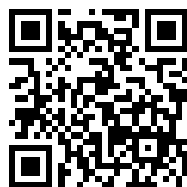

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THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT.

TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORDS COMMISSIONERS OF HER MAJESTY'S TREASURY.

MY LORDS,

I HAVE the honour to submit to your Lordships the Thirty-third Annual Report on the Post Office, being the Report for the year ended the 31st of March, 1887.

In this document considerable information will be found as to the results, during the first complete year, of the New Telegraph Rates, decided upon by Parliament in 1883 and introduced in 1885, and also as to the condition of the Parcel Post, in regard to which extensive changes were made on the 1st of May, 1886.

Two important subjects have occupied special attention, viz. :— the Purchase of New Sites for the erection of additional Buildings, and the preparation for various New Ocean Mail Contracts, consequent upon the termination of existing Contracts in 1888.

The following table shows the estimated number of letters, &c. delivered in the United Kingdom during the twelve months ended the 31st of March :—

—					Number estimated.	Increase per cent.	Average number to each Person.
Letters -	-	-	-	-	1,459,900,000	4.0	40
Post Cards -	-	-	-	-	180,100,000	5.1	5
Book Packets and Circulars -	-	-	-	-	308,900,000	7.8	10
Newspapers -	-	-	-	-	151,200,000	2.4	4
Total -	-	-	-	-	2,100,100,000	4.6	59
Parcels -	-	-	-	-	32,880,000	24.3	9
Grand Total -	-	-	-	-	2,132,980,000	4.9	60

Of the total number of letters, &c. delivered about 84 per cent. were delivered in England and Wales, (28 per cent. being delivered in the London Postal district alone), 9.0 per cent. in Scotland, and 6.0 per cent. in Ireland.

The number of registered letters was 10,779,555, a decrease of 3.1 per cent. This continued decrease is owing mainly, no doubt, to the extended use of Postal Orders for purposes of remittance.

New Post Offices have been opened in 386 places, and about 764 letter boxes have been added, making the total number of receptacles 35,380, of which 17,191 are Post Offices.

Great progress has been made with the purchase of the sites to be acquired under the provisions of the Acts 48 and 49 Vic. C. 45, passed in the year 1885, and 49 and 50 Vic., C. 51, passed in 1886. Including purchases made independently of these Acts, a total area of nearly two acres has been purchased in London, at a cost

(including compensation) of 350,000*l.* and seven sites in the country at a cost of about 77,000*l.* The total amount therefore expended under the head of sites, on Postal, Savings Bank, and Telegraph account was 427,000*l.* The expenditure by the Office of Works on Post Office Buildings was about 109,000*l.* Thus it will be seen that not less than 536,000*l.* has been spent in one year in order to provide necessary accommodation.

There still remain lands to be acquired, under the provisions of the Acts quoted, in London, Birmingham, and Newcastle-on-Tyne ; while further space is wanted in other Provincial Towns, which probably can be obtained without having recourse to legislation.

New Crown Post Offices have been completed and opened at Carnforth, Galway, Guildford, Manchester (2nd portion), Oban, Richmond (Surrey), Rugby, Stroud, Truro, Warwick, Windsor, and Wisbech.

Staff.

The total number of Officers on the permanent establishment of the Department is about 54,800 ; the number added during the year having been 3,356. The number of women included in this total is 3,767, employed as follows :—

As Clerks in the Central Establishments in London, Dublin, and Edinburgh	-	750
As Telegraphists, Counter-women, Sorters, &c., throughout the kingdom	-	3,017

Besides the foregoing there are, it is estimated, about 47,000 persons, of whom about 15,800 are females, employed by Postmasters and Receivers, throughout the country to aid in carrying on the business of the Department. Most of these persons have private occupations and are employed on postal duty for only a part of the day.

The list of retired Officers in receipt of pensions shows a total of 3356, whose pensions amount to 176,164*l.*

The conduct and health of the staff generally continues good.

New Postage
Stamps.

A new series of Postage and Revenue Stamps, adopted by Her Majesty's Government on a report made by a Committee, composed of Representatives of the Post Office and Inland Revenue Departments, was issued on the 1st of January, 1887, and it is believed that the change effected will afford greater security to the public.

New Mails.

Under new Contracts an acceleration has been effected in the Down Night Mail Service to Oban during the summer, and to Stranraer, and also in the Night Mail Services to Keighley and Skipton ; while the Oban and Lochboisdale Packet Service has been extended to Lochmaddy. In Ireland, a Night Mail train has been substituted for the mail car between Omagh and Enniskillen at an additional cost of 100*l.* a year, and, under a new Contract with the Waterford and Limerick Railway Company, an improved Day Mail Service will be afforded to Cahir, Carrick, Clonmel, and Tipperary, at a cost of 2,000*l.* a-year.

The use of Electric Bells in the Railway Travelling Post Offices for the purpose of indicating when the Mail Bag Exchanging Apparatus is in working position, has been introduced with great advantage, and the system will shortly be extended to all the Travelling Post Offices.

In the Parcel Post Service, the reduction of the rates, the Parcel Post. extension of the weights and the scheme of Insurance introduced on the 1st of May 1886, have had a marked effect on the business. The total number of parcels posted during the year was 32,860,154, an increase of upwards of 24 per cent. on the previous year, apportioned thus:—England and Wales 27,237,000; Scotland 3,430,000; Ireland 2,193,000.

The subjoined Table gives a comparison between the business conducted in 1884-5, 1885-6, and 1886-7:—

Year.	—	Number of Parcels.	Postage.			Average Postage per Parcel.	
			Gross Amount.	55 per cent. on Railway borne Parcels paid to Railway Companies.	Post Office Share.	Gross.	Post Office Share.
1884-5	Railway borne and Road borne.	22,910,040	£ 508,247	£ 256,572	£ 251,675	d. 5.32	d. 2.63
1885-6	" " "	26,417,397	591,945	298,948	292,997	5.38	2.66
1886-7	" " "	32,860,154	719,112	358,254	360,858	5.25	2.64

The delivery of parcels in London by hand carts instead of by vans, has been much extended, and is attended with a considerable saving of expense without any loss of efficiency. The Parcel Post is much used for the transmission of fruit and flowers, and numerous parcels are despatched from the Scilly Islands by market gardeners, to Covent Garden Market, where they arrive in time for delivery before 8 o'clock in the morning. Upwards of 14,000 parcels containing primroses reached London on the 18th and 19th of April.

The Parcel Post has been extended to over 55 Colonies and Foreign Countries, the recent additions including British Honduras, Canada, Italy, Luxemburg, Newfoundland, Smyrna, Tasmania, Zanzibar, and Western Australia; and I am glad to state that France has at length consented to enter into a Parcel Post Convention. The development of the Parcel Post between this Country and Canada, Victoria, and the Cape Colony, and the prompt delivery of parcels, has been much facilitated by recent modifications in the Customs Regulations in force in those Colonies. The total number of Parcels despatched to the Colonies and Foreign Countries during the year was 242,864, and the number received was 150,656. The largest number were transmitted between this Country and Germany, India, and Belgium; the numbers being as follows:—Germany, despatched to 82,400, received from 62,200; India, despatched to 46,000, received from 37,700; Belgium, despatched to 14,000, received from 6,900.

A system was commenced on the 1st of May 1886, for the insurance and compensation in case of loss or damage, of Registered Letters and of Parcels, for fees of one penny or two-pence each, and up to the 31st of March last, 105,677 Registered letters had been insured, the fees amounting to 650*l.* 10*s.* 7*d.*, and

264,741 Parcels, the fees on which amounted to 1,311*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*; while the amounts paid in compensation were, for Registered Insured Letters, 13*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*; Insured Parcels, 140*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.* The work in connection with this service being interwoven with the other Postal work, the extra expense involved cannot be stated.

Foreign and
Colonial
Mails.
New
Contracts.

A new contract has been entered into between the Post Office and the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company for the Mail Service between the United Kingdom and India and China, to come into force on the 1st of February 1888. The Mails will be carried by steamer through the Suez Canal instead of by railway across Egypt, as heretofore, thus avoiding the complications and delays which have always occurred at periods when quarantine has been imposed either by Egypt or by Italy, and also saving £12,000 a year on the present cost of the land transit. The rate of speed at sea will be increased from Suez to Bombay from 11 knots to 12.54 knots an hour, and on the China line from 10.50 knots to 11.20 knots an hour, shortening the time of transit between London and Bombay by one day on the outward and thirty-one hours on the homeward journey, and the time between London and Shanghai by thirty-two hours on the outward and forty-three hours on the homeward journey. The subsidy to be paid is 265,000*l.* per annum, as contrasted with 360,000*l.* paid for an inferior service under the old contract, thus with the saving of the land transit through Egypt the total cost will be reduced by £107,000 a year. Under the conditions of the Contract power to purchase or charter the Companies' Vessels, upon terms to be settled hereafter, is reserved to Her Majesty's Government in case the public interest should render it desirable.

A contract has also been made with the Quebec Steam Ship Company for the conveyance of Mails between New York and Bermuda, once a fortnight in each direction, for the nominal payment of 300*l.* a year.

A third Daily Mail Service between Dover and Ostend has been established by the Belgian Post Office, without any addition to the contribution hitherto paid by this Department towards the cost of maintaining the two services already existing.

On the 30th November 1886, the Agreement between the Post Office and the Cunard, Inman, and White Star Companies for the conveyance of Mails to the United States of America terminated. In reply to a circular inviting tenders from various British Shipping Companies, the Cunard and White Star Companies made an offer to convey mails only twice a week *viâ* Queenstown. This tender, which was so framed as to preclude the public from obtaining the advantage of having mails carried to New York by the fast vessels of any other line, as well as a subsequent offer from the same Companies, including a third service by slower vessels going to Boston, was declined; and thereupon a temporary arrangement was made with the Inman, Guion, and North German Lloyd Companies for three services a week, two of them being *viâ* Queenstown. The duration of this arrangement was limited to three months. At the expiration of that period an Agreement was made with the Cunard and White Star Companies for two services a week to New York *viâ* Queenstown at a reduced rate of payment; the Post Office reserving to itself the right, not only to send letters specially superscribed to go by particular ships of outside lines, but also to send by the regular vessels of the Inman Line *viâ*

Queenstown, or of the North German Lloyd *via* Southampton, all correspondence addressed in general terms "by Inman Line" or "by German Line." In connexion with the last-named Agreement, the Board of Admiralty was enabled to come to arrangements with the Mail Contractors for securing, in time of need, certain of their fast ships as armed cruisers for a moderate annual payment charged upon the Navy Votes.

The number of letters, post cards, book packets, newspapers, parcels, &c., received in the Returned Letter Offices was 14,215,900, an increase of upwards of 9 per cent. Of this number 447,828 were unreturnable, 178,683 were registered or contained enclosures of value, and 27,928 were wholly unaddressed. Of these letters posted without any address 1,628 contained money and cheques, &c., amounting to 4,604*l*. It is remarkable that the number of book packets received in the Returned Letter Offices was 937,046 above the number in the previous year.

A somewhat curious occurrence happened in a Gloucestershire Post Office, in consequence of leakage from a tin of essence of lemon, sent by Parcel Post. A swarm of bees, attracted by the syrup, entered the office by a window and settled on the spot where the essence was spilt, and although prompt efforts were made to eject them, they continued to frequent the office for a fortnight.

At another office a packet of live mice was stopped, as contrary to regulation, and the addressee, on being communicated with, took a journey of upwards of forty miles to obtain the mice.

The Post Office Savings Bank, which commenced operations on the 16th of September 1861, completed a quarter of a century's work in September last. On the 31st of December 1862 (the end of the first complete year) the total amount, inclusive of interest, standing to the credit of Depositors was 1,698,221*l*. On the 31st of December last it was 50,874,338*l*.—a result which proves the value attached by the public to this institution. The increase over the year 1885 was 3,176,500*l*. In addition to this the balance of Government Stock held by 35,305 Depositors at the close of the year was 2,896,941*l*., being an increase of 444,689*l*. over the previous year, making the total sum due to Depositors 53,771,279*l*., distributed over 3,731,421 separate accounts. The deposits were 6,562,395 in number, amounting to 15,696,852*l*., as compared with 6,474,484 in number, amounting to 15,034,694*l*. in 1885; and the withdrawals numbered 2,390,655, amounting to 13,689,943*l*., as compared with 2,280,062, amounting to 13,202,742*l*. in 1885. The sum credited to Depositors for interest was 1,169,590*l*., an increase of 77,478*l*. over the previous year.

The number of new Post Office Savings Bank Offices opened during the year was 245, of which 196 were in England and Wales; 27 in Scotland; and 22 in Ireland. The total number on the 31st of December was 8,351.

The greatest number of deposits made in one day was 50,547, on the 30th of January, amounting to 116,553*l*.; but the largest amount deposited in one day was 125,594*l*., which was deposited by 34,301 persons on the 1st of January.

The greatest number of withdrawals in one day was 21,665, amounting to 64,440*l*., on the 21st of December; but the largest amount withdrawn in one day was 68,046*l*., which was withdrawn by 11,933 persons on the 14th of December.

The daily average number of deposits was 21,445, and the amount 51,296*l.*; and of withdrawals 7,812, amounting to 44,738*l.*

The average amount of each deposit was 2*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.*, and of each withdrawal, 5*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.*

The number of new accounts opened during the year was 758,270, as compared with 750,862 in 1885, and the accounts closed were 562,499, as compared with 548,887.

The 3,731,421 accounts remaining open at the end of the year were distributed as follow :—

—	Number.	Proportion to Population.	Average Balance due to each Depositor.
England and Wales - -	3,452,355	1 to 8	£ s. d. 13 12 11
Scotland - - -	131,873	1 to 30	8 0 0
Ireland - - -	147,193	1 to 33	18 7 3

Investments
in Govern-
ment Stock.

The Government Stock investments were 16,563 in number, and the Stock purchased was 841,121*l.* in amount, as compared with 17,133 investments and 859,050*l.* Stock purchased in 1885, being a decrease of 570 in number, and 17,929*l.* in amount of Stock; while the sales numbered 8,918, amounting to 389,965*l.* Stock, as compared with 7,443 sales, amounting to 326,445*l.* in 1885; an increase of 1,475 in number, and 63,520*l.* in amount. The number of Stock Certificates obtained was 59, representing 7,300*l.* Stock, as compared with 68, representing 6,900*l.* Stock, in 1885.

The average amount of Stock held by each Depositor was 82*l.* 1*s.* 1*d.* as compared with 80*l.* 2*s.* 11*d.* in 1885. The investments in the 2½ and 2½ Per Cent. Stocks, which were always very few in number, are still diminishing, and the delay which occurs in selling both these descriptions of Stock, owing to the scarcity of purchasers, often gives rise to complaint.

Life
Insurances
and Annuities.

The Government Life Insurance and Annuity Business shows slight increase. The Life Insurance Contracts granted were 506 in number, and 34,188*l.* in amount, as compared with 457 Contracts for 34,768*l.* in the year 1885. The Immediate Annuities purchased (exclusive of those purchased by the Board of Trade for aged Merchant Seamen) were 718 in number, and 17,031*l.* in amount, as compared with 611 Annuities, amounting to 14,979*l.* in 1885. The number of Deferred Annuities was 87, amounting to 1,772*l.*, as against 103 Deferred Annuities, amounting to 1,694*l.*, granted in 1885. The Board of Trade purchased 105 Annuities for 357*l.*, as compared with 114 for 388*l.* in the previous year.

The following table shows the number of contracts in existence on the 31st of December 1886 :—

Immediate Annuities.	Deferred Annuities.	Life Insurances.
9,691	857	5,485

Further particulars as to the business of the Post Office Savings Bank will be found in Appendix "J.," pp. 37 to 46.

In the last Annual Report reference was made to a proposal, then **Money Orders.** about to be made to your Lordships, to modify the rates of Commission on Inland Money Orders. This modification was sanctioned, and came into operation on the 1st of September last. The former Scale of Commission comprised eleven denominations, with charges varying from 2*d.* for an Order not exceeding 10*s.*, to 1*s.* for an Order not exceeding 10*l.* The present scale has only five denominations, which range from 2*d.* for an order not exceeding 1*l.*, to 6*d.* for an order not exceeding 10*l.*, thus reducing the maximum charge from 1*s.* to 6*d.* The result has proved most satisfactory, as, instead of the usual large annual decrease, both in the amount and number of inland orders, there was an increase last year of 287,363*l.* in amount, as compared with a falling-off of 1,561,354*l.* in the year 1885-6, and the decrease in the number of orders was only 595,731, as compared with a decrease of 1,599,834 in the previous year. These figures show that the public appreciate the increased facilities afforded, and justify the expectation that the business will soon exhibit a yearly increase both in the number and amount of Orders.

The total number of Inland Orders was 9,762,562, and the total amount 22,262,708*l.*, as compared with 10,358,293 Orders, amounting to 21,975,345*l.*, in the year 1885-6.

The transactions with the Colonies and with Foreign Countries increase steadily every year, the increase last year in these classes of orders having been over 90,000 in number, and upwards of 234,000*l.* in amount.

The Postal Order business also increases steadily. The amount **Postal Orders.** of money transmitted by the public in this manner was 12,959,000*l.*, or 2,169,000*l.* more than in the year before. The 5*s.*, the 10*s.*, and the 20*s.*, Orders continue to be the most popular, and are found to be in number about half of the total of 31,608,711 Orders.

Taking the Money Order business and the Postal Order business together, it appears that in the course of the year the public have occasion to transmit within the limits of the United Kingdom, by these means, small sums amounting in the aggregate to over 35,000,000*l.*

The subjoined table shows briefly the Post Office Receipts as compared with the Net Expenditure, and also the Expenditure incurred by other Departments for the Post Office, during the last seven years :—

Table of
Postal Re-
ceipts, &c., for
seven years.

Year.	Receipts.	EXPENDITURE.		Total.	Balance.	
		Charged to Post Office Account.	By other Departments on behalf of the Post Office.			
	£	£	£	£	£	
1880-1	6,733,427	3,887,792	247,867	4,135,659	2,597,768	
1881-2	7,027,600	4,014,885	271,711	4,286,596	2,741,004	
1882-3	7,300,980	4,245,790	299,808	4,545,598	2,755,562	
1883-4	7,764,855	4,879,285	275,544	5,154,829	2,610,026	
1884-5	7,906,406	5,104,335	212,878	5,317,213	2,589,193	
1885-6	8,170,604	5,250,029	236,895	5,486,924	2,683,880	
1886-7	8,471,198	5,662,145	217,996	5,880,141	2,591,057	

The first complete financial year during which the reduced rates for Inland Telegrams were in operation expired on the **Telegraphs.**

31st of March, and it is interesting to note the effect upon the number of messages and upon the revenue.

