicinity.

The number of post-offices opened was 20, and the number closed 51. The number of post-offices open on the 31st December, 1919, was 2,315. The names of 3 offices were changed.

The number of articles delivered in the Dominion, including those received from places beyond New Zealand, during the year 1919, compared with the number in 1918, was as under:—

	1919.	1918.	Increase.	Decrease.
Letters and letter-cards ..	120,633,071	118,363,999	2,269,072	..
Post-cards	3,889,691	3,904,316	..	14,625
Other articles	38,614,420	38,413,765	200,655	..
Totals	163,137,182	160,682,080	2,455,102	..
Parcels	3,180,621	3,038,706	141,915	..

The letters and letter-cards increased 1.92 per cent., post-cards decreased 0.37 per cent., other articles increased 0.52 per cent., and parcels increased 4.68 per cent.

In 1918, compared with 1917, letters and letter-cards decreased 5.12 per cent., post-cards decreased 8.23 per cent., other articles decreased 11.66 per cent., and parcels increased 0.64 per cent.

The average number of letters and letter-cards posted per unit of population during 1919 is estimated at 108.64. The average in 1918 was 112.02.

The declared value of parcels received from places outside the Dominion in 1919 was £1,450,476, against £945,113 in 1918. The Customs duty amounted to £254,775 15s. 8d. The declared value of parcels despatched to places beyond the Dominion in 1919 was £76,301, against £120,436 in 1918.

The system whereby senders of parcels addressed to certain countries are enabled to pay Customs and other charges ordinarily payable by the addressees was extended to include parcels addressed to and received from the Union of South Africa and Rhodesia.

DEAD AND MISSING LETTERS.

The proportion of dead or unclaimed letters, letter-cards, and post-cards to the total number delivered within the Dominion was 0.64 per cent. 262,126 letters (including letters addressed to soldiers and registered letters) were opened and returned to writers through the Dead Letter Office; 36,269 were returned unopened to other countries; 212,368 (including those addressed to soldiers) were reissued; 32,247 were destroyed; 254,216 were returned by Chief Postmasters to senders within New Zealand; 43,244 were returned by Chief Postmasters to other countries: a total of 840,470, compared with 820,984 in 1918. 5,985 other articles were returned to foreign countries; 2,739 were returned to the senders through the Dead Letter Office, and 87,444 by Chief Postmasters; 16,360 were returned by Chief Postmasters to other countries: a total of 112,528 articles, compared with 122,948 in 1918.

There were 4,656 letters and 1,875 letter-cards posted without addresses; 18,445 letters were wrongly addressed; 61 letters bore libellous addresses and were intercepted; 37 letters were discovered to bear previously used stamps; and 9,436 registered letters were unclaimed. 3,171 newspapers and 4,272 books and other articles were received without addresses. Many of these were subsequently applied for and delivered. 19,991 newspapers were returned to publishers.

There were 6,205 inquiries made during 1919 for postal packets alleged to have been posted and not delivered. In 3,409 of the inquiries—more than one-half 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.
668	..	..	..	Sender responsible for delay.
950	..	..	..	Addressee responsible for delay.
407	..	..	..	Post Office responsible for delay.
1,384	..	..	..	No delay, or responsibility not fixed.
Total ..	3,409			

PROHIBITED CORRESPONDENCE.

During the year 186 letters addressed to persons or firms for whom the transmission of correspondence is prohibited under section 28 of the Post and Telegraph Act, 1908, were withheld from transmission.

REGISTER OF NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES.

Twelve newspapers were registered for transmission by post, and eight were removed from the register. Seven magazines were registered.

STAMP RECORDING-MACHINES.

The agreement with the Automatic Stamping-machine Company (Limited), for the issue of the recording-machines, authorized by section 16 of the Post and Telegraph Act, 1908, to be used for postage and other purposes, has been extended for a further term of three years from the 1st January, 1919.

POSTAGE-STAMPS.

A special "Victory" series of stamps was brought into use at the end of January, 1920. The denominations and colours of the stamps are as follow: $\frac{1}{2}$ d., green; 1d., carmine; $1\frac{1}{2}$ d., cadmium brown; 3d., dark brown; 6d., violet; 1s., orange.

The $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamps of the King Edward series overprinted for use in Aitutaki, Niue, and Penrhyn Island have been superseded by stamps of the King George series similarly overprinted.

A pictorial issue of stamps for Raotonga, Aitutaki, Niue, and Penrhyn Island has been arranged for. These will be of the same denominations as those of the New Zealand "Victory" issue.

A new die of the universal penny postage-stamp has been brought into use for embossing post-cards. The design is more open than that of the previous die.

OCEAN MAIL-SERVICES.

Where a better despatch can be made than by the San Francisco or Vancouver routes, mails to and from the United Kingdom have been despatched by the direct route via Panama.

With the exception of one trip by the "Paloona," the San Francisco service has been performed during the year by the "Moana" and "Tofua," and a fairly satisfactory time-table has been maintained.

The Vancouver service has been carried on by the "Niagara" and "Makura." A shipping strike in Australia caused the "Niagara" to be detained in Sydney for a considerable time during the year. Otherwise a satisfactory time-table has been maintained. The contract for the service was extended for one year from July, 1919.

A shipping strike in Australia during the year caused a disorganization of the intercolonial mail-services.

INLAND MAIL-SERVICES.

Aerial Services.

The conveyance of mails by air marked an important development in mail transit in the Dominion. On the 16th December, 1919, a seaplane carried a quantity of mail-matter from Auckland to Dargaville. The route was via Whangaparaoa, Mullet Point, Pakiri, thence overland above Raupo to Dargaville. The distance covered was approximately 112 miles, and the time occupied 1 hour 35 minutes. The return journey was via Pouto, Te Kopuru, Helensville, and Riverhead. The distance covered was approximately eighty-six miles, and the time occupied 1 hour 23 minutes. The flight was made primarily to demonstrate the practicability of the seaplane for mail-carrying purposes. It was carried out by the firm of Walsh Bros. and Dexter, proprietors of the New Zealand Flying School at Auckland. In January, 1920, an arrangement was made with Messrs. Walsh Bros. and Dexter for a series of experimental flights for the carriage of mails between Auckland and Dargaville, Auckland and Whangarei, and Auckland and Thames. Subsequently it was arranged for mails to be forwarded by seaplane from Auckland to Opotiki, Tauranga, and Whakatane. The services were successfully performed, and enabled the Department to obtain valuable information for use in connection with consideration of the question of establishing permanent services for the conveyance of mails by air.

Land and Sea Services.

Tenders were invited for inland mail-services the contracts for which expired on the 31st December, 1919. Competition was satisfactory, but the greatly increased cost of running resulted in the Department having to pay greatly increased subsidies. With a few unimportant exceptions, contractors were found for all services in operation during 1919.

The Department has now contracts expiring at the end of 1920 and of 1921. To bring these into line, tenders will be invited for the performance for one year, from the 1st January, 1921, of those contracts expiring at the end of 1920.

Owing to a shortage of coal, train services were very considerably reduced from the 2nd July to the 27th September, 1919. To prevent serious public inconvenience, subsidiary mail-services by motor and steamer were established in various parts of the Dominion. The principal of such services were:—

Auckland–New Plymouth: By steamer, thrice weekly.

Wellington–New Plymouth: By motor, daily.

Wellington–Onehunga: By steamer, twice weekly.

Christchurch–Dunedin: By motor, daily.

On the 9th September, 1919, a mishap occurred to a mail-coach proceeding from Tolaga Bay to Gisborne, with the result that the driver and a passenger lost their lives and another passenger was injured.

BURGLARIES, ETC., AT POST-OFFICES.

The Postmaster's residence at Milton was burglariously entered on the 30th April, 1919, and the keys of the post-office safes were secured. The safes were robbed of cash amounting to £520. The thief was traced, and, on conviction, was ordered to be detained for reformatory purposes for a period of not more than three years. The whole of the stolen money was recovered.

On the 20th May, 1919, the post-office at Rotorua was found to have been burglariously entered and the safe robbed of cash, postal notes, and stamps amounting to £60. The case was exhaustively investigated without success.

On the 13th March, 1920, Mr. A. E. Braithwaite, Postmaster at Ponsonby, was murdered at his residence, and the office keys extracted from his clothes. A sum of money was taken from the office, but most of it was afterwards recovered. The man arrested for the crime was found guilty, and the sentence of death was carried out.

Minor cases of burglary occurred during the year, the following offices being broken into: Aria, Horopito, Lyndhurst, Normanby, Ohinemutu, Parkvale, South Dunedin, Waimarino, Whakarewarewa.

BUILDINGS.

Except in very urgent cases, the erection of new buildings was held in abeyance during the period of the war. An endeavour is now being made to overtake arrears, but extraordinary difficulties, due to the high cost and scarcity of labour and material, are being encountered.

During the year new post-office buildings were erected at Henderson (temporary), Paekakariki, Reikorangi, Tiraumea, Waitomo Caves, Walton, and Wharepoa; automatic-telephone-exchange buildings at Khandallah (Wellington) and Wanganui; and a combined post-office and automatic-telephone-exchange building at Wellesley Street (Auckland).

The post-office building at Brunnerton was destroyed by fire.

Residences were purchased for the Postmasters at Cromwell, Mercer, and Picton, and for the linemen at Darfield, Havelock, Rakaia, and Te Awamutu.

At many offices the work of providing additional accommodation and making extensive repairs and renovations, which was suspended during the period of the war, has been carried out.

When the existing post-office buildings were erected at Auckland and Wellington, accommodation for the parcel-post branches was provided in the basements. The accommodation is now insufficient for requirements. In Auckland a suitable building in Albert Street, a short distance from the Chief Post-office, was secured upon lease for thirty years, and on the 15th September, 1919, the parcel-post business was transferred to the new premises. Plans are being prepared for a building in Wellington to accommodate the parcel and other branches.

MONEY-ORDERS.

The money-order business for the year shows an increase in both the number of transactions and the total of the amount remitted.

Ten money-order offices were opened and 6 closed, leaving 807 offices open at the close of the year.

The money-orders issued numbered 690,291, for a total of £4,604,059; those paid 599,240, for £4,180,355.

The business with countries outside New Zealand shows an increase in both the amount sent abroad and the amount received, the total amount sent abroad being £610,004, and the amount received £181,972.

The total commission received for the transaction of money-order business amounted to £19,329.

On account of the extreme variation in the rate of exchange with America it was found desirable to increase the commission on all money-orders issued on the United States of America and Canada to an amount which would not only cover any loss when making settlements through the medium of the London Post-office, but also put a stop to an improper use being made of the money-order system, which, under the Conventions, has a fixed rate of exchange. Under the Money-order Conventions there are only two methods by which a crisis in financial affairs may be met—(1) the entire suspension of the money-order system; (2) an increase in the commission. It was thought better to follow the precedent set by the United Kingdom and to make a considerable increase in the rate of commission instead of ceasing to issue orders.

POSTAL NOTES.

The postal-note business shows an increase; 2,197,520 postal notes for £655,910 were issued, and 2,172,727 were paid. On this business the commission of £9,499 was received.

Sixteen offices were opened and 8 closed, leaving 1,036 postal-note offices in operation at the end of the year.

BRITISH POSTAL ORDERS.

The number of British postal orders sold was 67,882, as compared with 83,162 for the previous year. The amount sent away by means of this very useful form of remittance was £40,747. The twenty-shilling and ten-shilling notes 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 £3,796,070, and, in addition to this, there was credited to depositors' accounts an amount of £1,178,935 for interest. Thus the total amount at credit of depositors was increased during the year by £4,975,005. The total balance at credit of depositors on the 31st December, 1919, was £38,393,131. 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 5 closed, leaving a total of 794 offices open.

118,109 new accounts were opened and 77,531 closed, leaving 630,783 still in operation at the end of the year. This gives a proportion of one account in every 1.95 of the population.

Full particulars as to the number of deposits and withdrawals will be found in the tables. The total transactions show a material increase. The deposits reached a total of £29,758,448, and the withdrawals £25,962,378. The average deposit amounted to £23 1s. 8d., and the average withdrawal to £26 2s. 3d., while the average amount at credit of each depositor was £60 17s. 4d. If the total at credit were divided equally among the whole of the people the amount at credit of each person would be £31 5s. 10d.

The working-expenses of the Savings-bank amounted to 5.46d. per transaction, which gives a cost per cent. on the total amount at credit of depositors of 0.14 pence.

The system of nomination by depositors in favour of relatives who receive moneys at their credit in case of death continues to grow in favour. During the year 274 nominations were made.

The system of transfer of accounts between the Dominion and the United Kingdom resulted in £101,871 being transferred to the United Kingdom and £32,365 to New Zealand. A similar arrangement with the Australian Savings-banks resulted in £81,011 being transferred to Australia and £51,325 to New Zealand.

WORK PERFORMED FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

Among the many branches of work undertaken during the year for other Departments of the Public Service those deserving of particular mention are the Customs duties collected of a total amount of £268,993, and for the same Department £27,107 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 £1,466,115, for the Public Trustee £1,093,552, and for the Government Insurance £238,045, while the amounts paid were £689,735 for the State Advances and £1,042,293 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 £4,506,748. For the Valuation Department fees amounting to £8,608 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 £7,085,576.

For the Pensions Department £732,204 was paid on account of old-age pensions, £46,144 on account of military pensions, £113,778 on account of widows' pensions, £1,674,353 on account of war pensions, and £13,990 on account of miners' pensions.

Contributions to the National Provident Fund collected by Postmasters amounted to £42,144. £168,935 was paid out on behalf of the Public Service Superannuation Fund, and £76,504 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 £1,580, and game licenses £4,275; machinery- and boiler-certificate fees collected, £14,177; mining licenses, £176; and sanatorium receipts, £2,289.

On behalf of the British Government £46,196 was paid to Imperial pensioners resident in New Zealand.

For the registration of births, deaths, and marriages, and the performance of the marriage ceremony, Postmasters collected £3,645.

Discount-stamps valued at £621 and numbering 596,160 were sold, but the popularity of these stamps does not seem to be increasing, the sales being still practically confined to Wellington.

The number of payments made in connection with allotments made by members of the New Zealand Military Forces reached the total of 336,355, of an amount of £3,025,554.

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. The grand total, including telephone exchange and miscellaneous receipts, amounted to £1,038,506, equivalent to an increase of 5.01 per cent. If to this be added the value of "free" Government telegrams, the total amounts to £1,044,336. The payments made on account of these services amounted to £1,078,961, an increase equal to about 22.67 per cent.

The number of toll or bureau communications increased from 5,520,768 to 6,718,526, an increase of 1,197,758, and, in addition to showing an increase in number, produced a greater revenue by £42,358; while at the same time the average value of each communication increased from 7·37d. to 7·5d. The total for 1919-20 represents 5·49 calls per unit of population.

The number of ordinary paid telegrams increased from 5,549,107 to 7,295,992, an increase of 1,746,885. This represents 5·96 per unit of population, and an increase in revenue of £103,383.

