

1891.
NEW ZEALAND.

POST OFFICE AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

(REPORT OF THE) FOR THE YEAR 1890.

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

MY LORD,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 20th August, 1891.

I have the honour to submit to your Excellency the report on the Postal and Telegraph Department for the year 1890, with the customary statement of revenue and expenditure to the 31st March last.

I have the honour to be

Your Lordship's most obedient servant,

J. G. WARD,

Postmaster-General and Electric Telegraph Commissioner.

His Excellency the Governor of New Zealand.

REPORT.

NOTWITHSTANDING the unsettled condition of trade during a portion of the year, there has been a satisfactory increase of both Post Office and Telegraph business.

The revenue and expenditure for the financial year ended the 31st March, 1891, are given in the following statement:—

REVENUE.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Stamps used for postage	180,000	0 0	Salaries	137,133	4 2
Money-order and postal-note commission			Conveyance of mails by sea	41,560	0 7
collected in the colony	10,238	18 11	Conveyance of inland mails	26,486	4 5
Money-order commission received from			Conveyance of mails by railway	291	5 0
foreign offices	660	16 6	Money-order commission credited to		
Private box and bag fees	4,320	9 4	foreign offices	1,311	19 8
Postages from foreign offices	17,703	9 4	Telegraph extension (Consolidated Fund)	1,121	13 9
Miscellaneous receipts (postal)	10,618	15 6	Maintenance and repairs to telegraph-		
Ordinary and Press telegrams	87,772	2 8	lines, and miscellaneous	51,114	0 8
Telephone exchanges	19,252	4 3	Cable subsidies	308	6 8
Miscellaneous receipts (telegraph)	4,762	10 11	Cable repairs	3,269	19 7
				262,596	14 6
			Balance of revenue over expenditure	72,732	12 11
	£335,329	7 5		£335,329	7 5

The revenue increased £7,412 18s. 5d., or 2·26 per cent.

The expenditure was £11,834 16s. 6d., or 4·31 per cent. less than the previous year's. This is explained, mainly, by the fact that the expenditure for 1889-90 was swelled by the payment of a liability of £13,573 of the former year for conveyance of mails by sea.

The combined Post Office and Telegraph revenue was equal to 10/8·66 per head of the population; and the expenditure 8/4·75. In the United Kingdom the proportions were 6/4·67 and 4/7·66.

The revenue exceeded the expenditure by £72,732 12s. 11d., compared with £53,484 18s. the previous year.

The estimated value of the official correspondence was £67,473 17s. 1d., and that of Government telegrams, £26,070 12s. 7d.—a total of £93,544 9s. 8d. for services performed without payment for departments of the public service. This sum, added to the revenue of £335,329 7s. 5d., gives £428,873 17s. 1d. as the total value of Post Office and Telegraph work performed during the year. Deducting the expenditure of £262,596 14s. 6d., there is a balance of £166,277 2s. 7d. in favour of the department.

The estimated value of the official correspondence and Government telegrams was equal to 28 per cent. of the receipts.

21,501,937 letters were posted and 22,415,263 delivered—an increase of 475,100 and 1,140,867 respectively.

117,613 inland parcels were posted—an increase of 15,479.

1,961,161 telegrams, of all codes, were forwarded—an increase of 158,174.

176,427 money-orders, for £602,077 ls. 11d., were issued, and 151,286 orders, for £547,308 9s. 3d. paid.

184,599 postal-notes, representing £69,461 19s. 7d., were sold—an increase of 13,713 notes for £4,248 5s. 11d.

Thirty-six offices were established, 3 re-opened, and 18 closed. The total number of post and telegraph or telephone offices at the end of 1890 was 1,212.

A telephone exchange was established at Gore. The total number of exchanges at the end of the year was 15, connected with which there were 43 bureau offices. The number of telephone subscribers increased by 208. The total number of subscribers on the 31st March last was 2,592, and the subscriptions received for the year amounted to £19,252 4s. 3d.

There were 632 inland mail services in operation, at a cost to the department of £26,174 7s. 10d.

One hundred and eighty-six miles of telegraph line were erected, and at the close of the year there were 5,061 miles of line and 12,771 miles of wire.

The expenditure out of loan on telegraph extension was £16,291 14s.

The sum of £1,658,543 3s. 5d. was deposited in the Post Office Savings Banks during the calendar year; £1,500,437 9s. 5d. was withdrawn. The total sum at the credit of depositors on the 31st December last was £2,441,876 8s. 7d.

The letter rate to the United Kingdom was reduced to 2½d. per half-ounce, except *via* Brindisi and Naples, which was reduced from 1s. to 6d., and an exchange of twopenny post-cards established on the 1st January last.

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

Postal Districts.	Permanent Offices.				Country Post-offices.		Telephones only.			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.	Telegraph Offices.	Combined Post and Telegraph Offices	Combined Post, Tel., and Railway Offices.	Post-offices.	Post and Telephone Offices.	Telephone Offices only.	Telephone Exchanges.	Telephone Bureaux.	Town.	Country.	Town.	Country.		Town.	Country.		Town.	Country.
Auckland ..	1	2	24	18	149	77	5	1	12	40	..	24	10	45	16	4	3	13	12
Thames ..	..	..	9	..	19	8	..	..	..	..	1	8	5	9	2	1	..	3	3
Gisborne ..	..	..	1	..	11	9	..	..	..	3	..	5	..	1	1	..	..	3	..
Napier ..	1	1	9	9	26	15	1	1	..	13	..	22	8	20	3	1	1	6	4
New Plymouth ..	..	..	3	2	17	5	..	..	..	3	..	4	2	5	2	..	..	2	3
Wanganui ..	..	..	6	5	21	9	1	1	3	7	..	13	6	11	3	1	1	4	7
Wellington ..	1	3	11	9	56	19	1	1	4	51	..	42	15	24	11	4	2	29	11
Blenheim ..	..	1	6	..	16	3	1	1	..	4	..	38	1	7	2	1	..	3	2
Nelson ..	..	2	4	3	23	11	3	1	1	5	..	11	4	9	3	..	1	4	..
Westport ..	..	..	5	..	12	8	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	5	1	..	..	3	3
Greymouth ..	..	..	4	..	23	5	..	1	..	2	..	9	6	4	2	2	..	3	4
Hokitika ..	..	..	3	..	30	3	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	3	1	1	..	2	..
Christchurch ..	1	2	12	34	97	12	1	1	2	36	4	27	7	49	16	6	2	16	12
Timaru ..	..	..	5	11	28	..	..	1	..	4	..	8	3	16	2	3	1	3	2
Oamaru ..	..	..	1	9	6	7	..	1	..	3	..	8	..	10	2	..	1	3	1
Dunedin ..	1	1	21	15	69	45	..	2	14	38	..	30	9	38	15	4	2	14	10
Invercargill ..	..	..	9	12	64	17	2	3	7	9	..	9	6	21	2	1	2	4	6
Total on 31st Dec., 1890 ..	5	12	133	127	667	253	15	15	43	222	5	264	82	277	84	29	16	115	80

COMPARATIVE RETURN of OFFICERS of the POSTAL and TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT for the Years 1890 and 1889.

	1890.	1889.		1890.	1889.
Postmaster-General ..	1	1	Sorters in Clearing-room ..	14	11
Superintendent ..	1	1	Storekeeper and Assistants ..	5	3
Secretary ..	1	1	Chief Postmasters ..	16	16
Inspector of Post-offices ..	1	1	Postmasters and Officers in Charge on Permanent Staff ..	261	260
Assistant Inspector of Post-offices ..	1	1	Clerks and Cadets ..	227	203
Controller of Money-orders and Savings-banks and Accountant ..	1	1	Operators (including Cadets) ..	346	290
Telegraph Inspectors ..	3	3	Country Postmasters and Telephonists ..	935	912
Telegraph Sub-Inspectors ..	3	3	Letter-carriers ..	113	104
Electrician ..	1	1	Messengers (Post Office) ..	17	15
Mechanicians ..	3	3	Linemen ..	50	46
Clerks in General Post Office—			Telegraph Message Boys ..	195	205
Secretary's Branch ..	7	7	Nightwatchmen ..	2	2
Dead-letter Branch ..	4	4			
Money-order and Savings-bank Branch ..	17	16	Totals ..	2,225	2,110

The extent of New Zealand's outward telegraph cable business for 1890, compared with the business for 1889, is shown by the following statement :—

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	No. of Messages.	Value.	No. of Messages.	Value.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
International	4,422	23,099 8 6	...	...
Victoria	5,993	4,101 13 6	226	117 4 1
South Australia	757	580 12 11	...	...
New South Wales	7,850	5,050 10 2	818	1,342 19 4
Queensland	732	632 17 7	...	...
Tasmania	402	457 1 8	...	...
Western Australia	72	55 12 0	...	...
Total	20,228	33,977 16 4	1,044	1,460 3 5
Total for 1889	21,159	37,570 3 6	780	968 8 4

The Eastern Extension Telegraph Cable Company received £13,437 1s. 6d. for transmitting the messages from Wakapuaka to La Perouse.

4,257 international messages, of the value of £21,142 19s. 3d., were received. The inward cable business may be regarded as about the same volume as the outward.

The Cable Company decided in 1889 to duplicate their cable system between La Perouse and Wakapuaka, and the work of laying a second cable was completed in May, 1890. The cable was laid by the steamer "Scotia," which left La Perouse on the 26th April last year, and landed the shore end at Wakapuaka on the 6th May.

The growth of the department, together with the fact that outside duties are from time to time thrown on post-offices, make it incumbent that the Inspecting Staff be increased, and immediate consideration is to be given the matter. It will be readily understood that the effective administration of a department, such as the Post Office and Telegraph, is dependent to a great extent on a comprehensive system of inspection by qualified officers.

Reference was made in last Report to the probable early classification of the service ; and it is a matter for congratulation to be able to state that the work has been begun in a practical way. "The Post Office and Telegraph Classification and Regulation Act, 1890," became law on the 13th September, 1890. Regulations, and a list of officers as classified under the provisions of the Act, together with the rates of salary to be paid for the financial year 1891-92, were approved on the 22nd January last.

The regulations gave all officers dissatisfied with their positions under the classification the right of appeal ; and this has been exercised by a number of employés. Such of the appeals as may be deemed reasonable are to be referred for the consideration of a Board to be specially appointed for the purpose ; and, on the appeals being disposed of, further progress will be made with classification. It is hoped that the classification may materially improve the conditions and prospects of the employés generally.

Not without serious consideration has it been determined to introduce penny letter-postage throughout the colony. This question has engaged the attention of previous Governments, who, however, hesitated to discount the loss of revenue the reduction would involve. The adoption of a 2½d. letter-rate to the United Kingdom has made it more difficult to defend the continuance of the inland two-penny rate, assuming the colony to be in a position to afford to sacrifice temporarily a portion of its postage receipts. The Government is of opinion that this temporary loss may now be faced, and a Bill has accordingly been introduced into Parliament for reducing the inland letter-rate from 2d. to 1d., and establishing penny postage throughout New Zealand.

The loss the reduction may entail is to be gathered from the following—

STATEMENT showing the Estimated Loss of Revenue, on the Inland Letter-rate being reduced from 2d. to 1d. per Half-ounce.

Estimated Number of Inland Letters posted during 1890.	Estimated Loss, with an Increase of										
	Nil.	5%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%
13,661,934	£ 63,641	£ 60,459	£ 57,277	£ 50,913	£ 44,549	£ 38,185	£ 31,821	£ 25,456	£ 19,092	£ 12,728	£ 6,364

The Bill also provides for the reduction of the newspaper rate to the Australian Colonies from a penny to a half-penny ; for the issue of postal notes up to £5 ; and for extending the currency of postal notes from four to twelve months.

A Postal and Telegraph Conference was held at Sydney in February-March last, at which New Zealand was represented. For the first time each of the colonies were represented individually.

The principal business was the further consideration of the reduction of the tefegraph cable rates to Europe (brought forward originally at the Conference held at Adelaide, in May, 1890), and the entry of the Australasian Colonies into the Universal Postal Union. Many other important postal and telegraph matters were dealt with by the Conference, as may be seen from the printed papers already laid before Parliament.

On the question of the reduction of the cable rates, Queensland and New Zealand held aloof, by declining to agree to the proposals made to the Conference. The Eastern Extension Telegraph Company proposed to reduce the rates between Adelaide and London on private telegrams from 9s. 4d. to 4s. per word, Government messages from 4s. 8d. to 3s. 11d., and press from 2s. 3d. to 1s. 10d. per word; the company to take one-half the risk of any falling-off of revenue, and the colonies to guarantee the other half. The reduction was to apply in both directions, but as the Imperial Government declined to bear any portion of the loss, the colonies were practically asked to share not only the loss on their own outward messages, but also to bear half the loss on the messages from London—the amount which would be saved London merchants and other users of the cable system to Australasia. This was regarded as inequitable. This colony's loss under the proposals was estimated at £16,000 for the first year, a sum which the Government did not, under the circumstances, feel justified in incurring, holding as it did that the reduction should have been possible without the colonies being required to recoup the cable company any portion of the loss. The reduced rates, however, were accepted by the other colonies, and the amended charges came into force on the 1st of May last. Queensland and New Zealand do not, of course, participate in the reductions.

On the Postal Union question the Conference unanimously agreed that the colonies should accept the invitation to attend the Postal Congress at Vienna, in May, 1891, and that the representatives should advocate the admission of Australasia into the Postal Union, on the condition that the colonies received adequate representation, and that the maritime transit rates should not be lowered without the consent of the countries maintaining the sea-services.

The Congress assembled at Vienna on the 20th of May, and all the colonies, except New Zealand, were represented—our Agent-General, who was to represent the colony, was unavoidably prevented at the last moment from attending. Application was made for the admission of the colonies into the Union, which was agreed to—the colonies as a group to receive one vote, and the sea-transit rates not to be disturbed in the meantime. New Zealand subsequently accepted the conditions, and the 1st of October next has been fixed as the date on which the Australasian Colonies shall come under the Postal Union *régime*.

With the inclusion of Australasia, all the more important countries are now members of the Universal Postal Union. The colonies have long held aloof for fiscal reasons, but having adopted the universal 2½d. letter rate to the United Kingdom, there was no longer any good reason from financial considerations for remaining outside the Union. The advantages of the Union, more particularly in the public interest, are far-reaching and liberal, and this will be seen in a practical way on the regulations being applied to the interchange of postal matter with other Union countries.

POST OFFICE.

There was a large and general 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 1889, was as under:—

					1890.	1889.	Increase.
Letters—Delivered	..	..	..	..	22,415,263	21,274,396	
	Posted	..	..	..	21,501,937	21,026,837	
					43,917,200	42,301,233	1,615,967
Post-cards—Delivered	..	..	..	..	1,019,434	914,342	
	Posted	..	..	..	991,065	935,818	
					2,010,499	1,850,160	160,339
Books and sample-packets—Delivered	..	..	..	..	2,838,329	2,604,719	
	Posted	..	..	..	3,320,801	2,776,774	
					6,159,130	5,381,493	777,637
Newspapers—Delivered	..	..	..	..	9,221,212	8,448,635	
	Posted	..	..	..	8,691,522	8,272,381	
					17,912,734	16,721,016	1,191,718

The letters increased 3·82, post-cards 8·67, books and sample-packets 14·45, and newspapers 7·13 per cent.

The increase in 1889 was—Letters 4·71, post-cards 11·85, books and sample-packets 13·81, and newspapers 3·20 per cent.

The average number of letters posted per head of population was estimated to be 34·37; in 1889 the average was 34·25. For the same year the average in the United Kingdom was 43·5; in the United States, 29·13; Canada, 18·93; Victoria (including post-cards), 38·56; New South Wales, 40·33; Queensland, 29·40; Tasmania, 24·90; and Western Australia, 22·85.

The revenue for the financial year ended the 31st March last was £223,542 9s. 7d., compared with £221,662 11s. 2d. for 1889–90, an increase of £1,879 18s. 5d. only.

This exceptionally small increase in the revenue was due to a diminution in the postage receipts during the last quarter of the year, consequent upon the reduction of the letter-rate to

the United Kingdom from 6d. to 2½d. per half-ounce, and also to a decrease in the postages from the London Post Office in aid of the San Francisco and Direct mail-services under the altered arrangements for the twelve months' renewal from November-December last. The recoveries in respect of these services, instead of being treated as revenue, are now credited to the vote for conveyance of mails by sea.

The expenditure was £153,205 10s. 8d., compared with £172,998 for the former year, a decrease of £14,792 9s. 4d. The expenditure was therefore £65,336 18s. 11d. less than the revenue.

It should, however, be explained that the expenditure for 1889-90 was of an abnormal amount, caused by the payment in that year of a liability of £13,573 of the previous year for conveyance of mails by sea.

The estimated value of the free correspondence was £67,473 17s. 1d.

The revenue, as already stated, was £223,542 9s. 7d., and the estimated value of the free correspondence £67,473 17s. 1d., a total of £291,016 6s. 8d., which, after deducting the expenditure—£158,205 10s. 8d.—leaves a credit balance of £132,810 16s. on the Post Office transactions for the year. The credit balance in 1889-90 was £131,018 1s. 11d.

The fees collected for the registration of births, deaths, and marriages amounted to £1,365 4s. 6d.

The sum of £3,501 15s. was collected in respect of certificates issued in connection with the inspection of machinery.

Fees collected under the Live-stock Acts amounted to £11,095 8s.

The fees received for game licenses amounted to £1,272.

The property-tax paid through post-offices was £232,031 7s. 4d. 22,977 payments were received.

For other departments of the Government service the Post Office was used for paying 15,918 vouchers for miscellaneous expenditure. The amount paid was £36,256 2s. 1d.

The gratuities paid for the carriage of mails by unsubsidised vessels amounted to £6,556 14s. 7d.

3,800 private boxes were let, which, with the fees on 315 private bags, brought in £4,328 19s. 4d.

The letter-carrier's delivery at Greymouth was extended to Cobden. Second daily deliveries in Palmerston Street, Westport, and at Petone were established. The Nelson delivery was extended to the city boundary, in the direction of Waimea Road and Brook Street.

Eight receiving-boxes were established—1 at Cobden, 1 at Milton, 1 at Roslyn, 2 at Napier, 1 at Wanganui, and 2 at Dunedin.

The total number of pillar, wall, and lamp-post receivers at the close of the year was 306.

7,613,194 letters, 324,911 post-cards, 774,832 books and circulars, and 1,972,147 newspapers were delivered by letter-carriers.

Thirty-six post-offices were established, 3 reopened, and 18 closed during the year, as under :—

Opened.

Athenree, Thames.
Coal Island, Invercargill.
Cryer's Landing, Thames.
Grovetown (reopened), Blenheim.
Harben (reopened), Westport.
Hermitage, Timaru.
Inangahua Landing, Westport.
Kaimata, Greymouth.
Kanohi, Auckland.
Kapuni, Wanganui.
Kuaotunu, Auckland.
Mahi, Wanganui.
Mangahao, Wellington.

Mangaone, Wellington.
Mangatainoka, Wellington.
Mawheraiti, Greymouth.
Miller's Flat, Dunedin.
Ngawha, Auckland.
Oaonui, New Plymouth.
Ohinewai, Auckland.
Orari Swamp, Timaru.
Otaio (reopened), Timaru.
Pemberton, Wellington.
Pleckville, Wellington.
Puhipuhi, Auckland.
Punakitere, Auckland.

Ratanui, Dunedin.
Red Hill, Auckland.
Spring Hills, Invercargill.
Tariki Road, New Plymouth.
Tawhai, Greymouth.
Te Anau, Invercargill.
Te Matuku, Auckland.
Tokomaru, Wellington.
Victoria, Napier.
Waiiongona, New Plymouth.
Waipatiki, Napier.
Western Springs, Auckland.
Winchmore, Christchurch.

Closed.

Big Dam, Hokitika.
Big Omaha, Auckland.
Blue Cliffs, Timaru.
Bulmer, Timaru.
Cobden, Greymouth.
Dalefield, Wellington.

Gorge, Wellington.
Inangahua Landing, Westport.
Kennedy's Bay, Auckland.
Mangatera, Napier.
Matawhero, Gisborne.
Okehu, Wanganui.

Otaio, Timaru.
Owen Reefs, Nelson.
Point Curtis, Auckland.
Porouaterao, Auckland.
Quartzville, Thames.
Rotoiti, Thames.

The total number of post-offices open at the close of the year was 1,185.

The number of post-offices in the colony compared with its population was in the proportion of 1 post-office to every 528 of the inhabitants. The proportion in the United Kingdom for 1889 was 1 to 2,071; in the United States, 1 to 1,001; in Canada, 1 to 628; in Victoria, 1 to 695; in New South Wales, 1 to 899; and in Queensland, 1 to 1,070.

The designations of the post-offices formerly known as Arawata, Okoroire, Wairaki, Lucas Creek, and Tokomaru have been changed to Jackson's Bay, Oxford North, Eastern Bush, Albury, and Tokomaru Bay respectively.

Government Insurance agencies were opened at the post-offices at Cullensville, Denniston, Pembroke, Hunterville, and Pigeon Bay—a total of 215 post-offices at which Government Insurance business was transacted.

Twenty newspapers were registered for transmission by post, and 3 newspapers ceased to publish during the year. The total number of registered newspapers at the close of the year was 222.

Thirty-five magazines and trade catalogues were also registered for transmission by post. The total number on the register at the end of the year was 372.

The reduction of the letter-rate to the United Kingdom from 6d. to 2½d. per half-ounce came into force on the 1st January last. There has not been sufficient time to ascertain the general effect of the reduction, either on the postage receipts or on the increase of letters; but of the number of letters despatched to the United Kingdom for the five months ended the 31st May last the

increase was at the rate of 15·98 per cent. per annum. It had been estimated that the reduction would involve a loss to the department of £10,374 for the first year, assuming the letters increased 10 per cent. Of the number of letters received from the United Kingdom during the four months ended April there was an increase at the rate of 9·68 per cent. per annum.

The special letter rate *via* Brindisi and Naples was reduced to 6d. per half-ounce, and this will be further reduced to the universal postal union rate of 2½d. on the 1st October next.

Concurrently with the reduction of the letter postage an exchange of twopenny post-cards with the United Kingdom was established. A special post-card has not as yet been issued in the colony; the Inland-Australian card, having a penny stamp affixed, is accepted in the meantime.

To provide for the altered rate of postage to the United Kingdom stamps of the denominations of 2½d. and 5d. were issued. The following is a description of the stamps:—

Twopence halfpenny.—Queen's head in profile, enclosed in an oval, on line groundwork, encircled by the words "Postage and Revenue." At the base the words "New Zealand," and immediately below, the words "Twopence halfpenny," with the figures and letter "2½d.," in white letters, dividing them. On each of the upper corners of the stamp a representation of an ocean-steamer. Printed in light blue.

Fivepence.—Queen's head in profile, in relief, enclosed in a tablet, the figure and letter "5d." printed in side tablets on white ground; and on a ribbon design the words "New Zealand Postage and Revenue." The border of the stamp of filigree pattern. Printed in silver-grey.

The 2½d. stamp was issued on the 27th December last, and the 5d. one on the 1st February.

The 2½d. stamp is from a design by Mr. Cousins, of Wellington, and the 5d. stamp from a design by Mr. A. W. Jones, of Christchurch. Both stamps were engraved by Mr. Cousins, and the electrotypes were manufactured in the Government Printing Office.

A series of special stamps for prepaying the correspondence of the Government Life Insurance Department have been permitted to be brought into use in lieu of the ordinary postage- and revenue-stamps. The stamps are six in number, of the respective denominations of ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 6d., and 1s. They are all of the same design—a lighthouse in the centre on lined groundwork, and on the rays of light from the lantern the words "State security." The letters "V.R." flank the tower. Above the lighthouse are the words "Government Life Insurance," flanked by the initials "N.Z.," and below, the word "Department." "Postage" and the value in words appear on the sides of the stamp, and the value in figures in the lower corners. The colours are—½d., mauve; 1d., dark blue; 2d., Indian red; 3d., brown; 6d., light-green; and 1s., carmine.

The prepayment of insurance correspondence by special stamps is the outcome of a difference of opinion between the Insurance Department and the Post Office as to the annual postage, calculated on periodical countings, to be paid the Post Office. The matter in dispute was referred to an arbitrator, but the Insurance Department declined to recognise the award, and decided to prepay its correspondence by stamps. The acceptance of alien stamps by the Post Office is unique. It was urged that stamps of a distinctive character would be less likely to be fraudulently used, while they would also afford a means for advertising the Insurance Department.

PARCEL-POST.

The increase of business was not equal to that of the previous year. The increase, however, gives promise of a continued and satisfactory expansion of the parcel-post system.

The minimum rate on inland parcels has been reduced from 7d. to 6d., with a corresponding reduction in each successive rate. The rate for a parcel of the maximum weight of eleven pounds is now 3s., in the place of 3s. 1d.

The following table shows the number and weight of parcels posted and the number delivered during the years 1888, 1889, and 1890:—

Postal Districts.	1888.			1889.			1890.		
	Posted.		Delivered.	Posted.		Delivered.	Posted.		Delivered.
	Number.	Weight.		Number.	Weight.		Number.	Weight.	
		lb. oz.			lb. oz.			lb. oz.	
Auckland ..	15,267	39,276 0	8,343	19,468	53,351 11	13,186	21,882	57,912 10	17,100
Thames ..	886	2,091 11	1,776	1,199	3,053 1½	2,651	1,491	3,661 8	3,147
New Plymouth ..	722	1,744 0	1,644	878	2,341 14	2,131	1,007	2,674 3	2,748
Gisborne ..	694	1,731 11	1,508	770	1,969 0	1,991	938	2,570 6	2,367
Napier ..	3,810	9,787 6	5,060	5,354	13,802 2	6,747	6,265	17,075 14	7,659
Wanganui ..	2,794	6,044 0	5,229	3,344	7,862 8	7,111	4,035	9,568 8	9,195
Wellington ..	16,591	42,627 8	10,500	20,856	55,910 9	14,088	25,893	74,544 2	17,110
Nelson ..	3,058	8,405 14	2,286	3,767	11,013 13½	3,295	4,723	13,370 7	3,723
Westport ..	674	1,497 2	1,474	868	1,859 14	2,091	1,077	2,332 4	2,701
Greymouth ..	1,496	3,840 13	2,699	1,630	4,024 11½	3,449	2,509	6,243 13	4,244
Hokitika ..	922	2,517 12	1,698	1,182	3,394 5	2,007	1,413	3,924 5	2,173
Blenheim ..	1,165	2,603 10	2,711	1,785	4,008 15	3,903	1,846	4,357 11	4,574
Christchurch ..	10,893	29,534 3	5,692	17,370	48,403 14	8,524	19,333	58,708 4	10,422
Timaru ..	1,267	2,740 8	2,049	1,760	3,807 1	2,899	2,013	4,774 8	2,742
Oamaru ..	650	1,417 7	1,434	854	1,873 14	2,100	859	2,123 3	1,701
Dunedin ..	16,594	44,115 4½	9,709	20,363	57,366 11	11,439	22,500	65,329 13	13,271
Invercargill ..	2,295	4,748 0	2,911	3,138	7,722 12½	3,932	3,458	7,477 5	3,888
Totals ..	79,778	204,722 13½	66,723	104,586	281,766 13	91,544	121,292	336,643 12	108,765

The table includes inland, United Kingdom, and Australian parcels.

