

The several subsidised sea mail-services, the subsidy-payments for the year 1902-3, the dates when established, and the date on which each terminates are shown as follows:—

Service.	Annual Subsidy or Payment.	Duration of Service.		Number of Voyages per Annum.	Mileage for Complete Voyage.	Cost per Mile.
		When established.	When terminated or terminable.			
	£ s. d.					s. d.
Auckland and San Francisco ..	16,039 0 0	April, 1871	May, 1903	17	5,925	3 2-22½
Auckland and Fiji ..	1,690 0 0	June, 1880	..	13	2,334	1 1-37
Auckland and South Pacific Islands ..	1,200 0 0	June, 1885	..	12	6,992	0 3-43
Auckland and Devonport ..	60 0 0	Aug., 1863	Dec., 1903	939	6	0 2-56
Auckland and Great Barrier ..	250 0 0	Oct., 1891	Dec., 1903	52	120	0 9-62
Dargaville and Tangiteroria ..	100 0 0	Nov., 1893	Dec., 1903	52	46	0 10-03
Helensville and Matakohē ..	550 0 0	Jan., 1881	Dec., 1902	52	118	0 6-05
Helensville and Dargaville ..	600 0 0*		Dec., 1903	104	170	
Horseke, Kohukohu, Rawene, Koutu, and Opononi ..	233 0 0	Jan., 1889	Dec., 1903	52	48	1 10-40
Russell and Opua ..	112 0 0	Jan., 1889	Dec., 1903	156	16	0 10-77
Whangaroa and Totara North ..	25 0 0	Jan., 1891	Dec., 1903	52	2	..
Wellington, Ketu Bay, Homewood, Maori Bay (and other offices), and Havelock ..	365 0 0	Dec., 1891	Dec., 1903	26	183	1 6-41
Wellington and Motueka ..	475 0 0	Nov., 1902	Oct., 1903	43	210	1 0-62
Nelson, Motueka, Totaranui, Takaka, and Collingwood ..	125 0 0	..	Dec., 1903	52	130	0 4-44
Westport and Karamēa ..	400 0 0	June, 1886	Dec., 1903	36	102	1 8-62
Westport and Little Wanganui ..		Jan., 1895	Dec., 1903	12	82	
Hokitika, Okarito, Bruce Bay, Paringa, Haast, Okura, and Jackson's Bay ..	600 0 0	Jan., 1886	Dec., 1903	6	384	5 2-50
Lyttelton and Chatham Islands (including Pitt's Island) ..	300 0 0	..	Mar., 1904	6	1,050	0 11-43
Bluff and Half-moon Bay ..	245 0 0	July, 1886	Dec., 1903	52	48	1 11-56
Bluff and Te Oneroa ..	300 0 0†	April, 1893	April, 1904	12	208	2 4-85
Interprovincial service in connection with San Francisco line ..	3,500 0 0	Nov., 1886	June, 1903	13	..	..

* Subsidy increased by £50 from 1st January, 1903.

† Subsidy to be paid in moieties by the Marine and the Post and Telegraph Departments.

‡ On basis of payment for outward voyage, which alone is controlled by New Zealand.

BUILDINGS.

The extensive alterations and additions to the Chief Post-office building at Dunedin are being pushed forward, and are nearly completed.

The extension and alteration of the Chief Post-office building at Christchurch should not be longer delayed. This is an urgent work.

The land and buildings adjoining the General Post Office, Wellington, have been acquired. A part has been fitted up as a mechanics' workshop, and accommodation is being provided for part of the clerical staff of the clearing-room and for storage of mails. No decision has yet been come to about the plan to be adopted for enlarging the General Post Office.

New offices are to be erected at Greymouth, Tauranga, Nelson, Palmerston North, and several smaller places.

The public clocks for the post-offices at Ashburton, Feilding, and Oamaru are now in course of manufacture.

New buildings have been erected, or are in course of erection, at Carterton, Dargaville, Gisborne, Half-moon Bay, Hunterville, Kaponga, Levin, Norsewood, Onehunga, Paparoa, Raetihi, Spit, Tapanui (Postmaster's residence), Te Puke, Wanganui, and Woodville.

The following general repairs, additions, &c., were carried out during the year: Repairs, Akaroa; completion of alterations, also water-supply, &c., Auckland; erection of public clock, Bluff; renovations and repairs, Cheviot; purchase of land for storage purposes, Christchurch; painting, &c., Collingwood; fencing, Denniston; water-supply service, drainage, &c., Pacific-cable Station, Doubtless Bay; linoleum, &c., Dunedin Telegraph-office; renovations, furniture, and fittings, Gisborne; fittings, &c., Gore; renovations, furniture, &c., Hastings; repairs, Havelock; repairs, Hokitika; reclaiming site, Hunterville; purchase of house and land, Kaeo; repairs, Kumara; purchase of site, Levin; altering and repairing building for branch post-office, Lichfield Street, Christchurch; additions and repairs, Lyell; alterations and additions, Manaia; erection of public clock, Masterton; postal accommodation at railway-station, Mercer; room for mails at railway-station, New Plymouth; alterations to caretaker's quarters and erection of public-clock tower, Oamaru; fittings, &c., at new office and alterations and repairs at old post-office building, Onehunga; drainage, Opunake; accommodation for post-office at railway-station, Orepuki; additions, Raglan; purchase of land, Rongotea; repairs, &c., Te Kopuru; fencing, &c., Temuka; alterations, &c., Timaru; repairs, painting, &c., Waiau; additions, Waihi; additions to Postmaster's residence, Waipukurau; alterations and additions, Wairoa; repairs, &c., Waiuku; fittings at new post-office building and erection of public clock, Wanganui; excavating cellar, furniture, &c., General Post Office; renovations and extension of water-mains, Post and Telegraph Store; enlargement of switching-room, Wellington Telephone Exchange; additions and alterations, Westport; additions, Whangarei.