Urgent ordinary telegrams show a decrease in number of 30,036, and in revenue of £6,793. This decrease is accounted for by the large number of urgent telegrams sent during the influenza epidemic of the previous year.

The number of Press telegrams increased from 305,226 to 358,352, and the revenue from £27,433 to £30,748.

Government messages for which no payment was received totalled during the year 116,452. Their value at ordinary rates would amount to £5,830.

The various telegraph tables give full particulars of the telegrams handled. The total of all codes (including toll or bureau messages) was 15,074,067, being an increase of 2,983,050. The proportion of paid messages per unit of population was 12·32 against 10·35 for the previous year.

From the 631 private wires and subsidized lines, the amount of rent and maintenance received was £4,234.

The total number of offices open on the 31st March, 1920, was 2,339, being a decrease of 15. 327 are Morse telegraph-offices and 2,012 are telephone-offices.

The number of paid telegrams forwarded amounted to 6 messages for every 100 letters posted in New Zealand.

Ten offices were converted from Morse to telephone working, and 16 from telephone to Morse.

The total number of telegraph-instrument sets of all classes in use in the Dominion is 839, involving the use of 45,200 cells for battery power.

The length of telegraph and telephone line and wire on the 31st March, 1919 and 1920 respectively, was as follows:—

	Miles of Pole Line.			Miles of Wire.		
	Year ended 31st March, 1919.	Year ended 31st March, 1920.	Increase or Decrease.	Year ended 31st March, 1919.	Year ended 31st March, 1920.	Increase.
Telegraph and inter-urban telephone	13,813	13,722	*91	50,742	50,751	9
Telephone-exchange plant ...	4,789	5,111	†322	165,962	177,509	11,547
Totals	18,602	18,833	†231	216,704	228,284	11,556

* Decrease.

† Increase.

The decrease in the length of pole line may be accounted for by the fact that in the cities the overhead lines are being dismantled in favour of underground, and also that during the year several small lines in the country, no longer required by the Department, have been sold to the settlers.

Phantom telephone circuits were increased by 271 miles, and superimposed Morse circuits by 183 miles.

The total length of phantom telephone circuits now is 2,278 miles, and of superimposed Morse 8,746 miles.

During a long and severe winter the Otago Central lines withstood the strains placed upon them by snowstorms and floods, and, save in a few isolated instances where bureau lines in outlying districts were temporarily out of action, an uninterrupted service was maintained.

The Canterbury lines were not so fortunate. At the beginning of November an exceptionally heavy snowstorm did great damage between Rolleston and Timaru, resulting in the complete dislocation of traffic from stations south of Rolleston. Several hundreds of miles of pole line and wire were affected; but extra gangs of workmen were put to work, and in three days all lines were again in working-order.

NEW ZEALAND SUBMARINE-CABLE SERVICE.

The length of submarine cable in use in the Dominion is 416 knots. A fault occurred in one of the Cook Strait cables, but it was quickly repaired.

OCEAN CABLE SERVICES.

The cable business during the year shows an increase in the number sent to all places from New Zealand and in those received from Australia, and a decrease in the number received from international offices.

The number of cable messages sent from New Zealand to international offices during the year shows an increase of 3·73 per cent. on the number sent during 1918-19, and the number sent to Australian offices shows an increase of 36·45 per cent., or over one-third.

Messages from Australia increased by 37·16 per cent., and messages received from international offices decreased by 23·63 per cent.

The proportion of cable messages sent "via Pacific" was greater than that sent by the same route the previous year, the percentages being 67 and 59 respectively.

The following table shows the total number of cable messages forwarded by each route during each of the past five years, and also the percentage of such traffic falling to each :—

Year.	PACIFIC.		Percentage of Total.	Year.	EASTERN.		Percentage of Total.
	Messages.				Messages.		
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
1918-19	103,847		59	1918-19	70,591		41
1919-20	139,772		67	1919-20	68,832		33

Press messages numbering 946 were sent via Pacific and 1,767 via Eastern, compared with 482 and 1,278 respectively during 1918-19.

The number of cable messages sent at "deferred" rates shows a further decrease of 28.2 per cent., although the acceptance of deferred messages was resumed by the Pacific Cable Board in September, 1919. The decrease is due to the removal of the censorship, thus allowing commercial messages to go forward in all codes. While the censorship was in operation many of these were sent at deferred rates.

Expeditionary Force messages sent during the year totalled 192 only, against 5,907 the previous year. The use of this class of message has been in abeyance since November, 1919.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

The New Zealand wireless-telegraph stations, including Chatham Islands and Rarotonga, have continued in operation at a high state of efficiency. The Apia (Samoa) station is still being staffed by officers of the Department.

The New Zealand stations have returned to a pre-war basis, and are engaged upon commercial work under control of the Post and Telegraph Department. The use of wireless telegraphy for communication with ships has become better known, and its advantages are being recognized. As a consequence, considerable increase in wireless-telegraph traffic has resulted.

In addition to affording a means of communication with ships, the wireless-telegraph mainland stations of the Dominion maintain an unbroken service with Apia-Radio and the Chatham Islands.

During a recent interruption of the submarine-cable service between Norfolk Island and Suva the Awanui and Suva stations filled in the gap by wireless telegraphy, and maintained communication with the outside world until cable repairs were effected.

Considerable development in wireless transmission has taken place during recent years, and this, among other advances, will shortly be investigated abroad by the Chief Telegraph Engineer of the Department.

Hitherto the charge for transmission of an ordinary radio-telegram to or from ships trading exclusively between Australia and New Zealand, or between ports on the coast of New Zealand (except between Wellington and Lyttelton), has been 5d. per word, and to or from ships trading otherwise than between New Zealand and Australia or between New Zealand ports, 10d. per word. The Administration of the Commonwealth of Australia some time ago adopted a flat rate of 6d. per word for all vessels registered in Australia or New Zealand. It was considered that, as a matter of policy, New Zealand should not charge more than Australia; and, apart from this, the lowering of the charge would encourage traffic. It was accordingly decided to fix the rate at 5d. per word for all vessels registered in New Zealand or Australia, irrespective of the trade in which they are employed; the special rate of 2½d. per word for vessels in the Wellington-Lyttelton ferry service to continue.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGES.

Four exchanges were opened during the year, and none were closed. Additional switchboard accommodation was provided at 72 exchanges. There are now 62 central and 229 sub-exchanges, a total of 291.

The work of converting single-line earthworking systems to metallic circuits has proceeded steadily. At the end of the year there were 245 metallic circuit and 38 single-line exchanges, whilst 8 were undergoing conversion.

The number of party-line connections now stands at 4,947, with a total of 16,846 subscribers, an increase of 577 and 1,906 respectively.

GENERAL.

There are 10,860 miles of wire being used exclusively for toll work, and 14,648 miles used exclusively for telegraph Morse work.

During the year 2,023 miles of line were reconstructed and overhauled; 9 miles of duct line, 7 miles of pipe line, and 8 miles of armoured cable were laid, making totals of 77 miles, 169 miles, and 129 miles respectively now in existence.

The total number of telephone-stations (meaning exchange connections of all kinds) in use in the Dominion on the 31st March, 1920, was 80,723. This includes 12,520 extensions and 3,807 bureau and service connections.

The number of telephone-stations at the ten principal exchanges on the 31st March, 1920, was as follows: Auckland, 9,158; Christchurch, 7,625; Dunedin, 5,623; Gisborne, 2,086; Hastings, 1,782; Invercargill, 1,880; Napier, 1,924; Palmerston North, 1,647; Wanganui, 2,170; Wellington, 9,395.

The following table shows the distribution of telephones in the Dominion and the four chief centres:

	Population.	Telephones.	Inhabitants per Telephone.
Dominion	1,223,915	80,723	15
Auckland	144,646	9,158	16
Wellington	100,898	9,395	11
Christchurch	101,747	7,625	13
Dunedin	72,048	5,683	13

The telephone-exchange system now includes 5,111 miles of pole line and 177,509 miles of wire, as against 4,789 and 165,962 miles respectively for the preceding year.

The total revenue received was £419,318, an increase of £46,149 on the previous year's figures.

TELEPHONE FACILITIES FOR BACKBLOCKS.

During the past year the Minister of Telegraphs approved of proposals whereby telephone facilities could be placed within the means of backblock settlers.

To provide telephone services to entirely new settlements, such as are now being cut up for soldier settlers, the Department proposes to work in conjunction with the Department of Lands and Survey, so that the cost of telephone communication may be added to the cost of land, survey, roads, &c., and the charges included in the rental charged to the settlers for the land. Spread over the cost of the land, the cost of telephone communication would, in the majority of cases, be infinitesimal, and the settlers going on the land would be in the fortunate position that telephone communication preceded them or followed very closely upon their occupation of the land. The settlers would be required to pay only the difference between the actual working-expenses and the revenue derived from the line. As the revenue increased, the liabilities of the settlers would be reduced in proportion.

In the case of established settlements, which in some cases have passed out of the hands of the Lands Department, it is proposed that legislation be provided whereby local bodies be empowered to levy a special rate to cover the loss when the revenue derived is less than the actual working-expenses.

Special consideration was given to the cases of soldier settlers. It was decided that returned soldiers should be required by the Department to pay only half the amount that civilian settlers would be asked for; or, in other words, the Department would bear half the loss involved in any case in which returned soldiers' farms are included in a telephone rating-area.

It was also decided that, in order to make it easy for any settler to connect himself by private wire with the nearest telephone-office, the Department should undertake to sell to settlers at actual cost the necessary material on a deferred-payment system, interest to be charged on unpaid money at the rate of 6 per cent., reducible to 5 per cent. per annum on payment being made within twenty-one days of the date of demand; instalments to be paid half-yearly and to be of such an amount as will pay off both principal and interest in ten years. The public announcement of the scheme resulted in the receipt of a large number of applications for material under the time-payment system. The small supplies of insulators and wire were exhausted with the earliest applications, and the further operation of the scheme is now dependent upon sufficient quantities of material being received from abroad. Inquiries for supplies made by cable in England and elsewhere have so far been attended with little success, suitable material being almost unprocureable at any price. When materials are available all possible requirements will be satisfied.

AUTOMATIC-TELEPHONE-EXCHANGE INSTALLATIONS.

Automatic-telephone exchanges (Western Electric type) were opened at Masterton on the 31st May, 1919, Courtenay Place and Wellington South on the 18th October, 1919, and Blenheim on the 28th April, 1920. The installations at Courtenay Place and Wellington South form part of the Wellington metropolitan network, which will eventually include additional exchanges in Featherston Street, Kelburn, Khandallah, and the Hutt Valley.

The installation of automatic exchanges (Western Electric type) is now proceeding at Auckland (where the system will eventually embrace the whole of the metropolitan area), Hamilton, and Palmerston North. At Wanganui the installation of an automatic exchange (Strowger type) is well under way. At other centres at which it has been decided to install automatic exchanges, buildings are being erected to accommodate the necessary equipment.

The demand for telephone connections at the four centres has been exceptionally heavy; and, as the original manual boards could not be further extended, auxiliary branch exchanges—both automatic and manual—have been installed as a temporary relief of the situation. Until, however, the whole of these areas are equipped for full automatic working, complete relief cannot be afforded and the full benefits of automatic operation cannot be realized. The telephone development at Christchurch has been partially met by the installation of 1,200 lines of Strowger automatic apparatus as auxiliary to the manual equipment; and further assistance will follow by the installation of 500 automatic lines at St. Albans and 300 lines at Sydenham. At Auckland the congestion is being relieved by the installation of auxiliary automatic apparatus at Shortland Street, Mount Eden, and Remuera. This, it is anticipated, will meet requirements until the Western Electric full automatic system is ready to be cut into service. Relief has been afforded at Dunedin by the opening of a branch manual exchange at Roslyn. This will be followed by further auxiliary equipment with a view to meeting the telephone development until such time as arrangements are complete for the installation of a full automatic system at that centre.

SLOT TELEPHONES.

The total number of slot telephones in use at the end of the year was 295, against 275 at the end of the preceding year. Several new installations were authorized, but, on account of shortage of material, the manufacture of the machines has been delayed. The extension of the slot-telephone system will probably be restricted for some time, owing to difficulty in obtaining the necessary equipment.

Installations in business centres continue to return revenue sufficient to cover working-expenses. Those in residential areas are not so remunerative.

The revenue for the year amounted to £17,472, being an increase of £3,770 over the previous year. The system may therefore be regarded as a success financially, as well as a convenient method of affording telephonic facilities to the general public.

As was reported last year, the annoyance to genuine users of slot telephones and the inconvenience to the Department caused by the actions of mischievous persons show no signs of abatement. Disregard to the directions for using the machines also causes a great deal of trouble.

APPENDIX.

DESIGNATIONS OF OFFICES CHANGED OR CORRECTED.

Postal District.	Changed from	Changed to
Auckland	Kohumaru	Lower Kohumaru.
"	Wharera	Huarau.
Wellington	Tiraumea	Houlbrooke.
Westport	Giles Terrace	Papahaoa.

INLAND MAIL-SERVICES ESTABLISHED.