The number of inland parcels posted and delivered was—posted, 117,613; delivered, 93,730.

The increase in the number of inland parcels posted over the number posted in 1889 was 15,479, or 15·16 per cent. The postage collected amounted to £6,822 9s. 7d., compared with £5,143 11s. 5d., the postage collected in 1889.

The following table shows the number of parcels exchanged with the United Kingdom and the Australian Colonies during 1890 :—

Country.	Number of Parcels.	
	Received.	Despatched.
United Kingdom and Foreign Offices, <i>via</i> London ...	13,491	2,693
Victoria ...	1,426	751
South Australia ...	71	88
Tasmania ...	45	128
Western Australia ...	2	19
Totals ...	15,035	3,679

The declared value of the parcels received from places outside the colony was £13,834. The Customs duty collected amounted to £2,375 19s. 3d. In 1889 the declared value was £11,766, and the duty collected £1,701 6s. 4d.

The declared value of the parcels despatched to places beyond the colony was £3,831.

The foreign parcel-post, through the intermediary of the London Post Office, was extended to the Argentine Republic, Bermuda, Seychelles, Mexico, Fiji, Siam, Morocco, Greece, Heligoland, Madagascar, and Natal.

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 ..	24,637 15	16,300 10	7,408 0 3	Hokitika ..	1,671 0	400 0	458 18 8
Thames ..	2,543 12	2,241 11	755 3 7	Blenheim ..	2,735 4	6,695 0	958 19 7
New Plymouth ..	3,596 10	1,100 0	996 1 7	Christchurch ..	10,245 6	15,243 4	3,240 4 2
Gisborne ..	1,694 1	3,760 0	577 1 8	Timaru ..	5,834 0	3,923 0	1,690 10 0
Napier ..	3,787 14	6,075 14	1,212 12 7	Oamaru ..	2,121 7	2,187 0	638 12 4
Wanganui ..	6,553 2	6,465 15	1,973 14 5	Dunedin ..	8,107 11	12,919 2	2,594 3 9
Wellington ..	110,453 2	212,354 8	42,176 3 10	Invercargill ..	3,065 10	2,111 10	896 17 8
Nelson ..	2,919 12	1,161 0	821 1 0				
Westport ..	1,406 0	915 0	405 8 8	Totals ..	193,023 8½	300,751 5½	67,473 17 1
Greymouth ..	1,650 14½	6,897 11½	670 3 4				

The estimated weight was over 220 tons. The estimated value of the free correspondence for 1889 was £82,353 10s. 9d. There was, therefore, a decrease of £14,879 13s. 8d. in value.

REGISTERED LETTERS.

The number of registered letters dealt with, compared with the numbers in 1885, 1888, and 1889, is shown below :—

Postal Districts.	1885.			1888.			1889.			1890.		
	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 ..	5,890	22,124	28,014	7,485	25,205	32,690	7,574	26,108	33,682	7,119	34,398	41,517
Thames ..	205	2,879	3,084	169	2,729	2,898	152	3,889	3,541	180	4,781	4,911
New Plymouth ..	675	2,876	3,551	331	2,544	2,875	298	3,845	3,643	341	3,372	3,713
Gisborne ..	108	922	1,030	106	1,513	1,619	86	1,577	1,663	118	2,120	2,238
Napier ..	892	5,453	6,345	1,008	6,690	7,698	1,014	7,782	8,796	999	10,911	11,910
Wanganui ..	283	4,500	4,783	207	3,988	4,195	243	4,240	4,483	211	6,060	6,271
Wellington ..	4,757	19,218	23,975	5,138	23,036	28,174	5,911	25,817	31,728	6,129	30,369	36,498
Nelson ..	559	2,432	2,991	367	2,592	2,959	347	3,123	3,470	322	3,430	3,752
Westport ..	45	1,438	1,483	73	2,492	2,565	93	2,517	2,610	112	3,254	3,366
Greymouth ..	125	2,835	2,960	157	6,258	6,415	110	9,650	9,760	102	8,879	8,981
Hokitika ..	173	1,907	2,080	190	2,331	2,521	149	2,490	2,639	95	2,579	2,674
Blenheim ..	181	1,413	1,594	159	1,808	1,967	101	2,422	2,523	92	3,193	3,285
Christchurch ..	3,717	13,678	17,395	4,161	16,250	20,411	3,871	17,655	21,526	3,659	20,404	24,063
Timaru ..	440	3,153	3,593	451	2,757	3,208	373	2,547	2,920	312	3,551	3,863
Oamaru ..	316	1,947	2,263	353	2,230	2,583	280	2,076	2,356	278	2,505	2,783
Dunedin ..	5,645	12,737	18,382	4,498	13,679	18,177	4,480	14,576	19,056	4,615	19,696	24,311
Invercargill ..	1,614	6,661	8,275	1,445	7,215	9,360	1,344	8,874	10,218	1,740	9,819	11,559
Totals ..	25,625	106,173	131,798	26,298	124,017	150,315	26,426	138,188	164,614	26,374	169,321	195,695

The total increase for the year was 31,081 articles, or 18·88 per cent., entirely of letters registered in the colony. Indeed, the number of letters received from beyond the colony decreased by 52.

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.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.
Opened and returned to the writers	53,507	69,452	68,942	66,592	66,729	62,847	55,118	62,654	60,540
Returned unopened to other countries	8,539	8,143	9,134	8,115	8,359	7,287	6,892	6,220	7,779
Reissued	54	67	107	185	251	96	88	92	141
Destroyed	6,189	3,302	3,986	2,872	6,600	5,974	5,246	4,340	2,660
Returned unopened by Chief Postmasters	14,878	15,833	17,593	19,187	21,144	20,185	19,963	21,164	21,931
Totals	82,667	96,797	99,762	96,951	103,083	96,389	87,307	94,470	93,051

The unclaimed letters dealt with show a decrease of 1·5 per cent. compared with the number disposed of in the previous year.

The percentage of dead or unclaimed letters to the total number of letters posted in the colony was 0·43 per cent. For 1889, the proportion in the United Kingdom was 0·38 per cent.; United States, 0·48; Canada, 0·67; Victoria, 1·08; New South Wales, 1·05; Queensland, 1·07; and Tasmania, 0·59. With the exception of the United Kingdom, New Zealand's proportion was the lowest.

The number of missing letter inquiries to the total number of letters posted was in the proportion of four to every thousand. In the United States the proportion was three, and in Queensland six, to every thousand letters. No other returns available.

45,597 book-packets and circulars were returned to foreign countries, 8,460 were returned to the senders through the Dead Letter Office, 44 were re-issued, and 10,843 were returned by Chief Postmasters; a total of 64,903 book-packets and circulars, against 51,943 in 1889. 4,236 newspapers were returned to the publishers as unclaimed.

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.
194 Post Office orders	518	5	3
114 postal notes	55	5	4
37 bank drafts	2,992	0	9
137 cheques	1,470	17	0
2 dividend warrants	16	13	7
13 promissory notes	410	6	3
Stamps	26	16	11
Bank-notes	126	0	0
Gold	6	0	0
Silver and copper	3	14	7
Representing a total of	£5,625	19	8

In addition, 1 gold and 1 silver watch, 1 white-metal watch-chain, 1 hair watch-chain (gold-mounted), 3 gold rings, 1 silver ring, 2 silver brooches, 2 pairs of gold earrings, and 1 silver pencil-case were received.

1,100 unclaimed registered letters were dealt with.

954 newspapers and 350 books and other articles without addresses were received, a considerable number of which were subsequently applied for and delivered.

155 letters were posted without addresses.

19 letters with libellous addresses were intercepted.

208 letters were imperfectly or wrongly addressed.

4,301 letters were refused by the addressees.

16 letters were posted with previously-used stamps.

BUILDINGS.

The new office at Longford, built on a site fronting the main road, has been completed. Minor offices have been erected at Fern Flat and Whakatane. A small building was purchased at Te Puke and made suitable for office purposes.

The Cable Company's station at Wakapuaka has been added to and altered.

The following are some of the principal alterations, additions, or repairs effected during the year: General Post Office, drainage overhauled and iron shutters fixed on strong-room windows fronting Customhouse Quay; Reefton, new foundation-piles, &c.; Napier and Spit, repairs; Pembroke, erection of porch; Dunedin, telegraph office renovated; Albany Street, repairs and sanitary arrangements improved; Palmerston South, drainage provided; Thames, mail-room

renovated; Greymouth, repairs and painting; Picton, repairs and painting; Geraldine, repairs and painting; Sheffield, repairs; Helensville, roof re-covered with iron and additions to residence; Mercer, lineman's house re-roofed; Manukau Heads, repairs; Cromwell, repairs; Auckland Post Office, plaster in mail-room and drains repaired; Te Nui, repairs; Wangaroa and Mohaka, additions to residences; Havelock, fencing around residence; Wakapuaka and The Port, repairs; Blenheim, repairs and an outhouse erected; Russell, office re-roofed; Arrowtown, repairs; Palmerston North, drainage provided; Patea, extra living-room; Feilding, residence re-roofed; Carterton, additional room; Manaia, additions to residence; Timaru, repairs; Auckland Telegraph Office, refitted, altered, and office accommodation improved; Fielding, Naseby, and Pahiatua, private boxes fitted up.

A separate office is to be built at Invercargill, the business having outgrown the present accommodation.

Additional Post Office accommodation is to be provided at Dunedin and Christchurch to meet growing requirements.

INLAND MAIL-SERVICES.

The following are the particulars of the several inland mail-services in operation during the year:—

Performed by coach and mail-cart	194
Performed on horseback	276
Performed on foot	55
Performed by water	38
Performed by railway	69

Total number of services	632
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Aggregate mileage	10,820
Total number of miles travelled	3,878,820
Cost to the department	£26,174 7s. 10d.
Average cost per mile	1-62d.
The total cost in 1889 was	£26,008 0s. 8d.
And the cost per mile	1-62d.

Railway mail services are performed free of cost to the Post Office. The only payment made the Railway Department for mails is for special mail trains.

The following services were established during the year:—

- Weekly between Point Curtis and Pukekarare.
- Weekly between Whitianga and Kuaotunu.
- Twice weekly between Mokau and Awakino.
- Weekly between Danevirke and Weber.
- Daily between Springburn and Alford Forest.
- Twice weekly between Greymouth and Kaimata.
- Weekly between Opuawhanga and Puhipuhi.
- Twice weekly between Pahiatua and Mangahao.

The frequency of the following services was increased:—

- Twice, instead of once weekly, between Arrowtown and Cardrona.
- Four, instead of three mails weekly, between Wanganui and Hunterville.
- Daily, instead of twice weekly, between Wellington and Paraparaumu.
- Daily, instead of thrice weekly, between Westport and Berlin's.
- Thrice, instead of twice weekly, between Nelson and Longford.

The frequency of the service between Hokitika and Humphrey's Gully reduced from thrice to twice weekly.

The service between Owen Reefs and Owen Junction abolished.

The coach service between Methven and Alford Forest was withdrawn on the railway being extended to Alford Forest, and the mails conveyed by railway.

The result of the tendering for the inland mail services for the two years from the 1st January, 1891, to the 31st December, 1892, has been to enable the department to extend several of the existing services, and to increase the frequency of others, besides establishing services to new settlements, at a minimum additional cost.

MONEY ORDERS.

There were eight money-order offices established during the year, namely, Heriot, Kaukapaka, Mawheraiti, Nenthorn, Otorohanga, Pigeon Bay, Tairua, and Waipori. Four offices were closed.

The total number of money-order offices open at the end of the year was 313.

176,427 money-orders, for £602,077 1s. 11d. were issued, compared with 172,076 orders, for £589,545 14s. 9d. issued in 1889, an increase of 4,351 orders, representing £12,531 7s. 2d.

Money-orders to the number of 151,286, for £547,308 9s. 3d. were paid, compared with 150,500, for £540,890 17s., paid in 1889; an increase of 786 orders, for £6,417 12s. 3d.

The number of money-orders issued on the Australian Colonies, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, and Canada, and also on foreign countries through the medium of the London Post Office, was 45,786, for £129,109 17s. 4d. 21,106 money-orders, for £75,865 17s. 11d. from places beyond New Zealand, were paid in the colony.

The balance against the colony on foreign money-order account was therefore £53,243 19s. 5d. In 1889, the balance against the colony was £47,786 8s. 1d.

18,468 telegraph money-orders, for £60,869 9s. 3d., were issued, compared with 16,784 orders, for £56,527 17s. 11d., issued in 1889.

The money-order commission received for the year amounted to £8,823 10s., against £8,696 13s. 5d. for 1889.

POSTAL NOTES.

184,599 postal-notes, of the value of £69,461 19s. 7d., were sold during the year, compared with 170,886 notes, for £65,213 13s. 8d., sold in 1889—an increase of 13,713 notes, of the value of £4,248 5s. 11d.

184,041 postal-notes, for £67,977 4s., were paid.

The commission derived from the sale of postal-notes amounted to £1,327 0s. 7d.—an increase of £87 4s. 5d. over the commission for 1889.

SAVINGS-BANKS.

Eight savings-bank offices were established and five closed.

The number of post-offices open for the transaction of savings-bank business at the end of the year was 298.

23,719 new accounts were opened, compared with 21,778 opened in 1889—an increase of 1,941.

17,256 accounts were closed, as against 15,521 closed during 1889—an increase of 1,735.

The total number of post-office savings-bank accounts open on the 31st December, 1890, with classified balances, and the number open at the end of 1889, are given in the table below:—

Postal District.	Not exceeding £20.	Exceeding £20 and up to £50.	Exceeding £50 and up to £100.	Exceeding £100 and up to £200.	Exceeding £200 and up to £300.	Exceeding £300 and up to £400.	Exceeding £400 and up to £500.	Exceeding £500.	Total.
Auckland	8,367	1,234	775	658	220	65	34	36	11,409
Blenheim	1,728	236	139	102	38	12	3	2	2,260
Christchurch	14,754	2,524	1,456	962	287	101	38	33	20,155
Dunedin	11,768	1,826	1,042	783	270	73	32	20	15,814
Gisborne	668	114	58	46	10	3	..	1	900
Greymouth	1,578	244	163	118	36	6	5	1	2,151
Hokitika	703	110	80	59	13	5	1	..	971
Invercargill	2,757	462	287	215	55	12	4	6	3,798
Napier	3,194	526	321	229	54	15	10	4	4,353
Nelson	2,432	309	219	143	45	13	9	1	3,171
New Plymouth	1,578	275	148	81	35	11	9	2	2,139
Oamaru	1,271	228	162	108	28	12	7	..	1,816
Thames	2,211	306	160	149	46	7	6	7	2,892
Timaru	2,250	346	232	152	42	14	6	6	3,048
Wanganui	3,153	442	235	158	56	16	10	17	4,087
Wellington	11,723	2,826	1,282	723	247	86	40	23	16,950
Westport	862	152	80	64	20	10	4	3	1,195
Totals, 1890	71,017	12,160	6,839	4,750	1,502	461	218	162	97,109
Totals, 1889	67,243	10,880	6,084	4,462	1,319	403	219	135	90,745

The number of accounts with balances not exceeding £20 increased by 3,774; with balances not exceeding £200 increased by 6,097; and with balances over £200, by 267.

There were 97,109 open accounts at the end of the year. The proportion of accounts to the population was as 1 is to every 6.44. The proportion in 1889 was 1 to 6.84.

162,938 deposits for £1,658,543 3s. 5d. were made during the year—an increase of 9,018 for £143,261 12s. 2d. on the deposits of 1889.

The average amount of each deposit was £10 3s. 7d., compared with £9 16s. 10d. in 1889.

There were 106,868 withdrawals for £1,500,437 9s. 5d., or 7,683 withdrawals for £43,356 4s. 5d. more than in 1889.

The average amount of each withdrawal was £14 0s. 9d., compared with £14 13s. 9d. in 1889.

The amount of deposits for the year exceeded the amount of withdrawals by £158,105 14s. In 1889 the excess of deposits was £58,200 6s. 3d.

The interest credited depositors during the year was £92,319 0s. 6d., compared with £84,809 17s. 1d. in 1889.

The total interest paid and credited depositors since the Post Office Savings Bank system was established in 1867 was £939,715 0s. 8d.

The total sum at the credit of depositors on the 31st December last was £2,441,876 8s. 7d., against £2,191,451 14s. 1d. at the close of 1889—an increase of £250,424 14s. 5d.

The total amount of deposits in the Post Office Savings Banks at the end of the year was equal to £3 17s. 11d. per head of the population. For 1889 the proportion in the United Kingdom was £1 13s. 2d.; in Canada, 18s. 4d.; in New South Wales, £1 10s. 6d.; in Victoria, £1 11s. 5d.; and in Tasmania, 7s. 8d.

The average cost of each savings-bank transaction, deposit or withdrawal, for the year was 4½d. and for the period of the existence of the Post Office Savings Banks, 5d.

The number of accounts opened during 1890 by means of stamps affixed to cards, the total number of such accounts open, and the amount at credit, on the 31st December last, may be gathered from the following table:—

Postal District.	No. of Accounts opened during 1890.	No. of Accounts open on 31st December, 1890.	Amount at Credit of Accounts open on 31st December, 1890.
			£ s. d.
Auckland ...	35	116	95 15 5
Blenheim ...	3	102	89 0 3
Christchurch ...	16	581	725 15 8
Dunedin ...	14	374	107 13 1
Gisborne ...	...	10	1 10 6
Greymouth ...	...	9	8 18 5
Hokitika ...	...	2	0 9 0
Invercargill ...	13	26	24 18 5
Napier ...	2	73	46 7 10
Nelson ...	5	350	739 17 8
New Plymouth...	...	96	24 8 0
Oamaru ...	2	78	197 18 1
Thames ...	9	128	104 11 9
Timaru ...	15	130	162 0 3
Wanganui ...	3	42	62 17 10
Wellington ...	5	197	72 8 4
Westport ...	2	14	9 0 4
Totals, 1890 ...	124	2,328	£2,473 10 10
Totals, 1889 ...	92	2,490	£2,347 10 10

A decrease of 162 in the number of accounts, but an increase of £126 in amount.

The following is the balance-sheet of the Post Office Savings Bank Account for the year ended 31st December, 1890:—

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Balance to credit of depositors, 1st Jan., 1890	2,191,451	14	1	Withdrawals	1,500,437	9	5
Deposits	1,658,543	8	5	Balance at credit of depositors, 31st December, 1890	2,441,876	8	7
Interest allowed to depositors ..	92,319	0	6				
	£3,942,313	18	0		£3,942,313	18	0

Dr.	Liabilities and Assets.						Cr.
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance to credit of depositors, 31st				Securities. (Vide Table No. 6)	2,337,182	7	8
December, 1890	2,441,876	8	7	Balance, Post Office Account, on 31st			
				December, 1890	104,694	0	11
	£2,441,876	8	7		£2,441,876	8	7

Dr.	Profit and Loss.				Cr.		
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance forward, 1st January, 1890 ..	17,241	16	6	Interest credited to depositors, 1890 ..	92,319	0	6
Interest on investments £124,456 17 6				Paid Public Account, expenses of manage-			
Less accrued interest to				ment	5,000	0	0
31st December, 1889 ..	18,294	8	9	Savings Bank profits carried to revenue ..	8,000	0	0
				Balance to next account	18,085	4	9
	106,162	8	9				
	£123,404	5	3		£123,404	5	3

MAIL STEAM SERVICES.

The San Francisco and Direct mail-service contracts, which expired in November-December last, have been renewed in terms of the following resolutions agreed to by the House of Representatives on the 13th September last:—

“That, as the Imperial Government has agreed, in the event of the colony renewing the four-weekly contract services by way of San Francisco and by Direct steamer, (1) to defray the cost of conveying the outward mails to San Francisco, to allow the colony 12s. per pound on the letter portion of the said mails for carriage from San Francisco to New Zealand, and also defray the cost of the sea-transport of the Homeward mails from New York to London,—the colony to provide for their transit from San Francisco to New York; and (2) to credit the colony with 12s. per pound on the letters, and half the book- and newspaper-postage on the outward mails forwarded by Direct contract steamers from Plymouth, this House empowers the Government—

“(a.) To arrange with the present contractors for a twelve months’ renewal of the San Francisco service on the following conditions: That the basis of payment shall be a rate of 12s. per pound on the net weight of the letters conveyed (excluding those from America); that all receipts received by New Zealand from the Imperial Post Office and non-contracting colonies for carriage of mails shall be paid over to the contractors—the colony’s direct liability, however, is restricted to payment for its outward mails (which on those of 1889 would, it is estimated, have amounted to £5,725); that the contract route shall be San Francisco to Auckland or Wellington, at the option of the contractors, and Auckland or Wellington to San Francisco, but the steamers may proceed to Sydney. The time between San Francisco and Auckland or Wellington shall not exceed 20 days either way. No bonus to be paid for early arrival, and penalties at the rate of £4 an hour to be enforced only when late delivery at either Auckland or Wellington or San Francisco exceeds forty-eight hours. That the steamers shall be liable for light, harbour, and other dues. In all other respects

the provisions of the existing contract, where not repugnant to these conditions, to apply. That the Government be also authorised to defray one-half the cost of the transit of the Homeward mails from San Francisco to New York, the other half to be borne by the contractors or the American Government. (The Homeward mails sent across America in 1889 would, it is estimated, have cost for overland transit £3,844.)

“(b.) To arrange for a renewal of the four-weekly Direct service for twelve months on the basis of a payment of 12s. per pound on letters, 9d. per pound on books, and 3d. per pound on newspapers. That all receipts received by New Zealand from the Imperial Post Office, and from other countries, be paid over to the contractors; but the colony's direct liability be restricted to payment for its outward mails. (On the mails forwarded by the Direct contract steamers in 1889, this would have amounted to £2,441.) The time to be 45 days from Plymouth to New Zealand, and 40 days from New Zealand to Plymouth. No bonus to be paid for early delivery of mails, and penalties, at the rate of £4 an hour, not to be enforced except when late arrival exceeds forty-eight hours on either voyage. The steamers shall be liable for payment of light, harbour, and other dues. The other provisions of the existing contracts to be adopted where they are not at variance with these conditions.

“Should the Government be unable to make an arrangement for the continuance of the San Francisco service on the terms above stated, then the alternate fortnightly mails should be sent by the Direct steamers, either for the payment of 12s. per pound for letters, or for the usual ship-letter gratuity.”

The printed papers which have been laid before Parliament disclose the negotiations in connection with the renewal of the services, and bring the history of the mail-service question down to date.

There has been an acceleration in the delivery of mails between the colony and London by the San Francisco service. The New Zealand mails are now conveyed between New York and Queens-town by steamers of the “Majestic” and “Umbria” type, whereby a saving of two days outward and three days homeward has been made possible. To meet this it was necessary to change the sailing-day from San Francisco from Saturday to Thursday, and also to put back the despatch from this end five days to assure the homeward mails reaching New York in time to connect with the fast contract steamer sailing on the Thursday for Queenstown.

The change was made in February last, and since then London mails have reached Auckland three times in 33 days and three times in 34 days, while the homeward mails have been delivered in London from Auckland twice in 32 days and twice in 33 days, in the place of 35 days and 36 days respectively allowed under the previous time-table.

This alteration made a corresponding change in the running of the Direct service desirable; but this was impracticable without completely disorganizing the business of the Direct steamers. The contractors, however, agreed to put back the sailing date from the colony two days—from Thursday to Saturday—and this was eventually accepted. The direct homeward despatch is now only a week later than that *via* San Francisco, in the place of 10 days, as formerly. The changes, however, have enabled all the principal centres in the colony to reply by the Direct contract steamer to letters received by the San Francisco mail the week previous, which was not hitherto possible; while the people of Auckland secure the additional advantage of having two days to answer their London San Francisco letters by the return mail *via* San Francisco.

Now that the delivery by the San Francisco service has been further shortened the difficulty in arranging a time-table providing for regular intervals between the despatch and arrival of mails by both lines—the delivery by one service taking only 32 and 33 days, and by the other 42 and 45 days—will be increased. Although there is only a week between the departure of the homeward mails by the San Francisco and Direct services, and then an interval of three weeks before the following despatch by San Francisco, the mails reach London at intervals of 11 days and 17 days. The incoming mails by way of San Francisco and by Direct contract steamer are despatched from London at regular fortnightly intervals, yet the San Francisco mails not infrequently reach the colony within two or three days of the mails despatched a fortnight earlier by the Direct steamers; and it has happened that the mails by both services have been delivered in Auckland on the same day.

It will again be necessary to make provision for the continuance of the ocean mail-services, as the present contracts terminate in November-December next. The policy of renewing from year to year only is unsatisfactory alike to the department and contractors; and there is reason to believe that the uncertain conditions under which the San Francisco service has been maintained for the past three years prevented a better class of steamers being placed on the line. Any future renewal should be for a fixed term of years, which would no doubt ultimately result in further improvements in the San Francisco service.

There is a possibility of the San Francisco service being made fortnightly. The Postmaster-General of the United States is about calling for tenders for a fast fortnightly service between San Francisco, Honolulu, New Zealand, and Australia for a period of ten years, and has asked this department whether it would be willing to co-operate in securing quicker communication. The following letter was received by the last mail from the Postmaster-General, Washington, on the matter:—

“SIR,— “Office of the Postmaster-General, Washington, 14th July, 1891.

“I have the honour to inform you that, under a recent Act of Congress to provide ocean mail-service between the United States and foreign ports, limiting compensation to outward voyages, I am endeavouring to arrange for fast fortnightly service on ten-years' contracts between San Francisco and Australia, *via* New Zealand, calling alternately at Wellington and Auckland.

“I respectfully transmit this information that you may co-operate, if you see proper, in securing quicker communication and regulating return voyages in the interest of your country.

“I have, &c.,

“JOHN WANAMAKER, Postmaster-General.

“The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington, New Zealand.”

Among other things, the Ocean Postage Subsidy Act, under which the tenders are to be invited, provides for four classes of steamships: First class, iron or steel, 8,000 tons and upwards, 20 knots, \$4 per mile; second class, iron or steel, 5,000 tons and upwards, 16 knots, \$2 per mile; third class, iron or steel, 2,500 tons and upwards, 14 knots, \$1 per mile; fourth class, iron, steel, or wood, 1,500 tons and upwards, 12 knots, 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ cents per mile for each outward voyage.

