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NEW ZEALAND.

POST OFFICE AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT

(REPORT OF THE), FOR THE YEAR 1885.

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

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 21st June, 1886.

I have the honour to submit to your Excellency the report on the Postal and Telegraph Service for the year 1885, with a statement of revenue and expenditure to the 31st March last.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL,

Postmaster-General and Electric Telegraph Commissioner.

His Excellency the Governor of New Zealand.

REPORT.

THERE has been a very large increase of business in all branches for the year, as shown by the several statements and tables appended.

An unusually large number of new telephone-lines were constructed and offices established, while the telephone-exchange system extended in a very marked degree.

One of the more important matters dealt with during the year has been, in conjunction with New South Wales, the renewal of the San Francisco mail service under a contract with the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand (Limited) on very favourable terms to the colonies. An acceleration of time has been secured—a saving of twenty-two hours—for a subsidy considerably less than paid the Pacific Mail Company for the late service. A highly satisfactory feature of the new service is the fact that the United States Post Office contributes directly towards its cost.

Negotiations relating to the renewal of the Australian and New Zealand cable subsidy have been in progress for some time, but so far without definite results. The cable contract made in 1875 providing for the payment by New Zealand of an annual subsidy of £5,000 for ten years expired in February last. The question was brought under the notice of Parliament last session, and it was agreed that the subsidy should be renewed for five years conditionally on the rates being reduced to sixpence per word for ordinary messages and threepence per word for Press, without any minimum as to the length of message. The Eastern Extension Telegraph Company declined to accept these terms, and demanded a ten years' renewal, which was refused. As there appeared to be little inclination on the part of the company to agree to the proposal the House of Representatives had sanctioned, inquiries were made as to the cost of laying a new cable. It was ascertained that this could be done at a moderate expenditure such as it is supposed would leave a fair profit even after reducing the rates considerably below the present tariff. Subsequently the Cable Company proposed to leave matters in abeyance for a time, in the hope of the colony agreeing to one or other of their proposals. In the meantime no subsidy is being paid the company, and negotiations are still proceeding.

Many improvements in the Post Office and Telegraph service and changes in the interests of the public have been effected during the year.

An amendment in the delayed-telegram regulations has been made, by which these messages are transmitted over the wires at any time of the day whenever the ordinary work admits of this being done, and immediately posted for delivery. The change has had the effect of largely increasing the business in delayed telegrams without any apparent decrease in the ordinary messages.

Postal-notes were introduced on the 2nd January last with very great success, as will be seen by a reference to page xi.

A circular halfpenny post has also been established, which promises to be largely used. The weight of a circular is limited to half an ounce, and delivery is restricted to delivery from the post office at which posted, including delivery from a branch office or by letter carrier.

Reply post-cards are to be introduced immediately.

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Arrangements for establishing within the colony a parcels post are under consideration ; and, if the Bill now before Parliament be passed, it is intended to have everything in readiness for introducing the scheme before the end of the year.

The cash receipts of the department for the financial year amounted to £297,375 10s. 10d., an increase of £13,130 8s. 1d., or 4·62 per cent.

The revenue and expenditure for the year are given in the following statement :—

REVENUE.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Stamps used for postage	141,500	0	0	Salaries	126,190	12	2
Money-order commission collected in the colony	9,271	15	3	Conveyance of mails by sea	84,357	17	3
Money-order commission received from foreign offices	455	0	4	Conveyance of inland mails	28,925	19	9
Private box and bag fees	4,051	10	0	Conveyance of mails by rail	739	10	0
Postage from foreign offices	30,853	5	7	Money-order commission credited to foreign offices	1,335	5	10
Miscellaneous receipts (postal)	9,264	9	8	Maintenance and repairs to telegraph lines, and miscellaneous	42,872	9	5
Ordinary and press telegrams	88,013	15	3	Cable subsidies	5,350	0	0
Telephone exchange	12,294	1	2				
Miscellaneous receipts (telegraph)	1,671	13	7				
					£289,771	14	5
				Balance of revenue over expenditure	7,603	16	5
	£297,375	10	10		£297,375	10	10

The revenue was £7,603 16s. 5d. in excess of the expenditure ; and it may be stated that the Post Office and Telegraph expenditure has been considerably less than the receipts for the past five years. This highly satisfactory position, however, is not generally known.

The value of work performed gratuitously for other departments of the Government service was no less than £95,075 4s. 8d., and, taking credit for this sum, the gross earnings of the department will be found to have amounted to £392,450 15s. 6d. for the year.

£29,452 1s. 3d. was expended on account of telegraph extension, and £7,569 4s. 5d. on buildings, repairs, &c., out of Public Works Votes.

35,829,855 letters were dealt with.

1,774,273 telegrams of all codes were transmitted.

58 additional offices were opened, and the total number open at the end of 1885 was 1,049.

20 new mail services were established, and the total number maintained for the year was 553.

The number of miles of telegraph lines increased by 190, and the total number of miles at the end of the year was 4,463. The number of miles of wire increased from 10,474 to 10,931.

The telephone-exchange system was very largely extended during the year. Excluding the free connections, there was an increase of 506 subscribers for the twelve months. The total number of connections on the several exchanges on the 30th April last was 1,755.

3 new exchanges were established, namely, at Napier, Wanganui, and Timaru.

£1,341,001 3s. 2d. was deposited by Savings-Bank depositors during the calendar year ; and the sum at the credit of depositors on the 31st December was £1,638,035 19s. 5d.

38 officers on the permanent staff were appointed, 26 resigned, 8 were dispensed with, 4 dismissed, 1 disrated, and 4 died.

Departmental changes involved 193 transfers.

65 telegraph message-boys were appointed, 24 resigned, and 12 dismissed.

The following table and return give the number of offices and officers of all classes on the 31st December last :—

Postal Districts.	Post and Telegraph Offices.	Country Post Offices.	Telephone Exchanges.	Telephone Bureaux.	Clerks and Postal Cadets.		Operators (including Cadets).		Postmasters and Officers-in-Charge on Permanent Staff.	Country Postmasters.	Letter-carriers.		Messengers (Post Office).	Telegraph Message Boys.	
					Town.	Country.	Town.	Country.			Town.	Country.		Town.	Country.
Auckland ..	45	177	1	10	35	..	21	8	46	177	14	4	2	15	11
Thames ..	11	27	..	..	1	..	7	7	11	27	2	1	..	4	4
New Plymouth ..	6	14	..	..	2	..	5	1	6	14	2	..	..	3	2
Gisborne ..	1	17	..	..	1	..	3	..	1	17	1	..	..	3	..
Napier ..	17	32	1	..	12	..	22	5	18	32	3	1	..	6	4
Wanganui ..	13	19	1	..	8	..	11	4	13	19	2	2	1	4	8
Wellington ..	19	60	1	2	40	2	37	9	21	60	7	2	3	33	6
Blenheim ..	6	17	..	..	3	..	32	2	6	17	1	..	..	2	2
Nelson ..	11	32	1	..	5	..	9	2	11	32	2	..	1	5	2
Wesport ..	5	18	..	..	..	..	2	..	5	18	1	..	..	2	2
Greymouth ..	4	21	..	..	1	1	7	4	4	21	1	2	..	3	3
Hokitika ..	3	26	..	..	3	..	4	1	3	26	1	1	..	2	1
Christchurch ..	50	101	1	1	30	2	27	6	51	101	14	6	1	16	15
Timaru ..	16	25	1	..	5	..	6	2	16	25	2	3	1	3	2
Oamaru ..	9	12	1	..	4	..	6	..	9	12	2	..	1	3	1
Dunedin ..	37	105	1	11	35	1	24	8	38	105	14	3	2	14	16
Invercargill ..	20	67	1	1	8	..	7	6	20	67	2	1	2	3	6
	273	770	10	25	193	6	230	65	279	770	71	26	14	121	85

RETURN of OFFICERS of the POSTAL and TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT for the Year 1885.

Postmaster-General	1	Sorters in Clearing-room	6
Superintendent	1	Mail Agent (permanent)	1
Secretary	1	Storekeeper and Assistant	2
Inspector of Post Offices	1	Chief Postmasters	17
Assistant Inspector of Post Offices	1	Postmasters and Officers-in-Charge on Permanent Staff	262
Accountant	1	Clerks and Cadets	199
Telegraph Inspectors	3	Operators	295
" Sub-Inspectors	3	Country Postmasters	770
Electrician	1	Letter-carriers	97
Mechanicians	3	Messengers (Post Office)	14
Clerks in General Post Office—		Linemen	50
Secretary's Branch	7	Telegraph Message Boys	206
Dead Letter Branch	3		
Clerks in Money Order and Savings Bank Branch	16	Total	1,961

The general conduct of the officers has been good; and it is especially gratifying to be able to state that offences of a serious nature are comparatively rare.

The complete business of the Post Office and Telegraph in detail will be gathered from the information which follows.

POST OFFICE.

The proportionate increase of correspondence (excepting post-cards) for the calendar year is shown to be less than in 1884. This is not to be accepted as a falling-off in business, but to the fact that the countings, on which the estimate of correspondence has been based, were taken at less favourable periods of the year.

The number of letters, post-cards, book-packets and pattern-parcels, and newspapers delivered and posted during the year, compared with the number dealt with in 1884, was as under:—

		1885.	1884.	Increase.
Letters—Delivered	19,371,378	19,237,790		
Posted	16,458,477	16,020,056		
	35,829,855	35,257,846		572,009
Post-cards—Delivered	653,722	561,652		
Posted	666,211	591,903		
	1,319,933	1,153,555		166,378
Books and parcels—Delivered	1,670,708	1,529,603		
Posted	1,595,252	1,511,510		
	3,265,960	3,041,113		224,847
Newspapers—Delivered	7,685,370	7,525,596		
Posted	6,548,508	6,568,146		
	14,233,878	14,093,742		140,136

The letters increased 1·62, post-cards 14·42, books and parcels 7·39, and newspapers 0·99 per cent.

The increase in 1884 was—letters 4·97, post-cards 3·51, books and parcels 20·73, and newspapers 8·16 per cent.

The average number of letters posted by each person was estimated to be 28·26.

The increase of business in the several branches has been large and of a profitable character.

Services have been established and accelerated, and additional conveniences provided where the public wants seemed reasonably to require them.

The receipts for the financial year were £195,396 0s. 10d., an increase of £9,329 4s. 3d., or 4·77 per cent.

The expenditure amounted to £190,474 0s. 4d., which was £29,404 5s. 5d., or 15·43 per cent. more than the sum expended the previous year, but £4,922 0s. 6d. less than the receipts.

The expenditure was abnormally large, and was due to the Direct contract and South Sea Islands services, established during the latter part of 1884 and in June, 1885. The payments made within the last financial year in respect of these services (inclusive of arrears of the previous year) were £23,852 19s. 3d. The sum spent, under the head of conveyance of mail by sea, during 1884–85, was £59,681 18s. 7d., while £84,357 17s. 3d. was expended last year—an increase of £24,675 18s. 8d.

The estimated value of the official free correspondence was £70,434 6s. 7d., which, added to the £4,922 0s. 6d., the balance of revenue over expenditure, as previously stated, gives £75,356 7s. 1d. as the net earnings of the Post Office for the year.

£218,714 7s. 10d. was collected for the Property-Tax Department, in 12,847 payments.

858 game licenses were issued at post offices, and fees amounting to £1,000 collected.

1,682 certificates, under the Inspection of Machinery Act, were distributed, and £2,494 in fees received.

Letter-carriers' deliveries were established, extended, and altered to meet the requirements of the several districts.

The delivery at Napier extended so as to include the hospital and immediate neighbourhood.

The Wellington delivery now includes the suburb of Kilbirnie.

Deliveries are now made over the suburbs of Ashburton.

An extra delivery in the principal streets of Sydenham has been provided.

The deliveries at Thames, Wanganui, and Onehunga have been extended.

28 additional receivers were opened, 1 at Auckland, 1 at Cambridge, 1 at Thames, 3 at Wanganui, 2 at Napier, 3 at Wellington, 1 at Featherston, 1 at Nelson, 1 at Greymouth, 6 at Christchurch, 1 at Akaroa, 5 at Ashburton, and 2 at Dunedin.

7 receivers were abolished during the year.

The total number of pillar, wall, and lamp-post receivers at the close of the year was 227.

6,141,091 letters, 246,525 post-cards, 394,239 books, parcels, and circulars, and 1,725,680 newspapers were delivered by letter-carriers during the year. This was an increase of 242,710 letters, 43,677 post-cards, 119,993 books, and 83,081 newspapers.

54 additional post-offices were established, 4 reopened, and 16 closed during the year:—

Opened.

Archhill, Auckland.	Makarewa, Invercargill.	Saddle Hill, Dunedin.
Ardmore, Auckland.	Manaroa, Blenheim.	South Hillend, Invercargill.
Baton, Nelson.	Mataiwi, Napier.	Springlands, Blenheim.
Bruce Bay, Hokitika.	Mohikiniui, Westport.	Tahatika, Dunedin.
Bunnythorpe, Wellington.	Mount Roskill, Auckland.	Taonui, Wellington.
Culverden, Christchurch.	Netherton, Thames.	Taumararui, Auckland.
Dobson, Greymouth.	Newtown, Wellington.	Te Kuiti, Auckland.
Dorie, Christchurch.	Okoia, Wanganui.	The Beach, Christchurch.
Dovedale, Nelson.	Opuku, Auckland.	Tiniroto, Gisborne.
Drummond, Invercargill.	Oroua Bridge (reopened), Wellington.	Waipiro Bay, Gisborne.
Endeavour Inlet, Blenheim.	Otorohanga, Auckland.	Waiotahi, Thames.
Hampstead, Christchurch.	Poroterao, Auckland.	Walton's, Wellington.
Hillend, Dunedin.	Puni, Auckland.	Wedderburn, Dunedin.
Huntermville, Wanganui.	Puramahoi, Nelson.	Wendonside, Dunedin.
Jerusalem, Wanganui.	Purekireki, Dunedin.	West Plains, Invercargill.
Karangahake, Thames.	Putiki Bay, Auckland.	Whare Flat (reopened), Dunedin.
Kare Kare, Auckland.	Redcliffe (reopened), Timaru.	Woodhill, Auckland.
Little Kyeburn, Dunedin.	Rees Gorge, Invercargill.	Woodstock (reopened), Hokitika.
Maerewhenua, Oamaru.	Remuera, Auckland.	Wright's Bush, Invercargill.
Makaretu, Napier.		

Closed.

Craigieburn, Auckland.	Mataikuna, Wellington.	Trondheim, Wellington.
Gladfield, Invercargill.	Parihaka, New Plymouth.	Wangaparapara, Auckland.
Harben, Westport.	Springlands, Blenheim.	Wendonside, Dunedin.
Harcourt's Ferry, Hokitika.	Sylvan Bank, Invercargill.	Wharekahika, Wanganui.
Ida Valley, Dunedin.	Tawatapu, Wellington.	Woodstock, Hokitika.
Kopua, Napier.		

The total number of post offices at the close of the year was 1,043.

The names of the following post offices have been changed: Kaituna Valley to Okaramio (Blenheim), Muddy Creek to Brooklynn, Wairoa to Cleveden (Auckland), Hampden to Tikokino (Napier), Haast River to Okuru (Hokitika), Campbelltown to Bluff (Invercargill).

Government Insurance agencies have been established at the post offices at Newmarket (Auckland), Katikati, Maketu, Paeroa (Thames), Danevirk, Mohaka, Port Ahuriri, Takapau, Taupo (Napier), Eketahuna, Mauriceville (Wellington), Boatman's, Longford (Westport), Cheviot (Christchurch). Government Insurance business is transacted at 190 post offices.

20 newspapers were registered for transmission through the Post Office. The total number registered is 187.

175 magazines are registered under the magazine post. 6 were registered during the year.

The sum paid for the carriage of interprovincial and intercolonial mails by unsubsidized vessels was £4,869 13s. 1d.

3,989 private boxes were let, which, together with the fees on 288 private bags, produced a revenue of £4,051 10s.

The offices at Wangarei and Waipawa were destroyed by fire. Fortunately, the correspondence and property of any value were saved in both cases. The offices are to be rebuilt.

A large number of offices were inspected during the year, with beneficial results. The rapid growth of the service made it necessary to appoint an Assistant-Inspector, whose especial duty for a time will be to visit the country offices.

Amalgamation with the railway has been carried out at Matamata, Te Aute, Fairlie Creek, Little River, and Dunback.

The extension of the railway from Orepuki to Colac Bay, Morrinsville to Oxford, and Ellesmere to Little River, admitted of an acceleration in the delivery of the mails.

FREE OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The estimated value of the official or free correspondence for the year is given in the statement underneath:—

Postal Districts.	Letters.	Books.	Value.	Postal Districts.	Letters.	Books.	Value.
	lb. oz.	lb. oz.	£ s. d.		lb. oz.	lb. oz.	£ s. d.
Auckland ..	21,614 5	15,003 2	6,369 0 1	Hokitika ..	1,946 12	820 8	546 9 8
Thames ..	516 9	845 1	167 2 1	Blenheim ..	2,340 7	2,160 0	698 9 10
New Plymouth ..	3,432 9	1,800 0	1,008 3 3	Christchurch ..	8,124 0	11,903 2	2,567 0 11
Gisborne ..	658 0	603 0	197 6 4	Timaru ..	2,447 15	1,860 0	716 4 5
Napier ..	2,802 5	5,226 0	921 9 8	Oamaru ..	1,098 8	1,400 0	339 12 0
Wanganui ..	5,063 1	5,680 0	1,542 12 2	Dunedin ..	9,401 7	13,043 1	2,948 3 10
Wellington ..	136,680 5	279,532 0	49,387 8 0	Invercargill ..	2,947 0	2,809 12	880 3 0
Nelson ..	2,641 7	2,148 0	784 3 5				
Westport ..	1,400 0	201 0	380 0 8	Totals ..	205,374 0	349,859 2	70,214 15 8
Grey mouth ..	2,259 6	4,764 8	761 6 4				

The estimated value of the free correspondence for 1884 was £70,830 1s. 5d.

DEAD LETTERS.

The number of unclaimed letters received and disposed of during the under-mentioned years is shown in the following table:—

Manner of Disposal.	1875.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.
Opened and returned to the writers ..	39,051	60,977	52,038	53,507	69,452	68,942	66,592
Returned unopened to other countries	10,321	10,503	9,372	8,539	8,143	9,134	8,115
Reissued	78	240	159	54	67	107	185
Destroyed	6,081	5,135	3,969	6,189	3,302	3,986	2,872
Returned unopened by Chief Postmasters	..	11,160	12,810	14,378	15,833	17,593	19,187
Totals	55,531	88,015	78,348	82,667	96,797	99,762	96,951

The unclaimed letters dealt with show a decrease of 2·82 per cent. compared with the number disposed of in the previous year.

9,442 book-packets and circulars were returned to foreign countries, 5,171 were returned to the senders through the Dead Letter Office, and 8,571 were returned by Chief Postmasters: a total of 23,184 book-packets and circulars, against 17,132 in 1884.

The under-mentioned articles of value were found enclosed in letters opened in the Dead Letter Office, and returned to the senders where practicable:—

	£	s.	d.
159 money orders	474	4	7
39 bank drafts	3,560	11	1
108 cheques	644	9	8
5 promissory notes	346	16	4
Stamps	5	16	2
Bank notes	182	0	0
Gold	25	0	0
Silver and copper	4	13	10½

Representing a total of £5,243 11 8½

In addition, 5 gold rings, 9 gold rings set with precious stones, 2 sets of gold shirt studs and sleeve-links, 1 sleeve-link, 1 gold scarf pin set with amethyst, 1 gold locket, 1 gilt watch-guard, 1 packet of gold dust, 4 silver hunting watches, 1 silver Geneva watch, 1 silver watch with silver chain and locket attached, 1 silver watch with silver chain, 2 silver brooches, 1 silver bracelet, 1 silver ring, and 1 New Zealand war medal.

4,204 unclaimed registered letters were dealt with.

30 letters detained for postage were received, 20 of which were subsequently forwarded.

558 newspapers and 293 books and other articles without addresses were also received: of these, 50 were delivered, and 83 book-packets forwarded to London and other countries for return to the senders.

98 letters were posted without addresses.

11 letters with libellous addresses were intercepted.

164 letters were imperfectly and wrongly addressed.

2,490 letters were refused by the addressees.

4 letters were posted with previously-used stamps.

REGISTERED LETTERS.

The number of registered letters dealt with, compared with the numbers in 1882, 1883, and 1884, is shown below:—

Postal Districts.	1882.			1883.			1884.			1885.		
	From Places beyond the Colony.	Registered in the Colony.	Totals.	From Places beyond the Colony.	Registered in the Colony.	Totals.	From Places beyond the Colony.	Registered in the Colony.	Totals.	From Places beyond the Colony.	Registered in the Colony.	Totals.
Auckland	4,642	15,459	20,101	4,964	15,831	20,795	5,803	19,852	25,655	5,890	22,124	28,014
Thames	161	1,136	1,297	292	3,337	3,629	217	2,913	3,130	205	2,879	3,084
New Plymouth	507	2,589	3,096	401	2,738	3,139	560	3,266	3,826	675	2,876	3,551
Gisborne	130	745	875	155	1,024	1,179	141	903	1,044	108	922	1,030
Napier	921	4,141	5,062	973	4,574	5,547	1,037	4,518	5,555	892	5,453	6,345
Wanganui	439	4,771	5,210	522	4,845	5,367	316	4,898	5,214	283	4,500	4,783
Wellington	3,137	15,147	18,284	3,252	16,945	20,197	3,654	18,250	21,904	4,757	19,218	23,975
Nelson	805	2,581	3,386	988	2,707	3,695	969	3,065	4,034	559	2,432	2,991
Westport	106	809	915	80	1,014	1,094	61	1,290	1,351	45	1,438	1,483
Greymouth	187	1,999	2,186	194	2,106	2,300	133	1,911	2,044	125	2,835	2,960
Hokitika	220	1,700	1,920	174	1,662	1,836	185	1,333	1,518	173	1,907	2,080
Blenheim	215	1,286	1,501	209	1,319	1,528	112	1,397	1,509	181	1,413	1,594
Christchurch	4,271	13,677	17,948	4,256	13,678	17,934	4,429	17,297	21,726	3,717	13,678	17,395
Timaru	512	2,853	3,365	506	2,865	3,371	341	3,311	3,652	440	3,153	3,593
Oamaru	271	1,712	1,983	277	1,985	2,262	228	1,633	1,866	316	1,947	2,263
Dunedin	4,217	13,344	17,561	4,425	12,353	16,778	4,677	12,192	16,869	5,645	12,737	18,382
Invercargill	1,484	5,100	6,584	1,230	5,837	7,067	1,456	7,649	9,105	1,614	6,661	8,275
Totals	22,225	39,049	111,274	22,898	94,825	117,723	24,319	105,683	130,002	25,625	106,173	131,798

BUILDINGS.

The new offices at Woodville, Greymouth, Palmerston South, and Bluff have been completed.

Additions and alterations have been made to the offices at Katikati, Opotiki, Hawera, Wanganui, Takaka, Christchurch (additional accommodation for letter-carriers), and Akaroa.

Minor repairs and alterations have been, or are being, effected at the following offices : Thames, Waiwera, Mercer (residence), Gisborne, Marton, Sanson, Lower Hutt, Blenheim, Westport, Reefton, Kaiapoi, Temuka, Oamaru, Invercargill, Queenstown, Greymouth (residence), and Maitāhara (residence).

New offices are to be built at Mercury Bay (combined with courthouse), Waotu, Ophir, Clyde, Herbertville, Waipawa, and Wangarei ; also additions to Rangiora and Dargaville, and a residence for postmaster, Lawrence.

INLAND MAIL SERVICES.

The following are the particulars of the several inland mail services for the year :—

Performed by coach and mail-cart	...	...	...	...	153
" on horseback	...	...	...	...	251
" on foot	...	...	...	...	54
" by water	...	...	...	...	32
" by railway	...	...	...	...	63
Total number of services	...	...	...	...	553
Aggregate mileage	...	...	...	...	8,797
Total number of miles travelled	...	...	...	...	3,601,238
Cost to the department	...	...	...	...	£27,464 2s. 1d.
Average cost per mile	...	...	...	...	1·83d.
The total cost in 1884 was	...	...	...	...	£25,689 11s. 10d.
And the cost per mile	...	...	...	...	1·87d.

There was a net increase of 26 services, and 305,337 in the number of miles travelled.

The following new services were established :—

- Twice weekly between Blackburn and Makeretu.
- Weekly between Owake and Purekireki.
- Weekly between Coromandel and Kennedy's Bay.
- Thrice monthly between Kihikihi and Taumarunui.
- Thrice weekly between Paeroa and Karangahake.
- Weekly between Kenepuru and Manaroa.
- Weekly between Sherry River and Baton.
- Thrice weekly between Brunnerton and Dobson.
- Daily between Ashburton and Hampstead.
- Thrice weekly between North Taieri and Whare Flat.
- Twice daily between Auckland, Putiki Bay, Te Rori, and Arch Hill.
- Daily between Green Lane and Remuera.
- Weekly between Gisborne and Tiniroto.
- Weekly between Gisborne and Wairoa.
- Daily between Waikanae and Walton's.
- Thrice weekly between Christchurch and Dorie.
- Weekly between Queenstown and Ree's Gorge.
- Thrice weekly between Okoroire and Rotorua.
- Twice daily between Te Aroha Post Office and Railway Station.
- Thrice weekly between Wedbury Railway Station and Hurunui Post Office.

The frequency of the following services has been increased :—

- Between Nelson and Reefton, from twice to thrice weekly.
- Between Westport and Inangahua Junction, from thrice weekly to daily.
- Between Ophir and Tinker's, from once to twice weekly.
- Between Dunedin and Heriot, from thrice weekly to daily.
- Between Auckland and Kihikihi, from once to twice daily.
- Between Thames and Puriri, from four times a week to daily.
- Between Napier and Taradale, from once to twice daily.
- Between Waipawa and Ongaonga, from twice to thrice weekly.
- Between Normanby and Okaiawa, from thrice weekly to daily.
- Between Masterton and Woodville, from thrice weekly to daily.
- Between Wellington and Petone (providing for mails from Petone), thrice instead of twice daily.
- Between Wellington and Hutt; extra mail despatched from the Hutt on Monday morning.
- Between Bull's and Sanson, from thrice weekly to daily.

The following services were discontinued :—

- Between Colac Bay and Orepuki (in consequence of opening of railway).
- Between Te Aute Post Office and Railway Station.
- Between Cambridge and Rotorua (service rearranged between Railway Station, Okoroire, and Rotorua).

The following services have been extended or rearranged :—

- Omarama and Ben Ohau, extended to the Wire Rope.

Green Island and Brighton, rearranged so as to include Saddle Hill.

Gisborne and Puhatikotiko, extended to Whatatutu.

Christchurch to Akaroa, *via* Little River, and Waiau and Hanmer Plains (both); in consequence of railway extension the services are accelerated.

MAIL STEAM SERVICES.

Papers presented to Parliament disclose the nature of the negotiations which have taken place in connection with the renewal of the San Francisco service.

The Pacific Mail Company's contract expired in November last. As far back as the 9th of May, 1885, the New South Wales Government were apprised of the intention of this colony to continue the service, and asked if they would contribute £7,000 a year towards the cost of a service which provided for the main boats stopping at Auckland, with a branch service to Sydney. The Postmaster-General of New South Wales was disposed to favour the proposal. Conditions and particulars of such a service were accordingly prepared in anticipation of the meeting of Parliament, and, on its assembling, the question was brought under the notice of the House of Representatives, when the following resolution was agreed to: "That the Government be authorized to negotiate for a fresh mail service between Auckland and San Francisco for three years, at a cost not exceeding £30,000 per annum."

Tenders were thereupon invited for alternative services, for eighteen and nineteen days, between San Francisco and Auckland by the main boats, with a branch service between Auckland and Sydney. No tender was received for either service. Subsequently the time between San Francisco and Auckland was increased to twenty days, and fresh offers invited. Two tenders were then sent in, viz.:—

1. From the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand (Limited), for a service between San Francisco and Auckland, in twenty days, with a branch service between Auckland and Sydney, on the following basis: Subsidy to be £30,000 per annum. The company to receive all contributions from other colonies or countries. Government to assist in securing such contributions. Twenty-day service for three years, to be extended to five years should company be prepared after two years to shorten voyage to nineteen days. Free of all port-charges, including dock charges at Auckland; and also subject to following provisions: (a) Company to be at liberty to employ any of their present boats to open service, even though not up to contract speed; (b) company to be at liberty, if found necessary for docking purposes or for other considerations, to employ a third steamer in the through service, and to extend voyage to Sydney in lieu of branch service; (c) provision to be made for an earlier termination of the contract should it be found impossible to secure satisfactory contributions from other colonies or States. Vessels proposed for main line: New s.s. "Mararoa," and vessel equal to "Australia;" and

2. From Mr. William Pearce, owner of the "Australia" and "Zealandia," for a service between San Francisco and Auckland (but without branch service between Auckland and an Australian port), on the basis of twenty days between San Francisco and Auckland, for the sum of £40,000 per annum. Or between Sydney and San Francisco for the sum of £30,000 per annum, the contractor to receive all mail moneys obtainable from the Government of New South Wales, in addition to the said sum of £30,000. Vessels to be employed: s.s. "Australia," 2,737 tons, 500 horse-power; s.s. "Zealandia," 2,730 tons, 500 horse-power.