District.	Name of Service.	Frequency.
Auckland	Runciman Post-office - Drury Railway-station	Four times daily.
	Morrinsville - Tauhei Swamp Road	Daily.
	Paremoremo Post-office - Steamer	"
	Raupo Post-office - Wharf	"
	Rotorua - Okere Falls	"
	Rotorua-Tauranga	"
	Rotorua-Whakarewarewa	"
	Runciman-Karaka (rural delivery)	"
	Turiwiri Post-office - Wharf	"
	Waiuku, Otaua, and Akaaka	"
	Onehunga - New Plymouth	Thrice weekly.
	Okahukura Railway-station - Ohura	"
	Te Miro - Te Waikato Sanatorium	"
	Matakana Lower Post-office - Steamer	Twice weekly.
	Tangowahine Valley Road - School	"
Blenheim	Mangonui-Taemaro	Weekly.
	Matauri Bay - Te Pene	"
Christchurch	Blind River Post-office - Railway-station	Daily.
	Blenheim-Molesworth	Weekly.
	Christchurch-Dunedin	Daily.
	Christchurch-Southbridge	"
	Kaipoi-Horrelville	"
	Mayfield - Valetta Railway-station	"
	Rangiora-Oxford	"
	Whitecliffs - Darfield	"
	Ashburton - Mount Somers	Four times weekly.
	Christchurch-Springfield	"
Dunedin	Rakaia-Methven	"
	Christchurch-Culverden	Thrice weekly.
	Christchurch-Parnassus	"
	Rangiora-Sefton	"
	Waikari-Hawarden	"
	Milton Post-office - Railway-station	Four times daily.
	Dunedin-Lawrence	Thrice weekly.
	Heriot - Moa Flat Estate	Weekly.
	Heriot - Park Hill	"
	Linds Pass - Tarras	"
Greymouth	Black's Point - Murray Creek	Thrice weekly.
	Gisborne	Four times weekly.
Gisborne	Motuhora-Opotiki	Twice weekly.
	Gisborne-Wairoa	Twice weekly in summer ; weekly in winter
Hokitika	Ross-Haritari	Weekly.
Invercargill	Riverton-Ngapohatu	Daily.
	Gore-Waikaka	Twice weekly.
	Riversdale-Waikaiā	"
	Mataura - Knowsley Park	Weekly.
Napier	Tuatapere - Port Craig	"
	Dannevirke (delivery of parcels within boundaries of postmen's delivery)	Daily.
Nelson	Hatuma-Flemington (rural delivery)	Thrice weekly.
	Hatuma - Marakeke Road (rural delivery)	"
New Plymouth	Port Nelson - Glenhope or intermediate station	As required.
	Takaka - Waitapu Wharf	"
Oamaru	Collingwood-Takaka	Daily.
	Ngaere - Wingrove Road (rural delivery)	"
Oamaru	Ahititi - Junction Okau and Mokau Roads	Thrice weekly.
	Mokai - Pariwara and both sides of Mokau River	Weekly.
	Oamaru - Kia Ora (rural delivery)	Daily.
Oamaru	Oamaru-Kurow	Four times weekly.
	Oamaru-Ngapara	"

INLAND MAIL-SERVICES ESTABLISHED—*continued.*

District.	Name of Service.	Frequency.
Oamaru <i>contd.</i>	Oamaru-Tokarahi	Four times weekly.
	Omarama-Longslip	Weekly.
Thames	Turua Post-office - Wharf	As required.
	Komata North Post-office - Railway-station	Twice daily.
	Matata - Opotiki and Whakatane - Te Teko	Daily and thrice weekly.
	Ohinepanea - Hosking's Siding	Daily.
	Pongakawa Post-office - Railway-station	"
	Te Puke Post-office - Railway-station	"
	Waimana - Waimana Junction	"
	Ohinepanea Post-office - Pongakawa Railway-station	Thrice weekly.
	Rotorua-Rotoiti	Twice weekly.
	Oponae-Wairata	Weekly.
	Rotorua-Ngawaro	"
	Tairua-Hikuai	"
	Tauranga-Oropi	"
	Whakatane Post-office - Steamer	"
Timaru	Waimate - Studholme Junction	Twice daily.
	Tycho Flat School - Junction Downs Road and Levels Valley Road	Daily.
	Timaru-Fairlie	Thrice weekly.
Wanganui	Ohakune Post-office - Railway-station	As required.
	Koriniti Post-office - River Landing	Daily.
	Taihape - Papaki Road (rural delivery)	"
	Wanganui - Taipai Street, Wanganui	"
	Mangahouhi (Todd's) - Watson's Homestead	Twice weekly.
	Mount Stewart - Bremer's Homestead, Waitohi Road	Daily.
Wellington	Wellington - New Plymouth	"
	Palmerston North - Dannevirke	Thrice weekly.
	Pongaroa-Aohanga	Thrice weekly.
	Wellington-Onehunga	"
	Pakowhai - Glencoe Junction	Weekly.

SUBSIDIZED SEA MAIL-SERVICES.

The several subsidized sea mail-services, the subsidy-payments for the year ended 31st December, 1919, 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.					s. d.
Auckland and Great Barrier ..	250 0 0	Oct., 1891	Dec., 1921	52	124	0 9-31
Auckland, Whangaroa, and Mangonui	126 0 0	Nov., 1907	Dec., 1921	52	368	0 1-58
Dargaville and Ruawai	200 0 0	Jan., 1916	Dec., 1920	312	40	0 3-84
Dargaville and Tangiteroria ..	240 0 0	Nov., 1893	Dec., 1920	260	62	0 3-57
Helensville and Matakoho ..	200 0 0	Jan., 1881	Dec., 1920	104	116	0 3-97
Helensville and Dargaville ..	1,000 0 0	Jan., 1881	Dec., 1920	312	128	0 6-01
Horeke, Kohukohu, Rawene, Koutu, Rangi Point, Opononi, and Omapere	250 0 0	Jan., 1889	Dec., 1921	156	52	0 7-39
Offices in Whangarei Harbour ..	150 0 0	Sept., 1912	Dec., 1921	156	22	0 8-18
Rawene and Horeke	67 0 0	Jan., 1916	Dec., 1921	104	9	1 5-18
Russell and Opua	110 0 0	Jan., 1889	Dec., 1921	312	8	0 10-58
New Zealand - San Francisco ..	25,000 0 0	Oct., 1910	July, 1920	13	12,180	3 1-89
New Zealand - Vancouver ..	20,000 0 0	Aug., 1911	July, 1920	13	12,660	2 5-16
Wellington, Wakatahuri, Home-wood (and other offices), and Havelock	460 0 0	Dec., 1891	Dec., 1921	26	300	1 2-15
Picton, offices in Sounds, and Havelock	415 0 0	Jan., 1907	Dec., 1921	26	326	0 11-27
Picton, Grove Wharf, Te Awaite, and Resolution Bay	257 0 0	Jan., 1913	Dec., 1921	156	88	0 4-49
Picton and Portage	72 0 0	Jan., 1913	Dec., 1920	312	14	0 3-96
Portage and Kenepuru Head ..	100 0 0	Jan., 1913	Dec., 1921	104	46	0 5-01
Ngakuta, Hakahaka, Kakapo Bay, Ocean Bay, Robin Hood Bay, and Blenheim	110 0 0	April, 1911	Dec., 1921	52	86	0 5-90
Portage and Crail Bay	280 0 0	Jan., 1910	Dec., 1921	52	140	0 9-23
Port Nelson and Waikawa Bay ..	25 0 0	Jan., 1913	Dec., 1921	26	62	0 3-72
Port Nelson and Croisilles ..	140 0 0	Jan., 1904	Dec., 1921	52	61	0 10-59
Waitai and French Pass	50 0 0	June, 1914	Dec., 1921	52	24	0 9-61
Bluff and Half-moon Bay (tug) ..	300 0 0	July, 1886	Dec., 1920	52	44	2 7-47
Bluff and Half-moon Bay (schooner)	40 0 0	Mar., 1916	Dec., 1921	52	44	0 4-19

CABLE BUSINESS.

Hereunder are shown the number and value of cable messages forwarded from New Zealand during the financial year 1919-20, in comparison with the figures for 1918-19:—

VIA PACIFIC.

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
International	62,286	£ 110,947	302	£ 615
Australian	77,486	19,455	644	221
Totals for 1919-20	139,772	130,402	946	836
Totals for 1918-19	103,347	97,628	482	738

VIA EASTERN.

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
International	28,822	£ 52,619	22	£ 40
Australian	40,010	10,375	1,745	714
Totals for 1919-20	68,832	62,994	1,767	754
Totals for 1918-19	70,591	84,826	1,278	566

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

INTERNATIONAL.

	Number of Messages.	Value.
1919-20	91,108	£ 163,565
1918-19	87,828	159,265
	Increase 3,280 = 3.73 per cent.	Increase 4,300 = 2.7 per cent.

AUSTRALIAN.

	Number of Messages.	Value.
1919-20	117,496	£ 29,830
1918-19	86,110	23,189
	Increase 31,386 = 36.45 per cent.	6,641 = 28.64 per cent.

There was a total increase of 34,666 messages, and an increase in value of £10,941.

RECEIVED CABLES.

The number of cable messages received in New Zealand during the years 1919-20 and 1918-19, exclusive of Press, was as follows:—

				VIA PACIFIC.			
				International.		Australian.	
1919-20	...	...	...	55,468		62,489	
1918-19	...	...	...	39,959		46,264	
Increase	...	...	...	15,509	Increase	16,225	

				VIA EASTERN.			
				International.		Australian.	
1919-20	...	...	...	33,358		49,806	
1918-19	...	...	...	76,349		35,607	
Decrease	...	...	...	42,991	Increase	14,199	

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.	
1915-16	£ 2,505	201,665	9,739	967,485
1916-17	1,915	161,923	8,112	851,087
1917-18	1,546	129,162	6,763	679,710
1918-19	1,760	138,852	9,904	918,988
1919-20	2,713	185,376	9,965	703,322

RADIO-TELEGRAMS.

The radio business transacted by the New Zealand coast stations during the years 1919-20 and 1918-19 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.	
1919-20	£ 4,332	£ 9,114	19,109	248,063	£ 5,272
1918-19	2,035	5,245	6,570	105,889	2,545
Increase	2,297	3,869	12,539	142,174	2,727

The number of radio messages shows an increase of 158.57 and 190.85 per cent. on the forwarded and received traffic respectively. The amount earned by New Zealand shows an increase of 112.88 per cent. on the forwarded traffic, and an increase of 107.15 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	78,465	52,015	99,077	..	..	243,497	812,605
1896	12,671	181,505	717,218	29,238	82,499	58,823	102,443	..	..	269,566	902,160
1897	13,836	193,867	762,593	31,770	93,649	68,002	114,589	..	..	293,659	970,831
1898	14,747	206,265	798,726	35,377	107,140	76,728	123,375	..	..	318,370	1,029,241
1899	15,533	221,354	864,513	38,528	122,064	84,782	132,231	..	..	344,664	1,118,808
1900	16,513	239,565	951,860	40,925	122,935	89,344	140,058	..	..	369,834	1,214,853
1901	17,519	255,314	1,002,057	45,701	125,549	104,922	158,902	..	..	405,967	1,286,508
1902	14,916	258,110	1,014,724	53,910	138,755	55,187	123,580	..	..	367,207	1,277,059
1903	15,882	273,535	1,108,067	63,309	157,790	59,468	150,368	..	..	396,312	1,416,225
1904	16,385	281,655	1,148,226	60,490	165,245	65,638	163,416	..	..	407,783	1,476,887
1905	17,073	287,394	1,189,386	57,414	177,610	72,633	174,716	..	..	417,441	1,541,712
1906	18,279	301,650	1,312,271	60,120	186,903	77,250	187,058	..	..	439,020	1,686,231
1907	18,847	305,424	1,389,800	58,565	193,356	77,498	190,434	..	..	441,487	1,773,591
1908	12,556	338,752	1,611,968	67,384	226,409	81,948	212,308	..	..	488,084	2,050,684
1909	13,783	383,283	1,841,030	74,893	256,804	80,564	209,759	..	..	538,740	2,307,593
1910	14,300	413,314	1,981,877	79,651	273,449	76,692	202,197	..	..	569,657	2,457,523
1911	15,307	444,169	2,262,366	88,364	289,857	75,231	207,170	..	..	607,764	2,759,393
1912	16,399	493,345	2,702,469	98,452	322,037	74,628	206,843	..	..	666,425	3,231,350
1913	16,872	516,536	2,821,624	100,634	336,992	73,575	199,158	..	..	690,745	3,357,774
1914	16,336	536,674	2,933,911	87,774	299,155	67,070	194,439	..	..	691,518	3,427,505
1915	15,819	511,487	2,986,021	81,483	263,371	71,800	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
1918	17,487	508,813	3,120,183	48,133	198,452	61,899	217,512	19,655	113,224†	638,500	3,649,371
1919	19,329	558,344	3,994,055	48,592	224,667	58,974	240,437	24,381	144,900	690,291	4,604,059

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	793,606
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	255,314	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	1,255,844
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	3,237,162
1917	508,209	2,977,997	6,872	34,973	36,978	123,390	2,311	10,348†	551,370	3,146,708
1918	508,813	3,120,183	6,802	40,365	33,868	114,652	2,281	12,055†	551,764	3,287,255
1919	558,344	3,994,055	8,498	65,526	25,697	104,093	2,410	12,353	594,940	4,176,027

* 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 1918 AND 1919.

Issued in New Zealand.

Where payable.	1918.		1919.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
United Kingdom and foreign offices through United Kingdom	49,018	£ 203,616	49,482	£ 230,168
United States of America	18,415	106,687	23,012	136,937
Austria .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Canada	1,371	7,397	1,531	10,306
Ceylon	248	1,532	255	1,805
Fiji	451	2,337	302	2,004
France	292	1,113	342	1,040
Germany .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Hong Kong	351	1,619	324	1,618
India	1,900	19,199	1,947	19,562
New South Wales	29,064	99,009	28,185	116,685
Norway	63	260	95	7 0
Queensland	2,119	7,842	2,011	9,136
South Australia	1,559	5,873	1,303	5,730
Straits Settlements	34	148	34	96
Tasmania	3,527	10,984	3,242	9,990
Tonga	82	579	42	662
Union of South Africa	485	2,182	461	2,374
Victoria	18,606	53,989	17,532	56,325
Western Australia	2,102	4,822	1,847	4,806
Totals	129,687	529,188	131,947	610,004

Drawn on New Zealand.

Where issued.	1918.		1919.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
United Kingdom and foreign offices through United Kingdom	6,947	£ 41,341	8,612	£ 66,270
United States of America	2,091	10,865	1,936	8,690
Austria .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Canada	786	3,445	754	3,434
Ceylon	34	108	38	290
Fiji	878	5,019	886	5,519
France	33	129	46	150
Germany .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Hong Kong	41	85	39	71
India	224	1,202	196	1,659
New South Wales	16,159	48,911	11,455	43,127
Norway	12	85	14	120
Queensland	2,917	9,508	2,031	7,922
South Australia	1,343	5,057	977	4,262
Straits Settlements	16	106	16	87
Tasmania	1,697	6,886	1,632	6,969
Tonga	322	2,450	300	2,648
Union of South Africa	312	1,685	324	1,8 1
Victoria	7,875	25,818	6,413	25,208
Western Australia	1,264	4,372	936	3,655
Totals	42,951	167,072	36,605	181,972

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, 1920.