Separating the ordinary inland messages sent in that period from Railway, Press, Official, and Foreign Telegrams, which are not affected by the reduced rate, and of which there were over 10 millions, it appears that the number of messages despatched was 40,137,175 in 1886-7, compared with a total of 30,087,869 in 1885-6, and that the revenue produced was 1,354,879*l.* as compared with 1,277,606*l.* in the previous year, showing a growth of over 10 millions, or 33 per cent. in the number of messages, and over 77,000*l.* or 6 per cent., in the revenue.

This comparison however is not strictly fair, as the year 1885-6 contained six months at the 1*s.* rate. A more accurate comparison may be afforded by taking the last six months of 1885-6, and the corresponding six months of 1886-7, thus—

Last six months	Number of Messages.	Increase per Cent.	Amount.	Increase per Cent.
1886-7 - - -	19,071,782	-	£ 641,709	
1885-6 - - -	16,737,837		566,039	
Increase - -	2,333,745	14	75,670	13

The London Local Messages alone show an increase of 50 per cent., the total number being about 3,800,000.

Your Lordships are aware that, notwithstanding the rapid and satisfactory growth of the Telegraph business, the expenses of the service far exceed the receipts, and the deficit, after including the interest payable for the capital borrowed, amounted to 469,840*l.*

The following table gives a comparison of figures for seven years, which brings out in a convenient form the expenditure by this Department, and also the amounts paid by other Departments on account of the Telegraph Service, and also shows the deficit on each year:—

Year.	Receipts.	EXPENDITURE.		Total.	Annual Interest on Capital.	Deficit.
		By Telegraph Department Charged to Post Office.	By Other Departments.			
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1880-1	1,633,887	1,242,092	66,362	1,308,454	326,417	984
1881-2	1,654,390	1,365,632	74,866	1,440,498	326,417	112,525
1882-3	1,768,070	1,504,204	79,673	1,583,877	326,417	142,224
1883-4	1,789,223	1,709,644	99,276	1,808,920	326,417	346,114
1884-5	1,784,414	1,731,040	89,724	1,820,764	326,417	362,767
1885-6	1,787,264	1,733,104	99,297	1,832,401	326,417	371,554
1886-7	1,887,224	1,939,768	90,879	2,030,647	326,417	469,840

New Telegraph Offices have been opened at 232 Post Offices throughout the United Kingdom, and, including 1,542 Railway Station Offices, there are now 6,514 public Telegraph Offices.

A new line from London to Nevin, on the Coast of Wales, 263 miles long, and a Cable from thence to Ireland, have been opened : the total cost of construction being 40,700*l*.

Copper wire of the weight of 150 lbs. per mile has been used with marked success, as by this means a rate of 450 words a minute has been attained, as compared to a rate of 350 words a minute on iron wire, the highest previously recorded on any line. The use of copper wire is likely to be advantageous, as enabling a greater amount of work to be got out of the plant, and as possibly avoiding the necessity of costly relay stations.

On the 26th of December, 1886 the most serious and widely spread snowstorm that has ever been experienced in this country, as regards damage done to telegraphs, occurred. On the morning of that day only seven provincial circuits were workable from the Chief Office in London. All the Branch Offices in London, served by overhead wires, were cut off from communication. Fortunately, however, there were 315 Offices in London served by underground wires, which remained undisturbed. The work of repairing the damage throughout the country was retarded by the recurrence of severe weather and occupied a considerable time; but the inconvenience to the public was very shortly reduced to a minimum as the multiplication of cross-country circuits in recent years enabled communication to be established with various Towns by devious and eccentric routes, and the use of fast speed apparatus made it possible to obtain from a few wires the normal work of many.

The gross revenue for the year, including Savings Bank business, was 10,715,978*l*., arrived at thus :—

Revenue and
Expenditure.

Postage on letters, parcels, postcards, newspapers, &c.	-	-	£	£
Commission on Money Orders	-	142,290	-	8,186,519
Commission on Postal Orders	-	139,389	-	
Value of Unclaimed Money Orders	-	3,000	-	
				284,679
Savings Bank	-	-	-	357,556
Revenue from Telegraphs	-	-	-	1,887,224
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The estimated expenditure, including expenses incurred by other Depart- ments, was :—				10,715,978
For Postal Service, including Money Order and Postal Order busi- ness	-	-	-	5,253,336
„ Packet Service	-	-	-	626,805
„ Savings Bank	-	-	-	290,555
„ Telegraph Service*	-	-	-	2,030,647
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				8,201,343
The net revenue was, therefore	-	-	-	<hr/>
				2,514,635

being a decrease of 194,247*l*. on the previous year.

* The annual interest on the capital sum of 10,880,571*l*. raised by the Government for the purchase of the Telegraphs, amounting to 326,417*l*., is not borne on the Post Office Votes.

Comparing these figures with those of the previous year we find the following results :—

Revenue :					£
Postage on letters, parcels, &c.	-	-	increase		299,621
Commission on Money Orders and Postal Orders, and value of Unclaimed Orders	-		„		973
Savings Bank	-	-	-	„	36,546
Telegraphs	-	-	-	„	99,973

Expenditure :					
Postal Service, including Money Order and Postal Order business and expenses incurred by other Departments	-	-	increase		424,813
Packet Service	-	-	-	decrease	31,396
Savings Bank	-	-	-	increase	34,154
Telegraph Service	-	-	-	„	203,789

I have the honour to be,

My Lords,

Your Lordships' obedient humble servant,

HENRY CECIL RAIKES.

General Post Office,
29th August 1887.

APPENDIX A.

Letters delivered.

ESTIMATED NUMBER of Letters delivered in the United Kingdom in each of the last Ten Years, and the increase per cent. per annum. Also the average number to each person.

Year ending 31st December until 1876, and thereafter the Financial Year ending March 31st.	Delivered in England and Wales.				Total in England and Wales.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Average number to each person.	Total in Scotland.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Average number to each person.	Total in Ireland.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Average number to each person.	Total in United Kingdom.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Average number to each person.
	By Country Offices.	Increase per cent. per annum.	In London District.	Increase per cent. per annum.												
Year 1876 -	594,500,000	2.5	261,500,000	—	856,000,000	1.1	35	91,100,000	0.2	26	71,800,000	1.7	13	1,018,900,000	1.0	31
" 1877-8	598,800,000	0.7	265,200,000	9.0	864,000,000	9.3	36	98,500,000	9.2	28	74,200,000	3.4	14	1,057,700,000	3.8	32
" 1878-9	626,500,000	4.6	295,800,000	3.7	922,300,000	4.3	37	98,000,000	—	28	70,100,000	2.5	14	1,097,400,000	3.7	32
" 1879-80	640,000,000	2.2	310,100,000	4.8	950,100,000	3.0	38	101,800,000	3.0	28	75,000,000	—	14	1,127,900,000	2.8	33
" 1880-81	651,000,000	1.7	330,400,000	6.6	981,400,000	3.3	38	105,900,000	3.0	29	78,800,000	3.8	15	1,165,200,000	3.3	34
" 1881-82	685,200,000	5.3	352,100,000	6.6	1,037,300,000	5.7	40	108,800,000	4.6	29	82,200,000	4.4	16	1,229,300,000	5.5	35
" 1882-83	713,100,000	4.1	364,600,000	3.5	1,077,700,000	3.9	41	116,500,000	6.1	31	86,500,000	5.2	17	1,286,600,000	4.2	36
" 1883-84	737,000,000	3.3	375,200,000	2.9	1,112,200,000	3.2	41	122,200,000	4.6	32	87,700,000	1.4	17	1,322,100,000	3.2	37
" 1884-85	757,200,000	2.7	391,100,000	4.1	1,148,300,000	3.2	42	122,900,000	6	32	89,100,000	1.6	18	1,360,200,000	2.9	38
" 1885-86	778,000,000	2.8	409,400,000	4.7	1,187,400,000	3.4	43	128,400,000	2.8	32	89,700,000	7	18	1,403,500,000	3.2	39
" 1886-87	800,800,000	2.9	430,100,000	7.3	1,239,900,000	4.4	44	129,100,000	2.1	33	90,900,000	1.3	19	1,459,900,000	4.0	40

APPENDIX A.—continued

Post Cards, Book Packets, and Newspapers.

ESTIMATED NUMBER of POST CARDS delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the last Ten Years, and the Increase per Cent. per Annum.

Year.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		United Kingdom.	
	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.
1876	78,400,000	6·9	9,600,000	4·7	4,900,000	7·5	92,900,000	6·7
1877-8	86,100,000	9·7	11,100,000	14·8	5,100,000	4·8	102,300,000	10·0
1878-9	94,500,000	9·8	11,600,000	4·8	5,400,000	5·0	111,500,000	9·0
1879-80	96,600,000	2·3	12,300,000	5·9	5,500,000	3·0	114,400,000	2·7
1880-81	103,500,000	7·1	13,400,000	9·1	6,000,000	8·5	122,900,000	7·4
1881-82	114,300,000	10·4	14,700,000	9·3	6,400,000	6·9	135,400,000	10·1
1882-83	121,200,000	6·1	15,500,000	6·1	7,200,000	12·5	143,900,000	6·4
1883-84	128,600,000	6·0	17,400,000	9·3	7,600,000	5·4	153,600,000	6·6
1884-85	134,100,000	4·3	18,400,000	5·5	7,900,000	3·1	160,400,000	4·4
1885-86	143,700,000	7·2	19,500,000	6·4	8,100,000	2·9	171,300,000	6·9
1886-87	151,300,000	5·3	20,400,000	4·6	8,400,000	3·3	180,100,000	5·1

ESTIMATED NUMBER of BOOK PACKETS and CIRCULARS delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the last Ten Years, and the Increase per Cent. per Annum.

Year.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		United Kingdom.	
	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.
1876	146,400,000	9·8	18,400,000	16·7	9,000,000	—	173,800,000	9·4
1877-8	157,700,000	7·7	21,300,000	16·2	10,300,000	14·5	189,300,000	8·9
1878-9	164,800,000	4·5	21,300,000	—	11,000,000	6·7	197,100,000	4·1
1879-80	190,500,000	9·6	22,100,000	3·8	11,300,000	2·9	213,900,000	8·6
1880-81	204,000,000	13·0	24,500,000	9·5	12,100,000	7·4	240,600,000	12·3
1881-82	229,000,000	12·3	27,900,000	15·0	14,200,000	16·9	271,000,000	12·8
1882-83	244,700,000	6·9	28,900,000	3·7	14,600,000	3·1	288,200,000	6·3
1883-84	249,300,000	1·9	31,400,000	7·8	13,900,000	dec. 4·9	294,600,000	2·2
1884-85	269,400,000	8·1	34,500,000	10·0	16,500,000	inc. 18·9	330,400,000	8·8
1885-86	288,500,000	7·1	35,900,000	4·2	17,800,000	7·7	342,200,000	6·8
1886-87	312,000,000	8·1	38,700,000	7·7	18,200,000	2·3	388,900,000	7·8

ESTIMATED NUMBERS of NEWSPAPERS delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the last Ten Years, and the Increase per Cent. per Annum.

Year.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		United Kingdom.	
	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.
1876	95,500,000	2·2	14,400,000	4·3	15,200,000	9·3	125,100,000	3·3
1877-78	98,200,000	2·9	14,000,000	3·1	15,400,000	1·7	128,500,000	3·7
1878-79	100,400,000	2·2	14,500,000	—	16,000,000	3·6	130,900,000	1·8
1879-80	100,300,000	—	14,600,000	—	15,600,000	—	130,500,000	—
1880-81	102,800,000	2·4	15,100,000	3·8	15,900,000	1·8	133,800,000	2·5
1881-82	108,700,000	5·7	15,500,000	2·4	16,700,000	4·7	140,900,000	5·2
1882-83	108,600,000	—	15,800,000	2·0	16,200,000	—	140,600,000	—
1883-84	109,000,000	1·2	16,700,000	5·6	16,000,000	1·1	142,600,000	1·5
1884-85	110,700,000	—	16,900,000	9	16,100,000	5	143,700,000	7
1885-86	113,700,000	2·8	17,600,000	4·2	16,400,000	1·7	147,700,000	2·8
1886-87	117,800,000	3·6	17,000,000	dec. 3·3	16,400,000	—	151,200,000	2·4

APPENDIX A.—continued.

STATEMENT of the estimated total NUMBER of LETTERS, BOOK PACKETS and CIRCULARS, NEWSPAPERS, TELEGRAMS, POST CARDS, and PARCELS dealt with, and of the average numbers per head of the Population, for the year ended the 31st March 1887.

	Estimated Population	Letters.		Book Packets and Circulars.		Newspapers.		Post Cards.		Telegrams.		Parcels.	
		Total No.	No. per Head of Popula- tion.	Total No.	No. per Head of Popula- tion.	Total No.	No. per Head of Popula- tion.	Total No.	No. per Head of Popula- tion.	Total No.	No. per Head of Popula- tion.	Total No.	No. per Head of Popula- tion.
England and Wales -	27,871,000	1,239,900,000	44	312,000,000	11	117,800,000	4	151,300,000	5	42,320,000	1·5	27,237,000	1·0
Scotland -	3,949,000	129,100,000	33	38,700,000	10	17,000,000	4	20,400,000	5	5,107,000	1·3	3,430,000	·9
Ireland -	4,887,000	90,900,000	19	18,200,000	4	16,400,000	3	8,400,000	2	2,817,000	·6	2,183,000	·45
Total -	36,707,000	1,459,900,000	40	368,900,000	10	151,200,000	4	180,100,000	5	50,244,000	1·4	32,860,000	·9

Note.—Of the total yearly number of Letters, Book Packets and Circulars, Newspapers, Post Cards, Telegrams and Parcels, the per-centage of each is as follows:—

Letters	65·1	Newspapers	6·7	Telegrams	2·7
Book Packets and Circulars	10	Post Cards	8·0	Parcels	1·3

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

TABLE showing the NUMBER OF PARCELS sent by PARCEL POST during each of the Twelve Months from the 1st April 1886, to the 31st March 1887.

MONTH.	ENGLAND AND WALES.			Scotland.	Ireland.	United Kingdom.
	Provinces.	London.	Total.			
April, 1886	-	-	-	-	-	-
May, "	1,310,770	623,088	1,933,858	205,373	131,196	2,270,427
June, "	1,582,531	479,422	2,061,953	235,575	166,213	2,463,741
July, "	1,601,130	501,400	2,102,530	272,000	167,338	2,541,868
August, "	1,687,883	514,649	2,202,532	283,283	174,416	2,660,231
September, "	1,536,397	392,885	1,929,292	285,081	161,214	2,375,587
October, "	1,719,298	449,862	2,169,160	307,221	177,412	2,653,793
November, "	1,894,235	516,984	2,411,219	303,648	193,508	2,906,375
December, "	1,917,921	548,442	2,466,363	290,598	196,053	2,955,014
January, 1887	2,602,598	687,710	3,290,306	450,072	286,092	4,026,472
February, "	1,794,985	490,042	2,285,027	298,309	185,266	2,756,602
March, "	1,626,155	449,987	2,076,142	240,612	166,692	2,483,446
	1,806,333	500,353	2,306,686	270,183	185,729	2,762,598
	21,082,236	6,154,834	27,237,070	3,426,955	2,163,129	32,860,154

Note.—The total number shows an increase of 6,442,732 parcels, or an increase of 24·3 per cent., over the total number for the previous year ended the 31st March 1886.

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

STATEMENT of the NUMBER of FOREIGN and COLONIAL PARCELS
despatched and received during the year ended the 31st MARCH
1887.

Country.	Date of Establishment of Post.	Number of Parcels.		
		Despatched.	Received.	Total.
Aden - - - -	1 July 1885	821	784	1,605
Antigua - - - -	1 Jan. 1886	661	187	848
Ascension - - - -	1 July 1886	208	22	230
Austria - - - -	30 June 1886	3,060	3,171	6,231
Barbados - - - -	1 April 1886	2,126	608	2,734
Belgium - - - -	1 Jan. 1886	14,161	6,925	21,086
British Guiana - - - -	1 Jan. 1886	2,530	903	3,423
British Honduras - - - -	1 March 1887	6	—	6
Canada, Dominion of - - - -	1 Aug. 1886	10,543	3,217	13,760
Cape Colony - - - -	1 Dec. 1885	7,918	3,296	11,214
Ceylon - - - -	1 Nov. 1885	4,233	2,553	6,786
Constantinople - - - -	1 Jan. 1886	1,350	126	1,476
Cyprus - - - -	1 Jan. 1886	870	268	1,138
Dominica - - - -	1 Jan. 1886	307	71	378
Egypt - - - -	1 July 1885	7,975	3,100	11,075
Germany - - - -	1 Jan. 1886	82,482	62,261	144,743
Gibraltar - - - -	1 July 1885	4,678	2,010	6,688
Grenada - - - -	1 Oct. 1885	524	137	661
Holland - - - -	1 April 1886	12,407	8,734	21,141
Hong Kong - - - -	1 Oct. 1885	3,869	3,271	7,140
India - - - -	1 July 1885	46,045	37,782	83,827
Jamaica - - - -	1 Oct. 1885	3,736	900	4,636
Labuan - - - -	1 Dec. 1885	27	10	37
Malta - - - -	1 Aug. 1885	6,733	3,255	9,988
Montserrat - - - -	1 Jan. 1886	172	51	223
Nevis - - - -	1 Jan. 1886	67	8	75
Newfoundland - - - -	1 Sept. 1886	627	127	754
New South Wales - - - -	1 June 1886	5,892	1,792	7,684
Norway - - - -	1 April 1886	2,557	904	3,461
Penang - - - -	1 Oct. 1885	774	283	1,057
St. Helena - - - -	1 April 1886	444	123	567
St. Kitts - - - -	1 Jan. 1886	390	51	441
St. Lucia - - - -	1 Oct. 1885	328	90	418
St. Vincent - - - -	1 Nov. 1885	506	154	660
Singapore - - - -	1 Oct. 1885	2,466	1,070	3,536
Smyrna - - - -	1 April 1887	—	—	—
South Australia - - - -	30 June 1886	1,541	14	1,555
Sweden - - - -	1 May 1886	2,846	970	3,816
Tasmania - - - -	1 Jan. 1887	228	39	267
Tobago - - - -	1 Oct. 1885	76	20	96
Tortola - - - -	1 Oct. 1886	10	—	10
Trinidad - - - -	1 Oct. 1885	1,498	448	1,946
Victoria - - - -	1 June 1886	4,971	915	5,886
Western Australia - - - -	1 Jan. 1887	181	6	187
Zanzibar - - - -	1 Jan. 1887	30	—	30
		242,864	150,656	393,520

APPENDIX A—*continued.*

Statement of the Total Number of Insured Registered Letters and Insured Parcels dealt with in the United Kingdom during each month from 1st May 1886 to 31st March 1887, together with the Total Amount of Insurance Fees paid.

I.—INSURED REGISTERED LETTERS.

