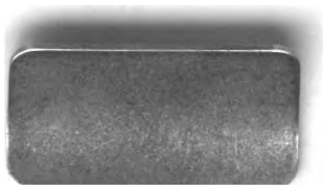

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THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

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-fifth Annual Report on the Post Office, being the Report for the year ended the 31st of March 1889.

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 - - -	1,558,100,000	3·0	41·5
Post Cards - - -	201,400,000	6·7	5·37
Book Packets and Circulars -	412,000,000	5·8	10·9
Newspapers - - -	151,900,000	·8 dec.	4·0
Total - - -	2,323,400,000	3·6	61·77
Parcels - - -	39,590,000	7·8	1
Grand Total - -	2,362,990,000	3·7	62·77

Of the total number of letters, &c. delivered, about 85·2 per cent. were delivered in England and Wales, 30 per cent. being delivered in the London Postal district alone, 8·7 per cent. in Scotland, and 6·1 per cent. in Ireland.

The number of registered letters was 11,001,085, an increase of 1·7 per cent.

Post Cards,
Stamps, &c.

An offer made by Messrs. de la Rue to terminate before its legal close the contract entered into by them for the supply of Post Cards, Stamps, Wrappers, &c., for 10 years, from the 31st December 1880, has, as your Lordships are aware, been accepted, and a new contract, running from the 1st January 1889, has been negotiated at a considerable reduction in price. The effect of this new contract, so far as the Post Office is concerned, is to diminish the payments to Messrs. de la Rue by some 26,000*l.* a year, and thus to render possible a reduction in the price of Post Cards on and from the 1st July 1889. Under the new arrangement the consumer obtains the advantage, the price charged being sixpence for a packet of 10 stout cards instead of eightpence for a packet of 12, and fivepence halfpenny for a packet of 10 thin cards instead of sevenpence for a packet of 12. I cannot but repeat in this Report the hope, which I have elsewhere expressed, that the stout card may become so popular as to admit of the discontinuance of the thin card altogether. It is not, however, improbable that the effect of the reduction in price will lead to a further increase of the volume of halfpenny matter, which, in the opinion of the Select Committee on Revenue Estimates, is carried at a loss.

New Offices,
sites, &c.

New Post Offices have been opened in 399 places, and about 1,044 letter boxes have been added, making the total number of receptacles 37,783, of which 17,829 are Post Offices; and about 900 additional licenses for the sale of stamps were issued to tradesmen and others who, with a view to attract customers for other wares, are glad to be empowered to offer the facility to the public.

New Crown Post Offices have been completed at Dumfries and Kilkenny.

The expenditure on the purchase of sites for Post Office and Telegraph purposes during the year amounted to 96,875*l.*, of which about 38,000*l.* was expended in London, and nearly 59,000*l.* on sites in the provinces. In addition to this, the Office of Works expended about 150,000*l.* in the erection of new buildings and in the maintenance and enlargement of existing offices. Considerable progress has been made with the construction of the new building required for the General Post Office in St. Martin's le Grand, which it is expected may be completed about three or four years hence. It is interesting to note that the Postmaster-General holds in London alone some thirty freehold properties, the value of which is roughly estimated at 2½ millions sterling at least, the money for which has been voted by the House of Commons and charged as current expenditure in various years according to the practice of Parliament.

Staff.

The total number of officers on the permanent establishment of the Department is about 58,396; and the number added

during the year was 1,896. The number of females included in this total is 4,054, employed as follows:—As Clerks in the Central Establishments in London, Dublin, and Edinburgh, 762; as Telegraphists, Counter-women, Sorters, &c. throughout the kingdom, 3,292. Besides the foregoing, there are, it is estimated, about 50,000 persons employed by local Postmasters, &c. throughout the country to aid in carrying on the business of the Department, of whom about 16,000 are females. The list of retired officers in receipt of pensions shows a total of 3,367, whose pensions amount to 177,498*l.* a year. The conduct and general health of the staff continue to be satisfactory.