It is understood that tenders will be invited for the following alternative services, which, it will be seen, provide for the steamers calling at both Auckland and Wellington and Sydney and Melbourne:—

From San Francisco to Sydney, by way of Honolulu and Auckland, touching at Melbourne and Wellington, at option of contractor, on the return voyage—once in two weeks, 26 trips per year, in vessels of second class; time, 20 days. Also, same route, same number of trips, in vessels of third class, for the first three years, in 22 days; and of the second class, for remaining seven years of term, in 20 days. Or from San Francisco to Melbourne, by way of Honolulu and Wellington, touching at Sydney and Auckland on the return voyage, at option of the contractor—once in two weeks, 26 trips per year, in vessels of second class; time, 21 days. Also, same route, same number of trips, in vessels of third class, for the first three years in 23 days; and for the remaining seven years, in vessels of second class, in 21 days.

The San Francisco and Direct services generally were performed with regularity. The November homeward mails by the Direct contract service, however, were five days late in reaching London.

The “Monowai” (which has replaced the “Zealandia” in the San Francisco service), on her first return voyage fractured her thrust-shaft, on the 9th of February last, when two days out from San Francisco, and returned for repairs. She sailed again on the 20th. Her mails were delivered in Auckland 15 days late.

The average time within which mails were delivered by the San Francisco service was—From Auckland to London, 35 days, compared with 35·46 days in 1889; and from London to Auckland, 35·69, against 35·62 the previous year. The shortest delivery was made in 34 days.

By the Direct service the average time homeward was 41·69 days, against 40·33 days in 1889; and inward, 46·15 days, compared with 45·77 days in 1889. The shortest delivery homeward was in 45 days, and inward 39 days.

The maximum, minimum, and average number of days within which the mails were delivered at and from London and Auckland, Wellington, Dunedin, and Bluff during 1890 by the Peninsular and Oriental and Orient lines and by San Francisco and Direct contract services, were—

	San Francisco Service.			Direct Contract Service.			P. and O. Line.			Orient Line.		
London to Auckland ..	37	35	35·69	51	47	48·38	52	38	44·35	52	39	43·04
Auckland to London ..	38	34	35·00	50	41	44·00	49	39	44·40	48	39	43·68
London to Wellington ..	40	37	37·62	48	45	46·15	51	39	44·38	54	40	44·92
Wellington to London ..	40	36	37·00	48	39	41·69	48	42	46·00	46	41	44·20
London to Dunedin ..	41	38	39·00	49	45	47·00	50	39	43·21	53	39	44·48
Dunedin to London ..	41	37	38·00	48	39	42·15	48	43	45·36	48	40	44·63
London to Bluff ..	42	39	39·75	51	46	48·00	49	38	42·46	52	38	43·73
Bluff to London ..	42	38	38·75	49	40	43·08	47	42	44·61	47	39	43·88

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS on account of the San Francisco, Direct Contract, Peninsular and Oriental, and Orient Mail Services for the Year 1890.

San Francisco Service.

DR.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Subsidy and payment by weight ..	12,272	17	2			
Light-dues (charged on estimates) ..	535	10	0			
Interprovincial service, Mail Agents, &c. ..	3,403	16	11			
Half cost of transit from San Francisco to New York (two mails only) ..	307	8	7			
CR.				16,519	12	8
Postages from London ..	7,771	16	9			
Contributions from non-contracting colonies ..	1,169	8	5			
Postages collected in the colony ..	15,044	8	6			
				23,985	13	8
Net profit to the colony...				£7,466	1	0

In 1889 the net profit of the service was £2,912 14s. 5d.

302,271 letters, 242,026 books, and 765,903 newspapers were received from, and 387,216 letters, 68,629 books, and 376,171 newspapers despatched to, the United Kingdom *via* San Francisco.

Direct Contract, New Zealand Shipping Company.

DR.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Payments on weight of correspondence ..	10,031	8	9			
Bonus, &c. ..	3,241	0	0			
Light-dues (charged on estimates) ..	864	0	0			
Interprovincial service ..	3,000	0	0			
CR.				17,136	8	9
Postages from London, &c. ..	8,880	11	4			
Postages collected in the colony ..	5,280	19	0			
				14,161	10	4
Net cost to the colony ...				£2,974	18	5

The estimated net cost of the service for 1889 was £5,291 16s. 8d.

255,956 letters, 164,262 books, and 610,036 newspapers were received from the United Kingdom, &c., by the Direct contract service; and 158,114 letters, 20,080 books, and 110,080 newspapers despatched.

P. and O. and Orient Lines (Federal Mail Service).

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Payments to P. and O. and Orient Lines ...	575	8	1			
Transit charges across European Continent ...	30	16	3			
Gratuities (to and from Australia) ...	208	3	11			
Cr.				814	8	3
Postages from London and Foreign offices ...	144	9	11			
Postages collected in the colony ...	780	3	3			
				924	13	2
Net profit to the colony...				£110	4	11

The number of letters, books, and newspapers conveyed from and to the United Kingdom, &c., by the Peninsular and Oriental and the Orient packets were: Received, 39,931 letters, 11,596 books, and 39,759 newspapers; despatched, 6,626 letters, 122 books, and 205 newspapers.

RETURN showing the several Subsidised Mail Steam Services, the Subsidy Payments for the Year 1890, the Dates when established, and the Date on which each terminates.

Service.	Subsidy or Payment.	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 ..	12,272 17 2	Nov., 1885	Nov., 1891	13	11,916	1 7-01
Direct Steam Service ..	13,272 8 9	Dec., 1884	Dec., 1891	13	23,019	0 10-64
Auckland and Fiji ..	1,690 0 0	June, 1880	..	13	2,334	1 1-37
New Zealand and South Pacific Islands ..	1,200 0 0	June, 1885	..	8	6,992	0 5-15
New Zealand and Chatham Islands ..	200 0 0	..	March, 1893	4	1,050	0 11-43
Helensville and Matakohē ..	450 0 0	Jan., 1881	Dec., 1892	52	118	0 4-53
Helensville and Dargaville ..				104	170	
Rawene and Omapere ..	240 0 0	Jan., 1889	Dec., 1892	52	34	1 3-82
Rawene and Horeke ..				52	12	
Russell and Opua ..				156	8	
Nelson and Golden Bay ..	150 0 0	..	Dec., 1892	72	130	0 3-85
Hokitika, Bruce Bay, Paringa, Haast River, Okuru, Okarito, and Jackson's Bay ..	375 0 0	Jan., 1886	Dec., 1891	6	280	4 5-57
Westport and Karamea ..	120 0 0	June, 1886	Dec., 1892	13	102	1 9-72
Bluff and Stewart Island ..	150 0 0	July, 1886	Dec., 1891	52	40	1 5-31
Interprovincial Service in connection with San Francisco Line ..	3,500 0 0	Nov., 1886	Nov., 1891	..	..	..
Interprovincial Service in connection with Direct Contract Steamers ..	3,000 0 0	Dec., 1884	Dec., 1891	..	..	..

TELEGRAPHS.

The increase of business disclosed in the last report has been more than maintained during the past year.

1,961,161 telegrams of all codes were forwarded, an increase of 158,174, or 8·77 per cent. over the number forwarded in 1889.

The number of telegrams forwarded was in the proportion of 3·13 to each head of the population. For 1889 the proportion in the United Kingdom was 1·64; Victoria, 2·53; New South Wales, 3·03; and Queensland, 3·02.

The number of ordinary and delayed telegrams forwarded was 1,541,499 of the value of £77,168 16s. 8d. The number dealt with in 1889 was 1,416,914, of the value of £74,231 5s. 3d.

192,882 press telegrams, of the value of £8,785 7s. 10d. were dealt with, an increase of 20,639 in number and £191 11s. 7d. in value compared with the press business in 1889. The proportion of the press to the ordinary and delayed telegrams was as 1 to 8. The average value of each press telegram was 11d., compared with 1s. 0½d. in 1889, and 1s. 1½d. in 1888.

The number and value of telegrams of all codes forwarded during the calendar years 1890 and 1889 were as under:—

Ordinary and Delayed Telegrams.				Press Telegrams.				Government Telegrams.			
	Number.	£	s. d.		Number.	£	s. d.		Number.	£	s. d.
1890 ...	1,541,499	77,168	16 8	...	192,882	8,785	7 10	...	226,780	26,070	12 7
1889 ...	1,416,914	74,231	5 3	...	172,243	8,593	16 3	...	213,830	24,218	9 3

The telegraph receipts for the financial year ended the 31st March last—including telephone-exchange subscriptions, private-wire rents, &c.—amounted to £111,786 17s. 10d., compared with £106,253 17s. 10d. in 1889, an increase of £5,533, or 5·20 per cent.

The expenditure was £104,391 3s. 10d., against £101,433 11s. in 1889-90—an increase of £2,957 12s. 10d., or 2·91 per cent. The expenditure, therefore, was £7,395 14s., or 6·61 per cent. less than the receipts.

The total value of the services performed by telegraph for the year, inclusive of Government telegrams, £26,070 12s. 7d., and £923 8s., fees collected on money-order telegrams, was £138,780 18s. 5d.

There was, therefore, a credit balance of £34,389 14s. 7d. on the year's transactions,—a return equal to 5·35 per cent. on the capital cost.

35,667 urgent telegrams, of the value of £4,749 17s. 4d., were forwarded—an increase of 5,769 in number, and £689 19s. 9d. in value, compared with the figures for 1889. The number of urgent telegrams forwarded in 1889 were 3,158 fewer than the number dealt with the previous year.

530,324 delayed telegrams were forwarded, as against 497,628, dealt with in 1889, an increase of 32,696, or 6·57 per cent.

The proportion of delayed to ordinary telegrams was 54·36 per cent.

226,780 Government telegrams, of the value of £26,070 12s. 7d., were forwarded, being 12,950 in number and £1,852 3s. 4d. in amount more than in 1889. The number in 1889 was 3,800 less than in 1888. The value of telegrams forwarded by Government departments will be found in Table No. 21.

The number of forwarded telegrams to each hundred letters posted in the colony for delivery within the colony was 9·12, compared with 8·57 in 1889 and 9·05 in 1888.

18,468 money-order telegrams, for £60,869 9s. 3d., were transmitted, compared with 16,784, for £56,527 17s. 11d., in 1889. The telegraph fees received amounted to £923 8s.

The number and value of money-order telegrams forwarded from offices in the several postal districts will be found in Table No. 20.

Telephone offices were established during the year at the following places :—

Atiamuri	Mokihinui	Te Arai Bridge
Awanui	Mossburn	Tikokino
Canville	Muriwai	Tokomaru Bay
Eketahuna	Nenthorn	Waharoa
Ettrick	Ngakawau	Waianiwa
Garston	Okoroire	Waikiwi
Kaitaia	Ongaonga	Waikoikoi
Karori	Orewa	Waipiro Bay
Kimihia	Oroua Bridge	Wairakei
Kuaotunu	Otorohanga	Wallacetown
Lichfield	Oxford North	Wallacetown Junction
Matakana	Patearoa	Western Springs.
Miller's Flat	Rangiahua	

Owing to the increase of business at Kuaotunu the telephone was replaced by a Morse instrument, and the office placed in charge of a permanent officer.

The telegraph offices at Alexandra and Waiorongomai were converted into telephone offices. The telephone office at the railway-station at Morrinsville was converted into a Morse telegraph office.

The telephone offices at Exhibition (Dunedin), Tamahere, and Western Springs were closed.

At the close of the year there were 270 offices connected by telephone.

The number of telegraph and telephone offices open at the end of the year was 540.

The number of miles of line maintained during the year was 5,061, an increase of 186 miles.

The average cost for maintenance per mile was £5 13s., compared with £5 8s. 7d. in 1889.

The net expenditure out of loan for telegraph extension was £16,291 14s., being £54 1s. 7d. less than in 1889.

The number of private wires increased from 82 to 102. The rental amounted to £1,286 16s. 8d., which was £125 16s. 8d. more than received the previous year.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGES.

The increase in the number of subscribers to the several telephone exchanges for the financial year ended the 31st March last was 208, as shown by the following table :—

	Mar. 31, 1891.	Mar. 31, 1890.
Auckland	507	459
Napier	125	115
Wanganui	60	58
Wellington	512	458
Nelson	49	49
Blenheim	46	46
Greymouth	31	36
Christchurch	446	389
Timaru	55	55
Oamaru	52	53
Dunedin	607	590
Port Chalmers	10	11
Invercargill	72	56
Bluff	12	9
Gore	8	...
Totals	2,592	2,384

A telephone sub-exchange (connected with the Invercargill exchange) was opened at Gore on the 1st April, 1890.

There were 43 bureaux open in connection with the several telephone exchanges at the end of the year.

The subscriptions to telephone exchanges received during the year amounted to £19,252 4s. 3d.

The working expenses, maintenance, interest on capital cost, and allowance for depreciation, absorbed, of the above sum, £13,265 10s. 7d.

The capital expended in connection with the several telephone exchanges up to the 31st March, 1891, including spare material on hand, was £69,172 17s. 1d.

It may be of interest to note that the first telephone exchange in the Australasian Colonies was established in Melbourne towards the end of 1880. For the year ended 31st December last the total number of subscribers to the several Victorian telephone exchanges was 2,307, whose subscriptions amounted to £36,808 for the year—an average of £15 19s. 3d. per subscriber. The first telephone exchange in New Zealand was opened on the 1st October, 1881; and for the year ended 31st March last there were 2,592 subscribers, from whom £19,252 4s. 3d. in subscriptions were received. With 285 more subscribers than Victoria, New Zealand's annual subscriptions were, however, £17,555 15s. 9d. less—the average per subscriber being £7 8s. 6d., as compared with Victoria's £15 19s. 3d. It should be explained that there are 161 free connections in New Zealand compared with 70 free connections in Victoria, and that the proportionately high average per subscriber in Victoria is due to the fact that about 50 per cent. of the receipts is on account of mileage, at the rate of £1 per annum for every quarter of a mile after the first mile.

The following is a synopsis of the District Inspectors' annual reports:—

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

The lines throughout this district have received a general overhaul, including renewal and rebutting decayed poles, replacement of arms and insulators where necessary, and the cleaning of a great deal of scrub round the poles.

The following extensions have been completed during the year: Kaitaia line, 28 miles; Rangiahua line, 11 miles; Matakana line, 5 miles; Kimihia line, 2 miles; Kuaotunu line, 5 miles; Okoroire line, 3 miles; and the Lichfield line, 43 miles: making a total of 97 miles of line.

The following stations have been opened during the year: Awanui, Kaitaia, Kimihia, Kuaotunu, Lichfield, Matakana, Okoroire, Orewa, Otorohanga, Oxford North, Rangiahua, and Waharoa.

The Auckland operating-room has been enlarged and refitted, and the No. 4 south wire with Napier duplexed. In all probability it will be necessary to erect another wire between Auckland and Kawakawa, and from Auckland to Tauranga at an early date.

The wires and lines generally are in excellent working order.

NAPIER DISTRICT.

Construction.—The line to Tolaga Bay has been extended to Waipiro Bay, 33 miles. Lines have also been erected between the following places: Taupo and Wairakei, 7 miles; Taupo and Atiamuri, 24 miles; Gisborne and Patutahi, 4 miles. The lines to Ashley Clinton and Maraekahake are also in hand.

The following lines have been overhauled and repaired during the year: Katikati to Maketu, 60 miles; Rotorua to Tenui, 269 miles; Gisborne to Napier, 120 miles; Taupo to Cambridge, 84 miles; Gisborne to Tolaga Bay, 35 miles; Waipukurau to Woodville, 55 miles; three miles of new poles were erected south of Otuparuhuki, and two miles of line shifted at Akiteo. The section, Katikati to Thames, has also been repaired and strengthened.

New offices have been opened at Patutahi, Te Arai, Waipiro Bay, Tokomaru Bay, Atiamuri, and Wairakei.

New office-buildings have been erected and provided at Te Puke, Whakatane, and Tokomaru Bay.

It is probable that, during the ensuing year, provision will be necessary for extension of telephonic communication to Pourerere, Waimarama, and Wanstead, and extra wire accommodation between Napier and Woodville.

The lines throughout are in good working order.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

The lines in this section still remain in good condition and call for no special comment. During the year the second wire from Palmerston North to Ashurst has been extended through the Manawatu Gorge to Woodville Railway-station for the use of the Railway Department. There are four telephone stations on the wire used solely for railway purposes. The two terminal stations—Palmerston railway and Woodville railway—have their offices so arranged that they can use the same wire as a Morse or telephone circuit.

Cook Strait Cables.

On the evening of the 24th December, 1890, the No. 3 core in the old Cook Strait cable developed a fault in its insulation, which did not, however, seriously interfere with its being made available for work. It remained in this condition till noon of March the 10th, 1891, when all three cores parted. The Eastern Extension Company's cable-ship "Recorder," being at hand for the purpose of repairing one of the company's cables between New Zealand and Australia, her services were kindly placed at the disposal of the Government by Sir John Pender after completion of her own repairs. Repairs were effected and communications restored on the night of the 18th May, at 10.30 p.m.

The place where the break occurred was in a part of the cable which was relaid in May, 1882, when the general route of the cable was slightly altered.

The insulation tests of the three cables in Cook Strait—viz., the two which start from Lyell's Bay and end in White's Bay, and the one from Wanganui to Wakapuaka—will be found in the table attached to this report.

NELSON DISTRICT.

Construction.—A wire has been run from Westport to Mokihinui, and 15 miles of line erected. A new line from Westport to Charleston *via* Addison's Flat has been pegged off and bush cleared, and poles about to be erected.

The Kumara-Hokitika line has been overhauled and repaired during the year. Poles between Inangahua Junction and Ahaura have been examined and several rebuffed, and the line generally strengthened.

Two new offices have been opened, namely, Ngakawau and Mokihinui.

A new office building has been provided at Longford.

The wires are in very good order and repair.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

There has been no construction or reconstruction in this district during the past year. The lines have stood exceedingly well, but the following sections will require overhaul and strengthening during the current year: Christchurch and Amberley, Christchurch to Waitaki, Rolleston to Loopline (portions of this line will require to be diverted and certain sections reposed), Christchurch to Southbridge, Christchurch to Akaroa, Amberley to Waiau.

All the other lines are in very fair order, and will require no expenditure other than ordinary maintenance this year.

OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND DISTRICTS.

Construction.—The following new lines have been erected: Hamilton's to Patearoa, 6 miles; Tapanui to Waikoikoi, 5 miles; Abbotsford to Hindon, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles; Oteramika to Edendale, 4 miles; Roxburgh to Miller's Flat, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile; Roxburgh to Coal Creek Flat, 4 miles; Lumsden to Mossburn, 13 miles; Invercargill to Gore, 40 miles; Queenstown to Glenorchy, 31 miles.

Reconstruction.—18 miles of decayed poles between Lawrence and Roxburgh have been replaced, and numerous minor repairs effected on other lines; decayed poles butted and replaced, insulators renewed, and trees and scrub cut.

The following work will be in hand shortly: Tapanui line, 300 decayed poles to be replaced; Owake line, 100 decayed poles also to be replaced. Other old lines give indications that a number of poles will require renewing shortly.

Offices have been opened at Patearoa, Waikoikoi, Mossburn, Ettrick, Miller's Flat, Coal Creek Flat, Garston, Glenorchy, Glenham, and Lowburn Ferry.

With the exception of the sections already mentioned which require poles replacing, the lines are in excellent working order.

The circuit plans of the lines throughout the colony, corrected and amended up to date, accompany the report.

Table No. 1.

TABLE showing the Money Orders issued in New Zealand on Offices beyond the Colony during the Years 1889 and 1890.

Where payable.	1889.		1890.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
United Kingdom	23,441	69,792 11 7	22,363	66,081 2 11
Foreign Offices through London	865	4,190 2 8	818	3,646 12 4
United States of America	1,711	4,141 15 11	1,724	4,282 2 5
Canada	189	1,042 10 2	148	556 16 1
Victoria	7,105	23,507 7 5	7,052	22,976 8 8
South Australia	413	1,317 2 0	429	1,292 3 3
New South Wales	10,098	23,698 6 0	12,336	26,937 15 1
Queensland	375	1,410 11 6	356	1,446 8 11
Tasmania	528	1,868 4 11	525	1,741 12 0
Western Australia	28	107 15 0	35	148 15 8
Totals	44,753	131,076 7 2	45,786	129,109 17 4

TABLE showing the Money Orders issued at Offices beyond the Colony on New Zealand during the Years 1889 and 1890.

Where issued.	1889.		1890.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
United Kingdom and Foreign Offices	6,765	23,786 7 2	7,017	24,377 10 4
United States of America	598	2,689 18 7	625	2,881 18 5
Canada	106	411 12 0	133	716 6 8
Victoria	9,349	31,670 18 2	6,903	24,308 6 10
South Australia	415	1,579 9 3	392	1,360 15 2
New South Wales	4,503	16,702 14 10	4,518	16,313 12 0
Queensland	882	3,824 9 3	780	3,105 15 8
Tasmania	655	2,406 16 3	676	2,549 0 0
Western Australia	55	217 13 7	62	252 12 10
Totals	23,328	83,289 19 1	21,106	75,865 17 11

Table No. 2.

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 1870.

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.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
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	5	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	1
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	8,267	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
1886	8,541	7	10	113,598	412,276	3	0	27,389	87,994	9	10	14,693	47,574	9	11	155,680	547,755	2	9
1887	8,532	10	5	119,091	426,194	13	9	26,057	84,264	12	9	14,431	45,285	6	11	159,579	555,744	13	5
1888	8,377	6	4	122,042	432,056	6	2	26,636	81,488	10	3	13,709	42,451	4	4	162,387	555,996	0	9
1889	8,696	13	5	127,323	458,469	7	7	26,206	79,167	0	4	18,547	51,909	6	10	172,076	589,545	14	9
1890	8,823	10	0	130,641	472,967	4	7	25,053	74,566	13	9	20,733	54,543	3	7	176,427	602,077	1	11

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.
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	150,957	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
1886	113,598	412,276	3	0	5,824	22,650	1	10	9,545	36,513	3	11	129,242	471,185	7	0
1887	119,091	426,194	13	9	6,334	23,423	16	2	8,963	33,254	2	3	133,910	482,437	17	4
1888	122,042	432,056	6	2	7,336	26,262	14	5	15,365	56,141	4	1	144,450	513,728	8	2
1889	127,323	458,469	7	7	7,469	26,887	17	9	15,859	56,402	1	4	150,651	541,759	6	8
1890	130,641	472,967	4	7	7,775	27,975	15	5	13,331	47,890	2	6	151,747	548,833	2	6

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 1890.