Month.	No. Insured.			Total Amount of Fees.
	At 1d. fee.	At 2d. fee.	Total.	
1886. May - - - - -	5,807	4,485	10,292	£ s. d. 61 11 5
" June - - - - -	4,563	4,151	8,714	53 12 1
" July - - - - -	4,526	4,210	8,736	53 18 10
" August - - - - -	4,160	3,864	8,024	49 10 8
" September - - - - -	4,310	3,950	8,260	50 18 4
" October - - - - -	4,829	4,634	9,463	58 14 9
" November - - - - -	4,834	4,448	9,282	57 4 2
" December - - - - -	5,415	4,940	10,355	63 14 7
1887. January - - - - -	5,182	5,163	10,345	64 12 4
" February - - - - -	5,258	4,787	10,045	61 16 0
" March - - - - -	6,353	5,808	12,161	74 17 5
Totals - - -	55,237	50,440	105,677	650 10 7
Yearly rate, according to results during first 11 months of the system - - -	60,258	55,025	115,283	709 13 4

II.—INSURED PARCELS.

Month.	No. Insured.			Total Amount of Fees.
	At 1d. fee.	At 2d. fee.	Total.	
1886. May - - - - -	14,227	3,430	17,657	£ s. d. 87 17 3
" June - - - - -	14,678	3,410	18,088	89 11 6
" July - - - - -	15,120	3,623	18,743	93 3 10
" August - - - - -	14,788	3,748	18,536	92 17 0
" September - - - - -	16,481	4,303	20,784	104 10 7
" October - - - - -	18,843	4,852	23,695	118 18 11
" November - - - - -	20,690	5,220	25,910	129 14 2
" December - - - - -	32,169	5,799	37,968	182 7 3
1887. January - - - - -	21,695	5,186	26,881	133 12 3
" February - - - - -	20,951	4,788	25,739	127 3 11
" March - - - - -	25,134	5,806	30,740	151 8 10
Total - - -	214,776	49,965	264,741	1,311 5 6
Yearly rate, according to results during first 11 months of the system - - -	234,301	54,507	288,808	1,430 9 8

The Insured Registered Letters form 11 per cent. of the total number of letters registered during the year, and the Insured Parcels form 9 per cent. of the total number of parcels dealt with during the year.

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

RETURN of the estimated NUMBER of LETTERS, &c., passing between the United Kingdom and Countries Abroad during the year ended 31st March, 1887.

I.—Correspondence received from Countries Abroad.

Foreign Countries.	Estimated yearly number of Letters, &c., received in the United Kingdom.			Per Centage.
	Letters and Post Cards.	Circulars, Book Packets, Patterns and Newspapers.	Total.	
EUROPE—Austro-Hungary - - -	598,800	309,700	906,300	1·2
Belgium - - - - -	1,415,700	1,170,800	2,586,500	3·4
Bulgaria - - - - -	19,800	3,000	22,800	·03
Denmark - - - - -	570,900	182,300	753,200	1·0
France and Algeria - - -	8,181,800	7,971,000	16,152,800	21·3
Germany - - - - -	6,772,200	5,950,000	12,722,200	16·7
Gibraltar - - - - -	281,300	32,300	313,600	·45
Greece - - - - -	102,300	43,400	145,700	·2
Holland - - - - -	1,378,900	381,400	1,760,300	2·3
Italy - - - - -	1,833,200	548,400	2,381,600	3·1
Malta - - - - -	483,700	45,200	528,900	·75
Norway - - - - -	381,800	86,200	447,800	·6
Portugal and Azores - - -	430,000	86,000	516,000	·7
Russia - - - - -	639,000	119,800	758,800	1·0
Spain - - - - -	1,013,700	315,000	1,328,700	1·7
Sweden - - - - -	328,000	80,000	408,000	·55
Switzerland - - - - -	1,028,300	679,700	1,708,000	2·2
Turkey - - - - -	339,200	82,500	421,700	·6
TOTALS - - -	25,776,200	18,086,700	43,862,900,	57·78
N.B.—Separate Mails are not received from Montenegro, Persia, Roumania, or Servia.				
ASIA—India - - - - -	2,181,800	783,500	2,945,300	3·95
Ceylon - - - - -	155,200	65,000	220,200	·3
China and Japan - - -	217,100	89,100	306,200	·4
Straits Settlements - - -	240,800	94,200	335,000	·45
TOTALS - - -	2,794,900	1,011,800	3,806,700	5·10
AFRICA—Egypt - - - -	540,900	100,300	641,200	·85
Madeira, Cape Verd. and Canary Islands - - -	138,600	6,900	145,500	·2
Cape of Good Hope - - -	578,600	423,500	1,002,100	1·3
Mauritius, &c. - - - -	47,100	48,300	95,400	·15
Natal - - - - -	171,400	151,100	322,500	·45
West Coast of Africa - - -	136,600	10,700	147,300	·2
Ascension and St. Helena -	13,700	2,400	16,100	·02
TOTALS - - -	1,628,900	743,200	2,370,100	3·17
AMERICA—Canada - - -	2,328,900	1,683,800	4,012,700	5·2
United States - - - - -	8,672,100	5,959,600	14,631,700	19·55
Central America - - - -	94,500	24,300	118,800	·15
Mexico - - - - -	1,800	100	1,900	·002
West Indies, British, - - -	767,900	220,100	988,000	1·3
" Foreign - - - - -	186,400	40,800	227,200	·3
Brazil - - - - -	427,900	117,300	545,200	·75
Argentine Republic - - -	192,500	70,700	263,200	·35
Uruguay - - - - -	36,500	6,300	42,800	·06
Chili and Bolivia - - - -	120,600	67,400	188,000	·25
Peru - - - - -	85,000	24,600	109,600	·15
Falkland Islands - - - -	7,400	200	7,600	·01
TOTALS - - -	12,919,500	8,217,200	21,136,700	27·86
AUSTRALASIA—Queensland -	320,800	247,200	568,000	·77
Victoria - - - - -	525,900	770,400	1,296,300	1·75
New South Wales - - - -	347,700	600,400	948,100	1·25
South Australia - - - -	143,800	156,900	300,700	·4
Western Australia - - - -	41,300	23,900	65,200	·1
New Zealand - - - - -	454,400	780,700	1,235,100	1·6
Tasmania - - - - -	57,600	70,900	128,500	·2
Fiji - - - - -	6,400	6,200	12,600	·02
TOTALS - - -	1,897,900	2,656,600	4,554,500	6·09
GRAND TOTALS	45,015,400	30,715,500	75,730,900	--

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

RETURN of the estimated NUMBER of LETTERS, &c., passing between the United Kingdom and Countries Abroad during the year ended 31st March, 1887.

II.—Correspondence despatched to Countries Abroad.

Foreign Countries.	Estimated yearly number of Letters, &c., despatched from the United Kingdom.			Per Centage.
	Letters and Post Cards.	Circulars, Book Packets, Patterns and Newspapers.	Total.	
EUROPE —Austro-Hungary - - -	906,800	566,000	1,472,800	15
Belgium - - - - -	1,950,200	911,800	2,862,000	295
Denmark - - - - -	500,600	425,900	926,500	10
France and Algeria - - -	9,393,400	5,455,600	14,849,000	155
Germany - - - - -	7,991,400	3,662,600	11,654,000	1215
Gibraltar - - - - -	340,000	269,300	609,300	65
Greece - - - - -	148,700	150,600	299,300	35
Holland - - - - -	1,521,000	681,700	2,202,700	23
Italy - - - - -	1,384,500	1,470,500	3,455,000	35
Malta - - - - -	658,500	518,000	1,176,500	125
Norway - - - - -	617,200	405,200	1,022,400	11
Portugal and Azores - - -	306,000	331,400	637,400	7
Russia - - - - -	714,700	420,300	1,135,000	11
Spain - - - - -	1,000,200	1,119,000	2,119,200	22
Sweden - - - - -	570,000	322,300	892,300	95
Switzerland - - - - -	1,010,300	663,300	1,673,600	17
Turkey - - - - -	280,700	349,500	630,200	65
TOTALS - - -	29,894,800	17,723,000	47,617,800	4955
N.B.—Separate Mails are not despatched to Bulgaria, Montenegro, Persia, Roumania, or Servia.				
ASIA —India - - - - -	2,471,000	3,879,700	6,350,700	68
Ceylon - - - - -	142,600	278,400	421,000	45
China and Japan - - -	366,200	732,300	1,098,500	115
Straits Settlements - - -	160,000	425,000	584,000	65
TOTALS - - -	3,148,800	5,315,400	8,464,200	885
AFRICA —Egypt - - - -	609,900	629,300	1,239,200	12
Madeira, Cape Verd, and Canary Islands - - -	138,900	162,100	301,000	3
Cape of Good Hope - - -	649,400	1,425,400	2,074,800	22
Mauritius, &c. - - - -	40,100	78,300	118,400	15
Natal - - - - -	173,700	346,300	520,000	55
West Coast of Africa - - -	156,800	278,300	435,100	45
Ascension and St. Helena -	14,600	21,600	36,200	13
TOTALS - - -	1,783,400	2,941,300	4,724,700	488
AMERICA —Canada - - -	2,095,700	3,512,500	5,608,200	58
United States - - - - -	8,318,000	8,86,000	16,504,000	171
Central America - - - -	225,600	321,000	547,500	6
Mexico - - - - -	72,500	144,600	217,100	25
West Indies, British - - -	551,400	747,200	1,298,600	13
Foreign - - - - -	288,400	379,900	668,300	7
Brazil - - - - -	185,000	206,800	481,800	5
Argentine Republic - - -	235,400	384,300	619,700	65
Uruguay - - - - -	79,000	97,600	176,600	2
Chili and Bolivia - - -	106,100	134,600	240,700	25
Peru - - - - -	50,000	82,100	132,100	15
Falkland Islands - - - -	6,700	19,000	25,700	12
TOTALS - - -	12,213,800	14,306,500	26,520,300	2752
AUSTRALASIA —Queensland -	377,400	749,600	1,127,000	115
Victoria - - - - -	677,500	1,458,500	2,136,000	222
New South Wales - - - -	736,800	1,470,900	2,207,500	23
South Australia - - - -	175,000	405,200	580,200	8
Western Australia - - - -	52,000	154,200	206,200	25
New Zealand - - - - -	584,800	1,576,200	2,161,000	225
Tasmania - - - - -	64,200	301,500	365,700	4
Fiji - - - - -	6,500	24,900	31,400	13
TOTALS - - -	2,674,000	6,141,000	8,815,000	920
GRAND TOTALS	49,714,800	46,427,200	96,142,000	—

APPENDIX B.

Registered Letters.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Letters Registered by the Public in the United Kingdom in each year from 1877 to the present time, and the Increase per cent. per annum.

YEAR.	ENGLAND AND WALES.						SCOTLAND.		IRELAND.		TOTAL.	
	Country Offices.		London District.		Total.							
	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.
1877 -	2,378,973	—	1,284,716	—	3,663,689	—	373,915	—	278,443	—	4,316,017	—
1878-79	4,290,545	76·2	1,900,269	48·0	6,190,814	68·9	551,715	47·6	458,821	60·2	7,200,350	66·8
1879-80	5,349,065	24·7	2,240,865	17·9	7,589,930	22·6	616,905	11·8	532,356	16·0	8,739,191	21·3
1880-81	6,144,965	14·9	2,506,550	15·9	8,741,515	15·2	696,008	12·8	597,023	12·1	10,034,546	14·8
1881-82	6,674,830	8·6	2,804,169	8·0	9,479,028	8·4	753,491	8·3	699,799	12·2	10,902,318	8·6
1882-83	6,827,123	2·3	2,905,632	3·6	9,732,755	2·7	806,554	7·0	725,617	8·3	11,264,926	3·3
1883-84	6,985,520	2·3	2,942,971	1·3	9,928,491	2·0	886,586	10·0	729,065	6	11,545,072	2·5
1884-85	6,768,521	3·1	2,972,203	1·0	9,740,724	1·9	914,017	3·1	710,410	2·7	11,365,151	1·5
1885-86	6,509,979	2·9	2,852,591	7	9,522,570	2·2	906,537	5	696,853	1·9	11,129,060	2·1
1886-87	6,177,160	6·0	2,971,166	6	9,148,326	4·0	928,976	2·1	702,252	7	10,779,555	3·1

The reduction of the Registration Fee from 4d. to 2d. on 1st January 1878 explains the large increase for some years after that date. The decrease in the numbers for the past three years is principally due to the fact that money is now more frequently transmitted through the post by means of Postal Orders enclosed in unregistered letters.

APPENDIX C.

Number of Mails daily between London and other Post Towns in England and Wales.

Year.	Towns having one Mail only.		Towns having two Mails only.		Towns having three Mails.		Towns having four Mails.		Towns having five Mails.		Towns having six Mails.		Towns having seven Mails.		Towns having eight Mails.		Towns having nine Mails.		Towns having ten Mails.		Total Number of Post Towns in England and Wales.
	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	
31 March 1886 - -	10	57	172	232	256	165	124	119	48	31	10	10	2	7	—	—	—	—	—	1	622
31 March 1887 - -	10	56	157	236	258	158	128	121	62	33	10	15	5	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	630
— - -	—	—	—	4	2	—	4	2	14	2	—	5	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
Increase - - -	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Decrease - - -	—	1	15	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—

APPENDIX D.

Home Packet Service.

Line of Packets.	Contract.		Annual Payment.	Contract Time.	Penalties for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
	Com-mencement.	Terminable.					
ABERDEEN and LERWICK (SHETLAND).	1st April 1881	After 1 April 1884 on 6 months' notice.	2,000l. (About 85l. separate payment for parcels.)	-	-	200l.	Vessels have liberty to call at Wick and certain ports of Orkney.
CHANNEL ISLANDS - - Do. (additional services)	1st Jan. 1870	On 6 months' notice.	6,500l. 200l.	Between Southampton and Guernsey and 9 hours; between Southampton and Jersey 12 hours.	-	2,000l. -	
GREENOCK and BELFAST -	1st Aug. 1883	On or after 31st July 1888 on 12 months' notice.	8,000l. for the first year. 8,500l. for the second year. 9,000l. for the third year. 10,000l. for each of the fourth and fifth years of the Contract. 800l. (85l. separate payment for parcels.)	-	-	2,000l.	
GREENOCK, TARBERT and ISLAY.	4th Nov. 1878	On 6 months' notice.		-	-	500l.	

APPENDIX D.—*continued.*

Line of Packets.	Contract.		Annual Payment.	Contract Time.	Penalties for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
	Com-mencement.	Terminable.					
HOLYHEAD and KINGSTOWN	1st Oct 1883	On or after the 30th Sept. 1885 on 12 months' notice.	84,000 <i>l.</i>	Outward journey (including transfer on both sides of the channel) 4h. 7m. Inward journey (including transfer) 4h. 2m.	1 <i>l.</i> 1 <i>s.</i> per minute.	-	The payment is subject to reduction when the receipts from passenger traffic in any one year exceed 35,000 <i>l.</i>
LIVERPOOL and DOUGLAS (ISLE OF MAN).	1st Oct. 1881	After 1st Oct. 1884 on 6 months' notice.	4,500 <i>l.</i> (About 400 <i>l.</i> separate payment for parcels.)	-	-	-	
OBAN and LOCHBOISDALE -	1st Mar. 1886	After 7 years on 6 months' notice, or after 5 years upon 6 months' notice by the Post-master General.	1,500 <i>l.</i>	-	20 <i>l.</i> for undue delay or deviation from course.	500 <i>l.</i>	
(Extension to LOCHMADDY of LOCHBOISDALE service.)	1st Mar. 1887	-	Additional payment of 400 <i>l.</i>	-	-	-	
OBAN and TOBERMORY -	1st April 1881	After one year on 3 months' notice.	500 <i>l.</i>	-	-	250 <i>l.</i>	
OBAN and FORT WILLIAM -	1st April 1881	After 3 years on 6 months' notice.	600 <i>l.</i>	-	-	-	

APPENDIX D.—*continued.*

Line of Packets.	Contract.		Annual Payment.	Contract Time.	Penalties for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
	Com-mencement.	Terminable.					
PENZANCE and SCILLY	-	On 6 months' notice.	450l. (100l. separate pay- ment for parcels.)	-	-	-	
PORTSMOUTH and RYDE	1st July 1885	After 5 years on 6 months' notice.	1,200l.	-	-	200l.	
SCARLESTER and STROMNESS (ORKNEY).	27th July 1883	After 5 years on 12 months' no- tice.	2,000l. (About 65l. separate payment for parcels.)	-	20l. for undue de- lay or deviation from course.	200l.	
SOUTHAMPTON and COWES	-	-	150l.	-	-	-	
STORNOWAY and STROME FERRY.	1st Jan. 1885	At the end of any complete year on 6 months' notice.	2,000l. (50l. sepa- rate pay- ment for parcels.)	-	20l. for undue de- lay or deviation from course.	300l.	When a sailing vessel is employed a deduction of 2l. a trip may be made if the Postmaster General thinks proper.

APPENDIX E.

Staff of Officers.

Totals 31 Mar. 1886.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		Total Males.	Total Fe- males.	Totals 31 Mar. 1887.
		Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.			
1	A. Postmaster-General - -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
8	B. Secretary, Financial Secre- tary, Third Secretary, As- sistant Secretaries (3). Surveyor - General for Scotland, Secretary for Ireland.	6	—	1	—	1	—	8	—	8
39	C. Superior Officers in Metro- politan Offices.	35	1	3	—	3	—	41	1	42
16	D. Surveyors - - - -	10	—	3	—	3	—	16	—	16
919	E. Head Postmasters: Metropolitan -	11	1	—	—	—	—	791	136	927
	Provinces -	558	73	123	33	99	29			
15,834	Letter Receivers and Sub- Postmasters: Metropolitan -	678	89	37	5	74	57	12,841	3,398	16,239
	Provinces -	9,096	2,231	1,222	432	1,734	584			
3,248	F. Clerks and Superintending Officers: *Metropolitan -	1,532	707	79	23	103	20	2,785	786	3,571
	Provinces -	925	31	117	5	29	—			
14,890	G. Supervisors, Overseers, Coun- termen, Sorters, Tele- graphists, &c. *Metropolitan -	5,542	1,436	357	71	462	69	13,257	2,981	16,238
	Sorting Clerks and Tele- graphists: Provinces -	5,667	1,058	761	245	468	103			
16,535	H. Postmen, Porters, &c.: *Metropolitan -	4,242	—	289	—	202	—	17,792	7	17,799
	Provinces -	10,332	6	1,659	1	1,068	—			
51,480	Carried Forward -	38,635	5,633	4,651	815	4,246	861	47,533	7,309	54,841

* For details see separate page.

APPENDIX E—continued.