Communication with the West of England and South Wales New Mails, &c. has been accelerated by the establishment of connexions with the midnight mail from London on the London and North-western Railway *via* Birmingham, and by this means letters sent by the midnight mail are as a rule included in the second deliveries throughout the districts affected. The opening of the Severn Tunnel Route also has resulted in a saving of about an hour in the transmission of letters to South Wales *via* the Great Western Railway. A sorting carriage is now attached to the train starting at 5.10 a.m. from London on the Ipswich line of the Great Eastern Railway, and an earlier delivery has thereby been secured of letters from London, as well as of those which reach London by the night mail trains on their way to the district served by the line mentioned. An improved service to London on the same railway has also been instituted, bringing many letters for the last deliveries in London and for despatch by the outgoing night mails from the General Post Office. A direct service by ordinary trains from the North of Scotland, leaving Aberdeen at 4.30 p.m. daily, commenced in February last, and the correspondence now reaches London shortly after 7 a.m. and is delivered by the second daily delivery, to the great advantage of the public. The daily despatches of mails from London to the provinces have been increased by 122 and the number received from the provinces by 86; 14 outward and 13 inward mails were superseded by the new despatches affording later postings and earlier deliveries.

In 39 of the sub-districts of London the time of posting Sunday arrangements. for the Sunday night collection has been extended for more than an hour, and letters intended for town or country posted in pillar boxes and elsewhere in London at times varying from 10 p.m. to midnight, as notified on the time tables exhibited at the various offices and attached to the pillar boxes, are forwarded by the earliest mails to their respective destinations, being delivered in many cases on Monday in the afternoon or evening. The arrangements for posting letters at railway stations on Sundays for despatch by the Sunday night mail, and delivery

early next morning, are given at page 74 of a useful compilation entitled "The Post Office Handbook," price one penny, which can be obtained at any Post Office or ordered from any Postman.

Arrangements have been made, at considerable extra cost, to meet the wish expressed in various quarters that a greater number of Postmen engaged in towns should be entirely relieved from duty on alternate Sundays, and steps are being taken to extend the concession throughout the United Kingdom.

Sample Post.

The rules of the Inland Sample Post, which was re-established on the 1st October 1887, have recently been modified so as to permit patterns sent by tradesmen to their customers on approval to be returned at the same rates. From the latest returns it appears that about three million patterns and samples were sent in the course of the year.

Parcel Post.

The number of Parcels posted has increased in a satisfactory manner. The following table shows the steady growth of this branch of business :—

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.	23,910,040	508,247	256,572	251,675	5'32	2'63
1885-6	" " "	26,417,397	591,945	296,948	292,997	5'38	2'66
1886-7	" " "	32,960,154	719,112	358,254	360,858	5'25	2'64
1887-8	" " "	36,731,786	811,764	401,295	410,469	5'30	2'68
1888-9	" " "	39,589,313	878,547	433,307	445,240	5'32	2'69

Every effort has been made to meet any new demand likely to result in remunerative business. A special delivery of parcels in Covent Garden Market has been made at 6 a.m. during the months of May, June, and July for the convenience of fruit-growers. Special facilities have been arranged for collecting the parcels of private firms, and in two days in December no fewer than 70,000 parcels, carrying postage amounting to 875*l.*, were received from a well known seedsman. In seven days 883 parcels, containing Botanical specimens for use in examinations and Chemical specimens for analysis, were posted by the Science and Art Department at South Kensington. All required very careful handling as

well as prompt delivery, and it is satisfactory to note that, so far as is known, every parcel was delivered without damage or delay.

Economy in the cost of transmission has been steadily kept in view, and further savings have been brought about in the item of van hire by the extended use of small hand-trucks for the conveyance of parcels in such cases as admitted of the change.

The postage on letters for the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, &c. conveyed wholly by sea has been reduced from 6*d.* to 4*d.* the $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. for letters, the Mail leaving London every Friday morning; and letters posted in time to be included in the Continental Day Mail, despatched at 8.25 a.m. on Saturdays, can now be sent overland to catch the Packet at Lisbon at the same rate of postage, namely 6*d.* the $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., as was previously charged by the all sea route. This arrangement has been effected by making use of the "South Express" service from Paris to Lisbon, a distance of over 1,300 miles, which is traversed in about 44 hours. The result is that a letter may now be conveyed from London to the Cape of Good Hope in 20 days instead of 23 as formerly. A weekly all sea service to the Australasian Colonies at a cheap rate of 4*d.* per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. was commenced on 1st January 1889, and it seems that up to the 31st March about 25,000 letters had been sent by this route. Post cards costing 2*d.* may now be sent to Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji, by the all sea route, and cards costing 3*d.* by the quicker route *via* France and Italy. A daily communication with Constantinople *via* Servia was opened on 15th August last.

