

NEW ZEALAND POSTAL SERVICE.

vii. E.—No. 1.

The following table shows the dates of receipt and of despatch at the several ports of New Zealand, and at Melbourne, of the European mails since the termination of the contract to June last, together with the cost of the conveyance of those mails between New Zealand and Australia :—

OUTWARD MAILS.											COST OF CONVEYANCE.		
Latest dates of despatch of Mails from										Forwarded by the out-going Steamer leaving Melbourne on	For Gratuities, Freight, and Remission of Light Dues.	BONUS.	TOTAL.
Auckland.	New Plymouth.	Napier.	Wellington.	Nelson.	Picton.	Lyttelton.	Port Chalmers.	Bluff.	Hokitika.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Dec. 23	Dec. 24	Dec. 18	Dec. 27	Dec. 26	Dec. 25	Dec. 24	Dec. 23	Dec. 21	Dec. 28	Jan. 4	177 7 8	...	177 7 8
Jan. 18	Jan. 19	Jan. 14	Jan. 21	Jan. 19	Jan. 21	Jan. 22	Jan. 24	Jan. 25	Jan. 19	Feb. 1	196 10 10	200 0 0	396 10 10
Feb. 19	Feb. 16	Feb. 11	Feb. 18	Feb. 15	Feb. 18	Feb. 19	Feb. 21	Feb. 22	Feb. 15	Mar	14 12 10	300 0 0	314 12 10
Mar 17	...	...	Mar 17	Mar 14	Mar. 8	Mar 19	Mar 22	Mar 23	Mar 17	Mar 29	34 10 9	...	34 10 9
...	...	...	April 9	Apl. 11	Apl. 7	...	...	...	Apl. 12	Apl. 24	7 16 1	...	7 16 1
May 10	...	Apl. 10	May 14	May 10	May 12	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 11	May 22	20 1 6	200 0 0	220 1 6
June 8	...	May 31	June 4	June 6	May 21	...	...	June 3	June 7	June 19	13 12 0	...	13 12 0
INWARD MAILS.—Dates of Arrival at													
Melbourne.	Auckland.	New Plymouth.	Napier.	Wellington.	Nelson.	Picton.	Lyttelton.	Port Chalmers.	Bluff.	Hokitika.			
Nov. 25	Dec. 3	Dec. 10	Dec. 11	Dec. 9	Dec. 11	Dec. 12	Dec. 8	Dec. 6	Dec. 5	Dec. 11	246 3 10	...	246 3 10
Dec. 22	Dec. 29	Jan. 7	Jan. 4	Jan. 1	Jan. 4	Jan. 11	Dec. 31	Dec. 29	Dec. 28	Jan. 6	267 18 4	...	267 18 4
Jan. 20	Feb. 3	Feb. 6	Feb. 9	Feb. 3	Feb. 3	Feb. 5	Feb. 5	Feb. 6	Feb. 9	Jan. 31	147 12 10	...	147 12 10
Feb. 16	Mar. 6	Mar. 6	Mar. 6	Mar. 3	Mar. 7	Mar. 6	Mar. 1	Feb. 25	Feb. 24	Mar. 5	136 14 8	...	136 14 8
Mar 16	Mar 27	Mar 28	Apl. 3	Apl. 1	Apl. 4	Apl. 3	Mar 30	Mar 28	Mar 27	Mar 30	153 17 9	...	153 17 9
Apl. 13	Apl. 30	Apl. 30	May 4	Apl. 26	Apl. 29	Apl. 28	Apl. 25	Apl. 23	Apl. 22	Apl. 27	148 9 2	...	148 9 2
May 11	June 4	June 4	June 1	May 26	May 27	May 29	May 24	May 22	May 21	May 28	141 7 5	...	141 7 5
June 5	July 5	July 5	June 24	June 17	June 18	June 21	June 15	June 13	June 12	June 18	114 11 8	...	114 11 8
Total Cost of the Conveyance of the N.Z. European Mails, Inwards & Outwards...£											1821 7 4	700 0 0	2521 7 4

The postage on letters addressed to the Colonies of Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, and Tasmania, has been reduced from 6d to 3d per half ounce, in accordance with a suggestion originally made by the Government of Victoria. Western Australia has lately also agreed to come under a similar arrangement.

Correspondence has passed between New Zealand and the United Kingdom *viâ* Brindisi since December last, accelerated trains having been established by the Italian Government between the French frontier and Brindisi. The course of post by this route is about one day less than *viâ* Marseilles. The following table shows the number of letters and of newspapers received and despatched from and to the United Kingdom *viâ* Brindisi :—

MONTH.			RECEIVED.		DESPATCHED.	
			Letters.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Newspapers.
January	...	...	37	...	67	10
February	...	...	40	2	145	11
March	...	...	39	22	55	4
April	...	...	56	11	7	2
Total	...	...	172	35	274	27