Year.	Number of Postal Notes sold.													Total.	
	At 1s.	At 2s.	At 2s. 6d.	At 3s.	At 5s.	At 7s. 6d.	At 10s.	At 12s. 6d.	At 15s.	At 17s. 6d.	At £1.	At £5*.	Number.	Value.	
Quarter ended Mar. 31, 1886	3,019	2,046	1,012	..	2,039	969	2,379	695	992	425	2,866	..	16,442	£ 6,910	
1886-87 ..	16,605	12,283	6,647	..	11,566	5,729	13,103	4,090	5,187	2,375	14,961	..	92,546	37,659	
1887-88 ..	22,467	17,167	9,162	..	15,553	7,671	17,487	5,278	6,940	2,952	17,578	..	122,255	47,729	
1888-89 ..	27,428	21,900	11,912	..	19,741	9,477	21,149	6,618	8,243	3,633	19,778	..	149,879	56,842	
1889-90 ..	32,754	25,387	14,478	..	23,550	10,894	24,011	7,809	9,386	4,158	22,596	..	175,023	65,484	
1890-91 ..	35,915	28,559	16,092	..	25,204	12,229	25,906	7,969	10,172	4,366	23,563	..	189,915	69,722	
1891-92 ..	42,416	33,722	19,388	..	29,550	14,019	30,132	9,058	11,611	4,953	25,889	..	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	33,985	..	285,889	101,002	
1894-95 ..	62,306	49,846	28,975	..	43,829	20,423	43,167	11,864	15,567	6,790	36,601	..	319,368	112,308	
1895-96 ..	68,454	56,185	32,801	..	49,204	22,802	47,787	13,601	17,191	7,406	33,390	..	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	129,012	
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	21,893	8,539	33,491	607	461,447	147,686	
1900-1901 ..	85,478	68,068	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	65,467	109,663	..	92,708	..	32,128	..	43,042	556	556,316	173,317	
1902-1903 ..	54,268	33,409	70,122	75,700	119,593	..	102,641	..	34,508	..	48,852	558	616,264	191,905	
1903-1904 ..	61,379	37,514	85,909	89,276	134,270	..	114,755	..	38,080	..	58,629	656	707,044	220,070	
1904-1905 ..	65,484	40,263	86,711	99,739	154,281	..	130,430	..	42,317	..	69,206	688	785,347	250,123	
1905-1906 ..	74,389	45,358	98,503	114,411	167,430	..	143,316	..	46,228	..	76,508	788	875,324	276,279	
1906-1907 ..	82,417	54,375	106,311	128,384	187,083	..	159,045	..	51,559	..	91,193	954	981,642	314,053	
1907-1908 ..	89,906	58,202	124,052	143,854	205,500	..	171,951	..	57,637	..	104,714	423	1,092,631	347,300	
1908-1909 ..	97,285	59,484	153,925	146,148	227,471	..	188,577	..	62,916	..	123,786	..	1,222,280	389,143	
1909-1910 ..	113,825	67,406	181,791	166,486	261,045	..	214,453	..	70,967	..	143,611	..	1,414,752	447,619	
1910-1911 ..	130,645	79,792	211,288	201,569	301,707	..	249,854	..	82,253	..	171,900	..	1,666,939	524,943	
1911-1912 ..	141,504	85,130	236,665	215,984	337,338	..	261,600	..	88,693	..	190,823	..	1,821,566	574,980	
1912-1913 ..	154,201	92,842	264,844	220,109	367,942	..	283,206	..	95,535	..	213,153	..	1,970,643	636,473	
1913-1914 ..	172,400	103,753	298,669	256,231	418,712	..	312,870	..	106,560	..	245,230	..	2,238,842	721,743	
1914-1915 ..	182,733	107,483	307,934	263,522	444,427	..	323,071	..	107,506	..	229,640	..	2,314,327	725,118	
1915-1916 ..	186,873	114,570	319,115	267,383	461,137	..	334,277	..	111,095	..	211,543	..	2,370,079	723,314	
1916-1917 ..	184,873	112,639	322,946	260,956	440,215	..	301,825	..	108,978	..	211,000	..	2,286,463	895,819	
1917-1918 ..	187,005	115,867	337,418	258,421	401,696	..	252,336	..	103,348	..	194,180	..	2,166,597	638,246	
1918-1919 ..	181,824	114,553	299,791	253,728	381,202	..	238,337	..	102,457	..	192,751	..	2,091,051	619,605	
1919-1920 ..	196,327	121,037	310,105	268,032	396,994	..	246,688	..	110,819	..	208,177	..	2,197,520	655,910	

* 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 1919.

Postal District.	Money-orders.					Savings-banks.					
	Issued.			Paid.		Number of New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Number of Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.	
	Number.	Commissions.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.
		£	£		£		£		£		£
Auckland ..	181,475	5,112	1,063,195	182,279	1,170,348	27,471	259,736	6,182,853	15,172	215,118	5,109,090
Blenheim ..	9,152	220	55,740	4,766	43,161	1,396	15,234	386,453	939	11,029	320,825
Christchurch ..	58,710	1,830	411,342	72,374	530,133	14,429	189,211	4,537,263	8,679	155,167	3,799,570
Dunedin ..	59,843	1,509	346,595	61,225	397,852	10,503	128,884	2,961,866	6,806	97,032	2,612,043
Gisborne ..	17,846	514	126,769	8,226	63,312	3,299	33,772	698,157	2,140	25,131	609,448
Greymouth ..	15,385	353	85,386	7,651	44,424	1,238	13,133	273,264	1,056	8,616	247,074
Hokitika ..	3,440	75	18,664	2,683	14,166	364	2,761	59,925	297	2,070	58,130
Invercargill ..	27,680	645	157,260	19,005	117,772	4,622	45,642	1,126,380	3,079	31,135	966,658
Napier ..	37,043	978	280,876	26,214	228,640	6,692	64,983	1,530,388	4,128	45,292	1,346,075
Nelson ..	15,899	385	94,689	13,507	89,940	2,277	24,030	650,046	1,543	17,748	563,614
New Plymouth ..	28,105	717	191,417	17,182	153,984	5,413	49,603	1,287,215	3,262	31,563	1,153,311
Oamaru ..	9,020	191	94,938	4,412	30,517	1,413	13,963	427,946	970	9,518	352,408
Thames ..	29,933	665	196,090	13,353	113,518	3,713	27,346	649,506	2,464	18,138	561,558
Timaru ..	16,871	397	189,969	9,910	84,111	3,500	35,016	939,764	2,315	24,202	775,744
Wanganui ..	39,925	943	291,588	21,755	156,849	6,344	62,985	1,373,324	4,255	47,976	1,216,489
Wellington ..	128,679	4,529	935,828	129,990	914,108	24,693	314,734	6,514,389	19,730	248,795	6,111,322
Westport ..	11,285	266	63,713	4,708	27,520	742	8,128	159,709	696	5,717	159,019
Grand totals ..	690,291	19,329	4,604,059	599,240	4,180,355	118,109	1,289,161	29,758,448	77,531	994,247	25,962,378

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 1918-19 AND 1919-20.

Denomination.	Sold.		Paid.	
	1918-19.	1919-20.	1918-19.	1919-20.
s. d.				
0 6	902	1,006	218	264
1 0	2,357	2,596	924	1,203
1 6	1,159	1,167	406	516
2 0	2,255	2,400	1,017	1,283
2 6	4,821	3,475	1,279	1,498
3 0	2,009	2,011	733	1,052
3 6	716	743	192	333
4 0	1,251	1,253	392	502
4 6	556	576	145	216
5 0	12,463	8,270	2,454	2,684
*5 6	..	..	1,054	1,161
*6 0	..	..	888	1,413
*6 6	..	..	82	179
*7 0	..	..	136	156
7 6	1,391	1,288	220	321
*8 0	..	..	116	167
*8 6	..	..	33	65
*9 0	..	..	70	109
*9 6	..	..	24	48
10 0	16,435	11,193	2,874	3,110
*10 6	..	..	126	213
*11 0	..	..	698	809
*11 6	..	..	205	508
*12 0	..	..	169	357
12 6	673	895	132	213
*13 0	..	..	57	119
*13 6	..	..	31	59
*14 0	..	..	79	109
*14 6	..	..	47	58
15 0	2,709	2,446	762	1,061
*15 6	..	..	23	38
*16 0	..	..	64	89
*16 6	..	..	167	184
*17 0	..	..	98	201
17 6	506	685	75	124
*18 0	..	..	51	83
*18 6	..	..	28	43
*19 0	..	..	40	63
*19 6	..	..	22	66
20 0	32,959	27,878	8,875	11,487
*21 0	..	..	558	508
Number ..	83,162	67,882	25,564	32,672
Value ..	£50,351	£40,747	£14,884	£19,174

* 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, 1919.

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.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	239	6,182,853 9 7	5,109,090 6 8	23 15 0	1,073,763 2 11	23 15 0	0,107,376 3 2 11	5,002,487 6 8	221,599 4 0	..	..	221,599 4 0	27,471 15,172	15,172	126,238	7,521,005 6 3	59 11 7
Blenheim	15	386,453 11 1	320,825 10 4	29 1 9	65,628 0 9	29 1 9	65,628 0 9	..	..	..	..	16,638 16 3	1,396	939	8,846	538,537 11 1	60 17 7
Christchurch	70	4,537,262 17 1	3,799,569 13 4	24 9 9	737,693 3 9	24 9 9	737,693 3 9	..	..	..	..	175,832 15 0	14,429	8,679	94,050	5,780,133 18 0	61 9 2
Dunedin	68	2,961,865 12 3	2,612,043 0 7	26 18 5	349,822 11 8	26 18 5	349,822 11 8	..	..	..	..	140,155 17 9	10,503	6,806	66,783	4,452,860 19 3	66 13 6
Gisborne	22	698,156 18 5	609,447 16 11	24 5 0	88,709 1 6	24 5 0	88,709 1 6	..	..	..	..	26,741 7 3	3,299	2,140	15,919	869,217 5 3	54 12 1
Greymouth	18	273,263 16 8	247,073 16 4	28 13 6	26,190 0 4	28 13 6	26,190 0 4	..	..	..	..	16,186 16 1	1,238	1,056	8,821	506,564 1 10	57 8 6
Hokitika	7	59,924 15 1	58,130 8 8	28 1 8	1,794 6 5	28 1 8	1,794 6 5	..	..	..	..	4,462 2 8	364	297	2,523	133,942 12 3	53 1 9
Invercargill	35	1,126,379 13 9	966,658 11 3	31 0 11	159,721 2 6	31 0 11	159,721 2 6	..	..	..	..	51,938 10 11	4,622	3,079	25,903	1,658,563 5 9	64 0 7
Napier	41	1,530,588 0 3	1,346,074 19 5	29 14 4	184,313 0 10	29 14 4	184,313 0 10	..	..	..	..	61,702 18 11	6,692	4,128	33,041	2,000,297 19 1	60 10 10
Nelson	27	650,046 6 0	563,613 16 11	31 15 2	86,432 9 1	31 15 2	86,432 9 1	..	..	..	..	26,976 16 4	2,277	1,543	14,233	856,117 13 5	60 3 0
New Plymouth	31	1,287,215 4 7	1,153,310 16 0	36 10 9	133,904 8 7	36 10 9	133,904 8 7	..	..	..	..	46,983 11 8	5,413	3,262	23,341	1,518,937 1 6	65 1 6
Oamaru	11	427,946 3 1	352,408 2 10	37 0 6	75,538 0 3	37 0 6	75,538 0 3	..	..	..	..	18,420 13 11	1,413	970	7,671	600,998 19 11	78 6 11
Thames	35	649,506 7 6	561,557 10 11	30 19 2	87,948 16 7	30 19 2	87,948 16 7	..	..	..	..	26,236 11 6	3,713	2,464	17,684	852,987 7 2	48 4 8
Timaru	16	939,763 13 0	775,744 0 11	32 1 1	164,019 12 1	32 1 1	164,019 12 1	..	..	..	..	39,984 0 3	3,500	2,315	18,293	1,310,401 14 3	71 12 8
Wanganui	41	1,373,324 6 0	1,216,489 3 2	25 7 1	156,835 2 10	25 7 1	156,835 2 10	..	..	..	..	49,424 17 11	6,344	4,255	20,891	1,595,050 11 6	53 7 3
Wellington	98	6,514,388 17 7	6,111,321 16 1	24 11 3	403,067 1 6	24 11 3	403,067 1 6	..	..	..	..	245,940 3 10	24,693	19,730	132,053	7,896,994 10 2	59 16 0
Westport	20	159,708 17 8	159,018 12 2	27 16 4	690 5 6	27 16 4	690 5 6	..	..	..	..	9,710 2 3	742	696	5,493	300,520 1 8	54 14 2
Totals for 1919	794	1,289,161 29,758,448 9 7	25,962,378 2 6	26 2 3	3,796,070 7 1	26 2 3	3,796,070 7 1	52,000	1,178,935 6 6	118,109 77,531	57,46	1,178,935 6 6	630,783	38,393,130 18 4	60 17 4	38,393,130 18 4	60 17 4

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, 1919.