Foreign and
Colonial Mails.

A special and unsatisfactory feature of the Foreign correspondence is the increasing number of German lottery circulars, which yield nothing to Post Office revenue and occasion extra trouble and expense in those cases in which delivery cannot be effected. The circulars have, under the terms of the Postal Union Convention, to be returned unopened by the Returned Letter Office to Germany, where they are not more appreciated than in England.

The Foreign and Colonial Parcel Post has been extended during the past year to the Argentine Republic, Bosnia, Chili, the Falkland Islands, Greece, Herzegovina, Mauritius, New Zealand, Roumania, Little Popo, and a few other places of minor importance. The Parcel Rates to the Australasian Colonies, the Cape of Good Hope, Ceylon, Hong Kong and China, India, Aden, the Straits Settlements, and Zanzibar have been reduced. A fair increase of business has resulted; the number of parcels sent to and from Australia and the Cape of Good Hope has increased by no less than 40 per cent. Parcels may now be sent to all Post Offices in Canada, and the limit of weight for the Dominion has been raised from 4 lb. to 5 lb. The total number of Foreign and Colonial parcels sent in both directions is about 867,000.

Foreign and
Colonial Parcel
Post.

Returned Letters.

The number of Letters, Post Cards, Book Packets, Newspapers, Parcels, &c., received in the Returned Letter Offices was 14,286,835, showing an increase of 850,178 on the number for the year 1887-88. Of the 6,128,879 letters included in this total, 110,087 were re-issued to corrected addresses, 5,401,739 were returned to the senders, and 200,105 were returned unopened to foreign countries, leaving a residue of only 416,948 to be otherwise disposed of. Of the 85,633 parcels dealt with 65,204 were returned to the senders. No less than 28,330 letters were posted without any address whatever, and 1,390 of them contained cash, cheques, and bills, to the value of 8,700*l*. It may be added that about 58,000 loose postage stamps were found detached from letters owing to the careless way in which they had been affixed.

Curious Incidents.

As usual, articles in great variety have been discovered in the undelivered correspondence and parcels which, either because of insufficient addresses or from insecure packing, had to be dealt with in the Returned Letter Office. One parcel contained a human skull, the crown of which had been sawn off. In another box were found 30 green Tree Frogs, all alive. In a tin mould was discovered, in perfectly good condition, a plum pudding which had been sent to Australia three years previously and had found its way back owing to the impossibility of tracing the lad to whom it was addressed. Specimens of that useful article the ladies' dress-improver, and packets of made-up hair for ladies' head-gear may be seen in the Museum in which these various articles find a temporary resting place. The composition of some parcels at Christmas time was peculiar. In one were two petticoats, a pair of stays, a leg of mutton, and a packet of tobacco. In another a large grey rabbit containing in its inside two tobacco pipes, tobacco, a doll, and a piece of bacon, the whole being wrapped up in a lady's jacket. In the parcels stopped in transit as contrary to regulation were found a cat, a squirrel, pigeons, lizards, dormice, snakes, a cuckoo, musk-rats, and moles, all alive, not to mention one or two other parcels containing dead dogs and cats.

During the repair of a Post Office van in use on a Cornish Railway a five pound note, in a dilapidated condition, was found behind one of the panels, and, with the assistance of the authorities of the Bank of England, was returned to its grateful owner after a lapse of twelve years from the date when it was committed to the post. In July 1888 complaint was made that a registered letter, containing a 50*l*. bank note, had not been received at a country village, and after careful inquiry no trace could be found of the missing letter or of its contents. Nearly seven months afterwards a lady residing in the same village happened to open one of a large number of newspapers, which

had been delivered at her house during a prolonged absence from home and were about to be destroyed unopened, and the letter dropped from between the folds of the newspaper into which it had slipped while in the post. She at once returned it to the Post Office and it was then duly delivered to the addressee.

A very objectionable practice, and one likely to occasion risk and disappointment to the sender, is the growing habit of transmitting money in various articles sent by Parcel Post. Four sovereigns were found in a mass of crushed grapes; six in a packet of tobacco; ten shillings among some smashed eggs and butter, and twenty-six shillings in some crushed fruit. Money should be sent separately by one of the many channels provided for the purpose by the Post Office. If found concealed in the manner indicated the usual fines and charges will be enforced.

