

POSTAL.

The following figures show the postal business transacted during the year, the total volume of business amounting to £10,311 4s. 8½d. (a record), as against £4,697 7s. 4d. for the previous year.

	£	s.	d.
Money-orders issued	2,768	18	5
Money-orders paid	3,420	8	9
Savings-bank deposits	2,139	17	0
Savings-bank withdrawals	574	7	3
New Zealand postal notes issued	112	18	7
New Zealand postal notes paid	8	18	11
British postal orders paid	1	2	5
Miscellaneous payments	879	10	8½
Stamp-sales	405	2	6
	£10,311	4	8½

The amount of business transacted during the year is easily a record, and is due almost entirely to the fruit industry, which it has been possible to develop through the Government placing the “Hinemoa” in the Niue Service to replace the former schooner connection.

Return of Postal Business transacted during the Five Years 1923 to 1928, inclusive.

	1923-24.			1924-25.			1925-26.			1926-27.			1927-28.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Money-orders issued	846	14	3	1,132	16	0	1,523	6	8	1,894	10	0	2,768	18	5
Money-orders paid	547	15	0	966	16	3	836	4	10	312	13	11	3,420	8	9
Savings-bank deposits	2,017	14	0	1,632	14	0	2,643	15	0	1,006	14	0	2,139	17	0
Savings-bank withdrawals	626	11	0	300	11	3	222	17	11	112	16	11	574	7	3
New Zealand postal notes issued	90	3	11	48	15	8	62	10	3	111	10	0	112	18	9
New Zealand postal notes paid	5	17	6	1	5	9	11	10	11	6	12	4	8	18	11
British postal orders paid	7	0	0	2	1	0	5	16	3	9	1	4	1	2	5
Miscellaneous payments	1,038	1	8	911	8	1	909	5	0½	837	18	10	879	10	8½
Stamp-sales	386	6	3	252	2	9	424	16	0	405	10	0	405	2	6
Totals	5,566	3	7	5,248	11	7	6,640	2	10½	4,697	7	4	10,311	4	8½

METEOROLOGICAL.

Summarized, the readings for 1927 are as follows: Barometer: Mean for year, 30.03. Thermometer: Highest, 91, in February; lowest, 57, in July; mean maximum, 88.25; mean minimum, 62.75. Rainfall, 99.36 in. Rain fell on 180 days. Rainfall for first quarter, 60.99 in. (a record). Maximum rainfall for any one day, 7.25 in. on 21st February.

The hurricane season passed without any serious blow. Except for a south-westerly gale and heavy seas experienced during the first week in February, shipping could have been worked throughout the season.

Meteorological Return for the Year ended, 31st December, 1927.

Month.	Barometer.	Temperature.		Total Rainfall.	Number of Days with Rain.	Maximum Rain on any one Day.
		Maximum.	Minimum.			
		Deg. Fah.	Deg. Fah.	Inches.		Inches.
January	29.96	90	67	28.12	25	4.82
February	29.93	88	62	21.05	16	7.25
March	30.02	91	68	11.82	23	2.76
April	30.02	90	60	6.22	16	1.71
May	30.04	88	64	6.25	13	2.04
June	30.10	87	58	0.55	10	0.30
July	30.19	86	57	0.99	12	0.22
August	30.10	88	60	2.39	13	1.07
September	30.13	87	61	2.10	8	0.76
October	30.08	88	62	5.91	12	2.33
November	29.98	87	65	4.97	12	1.77
December	29.95	89	69	8.99	20	1.57
Totals	99.36	180	..
Means	30.03	88.25	62.75	8.28	15	..