Total 31 Mar. 1887.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		Total Males.	Total Fe- males.	Totals 31 Mar. 1887.
		Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.			
51,400	Brought forward -	38,635	5,633	4,651	815	4,246	861	47,532	7,309	54,841
44,732	I. Persons employed in unestablished positions, viz., Assistants to Postmasters, &c., Auxiliary Postmen, Boy Sorters, Boy Messengers, Telegraph Messengers, Telegraph Construction Hands, Copyists, Female Servants, Commissionaires, &c.									
	Metropolitan -	6,587	1,091	303	67	454	177	32,220	14,800	47,110
	Provinces -	19,537	10,307	2,455	1,277	2,884	1,971			
6	J. Postmasters and Clerks in Colonies (under direction of Postmaster-General).	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	4
3	Postmen, &c., in Colonies, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6	Agents in Foreign Countries for Collection of Postage.	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	6
44,337	Totals - - -	64,759	17,081	7,409	2,159	7,584	3,009	79,762	22,199	101,961

C

SUPERIOR OFFICERS IN METROPOLITAN OFFICES. (DETAILS.)

Description of Officers.		London.		Edinburgh.		Dublin.		Totals.		Totals
		Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	
Chief Clerk - - - -		1	—	1	—	1	—	3	—	3
Principal Clerks—Upper Section -		10	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	10
Lower Section -		10	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	10
Director, Confidential Enquiry Branch		1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Medical Officers - - - -		2	1	1	—	1	—	4	1	5
Solicitors - - - -		1	—	1	—	1	—	3	—	3
Receiver and Accountant-General -		1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Engineer-in-Chief - - - -		1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Controllers {	Of Packet Services -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	Postal Stores - - -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	Stores (Telegraphs) -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	Savings Bank Depart. -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	Money Order Office -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	London Postal Service -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	Central Telegraph Office	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	Returned Letter Office -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Totals - - -		35	1	3	—	3	—	41	1	42

APPENDIX E—continued.

F.—CLERKS AND SUPERINTENDING OFFICERS IN METROPOLITAN OFFICES.—
(DETAILS.)

Description of Officers.	LONDON DEPARTMENTS OF CHIEF OFFICE.													EDINBURGH.	DUBLIN.	
	Secretary's.	Postal Stores.	Medical.	Solicitor's.	Surveyor's.	Receiver and Accountant General's.	Money Order.	Savings Bank.	London Postal Service.	Returned Letter Office.	Engineer - in - Chief's.	Controller of Stores (Telegraphs).	Central Telegraph Office.			Totals.
MALES.																
Clerks :-																
Grade I. - - -	78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	78	-	-
" II. - - -	52	12	-	-	41	213	45	253	109	2	-	-	-	717	51	64
Lower Division - - -	16	-	-	-	-	130	31	294	-	-	6	8	-	485	15	21
Professional - - -	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	1
Assistant Surveyors - - -	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	3	3
Assistant Director (Confidential Enquiry Branch).	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Assistant Receiver and Accountant-General.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Chief Clerk (R. and A.G.O. and S.B.), Examiners, Cashiers, Book-keepers, and Accountants.	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	7	4	4
Controller (Sorting Office, Dublin), Assistant Controllers, Sub-Controllers, and Chief Superintendents.	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	11	-	-	1	4	19	1	2
Assistant Engineer, Submarine Superintendent, and Assistant Submarine Superintendent.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3	-	-
Captain, Chief Officer, Chief and Second Engineer of Cable Ship.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	-	-
Technical Officers, Examiners, &c.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	16	-	30	-	-
Examiners, Returned Letter Office.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	-	-	17	-	-
Nautical Assistant to Controller of Packet Services.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Officers in Charge of Indian Mails.	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
Clerks in Charge - -	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	2
Assistants to Medical Officers and Dispensing Assistant.	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
Registrar and Assistant Registrar.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Travelling Officers (Confidential Enquiry Branch).	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-
Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents.	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	-	23	6	64	126	5	6
Totals - -	179	3	3	7	51	348	77	551	145	19	50	31	68	1,532	79	103
FEMALES.																
Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, Supervisors, and Assistant Supervisors.	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	2	22	1	1	-	47	77	5	4
Clerks - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	357	-	273	-	-	-	-	-	630	18	16
Totals - -	179	3	3	7	51	709	77	826	167	20	51	31	115	2,239	102	123

APPENDIX E—continued.

G. SUPERVISORS, OVERSEERS, COUNTERMEN, SORTERS, AND TELEGRAPHISTS, &c.,
IN METROPOLITAN OFFICES.—(DETAILS.)

Description of Offices.	LONDON.—DEPARTMENTS OF CHIEF OFFICE.													Totals.	EDINBURGH.	DUBLIN.	
	Secretary's.	Postal Stores.	Medical.	Solicitor's.	Surveyor's.	Receiver and Ac- countant-General's.	Money Order.	Savings Bank.	London Postal Service.	Returned Letter Office.	Engineer - in - Chief's.	Controller of Stores (Telegraphs).	Central Telegraph Office.				
MALES.																	
Postal :—																	
Supervisors and Inspectors.	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	4	96	3	—	—	—	108	2	7	
Overseers and Countermen.	—	6	—	—	—	8	—	—	494	—	—	—	—	508	21	13	
Paper Keepers and Assistants.	52	—	—	—	—	—	49	67	—	40	—	—	—	208	1	2	
Tracers - - -	—	—	—	—	—	177	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	177	18	21	
Boy Clerks - - -	—	—	—	—	—	20	48	112	—	—	—	2	—	182	—	—	
Sorters, 1st Class -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	704	—	—	—	—	704	42	53	
„ 2nd Class -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,355	—	—	—	—	1,355	88	166	
„ 3rd Class -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	273	—	—	—	—	273	—	—	
Writing Assistants	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	54	—	—	—	—	54	—	—	
Telegraphs :—																	
Inspectors and Counter Inspec- tors.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	103	5	1	111	—	—	—	
Engineering Clerks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	89	10	—	99	—	—	—	
News Distributors	30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	—	—	—	
Telegraphists -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	344	—	4	—	1,385	1,733	185	200	
Totals - - -	87	8	—	—	—	205	97	183	3,320	43	196	17	1,386	5,542	357	462	
FEMALES.																	
Returners - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	49	—	—	49	—	—	—	
Counterwomen and Telegraphists.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	502	—	2	—	719	1,223	71	69	
Female Sorters - -	—	—	—	—	—	107	—	57	—	—	—	—	164	—	—	—	
Totals - - -	87	8	—	—	—	312	97	240	3,822	92	198	17	2,105	6,978	428	531	

APPENDIX E.—*continued.*H. MESSENGERS, POSTMEN, PORTERS, MECHANICS, &c., IN METROPOLITAN OFFICES.—
(DETAILS.)

Description of Officers.	LONDON—DEPARTMENTS OF CHIEF OFFICE.													EDINBURGH.	DUBLIN.
	Secretary's.	Postal Stores.	Medical.	Solicitor's.	Surveyor's.	Receiver and Accountant-General's.	Money Order.	Savings Bank.	London Postal Service.	Returned Letter Office.	Engineer - in - Chief's.	Controller of Stores (Telegraphs).	Central Telegraph Office.	Totals.	
Mail Guards, Marine Mail Guards, &c.	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	7	4
Messengers, Lobby Officers, &c.	19	—	4	2	—	18	—	1	55	2	2	1	6	110	23
Postmen—Town :—															
1st Class	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,195	—	—	—	—	1,195	113
" " 2nd Class	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	487	—	—	—	—	487	35
" Suburban Head Postmen	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	75	—	—	—	—	75	—
" " Div. I.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	482	—	—	—	—	482	—
" " " II.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	577	—	—	—	—	577	—
" " " III.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	246	—	—	—	—	246	—
Bagmen - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	—	—	—	—	26	4
Porters, &c. - - -	—	104	—	—	—	5	6	14	269	4	—	—	—	402	18
Binder - - - -	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Constables - - -	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	—
Mechanics, Linemen, &c	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	462	28	—	492	—
Inspectors of Telegraph Messengers, Tube Attendants, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	68	—	—	—	64	132	5
Totals - - -	33	104	4	2	—	23	6	15	3,486	6	464	29	70	4,242	202

APPENDIX F.

Returned Letters, Parcels, &c.

A COMPARATIVE STATEMENT showing the number of LETTERS, POST CARDS, BOOKS, NEWSPAPERS and PARCELS received and disposed of in the RETURNED LETTER OFFICES of LONDON, MANCHESTER, LIVERPOOL, BIRMINGHAM, LEEDS, BRISTOL, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, NOTTINGHAM, EDINBURGH, GLASGOW, ABERDEEN, DUBLIN, BELFAST and CORK, respectively: also the number which bearing outside the addresses of the Senders were returned direct from HEAD POST OFFICES (not possessing RETURNED LETTER BRANCHES) in the year ended 31st March 1886, and in the year ended 31st March 1887.

	Letters received.		Letters re-issued to corrected Addresses.		Letters returned to the Senders.		Letters returned unopened to Foreign Countries.	
	1885-86.	1886-87.	1885-86.	1886-87.	1885-86.	1886-87.	1885-86.	1886-87.
LONDON - -	2,476,704	2,460,196	30,182	28,451	2,130,492	2,149,754	107,278	99,189
MANCHESTER -	343,925	372,431	8,823	10,278	290,225	319,257	6,341	8,600
LIVERPOOL - -	322,574	345,911	2,775	2,138	276,966	299,456	14,660	15,794
BIRMINGHAM -	219,096	239,067	4,004	4,361	198,767	217,460	3,851	4,992
LEEDS - - -	206,317	220,362	3,728	3,880	167,277	183,175	5,963	6,033
BRISTOL - - -	331,913	351,801	1,564	4,038	284,054	304,369	14,728	13,277
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE	153,699	148,296	2,768	3,249	126,104	119,109	6,035	5,654
NOTTINGHAM -	*103,370	182,346	1,844	5,660	93,084	158,282	1,984	3,718
EDINBURGH -	204,281	212,284	10,930	11,186	171,502	182,622	5,966	6,181
GLASGOW - -	173,580	180,187	15,009	15,971	143,769	160,035	4,808	5,046
ABERDEEN - -	24,973	24,908	1,107	1,067	20,542	20,763	744	679
DUBLIN - - -	217,268	227,734	4,803	5,756	163,048	174,214	11,647	12,505
BELFAST - - -	62,652	63,110	964	646	56,009	55,209	2,268	2,46
CORK - - -	39,820	37,307	1,062	823	30,935	30,206	3,789	3,46
Head Post Offices authorised to return certain letters, &c., direct to senders - -	856,315	975,027	—	—	856,315	975,027	—	—
TOTALS - -	5,736,488	6,081,867	89,572	97,507	5,015,089	5,348,938	100,062	187,594
Increase in 1886-87 over 1885-86.	345,379		7,935		333,849			

* This number applies to a part only of the year 1885-86, as the Returned Letter Branch, Nottingham was not established until the 7th September, 1885.

APPENDIX F—continued.

Returned Letters, Parcels, &c.—continued.

	Letters which could neither be delivered nor returned to the Senders.		Post Cards received.		Books received.		Newspapers received.		Parcels received.		Parcels returned to Senders or re-issued to Addressees.	
	1885-86.	1886-87.	1885-86.	1886-87.	1885-86.	1886-87.	1885-86.	1886-87.	1885-86.	1886-87.	1885-86.	1886-87.
LONDON - -	208,752	212,802	83,157	88,976	2,087,231	2,325,732	305,768	320,604	18,741	29,170	10,947	17,925
MANCHESTER -	38,736	34,296	27,842	29,257	419,083	504,636	15,655	15,180	2,795	3,159	1,934	1,856
LIVERPOOL - -	28,173	28,523	30,038	32,413	332,058	379,659	19,361	18,493	1,454	2,287	749	1,331
BIRMINGHAM -	12,476	13,151	21,355	24,426	255,096	286,483	7,014	6,897	1,101	1,938	646	1,346
LEEDS - - -	29,349	27,274	15,407	15,198	268,736	301,039	7,285	6,809	1,303	1,808	724	1,122
BRISTOL - - -	31,567	30,117	12,740	12,572	358,837	413,120	13,852	13,301	2,545	3,788	1,564	2,216
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.	18,792	20,284	16,183	17,466	161,986	208,499	5,734	4,922	824	1,291	509	836
NOTTINGHAM -	6,478	14,686	1,936	3,709	121,877	226,985	3,668	5,801	773	1,768	442	1,102
EDINBURGH -	15,874	12,295	20,007	21,063	247,818	311,217	16,756	16,766	2,410	3,392	2,042	2,752
GLASGOW - -	9,994	9,135	33,785	30,606	168,775	177,085	8,863	8,259	1,593	1,791	1,350	1,485
ABERDEEN - -	2,579	2,399	633	712	25,560	21,591	3,608	1,864	178	234	97	146
DUBLIN - - -	31,770	35,250	16,351	16,644	228,604	242,653	25,808	26,157	2,136	3,231	1,453	2,422
BELFAST - - -	3,411	4,791	2,933	3,260	59,751	68,242	4,997	4,110	448	566	316	344
CORK - - -	4,034	2,816	611	471	28,756	30,022	2,450	2,284	254	346	149	171
Head Post Offices authorised to return certain letters, &c., direct to senders - -	-	-	410,116	481,742	1,072,308	1,267,159	56,383	55,776	14,254	19,384	14,254	19,388
TOTALS - -	441,765	447,828	702,144	778,517	5,837,076	6,774,122	497,202	507,258	50,818	74,153	37,176	54,441
Increase in 1886-87 over 1885-86.	6,063		76,373		937,046		10,056		23,335		17,271	

APPENDIX G.

Foreign and Colonial Packet Service.

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Foreign and Colonial

Line of Packets.	Contracts.		Payment.
	Com- mencement.	Termination.	
AUSTRALIA : Colombo and Melbourne, Suez and Sydney, Aden and Brisbane, San Francisco and Sydney - - -	The existing Contracts were made by the Colonial Governments with the Steam Ship Companies		£ - -
London and Sydney, and interme- diate Australian Ports - - -	1 July 1886	On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post - - -	(a) 430
BRAZIL, RIVER PLATE, AND CHILI : Bi-Monthly Service from South- ampton - - -	1 Sept. 1876	On 6 months' notice - - -	(a) 5,459
Fortnightly service from Liverpool -	1 July 1878	On 6 months' notice - - -	(a) 9,363
CAPE OF GOOD HOPE and NATAL -	Contracts with Colonial Governments -		- -
Do. do. for calls at St. Helena and Ascension - - -	- - -	- - -	(c) 2,774
EAST INDIES and CHINA - - -	1 Feb. 1890 - 1 July 1885 -	On 31st January 1888 - - On 6 months' notice - - For Parcel Post - - -	360,000 (a) 1,750
EAST COAST OF AFRICA : Aden and Zanzibar - - -	Service provided under arrangement with Foreign Office - - -		- - -
EUROPE : Dover and Calais - - -	20 June 1878	On 12 months' notice - - -	(b) 13,394 -
Dover and Ostend - - -	Arrangement with Belgian Government -		4,500
Liverpool, Constantinople and Smyrna - - -	1 Jan. 1886	On 6 months' notice - - For Parcel Post - - -	(a) 17
London to Hamburg - - -	1 Jan. 1886	On 6 months' notice - - For Parcel Post - - -	(a) 102
NORTH AMERICA : Queenstown to New York - - -	1 Dec. 1877	On 30th Nov. 1886 - - -	(a) 92,233
Do. do. - - -	1 Dec. 1886	On 28th Feb. 1887 For Parcel Post - - -	
Do. do. - - -	1 Mar. 1887	On 12 months' notice - - -	
Bermuda and New York - - -	1 Apr. 1886	On 6 months' notice - - -	300
PANAMA to VALPARAISO - - -	1 July 878	On 6 months' notice - - -	(a) 3,416
WEST-INDIES : Fortnightly service - - -	1 July 1885	On 30th June 1890 - - -	90,199
Additional Services : Non-Contract Service - - -	- - -	- - -	(a) 261
Liverpool to West Indies and Mexico - - -	24 Oct. 1881	On 6 months' notice - - -	(a) 1,010
Belize and New Orleans - - -	Contract made by the Honduras Government, terminating on 30th September 1889 -		(c) 1,600
Turk's Islands and Jamaica - - -	Contract made by the Turk's Islands Govern- ment - - -		(c) 150
WEST COAST OF AFRICA - - -	Indefinite	- - -	(a) 9,365

(a) The payments in these cases depend upon the amount of correspondence conveyed by the packets.
 (b) Including 2,910l. for excess of premiums over penalties.

(c) These sums represent the Imperial share of the cost of the services.

APPENDIX G.

Packet Service.

Penalties for Overtime.	Contributions towards the Cost of the Service.	Estimated Receipts for Sea Postage.	Esti- mated British Loss on the Sea Service.	Rate of Postage per single Letter excluding Transit Rates.
		£	£	
- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	5d.
- - - - -	- - - - -	430	Nil.	
- - - - -	- - - - -	11,500	3,300	4d.
- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	6d.
- - - - -	- - - - -	144	2,630	6d.
{ 200% for every 12 hours late at Brindisi. In other cases 100% }	{ India, 68,000% - - - Ceylon, 1,400% - - - Straits Settlements, 6,000% - Hong Kong, 6,000% - - }	61,750	218,600	{ Mediterranean 2½d. India - - - Ceylon - - - 4d. China, &c. - }
- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	4d.
{ 5% for 15 minutes or upwards }	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	2½d.
- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	2½d.
- - - - -	- - - - -	17	Nil.	
- - - - -	- - - - -	102	Nil.	
- - - - -	- - - - -	50,500	41,700	2½d.
- - - - -	- - - - -	60	5,300	Bermuda - 4d.
- - - - -	- - - - -	1,900	1,500	4d.
25% for every 24 hours	{ Antigua - - - 489 Barbados - - - 4,357 British Guiana - - 7,480 Dominica - - - 186 Grenada - - - 372 Jamaica - - - 4,163 Montserrat - - - 86 Nevis - - - 71 St. Kitt's - - - 470 St. Lucia - - - 209 St. Vincent - - - 310 Tobago - - - 151 Tortola - - - 18 Trinidad - - - 3,988 }	19,900	50,900	4d.
{ One-eighth part of ordinary payment for every 24 hours }	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	
- - - - -	- - - - -	6,300	3,030	{ Union Places 2½d. or 4d. Non-Union 6d.

APPENDIX H.

Telegrams.

TABLE showing the TOTAL NUMBER of MESSAGES forwarded from TELEGRAPH OFFICES in ENGLAND and WALES, SCOTLAND, and IRELAND, in each Year since the transfer of the TELEGRAPHS to the STATE.