Year.	Number of Post Office Savings-banks Open at the Close of the Year.	Number of Deposits received during the Year.	Total Amount of Deposits received during the Year.	Average Amount of each Deposit received during the Year.	Number of Withdrawals during the Year.	Total Amount of Withdrawals during the Year.	Average Amount of each Withdrawal during the Year.	Excess of Deposits over Withdrawals during the Year.	Excess of Withdrawals over Deposits during the Year.	Cost of Management during the Year.	Average Cost of each Transaction, Deduction, or Withdrawal.	Interest for the Year.	Number of Accounts opened during the Year.	Number of Accounts closed during the Year.	Number of Accounts remaining Open at Close of the Year.	Total Amount standing to the Credit of all Open Accounts, Inclusive of Interest to the Close of the Year.	Average Amount standing to the Credit of each Open Account at Close of the Year.	
	s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Totals for 1919	794	1,289,161	29,738,448	9 7 23	1 8	994,247	25,962,378	2 6 26	3 3,706,070	7 1	52,000	4,178,935	6 118,109	77,331	630,783	38,393,130	4 50 17	
1918	786	1,213,353	18,101,104	18 1 14	18	727,729	14,938,841	10 0 20	33,162,263	8 1	32,000	1,059,471	8 76,869	53,015	590,205	33,418,125	4 9 56	
1917	791	1,211,909	17,106,529	5 4 14	2 3	718,907	14,461,109	3 7 20	4,204,536	0 9	32,000	947,821	0 82,200	53,021	566,351	29,196,389	0 51 11	
1916	786	1,118,101	15,576,408	3 9 13	18	688,778	12,957,420	3 10 18	2,218,987	19 11	32,000	817,855	3 84,833	55,846	538,072	25,603,208	1 3 47	
1915	787	979,759	13,706,057	5 8 14	2 5	657,237	11,294,973	3 6 17	2,411,083	3 3	30,000	4,427,072	9 83,244	57,421	509,085	22,166,364	1 4 43	
1914	766	884,405	11,904,322	8 13 9	2 5	657,622	10,603,018	6 3 16	2,130,304	13 5	30,000	4,671,310	7 78,519	57,321	483,262	19,048,028	1 1 39	
1913	747	907,876	11,286,702	7 5 12	8	634,801	11,041,454	8 10 17	2,452,247	18 7	30,000	4,671,558	7 81,266	54,865	458,594	17,131,413	4 3 37	
1912	724	877,889	11,725,182	6 5 13	7	589,388	11,449,711	3 7 19	2,475,471	12 10	29,000	4,741,598	8 85,529	58,896	432,199	16,339,257	2 2 37	
1911	687	823,832	11,627,367	4 3 14	2 3	546,022	10,662,045	5 2 19	6,965,321	19 1	29,000	4,782,874	5 85,912	60,931	405,566	15,543,186	6 8 38	
1910	647	768,824	10,708,938	16 10 13	18	520,471	9,695,514	16 1 18	7,013,424	0 9	28,000	4,224,668	1 78,566	57,695	380,585	14,104,989	1 2 35	
1909	619	724,501	9,674,075	4 0 13	5	520,971	9,499,319	16 4 18	8,111,799	14 11	27,000	3,955,804	4 77,490	56,763	359,714	12,666,897	1 2 37	
1908	593	706,101	9,674,075	4 0 13	4	484,672	9,417,820	10 3 19	8,256,254	13 0	27,000	3,799,808	7 80,133	57,829	342,077	12,159,293	1 1 35	
1907	563	650,990	9,331,663	7 14 7	4	433,796	8,125,123	0 18	7,122,650	10 10	19,000	4,261,341	2 74,067	53,044	298,773	11,523,230	1 9 36	
1906	541	593,794	7,907,154	12 5 13	6	386,536	6,907,103	17 7 17	5,000,950	14 10	17,000	4,187,130	1 70,261	47,296	268,746	9,953,265	1 0 33	
1905	520	509,112	6,625,744	0 10 13	0	346,022	5,984,184	12 2 17	5 11	8 8	16,500	4,632,508	7 60,015	43,113	276,066	8,662,022	1 1 31	
1904	510	469,799	5,836,540	0 12 8	0	323,609	5,664,770	3 9 17	1,717,099	16 3	16,000	4,842,000	1 57,769	42,280	259,164	7,761,382	0 11 29	
1903	493	444,510	5,661,592	15 2 12	14	301,076	5,343,828	5 0 17	3,177,674	10 2	15,000	4,831,879	8 57,047	40,837	243,675	7,388,681	1 7 30	
1902	481	411,215	5,069,619	6 2 12	6	273,454	4,708,771	11 2 17	5 360,847	15 0	14,000	1,724,926	1 7 53,587	38,558	227,465	6,883,787	5 9 30	
1901	466	380,808	4,611,456	6 1 12	2	247,854	4,230,193	6 2 17	4 381,262	19 11	11,500	1,591,169	4 50,046	35,018	212,436	6,350,013	9 2 29	
1900	445	347,056	4,170,428	5 3 12	0	227,079	3,827,410	7 3 16	1,7 383,012	8 0	10,500	1,461,169	5 46,086	31,724	197,408	5,809,552	5 3 29	
1899	427	313,783	3,644,980	9 10 11	12	206,940	3,417,298	19 8 16	3 227,681	10 2	9,500	1,341,917	3 41,362	28,284	183,046	5,320,370	14 10 29	
1898	409	281,749	3,279,611	7 5 11	10	196,764	3,194,893	16 7 16	4 84,717	10 10	8,500	1,281,228	6 37,265	26,628	169,068	4,957,771	5 5 29	
1897	388	267,615	3,187,219	2 4 11	18	179,555	2,891,169	5 8 16	2 296,949	16 8	8,000	1,291,240	0 36,394	24,821	159,331	4,744,924	1 1 29	
1896	371	242,283	2,881,152	16 0 11	17	167,248	2,591,558	19 4 15	9 10	289,593	16 11	7,000	4,115	29,459	147,758	4,311,634	13 5 29	
1895	357	217,393	2,794,506	16 0 11	17	159,904	2,369,333	6 7 14	16 4	15,762	6,500	4,371,013	11 28,669	21,930	129,423	3,340,879	11 4 25	
1894	348	204,545	2,252,862	6 11 11	0	152,136	2,268,624	8 4 14	18 3	15,762	6,500	4,600	4,600	21,930	3,340,879	11 4 25		
1893	327	202,276	2,386,089	10 7 11	15	136,739	2,122,521	10 8 15	5 263,567	13 11	5,500	4,600	4,600	19,599	3,241,998	7 10 25		
1892	318	186,945	1,878,270	6 4 10	11	120,628	1,821,348	18 1 15	2 56,921	8 3	5,500	4,291,301	1 26,232	18,171	112,528	2,863,670	12 10 25	
1891	311	176,971	1,842,987	15 2 10	8	111,603	1,693,515	9 3 15	3 149,472	5 11	5,000	4,048,968	0 25,131	17,872	104,467	2,695,447	11 6 25	
1890	296	162,936	1,658,543	3 5 10	6	106,868	1,500,437	5 0 14	9 58,200	6 3	5,000	4,160	0 92,319	17,256	97,208	2,441,876	8 7 25	
1889	294	153,920	1,515,281	3 9 16	10	99,185	1,457,081	5 0 14	13 9	56,200	4,000	4,379	81,809	17 1	21,778	15,521	2,191,451	14 7 25
1888	290	145,355	1,544,747	7 11 10	12	89,962	1,387,471	10 14 13	2 129,741	13 11	4,000	3,978,080	0 21,307	16,543	84,488	2,048,441	10 9 24	
1887	283	136,197	1,342,151	1 5 9	12	89,962	1,182,409	7 6 14	8 76,695	14 11	4,000	4,224	0 67,303	15,515	79,724	1,813,084	18 8 22	
1886	271	137,989	1,248,405	6 11 9	0	89,182	1,336,287	6 4 14	19 8	5 5	4,000	6,825	3 20,368	15,515	79,724	1,615,979	9 6 21	
1885	256	131,373	1,341,001	3 2 10	4	84,832	1,264,305	8 3 14	18 0	31,978	4,000	4,228	11 20,661	16,421	69,957	1,638,035	19 5 23	
1884	243	129,279	1,227,909	11 4 9	9	80,800	1,195,931	0 11 14	16 0	6 1	4,000	4,444	3 20,228	16,421	69,957	1,499,112	0 7 22	
1883	227	127,609	1,178,474	4 1 9	4	78,405	1,295,719	18 3 16	10 6	117,245	4,000	4,571	3 20,386	15,967	65,717	1,409,751	16 7 22	
1882	207	129,952	1,325,852	2 11 10	4	69,308	1,142,599	0 1 16	9 8	183,553	4,000	4,822	11 21,014	14,995	57,517	1,470,950	13 6 25	
1881	190	125,855	1,189,012	2 7 9	8	60,137	902,195	1 8 15	0 1	286,817	3,500	4,452	0 25,059	12,718	51,008	1,232,787	16 9 24	

Table No. 6a—continued.

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, &c.—continued.

Year.	Number of Post Office Savings-banks Open at the Close of the Year.	Number of Deposits received during the Year.	Total Amount of Deposits received during the Year.	Average Amount of each Deposit 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.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Totals for 1880	178	81,660	864,441 18 10	10 11 9	57,446	780,504 13 4	13 11 8	83,937 5 6	63,781 7 4	3,500	6 0 4	32,822 12 4	16,137	12,217	38,667	993,765 16 10	23 7 6
" 1879	165	71,865	812,399 11 11	11 6 1	54,698	876,180 19 3	16 0 4	.. ..	.. ..	3,000	5 6 9	31,715 18 2	15,401	12,786	34,747	787,005 19 0	22 12 11
" 1878	147	69,908	762,084 12 0	10 18 0	42,746	742,053 14 3	17 7 2	20,030 17 9	.. ..	2,500	5 3 3	31,664 12 9	13,005	9,634	32,132	819,071 8 2	25 9 9
" 1877	138	60,953	681,294 13 2	11 3 6	39,363	667,023 7 5	16 18 10	14,271 5 9	.. ..	2,500	5 9 8	29,193 14 6	11,235	8,591	28,761	767,375 17 8	26 13 7
" 1876	124	57,295	664,134 12 6	11 11 9	39,486	696,281 7 4	17 12 8	.. ..	32,146 14 10	2,500	6 2 0	28,762 4 7	11,255	9,472	26,117	723,910 17 5	27 14 4
" 1875	119	56,129	657,053 4 0	11 14 4	36,977	729,759 17 9	19 14 8	.. ..	72,106 13 9	2,500	6 4 4	28,565 3 5	11,273	8,681	24,334	727,295 7 8	29 17 9
" 1874	103	52,627	699,249 14 3	13 5 8	29,778	620,155 8 9	20 16 5	79,094 5 6	.. ..	2,250	6 5 5	26,935 6 8	10,346	5,736	21,742	770,836 18 0	35 9 0
" 1873	97	39,223	580,542 5 5	14 16 2	21,268	425,908 3 5	20 0 5	154,634 2 0	.. ..	1,800	7 1 4	20,106 16 10	7,382	3,818	17,132	664,807 5 10	38 16 1
" 1872	92	31,681	430,877 0 0	13 12 0	17,254	313,176 7 11	18 3 0	117,700 12 1	.. ..	1,556	7 6 3	14,711 0 5	6,205	3,188	13,566	490,066 7 0	36 2 5
" 1871	81	24,642	312,338 18 4	12 13 6	14,773	261,347 16 3	17 13 9	50,991 2 1	.. ..	1,351	8 2 3	11,291 10 10	4,615	2,383	10,549	357,654 14 6	33 18 1
" 1870	70	20,489	264,328 5 7	12 18 0	11,934	209,509 13 2	17 11 1	54,818 12 5	.. ..	1,264	9 3 6	9,242 3 11	4,304	2,277	8,317	295,372 1 7	35 10 3
" 1869	59	17,133	240,898 5 9	14 1 2	9,292	180,518 4 1	19 8 7	60,380 1 8	.. ..	1,186	10 7 7	7,412 8 0	3,839	1,801	6,290	231,311 5 3	36 15 5
" 1868	55	13,014	194,535 11 6	14 18 11	6,305	107,094 17 3	16 16 6	87,440 14 3	.. ..	789	9 7 7	4,880 7 3	3,282	1,186	4,252	163,518 15 7	38 9 1
Totals from 1st Feb. to 31st Dec., 1867	46	6,977	96,372 7 10	13 16 3	1,919	26,415 18 9	13 15 3	69,956 9 1	.. ..	822	10 1 8	1,241 5 0	2,520	364	2,156	71,197 14 1	33 0 5

Table No. 7.

BALANCE-SHEET OF THE NEW ZEALAND POST OFFICE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1919.

	Balances on 1st January, 1919.			Transactions.			Balances on 31st December, 1919.		
	Cr.	Dr.	s. d.	Cr.	Dr.	s. d.	Cr.	Dr.	s. d.
	£	£	£ s. d.	£	£	£ s. d.	£	£	£ s. d.
MONEY-ORDER ACCOUNTS:—									
Money-orders (general)	97,961 1 5	..	..	4,790,130 19 6	4,792,264 17 1	95,827 3 10	..	..	..
United Kingdom, &c.	12,623 9 9	..	..	367,404 9 4½	370,068 11 3	9,959 7 10½	..	..	..
United States of America	13,940 10 3	..	..	137,299 10 6	138,644 1 11	12,595 18 10	..	..	..
Australia	1,869 5 4½	..	..	209,721 1 4	200,701 10 1	10,888 16 7½	..	..	..
Austria	8,326 9 7	..	..	..	..	8,326 9 7	..	..	..
Canada	2,547 8 9	..	..	13,256 16 1	6,086 3 6	9,718 1 4	..	..	..
Ceylon	22 9 8	..	..	1,813 17 4	1,715 12 3	120 14 3	..	..	..
Fiji	..	139 8 9	..	6,131 10 8	5,593 14 8	378 7 3	..	..	..
France	..	..	1,051 6 10	1,045 14 3	1,044 1 7	888 4 3	..	..	..
Germany	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hong Kong	..	..	..	1,625 16 0	1,456 0 9	274 19 3	..	..	1,051 6 10
India	11,431 14 7	..	..	19,675 10 2	17,801 4 1½	13,306 0 7½	..	..	..
Norway	130 3 10	..	..	784 16 4	494 8 11	420 11 3	..	..	..
Samoa	..	1,195 6 11	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,195 6 11
Straits Settlements	..	93 14 9	..	224 5 3	118 6 7	12 3 11	..	..	..
Tonga	..	950 11 5	..	2,319 4 0	2,731 6 2	..	..	..	..
Union of South Africa	..	57 10 10	..	2,398 11 5	1,986 13 7	354 7 0	..	..	1,362 13 7
Commission (foreign)	..	419 11 3	..	2,507 1 9	2,667 8 3	..	..	..	579 17 9
SAVINGS-BANK ACCOUNTS:—									
Deposits and withdrawals	33,418,125 4 9	..	..	30,937,383 16 1	25,962,378 2 6	38,393,130 18 4	..	..	..
Investments	..	31,878,951 9 7	..	3,002,600 0 0	7,492,265 0 0	..	..	..	36,368,616 9 7
Accrued interest on investments	..	359,899 0 0	..	359,899 0 0	410,601 9 5	..	..	..	410,601 9 5
Fixed Deposit Account	21,000 0 0	..	..	840 0 0	1,840 0 0	20,000 0 0	..	..	..
Fixed Deposit Investment Account	..	21,000 0 0	..	1,000 0 0	..	..	..	..	20,000 0 0
Transfers—									
New Zealand	15,271 6 2	..	..	3,039,836 3 8	3,033,341 5 5	21,766 4 5	..	..	..
Commonwealth S.B. of Australia	..	117 18 9	..	19,283 17 9	20,070 11 3	..	..	..	904 12 3
State Savings-bank of Australia	..	2,173 0 0	..	61,726 12 4	56,945 16 11	2,607 15 5	..	..	..
United Kingdom	..	..	..	101,870 19 2	101,870 19 2	..	..	..	..
Post Office Savings-bank Reserve Account	364,000 0 0	..	..	14,560 0 0	..	378,560 0 0	..	..	..
Profit and Loss Account	100,407 7 2	..	..	1,693,887 15 4	1,606,238 14 7	188,056 7 11	..	..	..
POSTAL ACCOUNTS:—									
Stamps	290,755 12 0½	..	..	1,290,937 5 3	1,313,346 17 10½	268,365 19 5	..	..	..
Postal Guides	21 0 0	..	..	654 3 1	624 13 3	50 9 10	..	..	..
Postal notes	163,261 4 1½	..	..	655,681 5 0	637,577 10 4½	181,364 18 9	..	..	..
Private box and bag rents	..	..	..	20,009 5 5	20,009 5 5	..	..	..	..
Safe-deposit receipts	..	..	..	51 18 0	51 18 0	..	..	..	..
Money-order commission	..	..	..	20,497 15 2	20,497 15 2	..	..	..	..
British postal orders—									
Head Office Account	31,911 7 1	..	..	73,016 13 4	43,141 5 0	61,786 15 5	..	..	..
C.P.M.'s Account	20,951 1 3	..	..	43,141 5 0	42,526 9 8	21,563 16 7	..	..	..
London Account	..	..	..	41,554 8 7½	41,554 12 0½	..	..	..	0 3 5
British Post Office commission	..	..	..	440 10 9½	440 10 9½	..	..	..	..
Postal revenue	4,207 8 11½	..	..	1,026,735 17 9½	1,011,040 11 2	19,902 15 7	..	..	..