Neither of these offers came within the Parliamentary limit. The question was again brought before the House of Representatives, and, after considerable discussion, the Government were authorized to further negotiate on somewhat different lines, but within the terms of the following resolution:—

"That the Government be authorized to contract for a service between Sydney, Auckland, and Honolulu, or Auckland and Honolulu, with efficient provision for the carriage of the mails to and from San Francisco, so that the whole time between Auckland and San Francisco shall not exceed twenty days, at a cost to the colony (after computing estimated receipts, if any, from the other colonies), not exceeding £18,000; and, failing such arrangement being practicable, that the Government be authorized to contract for a service between Auckland and San Francisco, or between Sydney, Auckland, and San Francisco, at the same rate of time, at a cost to the colony (after computing estimated receipts, if any, from other colonies), not exceeding £23,000."

Communication was at once opened up with the Union Steamship Company, Mr. W. Pearce's attorney, and the representative of the Oceanic Steamship Company of San Francisco, who had specially visited New Zealand in connection with the renewal of the service. After considerable negotiation an agreement was arrived at, substantially as follows: The Union Company to contract for a three years' service between San Francisco, Honolulu, Auckland, and Sydney. Time to Auckland twenty days, and to Sydney twenty-five days. The main boats to run between Sydney, Auckland, and Honolulu, connecting at Honolulu with steamers of the Oceanic Company, already trading with San Francisco; subsidy, £30,000 a year. The "Australia" and "Zealandia" to be employed between Sydney, Auckland, and Honolulu, and the "Alameda" and "Mariposa" between Honolulu and San Francisco. All three parties had therefore an interest in the new service—Mr. Pearce having arranged for his boats being employed.

The New South Wales Government in the meantime had agreed to join in the service, and to contribute £10,000 a year, thus leaving £20,000 as New Zealand's share of the cost.

In view of the probable satisfactory termination of the negotiations for the renewal of the service, it was decided to ascertain whether a contribution towards its cost could not be obtained from the United States. The following cablegrams between the Postmaster-General of this colony and the Postmaster-General, Washington, show the success the application met:—

POSTMASTER-GENERAL, New Zealand, to POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Washington.

“Wellington, 23rd September, 1885.

“Negotiating for service, Sydney, Auckland, Honolulu, Frisco, connecting at Honolulu with Spreckel's steamers. Will you undertake for three years give twenty thousand dollars yearly in excess of present payments for carriage American mails? Reply immediate definitely, as continuance service probably depends on your decision.”

To which the following very favourable reply was received :—

“Such continuous contract not authorized. Will allow such sum while desirable unless Congress forbids.”

And within the past few weeks the United States Post Office has announced that the subsidy is being paid to the contractors, and that it was improbable Congress would interpose and forbid payment.

The formal contract for the new service was executed by the Postmaster-General of New Zealand and the contractors on the 9th October, and subsequently signed by the Postmaster-General of New South Wales, subject, however, to ratification by his Parliament.

It may be stated that, among other things, the contract provides for the contributions from non-contracting colonies being divided between New South Wales and New Zealand, and for the payment of the £4,000 from the United States being shared equally between New South Wales, New Zealand, and the contractors—the colonies' proportions, in fact, to be deducted from the subsidy-payments. Demurrage, premiums, and penalties to be paid and received in the proportion of two-thirds by New Zealand and one-third by New South Wales. Premiums for any one voyage not to exceed thirty-six hours.

Just as everything appeared to be definitely settled, an unlooked-for difficulty arose. From some cause or other Mr. Pearce declined to confirm the agreement with the Union Company for running his steamers under the new contract. They were suddenly withdrawn, and advertised to run on owner's account between Sydney and San Francisco direct. This happened within a fortnight of the date on which the new service was to start from San Francisco. Fortunately, the difficulty was fully met. The contractors immediately cabled to the Oceanic Company, San Francisco, and asked that they would commence the service from their end by one of their own vessels instead of the “Zealandia,” the contractors on their part providing for opening the service from Sydney by their new steamer “Mararoa” (then on her way from Glasgow) in the place of the “Australia.” The Oceanic Company promptly responded by arranging for the “Alameda” to replace the “Zealandia,” and also agreeing to place the “Mariposa” on the line as well. Everything was in readiness by the contract day for sailing; and the “Alameda,” which had to wait two days for the mails, left San Francisco on the initial voyage of the new service on the 23rd November. The “Mararoa” (having only arrived from Glasgow a week previously) began the service from Sydney on the 4th December, a day late. What at one time threatened to be a serious hitch was therefore overcome without detriment to the service, which, it may be added, is being performed by the three vessels in a creditable manner.

Owing to this forced change, the through service has practically taken the place of the one contracted for, which provided for transshipping at Honolulu. With only three vessels the service could not be carried out except by running them through to San Francisco and Sydney—a service, it may be stated, which had always been preferred by New South Wales. Negotiations for placing the through service on a permanent basis, at an additional cost of £7,000 a year, have just been concluded, this colony to pay two-thirds and New South Wales one-third of the extra subsidy. The necessary alterations to be made in the contract only await the approval of the service by the New South Wales Parliament.

The payments in respect of the service as amended will now be—New Zealand £24,667, and New South Wales £12,333 per annum; but, deducting the proportions of the United States' contribution, the net annual payments are reduced to £23,334 by New Zealand and £11,000 by New South Wales.

The “Alameda” and “Mariposa” have done excellent work. They are boats of a superior type, and more than confirm the favourable reports made to this office respecting their passenger accommodation and speed. The “Mararoa” is also a fine boat. She has, unfortunately, had to contend against a series of accidents to her machinery, and has otherwise been unfortunate. The difficulties with her machinery now appear to have been overcome, as her last voyage to San Francisco was made in a day within contract time. Her accommodation is very superior. There has been a considerable increase in the passenger traffic, which will no doubt expand as the boats and the greater attractions of the route become better known.

In rearranging the service for collecting and distributing the San Francisco mails, coastwise, a saving in the cost has been effected. The subsidy is now £5,000 for the first year, with a reduction of £500 per annum for the remaining term of two years.

Reference to the San Francisco service would be incomplete without an acknowledgment of the excellent manner the Pacific Mail Company carried out its several contracts, extending over a term of ten years. The success of the San Francisco route as a mail and favourite passenger line is very much due to the business arrangements of the company and the proverbial punctuality of their steamers.

The Direct contract service has been performed with a regularity so much within the contract time as to completely upset the most liberal calculations as to the capabilities of the line. The shortest time within which mails have been delivered in London has been 38 days, and in the colony 42 days. Some exceptionally fast steaming has been accomplished; 37 days 9 hours from Wellington to Plymouth and 39 days 13 hours from Plymouth to Port Chalmers, including stoppages, have been the best performances. The contractors have now fixed Port Chalmers as the first port of arrival in the colony for the delivery of mails. This, in the company's interests, may

have its advantages, but the colony as a whole does not benefit by the arrangement, while the drawbacks and risks attending the transshipping of mails and passengers in an open roadstead when the steamers are bound for another port are by no means insignificant. This has already been manifested, as one of the steamers, after a delay of several hours at Port Chalmers Heads, had to pass on without being able to land mails or passengers in consequence of rough weather; and in another case, while the mails were transhipped, it was impossible to transfer the passengers, who had to be brought on to another port. The net cost of the service for the year was £6,552 13s. 9d.

Since the establishing of the Direct service correspondence forwarded by the Brindisi route has been rapidly diminishing. Last year there were only 4,034 letters sent from the colony by both the P. and O. and Orient services, and the net cost for both services was £1,050 10s. 2d. The net cost in 1884 was £8,040 10s., and in 1883 £4,873 12s. 3d.

The San Francisco service is in the unusual position of having a credit balance on the year's operations. After setting the receipts against the expenditure, there is a balance of £422 12s. 4d. on the credit side, compared with a debit of £7,736 10s. 7d. the previous year. The result is due to exceptional causes, mainly from the fact that the colony retained the whole of the contributions from non-contracting colonies, in the place of sharing them with Sydney, as in former years; and in addition received a direct payment for the carriage of the New South Wales mails. These items now show a considerable falling off, as not only is there no payment from New South Wales, but the non-contracting colonies' contributions are again divided with Sydney under the new contract. But, on the other hand, there is a substantial reduction in the subsidy, viz., from £31,250 to £23,334; and the loss for the current year, if any, should be merely a nominal one.

A change has been made in the running of the South Sea Island service. Finding that trade with the Southern ports was not showing signs of developing, the contractors asked to be relieved of the coastal part of the service, and to be allowed to make Auckland the terminal port, they undertaking to arrange for the transport of passengers and cargo to and from the other ports at the same rates as fixed by the contract; and also agreeing to make two additional trips to the Islands per annum without additional charge. After consulting the several Chambers of Commerce, whose ports would be affected by the change, and otherwise giving the proposal full consideration, it was finally agreed to comply with the request, and the change was given effect to in February last. The trade with the Islands has increased since the steam service was established, and there are indications of its further developing.

The steam service between Hokitika and certain southern ports of the West Coast of the Middle Island has been rearranged, at a considerable saving in cost. The service by the steamer "Napier" was terminated in January last; and a contract entered into for a service once every two months with the owners of the "Waipara," for £700 per annum.

It has not as yet been possible to arrange a service for serving Karamea; but it is expected this may be effected in the course of a month or two, at a reasonable cost.

The maximum, minimum, and average number of days within which the mails were delivered between London and New Zealand, Sydney, and Melbourne, by the San Francisco and Brindisi services, and also between London and the colony by the Direct contract packets, are given below:—

	San Francisco Service.	Direct Mail Service.	Brindisi Service.
London to Auckland	... 39—37 = 37·85	... 53—45 = 47·92	... 47—40 = 46·58
" Wellington	... 41—38 = 39·46	... 49—43 = 45·61	... 52—42 = 47·31
" Christchurch		48—43 = 45·15	... 53—40 = 46·65
" Dunedin	... 42—40 = 40·92	... 48—42 = 44·54	...
" Bluff		49—43 = 45·54	... 52—38 = 45·05
" Sydney	... 45—41 = 42·62	...	... 41—33 = 38·15
" Melbourne	... 47—42 = 44·15	...	... 40—32 = 36·46
Auckland to London	... 39—35 = 37·15	... 44—39 = 42·15	... 48—44 = 46·59
Wellington	... 43—37 = 39·31	... 43—38 = 40·00	... 49—43 = 46·00
Christchurch		44—38 = 40·31	...
Dunedin	... 44—38 = 40·38	... 45—39 = 41·31	...
Bluff		46—40 = 42·31	... 50—42 = 44·74
Sydney	... 44—39 = 42·08	...	... 43—36 = 38·42
Melbourne	... 45—41 = 43·15	...	... 42—35 = 37·05

The estimated receipts and payments in respect of the San Francisco, Direct contract, and the Suez-Brindisi (Peninsular and Oriental and Orient) services for the year were as follows:—

RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS on account of the San Francisco, Direct, Colombo-Brindisi, and Suez-Brindisi Mail Services for the Year 1885.

San Francisco Service.

DR.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Subsidies to Pacific Mail and Union Companies	29,798	0	4			
Bonus paid contractors	3,030	6	8			
Light-dues (charged on Estimates)	663	0	0			
Interprovincial service, Mail Agents, &c.	6,796	8	1			
				40,287	15	1

CR.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Postages from London Post Office	...	9,777	13	5			
Postages collected in the colony	...	16,984	16	11			
Receipts from non-contracting colonies...	...	13,947	17	1			
					40,710	7	5
Net profit to the colony	...				£422	12	4

The estimated net cost of the service for 1884 was £7,736 10s. 7d.

324,682 letters, 193,284 books, and 715,964 newspapers were received from, and 365,439 letters, 39,143 books, and 388,134 newspapers despatched to, the United Kingdom, &c., by the San Francisco service.

Direct Steam Service, New Zealand Shipping Company.

DR.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Payments on weight of correspondence	...	12,760	14	8			
Bonus paid contractors	...	7,850	0	0			
Light-dues (charged on Estimates)	...	936	0	0			
Interprovincial service	...	3,500	0	0			
					25,046	14	8
CR.							
Postages from London Post Office	...	11,210	14	4			
Postages collected in the colony	...	7,283	6	7			
					18,494	0	11
Net cost to the colony	...				£6,552	13	9

260,597 letters, 151,986 books, and 614,821 newspapers were received from the United Kingdom, &c., by the direct service; and 166,181 letters, 19,759 books, and 126,378 newspapers despatched.

Colombo-Brindisi, Victorian Packet Service.

DR.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Payments to Victoria	...	1,756	11	9			
Intercolonial service	...	160	1	9			
					1,916	13	6
CR.							
Postages from London Post Office	...	727	3	11			
Postages collected in the colony	...	413	17	3			
					1,141	1	2
Net cost to the colony	...				£775	12	4

The following shows the number of letters, books, and newspapers conveyed by the Victorian packets: Received, 31,306 letters, 11,893 books, 50,904 newspapers; despatched, 1,755 letters, 60 books, 237 newspapers.

Suez-Brindisi, New South Wales Packet Service.

DR.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Payments to New South Wales	...	557	5	9			
Intercolonial service	...	92	5	1			
					649	10	10
CR.							
Postages received from London	...	234	14	8			
Postages collected in the colony	...	139	18	4			
					374	13	0
Net cost to the colony	...				£274	17	10

38,563 letters, 23,404 books, and 73,147 newspapers were received from the United Kingdom, &c., by the Suez-Brindisi service; and 2,279 letters, 101 books, and 235 newspapers despatched.

The payments made for the year for the transmission of correspondence by the Torres Strait mail service amounted to £8 9s. 2d.

5,959 letters, 544 books, and 7,316 newspapers were received from, and 11,061 letters, 806 books, and 2,454 newspapers were despatched to, the United Kingdom by direct non-contracting steamers.

RETURN showing the several Subsidized Mail Steam Services, the Subsidy Payments for the Year 1885, the Dates when established, and the Date on which each terminates.

Service.	Annual Subsidy.	Duration of Service.		Number of Voyages per Annum.	Mileage for Complete Voyage.	Cost per Mile.
		When established.	When terminated or when terminable.			
	£ s. d.					£ s. d.
Auckland and San Francisco ...	29,951 18 6	Nov., 1885	Nov., 1888	13	11,916	0 3 10½
Direct Steam Service* ...	20,610 14 8	Dec., 1884	Dec., 1889	13	23,019	0 1 4½
Auckland and Fiji ...	1,690 0 0	June, 1880	...	13	2,334	0 1 1½
New Zealand and South Pacific Islands	4,200 0 0	June, 1885	May, 1887	6	6,992	0 2 0
New Zealand and Chatham Islands† ...	150 0 0	...	...	4	1,050	0 0 8½
Helensville and Matakoho ...	400 0 0	Jan., 1881	Dec., 1886	52	118	0 0 4
Helensville and Dargaville ...				104	170	
Auckland and Great Barrier Island ...	200 0 0	Dec., 1884	Nov., 1886	52	120	0 0 7½
Nelson and Golden Bay ...	240 0 0	...	...	72	130	0 0 6
Nelson, Karamea; Westport, Karamea; Westport, Greymouth, Hokitika, Okarito, Bruce Bay, Haast River, Okuru, Jackson's Bay, Martin's Bay, and Caswell Sound ...	1,800 0 0	Jan., 1885	Jan., 1886	6	1,092	0 5 6
Bluff and Stewart Island ...	300 0 0	July, 1885	June, 1887	52	40	0 2 10½
Interprovincial Service in connection with San Francisco Line ...	5,000 0 0	...	...	13	1,742	0 4 5
Interprovincial Service in connection with direct steamers ...	3,500 0 0	Dec., 1884	Dec., 1889	13	1,742	0 3 1

* Including bonus payments. † By sailing vessel.

MONEY ORDERS.

20 additional money-order offices were opened—namely, Danevirk, Half-moon Bay, Herbertville, Kaikora North, Kekerangu, Kirwee, Kurow, Newtown, Ongaonga, Orepuki, Pembroke, Rangiriri, Rolleston, Spring Creek, Tinwald, Waikaka, Waimangaroa, Wairio, Whangapoua, White Cliffs.

The name of the office formerly known as Ohinemutu has been changed to Rotorua.

261 money-order offices were open at the close of the year.

188,622 money orders for £581,395 8s. 9d. were issued, compared with 186,052 orders for £572,666 5s. 2d. in 1884, an increase of 2,570 orders, and £8,729 3s. 7d. in amount.

159,201 orders for £490,326 3s. 4d. were paid, against 155,116 orders for £475,199 14s. 8d. in 1884, the increase being 4,085 orders and £15,126 8s. 8d.

The number of money orders issued for payment in the United Kingdom, the Australian Colonies, United States, Canada, and other foreign countries, was 42,216, for £141,525 5s. 12,929 orders for £50,816 3s. 8d. were issued in those countries for payment in New Zealand. The balance against the colony was, therefore, £90,709. In 1884 the difference was £97,110 7s. 4d., and in 1883, £99,721.

17,806 telegraph orders for £62,202 7s. were transmitted, compared with 16,496 orders for £65,241 1s. 7d. in 1884. There was, therefore, an increase of 1,310 orders, but a decrease in amount of £3,038 14s. 7d.

The revenue from money-order commission was £9,553 0s. 7d. compared with £9,525 3s. 8d. in 1884, an increase of £27 16s. 11d. only. The increase in 1884 over 1883 was £502 13s. 2d. The falling off has been in the commission on money orders issued for payment in the colony.

The exchange of money orders with foreign countries, through the intermediary of the London Post Office, is extending. 514 orders of this class were issued, compared with 278 in 1884.

POSTAL-NOTES.

Postal-notes were introduced in January last; and although it is scarcely within the scope of this report to notice the results already ascertained, yet the very marked success of the scheme even thus early, has suggested a brief reference to the postal-note business for the quarter ended 31st March last.

16,542 postal-notes for £7,037 6s. 6d. were sold. The commission received was £128 19s. 10d., the average rate being 1.83 per cent.

One-shilling notes were most in demand, then twenty shillings, ten shillings, one shilling and sixpence, and five shillings, in the order given. Nearly 50 per cent. of the notes sold were of the values of one shilling, one shilling and sixpence, and twenty shillings.

Only £845 worth, or about 12 per cent., of the notes sold were unpaid at the end of the quarter. From this it is inferred that the public had not completely understood that the notes could have been used as a circulating medium.

The notes enter largely into competition with money orders, but the loss of money-order commission will, in a comparatively short time, be more than covered by the development of the business in postal-notes. A new class of customers has been brought to the post office, and the notes are used for a variety of purposes for which the money orders are not adapted. The relative falling off in the number of money orders issued for payment within the colony (as shown by the March quarter returns) is not altogether to be attributed to the issue of postal-notes, but rather to "The Gaming and Lotteries Amendment Act, 1885," which has caused, it is estimated, a loss of revenue (money-order commission, postage, &c.), of about £3,000 a year.

The cost of management in connection with the postal-note scheme so far does not exceed £100 a year. The expenses of inauguration, including cost of engraving, &c., printing, paper, forms, &c., and a twelve months' supply of notes, is under £100, while the note commission for the first year is expected to be over £500.

SAVINGS-BANKS.

Savings-bank business was extended to 20 offices, and the total number of offices open at the end of the year for the transaction of savings-bank business was 260.

20,661 new accounts were opened compared with 20,228 in 1884. 16,421 accounts were closed against 16,447 the preceding year. The number of accounts open on the 31st December last was 69,957, compared with 65,717 at the close of the previous year.

Of the 69,957 open accounts, 52,366 had balances at credit under £20; 8,198 from £20 to £50; 4,926 from £50 to £100; 3,131 from £100 to £200; 889 from £200 to £300; 253 from £300 to £400; 109 from £400 to £500; and 83 over £500.

THE following Table gives the Total Number of Savings-Bank Accounts open on the 31st December, 1885, with Balances at Credit, classified. Also, the Number of Open Accounts compared with the number open at the end of 1884:—

Postal District.	Not exceeding £20.	Over £20 and under £50.	Over £50 and under £100.	Over £100 and under £200.	Over £200 and under £300.	Over £300 and under £400.	Over £400 and under £500.	Over £500.	Total.
Auckland	6,859	1,056	642	452	118	32	24	8	9,191
Blenheim	1,006	186	109	65	12	5	..	..	1,383
Christchurch	11,033	1,788	1,130	713	191	65	20	17	14,957
Dunedin	9,415	1,531	911	611	157	45	16	24	12,710
Gisborne	367	44	34	18	3	2	..	..	468
Greymouth	1,155	180	110	76	17	6	1	2	1,547
Hokitika	687	110	80	50	21	3	..	1	952
Invercargill	1,913	370	190	121	32	7	4	2	2,639
Napier	2,051	374	191	105	29	9	3	3	2,765
Nelson	2,043	275	153	96	35	7	2	1	2,612
New Plymouth	929	172	108	71	17	3	4	3	1,307
Oamaru	955	197	120	81	17	4	..	1	1,375
Thames	1,680	235	154	82	32	6	4	1	2,194
Timaru	1,499	287	186	88	25	1	2	5	2,093
Wanganui	2,049	321	166	85	26	11	4	4	2,666
Wellington	8,121	989	582	379	147	45	22	11	10,296
Westport	604	83	60	38	10	2	3	..	800
Total	52,366	8,198	4,926	3,131	889	253	109	83	69,955
Totals for 1884	48,262	8,352	4,791	3,179	754	225	84	70	65,717

131,373 deposits, amounting to £1,341,001 3s. 2d., were received during the year. Each deposit averaged £10 4s. 1d. In 1884, the average was £9 9s. 11d. 84,832 withdrawals for £1,264,305 8s. 3d. were made, the average of each being £14 18s. The average in 1884 was £14 16s.

The total sum standing to the credit of depositors on the 31st December last was £1,638,035 19s. 5d., against £1,499,112 0s. 7d. at the close of 1884—an increase of £138,923 18s. 10d. during 1885.

The deposits exceeded the withdrawals by £76,695 14s. 11d. The difference in favour of deposits in 1884 was £31,978 10s. 5d.

Interest amounting to £62,228 3s. 11d. was credited depositors during the year, compared with £57,381 13s. 7d. in 1884.

The average cost of each Post Office Savings-Bank transaction, deposit or withdrawal, for the year was 4½d.; and for the whole period of the existence of the Post Office Savings-Banks in the colony, 6d.

The total amount of interest paid and credited depositors since the Post Office Savings-Banks were established in February, 1867, to the 31st December, 1885, has been £551,316 12s. 4d.

TELEGRAPHS.

There has been a steady increase of business, to which the opening of new lines and services materially contributed.

1,774,273 telegrams of all codes were transmitted—an increase of 119,968 telegrams, or 7·25 per cent.

1,363,124 ordinary telegrams were forwarded, on which £80,320 11s. 1d. was received. The number sent in 1884 was 1,257,818, of the value of £72,414 5s. 2d. The increase for 1885 was, therefore, 105,306 telegrams, and £7,906 5s. 11d. in amount.

170,282 Press telegrams were dealt with, the receipts from which amounted to £7,597 10s. 10d.—a decrease of 5,358 telegrams and £614 19s. 4d., compared with previous year's figures.

The number and value of the telegrams of the several codes transmitted during the calendar years 1885 and 1884 are given below:—

Ordinary Telegrams.					Press Telegrams.					Government Telegrams.				
	Number.	£	s.	d.	Number.	£	s.	d.		Number.	£	s.	d.	
1885 ...	1,363,124	80,320	11	1	170,282	7,597	10	10		240,867	24,860	9	0	
1884 ...	1,257,818	72,414	5	2	175,640	8,212	10	2		220,847	20,855	19	7	
Increase ...	105,306	7,906	5	11	...	...	...	...		20,020	4,004	9	5	
	8·37 p.c.	10·91 p.c.			...	...	...	...		9·06 p.c.	19·19 p.c.			
Decrease...	...	...			5,358	614	19	4		...	...			
	...	...			3·05 p.c.	7·47 p.c.				...	...			

The gross cash revenue for the financial year, inclusive of telephone-exchange receipts, private wire rents, &c., amounted to £101,979 10s.

The expenditure during the same period (exclusive of £29,452 1s. 3d. for construction, &c., charged to loan) was £99,297 14s. 1d. The receipts, therefore, were £2,681 15s. 11d. more than the ordinary expenditure.

Taking into account the value of Government telegrams, viz., £24,860 9s., and fees amounting to £890 6s. collected on money-order telegrams but not paid over by the postal branch, the actual value of the services by telegraph for the year will be found to have been £127,730 5s. This leaves an apparent profit of £28,432 10s. 11d. on the year's operations, an amount equal to 4·99 per cent. on the capital cost.

36,912 urgent telegrams, of the value of £4,365 4s., were dealt with, which, compared with previous year's figures, shows a falling off of 6,881 messages, and of £1,177 12s. in the receipts. The decrease was no doubt the result of the business depression which existed in parts of the colony.

But while there was this decrease in the urgent telegrams, there was, on the other hand, an exceptionally large increase of delayed messages, no less than 265,422 having been transmitted, compared with 201,769 the previous year and 168,141 in 1883, the increases being 63,653 and 33,628 telegrams respectively.

The advantages of the delayed system have been further extended since the 1st January last, by arranging that this class of message shall be sent over the wires at any time of the day whenever the ordinary telegraph work will admit of this being done. The messages are at once posted for delivery by post offices either through private boxes, over the counter, or by letter-carrier. Already this has had a marked effect on the extended use made of the delayed system by the public. Previously, the practice was not to post delayed telegrams until late at night, in order to prevent their delivery until next morning.

Government telegrams increased in number by 20,020, and £4,004 9s. 5d. in value, compared with a decrease of 930 telegrams and £699 19s. 7d. in value the previous year.

The average number of telegrams sent for every 100 letters posted was 10·78 compared with 10·32 in 1884. Comparing the number of telegrams forwarded to every 100 letters posted from offices within the under-mentioned districts in 1885 and 1884, the following are the results :—

	1885.	1884.		1885.	1884.
Auckland ...	9·69	8·92	New Plymouth ...	17·40	16·09
Christchurch ...	6·73	6·46	Wellington ...	16·32	14·93
Dunedin ...	8·02	7·57	Westport ...	30·34	24·97
Nelson ...	13·16	17·92			

17,806 money-order telegrams for £62,202 7s. were transmitted, the commission on which amounted to £1,036 14s. and the fees to £890 6s. The number of orders increased by 1,310, but decreased in amount by £3,038 14s. 7d. compared with the former year's business.

The number and the value of money-order telegrams forwarded from offices within the several postal districts will be found in Table No. 27.

Telegraph offices were opened at Templeton, Culverden, Little River (Christchurch District); Te Aute (Napier); Waotu (Auckland).

Waikaia (Dunedin District) is now worked by Morse instrument in the place of a telephone.

The following telegraph offices were closed: Hurunui, Springston (Christchurch District).

Telephone offices were established at Bombay, Howick, Kawhia, Omapere, Waitangi (Auckland District); Tairua (Thames); Newtown, Pahautanui (reopened); Pahiatua (Wellington); Glentunnel (Christchurch); White Cliffs (Timaru); Anderson's Bay, Heriot, Lovell's Flat, Mornington, Roslyn, Woodhaugh (Dunedin); Orepuki (Invercargill); Danevirk (Napier); Makaraka (Gisborne); East Takaka, Farewell Spit, Ferntown, Motueka Wharf, Sherry River, The Lake (Nelson); Fern Flat (Westport); Totara Flat (Greymouth).

The telephone office at South Malvern has been closed.

134 offices are connected by telephone, an increase of 24 offices.

The number of offices, both telegraph and telephone, open at the end of the year, was 375, against 350 in 1884.

Telegraph forms of a new pattern, and printed on stout paper, will be issued on the 1st July, a change which no doubt will be appreciated by the public.

The number of miles of line maintained was 4,463, an increase of 199 miles. The average cost for maintenance per mile was £4 15s. 9d., as against £4 18s. 4d. for the former year.

The number of miles of wire increased from 10,474 to 10,931, which, with 2,820 miles of duplex wire, give 13,751 miles of available wire accommodation.

The expenditure out of loan for telegraph extension, &c., was £29,452 1s. 3d. The total sum expended up to the 31st December last, on telegraph lines, cables, &c., amounted to £571,893 8s. 9d.

The business of the telephone exchanges is rapidly extending.

Exchanges have been established at Napier, Wanganui, and Timaru. There are now ten telephone exchanges, and one branch exchange.

The number of telephone-exchange subscribers at the date of the opening of the several exchanges, and the numbers recorded on the 30th April last, are given in the following statement:—

Auckland: 26 subscribers on 24th October, 1881; 399 (including 10 free) on 30th April.
 Napier: 40 subscribers on 24th September, 1885; 78 (including 9 free) on 30th April.
 Wanganui: 48 subscribers on 15th March, 1886; increased to 75 subscribers (including 8 free) on 30th April.
 Wellington: 31 subscribers on 1st March, 1883; 285 (including 36 free) on 30th April.
 Nelson: 29 subscribers on 1st November, 1884; 68 (including 7 free) on 30th April.
 Christchurch: 27 subscribers on 1st October, 1881; 246 (including 17 free) on 30th April.
 Timaru: 42 subscribers on 16th October, 1885; 60 (including 4 free) on 30th April.
 Oamaru: 30 subscribers on 25th November, 1884; 43 (including 6 free) on 30th April.
 Dunedin: 56 subscribers on 26th April, 1882; 434 (including 33 free) on 30th April.
 Invercargill: 32 subscribers on 7th November, 1883; 67 (including 5 free) on 30th April.

The total number of subscribers (including the free connections) on the 30th April last was 1,755.

The receipts on account of the telephone exchanges are at the rate of £14,404 a year.

The exchanges at Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin are now open continuously day and night.

The capital expended up to the 31st December last in connection with establishing the several telephone exchanges was £37,319 12s. 1d.

