

Letter-carriers' deliveries were extended at: Auckland—Onehunga, the second delivery to limits of borough: hitherto, this delivery has been confined to the principal street; Christchurch—City, central area; Nelson—City, afternoon delivery extended to places served by morning delivery; Thames—Chief Post-office to Mount Pleasant, within the Parawai district; Wellington—Masterton, to include all the more populous portions of the borough.

Deliveries were increased in frequency at: Dunedin—Lawrence, from once to twice daily; Wanganui—Town, from one full delivery before noon and one partial delivery after noon, daily, to two full deliveries and a third delivery in principal streets after arrival of the south 3.20 p.m. train.

NEWSPAPERS REGISTERED.

Eighteen newspapers were registered for transmission by post, and five ceased publication.

RECEIVING-BOXES.

Twenty-two receiving-boxes were established at: Auckland—City, 2; Dargaville, 1. Christchurch—City, 1; Ashburton, 1; Leeston, 1. Greymouth—Kumara, 1. Napier—Town, 2. Nelson—Town, 1. New Plymouth, 1. Timaru—Town, 1. Wanganui—Patea, 1. Wellington—City, 1; Eketahuna, 1; Levin, 1; Mangatainoka, 1; Masterton, 5.

Three receiving-boxes were closed: Auckland—Epsom, 1; Newton Road, 1. Oamaru—Town, 1.

DESIGNATIONS OF OFFICES.

The designations of offices were changed as follows: Blenheim—Dieffenbach to Te Weka; Dunedin—Hamilton to Hamilton South; Wanganui—Otaihape to Taihape; Wellington—Wellington Railway to Thorndon Railway.

Names were corrected as follows: Auckland—Waikomiti to Waikumete; Oamaru—Maro-whenua to Maerewhenua; Totara-tahi to Totaratahi; Wellington—Ashurst to Ashhurst.

POST-OFFICES ESTABLISHED, ETC.

Fifty-two post-offices were established (of these three were reopened offices) and fifteen closed:—

Opened.

Akatarawa, Wellington	Momona, Dunedin	Spar Bush, Invercargill
Anaroa, Napier	Motiti, Thames	Stoneburn, Dunedin
Awahou, Wellington	Mungaroa, Wellington	Stronvar, Wellington
Cambridge West, Auckland	Muritai, Wellington	Sutton, Dunedin
Clarence River, Blenheim	North Taleri (reopened), Dunedin	Table Hill, Dunedin
Croixelles, Nelson	Okuku, Christchurch	Tarara, Dunedin
Epsom (R.O.), Auckland	Otaki Railway, Wellington	Tataraimaka, New Plymouth
Huiakama, New Plymouth	Otaua, Auckland	Tengawai, Timaru
Koriniti, Wanganui	Owen Junction (reopened), Nelson	Tikitapu, Wellington
Mahoenui, New Plymouth	Pohonui, Wanganui	Umutoi, Wellington
Manawaru, Auckland	Pukemiro, Auckland	Waiho Gorge, Hokitika
Mangamaire, Wellington	Purerua, Auckland	Warea, New Plymouth
Mangatiti, Wellington	Rakautaua, Wanganui	Warrington, Dunedin
Maungawera, Dunedin	Rapaki, Christchurch	Warwick Junction, Westport
Mauriceville, Wellington	Redcliffs, Christchurch	Whangamoa, Nelson
Millerton, Westport	Seatoun, Wellington	Wharekawa, Auckland
Mitimiti, Auckland	Sommerville, Wanganui	White's Point (reopened), Westport
Molesworth Street (R.O.), Wellington		

Closed.

Cass River, Christchurch	Pukewhau, Thames	Umutoi, Wellington
Maioara, Auckland	Rona, Wellington	Waitapu, Auckland
Nihoniho, Auckland	Tallaburn, Dunedin	Wheatstone, Christchurch
Oruoru, Auckland	Te Whariki, Thames	White's Point, Westport
Pakihikura, Wellington	Tikitapu, Wellington	Winchmore, Christchurch

The number of post-offices open at the close of the year was 1,561.

PARCEL-POST.

The following table shows the total number and the weight of inland, intercolonial, United Kingdom, and foreign parcels dealt with during the years 1890, 1895, 1897, and 1898:—

Postal Districts.	1890.		1895.		1897.		1898.	
	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.
		lb. oz.		lb. oz.		lb. oz.		lb. oz.
Auckland	24,539	65,406 15	35,631	107,729 14½	42,287	134,523 4	43,147	140,528 7
Thames	1,731	4,334 3	2,235	6,134 10	3,366	9,945 8	3,181	9,179 7
New Plymouth	1,132	3,103 9	2,543	6,780 8	2,753	8,001 1	2,801	8,554 13
Gisborne	1,061	2,977 10	1,186	3,581 8½	1,979	5,862 12	1,975	5,619 15
Napier	7,021	19,512 13	8,865	25,672 1	8,932	26,526 12	9,048	27,216 14
Wanganui	4,537	10,994 2	5,722	18,139 5	6,852	21,508 12	7,642	23,997 5
Wellington	29,052	85,226 3	43,591	158,124 1	45,195	166,995 8	46,208	173,884 9
Nelson	5,348	15,329 8	5,771	17,860 6	5,534	18,168 3	5,668	18,254 2
Westport	1,201	2,718 4	1,707	4,382 13	1,941	4,977 3	1,964	5,038 11
Greymouth	2,621	7,102 4	2,553	6,319 13	2,773	7,777 10	2,950	8,384 15
Hokitika	1,600	4,476 11	1,816	5,904 8	1,621	5,583 6	2,398	7,606 2
Blenheim	2,090	5,050 0	2,133	5,767 13½	1,851	5,441 5	1,811	5,736 4
Christchurch	21,758	67,202 8	27,053	96,386 9	32,298	125,764 3	33,072	124,895 3
Timaru	2,263	5,600 1	1,908	5,060 9	1,808	4,554 12	1,964	5,147 11
Oamaru	978	2,409 8	988	2,563 8	1,056	3,436 13	1,166	3,796 2
Dunedin	25,312	74,824 15	28,132	99,186 10	32,504	112,672 12	34,641	117,065 15
Invercargill	3,883	8,614 6	4,422	12,598 15	4,804	14,314 9	4,967	13,394 12
Totals	136,327	384,883 8	176,206	582,193 8½	197,554	676,054 5	204,603	698,801 3