

1904.
NEW ZEALAND.

POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT

(REPORT OF THE) FOR THE YEAR 1903.

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

MY LORD,—
I have the honour to submit to Your Excellency the Report of the Post and Telegraph Department for the year 1903, with the usual statement of revenue and expenditure to the 31st March last.

General Post Office, Wellington, 25th June, 1904.
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.

The revenue and expenditure of the Department for the year are shown in the following table:—

Item.	Postal.	Telegraph.	Total.
<i>Receipts.</i>			
Stamps for postage	£ 290,016 10 5½	£	£ 290,016 10 5½
Money-order and postal-note commission	20,990 7 0½	.. .. .	20,990 7 0½
Money-order commission received from foreign offices	787 5 1	.. .. .	787 5 1
Private box and bag fees	7,515 3 4	.. .. .	7,515 3 4
Miscellaneous receipts	23,897 13 7	4,038 5 1	27,935 18 8
Paid telegrams .. .. .	.. .. .	162,497 13 7½	162,497 13 7½
Telephone exchanges .. .. .	.. .. .	71,028 6 3	71,028 6 3
	343,206 19 6	237,564 4 11½	580,771 4 5½
Balance of expenditure over revenue (Telegraph) .. .. .	.. .. .	18,298 16 2½	.. .. .
Totals	£343,206 19 6	£255,863 1 2	£580,771 4 5½
<i>Expenditure.</i>			
Salaries (classified officers)	£ 95,624 2 7	£ 168,012 4 0	£ 263,636 6 7
Salaries (country Postmasters and telephonists and contributions to railway officers)	18,567 1 2	23,868 0 10	42,435 2 0
Conveyance of mails by sea	54,765 0 11	.. .. .	54,765 0 11
Conveyance of inland mails	50,408 15 2	.. .. .	50,408 15 2
Conveyance of mails by railway	20,104 5 7	.. .. .	20,104 5 7
Money-order commission credited to foreign offices	2,246 16 9	.. .. .	2,246 16 9
Maintenance of telegraph-lines .. .. .	.. .. .	27,890 1 11	27,890 1 11
Miscellaneous	29,167 11 1	26,035 2 10	55,202 13 11
Telegraph-cable subsidy .. .. .	.. .. .	10,057 11 7	10,057 11 7
	270,883 13 3	255,863 1 2	526,746 14 5
Balance of revenue over expenditure (Postal)	72,323 6 3	.. .. .	.. .. .
" " (combined Department) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	54,024 10 0½
Totals	£343,206 19 6	£255,863 1 2	£580,771 4 5½

The business of the Department continues to expand beyond expectations. For the year just closed it had been estimated that the revenue would exceed that of the previous year by £17,000, but, as the result of the general prosperity of the colony, the increase amounted to over
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