

1889.  
NEW ZEALAND.

EUROPEAN MAILS RECEIVED AND DESPATCHED  
(NUMBER OF), AND AMOUNT OF POSTAGES COLLECTED, FOR YEAR 1888.

*Laid on the Table by the Hon. Sir H. A. Atkinson, by Leave of the House.*

RETURN showing the Total Number of European Mails (Letters, Books, and Newspapers) received at and despatched from New Zealand during the Year 1888; also the Amount of Postages collected on Correspondence by each Route Homewards, and the Amount Recovered from London by each Route Outwards; also the Estimated Cost of Conveyance of American Mails only to and from San Francisco.

| Route.                                 | Mails received from Europe. |                  |                       | Mails despatched to Europe. |                  |                       |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
|                                        | Number of Letters.          | Number of Books. | Number of Newspapers. | Number of Letters.          | Number of Books. | Number of Newspapers. |
| Via San Francisco .. .. .              | 305,923                     | 278,662          | 640,858               | 391,769                     | 55,475           | 353,192               |
| " Direct contract steamers .. .. .     | 282,036                     | 254,819          | 590,721               | 167,640                     | 22,007           | 112,638               |
| " Direct non-contract steamers .. .. . | 9,404                       | 9,004            | 18,008                | 15,549                      | 3,539            | 5,522                 |
| " P. and O. and Orient lines .. .. .   | 35,587                      | 18,307           | 30,836                | 6,581                       | 315              | 335                   |
| " French packets .. .. .               | 56                          | 5                | 12                    | 36                          | 3                | 8                     |
| Totals .. .. .                         | 633,006                     | 560,797          | 1,280,435             | 581,575                     | 81,389           | 471,695               |

| Route.                                 | Amount of Postages collected.               |                                         |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                                        | On Despatched Correspondence in the Colony. | On Received Correspondence from London. |
| Via San Francisco .. .. .              | £ 14,274 s. 13 d. 6                         | £ 9,605 s. 12 d. 9                      |
| " Direct contract steamers .. .. .     | 5,894 2 0                                   | 10,994 19 11                            |
| " Direct non-contract steamers .. .. . | 805 6 6                                     | .. .. .                                 |
| " P. and O. and Orient lines .. .. .   | 373 0 7                                     | 103 9 11                                |
| " French packets .. .. .               | 1 3 2                                       | .. .. .                                 |
| Totals .. .. .                         | 21,348 5 9                                  | 20,704 2 7                              |

*Estimated Cost of Conveyance of American Mails*

(If paid for at the rates now charged non-contracting colonies for the use of the San Francisco service—viz., letters, 1s. 7d. per ounce; books, 1s. 6d. per pound; and newspapers, 6d. per pound).

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| To San Francisco .. .. .   | £ 2,180 s. 14 d. 8 |
| From San Francisco .. .. . | 3,637 0 5          |
| Total .. .. .              | £5,817 15 1        |

[Approximate Cost of Paper.—Preparation, nil; printing (1,200 copies) 17s. 6d.]