Bureau offices have been established at Anderson's Bay, Mornington, St. Clair, Roslyn, Woodhaugh (Dunedin), Newtown (Wellington), Motueka Wharf (Nelson).

The number of private wires decreased from 90 to 81, and the receipts fell off from £1,330 4s. 10d. to £1,165 15s. 8d. per annum.

The following gives the result of the operations carried out in the several districts during the year under the immediate direction of the Inspectors:—

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

The following extensions have been completed during the year: Auckland to Howick, Pukekohe to Bombay, Whitianga to Tairua, Mercer to Cambridge (two wires), Ohacawai to Waitangi, Herd's Point to Omapere: making a total of 46 miles of line and 186 miles of wire.

The section Auckland to Cambridge has been reconstructed, and the Manukau Heads line is at present undergoing extensive repairs. The lines north of Kawakawa, including the Russell, Hokianga, and Mongonui lines, have also received a thorough overhaul, and a considerable number of the kauri poles have been rebuted with totara or puriri blocks.

The lines throughout the district are in good order, and show excellent insulation.

The total mileage of wire is 1,726.

NAPIER DISTRICT.

The following lines have been constructed since last report: Between Otuparahaki (12 miles north of Taupo) and Cambridge (two wires), a distance of 67 miles. This lessens the distance to Auckland by 89 miles, enabling a higher rate of speed to be kept up between Wellington and Auckland.

Twenty-four miles of new line was erected to replace Nos. 1 and 2 wires between Taupo and Otuparahaki. The line to Frasertown (7½ miles) has also been completed.

A wire connecting Wairoa with Te Mahia has been erected for telephonic communication.

The Hastings racecourse has been connected with the Post Office at Hastings, a distance of 1½ miles.

A new wire of 82 miles is in course of erection, to provide for the increased railway work between Napier and Tahoraite.

The Napier-Waipukurau section has been considerably strengthened and renewed. Further renewals are also being made between Tenui and Waipukurau.

Some 67 kauri poles have been butted between Tauranga and Katikati, and the line generally overhauled. The section between Gisborne and Wairoa has been thoroughly overhauled, and 20 kauri poles have been butted between Wairoa and Napier. Further improvements and strengthening have been executed on the section between Napier and Taupo, and the branch line, Gisborne to Ormond, has been carefully overhauled.

The lines in this district are now in first-class order.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

All the lines in this district are in good order, and call for no special remark.

On the 12th of June last year all three wires in the old Cook Strait cable parted, and the resources of the Department were severely taxed by the loss of the three wires.

The faulty cable was not repaired till the 20th December; the delay in repairs was caused by the vessel usually employed not being in a position to at once comply with the request of the Department.

The cable, on examination, showed that the break was caused by the slow but gradual corrosion of the armour-covering by its coming in contact with rock impregnated with copper. The above action had been going on for close on twenty years.

The faulty cable was only some three or four fathoms in extent, the cable on each side of the break, with the above exception, being as sound and in as good a condition as when first laid in 1866.

A single wire line was erected between Woodville and Pahiatua, and the latter office placed in charge of the postmaster as telephonist.

NELSON DISTRICT.

Since last report the following lines have been erected for telephonic communication: Collingwood to Cape Farewell, Tophouse to Lake, and Ahaura to Nelson Creek. The following additions have also been made to the line: Longford to Fern Flat, 7 miles; Ahaura to Totara Flat, 6 miles.

The sections between Collingwood and Richmond, Westport and Charleston, and Westport and Greymouth have been thoroughly overhauled. Kumara to Ross section is now being overhauled. The Greymouth to Kumara section has been entirely reconstructed. Blenheim to Kaikoura section has been thoroughly overhauled, and the Nelson to Blenheim and Nelson to Tophouse sections will shortly be overhauled.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christchurch to Kaikoura: Between Christchurch and Papanui a few poles have been renewed and several angle poles strengthened. Several renewals will be made shortly on the Papanui and Amberley section.

Christchurch to Waitaki: On this section 385 poles will be replaced shortly.

The Taipo to Gorge section is about being overhauled. There will be 87 new poles put in; and 55 new poles between Gorge and Bealey, to replace decayed ones.

Christchurch Railway to Amberley: 170 poles on this section will be renewed shortly. With this exception the section is in good order.

Kaipoi to Oxford and View Hill: 60 poles require replacing on this section; in other respects the line is in good order.

Christchurch to Southbridge: A number of poles on this section have been condemned, and will be replaced at an early date.

Christchurch to Akaroa: This line will be overhauled shortly: a number of poles require replacing.

All other sections in the district are in thoroughly good order.

The Springfield-Rolleston wire has been extended to Christchurch Railway and public office.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

The following new lines have been erected since last report: Lawrence to Waipori, 14 miles; Tapanui to Heriot, 9 miles of wire; Milton to Lovell's Flat, 8 miles of wire; Riverton to Orepuki, 18 miles; Dunedin to North-East Valley, 3 miles; Dunedin to St. Clair, 3 miles of wire; Dunedin to Anderson's Bay, 3 miles of wire; Dunedin to Mornington, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of wire; Dunedin to Roslyn, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of wire; Dunedin to Woodhaugh, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles of wire; Dunedin to Seacliffe Asylum, 19 miles.

The principal works of maintenance have been the overhauling of Bluff to Invercargill, Invercargill to Riverton, and Invercargill to Winton lines. All decayed poles have been either replaced or strengthened. The whole of the line from Invercargill to Dunedin has also been overhauled.

The Milton to Queenstown section has been thoroughly overhauled, especially the Cromwell to Queenstown section.

All lines in this district are in thoroughly good order.

The usual tables and telegraph charts are appended.

Table No. 1.

TABLE showing the Number and Amount of Money Orders issued and of Money Orders made payable in New Zealand, Year by Year, since the Year 1867.

MONEY ORDERS ISSUED IN THE COLONY.															
Year.	Commission received.			Where payable.						Total.					
				In the Colony.		United Kingdom and Foreign Offices.		Australian Colonies, &c.							
				No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
1867	1,815	19	6	10,293	49,496	13 0	9,242	40,998	14 11	4,938	25,115	5 1	24,473	115,610	13 0
1868	1,863	1	6	11,898	54,342	18 6	9,241	40,581	13 9	4,715	23,286	11 5	25,854	118,211	3 8
1869	1,932	3	0	14,305	63,897	1 10	9,263	39,939	8 6	4,859	23,381	14 7	28,427	127,218	4 11
1870	2,367	3	6	16,821	73,344	11 9	9,624	41,472	3 7	5,419	25,637	12 7	31,864	140,454	7 11
1871	2,608	3	6	20,514	88,546	9 7	10,407	44,197	18 3	5,370	24,653	5 9	36,291	157,397	13 7
1872	3,068	17	6	28,156	120,125	14 8	10,619	44,535	9 9	5,885	26,347	17 7	44,660	191,009	2 0
1873	3,562	3	2	34,288	142,642	4 10	11,913	48,547	11 4	6,150	28,068	5 5	52,351	219,258	1 7
1874	4,393	2	3	40,968	171,683	6 1	14,379	57,821	2 6	7,365	33,659	19 2	62,712	263,164	7 9
1875	4,950	19	4	48,611	193,551	13 9	16,949	66,332	14 9	7,467	33,597	2 3	73,027	293,481	10 9
1876	5,261	19	2	55,748	212,089	1 6	17,331	66,977	4 2	7,176	31,202	0 3	80,255	310,268	5 11
1877	5,714	18	4	64,000	233,804	15 10	18,369	69,670	11 10	8,303	31,498	0 1	90,672	334,973	7 9
1878	6,288	13	0	70,531	250,861	6 0	21,169	80,681	15 8	9,317	36,711	15 2	101,017	368,254	16 10
1879	7,285	1	6	83,479	297,290	13 8	24,461	91,665	4 0	10,059	39,717	2 4	117,999	428,673	0 0
1880	7,943	15	4	97,275	320,260	19 11	27,587	104,149	5 10	10,786	40,994	15 4	135,648	465,405	1 0
1881	7,582	8	5	99,523	321,635	3 3	25,376	90,229	5 3	10,657	40,317	19 2	135,556	452,182	7 8
1882	8,207	9	8	108,916	360,196	4 9	25,898	91,530	17 9	13,348	47,641	7 5	148,162	499,368	9 11
1883	9,022	10	6	132,232	402,558	12 11	26,211	91,634	4 7	14,113	46,939	17 11	172,556	541,132	15 5
1884	9,525	3	8	144,227	430,446	18 10	28,712	96,901	14 0	13,113	45,317	12 4	186,052	572,666	5 2
1885	9,553	0	7	146,406	439,870	3 9	28,722	95,920	9 10	13,494	45,604	15 2	188,622	581,395	8 9

MONEY ORDERS DRAWN ON THE COLONY.

Year.	Where issued.						Total.	
	In the Colony.		United Kingdom & Foreign Offices		Australian Colonies, &c.			
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1867	10,353	49,931 17 2	1,198	5,649 2 10	1,108	5,570 6 4	12,659	61,151 6 4
1868	11,903	54,349 8 3	1,401	6,502 3 0	1,294	6,685 1 3	14,598	67,536 12 6
1869	14,250	63,820 15 5	1,218	5,630 18 8	1,272	6,382 4 3	16,740	75,833 18 4
1870	16,798	73,245 8 3	1,156	5,523 4 4	1,267	6,055 6 11	19,221	84,823 19 6
1871	20,514	88,592 0 3	1,396	6,217 11 5	1,318	5,914 18 7	23,228	100,724 10 3
1872	27,983	119,676 1 2	1,504	7,078 8 6	1,459	6,803 15 3	30,946	133,558 4 11
1873	34,288	142,642 4 10	1,482	6,625 14 5	1,668	7,689 6 8	37,438	156,957 5 11
1874	40,968	171,683 6 1	1,603	7,284 10 7	1,800	8,316 17 5	44,371	187,284 14 1
1875	48,611	193,551 13 9	1,969	9,262 9 7	1,995	9,340 19 11	52,575	212,155 3 3
1876	55,748	212,089 1 6	2,243	10,202 13 6	2,385	10,838 16 8	60,376	233,130 11 8
1877	64,000	233,804 15 10	2,258	9,744 8 8	2,568	11,056 2 7	68,826	254,605 7 1
1878	70,531	250,861 6 0	2,260	9,833 18 6	2,528	10,698 14 3	75,319	271,393 18 9
1879	83,479	297,290 13 8	2,544	10,673 3 11	2,942	12,295 5 4	88,965	320,259 2 11
1880	97,275	320,260 19 11	3,466	14,811 14 8	3,913	15,829 0 3	104,654	350,901 14 10
1881	99,523	321,635 3 3	3,466	14,078 17 3	4,649	18,863 4 2	107,638	354,577 4 8
1882	108,916	360,196 4 9	3,421	13,416 1 9	5,076	21,090 4 10	117,413	394,702 11 4
1883	132,232	402,558 12 11	3,725	15,553 3 11	5,697	23,299 12 11	141,654	441,411 9 9
1884	144,227	430,446 18 10	4,535	17,679 0 6	6,755	27,429 18 6	155,517	475,555 17 10
1885	146,406	439,870 3 9	5,204	20,091 17 4	7,725	30,724 6 4	159,335	490,686 7 5

Table No. 2.

TABLE showing the Money Orders issued in New Zealand on Offices beyond the Colony during the Years 1884 and 1885.

Where payable.	1884.		1885.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
United Kingdom	28,434	£ s. d. 95,891 3 5	28,208	£ s. d. 93,983 19 2
Foreign Offices through London	278	1,010 10 7	514	1,936 10 8
United States of America	1,971	5,105 2 2	2,043	5,271 5 6
Canada	71	237 14 7	76	340 13 10
Victoria	5,868	21,080 15 2	5,661	20,394 16 6
South Australia	446	1,658 4 10	402	1,333 7 6
New South Wales	3,763	12,894 15 5	4,398	14,395 14 3
Queensland	322	1,411 8 7	277	1,142 17 6
Tasmania	656	2,886 0 10	612	2,606 18 1
Western Australia	16	43 10 9	25	119 2 0
Totals	41,825	142,219 6 4	42,216	141,525 5 0

TABLE showing the Money Orders issued at Offices beyond the Colony on New Zealand during the Years 1884 and 1885.

Where issued.	1884.		1885.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
United Kingdom and Foreign Offices	4,535	£ s. d. 17,679 0 6	5,204	£ s. d. 20,091 17 4
United States of America	242	1,159 19 8	220	1,019 9 7
Canada	45	262 10 3	58	343 13 8
Victoria	2,172	7,898 7 7	2,657	9,344 12 5
South Australia	304	1,147 13 1	323	1,148 14 10
New South Wales	2,809	11,734 13 11	3,238	13,463 15 4
Queensland	406	1,812 1 11	524	2,377 12 5
Tasmania	748	3,241 3 7	672	2,860 4 8
Western Australia	29	173 8 6	33	166 3 5
Totals	11,290	45,108 19 0	12,929	50,816 3 8

Table No. 3.

TABLE showing the Number and Amount of Transactions at the several Money Order and Savings Bank Offices in the Colony of New Zealand during the Year 1885.

Office.	Money Orders.						Savings Banks.										
	Issued.			Paid.			New Accounts opened.	Deposits.			Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.					
	No.	£	s. d.	No.	£	s. d.		No.	£	s. d.		No.	£	s. d.			
AUCKLAND ..	14,173	967	7 0	48,219	14	11	22,769	73,856	17 0	1,603	9,426	130,719	0 5	2,163	10,726	163,525	1 6
Alexandra ..	518	20	1 4	1,573	7	8	284	920	13 9	20	159	954	3 0	5	40	453	12 2
Aratapu ..	684	25	11 2	2,277	4	0	108	405	14 3	25	218	2,016	8 0	17	66	924	5 5
Bombay ..	95	3	11 6	312	4	0	23	71	16 9	7	76	752	1 8	3	13	114	18 10
Cambridge ..	1,188	52	14 4	3,271	2	2	673	1,885	6 10	70	349	1,972	11 4	33	136	1,787	9 5
Coromandel ..	550	21	18 4	1,423	9	10	207	622	6 11	22	148	846	7 6	24	58	560	17 2
Dargaville ..	466	24	16 6	1,540	18	9	145	428	16 10	47	216	2,120	15 0	22	69	1,475	5 2
Devonport ..	281	13	0 8	815	13	8	154	582	17 6	18	86	689	6 6	2	32	308	16 2
Drury ..	207	7	0 6	638	8	6	169	661	3 0	13	81	1,109	6 0	3	10	177	18 8
Hamilton ..	982	39	17 8	2,619	6	7	758	2,027	11 1	42	310	1,910	6 4	34	127	1,789	16 11
Helensville ..	603	24	0 0	1,773	0	9	230	650	4 3	49	270	2,093	5 0	17	102	1,241	16 7
Herd's Point ..	386	26	12 0	1,638	9	3	102	293	3 8	12	56	316	19 0	8	26	823	7 6
Huntly ..	360	12	10 8	904	14	11	70	244	15 0	15	91	511	11 0	3	37	407	16 9
Kaeo ..	273	12	2 8	851	7	4	49	209	5 1	3	33	385	6 0	4	21	556	4 7
Kaitia ..	300	9	17 6	1,194	11	4	32	120	17 8	5	28	340	3 0	..	10	113	14 0
Kamo ..	419	16	14 8	1,277	19	1	87	333	5 1	39	340	1,878	15 11	28	82	924	17 7
Kawakawa ..	694	31	9 2	2,122	3	9	209	707	14 1	37	357	3,004	13 4	39	119	3,418	4 2
Kihikihi ..	366	14	15 0	863	4	11	182	715	17 9	45	193	878	3 0	5	39	260	2 9
Kohukohu ..	214	16	15 4	960	14	7	40	197	13 0	8	29	336	10 0	5	14	269	8 10
Mangapai ..	269	9	8 6	1,204	3	4	42	213	1 10	6	27	309	10 0	3	18	341	15 8
Mangawai ..	116	4	19 0	276	7	8	70	382	11 4	8	29	353	7 0	3	15	331	5 5
Mangawhare ..	394	18	5 10	1,547	15	10	32	118	13 7	27	136	1,855	8 0	8	70	961	12 4
Maungaturoto ..	139	5	4 10	457	18	8	33	159	9 0	18	44	500	1 0	2	11	109	14 5
Mercer ..	269	9	6 2	683	13	10	84	357	17 8	18	82	726	13 1	3	22	150	11 6
Mongonui ..	464	17	0 0	1,373	5	3	165	486	13 8	23	118	1,466	12 0	17	50	985	1 7
Morrinsville ..	283	10	12 8	626	5	10	86	245	12 10	26	82	596	18 6	3	15	105	0 11
Newmarket ..	273	16	13 0	702	17	2	179	568	17 6	45	298	843	10 0	6	31	109	13 8
Newton ..	669	36	6 6	1,606	6	11	573	1,598	17 7	71	536	2,125	6 3	15	102	625	4 4
Ngaruawahia ..	353	12	6 6	834	4	11	180	506	15 5	35	203	593	13 0	16	56	474	9 6
Ohaeawai ..	275	18	10 6	950	10	10	82	376	10 1	4	17	143	6 0	4	21	370	6 9
Ohapupo ..	191	5	19 6	531	5	0	91	319	12 1	4	56	222	10 0	4	9	149	8 4
Onehunga ..	485	29	18 8	1,657	9	5	825	2,855	3 4	49	300	1,979	0 6	17	68	645	6 7
Otahuhu ..	228	11	0 10	567	4	8	285	929	1 5	39	258	1,325	5 0	17	82	631	0 7
Pahi ..	163	6	9 10	444	0	9	46	148	0 9	15	43	715	17 0	5	24	234	15 11
Papakura ..	132	4	10 8	357	9	10	82	265	3 6	11	92	396	13 1	2	20	206	2 9
Paparoa ..	92	3	13 2	272	17	5	46	157	14 6	10	50	426	13 4	..	17	441	17 9
Parnell ..	162	8	2 4	419	13	3	158	447	13 7	39	239	253	12 0	3	18	40	12 7
Pokeno ..	81	2	7 0	232	0	9	68	287	5 10	5	26	149	0 0	2	14	154	14 2
Porsonby ..	90	4	8 2	186	2	1	219	701	3 10	12	98	175	2 6	2	21	119	18 6
Port Albert ..	249	10	9 6	810	7	2	83	375	4 7	9	67	549	18 0	5	34	615	5 5
Pukekohe ..	376	13	15 0	1,209	4	11	155	520	16 8	25	99	694	8 0	9	49	338	7 4
Raglan ..	371	15	3 6	2,070	9	4	68	194	16 10	11	51	158	19 6	4	12	67	8 5
Rangiriri ..	12	0	7 6	23	7	9	1	6	15 0	..	2	18	0 0	..	..	..	..
Russell ..	454	16	5 10	1,040	2	9	265	957	3 7	14	105	879	5 7	8	33	784	5 2
Taupiri ..	94	2	19 4	243	16	8	24	63	0 10	7	38	260	19 0	2	13	66	3 6
Te Awamutu ..	551	20	10 4	1,369	12	6	267	928	3 11	39	211	2,050	0 10	7	45	1,102	10 11
Te Kopuru ..	606	30	3 8	2,252	4	6	45	226	3 4	27	165	1,636	10 0	10	38	578	9 5
Tuakau ..	122	4	4 2	377	13	10	39	128	4 6	16	56	115	9 7	..	4	12	8 0
Upper Symonds Street ..	139	6	8 6	277	18	9	51	196	7 10	15	54	97	16 0	1	8	40	17 0
Wade ..	86	3	0 8	238	11	3	37	116	17 9	6	12	128	3 0	3	4	25	14 1
Waipu ..	484	16	11 2	1,704	18	8	149	799	1 6	21	92	2,309	19 0	7	57	1,113	1 4
Waiuku ..	274	10	2 6	903	1	2	143	550	11 5	22	136	1,040	14 0	18	64	685	10 4
Waiwera ..	251	10	15 0	633	9	0	54	266	13 3	9	68	561	13 0	..	12	174	17 0
Wangarei ..	1,144	46	10 4	3,470	9	7	434	1,423	9 9	60	300	2,041	1 3	27	115	1,949	19 5
Wangaroa ..	384	18	6 4	1,265	3	0	46	157	3 11	33	122	1,638	6 0	16	44	588	2 0
Warkworth ..	430	15	3 4	1,282	19	9	241	814	1 1	13	125	1,370	14 0	8	54	597	12 3
Whangapona ..	10	0	17 4	43	5	6	..	..	..	3	6	89	0 0	..	..	..	..
Whitianga ..	372	19	14 4	1,168	15	0	34	169	10 9	42	178	1,443	16 0	5	17	168	18 9
BLENHEIM ..	2,600	134	3 10	8,360	0	10	950	3,362	15 4	315	1,874	22,730	11 6	228	1,362	23,472	1 9
Havelock ..	465	20	11 6	1,623	1	11	166	552	8 6	16	99	780	5 0	5	39	938	4 10
Kaikoura ..	641	40	1 8	2,357	14	1	171	708	16 3	32	92	891	15 1	14	44	796	13 1
Kekerangu ..	49	2	4 8	116	3	1	3	10	10 6	16	35	463	17 0	..	4	13	19 0
Pictou ..	591	26	0 10	1,746	5	0	373	1,324	5 1	38	273	2,752	2 7	22	87	1,068	17 3
Renwicktown ..	69	3	1 10	220	10	7	23	44	0 0	3	14	97	8 1	1	7	81	15 5
Spring Creek ..	34	2	15 0	143	1	8	8	22	8 10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
CHRISTCHURCH ..	10,943	717	17 2	37,988	2	10	20,863	51,877	14 1	2,622	19,989	225,020	14 0	2,414	16,082	239,869	13 8
Akaroa ..	561	23	13 10	1,542	4	11	192	592	7 11	43	368	3,245	11 3	15	51	1,605	0 3
Amberley ..	425	16	12 8	1,022	12	3	126	392	9 2	30	210	1,264	6 0	20	97	1,079	11 11
Ashburton ..	2,103	94	9 2	5,698	15	10	997	3,246	9 3	251	1,164	8,963	6 6	152	446	5,934	19 1
Cheviot ..	85	4	5 8	299	15	4	5	14	8 0	1	8	215	0 0	1	4	25	15 2
Coalgate ..	177	7	5 0	474	14	10	42	171	18 4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Darfield ..	141	5	5 6	319	8	0	33	43	17 9	3	17	165	2 2	1	8	21	17 6
Dunsandel ..	89	4	14 6	274	4	10	30	120	11 10	2	41	340	7 6	3	7	83	10 8
Duvauchelle ..	174	7	3 4	420	18	8	37	155	8 11	8	54	228	13 0	10	24	459	12 0
Hurunui ..	149	6	0 0	418	3	11	21	84	4 1	9	108	235	6 0	6	15	78	6 5
Kaipoi ..	528																

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Office.	Money Orders.					Savings Banks.					
	Issued.			Paid.		New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.	
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.
CHRISTCHURCH— continued.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.			£ s. d.	
Kirwee ..	175	6 10 10	629 18 7	32	72 1 9	8	19 54 16 0	1	11	76 15 7	
Leeston ..	288	14 19 6	809 14 7	103	366 9 9	21	127 1,048 18 11	13	43	654 7 4	
Lyttelton ..	1,540	90 11 2	5,346 12 2	882	3,002 2 0	199	1,322 12,916 2 10	112	507	6,138 13 10	
Methven ..	298	13 19 8	859 15 1	96	235 4 3	18	56 864 15 10	8	28	377 4 7	
Oxford ..	411	14 2 4	916 3 9	163	642 14 10	30	205 2,093 14 9	34	87	1,673 5 5	
Papanui ..	39	1 14 6	78 13 6	66	230 3 3	6	38 159 10 0	1	7	17 0 8	
Rakaia ..	525	20 10 10	1,511 5 4	97	296 4 6	26	207 1,667 7 0	19	70	1,588 14 7	
Rangiora ..	677	35 11 6	1,864 13 8	526	1,665 16 10	83	503 5,697 11 9	57	217	4,084 10 1	
Rolleston ..	8	0 4 0	15 14 0	1	0 10 0	..	7 41 10 0	..	1	16 0 0	
Sheffield ..	349	13 5 10	1,060 0 0	132	417 12 1	18	94 850 8 10	13	47	477 9 1	
Southbridge ..	289	12 2 8	746 7 11	180	768 14 6	25	151 1,113 11 6	31	73	847 9 5	
Springfield ..	300	11 3 8	871 10 5	73	300 13 9	18	97 493 4 0	6	28	636 15 7	
Sydenham ..	362	20 15 2	921 5 5	611	1,815 2 7	119	1,117 4,313 17 8	24	100	471 10 5	
Tinwald ..	14	0 8 0	32 12 0	9	14 1 7	10	23 87 2 0	1	6	22 2 11	
Waiau ..	348	16 16 0	1,197 9 4	47	166 17 11	30	162 2,333 11 9	14	49	1,095 0 6	
Waikari ..	321	13 9 4	840 19 7	113	377 0 5	11	56 995 19 6	6	28	435 2 5	
Woolston ..	43	2 0 0	122 19 7	56	154 17 2	16	99 472 8 3	8	24	135 14 11	
Whitecliffs ..	118	4 1 4	312 12 8	129	1,100 5 5	12	36 248 2 0	..	7	37 17 2	
DUNEDIN	1,445	649 0 8	35,689 16 5	26,955	72,484 3 1	2,080	14,068 176,573 15 7	2,077	12,256	177,354 18 10	
Albany Street ..	1,516	83 1 2	3,996 14 10	718	2,862 4 3	416	3,853 17,725 17 2	226	738	8,285 11 8	
Alexandra South ..	64	25 10 2	1,931 4 9	92	274 4 2	10	97 583 5 0	12	27	255 6 1	
Balclutha ..	1,174	42 19 0	2,812 8 4	612	1,859 15 7	62	278 2,877 8 9	30	111	1,572 15 3	
Bannockburn ..	169	5 4 10	308 16 8	5	23 4 6	8	20 56 6 0	2	2	4 9 11	
Blueskin ..	152	6 6 8	427 8 4	104	319 5 5	15	93 634 10 0	8	31	295 17 2	
Caversham ..	218	9 4 6	506 19 3	254	698 15 8	25	219 817 7 0	14	36	71 12 11	
Clinton ..	515	19 3 2	1,238 17 7	170	421 6 10	20	145 778 17 0	9	39	431 8 11	
Clyde ..	439	16 3 0	1,162 11 6	163	332 15 0	17	65 462 13 0	5	23	173 12 11	
Cromwell ..	712	30 14 6	1,855 2 10	185	668 13 9	18	110 397 19 5	13	37	222 0 4	
Green Island ..	187	10 4 10	538 0 1	137	550 7 11	32	225 1,462 1 3	18	53	762 8 5	
Greytown ..	78	3 15 8	159 6 3	31	87 4 11	16	54 432 5 2	3	11	172 1 11	
Hamilton's ..	250	9 7 0	693 1 7	15	46 3 0	8	39 735 5 0	5	39	661 8 7	
Kaitangata ..	545	19 3 10	1,391 13 0	141	409 12 5	37	172 960 3 8	28	57	981 14 9	
Lawrence ..	1,054	41 3 6	2,872 7 11	778	2,399 1 3	67	315 2,536 12 6	42	106	1,960 8 8	
Milton ..	913	35 18 0	2,419 15 9	403	1,473 4 8	72	403 3,651 8 3	44	154	1,966 0 2	
Mosgiel ..	334	16 7 8	916 10 3	185	635 5 7	35	275 1,264 19 4	12	57	1,162 15 5	
Naseby ..	742	32 9 6	2,116 12 10	461	863 6 0	26	156 575 9 6	16	23	200 18 8	
Ophir ..	412	14 4 4	931 13 10	73	208 2 8	5	30 124 2 3	6	8	92 3 2	
Outram ..	345	15 11 0	1,064 13 8	120	387 10 10	19	100 582 9 2	13	28	311 13 7	
Owake ..	307	9 5 8	1,017 1 3	28	131 13 4	13	25 608 19 6	6	15	531 1 5	
Palmerston ..	804	32 3 8	2,048 12 5	454	1,462 14 10	33	332 1,152 18 9	22	62	897 18 6	
Pembroke ..	45	2 6 4	173 10 0	19	95 17 3	..		..	..		
Port Chalmers ..	1,587	98 13 10	5,085 3 9	1,088	3,669 1 5	294	2,006 13,898 13 5	179	589	7,941 14 3	
Portobello ..	42	1 19 4	106 8 10	14	25 16 7	13	38 322 12 0	1	7	138 18 0	
Roxburgh ..	526	20 14 8	1,467 13 10	136	443 0 9	36	11 871 14 1	18	54	1,007 3 0	
St. Bathans ..	317	13 1 6	797 9 10	59	186 6 0	4	14 203 0 0	1	5	38 15 6	
South Dunedin ..	301	15 16 8	699 7 1	420	1,153 8 7	70	653 3,106 0 0	33	139	1,152 8 10	
Stirling ..	249	9 16 2	667 7 11	66	150 18 8	9	42 130 15 0	17	25	145 0 10	
Tapanui ..	945	34 3 0	2,393 6 7	262	805 4 5	36	204 1,087 6 0	10	49	522 15 11	
Waihola ..	123	4 7 0	347 7 6	41	136 10 3	10	65 467 9 0	13	32	496 5 10	
Waikaia ..	526	17 5 6	1,604 3 9	89	320 16 3	8	55 1,099 19 8	1	24	964 10 7	
Waikouaiti ..	518	16 7 6	1,414 2 10	317	718 7 0	20	152 697 2 2	15	38	369 6 8	
Waitahuna ..	269	9 16 2	736 10 5	103	367 15 7	11	44 356 10 3	8	15	166 5 8	
GISBORNE	1,962	114 1 8	6,799 1 5	917	3,648 3 9	218	1,071 10,706 13 0	138	750	7,857 17 9	
Ormond ..	58	3 5 2	162 12 11	20	94 4 6	4	6 67 2 4	..	1	5 0 0	
GREYMOUTH	2,525	146 16 8	8,825 17 4	1,743	6,385 4 8	262	1,618 17,558 16 5	175	1,023	16,678 18 0	
Ahaura ..	720	33 16 4	3,377 12 5	81	313 14 8	20	124 1,456 19 0	5	34	446 1 11	
Barrytown ..	24	1 0 0	93 5 10	8	52 5 6	..		2	2	2 6 2	
Brunnerton ..	705	40 17 8	2,274 18 5	103	377 0 6	61	163 1,976 5 4	18	47	1,106 4 11	
Nelson Creek ..	226	10 6 0	786 11 0	18	76 8 4	10	113 379 12 0	3	32	398 9 3	
Reefton ..	982	51 6 0	3,067 0 7	1,077	3,133 18 6	59	326 2,265 11 5	50	90	1,977 11 8	
HOKITIKA	1,422	75 14 2	4,773 3 0	1,335	4,239 1 4	104	678 5,250 9 3	149	555	7,521 16 11	
Goldsborough ..	73	3 6 6	196 1 1	13	64 16 7	1	6 43 8 0	1	3	31 1 7	
Kumara ..	1,005	44 17 6	2,823 11 4	317	1,146 14 3	67	504 5,435 10 7	36	175	3,154 8 4	
Rimu ..	216	7 16 6	482 7 3	38	94 19 6	20	121 1,202 0 0	8	69	569 15 6	
Ross ..	391	17 3 8	1,148 19 6	265	697 17 4	29	228 1,287 16 1	24	69	796 19 5	
Stafford ..	265	11 13 6	700 19 8	50	170 16 6	11	67 654 3 0	6	24	272 0 1	
INVERCARGILL	4,188	212 11 10	12,070 10 4	4,243	13,215 9 6	453	2,604 28,650 4 9	481	2,131	33,142 15 0	
Arrow River ..	574	23 16 0	1,844 1 0	142	373 3 4	29	143 930 16 10	17	36	933 4 11	
Campbelltown ..	468	24 4 2	1,504 10 1	543	1,857 16 2	27	215 1,626 7 2	17	57	574 19 11	
Dipton ..	249	8 10 6	649 5 0	54	157 9 1	5	22 156 13 0	4	8	99 15 2	
Edendale ..	218	7 9 4	535 9 7	27	111 3 2	11	56 328 8 7	3	10	138 17 7	
Fortrose ..	231	8 3 0	591 14 6	22	92 19 7	..		..	..		
Gore ..	1,601	60 10 0	4,250 19 8	596	1,819 19 4	61	332 2,754 9 7	47	143	3,105 4 6	
Half-Moon Bay ..	37	1 1 6	120 12 2	16	61 14 10	3	15 47 10 0	1	2	24 2 8	
Kingston ..	145	5 9 10	434 14 5	35	142 17 6	2	52 79 9 0	3	7	96 2 1	
Lumsden ..	485	20 14 4	1,694 19 0	85	286 6 2	12	91 1,044 3 11	15	53	860 15 8	