In September 1888 a native of India, residing in London, expressed a wish to send by Parcel Post to India the ashes of his cremated brother to be dropped into the Sacred Ganges, but was informed that unless he could limit the weight of the parcel to 11 lb. the Post Office could offer him no facilities. No further application was received on the subject.

In a private letter box near the front entrance of the farm of Whitepark, Castle Douglas, a tom tit has for three years built her nest. In the years 1887 and 1888 she persistently pushed out the letters which were placed in the box and rebuilt her nest when it was removed. This year, however, she permitted them to remain, and successfully hatched five young ones, not allowing herself to be disturbed even by the collection of the letters several times a day.

A letter was received from Naples bearing for address a rough sketch of two pears with the word "London" underneath, and was promptly delivered to the eminent soap-makers in New Oxford Street, who readily acknowledged the accuracy with which the Department had interpreted the intention of the writer. A curious letter was lately received from Indiana, showing on the part of the writer great confidence in the powers of the Department. The letter is given in full, and runs thus:—

"Dear Sir

"I want to know if you know anything of G—— D——
 "I wanted to know and his son Henry and if you know anything of him let me know for he went in the war of 1812
 "under packingham they man that fitched him from that country
 "1862 they landed in Illinois but the last account we had from
 "him he was still living 1876 Mr. R—— w—— said there was
 "moey for h—— D—— at the old mans Death and I wanted
 "now if there was and if not let me know and if not let me for
 "I need the money

"and oblige

"Mr. H—— D——."

It is not often that an individual member of the public refuses to take from Government money which is legally due to him, but this was done by a Savings Bank depositor at Manchester, who from conscientious objections declined to accept the sum of 12s. 5d., the interest on his deposit account due to him at the date on which he closed it.

Post Office
Savings Bank.

The growth of business in the Savings Bank has been exceptionally rapid during the year 1888, partly, though by no means altogether, owing to the closing of 23 Trustee Savings Banks, and the transfer to the Post Office of the bulk of their deposits amounting in the aggregate to about a million sterling. It is satisfactory, however, to report a considerable increase in the number of ordinary depositors. The deposits in the year numbered 7,540,625, amounting to 19,052,226*l.*, as against 6,916,327 and 16,535,932*l.*, the number and amount for the year 1887. The withdrawals were 2,633,808 in number, amounting in all to 15,802,735*l.*, showing an increase of 137,514 in number and of 1,122,456*l.* in amount over the number and amount for 1887. As a net result of these transactions a total sum of 58,556,394*l.*, including interest, remained to the credit of depositors on the 31st December 1888, being an increase of 4,582,329*l.* for the year as compared with an increase of 3,099,727*l.* in 1887. The amount of interest credited to depositors was 1,332,838*l.*, or 88,764*l.* more than in 1887.

The greatest number of deposits on one day was 60,936, amounting to 181,489*l.*, and made on the 31st December. The greatest number of withdrawals on one day was 20,348, amounting to 89,597*l.*, made on the 18th December. The average amount of each deposit was 2*l.* 10s. 6*d.* as compared with 2*l.* 7s. 10*d.* in 1887. This increase is, however, chiefly due to the large amounts of many of the transfers from Trustee Savings Banks. The average amount of each withdrawal was 6*l.*, as compared with 5*l.* 17s. 7*d.* in 1887.

The number of accounts opened in 1888 was 887,460 and 618,294 were closed. The corresponding numbers for 1887 were respectively 794,592 and 574,252. The total number of accounts open at the end of the year was 4,220,927 distributed as follows :—

—				Number.	Proportion to Population.	Average Balance due to each Depositor.
England and Wales	-	-	-	3,900,334	1 to 7	£ s. d. 13 17 3
Scotland	-	-	-	148,288	1 to 27	8 8 11
Ireland	-	-	-	172,305	1 to 28	18 15 4

In 1887 the proportion to population and the average balance were, in England, 1 in 8 and 13*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.*; in Scotland, 1 in 29 and 8*l.* 3*s.* 7*d.*; and in Ireland, 1 in 31 and 18*l.* 9*s.* 3*d.*

The total number of Post Offices open for the transaction of Savings Bank business on the 31st December 1888 was 9,022, or 302 more than in 1887, of which 254 were opened in England and Wales, 28 in Scotland, and 20 in Ireland.

The number of registered Friendly Societies authorised during the year to open accounts without limit as to amount in the Post Office Savings Bank was 824, a considerable number of these accounts having been transferred from Trustee Banks. The number of Provident and Charitable Societies authorised to open accounts during the year was 2,033.

