

Postal Districts.	Post and Telegraph Offices.		Country Post Offices.	Telephone Offices only.	Telephone Exchanges.	Telephone Bureaux.	Clerks and Postal Cadets.		Operators (including Cadets).		Postmasters and Officers in Charge on Permanent Staff.	Letter-carriers.		Messengers (Post Office).	Telegraph Message Boys.	
	Post Offices.	Post and Telephone Offices.					Town.	Country.	Town.	Country.		Town.	Country.		Town.	Country.
Auckland	47	142	51	1	1	13	34	..	23	5	48	16	4	2	16	8
Thames	11	19	7	..	..	..	1	..	6	6	11	2	1	..	4	3
Gisborne	1	19	4	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Napier	18	30	8	..	1	..	12	..	23	5	19	3	1	..	6	2
New Plymouth ..	6	12	1	..	..	..	2	..	5	..	6	2	..	..	3	2
Wanganui	12	14	8	..	1	2	9	..	11	6	12	3	2	1	4	7
Wellington	23	50	15	2	1	3	44	1	43	13	25	8	3	2	33	7
Blenheim	6	15	2	1	1	..	4	..	34	1	6	1	..	..	2	2
Nelson	12	24	7	2	1	..	5	..	9	2	12	2	..	1	4	3
Westport	5	19	5	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	5	1	..	..	2	1
Greymouth	4	18	4	..	..	..	1	1	8	2	4	2	2	..	3	3
Hokitika	3	28	4	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	3	1	1	..	2	..
Christchurch ..	49	104	6	1	1	1	31	3	29	6	50	15	6	2	16	17
Timaru	17	29	..	..	1	..	5	..	6	1	17	2	3	1	3	2
Oamaru	10	8	3	..	1	..	2	..	7	..	10	2	..	1	3	1
Dunedin	39	71	34	3	1	13	34	..	27	6	40	14	3	2	14	4
Invercargill ..	20	64	9	..	1	1	8	..	7	6	20	2	1	2	3	6
Total on 31st Dec., 1887	283	666	168	10	11	33	196	5	247	59	289	77	27	14	121	68
Total on 31st Dec., 1886	288	648	153	10	10	31	191	6	247	70	294	77	27	13	119	82

COMPARATIVE RETURN of OFFICERS of the POSTAL and TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT for the Years 1887 and 1886.

	1887.	1886.		1887.	1886.
Postmaster-General	1	1	Mail Agent	..	..
Superintendent	1	1	Storekeeper and Assistant	2	2
Secretary	1	1	Chief Postmasters	17	17
Inspector of Post Offices ..	1	1	Postmasters and Officers in Charge on Permanent Staff	272	277
Assistant Inspector of Post Offices ..	1	1	Clerks and Cadets	201	197
Accountant	1	1	Operators	306	317
Telegraph Inspectors	3	3	Country Postmasters and Telephonists ..	844	811
Telegraph Sub-Inspectors ..	3	3	Letter-carriers	104	104
Electrician	1	1	Messengers (Post Office)	14	14
Mechanicians	3	3	Linemen	46	47
Clerks in General Post Office—			Telegraph Message Boys	189	201
Secretary's Branch	7	7			
Dead Letter Branch	3	3			
Money Order and Savings Bank Branch ..	15	17	Totals	2,045	2,038
Sorters in Clearing-room	9	7			

POST OFFICE.

There has been a satisfactory increase of business.

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 1886, was as under:—

	1887.	1886.	Increase.
Letters—Delivered	20,666,445	19,896,448	
Posted	18,711,329	18,188,144	
	39,377,774	38,084,592	1,293,182
Post-cards—Delivered	758,056	692,276	
Posted	849,637	741,611	
	1,607,693	1,433,887	173,806
Books and parcels—Delivered	2,065,492	1,747,941	
Posted	2,254,213	1,719,718	
	4,319,705	3,467,659	852,046
Newspapers—Delivered	8,131,175	7,479,209	
Posted	7,250,148	6,844,838	
	15,381,323	14,324,047	1,057,276

The letters increased 3·4, post-cards 12·12, books and parcels 24·57, and newspapers 7·38 per cent.

The increase in 1886 was—letters 6·29, post-cards 8·63, books and parcels 6·18, and newspapers 0·63 per cent.

The average number of letters posted by each person was estimated to be 29·31.

The cash revenue for the financial year was £207,954 19s. 5d., compared with £199,147 7s. 6d. received the previous year, an increase of £8,807 11s. 11d., or 4·42 per cent.