Land-tax	64,175 15 6	..	1,166,806 16 11	1,195,620 4 6	35,362 7 11	..
Licensing Act .. .. .	..	..	20 10 0	20 10 0	..	..
Machinery	1,040 5 0	..	14,177 5 0	13,966 0 0	1,251 10 0	..
Marine Department	32 13 4	..	272 11 0	286 0 9	19 3 7	..
Mental Hospital receipts .. .. .	..	..	11 19 3	11 19 3	..	..
Mining Act	408 0 0	..	176 10 0	178 10 0	406 0 0	..
National Provident Fund receipts	1,964 8 2	..	42,144 2 10	41,152 2 2	2,956 8 10	..
New Zealand Consols .. .. .	..	..	1,901 1 3	1,986 14 2	106 3 0	..
Orchard-tax .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pensions Department—	..	..	..	..	..	..
Military	336 8 5	..	46,000 0 0	46,143 11 5	192 17 0	..
Miners	160 18 1	..	15,100 0 0	13,990 4 0	1,270 14 1	..
Old-age	3,029 5 6	..	731,000 0 0	732,204 7 9	1,824 17 9	..
" pensions (miscellaneous) .. .. .	..	..	3 5 0	3 5 0	..	..
War	1,254 2 8	..	1,637,676 11 10	1,674,352 11 2	..	35,421 16 8
Widows	308 16 6	..	121,400 0 0	113,777 13 8	7,931 2 10	..
Public Health	170 8 7	..	2,019 10 7	2,040 1 1	149 18 1	..
Public Trust	98,570 3 10	..	1,324,251 2 11	1,388,093 4 9	34,728 2 0	..
Public Service superannuation	3,976 12 3	..	273,378 4 4	254,935 0 11	22,419 15 8	..
Railways .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..
Registration of births, &c.	276 10 6	..	3,645 4 0	3,483 9 6	438 5 0	..
Rents	12 7 0	..	292 7 6	287 1 2	17 13 4	..
Sanatorium, Hanmer Springs	127 11 4	..	2,288 14 10	2,186 12 4	229 13 10	..
School Journal receipts .. .. .	..	..	293 0 0	289 7 5	10 5 4	..
State Fire Insurance Department	4 12 4	..	27 5 6	13 17 0	18 0 10	..
Stock Department .. .. .	..	..	1 10 0	1 10 0	..	..
Teachers' Superannuation Fund	5,251 9 7	..	80,211 8 8	76,504 1 0	8,958 17 3	..
Valuation revenue	237 16 6	..	8,607 11 6	8,447 3 0	398 5 0	..
Miscellaneous revenue	0 4 0	..	32 12 0	32 16 0	..	..
Wheat receipts .. .. .	..	..	725 13 2	725 13 2	..	..
Suspense Account	2 1 0	..	..	..	2 1 0	..
New Zealand Government loan debentures	10,500 0 0	..	1,232,322 10 0	1,191,585 0 0	51,237 10 0	..
Post Office 5-per-cent. inscribed stock	7,750 0 0	..	669,110 0 0	670,670 0 0	6,190 0 0	..
War-loan certificates:—	..	..	..	..	..	..
Head Office Account	227,602 2 0	..	623,950 0 0	493,828 8 0	357,723 14 0	..
C.P.M.'s Account	426,126 12 0	..	493,828 8 0	580,647 9 0	333,307 11 0	..
Fund Account	3,989,267 13 7	..	583,213 12 0	..	4,572,481 5 7	..
Sales Investment Account .. .. .	..	3,981,500 0 0	..	581,500 0 0	..	4,563,000 0 0
For Custody Account .. .. .	..	..	256,879 0 0	256,879 0 0	..	..
Interest Account .. .. .	..	..	194,319 0 11	..	..	..
Interest Investment Account	224,950 15 11	..	..	194,350 0 0	419,269 16 10	..
Y.M.C.A. coupons—	..	..	..	..	..	..
Head Office Account	6,249 2 6	..	8,889 2 6	15,138 5 0	..	..
C.P.M.'s Account	9,119 7 6	..	67 10 0	9,186 17 6	..	..
Adjustment Account	388 17 6	..	367 7 6	756 5 0	..	..
Totals	39,843,448 17 9	39,843,448 17 9	156,558,387 5 9½	156,558,387 5 9½	45,817,704 0 4	45,817,704 0 4

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, 1919.

Description of Securities.	Nominal Value.		Cost Price.		Accrued Interest on 31st December, 1919.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1900 Debentures, 4 per cent.	1,000	0 0	1,000	0 0	6	11 6
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, 4 per cent.	61,600	0 0	61,600	0 0	202	10 2
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.	142,900	0 0	142,900	0 0	433	17 7
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	2,021	0 0
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1906 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	500,000	0 0	500,000	0 0	8,750	0 0
The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act 1906 Debentures, 4 per cent.	81,500	0 0	81,500	0 0	1,630	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	15,715	14 6
The Aid to Water-power Works Act 1910 Debentures, 4 per cent.	50,000	0 0	50,000	0 0	328	15 5
The Aid to Water-power Works Act 1910 Debentures, 4 per cent.	379,000	0 0	379,000	0 0	2,445	18 2
Akaroa County Council Debentures, 4½ per cent.	900	0 0	900	0 0	13	8 6
The Appropriation Act 1912 Debentures, 4 per cent.	10,000	0 0	10,000	0 0	65	15 1
The Appropriation Act 1917 (section 22) Debentures, 4 per cent.	50,000	0 0	50,000	0 0	663	0 2
The Appropriation Act 1918 (section 33) Debentures, 4 per cent.	75,000	0 0	75,000	0 0	994	10 3
Auckland Harbour Board Debentures, 5½ per cent.	500	0 0	500	0 0	12	10 3
Canadian Stock, 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, 4 per cent.	10,000	0 0	10,000	0 0	99	14 6
The Coal-mines Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	135,000	0 0	135,000	0 0	1,346	5 9
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, 4 per cent.	194,200	0 0	194,200	0 0	3,234	17 8
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 Debentures (the New Zealand Loans Act, 1908), 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	981	5 2
The Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act 1915 and Finance Act 1917 (section 82) Debentures, 4 per cent.	360,000	0 0	360,000	0 0	4,773	13 6
The Discharged Soldiers Settlement Loan Act 1919 (section 3) Debentures, 4 per cent.	100,000	0 0	100,000	0 0	153	8 4
The Discharged Soldiers Settlement Loan Act 1919 (section 4) Debentures, 4 per cent.	150,000	0 0	150,000	0 0	498	12 4
The District Railway Purchasing Acts 1885 and 1886 Debentures, 4 per cent.	40,000	0 0	40,000	0 0	793	8 6
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	10 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

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, 1919—continued.

Description of Securities.	Nominal Value.		Cost Price.		Accrued Interest on 31st December, 1919.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
The Finance Act 1916 (section 35) Debentures, 4½ per cent. . .	1,100	0 0	1,100	0 0	16	8 2
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. . .	800,000	0 0	800,000	0 0	13,326	0 0
The Finance Act 1916 (section 50) (State Forests) Debentures, 4½ per cent.	1,000	0 0	1,000	0 0	17	13 11
The Finance Act 1916 (section 50) Debentures, 4 per cent. . .	41,900	0 0	41,900	0 0	697	19 0
The Finance Act 1917 (section 77) Debentures, 4 per cent. . .	725,000	0 0	725,000	0 0	12,076	13 9
The Finance Act 1918 (section 10) Debentures, 4 per cent. . .	1,500,000	0 0	1,500,000	0 0	4,931	9 8
The Finance Act 1918 (section 29) (Aid to Public Works) Debentures, 4 per cent.	1,500,000	0 0	1,500,000	0 0	14,136	18 11
The Finance Act 1918 (section 30) Debentures, 4 per cent. . .	9,500	0 0	9,500	0 0	125	19 5
The Finance Act 1918 No. 2 (section 31) (Discharged Soldiers) Debentures, 4 per cent.	800,000	0 0	800,000	0 0	10,608	3 8
The Finance Act 1918 (section 32) (State Forests) Debentures, 4 per cent.	40,000	0 0	40,000	0 0	515	1 4
The Finance Act 1918 No. 2 (section 31) (Discharged Soldiers) Debentures, 4 per cent.	200,000	0 0	200,000	0 0	2,652	1 0
The Fruit-preserving Industry Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent.	35,700	0 0	35,700	0 0	356	0 4
The Fruit-preserving Industry Act 1913 and Finance Act 1917 (section 80) Debentures, 4 per cent.	16,450	0 0	16,450	0 0	164	0 11
The General Purposes Loan Act 1873 Debentures, 4 per cent.	5,200	0 0	5,200	0 0	43	17 7
The Government Advances to Settlers Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	105,000	0 0	105,000	0 0	345	4 1
The Government Advances to Settlers Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	12,900	0 0	12,964	10 0	258	0 0
The Government Advances to Settlers 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 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	2,820	0 0
The Government Railways Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	2,000	0 0	2,000	0 0	33	6 3
The Government Railways Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	1,000	0 0	1,000	0 0	20	0 0
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.	5,000	0 0	5,000	0 0	93	15 0
The Government Railways Amendment Act 1910 Debentures, 4 per cent.	71,350	0 0	71,350	0 0	1,427	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 Hauraki Plains Amendment Acts 1913 and 1914 Debentures, 4 per cent.	19,000	0 0	19,000	0 0	316	9 10
The Hauraki Plains Amendment Act 1913 and Appropriation Act 1918 Debentures, 4 per cent.	36,000	0 0	36,000	0 0	324	1 0
The Hutt Railway and Road Improvement Acts 1903 and 1905 Debentures, 4 per cent.	100,000	0 0	100,000	0 0	657	10 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 New Zealand Inscribed Stock Act 1917 Debentures, 4½ per cent.	70,300	0 0	70,300	0 0	364	14 4
The New Zealand Inscribed Stock Act 1917 Debentures, 4½ per cent.	150	0 0	150	0 0	0	17 0
The New Zealand Inscribed Stock Act 1917 and Finance Act 1917, Post Office 5-per-cent. War Bonds	300	0 0	300	0 0	1	16 2
The Irrigation and Water-supply Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent.	24,900	0 0	24,900	0 0	248	6 3
The Irrigation and Water-supply Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent.	65,000	0 0	65,000	0 0	648	4 3
The Kauri-gum Industry Amendment Act 1914 Debentures, 4 per cent.	48,000	0 0	48,000	0 0	315	12 2

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, 1919—continued.

Description of Securities.	Nominal Value.		Cost Price.		Accrued Interest on 31st December, 1919.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
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. . .	522,935	0 0	522,935	0 0	10,458	3 8
The Land for Settlements Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent. . .	44,925	0 0	44,925	0 0	898	10 0
The Land for Settlements Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent. . .	400	0 0	400	0 0	4	0 8
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.	244,800	0 0	244,800	0 0	3,246	2 2
The Land Laws Amendment Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent.	1,138,000	0 0	1,138,000	0 0	11,195	5 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, 4 per cent. . .	416,000	0 0	416,000	0 0	5,516	5 4
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, 4 per cent. . .	50,000	0 0	50,000	0 0	164	7 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, 4 per cent.	34,175	0 0	34,175	0 0	683	10 0
The Maori Land Settlement Act Amendment Act 1907 Debentures, 3½ per cent.	50,000	0 0	50,000	0 0	875	0 0
The Mining Amendment Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent. . .	11,500	0 0	11,500	0 0	75	12 4
The Native Land Amendment Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent.	1,358,500	0 0	1,358,500	0 0	12,013	10 5
The Native Land Purchases Act 1892 Debentures, 4 per cent.	125,000	0 0	125,000	0 0	835	12 3
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. . .	1,000	0 0	1,000	0 0	16	13 2
The New Zealand Consols Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent. . .	16,000	0 0	14,400	0 0	198	2 9
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, 4 per cent.	750,000	0 0	750,000	0 0	5,671	4 2
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Acts 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, 4 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 Acts 1909 and 1910 and New Zealand Loans Act 1908 (Land for Settlements Branch) Debentures, 4 per cent.	99,000	0 0	99,000	0 0	987	5 9
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Acts 1909 and 1910 (Land for Settlements Branch) Debentures, 4 per cent.	741,066	0 0	741,066	0 0	4,953	18 11
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Acts 1909 and 1910 (Land for Settlements Branch) Debentures, 4 per cent.	38,600	0 0	38,600	0 0	253	16 2
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Acts 1909 and 1910 (Land for Settlements Branch) Debentures, 4 per cent.	15,300	0 0	15,300	0 0	100	12 0
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Acts 1909 and 1910 (Land for Settlements Branch) Debentures, 4 per cent.	69,500	0 0	69,500	0 0	1,157	13 11
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.	62,000	0 0	62,000	0 0	618	5 11
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Acts 1909 and 1910 (Land for Settlements Branch) Debentures, 4 per cent.	141,165	0 0	141,165	0 0	2,831	0 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, 1919—continued.

Description of Securities.	Nominal Value.			Cost Price.			Accrued Interest on 31st December, 1919.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
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, 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.	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	0	897	10	8
The New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act 1909 (Local Authorities Branch) Debentures, 3½ 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, 4 per cent.	50,000	0	0	50,000	0	0	498	12	6
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 (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.	567,000	0	0	567,000	0	0	8,863	19	7
The Railways Improvement Authorization Act 1914 Debentures, 4 per cent.	8,000	0	0	8,000	0	0	133	5	2
The Rangitaiki Land Drainage Amendment Act 1913 Debentures, 4 per cent.	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	0	132	12	0
The Rangitaiki Land Drainage Amendment Act 1913 and Amendment Act 1914 Debentures, 4 per cent.	45,000	0	0	45,000	0	0	596	14	3
The Rangitaiki Land Drainage Amendment Act 1913 and Finance Act 1917 (section 81) Debentures, 4 per cent.	30,000	0	0	30,000	0	0	315	12	4
The Rangitaiki Land Drainage Amendment Act 1913 and Appropriation Act 1918 (section 44) Debentures, 4 per cent.	30,000	0	0	30,000	0	0	313	8	5
The Scenery Preservation Act 1908 Debentures, 4 per cent.	94,000	0	0	94,000	0	0	618	1	9
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.	56,000	0	0	56,000	0	0	360	11	0
The Swamp Drainage Act 1915 and Appropriation Act 1918 (section 46) Debentures, 4 per cent.	15,000	0	0	15,000	0	0	40	10	11
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, 4 per cent.	120,000	0	0	120,000	0	0	1,847	13	4
The Waikaka Branch Railway Act 1905 Debentures, 4 per cent.	53,476	0	0	53,476	0	0	351	12	6
War Purposes Loan Act 1917 Debentures, 4½ per cent.	1,600	0	0	1,600	0	0	9	1	5
War Purposes Loan Act 1917 Debentures, 5 per cent.	100	0	0	100	0	0	0	12	7
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	530	0	0
Wellington Harbour Board Debentures, 4½ per cent.	26,700	0	0	26,700	0	0	388	12	2
Wellington Harbour Board Debentures, 4 per cent.	48,200	0	0	48,200	0	0	660	5	6
The 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	..	..	..	..	..	..	603	10	6
Totals	36,392,201	15	10	36,368,616	9	7	410,601	9	5

Table No. 9.

POST OFFICE SAVINGS-BANKS.

Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 31st December, 1919.

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s. d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s. d.
Balance at credit of depositors on 1st January, 1919	33,418,125	4 9	Withdrawals, 1919	25,962,378	2 6
Deposits, 1919	29,758,448	9 7	Balance at credit of depositors on 31st December, 1919	38,393,130	18 4
Interest credited to depositors, 1919..	1,178,935	6 6			
	<u>£64,355,509</u>	<u>0 10</u>		<u>£64,355,509</u>	<u>0 10</u>

Fixed Deposit Account.

