

RECEIVING-BOXES.

Thirty-eight receiving-boxes were established at: Auckland—City and suburbs, 11. Christchurch—City and suburbs, 3; Hororata, 1; Kaiapoi, 1. Dunedin—City and suburbs, 4; Green Island, 1. New Plymouth—Town, 2. Timaru—Temuka, 1. Wanganui—Meremere, 1. Wellington—City and suburbs, 6; Greytown North, 1; Hutt, 3; Masterton, 1; Petone, 2.

Two receiving-boxes were closed at: Dunedin—City, 1. Wellington—City, 1.

DESIGNATIONS OF OFFICES.

The designations of offices were changed as follows: Auckland—Maunganui Bluff to Aranga, Newmarket (telegraph-office) to Newmarket Railway, Otau to Paparimu, Pukeatua to Nanahu, Tangihua to Tangiteroria, Tokatoka to Rehia, Tokatoka Wharf to Tokatoka. Christchurch—Addington to Addington Railway. Gisborne—Tikitiki to Kahukura. Napier—Mahia to Opoutama. Wanganui—Punihu Stream to Te Kiri.

A designation was corrected at: Auckland—Mangapehi to Mangapehi.

POST-OFFICES ESTABLISHED, ETC.

Eighty-three post-offices were established (of these four were reopened offices) and eighteen closed:—

Opened.

Addington (R.O.), Christchurch	Matakitaki, Westport	Tahereroa, Auckland
Arakihī, Gisborne	Motukarara, Christchurch	Tanglewood, Wellington
Arama, Auckland	Nevesville (reopened), Thames	Taumatatahi, Wanganui
Arno, Timaru	North-east Valley, Dunedin	Te Koroa, Auckland
Awaroa, Auckland	Ohakea, Wellington	Te Moeheu, Wanganui
Bell Hill, Greymouth	Ohape, Timaru	Terapatiki, Napier
Belvedere, Wellington	Okiwi, Auckland	The Key, Invercargill
Christchurch Exhibition, Christchurch	Omihi, Christchurch	Tokatoka, Auckland
Conway, Christchurch	Opango, Auckland	Tuahiwi, Christchurch
Deep Stream, Dunedin	Otahuti, Invercargill	Tuiwahi, Wellington
Ferndale, Invercargill	Otau, Auckland	Turangaere, Wanganui
Glen Oroua, Wellington	Otira Railway, Greymouth	Tutamoa, Auckland
Glob's Mine, Greymouth	Parakao, Auckland	Upper Mohaka, Napier
Hairini, Auckland	Parapara, Wanganui	Wahimomona, Timaru
Hicks Bay (reopened), Gisborne	Poerua, Greymouth	Waihao Downs, Timaru
Ikawai, Timaru	Pukahu, Napier	Waikakaho (reopened), Blenheim
Kaiaero, Oamaru	Pukeatua, Auckland	Waikaraka, Auckland
Kaiteratahi, Gisborne	Putara, Wellington	Waingawa, Wellington
Kilbirnie, Wellington	Rahui, Westport	Waiotapu, Auckland
Koeke, Wanganui	Rai Falls, Blenheim	Waiouru, Wanganui
Kohuratahi, New Plymouth	Rakaurua, Gisborne	Waipapa, Auckland
Ladbroke's, Christchurch	Roslyn, Dunedin	Wairepo, Wanganui
Leith Valley, Dunedin	Ruakituri, Napier	Westmere, Wanganui
Levels, Timaru	Ruakiwi, Auckland	Wharerata, Gisborne
Mahora, Napier	Ruanui, Wanganui	Wheatstone (reopened), Christchurch
Mangamingi, Wanganui	Salisbury, Timaru	Wheturau, Gisborne
Maraeroa, Auckland	Saunders Road, Wellington	Whitcombe, Dunedin.
Marina, Wellington	Strand Arcade, Auckland	

Closed.

Anaroa, Napier	Mararoa, Invercargill	Pine Island, Auckland
Epsom, Auckland	Matahiwi, Napier	Putiki Bay, Auckland
Hicks Bay, Gisborne	Merrivale, Invercargill	Rakautaua, Wanganui
Kawatau, Wanganui	Nenthorn, Dunedin	Taikorea, Wellington
Kokako, Napier	Newton Flat, Westport	Terapatiki, Napier
Lowrie's, Wanganui	Parkeston, Nelson	Western Springs, Auckland.

The number of post-offices open at the end of the year was 1,686.

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, 1898, 1899, and 1900:—

Postal Districts.	1890.		1898.		1899.		1900.	
	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.
		lb. oz.		lb. oz.		lb. oz.		lb. oz.
Auckland	24,539	65,406 15	43,147	140,528 7	46,633	153,492 14	47,320	145,640 1
Thames	1,731	4,334 3	3,181	9,179 7	3,324	9,963 12	3,496	10,767 4
New Plymouth ..	1,132	3,103 9	2,801	8,554 13	3,212	10,238 5	3,548	11,298 9
Gisborne	1,061	2,977 10	1,975	5,619 15	2,283	6,008 12	2,372	6,926 15
Napier	7,021	19,512 13	9,048	27,216 14	9,281	28,500 15	10,269	32,831 15
Wanganui	4,537	10,994 2	7,642	23,997 5	8,663	27,627 13	10,167	32,562 4
Wellington	29,052	85,226 3	46,208	173,884 9	51,150	185,938 12	52,500	187,716 3
Nelson	5,348	15,329 8	5,668	18,254 2	6,124	18,845 5	6,195	20,000 2
Westport	1,201	2,718 4	1,964	5,038 11	2,089	5,157 2	2,183	5,684 15
Greymouth	2,821	7,102 4	2,950	8,384 15	3,099	8,876 3	3,036	9,305 4
Hokitika	1,600	4,476 11	2,398	7,606 2	2,865	9,645 11	2,772	10,140 2
Blenheim	2,090	5,050 0	1,811	5,736 4	1,907	6,180 15	2,253	6,956 4
Christchurch ..	21,758	67,202 8	33,072	124,895 3	33,707	135,437 9	36,028	135,426 6½
Timaru	2,263	5,600 1	1,964	5,147 11	1,960	5,815 2	2,040	6,274 1
Oamaru	978	2,409 8	1,166	3,796 2	1,120	3,843 12	1,324	4,739 7
Dunedin	25,312	74,824 15	34,641	117,065 15	39,976	134,014 7	40,282	144,791 10
Invercargill ..	3,883	8,614 6	4,967	13,394 12	5,957	16,249 4½	7,666	23,933 —
Totals	136,327	384,883 8	204,603	698,301 3	223,350	765,836 9½	233,456	794,994 6½