

GROSS RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

The gross amount received by the Department during 1903 amounted to £16,934,377 18s. 11d., of which £14,541,510 1s. 2d. was departmental, and £2,392,867 17s. 9d. on account of other Departments.

The gross amount paid out was £16,913,018 15s. 7d., made up of £14,517,417 0s. 6d. departmental, and on behalf of other Departments—to individuals £1,913,159 18s. 2d., and to accounts £482,441 16s. 11d.

The total gross receipts and payments were therefore £33,847,396 14s. 6d.

LETTER-CARRIERS' DELIVERIES.

Deliveries by letter-carrier were established at: Auckland—Helensville. Christchurch—Papanui. Dunedin—Hyde. Invercargill—Winton, Wyndham. Oamaru—Hampden. Wanganui—Mangaweka.

Letter-carriers' deliveries were extended as follows:—Auckland: At Hamilton, on east side of Waikato River to Claudelands as far as railway-line, and on west side to No. 1 Creek; at Whangarei, twice to thrice daily over Cameron, Walton, Clyde, and Vine, and part of Bank Streets. Christchurch (C.P.O.): To be twice daily in parts of Addington, Fendalton, Gresford, Heathcote, Linwood, St. Albans, Sydenham, Waltham, and Woolston, and in the Avonglade portion of the Richmond delivery; in Heathcote, along Wilderness Road, and in Merivale, Shirley, and Sydenham South. Dunedin (C.P.O.): Along Lower Kaikorai Valley Road between Ross and Glendining's mill and the bridge at the Roslyn boundary. Gisborne (C.P.O.): On the north-east and west. Invercargill (C.P.O.): To the end of Scott Street, Seaward Bush; at Mātaura, to take in Mātaura Dairy Factory. Napier: At Dannevirke, along main road as far as Mr. D. Mackenzie's residence. New Plymouth: At Stratford, along Pembroke Road West to its junction with Beacon Road, and along Mountain Road North as far as and including Flint Road East and West. Wellington (C.P.O.): At Brooklyn, to include Todman Street extension and Sugar-loaf Road; at Kelburne, to include Upland Farm Road to viaduct on Karori Road, Upper Taitville, and Mount Pleasant; at Kilbirnie to include Coutts Street, Onepu Road, and portion of Hataitai, in North Kilbirnie; at Masterton, morning delivery in Lansdowne to include some dozen new houses.

Letter-carriers' deliveries were increased in frequency at: Hokitika—Kumara, from once to twice daily. Invercargill—To be daily over Hawthorn, South Invercargill. Wellington—At Greytown North, to be twice daily in principal street.

NEWSPAPERS REGISTERED.

Thirteen newspapers were registered for transmission by post, and sixteen ceased publication.

RECEIVING-BOXES.

Forty-eight receiving-boxes were established at: Auckland—City and suburbs, 7; Cambridge, 1; Hamilton, 2; Howick, 1; Kirikiriroa, 1. Christchurch—City and suburbs, 5. Dunedin—City and suburbs, 3; Hyde, 1. Greymouth—Blaketown, 1; Reefton, 1. Invercargill—Gladstone, 1. Napier—Dannevirke, 1; Hastings, 3; Mangatera, 1. New Plymouth—Town, 1; Stratford, 5. Oamaru—Town, 2. Wellington—City and suburbs, 8; Feilding, 1; Masterton, 1; Woodville, 1.

Five receiving-boxes were closed at: Christchurch—City and suburbs, 1. Invercargill—Gladstone, 1. Napier—Dannevirke, 1. Wanganui—Hunterville, 1. Wellington—City and suburbs, 1.

DESIGNATIONS OF OFFICES.

The designations of offices were changed as follows: Auckland—Paradise to Mapuna; St. John's College to Tamaki West. Blenheim—Kenepuru to Portage. Dunedin—Hyde Railway to Hyde. Napier—Spit to Port Ahuriri. Thames—Cryer's Landing to Wharepoa. Wanganui—Parapara to Kotikotia. Westport—Coal Creek to St. Helen's.

Designations were corrected as follows: Auckland—Hohoura to Houhora. Thames—Neavesville to Nevesville.

POST-OFFICES ESTABLISHED, ETC.

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

Opened.

Admiralty Bay, Nelson
Aitutaki, Auckland
Arno (reopened), Timaru
Ashburton Gorge (reopened), Christchurch
Bexley, Christchurch
Brixton, New Plymouth
Carew, Christchurch
Crail Bay, Blenheim
Dallington, Christchurch
Greenburn, Christchurch
Hayward's, Wellington
Henley West (reopened), Dunedin
Hindon Railway, Dunedin
Iwiroa, Gisborne
Kaka Point, Dunedin
Kauaeranga, Thames
Kelvin Grove, Wellington

McDonald Downs, Christchurch
Mairoa, Auckland
Makowhai, Wellington
Mangaia, Auckland
Mangatera, Napier
Mangateretere, Napier
Mokihinui Mine, Westport
New Lynn, Auckland
Ohura, Auckland
Otuhi, Auckland
Owaka Valley, Dunedin
Pakaraka, Auckland
Parahau, Blenheim
Pariroa, Wanganui
Piriaka, Auckland
Ponana, Gisborne
Punaruahiti, Blenheim
Puponga, Nelson

Rapanui, Wanganui
Ridgeland, Wellington
Rotokari, Wanganui
Ruapuke Island, Invercargill
St. Leonards, Dunedin
Scargill, Christchurch
Tangoio, Napier
Taratahi, Wellington
Te Maika, Auckland
Turangarere (reopened), Wanganui
Upper Shotover, Invercargill
Waihoki Valley, Wellington
Waima (reopened), Auckland
Wainihinihi, Hokitika
Waitangi, Auckland
Waitomo, Auckland
Whatanihi, Blenheim
Whitstone, Oamaru.