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Office.	Money Orders.					Savings Banks.						
	Issued.			Paid.		New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.		
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.	
INVERCARGILL— <i>continued.</i>		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.			£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Mataura ..	689	23 11 0	1,780 13 4	153	387 19 2	32	270 550 9 0	22	66	407 19 11		
Orepuki ..	193	6 14 0	587 8 2	12	32 11 11	6	27 101 19 0	3	4	64 9 4		
Otautau ..	345	13 4 4	871 17 1	75	261 2 10	12	73 418 0 0	7	12	491 3 2		
Pukerau ..	214	6 17 0	620 7 6	90	275 0 3	10	30 133 15 0	4	8	63 17 3		
Queenstown ..	719	35 9 2	2,435 9 0	319	988 16 7	27	171 2,220 17 2	14	31	956 18 10		
Riversdale ..	409	15 17 4	1,232 8 1	59	244 4 4	9	56 419 6 7	7	15	297 18 1		
Riverton ..	768	32 12 4	2,022 8 4	439	1,326 11 4	39	346 3,324 5 10	27	98	2,111 0 5		
Thornbury ..	149	6 16 8	339 9 9	52	287 18 6	1	7 59 0 0	5	14	161 5 2		
Waikaka ..	21	0 16 6	47 1 1	1	1 1 0	..	..	..	..	..		
Waipahi ..	269	9 7 6	630 19 8	43	152 5 6	7	22 109 13 2	5	11	136 17 5		
Wairio ..	24	0 17 0	80 0 10	5	7 8 6	..	1 1 4 0	..	..	..		
Winton ..	525	18 14 6	1,307 11 7	219	745 2 0	21	85 805 8 1	12	51	392 18 9		
Woodlands ..	217	8 10 4	486 11 2	96	344 11 11	20	76 491 12 0	6	10	62 0 7		
Wyndham ..	656	26 12 10	1,766 11 7	163	550 17 8	37	161 952 1 1	14	35	634 3 10		
NAPIER ..	4,093	267 9 0	14,564 14 8	4,061	12,098 15 1	630	3,369 40,796 14 8	528	2,660	42,917 10 2		
Danevirke ..	1	0 1 0	9 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Hastings ..	967	60 18 4	3,075 19 7	389	1,500 9 10	134	546 5,560 9 4	21	182	2,721 13 5		
Herbertville ..	9	0 9 6	24 18 6	1	2 9 6	4	4 8 9 0	..	1	6 5 0		
Kaikora North ..	38	1 9 2	103 7 6	6	19 16 3	2	4 38 3 0	..	1	5 0 0		
Mohaka ..	100	7 5 10	405 7 0	17	68 0 3	4	8 94 16 0	1	3	106 11 3		
Ongaonga ..	20	0 14 6	42 11 4	..	..	3	6 30 8 0	2	2	7 18 8		
Ormondville ..	508	16 15 6	1,285 9 7	141	318 14 10	7	34 293 12 10	8	29	509 10 3		
Porangahau ..	246	16 4 2	845 18 9	31	90 4 6	10	29 521 3 1	4	9	359 6 1		
Port Ahuriri ..	439	25 18 8	1,430 19 3	127	439 1 6	35	185 1,079 17 6	8	56	431 16 10		
Takapau ..	355	12 7 8	889 3 1	40	137 12 11	14	86 507 11 10	6	25	174 6 7		
Taupo ..	451	22 16 10	1,587 3 1	122	506 12 7	20	75 1,672 19 11	6	18	363 13 7		
Waipawa ..	858	40 13 4	2,657 14 1	440	1,152 13 6	70	341 3,162 1 7	43	146	2,064 1 1		
Waipukurau ..	438	20 9 0	1,173 1 10	151	461 13 5	41	168 1,220 6 2	11	42	901 16 3		
Wairoa ..	355	19 3 8	1,067 10 8	180	557 2 10	15	86 473 6 4	13	30	554 13 5		
NELSON ..	3,286	165 6 8	10,359 5 1	4,125	15,490 8 4	309	2,352 29,228 12 4	363	1,900	36,473 6 11		
Belgrove ..	54	2 5 0	120 11 5	36	170 19 11	1	23 103 18 0	2	7	46 18 1		
Brightwater ..	106	4 14 2	355 9 8	91	343 18 6	11	62 839 19 0	3	13	144 3 2		
Collingwood ..	566	21 3 4	2,174 4 3	114	469 4 0	16	133 896 5 0	..	16	312 0 0		
Motueka ..	367	16 13 10	1,162 4 9	213	837 8 11	49	332 3,316 10 5	35	155	2,272 1 5		
Port ..	238	15 7 0	1,038 15 4	90	467 10 1	19	191 975 6 0	11	46	318 12 11		
Richmond ..	236	11 8 2	781 11 7	119	478 12 0	21	155 1,528 6 7	8	33	781 15 2		
Takaka ..	289	13 1 10	728 2 9	88	280 17 0	9	42 361 10 0	..	14	194 9 9		
Wakefield ..	123	5 17 4	331 15 8	108	301 5 6	15	93 892 8 6	3	27	299 14 6		
NEW PLYMOUTH ..	2,376	113 16 8	7,314 13 7	2,172	7,292 7 2	320	1,948 30,545 7 4	334	1,600	36,206 9 9		
Inglewood ..	238	9 6 0	800 13 1	113	434 3 6	25	125 866 17 7	10	51	618 16 4		
Opunake ..	583	23 5 2	1,615 2 9	256	758 13 9	13	124 1,886 7 7	14	63	1,719 2 2		
Parihaka ..	41	1 14 0	135 19 5	14	58 16 4	..	12 91 2 0	..	4	28 10 0		
Stratford ..	390	13 18 0	1,053 16 8	146	670 19 4	17	55 618 17 0	8	28	388 11 3		
Waitara ..	584	24 4 2	1,762 0 4	297	887 16 11	34	187 1,653 9 2	15	69	1,119 1 4		
OMARU ..	3,192	146 18 10	9,970 13 2	2,057	7,342 1 5	370	2,277 22,248 8 2	329	1,540	21,780 2 9		
Dunroon ..	219	9 5 10	937 3 9	49	204 13 9	18	100 425 15 0	4	12	144 14 4		
Hampden ..	344	12 14 2	1,141 15 2	183	540 2 4	7	53 341 3 0	2	17	124 15 0		
Herbert ..	258	9 7 8	709 2 5	52	105 2 1	7	51 641 4 0	4	18	267 13 8		
Kakanui ..	201	10 0 4	772 14 5	47	156 6 11	6	27 307 14 8	3	12	257 15 3		
Kurow ..	56	2 8 0	164 18 9	18	78 1 3	3	11 90 10 0	1	6	56 4 4		
Maheno ..	176	6 12 10	380 18 6	40	161 17 1	10	53 262 16 7	5	13	299 18 7		
Ngapara ..	167	5 15 0	431 13 1	23	101 11 9	7	52 267 8 0	1	12	171 1 9		
THAMES ..	1,908	93 6 0	5,753 1 5	1,666	4,997 18 11	280	2,250 21,016 3 6	301	1,680	20,381 18 0		
Katikati ..	179	6 19 10	382 0 9	57	196 5 10	8	70 166 4 2	3	16	100 0 3		
Maketu ..	153	6 12 0	336 0 1	58	262 2 6	7	26 299 19 10	8	24	278 10 4		
Opotiki ..	462	21 14 4	1,284 16 9	194	613 8 8	16	87 715 18 8	7	23	793 9 8		
Paeroa ..	323	14 6 6	956 15 3	107	346 5 4	20	92 1,108 15 10	6	28	420 11 3		
Rotorua ..	533	26 18 0	1,576 12 5	276	1,374 0 11	25	66 1,343 10 9	16	76	924 3 0		
Tauranga ..	1,039	44 10 10	2,505 8 9	810	2,244 2 2	68	368 2,380 12 0	32	102	1,963 10 9		
Te Aroha ..	758	32 10 8	2,166 17 4	315	1,086 0 4	52	213 1,726 6 4	26	73	964 15 6		
Te Puke ..	93	4 0 2	169 12 4	26	101 12 10	2	4 40 7 8	2	3	47 15 7		
Waiorongomai ..	458	17 10 2	1,228 5 5	94	322 14 4	32	199 717 5 0	13	43	540 19 3		
Whakatane ..	113	5 5 6	263 16 8	38	86 3 7	3	10 17 17 9	..	2	10 10 0		
TIMARU ..	3,455	175 18 10	10,372 7 0	2,175	7,086 0 1	448	2,739 26,567 12 0	309	1,924	25,688 7 11		
Fairlie Creek ..	269	10 19 2	817 5 11	76	418 19 1	12	70 548 4 9	1	18	181 6 8		
Geraldine ..	691	29 16 8	1,847 6 0	234	780 1 5	54	267 1,283 12 0	29	75	957 6 7		
Pleasant Point ..	141	5 0 8	381 9 11	41	135 8 8	8	25 350 17 0	4	17	156 4 1		
St. Andrew ..	120	4 4 2	289 10 0	37	138 9 2	8	22 280 6 9	6	23	108 12 8		
Temuka ..	652	25 16 2	1,910 14 2	306	882 8 2	61	243 1,339 14 5	34	115	1,185 3 4		
Waimate ..	1,164	47 5 0	2,801 9 6	407	1,166 3 11	87	421 3,799 8 3	45	144	2,182 14 7		
WANGANUI ..	3,847	183 15 2	11,984 14 2	3,381	9,510 2 11	509	3,053 31,297 15 7	392	2,091	31,856 11 4		
Bull's ..	513	23 1 0	1,509 15 7	208	690 18 1	49	292 984 18 5	22	81	943 0 4		
Fordell ..	79	3 4 0	271 17 4	35	116 3 3	7	17 151 19 0	1	5	40 3 4		
Hawera ..	1,236	53 5 6	3,624 16 5	776	2,607 16 7	97	491 4,918 19 6	55	222	3,330 16 2		
Manaia ..	419	18 12 4	1,231 0 9	247	830 18 0	19	79 1,750 4 9	20	75	1,239 15 10		
Manutahi ..	171	7 0 2	524 6 2	62	248 15 6	12	51 312 9 1	8	17	230 17 5		

Table No. 3—continued.

TABLE showing the Number and Amount of Transactions at the several Money Order and Savings Bank Offices in the Colony of New Zealand during the Year 1885—continued.

Office.	Money Orders.					Savings Banks.						
	Issued.			Paid.		New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.		
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.	
WANGANUI—contd.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.			£ s. d.			£ s. d.	
Marton ..	1,219	56 2 0	3,566 11 3	649	2,137 12 3	130	532	4,732 16 4	57	185	2,746 8 1	
Normanby ..	323	13 1 4	710 8 8	171	633 9 7	21	86	1,156 6 4	7	41	952 12 7	
Patea ..	771	33 5 0	2,003 0 4	613	1,976 10 10	52	226	2,320 3 4	39	100	2,020 0 1	
Turakina ..	216	8 13 6	634 8 5	61	162 12 5	13	83	491 5 9	3	19	195 17 7	
Waitotara ..	171	7 3 6	497 2 3	50	179 12 6	9	45	443 3 0	3	13	60 11 2	
Waverley ..	378	15 9 2	1,042 1 0	139	373 6 8	19	79	471 17 8	10	31	354 14 8	
WELLINGTON ..	14,533	788 19 6	43,582 15 8	15,557	51,877 15 0	2,349	16,017	184,039 11 0	2,123	12,229	175,233 10 11	
Carterton ..	767	33 8 10	2,211 0 2	302	931 8 6	73	457	3,989 18 10	53	167	2,950 6 10	
Castlepoint ..	153	14 0 2	680 7 3	38	133 7 11	13	49	755 11 0	1	4	215 13 8	
Chatham Islands	67	2 15 6	283 10 5	5	13 18 4	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Exhibition ..	22	0 17 2	82 9 3	..	..	..	3	4 10 0	..	..	..	
Featherston ..	415	17 7 10	1,005 12 0	200	693 15 4	38	184	1,548 5 0	18	68	598 10 1	
Feilding ..	1,299	56 16 4	3,626 1 5	659	2,026 9 2	75	414	3,085 7 10	56	179	2,519 14 1	
Foxton ..	753	35 10 0	2,218 9 10	323	967 3 2	50	267	2,229 1 4	22	67	1,237 10 7	
Greytown North	631	27 15 0	1,886 14 5	280	781 18 3	44	364	2,373 8 2	30	146	2,324 12 11	
Halcombe ..	522	19 15 4	1,444 14 1	138	480 17 11	16	84	519 0 9	18	45	467 16 5	
Hutt ..	256	15 1 6	962 13 4	210	665 8 7	67	382	2,776 15 4	32	107	1,546 10 8	
Kaitoke ..	88	3 11 6	293 4 7	9	20 18 6	4	29	97 5 0	3	9	76 11 7	
Martinborough	216	11 1 2	719 19 7	33	149 2 8	13	35	646 5 10	10	23	334 15 4	
Masterton ..	2,048	103 1 8	6,584 4 0	1,034	3,218 16 2	215	1,075	10,962 2 7	106	506	7,837 7 10	
Newtown ..	6	0 3 0	7 12 10	5	..	2	5	15 17 0	1	5	13 2 1	
Otaki ..	766	44 5 2	3,234 11 1	115	465 17 11	84	380	3,046 17 9	15	129	825 9 2	
Palmerston North	1,513	69 3 4	4,328 8 10	972	2,787 16 1	117	556	5,151 13 11	65	255	4,448 15 9	
Petone ..	210	9 17 2	575 5 7	57	201 9 8	32	185	1,667 19 1	12	47	513 1 1	
Pukerua ..	294	12 14 6	1,479 8 6	20	112 7 4	17	69	883 11 6	2	4	59 1 10	
Sanson ..	229	8 15 6	556 14 8	90	268 13 1	18	105	585 8 6	14	39	660 6 11	
Te Aro ..	1,312	71 0 11	3,632 10 6	99	317 18 4	302	2,534	8,556 2 0	97	328	1,617 2 0	
Tenui ..	357	21 1 2	1,089 12 4	76	326 16 0	38	140	1,628 3 11	14	42	723 12 8	
Upper Hutt ..	176	6 14 0	546 2 9	85	356 19 10	7	102	757 16 0	8	30	373 11 5	
Woodville ..	1,144	49 10 8	3,631 4 1	377	1,433 18 7	83	292	2,022 3 7	28	93	1,428 10 7	
WESTPORT ..	1,561	91 11 10	5,612 12 9	928	3,679 5 11	202	945	10,525 19 9	178	653	10,031 7 2	
Boatman's ..	322	21 4 6	1,387 9 6	66	358 18 4	24	97	750 4 4	8	22	605 1 1	
Charleston ..	331	18 15 2	890 17 5	88	256 7 9	3	60	373 3 0	3	19	236 15 5	
Longford ..	234	13 0 6	1,090 8 6	18	78 5 10	1	1	1 15 0	..	1	20 0 0	
Lyell ..	797	36 7 6	3,842 12 7	133	420 19 2	29	87	1,529 0 3	6	20	263 7 0	
Waimangaroa ..	184	13 0 6	692 2 6	21	57 17 9	50	200	656 17 0	1	5	78 11 2	

SUMMARY.

POSTAL DISTRICT		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Auckland ..	34,296	1,837 8 0	109,595 0 6	31,773	103,956 5 4	2,917	17,087	185,078 3 0	2,677	13,014	195,231 17 9	
Blenheim ..	4,449	228 19 4	14,566 17 2	1,694	6,025 4 6	420	2,387	27,715 19 3	270	1,543	26,371 11 4	
Christchurch ..	21,480	1,203 16 6	67,994 7 10	26,103	69,669 18 7	3,719	26,833	279,620 0 1	3,049	18,341	272,566 19 10	
Dunedin ..	28,403	1,371 10 0	81,592 1 8	34,758	96,677 18 5	3,545	24,463	237,331 14 10	2,907	14,890	211,311 12 4	
Gisborne ..	2,020	117 6 10	6,961 14 4	937	3,742 8 3	222	1,077	10,773 15 4	138	751	7,862 17 9	
Greymouth ..	5,182	284 2 8	18,425 5 7	3,030	10,338 12 2	412	2,344	23,637 4 2	253	1,228	20,609 11 11	
Hokitika ..	3,372	160 11 10	10,125 1 10	2,018	6,414 5 6	232	1,604	13,873 6 11	224	895	12,346 1 10	
Invercargill ..	13,394	578 11 0	37,905 12 11	7,489	23,724 10 2	824	4,855	45,205 13 9	714	2,802	44,756 10 3	
Napier ..	8,878	512 16 2	29,162 18 11	5,706	17,353 7 0	989	4,941	55,459 19 3	651	3,204	51,124 2 7	
Nelson ..	5,265	255 17 4	17,052 0 6	4,984	18,840 4 3	450	3,383	38,133 15 10	425	2,211	40,843 1 11	
New Plymouth ..	4,212	186 4 0	12,682 5 10	2,998	10,102 17 0	409	2,451	35,662 0 8	381	1,815	40,080 10 10	
Oamaru ..	4,613	203 2 8	14,508 19 3	2,469	8,689 16 7	428	2,624	24,584 19 5	349	1,630	23,102 5 8	
Thames ..	6,019	273 14 0	16,623 7 2	3,641	11,630 15 5	513	3,385	29,543 1 6	414	2,070	26,426 3 7	
Timaru ..	6,492	299 0 8	18,420 2 6	3,276	10,607 10 6	678	3,787	34,169 15 2	428	2,316	30,459 15 10	
Wanganui ..	9,343	422 12 8	27,600 2 4	6,392	19,467 18 7	937	5,034	49,031 18 9	617	2,880	43,971 8 7	
Wellington ..	27,777	1,423 6 11	84,663 7 2	20,679	68,232 16 4	3,657	23,728	237,342 15 11	2,728	14,522	206,005 14 5	
Westport ..	3,429	194 0 0	13,516 3 3	1,254	4,851 14 9	309	1,390	13,836 19 4	196	720	11,235 1 10	
	188,624	9,553 0 7	581,395 8 9	159,207	490,326 3 4	20,661	131,373	1,341,001 3 2	16,421	84,832	1,264,305 8 3	

Table No. 4.

TABLE showing the Business of the Post Office Savings Banks in New Zealand Year by Year, from the Date of their Establishment to the 31st December, 1885.

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 the 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 the Close of the Year.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	s. d.	£ s. d.				£	£ s. d.
Auckland	58	17,087	185,078	3 0 10 16 7	13,014	195,231	17 9 15 0 0	1,344 7 11	10,153 14 9	4,000	0 4 1/2	8,560 9 3	2,917	2,677	9,191	216,141	3 23 10 4
Blenheim	7	2,387	27,715	19 3 0 11 2 3	1,543	26,371	11 4 17 1 9	7,953 0 3	...	4,000	0 4 1/2	1,681 13 7	420	270	1,383	30,410	4 21 19 9
Christchurch	29	26,833	279,620	0 1 10 8 5	18,341	272,566	19 10 14 17 2	26,020 2 6	...	4,000	0 4 1/2	13,613 19 3	3,719	2,907	14,957	355,207	6 4 23 16 1
Dunedin	33	24,463	237,331	14 10 9 14 0	14,890	211,311	12 4 14 3 10	2,010 17 7	...	3,500	0 4 1/2	11,308 15 5	3,545	2,907	12,710	299,439	9 4 23 11 2
Gisborne	2	1,077	10,773	5 4 10 0 0	751	7,862	17 9 10 9 5	3,027 12 3	...	3,500	0 4 1/2	291 9 3	222	138	468	9,193	5 19 12 11
Greymouth	6	2,344	23,637	4 2 10 1 8	1,228	20,609	11 11 16 15 8	1,527 5 1	...	2,500	0 5 3/4	1,280 11 2	412	253	1,547	34,771	5 11 22 9 6
Hokitika	6	1,604	13,873	6 11 8 12 11	895	12,346	1 10 13 15 8	4,335 16 8	...	2,500	0 5 3/4	927 11 4	232	224	952	24,286	6 10 25 10 3
Invercargill	24	4,855	45,205	13 9 9 6 3	3,204	44,756	10 3 15 19 5	...	2,709 6 1	2,500	0 5 3/4	2,473 17 3	824	714	2,639	62,662	14 4 23 14 11
Napier ...	15	4,941	55,459	19 3 11 4 6	3,204	51,124	2 7 15 19 1	...	4,418 10 2	2,500	0 5 3/4	2,182 4 9	989	651	2,767	60,321	16 10 21 16 0
Nelson ...	9	3,383	38,133	15 10 14 1 5	2,211	40,843	1 11 18 9 6	...	...	2,500	0 5 3/4	2,006 12 0	450	425	2,612	49,835	13 8 19 1 8
New Plymouth	5	2,451	35,662	0 8 14 1 1	1,815	40,080	10 10 22 1 8	...	...	2,500	0 5 3/4	1,429 14 3	409	381	1,307	34,780	7 6 26 12 9
Oamaru	8	2,624	24,584	19 5 9 7 4	1,630	23,102	5 8 14 3 5	1,482 13 9	...	2,500	0 5 3/4	1,429 14 3	409	381	1,307	34,780	7 6 26 12 9
Thames	11	3,385	29,543	1 6 8 14 7	2,070	26,426	3 7 12 15 5	3,116 17 11	...	2,500	0 5 3/4	1,429 14 3	409	381	1,307	34,780	7 6 26 12 9
Timaru	7	3,787	34,169	15 2 9 0 5	2,316	30,459	15 10 13 3 0	3,709 19 4	...	2,500	0 5 3/4	1,429 14 3	409	381	1,307	34,780	7 6 26 12 9
Wanganui	12	5,034	49,031	18 9 14 9	2,880	43,971	8 7 15 5 4	5,000 10 2	...	2,500	0 5 3/4	1,429 14 3	409	381	1,307	34,780	7 6 26 12 9
Wellington	23	23,728	237,342	15 11 10 3 1	14,522	206,005	14 5 14 3 8	31,337 1 6	...	2,500	0 5 3/4	1,429 14 3	409	381	1,307	34,780	7 6 26 12 9
Westport	6	1,390	13,836	19 4 10 15 12	720	11,235	1 10 15 12 1	2,601 17 6	...	2,500	0 5 3/4	1,429 14 3	409	381	1,307	34,780	7 6 26 12 9
Totals for Colony in 1885	261	131,373	1,341,001	3 2 10 4 1	84,832	1,264,395	8 3 14 18 0	76,695 14 11	...	4,000	0 4 1/2	62,228 3 11	20,661	16,421	69,957	1,638,935	19 5 23 8 4
" 1884	243	129,279	1,227,009	11 4 9 9 11	80,800	1,195,931	0 11 14 16 0	31,978 10 5	...	4,000	0 4 1/2	57,381 13 7	20,228	16,447	65,717	1,499,112	0 7 22 16 3
" 1883	222	127,609	1,178,474	4 1 9 4 8	78,405	1,295,719	18 3 16 10 6	...	117,245 14 2	4,000	0 4 1/2	56,046 17 3	20,386	15,967	61,936	1,409,751	16 7 22 15 2
" 1882	207	129,952	1,325,852	2 11 10 4 0	69,308	1,142,599	0 1 8 15 0 1	183,253 2 10	...	4,000	0 4 1/2	54,909 13 11	21,014	14,505	57,517	1,470,930	13 6 25 11 5
" 1881	190	125,855	1,189,012	2 7 9 8 11	60,137	902,195	1 8 15 0 1	286,817 0 11	...	3,500	0 4 1/2	42,304 19 0	25,059	12,718	51,008	1,232,787	16 9 24 3 4
" 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	0 4 1/2	31,715 18 2	16,137	12,217	38,667	903,765	16 10 24 3 4
" 1879	165	71,865	812,399	11 11 11 6 1	54,098	876,180	19 3 16 0 4	20,030 17 9	...	3,000	0 5 3/4	31,664 12 9	15,401	12,786	34,747	787,005	19 0 22 12 11
" 1878	147	69,908	762,084	12 0 10 18 0	44,746	742,033	14 3 17 7 2	20,030 17 9	...	2,500	0 5 3/4	31,664 12 9	13,005	9,034	32,132	819,071	8 2 25 9 9
" 1877	138	60,953	681,294	13 2 11 3 6	39,363	667,033	7 5 16 18 10	14,271 5 9	...	2,500	0 5 3/4	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 14 4	36,977	729,759	17 9 17 12 8	...	32,146 14 10	2,500	0 5 3/4	28,762 4 7	11,255	9,472	26,117	723,910	17 5 27 14 4
" 1875	119	50,129	657,053	4 0 11 14 2	21,268	620,155	8 9 20 16 5	...	72,106 13 9	2,500	0 5 3/4	28,762 4 7	11,255	9,472	26,117	723,910	17 5 27 14 4
" 1874	103	52,627	609,249	14 3 13 5 8	20,778	620,155	8 9 20 16 5	...	...	2,250	0 6 1/2	26,935 5 8	10,346	5,736	24,334	727,295	7 8 29 17 9
" 1873	97	39,223	580,542	5 0 13 12 0	15,934	425,908	3 5 18 3 0	154,634 2 0	...	1,800	0 7 1/2	20,106 16 10	7,382	3,816	17,132	664,807	5 10 38 16 1
" 1872	92	31,681	430,877	0 5 13 12 0	11,934	313,176	7 11 20 3 0	117,700 12 1	...	1,556	0 7 1/2	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	0 8 1/2	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	209,518	4 2 19 11 1	54,818 12 5	...	1,264	0 9 1/2	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	185,519	3 1 19 8 7	60,380 1 8	...	1,186	0 10 1/2	7,412 8 0	3,839	1,801	6,290	231,311	5 3 36 15 5
" 1868	55	13,014	194,335	11 6 14 18 11	6,365	107,094	17 3 16 16 6	87,440 14 3	...	789	0 9 1/2	4,880 7 3	3,282	1,186	4,252	163,518	15 7 38 9 1
Totals for Colony 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	1 10 1/2	1,241 5 0	2,520	364	2,156	71,197	14 1 33 0 5

Table No. 5.

BALANCE-SHEET of the New Zealand Post Office Account for the Year ended the 31st December, 1885.