Office.	Money Orders.						Savings Banks.						
	Issued.			Paid.			New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.		
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.		Amount.	No.		Amount.		
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
AUCKLAND ..	11,264	735 10 8	42,385 19 11	23,254	79,581 3 3	1,199	7,175	129,464 5 11	1,257	8,599	135,556 6 2		
Alexandra ..	160	5 8 6	496 6 11	92	447 9 5	12	66	544 8 4	2	47	361 12 1		
Aratapu ..	573	20 4 8	1,657 1 6	63	241 13 0	19	171	1,051 17 0	11	45	455 5 10		
Avondale ..	23	1 1 10	104 7 3	55	211 4 3	10	58	62 1 6	3	10	62 13 6		
Bombay ..	127	3 15 10	356 14 11	72	319 7 4	8	44	167 18 11	2	18	83 12 10		
Cambridge ..	541	22 14 8	1,612 16 6	436	1,433 2 5	67	405	3,693 10 10	23	155	2,063 5 10		
Clevedon ..	74	2 18 4	149 0 3	44	164 8 4	5	39	200 13 0	2	11	37 11 11		
Coromandel ..	423	18 5 6	1,363 10 3	193	675 12 1	31	385	3,163 17 11	16	126	1,633 16 9		
Dargaville ..	645	38 12 10	2,505 3 4	144	478 13 7	127	529	6,635 4 0	30	100	1,826 18 11		
Devonport ..	174	10 0 4	450 15 2	243	906 16 5	41	217	1,121 13 0	12	79	489 15 0		
Drury ..	138	4 16 0	402 11 3	172	701 18 11	5	31	181 13 6	..	16	145 2 0		
Hamilton ..	686	31 11 4	2,074 4 4	630	1,902 16 6	55	433	2,801 9 0	22	125	1,524 13 0		
Helensville ..	661	23 10 0	1,881 15 0	196	695 10 10	37	246	1,464 15 8	18	107	1,931 7 3		
Huntly ..	621	25 12 4	2,150 15 7	170	874 4 10	41	239	1,887 2 0	14	64	886 19 1		
Kaeo ..	345	23 6 4	1,296 5 0	66	345 15 7	21	83	934 11 6	4	28	849 17 9		
Kaitaia ..	284	9 0 10	830 12 9	38	189 13 3	7	63	400 2 0	2	13	124 17 7		
Kamo ..	507	17 9 10	1,470 16 9	171	696 4 8	39	444	2,296 5 9	19	128	3,050 8 7		
Kaukapakapa ..	14	0 12 0	39 10 9	2	14 4 0	12	46	207 17 0	1	5	121 15 8		
Kawakawa ..	648	26 13 0	2,020 8 8	215	727 1 7	52	382	3,082 13 11	11	97	1,940 12 8		
Kihikihi ..	111	4 15 6	428 4 4	113	509 9 11	17	101	636 15 0	7	30	326 0 11		
Kohukohu ..	153	15 17 10	719 4 3	27	98 18 3	9	31	244 11 0	2	16	145 17 11		
Lichfield ..	133	5 9 0	568 1 6	16	60 14 0	17	88	866 2 11	1	6	31 12 6		
Mangapai ..	368	12 4 6	1,585 4 1	73	253 10 1	6	28	351 9 0	3	16	184 0 10		
Mangawai ..	115	4 12 10	287 9 8	45	301 19 3	18	63	622 18 0	..	12	136 8 6		
Mangawhare ..	254	10 11 2	700 6 4	35	102 3 10	33	193	2,012 12 11	8	46	810 8 11		
Matakana ..	146	4 12 0	372 8 3	55	172 17 2	18	45	352 3 11	..	24	307 10 0		
Mauku ..	43	1 6 4	162 13 3	37	201 16 5	6	53	195 1 0	3	10	25 3 11		
Maungaturoto ..	107	4 0 2	368 15 7	51	183 14 10	6	32	225 15 0	3	16	433 14 3		
Mercer ..	268	8 12 8	879 14 5	109	395 5 6	25	86	1,047 9 1	1	75	685 19 8		
Mititai ..	155	5 10 6	563 1 0	11	48 9 5	4	9	94 11 0	4	12	124 10 0		
Mongonui ..	413	18 2 10	1,167 19 9	109	350 17 8	14	102	1,407 4 0	4	27	768 18 7		
Morrinsville ..	101	4 8 2	273 16 9	32	157 6 3	10	62	365 1 0	2	19	256 16 8		
Mount Eden ..	9	0 11 6	24 17 6	56	191 6 7	2	4	14 2 0	1	4	27 4 10		
Newmarket ..	230	10 12 4	616 6 10	268	948 17 11	5	39	83 16 0	3	14	56 5 4		
Newton ..	659	39 13 6	2,098 12 8	982	2,928 11 4	50	411	2,259 6 5	20	69	329 0 11		
Ngaruawahia ..	325	12 4 10	940 2 2	190	679 19 8	20	213	739 14 0	14	58	495 5 0		
Ohaeawai ..	232	12 18 6	831 18 11	56	246 2 6	30	114	1,234 19 0	5	13	314 9 2		
Ohaupo ..	112	5 11 2	366 14 8	98	599 14 8	7	48	214 16 4	2	11	93 0 0		
Omapere ..	201	8 3 8	534 18 8	24	116 13 1	8	241	246 14 0	9	32	389 19 0		
Onehunga ..	482	24 7 4	1,515 10 2	740	2,584 5 9	30	195	1,537 17 3	26	79	820 1 8		
Otahuhu ..	243	11 4 8	702 19 6	248	792 6 11	22	221	829 11 9	16	80	641 2 10		
Otorohanga ..	15	0 13 10	67 12 4	2	9 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Pahi ..	159	6 16 2	381 12 3	53	226 17 7	9	69	430 16 0	3	35	195 8 10		
Papakura ..	132	4 11 8	326 8 3	164	772 2 6	13	64	576 0 0	3	35	488 4 1		
Paparoa ..	158	6 2 4	462 17 10	56	198 9 6	12	75	705 17 0	5	22	177 2 5		
Parnell ..	261	11 11 8	770 18 0	516	1,586 3 8	38	223	149 11 0	11	30	47 2 10		
Parua Bay ..	101	3 14 2	306 9 11	29	119 0 3	26	58	229 19 0	2	24	220 3 9		
Pokeno ..	85	2 13 6	249 14 7	61	295 13 6	10	33	437 2 0	6	13	261 6 4		
Ponsonby ..	137	6 18 0	385 16 0	576	1,790 13 3	15	114	183 13 0	7	29	53 15 11		
Port Albert ..	246	9 7 0	694 4 6	131	618 17 0	23	112	1,181 1 0	9	55	540 11 10		
Port Fitzroy ..	10	0 6 0	37 2 8	15	126 6 10	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Pukekohe ..	299	10 16 0	950 14 9	182	754 4 7	26	127	881 7 4	12	43	583 14 8		
Raglan ..	149	5 7 4	504 16 4	120	737 4 10	18	91	1,234 6 0	3	47	687 18 9		
Rangiriri ..	203	6 3 6	497 16 3	38	163 7 11	2	18	47 3 0	2	9	41 5 11		
Rawene ..	180	9 8 4	687 16 9	88	323 3 8	6	63	324 6 8	5	18	126 3 10		
Russell ..	244	9 13 6	747 9 3	122	482 8 5	16	108	844 15 0	4	32	381 14 8		
Tairua ..	98	6 4 4	298 10 1	4	9 0 6	58	150	436 15 6	1	4	19 5 4		
Taupiri ..	79	3 4 8	304 7 9	52	241 4 11	6	49	342 18 8	5	27	289 13 4		
Te Awamutu ..	267	13 0 0	852 5 1	220	935 18 6	26	232	3,213 16 2	16	84	2,436 13 7		
Te Kopuru ..	587	23 15 6	1,870 4 6	70	321 7 1	41	206	1,642 9 0	14	49	589 11 9		
Tuakau ..	243	7 11 6	910 15 6	83	312 8 3	7	30	135 15 10	3	16	166 12 1		
Upper Symonds Street ..	67	4 18 4	218 4 0	65	254 8 2	4	20	52 13 0	1	12	32 7 2		
Wade ..	111	3 16 0	269 14 3	52	155 8 0	14	165	460 4 0	5	16	121 10 8		
Waharoa ..	102	3 11 2	317 8 0	18	55 18 6	16	66	206 15 9	8	24	175 9 8		
Waipu ..	520	17 18 4	1,775 6 7	155	888 8 8	32	148	1,887 17 0	7	55	519 11 7		
Waiuku ..	334	12 2 6	1,066 0 4	238	1,060 16 7	25	94	701 0 0	9	57	522 9 7		
Waiwera ..	93	4 0 4	261 6 8	48	186 15 7	10	60	612 9 0	3	13	149 19 8		
Wangarei ..	1,187	48 18 8	3,656 2 6	526	2,181 1 8	110	541	5,474 12 9	42	202	4,376 15 9		
Wangaroa ..	207	10 5 6	697 7 6	66	292 13 1	27	143	1,392 7 0	6	19	496 12 0		
Waotu ..	35	2 4 8	128 8 9	32	113 17 1	10	22	40 8 0	1	3	24 0 5		
Warkworth ..	268	10 10 2	886 3 8	189	688 15 2	36	200	1,228 4 0	5	65	793 1 7		
Whangapoua ..	75	5 3 2	284 18 2	14	41 11 0	4	28	342 12 0	..	2	16 0 0		
Whitianga ..	669	32 10 8	2,137 1 9	180	932 9 8	40	196	2,957 10 10	8	92	1,433 2 9		
BLENHEIM ..	2,365	132 8 8	8,036 10 7	1,278	4,657 17 8	377	2,208	26,869 1 9	307	1,753	26,589 9 10		
Cullensville ..	522	30 9 0	1,887 13 10	117	489 15 8	43	215	3,600 16 1	18	124	2,103 6 6		
Havelock ..	554	25 4 6	2,089 9 6	197	904 17 4	32	210	1,941 10 5	15	82	1,111 18 10		

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 1890—continued.

Office.	Money Orders.					Savings Banks.					
	Issued.			Paid.		New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.	
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.
BLLENHEIM—contd.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.			£ s. d.	
Kaikoura ..	468	26 7 0	1,503 7 1	164	694 14 11	52	208	2,231 5 3	27	88	1,305 4 5
Kekerangu ..	96	3 13 4	301 19 5	7	24 12 9	5	45	714 17 0	..	4	41 0 0
Pictou ..	774	34 7 8	2,758 1 6	343	1,320 11 0	67	389	4,437 19 7	27	159	2,658 7 11
Renwicktown ..	91	4 8 2	295 0 3	30	147 0 3	12	142	337 13 0	5	18	53 8 10
Spring Creek ..	113	6 3 10	296 1 4	63	353 6 3	8	26	182 14 0	..	3	7 0 0
CHRISTCHURCH	10,547	653 13 2	36,030 3 2	14,937	49,832 4 3	2,767	23,622	262,416 7 11	2,572	19,061	267,914 4 8
Akaroa ..	455	21 10 6	1,410 9 5	254	1,034 2 10	34	348	3,161 5 0	17	97	2,596 1 2
Alford Forest ..	84	2 2 0	203 14 11	11	33 19 5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Amberley ..	218	9 18 8	686 2 3	181	607 8 7	37	229	1,631 8 0	18	73	1,195 19 3
Ashburton ..	1,927	87 2 2	6,406 6 0	789	2,613 17 9	240	1,510	14,360 12 8	145	598	9,409 8 11
Bealey ..	92	3 17 2	301 15 2	4	15 7 0	6	29	207 18 0	..	6	156 16 0
Belfast ..	36	1 3 0	66 9 4	17	88 12 6	3	29	332 2 0	..	3	134 15 0
Chertsey ..	79	2 4 6	234 19 4	18	49 13 0	8	33	311 1 0	6	12	174 9 10
Cheviot ..	74	4 11 0	244 0 2	4	20 15 0	6	31	604 6 0	..	2	30 0 0
Coalgate ..	103	4 6 6	328 1 3	45	243 9 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Culverden ..	129	7 13 0	520 15 10	54	248 5 11	14	78	1,135 4 6	1	14	110 0 0
Darfield ..	113	4 19 2	404 3 2	45	114 18 1	10	32	302 13 0	5	13	125 4 9
Dunsandel ..	92	3 16 8	287 11 7	34	136 17 8	19	69	1,135 13 0	6	19	629 14 10
Duvauchelle ..	122	4 14 8	446 15 0	41	160 7 0	13	72	330 4 2	5	19	259 7 6
Ellesmere ..	16	0 14 0	50 18 4	5	11 0 0	7	40	719 1 11	2	9	23 14 3
Hammer Plain ..	36	1 7 0	138 7 1	14	76 14 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hororata ..	145	5 9 6	403 9 6	19	70 13 0	14	87	442 8 0	3	11	148 2 11
Kaipoi ..	525	26 8 6	1,855 14 11	345	1,209 6 9	95	663	6,523 6 10	59	270	4,261 8 8
Kirwee ..	140	6 9 6	607 16 2	37	90 12 6	1	58	552 6 0	1	18	164 18 7
Leeston ..	239	12 0 4	823 6 11	113	401 10 8	40	248	1,625 7 8	19	64	853 12 11
Lincoln ..	90	4 8 8	238 18 8	81	333 16 8	3	37	411 18 0	1	7	36 1 0
Little River ..	173	6 8 8	604 11 9	65	264 14 0	20	76	950 11 0	6	27	264 3 0
Lytelton ..	1,473	86 16 4	5,290 2 3	822	2,659 8 7	213	1,662	12,896 4 2	90	646	8,516 7 9
Methven ..	162	8 14 2	645 4 1	52	220 0 6	23	88	1,073 17 10	9	31	596 8 8
Oxford ..	375	14 14 6	1,229 10 10	182	673 3 5	44	298	3,562 15 10	12	86	1,972 16 7
Papanui ..	44	2 3 10	101 14 4	76	373 4 11	11	158	799 11 0	7	14	40 16 4
Pigeon Bay ..	30	1 5 0	59 4 11	4	10 0 0	10	23	223 14 0	..	5	83 5 0
Rakaia ..	372	13 12 6	1,102 17 8	103	426 14 1	31	216	2,237 11 3	12	70	1,666 13 8
Rangiora ..	864	40 2 2	2,456 17 0	546	1,916 15 11	149	989	9,744 12 6	82	368	7,251 8 6
Rolleston ..	48	1 10 6	155 17 5	7	15 6 9	1	28	210 18 0	..	5	119 10 0
Sheffield ..	207	9 2 4	804 10 2	80	230 3 9	12	104	1,035 10 0	4	44	750 7 7
Southbridge ..	260	10 3 8	965 5 3	119	587 12 4	36	231	1,766 2 0	13	71	1,370 7 10
Springfield ..	612	27 17 2	2,633 17 11	81	276 13 9	70	237	2,533 4 4	8	40	373 7 0
Sydenham ..	343	16 13 6	918 5 2	571	1,643 3 6	134	1,196	5,737 3 0	19	101	759 13 8
Tinwald ..	57	3 2 2	233 15 3	32	117 4 9	14	74	512 7 0	9	51	504 6 11
Waiau ..	194	9 10 10	648 18 7	37	155 6 4	26	126	1,556 3 9	5	44	591 16 2
Waikari ..	211	9 15 0	754 16 4	71	236 16 9	9	59	565 10 8	4	25	378 18 10
Whitecliffs ..	165	6 11 2	610 3 2	27	125 14 0	14	133	627 14 0	7	19	142 13 9
Woolston ..	14	0 13 0	38 7 6	39	100 4 8	7	72	366 14 0	7	31	250 16 10
DUNEDIN	9,752	597 16 6	33,889 10 6	19,967	71,011 2 9	2,276	17,948	196,512 17 7	2,300	16,426	210,099 18 10
Alexandra South ..	425	17 8 8	1,523 7 8	87	276 12 11	19	81	798 11 6	8	27	390 3 3
Balclutha ..	716	29 19 8	2,121 9 9	375	1,316 9 6	88	472	4,020 5 10	31	129	2,525 9 4
Blackstone Hill ..	75	2 3 0	254 5 11	10	32 7 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Caversham ..	105	5 10 4	361 19 1	330	1,092 2 6	85	512	1,210 7 8	6	30	154 16 5
Clinton ..	376	14 2 4	1,121 9 8	114	437 19 3	16	127	993 17 0	9	51	538 15 2
Clyde ..	281	10 6 2	890 11 11	143	285 19 5	13	47	241 17 0	10	18	188 3 5
Cromwell ..	604	24 3 4	1,722 2 1	172	587 13 0	27	80	474 17 1	13	32	176 2 9
Dunedin North ..	1,240	69 3 2	3,536 8 10	752	2,810 10 8	395	3,963	18,680 10 5	156	902	7,617 15 5
Exhibition ..	123	7 2 10	420 13 4	13	62 13 0	7	175	719 9 0	3	16	180 9 2
Green Island ..	167	8 13 2	675 18 9	88	306 2 6	37	234	1,207 1 0	14	59	719 5 0
Greytown South ..	41	2 6 2	128 19 6	14	36 5 8	5	21	165 1 0	5	8	116 1 3
Hamilton's ..	256	9 17 10	1,013 12 3	43	255 15 4	5	31	273 13 0	2	15	217 4 0
Heriot ..	48	1 9 6	131 9 1	9	35 0 9	7	21	77 12 0	..	1	3 0 0
Hyde ..	145	5 19 2	477 16 2	18	79 14 6	4	33	17 0 0	..	..	..
Kaitangata ..	462	17 10 6	1,555 4 11	108	433 16 7	41	272	1,568 16 8	19	78	1,095 13 10
Kelso ..	174	6 6 10	540 1 4	25	117 0 3	17	75	532 3 1	6	15	291 15 8
Lawrence ..	893	34 3 2	2,464 19 0	577	2,283 18 9	62	435	3,145 5 10	27	128	2,505 16 10
Macrae's Flat ..	399	13 4 4	1,321 5 6	48	186 15 1	5	10	32 16 0	2	7	8 19 3
Middlemarch ..	182	6 2 4	614 17 9	30	155 13 3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Milton ..	547	24 18 2	1,923 4 3	417	1,537 4 1	88	504	3,858 8 9	42	165	2,586 5 6
Mosgiel ..	256	10 19 6	748 17 4	193	718 3 10	40	298	1,452 16 0	23	67	648 2 7
Naseby ..	575	23 6 2	1,765 4 9	700	1,683 11 0	26	185	1,021 13 5	20	50	477 9 8
Nenthorn ..	383	16 14 6	1,195 16 9	85	239 7 5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ophir ..	379	14 8 4	1,046 19 5	82	261 14 1	21	94	257 15 5	6	18	235 18 9
Outram ..	265	9 16 6	815 8 10	121	429 12 10	20	136	702 14 0	5	38	254 16 7
Owake ..	465	15 11 0	1,628 17 3	94	461 13 5	21	72	885 4 3	6	29	298 7 0
Palmerston South ..	681	30 18 10	2,144 17 8	454	1,550 12 5	46	543	1,693 7 3	27	95	811 15 11
Pembroke ..	197	9 4 10	568 4 9	40	166 6 8	8	22	88 11 4	3	4	35 4 4
Port Chalmers ..	822	50 4 0	2,838 11 11	829	2,863 5 2	181	1,315	8,096 17 7	100	511	5,439 0 2
Roxburgh ..	564	22 9 2	1,916 4 11	91	335 12 1	41	208	2,817 0 0	24	71	2,435 6 11
St. Bathans ..	224	9 11 4	605 6 5	50	204 10 5	17	72	471 4 7	4	8	470 10 8
Seacliff ..	137	4 17 8	435 6 2	134	460 7 0	21	77	838 14 8	3	12	119 19 8

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 1890—continued.

Office.	Money Orders.					Savings Banks.															
	Issued.			Paid.		New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.											
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.										
DUNEDIN—cont'd.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.								
South Dunedin	341	17	9	6	920	17	11	432	1,593	19	6	87	820	3,364	10	10	51	143	1,379	4	5
Stirling	164	5	18	6	534	1	1	50	188	0	10	12	91	641	12	0	2	21	433	6	2
Tapanui	571	19	0	6	1,552	5	4	130	511	7	3	23	171	1,347	7	9	18	82	1,086	10	1
Waiholia	94	3	12	0	361	0	3	41	136	17	9	18	74	615	14	3	5	27	220	6	7
Waikaia	490	16	11	4	1,265	6	3	61	251	12	5	18	85	470	4	0	8	37	566	10	5
Waikouaiti	347	11	1	8	912	4	4	280	829	12	11	24	240	927	3	0	11	51	396	1	5
Waipori	48	2	2	6	145	18	10	9	41	10	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Waitahuna	172	7	8	2	571	16	4	68	240	16	11	11	64	480	4	0	6	17	246	13	7
Waitati	116	3	19	10	282	15	9	102	509	6	1	7	59	431	1	0	7	14	310	11	6
GISBORNE	2,184	131	16	0	7,113	13	8	912	3,335	17	3	373	1,964	20,370	5	8	222	1,293	14,480	10	2
Ormond	17	0	19	6	59	6	6	4	20	2	1	1	3	10	14	0	..	..	..	..	..
GREYMOUTH	2,396	132	18	8	8,307	19	2	1,866	7,309	14	3	266	1,734	22,650	11	0	354	1,599	27,487	2	7
Ahaura	870	42	1	6	3,532	8	9	104	419	5	4	66	245	2,613	10	10	10	77	839	2	0
Brunnerton	701	39	18	0	2,285	17	7	324	1,387	10	7	75	490	4,505	17	7	44	119	2,763	2	6
Mawheraiti	81	3	11	0	408	19	10	1	9	10	0	16	45	479	8	5	..	2	10	0	0
Nelson Creek	196	8	12	0	983	5	4	32	135	7	7	1	11	63	12	0	2	8	56	16	6
Reefton	1,926	126	1	4	6,640	11	11	938	2,854	16	11	115	500	4,973	14	3	60	191	2,714	9	10
Richardson	103	5	0	4	291	19	11	21	76	11	11	3	42	653	19	0	..	6	135	0	0
HOKITIKA	1,157	59	13	6	3,429	9	0	983	3,369	4	4	85	538	4,923	10	0	119	429	7,166	6	11
Goldsborough	70	2	17	6	163	11	2	34	129	15	8	5	35	245	6	3	7	13	296	0	1
Kumara	948	45	5	4	2,799	11	7	248	963	9	0	49	312	3,963	0	11	61	202	4,346	13	5
Rimu	17	0	14	6	25	14	4	4	8	19	6	1	11	34	11	0	2	15	77	10	10
Ross	239	11	14	0	744	5	6	211	949	16	2	23	152	2,274	15	0	16	83	1,659	16	10
Stafford	292	11	18	8	976	8	8	53	212	14	0	15	96	668	2	0	1	27	270	15	9
INVERCARGILL	2,974	147	12	10	9,269	18	1	4,159	14,544	19	0	452	3,017	32,897	0	4	413	2,333	36,060	12	5
Arrowtown	422	21	5	10	1,243	17	6	88	302	13	4	25	95	711	3	7	10	37	400	3	5
Balfour	52	1	18	6	156	11	11	7	29	8	6	15	39	232	0	7	2	6	83	13	0
Bluff ..	451	23	4	10	1,718	11	0	233	698	10	7	23	242	1,394	3	7	6	48	1,011	5	2
Dipton	175	6	4	10	536	13	2	41	145	0	10	13	63	674	17	0	3	21	148	7	8
Edendale	221	7	9	8	697	14	2	27	143	17	6	10	63	414	0	0	5	17	216	15	2
Fortrose	216	8	3	6	792	6	9	35	123	14	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Gore ..	1,347	54	10	2	4,515	0	1	662	1,902	1	10	112	554	4,829	9	6	76	232	2,914	14	8
Half-Moon Bay	41	1	9	0	149	14	10	34	250	8	10	2	8	28	19	0	2	7	45	5	8
Kingston	96	3	1	8	296	12	8	4	11	9	6	1	15	133	0	0	1	1	10	0	0
Lumsden	282	10	12	10	998	17	6	75	277	9	9	12	126	978	18	0	8	41	694	13	8
Mataura	376	13	13	4	1,031	18	8	140	414	3	6	24	246	1,068	18	0	22	64	806	2	3
Orepuki	343	12	16	4	1,448	18	6	38	163	12	5	14	51	392	0	11	3	16	211	12	6
Otautau	201	7	14	10	718	4	6	81	343	10	0	16	75	824	9	11	13	29	183	2	10
Pukerau	128	4	6	4	424	13	4	43	182	15	4	11	55	242	14	4	3	15	102	16	1
Queenstown	592	25	16	4	1,836	0	7	275	969	18	0	29	195	2,355	6	5	6	52	1,424	5	11
Riversdale	279	10	8	2	978	6	11	74	277	19	4	26	162	516	19	0	8	32	370	1	9
Riverton	403	18	9	0	1,203	14	9	456	1,800	19	11	56	339	3,533	17	2	21	106	1,532	0	1
Thornbury	62	2	7	8	150	6	7	32	99	0	1	11	59	133	3	0	3	10	72	19	11
Waipahi	117	3	17	6	354	18	2	33	94	3	11	1	10	76	7	0	4	11	134	2	3
Wairio	231	8	16	4	839	3	11	31	120	10	0	11	36	341	17	0	2	19	215	1	7
Winton	311	13	11	10	1,001	8	5	182	552	2	11	22	123	1,039	19	0	7	29	387	11	3
Woodlands	147	5	8	2	502	8	8	90	286	15	1	3	37	383	17	0	..	9	97	17	0
Wyndham	384	13	2	2	1,117	13	5	119	459	13	7	29	157	1,097	12	4	22	58	1,356	12	5
NAPIER ..	4,409	252	16	8	15,356	19	0	4,335	16,085	16	10	707	4,708	50,923	15	10	611	3,680	49,515	0	7
Danevirke	880	35	8	4	3,206	4	0	213	794	15	4	46	203	1,368	18	0	20	96	1,668	17	5
Hastings	1,347	73	4	10	4,243	7	5	513	1,820	13	6	183	848	8,687	15	5	71	275	3,705	12	11
Herbertville	155	8	1	2	528	8	1	44	274	0	3	7	34	430	11	0	..	12	318	10	0
Kaikoura North	206	9	15	10	772	18	2	73	236	13	3	28	122	1,005	17	1	3	31	277	11	2
Kumeroa	127	4	9	2	443	13	2	41	259	3	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Makatoka	175	5	13	2	588	3	5	74	268	17	5	17	82	404	3	0	5	38	524	4	1
Mohaka	82	5	5	6	258	7	1	17	48	1	10	6	29	201	1	0	1	10	85	11	8
Norsewood	346	11	2	2	1,126	1	11	54	165	3	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ongaonga	211	6	2	6	849	10	8	26	91	17	11	6	34	361	19	0	2	23	310	7	0
Ormondville	289	8	1	0	856	18	8	108	365	9	1	23	67	1,621	8	8	6	34	558	5	8
Porangahau	208	13	15	4	955	3	7	28	112	0	3	18	63	560	2	0	2	11	441	3	10
Port Ahuriri	458	28	7	4	1,632	12	4	130	468	18	11	51	394	2,090	17	7	9	63	531	17	7
Takapau	317	13	6	2	1,164	16	6	74	246	0	7	20	86	941	0	7	14	46	738	1	9
Taupo	254	11	13	6	1,000	12	7	51	330	14	6	3	31	351	5	2	..	5	55	17	0
Tikokino	52	2	6	2	149	0	8	17	75	11	9	4	19	133	4	2	..	11	90	9	0
Waipawa	727	36	8	2	2,597	7	1	620	1,707	4	1	58	272	2,014	17	11	32	120	1,584	12	4
Waipukurau	578	29	2	4	1,841	8	6	191	561	14	6	58	376	3,322	18	6	11	107	1,702	9	6
Wairoa	429	25	18	6	1,609	6	2	213	747	18	5	32	210	1,437	3	1	10	60	782	10	2
NELSON ..	2,068	108	6	6	7,115	18	9	4,024	16,042	19	7	311	2,486	30,731	17	11	331	2,188	34,806	15	6
Belgrove	101	4	15	4	348	12	7	70	282	1	8	19	90	1,008	17	8	4	21	332	18	1
Brightwater	84	4	15	8	314	0	1	83	378	17	4	4	40	279	12	2	..	13	84	18	0
Collingwood	514	18	1	2	1,979	4	9	93	435	2	11	16	173	1,573	5	3	5	37	923	14	10
Motueka	368	15	16	6	1,487	6	7	238	1,041	7	2	44	320	3,166	13	2	24	128	2,119	1	7
Richmond	104	5	5	10	342	15	7	115	429	7	8	16	162	1,203	7	8	7	54	716	5	10
Takaka	315	13	7	10	1,216	5	6	91	336	5	11	16	71	606	16	0	2	23	217	4	3
The Port	139	9	15	8	513	5	10	68	187	18	3	13	107	629	12	0	5	19	214	18	1
Wakefield	149	5	18	4	488	2	10	82	305	8	10	23	150	2,267	8	11	7	32	357	14	7
NEW PLYMOUTH ..	1,859	91	2	6																	