Year.	Number of Messages.					
	England and Wales.			Scotland.	Ireland.	TOTAL.
	Provinces.	London.	Total.			
1870-71	- 5,299,882	2,863,821	8,163,703	1,080,189	606,285	9,850,177
1871-72	- 6,594,590	3,612,772	10,207,362	1,388,434	878,000	12,473,796
1872-73	- 8,022,151	4,577,015	12,599,166	1,761,298	1,175,316	15,535,780
1873-74	- 9,233,854	5,254,547	14,488,401	2,009,893	1,323,236	17,821,530
1874-75	- 10,124,661	5,652,033	15,776,694	2,132,787	1,343,639	19,253,120
1875-76	- 10,883,282	6,350,714	17,233,996	2,287,359	1,452,180	20,973,535
1876-77	- 11,232,704	6,561,930	17,794,634	2,402,347	1,529,162	21,726,143
1877-78	- 11,392,098	6,700,504	18,092,602	2,490,776	1,588,489	22,171,867
1878-79	- 11,592,899	8,830,019	20,422,918	2,477,003	1,559,854	24,459,775
1879-80	- 12,392,996	9,854,566	22,247,562	2,704,574	1,595,001	26,547,137
1880-81	- 13,456,555	11,176,459	24,633,014	3,042,291	1,736,677	29,411,982
1881-82	- 14,204,479	12,071,034	26,275,513	3,207,994	1,862,354	31,345,861
1882-83	- 14,554,015	12,374,707	26,928,722	3,244,202	1,919,102	32,092,026
1883-84	- 14,920,413	12,686,433	27,606,846	3,299,428	1,936,846	32,843,120
1884-85	- 15,195,618	12,930,376	28,125,994	3,257,546	1,894,919	33,278,459
1885-86	- 18,029,008	15,081,433	33,110,441	3,812,173	2,223,669	39,146,283
1886-87	- 24,044,077	18,276,108	42,320,185	5,106,774	2,816,680	50,243,639

The figures for each year since 1877-78 include the number of certain Press Messages not previously included in these Returns.

Prior to 1883-84 the returns were made to the end of the last complete week in the year. Since that time they are in each case to the last day of the year inclusive.

On the 1st October 1885 the minimum charge for an inland telegram was reduced from one shilling to sixpence.

APPENDIX H—*continued.*

TABLE showing the NUMBER of MESSAGES forwarded from TELEGRAPH OFFICES in the UNITED KINGDOM during each of the Years 1885-86 and 1886-87; and the Increase or Decrease in each Month of the latter Year over the corresponding Month of the former Year.

Month.	Number of Messages.		Increase.	Decrease.
	1886-87.	1885-86.		
April - - - -	3,776,172	2,913,710	862,462	
May - - - -	4,019,225	2,911,503	1,107,722	
June - - - -	4,386,417	2,970,804	1,415,613	
July - - - -	5,017,130	3,236,956	1,780,174	
August - - - -	4,564,142	2,964,542	1,599,600	
September - - - -	4,504,682	2,908,027	1,596,655	
October - - - -	4,483,522	3,842,672	640,850	
November - - - -	4,183,007	3,810,087	372,920	
December - - - -	3,868,422	3,566,243	302,179	
January - - - -	3,632,853	3,212,306	420,547	
February - - - -	3,538,520	3,092,389	446,131	
March - - - -	4,269,547	3,717,044	552,503	
	50,243,639	39,146,283	11,097,356	—
Total Increase - - - 11,097,356				

APPENDIX I.

TABLE showing the VALUE of WORK PERFORMED by the POST OFFICE TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT for other
GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS in the last TEN YEARS.

Period.	Inland Telegrams.	Wire Rentals, &c.	Salaries.	Work executed.	Total.
Year ended 31st March 1878	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -
" " 1879	9,550 15 9	5,338 14 6	2,506 16 9	20 16 8	17,417 3 8
" " 1880	10,906 8 0	6,378 18 0	3,296 11 4	20 16 7	20,602 13 11
" " 1881	6,393 1 9	6,435 5 7	2,552 16 1	0 18 6	15,382 1 11
" " 1882	7,586 8 0	6,891 9 6	5,000 18 11	—	19,478 16 5
" " 1883	10,635 19 0	8,608 19 9	2,674 16 10	0 14 7	21,920 10 2
" " 1884	12,978 2 0	10,069 17 8	3,030 14 8	8 15 8	26,087 10 0
" " 1885	11,746 16 5	11,142 10 3	2,880 15 1	5 0 8	25,775 2 5
" " 1886	12,666 5 2	11,651 3 2	2,764 12 3	15 7 7	27,097 8 2
" " 1887	11,899 15 8	12,143 0 10	2,894 16 0	59 7 6	26,997 0 0
" " 1888	12,509 17 9	13,703 2 7	2,955 5 8	38 11 10	29,206 17 10

APPENDIX J.

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

Extracts from the Controller's Report.

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Six hundred and forty-six Friendly Societies and 1,380 Trade, Provident, and Charitable Societies received authority last year to invest their funds in the Post Office Savings Bank, as against 544 and 1,337 respectively in 1885. The increase in the case of Friendly Societies is very striking, the number, indeed, being higher than in any year since 1868; and it may perhaps be hoped that the direct Government security afforded by the Post Office Savings Bank, is becoming better known and attracting increased notice. With reference to this point, the following is an extract from a letter lately received from an officer of a Society established in Ireland:—"At the present state of political agitation in this country it is not safe to invest any monies in any funds or Bank whatever, therefore the Trustees have desired me to apply to the Post Office Savings Bank."

Accounts of
Societies.

Importance
of direct
Government
Security for
Funds.

The Penny Bank movement shows signs of increasing activity, 285 such Banks having last year applied for authority to open accounts in the Post Office Savings Bank, as compared with 200 in the previous year; while in the first quarter of this year 134 such applications have been received, as compared with 81 in the first quarter of 1886. The encouragement of thrift by means of Penny Banks has been brought prominently before the public in numerous magazines and pamphlets, and there is no doubt the circular re-issued by the Education Department to elementary schools, and referred to in my last report, is bearing fruit, as, out of the 419 applications in the last eighteen months, no less than 202 related to School Banks, 52 of them being Board Schools. A "School Bank Manual," lately published by Miss Agnes Lambert, gives a full description of the assistance rendered by this Department, and is likely to be useful to school managers and others.

Penny Banks.

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Applications for information with regard to our system were received during the year from several foreign countries, viz., Hungary, Sweden, Switzerland, the United States of America, and Chili, in the last three of which there are as yet, I believe, no Post Office Savings Banks. Among British Colonies, similar applications were made by the Governments of the Leeward Islands, Queensland, and Tasmania, and by that of Fiji, where it is interesting to note that the introduction of Post Office Savings Banks is in contemplation. The Postmaster General of British Guiana also sought information as to our system, it having been decided to establish Postal Savings Banks there side by side with the existing Government Institution.

Applications
from Abroad.

Canada.

In Canada, the number of accounts in the Post Office Savings Bank on the 30th June, 1886, was 80,870, and the amount due therein 3,431,874*l.* (\$17,159,372), both the number and amount showing an increase during the year. The extension of the business to the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, which I mentioned last year as being projected, has been carried out, 19 Offices having been opened in the former Province and 13 in the latter. Any great accession of business is not anticipated on account of the Savings Banks already in operation under the management of the Finance Department. It is thought that the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway will render it possible to extend Post Office Savings Bank facilities to the Province of British Columbia, but, if this should be done, the great distance of that Province from the Chief Office at Ottawa will probably necessitate some modification of the Regulations. Although relating to another branch of Post Office work, I cannot refrain from quoting the following from the last annual report of the Postmaster General of the Dominion :—"An incident, unique in itself, and interesting "as illustrating the pioneer services which the Post Office may be "called upon to render, in advance of actual settlement, may be "worth recording. On the 1st January, 1885, a Post Office and "Money Order Office was established at what, for convenience, "was designated '*End of Track, Rocky Mountains, Canadian "Pacific Railway,*' the Post Office and Postmaster's home being in "a railway car roughly fitted for the service, and moving westward "a few miles from day to day with the progress of track-laying. "On the 7th November following, with the meeting in the Rocky "Mountains of the two sections of railway, that proceeding westward "and that coming eastward, the so-called '*End of Track*' ceased to "be. The labourers and navvies employed in construction dis- "persing, the objects of the temporary office ceased, and it passed "out of existence with its name." The second Annual Report on the Post Office Savings Banks at the Cape of Good Hope shows distinct progress "in spite of the very general financial "depression" and of a large amount having been withdrawn through depositors leaving the colony. At the close of 1885 the number of depositors was 8,518, and the amount standing to their credit 177,930*l.* as compared with 4,775 depositors and 93,226*l.*, respectively, at the close of the previous year. In Western Australia, where the rules are almost identical with our own, the number of depositors and the balance due to them on the 31st December, 1885, were 2,082 and 26,147*l.*, respectively. The amount withdrawn during the year slightly exceeded that deposited, owing, it is said, to the depression in trade. In South Australia, the sum due to depositors in the Savings Bank on the 30th June, 1886, was 1,653,080*l.*, an increase of 81,797*l.* for the twelve months. It is proposed to engraft on the present system—which is not connected with the Post Office—the plan of saving small sums by means of postage stamps. In Victoria the amount standing to the credit of 111,031 depositors in the Commissioner Savings Banks was 2,322,958*l.* on the 30th June, 1886, showing an increase for the twelve months of 15,861 depositors and 247,668*l.*, respectively. One of these Banks—the Melbourne Savings Bank—has made "excellent progress," the number of accounts 69,827, being 11,698 greater, and the amount due,

Cape of Good Hope.

Western Australia.

South Australia.

Victoria.

1,380,991*l.*, being 155,238*l.* more on the 30th June, 1886, than at the corresponding period of the preceding year. In Queensland, the depositors in the Government Savings Bank, on the 31st December, 1885, numbered 36,175, with a balance to their credit of 1,340,254*l.* In consequence of the interest on the surplus funds on fixed deposit with the Banks having been reduced during the year from six to four per cent., the income of the Bank only exceeded the expenditure by 690*l.*, and, as the rate of interest allowed to depositors is five per cent., while only four per cent. is now obtained from the Bankers, a considerable deficit is anticipated for 1886. In New Zealand, the accounts in the Post Office Savings Bank, at the close of 1885, numbered 69,957, with balances amounting to 1,638,035*l.* The sum deposited during the year exceeded that withdrawn by more than 76,000*l.*, the excess in the previous year being only 32,000*l.*, while in 1883 the amount withdrawn was 117,000*l.* more than that deposited.

In France, the Post Office Savings Banks have, according to the report of the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, succeeded beyond all expectation. It is stated that at the close of 1885 (the fourth year) there were 692,582 depositors with a balance to their credit of 154,155,572 francs (6,166,222*l.*) The purchases of Government Stock during the year were 2,856 in number, amounting to 3,391,726 francs (135,669*l.*) Sales of Stock cannot be effected through the medium of the Post Office Savings Bank. The facilities granted to depositors for accelerating repayment by the use of pneumatic tubes in Paris, and of the telegraph elsewhere, to which I alluded last year, have been, it appears, greatly appreciated. For the first time since its commencement in 1818, the Paris Savings Bank, which corresponds to a Trustee Savings Bank here, has to record that, of the new depositors during the year, the majority were females, a result ascribed to the amendment of the law in 1881 permitting married women to make deposits without the consent (*sans l'assistance*) of their husbands. And, in connection with this subject, it is mentioned in the Report on the Post Office Savings Banks, that in 57,563 out of 69,900 accounts opened by married women in 1885, the husbands authority was not obtained, while, although 120,000 accounts stood in the names of married women, only 3 claims were made by husbands during the year. I observe that the French Minister has reproduced in his Report my tabular statement as to the principal Post Office Savings Banks in Europe, published in the Appendix to the last Report of the Postmaster General. The old French Savings Banks at the end of 1885 had 4,926,391 accounts, with balances amounting to 2,212,983,891 francs (88,519,355*l.*), being an increase since 1872 of 2,000,000 accounts and rather over 515,000,000 francs (20,600,000*l.*) a very remarkable advance if the burdens of taxation, the commercial depression of the last decade, and the concurrent operation, latterly, of the newly-instituted Postal Savings Banks, be taken into consideration. In Austria, the depositors in the Post Office Savings Bank increased during the year 1886 from 487,390 to 544,931, and the amount due on Savings Bank account from 867,938*l.* to 1,050,440*l.* Besides this strictly Savings Bank business, there was a balance of 2,807,500*l.*, to depositors' credit "on current account" under the system which allows of withdrawing by means of cheques. In Italy, although

the business of the Post Office Savings Banks during 1885, as compared with that during 1884, showed an increase, there was a falling off in the rate of progress both as regards the number of accounts and the amount due to depositors, which, on the 31st December, 1885, were 1,206,101 and 176,909,187 *lire* (7,076,367*l.*) respectively. This check is attributed to the prevalent trade depression, a recurrence of the cholera epidemic, and a deficient harvest, while the apprehension of an Anglo-Russian war is likewise said to have had an unfavourable effect. A slight improvement took place in the number and amount of investments in Government Stock, which were 4,918 of 4,658,402 *lire* (186,336*l.*) An experiment has been tried of giving special facilities for depositing and withdrawing in villages where there are no Post Office Savings Banks, by authorising the resident Post Office Official to collect the money to be deposited and remit it to the proper quarter. Withdrawals can also be effected by means of free Money Orders. The alliance of the lottery system with the Savings Bank seems somewhat incongruous, but it appears that in Italy arrangements are in force by which the proceeds of successful lottery tickets are collected and placed to the credit of depositors.

Belgium. In Belgium, the close of the fourth quinquennial period of the General Savings Bank on the 31st December, 1885, necessitated setting apart a portion (80,000*l.*) of the Reserve Fund (303,450*l.*) for division among depositors whose accounts had been opened at least a year. The total number of accounts was 444,040, and the sum standing to their credit 7,134,269*l.* During the year 2,922 investments were made in Government Stock, the stock purchased amounting to 291,660*l.*, while 1,366 sales were effected amounting to 260,444*l.*, leaving 5,259 investment certificates in the hands of depositors, representing stock of the nominal value of 1,277,980*l.*

The Netherlands. In the Netherlands, there were, on the 31st December, 1885, 1,131 Offices for the transaction of Postal Savings Bank business, the number of depositors being 112,308, and the amount standing to their credit 6,368,017 florins (530,668*l.*).

Japan. In Japan, the number of Post Office Savings Banks on the 30th June, 1884, was 1,565, the number of depositors 126,544, and the amount due to them 4,148,091 *yen* (846,900*l.*)

Post Office Savings Banks.

Table showing the Business done during the last Ten Years.

Year.	Number of Post Office Savings Banks.	Number of Deposits.	Amount of Deposits.	Average amount of each Deposit.	Interest credited to Depositors.	Number of Withdrawals.	Amount of Withdrawals.	Average amount of each Withdrawal.	Charges of Management.	Average Cost of each transaction.	Number of accounts opened.	Number of accounts closed.	Number of accounts remaining open at close of the year.	Amount, inclusive of interest, standing to credit of all open accounts at close of the year.	Average amount standing to credit of each open account at close of the year.	Percentage of cost of Management to total funds in possession of the Post Office Savings Banks.	Total sum standing to credit of Post Office Savings Banks on books of National Debt Commissioners at close of the year.	Balance in hands of Postmaster-General after making provision for Outstanding Warrants at close of the year.	Estimated value of the Central Savings Bank premises in Queen Victoria Street.	Total value of Assets applicable to payment of Depositors at close of the year.	Number, at close of the year, of Old Savings Banks and Post Office Banks combined.	Number, at close of the year, of Depositors in Old Savings Banks and Post Office Banks combined.
1877	5,688	3,297,851	0.160,738	2 16 1	661,459	1,252,065	8,083,991	6 9 0	152,184	0 8 1/2	453,221	364,355	1,791,240	28,746,757	16 0 11	10 7	26,713,528	104,057	—	29,817,586	6,126	3,301,087
1878	5,831	3,390,036	0.485,391	2 16 5	699,603	1,304,617	8,514,188	6 10 6	448,543	1 11 1/2	447,549	346,033	1,862,756	30,411,563	16 1 41	9 6	30,946,963	242,362	—	31,189,325	6,285	3,408,466
1879	6,016	3,347,828	0.887,109	2 19 1	743,636	1,418,543	9,030,174	6 7 4	192,280	0 9 1/2	445,500	340,779	1,988,477	32,012,134	16 2 0	12 0	32,680,001	112,948	—	32,801,949	6,465	3,465,191
1880	6,253	3,755,689†	10,301,152‡	2 14 5	777,085†	1,465,331†	9,346,034‡	6 5 9	188,891*	0 8 1/2	554,638	358,103	2,184,972	33,744,637	15 8 11	11 24	34,375,036	292,945	—	34,608,881	6,675	3,704,777
1881	6,513	3,699,870†	11,897,135‡	2 0 0	826,990	1,728,700	10,244,287‡	5 10 7	200,574	0 6 1/2	880,831	458,191	2,607,312	36,194,496	13 17 7	11 1	36,508,923	236,453	—	36,746,376	6,950	4,140,098
1882	6,999	6,171,469†	12,821,290‡	2 0 0	891,629	1,935,129	10,869,531‡	5 5 3	221,653	0 6 1/2	788,838	537,494	2,858,970	39,037,821	13 13 1	11 44	40,862,640	145,024	120,000	41,128,564	7,429	4,411,958
1883	7,369	6,297,368†	13,575,167‡	2 1 3	955,991	2,075,465†	11,800,171‡	5 6 3	248,180	0 7 1/2	772,291	525,535	3,105,642	41,708,808	13 9 0	11 104	43,294,949	282,083	120,000	43,697,032	7,790	4,671,926
1884	7,756	6,438,707†	14,570,411‡	2 4 11	1,025,117	2,198,792	12,530,363‡	5 14 0	248,018	0 6 1/2	774,298	546,235	3,333,075	44,773,773	13 8 7	11 14	45,949,718	313,473	120,000	46,383,191	8,167	4,910,149
1885	8,106	6,474,484†	15,034,044‡	2 6 5	1,092,112	2,290,062	13,202,742‡	5 15 10	256,402	0 7	750,862	548,887	3,535,650	47,697,838	13 9 10	10 9	48,606,318	286,322	120,000	49,012,640	8,515	5,128,647
1886	8,551	6,592,395†	15,696,824‡	2 7 10	1,109,590	2,300,655	13,689,943‡	5 14 6	290,555	0 7 1/2	758,270	562,499	3,731,421	50,874,338	13 12 8	11 5	52,074,387	272,263	154,000	52,500,650	8,756	5,322,225

* The charges of management in 1878 include 214,434† for arrears of postage for the nine years from 1st April 1868 to 31st March, 1877, and also 73,419‡ paid on account of the new building in Queen Victoria Street and its site. The charges in 1879 and 1880 include the sums of 26,594† and 16,733‡, respectively, paid on account of the new building.

† Including, as well as Ordinary Deposits, (a) Deposits for immediate investment in Stock; (b) amounts realised by Sale of Stock, and Stock Certificates obtained, the amount, when Stock is sold or a Stock Certificate obtained, being placed to the credit of the Savings Bank Account so as to be dealt with as a withdrawal; (c) Dividends. Also including, since June 1884; (d) Deposits for purchase of Annuities and payment of Insurance premiums, and (e) amounts credited to Accounts in respect of sums payable to Annuity and Insurers and their representatives. For particulars see statements of Government Stock business and Annuity and Insurance business.

