

61 post-offices were established, 1 reopened, and 14 closed. The number open at the close of the year was 1,353.

There were 752 inland mail-services in operation during the year, at a cost of £26,042 3s. 1d.

The number of telegrams of all codes forwarded was 2,033,800—a decrease of 35,891, or 1·73 per cent.

In the matter of telegraph construction, 154 miles of line were erected, compared with 34 the previous year. On the 31st March last there were 5,961 miles of line, and 14,881 miles of wire, under the control of the department, exclusive of the telephone-exchange wires, the latter comprising 261 miles of poles and 4,472 miles of wire.

The net expenditure on telegraph extension amounted to £19,228 19s.

222,678 money-orders, valued at £776,783 4s. 11d., were issued, and 174,810 orders, amounting to £678,556 1s., were paid.

310,360 postal-notes were sold, representing £112,003 2s. 6d.—an increase of 33,255 in number, and £11,995 7s. in amount over 1893.

The deposits in the Post-office Savings-banks amounted to £2,252,862 6s. 11d., and the withdrawals to £2,268,624 8s. 4d.

The total sum standing to the credit of depositors on the 31st December, 1894, was £3,340,879 11s. 4d., as against £3,241,998 7s. 10d. at the end of 1893.

The telephone-exchange subscribers or connections on 31st March, 1895, numbered 4,616.

The subscriptions received amounted to £21,552 12s. 10d.

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

Postal Districts.	Permanent Offices.								Country Offices.				Telephone Exchanges.	Telephone Bureaux.	Clerks and Postal Cadets.*		Operators (including Cadets).†		Postmasters and Officers in Charge on Permanent Staff.	Letter-carriers.		Post-office Messengers (including those performing other duties).‡		Telegraph Messengers.		Linenmen (not performing other duties).
	Post-offices (separate Telegraph in same town).	Tele-graph Offices.		Combined Post- and Tele-graph-offices.	Combined Railway			Post-offices (no Telephone in same town).	Post and Telephone (combined or separate).	Telephone-offices (no Post-office in same place).	Town.	Country.			Town.	Country.	Town.	Country.		Town.	Country.	Town.	Country.			
		Post-offices separate in same town.	No Post-offices in same place.		Post and Public Telegraph.	Post and Public Telephone.	And Post.																	And Public Tele-graph or Telephone.		
Auckland	1	1	1	23	12	5	1	169	93	7	1	20	65	8	25	44	19	7	3	14	19	9				
Blenheim	..	1	1	6	..	..	..	19	8	1	1	6	7	7	25	7	2	1	2	2	2	3				
Christchurch	1	1	1	10	28	1	4	103	22	2	1	11	56	2	34	10	13	19	6	2	15	12	8			
Dunedin	1	1	1	17	13	3	3	69	61	10	4	6	57	28	9	19	17	6	2	15	10	5	5			
Gisborne	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	12	13	..	..	..	4	4	2	1	2	1	2	3	1	1	1			
Greymouth	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	24	6	..	..	..	6	1	5	3	4	2	2	3	4	2	2			
Hokitika	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	23	7	2	7	26	2	2	3	1	3	1	1	1	2	1	1			
Invercargill	..	..	..	7	13	..	..	76	32	6	7	26	21	2	7	6	7	5	1	2	6	5	3			
Napier	1	1	1	10	2	3	1	31	18	1	1	1	20	7	1	24	9	12	4	4	6	5	3			
Nelson	..	..	1	4	3	..	..	14	22	1	1	..	7	1	8	6	3	3	1	1	5	1	1			
New Plymouth	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	20	9	..	..	..	5	2	4	1	3	3	..	..	2	3	1			
Oamaru	..	..	..	1	4	3	1	10	9	1	1	10	5	6	2	6	1	2	1	3	3	1	1			
Thames	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	20	11	1	1	5	6	2	7	4	8	3	1	1	3	3	4			
Timaru	..	..	..	4	11	..	1	31	3	1	1	1	7	7	2	4	3	3	1	3	2	1	1			
Wanganui	..	..	..	7	6	1	..	36	13	1	1	3	11	3	14	4	12	3	2	2	4	8	3			
Wellington	1	1	1	12	6	1	5	53	39	2	3	22	82	9	50	17	14	17	13	6	40	14	20			
Westport	..	..	..	4	..	2	..	11	12	1	..	..	4	..	3	..	4	1	..	..	3	2	1			
Totals	5	5	3	125	99	18	6	721	378	32	24	110	365	30	252	68	162	106	47	23	129	90	67			

*Post-office clerks, telegraph counter clerks, telephone exchange clerks, cadets in post-office, cadets not principally engaged in telegraph operating, and telegraph despatch clerks and distributors.
†Telegraph operators, clerks, and cadets principally engaged in telegraph operating.

COMPARATIVE RETURN of OFFICERS of the Post Office and TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT for the Years 1893 and 1894.

	1893.	1894.		1893.	1894.
Postmaster-General	1	1	Chief Postmasters	16	16
Secretary	1	1	Postmasters and Officers in Charge on Permanent Staff	163	162
Superintendent	1	1	Clerks (including Telephone Exchange Cadettes and Cadets in Post offices)	373	395
Assistant Secretary and Inspector	1	1	Operators (including Cadets in Telegraph offices)	326	320
Assistant Inspector of Post-offices ..	1	1	Country Postmasters and Telephonists	1,086	1,147
Sub-Inspectors of Post-offices	2	2	Letter-carriers	141	153
Controller of Money-orders and Savings-banks and Accountant	1	1	Messengers (Post Office)	21	23
Telegraph Inspectors	3	3	Linenmen ..	62	67
Telegraph Sub-Inspectors	2	1	Telegraph Message Boys	212	219
Electrician	1	1	Nightwatchmen	2	2
Mechanicians and Cadet	4	4	Postmasters and Telegraphists or Telephonists who are Railway officers	133	135
Clerks in General Post Office—					
Secretary's Branch	9	9			
Dead-letter Branch	5	5			
Money-order and Savings-bank Branch ..	20	22			
Sorters in Clearing-room	13	13			
Storekeeper and Assistants	5	4	Totals	2,608	2,709