

Closed.

Ahiarue, Wellington
Arno, Timaru
Egmont Village, New Plymouth
Hampden Square, Camaru
Henley West, Dunedin
Kohi, Wanganui

Mangamako, Wanganui
Mangatu, Auckland
Mawhitiwhiti, Wanganui
Ohinewairua, Wanganui
Pakiaka, Napier

Red Jacks, Greymouth
Rukumoana, Wanganui
Te Moehau, Wanganui
Waikonini, Napier
Waima, Auckland.

The number of post-offices open at the end of the year was 1,844.

PARCEL-POST.

The following table shows the number and weight of parcels posted during the years 1890, 1900, 1902, and 1903:—

Postal Districts.	1890.		1900.		1902.		1903.	
	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.
		lb. oz.		lb. oz.		lb. oz.		lb. oz.
Auckland	21,882	57,912 10	40,287	122,449 9	48,878	167,123 3	55,623	192,866 10
Thames	1,491	3,661 8	2,989	9,094 4	3,426	10,376 9	3,727	11,196 1
New Plymouth ..	1,007	2,674 3	3,038	9,615 9	4,501	13,202 0	4,920	14,845 4
Gisborne	938	2,570 6	2,022	5,771 15	2,570	7,650 11	3,363	9,820 10
Napier	6,265	17,075 14	8,848	28,142 15	10,363	31,606 2	10,744	32,946 5
Wanganui	4,035	9,563 8	8,846	28,206 10	11,487	35,232 10	12,508	38,127 14
Wellington	25,893	74,544 2	44,322	160,737 4	60,954	219,805 11	66,238	240,286 13
Nelson	4,723	13,370 7	5,261	16,916 4	5,846	18,761 4	5,803	19,771 9
Westport	1,077	2,332 4	1,868	4,645 15	2,384	6,119 6	2,885	7,758 10½
Greymouth	2,509	6,243 13	2,583	7,711 4	2,737	9,011 15	2,991	10,285 5
Hokitika	1,413	3,924 5	2,527	9,173 5	2,961	10,197 13	2,964	10,579 7
Blenheim	1,846	4,357 11	1,961	5,976 4	2,090	6,469 8	2,309	7,804 8
Christchurch ..	19,383	58,708 4	30,897	118,206 3	35,292	127,831 6	37,573	140,619 3
Timaru	2,013	4,774 8	1,743	5,294 1	2,507	6,856 10	3,025	8,441 9½
Oamaru	859	2,123 3	1,149	4,162 7	1,805	6,002 7	1,707	5,883 15
Dunedin	22,500	65,329 13	34,411	125,419 10	39,600	166,967 1	44,619	164,277 12
Invercargill ..	3,458	7,477 5	6,661	20,617 0	6,692	17,855 3	6,975	19,113 4
Totals	121,292	336,643 12	199,413	682,140 7	244,093	861,069 7	267,974	934,624 12

The following table shows the number and weight of parcels exchanged with the United Kingdom and the undermentioned places during the years 1902 and 1903:—

Country.	Received.				Despatched.			
	1902.		1903.		1902.		1903.	
	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.
		lb. oz.		lb. oz.		lb. oz.		lb. oz.
United Kingdom and foreign countries (<i>via</i> London)	28,881	119,612 0	37,652	163,875 0	6,225	15,411 0	7,575	19,567 0
United States of America ..	4,123	11,725 5	5,024	14,366 6	1,085	2,963 6	1,286	3,442 1
Canada	303	512 8	353	762 0	168	501 12	167	409 14
Victoria	4,071	13,393 0	5,058	15,527 10	1,961	4,509 4	2,365	4,932 12
New South Wales	7,705	21,461 0	8,865	25,241 0	2,704	5,948 10	3,322	6,461 14
South Australia	380	1,147 9	347	913 9	246	622 0	325	772 13
Queensland	507	1,102 12	449	1,065 0	359	742 15	453	1,132 1
Tasmania	237	753 14	349	992 8	464	1,039 7	496	1,029 14
Western Australia ..	235	645 8	291	941 6	310	778 4	394	905 1
Samoa	*12	53 0	12	54 2	143	508 10	170	498 5
Cook Islands	†21	74 8	..	..	†27	119 2	..	..
Fiji	48	121 9	73	184 7	251	781 9	286	751 5
Ceylon	209	646 6	260	849 13	54	114 11	78	190 8
Uruguay	..	..	..	..	24	85 9	21	75 15
Cape Colony	396	740 8	352	730 14	407	975 12	396	933 1
Transvaal	..	..	..	..	†151	261 10	..	..
Natal	174	300 13	84	141 15	64	149 4	89	204 11
India	352	939 9	486	1,313 8	136	339 13	154	399 13
Totals	47,654	173,229 13	59,655	226,959 2	14,779	35,852 10	17,577	41,707 0

* Four months only. † Five months only; now treated as inland. ‡ Seven months only; now sent *via* Cape Colony.

The declared value of parcels received from places outside the colony in 1903 was £151,236. The Customs duty collected amounted to £32,739 8s. 5d.

The declared value of parcels despatched to places beyond the colony was £20,844, as against £16,313 in 1902.