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	Issued.			Paid.		New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.		
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.	
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
NEW PLYMOUTH— continued.												
Pungarehu ..	108	4 17 0	451 0 5	41	237 15 3	19	80	794 10 0	1	23	182 18 7	
Stratford ..	446	14 18 6	1,769 17 7	303	1,770 13 7	54	173	2,191 3 3	19	85	1,085 8 0	
Waitara ..	348	15 7 8	1,449 13 6	213	788 12 2	32	198	1,443 16 4	6	59	535 10 3	
OAMARU ..	2,872	132 14 10	9,610 14 10	1,604	5,719 13 5	407	2,582	27,425 9 11	386	1,772	28,164 8 6	
Dunroon ..	139	4 17 10	479 2 4	36	109 9 9	23	133	522 6 0	4	22	263 6 1	
Hampden ..	293	9 13 4	1,126 2 8	233	764 15 2	11	59	580 10 6	4	19	321 15 3	
Herbert ..	174	6 2 8	554 6 3	45	181 0 0	8	61	476 18 4	1	15	91 18 5	
Kakanui ..	144	5 15 4	622 7 3	27	100 13 10	13	38	215 10 0	2	16	92 18 4	
Kurow ..	245	10 5 4	1,088 19 4	108	491 11 7	9	52	481 5 0	3	31	345 6 11	
Maheno ..	117	5 16 4	388 14 1	45	180 14 5	13	63	543 19 7	9	19	149 13 1	
Ngapara ..	99	3 11 10	337 3 4	31	111 8 4	5	14	152 16 0	2	9	46 14 3	
THAMES ..	2,168	94 13 8	6,623 10 10	1,231	4,735 6 3	310	2,335	21,367 6 6	291	2,038	25,310 15 11	
Katikati ..	129	5 7 0	338 2 3	96	396 19 2	5	67	440 3 0	4	24	336 1 4	
Maketu ..	149	6 14 10	333 14 10	52	286 16 7	11	39	853 16 9	3	28	329 5 3	
Miranda ..	22	1 4 10	83 3 8	3	12 14 4							
Opotiki ..	420	20 0 6	1,290 0 2	176	681 19 7	50	262	1,733 6 4	22	90	1,565 7 8	
Paeroa ..	395	16 17 2	1,400 0 4	99	372 10 0	23	156	1,676 19 0	16	44	774 19 5	
Rotorua ..	595	33 19 6	2,374 11 3	328	1,879 18 5	40	183	2,023 18 7	48	252	2,175 2 3	
Tapu ..	23	0 14 4	64 15 5	29	80 1 8							
Tauranga ..	617	27 1 8	2,112 2 4	554	2,068 19 2	71	311	3,794 17 11	30	175	2,239 6 11	
Te Aroha ..	668	26 14 8	2,218 9 9	475	1,788 11 10	74	317	3,063 10 2	48	190	1,819 4 0	
Te Puke ..	127	9 10 8	445 14 4	46	149 4 4	3	8	31 16 3		11	141 9 0	
Waiorongomai ..	134	6 13 2	480 4 0	103	376 16 0	8	34	113 1 0	10	46	324 14 4	
Whakatane ..	205	9 6 6	609 8 2	81	327 14 7	24	60	1,006 15 0	5	13	674 6 9	
TIMARU ..	2,665	139 2 2	8,772 11 7	1,944	6,777 8 7	528	3,400	34,020 11 6	444	2,281	35,172 15 7	
Fairlie Creek ..	180	7 18 6	712 17 9	64	302 8 10	25	84	1,367 15 5	7	22	642 14 6	
Geraldine ..	610	23 15 10	1,874 7 7	224	870 0 10	54	355	2,478 9 0	22	98	1,001 5 4	
Makikihi ..	49	2 0 6	152 18 3	22	64 7 7	2	11	55 3 10		6	43 9 10	
Pleasant Point ..	140	6 6 2	482 1 5	25	125 15 3	14	46	310 15 6	5	13	135 18 0	
St. Andrews ..	95	3 17 8	363 13 3	56	277 8 1	12	42	460 16 2	2	21	307 3 3	
Temuka ..	478	20 18 2	1,383 19 0	229	875 8 3	85	357	3,661 6 10	37	100	1,944 2 4	
Waimate ..	916	35 4 10	2,912 4 0	302	1,012 3 7	106	719	5,854 19 7	57	254	3,770 16 10	
Winchester ..	78	2 11 2	199 10 9	16	60 6 10	14	95	255 0 0	8	14	141 19 3	
WANGANUI ..	3,179	153 7 0	12,209 10 5	2,538	8,795 3 7	520	3,595	42,532 14 3	463	2,654	41,622 5 0	
Bull's ..	512	22 5 4	1,822 9 9	107	328 15 11	92	465	3,332 18 10	40	139	2,159 16 3	
Fordell ..	109	4 7 4	502 0 1	28	62 9 11	25	96	703 6 10	3	21	339 17 1	
Hawera ..	1,021	42 17 10	3,243 11 1	667	2,653 18 5	147	722	8,416 18 10	58	263	4,995 18 7	
Hunterville ..	173	5 16 0	635 8 0	28	107 7 7							
Manaia ..	561	18 13 8	2,099 4 1	184	824 1 1	61	231	3,079 7 2	22	123	1,747 0 6	
Manutahi ..	50	2 3 8	209 15 2	17	89 6 0	3	24	206 10 8	8	13	266 16 6	
Marion ..	979	41 5 2	3,584 2 10	486	1,647 4 3	111	715	5,229 13 8	42	190	3,241 13 5	
Normanby ..	170	7 0 2	724 12 10	152	637 4 4	25	94	936 6 5	12	60	1,116 4 6	
Patea ..	593	24 13 10	1,902 5 3	253	1,000 5 5	59	388	3,369 5 9	33	139	2,097 2 8	
Turakina ..	187	8 12 10	671 18 5	77	271 3 8	15	78	468 6 11	9	37	376 18 7	
Waitotara ..	149	5 16 8	444 19 11	23	87 17 5	5	14	73 12 7	4	8	48 16 6	
Waverley ..	554	23 1 0	1,747 13 1	121	464 14 10	54	218	2,665 14 1	16	80	2,095 19 5	
WELLINGTON ..	12,121	731 2 10	43,121 5 6	19,122	72,327 13 6	2,507	19,471	219,498 11 4	2,443	17,951	223,876 15 11	
Ashurst ..	466	16 17 2	1,638 13 3	110	428 17 8	36	240	2,634 19 4	24	111	1,742 11 9	
Campbelltown ..	208	6 6 10	792 1 6	16	41 19 6	10	52	320 13 0	5	15	166 5 3	
Carterton ..	634	27 12 8	1,898 7 9	317	1,158 11 2	90	664	3,341 10 9	39	216	2,875 6 10	
Castlepoint ..	49	2 16 6	167 4 1	32	199 7 4	2	17	114 19 0		4	185 0 0	
Chatham Islands ..	144	5 13 0	577 8 3	12	71 0 5							
Eketahuna ..	515	14 14 10	2,310 18 10	296	1,674 11 1	46	128	1,643 11 11	8	92	1,900 1 0	
Featherston ..	459	19 11 6	1,388 14 7	172	589 16 3	34	293	2,220 0 0	32	89	1,744 19 2	
Feilding ..	1,445	52 9 10	6,060 14 4	675	2,544 10 5	149	761	7,646 17 5	68	318	5,246 2 8	
Foxton ..	855	36 17 6	2,947 18 9	293	1,162 1 3	129	543	3,595 3 10	67	261	2,276 12 2	
Greytown North ..	629	31 6 6	2,223 6 7	279	920 0 1	69	442	2,855 14 11	28	182	1,876 13 1	
Halcombe ..	302	12 2 2	1,142 5 2	118	459 15 0	20	139	1,280 15 1	9	58	813 11 7	
Hutt ..	298	12 14 10	1,038 15 11	196	784 18 2	58	471	3,706 15 3	53	143	1,954 19 2	
Johnsonville ..	72	2 18 6	199 7 2	52	195 12 0	15	263	1,655 1 0	11	65	1,191 13 0	
Kaitoke ..	65	2 8 4	222 12 2	10	36 12 9	5	51	253 14 0	1	10	53 5 7	
Kaiwarawara ..	60	4 11 2	167 17 1	11	36 10 5	14	184	447 7 10	1	38	149 7 7	
Martinborough ..	246	11 15 2	905 4 5	49	225 15 8	24	74	547 14 6	10	30	340 19 2	
Masterton ..	1,474	62 2 10	5,288 8 2	1,047	3,873 1 10	211	1,313	11,791 7 9	74	475	6,857 13 8	
Mauriceville ..	248	6 7 0	977 5 1	51	253 2 7	15	60	694 8 0	5	32	488 9 6	
Newtown ..	108	4 5 8	396 15 2	77	236 15 11	29	215	810 5 0	6	56	278 13 8	
Ngahauranga ..	57	3 6 0	222 12 0			11	84	345 3 5		33	92 19 0	
Otaki ..	536	23 15 6	1,685 8 2	216	893 12 6	45	260	1,975 8 3	23	117	1,130 11 3	
Pahiatua ..	1,168	33 14 2	4,154 3 0	379	1,559 17 1	87	244	3,240 13 7	45	194	2,513 10 9	
Palmerston North ..	2,802	121 7 0	9,494 18 11	1,422	4,971 7 6	374	1,803	20,097 17 3	155	796	12,616 6 8	
Petone ..	417	20 17 2	1,399 17 11	269	958 6 2	83	681	5,306 9 4	25	199	2,866 18 2	
Sanson ..	298	10 2 6	1,304 10 3	94	308 7 9	20	91	811 6 11	15	45	598 17 7	
Te Aro ..	1,208	60 13 4	3,536 18 4	104	303 5 2	336	3,264	11,543 14 9	76	324	1,772 13 4	
Te Nui ..	147	6 9 0	531 10 5	24	82 0 8	22	124	1,144 8 7	3	26	406 19 0	
Upper Hutt ..	163	5 3 0	530 0 4	66	271 2 9	19	189	1,705 12 6	8	52	624 10 11	
Woodville ..	1,620	56 0 10	5,820 10 0	448	1,768 5 0	141	559	9,987 13 5	67	315	6,989 3 4	

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 1890—continued.

Office.	Money Orders.						Savings Banks.					
	Issued.			Paid.			New Accounts opened.	Deposits.		Accounts closed.	Withdrawals.	
	No.	Commission.	Amount.	No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.
WESTPORT ..	1,916	£ s. d.	£ s. d.					£ s. d.			£ s. d.	
Boatman's ..	224	112 12 2	6,920 18 7	1,219	4,607 16 10	192	1,184	14,591* 2 0	262	971	18,278 12 9	
Cape Foulwind ..	166	10 6 4	857 15 1	30	138 3 2	10	116	1,094 10 7	15	27	903 14 0	
Charleston ..	184	10 9 0	522 2 4	18	60 7 0	22	137	935 14 2	2	5	22 3 2	
Denniston ..	1,039	9 4 4	538 3 11	60	225 16 10	6	85	766 15 11	3	41	567 9 6	
Longford ..	252	57 3 6	3,694 11 6	104	508 2 6	96	631	2,858 11 6	31	101	883 8 7	
Lyell ..	572	10 13 10	1,070 6 4	24	122 7 8	9	42	418 10 10	4	12	230 3 3	
Waimangaroa ..	184	22 12 4	2,162 0 11	51	196 1 9	7	56	290 13 6	6	20	460 17 9	
		7 19 0	707 16 5	37	187 6 6	17	135	567 17 0	16	33	191 15 7	

SUMMARY.

POSTAL DISTRICT OF—		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Auckland ..	30,089	1,550 14 4	101,963 11 1	33,796	119,407 17 2	2,825	16,940	203,298 16 10	1,789	11,574	176,517 14 7
Blenheim ..	4,983	263 2 2	17,168 3 6	2,199	8,592 15 10	596	3,443	40,315 17 1	399	2,231	33,869 16 4
Christchurch ..	20,866	1,137 6 2	70,948 17 9	19,962	67,425 19 7	4,141	32,985	342,603 8 0	3,154	21,974	313,857 18 4
Dunedin ..	24,302	1,213 13 0	79,145 9 6	27,386	97,018 16 9	3,839	29,667	261,134 5 6	2,982	19,402	245,281 11 6
Gisborne ..	2,201	132 15 6	7,173 0 2	916	3,355 19 4	374	1,967	20,380 19 8	222	1,293	14,480 10 2
Greymouth ..	6,273	358 2 10	22,451 2 6	3,286	12,192 6 7	542	3,067	35,940 13 1	470	2,002	34,005 13 5
Hokitika ..	2,723	132 3 6	8,139 0 3	1,533	5,633 18 8	178	1,144	12,109 5 2	206	769	13,817 3 10
Invercargill ..	9,851	426 1 8	31,983 14 1	6,959	24,194 18 7	918	5,767	54,300 12 8	640	3,193	48,479 16 8
Napier ..	11,250	580 17 10	39,180 18 2	6,822	24,660 15 7	1,267	7,578	75,856 18 0	797	4,622	62,891 1 8
Nelson ..	3,842	186 2 10	13,805 12 6	4,864	19,439 9 4	462	3,599	41,467 10 9	385	2,515	39,773 10 9
New Plymouth ..	3,513	155 14 4	12,565 2 4	3,098	12,850 13 4	552	3,192	42,400 3 7	392	2,486	43,857 9 3
Oamaru ..	4,083	178 17 6	14,207 10 1	2,129	7,659 6 6	489	3,002	30,398 15 4	411	1,903	29,476 0 10
Thames ..	5,652	258 18 6	18,373 17 4	3,273	13,157 11 11	619	3,772	36,114 10 6	477	2,911	35,690 12 10
Timaru ..	5,211	241 15 0	16,854 3 7	2,882	10,365 7 10	840	5,109	48,464 17 10	582	2,809	43,160 4 11
Wanganui ..	8,237	360 0 6	29,797 10 11	4,681	16,969 12 5	1,117	6,640	71,014 16 0	710	3,727	60,108 9 0
Wellington ..	28,814	1,406 3 4	101,845 13 1	25,957	98,336 17 7	4,601	32,680	321,217 17 11	3,301	22,247	283,631 10 9
Westport ..	4,537	241 1 0	16,473 15 1	1,543	6,046 2 3	359	2,386	21,523 15 6	339	1,210	21,538 4 7
Totals ..	176,427	8,823 10 0	602,077 1 11	151,286	547,308 9 3	23,719	162,938	1,658,543 3 5	17,256	106,868	1,500,437 9 5

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, 1890.

Postal Districts.	Number of 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 of each Transaction, Deposit, or Withdrawal.	Interest for the Year.	Number of Accounts Opened during the Year.	Number of Accounts remaining Open at Close of the Year.	Total Amount standing to the Credit of all open Accounts, inclusive of Interest at 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.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	71	16,940	203,208 16 10	12 0 0	11,574	176,517 14 7	15 5 0	26,781 2 3	11,753 18 5	2,825	1,789	11,409	316,259 9 8	27 14 4	8	
Blenheim	8	3,443	40,315 0 1	11 14 2	2,431	33,869 16 4	15 3 7	6,446 0 3	1,892 15 0	596	399	2,265	51,833 18 11	22 17 8	8	
Christchurch	36	32,985	342,063 8 0	10 7 8	21,974	313,857 18 4	14 5 7	28,745 9 8	20,068 17 9	4,141	3,154	20,244	527,056 14 2	26 0 8	8	
Dunedin	36	29,667	261,134 5 6	8 15 8	19,402	245,281 11 6	12 12 10	15,852 14 0	15,954 10 7	3,839	2,982	15,814	405,731 15 1	25 13 1	1	
Gisborne	1	1,967	20,380 19 8	10 7 2	1,293	14,408 10 2	11 3 11	5,900 9 6	718 2 5	374	222	895	20,839 5 0	23 5 8	5	
Greymouth	6	3,007	35,940 13 1	11 14 4	2,002	34,005 13 5	16 19 8	1,934 19 8	2,135 11 3	542	470	2,150	53,201 3 2	24 15 5	8	
Hokitika	5	1,144	12,109 5 2	10 11 8	769	13,817 3 10	17 19 4	...	1,095 8 3	178	206	995	27,249 18 0	27 7 8	8	
Invercargill	24	5,767	54,300 12 8	9 8 3	3,193	48,479 16 8	15 13 7	5,820 16 0	3,631 5 5	918	640	3,791	95,316 17 6	25 2 10	10	
Napier ...	17	7,578	75,856 18 0	10 0 2	4,022	62,891 1 8	13 12 1	12,995 16 4	3,852 5 6	1,267	797	4,379	104,523 9 6	23 17 4	4	
Nelson ...	3	3,599	41,467 10 9	11 10 5	2,515	39,773 10 9	15 16 3	1,694 0 0	2,787 11 1	462	385	3,172	71,934 15 9	22 13 6	6	
New Plymouth	6	3,192	42,400 3 7	13 5 7	2,486	43,857 9 3	17 12 10	...	2,060 18 4	532	392	2,138	54,092 11 25	25 0 0	0	
Oamaru	8	3,002	30,398 15 4	10 2 6	1,903	29,476 0 10	15 9 9	932 14 6	1,984 11 1	489	411	1,786	51,352 11 28	15 0 0	0	
Thames	11	3,772	36,114 10 6	9 11 5	2,911	35,600 12 10	12 5 2	433 17 8	2,609 5 9	619	477	2,891	67,548 10 3	23 7 3	3	
Tinianui	9	5,109	48,464 17 10	9 9 8	2,809	43,160 4 11	15 7 3	5,304 12 11	3,035 13 9	840	582	3,045	79,448 8 11	20 1 9	6	
Wanganui	12	6,640	71,014 16 0	10 13 10	3,727	60,108 9 0	16 2 6	10,906 7 0	3,360 17 7	1,117	710	4,087	93,292 9 0	22 16 6	3	
Wellington	29	32,680	321,217 17 11	9 16 6	22,247	283,631 10 9	12 14 11	37,586 7 2	14,077 11 1	4,601	3,391	16,950	387,579 2 7	22 17 3	3	
Westport	8	2,386	21,573 15 6	9 0 5	1,210	21,538 4 7	17 16 0	...	1,300 6 5	359	339	1,197	34,555 13 4	28 17 4	4	
Totals for Colony in 1890	296	162,938	1,658,543 3 5	10 3 6	106,868	1,500,437 9 5	14 0 9	158,105 14 0	92,319 0 6	2,3719	17,356	97,208	2,441,876 8 7	25 2 4	4	
" 1889	294	153,920	1,515,281 11 3	9 10 10	99,185	1,457,681 5 0	14 13 9	58,200 6 3	84,809 17 1	21,778	15,531	96,745	2,191,451 14 1	24 2 11	11	
" 1888	290	145,355	1,544,747 7 11	10 12 6	96,204	1,387,471 1 10	14 8 5	157,276 6 1	78,080 6 0	21,377	16,543	84,488	2,048,441 10 9	24 4 10	10	
" 1887	283	136,197	1,312,151 1 5	9 12 8	89,962	1,182,409 7 6	13 2 10	129,741 13 11	67,363 15 3	20,368	15,515	79,724	1,813,084 18 8	22 14 10	10	
" 1886	276	131,973	1,248,495 6 11	9 0 11	89,182	1,136,287 8 3	14 9 8	...	65,285 9 6	21,671	16,571	74,871	1,615,979 9 6	21 11 8	8	
" 1885	251	137,371	1,341,001 3 2	10 4 1	84,832	1,264,395 6 4	14 18 0	76,695 14 11	62,228 3 11	20,661	16,421	69,957	1,638,935 10 5	23 8 4	4	
" 1884	243	129,279	1,227,909 11 4	9 9 11	80,800	1,195,931 0 11	14 16 0	31,978 10 5	57,381 13 7	20,228	16,447	65,717	1,499,112 0 7	22 16 3	4	
" 1883	222	127,609	1,178,474 4 1	9 4 8	78,405	1,295,719 18 3	16 9 6	183,253 2 10	56,046 17 3	20,386	15,997	61,936	1,409,751 16 7	22 15 5	5	
" 1882	207	120,952	1,325,852 2 11	10 4 0	69,308	1,142,599 0 1	16 10 8	286,817 0 11	54,909 13 11	21,014	14,895	57,517	1,470,950 13 6	25 1 5	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	42,204 19 0	25,059	12,718	51,008	1,232,787 16 9	24 3 4	4	
" 1880	178	81,660	864,441 18 10	10 11 9	57,446	789,504 13 4	13 11 8	83,937 5 6	32,822 12 4	16,137	12,217	38,667	983,765 16 10	23 7 6	6	
" 1879	165	71,865	812,399 11 11	11 6 1	54,698	876,180 19 3	16 0 4	...	31,715 18 2	15,401	12,786	34,747	787,005 19 0	22 12 11	11	
" 1878	147	69,998	762,084 12 0	10 18 0	43,746	743,053 14 3	17 7 2	20,030 17 9	31,664 12 9	13,005	9,634	32,132	819,071 8 2	25 9 9	9	
" 1877	138	60,953	681,294 13 2	11 3 6	39,363	667,023 7 5	16 18 10	14,271 5 9	29,193 14 6	11,235	8,591	28,761	767,375 17 8	26 13 7	7	
" 1876	124	57,295	664,134 12 6	11 11 9	39,486	696,281 7 4	17 12 8	...	28,762 4 7	11,255	9,472	26,117	723,910 17 5	27 14 4	4	
" 1875	119	56,129	657,653 4 0	11 14 4	30,977	729,759 17 9	19 14 8	...	28,565 3 5	11,273	8,681	24,334	727,295 7 8	29 17 9	9	
" 1874	103	52,627	699,249 14 3	13 5 8	29,778	620,155 8 9	20 16 5	79,094 5 6	26,935 6 8	10,346	5,736	21,742	779,836 18 0	35 9 0	1	
" 1873	97	39,223	580,542 5 5	14 16 2	21,268	435,908 3 5	20 0 5	154,024 2 0	20,106 16 10	7,382	3,816	17,132	664,867 5 10	38 16 1	1	
" 1872	92	31,681	430,817 0 0	13 12 0	17,254	313,176 7 11	18 3 0	117,700 12 1	14,711 0 5	6,205	3,188	13,566	490,066 7 0	36 2 5	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	11,291 10 10	4,615	2,383	10,549	357,654 14 6	33 18 1	3	
" 1870	70	20,489	264,328 5 7	12 18 0	11,934	209,509 13 2	17 11 1	54,818 12 5	9,242 3 11	4,304	2,277	8,317	295,372 1 7	35 10 3	3	
" 1869	59	17,133	240,868 5 9	14 1 2	9,292	185,518 4 1	19 8 7	69,380 1 8	7,412 8 0	3,839	1,801	6,290	231,311 5 3	36 15 5	5	
" 1868	55	13,014	194,535 11 6	14 18 11	6,365	107,094 17 3	16 16 6	87,440 14 3	4,880 7 3	3,282	1,186	4,252	163,518 15 7	38 9 1	5	
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	1,241 5 0	822	1 108	364	71,197 14 1	33 0 5	5	

Table No. 5.

BALANCE-SHEET of the New Zealand Post Office Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1890.

	Balances on 1st January, 1890.		Transactions.		Balances on 31st December, 1890.	
	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
MONEY ORDER ACCOUNTS:—						
Money orders	16,155 7 5	..	679,001 3 6	677,022 5 2	18,134 5 9	..
United Kingdom, &c. ..	..	7,492 5 1	70,755 17 7	79,924 9 11	..	16,660 17 5
United States of America, &c. ..	153 4 8	..	4,886 13 5	5,178 17 2	..	138 19 1
Victoria	..	1,281 8 3	25,274 10 10	24,640 6 5	..	647 3 10
South Australia	..	353 6 5	2,124 19 9	1,682 19 8	88 13 8	..
New South Wales	1,735 5 6	..	27,328 17 11	28,542 5 8	521 17 9	..
Queensland	151 14 5	..	2,580 4 6	3,156 9 2	..	424 10 3
Tasmania	..	687 0 9	2,368 15 0	2,580 15 6	..	999 1 3
Western Australia	20 8 10	..	154 2 2	254 10 10	..	79 19 10
Commission	..	576 7 4	1,465 17 0	1,305 5 4	..	415 15 8
SAVINGS-BANK ACCOUNTS:—						
Deposits and withdrawals ..	2,191,451 14 1	..	1,750,862 3 11	1,500,437 9 5	2,441,876 8 7	..
Transfers	552 17 6	..	102,242 3 4	101,635 3 6	1,159 17 4	..
TELEGRAPH ACCOUNTS:—						
Receipts	2,999 3 1	..	146,502 5 7	148,953 13 0	547 15 8	..
New South Wales	1,009 15 5	..	21,826 15 8	22,485 7 5	351 3 8	..
New Zealand & Australian Cable ..	537 12 10	..	13,437 1 6	13,777 3 4	197 11 0	..
POSTAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS:—						
Stamps	114,596 15 6½	..	263,941 12 8	279,730 8 1	98,808 0 1½	..
Postal Guides	0 5 0	..	300 8 0	300 13 0	..	..
Private box and bag rents ..	..	..	4,328 19 4	4,328 19 4	..	..
Miscellaneous revenue	..	..	323 18 8	323 18 8	..	..
Money-order commission	..	..	8,823 10 0	8,823 10 0	..	..
Total revenue	2,764 11 9	..	206,663 7 2	202,697 18 8	6,730 0 3	..
GENERAL ACCOUNTS:—						
Post Office Account	..	78,890 5 5	1,087,916 3 7	1,079,607 7 6	..	70,581 9 4
Postmasters and Telegraphists ..	..	179,986 7 10½	3,149,936 7 9	3,142,320 12 10	..	172,370 12 11½
Investments	..	2,087,682 7 8	3,000 0 0	252,500 0 0	..	2,337,182 7 8
Accrued interest on investments ..	..	18,294 8 9	18,294 8 9	19,162 13 6	..	19,162 13 6
Advances to Treasury for payments to London office on Money Order Account ..	..	15,747 18 1	1,500 0 0	..	..	14,247 18 1
Miscellaneous expenses	..	314 15 5½	312,506 13 5	315,599 13 7½	..	3,407 15 8
License-fees—Game	..	..	1,272 0 0	1,272 0 0	..	..
Government Insurance receipts ..	1,081 13 8	..	19,871 13 8	19,680 18 3	1,272 9 1	..
Registration of births, &c. ..	135 0 6	..	1,365 4 6	1,381 13 6	118 11 6	..
Receipts under Live-Stock Acts ..	0 4 0	..	11,095 8 0	11,095 12 0	..	..
Machinery fees	161 0 0	..	3,501 15 0	3,423 15 0	239 0 0	..
Property-tax	4,293 15 10	..	232,031 7 4	231,950 0 0	4,375 3 2	..
Postal notes	35,089 13 8	..	74,602 1 8	69,333 10 0½	40,358 5 3½	..
Maintenance of private lines ..	..	..	1,286 16 8	1,286 16 8	..	..
San Francisco contributions, moiety to Sydney ..	..	88 3 11½	3,355 7 6	3,142 1 9	125 1 9½	..
Consolidated revenue not otherwise specified ..	5 13 6	..	1,246 19 0	1,237 17 10	14 14 8	..
Under District Railways Purchasing Act	0 1 9	..	..	0 1 9	..	..
Foreign postage	1,120 1 11	..	3,680 7 1	1,800 0 0	3,000 9 0	..
Hospital and charitable - aid rates	0 14 0	..	9 17 6	10 11 6	..	..
Customs duties	136 3 8	..	2,577 10 1	2,399 2 3	314 11 6	..
Suspense account	..	..	0 16 9	0 16 9	..	..
Profit and loss	17,241 16 6	..	124,456 17 6	123,613 9 3	18,085 4 9	..
Totals	2,391,394 15 0½	2,391,394 15 0½	8,388,601 3 3	8,388,601 3 3	2,636,319 4 6½	2,636,319 4 6½

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, 1890.