The new regulations framed in pursuance of "the Savings Bank Act, 1887," 50 & 51 Vict. c. 40., came into force on the 1st November 1888. One of these regulations permits transfers from the account of an individual or society to that of another, and has proved to be a great convenience to the parties interested. In the first five months after the issue of the regulation 796 transfers of this kind occurred, of which 464 were from the accounts of deceased depositors and 63 from the accounts of societies.

Investments in Government Stocks made through the Post Office Savings Banks increased satisfactorily both in number and amount, notwithstanding the reduction of interest under the Conversion Scheme, and 19,413 sums, amounting in all to 1,003,164*l.*, were invested, as against 18,204 investments, amounting to 915,047*l.*, in 1887. There were 11,459 sales of stock of the nominal value of 573,304*l.*, as compared with 10,216 sales of 462,785*l.* stock in 1887. The total amount of the stocks held by 43,324 investors on the 31st December 1888 was 3,785,611*l.*, showing an increase of 3,054 in the number of holders and of 440,505*l.* in the amount of stock held at the end of the previous year. Of the holders of New Three per Cent. Stock, numbering over 21,000, only 34 holding stock of the nominal value of 3,645*l.* refused to accept the terms offered for conversion, which were accepted by a very large proportion also of the holders of Consolidated and Reduced Three per Cent. Stocks. The total amount of the stock converted was 2,904,281*l.*

Two new regulations affecting stock investments came into force in September last.

- i. The minimum sum which can be invested was reduced from 10*l.* to 1*s.*
- ii. Stock can be transferred in the names of holders from the books of the Post Office Savings Bank to the books of the Bank of England.

A few transactions were effected in accordance with these regulations between September and December last, but their full effect has yet to be realised.

During the year 580 Life Insurances amounting to 34,819*l* were granted, as well as 995 Immediate Annuities and 138 Deferred Annuities of the annual values of 23,404*l* and 2,719*l*, respectively. The total number of Life Insurances in existence on the 31st December 1888 was 6,210, together with 10,358 Immediate and 1,015 Deferred Annuities.

An arrangement desired by some of the authorities of the Oxford Colleges, who wished to inaugurate a system of providing pensions for College servants, has been recently carried into effect through the agency of the Post Office Savings Bank. Nineteen deferred annuities on the lives of servants, under the "money returnable" system, have been granted at Oxford, and the Department has arranged that the authorities shall retain full control over the annuities, which are to be transferable to their successors in office. It is scarcely necessary to add that every facility will be offered by the Department to those who may make similar applications. I would take this opportunity of stating that, with a view of disseminating further information as to the manner in which persons can make provision for old age, I have recently caused the essential parts of the work entitled "Aids to Thrift" to be reprinted and incorporated in the penny handbook to which I have referred.

Money Orders. The number of Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom on the 31st March 1889 was 9,125, or 347 more than at the corresponding date last year.

The number and amount of Money Orders issued in the United Kingdom during the year (including Official Money Orders issued by or for other Government Departments) were as follows:—

	No.	Amount.
Inland Orders - - -	9,228,183	£ 22,957,649
Colonial „ - - -	74,085	268,407
Foreign „ - - -	261,457	643,439
Total - - -	9,563,725	23,869,495

As compared with the business of the previous year there was a decrease of 301,971 in the number of Orders issued, but an increase in amount of 147,237*l*.

Arrangements have been made during the year to issue Orders payable in Tangier, the Orange Free State, and Sarawak.

The number of Official Orders issued for other Government Departments was 1,352,908, and their amount was 5,070,418*l*. It thus appears that the Post Office performed for these

Departments gratis, work for which at the ordinary rates it would have received 15,390*l*.

The number of Postal Orders issued in the United Kingdom was 40,282,321, or 3,896,174 more than in the previous year. The value of these orders was 16,112,079*l*., or 1,425,710*l*. more than the value of those issued in 1887-8. Postal Orders.

The amount transmitted within the United Kingdom during the year by means of Money Orders and Postal Orders was upwards of 39,069,000*l*.

