

STATEMENT showing REVENUE and EXPENDITURE of the POST and TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT for the Ten Years ended 31st March, 1908, and for the Years 1881–82 and 1891–92.

Year.	Revenue.			Expenditure.			Balance of Revenue over Expenditure.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1881–82	234,529	8	0	233,291	10	4	1,237	17	8
1891–92	320,058	1	3	268,343	1	1	51,715	0	2
1898–99	445,770	7	1	390,197	8	6	55,572	18	7
1899–1900	488,245	16	4	390,448	1	7	97,797	14	9
1900–1901	503,835	19	5½	418,271	16	11	85,564	2	6½
1901–1902	488,573	1	11½	465,756	9	5	22,816	12	6½
1902–1903	525,098	17	3½	487,814	10	0	37,284	7	3½
1903–1904	580,771	4	5½	526,746	14	5	54,024	10	0½
1904–1905	633,305	12	7½	559,921	1	5	73,384	11	2½
1905–1906	684,878	11	2	578,726	11	7	106,151	19	7
1906–1907	746,249	16	0½	619,121	0	9	127,128	15	3½
1907–1908	822,639	8	9½	709,024	16	2	113,614	12	7½
Total for ten years	...	...	...	...	...	...	£773,340	4	5½

PERSONAL.

The Hon. Sir John Hall, K.C.M.G., formerly Premier of New Zealand, who was also Postmaster-General and Commissioner of Telegraphs, 1866–69, and 1879–81, died at his residence at Christchurch on the 25th June, 1907.

Sir Spencer Walpole, Chairman of the Pacific Cable Board, died on the 7th July, 1907.

On the 29th July, 1907, Sir H. W. Primrose, K.C.B., C.S.I., I.S.O., Chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue, was appointed one of the representatives of His Majesty's Government on the Pacific Cable Board, and Chairman of the Board, in succession to the late Sir Spencer Walpole.

News was received on the 22nd May, 1908, that Mr. C. H. Reynolds, C.I.E., General Manager of the Pacific Cable Board, had died at Lisbon, whither he had gone as a delegate to the International Telegraph Conference. Mr. Reynolds was appointed General Manager of the Pacific Cable Board in 1901.

STAFF.

The following alterations have been made in respect of the titles of various officers as from the 1st April, 1907: From Electrician, to Chief Electrician; from Chief Clerk (Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, Wellington), to Assistant Postmaster; from Senior Money-order and Savings-bank Clerk (Chief Post-offices), to Accountant; from Storekeeper, to Controller of Stores; from Assistant Storekeeper, to Assistant Controller of Stores; from Mail-room Supervisor (Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, Wellington), to Chief Mail Clerk.

Mr. J. G. Ballard was appointed to the new office of Inspector of Telegraph Offices on the 1st April, 1907. It was decided, in consequence, on the 21st October, 1907, to establish an Inspector of Telegraph Offices' Branch in the General Post Office (approximately on the same footing as that of Inspector of Post-offices), and to allot a staff to deal with the business of the Telegraph Division of the service, which had formerly been managed partly in the Secretary's Office and partly in the Accountant's Branch.

Mr. G. B. Dall, Assistant Inspector of Post Offices, Central District, was promoted to the position of Inspector of Post Offices on the 1st July, 1907, in succession to Mr. D. Cumming.

On the 31st March, 1908, Mr. Duncan Cumming, Controller of Money-Orders and Savings-Banks and Accountant, retired on pension, after over thirty-eight years' service. Mr. J. L. H. Ledger, Assistant Controller of Money-Orders and Savings-Banks and Assistant Accountant, was promoted to be Controller and Accountant in succession to Mr. Cumming.

Mr. R. B. Morris, Assistant Postmaster, Wellington, was promoted to the newly created position of Inspector of Savings-Banks on the 1st April, 1908.

As Nelson now transmits inland messages for North and South Island, and as cable-traffic also is sent from Wakapuaka to Nelson for transmission, the staff at Wakapuaka has been considerably reduced.

The salaries of non-permanent postmasters and telephonists throughout the Dominion are in course of revision.

The total number of officers on the staff on the 31st March was as under:—

	31st March, 1908.
Postmaster-General	1
Classified staff:—	
First Division	3
Clerical Division	2,158
Non-clerical Division	911
Telegraph message-boys	704
Total, classified staff	3,777