Description of Securities, &c.	Nominal Value.			Value at Cost Price.			Interest accrued but not received at Close of Year.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Thames Harbour Board Debentures, 6 per cents	4,000	0	0	4,000	0	0	120	0	0
Borough of Thames Debentures, 6 per cents	6,500	0	0	6,500	0	0	190	3	9
Oamaru Harbour Mortgages, 5½ per cents	33,000	0	0	33,000	0	0	760	16	1
Oamaru Harbour Mortgages, 5 per cents	30,000	0	0	30,000	0	0	628	15	4
Borough of Hamilton Debentures, 5½ per cents	3,000	0	0	3,000	0	0	68	14	3
North Rakaia River Bonds, 5 per cents	5,500	0	0	5,500	0	0	114	10	5
Patea Harbour Board Mortgages, 5 per cents	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	0	72	12	1
Oamaru Corporation Debentures, 5 per cents	5,000	0	0	5,000	0	0	94	10	5
Consolidated Loan 1867 Debentures, 4 per cents	13,000	0	0	12,480	0	0	109	13	11
Immigration and Public Works Loan 1870 Debentures, 4 per cents	173,200	0	0	166,272	0	0	1,461	10	4
Immigration and Public Works Loan 1870 Debentures, 4½ per cents	14,900	0	0	14,527	10	0	141	8	11
Defence Loan 1870 Debentures, 4 per cents	75,000	0	0	72,000	0	0	632	17	6
Defence Loan 1870 Debentures, 4½ per cents	5,000	0	0	5,000	0	0	..	..	..
General Purposes Loan Debentures, 4 per cents	5,200	0	0	4,342	0	0	43	17	7
Westland Loan 1873 Scrip, 5 per cents	50,000	0	0	50,800	0	0	527	7	11
"State Forests Act 1885" Debentures, 5 per cents	8,000	0	0	8,000	0	0	132	12	1
District Railways Purchasing Act Debentures and Scrip, 4 per cents	42,100	0	0	36,176	17	8	419	16	11
Public Revenues Act 1886" Debentures, 5 per cents	38,000	0	0	38,000	0	0	426	17	0
"Public Revenues Act 1886" Debentures, 4½ per cents	100,000	0	0	100,000	0	0	1,010	19	2
Oamaru Gas Bonds, 5 per cents	8,800	0	0	8,800	0	0	36	3	3
District Railways Scrip, 4 per cents	34,000	0	0	34,000	0	0	339	1	4
Hokitika Harbour Board Debentures, 6 per cents	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	0	82	3	9
Loans to Local Bodies Scrip, 5 per cents	250,000	0	0	250,000	0	0	4,143	16	10
Consolidated Stock Scrip, 5 per cents	693,284	0	0	693,284	0	0	3,091	19	3
Consolidated Stock Scrip, 5 per cents	66,400	0	0	66,400	0	0	300	3	3
Immigration and Public Works Loan Guaranteed Debentures, 4 per cents	324,000	0	0	324,000	0	0	1,065	4	0
Deficiency Bills, 5 per cents	207,600	0	0	207,600	0	0	4	3	3
Greymouth Harbour Board Debentures, 5 per cents	45,000	0	0	45,000	0	0	1,125	0	0
Consolidated Stock Scrip, 4½ per cents	49,500	0	0	49,500	0	0	201	7	9
Westport Harbour Board Debentures, 5 per cents	44,000	0	0	44,000	0	0	1,100	0	0
Post Office Account	..	..	..	..	..	..	716	7	2
Totals	2,353,984	0	0	2,337,182	7	8	19,162	13	6

Table No. 7.—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 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.	Date of Despatch from London.	No. of Days.
1890.	1890.		1890.	1890.		1890.	1890.		1890.	1890.		1890.	1890.		1890.	1890.		1890.	
January 25	March 1	35	January 25	March 4	38	January 25	March 5	39	January 25	March 6	40	January 25	March 6	40	January 25	March 6	40	January 25	March 6
February 22	March 30	36	February 22	March 11	39	February 22	March 12	40	February 22	March 13	41	February 22	March 13	41	February 22	March 13	41	February 22	March 13
March 22	April 28	37	March 22	April 29	38	March 22	April 30	39	March 22	May 1	40	March 22	April 31	40	March 22	April 31	40	March 22	April 31
April 19	May 24	35	April 19	May 26	37	April 19	May 27	38	April 19	May 28	39	April 19	May 28	39	April 19	May 28	39	April 19	May 28
May 17	June 21	35	May 17	June 23	37	May 17	June 24	38	May 17	June 25	39	May 17	June 25	40	May 17	June 25	40	May 17	June 25
June 14	July 19	35	June 14	July 21	37	June 14	July 22	38	June 14	July 23	39	June 14	July 24	40	June 14	July 24	40	June 14	July 24
July 12	August 16	35	July 12	August 18	37	July 12	August 19	38	July 12	August 20	39	July 12	August 21	40	July 12	August 21	40	July 12	August 21
August 9	September 13	35	August 9	September 15	37	August 9	September 16	38	August 9	September 17	39	August 9	September 17	40	August 9	September 17	40	August 9	September 17
September 6	October 11	35	September 6	October 13	37	September 6	October 14	38	September 6	October 15	39	September 6	October 16	40	September 6	October 16	40	September 6	October 16
October 4	November 8	35	October 4	November 10	37	October 4	November 11	38	October 4	November 12	39	October 4	November 13	40	October 4	November 13	40	October 4	November 13
November 1	December 8	37	November 1	December 11	40	November 1	December 12	41	November 1	December 13	42	November 1	December 14	43	November 1	December 14	43	November 1	December 14
1891.	1891.		1891.	1891.		1891.	1891.		1891.	1891.		1891.	1891.		1891.	1891.		1891.	
November 29	January 5	37	November 29	January 6	38	November 29	January 7	39	November 29	January 8	40	November 29	January 9	41	November 29	January 10	42	November 29	January 10
December 27	February 2	37	December 27	January 3	38	December 27	January 4	39	December 27	January 5	40	December 27	January 6	41	December 27	January 7	42	December 27	January 7
Maximum	...	37	...	...	40	...	...	41	...	...	42	...	...	43	...	...	44	...	...
Minimum	...	35	...	...	37	...	...	38	...	...	39	...	...	40	...	...	41	...	...
Average	...	35.69	...	...	37.62	...	...	39.00	...	...	40.77	...	...	42.77	...	...	44.77	...	...

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.	Date of Despatch from Melbourne.	Date of Arrival in London.	No. of Days.	Date of Despatch from Melbourne.	No. of Days.
1890.	1890.		1890.	1890.		1890.	1890.		1890.	1890.		1890.	1890.		1890.	1890.		1890.	
January 21	March 4	42	January 21	March 4	41	January 21	March 4	39	January 21	March 4	38	January 21	March 4	36	January 21	March 4	36	January 21	March 4
February 18	March 31	41	February 18	March 31	40	February 18	March 31	38	February 18	March 31	37	February 18	March 31	35	February 18	March 31	35	February 18	March 31
March 18	April 27	40	March 18	April 27	39	March 18	April 27	37	March 18	April 27	36	March 18	April 27	34	March 18	April 27	34	March 18	April 27
April 15	May 26	41	April 15	May 26	40	April 15	May 26	38	April 15	May 26	37	April 15	May 26	35	April 15	May 26	35	April 15	May 26
May 13	June 23	41	May 13	June 23	40	May 13	June 23	38	May 13	June 23	37	May 13	June 23	35	May 13	June 23	35	May 13	June 23
June 10	July 21	41	June 10	July 21	40	June 10	July 21	38	June 10	July 21	37	June 10	July 21	35	June 10	July 21	35	June 10	July 21
July 8	August 17	40	July 8	August 17	39	July 8	August 17	37	July 8	August 17	36	July 8	August 17	34	July 8	August 17	34	July 8	August 17
August 5	September 14	40	August 5	September 14	39	August 5	September 14	37	August 5	September 14	36	August 5	September 14	34	August 5	September 14	34	August 5	September 14
September 2	October 14	42	September 2	October 14	41	September 2	October 14	39	September 2	October 14	38	September 2	October 14	36	September 2	October 14	36	September 2	October 14
September 30	November 13	44	September 30	November 13	43	September 30	November 13	41	September 30	November 13	40	September 30	November 13	38	September 30	November 13	38	September 30	November 13
October 28	December 8	41	October 28	December 8	40	October 28	December 8	38	October 28	December 8	37	October 28	December 8	35	October 28	December 8	35	October 28	December 8
1891.	1891.		1891.	1891.		1891.	1891.		1891.	1891.		1891.	1891.		1891.	1891.		1891.	
November 25	January 4	40	November 25	January 4	39	November 25	January 4	37	November 25	January 4	36	November 25	January 4	34	November 25	January 4	34	November 25	January 4
December 23	February 1	40	December 23	February 1	39	December 23	February 1	37	December 23	February 1	36	December 23	February 1	34	December 23	February 1	34	December 23	February 1
Maximum	...	44	...	...	43	...	...	41	...	...	40	...	...	38	...	...	38	...	...
Minimum	...	40	...	...	39	...	...	37	...	...	36	...	...	34	...	...	34	...	...
Average	...	41.00	...	...	40.00	...	...	38.00	...	...	37.00	...	...	35.00	...	...	35.00	...	...

Table No. 8.—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 VIA PLYMOUTH.

AUCKLAND.			WELLINGTON.			CHRISTCHURCH.			DUNEDIN.			INVERCARGILL.		
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 Invercargill.	No. of Days.
1890.	1890.		1890.	1890.		1890.	1890.		1890.	1890.		1890.	1890.	
January 10	February 27	48	January 10	February 25	46	January 10	February 26	47	January 10	February 26	47	January 10	February 27	48
February 7	March 26	47	February 7	March 24	45	February 7	March 25	46	February 7	March 26	47	February 7	March 27	48
March 4	April 23	47	March 4	April 21	45	March 4	April 22	46	March 4	April 23	47	March 4	April 24	48
April 21	May 21	47	April 21	May 19	45	April 21	May 20	46	April 21	May 20	46	April 21	May 21	47
May 2	June 21	50	May 2	June 19	48	May 2	June 18	47	May 2	June 18	47	May 2	June 19	48
June 30	July 16	47	June 30	July 15	46	June 30	July 16	47	June 30	July 16	47	June 30	July 17	48
July 27	August 17	51	July 27	August 14	48	July 27	August 13	47	July 27	August 12	46	July 27	August 13	47
August 25	September 10	47	August 25	September 9	46	August 25	September 10	47	August 25	September 11	48	August 25	September 12	49
September 12	October 12	51	September 12	October 8	47	September 12	October 7	46	September 12	October 7	46	September 12	October 8	47
October 19	November 6	48	October 19	November 3	45	October 19	November 7	49*	October 19	November 7	49*	October 19	November 8	50*
November 17	December 5	49	November 17	December 2	46	November 17	December 1	45	November 17	December 1	45	November 17	December 2	46
1891.	1891.		1891.	1891.		1891.	1891.		1891.	1891.		1891.	1891.	
January 14	January 1	48	January 14	December 30	46	January 14	December 31	47	January 14	January 1	48	January 14	January 2	49
December 13	January 31	49	December 13	January 29	47	December 13	January 30	48	December 13	January 31	49	December 13	February 2	51
Maximum	..	51	..	..	48	..	..	49	..	..	49	..	..	51
Minimum	..	47	..	..	45	..	..	45	..	..	45	..	..	46
Average	..	48'38	..	..	46'15	..	..	46'77	..	..	47'00	..	..	48'00

TO LONDON VIA PLYMOUTH.

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.
1890.	1890.		1890.	1890.		1890.	1890.		1890.	1890.		1890.	1890.	
January 6	February 17	42	January 9	February 17	39	January 8	February 17	40	January 8	February 17	40	January 7	February 17	41
February 3	March 20	45	February 6	March 20	42	February 5	March 20	43	February 5	March 20	43	February 4	March 20	44
March 3	April 17	45	March 5	April 17	43	March 6	April 17	42	March 5	April 17	43	March 4	April 17	44
April 31	May 12	42	April 30	May 12	40	April 3	May 12	39	April 3	May 12	40	April 1	May 12	41
May 28	June 8	41	May 30	June 8	39	May 1	June 8	38	May 30	June 8	39	April 29	June 8	40
June 26	July 8	43	June 29	July 8	40	May 28	July 8	41	May 28	July 8	41	May 27	July 8	42
July 23	August 9	47	July 25	August 9	45	June 26	August 9	44	June 25	August 9	45	June 24	August 9	46
August 21	September 2	43	July 23	September 2	41	July 24	September 2	40	July 23	September 2	41	July 22	September 2	42
September 18	September 30	43	August 21	September 30	40	August 20	September 30	41	August 20	September 30	41	August 19	September 30	42
October 15	October 29	44	September 18	October 29	41	September 19	October 29	40	September 17	October 29	42	September 17	October 29	42
November 14	November 26	43	October 16	November 26	41	October 15	November 26	42	October 15	November 26	42	October 14	November 26	43
December 10	December 30	50	November 12	December 30	48	November 13	December 30	47	November 12	December 30	48	November 11	December 30	49
1891.	1891.		1891.	1891.		1891.	1891.		1891.	1891.		1891.	1891.	
December 8	January 21	44	December 9	January 21	43	December 10	January 21	42	December 9	January 21	43	December 8	January 21	44
Maximum	..	50	..	..	48	..	..	47	..	..	48	..	..	49
Minimum	..	41	..	..	39	..	..	38	..	..	39	..	..	40
Average	..	44'00	..	..	41'69	..	..	41'46	..	..	42'15	..	..	43'08

* Delay owing to coastal steamer having to return to Wellington through stress of weather.

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 Packets of the Peninsular and Oriental Line.

FROM LONDON VIA P. AND O. PACKETS.																						
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.
1890. Jan. 3	1890. Feb. 7	35		1890. Jan. 3	1890. Feb. 8	36		1890. Jan. 3	1890. Feb. 13	41		1890. Jan. 3	1890. Feb. 15	43		1890. Jan. 3	1890. Feb. 16	44		1890. Jan. 3	1890. Feb. 19	47
Jan. 17	Feb. 17	31		Jan. 17	Feb. 18	32		Jan. 17	Feb. 24	38		Jan. 17	Feb. 25	39		Jan. 17	Feb. 26	40		Jan. 17	Feb. 24	38
Jan. 31	March 4	32		Jan. 31	March 5	33		Jan. 31	March 10	38		Jan. 31	March 11	39		Jan. 31	March 12	40		Jan. 31	March 11	39
Feb. 14	March 21	35		Feb. 14	March 22	36		Feb. 14	March 31	45		Feb. 14	April 1	46		Feb. 14	April 2	47		Feb. 14	April 3	48
Feb. 28	March 31	31		Feb. 28	April 1	32		Feb. 28	April 7	38		Feb. 28	April 8	39		Feb. 28	April 8	39		Feb. 28	April 9	40
March 14	April 18	35		March 14	April 19	36		March 14	April 28	45		March 14	April 30	47		March 14	May 2	49		March 14	April 30	40
March 28	April 28	31		March 28	April 29	32		March 28	May 5	38		March 28	May 6	39		March 28	May 6	39		March 28	May 7	40
April 11	May 15	34		April 11	May 16	35		April 11	May 26	45		April 11	May 27	46		April 11	May 29	48		April 11	May 21	40
April 25	May 29	34		April 25	May 30	35		April 25	June 9	45		April 25	June 10	46		April 25	June 11	47		April 25	June 7	43
May 9	June 13	35		May 9	June 14	36		May 9	June 23	45		May 9	June 24	46		May 9	June 25	47		May 9	June 25	47
May 23	June 23	31		May 23	June 24	32		May 23	July 1	39		May 23	July 2	40		May 23	July 4	42		May 23	July 3	41
June 6	July 11	35		June 6	July 12	36		June 6	July 22	46		June 6	July 23	47		June 6	July 25	49		June 6	July 23	47
June 20	July 23	33		June 20	July 24	34		June 20	July 28	38		June 20	July 29	39		June 20	July 30	40		June 20	July 29	39
July 4	August 5	32		July 4	August 6	33		July 4	August 11	38		July 4	August 12	39		July 4	August 13	40		July 4	August 11	38
July 18	August 22	35		July 18	August 23	36		July 18	Sept. 1	45		July 18	Sept. 2	46		July 18	Sept. 6	50		July 18	Sept. 8	52
August 1	Sept. 5	35		August 1	Sept. 6	36		August 1	Sept. 15	45		August 1	Sept. 16	46		August 1	Sept. 17	47		August 1	Sept. 19	49
August 15	Sept. 17	33		August 15	Sept. 18	34		August 15	Sept. 27	43		August 15	Sept. 27	43		August 15	Sept. 26	42		August 15	October 1	47
August 29	October 2	34		August 29	October 3	35		August 29	October 17	49		August 29	October 18	50		August 29	October 19	51		August 29	October 16	48
Sept. 12	October 16	34		Sept. 12	October 17	35		Sept. 12	October 27	45		Sept. 12	October 28	46		Sept. 12	October 29	47		Sept. 12	October 28	46
Sept. 26	October 31	35		Sept. 26	Nov. 1	36		Sept. 26	Nov. 11	46		Sept. 26	Nov. 13	48		Sept. 26	Nov. 11	46		Sept. 26	Nov. 12	47
October 10	Nov. 11	32		October 10	Nov. 12	33		October 10	Nov. 19	40		October 10	Nov. 21	42		October 10	Nov. 22	43		October 10	Nov. 25	46
October 24	Nov. 28	35		October 24	Nov. 29	36		October 24	Dec. 8	45		October 24	Dec. 9	46		October 24	Dec. 7	44		October 24	Dec. 11	48
Nov. 7	Dec. 9	32		Nov. 7	Dec. 10	33		Nov. 7	Dec. 15	38		Nov. 7	Dec. 16	39		Nov. 7	Dec. 17	40		Nov. 7	Dec. 20	43
Nov. 21	Dec. 26	35		Nov. 21	Dec. 27	36		Nov. 21	1891. Jan. 6	46		Nov. 21	1891. Jan. 7	47		Nov. 21	1891. Jan. 6	46		Nov. 21	1891. Jan. 7	47
Dec. 5	Jan. 9	35		Dec. 5	Jan. 10	36		Dec. 5	Jan. 19	45		Dec. 5	Jan. 20	46		Dec. 5	Jan. 21	47		Dec. 5	Jan. 22	48
Dec. 19	Jan. 20	32		Dec. 19	Jan. 21	33		Dec. 19	Jan. 26	38		Dec. 19	Jan. 27	39		Dec. 19	Jan. 28	40		Dec. 19	Jan. 26	38
Maximum	...	35		...	...	36		...	...	49		...	...	50		...	...	51		...	...	52
Minimum	...	31		...	...	32		...	...	38		...	...	39		...	...	39		...	...	38
Average	...	33.46		...	...	34.46		...	...	42.46		...	...	43.58		...	...	44.38		...	...	44.35

Table No. 9.—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 Packets of the Peninsular and Oriental Line—continued.

TO LONDON VIA P. AND O. PACKETS.

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.
1890.	1890.		1890.	1890.		1890.	1890.		1890.	1890.		1890.	1891.	
..	..	..	January 4	February 15	42	January 17	February 15	42	January 9	February 15	37	January 11	February 15	35
..	..	..	..	..	..	January 31	March 17	45	January 23	March 3	39	January 24	March 3	38
January 28	March 17	48	..	..	..	February 14	March 30	44	February 6	March 17	39	February 8	March 17	37
February 11	March 30	47	..	..	..	February 28	April 12	44	February 20	March 30	38	February 21	March 30	37
March 1	April 12	42	..	..	..	March 14	April 28	43	March 6	April 12	37	March 8	April 12	35
March 12	April 28	47	..	..	..	March 28	May 10	43	March 20	April 28	39	March 21	April 28	38
March 30	May 10	41	..	..	..	April 12	May 24	42	April 3	May 10	37	April 4	May 10	36
April 15	May 24	39	..	..	..	April 28	June 10	43	April 20	May 24	34	April 22	May 24	32
..	..	..	May 2	June 18	47	May 12	June 24	42	April 21	June 18	37	April 13	June 18	36
May 20	July 1	42	..	..	..	May 17	July 1	45	May 12	July 1	37	May 13	July 1	35
June 3	July 16	43	May 30	July 16	47	May 31	July 16	46	May 26	July 16	36	May 27	July 16	35
..	..	..	..	..	..	June 13	July 29	47	June 19	August 13	37	June 24	August 13	36
July 1	August 13	43	..	..	..	June 27	August 13	47	June 23	August 13	35	July 8	August 25	34
July 16	August 25	40	..	..	..	July 11	August 25	45	July 7	August 25	37	July 22	August 25	34
August 6	September 10	42	..	..	..	July 25	September 10	47	July 21	September 10	37	August 5	September 10	36
August 16	September 24	49	..	..	..	August 8	September 24	47	August 4	September 24	37	August 19	September 24	36
August 26	October 8	43	..	..	..	August 22	October 8	47	August 18	October 8	37	September 2	October 8	35
Sept. 3	October 21	48	..	..	..	..	..	..	September 15	October 21	36	September 16	October 21	35
Sept. 20	November 3	44	..	..	..	Sept. 22	November 3	42	September 15	November 3	35	September 30	November 3	34
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	September 29	November 18	36	October 14	November 18	35
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	October 13	December 2	36	October 28	December 2	35
October 29	December 15	47	..	..	..	November 1	December 15	44	October 27	December 15	35	November 11	December 15	34
November 13	December 29	46	..	..	..	November 17	December 29	42	November 10	December 29	35	November 25	December 29	34
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	November 24	December 29	35	..	..	..
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	December 8	January 11	34	December 9	January 11	33
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	December 22	January 27	36	December 23	January 27	35
November 26	January 11	46	..	..	..	November 28	January 11	44	December 8	January 27	34	..	..	..
December 13	January 27	45	December 13	January 27	45	December 13	January 27	45	December 22	January 27	36	..	..	..
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	January 5	February 8	34	January 6	February 8	33
December 24	February 8	46	..	..	..	December 27	February 8	43	..	..	..	..	..	..
Maximum	..	49	..	..	48	..	..	47	..	..	39	..	..	38
Minimum	..	39	..	..	42	..	..	42	..	..	33	..	..	32
Average	..	44.40	..	..	46.00	..	..	44.61	..	..	36.35	..	..	35.23

Table No. 10.—ORIENT MAIL SERVICE.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails between London and the under-mentioned Places by the Packets of the Orient Line.

FROM LONDON VIA ORIENT PACKETS.

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 at 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.
1890.	1890.		1890.	1890.		1890.	1890.		1890.	1890.		1890.	1890.		1890.	1890.	
Jan. 10	Feb. 17	38	Jan. 10	Feb. 18	39	Jan. 10	Feb. 24	45	Jan. 10	Feb. 25	46	Jan. 10	Feb. 26	47	Jan. 10	Feb. 24	45
Jan. 24	Feb. 27	34	Jan. 24	Feb. 28	35	Jan. 24	March 10	45	Jan. 24	March 11	46	Jan. 24	March 10	45	Jan. 24	March 11	46
Feb. 7	March 14	35	Feb. 7	March 15	36	Feb. 7	March 24	45	Feb. 7	March 25	46	Feb. 7	March 20	41	Feb. 7	March 22	43
Feb. 21	March 28	35	Feb. 21	March 29	36	Feb. 21	April 7	45	Feb. 21	April 8	46	Feb. 21	March 28	46	Feb. 21	April 9	47
March 7	April 10	34	March 7	April 11	35	March 7	April 21	45	March 7	April 22	46	March 7	April 21	45	March 7	April 21	45
March 21	April 24	34	March 21	April 25	35	March 21	May 5	45	March 21	May 6	46	March 21	April 26	46	March 21	April 30	40
April 4	May 10	36	April 4	May 12	38	April 4	May 19	45	April 4	May 20	46	April 4	May 19	45	April 4	May 19	45
April 18	May 21	33	April 18	May 22	34	April 18	May 26	38	April 18	May 27	39	April 18	May 29	41	April 18	May 27	39
May 2	June 3	32	May 2	June 5	34	May 2	June 9	38	May 2	June 10	39	May 2	June 11	40	May 2	June 10	39
May 16	June 20	35	May 16	June 21	36	May 16	July 1	46	May 16	July 2	47	May 16	June 14	49	May 16	June 12	47
May 30	July 2	33	May 30	July 3	34	May 30	July 7	38	May 30	July 8	39	May 30	July 9	40	May 30	July 10	41
June 13	July 14	31	June 13	July 15	32	June 13	July 22	39	June 13	July 23	40	June 13	July 25	42	June 13	July 23	40
June 27	July 31	34	June 27	August 1	35	June 27	August 11	45	June 27	August 12	46	June 27	August 11	45	June 27	August 6	40
July 11	August 11	31	July 11	August 12	32	July 11	August 18	38	July 11	August 19	39	July 11	August 11	41	July 11	August 11	40
July 25	August 28	34	July 25	August 29	35	July 25	Sept. 15	52	July 25	Sept. 16	53	July 25	Sept. 17	54	July 25	Sept. 8	45
August 8	Sept. 13	36	August 8	Sept. 15	38	August 8	Sept. 27	50	August 8	Sept. 27	50	August 8	Sept. 26	49	August 8	Sept. 29	52
August 22	Sept. 25	34	August 22	Sept. 26	35	August 22	October 10	49	August 22	Oct. 9	48	August 22	October 7	46	August 22	October 6	45
Sept. 5	October 8	33	Sept. 5	October 9	34	Sept. 5	October 17	42	Sept. 5	Oct. 18	43	Sept. 5	October 19	44	Sept. 5	October 15	40
Sept. 19	October 23	34	Sept. 19	October 24	35	Sept. 19	Nov. 3	45	Sept. 19	Nov. 4	46	Sept. 19	Nov. 5	47	Sept. 19	Nov. 3	45
Oct. 3	Nov. 6	34	Oct. 3	Nov. 7	35	Oct. 3	Nov. 11	39	Oct. 3	Nov. 13	41	Oct. 3	Nov. 14	42	Oct. 3	Nov. 12	40
Oct. 17	Nov. 20	34	Oct. 17	Nov. 21	35	Oct. 17	Dec. 1	45	Oct. 17	Dec. 2	46	Oct. 17	Nov. 28	42	Oct. 17	Nov. 28	42
Oct. 31	Dec. 3	33	Oct. 31	Dec. 4	34	Oct. 31	Dec. 8	38	Oct. 31	Dec. 9	39	Oct. 31	Dec. 10	40	Oct. 31	Dec. 11	41
Nov. 14	Dec. 18	34	Nov. 14	Dec. 19	35	Nov. 14	Dec. 29	45	Nov. 14	Dec. 31	47	Nov. 14	Jan. 3	50	Nov. 14	Dec. 29	45
	1891.			1891.			1891.			1891.			1891.			1891.	
Nov. 28	Jan. 2	35	Nov. 28	Jan. 3	36	Nov. 28	Jan. 12	45	Nov. 28	Jan. 13	46	Nov. 28	Jan. 14	47	Nov. 28	Jan. 13	46
Dec. 12	Jan. 15	34	Dec. 12	Jan. 16	35	Dec. 12	Jan. 26	45	Dec. 12	Jan. 27	46	Dec. 12	Jan. 28	47	Dec. 12	Jan. 22	41
Dec. 26	Jan. 28	33	Dec. 26	Jan. 29	34	Dec. 26	Feb. 9	45	Dec. 26	Feb. 10	46	Dec. 26	Feb. 11	47	Dec. 26	Feb. 4	40
Maximum	...	38	...	...	39	...	...	52	...	...	53	...	...	54	...	...	52
Minimum	...	31	...	...	32	...	...	38	...	...	39	...	...	40	...	...	39
Average	...	33.96	...	...	35.68	...	...	43.73	...	...	44.69	...	...	44.92	...	...	43.04

Table No. 10.—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 Packets of the Orient Line—continued.