‡ Including, as well as Ordinary Withdrawals, (a) Withdrawals for investment in Stock, with commission; (b) Withdrawals for purchase of Annuities and payment of Insurance premiums, and (c) amounts paid to Annuity and Insurers and their representatives. For particulars see statements of Government Stock business and Annuity and Insurance business.

§ Down to the year 1883 inclusive, the transactions connected with the purchase and sale of Government Stock were excluded in calculating the average amount of each deposit and withdrawal. From 1884, however, the average amount is calculated on the gross number and amount of Deposits and Withdrawals, including those connected both with the Stock business and the Annuity and Insurance business.

¶ The gross expenses in 1884 were 252,787†, but the sum of 3,900‡, received for commission on Stock transactions from 22nd November, 1880, to 30th September, 1884, was in this year applied towards defraying the expenses of management, in accordance with the Savings Banks Act, 1880. The amount shown for 1885, and for each year subsequently, is the net amount after deducting the sum received for commission on Stock transactions.

‡ The sum of 290,555† for charges of management in 1886 includes the sum of 28,212‡ for purchase of Land under the Post Office Sites Act. Omitting this amount, but adding interest at the rate of 5 per cent. thereon, the cost per transaction* is 10s. 4d. and the percentage of expenses to capital 10s. 4d.

APPENDIX J.—continued.

Post Office Savings Banks.

INVESTMENTS IN GOVERNMENT STOCK.

Year.	Number of Stock Accounts opened.	Number of Stock Accounts closed.	Number of Stock Accounts remaining open at close of the Year.	Number of Investments.	Number of Sales.	Number of Stock (Certificates obtained).	Number of Deposits for immediate Investment.	Amount of Deposits for immediate Investment.	Average amount of each Deposit for immediate Investment.	Number of Savings Bank accounts opened with Deposits for immediate Investment.	Amount of Money invested.	Amount of Commission.	Amount of Bank of England fees.	Amount of Stock bought.	Average amount of each purchase of Stock.	Amount realised by sale of Stock.	Amount of Stock Certificates obtained.	Amount of Stock transferred from old Savings Banks.	Amount of Stock transferred to old Savings Banks.	Number of Dividends credited to Stockholders.	Amount of Dividends credited to Stockholders.	Amount of Stock remaining to credit of Stockholders at close of the Year.	Average amount of Stock remaining to credit of each Stockholder at close of the Year.
From Nov. 22nd to Dec. 31st, 1881.	2,102	31	2,131	2,320	9	22	1,695	79,611	40 0 0	563	125,013	175 10 0	1 10 0	129,214	34 1 6	345	1,540	—	—	—	—	127,659	59 17 9
1881	11,019	1,258	11,213	13,709	2,023	102	10,263	427,312	41 3 2	2,675	660,141	1,104 10 0	7 10 0	664,267	50 13 10	75,498	7,700	—	50	11,203	10,459	736,068	63 11 3
1882	7,351	2,754	10,090	13,133	4,353	77	10,047	393,847	38 3 1	1,913	569,266	1,105 17 0	6 3 0	588,211	48 8 0	177,123	6,150	—	190	26,792	26,533	1,143,717	66 17 3
1883	7,270	3,418	20,707	13,932	5,645	56	10,414	397,086	36 4 3	1,864	622,227	1,228 4 9	5 11 0	618,236	48 4 6	286,706	5,560	430	285	28,271	27,844	1,219,063	73 3 10
1884	9,877	4,851	24,908	14,300	6,940	70	11,716	465,406	30 14 6	2,370	709,040	1,417 0 9	8 7 0	703,166	49 10 5	301,448	8,250	376	110	44,230	40,984	1,916,238	76 13 6
1885	9,844	4,241	30,297	17,123	7,443	64	13,131	507,103	36 12 6	2,294	846,791	1,695 1 9	7 0 0	859,050	50 2 9	356,445	9,900	10,237	315	55,146	63,604	2,452,253	80 2 11
1886	9,633	4,245	35,296	16,563	8,018	59	13,715	556,537	40 11 7	2,359	845,206	1,725 17 6	7 6 0	841,121	50 15 8	369,905	7,300	1,181	348	65,236	77,507	2,906,941	82 1 1

* Besides the addition arising from the ordinary business of the year, the balance of Stock was further increased during 1884 by the sum of 2,678l. Stock in consequence of the conversion by certain Stockholders of 3 per cent. Stock into 2½ and 2½ per cent. Stock under the National Debt (Conversion of Stock) Act, 1884.

APPENDIX J.—*continued.*
POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS.
Annuities and Life Insurances.

(1.) TABLE showing the BUSINESS done during the last TEN YEARS.

Year.	ANNUITIES.										LIFE INSURANCES.									
	Immediate.					Deferred.					Contracts entered into.		Receipts.		Payments.					
	Contracts entered into.		Receipts.		Payments.		Contracts entered into.		Receipts.		Payments.		Contracts entered into.		Receipts.		Payments.			
	No.	Amount of Annuities.	Amount of Purchase Money.	No.	Amount of Annuities.	Amount of Purchase Money.	No.	Amount of Annuities and Monthly Allowances.	No.	Amount of Purchase Money and Instalments of Premium.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount of Insurances.	No.	Amount of Premiums and Fees.	No.	Amount of Claims on Death and Suffering.
1877	-	745	10,933	120,255	12,444	76,612	58	1,251	687	4,747	87	961	393	33,444	15,140	10,108	98	3,252		
1878	-	709	11,375	126,227	13,190	84,219	50	1,370	654	4,852	108	2,960	229	19,606	15,833	10,605	137	4,351		
1879	-	964	15,262	167,825	13,873	92,013	49	958	628	4,644	114	2,112	226	18,570	15,227	10,427	139	5,288		
1880	-	862	13,249	146,562	14,933	101,734	41	847	621	4,406	119	1,570	258	20,378	15,379	10,506	125	3,866		
1881	-	956	16,434	184,737	15,808	111,211	66	1,376	686	5,243	131	1,763	300	23,900	15,893	10,967	114	3,675		
1882	-	799	13,435	155,528	16,729	122,123	72	1,502	772	6,449	156	2,327	234	18,447	16,039	11,069	141	5,604		
1883	-	770	14,141	159,630	17,302	130,053	104	2,120	830	7,240	163	1,868	256	20,600	16,156	11,333	129	5,431		
1884†—																				
1 Jan. to 31 Dec. 1884†		187	2,938	34,507	8,533	67,931	13	327	332	3,140	89	1,156	50	3,499	7,032	5,019	65	2,604		
1 Jan. to 31 Dec. 1885		586	11,736	137,919	7,948	69,868	80	2,083	535	6,744	111	1,876	298	18,266	7,258	6,399	117	4,284		
1885	-	725	15,367	178,128	16,111	146,160	103	1,694	860	9,761	212	2,980	467	34,768	12,402	12,036	140	4,646		
1886	-	823	17,988	211,570	16,234	153,878	87	1,772	859	10,510	246	3,122	506	34,188	12,187	12,623	138	5,942		

† On 3rd June, 1884, new system introduced under provisions of Government Annuities Act, 1882; the management of the business being transferred to the Post Office Savings Bank and facilities being afforded for the receipt and payment of Annuity and Insurance moneys through the medium of Post Office Savings Bank Accounts.

APPENDIX J.—continued.

(II.) TABLE showing the Number and Amount of CONTRACTS entered into from the Commencement of Business on 17th April, 1865, to the 31st December, 1886, and the Number and Amount of Contracts in existence on the 31st December 1886.

	CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO				TOTAL.	
	From 17 April, 1865, to 31 December, 1885.		From 1 Jan., 1886, to 31 December, 1886.			
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Contracts for Annuities entered into from the commencement of business on 17th April, 1865, to 31st December, 1886, viz. :—						
Immediate Annuities - -	14,713	214,222 16 8	823	17,387 10 0	15,536	231,610 6 8
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable -	388	7,037 5 6	38	763 16 0	426	7,801 1 6
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - -	773	16,686 7 0	49	1,008 0 0	822	17,694 7 0
Contracts for sums payable at Death entered into from the commencement of business on the 17th April, 1865, to the 31st December, 1886 - - - -	7,819	610,659 8 7	506	34,187 14 6	8,325	644,847 3 1
Contracts for Annuities in existence on the 31st December, 1886, viz. :—						
Immediate Annuities - -	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	9,691	161,332 19 6
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable -	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	379	6,787 9 6
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - -	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	478	10,169 14 0
Contracts for sums payable at Death in existence on the 31st December, 1886 - - - -	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	5,485	427,893 16 10

APPENDIX J.—*continued.*

Post Office Savings Bank.

RETURN of the BALANCE SHEETS of the POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS on the 31st day of December 1886, showing the balance due to Depositors, the estimated amount of expenses remaining unpaid, the value of Securities according to the average price of the day on 31st December 1886, the amount of cash in hand and Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the year, and the surplus or deficiency of Funds to meet Liabilities (so far as relates to the National Debt Office).

Securities standing in the names of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt on account of the Post Office Savings Banks Fund.	Value of Securities at average price on 31 Dec. 1886.			Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the year.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
Consolidated 3 per cents. - - - -	6,577,995	8	9	6,619,108	0	0	96,012	18	0
Reduced 3 per cents. - - - -	3,013,066	3	8	3,043,197	0	0	—		
New 3 per cents. - - - -	8,913,282	8	5	9,002,415	0	0	—		
2½ per cents. - - - -	11,967,000	0	0	10,635,671	0	0	70,728	17	6
Turkish Guaranteed 4 per cent. Bonds	103,100	0	0	111,348	0	0	—		
Exchequer (March) Bills - - - -	50,000	0	0	49,925	0	0	380	2	9
Exchequer Bonds - - - -	50,000	0	0	50,000	0	0	144	4	7
Exchequer (Suez) Bonds - - - -	1,391,100	0	0	1,391,100	0	0	13,718	17	2
Egyptian Guaranteed 3 per cent. Bonds	900,000	0	0	887,625	0	0	—		
Advances per 43 Vict. c. 4. and 45 & 46 Vict. c. 62 repayable by Irish Land Commission per 44 & 45 Vict. c. 71. -	850,000	0	0	850,000	0	0	—		
Canada Guaranteed 4 per cent. Bonds	37,500	0	0	42,375	0	0	—		
Advances to Public Works Loan Commissioners - - - -	3,207,529	12	0	3,207,530	0	0	23,742	1	2
Annuities for terms of years in lieu of Stock cancelled, per National Debt Act, 1883, 46 & 47 Vict. c. 54, and National Debt Act, 1885, 48 & 49 Vict. c. 43. -	1,000,000	0	0	(a.) 8,086,801	0	0	—		
Annuity for a term of years per 45 & 46 Vict. c. 72, expiring 8th September, 1892 -	5,428	18	8	(a.) 29,473	0	0	—		
Annuities for terms of years per 46 Vict. c. 1. & 2. - - - -	42,899	5	0	(a.) 309,200	0	0	—		
Annuity for a term of years granted to repay advances per 32 & 33 Vict. c. 42, payable by Irish Land Commission per 44 & 45 Vict. c. 71, expiring 31st December, 1905 - - - -	138,800	0	0	(a.) 1,914,488	0	0	—		
Annuity for a term of years in lieu of annuities converted per National Debt Act, 1883, 46 & 47 Vict. c. 54, & 5, and National Debt Act, 1885, 48 and 49 Vict. c. 43. -	321,918	0	0	(a.) 4,525,445	0	0	—		
Red Sea and India Telegraph Annuity, expiring 4th August 1906 - - - -	3,100	0	0	47,275	0	0	—		
Annuity for a term of years per National Debt Act, 1884, 47 Vict. c. 2. & 2, expiring 5th October 1903 - -	35,121	0	0	(a.) 469,540	0	0	—		
Annuities of an amount sufficient to repay sums advanced under Pensions Commutation Acts, 32 & 33 Vict. c. 32, and 34 & 35 Vict. c. 38, to 31st December 1885 - - - -	99,793	4	6	(a.) 578,809	0	0	—		
	£51,849,325 0 0			204,727 1					
Add Value of Securities - - - -							51,849,325	0	0
Cash Balance in Bank of England - - -							20,335	5	7
							£52,074,387	6	9

(a) Value, inclusive of interest, to 31st December 1886.

National Debt Office,
15 June 1887.

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Assistant Comptroller General.

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APPENDIX J.—*continued.*

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.—BALANCE SHEET.

RETURN of the BALANCE SHEETS of the POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS for the Year 1886, showing the Balance due to Depositors, the Amount of Expenses remaining Unpaid, the Value of Securities according to the average price of the day on 31st December 1886, Amount of Cash in Hand and Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the Year, &c., and the surplus of Assets over Liabilities.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.									
				£	s.	d.							
Balance due to Depositors on the 31st December 1886 (including interest) -	-	-	-	50,874,337	10	7	Value of Securities according to the average price of the day on 31 Dec. 1886						
Amount of expenses remaining unpaid (partly estimated) -	-	-	-	14,091	17	1	Amount of cash in hands of Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt -						
Surplus of Assets over Liabilities -	-	-	-	1,612,220	16	2	Total Amount in the hands of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt -						
							Less, -Amount paid to the National Debt Commissioners						
							Amount in the hands of Her Majesty's Postmaster General						
							Less, -Amount required to meet Warrants issued to Depositors but not cashed on 31st December 1886 -						
							Value of the Central Savings Bank Premises in Queen Victoria Street, E.C.						
£				52,500,650	3	10						£	
												52,074,387	6
												1,593	4
												270,689	13
												154,000	0
												52,500,650	3

Total amount received from Depositors, including interest, to 31st December 1886 - - - - - £ 222,189,165 4 3
Total amount repaid to Depositors to 31st December 1886 - - - - - £ 171,314,827 12 8

Number of Transactions.		Number of Accounts.		
Deposits.	Withdrawals.	Opened.	Closed.	Remaining Open.
81,630,418	28,462,236	11,508,975	7,777,564	3,731,421

The total cost of the Post Office Savings Banks from their establishment to the 31st December 1886, including the sum of 14,091l. 17s. 1d., charged as above, was 3,497,206l. 19s. 3d.

The total number of transactions, *i.e.*, Deposits and Withdrawals, in the period was 110,192,654.

The average cost of each transaction from the commencement of Post Office Savings Bank Business to the end of the year 1886 was 7s. 4d.

Prior to the passing of the Post Office Savings Banks Act, 1881, it was estimated (see Parliamentary Paper, No. 523, 1881) that the average cost of each transaction would be 7d.

The sums of 126,799l. 14s. 11d., 147,116l. 16s. 6d., 77,767l. 12s. 1d., 125,345l. 4s. 11d., 144,879l. 3s. 11d., 145,799l. 10s. 1d., 123,139l. 0s. 1d., 93,794l. 10s. 2d., 93,040l. 11s. 5d., and 64,608l. 15s. 11d. have been paid into the Exchequer out of the funds of the Post Office Savings Banks in the years 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, and 1886 respectively under sec. 14 of the Act 40 Vict. c. 13, being the excess of interest which had accrued during the years 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, and 1885. The sum of 70,000l., the cost of the site of the new Savings Bank building in Queen Victoria Street, and 78,147l. towards the cost of the new building, have been paid for out of the funds of the Post Office Savings Banks.

APPENDIX K. Money Orders.

Year.	INLAND ORDERS.				COLONIAL ORDERS.				FOREIGN ORDERS.				GRAND TOTAL.			
	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.
1877-78 -	18,308,401	£ 27,870,117	31	13	175,749	£ 679,371	48	11	229,336	£ 603,964	123	76	18,770,967	£ 28,153,452	32	14
1878-79 -	17,390,764	25,911,923	Decrease. " 58	Decrease. " 7	184,819	711,816	5	47	263,039	679,354	17	125	17,740,622	27,303,063	Decrease. " 54	Decrease. " 64
1879-80 -	16,774,354	24,776,331	" 3	" 43	203,600	764,092	102	73	329,559	830,587	243	222	17,307,573	26,371,020	" 24	" 34
1880-81 -	16,329,476	24,228,703	" 27	" 22	221,962	812,979	9	64	333,567	961,840	164	158	16,935,005	26,003,582	" 22	" 13
1881-82 -	14,692,328	23,367,672	" 10	" 35	244,976	892,725	104	98	445,229	1,133,177	16	18	15,383,033	25,393,574	" 92	" 23
1882-83 -	14,306,297	25,223,763	" 28	Increase. " 8	277,062	1,043,158	13	17	507,509	1,330,962	14	17	15,090,858	27,597,883	" 2	Increase. " 87
1883-84 -	13,790,732	25,012,117	" 36	Decrease. " 84	313,435	1,184,214	131	135	550,468	1,435,546	102	77	14,663,635	27,629,879	" 263	" 11
1884-85 -	11,938,127	23,536,699	" 133	" 59	337,420	1,263,590	77	67	560,189	1,430,387	17	Decrease. " 2	12,864,736	26,230,676	" 123	Decrease. " 5
1885-86 -	10,358,293	21,075,345	" 133	" 66	358,462	1,372,008	62	86	601,625	1,484,470	57	Increase. " 38	11,318,580	24,832,421	" 12	" 53
1886-87 -	9,762,562	22,292,708	" 6	Increase. " 13	363,281	1,328,400	14	Decrease. " 3	687,191	1,763,484	142	20	10,813,034	25,354,601	" 446	Increase. " 3

APPENDIX K.—continued. Money Orders.