	Balances on 1st January, 1885.		Transactions.		Balances on 31st December, 1885.	
	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.
MONEY ORDER ACCOUNTS:—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Money orders	13,154 14 9	..	632,689 13 5	632,004 9 10	13,839 18 4	..
Commission	..	473 5 8	1,364 16 4	1,348 14 8	..	457 4 0
United Kingdom	18,844 0 6	..	97,063 5 4	104,317 4 2	11,590 1 8	..
United States of America	371 11 4	..	5,658 13 0	5,934 16 11	95 7 5	..
Victoria	748 0 8	..	20,565 7 0	20,970 16 11	342 10 9	..
South Australia	256 7 6	..	1,346 2 6	1,559 11 4	42 18 8	..
New South Wales	..	303 8 11	14,541 19 9	13,606 4 0	632 6 10	..
Queensland	..	346 3 0	2,658 7 6	2,415 8 11	..	103 4 5
Tasmania	..	630 1 7	3,132 8 5	2,887 13 2	..	385 6 4
Western Australia	..	13 18 3	179 19 6	167 5 11	..	1 4 8
SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNTS:—						
Deposits and withdrawals	1,499,149 16 1	..	1,403,191 11 7	1,264,305 8 3	1,638,035 19 5	..
Transfers	2,215 16 9	..	89,983 5 2	91,367 19 1	831 2 10	..
TELEGRAPH ACCOUNTS:—						
Receipts	2,352 2 4	..	135,608 2 5	138,198 0 11	..	237 16 2
New South Wales	964 6 6	..	22,676 19 0	22,951 12 9	689 12 9	..
New Zealand and Australian Cable	392 0 4	..	10,613 4 8	10,640 1 3	365 3 9	..
REVENUE ACCOUNTS:—						
Stamps	100,106 3 3	..	261,806 6 1	253,069 19 7	108,842 9 9	..
Postal Guides	..	..	320 0 0	319 13 6	0 6 6	..
Private box and bag rents	..	..	4,153 0 0	4,153 0 0	..	..
Miscellaneous revenue	..	..	370 2 0	370 2 0	..	..
Money order commission	..	..	9,553 0 7	9,553 0 7	..	..
Revenue—Total	2,551 3 9	..	190,252 13 3	190,043 0 9	2,760 16 3	..
GENERAL ACCOUNTS:—						
Post Office Account	..	119,975 15 1	721,777 18 7	848,285 4 3	..	246,483 0 9
Postmasters and Telegraphists	..	128,552 1 7	2,558,179 19 10	2,572,005 15 3	..	142,377 17 0
Investments	..	1,383,521 10 0	2,500 0 0	2,000 0 0	..	1,383,021 10 0
Accrued interest on investments	..	7,131 16 8	7,131 16 8	11,263 15 2	..	11,263 15 2
Advances to Treasury for payment of foreign money orders	..	21,168 18 10	29,871 1 9	28,000 0 0	..	19,297 17 1
Commission on postage stamps	..	12 1 8	623 13 2	673 8 1	..	61 16 7
Gratuities for carriage of mails	..	421 17 5	4,954 16 10	4,942 14 10	..	409 15 5
Miscellaneous expenses	..	1,123 0 9	20,426 1 1	21,597 8 1	..	2,294 7 9
License fees—Gaine	..	..	1,051 18 0	1,051 18 0	..	..
Government Insurance receipts	619 11 0	..	9,773 1 3	9,744 0 5	648 11 10	..
Registration of births, &c.	78 7 6	..	1,145 13 3	1,122 9 11	101 10 10	..
Receipts under Live Stock Acts	498 14 10	..	14,819 19 5	14,482 18 3	835 16 0	..
Machinery fees	227 0 0	..	2,536 0 0	2,595 0 0	168 0 0	..
Property-tax	13,535 15 2	..	181,641 2 3	187,028 14 3	8,148 3 2	..
Maintenance private wires	..	..	1,143 19 9	1,148 19 9	..	..
Postal notes	..	..	8,007 14 2	..	8,007 14 2	..
Profit and loss	7,608 7 2	..	72,606 12 10	69,798 15 7	10,416 4 5	..
Totals	1,663,673 19 5	1,663,673 19 5	56,545,925 16 4	56,545,925 16 4	41,806,394 15 4	41,806,394 15 4

Table No. 6.

SECURITIES, &c., standing in the Name of the Postmaster-General, on Account of the Post-Office Savings Bank Fund, on the 31st December, 1885.

Description of Securities, &c.	Nominal Value.	Value at Cost Price.	Interest and Dividends accrued but not received at End of the Year.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Oamaru Harbour Mortgages, 5½ per cents	33,000 0 0	33,000 0 0	2,575 16 1
Patea Harbour Debentures, 7 per cents	10,000 0 0	10,000 0 0	101 12 8
Oamaru Town Corporation Debentures, 7 per cents	5,000 0 0	5,000 0 0	132 6 6
Consolidated Loan, 4 per cents	13,000 0 0	12,480 0 0	109 13 11
Westland Loan, 5 per cents	50,000 0 0	50,800 0 0	527 7 11
Immigration and Public Works Loan, 1870, 4 per cents	173,200 0 0	166,272 0 0	1,461 10 4
General "Purposes Loan, 4½ per cents	14,900 0 0	14,527 10 0	141 8 11
Defence Loan, 4 per cents	5,200 0 0	4,342 0 0	43 17 7
Waimakariri River Bonds, 6 per cents	75,000 0 0	72,000 0 0	632 17 6
Immigration and Public Works Loan, guaranteed 5 per cents	4,500 0 0	4,500 0 0	44 7 8
Waimakariri River Bonds, 5½ per cents	553,600 0 0	553,600 0 0	2,350 18 1
Waimakariri River Bonds, 5½ per cents	2,000 0 0	2,000 0 0	27 14 6
North Rakaia River Bonds, 5 per cents	5,500 0 0	5,500 0 0	114 10 5
General Purposes Loan, 5 per cents	49,500 0 0	49,500 0 0	108 9 10
Defence Loan, 4½ per cents	5,000 0 0	5,000 0 0	..
Deficiency Bills, 5 per cents	144,500 0 0	144,500 0 0	..
Inscribed Stock, 5 per cents	250,000 0 0	250,000 0 0	1,027 7 11
Post Office Account	..	..	1,863 15 4
Totals	1,393,900 0 0	1,383,021 10 0	11,263 15 2

Table No. 7.—DIRECT MAIL SERVICE.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails between London and the under-mentioned Places by the Direct Mail Service of the New Zealand Shipping Company.

FROM LONDON.														
AUCKLAND.			WELLINGTON.			CHRISTCHURCH.			DUNEDIN.			INTERCARGILL.		
Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Auckland.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Wellington.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Christchurch.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Dunedin.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Intercargill.	No. of Days.
1885.	1885.		1885.	1885.		1885.	1885.		1885.	1885.		1885.	1885.	
January 16	March 6	49	January 16	March 3	46	January 16	March 4	47	January 16	March 5	48	January 16	March 5	48
February 14	April 5	50	February 14	April 1	46	February 14	March 31	45	February 14	March 31	45	February 14	March 31	45
March 13	May 3	51	March 13	April 29	47	March 13	April 30	48	March 13	May 1	49	March 13	May 1	49
April 10	May 26	46	April 10	May 25	45	April 10	May 24	44	April 10	May 24	44	April 10	May 24	44
May 8	June 25	48	May 8	June 24	47	May 8	June 23	46	May 8	June 23	46	May 8	June 23	46
June 5	July 23	48	June 5	July 21	46	June 5	July 20	45	June 5	July 20	45	June 5	July 20	45
July 3	August 19	47	July 3	August 17	45	July 3	August 16	44	July 3	August 16	44	July 3	August 16	44
August 31	September 22	53	August 31	September 18	49	August 31	September 17	48	August 31	September 16	47	August 31	September 17	48
September 28	October 12	45	September 28	October 10	43	September 28	October 10	43	September 28	October 9	42	September 28	October 10	43
October 25	November 10	46	October 25	November 8	44	October 25	November 7	43	October 25	November 6	42	October 25	November 7	43
November 23	December 10	48	November 23	December 8	46	November 23	December 7	45	November 23	December 7	45	November 23	December 7	45
1886.	1886.		1886.	1886.		1886.	1886.		1886.	1886.		1886.	1886.	
January 20	February 5	46	January 20	January 4	45	January 20	January 3	44	January 20	January 2	43	January 20	January 4	45
February 18	March 2	46	February 18	January 31	44	February 18	February 1	45	February 18	February 1	45	February 18	February 2	46
Maximum	..	53	..	..	49	..	..	48	..	..	48	..	..	49
Minimum	..	45	..	..	43	..	..	43	..	..	42	..	..	43
Average	..	47'92	..	..	45'61	..	..	45'15	..	..	44'54	..	..	45'54

TO LONDON.

AUCKLAND.			WELLINGTON.			CHRISTCHURCH.			DUNEDIN.			INVERCARGILL.		
Date of Despatch From Auckland.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Wellington.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Christchurch.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Dunedin.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Invercargill.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.
1885.	1885.		1885.	1885.		1885.	1885.		1885.	1885.		1885.	1885.	
January 15	February 24	40	January 16	February 24	39	January 17	February 24	38	January 16	February 24	39	January 15	February 24	40
February 12	March 27	43	February 14	March 27	41	February 13	March 27	42	February 12	March 27	43	February 11	March 27	44
March 12	April 25	44	March 13	April 25	43	March 15	April 25	41	March 14	April 25	42	March 13	April 25	43
April 9	May 22	43	April 13	May 22	39	April 11	May 22	41	April 10	May 22	42	April 9	May 22	43
May 8	June 20	43	May 12	June 20	39	May 13	June 20	38	May 12	June 20	39	May 11	June 20	40
June 4	July 15	41	June 7	July 15	38	June 6	July 15	39	June 5	July 15	40	June 4	July 15	41
July 3	August 15	43	July 6	August 15	40	July 8	August 15	38	July 7	August 15	39	July 6	August 15	40
August 30	September 12	44	August 2	September 12	41	August 1	September 12	42	August 31	September 12	43	July 30	September 12	44
September 27	October 8	42	August 30	October 8	39	August 29	October 8	40	August 28	October 8	41	August 27	October 8	42
October 24	November 7	44	September 27	November 7	41	September 26	November 7	42	September 25	November 7	43	September 24	November 7	44
November 25	December 5	41	October 23	December 5	43	October 22	December 5	44	October 21	December 5	45	October 20	December 5	46
December 17	December 28	41	November 19	December 28	39	November 18	December 28	40	November 17	December 28	41	November 16	December 28	42
1886.	1886.		1886.	1886.		1886.	1886.		1886.	1886.		1886.	1886.	
December 16	January 24	39	December 17	January 24	38	December 16	January 24	39	December 15	January 24	40	December 14	January 24	41
Maximum	..	44	..	..	43	..	..	44	..	..	45	..	..	46
Minimum	..	39	..	..	38	..	..	38	..	..	39	..	..	40
Average	..	42'15	..	..	40'0	..	..	40'31	..	..	41'31	..	..	42'31

Table No. 8.—SAN FRANCISCO MAIL SERVICE.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails between London and the under-mentioned Places by the San Francisco Mail Service.

FROM LONDON VIA SAN FRANCISCO.

AUCKLAND.			WELLINGTON.			DUNEDIN.			SYDNEY.			MELBOURNE.		
Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Auckland.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Wellington.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Dunedin.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Sydney.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Melbourne.	No. of Days.
1885. January 1	1885. February 8	38	1885. January 1	1885. February 9	39	1885. January 1	1885. February 10	40	1885. January 1	1885. February 13	43	1885. January 1	1885. February 14	44
January 20	March 8	38	January 20	March 9	39	January 20	March 11	41	January 20	March 12	42	January 20	March 14	44
February 26	April 4	37	February 26	April 6	39	February 26	April 8	41	February 26	April 9	42	February 26	April 10	43
March 26	May 4	39	March 26	May 6	41	March 26	May 7	42	March 26	May 10	45	March 26	May 12	47
April 23	June 1	39	April 23	June 3	41	April 23	June 4	42	April 23	June 6	44	April 23	June 8	46
May 21	June 28	38	May 21	June 30	40	May 21	July 2	42	May 21	July 3	43	May 21	July 4	44
June 18	July 26	38	June 18	July 28	40	June 18	July 29	41	June 18	August 1	44	June 18	August 3	46
July 16	August 22	37	July 16	August 24	39	July 16	August 25	40	July 16	August 26	41	July 16	August 27	42
August 13	September 20	38	August 13	September 21	39	August 13	September 23	41	August 13	September 25	43	August 13	September 26	44
September 10	October 18	38	September 10	October 20	40	September 10	October 21	41	September 10	October 23	43	September 10	October 26	46
October 8	November 14	37	October 8	November 15	38	October 8	November 17	40	October 8	November 18	41	October 8	November 19	42
November 5	December 13	38	November 5	December 15	40	November 5	December 16	41	November 5	December 17	42	November 5	December 19	44
December 3	January 9	37	December 3	January 10	38	December 3	January 12	40	December 3	January 13	41	December 3	January 14	42
Maximum	...	39	...	...	41	...	...	42	...	...	45	...	...	47
Minimum	...	37	...	...	38	...	...	40	...	...	42	...	...	44
Average	...	37.85	...	...	39.46	...	...	40.92	...	...	42.62	...	...	44.15

TO LONDON VIA SAN FRANCISCO.

MELBOURNE.			SYDNEY.			DUNEDIN.			WELLINGTON.			AUCKLAND.		
Date of Despatch from Melbourne.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Sydney.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Dunedin.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Wellington.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Auckland.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.
1884. December 31	1885. February 14	45	1885. January 1	1885. February 14	44	1885. January 3	1885. February 14	42	1885. January 4	1885. February 14	41	1885. January 6	1885. February 14	39
1885. January 28	March 10	41	January 30	March 10	39	January 31	March 10	38	February 1	March 10	37	February 3	March 10	35
February 25	April 9	43	February 26	April 9	42	February 28	April 9	40	February 29	April 9	39	March 3	April 9	37
March 25	May 7	43	March 26	May 7	42	March 28	May 7	40	March 29	May 7	39	March 31	May 7	37
April 24	June 8	45	April 25	June 8	44	April 25	June 8	44	April 26	June 8	43	April 30	June 8	39
May 20	July 3	44	May 21	July 3	43	May 23	July 3	41	May 25	July 3	39	May 26	July 3	38
June 17	July 28	41	June 18	July 28	40	June 20	July 28	38	June 21	July 28	37	June 23	July 28	35
July 15	August 28	44	July 16	August 28	43	July 18	August 28	41	July 19	August 28	40	July 21	August 28	38
August 12	September 24	43	August 13	September 24	42	August 15	September 24	40	August 16	September 24	39	August 18	September 24	37
September 9	October 22	43	September 10	October 22	42	September 12	October 22	40	September 13	October 22	39	September 15	October 22	37
October 7	November 19	43	October 8	November 19	42	October 10	November 19	40	October 11	November 19	39	October 13	November 19	37
November 4	December 17	43	November 5	December 17	42	November 7	December 17	40	November 8	December 17	39	November 10	December 17	37
December 3	January 15	43	December 4	January 15	42	December 5	January 15	41	December 6	January 15	40	December 9	January 15	37
Maximum	...	45	...	...	44	...	...	44	...	...	43	...	...	39
Minimum	...	41	...	...	39	...	...	38	...	...	37	...	...	35
Average	...	43.15	...	...	42.08	...	...	40.38	...	...	39.31	...	...	37.15

* Detained at Sydney two days through seamen's strike

Table No. 9.—PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL MAIL SERVICE.
STATEMENT showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails between London and the under-mentioned Places by the Mail Service *via* Colombo and Brindisi.

FROM LONDON *VIA* BRINDISI AND COLOMBO.

MELBOURNE.				SYDNEY.				BLUFF.				CHRISTCHURCH.				WELLINGTON.				AUCKLAND.			
Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Melbourne.	No. of Days.		Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Sydney.	No. of Days.		Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival at Bluff.	No. of Days.		Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Christchurch.	No. of Days.		Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Wellington.	No. of Days.		Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Auckland.	No. of Days.	
1885. Jan. 9	1885. Feb. 16	38		1885. Jan. 9	1885. Feb. 17	39		1885. Jan. 9	1885. Feb. 23	45		1885. Jan. 9	1885. Feb. 25	47		1885. Jan. 9	1885. Feb. 25	47		1885. Jan. 9	1885. Feb. 25	47	
Jan. 23	March 3	39		Jan. 23	March 4	40		Jan. 23	March 9	45		Jan. 23	March 10	46		Jan. 23	March 12	48		Jan. 23	March 10	46	
Feb. 6	March 16	38		Feb. 6	March 17	39		Feb. 6	March 22	44		Feb. 6	March 24	46		Feb. 6	March 25	47		Feb. 6	March 24	46	
Feb. 20	March 31	39		Feb. 20	April 1	40		Feb. 20	April 6	45		Feb. 20	April 7	46		Feb. 20	April 8	47		Feb. 20	April 8	47	
March 6	April 12	37		March 6	April 14	39		March 6	April 21	46		March 6	April 22	47		March 6	April 23	47		March 6	April 22	47	
March 20	April 27	38		March 20	April 28	39		March 20	May 4	45		March 20	May 5	46		March 20	May 9	50		March 20	May 5	46	
April 3	May 10	37		April 3	May 12	39		April 3	May 18	45		April 3	May 19	46		April 3	May 20	47		April 3	May 20	47	
April 17	May 25	38		April 17	May 26	39		April 17	June 1	45		April 17	June 3	47		April 17	June 5	49		April 17	June 3	47	
May 1	June 7	37		May 1	June 9	39		May 1	June 16	46		May 1	June 18	48		May 1	June 20	50		May 1	June 16	46	
May 15	June 22	38		May 15	June 23	39		May 15	June 30	46		May 15	July 1	47		May 15	July 3	49		May 15	July 1	47	
May 29	July 5	37		May 29	July 7	39		May 29	July 13	45		May 29	July 14	46		May 29	July 15	47		May 29	July 14	46	
June 12	July 22	40		June 12	July 23	41		June 12	August 3	52		June 12	August 4	53		June 12	August 1	50		June 12	July 28	46	
June 26	August 2	37		June 26	August 4	39		June 26	August 11	46		June 26	August 13	48		June 26	August 15	50		June 26	August 12	47	
July 10	August 17	38		July 10	August 18	39		July 10	August 24	45		July 10	August 25	46		July 10	August 26	47		July 10	August 26	47	
July 24	August 30	37		July 24	Sept. 1	39		July 24	Sept. 7	45		July 24	Sept. 8	46		July 24	Sept. 9	47		July 24	Sept. 8	46	
August 7	Sept. 13	37		August 7	Sept. 15	39		August 7	Sept. 20	44		August 7	Sept. 22	46		August 7	Sept. 23	47		August 7	Sept. 22	46	
August 21	Sept. 27	37		August 21	Sept. 29	39		August 21	Oct. 4	44		August 21	Oct. 6	46		August 21	Oct. 7	47		August 21	Oct. 7	47	
Sept. 4	Oct. 11	37		Sept. 4	Oct. 13	39		Sept. 4	Oct. 19	45		Sept. 4	Oct. 20	46		Sept. 4	Oct. 21	47		Sept. 4	Oct. 21	47	
Sept. 18	Oct. 25	37		Sept. 18	Oct. 27	39		Sept. 18	Nov. 2	45		Sept. 18	Nov. 3	46		Sept. 18	Nov. 5	48		Sept. 18	Nov. 3	46	
Oct. 2	Nov. 11	40		Oct. 2	Nov. 12	41		Oct. 2	Nov. 16	45		Oct. 2	Nov. 17	46		Oct. 2	Nov. 19	48		Oct. 2	Nov. 18	47	
Oct. 16	Nov. 24	39		Oct. 16	Nov. 25	40		Oct. 16	Dec. 7	52		Oct. 16	Dec. 8	53		Oct. 16	Dec. 10	52		Oct. 16	Dec. 10	52	
Oct. 30	Dec. 7	38		Oct. 30	Dec. 8	39		Oct. 30	Dec. 14	45		Oct. 30	Dec. 15	46		Oct. 30	Dec. 16	47		Oct. 30	Dec. 16	47	
Nov. 13	Dec. 21	38		Nov. 13	Dec. 22	39		Nov. 13	Dec. 28	45		Nov. 13	Dec. 30	47		Nov. 13	Dec. 30	47		Nov. 13	Dec. 30	47	
Nov. 27	1886. Jan. 3	37		Nov. 27	1886. Jan. 5	39		Nov. 27	1886. Jan. 11	45		Nov. 27	1886. Jan. 12	46		Nov. 27	1886. Jan. 15	49		Nov. 27	1886. Jan. 13	47	
Dec. 11	Jan. 18	38		Dec. 11	Jan. 19	39		Dec. 11	Jan. 26	46		Dec. 11	Jan. 27	47		Dec. 11	Jan. 29	49		Dec. 11	Jan. 26	46	
Dec. 25	Jan. 31	37		Dec. 25	Feb. 2	39		Dec. 25	Feb. 7	44		Dec. 25	Feb. 9	46		Dec. 25	Feb. 10	47		Dec. 25	Feb. 9	46	
Maximum	...	40		...	...	41		...	...	52		...	...	53		...	...	52		...	...	47	
Minimum	...	37		...	...	39		...	...	44		...	...	46		...	...	47		...	...	46	
Average	...	37.81		...	...	39.27		...	...	45.58		...	...	46.92		...	...	48.15		...	...	46.58	

Table No. 10.—PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL MAIL SERVICE—continued.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails between London and the under-mentioned Places by the Mail Service *via* Colombo and Brindisi—continued.

TO LONDON VIA COLOMBO AND BRINDISI.

AUCKLAND.			WELLINGTON.			BLUFF.			SYDNEY.			MELBOURNE.		
Date of Despatch from Auckland.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Wellington.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Bluff.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Sydney.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Melbourne.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.
1885.	1885.	..	1885.	1885.	..	1885.	1885.	..	1885.	1885.	..	1885.	1885.	..
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
February 5	..	47	..	..	..	..	..	..	January 14	February 9	40	January 15	February 23	39
February 18	March 24	48	..	..	..	..	..	..	January 27	March 9	41	January 29	March 9	39
..	April 7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	February 11	March 24	41	February 26	March 24	40
March 18	..	48	..	..	..	..	..	..	March 11	April 7	41	March 12	April 7	40
..	May 5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	March 25	May 20	40	March 12	April 20	39
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	April 8	May 5	41	March 26	May 5	40
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	April 20	May 19	41	April 9	May 19	40
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	May 5	June 2	42	April 21	June 2	42
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	May 18	June 16	43	May 6	June 16	41
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	June 1	July 30	42	May 19	June 30	42
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	June 15	July 13	42	June 2	July 13	41
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	June 29	July 27	42	June 16	July 27	41
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	July 13	August 10	42	June 30	August 10	41
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	July 27	August 24	41	July 14	August 24	41
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	August 10	Sept. 6	41	July 28	Sept. 6	40
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	August 24	Sept. 20	41	August 11	Sept. 20	40
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Sept. 7	October 4	41	August 25	October 4	40
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Sept. 21	October 20	43	Sept. 8	October 20	42
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	October 7	November 3	43	Sept. 22	November 3	42
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	October 21	November 16	40	October 8	November 16	39
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	November 4	December 30	40	October 22	November 30	39
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	November 18	December 13	39	November 5	December 13	38
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	December 2	December 28	40	November 19	December 28	39
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	December 16	January 11	40	December 3	January 11	39
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	December 30	January 25	40	December 17	January 25	39
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	February 8	40	December 31	February 8	39
Maximum	..	53	..	..	53	..	..	..	..	..	43	..	..	42
Minimum	..	48	..	..	43	..	..	..	..	..	39	..	..	38
Average	..	49.25	..	..	45.42	..	..	..	..	..	41.12	..	..	40.08

Table No. 11.—ORIENT MAIL SERVICE.

Statement showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails between London and the under-mentioned Places by the Mail Service *via* Suez and Brindisi.FROM LONDON *via* BRINDISI AND SUEZ.

MELBOURNE.				SYDNEY.				BLUFF.				CHRISTCHURCH.				WELLINGTON.				AUCKLAND.			
Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Melbourne.	No. of Days.		Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Sydney.	No. of Days.		Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival at Bluff.	No. of Days.		Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Christchurch.	No. of Days.		Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Wellington.	No. of Days.		Date of Despatch from London.	Date of Arrival in Auckland.	No. of Days.	
1885.	1885.			1885.	1885.			1885.	1885.			1885.	1885.			1885.	1885.			1885.	1885.		
Jan. 2	Feb. 7	36		Jan. 2	Feb. 9	38		Jan. 2	Feb. 17	46		Jan. 2	Feb. 18	47		Jan. 2	Feb. 16	45		Jan. 2	Feb. 18	47	
Jan. 16	Feb. 23	38		Jan. 16	Feb. 24	39		Jan. 16	March 2	45		Jan. 16	March 3	46		Jan. 16	March 4	47		Jan. 16	March 3	46	
Jan. 30	March 6	35		Jan. 30	March 7	36		Jan. 30	March 16	45		Jan. 30	March 17	46		Jan. 30	March 18	47		Jan. 30	March 17	46	
Feb. 13	March 21	36		Feb. 13	March 23	38		Feb. 13	March 30	45		Feb. 13	March 31	46		Feb. 13	April 2	48		Feb. 13	March 31	46	
Feb. 27	April 6	38		Feb. 27	April 7	39		Feb. 27	April 13	45		Feb. 27	April 14	46		Feb. 27	April 16	48		Feb. 27	April 20	52	
March 13	April 18	36		March 13	April 20	38		March 13	April 26	44		March 13	April 28	46		March 13	April 27	45		March 13	April 27	45	
March 27	May 3	37		March 27	May 5	39		March 27	May 11	45		March 27	May 12	46		March 27	May 14	48		March 27	May 18	52	
April 10	May 17	37		April 10	May 19	39		April 10	June 2	53		April 10	May 31	51		April 10	May 30	50		April 10	May 26	46	
April 24	May 26	32		April 24	May 27	33		April 24	June 1	38		April 24	June 3	40		April 24	June 5	42		April 24	June 3	40	
May 8	June 13	36		May 8	June 15	38		May 8	June 22	45		May 8	June 23	46		May 8	June 26	49		May 8	June 23	46	
May 22	June 27	36		May 22	June 29	38		May 22	July 6	45		May 22	July 7	46		May 22	July 8	47		May 22	July 13	52	
June 5	July 9	34		June 5	July 10	35		June 5	July 20	45		June 5	July 21	46		June 5	July 24	49		June 5	July 21	46	
June 19	July 25	36		June 19	July 27	38		June 19	August 3	45		June 19	August 4	46		June 19	August 4	46		June 19	August 8	50	
July 3	August 8	36		July 3	August 10	38		July 3	August 16	44		July 3	August 18	46		July 3	August 18	46		July 3	August 17	45	
July 17	August 23	37		July 17	August 25	39		July 17	August 31	45		July 17	Sept. 1	46		July 17	Sept. 1	46		July 17	Sept. 4	49	
July 31	Sept. 4	35		July 31	Sept. 5	36		July 31	Sept. 14	45		July 31	Sept. 16	47		July 31	Sept. 13	44		July 31	Sept. 15	46	
Aug. 14	Sept. 29	46*		Aug. 14	Sept. 30	47*		Aug. 14	October 4	51*		Aug. 14	Oct. 6	53*		Aug. 14	October 7	54*		Aug. 14	Oct. 7	54*	
Aug. 28	Oct. 1	34		Aug. 28	October 3	36		Aug. 28	October 12	45		Aug. 28	Oct. 13	46		Aug. 28	October 13	46		Aug. 28	October 12	45	
Sept. 11	October 17	36		Sept. 11	October 19	38		Sept. 11	October 26	45		Sept. 11	Oct. 27	46		Sept. 11	October 28	47		Sept. 11	Nov. 1	51	
Sept. 25	October 30	35		Sept. 25	Nov. 2	38		Sept. 25	Nov. 8	44		Sept. 25	Nov. 10	46		Sept. 25	Nov. 9	45		Sept. 25	Nov. 10	46	
Oct. 9	Nov. 17	39		Oct. 9	Nov. 19	41		Oct. 9	Nov. 23	45		Oct. 9	Nov. 25	47		Oct. 9	Nov. 25	47		Oct. 9	Dec. 2	54	
Oct. 23	Dec. 1	39		Oct. 23	Dec. 4	41		Oct. 23	Dec. 14	52		Oct. 23	Dec. 15	53		Oct. 23	Dec. 16	54		Oct. 23	Dec. 8	46	
Nov. 6	Dec. 11	35		Nov. 6	Dec. 12	36		Nov. 6	Dec. 21	45		Nov. 6	Dec. 22	46		Nov. 6	Dec. 23	47		Nov. 6	Dec. 28	52	
Nov. 20	Dec. 25	35		Nov. 20	Dec. 26	36		Nov. 20	Jan. 5	46		Nov. 20	Jan. 6	47		Nov. 20	Jan. 8	49		Nov. 20	Jan. 5	46	
Dec. 4	Jan. 10	37		Dec. 4	Jan. 12	39		Dec. 4	Jan. 18	45		Dec. 4	Jan. 19	46		Dec. 4	Jan. 20	47		Dec. 4	Jan. 22	49	
Dec. 18	Jan. 24	37		Dec. 18	Jan. 26	39		Dec. 18	Feb. 1	45		Dec. 18	Feb. 2	46		Dec. 18	Feb. 3	47		Dec. 18	Feb. 1	45	
Maximum	...	46		...	...	47		...	...	53		...	...	53		...	...	54		...	...	54	
Minimum	...	32		...	...	33		...	...	38		...	...	40		...	...	42		...	...	40	
Average	...	36.46		...	...	38.15		...	...	45.5		...	...	46.65		...	...	47.31		...	...	47.92	

* Delayed one week at Port Said through accident to machinery.

Table No. 11.—ORIENT MAIL SERVICE—continued.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails between London and the under-mentioned Places by the Mail Service *via* Suez and Brindisi.

