

STATEMENT of TELEGRAPH BUSINESS within the several POSTAL DISTRICTS of the DOMINION of NEW ZEALAND during the Quarter ended 31st December, 1920.

POSTAL DISTRICTS.	Number of Offices open at End of Quarter.	Ordinary Telegrams, including Paid Govern- ment Telegrams.		Urgent Ordinary Telegrams.		Press Telegrams.*		Night-letter Telegrams.		Bureau Communications.		Total.	
		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
Auckland†	395	335,156	£ 20,676 0 2½	18,753	£ 2,550 19 3	10,333	£ 934 11 10	418	£ 36 5 10	290,355	£ 11,002 2 5½	655,015	£ 35,199 19 7
Blenheim	95	23,129	£ 1,399 1 3	976	£ 138 7 5	211	£ 204 9 7	36	£ 2 14 2½	36,086	£ 1,107 13 8	60,438	£ 2,852 6 1½
Christchurch	224	163,035	£ 9,904 2 11½	9,656	£ 1,378 15 7	6,401	£ 1,165 13 2½	223	£ 19 6 1	139,158	£ 6,087 11 7	318,473	£ 18,555 9 5
Dunedin	242	126,265	£ 7,800 11 6	4,764	£ 729 8 4	3,724	£ 594 14 1	167	£ 14 15 2	110,868	£ 4,971 11 9	245,788	£ 14,111 0 10
Gisborne	40	40,244	£ 2,690 3 0½	2,086	£ 326 0 0	868	£ 374 3 3	95	£ 7 18 8	60,627	£ 3,314 10 0½	103,920	£ 6,712 15 0
Greymouth	42	25,180	£ 1,601 16 7	1,094	£ 157 1 3	451	£ 295 6 1½	67	£ 6 6 5	15,462	£ 559 13 11	42,254	£ 2,620 4 3½
Hamilton†	202	80,618	£ 4,729 12 11½	3,765	£ 486 13 3	495	£ 218 19 8½	36	£ 2 16 1½	113,411	£ 4,366 1 9	198,325	£ 9,804 3 9½
Hokitika	48	8,964	£ 527 8 6½	221	£ 31 19 8	205	£ 107 8 7	22	£ 1 18 1½	10,949	£ 277 10 3	20,361	£ 946 5 2
Invercargill	201	52,548	£ 3,078 18 10½	1,462	£ 212 7 7	1,058	£ 489 8 10	47	£ 4 0 8½	102,629	£ 3,947 0 6	157,744	£ 7,731 16 6
Napier	87	81,170	£ 4,863 7 6½	3,679	£ 514 16 6	1,178	£ 673 1 11½	176	£ 15 13 4½	176,277	£ 6,359 2 10	262,480	£ 12,426 2 2½
Nelson	104	31,396	£ 1,901 16 0½	1,184	£ 164 16 3	178	£ 209 14 8	37	£ 3 6 7½	34,220	£ 1,177 18 3	67,015	£ 3,457 11 10
New Plymouth	105	61,934	£ 3,797 14 7½	2,794	£ 383 14 6	697	£ 598 2 0	83	£ 7 2 9	94,706	£ 2,750 13 8	160,214	£ 7,537 7 6½
Oamaru	52	16,099	£ 926 15 6	470	£ 52 12 4	340	£ 314 3 7½	10	£ 0 16 5	20,888	£ 1,072 7 7	37,807	£ 2,366 15 5½
Thames	85	57,942	£ 3,384 7 1	2,723	£ 358 3 3	536	£ 327 9 5	55	£ 4 8 1½	61,220	£ 2,180 8 4	122,476	£ 6,254 16 2½
Timaru	71	33,750	£ 1,905 4 7½	1,277	£ 138 19 10	1,284	£ 417 10 4	30	£ 2 7 8½	56,310	£ 2,702 16 5	92,651	£ 5,166 18 11
Wanganui	102	77,318	£ 4,626 8 6½	3,433	£ 468 17 1	1,123	£ 477 1 0	71	£ 6 16 0½	97,846	£ 3,920 10 8	179,791	£ 9,499 13 4
Wellington	187	341,426	£ 25,502 12 11	20,474	£ 2,924 8 1½	64,976	£ 1,174 2 2½	331	£ 30 6 9½	275,474	£ 11,762 19 2½	702,681	£ 41,394 9 3
Westport	58	14,518	£ 887 9 6	476	£ 51 4 3	190	£ 174 10 7	31	£ 1 18 6½	11,231	£ 365 4 4	26,446	£ 1,480 7 2½
Totals, 4th quarter in 1920	2,340	1,570,692	£ 100,203 12 3½	79,287	£ 11,069 4 5½	94,248	£ 8,750 11 0	1,935	£ 168 17 8½	1,707,717	£ 67,925 17 2½	3,453,879	£ 188,118 2 8
Totals, 4th quarter in 1919	2,340	1,937,837	£ 82,909 1 6	148,022	£ 10,883 9 9	92,802	£ 8,596 16 0	1,717,682	£ 54,066 13 11	3,896,343	£ 156,456 1 2

* The bulk of Press telegrams are forwarded as "Collect" on delivery.

† New postal district of Hamilton was created out of portions of the Auckland District on 1st November, 1920.

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