INLAND ORDERS.																								
Y ^{ear} .	ENGLAND AND WALES.				SCOTLAND.				IRELAND.				UNITED KINGDOM.											
	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.								
1877-78	15,637,659	23,392,661	2.8	63.7	1,531,158	2,485,724	4.5	34	1,200,084	1,991,732	3.4	23	18,368,901	27,870,117	3.1	1.2								
1878-79	14,773,390	22,087,603	5.5	59.4	1,452,752	2,386,693	5.1	4	1,064,622	1,437,627	11.3	27.8	17,290,764	25,911,923	5.8	7								
1879-80	14,313,100	21,088,299	3.1	56.8	1,435,640	2,322,119	1.2	27	1,025,614	1,365,913	3.6	5	16,774,354	24,776,331	3	4.3								
1880-81	13,934,701	20,630,213	2.6	54.7	1,413,907	2,291,289	1.5	13	980,778	1,317,281	4.3	3.5	16,339,476	24,228,763	2.7	2.2								
1881-82	12,519,430	19,891,331	10.1	35	1,286,053	2,202,123	9	4	887,345	1,274,218	9.5	3.3	14,692,828	23,367,672	10	3.5								
1882-83	12,208,086	21,788,691	2.5	46.2	1,247,744	2,170,807	3	1.4	850,467	1,264,265	4.1	8	14,300,297	23,293,763	2.6	8								
1883-84	11,664,711	21,484,880	4.4	43	1,303,479	2,274,316	4.31	4.7	822,542	1,252,921	3.2	9	13,790,732	25,012,117	3.6	16								
1884-85	10,023,386	20,108,955	14	37	1,199,322	2,216,901	7.9	2.5	734,819	1,210,843	10.6	3.3	11,958,127	23,536,699	13.3	15								
1885-86	8,639,082	18,735,048	13.8	31.4	1,081,045	2,105,661	9.7	5	638,166	1,134,636	13.1	6.3	10,358,293	21,975,345	13.3	13								
1886-87	8,070,907	18,875,433	6.6	30	1,080,427	2,208,782	—	5	611,228	1,178,493	4.2	4	9,762,562	22,262,708	6	1.3								
In 1840 the commission on Money Orders was reduced as follows : For any sum not exceeding 2 <i>l</i> . from 6 <i>d</i> . to 3 <i>d</i> . For any sum above 2 <i>l</i> . and not exceeding 5 <i>l</i> . from 1 <i>s</i> . 6 <i>d</i> . to 6 <i>d</i> .													Rates of Commission from 1871 to 31st December 1877.				Rates of Commission from 1st Jan. 1878 to 31st Aug. 1886.				Present rates of Commission.			
													s. d.				s. d.				s. d.			
For sums not exceeding 2 <i>l</i> . - - - 0 3													For sums under 10 <i>s</i> . - - - 0 3				For sums under 10 <i>s</i> . - - - 0 3				For sums not exceeding 1 <i>l</i> . - - - 0 3			
" above 2 <i>l</i> . but not excdg. 5 <i>l</i> . 0 6													" of 10 <i>s</i> . and under 6 <i>l</i> . - - - 0 7				" of 6 <i>l</i> . and under 7 <i>l</i> . - - - 0 8				" above 1 <i>l</i> . and not excdg. 2 <i>l</i> . 0 3			
" above 5 <i>l</i> . but not excdg. 7 <i>l</i> . 0 9													" of 7 <i>l</i> . and under 2 <i>l</i> . - - - 0 9				" of 7 <i>l</i> . and under 7 <i>l</i> . - - - 0 9				" above 2 <i>l</i> . and not excdg. 4 <i>l</i> . 0 4			
" above 7 <i>l</i> . but not excdg. 10 <i>l</i> . 1 0													" of 2 <i>l</i> . and under 2 <i>l</i> . - - - 0 4				" of 2 <i>l</i> . and under 9 <i>s</i> . - - - 0 10				" above 4 <i>l</i> . and not excdg. 7 <i>l</i> . 0 5			
													" of 3 <i>l</i> . and under 4 <i>l</i> . - - - 0 5				" of 3 <i>l</i> . and under 10 <i>s</i> . - - - 0 10				" above 7 <i>l</i> . and not excdg. 10 <i>l</i> . 0 6			
													" of 4 <i>l</i> . and under 5 <i>l</i> . - - - 0 6				" of 10 <i>l</i> . - - - 1 0							

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Rates of Commission up to 1871.				Rates of Commission from 1871 to 31st December 1877.				Rates of Commission from 1st Jan. 1878 to 31st Aug. 1886.			
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The number of Inland Orders issued in Ireland in 1878-9 was overstated by 100,000.
The great decrease in the number and amount of Inland Orders in Ireland in 1878-9 is mainly attributable to the discontinuance of the use of Money Orders for payment of National School Teachers.

APPENDIX K.—*continued.*
Money Orders.

COLONIAL ORDERS.												
Year.	ISSUED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.				ISSUED IN THE COLONIES.				TOTAL.			
	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.
1877-78	26,403	109,456	8·2	4·8	146,346	569,915	4·	0·4	175,749	679,371	4·8	1·1
1878-79	26,559	106,784	0·5	—	155,290	605,032	6·	6·2	184,819	711,816	5·	4·7
1879-80	31,592	113,242	6·8	6·	172,088	650,850	10·8	7·5	203,680	764,092	10·2	7·3
1880-81	34,125	122,514	8·	8·1	187,837	690,465	9·1	6·	221,963	812,979	9·	6·4
1881-82	34,422	121,310	9	Decrease. 1·	210,554	771,515	12·	12·	244,976	892,725	10·4	9·8
1882-83	36,244	130,172	5·3	Increase. 3·3	240,808	912,666	14·	18·3	277,052	1,043,158	13·	17·
1883-84	43,055	156,599	18·8	20·3	270,380	1,027,915	12·3	12·5	313,435	1,184,214	13·1	13·6
1884-85	49,690	177,921	15·4	13·6	287,730	1,085,669	6·4	5·6	337,420	1,263,590	7·7	6·7
1885-86	55,428	196,475	11·5	10·4	303,034	1,176,131	5·3	8·3	358,462	1,372,606	6·2	8·6
1886-87	61,542	220,240	11·	12·	301,739	1,108,169	Decrease. 4·	Decrease. 6·	363,281	1,328,409	1·4	Decrease. 3·2

APPENDIX K.—*continued.*
Money Orders.

Year.	FOREIGN ORDERS.											
	ISSUED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.				ISSUED ABROAD.				TOTAL.			
	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.
1877-78	-	107,856	14·8	9·3	118,470	£ 312,838	10·2	6·1	226,326	£ 608,964	12·3	7·6
1878-79	-	124,172	15·1	9·1	140,987	361,639	18·9	15·6	265,039	679,354	17·1	12·4
1879-80	-	134,781	8·5	1·9	194,778	506,670	38·2	40·1	329,559	890,597	24·3	22·2
1880-81	-	142,216	5·5	3·6	241,351	628,032	24·	23·6	383,567	961,840	16·4	15·8
1881-82	-	153,571	8·	6·2	291,658	773,123	20·8	23·5	445,229	1,133,177	16·	18·
1882-83	-	162,713	6·	11·2	344,796	930,542	18·2	20·3	507,509	1,330,962	14·	17·4
1883-84	-	194,515	19·	19·2	364,953	956,255	5·84	2·76	559,468	1,433,548	10·2	7·7
1884-85	-	206,775	6·3	6·6	392,414	921,712	Decrease. 7	Decrease. 3·6	569,189	1,430,387	1·7	Decrease. 2
1885-86	-	215,944	4·4	4·7	385,781	951,942	Increase. 6·4	Increase. 3·3	601,625	1,464,470	5·7	Increase. 3·8
1886-87	-	224,904	4·2	3·8	462,287	1,210,630	20·	27·1	687,191	1,768,464	14·2	20·

APPENDIX K.—*continued.*

Money Orders.

TABLE showing the AMOUNT (to the nearest Pound) of MONEY ORDER TRANSACTIONS between the UNITED KINGDOM and the COLONIES in each of the past ten years.

Year.	Africa, South and west.		Australia.		British America.		Cape Colony.		India.		New Zealand.		West Indies.		Other Colonies and Packet Agencies.			TOTAL.	
	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Africa.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Australia.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in America.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Cape Colony.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in India.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in New Zealand.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in W. Indies.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the Colonies.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the Colonies.	Issued in the Colonies.
1877-78	£ 1,600	£ 19,708	£ 30,617	£ 158,331	£ 40,154	£ 82,512	£ 4,116	£ 35,902	£ 5,168	£ 63,302	£ 10,319	£ 73,004	£ 4,118	£ 66,441	£ 13,367	£ 89,836	£ 109,456	£ 569,915	
1878-79	£ 1,815	£ 27,653	£ 30,545	£ 166,754	£ 38,483	£ 81,729	£ 4,441	£ 39,680	£ 4,810	£ 65,299	£ 9,738	£ 85,933	£ 4,383	£ 63,256	£ 14,569	£ 74,748	£ 106,784	£ 606,032	
1879-80	£ 2,412	£ 41,222	£ 32,943	£ 187,712	£ 37,681	£ 84,256	£ 4,694	£ 49,545	£ 4,910	£ 61,368	£ 11,972	£ 95,258	£ 3,882	£ 65,427	£ 14,496	£ 66,064	£ 113,240	£ 650,850	
1880-81	£ 2,825	£ 34,907	£ 37,085	£ 197,772	£ 37,609	£ 90,533	£ 5,313	£ 58,281	£ 6,532	£ 86,384	£ 14,800	£ 98,572	£ 4,300	£ 66,818	£ 13,740	£ 57,108	£ 122,514	£ 690,485	
1881-82	£ 3,352	£ 45,452	£ 36,885	£ 211,687	£ 36,069	£ 110,608	£ 7,280	£ 85,984	£ 7,103	£ 95,836	£ 13,954	£ 90,934	£ 3,826	£ 69,482	£ 12,721	£ 61,554	£ 121,210	£ 771,515	
1882-83	£ 2,965	£ 44,281	£ 38,918	£ 236,556	£ 39,810	£ 102,157	£ 9,571	£ 111,698	£ 8,864	£ 110,022	£ 14,083	£ 90,520	£ 4,560	£ 76,186	£ 11,461	£ 81,566	£ 130,172	£ 912,986	
1883-84	£ 3,883	£ 53,608	£ 47,173	£ 281,675	£ 51,684	£ 187,113	£ 11,790	£ 97,987	£ 11,253	£ 115,521	£ 16,358	£ 95,899	£ 5,004	£ 105,994	£ 9,459	£ 89,818	£ 156,599	£ 1,027,615	
1884-85	£ 4,533	£ 58,963	£ 55,578	£ 313,446	£ 59,774	£ 172,855	£ 11,556	£ 87,226	£ 12,879	£ 157,932	£ 18,153	£ 96,768	£ 5,765	£ 120,545	£ 9,683	£ 77,884	£ 177,921	£ 1,065,609	
1885-86	£ 4,433	£ 83,024	£ 61,573	£ 346,645	£ 62,641	£ 164,025	£ 11,406	£ 83,785	£ 16,897	£ 174,743	£ 20,258	£ 93,343	£ 6,420	£ 131,829	£ 12,687	£ 96,987	£ 166,475	£ 1,176,131	
1886-87	£ 5,433	£ 76,128	£ 69,272	£ 343,628	£ 63,547	£ 176,859	£ 11,897	£ 82,269	£ 26,279	£ 144,121	£ 22,615	£ 86,346	£ 7,615	£ 160,392	£ 13,582	£ 137,896	£ 220,240	£ 1,108,169	

Money Orders.

TABLE showing the AMOUNT (to the nearest Pound) of MONEY ORDER TRANSACTIONS between the UNITED KINGDOM and the VARIOUS FOREIGN COUNTRIES in each of the past Ten Years.

Year.	Austria.		Belgium.		Denmark.		Egypt.		France.		Germany.		Italy.		Japan.		Hungary.	
	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Austria.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Belgium.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Denmark.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Egypt.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in France.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Germany.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Italy.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Japan.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Hungary.
1877-78 -	—	—	£ 12,924	£ 15,286	£ 4,288	£ 5,461	£ 132	£ 2,754	£ 69,924	£ 48,136	£ 88,480	£ 56,092	£ 20,039	£ 8,417	£ —	£ —	£ —	£ —
1878-79 -	—	—	£ 13,394	£ 16,019	£ 3,880	£ 6,039	£ 965	£ 7,971	£ 83,037	£ 65,358	£ 96,673	£ 61,566	£ 21,197	£ 8,440	£ —	£ —	£ —	£ —
1879-80 -	—	—	£ 13,476	£ 19,144	£ 4,110	£ 5,683	£ 627	£ 9,106	£ 78,343	£ 79,149	£ 105,193	£ 71,003	£ 22,014	£ 10,407	£ —	£ —	£ —	£ —
1880-81 -	—	—	£ 13,823	£ 21,925	£ 4,806	£ 5,674	£ 738	£ 7,691	£ 79,019	£ 90,390	£ 110,691	£ 71,650	£ 23,352	£ 11,294	£ —	£ —	£ —	£ —
1881-82 -	—	—	£ 13,449	£ 21,792	£ 4,625	£ 7,308	£ 597	£ 8,589	£ 80,838	£ 92,782	£ 118,279	£ 79,614	£ 26,472	£ 12,186	£ 71	£ 417	£ —	£ —
1882-83 -	—	—	£ 15,005	£ 23,349	£ 5,625	£ 9,424	£ 1,394	£ 20,096	£ 83,449	£ 98,069	£ 126,184	£ 85,466	£ 28,667	£ 13,752	£ 183	£ 836	£ —	£ —
1883-84 -	—	—	£ 16,914	£ 27,021	£ 7,808	£ 12,149	£ 2,381	£ 22,717	£ 92,745	£ 122,461	£ 146,089	£ 90,739	£ 34,923	£ 16,451	£ 168	£ 918	£ —	£ —
1884-85 -	—	—	£ 17,816	£ 32,271	£ 6,985	£ 9,751	£ 2,992	£ 30,712	£ 97,201	£ 128,992	£ 153,045	£ 91,299	£ 37,975	£ 18,327	£ 242	£ 1,561	£ —	£ —
1885-86 -	£ 3,206	£ 3,498	£ 20,165	£ 34,664	£ 8,062	£ 10,647	£ 4,001	£ 49,350	£ 98,251	£ 132,117	£ 158,757	£ 88,946	£ 37,625	£ 21,379	£ 275	£ 2,089	£ 361	£ 533
1886-87 -	£ 7,990	£ 6,980	£ 22,549	£ 36,374	£ 8,914	£ 9,873	£ 3,908	£ 33,827	£ 103,969	£ 136,085	£ 161,424	£ 96,963	£ 39,532	£ 102,258	£ 354	£ 1,268	£ 1,058	£ 6,666

APPENDIX K.—*continued.*

Money Orders.

TABLE showing the AMOUNT (to the nearest Pound) of MONEY ORDER TRANSACTIONS between the UNITED KINGDOM and the VARIOUS FOREIGN COUNTRIES in each of the past Ten Years—*continued.*

Year.	Iceland, and Danish West Indies.		Netherlands, and Dutch East Indies.		Norway.		Portugal.		Sweden.		Switzerland.		United States.		TOTAL.	
	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Iceland	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the Netherlands.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Norway.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Portugal.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Sweden.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Switzerland.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in U.S.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued Abroad.
1877-78	£ —	£ —	£ 5,741	£ 9,874	£ 2,712	£ 1,476	£ —	£ —	£ —	£ —	£ 16,702	£ 6,633	£ 72,188	£ 157,707	£ 291,128	£ 312,838
1878-79	—	—	5,879	10,906	3,947	2,087	—	—	—	—	17,632	9,000	71,088	178,383	317,713	361,639
1879-80	—	—	5,802	9,691	5,069	2,064	—	—	—	—	18,797	9,562	70,408	290,841	323,927	500,070
1880-81	—	—	6,231	10,678	6,782	2,469	—	—	—	—	18,315	11,239	72,051	362,782	335,908	628,032
1881-82	—	—	6,549	12,282	8,124	2,031	—	—	1,687	1,364	19,096	12,481	80,297	522,268	360,054	773,123
1882-83	—	—	7,358	13,228	10,662	2,279	—	—	5,649	3,416	19,313	12,790	96,711	647,097	400,430	930,542
1883-84	—	—	9,083	14,277	16,720	2,436	480	810	10,015	3,832	23,388	11,709	116,727	630,705	477,293	926,255
1884-85	31	3,350	8,851	14,498	15,118	2,544	960	1,466	10,301	4,573	21,620	14,671	132,538	567,677	508,675	921,712
1885-86	218	3,861	8,772	14,750	17,758	2,694	1,760	2,733	12,366	5,709	25,381	16,107	135,550	561,775	532,528	951,942
1886-87	103	7,383	9,807	15,417	18,474	2,930	2,187	3,207	13,488	6,001	23,854	16,518	133,262	729,940	552,864	1,210,620

APPENDIX L.

Postal Orders.

TABLE showing the NUMBER and VALUE of POSTAL ORDERS issued to the PUBLIC from the commencement on the 1st January 1881 to the 31st March 1887.

		NUMBER OF EACH CLASS OF POSTAL ORDERS ISSUED.																		TOTAL.	
		s. d. 1 0	s. d. 1 6	s. d. 2 0	s. d. 2 6	s. d. 3 0	s. d. 3 6	s. d. 4 0	s. d. 4 6	s. d. 5 0	s. d. 7 6	s. d. 10 0	s. d. 10 6	s. d. 12 6	s. d. 15 0	s. d. 17 6	s. d. 20 0	Number.	Value.		
Quarter ended 31st March 1881		62,569	48,994	—	—	—	—	—	—	124,147	40,381	122,745	—	17,953	31,736	11,091	126,312	646,988	282,150 10 0		
1881-2		452,823	362,094	—	—	—	—	—	—	853,306	262,920	808,736	—	110,691	202,665	60,611	911,978	4,462,920	2,006,917 19 0		
1882-3		948,678	750,105	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,463,620	449,229	1,330,098	—	181,832	318,769	97,345	1,806,454	7,980,328	3,451,284 0 6		
1883-4		1,700,453	1,367,774	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,164,178	676,193	1,870,963	—	266,745	444,637	143,184	2,318,773	12,286,556	5,028,663 9 0		
1884-5		1,407,937	1,003,600	922,180	1,371,127	796,733	406,848	844,563	319,550	3,036,013	902,384	2,916,240	894,780	51,489	818,697	27,476	3,611,521	19,831,164	7,885,347 9 0		
1885-6		1,624,421	1,169,449	1,531,407	1,581,562	1,343,562	703,036	1,497,125	565,851	3,967,230	1,146,139	3,874,602	694,686	—	1,127,965	—	4,943,267	25,790,316	10,788,946 2 6		
1886-7		2,295,587	1,471,775	1,906,349	1,907,160	1,691,524	912,717	1,920,846	742,332	4,795,124	1,376,281	4,538,650	896,960	—	1,328,669	—	5,891,528	31,608,711	12,968,939 19 6		
		8,422,486	6,182,800	4,362,936	7,517,840	3,831,819	2,022,601	4,262,534	1,627,733	16,428,618	4,853,527	15,462,051	1,986,429	628,710	4,273,358	339,707	19,408,833	101,606,964	42,412,249 9 6		
RATES OF POUNDAGE.																					
To 31st May 1884.		Poundage.			1d.			—			1d.			2d.			2d.				
—		Amount of Order			s. d. 1 0	s. d. 1 6	s. d. 2 0	s. d. 2 6	s. d. 3 0	s. d. 3 6	s. d. 4 0	s. d. 4 6	s. d. 5 0	s. d. 7 6	s. d. 10 0	s. d. 10 6	s. d. 12 6	s. d. 15 0	s. d. 17 6	s. d. 20 0	
From 1st June 1884.		Poundage.			1d.			—			1d.			2d.			2d.				

Appendix M.—continued.