TO LONDON VIA SUEZ AND BRINDISI.

AUCKLAND.			WELLINGTON.			BLUFF.			SYDNEY.			MELBOURNE.		
Date of Despatch from Auckland.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Wellington.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Bluff.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Sydney.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Melbourne.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.
1884. December 31	1885. February 15	46	1885. ..	1885. ..	..	1885. January 3	1885. February 15	43	1885. January 8	1885. February 15	38	1885. January 9	1885. February 15	37
1885. January 14	February 27	44	January 15	February 27	43	..	..	..	January 22	February 27	36	January 23	February 27	35
January 27	March 16	48	..	..	..	January 30	March 16	45	February 5	March 16	39	February 6	March 16	38
February 13	March 29	44	..	..	..	February 13	March 29	44	February 19	March 29	38	February 20	March 29	37
February 25	April 14	48	February 24	April 14	49	..	..	..	March 3	April 14	42	March 2	April 14	43
March 10	April 28	49	..	..	..	March 13	April 28	46	March 19	April 28	40	March 20	April 28	39
March 24	May 11	48	..	..	..	..	..	..	April 2	May 11	39	April 3	May 11	38
April 7	May 23	46	..	..	..	April 10	May 23	43	April 16	May 23	37	April 17	May 23	36
April 21	June 8	48	..	..	..	April 24	June 8	45	April 30	June 8	39	May 1	June 8	38
May 6	June 22	47	..	June 22	49	May 22	June 22	44	May 14	June 22	39	May 15	June 22	38
May 19	July 5	47	..	..	..	May 29	July 5	44	May 28	July 5	38	May 29	July 5	37
June 2	July 18	46	..	..	..	June 5	July 18	43	June 11	July 18	37	June 12	July 18	36
June 16	August 3	48	..	..	..	June 19	August 3	45	June 25	August 3	39	June 26	August 3	38
June 30	August 15	46	..	..	..	July 4	August 15	42	July 9	August 15	37	July 10	August 15	36
July 15	August 29	45	..	..	..	July 18	August 29	42	July 23	August 29	37	July 24	August 29	36
July 28	September 19	53	..	..	..	July 31	September 19	50	August 6	September 19	44	August 7	September 19	43
August 12	September 26	45	..	..	..	August 14	September 26	43	August 20	September 26	37	August 21	September 26	36
August 26	October 10	45	..	..	..	August 21	October 10	50	September 3	October 10	37	September 4	October 10	36
September 9	October 25	46	..	..	..	September 11	October 25	44	September 17	October 25	38	September 18	October 25	37
September 23	November 7	45	..	..	43	September 19	November 7	49	October 1	November 7	37	October 2	November 7	36
..	..	..	..	..	..	October 9	November 23	45	October 15	November 23	39	October 16	November 23	38
..	..	..	..	..	..	October 23	December 4	42	October 29	December 4	36	October 30	December 4	35
October 20	December 4	..	..	..	..	November 6	December 22	46	November 12	December 22	40	November 13	December 22	39
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
November 18	1886. January 3	46	..	..	..	November 20	1886. January 3	44	November 26	1886. January 3	38	November 27	1886. January 3	37
..	..	..	..	..	..	December 4	January 17	44	December 10	January 17	38	December 11	January 17	37
..	..	..	..	..	..	December 18	February 2	46	December 24	February 2	40	December 25	February 2	39
Maximum	..	53	..	..	49	..	..	50	..	..	44	..	..	43
Minimum	..	44	..	..	43	..	..	42	..	..	36	..	..	35
Average	..	46.59	..	..	46	..	..	44.74	..	..	38.42	..	..	37.5

Table No. 12.

COMPARATIVE TABLE showing the Postal Revenue, and Number of Letters, Post-cards, Books, and Newspapers delivered and posted, within the several Postal Districts, during the Years 1875, 1880, 1884, and 1885.

Postal Districts.	Revenue.	Letters.		Post-cards.		Books.		Newspapers.	
		Delivered.	Posted.	Delivered.	Posted.	Delivered.	Posted.	Delivered.	Posted.
	£ s. d.								
Auckland—	1875	13,133 11 0	782,329	779,617	...	...	...	647,325	326,248
	1880	22,764 11 0	1,940,536	1,900,808	42,241	43,905	109,720	173,966	965,822
	1884	37,832 1 9	3,675,880	3,155,594	109,135	98,917	236,405	230,087	1,342,783
	1885	37,636 12 5	3,776,630	3,206,204	126,646	127,946	277,927	176,150	1,400,906
Thames—	1875	1,664 0 6	119,418	109,954	...	...	...	52,323	52,886
	1880	1,584 6 3	106,895	117,901	4,524	2,886	4,914	6,951	65,468
	1884	3,774 3 5	403,377	370,162	9,035	8,255	26,546	18,954	241,423
	1885	3,887 11 3	369,100	359,550	10,374	11,310	24,674	18,681	240,569
New Plymouth—	1875	1,815 9 5	97,040	89,469	...	...	...	72,462	49,632
	1880	1,987 16 7	168,549	145,589	8,017	13,104	14,499	11,137	124,644
	1884	3,206 7 8	267,488	222,365	8,476	14,924	37,323	21,164	169,104
	1885	3,210 16 4	261,426	225,966	23,179	24,037	34,545	26,676	168,844
Gisborne—	1875	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	1880	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	1884	1,598 6 7	162,084	139,308	1,196	4,641	15,691	14,768	124,969
	1885	1,545 13 0	153,998	132,210	1,846	2,990	10,699	12,870	115,089
Napier—	1875	4,076 19 8	186,993	230,973	...	...	...	128,480	150,750
	1880	7,225 13 3	377,979	446,697	5,599	7,505	35,438	38,957	261,785
	1884	6,996 15 1	740,688	628,303	18,083	21,138	69,017	41,665	356,291
	1885	7,953 16 0	795,236	711,282	21,203	21,437	75,283	52,286	354,159
Wanganui—	1875	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	1880	6,850 12 11	521,872	476,381	11,689	11,449	38,480	25,012	329,446
	1884	7,953 5 0	888,108	679,952	36,621	37,687	121,732	48,516	456,014
	1885	8,219 18 7	872,430	710,775	34,658	36,504	137,956	52,871	441,792
Wellington—	1875	51,050 5 8	802,950	922,177	...	...	...	596,768	470,650
	1880	58,386 9 0	1,590,897	1,658,436	25,679	27,395	109,191	187,131	773,145
	1884	65,992 0 5	2,632,110	2,358,200	45,383	51,480	186,992	374,140	759,187
	1885	68,085 14 7	2,813,460	2,375,529	60,443	65,104	241,020	387,140	848,601
Nelson—	1875	2,399 11 10	205,716	180,707	...	...	...	145,470	111,769
	1880	3,821 2 0	286,962	335,519	6,327	11,249	21,485	26,615	156,286
	1884	4,886 14 3	561,015	391,248	11,245	12,571	59,631	19,058	174,356
	1885	4,667 18 1	456,222	411,034	10,543	13,234	55,536	32,526	203,346
Westport—	1875	1,053 6 2	73,527	57,447	...	...	...	95,237	51,258
	1880	908 5 2	62,374	49,227	1,499	1,213	4,056	1,560	70,547
	1884	1,635 11 2	103,922	118,417	2,990	1,599	9,477	5,798	72,020
	1885	1,432 19 2	121,589	114,699	3,718	2,730	10,634	5,547	83,772
Greymouth	1875	2,171 13 7	146,702	167,980	...	...	...	130,734	153,106
	1880	2,514 19 9	167,079	196,603	2,011	2,236	12,159	22,967	132,851
	1884	4,100 17 3	263,172	232,791	5,642	5,057	29,679	14,612	207,480
	1885	2,920 0 8	266,682	227,929	6,240	5,330	26,546	14,690	190,554
Hokitika—	1875	1,816 0 9	121,517	121,743	...	...	...	151,832	68,695
	1880	3,072 17 11	141,483	137,670	1,976	2,912	10,833	7,124	131,092
	1884	2,217 8 11	215,007	163,826	6,123	2,249	30,602	7,215	174,629
	1885	2,154 3 1	208,975	169,065	6,214	6,071	21,615	10,361	168,766
Blenheim—	1875	1,719 9 0	153,723	131,624	...	...	...	153,124	60,787
	1880	2,313 8 3	134,680	129,705	1,569	1,213	13,702	3,961	129,818
	1884	2,284 6 2	297,622	202,397	8,320	5,226	30,576	19,396	149,019
	1885	2,952 6 0	308,529	242,619	11,479	4,173	31,525	13,936	154,544
Christchurch—	1875	17,582 19 8	1,052,071	1,000,864	...	...	...	529,554	295,420
	1880	26,088 6 3	2,171,819	2,528,623	75,099	92,326	108,933	214,285	685,756
	1884	31,475 10 5	3,326,895	2,751,372	120,948	143,013	259,376	274,495	1,025,700
	1885	31,836 10 0	3,212,638	2,848,443	129,549	145,054	266,223	269,438	1,051,934
Timaru—	1875	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	1880	7,259 19 2	479,423	534,369	15,719	17,342	23,573	20,609	170,213
	1884	6,543 8 3	769,951	602,264	33,410	22,893	66,924	26,572	272,779
	1885	6,454 6 2	783,900	607,516	33,070	33,553	69,593	35,204	234,260
Oamaru—	1875	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	1880	3,735 6 5	331,977	315,432	5,911	8,797	19,604	12,555	176,939
	1884	3,833 10 1	527,904	357,318	12,103	10,205	53,040	25,181	247,572
	1885	3,908 7 6	569,101	370,721	15,587	15,990	52,156	26,403	271,180
Dunedin—	1875	20,891 5 9	1,106,168	1,343,748	...	...	...	1,142,015	872,706
	1880	32,837 8 7	1,916,001	2,308,696	42,224	77,393	110,327	221,234	1,105,693
	1884	32,551 17 5	3,276,884	2,797,977	85,189	123,526	233,675	310,937	1,186,068
	1885	32,468 19 10	3,231,124	2,820,025	97,812	119,110	240,409	373,035	1,168,778
Invercargill—	1875	3,121 5 9	205,249	238,145	...	...	...	181,133	120,913
	1880	7,453 17 1	564,486	579,800	13,823	13,459	36,755	26,017	371,765
	1884	9,111 5 5	1,125,683	848,562	42,653	28,522	62,917	59,852	566,202
	1885	9,873 14 10	1,170,338	924,820	54,561	31,629	94,367	87,438	588,276
Totals—	1875	122,495 18 9	5,053,403	5,374,448	...	...	...	4,026,457	2,784,820
	1880	188,804 19 7	10,963,012	11,861,456	264,507	334,384	673,669	5,651,270	4,621,647
	1884	225,993 9 3	19,237,790	16,020,056	561,652	591,903	1,529,603	1,511,510	7,525,596
	1885	229,299 7 6	19,371,378	16,458,477	653,722	666,211	1,670,708	1,595,252	7,685,370

Table No. 13.

TABLE showing the estimated Number of Letters, Post-cards, Book-packets and Parcels, and Newspapers delivered and posted, within the several Postal Districts of New Zealand, during the Year ended 31st December, 1885.

Postal Districts.	Delivered.				Posted.			
	Letters.	Post-cards.	Books and Parcels.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Post-cards.	Books and Parcels.	Newspapers.
Auckland	3,776,630	126,646	277,927	1,400,906	3,206,294	127,946	176,150	1,339,468
Thames	369,100	10,374	24,674	240,569	359,550	11,310	18,681	187,317
New Plymouth ..	261,426	23,179	34,545	168,844	225,966	24,037	26,676	98,280
Gisborne	153,998	1,846	10,699	115,089	132,210	2,990	12,870	71,682
Napier	795,236	21,203	75,283	354,159	711,282	21,437	52,286	309,985
Wanganui	872,430	34,658	137,956	441,792	710,775	36,504	52,871	193,700
Wellington	2,813,460	66,443	241,020	848,601	2,375,529	65,104	387,140	897,728
Nelson	456,222	10,543	55,536	203,346	411,034	13,234	32,526	117,923
Westport	121,589	3,718	10,634	83,772	114,699	2,730	5,547	45,119
Greymouth	266,682	6,240	26,546	190,554	227,929	5,330	14,690	136,552
Hokitika	208,975*	6,214	21,615	168,766	169,065	6,071	10,361	85,003
Blenheim	308,529	11,479	31,525	154,544	242,619	4,173	13,936	78,520
Christchurch ..	3,212,638*	129,549	266,223	1,051,934	2,848,443	145,054	269,438	1,195,558
Timaru	783,900	33,670	69,593	234,260	607,516	33,553	35,204	127,036
Oamaru	569,101	15,587	52,156	271,180	370,721	15,990	26,403	106,444
Dunedin	3,231,124	97,812	240,409	1,168,778	2,820,025	119,119	373,035	1,284,114
Invercargill ..	1,170,338	54,561	94,397	588,276	924,820	31,629	87,438	274,079
Totals	19,371,378	653,722	1,670,708	7,685,370	16,458,477	666,211	1,595,252	6,548,508
Previous year ..	19,237,790	561,652	1,529,603	7,525,596	16,020,056	591,903	1,511,510	6,568,146

* Official correspondence decreased.

Table No. 14.

TABLE showing the Number of Letters, Post-cards, Books, &c., and Newspapers delivered by the Letter-carriers from the Post Offices within the several Postal Districts during the Year ended 31st December, 1885.

Postal Districts.	Letters.	Post-cards.	Books, Circulars, and Parcels.	Newspapers.
Auckland	1,500,498	51,946	87,845	396,610
Thames	118,178	5,584	4,716	30,626
New Plymouth ..	108,324	8,211	11,360	66,880
Gisborne	40,343	2,265	5,180	24,893
Napier	122,234	7,168	8,912	27,772
Wanganui	208,103	14,536	18,946	97,009
Wellington	791,198	22,480	37,075	199,937
Nelson	138,896	4,146	6,992	47,334
Westport	26,478	2,820	1,674	17,208
Greymouth	78,568	2,121	5,201	37,321
Hokitika	47,886	1,926	8,307	24,419
Blenheim	72,454	17,593	5,629	39,752
Christchurch ..	1,333,922	49,655	76,029	303,589
Timaru	155,261	10,870	18,240	39,888
Oamaru	109,233	5,335	8,504	24,998
Dunedin	1,003,519	29,274	74,418	284,368
Invercargill ..	285,996	10,595	15,211	63,076
Totals	6,141,091	246,525	394,239	1,725,680
Previous year ..	5,898,381	202,848	274,246	1,642,599

Table No. 15.

TABLE showing the Number of Letters, Book-packets, and Newspapers received from and despatched to Places outside the Colony during the Year ended 31st December, 1885.

	Received.			Despatched.		
	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.
United Kingdom—						
Via San Francisco ..	324,682	193,284	715,964	365,439	39,143	388,134
By N.Z. Shipping Co.'s packets	260,597	151,986	614,821	166,181	19,759	126,378
By Victorian packets ..	31,306	11,893	50,904	1,755	60	237
By New South Wales packets ..	38,563	23,404	73,147	2,279	101	335
By Shaw, Saville, & Co.'s steamers	5,959	544	7,316	11,061	806	2,454
By other routes	130	9	67	13	..	3
Australian Colonies	456,548	180,500	562,058	453,910	37,484	312,488
Other places	90,294	45,419	167,712	83,859	10,238	96,018
Totals	1,208,079	607,039	2,191,989	1,084,497	107,591	926,047

Table No. 16.

STATEMENT of Correspondence received from the United Kingdom *via* San Francisco, and per New Zealand Shipping Company's, Victorian, and New South Wales Packets, during the Year ended 31st December, 1885.

Date of Receipt.	<i>Via</i> San Francisco.			Per New Zealand Shipping Company's Packets.			Per Victorian Packets.			Per New South Wales Packets.		
	Letters.	Books.	News-papers.	Letters.	Books.	News-papers.	Letters.	Books.	News-papers.	Letters.	Books.	News-papers.
January ..	30,820	11,650	59,176	25,850	9,990	43,014	2,955	964	3,135	18,524	15,769	43,124
" ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,177	1,438	8,463	1,527	1,346	4,160
February ..	24,457	4,896	51,690	..	..	..	1,466	319	2,446	1,745	874	2,437
" ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,459	426	2,563	942	425	1,768
March ..	27,004	9,634	59,502	27,650	11,330	57,558	1,233	318	1,709	897	151	1,282
" ..	..	..	..	25,236	12,307	34,062	1,299	383	2,115	683	349	1,334
" ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	733	19	991
April ..	24,836	7,274	57,576	25,054	12,686	51,273	1,038	346	1,835	991	201	1,059
" ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,029	423	1,806	703	238	346
May ..	25,850	8,557	55,440	21,356	8,694	60,484	996	140	1,668	971	359	913
" ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	656	377	727	456	105	541
June ..	21,638	13,590	55,938	18,347	10,159	57,922	1,005	608	1,259	674	172	795
" ..	20,320	12,828	55,794	..	..	..	994	588	1,045	722	275	655
" ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	936	520	1,017	..	..	..
July ..	25,347	11,126	53,532	16,214	10,262	51,197	967	344	1,152	655	335	681
" ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	798	335	1,000	575	334	862
August ..	26,764	13,776	53,316	18,363	13,881	50,114	1,095	191	1,469	878	99	563
" ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	896	342	1,294	547	181	1,046
" ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	718	125	862
September ..	22,888	55,519	52,248	19,651	8,153	55,699	816	195	1,128	623	508	849
" ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	988	482	1,318	..	..	..
October ..	25,985	22,748	51,894	20,472	15,606	49,725	1,284	305	3,344	774	168	2,036
" ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	948	339	1,380	609	144	1,271
" ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	618	221	833
November ..	25,421	9,170	53,202	20,788	17,279	52,404	1,124	230	1,821	556	182	1,093
" ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,150	355	1,730	1,051	313	1,166
December ..	23,343	12,516	56,656	21,616	21,639	51,369	1,279	460	1,742	669	202	1,177
" ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,011	645	1,703	722	309	1,303
" ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,707	820	2,035	..	..	..
Totals ..	324,682	193,284	715,964	260,597	151,986	614,821	31,306	11,893	50,904	38,563	23,404	73,147

Table No. 17.

STATEMENT of Correspondence despatched to the United Kingdom *via* San Francisco, and per New Zealand Shipping Company's, Victorian, and New South Wales Packets, during the Year ended 31st December, 1885.

Date of Dispatch.	<i>Via</i> San Francisco.			Per New Zealand Shipping Company's Packets.			Per Victorian Packets.			Per New South Wales Packets.		
	Letters.	Books.	News-papers.	Letters.	Books.	News-papers.	Letters.	Books.	News-papers.	Letters.	Books.	News-papers.
January ..	23,264	2,926	28,716	11,366	976	9,318	211	6	31	48	3	21
" ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38	1	2	25	31	1
" ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	210	2	31
February ..	32,538	2,243	31,848	11,792	1,277	8,322	50	..	..	217	4	24
" ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	181	4	22	8	2	3
" ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	1	..	..	..
March ..	29,096	2,132	29,898	13,747	1,235	9,018	170	4	14	41	..	8
" ..	27,932	2,855	29,604	..	..	..	122	4	21	9	..	..
April ..	..	..	..	12,507	738	9,174	170	11	59	37	..	4
" ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	168	8	23
May ..	31,493	3,021	28,524	15,879	1,015	10,764	..	..	..	227	1	29
" ..	27,150	2,334	26,400	..	..	..	..	..	..	110	..	5
June ..	29,755	4,091	31,962	13,328	1,534	16,110	7	..	1	93	2	14
" ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	134	1	6
" ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	111	3	23
July ..	27,048	2,401	29,214	15,692	1,191	10,458	..	..	..	113	3	15
" ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	119	..	12
August ..	27,660	2,780	30,768	11,365	1,607	10,692	23	..	..	108	5	27
" ..	..	..	..	13,498	2,037	10,590	33	..	4	48	..	11
" ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
September ..	25,764	2,401	27,984	12,925	1,601	9,780	43	1	4	71	1	16
" ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	56	..	7
October ..	24,752	2,409	33,378	10,103	1,270	8,268	116	1	4	19	2	3
" ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	102	6	10	96	5	8
November ..	32,041	5,130	30,426	12,887	3,741	7,332	173	6	13	22	3	8
" ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	43	4	9	104	16	18
December ..	26,946	4,420	29,412	11,092	1,537	6,552	91	8	12	19	3	16
" ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	67	2	8	64	6	2
" ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	98	2	22	..	..	..
Totals ..	365,439	39,143	388,134	166,181	19,759	126,378	1,755	60	237	2,279	101	335

Table No. 18.

TABLE showing the Estimated Correspondence posted and delivered, with the Expenditure and Revenue of the Post Offices, in the several Postal Districts of New Zealand, and of the General Post Office, for the Year 1885.

Postal Districts.	No. of Offices.	Total Estimated Correspondence posted and delivered.					Expenditure.				Revenue.		
		Letters.	Post-cards.	Books and Parcels.	Newspapers.	Conveyance of Mails.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Total.	Estimated.	Official Postage.	Total.	
Auckland	216	6,982,924	254,592	454,977	2,740,374	£ s. d. 4,328 19 10	£ s. d. 10,254 10 0	£ s. d. 1,979 15 8	£ s. d. 16,563 5 6	£ s. d. 31,267 12 4	£ s. d. 6,369 0 1	£ s. d. 37,636 12 5	
Thames	38	728,950	21,684	43,355	427,886	1,878 18 0	2,403 8 10	413 3 0	4,695 9 10	3,720 9 2	167 2 1	3,887 11 3	
New Plymouth	20	487,392	47,216	61,221	267,124	336 8 10	978 10 0	253 7 7	1,568 6 5	2,202 13 1	1,008 3 3	3,210 16 4	
Gisborne	17	286,208	4,836	23,569	186,771	375 0 0	663 0 0	130 1 0	1,168 1 0	1,348 6 8	197 6 4	1,545 13 0	
Napier	47	1,506,518	42,640	127,569	664,144	1,827 0 5	3,107 0 0	293 15 2	5,227 15 7	7,032 6 4	921 9 8	7,953 16 0	
Wanganui	31	1,583,205	71,162	190,827	635,492	656 4 9	2,609 0 0	174 5 3	3,439 10 0	6,677 6 5	1,542 12 2	8,219 18 7	
Wellington	78	5,188,989	131,547	628,160	1,746,329	2,924 0 0	6,945 0 0	1,715 0 1	11,584 0 1	18,698 6 7	49,387 8 0	68,085 14 7	
Totals for North Island	447	16,763,886	573,677	1,528,778	6,668,120	12,326 11 10	26,960 8 10	4,959 7 9	44,246 8 5	70,947 0 7	59,593 1 7	130,540 2 2	
Nelson	38	867,256	23,777	88,062	321,269	2,055 8 8	2,069 0 0	183 13 8	4,308 2 4	3,883 14 8	784 3 5	4,667 18 1	
Westport	23	236,288	6,448	16,181	128,801	200 19 6	823 0 0	79 4 2	1,103 3 8	1,052 18 6	380 0 8	1,432 19 2	
Greymouth	24	494,611	11,570	41,236	327,106	715 8 8	1,187 10 0	160 7 2	2,063 5 10	2,158 14 4	761 6 4	2,920 0 8	
Hokitika	28	378,040	12,285	31,976	253,769	1,167 2 4	1,247 0 0	125 15 7	2,539 17 11	1,607 13 5	546 9 8	2,154 3 1	
Blenheim	21	551,148	15,652	45,461	233,064	721 13 4	1,035 0 0	621 18 5	2,378 11 9	2,253 16 2	698 9 10	2,952 6 0	
Christchurch	143	6,061,081	274,603	535,661	2,247,492	3,507 9 8	8,035 0 0	1,368 19 11	12,911 9 7	29,269 9 1	2,567 0 11	31,836 10 0	
Timaru	42	1,391,416	67,223	104,797	361,296	621 0 0	1,950 10 0	226 17 0	2,798 7 0	5,738 1 9	716 4 5	6,454 6 2	
Oamaru	21	939,822	31,577	78,559	377,624	219 16 8	1,078 0 0	118 17 7	1,416 14 3	3,658 15 6	339 12 0	3,998 7 6	
Dunedin	138	6,051,149	216,931	613,444	2,452,892	5,298 9 6	8,826 0 0	1,679 17 8	15,804 7 2	29,520 16 0	2,948 3 10	32,468 19 10	
Invercargill	86	2,095,158	86,190	181,805	862,355	1,770 1 11	3,239 0 0	588 15 8	5,597 17 7	8,993 11 10	880 3 0	9,873 14 10	
Totals for Middle Island	564	19,065,969	746,256	1,737,182	7,565,758	16,277 10 3	29,490 0 0	5,154 6 10	50,921 17 1	88,137 11 3	10,621 14 1	98,759 5 4	
General Post Office	..	..	..	..	..	70,879 4 1	4,411 17 7	822 11 10	76,113 13 6	38,372 2 2	..	38,372 2 2	
Totals for the Colony	1,011	35,829,855	1,319,933	3,265,960	14,233,878	99,483 6 2	60,862 6 5	10,936 6 5	171,281 19 0	197,456 14 0	70,214 15 8	267,671 9 8	

Table No. 19.

CASH REVENUE derived from Private and Press Messages ; Value of General Government Messages ; Number of Messages transmitted by each Station ; and the Working Expenses of each Station, for the Year ended 31st December, 1885.

