

5 receivers were abolished, viz.: New Plymouth, 1; Wanganui, 1; Christchurch, 1; Dunedin, 1; and Invercargill, 1.

The total number of pillar, wall, and lamp-post receivers was increased to 202.

48 additional post offices were established, 4 reopened, and 18 closed during the year:—

Opened.

Ashburton Forks, Christchurch.
Awahou, Thames.
Berlin's, Westport.
Big River, Thames.
Cabbage Bay, Auckland.
Canvastown, Blenheim.
Cowes, Auckland.
Cricklewood, Napier.
Dalefield, Wellington.
Denniston, Westport.
Ferntown, Nelson.
Gap (reopened), Invercargill.
Glenorchy, Invercargill.
Kaiwera, Invercargill.
Kinloch, Invercargill.
Kirikiri, Thames.
Koromiko, Blenheim.
Kumeroa, Napier.

Longbush, Invercargill.
Makarora, Dunedin.
Matawhero, Gisborne.
Mohonga, Napier.
Mokoreta, Invercargill.
Molesworth, Blenheim.
Mossburn, Invercargill.
Motonau, Christchurch.
Otama, Invercargill.
Otara, Invercargill.
Paramatta, Wellington.
Paringa, Hokitika.
Patutahi, Gisborne.
Pihama, Wanganui.
Pukekura, Auckland.
Rissington, Napier.
Rowell's, Auckland.

Scarrott's, Auckland.
Shaftesbury, Thames.
Stanley Brook, Nelson.
Sutherland's, Timaru.
Te Arai Bridge, Gisborne.
Te Aro (reopened), Wellington.
Terawhiti, Wellington.
Tikorangi, New Plymouth.
Te Kao (reopened), Auckland.
Totaranui, Nelson.
Wadestown, Wellington.
Waikawa (reopened), Invercargill.
Waikoiko, Dunedin.
Waiorongomai, Thames.
Whangapoua, Auckland.
Whare Flat, Dunedin.
Willowby, Christchurch.

Closed.

Adams Flat, Dunedin.
Cracroft, Christchurch.
Deep Stream, Dunedin.
Dunbars, Auckland.
Granville, Greymouth.
Kopua, Napier.

Lake Station, Christchurch.
Leahytown, Thames.
Moeraki, Oamaru.
Oropi, Thames.
Oroua, Wellington.
Quartzville, Dunedin.

Rutherglen, Greymouth.
Sherwood, Christchurch.
Te Kawana, Thames.
Tokatoka, Auckland.
Wallsend, Greymouth.
Waitohi Valley, Blenheim.

The total number of post offices opened at the end of the year was 934. The following table shows the number established in 1882 and 1883:—

Postal Districts.	1883.				1882.			
	Chief Offices.	Second-class Post Offices.	Sub-Post Offices.	Totals.	Chief Offices.	Second-class Post Offices.	Sub-Post Offices.	Totals.
Auckland	1	2	189	192	1	3	196	200
Thames	1	1	30	32	1	..	16	17
New Plymouth	1	1	19	21	1	1	17	19
Gisborne	1	..	11	12	1	..	8	9
Napier	1	1	44	46	1	1	43	45
Wanganui	1	..	28	29	1	..	27	28
Wellington	1	..	67	68	1	..	63	64
Nelson	1	1	32	34	1	1	29	31
Westport	1	..	20	21	1	..	17	18
Greymouth	1	..	22	23	1	..	26	27
Hokitika	1	..	25	26	1	..	24	25
Blenheim	1	2	15	18	1	2	14	17
Christchurch	1	2	137	140	1	2	136	139
Timaru	1	..	39	40	1	..	39	40
Oamaru	1	..	18	19	1	..	19	20
Dunedin	1	1	129	131	1	1	131	133
Invercargill	1	1	78	80	1	1	64	66
Chatham Islands	..	1	1	2	..	1	1	2
Totals	17	13	904	934	17	13	870	900

The following changes in the names of the post offices were made: Millar's Flat to Ettrick, Upper Waianiwa to Waianiwa, Wainui (Napier) to Herbertville, Hampden (Westport) to Murchison, Waiholo Gorge to Millburn, Tokomairiro to Milton, Hokianga to Herd's Point, Kopuru to Te Kopuru, St. Andrew's (Auckland) to Kennedy's Bay, Te Wharau to Opuia, Kaikora (Napier) to Kaikora North.

Government Insurance agencies were established at the post offices at Ohaeawai and Ormondville.

Amalgamation with the railway was carried out at Kaikora (Napier), Lincoln, Methven, Timwald, and Ngaroto.

The Saturday night attendance at Sydenham for the receipt of savings-bank deposits was abolished, owing to the decrease in the number of transactions.

Late-letter boxes were affixed to the trains running on the Auckland lines, and also on the Blenheim-Picton trains.

The private-box lobbies at Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin are now open on Sundays and holidays from 10 a.m. till 10 p.m.

25 newspapers were registered during the year for transmission through the post; and altogether 167 newspapers have been registered in the General Post Office. Of these, 47 are published daily, 12 thrice weekly, 23 twice weekly, 53 weekly, 1 fortnightly, and 31 monthly.

11 magazines were also registered; and 156 of this class of publication have been admitted to the privileges of the magazine post since it was established.