The financial position of the Telegraph Service, which, since the introduction of the reduced rate for Inland Telegrams, has given rise to some anxiety, has shown a satisfactory improvement in the past year, due to some extent, no doubt, to the general revival of trade as well as to the increased facilities offered. Excluding Foreign, Press, and Free telegrams the returns show a total number of 46,816,711 Inland Telegrams, being an increase of 3,684,965 telegrams, or of 8·5 per cent. as compared with the number for the preceding year. The average value was 7·92*d*. as compared with 7·96*d*. in 1887-8, giving an aggregate value 1,545,592*l*. as compared with 1,431,266*l*. A large and growing amount of local business is conducted in London, and it would seem that the wants of the Metropolis can only be satisfied by the transmission of nearly five million telegrams a year, an increase of some 11 per cent. on the number for the preceding year. The Foreign, Press, and Free telegrams occupy a considerable portion of the Telegraph System. Foreign telegrams numbered 4,828,228, showing an increase of 360,355. Press telegrams, which are received at exceptionally low rates, numbered 4,760,891, as compared with 4,609,308 for the previous year, but the receipts under this head were 411*l*. less than those of 1887-8, owing probably to a diminution in the number of single messages, and to the growth of the practice of sending copies of the same telegram to several newspapers. Free telegrams, *i.e.* Official telegrams sent on Her Majesty's Service and telegrams relating to the business of various Railway Companies, figure at 1,359,516, as compared with 1,194,497 sent in 1887-8. A comparative statement relating to these three classes is given below. Telegraphs.

Nature of Telegrams.	Year.	Number.	Increase.	Receipts.	Increase.
Foreign telegrams - - -	1888-9	4,828,228	360,355	£ 174,477	£ 10,584
" " - - -	1887-8	4,467,874	—	163,893	Decrease. 411
Press telegrams - - -	1888-9	4,760,891	151,583	111,159	
" " - - -	1887-8	4,609,308	—	111,570	
Official telegrams - - -	1888-9	254,323	38,213	} Nil.	
" " - - -	1887-8	218,110	—		
Railway telegrams - - -	1888-9	1,105,193	128,806		
" " - - -	1887-8	976,387	—		

The following table gives a comparison of figures for seven years, bringing out 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.			Annual Interest on Capital.	Deficit.
		By Telegraph Department.	By other Departments.	Total.		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1882-3	1,738,070	1,504,204	79,673	1,583,877	326,417	142,224
1883-4	1,739,223	1,709,644	99,276	1,808,920	326,417	346,114
1884-5	1,734,414	1,731,040	89,724	1,820,764	326,417	362,767
1885-6	1,737,264	1,733,104	99,297	1,832,401	326,417	371,554
1886-7	1,887,160	1,939,764	92,868	2,032,632	326,417	471,889
1887-8	1,992,949	1,928,345	70,688	1,999,033	326,417	532,501
1888-9	2,129,669	1,969,096	73,298	2,042,394	326,417	239,142

New Telegraph Offices have been opened at 181 Post Offices and at 40 Railway Stations in the United Kingdom. The total number of Telegraph Offices which are also Post Offices was at the end of the year 5,410, and the total number of Telegraph Offices at Railway Stations 1,621, giving a total of 7,031 Offices at which Postal Telegraph business is transacted.

Submarine Telegraphs.

The concessions held by the Submarine Telegraph Company expired in January, but were extended to the 31st March 1889. It was evident from representations made in Parliament, and by Chambers of Commerce and other bodies, that a strong feeling existed that the opportunity should be taken to establish between England and the neighbouring Continental States a direct system of International Telegraphic communication, without the intervention of a private Company; and the opinion of your Lordships and myself was entirely in harmony with this feeling.

Due notice was therefore given to the Company that this country could not agree to the renewal of their concessions, and negotiations were entered into with the German, French, Dutch and Belgian Governments. The various, and in some cases opposing, interests which had to be considered rendered these negotiations both difficult and delicate, but at length agreements were made which provided for the direct transmission of telegrams between the Telegraph Department of this country and the Telegraph Administrations of the other countries concerned, and admitted of a reduction in the charges for telegrams to three of those countries, viz., France, Germany, and Holland.

The cables purchased from the Submarine Company jointly by France and England were those between the following points:—Calais and Dover, Boulogne and Folkestone, Dieppe and Beachy Head, Havre and Beachy Head, and Piron (near Coutances) and Vieux Chateau (near St. Helier, Jersey). The

cables between Ostend and Ramsgate, and De la Panne (near Furnes) and Dover were purchased from the Company jointly by Belgium and England. The two cables to Holland and one of the cables to Germany were already the property of this country; and the German Union Company's cable to Germany was purchased by the German Government. The offices of the Submarine Company in Throgmorton Avenue and at Dover, Ramsgate, East Dean, and Jersey had to be purchased by this Department, as well as the cable ship "The Lady Carmichael;" and 370 of the staff of the Company were taken over by the Department.

