

Table No. 20.

NUMBER OF LETTERS posted in each Postal District during the Year ended 31st December, 1885; Number of Telegrams forwarded in each Postal District during the Year ended 31st December, 1885; and the Proportion of Telegrams to every 100 Letters; together with a similar Return for the previous Year.

Districts.	1884.			1885.		
	Number of Letters.	Number of Telegrams.	Proportion of Telegrams to every 100 Letters.	Number of Letters.	Number of Telegrams.	Proportion of Telegrams to every 100 Letters.
Auckland	3,155,594	282,078	8.92	3,206,294	310,898	9.69
Blenheim	202,397	29,314	14.48	242,619	34,231	14.10
Christchurch	2,751,372	177,952	6.46	2,848,443	191,963	6.73
Dunedin	2,797,977	212,009	7.57	2,820,025	226,281	8.02
Gisborne	139,308	25,033	17.96	132,210	25,071	18.96
Greymouth	232,791	44,689	19.11	227,929	48,208	21.15
Hokitika	163,826	25,650	15.65	169,065	26,395	15.61
Invercargill	848,562	76,824	9.05	924,820	83,182	8.99
Napier	628,303	80,153	12.75	711,282	96,547	13.57
Nelson	391,248	70,148	17.92	411,034	54,130	13.16
New Plymouth	222,365	35,786	16.09	225,966	39,319	17.40
Oamaru	357,318	33,522	9.38	370,721	34,000	9.17
Thames	370,162	63,572	17.17	359,550	61,533	17.11
Timaru	602,264	39,567	6.56	607,516	46,181	7.60
Wanganui	679,952	76,284	11.21	710,775	73,823	10.38
Wellington	2,358,200	352,154	14.93	2,375,529	387,704	16.32
Westport	118,417	29,570	24.97	114,699	34,807	30.34

Year.	Number of Letters.	Number of Telegrams.	Proportion of Telegrams sent to every 100 Letters.
1885	16,458,477	1,774,273	10.78
1884	16,020,056	1,654,305	10.32
1883	14,834,217	1,599,400	10.78
1882	14,546,748	1,570,189	10.79
1881-82	11,059,677	1,438,772	13.00
1880-81	10,895,998	1,304,712	11.97
1879-80 (for nine months only) ..	7,065,510	1,008,409	14.27
1878-79	7,374,786	1,448,943	19.64
1877-78	6,078,384	1,260,324	20.71
1876-77	5,540,920	1,124,432	20.29
1875-76	4,731,873	1,051,086	22.21
1874-75	4,059,517	917,218	22.59
1873-74	3,209,837	752,899	23.45
1872-73	2,828,372	568,960	19.76
1871-72	2,418,021	411,677	17.02
1870-71	2,626,947	312,874	11.91
1869-70	2,374,060	185,423	7.81
1868-69	2,749,488	146,167	6.12
1867-68	1,938,578	106,104	5.47

Table No. 21.

ORDINARY and PRESS TELEGRAMS despatched during the Four Quarters ended 31st December, 1884, also for each Quarter of the Year ended 31st December, 1885, and the REVENUE derived from each Class.

Telegrams.	March Quarter.		June Quarter.		September Quarter.		December Quarter.		Totals.	
	Number.	Revenue derived.	Number.	Revenue derived.	Number.	Revenue derived.	Number.	Revenue derived.	Number.	Revenue derived.
1884.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Ordinary ..	319,744	18,700 2 9	307,616	17,900 16 4	299,500	17,602 0 1	330,958	18,211 6 0	1,257,818	72,414 5 2
Press ..	42,661	2,030 2 5	41,369	2,128 5 9	47,091	2,158 3 7	44,519	1,895 18 5	175,640	8,212 10 2
Totals ..	362,405	20,730 5 2	348,985	20,029 2 1	346,591	19,760 3 8	375,477	20,107 4 5	1,433,458	80,626 15 4
1885.										
Ordinary ..	358,270	20,692 16 6	341,796	19,779 13 1	311,821	19,242 14 8	351,237	20,605 6 10	1,363,124	80,320 11 1
Press ..	43,142	2,063 15 8	48,024	1,645 13 0	43,769	2,330 10 0	35,347	1,557 12 2	170,282	7,597 10 10
Totals ..	401,412	22,756 12 2	389,820	21,425 6 1	355,590	21,573 4 8	386,584	22,162 19 0	1,533,406	87,918 1 11