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s. d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s. d.
Balance at credit on 1st January, 1919	21,000	0 0	Withdrawals, 1919	1,840	0 0
Deposits, 1919 .. .. .	..	..	Balance at credit on 31st December, 1919	20,000	0 0
Interest credited, 1919	840	0 0			
	<u>£21,840</u>	<u>0 0</u>		<u>£21,840</u>	<u>0 0</u>

Reserve Fund Account.

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s. d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s. d.
Balance at credit on 1st January, 1919	364,000	0 0	Amount at credit of Reserve Fund Account on 31st December, 1919 ..	378,560	0 0
Interest credited, 1919	14,560	0 0			
	<u>£378,560</u>	<u>0 0</u>		<u>£378,560</u>	<u>0 0</u>

Liabilities and Assets.

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s. d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s. d.
Balance at credit of Post Office Savings-bank depositors on 31st December, 1919	38,393,130	18 4	Securities (Post Office Savings-bank) ..	36,368,616	9 7
Balance on fixed deposit	20,000	0 0	„ (fixed deposit)	20,000	0 0
„ transfer	23,469	7 7	Balance uninvested	2,614,600	4 3
Balance at credit of Reserve Fund Account	378,560	0 0			
Balance of assets over liabilities	188,056	7 11			
	<u>£39,003,216</u>	<u>13 10</u>		<u>£39,003,216</u>	<u>13 10</u>

Profit and Loss Account.

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s. d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s. d.
Interest credited to depositors during 1919	1,178,935	6 6	Balance forward, 1st January, 1919 ..	100,407	7 2
Interest paid on debentures purchased by the Department	4	8 1	Interest received during year 1919	1,281,334	18 6
Interest paid on fixed deposit	840	0 0	Accrued interest, 31st December, 1919	410,601	9 5
Interest credited Reserve Fund Account	14,560	0 0		<u>1,691,936</u>	<u>7 11</u>
Paid Public Account for cost of Savings-bank management	52,000	0 0	Less accrued interest on 31st December, 1918	359,899	0 0
Balance forward to next account	188,056	7 11	Sundry receipts	1,951	7 5
	<u>£1,434,396</u>	<u>2 6</u>		<u>£1,434,396</u>	<u>2 6</u>

Table No. 10.
SAVINGS-BANK ACCOUNTS REMAINING OPEN ON 31st DECEMBER, 1919, 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.	Total Number of Accounts open.		
														Exceeding £1,000.	
Auckland	..	82,981	13,408	10,454	9,078	4,069	2,394	1,325	913	579	308	224	182	323	126,238
Blenheim	..	5,717	923	696	654	338	179	121	85	42	26	15	30	20	8,846
Christchurch	..	59,217	10,379	8,301	7,281	3,571	1,979	1,229	801	450	256	176	154	262	94,050
Dunedin	..	34,061	8,619	7,549	7,003	4,271	1,993	1,227	870	332	176	131	131	215	66,783
Gisborne	..	10,503	1,703	1,305	1,112	502	313	174	114	60	44	28	24	35	15,919
Greytown	..	5,945	806	627	619	332	203	99	67	50	23	15	13	22	8,821
Hokitika	..	1,706	248	175	181	92	51	20	17	15	5	4	4	5	2,523
Invercargill	..	15,283	3,118	2,683	2,245	1,098	608	329	234	121	63	35	33	53	25,903
Napier	..	20,838	3,731	2,839	2,568	1,242	661	389	287	166	97	71	56	96	33,041
Nelson	..	8,982	1,526	1,213	1,178	530	327	196	95	48	18	16	16	16	14,233
New Plymouth	..	14,170	2,550	2,097	1,968	1,026	607	339	238	151	74	34	32	55	23,341
Oamaru	..	4,197	886	916	735	372	212	132	73	47	35	17	27	22	7,671
Ohangai	..	11,942	2,023	1,468	1,218	495	179	155	74	55	21	21	19	13	17,684
Thames	..	10,553	2,262	1,796	1,559	838	489	284	176	138	69	35	32	62	18,293
Timaru	..	20,094	2,960	2,316	2,082	1,001	573	330	200	126	55	44	37	73	29,891
Wanganui	..	84,196	12,701	12,028	10,285	5,392	2,929	1,590	1,068	672	348	269	233	342	132,053
Wellington	..	3,895	456	395	345	171	105	55	19	7	14	4	10	17	5,493
Westport
Totals, 1919	..	394,280	68,331	56,828	50,111	25,340	13,796	7,994	5,331	3,071	1,819	1,186	1,033	1,663	630,783
Totals, 1918	..	385,812	61,466	48,178	45,258	20,985	11,518	6,255	4,180	2,438	1,367	872	744	1,132	590,205

Table No. 11.
POSTAL DISTRICTS OF NEW ZEALAND DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1919.
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, 1919.

Postal Districts (1919).	Posted in the Dominion.					Delivered in the Dominion.					Total posted and delivered.				
	Letters and Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Books, &c.	Newspapers.	Parcels.	Letters and Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Books, &c.	Newspapers.	Parcels.	Letters and Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Books, &c.	Newspapers.	Parcels.
Auckland	33,180,503	923,975	6,305,652	4,725,782	885,040	27,366,703	835,302	3,825,887	3,859,908	779,997	60,547,206	1,759,277	10,131,539	8,585,690	1,665,037
Blenheim	1,604,489	65,559	247,177	293,436	23,218	1,576,913	65,026	260,468	425,386	49,521	3,181,402	130,585	507,645	718,892	72,739
Christchurch	13,864,041	404,053	1,612,701	1,634,518	433,901	16,435,692	801,437	2,849,704	1,797,224	399,382	30,299,733	1,205,490	4,462,405	3,431,742	833,283
Dunedin	13,337,317	640,263	3,639,538	1,758,851	324,051	11,341,343	303,750	2,566,772	1,708,369	285,020	24,698,660	1,144,013	6,206,310	3,467,220	609,071
Gisborne	2,534,067	39,377	706,217	546,996	44,512	2,472,106	63,440	496,795	891,514	82,982	5,006,173	102,817	1,208,012	1,438,510	127,494
Greytown	1,234,584	9,997	192,536	190,177	31,135	1,387,997	21,125	158,769	348,972	54,641	2,622,581	31,122	351,305	539,149	85,776
Hokitika	566,214	9,204	51,447	143,754	12,519	710,632	15,626	78,104	244,881	24,283	1,276,846	24,830	129,551	388,635	36,802
Invercargill	5,928,438	105,937	1,164,425	683,137	102,752	6,450,600	163,631	894,114	977,990	148,080	12,379,038	269,568	2,058,539	1,611,127	250,832
Napier	6,356,559	167,323	1,652,137	994,629	106,184	6,858,527	171,990	1,449,279	1,459,627	190,249	13,215,086	339,313	3,101,416	2,414,236	296,433
New Plymouth	2,080,468	47,164	237,976	201,425	62,413	2,173,964	43,495	289,588	430,313	72,761	4,254,432	100,659	527,564	631,738	124,046
Oamaru	4,160,674	134,446	670,602	488,302	62,413	4,628,949	137,956	549,926	745,511	141,465	8,789,623	272,402	1,220,528	1,233,813	203,878
Ohangai	1,651,939	41,886	239,357	125,489	19,357	1,915,485	77,506	297,817	245,206	35,752	3,567,424	119,392	537,174	370,695	55,109
Thames	4,334,945	211,341	1,183,552	454,864	51,506	3,272,178	87,802	376,402	601,211	103,691	5,909,854	149,461	739,912	893,009	155,197
Timaru	4,714,955	113,984	1,071,878	674,180	44,863	4,237,402	188,292	1,062,867	711,828	72,034	8,572,347	399,633	2,246,419	1,166,692	116,897
Wanganui	27,546,810	419,874	5,119,906	3,387,678	87,100	5,035,979	137,657	759,668	1,029,379	173,596	9,750,934	251,641	1,831,546	1,703,559	260,696
Wellington	756,433	7,189	108,287	132,314	15,418	1,036,399	9,828	3,636,332	3,133,975	537,105	51,279,012	975,702	8,806,238	6,521,653	1,254,705
Westport	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	126,510,112	3,403,231	24,566,898	16,637,330	3,012,854	120,633,071	3,889,691	19,753,487	18,860,933	3,180,621	247,143,183	7,292,922	44,320,385	35,498,263	6,193,475
Previous year	124,163,370	3,241,290	22,664,119	16,699,558	3,337,763	118,363,989	3,904,316	19,637,111	18,776,654	3,038,706	242,527,369	7,145,606	42,301,230	35,476,212	6,376,469

Table No. 12.
REGISTERED ARTICLES.

The number of registered articles dealt with in 1919, compared with the number in 1890, 1900, 1910, and 1918, is as follows:—

	1890.	1900.	1910.	1918.	1919.
From places beyond the Dominion	26,374	52,343	132,493	162,910	179,989
Registered in the Dominion	169,321	464,036	993,675	1,659,135	2,296,827
Totals	195,695	516,379	1,126,168	1,822,045	2,476,816

DEAD LETTERS.		1918.	1919.
Opened and returned to writers	...	294,563	262,126
Returned unopened to other countries	...	38,940	36,269
Reissued	...	177,384*	212,368*
Destroyed	...	32,533	32,247
Returned unopened by Chief Postmasters	...	253,775	254,216
Returned unopened to other countries by Chief Postmasters	...	23,789	43,244
Totals	...	820,984	840,470

* 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, 1918, and 1919:—

	1890.	1900.	1910.	1918.	1919.
Number	121,292	199,413	1,190,711	3,337,763	3,012,854
Weight	336,643 lb. 12 oz.	682,140 lb. 7 oz.	3,953,284 lb. 15 oz.	14,439,737 lb.	14,078,492 lb.

The following table shows the number and weight of parcels exchanged with the United Kingdom and the undermentioned places during the years 1918 and 1919:—

Country.	Received.				Despatched.			
	1918.		1919.		1918.		1919.	
	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.
		lb.		lb.		lb.		lb.
United Kingdom and foreign countries (via London)	140,453	718,107	114,256	637,400	84,583	525,076	33,025	164,031
United States of America	60,852	432,851	61,472	427,632	1,832	7,402	2,823	12,891
New Zealand Expeditionary Force	1,415	3,964	384	1,423	442,318	1,594,284	9,851	33,593
Canada	2,654	14,998	3,348	19,414	1,116	6,955	742	2,401
Victoria	12,303	56,688	15,889	83,397	3,253	9,697	3,262	9,728
New South Wales	20,869	92,452	27,462	138,939	6,010	17,482	6,033	19,233
South Australia	570	1,909	493	1,799	456	1,386	456	1,322
Queensland	1,061	3,515	873	3,089	874	2,479	729	2,331
Tasmania	235	571	215	573	511	1,373	487	1,197
Western Australia	317	699	330	696	399	1,052	378	1,083
Fiji	423	1,014	329	747	1,145	3,539	1,265	4,255
Ceylon	336	1,614	282	1,342	177	707	79	326
Cape of Good Hope	714	1,654	1,067	3,860	69	175	60	204
Natal	..	..	..	..	251	769	261	834
India	1,375	6,702	1,544	7,383	675	3,058	592	3,061
Tonga	48	155	45	138	507	1,985	617	2,515
Tahiti	7	57	23	90	977	7,765	566	2,895
Hong Kong	2,682	23,840	1,273	10,826	207	1,012	259	1,247
Straits Settlements	119	397	142	431	130	499	175	881
Totals	246,433	1,361,187	229,427	1,339,179	545,490	2,186,695	61,660	265,028

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	13	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	£ s. d.	
" 1867	757	1,498	21	70,952	9,070 10 1	3,770 4 8	12,840 14 9	8,017 14 7	2,541 4 11	10,558 19 6	3 7 1	
" 1868	1,110	2,223	31	98,485	11,652 3 7	6,672 0 3	18,324 3 10	9,489 17 10	5,406 7 3	14,895 5 1	4 17 4	Mileage tariff.
" 1869	1,379	2,495	45	106,070	15,097 10 4	13,430 11 9	31,950 7 4	14,266 12 7	8,547 4 9	30,537 12 2	8 9 11	
" 1870	1,661	2,897	56	122,545	17,218 1 4	12,252 6 0	29,470 7 4	16,417 7 4	14,120 4 10	32,598 7 11	6 8 6	Mileage tariff in operation up to 1st Sept., 1869; uniform as 6d. tariff from 1st Sept., 1869, to 31st March, 1870; and 1s. tariff from 1st April, 1870.
" 1871	1,976	3,247	72	253,582	22,419 8 8	9,876 17 6	32,296 6 2	21,254 4 3	11,344 3 8	32,598 7 11	5 19 6	
" 1872	2,185	3,823	81	344,524	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	
" 1873	2,356	4,574	93	485,507	36,800 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	
" 1874	2,530	5,782	105	645,067	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	
" 1875	2,986	6,626	127	786,237	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	
" 1876	3,154	7,247	142	890,382	62,715 10 4	16,154 6 0	78,869 16 4	61,696 14 5	21,074 8 8	82,771 3 1	5 18 10	
" 1877	3,259	7,423	155	952,283	65,644 15 3	17,024 8 9	82,669 4 0	63,353 10 17	17,931 8 0	81,284 18 10	5 12 11	
" 1878	3,434	8,035	182	1,065,481	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	
" 1879	3,512	8,117	195	1,201,982	85,402 0 2	26,949 2 2	112,351 2 4	79,502 0 17	20,999 7 10	96,801 8 3	5 0 9	
31st March, 1880	3,638	9,333	214	1,201,982	85,402 0 2	26,949 2 2	112,351 2 4	79,502 0 17	20,999 7 10	96,801 8 3	5 0 9	
" 1881	3,758	9,887	227	1,058,342	1,304,712	27,021 3 8	100,023 5 8	78,224 1 8	23,154 8 3	101,378 9 11	6 6 7	
" 1882	3,824	9,653	234	1,215,849	1,438,772	22,923 8 0	101,566 16 0	69,165 5 0	18,292 13 4	87,457 18 4	4 17 4	
" 1882	3,974	9,848	264	1,361,817	1,570,169	20,608 11 11	111,242 3 1	73,554 9 1	22,451 6 3	96,005 15 4	5 17 5	
" 1883	4,074	10,037	302	1,379,483	1,599,400	21,555 19 2	115,378 2 5	73,054 1 6	19,210 6 6	92,264 11 0	4 16 8	
" 1884	4,204	10,474	330	1,433,456	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	From 1st November 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 1885	4,463	10,931	375	1,533,406	1,774,273	23,164 13 11	129,476 5 5	77,082 4 2	20,900 6 2	97,982 10 6	4 15 9	
" 1886	4,546	11,178	412	1,583,717	1,836,266	27,281 4 0	130,753 15 10	77,473 10 7	21,402 18 2	98,875 8 9	4 15 11	
" 1887	4,646	11,375	437	1,589,771	1,835,394	30,205 11 9	136,753 15 10	76,580 10 2	21,321 2 9	97,901 12 5	4 13 9	From 1st Jan., 1886, delayed telegrams posted to addressees immediately after their receipt at offices of destination.
" 1888	4,790	11,617	473	1,548,233	1,765,863	23,164 13 11	129,476 5 5	72,201 13 5	23,262 1 0	95,463 14 9	5 0 1	
" 1889	4,874	11,827	489	1,589,157	1,802,987	24,218 7 7	130,681 7 7	75,426 9 7	26,007 1 5	101,433 11 0	5 8 7	
" 1890	5,148	12,842	520	1,734,381	1,961,101	26,070 12 7	136,767 10 3	76,845 1 10	27,546 2 0	104,391 3 10	5 13 0	
" 1891	5,349	13,235	573	1,746,115	1,968,264	24,840 5 7	142,474 1 4	85,658 4 11	28,986 10 10	114,644 15 9	5 12 7	
" 1892	5,479	13,459	615	1,686,064	1,904,143	24,342 7 8	128,155 15 6	87,472 13 3	29,580 10 11	117,053 4 2	5 8 0	
" 1893	5,513	13,515	640	1,825,646	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	

Table No. 14—continued.