TO LONDON VIA ORIENT PACKETS.

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.
1890. January .. 8	1890. February .. 22	..	1890. January .. 10	1890. February .. 22	..	1890. January .. 10	1890. February .. 22	..	1890. January .. 2	1890. February .. 8	37	1890. January .. 3	1890. February .. 8	36
January 21	March 10	45	January 24	March 10	43	January 24	March 10	45	January 16	February 22	37	January 17	February 22	36
February 5	March 20	48	February 8	March 20	40	February 21	March 20	40	January 30	March 10	37	January 31	March 10	38
February 18	April 3	43	February 21	April 3	41	March 7	April 3	41	February 13	March 20	35	February 14	March 20	34
March 4	April 20	47	March 21	April 20	44	March 21	April 20	44	February 27	April 3	35	February 28	April 3	34
April .. 2	May 18	46	April .. 3	May 18	43	April 5	May 18	43	March 13	May 20	38	March 14	May 20	37
April .. 2	May 18	46	April 18	May 18	43	April 18	May 18	43	March 27	May 18	37	March 28	May 18	36
April 29	June 8	..	April 25	June 8	44	April 25	June 8	44	April 10	June 8	38	April 11	June 8	37
May 13	June 24	40	May 9	June 24	45	May 9	June 24	45	April 28	June 24	35	April 29	June 24	34
May 27	July 8	42	May 24	July 8	46	May 24	July 8	46	May 5	June 24	36	May 6	June 24	35
June 10	July 20	40	June 9	July 20	41	June 9	July 20	41	May 19	July 20	36	May 20	July 20	35
June 26	August 4	39	June 20	August 4	45	June 20	August 4	45	June 16	August 4	34	June 17	August 4	33
July .. 19	Sept. 3	46	July 4	August 18	45	July 4	August 18	45	June 30	August 18	35	July 1	August 18	34
August .. 19	October 1	43	August 15	October 1	47	August 15	October 1	47	July 14	September 3	35	July 15	September 3	34
Sept. .. 13	October 27	44	Sept. 2	October 11	39	Sept. 2	October 11	39	August 11	September 17	37	August 12	September 17	36
Sept. 27	November 14	48	Sept. 10	October 27	47	Sept. 10	October 27	47	August 25	October 1	37	August 26	October 1	36
October 11	November 23	43	Sept. 29	November 14	46	Sept. 29	November 14	46	Sept. 8	October 27	33	September 9	October 27	32
November 8	December 23	45	October 10	November 23	44	October 10	November 23	44	October 22	November 14	39	September 23	October 27	34
November 8	December 23	45	October 25	December 7	43	October 25	December 7	43	October 6	November 23	34	October 7	November 23	33
November 8	December 23	45	November 8	December 23	45	November 8	December 23	45	November 3	December 23	36	November 4	December 23	35
November 8	December 23	45	November 8	December 23	45	November 8	December 23	45	November 17	December 23	36	November 18	December 23	35
December 9	January 18	40	November 21	January 3	43	November 21	January 3	43	December 1	January 3	33	December 2	January 3	32
December 9	January 18	40	December 6	January 18	43	December 6	January 18	43	December 15	January 18	34	December 16	January 18	33
December 31	February 14	45	December 20	February 2	46	December 20	February 2	46	December 29	February 2	35	December 30	February 2	34
December 31	February 14	45	December 20	February 2	46	December 20	February 2	46	January 12	February 14	33	January 13	February 14	32
Maximum	..	48	..	..	46	..	..	47	..	..	39	..	..	38
Minimum	..	39	..	..	41	..	..	39	..	..	33	..	..	32
Average	..	43'68	..	..	44'20	..	..	43'88	..	..	35'64	..	..	34'64

Table No. 11.

TABLE showing the estimated Number of Letters, Post-cards, Book-packets, and Newspapers delivered and posted, within the several Postal Districts of New Zealand, during the Year ended 31st December, 1890.

Postal Districts.	Delivered.				Posted.			
	Letters.	Post-cards.	Books, &c.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Post-cards.	Books, &c.	Newspapers.
Auckland	5,083,429	208,780	620,217	2,152,878	4,286,499	233,845	660,281	2,155,040
Thames	435,656	15,041	56,680	224,939	347,538	10,701	24,330	111,172
New Plymouth ..	323,492	24,154	48,490	208,819	308,016	29,083	20,076	107,141
Gisborne	198,744	4,810	63,232	167,193	180,656	2,560	34,991	71,151
Napier	1,039,636	38,675	121,212	474,591	998,733	33,521	165,202	338,990
Wanganui	1,038,882	63,089	109,850	469,352	1,078,236	65,440	146,583	229,893
Wellington	3,766,685	134,498	524,589	1,327,664	3,711,877	115,071	750,905	1,340,232
Nelson	464,477	22,334	62,517	234,767	443,755	21,848	62,840	124,341
Westport	190,879	5,642	21,164	156,936	169,889	5,541	9,112	73,686
Greymouth	368,108	9,165	52,975	253,474	347,354	8,548	37,079	136,106
Hokitika	187,889	8,333	31,356	141,193	158,755	5,003	16,675	65,781
Blenheim	334,815	10,608	49,452	204,711	317,523	9,007	41,176	89,323
Christchurch ..	3,398,291	186,329	384,475	949,806	3,398,556	181,128	505,820	1,260,362
Timaru	782,184	50,037	97,786	274,001	771,301	45,745	99,251	148,566
Oamaru	447,213	30,615	59,423	134,355	409,695	26,247	49,815	85,713
Dunedin	3,147,690	138,320	396,162	1,233,895	3,406,250	136,841	495,592	1,954,939
Invercargill ..	1,207,193	69,004	138,749	612,638	1,167,244	60,936	201,073	399,086
Totals	22,415,263	1,019,434	2,838,329	9,221,212	21,501,937	991,065	3,320,801	8,691,522
Previous year ..	21,274,396	914,342	2,604,719	8,448,635	21,026,837	935,818	2,776,774	8,272,381

Table No. 12.

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, 1890.

	Received.			Despatched.		
	Letters.	Books, &c.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Books, &c.	Newspapers.
United Kingdom—						
<i>Viâ</i> San Francisco	302,271	242,026	765,903	387,216	68,629	376,171
<i>Viâ</i> Direct contract packets ..	255,956	164,262	610,036	158,114	20,080	110,080
<i>Viâ</i> Direct non-contract packets ..	6,199	293	1,171	14,855	1,278	1,712
<i>Viâ</i> P. and O. and Orient lines ..	39,931	11,596	39,759	6,626	122	205
Australian Colonies	668,193	589,259	872,847	650,895	67,208	530,970
Other places	102,833	75,444	156,608	92,500	19,699	125,988
Totals	1,375,383	1,082,880	2,446,324	1,310,206	177,016	1,145,126

Table No. 13.

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, 1890.

Postal Districts.	Letters.	Post-cards.	Books, Circulars, &c.	Newspapers.
Auckland	1,814,727	57,390	144,446	361,422
Thames	166,397	9,774	11,274	55,676
New Plymouth ..	155,968	13,661	21,129	89,009
Gisborne	53,256	2,198	8,008	24,963
Napier	277,643	9,523	21,296	47,574
Wanganui	265,494	17,930	33,979	103,405
Wellington	1,174,399	39,222	116,123	258,439
Nelson	130,703	5,981	17,596	67,193
Westport	44,118	2,335	3,900	18,522
Greymouth	127,455	4,359	10,676	47,675
Hokitika	61,940	3,024	8,368	37,322
Blenheim	78,623	5,511	13,984	48,441
Christchurch ..	1,499,482	69,430	149,378	311,513
Timaru	177,397	16,852	27,572	48,836
Oamaru	110,932	9,158	16,226	23,846
Dunedin	1,190,535	36,725	119,695	312,866
Invercargill ..	284,125	21,838	51,182	115,445
Totals	7,613,194	324,911	774,832	1,972,147
Previous year ..	7,137,107	306,303	701,697	1,916,476

Table No. 14.

TABLE showing the Estimated Postal Revenue, and the Estimated Number of Letters, Post-cards, Books, and Newspapers delivered and posted, within the several Postal Districts, during the Years 1875, 1885, 1889, and 1890.

Postal Districts.	Revenue.	Letters.		Post-cards.		Books.		Newspapers.	
		Delivered.	Posted.	Delivered.	Posted.	Delivered.	Posted.	Delivered.	Posted.
Auckland—	1875	£ 13,133 11 0	782,329	779,617	...	...	...	647,325	326,248
	1885	37,036 12 5	3,776,630	3,206,294	126,646	127,946	277,927	1,400,966	1,339,468
	1889	45,674 5 5	4,685,018	3,993,999	206,557	196,053	514,215	393,731	1,895,985
	1890	50,005 16 1	5,083,429	4,286,490	208,780	233,845	620,217	660,281	2,155,040
Thames—	1875	1,664 0 6	119,418	109,954	...	...	...	52,233	52,886
	1885	3,887 11 3	369,100	359,550	10,374	11,310	24,674	18,681	240,569
	1889	3,816 2 10	386,815	349,128	14,963	9,282	56,368	26,819	198,601
	1890	3,920 5 7	435,656	347,538	15,041	10,701	56,680	24,330	224,939
New Plymouth—	1875	1,815 9 5	97,040	89,469	...	...	...	72,462	49,632
	1885	3,210 16 4	261,426	225,966	23,179	24,037	34,545	26,676	168,844
	1889	3,578 7 3	294,827	297,908	20,878	21,538	41,197	30,017	181,259
	1890	3,812 1 7	323,492	308,016	24,154	29,083	48,490	20,076	208,819
Gisborne—	1875	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	1885	1,545 13 0	153,998	132,210	1,846	2,990	10,699	12,870	115,089
	1889	1,960 0 5	171,431	166,179	7,761	4,082	22,087	17,979	160,862
	1890	2,353 9 8	198,744	180,656	4,810	2,560	63,232	34,991	167,193
Napier—	1875	4,076 19 8	186,993	230,973	...	...	...	128,480	150,750
	1885	7,953 16 0	795,236	711,282	21,203	21,437	75,283	52,286	354,159
	1889	10,939 5 5	961,779	1,006,395	36,530	38,675	115,869	132,938	420,225
	1890	10,953 18 2	1,039,636	998,733	38,675	33,521	121,212	165,202	474,591
Wanganui—	1875	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	1885	8,219 18 7	872,430	710,775	34,658	36,504	137,956	52,871	441,792
	1889	11,652 16 4	967,577	1,037,751	53,482	63,705	123,097	93,314	409,786
	1890	11,955 4 7	1,038,882	1,078,236	63,080	65,440	109,850	146,583	469,352
Wellington—	1875	51,050 5 8	802,950	922,177	...	...	...	596,768	470,650
	1885	68,085 14 7	2,813,400	2,375,529	66,443	65,104	241,020	377,140	848,601
	1889	87,475 16 11	3,624,153	3,692,013	111,241	95,823	427,336	624,247	1,207,180
	1890	76,912 9 10	3,766,685	3,711,877	134,498	115,071	524,389	750,995	1,327,664
Nelson—	1875	2,399 11 10	205,716	180,707	...	...	...	145,470	111,769
	1885	4,667 18 1	456,222	411,034	10,543	13,234	55,536	35,526	203,346
	1889	5,569 12 5	458,887	492,817	24,635	26,078	62,010	64,805	213,330
	1890	5,103 6 0	464,477	443,755	22,334	21,848	62,517	62,840	234,767
Westport—	1875	1,053 6 2	73,527	57,447	...	...	...	95,237	51,258
	1885	1,432 19 2	121,589	114,699	3,718	2,730	10,634	5,547	83,772
	1889	1,833 18 3	191,243	156,130	4,732	2,600	34,515	8,957	155,441
	1890	1,967 2 1	190,879	169,889	5,642	5,541	21,164	9,112	156,936
Greymouth—	1875	2,171 13 7	146,702	167,980	...	...	...	130,734	153,106
	1885	2,020 0 8	266,682	227,929	6,240	5,330	26,546	14,690	190,554
	1889	3,896 2 2	339,820	352,235	9,178	6,370	51,922	33,982	228,085
	1890	3,973 1 10	368,108	347,354	9,165	8,548	52,975	37,079	253,474
Hokitika—	1875	1,816 0 9	121,517	121,743	...	...	...	151,832	68,695
	1885	2,154 3 1	208,975	169,065	6,214	6,071	21,615	10,361	168,766
	1889	2,294 18 6	181,337	177,229	7,397	6,513	40,300	20,501	135,629
	1890	1,996 5 4	187,889	158,755	8,333	5,003	31,356	16,075	141,193
Blenheim—	1875	1,719 9 0	153,723	131,624	...	...	...	153,124	60,787
	1885	2,952 6 0	308,529	242,619	11,479	4,173	31,525	13,936	154,544
	1889	4,086 19 11	329,095	330,421	9,139	5,005	47,658	38,597	181,220
	1890	3,908 14 7	334,815	317,523	10,608	9,007	49,452	41,176	204,711
Christchurch—	1875	17,582 19 8	1,052,071	1,000,864	...	...	...	529,554	295,420
	1885	31,836 10 0	3,212,638	2,848,443	129,549	145,054	266,223	269,438	1,051,934
	1889	35,265 4 4	3,321,227	3,351,231	141,479	181,259	395,382	486,850	1,029,353
	1890	36,226 7 6	3,398,291	3,398,556	186,329	181,128	384,475	505,820	949,806
Timaru—	1875	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	1885	6,454 6 2	783,900	607,516	33,670	33,553	69,593	35,204	234,260
	1889	8,696 17 11	746,031	740,324	44,772	50,570	105,469	140,003	255,450
	1890	8,783 4 4	782,184	771,361	50,037	45,745	97,786	99,251	274,001
Oamaru—	1875	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	1885	3,998 7 6	569,101	370,721	15,587	15,990	52,156	26,403	271,180
	1889	4,186 8 1	416,234	408,629	29,393	17,199	56,511	40,586	129,844
	1890	4,355 19 6	447,213	409,695	30,615	26,247	59,423	49,815	134,355
Dunedin—	1875	20,891 5 9	1,106,168	1,343,748	...	...	...	1,142,015	872,706
	1885	32,468 19 10	3,231,124	2,820,025	97,812	119,119	240,409	373,935	1,284,114
	1889	37,177 5 10	3,025,698	3,316,066	128,427	151,788	351,702	511,953	1,061,242
	1890	36,908 12 2	3,147,690	3,406,250	138,320	136,841	396,162	495,592	1,233,895
Invercargill—	1875	3,121 5 9	205,249	238,145	...	...	...	181,133	120,913
	1885	9,873 14 10	1,170,338	924,820	54,561	31,629	94,367	87,438	274,079
	1889	11,560 16 2	1,173,224	1,158,391	63,778	59,228	159,081	105,495	585,143
	1890	12,206 1 2	1,207,193	1,167,244	69,004	60,936	138,749	201,073	612,638
Totals—	1875	122,495 18 9	5,053,403	5,374,448	...	...	...	4,026,457	2,784,820
	1885	229,299 7 6	19,371,378	16,458,477	653,722	666,211	1,670,708	1,595,252	7,685,370
	1889	279,664 18 2	21,274,396	21,026,837	914,342	935,818	2,604,719	2,776,774	8,448,635
	1890	275,432 9 11	22,415,263	21,501,937	1,019,434	991,065	2,838,329	3,320,801	9,221,212

Table No. 15.

TABLE showing the Estimated Correspondence posted and delivered, and the Estimated Expenditure and Revenue for the several Postal Districts and of the General Post Office, for the Year 1890.

Postal Districts.	No. of Offices.	Total Estimated Correspondence posted and delivered.				Estimated Expenditure.				Estimated Revenue.			
		Letters.	Post-cards.	Books and Parcels.	Newspapers.	Cost of Conveyance of Mails.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Total.	From Stamps, &c.	Official Postage.	Total.	
NORTH ISLAND.													
Auckland	269	9,369,928	442,625	1,280,498	4,307,918	£ s. d. 4,210 15 7	£ s. d. 10,525 18 0	£ s. d. 2,888 4 1	£ s. d. 17,624 17 8	£ s. d. 42,597 15 10	£ s. d. 7,408 0 3	£ s. d. 50,005 16 1	
Thames	36	783,194	25,742	81,010	339,111	1,447 12 1	2,172 8 4	505 3 1	4,125 3 6	3,165 2 0	755 3 7	3,920 5 7	
New Plymouth	27	631,508	53,237	68,566	315,960	456 0 0	1,126 10 0	238 8 7	1,820 18 7	2,816 0 0	996 1 7	3,812 1 7	
Gisborne	21	379,400	7,370	98,223	238,344	477 0 0	658 10 0	159 17 4	1,295 7 4	1,776 8 0	577 1 8	2,353 9 8	
Napier	60	2,038,369	72,196	286,414	813,581	1,723 15 0	3,313 0 0	445 18 4	5,482 13 4	9,741 5 7	1,212 12 7	10,953 18 2	
Wanganui	41	2,117,118	128,529	256,433	699,245	699 19 0	2,863 0 0	125 12 6	3,688 11 6	9,981 10 2	1,973 14 5	11,955 4 7	
Wellington	96	7,478,562	249,569	1,275,494	2,667,896	1,821 6 3	8,649 13 5	2,767 17 1	13,238 16 9	34,736 5 11	42,176 3 10	76,912 9 9	
Totals for North Island	550	22,798,079	979,268	3,346,638	9,379,955	10,836 7 11	29,308 19 9	7,131 1 0	47,276 8 8	104,814 7 6	55,098 17 11	159,913 5 5	
MIDDLE ISLAND.													
Nelson	41	908,232	44,182	125,357	359,108	£ s. d. 1,303 7 0	£ s. d. 1,964 0 0	£ s. d. 342 8 0	£ s. d. 3,609 15 0	£ s. d. 4,282 15 0	£ s. d. 821 1 0	£ s. d. 5,103 6 0	
Westport	25	360,768	11,183	30,276	230,622	1,164 0 0	878 0 0	250 4 0	2,292 4 0	1,561 13 5	405 8 8	1,967 2 1	
Greymouth	32	715,462	17,713	90,054	389,580	1,334 10 0	1,773 0 0	153 10 0	3,261 0 0	3,302 18 6	670 3 4	3,973 1 10	
Hokitika	36	346,644	13,336	48,031	206,974	1,257 12 0	915 10 0	77 2 5	2,250 4 5	1,537 6 8	458 18 8	1,996 5 4	
Blenheim	25	652,338	19,615	90,028	294,034	960 0 0	1,300 0 0	262 15 6	2,522 15 6	2,949 15 0	958 19 7	3,908 14 7	
Christchurch	156	6,796,847	367,457	890,295	2,210,168	2,537 1 0	8,792 0 8	1,520 5 7	12,849 7 3	32,986 3 4	3,240 4 2	36,226 7 6	
Timaru	44	1,553,545	95,782	197,937	422,567	479 6 2	1,830 1 0	238 17 0	2,548 4 2	7,093 4 4	1,600 10 0	8,783 14 4	
Oamaru	23	856,908	56,862	109,238	220,068	175 19 0	1,125 15 10	127 11 6	1,429 6 4	3,717 7 2	638 12 4	4,355 19 6	
Dunedin	151	6,553,940	275,161	891,754	3,188,834	5,113 13 11	9,383 10 0	2,058 17 4	16,556 1 3	34,314 8 5	2,594 3 9	36,908 12 2	
Invercargill	102	2,374,437	129,940	339,822	1,011,724	1,910 0 10	3,408 0 0	604 17 6	5,922 18 4	11,399 3 6	896 17 8	12,296 1 2	
Totals for Middle Island	635	21,119,121	1,031,231	2,812,492	8,533,679	16,235 9 11	31,569 17 6	5,636 8 10	53,241 16 3	103,144 5 4	12,374 19 2	115,519 4 6	
General Post Office	..	..	..	..	..	37,335 14 0	5,393 5 0	804 13 11	43,533 12 11	21,908 2 4	..	21,908 2 4	
Totals for the Colony	1,185	43,917,200	2,010,499	6,159,130	17,912,734	64,407 11 10	66,072 2 3	13,572 3 9	144,051 17 10	229,866 15 2	67,473 17 1	297,340 12 3	

Table No. 16.

COMPARATIVE TABLE showing the Progress of the Telegraph Department during the Financial Years ended 30th June, 1866, to 30th June, 1879; 31st March, 1880, to 31st March, 1882; and 31st December, 1882, to 31st December, 1890.

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Stations	Number of Telegrams forwarded during the Year.		Revenue derived from Private Press Messages, Money-order Telegrams, and Incidental Receipts.	Value of Government Messages.	Total Value of Business done during the Year.		Cost of Maintenance of Stations.		Cost of Maintenance of Lines, excluding Australian cable subsidy.		Total Expenditure.	Cost of Maintenance of Lines per Mile.	Tariff in Operation.
				Private and Press.	Government.	Total.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
30th June 1866	609	1,390	13	24,761	2,746	27,407	483	5,561	19 2	483	3 2	2,443	2 11	6,377	6 3	Mileage tariff.
" 1867	757	1,498	21	55,621	15,331	70,952	3,770	9,070	10 1	3,770	4 8	2,541	4 11	10,558	9 6	"
" 1868	1,110	2,223	31	72,241	26,244	98,485	6,072	11,652	3 7	6,072	0 3	5,406	7 3	14,896	5 1	"
" 1869	1,329	2,495	45	106,070	50,997	156,167	13,430	18,324	3 10	8,197	17 10	8,547	4 9	22,813	17 4	"
" 1870	1,661	2,897	56	122,545	62,878	185,423	12,252	17,218	1 4	12,252	6 0	14,120	4 10	30,537	12 2	"
" 1871	1,976 ^(a)	3,247	72	253,582	59,292	312,874	9,876	28,121	8 8	9,876	17 6	11,344	3 8	32,598	7 11	Mileage tariff in operation up to 1st Sept., 1869; uniform 2s. 6d. tariff from 1st Sept., 1869, to 31st March, 1870; and 1s. tariff from 1st April, 1870.
" 1872	2,185 ^(b)	3,823	81	344,524	67,243	411,767	11,043	39,164	13 9	23,593	9 9	8,858	19 7	32,452	9 4	"
" 1873	2,356 ^(c)	4,574	93	485,507	83,453	568,960	11,105	50,786	0 9	27,040	18 10	9,479	5 4	36,520	4 2	"
" 1874	2,530 ^(d)	5,782	105	645,067	107,832	752,899	13,618	59,127	10 4	38,801	19 4	15,021	17 11	53,823	17 3	"
" 1875	2,986 ^(e)	6,626	127	786,237	130,891	917,128	13,679	68,981	3 0	45,814	11 4	14,240	19 7	60,955	10 11	"
" 1876	3,154 ^(f)	7,247	142	890,382	160,704	1,051,086	16,154	78,869	16 4	61,696	14 5	21,074	8 7	82,771	3 1	"
" 1877	3,259 ^(g)	7,423	155	952,283	172,159	1,124,442	17,024	82,669	0 0	63,353	10 10	17,931	8 0	81,284	18 10	"
" 1878	3,434 ^(h)	8,035	182	1,065,481	194,843	1,260,324	19,148	92,432	14 2	69,340	1 8	18,259	4 9	87,599	6 5	From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 1879	3,512 ⁽ⁱ⁾	8,117	195	1,201,982	246,961	1,448,943	26,949	112,351	2 4	79,502	0 5	17,299	7 10	96,801	8 3	"
31st March, 1880	3,638 ^(j)	9,333	214	824,734	183,675	1,008,409	19,707	77,827	9 6	68,651	10 10	14,758	4 5	83,409	15 3	"
" 1881	3,758 ^(k)	9,587	227	1,058,342	246,370	1,304,712	27,021	100,023	8 8	78,224	1 8	23,154	8 3	101,378	9 11	From 1st Jan., 1886, delayed telegrams posted to addressees immediately after their receipt at offices of destination
" 1882	3,824 ^(l)	9,653	234	1,215,849	222,923	1,438,772	22,737	101,566	16 0	69,165	5 0	18,292	13 4	87,457	18 4	"
" 1883	3,974 ^(m)	9,848	264	1,361,817	268,372	1,570,189	20,608	111,422	3 1	73,554	9 1	22,451	6 3	96,005	15 4	"
" 1884	4,074 ⁽ⁿ⁾	10,037	302	1,379,483	219,917	1,599,400	21,555	115,378	2 5	73,054	4 6	19,210	6 6	92,264	11 0	"
" 1885	4,264 ^(o)	10,474	330	1,433,458	220,847	1,654,305	20,855	116,490	5 0	70,036	6 2	20,041	15 10	90,078	2 0	"
" 1886	4,463 ^(p)	10,931	375	1,533,406	240,867	1,774,273	24,860	126,512	17 0	77,082	4 4	20,900	6 2	97,982	10 6	"
" 1887	4,546 ^(q)	11,178	412	1,583,717	252,549	1,836,266	27,281	133,919	16 11	77,473	10 7	21,402	18 2	98,875	8 9	"
" 1888	4,646 ^(r)	11,375	437	1,589,771	245,623	1,835,394	30,205	136,753	15 10	76,580	10 0	21,321	2 9	97,901	12 9	"
" 1889	4,790 ^(s)	11,617	473	1,548,233	217,630	1,765,863	23,164	129,476	5 5	72,201	13 5	23,262	1 0	95,463	14 5	"
" 1890	4,874 ^(t)	11,827	489	1,589,157	213,830	1,802,987	24,218	130,681	7 7	75,426	9 7	26,007	1 5	101,433	11 0	"
" 1890	5,060 ^(u)	12,771	520	1,734,381	226,780	1,961,161	26,070	136,767	10 3	76,845	1 10	27,546	2 0	104,391	3 10	"

^(a) From this mileage 78 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

^(b) From this mileage 95 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

^(c) From this mileage 102 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

^(d) From this mileage 100 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

^(e) From this mileage 100 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

^(f) From this mileage 100 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

^(g) From this mileage 100 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

^(h) From this mileage 100 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

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^(j) From this mileage 100 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

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^(o) From this mileage 100 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

^(p) From this mileage 100 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

^(q) From this mileage 100 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

^(r) From this mileage 100 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

^(s) From this mileage 100 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

^(t) From this mileage 100 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

^(u) From this mileage 100 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

Table No. 17.