NAMES OF OFFICES.	Correspondence.						Parcels.			Totals.		Total Value.			
	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		England and Wales.	Scotland.	Ireland.	Correspondents.	Parcels.				
	Weight in Ounces.	Value.	Weight in Ounces.	Value.	Weight in Ounces.	Value.									
							oz.	£	oz.	£	oz.		£	Value.	Value.
Foreign Office -	273,139	3,592	—	—	—	—	£	—	—	oz.	£	—	—	£	3,592
Health Exhibition -	11,442	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11,442	12	—	—	—	12
Home Office -	1,131,903	4,255	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,131,903	4,255	—	—	—	4,255
Inland Revenue -	12,736,537	41,677	—	—	2	12,340	562	84	—	21,403,037	63,244	—	—	633	63,977
Inspector of Fisheries -	—	—	5,735,248	—	—	83,105	—	—	—	183,165	370	—	—	—	370
Irish Office -	—	510	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	125,334	510	—	—	—	510
Land Commissioners -	125,334	308	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	67,455	308	—	—	—	308
Loan Fund Board -	67,455	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10,742	34	—	—	—	34
Local Government Board -	2,010,182	8,398	—	—	—	34	30	2	—	2,532,863	10,831	—	—	32	10,863
Lord Lieutenant and Private Secretary -	—	—	—	—	—	10,742	—	—	—	19,035	85	—	—	—	85
Mercantile Marine Board -	490,837	2,233	—	—	—	2,445	—	—	—	490,837	2,233	—	—	—	2,233
Merchant Seamen, Registrar of -	574,503	2,454	—	—	—	85	—	—	—	574,503	2,454	—	—	—	2,454
National Debt Office -	76,310	354	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	76,310	354	—	—	—	354
Ordnance Survey -	71,557	293	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	103,973	431	—	—	—	431
Patent Office -	312,154	754	—	—	—	138	—	—	—	312,154	754	—	—	—	754
Paymaster of Civil Services -	—	—	—	—	—	66	—	—	—	14,061	66	—	—	—	66
Paymaster General -	101,616	496	—	—	—	14,661	1	—	—	101,616	496	—	—	1	497
Privy Council Office, Dublin -	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	9
Public Record Office -	—	—	—	—	—	4,279	18	1	—	4,279	18	—	—	12	30
Queen's Remembrancer -	—	—	—	—	—	8,637	39	—	—	8,637	39	—	—	—	39
Registrar General -	—	—	19,765	89	—	—	—	—	—	19,765	89	—	—	—	190
Registrar of Friendly Societies -	937,344	3,839	59,227	202	—	—	—	—	—	59,227	202	—	—	1	206
Registrar at Petty Sessions, Clerks -	122,493	547	307,076	573	—	1,139	61	125	—	1,501,015	5,371	—	—	187	5,338
Royal Mint -	—	—	5,565	31	—	11	—	—	—	130,332	584	—	—	—	584
Science and Art Department -	—	15	—	—	—	331	—	26	—	72,031	331	—	—	26	357
Scotch Education Department -	2,078,873	8,692	—	—	—	—	70	—	—	3,110	15	—	—	—	15
Secretary of State for Scotland -	178,074	786	—	—	—	—	18	—	—	2,078,838	8,692	—	—	70	8,762
Solicitor General -	46,354	201	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	178,074	786	—	—	16	802
Stationery Office -	1,634	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	46,354	201	—	—	—	201
Treasury -	457,843	781	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,696	8	—	—	—	8
Valuation Office -	304,077	1,690	—	—	—	31,091	116	—	—	488,954	918	—	—	138	1,056
War Office -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	304,077	1,690	—	—	—	1,090
Woods and Forests, Commissioners of -	3,024,891	15,623	28,096	119	—	133	372	10	—	30,775	133	—	—	10	143
Works and Building -	105,848	451	—	—	—	580	—	—	—	3,182,051	16,322	—	—	372	16,984
Wrecks, Commissioners of -	143,533	618	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	105,848	451	—	—	2	453
Wrecks, Commissioners of -	1,721	8	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	143,533	618	—	—	2	620
TOTALS	35,818,030	151,797	6,334,158	25,844	6,062,957	1,789	55	394	188,541	48,215,145	2,238	—	—	—	190,779

APPENDIX N.

Private Wires.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of PRIVATE WIRE CONTRACTS, MILES of WIRE, and INSTRUMENTS, and the Net Additional Rentals in each of the last Ten Financial Years.

Financial Year.	Net Increase in each Financial Year.				Totals at end of each Financial Year.			
	Contracts.	Miles.	Instruments and Batteries.	Rentals.	Contracts.	Miles.	Instruments and Batteries.	Rentals.*
1876-77	-	466	339	£ 4,581 18 0	1,687	5,707	4,855	£ 56,352 1 0
1877-78	-	273	444	3,770 4 0	1,830	5,980	5,299	60,122 5 0
1878-79	-	402	357	3,183 5 6	1,889	6,382	5,656	63,805 10 6
1879-80	-	1,218	353	3,455 17 1	1,889	7,600	6,009	66,761 7 7
1880-81	-	1,455	317	7,771 9 2	1,945	9,055	6,326	74,532 16 9
1881-82	-	2,000	656	14,203 6 0	2,238	11,055	6,982	88,736 2 9
1882-83	-	1,384	766	12,787 13 6	2,690	12,439	7,748	101,523 16 3
1883-84	-	1,768.	1,113	12,109 16 4	3,102	14,207	8,861	113,633 12 7
1884-85	-	1,129	110	7,249 4 4	3,285	15,336	8,971	120,882 16 11
1885-86	-	919	208	5,615 5 9	3,407	16,255	9,179	126,498 2 8
1886-87	-	317	—	† —	3,500	16,572	9,045	122,768 11 11

* These amounts include rentals for certain lines leased to Cable Companies, and accounted for under that heading in the Revenue statement, Appendix R.

† The rates for double Wire Telephone Lines were reduced in 1886, and existing rentals were reduced accordingly.

APPENDIX O.

Inland Revenue Licenses.

NUMBER and DESCRIPTION of LICENSES issued by the POST OFFICE during the last Ten Years.

Year.	Brewers.			Dogs.		Male Servants at 15s. each.	Carriages.				Hackney Carriages.	
	At 9s. each.	At 6s. each.	At 4s. each.	At 5s. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.		At 42s. each.	At 15s. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.	At 21s. each.	At 15s. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.
1877-78	-	-	-	930,056	-	57,152	37,127	82,788	-	-	-	-
1878-79	-	-	-	82,857	688,918	53,835	37,060	80,998	-	-	-	-
1879-80	-	-	-	-	652,663	62,792	46,653	108,634	-	-	-	-
1880-81	-	68,176	-	-	633,969	79,253	59,784	138,960	-	-	-	-
1881-82	-	96,423	-	-	646,363	84,968	66,754	156,704	-	-	-	-
1882-83	-	6,587	-	-	658,660	93,722	74,212	175,171	-	-	-	-
1883-84	-	6,339	-	-	682,682	98,515	78,580	188,043	-	-	-	-
1884-85	-	6,096	-	-	710,296	100,534	74,371	164,792	706	186	1,913	77
1885-86	-	5,732	-	-	724,888	101,331	72,987	192,350	634	161	13	-
1886-87	-	5,951	-	-	743,139	101,276	74,100	200,605	984	254	-	-

APPENDIX O.—continued.

Inland Revenue Licenses.
NUMBER and DESCRIPTION of LICENSES issued by the POST OFFICE during the last Ten Years.

Year.	Armorial Bearings.		Guns at 10s each.	Game.			Game Keepers at 40s. each.	Total Number.	Revenue.
	At 42s. each.	At 21s. each.		Red at 60s.	Blue and Green at 40s.	Occasional at 30s.			
1877-78	-	-	5,654	11,835	-	-	1	1,210,483	£ 482,700 s. 7 d. 0
1878-79	-	-	5,656	11,834	-	-	-	1,033,500	520,968 11 0
1879-80	-	-	6,403	14,471	2	-	2	979,355	543,823 5 6
1880-81	-	-	7,806	18,448	717	-	610	1,101,108	645,661 16 6
1881-82	-	-	8,386	20,080	1,206	-	788	1,170,834	709,181 8 0
1882-83	-	-	9,008	21,980	1,757	-	1,480	1,243,457	774,117 16 0
1883-84	-	-	9,199	23,076	1,563	1,591	1,890	1,297,769	818,703 2 0
1884-85	-	-	9,254	23,415	2,118	2,129	2,056	1,345,104	844,574 1 6
1885-86	-	-	9,234	24,149	2,065	2,208	2,277	1,372,328	850,191 4 0
1886-87	-	-	8,905	24,381	2,172	2,398	2,355	1,335,959	849,268 14 6

Expenditure in relation to Postage, Money Orders, and Postal Orders in the last Ten Years.

(a) No charge was made in respect of the Cost of the Conveyance of the Post Office Savings Bank Correspondence from 1st April 1968 to 31st March 1977 inclusive.

(b) The arrears in respect of the Cost of Savings Bank Correspondence from 1st April 1968 to 31st March 1977 inclusive, viz., £14,453.11, were charged to the Savings Bank Department in the year 1978-9.

APPENDIX Q.

Gross and Net Revenue from Postage, Money Orders and Postal Orders in the last Ten Years.

Year.	Gross Revenue from Letters, Post Cards, Newspapers, Books, and Parcels.	Commission.		Unclaimed Money Orders.	Total Postal Revenue.	Total Cost of Post Office Service.	Net Revenue.
		Money Order.	Postal Order.				
1877-78	£ 5,798,801	£ 242,483	£ -	£ 6,048	£ 6,047,312	£ 3,900,690	£ 2,046,622
1878-79	8,010,504	238,093	-	6,051	8,274,449	3,940,076	2,434,373
1879-80	6,300,730	251,589	-	6,146	6,558,445	4,040,758	2,517,687
1880-81	6,478,088	246,093	-	4,148	6,728,437	4,135,850	2,592,587
1881-82	6,770,232	236,947	-	4,781	7,007,600	4,285,598	2,722,002
1882-83	7,034,082	217,686	3,750 (a)	3,800	7,300,480	4,515,398	2,785,082
1883-84	7,485,206	204,704	44,082	4,000	7,794,855	5,151,829	2,643,026
1884-85	7,629,230	186,719	65,845	4,300	7,906,408	5,317,213	2,589,195
1885-86	7,886,888	165,588	85,867	3,600	8,170,604	5,484,724	2,685,880
1886-87	8,186,519	142,280	114,538	3,000	8,471,188 (b)	5,880,141	2,591,047
Average Annual Net Revenue of first period of Five Years - second period of Five Years							
Ditto					-	-	2,465,505
					-	-	2,645,843

(a) Postal Orders were first issued on 1st January 1881.

(b) Postal Revenue as per Finance Accounts - - - 8,469,567.

Add Unclaimed Money Orders - - - 3,000.

Extra Receipts - - - 5,631.

8,631.

8,471,188

APPENDIX R.

GROSS and NET REVENUE derived from the TELEGRAPH SERVICE in the last TEN YEARS.

Year ended 31st March.	Gross Revenue from Messages and from Wires rented by Cable Companies.	News Produce and Special Wire Rentals.	Private Wire Rentals.	Miscel- laneous.	Extra Receipts.	Total Revenue collected. (a)	Payments out		Total Telegraph Revenue.	Working- Expenses charged to the Telegraph Vote. (c)	Net Revenue.
							To Cable Companies. (b)	For Porterage and Message Money refunded.			
1878	£ 1,486,990	£ 64,367	£ 58,329	£ 8,087	£ 16,074	£ 1,633,847	£ 298,059	£ 2,246	£ 1,333,542	£ 1,164,114	£ 169,428
1879	£ 1,448,043	£ 71,818	£ 62,010	£ 8,555	£ 19,166	£ 1,603,587	£ 234,550	£ 2,145	£ 1,346,892	£ 1,089,392	£ 257,500
1880	£ 1,549,866	£ 76,269	£ 66,349	£ 9,769	£ 14,475	£ 1,716,728	£ 261,861	£ 2,378	£ 1,452,489	£ 1,111,483	£ 341,006
1881	£ 1,663,251	£ 85,031	£ 67,747	£ 19,737	£ 17,960	£ 1,847,726	£ 234,103	£ 2,716	£ 1,610,907	£ 1,242,092	£ 368,815
1882	£ 1,697,552	£ 87,283	£ 72,481	£ 25,090	£ 19,644	£ 1,896,000	£ 282,493	£ 3,064	£ 1,630,443	£ 1,365,633	£ 264,810
1883	£ 1,781,617	£ 97,989	£ 84,429	£ 29,517	£ 16,515	£ 2,009,067	£ 265,860	£ 3,144	£ 1,740,063	£ 1,504,204	£ 236,869
1884	£ 1,779,997	£ 99,825	£ 94,953	£ 32,179	£ 12,970	£ 2,019,924	£ 255,408	£ 3,617	£ 1,760,899	£ 1,709,644	£ 51,255
1885	£ 1,789,610	£ 98,637	£ 97,448	£ 41,046	£ 15,538	£ 2,042,274	£ 238,521	£ 3,635	£ 1,755,118	£ 1,731,040	£ 24,078
1886	£ 1,708,976	£ 103,415	£ 100,802	£ 61,659	£ 13,113	£ 1,987,965	£ 226,174	£ 3,622	£ 1,758,169	£ 1,733,106	£ 25,064
1887	£ 1,757,715	£ 111,150	£ 96,998	£ 69,261	£ 14,525	£ 2,049,649	£ 189,962	£ 4,001	£ 1,855,686	£ 1,939,768	£ 84,082
											Deficit.

(a) The revenue shown in this Table is the amount actually brought to account in each year.

(b) The payments to Cable Companies represent the sums actually paid in each year.

(c) The working expenses are those shown in the Appropriation Accounts of the Post Office Telegraphs Vote, and do not include the Telegraph Expenditure charged to the Votes of other Departments.

Note.—The initial charge for Telegrams was reduced from one shilling to sixpence on the 1st of October 1885.

APPENDIX S.

Expenditure in relation to Telegraphs.

Year.	EXPENDITURE.						
	Working Ex- penses charged to the Tele- graph Vote, according to the Appropria- tion Account.	Manufacture and Issue of Stamps used on Telegrams.	Stationery.	Buildings.	Auditing of Telegraph Accounts by Exchequer and Audit Depart- ment.	Rates and Contributions in lieu of Rates paid by Treasury.	Total Cost of Telegraph Service.
1880-81 - - -	£ 1,242,092	£ 1,938	£ 23,911	£ 38,673	£ 1,146	£ 704	£ 1,308,454
1881-82 - - -	1,365,633	710	22,118	49,916	1,353	768	1,440,498
1882-83 - - -	1,504,204	741	21,761	54,696	1,561	913	1,583,876
1883-84 - - -	1,709,644	168	24,349	71,977	1,911	871	1,808,920
1884-85 - - -	1,731,040	166	24,169	62,039	2,347	1,003	1,820,764
1885-86 - - -	1,733,105	237	31,391	64,353	2,161	1,155	1,832,402
1886-87 - - -	1,939,768	334	33,463	53,784	2,193	1,105	2,030,647

APPENDIX T.

CUMULATIVE ACCOUNT showing the FLUCTUATIONS in the CONSUMPTION of STORES, and the BALANCES in DEPOTS.

	Year ending March 31st.									
	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.			
Value of Stores in Depôts at commencement of year - - - - -	£ 116,773 15 9½	£ 120,020 12 2½	£ 105,698 17 1½	£ 129,361 0 1	£ 152,625 15 11½	£ 190,776 9 5½	£ 211,762 11 10½			
Value of Stores purchased during year - - - - -	49,698 14 2	60,968 9 2	127,169 7 6	135,695 11 11	149,622 6 9	297,092 17 2	225,448 11 6			
Value of Stores and labour expended thereon—paybill charges—during year - - - - -	2,731 15 7½	3,854 7 4	6,956 12 6½	10,863 7 4½	11,968 18 6	15,562 16 5	15,538 16 9½			
Value of Stores returned into Stock under the following Sub-heads—										
C* Maintenance - - - - -	59,307 15 9½	54,619 13 3	58,590 14 10	83,786 1 5½	107,914 15 3½	103,147 1 2	173,145 10 6½			
C** " [Ships]- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	60 1 7½			
O* Extensions - - - - -	164 15 1	176 7 8½	128 1 11	165 1 9	118 17 11½	56 1 9½	504 17 8½			
O* Re-arrangements - - - - -	5,950 16 5½	5,188 15 7½	7,073 5 2½	15,065 2 0½	9,898 14 3	16,241 17 1	39,006 19 10½			
O* Private Telegraphs - - - - -	2,592 11 8	4,475 9 3½	9,461 6 2½	13,661 17 0	20,447 7 8½	13,011 13 10½	10,456 4 0			
O* Works executed for Rly. Co.'s, &c. - - - - -	323 9 8½	401 12 2½	486 8 4½	305 4 8½	413 12 8	348 9 6½	687 16 6½			
O* Government dept. Telegraphs - - - - -	256 8 0½	73 10 9½	53 6 6½	240 6 7½	621 18 4½	393 6 3½	204 0 5½			
General Stock - - - - -	85 6 10½	11 11 4	3 9 1	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -			
	230,885 9 2½	249,760 8 11½	315,621 9 4	380,143 13 0	453,620 7 6	636,630 12 10½	676,884 10 11½			

APPENDIX T.—*continued.*

	Year ended March 31st.									
	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.			
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Value of Stores used under the following Sub-heads:—										
O ^s Maintenance - - -	91,440 16 7½	120,755 14 0	99,987 19 10	136,201 9 4	104,286 12 7½	171,615 6 11	237,231 5 8½			
C ¹¹ " [Ships] - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,298 5 3½			
O ^s Extensions - - -	4,032 15 6	1,681 13 6½	3,537 16 10½	3,728 16 0	2,832 13 8½	3,302 8 8½	6,589 9 8½			
O ^s Re-arrangements - - -	11,179 2 10½	6,487 1 9½	63,902 1 0½	43,318 13 5½	34,686 1 6	212,172 14 9	177,877 0 5½			
O ^s Private Telegraphs - - -	8,475 16 7½	12,751 18 3½	17,275 0 3½	49,916 0 7½	56,386 0 2½	33,600 14 10	34,184 13 3½			
O ^s Works executed for Rly. Co's, &c.	1,356 4 4½	1,515 13 8½	1,432 19 8½	1,414 17 10½	2,874 13 11½	2,646 11 5½	3,199 2 5½			
O ^s Government dept. Telegraphs -	390 0 10½	885 5 5½	224 11 5½	1,987 19 8	1,777 15 11½	1,530 4 4	1,135 6 5			
General Stock - - -	-	14 5 0	-	-	-	-	-			
Value of Stores in Depot at end of year -	120,020 12 2½	105,668 17 1½	129,361 0 1	152,625 15 11½	190,776 9 5½	271,762 11 10½	215,239 7 8½			
	236,885 9 2½	249,790 8 11½	315,621 9 4	389,143 13 0	453,620 7 6	636,630 12 10½	676,884 10 11½			

(Signed)

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