Name of Station.	Total Cash Revenue derived from Private and Press Messages.	Value of General Government Messages.	Total Value of Messages of all Codes.	Total Number of Private and Press Messages.	Total Number of General Govt. Messages.	Total Number of Messages of all Codes.	Amount paid for Salaries.	Contingencies.	Total Cost of Maintenance of Stations.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Head Office ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,696 10 0	606 16 8	4,303 6 8
Auckland ..	9,844 15 8	1,808 0 10	11,652 16 6	161,196	13,957	175,153	5,177 0 0	863 1 10	6,040 1 10
Alexandra ..	124 13 0	351 15 8	476 8 8	2,094	1,463	3,557	70 10 0	5 8 10	75 18 10
Aratapu ..	80 12 6	1 6 3	81 18 9	1,423	34	1,457	..	28 1 3	28 1 3
Avondale ..	11 5 2	0 11 0	11 16 2	206	11	217	5 10 0	3 17 0	9 7 0
Bombay ..	0 11 6	..	0 11 6	23	..	23	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Cambridge ..	640 7 5	99 6 8	739 14 1	10,848	1,031	11,879	241 0 0	32 3 6	273 3 6
Coromandel ..	135 16 6	93 12 5	229 8 11	2,509	695	3,204	115 10 0	33 8 6	148 18 6
Dargaville ..	172 2 6	16 13 8	188 16 2	2,619	306	2,925	101 10 0	42 15 8	144 5 8
Devonport ..	102 5 8	11 2 0	113 7 8	2,343	127	2,470	..	52 2 10	52 2 10
Drury ..	43 16 8	25 6 5	69 3 1	713	261	974	85 0 0	15 4 9	100 4 9
Ellerslie ..	39 2 2	0 16 6	39 18 8	605	11	616	5 0 0	3 17 0	8 17 0
Hamilton ..	371 9 0	165 2 5	536 11 5	5,205	1,460	6,665	218 0 0	25 13 9	243 13 9
Heawa ..	23 7 2	..	23 7 2	424	..	424	..	4 13 5	4 13 5
Helensville ..	173 6 1	120 16 7	294 2 8	3,222	814	4,036	75 10 0	20 18 1	96 8 1
Herd's Point ..	123 12 9	62 10 7	186 3 4	1,944	1,054	2,998	88 10 0	12 2 0	100 12 0
Hikurangi ..	45 15 8	..	45 15 8	781	..	781	..	8 6 10	8 6 10
Howick ..	5 14 2	..	5 14 2	113	..	113	..	4 10 6	4 10 6
Huntly ..	38 15 6	4 8 1	43 3 7	756	23	779	10 0 0	4 9 6	14 9 6
Kaeo ..	78 1 11	9 1 2	87 3 1	1,413	115	1,528	..	15 13 6	15 13 6
Kaikohe ..	54 4 1	..	54 4 1	782	..	782	..	17 0 0	17 0 0
Kamo ..	65 5 3	12 6 6	77 11 9	1,241	162	1,403	87 10 0	6 19 4	94 9 4
Kaukapakapa ..	17 10 2	..	17 10 2	273	..	273	..	7 18 3	7 18 3
Kawakawa ..	190 5 2	32 14 8	222 19 10	3,036	333	3,369	162 10 0	43 16 4	206 6 4
Kihikihi ..	117 17 8	65 15 1	183 12 9	2,128	390	2,518	67 10 0	44 5 6	111 15 6
Kirikiriroa ..	40 1 8	..	40 1 8	774	..	774	..	23 2 3	23 2 3
Kohukohu ..	109 5 10	7 0 0	116 5 10	1,611	140	1,751	..	23 6 6	23 6 6
Mangapai ..	24 11 2	2 2 0	26 13 2	583	35	618	..	6 4 5	6 4 5
Mangawai ..	35 8 5	6 5 9	41 14 2	649	23	672	..	8 17 6	8 17 6
Mangawhare ..	56 11 10	..	56 11 10	1,004	..	1,004	..	16 16 5	16 16 5
Manukau Heads ..	7 3 7	60 11 0	67 14 7	904	1,162	2,066	75 0 0	7 14 0	82 14 0
Maungaturoto ..	29 10 7	..	29 10 7	513	..	513	..	10 14 3	10 14 3
Mercer ..	42 5 7	183 18 0	226 3 7	967	842	1,809	88 10 0	13 11 1	102 1 1
Mongonui ..	97 5 9	61 17 7	159 3 4	1,978	811	2,789	80 0 0	38 17 6	118 17 6
Morrinsville ..	84 3 0	5 3 0	89 6 0	1,408	103	1,507	20 0 0	3 17 0	23 17 0
Newmarket ..	79 8 10	39 17 3	119 6 1	1,619	336	1,955	48 0 0	11 2 7	59 2 7
Newm'ket Bureau ..	14 1 1	2 10 0	16 11 1	611	56	667	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Newton ..	115 18 10	8 19 0	124 17 10	2,533	112	2,645	124 0 0	8 9 2	132 9 2
Ngaruawahia ..	72 2 7	42 15 2	114 17 9	1,389	724	2,113	133 0 0	6 9 6	139 9 6
Ngawha ..	4 7 4	..	4 7 4	71	..	71	..	7 6 8	7 6 8
Northcote ..	22 8 4	..	22 8 4	731	..	731	..	13 17 9	13 17 9
Ohaeawai ..	31 9 0	7 8 0	38 17 0	583	138	721	72 0 0	8 8 6	80 8 6
Ohauapo ..	86 9 4	27 11 7	114 0 11	1,529	383	1,912	70 0 0	25 9 2	95 9 2
Okaihau ..	19 4 4	..	19 4 4	345	..	345	..	8 1 2	8 1 2
Onehunga ..	257 11 11	170 16 10	428 8 9	4,451	2,623	7,074	218 0 0	21 4 9	239 4 9
Onehunga Wharf ..	31 6 7	..	31 6 7	1,513	..	1,513	..	36 13 9	36 13 9
Otahuhu ..	81 8 8	13 18 6	95 7 2	1,538	182	1,720	91 10 0	29 10 1	121 0 1
Opua ..	43 0 8	29 12 10	72 13 6	824	238	1,062	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Pahi ..	40 16 1	1 3 0	41 19 1	869	23	892	37 10 0	28 8 10	65 18 10
Papakura ..	16 11 4	12 12 6	29 3 10	318	105	423	11 13 4	12 17 0	24 10 4
Paparoa ..	26 6 2	3 10 8	29 16 10	470	45	515	..	9 6 6	9 6 6
Papatoitoi ..	1 16 1	..	1 16 1	56	..	56	5 0 0	3 17 0	8 17 0
Parnell ..	110 10 5	8 12 8	119 3 1	2,819	91	2,910	..	40 9 0	40 9 0
Penrose ..	8 12 1	2 0 9	10 12 10	232	35	267	10 0 0	3 17 0	13 17 0
Pokeno ..	12 7 4	0 17 5	13 4 9	229	11	240	15 0 0	3 17 0	18 17 0
Ponsonby ..	73 19 10	1 16 8	75 16 6	2,203	44	2,247	..	36 15 9	36 15 9
Port Albert ..	46 17 8	6 13 0	53 10 8	994	80	1,074	20 0 0	6 6 6	26 6 6
Puhoi ..	15 10 7	0 11 0	16 1 7	298	11	309	..	8 19 3	8 19 3
Pukekohe ..	53 5 7	6 7 0	59 12 7	963	69	1,032	47 10 0	3 17 0	51 7 0
Raglan ..	28 15 11	6 18 8	35 14 7	710	101	811	..	14 1 0	14 1 0
Rangiriri ..	17 10 11	1 18 11	19 9 10	364	23	387	..	6 8 2	6 8 2
Russell ..	174 5 11	169 3 2	343 9 1	3,636	1,977	5,613	151 0 0	39 6 9	190 6 9
Takapuna ..	5 4 3	..	5 4 3	157	..	157	..	4 9 0	4 9 0
Tamahere ..	38 13 4	2 8 9	41 2 1	583	11	594	..	7 2 0	7 2 0
Taupiri ..	26 6 1	..	26 6 1	411	..	411	10 0 0	3 17 0	13 17 0
Taumarere ..	10 0 0	..	10 0 0	240	..	240	..	6 17 6	6 17 6
Te Awamutu ..	119 9 8	61 4 7	180 14 3	2,265	548	2,813	95 0 0	5 6 3	100 6 3
Te Kopuru ..	143 3 2	30 9 4	173 12 6	2,320	487	2,807	78 0 0	21 18 5	99 18 5
Tokatea ..	16 13 11	..	16 13 11	284	..	284	..	8 13 0	8 13 0
Tuakau ..	10 11 8	12 7 6	22 19 2	170	77	247	5 10 0	3 17 0	9 7 0
Up'r Symonds St. ..	58 2 6	0 11 0	58 13 6	1,738	22	1,760	..	34 5 10	34 5 10
Wade ..	15 17 2	2 7 11	18 5 1	274	44	318	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Waihou ..	25 15 7	..	25 15 7	487	..	487	..	9 19 5	9 19 5
Waimate North ..	36 1 5	0 13 9	36 15 2	751	11	762	..	24 1 4	24 1 4
Waipu ..	66 9 2	0 15 7	67 4 9	1,313	11	1,324	93 0 0	4 3 9	97 3 9
Waitakerei ..	4 12 1	2 0 4	6 12 5	92	11	103	5 0 0	3 17 0	8 17 0
Waitangi ..	0 11 6	..	0 11 6	23	..	23	..	3 17 0	3 17 0

Table No. 1—continued.

CASH REVENUE derived from Private and Press Messages; Value of General Government Messages; Number of Messages transmitted by each Station; and the Working Expenses of each Station, for the Year ended 31st December, 1885—continued.

Name of Station.	Total Cash Revenue derived from Private and Press Messages.	Value of General Government Messages.	Total Value of Messages of all Codes.	Total Number of Private and Press Messages.	Total Number of General Govt. Messages.	Total Number of Messages of all Codes.	Amount paid for Salaries.	Contingencies.	Total Cost of Maintenance of Stations.
Auckland—continued	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Waitetuna ..	12 12 7	..	12 12 7	292	..	292	..	5 1 4	5 1 4
Waiuku ..	53 11 9	3 10 4	57 2 1	1,219	57	1,276	93 10 0	8 16 9	102 6 9
Waiwera ..	87 10 0	..	87 10 0	1,779	292	2,071	75 0 0	22 12 6	97 12 6
Wangarei ..	304 18 0	..	304 18 0	5,581	2,468	8,049	129 0 0	25 0 11	154 0 11
Wangaroa ..	134 11 11	..	134 11 11	2,646	509	3,155	86 10 0	15 9 2	101 19 2
Warkworth ..	45 15 7	..	45 15 7	899	112	911	85 0 0	13 12 0	98 12 0
Whangapoua ..	18 13 11	..	18 13 11	261	..	261	..	5 9 6	5 9 6
Whatawhata ..	16 5 0	..	16 5 0	318	..	318	..	6 15 5	6 15 5
Whitiangi ..	69 14 10	..	69 14 10	1,183	..	1,183	..	17 18 8	17 18 8
Blenheim ..	1,233 7 9	160 7 0	1,393 14 9	17,310	2,331	19,641	2,642 0 0	256 16 10	2,898 16 10
Havelock ..	86 19 7	16 13 2	103 12 9	1,884	220	2,104	85 0 0	13 13 6	98 13 6
Kaikoura ..	302 10 10	73 18 0	376 8 10	5,043	1,168	6,211	136 10 0	26 9 2	162 19 2
Kekerangu ..	17 16 9	21 10 1	39 6 10	379	319	698	72 10 0	12 3 3	84 13 3
Picton ..	165 0 3	81 5 0	246 5 3	2,966	1,227	4,193	177 0 0	33 6 7	210 6 7
Renwicktown ..	22 6 10	..	22 6 10	446	..	446	..	10 1 3	10 1 3
Spring Creek ..	36 1 5	8 16 6	44 17 11	595	93	688	..	6 18 6	6 18 6
Wairau Bar ..	4 16 6	..	4 16 6	238	..	238	..	4 5 4	4 5 4
White's Bay ..	0 12 0	..	0 12 0	12	..	12	77 10 0	22 16 2	100 6 2
Christchurch ..	7,323 0 9	777 11 7	8,100 12 4	112,778	6,757	119,535	5,701 0 0	526 18 6	6,227 18 6
Addington ..	5 0 9	..	5 0 9	101	..	101	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Akaroa ..	208 14 11	79 5 0	287 19 11	3,395	1,274	4,669	163 10 0	6 3 2	169 13 2
Akaroa Li'thouse ..	0 15 0	..	0 15 0	..	..	..	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Amberley ..	114 0 5	17 14 3	131 14 8	2,142	240	2,382	69 10 0	5 0 11	74 10 11
Ashburton ..	690 12 3	95 9 4	786 1 7	10,255	631	10,886	467 10 0	43 10 10	511 0 10
Bealey ..	24 17 10	40 18 0	65 15 10	573	629	1,202	65 0 0	12 12 2	77 12 2
Burnham ..	7 14 3	13 0 4	20 14 7	160	148	308	5 0 0	3 17 0	8 17 0
Chertsey ..	15 6 0	..	15 6 0	296	..	296	6 0 0	3 17 0	9 17 0
Cheviot ..	55 7 0	2 7 2	57 14 2	483	47	530	57 10 0	3 17 0	61 7 0
Coalgate ..	19 1 10	4 18 9	24 0 7	489	47	536	6 0 0	3 17 0	9 17 0
Cust ..	20 0 9	..	20 0 9	452	..	452	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Darfield ..	13 1 5	..	13 1 5	243	..	243	5 0 0	3 17 0	8 17 0
Dunsandel ..	25 9 4	5 0 5	30 9 9	493	22	515	5 0 0	3 17 0	8 17 0
Duvauchelle's Bay ..	29 7 8	2 5 0	31 12 8	566	45	611	67 10 0	7 7 6	74 17 6
Ellesmere ..	15 15 9	..	15 15 9	259	..	259	5 0 0	3 17 0	8 17 0
Glentunnel ..	2 6 0	..	2 6 0	57	..	57	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Hinds ..	11 11 2	..	11 11 2	265	..	265	12 10 0	3 17 0	16 7 0
Hornby ..	13 5 7	..	13 5 7	274	..	274	5 0 0	3 17 0	8 17 0
Hurunui ..	43 15 7	2 2 0	45 17 7	749	22	771	87 0 0	6 17 8	93 17 8
Kaiapoi ..	174 5 3	22 18 8	197 3 11	2,945	197	3,142	180 0 0	10 12 2	190 12 2
Kirwee ..	16 14 9	4 14 11	21 9 8	308	33	341	7 10 0	3 17 0	11 7 0
Leeston ..	73 11 6	4 12 7	78 4 1	1,393	67	1,460	18 0 0	10 9 9	28 9 9
Lincoln ..	27 5 7	5 19 4	33 4 11	561	34	595	25 0 0	3 17 0	28 17 0
Lyttelton ..	724 11 7	566 17 5	1,291 9 0	15,850	7,261	23,111	447 0 0	28 18 2	475 18 2
Methven ..	34 3 1	..	34 3 1	689	..	689	25 0 0	3 17 0	28 17 0
Oxford ..	82 9 11	7 4 3	89 14 2	1,542	114	1,656	85 10 0	3 18 5	89 8 5
Papanui ..	14 8 4	..	14 8 4	349	..	349	5 0 0	3 17 0	8 17 0
Rakaia ..	124 2 6	9 9 0	133 11 6	1,857	91	1,948	103 10 0	19 2 4	122 12 4
Rangiora ..	124 15 2	11 14 5	136 9 7	2,550	137	2,687	165 0 0	17 9 10	182 9 10
Rolleston ..	13 8 1	..	13 8 1	238	..	238	5 0 0	3 17 0	8 17 0
Sefton ..	21 18 8	..	21 18 8	391	..	391	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Sheffield ..	25 13 6	3 4 7	28 18 1	579	57	636	89 0 0	4 7 6	93 7 6
Southbridge ..	180 12 5	1 1 1	181 13 6	3,027	11	3,038	77 0 0	3 17 0	80 17 0
Springfield ..	62 2 7	4 3 4	66 5 11	1,095	44	1,139	13 0 0	3 17 0	16 17 0
Springston ..	7 13 4	..	7 13 4	150	..	150	1 10 0	5 1 2	6 11 2
Sumner ..	28 4 5	..	28 4 5	565	..	565	..	9 12 3	9 12 3
Sydenham ..	47 13 1	2 16 9	50 9 10	934	57	991	234 0 0	37 11 8	271 11 8
Templeton ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 10 0	3 17 0	14 7 0
Tinwald ..	9 13 6	..	9 13 6	148	..	148	12 10 0	3 17 0	16 7 0
View Hill ..	4 0 0	..	4 0 0	71	..	71	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Waiau ..	98 7 6	20 18 2	119 5 8	1,650	237	1,887	65 0 0	7 13 6	72 13 6
Waikari ..	79 13 6	6 5 3	85 18 9	1,493	68	1,561	68 0 0	3 17 0	71 17 0
Winslow ..	19 8 3	..	19 8 3	399	..	399	5 0 0	3 17 0	8 17 0
Whitecliffs ..	13 14 6	23 12 0	37 6 6	490	389	879	3 0 0	8 9 9	11 9 9
Dunedin ..	8,202 5 2	1,293 2 7	9,495 7 9	135,409	8,991	144,400	5,723 0 0	463 4 8	6,186 4 8
Dunedin North ..	228 14 0	20 3 0	248 17 0	4,953	203	5,156	111 0 0	9 6 7	120 6 7
Dunedin Railway ..	1 13 3	..	1 13 3	56	..	56	..	26 4 3	26 4 3
Abbotsford ..	17 14 6	0 11 6	18 6 0	380	11	391	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Alexandra South ..	109 9 1	5 5 1	114 14 2	1,823	79	1,902	93 0 0	29 0 4	122 0 4
Anderson's Bay ..	0 5 9	..	0 5 9	23	..	23	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Balclutha ..	141 18 7	40 1 5	182 0 0	2,869	659	3,528	188 10 0	21 0 4	209 10 4
Bannockburn ..	13 9 7	1 16 0	15 5 7	329	36	365	..	6 18 11	6 18 11
Bluespur ..	2 9 0	..	2 9 0	47	..	47	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Cape Saunders ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Caversham ..	34 3 6	8 16 2	42 19 8	827	93	920	44 0 0	3 17 0	47 17 0
Clinton ..	92 4 10	143 0 10	235 5 8	2,116	2,240	4,356	133 0 0	7 17 10	140 17 10
Clyde ..	103 5 8	154 13 7	257 19 3	1,700	969	2,669	75 0 0	16 18 6	91 18 6
Cromwell ..	201 10 11	21 0 1	222 11 0	3,546	394	3,940	127 10 0	25 10 9	153 0 9

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Dunedin—continued.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Greytown ..	13 15 6	5 18 3	19 13 9	437	68	505	10 0 0	5 6 5	15 6 5
Henley ..	15 13 9	1 5 4	16 19 1	343	11	354	..	6 4 2	6 4 2
Heriot ..	11 2 10	..	11 2 10	160	..	160	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Kaitangata ..	53 0 8	22 3 0	75 3 8	1,055	378	1,433	85 10 0	6 2 6	91 12 6
Kelso ..	34 5 11	28 18 8	63 4 7	526	194	720	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Lawrence ..	202 2 5	102 13 0	304 15 5	3,604	1,331	4,935	199 0 0	28 6 2	227 6 2
Lovell's Flat ..	..	..	..	276	..	276	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Millburn ..	16 9 5	..	16 9 5	..	..	..	5 0 0	3 17 0	3 17 0
Milton ..	128 14 6	24 9 11	153 4 5	2,500	153	2,653	137 0 0	11 19 6	148 19 6
Mornington ..	1 11 7	..	1 11 7	58	..	58	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Mosgiel ..	53 3 11	5 15 0	58 18 11	1,081	48	1,129	23 0 0	6 6 6	29 6 6
Naseby ..	192 15 7	57 6 5	250 2 0	2,645	861	3,506	118 0 0	19 9 7	137 9 7
North-East Valley ..	17 17 8	0 17 3	18 14 11	455	11	466	..	8 13 10	8 13 10
Ophir ..	84 2 1	0 14 0	84 16 1	1,490	12	1,502	86 0 0	18 19 0	104 19 0
Otago Heads ..	17 5 8	68 9 10	85 15 6	617	1,132	1,749	5 0 0	3 17 0	8 17 0
Outram ..	47 19 9	36 5 2	84 4 11	1,129	401	1,530	18 0 0	5 13 3	23 13 3
Owake ..	23 14 8	..	23 14 8	390	..	390	20 10 0	3 17 0	24 7 0
Palmerston ..	170 13 5	86 9 7	257 3 0	3,161	1,252	4,413	185 10 0	11 6 3	196 16 3
Pembroke ..	97 2 11	3 3 6	100 6 5	1,438	57	1,495	..	17 11 8	17 11 8
Port Chalmers ..	404 11 9	393 15 7	798 7 4	12,286	5,269	17,555	389 10 0	81 13 10	471 3 10
Port Molyneux ..	11 16 11	..	11 16 11	284	..	284	..	4 10 1	4 10 1
Portobello ..	9 3 10	2 10 7	11 14 5	217	22	239	10 0 0	3 17 0	13 17 0
Ravensbourne ..	7 3 9	..	7 3 9	272	..	272	..	4 10 1	4 10 1
Roslyn ..	3 10 0	..	3 10 0	115	..	115	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Roxburgh ..	85 2 0	30 2 1	115 4 1	1,571	446	2,017	114 0 0	10 16 6	124 16 6
St. Bathans ..	70 7 4	17 13 6	88 0 10	1,096	243	1,339	75 10 0	5 18 9	81 8 9
St. Clair ..	6 5 10	..	6 5 10	255	..	255	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Seacliff ..	8 15 9	12 16 5	21 12 2	183	95	278	12 10 0	3 17 0	16 7 0
South Dunedin ..	28 1 11	3 9 0	31 10 11	644	69	713	78 0 0	5 7 6	83 7 6
Stirling ..	30 18 8	0 11 0	31 9 8	563	11	574	13 0 0	3 17 0	16 17 0
Tapanui ..	120 17 2	36 9 5	157 6 7	2,526	523	3,049	106 0 0	3 12 0	109 12 0
Waihemo ..	40 11 11	0 12 0	41 3 11	517	12	529	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Waiholo ..	26 4 9	1 11 0	27 15 9	501	12	512	11 0 0	3 17 0	14 17 0
Waikaia ..	58 7 2	22 11 3	80 18 5	903	173	1,076	90 0 0	17 8 7	107 8 7
Waikouaiti ..	63 3 4	10 9 9	73 13 1	1,133	94	1,227	39 0 0	3 11 6	42 11 6
Waipori ..	12 2 3	..	12 2 3	199	..	199	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Waitahuna ..	33 11 1	1 2 0	34 13 1	652	22	674	13 10 0	3 17 0	17 7 0
Waitati ..	13 0 0	1 4 0	14 4 0	288	12	300	10 0 0	3 17 0	13 17 0
Woodhaugh ..	1 0 2	..	1 0 2	46	..	46	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Gisborne ..	1,486 8 4	264 7 11	1,750 16 3	21,325	3,151	24,476	650 0 0	91 16 3	741 16 3
Makaraka ..	3 12 10	..	3 12 10	81	..	81	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Ormond ..	29 6 10	1 4 0	30 10 10	490	24	514	..	9 4 6	9 4 6
Greymouth ..	1,661 16 1	478 17 10	2,140 13 11	26,684	4,776	31,460	751 0 0	101 1 1	852 1 1
Ahaura ..	57 9 0	17 14 11	75 3 11	992	173	1,165	100 0 0	6 12 6	106 12 6
Brunnerton ..	133 17 0	29 2 11	162 19 11	2,455	378	2,833	27 10 0	3 17 0	31 7 0
Reefton ..	614 1 2	44 15 10	658 17 0	11,900	564	12,464	472 0 0	44 19 7	516 19 7
Totara Flat ..	17 3 8	..	17 3 8	286	..	286	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Hokitika ..	1,069 15 8	241 12 5	1,311 8 1	17,057	2,669	19,726	767 0 0	69 10 0	836 10 0
Dillmanstown ..	19 17 9	..	19 17 9	456	..	456	..	7 9 7	7 9 7
Goldsborough ..	12 12 11	2 1 7	14 14 6	249	35	284	..	5 0 3	5 0 3
Kanieri ..	3 7 4	..	3 7 4	68	..	68	..	3 13 8	3 13 8
Kumara ..	201 13 4	65 19 7	267 12 11	2,774	297	3,071	205 0 0	23 16 6	228 16 6
Ross ..	142 16 11	8 6 4	151 3 3	2,350	73	2,423	103 0 0	13 7 3	116 7 3
Stafford ..	15 9 6	3 2 7	18 12 1	320	47	367	..	8 10 3	8 10 3
Invercargill ..	1,946 15 8	248 2 0	2,194 17 8	31,914	2,345	34,259	1,549 10 0	163 7 8	1,712 17 8
Arrow ..	127 5 7	21 16 0	149 1 7	2,157	132	2,289	120 10 0	12 18 9	133 8 9
Bluff ..	364 14 4	181 3 0	545 17 4	9,581	2,990	12,571	355 0 0	20 18 4	375 18 4
Dipton ..	25 19 11	18 15 1	44 15 0	444	384	828	5 0 0	3 17 0	8 17 0
Edendale ..	46 10 1	9 2 4	55 12 5	802	115	917	5 0 0	3 17 0	8 17 0
Fortrose ..	38 7 11	..	38 7 11	827	..	827	..	7 4 11	7 4 11
Frankton ..	33 1 3	..	33 1 3	949	..	949	..	8 10 0	8 10 0
Gore ..	249 9 1	17 15 7	267 4 8	4,379	237	4,616	197 10 0	32 5 0	229 15 0
Kingsdon ..	16 10 1	5 7 0	21 17 1	379	89	468	5 0 0	3 17 0	8 17 0
Lumsden ..	119 14 11	47 14 2	167 9 1	2,022	721	2,743	47 10 0	3 17 0	51 7 0
Macetown ..	13 3 6	..	13 3 6	287	..	287	..	9 7 3	9 7 3
Mandeville ..	24 1 11	..	24 1 11	374	..	374	..	8 1 7	8 1 7
Mataura ..	69 19 9	31 12 2	101 11 11	1,176	536	1,712	135 0 0	11 3 8	146 3 8
Orepuki ..	11 10 0	..	11 10 0	265	..	265	12 10 0	3 17 0	16 7 0
Otaua Bridge ..	4 17 4	..	4 17 4	80	..	80	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Otautau ..	94 18 0	8 17 10	103 15 10	1,523	131	1,654	10 0 0	3 17 0	13 17 0
Pinebush ..	17 7 5	..	17 7 5	256	..	256	..	4 15 4	4 15 4
Pukerua ..	17 1 6	..	17 1 6	388	..	388	15 0 0	6 0 7	21 0 7
Queenstown ..	268 17 8	92 1 1	360 18 9	5,135	953	6,088	176 0 0	28 10 7	204 10 7
Riversdale ..	87 2 6	14 4 0	101 6 6	1,713	167	1,880	42 10 0	3 17 0	46 7 0
Riverton ..	183 13 6	70 9 8	254 3 2	3,029	358	3,387	120 0 0	9 11 9	129 11 9
Skipper's ..	48 8 4	..	48 8 4	665	..	665	..	9 13 6	9 13 6
Thornbury ..	37 5 9	1 4 0	38 9 9	655	24	679	5 0 0	3 17 0	8 17 0

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Invercargill—contd.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Waipahi ..	30 6 3	7 1 2	37 7 5	592	33	625	5 10 0	3 17 0	9 7 0
Winton ..	60 7 4	23 16 7	84 3 11	1,171	362	1,533	40 0 0	6 6 6	46 6 6
Woodlands ..	30 0 4	..	30 0 4	615	..	615	26 0 0	3 17 0	29 17 0
Wyndham ..	98 15 0	41 18 7	140 13 7	1,630	597	2,227	90 0 0	5 1 6	95 1 6
Napier ..	3,049 4 9	580 12 6	3,629 17 3	43,612	5,520	49,132	4,017 0 0	381 17 9	4,398 17 9
Danvirke ..	61 13 0	3 18 10	65 11 10	1,057	35	1,092	..	9 14 1	9 14 1
Farndon ..	49 4 6	3 16 5	53 0 11	999	59	1,058	12 10 0	3 17 0	16 7 0
Hastings ..	507 15 5	69 8 11	577 4 4	8,915	743	9,658	88 0 0	40 3 7	128 3 7
Havelock North ..	28 9 0	..	28 9 0	489	..	489	..	9 0 1	9 0 1
Herbertville ..	50 17 4	8 13 3	59 10 7	800	99	899	82 10 0	7 3 9	89 13 9
Kaikora North ..	50 4 0	22 8 10	72 12 10	786	46	832	19 0 0	3 17 0	22 17 0
Makatoku ..	48 15 3	34 5 4	83 0 7	813	330	1,143	7 10 0	5 13 6	13 3 6
Mohaka ..	50 15 9	3 6 6	54 2 3	984	66	1,050	85 0 0	6 17 0	91 17 0
Ormondville ..	31 17 0	13 2 6	44 19 6	630	126	756	5 10 0	3 17 0	9 7 0
Petane ..	149 9 9	..	149 9 9	1,302	..	1,302	..	7 15 0	7 15 0
Porangahau ..	89 6 11	7 7 6	96 14 5	1,376	148	1,524	60 10 0	9 8 0	69 18 0
Spit ..	457 9 6	60 4 0	517 13 6	7,498	1,799	9,297	192 0 0	15 8 11	207 8 11
Takapau ..	49 11 9	6 6 10	55 18 7	877	80	957	75 0 0	4 3 6	79 3 6
Taradale ..	25 4 0	0 11 11	25 15 11	254	22	276	..	7 14 9	7 14 9
Tarawera ..	29 8 8	..	29 8 8	301	11	312	80 0 0	5 2 6	85 2 6
Taupo ..	141 11 9	155 14 11	297 6 8	2,744	993	3,737	75 0 0	18 3 1	93 3 1
Waipawa ..	284 14 4	43 5 9	328 0 1	4,880	239	5,119	173 10 0	19 14 7	193 4 7
Waipukurau ..	128 5 7	30 16 8	159 2 3	2,512	329	2,841	95 0 0	6 19 0	101 19 0
Wairoa ..	250 19 3	73 7 2	324 6 5	3,799	1,274	5,073	113 0 0	6 16 0	119 16 0
Nelson ..	2,042 1 4	398 11 4	2,440 12 8	32,669	3,597	36,266	1,405 0 0	161 16 9	1,566 16 9
Belgrove ..	21 5 8	1 2 0	22 7 8	433	22	455	55 0 0	3 17 0	58 17 0
Brightwater ..	47 13 9	2 15 6	50 9 3	850	55	905	6 0 0	3 17 0	9 17 0
Collingwood ..	58 14 7	19 16 9	78 11 4	1,213	192	1,405	81 15 0	22 11 5	104 6 5
East Takaka ..	7 1 10	..	7 1 10	104	..	104	..	4 9 0	4 9 0
Farwell Spit ..	..	1 3 0	1 3 0	69	23	92	4 12 6	3 17 0	8 9 6
Ferntown ..	9 9 5	..	9 9 5	124	..	124	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Motueka ..	148 3 11	29 7 3	177 11 2	3,094	335	3,429	130 10 0	5 15 10	136 5 10
Motueka Wharf ..	5 18 10	..	5 18 10	127	..	127	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Motupiko ..	12 9 5	5 15 11	18 5 4	217	80	297	..	5 18 8	5 18 8
Richmond ..	55 12 1	2 18 5	58 10 6	1,034	57	1,091	79 0 0	6 4 3	85 4 3
Sherry River ..	4 3 9	..	4 3 9	83	..	83	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Takaka ..	101 10 8	6 14 6	108 5 2	2,115	112	2,227	73 10 0	10 14 0	84 4 0
The Lake ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
The Port ..	191 2 10	32 11 1	223 13 11	3,896	2,061	5,957	50 0 0	4 4 0	54 4 0
Tophouse ..	19 6 8	19 19 1	39 5 9	385	314	699	75 0 0	4 18 5	79 18 5
Upper Moutere ..	13 0 5	..	13 0 5	268	..	268	..	4 9 5	4 9 5
Wakapuaka ..	13 1 0	3 15 0	16 16 0	278	24	302	308 0 0	254 16 7	562 16 7
Wakefield ..	14 6 2	..	14 6 2	299	..	299	11 10 0	3 17 0	15 7 0
New Plymouth ..	1,183 11 5	546 19 2	1,730 10 7	19,274	4,370	23,644	689 0 0	109 10 9	798 10 9
Inglewood ..	68 15 4	12 18 9	81 14 1	1,297	119	1,416	25 10 0	3 17 0	29 7 0
Opunake ..	129 18 5	86 16 9	216 15 2	2,345	980	3,325	128 0 0	11 1 0	139 1 0
Pungarehu ..	27 6 7	23 5 1	50 11 8	514	228	742	15 0 0	3 17 0	18 17 0
Stratford ..	67 17 1	15 16 11	83 14 0	1,082	150	1,232	20 10 0	3 17 0	24 7 0
Waitara ..	389 7 4	126 11 8	515 19 0	7,311	1,649	8,960	123 0 0	11 9 3	134 9 3
Oamaru ..	1,560 2 1	189 16 2	1,749 18 3	25,868	2,812	28,680	1,054 10 0	149 9 2	1,203 19 2
Duntroon ..	47 4 1	17 9 6	64 13 7	781	285	1,066	47 10 0	3 17 0	51 7 0
Enfield ..	10 11 1	..	10 11 1	161	..	161	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Hampden ..	43 15 4	3 18 10	47 14 2	903	46	949	60 0 0	3 17 0	63 17 0
Herbert ..	21 5 4	..	21 5 4	421	..	421	51 10 0	3 17 0	55 7 0
Kakanui ..	62 2 6	..	62 2 6	925	..	925	78 0 0	22 6 7	100 6 7
Kurou ..	11 8 10	3 19 8	15 8 6	345	79	424	5 0 0	3 17 0	8 17 0
Maheno ..	33 11 8	0 11 0	34 2 8	615	11	626	5 0 0	4 0 10	9 0 10
Ngapara ..	17 8 7	12 3 3	29 11 10	275	169	444	15 0 0	3 17 0	18 17 0
Pukeuri ..	10 1 1	..	10 1 1	259	..	259	5 0 0	3 17 0	8 17 0
Weston ..	2 9 5	..	2 9 5	45	..	45	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Thames ..	1,190 19 7	167 9 7	1,358 9 2	19,540	1,627	21,167	1,044 0 0	168 10 2	1,212 10 2
Katikati ..	53 9 0	3 12 1	57 1 1	1,075	68	1,143	82 10 0	12 19 3	95 9 3
Maketu ..	95 8 3	15 3 0	110 11 3	1,527	216	1,743	130 0 0	36 10 6	166 10 6
Miranda ..	9 16 1	..	9 16 1	193	..	193	85 0 0	4 3 0	89 3 0
Opotiki ..	338 16 0	73 12 3	412 8 3	5,150	1,006	6,156	155 0 0	5 3 9	160 3 9
Paeroa ..	155 13 7	10 14 6	166 8 1	3,549	157	3,706	95 10 0	9 6 7	104 16 7
Rotorua ..	417 17 6	185 3 8	603 1 2	6,443	853	7,296	145 0 0	44 2 9	189 2 9
Tairua ..	13 7 4	..	13 7 4	230	..	230	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Tapu ..	8 10 4	1 8 1	9 18 5	179	22	201	..	5 1 11	5 1 11
Tauranga ..	504 11 10	241 17 10	806 9 8	8,700	2,407	11,107	365 10 0	38 16 7	404 6 7
Te Aroha ..	222 17 3	20 7 6	243 4 9	3,934	178	4,112	102 10 0	14 15 10	117 5 10
Te Puke ..	29 14 8	0 18 0	30 12 8	505	11	516	..	19 18 3	19 18 3
Turua ..	23 4 8	..	23 4 8	481	..	481	..	6 13 4	6 13 4
Waiorongomai ..	116 6 9	2 8 10	118 15 7	2,035	48	2,083	78 0 0	18 4 6	96 4 6
Whakatane ..	76 16 11	2 9 5	79 6 4	1,366	33	1,399	..	26 8 1	26 8 1
Timaru ..	1,902 10 8	247 19 6	2,150 10 2	28,992	2,854	31,846	1,280 0 0	167 18 1	1,447 18 1
Albury ..	43 8 2	1 18 1	45 6 3	787	22	809	15 10 0	3 17 0	19 7 0

Table No. 19—continued

CASH REVENUE derived from Private and Press Messages; Value of General Government Messages; Number of Messages transmitted by each Station; and the Working Expenses of each Station, for the Year ended 31st December, 1885—continued.