TABLE showing the CASH REVENUE derived from PRIVATE and PRESS MESSAGES, the VALUE of GOVERNMENT MESSAGES, and the NUMBER of MESSAGES transmitted in the several Postal Districts of New Zealand, for the Year ended 31st December, 1890.

Districts.	Revenue derived from Private and Press Messages.			Value of Government Messages.			Total Value of Messages of all Codes.			Number of Private and Press Messages.	Number of Govt. Messages.	Total Number of Messages of all Codes.
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
Auckland	13,956	1	8	3,520	16	5	17,476	18	1	283,391	30,592	313,983
Blenheim	2,131	17	9	548	17	4	2,680	15	1	36,730	6,169	42,899
Christchurch	11,566	0	2	1,906	13	1	13,472	13	3	195,843	18,037	213,880
Dunedin	12,422	13	5	2,298	8	2	14,721	1	7	264,490	24,525	289,015
Gisborne	1,708	11	11	458	11	9	2,167	3	8	29,229	3,701	32,930
Greymouth	3,559	3	3	753	7	5	4,312	10	8	63,435	6,926	70,361
Hokitika	1,115	8	2	304	4	6	1,419	12	8	20,948	2,605	23,553
Invercargill	4,399	15	0	842	6	8	5,242	1	8	88,351	10,091	98,442
Napier	5,215	13	11	1,268	10	11	6,484	4	10	90,113	12,027	102,140
Nelson	2,478	13	0	606	18	0	3,085	11	0	55,278	6,228	61,506
New Plymouth	1,498	11	5	484	17	5	1,983	8	10	32,840	5,015	37,855
Oamaru	1,862	14	11	434	10	4	2,297	5	3	30,756	3,095	33,851
Thames	2,854	5	0	536	7	7	3,391	2	7	55,338	5,714	61,052
Timaru	2,487	0	9	472	15	8	2,959	16	5	44,017	3,647	47,664
Wanganui	3,679	16	5	547	13	5	4,227	9	10	68,062	6,600	74,662
Wellington	12,907	7	6	10,151	1	2	23,058	8	8	338,498	75,633	414,131
Westport	2,110	10	3	934	2	9	3,044	13	0	37,062	6,175	43,237
Totals, 1890	85,954	4	6	26,070	12	7	112,024	17	1	1,734,381	226,780	1,961,161
Totals, 1889	82,825	1	6	24,218	9	3	107,043	10	9	1,589,157	213,830	1,802,987

Table No. 18.

NUMBER OF LETTERS posted in each Postal District during the Year ended 31st December, 1890; Number of Telegrams forwarded in each Postal District during the Year ended 31st December, 1890; and the Proportion of Telegrams to every 100 Letters; together with a similar Return for the previous Year.

Districts.	1889.			1890.		
	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	3,993,990	265,672	6.65	4,286,499	313,983	7.32
Blenheim	330,421	42,171	12.76	317,523	42,899	13.51
Christchurch	3,351,231	205,363	6.13	3,398,556	213,880	6.29
Dunedin	3,316,066	271,482	8.19	3,406,250	289,015	8.48
Gisborne	166,179	26,661	16.04	180,656	32,930	18.22
Greymouth	352,235	70,773	20.09	347,354	70,361	20.25
Hokitika	177,229	25,445	14.36	158,755	23,553	14.83
Invercargill	1,158,391	83,014	7.17	1,167,244	98,442	8.43
Napier	1,006,395	94,891	9.43	998,733	102,140	10.22
Nelson	492,817	68,711	13.94	443,755	61,506	13.86
New Plymouth	297,908	37,150	12.47	308,016	37,855	12.28
Oamaru	408,629	33,547	8.21	409,695	33,851	8.26
Thames	349,128	51,637	14.79	347,538	61,052	17.56
Timaru	740,324	48,141	6.5	771,361	47,664	6.17
Wanganui	1,037,751	69,537	6.7	1,078,236	74,662	6.92
Wellington	3,692,013	366,970	9.94	3,711,877	414,131	10.11
Westport	156,130	41,823	26.79	169,889	43,237	25.50

Year.	Number of Letters.	Number of Telegrams.	Proportion of Telegrams sent to every 100 Letters.
1890	21,501,937	1,961,161	9.12
1889	21,026,837	1,802,988	8.57
1888	19,502,704	1,765,863	9.05
1887	18,711,329	1,835,394	9.8
1886	18,188,144	1,836,266	10.09
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. 19.

ORDINARY and PRESS TELEGRAMS despatched during the Four Quarters ended 31st December, 1889, also for each Quarter of the Year ended 31st December, 1890, and the REVENUE derived from each Class.

Class.	March Quarter.		June Quarter.		September Quarter.		December Quarter.		Totals for Year.	
	Number.	Revenue derived.	Number.	Revenue derived.	Number.	Revenue derived.	Number.	Revenue derived.	Number.	Revenue derived.
1890.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Ordinary ..	417,619	20,961 14 2	368,537	18,393 2 1	365,615	19,622 11 1	389,728	18,191 9 4	1,541,499	77,168 16 8
Press ..	38,904	1,809 18 9	39,455	1,690 8 8	64,009	3,426 5 1	50,514	1,858 15 4	192,882	8,785 7 10
Totals ..	456,523	22,771 12 11	407,992	20,083 10 9	429,624	23,048 16 2	440,242	20,050 4 8	1,734,381	85,954 4 6
1889.										
Ordinary ..	389,902	21,166 9 1	327,171	16,679 7 7	322,467	16,696 17 8	377,374	19,688 10 11	1,416,914	74,231 5 3
Press ..	39,184	1,750 15 7	39,520	2,221 14 0	51,767	2,968 1 11	41,772	1,653 4 9	172,243	8,593 16 3
Totals ..	429,086	22,917 4 8	366,691	18,901 1 7	374,234	19,664 19 7	419,146	21,341 15 8	1,589,157	82,825 1 6

Table No. 20.

RETURN of the NUMBER and AMOUNT of TELEGRAPH MONEY ORDERS ISSUED within the several Postal Districts during the Year ended 31st December, 1890.

Districts.						Number.	Commission.	Amount.
							£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,040	152 0 0	10,740 15 9
Blenheim ..	..	..	..	..	..	955	47 15 0	3,338 16 11
Christchurch ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,594	79 14 0	5,527 2 9
Dunedin ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,671	83 11 0	5,590 6 3
Gisborne ..	..	..	..	..	..	607	30 7 0	1,921 2 3
Greymouth ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,396	69 16 0	4,431 5 11
Hokitika ..	..	..	..	..	..	300	15 0 0	872 11 7
Invercargill ..	..	..	..	..	..	593	29 13 0	1,733 9 1
Napier ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,495	74 15 0	5,067 15 5
Nelson ..	..	..	..	..	..	397	19 17 0	1,354 13 10
New Plymouth ..	..	..	..	..	..	272	13 12 0	972 4 6
Oamaru ..	..	..	..	..	..	151	7 11 0	461 9 3
Thames ..	..	..	..	..	..	741	37 1 0	2,424 4 10
Timaru ..	..	..	..	..	..	311	15 11 0	994 16 8
Wanganui ..	..	..	..	..	..	758	37 18 0	2,228 4 1
Wellington ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,266	163 6 0	10,208 18 9
Westport ..	..	..	..	..	..	921	46 1 0	3,001 11 5
Totals ..	..	..	..	..	..	18,468	923 8 0	60,869 9 3

Table No. 21.

CASH VALUE of SHIPPING, WEATHER, and GOVERNMENT TELEGRAMS transmitted during the Year ended 31st December, 1890.

										No.	Amount.
											£ s. d.
Auckland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30,592	3,520 16 5
Blenheim ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,169	548 17 4
Christchurch ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18,037	1,906 13 1
Dunedin ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24,525	2,298 8 2
Gisborne ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,701	458 11 9
Greymouth ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,926	753 7 5
Hokitika ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,605	304 4 6
Invercargill ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10,091	842 6 8
Napier ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12,027	1,268 10 11
Nelson ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,228	606 18 0
New Plymouth ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,015	484 17 5
Oamaru ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,095	434 10 4
Thames ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,714	536 17 7
Timaru ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,647	472 15 8
Wanganui ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,600	547 13 5
Wellington ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	75,633	10,151 1 2
Westport ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,175	934 2 9
Totals ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	226,780	26,070 12 7

Table No. 22.

INSULATION TESTS of the FIRST and SECOND COOK STRAIT CABLES for the Year ended 31st December, 1890, 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	..	..	..	151	183	347	January	..	..	..	4'1
February	..	..	..	143	170	327	February	..	..	..	2'05
March	..	..	..	128	156	287	March	..	..	..	1'86
April	..	..	..	149	177	321	April	..	..	..	0'2928
May	..	..	..	151	183	318	May (after repair)	..	..	..	954
June	..	..	..	146	173	310	June	..	..	..	975
July	..	..	..	149	169	312	July	..	..	..	744
August	..	..	..	155	176	333	August	..	..	..	918
September	..	..	..	149	168	312	September	..	..	..	1,087
October	..	..	..	132	150	290	October	..	..	..	805
November	..	..	..	135	157	301	November	..	..	..	826
December	..	..	..	138	161	324	December	..	..	..	868

Table No. 23.

INSULATION TESTS of the WANGANUI and WAKAPUAKA CABLE for the Year ended 31st December, 1890, 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	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,054	10'96	57'2
February	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,648	11'017	60
March	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,993	11'03	60'5
April	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,590	11'048	61
May	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,315	11'022	60
June	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,974	10'96	57'2
July	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,628	10'935	56
August	..	..	..	..	..	..	8,056	10'977	58
September	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,665	10'98	58
October	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,859	10'98	58
November	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,717	10'979	58
December	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,350	11	59

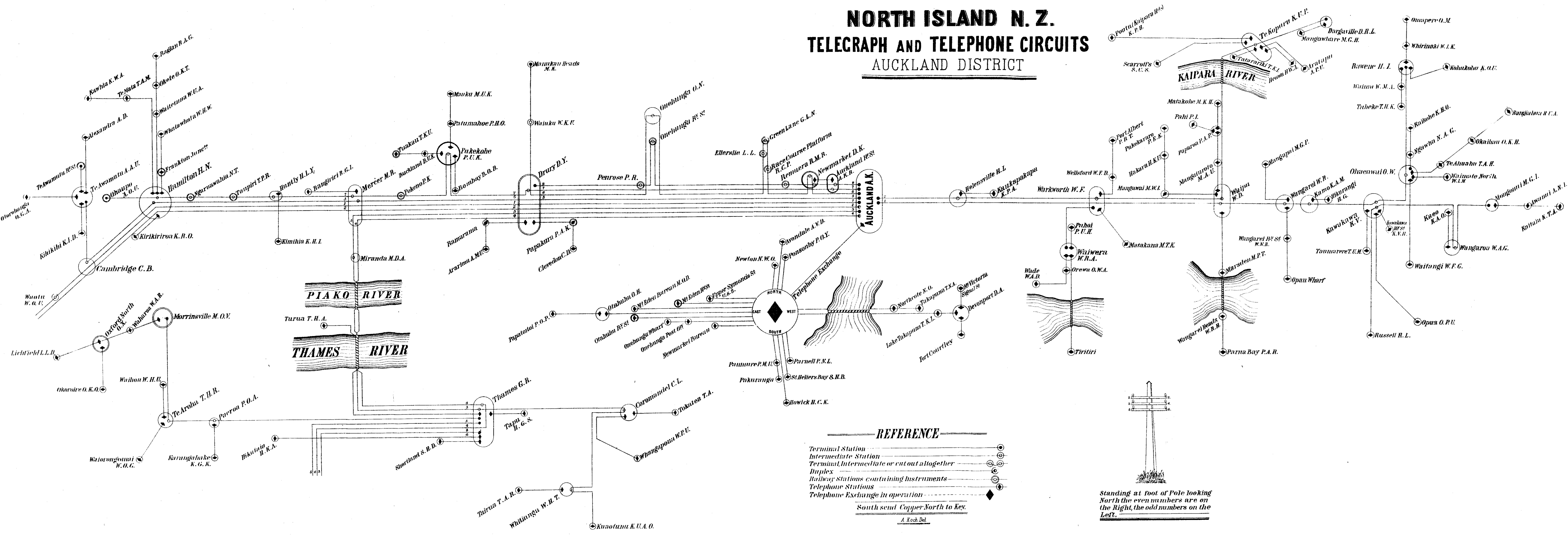
Table No. 24.

COST of TELEGRAPH LINES, TELEPHONE EXCHANGES, and CABLES throughout the Colony.

Section of Line.							Number of Miles of Line.	Total Cost of Section.		Cost per Mile.	
NORTH ISLAND.								£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Total, North Island, to 31st December, 1889	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,320½	240,498	3 1	..	..
Expenditure on sundry lines constructed during year 1890	..	..	..	..	..	..	139½	7,677	14 7	55	0 9
Totals	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,459¾	248,175	17 8	..	..
SOUTH ISLAND.											
Total, South Island, to 31st December, 1889	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,554½	240,955	1 11	..	..
Expenditure on sundry lines constructed during year 1890	..	..	..	..	..	..	47	3,568	13 3	75	18 7
Total, South Island, to 31st December, 1890	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,601½	244,523	15 2	..	..
Total, North Island, to 31st December, 1890	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,459¾	248,175	17 8	..	..
Totals	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,061¼	492,699	12 10	..	..
Cook Strait cables								81,280	2 4		
Telephone exchanges								69,172	17 1		
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..		£643,152	12 3		

Approximate Cost of Paper.—Cost of preparation (not given); printing (1,800 copies), £43 10s.

NORTH ISLAND N. Z.
TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CIRCUITS
AUCKLAND DISTRICT



REFERENCE

- Terminal Station
- Intermediate Station
- Terminal, Intermediate or cut out altogether
- Duplex
- Railway Stations containing Instruments
- Telephone Stations
- Telephone Exchange in operation

South send Copper North to Key.

A. Koch Del.

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Railway Stations containing instruments — 
Telephone Stations — 
Telephone Exchange also in operation — 

A. KOCH. Die



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* Telephone at Tauranga only used when working with Mafata and Whakatane, normal position is Mors Instrument in circuit and Terminal at Opoitiki.

Note. Waotu in circuit only at 9 a.m., noon, 3 & 5 p.m.

*No 6 is a dead wire between Taupo and Maketu
and between Tauranga and Thames*

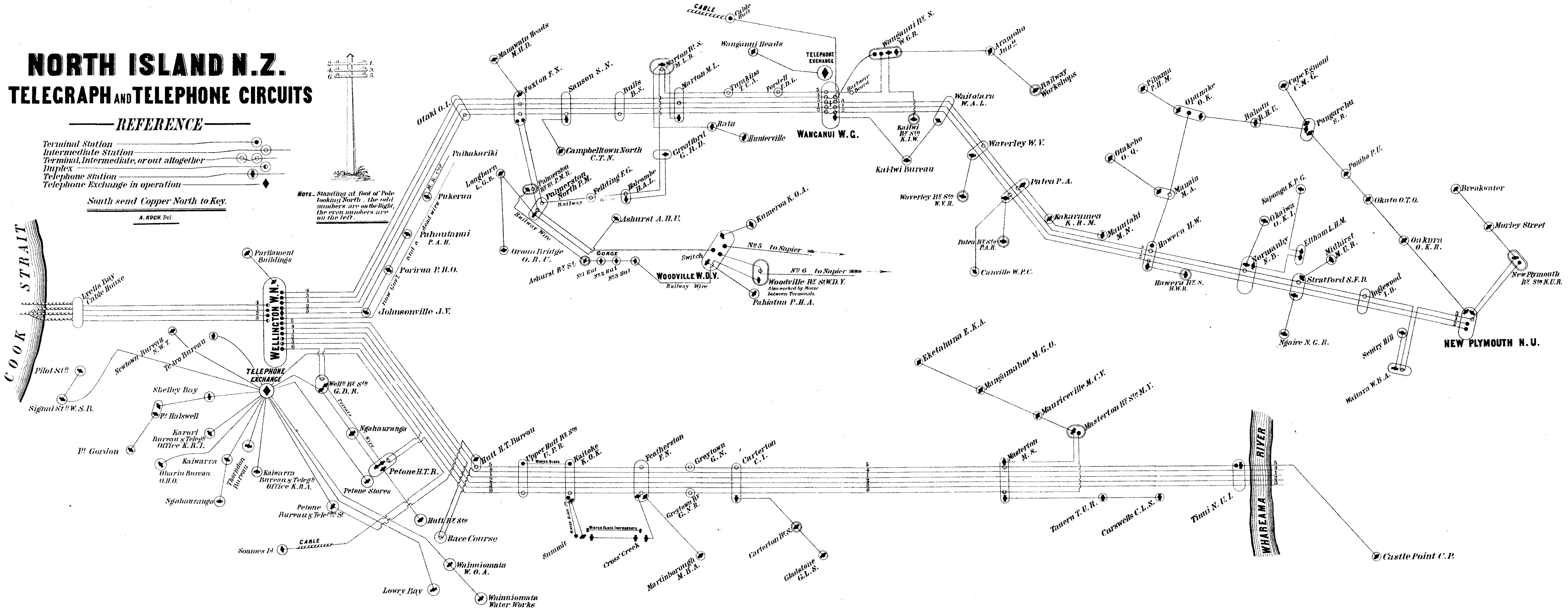
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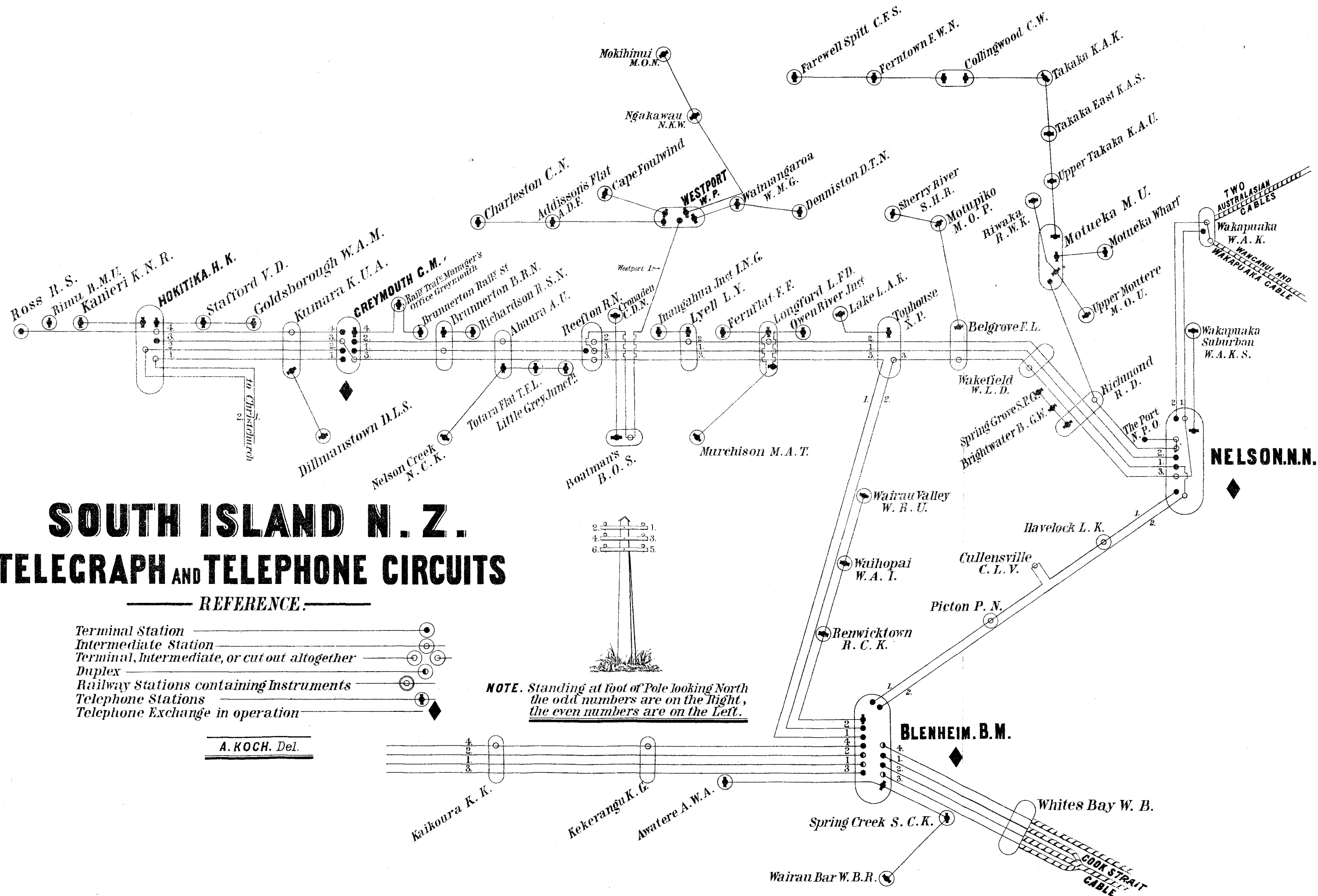
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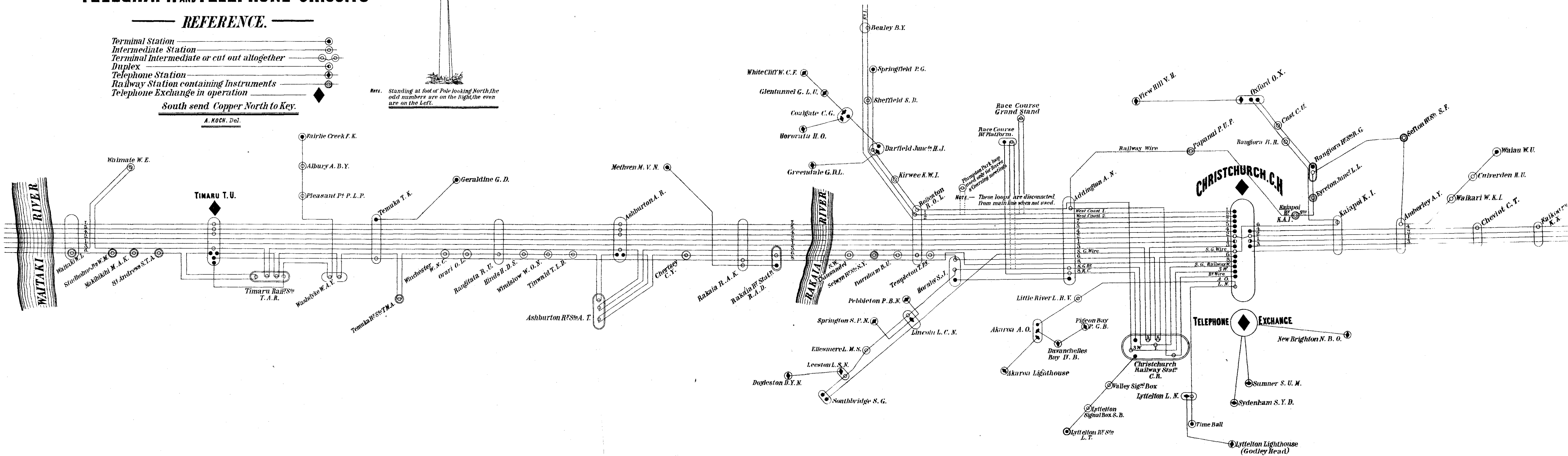
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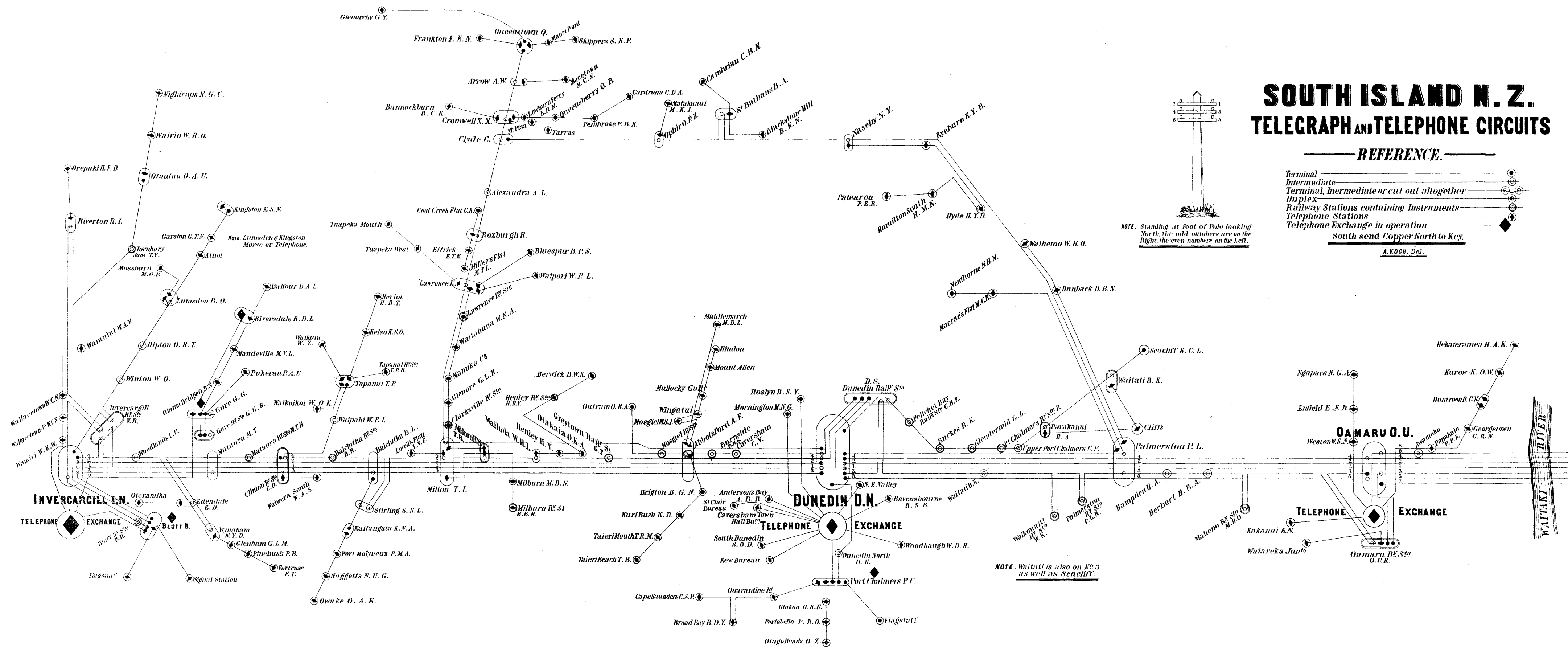
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NOTE. Waitati is also on No. 3 as well as Seaclyff.