The capital amount expended by England was 67,163*l.*, and on the 1st April the new business was commenced with a uniform rate to France, Germany, Holland, and Belgium of 2*d.* per word, with a minimum of 10*d.* for a message.

The gross revenue for the year, including Savings Bank business, was 11,631,930*l.*, arrived at thus:—

	Revenue and Expenditure.
Postage on letters, parcels, postcards, newspapers, &c.	£ 8,795,890
Commission on Money Orders	- 129,063
Commission on Postal Orders	- 176,523
Value of Unclaimed Money Orders	- 1,300
	<hr/> 306,886
Savings Bank	- 399,485
Revenue from Telegraphs	- 2,129,669
	<hr/> 11,631,930

The estimated expenditure, including expenses incurred by other Departments, was:—

For Postal Service, including Money Order and Postal Order business	- 5,435,884
„ Packet Service	- 627,018
„ Savings Bank	- 326,990
„ Telegraph Service*	- 2,042,394
	<hr/> 8,432,286

The net revenue was therefore - 3,199,644 being an increase of 348,304*l.* on that of the previous year.

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

Revenue:	£
Postage on letters, parcels, &c.	- increase 386,678
Commission on Money Orders and Postal Orders, and value of Unclaimed Orders	„ 10,761
Savings Bank	- „ 32,262
Telegraphs	- „ 136,720

* 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.

Expenditure :

Postal Service, including Money Order and Postal Order business and expenses incurred by other Departments	-	increase	£ 73,689
Packet Service	-	-	55,393
Savings Bank	-	-	38,572
Telegraph Service	-	-	43,361

I cannot conclude this report without alluding with sincere regret to the premature death, on the 28th March, of Mr. Charles Henry Bennett Patey, C.B., the Third Secretary of the Post Office, at the early age of 44. The Civil Service has lost in him one of its most able and zealous officers. Mr. Patey had been intimately connected with the Telegraph Department from its beginning, and but a few days before his death had carried to a successful issue the difficult negotiations connected with the purchase of the Submarine Cables. His memory will long be regarded with affection and respect.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords,

Your Lordships' obedient humble servant,
HENRY CECIL RAIKES.

General Post Office,
17th August 1889.

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.

Financial Year ending March 31st.	Delivered in England and Wales.				Total in England and Wales. per annum.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Average number to each person.	Total in Scotland. per annum.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Average number to each person.	Total in Ireland. per annum.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Average number to each person.	Total in United Kingdom. per annum.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Average number to each person.
	By Country Offices.	In- crease per cent. per annum.	In London District.	In- crease per cent. per annum.												
Year 1879-80	640,000,000	2.2	310,100,000	4.8	950,100,000	3.0	38	101,900,000	3.0	28	75,900,000	—	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	104,900,000	3.0	29	78,900,000	3.8	15	1,165,300,000	3.3	34
" 1881-82	682,300,000	5.3	353,100,000	6.6	1,037,300,000	5.7	40	108,900,000	4.6	29	83,900,000	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	1,280,600,000	4.2	36
" 1883-84	737,000,000	3.3	375,300,000	2.9	1,112,300,000	3.2	41	122,900,000	4.6	32	87,700,000	1.4	17	1,332,100,000	3.2	37
" 1884-85	757,200,000	2.7	391,100,000	4.1	1,148,300,000	3.2	42	123,900,000	6	32	89,100,000	1.6	18	1,390,300,000	2.9	38
" 1885-86	778,000,000	2.8	403,400,000	4.7	1,187,400,000	3.4	43	126,400,000	2.8	33	89,700,000	7	18	1,403,500,000	3.2	39
" 1886-87	800,900,000	2.9	439,100,000	7.3	1,239,900,000	4.4	44	130,100,000	3.1	33	90,900,000	1.8	19	1,459,900,000	4.0	40
" 1887-88	838,000,000	4.6	448,900,000	2.2	1,286,900,000	3.8	46	132,100,000	2.8	33	92,900,000	2.5	20	1,512,200,000	3.6	41
" 1888-89	846,000,000	1.0	460,500,000	7.0	1,326,500,000	3.1	46	136,000,000	3.0	34	95,500,000	2.5	20	1,568,100,000	2.0	42

* The 1888-89 return covers a period of 365 days, as compared with a period of 366 days in the previous year (Leap Year).