Name of Station.	Total Cash Revenue derived from Private and Press Messages.	Value of General Government Messages.	Total Value of Messages of all Codes.	Total Number of Private and Press Messages.	Total Number of General Govt. Messages.	Total Number of Messages of all Codes.	Amount paid for Salaries.	Contingencies.	Total Cost of Maintenance of Stations.
Timaru—continued.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Fairlie Creek ..	38 6 6	1 10 0	39 16 6	757	24	781	25 0 0	3 17 0	28 17 0
Geraldine ..	51 13 9	5 8 4	57 2 1	1,397	91	1,488	123 0 0	26 15 9	149 15 9
Hakateramea ..	8 9 5	..	8 9 5	184	..	184	..	4 1 5	4 1 5
Makikihi ..	20 6 0	1 2 0	21 8 0	374	11	385	5 0 0	3 17 0	8 17 0
Orari ..	24 4 11	..	24 4 11	442	..	442	6 0 0	3 17 0	9 17 0
Pleasant Point ..	31 19 8	1 1 1	33 0 9	627	11	638	25 0 0	3 17 0	28 17 0
Rangitata ..	14 4 11	0 12 7	14 17 6	274	12	286	6 0 0	3 17 0	9 17 0
St. Andrew ..	30 18 6	..	30 18 6	629	..	629	5 0 0	3 17 0	8 17 0
Studholme Junc.	21 13 11	1 0 2	22 14 1	397	11	408	5 0 0	3 17 0	8 17 0
Temuka ..	104 8 9	4 17 3	109 6 0	2,845	90	2,935	150 10 0	34 11 5	185 1 5
Waimate ..	170 18 11	68 17 11	239 16 10	2,867	773	3,640	219 10 0	18 11 10	238 1 10
Waitaki ..	11 18 7	1 3 0	13 1 7	860	23	883	10 0 0	3 17 0	13 17 0
Washdyke ..	20 11 7	..	20 11 7	429	..	429	5 0 0	3 17 0	8 17 9
Winchester ..	20 18 0	..	20 18 0	398	..	398	5 0 0	3 17 0	8 17 0
Wanganui ..	1,837 9 10	496 18 11	2,334 8 8	31,876	5,620	37,496	1,625 0 0	389 5 10	2,014 5 10
Bull's ..	166 6 10	9 13 0	175 19 10	3,011	182	3,193	132 10 0	16 14 0	149 4 0
Fordell ..	23 18 1	12 17 9	36 15 10	399	252	651	20 0 0	3 17 0	23 17 0
Greatford ..	9 2 1	3 15 8	12 17 9	182	44	226	27 10 0	3 17 0	31 7 0
Hawera ..	602 3 6	70 13 10	672 17 4	9,006	839	9,845	295 10 0	54 6 6	349 16 6
Manaia ..	113 10 7	5 3 9	118 14 4	2,279	108	2,387	100 10 0	23 0 4	123 10 4
Manutahi ..	60 13 6	7 6 6	68 0 0	597	69	666	70 0 0	14 18 9	84 18 9
Marton ..	368 3 7	25 11 7	393 15 2	6,039	365	6,404	176 10 0	37 19 11	214 9 11
Normanby ..	49 5 0	12 5 3	61 10 3	1,073	194	1,267	63 0 0	3 17 0	66 17 0
Okaiawa ..	19 15 9	..	19 15 9	250	..	250	..	5 10 7	5 10 7
Otakeho ..	21 0 5	..	21 0 5	477	..	477	..	8 2 9	8 2 9
Patea ..	262 5 11	88 9 4	350 15 3	4,710	994	5,704	199 0 0	23 17 7	222 17 7
Turakina ..	95 4 11	34 17 9	130 2 8	1,563	533	2,096	19 0 0	3 17 0	22 17 0
Waitotara ..	47 7 3	6 2 11	53 10 2	852	153	1,005	20 0 0	5 12 7	25 12 7
Waverley ..	106 2 11	14 0 1	120 3 0	1,963	193	2,156	107 0 0	13 11 3	120 11 3
Wellington ..	9,267 2 2	8,329 15 4	17,596 17 6	238,635	63,523	302,158	9,276 0 0	940 6 11	10,216 6 11
Ashurst ..	21 8 4	..	21 8 4	408	..	408	..	8 6 6	8 6 6
Carterton ..	189 11 3	27 11 8	217 2 11	3,638	478	4,116	122 10 0	22 9 8	144 19 8
Castlepoint ..	89 19 9	65 11 9	155 11 6	1,390	801	2,191	80 10 0	15 6 8	95 16 8
Featherston ..	230 17 10	110 10 4	341 8 2	4,067	868	4,925	112 0 0	13 10 11	125 10 11
Feilding ..	381 10 8	31 15 3	413 5 11	5,645	547	6,192	158 0 0	25 16 9	183 16 9
Foxton ..	385 7 10	75 18 8	461 6 6	7,940	1,416	9,356	228 0 0	32 11 7	260 11 7
Gladstone ..	12 11 7	..	12 11 7	321	..	321	..	5 17 3	5 17 3
Greytown North	169 9 5	24 6 2	193 15 7	2,934	263	3,197	125 0 0	20 14 9	145 14 9
Halcombe ..	88 12 6	34 3 3	122 15 9	1,518	502	2,020	43 1 8	4 11 0	47 12 8
Hutt ..	71 11 6	18 1 3	89 12 9	1,494	127	1,621	122 10 0	3 18 3	126 8 3
Kaitoke ..	16 13 0	..	16 13 0	273	..	273	35 0 0	7 11 0	42 11 0
Manawatu Heads	1 4 11	..	1 4 11	79	..	79	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Martinborough..	77 7 0	1 14 6	79 1 6	1,327	34	1,361	..	18 14 4	18 14 4
Masterton ..	790 7 10	74 10 4	864 18 2	12,883	985	13,868	346 0 0	37 17 9	383 17 9
Newtown ..	3 9 0	..	3 9 0	115	..	115	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Otaki ..	221 0 5	33 13 6	254 13 11	3,012	485	3,497	72 10 0	10 9 4	82 19 4
Pahautanui ..	12 4 9	..	12 4 9	217	..	217	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Pahiatua ..	12 4 4	21 8 4	33 12 8	115	103	218	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Palmerston North	756 12 4	55 5 3	811 17 7	12,067	948	13,015	297 10 0	16 7 3	313 17 3
Petone ..	21 13 0	83 14 5	105 7 5	457	1,156	1,613	10 0 0	3 17 0	13 17 0
Sanson ..	60 4 10	1 4 0	61 8 10	1,082	24	1,106	100 10 0	8 2 0	108 12 0
Taueru ..	52 2 11	..	52 2 11	891	..	891	..	11 18 2	11 18 2
Te Aro ..	247 16 9	18 4 0	266 0 9	4,993	338	5,331	20 0 0	28 12 5	48 12 5
Te Nui ..	103 15 5	12 3 1	115 18 6	1,734	215	1,949	63 0 0	4 4 3	67 4 3
Upper Hutt ..	33 7 6	0 11 0	33 18 6	665	11	676	55 10 0	3 17 0	59 7 0
Wainuiomata ..	1 10 0	..	1 10 0	59	..	59	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Woodville ..	359 2 5	99 1 0	458 3 5	6,154	777	6,931	99 0 0	22 17 11	121 17 11
Westport ..	1,198 17 10	416 18 10	1,615 16 8	19,600	5,299	24,899	404 0 0	54 4 2	458 4 2
Boatman's ..	83 1 4	11 18 9	95 0 1	1,725	207	1,932	85 0 0	29 15 6	114 15 6
Charleston ..	46 0 5	12 17 9	58 18 2	993	148	1,141	73 0 0	13 12 3	86 12 3
Fern Flat ..	7 2 9	..	7 2 9	92	..	92	..	3 17 0	3 17 0
Longford ..	4 18 1	..	4 18 1	89	..	89	72 10 0	6 1 1	78 11 1
Lyell ..	191 3 5	38 12 8	229 16 1	3,576	310	3,886	92 10 0	13 3 6	105 13 6
Murchison ..	28 11 7	..	28 11 7	519	..	519	..	8 12 0	8 12 0
Waimangaroa ..	56 14 5	74 18 9	131 13 2	1,125	1,124	2,249	..	27 2 3	27 2 3
Totals ..	87,918 1 11	24,860 9 0	112,778 10 11	1,533,406	240,867	1,774,273	67,130 2 6	9,952 1 10	77,082 4 4

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

Table No. 23.
Cost of MAINTENANCE of Telegraph Lines for the Year ended 31st December, 1885.

Section.	Number of Miles.	Travelling Expenses of Linemen and Inspectors.	Extra Labour.	Cost of Material used for Repairs.	Salaries of Linemen and Inspectors.	Total Cost of Maintenance of Inland Lines.	Cost per Mile.
Riverton to Balclutha	302½	£ s. d. 226 17 8	£ s. d. 22 13 7	£ s. d. 163 8 11	£ s. d. 523 6 8	£ s. d. 936 6 10	£ s. d. 3 1 11
Tokomairiro to Queenstown	216	201 6 3	110 17 0	46 1 3	648 6 8	1,006 11 2	4 13 2
Balclutha to Waitaki	371½	268 17 3	173 9 10	489 13 9	639 6 8	1,571 7 6	4 4 8
Waitaki to Christchurch	342	249 3 1	219 11 1	114 18 7	593 6 8	1,176 19 5	3 8 10
Christchurch to Greymouth	198	299 3 4	78 9 0	670 1 8	518 6 8	1,566 0 8	7 18 2
Greymouth to Lyell	193½	283 12 8	246 10 0	84 7 2	260 0 0	874 9 10	4 10 7
Lyell to Nelson	269	240 4 9	162 19 4	77 19 0	140 0 0	621 3 1	2 6 2
Nelson to Blenheim	97½	180 14 8	121 9 0	68 19 6	280 0 0	651 3 2	6 14 3
Blenheim to Christchurch	253½	326 1 11	362 6 0	149 4 6	733 6 8	1,570 19 1	6 4 2
Wellington to New Plymouth	433	360 7 8	260 12 8	230 1 9	862 10 0	1,713 12 1	3 19 2
Wellington to Napier	287	579 1 4	500 3 0	364 16 5	999 16 8	2,434 17 5	8 9 8
Napier to Tauranga	373½	651 13 10	617 7 2	343 14 7	766 13 4	2,379 8 11	6 7 7
Tauranga to Thames	91	143 3 1	70 11 6	57 10 1	410 0 0	681 4 8	7 9 9
Auckland South (to Waikato)	401	370 12 11	718 9 7	612 15 4	533 6 8	2,235 4 6	5 11 6
Auckland North (to Hokianga and Kawakawa)	382	163 1 9	96 8 4	90 0 1	288 6 8	637 16 10	1 13 5
Kawakawa to Mongonui	53	38 2 8	15 10 0	10 7 5	298 6 8	362 6 9	6 16 9
Telephone exchanges	4,264	4,582 4 10	3,777 7 1	3,574 0 0	8,486 0 0	20,419 11 11	4 15 9*
	..	..	..	..	..	480 14 3	
	..	..	..	..	..	20,900 6 2	

* Total average cost per mile.

NOTE.—Howick line (7 miles), Tairua line (17 miles), Waitangi line (6 miles), Omarepe line (16 miles), Taupo to Cambridge (71½ miles), Wairoa to Mahia (3 miles), Wairoa to Frasertown (7 miles), Woodville to Pahiatua (14 miles), Tophouse to the Lake (1½ miles), Motueka Wharf (1 mile), Oxford to View Hill (7 miles), Akaroa Lighthouse (8 miles), Lyttelton Lighthouse (½ mile), Lawrence to Waipori (14 miles), Tapanui to Heriot (5 miles), Riverton to Orepuki (18 miles), Dunedin to St. Clair (¾ mile), Dunedin to Roslyn (¾ mile), Dunedin to Woodhaugh (¾ mile), not included in this table.

Table No. 24.

INSULATION TESTS of the FIRST and SECOND COOK STRAIT CABLES for the Year ended 31st December, 1885, showing the Resistance per Knot after Two Minutes' Electrification in Megohms (British Association Units of Resistance).

First Cook Strait Cable.				No. 1 Wire.	No. 2 Wire.	No. 3 Wire.	Second Cook Strait Cable.				Dielectric Resistance per Knot.
January	..	..	..	156	178	317	January	..	..	..	1,375
February	..	..	..	161	183	312	February	..	..	..	1,289
March	..	..	..	176	190	334	March	..	..	..	1,361
April	..	..	..	..	..	..	April	..	..	..	..
May	..	..	..	154	170	299	May	..	..	..	989
June*	..	..	..	..	..	..	June	..	..	..	769
July	..	..	..	..	..	..	July	..	..	..	487
August	..	..	..	..	..	..	August	..	..	..	510
September	..	..	..	..	..	..	September	..	..	..	498
October	..	..	..	..	..	..	October	..	..	..	516
November	..	..	..	..	..	..	November	..	..	..	346
December	..	..	..	160	168	326	December	..	..	..	279

* Cable broken from 12th June to 20th December.

Table No. 25.

INSULATION TESTS of the WANGANUI and WAKAPUAKA CABLE for the Year ended 31st December, 1885, showing the Resistance per Knot after Ten Minutes' Electrification in Megohms (British Association Units of Resistance). Length of Cable laid, 108·69 Knots.

Date.							Dielectric Resistance per Knot.	Copper Resistance per Knot in Ohms.	Mean Temperature of Sea-bottom calculated from the Observed C.R.
							Twenty Cells.		Deg. Fahr.
January	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,128	10·99	58·5
February	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,801	11·02	60
March	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,639	11·02	60
April	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,944	11·04	60
May	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,804	10·99	58·5
June	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,913	11·02	60
July	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,206	10·99	58·5
August	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,153	10·95	56·5
September	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,689	11·02	60
October	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,729	11·02	60
November	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,920	10·99	58·5
December	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,282	10·97	57·5

Table No. 26.
COST of TELEGRAPH LINES and CABLES throughout the Colony.

Section of Line.	Number of Miles of Line.	Total Cost of Section.	Cost per Mile.
NORTH ISLAND.			
Total, North Island, to 31st December, 1884	1,962	£ 208,182 0 10	£ ..
Expenditure on sundry lines constructed during year 1885 (402 miles, less 88 miles dismantled)	142	13,849 13 2	97 10 0
	2,104		
Deduct lines dismantled	1½		
Totals	2,102½	222,031 14 0	..
SOUTH ISLAND.			
Total, South Island, to 31st December, 1884	2,302½	226,801 1 5	..
Expenditure on sundry lines constructed during year 1885 (143½ miles)	57½	4,460 18 11	55 1 5
Total, South Island, to 31st December, 1885	2,360	231,262 0 4	..
Total, North Island, to 31st December, 1885	2,102½	222,031 14 0	..
Totals	4,462½	453,293 14 4	..
Cook Strait cables, repairs		81,280 2 4	
Telephone exchanges		37,319 12 1	
Total		£571,893 8 9	

Table No. 27.

RETURN of the NUMBER and AMOUNT of TELEGRAPH MONEY ORDERS ISSUED within the several Postal Districts during the Year ended 31st December, 1885.

Districts.	Number.	Commission.	Amount.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	3,446	172 6 0	12,375 18 9
Blenheim	604	30 4 0	2,465 13 11
Christchurch	1,699	84 19 0	5,536 4 2
Dunedin	1,614	80 14 0	6,568 11 7
Gisborne	340	17 0 0	1,437 8 10
Greymouth	758	37 18 0	2,843 0 1
Hokitika	332	16 12 0	956 19 8
Invercargill	759	37 19 0	2,511 0 7
Napier	1,545	77 5 0	5,113 14 10
Nelson	480	24 0 0	1,991 7 9
New Plymouth	419	20 19 0	1,404 19 7
Oamaru	174	8 14 0	490 19 5
Thames	736	36 16 0	2,261 14 8
Timaru	330	16 10 0	1,083 13 9
Wanganui	822	41 2 0	2,856 19 0
Wellington	2,983	149 3 0	9,749 1 1
Westport	765	38 5 0	2,554 19 4
Totals	17,806	890 6 0	62,202 7 0

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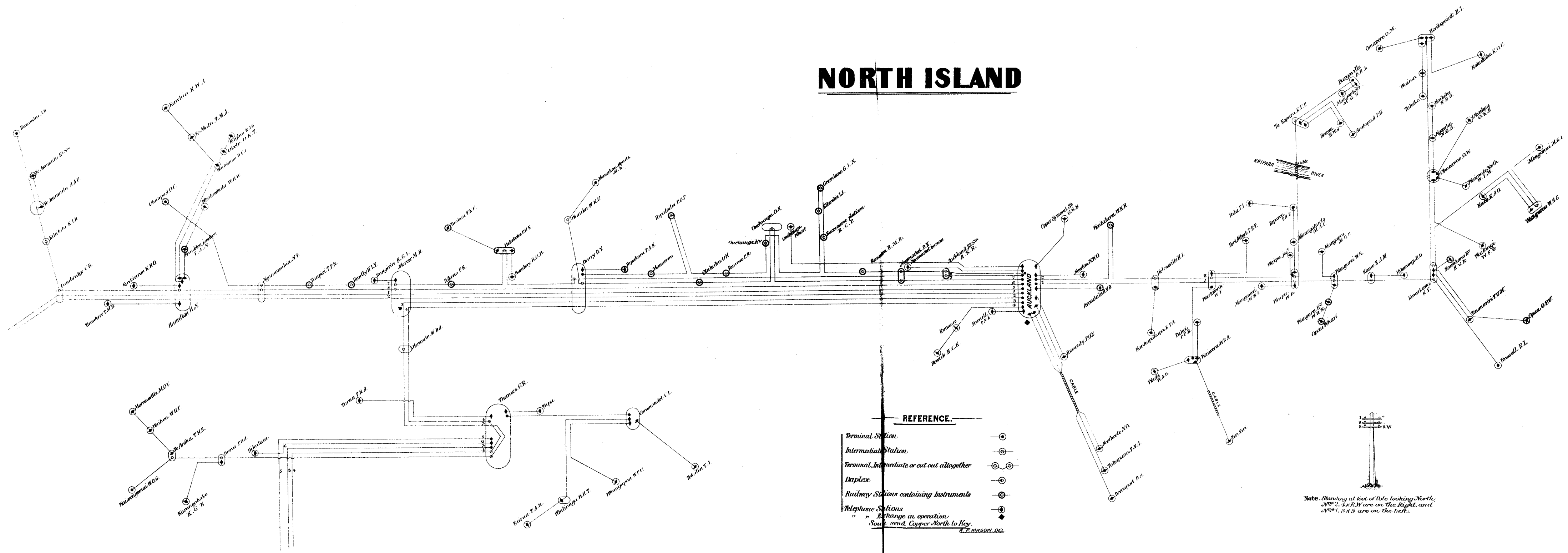
CASH VALUE of SHIPPING and WEATHER TELEGRAMS and AMOUNT chargeable to each Department of the General Government for Telegrams transmitted during the Year ended 31st December, 1885.

Department.						Value.		
						£	s.	d.
Colonial Secretary	..	..	..	..	..	3,329	0	9
Customs	..	..	..	..	..	702	7	6
Defence	..	..	..	..	..	3,229	14	0
Judicial	..	..	..	..	..	2,245	1	11
Postal	..	..	..	..	..	2,373	7	5
Registrar-General	..	..	..	..	..	213	0	3
Treasury	..	..	..	..	..	1,898	11	10
Public Works	..	..	..	..	..	5,718	14	4
Shipping Reports	..	..	..	..	..	3,610	16	6
Weather Reports	..	..	..	..	..	1,539	14	6
Total	..	..	..	..	..	24,860	9	0

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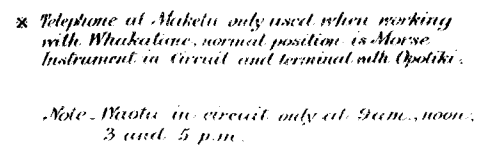
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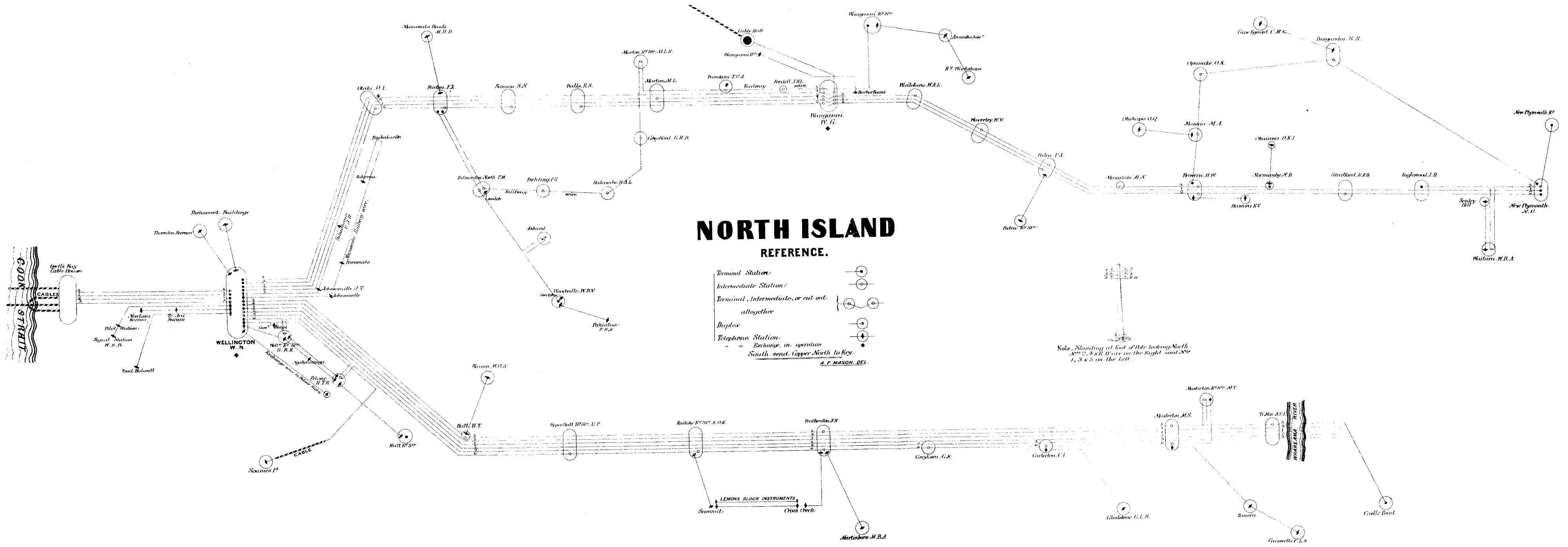
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- Telephone Stations
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- " " South send Copper North to Key.

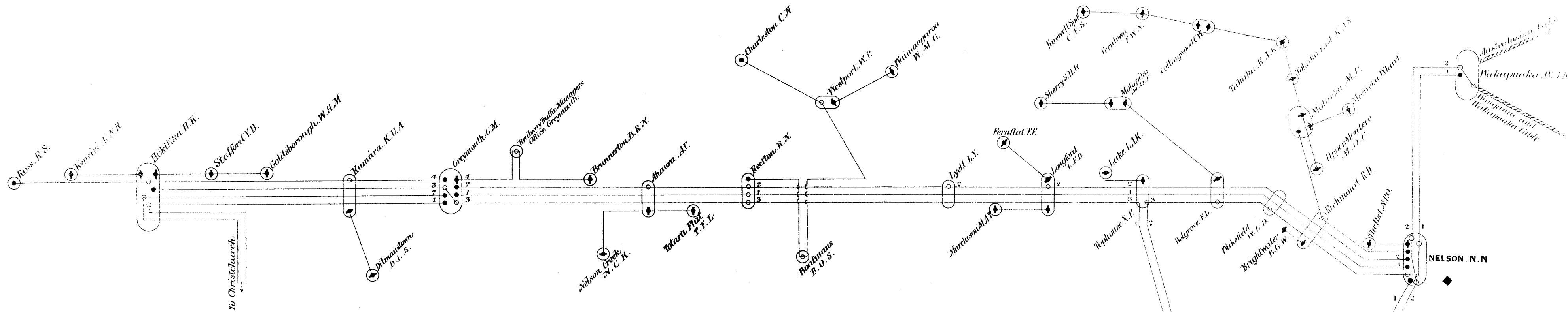
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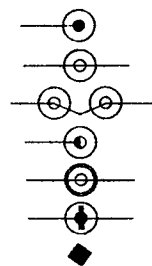




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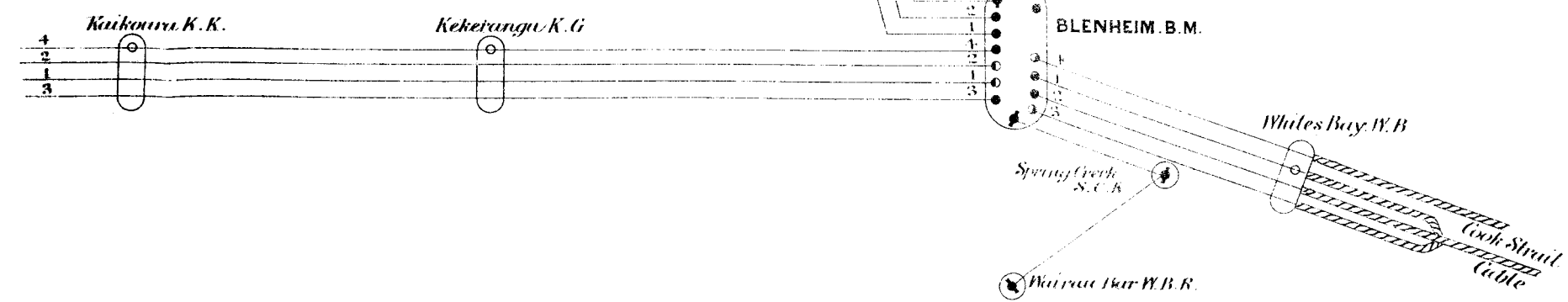
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- Intermediate Station.
- Terminal, Intermediate, or cut out altogether.
- Duplex.
- Railway Stations containing Instruments.
- Telephone Stations
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Note. Standing at foot of Pole looking North the odd numbers are on the Right, the even numbers are on the left.



SOUTH ISLAND

REFERENCE.

- Terminal Station 
 - Intermediate Station 
 - Terminal, Intermediate, or cut out altogether 
 - Duplex 
 - Telephone Station 
 - Railway Station containing Instruments 
 - Telephone Exchange in operation 
 - South end. Copper North to key. 
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Note: Standing at foot of Tide looking North, the odd numbers are on the right, the even numbers on the left.