COMPARATIVE TABLE SHOWING THE PROGRESS OF THE TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT DURING THE FINANCIAL YEARS ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1895, TO 31ST MARCH, 1920.

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	509,496	..
" 1914	13,044	44,642	2,305	10,594,556	99,476	10,694,032	342,595	232,190	5,031	579,816	563,108	..
" 1915	13,434	46,778	2,386	10,716,613	111,355	10,827,968	356,306	303,856	5,776	665,938	612,665	..
" 1916	13,684	48,052	2,413	10,708,910	127,841	10,836,751	549,627	287,547	9,085	846,259	658,572	..
" 1917	13,896	50,320	2,409	10,734,168	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	..
" 1919	13,813	50,742	2,354	11,989,882	101,135	12,091,017	615,786	373,169	5,036	993,991	879,497	..
" 1920	13,721	50,751	2,339	14,957,615	116,452	15,074,067	619,188	419,318	5,830	1,044,336	1,078,961	..

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, 1920.

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	136,836	785	137,621	3,530,222	15,061	3,545,283
Blenheim	9,359	178	9,537	269,764	4,122	273,886
Christchurch	60,500	833	61,333	1,437,793	17,913	1,455,706
Dunedin	47,160	352	47,512	1,130,394	7,646	1,138,040
Gisborne	19,718	213	19,931	440,221	4,748	444,969
Greymouth	7,459	144	7,603	168,269	5,272	173,541
Hokitika	2,891	23	2,914	82,155	1,099	83,254
Invercargill	25,026	194	25,220	677,637	7,114	684,751
Napier	39,439	234	39,673	1,124,570	4,930	1,129,500
Nelson	11,724	359	12,083	304,473	9,713	314,186
New Plymouth	23,862	97	23,959	670,079	2,311	672,390
Oamaru	8,365	56	8,421	176,023	1,366	177,389
Thames	18,093	58	18,151	496,391	1,962	498,353
Timaru	17,448	103	17,551	433,341	2,252	435,593
Wanganui	30,924	69	30,993	796,964	1,346	798,310
Wellington	140,969	2,055	143,024	3,112,761	27,907	3,140,668
Westport	4,448	77	4,525	106,558	1,690	108,248
Totals, 1919-20	604,221	5,830	610,051	14,957,615	116,452	15,074,067
Totals, 1918-19	485,654	5,036	490,690	11,989,882	101,135	12,091,017

Table No. 16.
TABLE SHOWING THE PAID TELEGRAMS OF ALL CODES FORWARDED DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1920, AND THE REVENUE RECEIVED THEREFROM.

Class of Telegrams.	June Quarter, 1919.			September Quarter, 1919.			December Quarter, 1919.			March Quarter, 1920.			Totals.		
	Number.	Revenue.	£	Number.	Revenue.	£	Number.	Revenue.	£	Number.	Revenue.	£	Number.	Revenue.	£
	Ordinary	1,645,703	118,120	1,703,064	122,065	1,937,837	130,123	2,009,388	135,538	7,295,992	505,846	584,745	44,397	584,745	44,397
Urgent	138,872	10,495	126,232	10,250	148,022	10,884	171,619	12,968	358,352	32,259	358,352	32,259	358,352	32,259	
Press	91,626	7,149	79,510	7,805	92,802	8,990	94,414	8,315	58,337	211,911	1,824,893	58,337	6,718,526	211,911	
Toll	1,531,968	47,663	1,613,983	51,844	1,717,682	54,067	1,824,893	58,337	6,718,526	211,911	1,824,893	58,337	6,718,526	211,911	
Gross totals	3,408,169	183,427	3,552,789	191,964	3,896,343	204,064	4,100,314	215,158	14,957,615	794,613	14,957,615	215,158	14,957,615	794,613	
Less other lines and credits .. .. .	..	45,794	..	46,910	..	47,608	..	50,080	..	190,392	..	50,080	..	190,392
Net totals, 1919-20 .. .. .	..	137,633	..	145,054	..	156,456	..	165,078	..	604,221	..	165,078	..	604,221
Net totals, 1918-19	2,894,603	116,167	2,848,648	112,243	3,015,208	129,413	3,231,423	127,831	11,989,882	485,654	3,231,423	127,831	11,989,882	485,654	

Table No. 17.
TABLE SHOWING THE CLASS AND NUMBER OF INSTRUMENTS AND BATTERIES IN USE AT TELEGRAPH-OFFICES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1920.

District.	Morse Instruments in Use.										Number of Cells.				
	Constant Current.	Intermittent Current.	Single-current Duplex.	Double-current Duplex.	Direct Sounders.	Quad-ruplex.	Automatic.	Quad-translators.	Number of Telephones not connected to an Exchange.			Number of Cells.		D.T.	
									Leclanche.	Burham.	Daniell.	Bichromate.	Storage.		
Auckland	62	78	12	6	1	25	..	8	226	11,006	411	196	..	3	10
Canterbury	120	28	12	7	..	13	..	4	17	3,797	951	1,056	1,082	4	..
Otago	60	81	1	3	..	6	..	3	41	5,026	79	657	335	7	..
Wellington	135	89	13	17	3	28	..	24	91	14,125	4,842	1,159	269	153	34
Totals	377	276	38	33	4	72	..	39	375	33,954	6,283	3,068	1,686	167	44

Total number of Morse sets, 839.

Table No. 18.
TABLE SHOWING THE COST OF MAINTENANCE OF TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE LINES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1920.

District.	Miles of Wire.	Miles of Line.	Travelling- expenses of Engineers and Linemen.	Extra Labour.	Material.	Rural Telephones: Assistance to Settlers.	Total Expenditure out of Item of 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	13,882	4,171	3,543	11,267	5,727	..	20,537	17,108	37,645	2 14 3	£ s. d. 9 0 6
Wellington	17,880	4,320	3,547	9,021	11,977	..	24,545	24,727	49,272	2 15 1	11 8 1
Canterbury	9,856	2,299	3,037	6,106	5,069	..	14,212	9,994	24,206	2 9 1	10 10 7
Otago	9,133	2,931	2,515	6,962	4,268	..	13,745	9,760	23,505	2 11 6	8 0 5
Totals	50,751	13,721	12,642	33,356	27,041	..	73,039	61,589	134,628	2 13 1	9 16 3
Cables	416*	..	42	98	6,731	..	6,871	..	6,871	16 10 4†	..
Stores .. .. .	..	..	167	4,000	6,728	..	10,895	2,358	13,253	..	..
Rural telephones— Assistance to settlers	..	..	..	..	..	549	549	..	549	..	..
Laboratory .. .. .	..	..	137	3,799	1,772	..	5,708	..	5,708	..	..
Wireless stations .. .. .	..	..	79	1,867	945	..	2,881	..	2,881	..	..
Total telegraph-lines	51,167	13,721	13,067	43,110	43,217	..	99,943	63,947	163,890	..	..
Telephone exchanges	177,509	5,110	3,628	37,290	21,208	..	62,126	68,696	130,822	..	..
Grand totals	228,676	18,831	16,695	80,400	64,425	549	162,069	132,643	294,712	..	..

* Knots. † Per knot.

Table No. 19—*continued.*TABLE SHOWING COST OF CONSTRUCTING TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE LINES DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1920—*continued.*

Line.	Total Cost, including Material from Stores.	Line.	Total Cost, including Material from Stores.
<i>LINES—continued.</i>		<i>LINES—continued.</i>	
	£		£
Rotaruke telephone extension	460	Onerahi Railway Bureau	33
Whenuapai extension	107	Kopurahi Telephone-office	1
Penrose (conversion from Morse)	42	Hamilton-Ngaruawahia trunk wire	85
Gowan extension	59	Blenheim-Seddon (metallic circuit).. ..	603
Tokowa extension	46	Riariaki Telephone extension	8
Paremoremo	34	Whareponga Telephone-office	8
Okioere (reopening office)	5	Owen River Telephone-office	92
Muriwai Beach (removal of office)	47	Karamea Ferry Telephone-office	11
Koiro Telephone-office	21	Greenvale (removal of office)	9
Hinuera	8	North-east Harbour extension	263
Otiria (reopening office)	4		
Rarotonga Wireless Station	146		
Pukeatua-Puketurua line	58	Total	£229,787

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. on Capital Cost.	
	£	s. d.	£	Total for all Connections.	£	Total.	Salaries and Allowances of Clerks, &c.	Materials and Linemen.	Interest on Capital and Wear-and-tear, &c.*	Cleaning, Fuel, Light, Paper, Printing, Binding, &c.			
Total for the year ended 31st March,—													
1883	116	21 16 6	2,531	613	285	275	253	150	963	207	8-17		
1888	379	21 16 6	8,271	5,014	595	595	827	300	2,317	4,492	54-31		
1884	1,075	21 16 6	15,604	7,746	695	770	1,346	350	3,375	3,653	23-41		
1885	1,710	20 8 6	23,461	10,008	1,770	1,590	2,346	475	6,181	3,827	16-31		
1886	2,038	20 8 6	37,319	12,294	2,849	1,704	3,732	700	8,985	5,011	13-42		
1887	2,153	19 19 5	40,686	15,477	2,873	1,580	4,069	320	10,642	6,635	16-30		
1888	2,249	22 19 0	49,407	16,881	3,119	2,252	4,941	380	12,639	6,239	12-63		
1889	2,502	23 18 10	53,849	17,613	3,316	2,249	5,344	335	11,244	6,368	11-82		
1890	2,867	24 4 1	58,229	18,581	3,790	2,206	5,823	375	12,194	6,387	11-00		
1891	3,080	24 17 1	64,294	19,961	4,192	2,249	6,429	395	13,265	6,695	10-43		
1892	3,616	24 16 11	76,579	18,571	4,630	2,845	7,658	398	15,026	3,544	4-63		
1893	4,244	24 16 11	91,687	19,155	7,405	2,696	9,169	464	19,734	-578	Loss.		
1894	4,616	24 12 1	104,425	21,771	7,720	3,313	10,442	742	22,217	-446	Loss.		
1895	5,143	25 6 3	116,845	21,552	9,285	4,253	11,685	818	26,041	-3,420	Loss.		
1896	5,747	24 6 6	125,108	25,883	9,686	5,304	12,510	1,952	29,452	-3,519	Loss.		
1897	5,787	23 7 4	134,299	29,248	12,306	7,398	13,430	1,857	34,991	-5,742	Loss.		
1898	6,203	24 11 6	142,218	36,422	14,181	11,834	17,111	1,882	35,008	1,413	0-99		
1899	7,150	22 14 1	162,338	43,303	15,710	16,190	18,117	1,861	40,606	-887	Loss.		
1900	8,310	21 9 7	176,349	49,117	16,304	20,847	8,117	1,893	46,567	-3,264	Loss.		
1901	9,260	20 18 0	193,511	55,542	18,448	18,226	8,817	2,001	45,348	3,768	2-14		
1902	10,633	20 2 6	213,966	62,151	20,885	20,570	9,675	2,079	50,772	4,769	2-46		
1903	12,105	19 19 8	241,903	71,028	23,359	22,078	10,698	2,615	56,276	5,874	2-75		
1904	14,423	21 19 7	295,029	79,061	25,122	26,782	14,751	4,448	60,948	10,080	4-17		
1905	15,333	23 13 9	363,192	89,542	26,507	22,576	18,159	5,270	72,512	17,029	4-69		
1906	17,403	24 2 2	420,088	100,814	32,914	36,145	21,004	6,163	86,226	14,587	3-47		
1907	20,402	24 18 4	508,408	116,852	38,108	36,813	25,420	6,902	107,243	9,608	1-89		
1908	22,815	25 18 9	591,760	131,249	47,224	32,995	29,588	7,265	117,072	14,176	2-40		
1909	25,212	27 2 7	688,986	144,298	52,315	28,755	34,199	8,031	123,010	21,287	3-11		
1910	28,093	27 17 8	783,382	161,173	54,819	39,814	39,169	8,031	141,833	19,340	2-46		
1911	31,475	27 18 0	878,133	179,123	62,588	33,791	43,907	8,725	149,011	30,112	3-43		
1912	36,874	27 11 7	1,003,131	201,237	69,078	42,192	50,156	9,764	171,190	30,047	2-99		
1913	41,982	29 11 6	1,241,628	232,190	80,720	53,823	62,081	11,744	208,368	23,822	1-92		
1914	46,260	32 9 1	1,501,482	303,856†	88,231	42,548	75,074	12,878	218,731	85,125	5-67		
1915	50,308	33 2 7	1,666,561	287,547	104,950	62,682	83,328	13,429	264,389	23,158	1-40		
1916	52,986	34 7 3	1,820,860	317,275	97,681	71,022	91,043	15,115	274,861	42,414	2-33		
1917	57,196	35 6 3	2,019,892	344,368	97,665	87,664	100,994	16,765	303,088	41,280	2-04		
1918	61,298	35 15 11	2,194,238	373,169	111,796	110,271	101,712	20,087	351,866	21,303	0-97		
1919	68,203	39 3 7	2,401,671	419,318	151,335	130,222	202,084	33,104	438,345	-19,027	Loss.		

* 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.
 † Informer returns extensions were included for these three years.
 ‡ Increase due to alterations in date of collecting half-yearly subscriptions, a proportion of which under the old system would have fallen into 1915-16 receipts.

Table No. 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					
	1920.			1919.		
	Direct Connections.	Extensions.	Total.	Direct Connections.	Extensions.	Total.
Auckland	17,862	2,777	20,639	16,006	2,514	18,520
Wellington	30,172	5,369	35,541	27,569	4,818	32,387
Canterbury	10,656	2,471	13,127	8,988	2,176	11,164
Otago	9,513	1,903	11,416	8,735	1,755	10,490
Totals	68,203	12,520	80,723	61,298	11,263	72,561

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