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.
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
1887-88	158,900,000	5·0	21,300,000	3·9	8,700,000	3·6	188,900,000	4·8
1888-89	170,100,000	7·0	21,900,000	2·8	9,300,000	6·9	201,400,000	6·7

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.
1878-9	164,800,000	4·5	21,300,000	—	11,000,000	6·7	197,100,000	4·1
1879-80	180,500,000	9·6	22,100,000	3·8	11,800,000	2·9	213,900,000	8·6
1880-81	204,000,000	13·0	24,200,000	9·5	12,100,000	7·4	240,300,000	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	246,300,000	1·9	31,400,000	7·8	13,900,000	dec.	294,600,000	2·2
1884-85	289,400,000	8·1	34,500,000	10·0	16,500,000	18·9	330,400,000	8·8
1885-86	298,500,000	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	368,900,000	7·8
1887-88	331,600,000	6·3	38,900,000	5	19,000,000	4·4	389,500,000	5·6
1888-89	351,700,000	6·1	40,600,000	4·4	19,700,000	3·7	412,000,000	5·8

ESTIMATED NUMBER 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.
1878-9	100,400,000	2·2	14,500,000	—	18,000,000	3·6	130,900,000	1·8
1879-80	100,500,000	—	14,600,000	·6	18,600,000	—	130,500,000	—
1880-81	102,900,000	2·4	15,100,000	3·8	18,900,000	1·8	133,900,000	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	—	15,900,000	2·0	16,200,000	—	140,600,000	—
1883-84	109,900,000	1·2	16,700,000	5·6	16,000,000	1·1	142,600,000	1·6
1884-85	110,700,000	·7	16,900,000	·9	16,100,000	·5	143,700,000	·7
1885-86	118,700,000	2·8	17,600,000	4·2	16,400,000	1·7	147,700,000	2·8
1886-87	117,900,000	3·6	17,000,000	3·3	16,400,000	—	151,300,000	2·4
1887-88	119,800,000	1·7	16,700,000	1·8	15,900,000	3·7	152,300,000	·8
1888-89	119,800,000	dec.	16,600,000	dec.	16,000,000	inc.	151,900,000	dec.

APPENDIX A.—continued.

TABLE showing the NUMBER of PARCELS delivered in the United Kingdom during each of the Twelve Months from the 1st April 1888 to the 31st March 1889.

Month.	England and Wales.			Scotland.	Ireland.	United Kingdom.
	Provinces.	London.	Total.			
April 1888 -	1,861,787	559,487	2,421,274	278,315	195,593	2,895,181
May " -	2,109,537	632,201	2,771,738	330,370	220,678	3,312,786
June " -	2,042,784	640,167	2,682,951	335,394	218,505	3,236,850
July " -	1,930,568	580,884	2,501,452	316,038	202,507	3,026,997
August " -	1,948,375	500,809	2,449,084	361,786	209,553	3,020,423
September " -	1,968,043	527,908	2,495,951	348,182	207,634	3,051,767
October " -	2,274,475	632,793	2,907,268	372,513	240,627	3,520,403
November " -	2,210,480	639,117	2,849,597	341,387	235,675	3,426,659
December " -	3,009,534	799,939	3,809,473	524,205	337,540	4,671,318
January 1889 -	2,185,683	611,325	2,797,008	351,711	236,904	3,385,623
February " -	1,891,965	532,800	2,424,765	284,530	200,175	3,009,470
March " -	2,035,478	577,429	2,602,907	310,151	218,873	3,131,931
Totals	25,448,609	7,264,859	32,713,468	4,144,582	2,731,263	39,589,313
No. during year ended 31st March 1888	23,732,001	6,631,772	30,363,773	3,891,895	2,486,118	36,731,786
Increase in Numbers	1,716,608	633,087	2,349,695	263,687	245,145	2,857,527
Increase per cent. -	7.2	9.5	7.7	6.8	9.9	7.8

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*STATEMENT of the NUMBER of FOREIGN and COLONIAL PARCELS
Despatched and Received during the year ended the 31st March
1889.

Country.	Date of Establishment of Post.	Number of Parcels.		
		Despatched.	Received.	Total.
Aden	July 1885	1,325	823	2,148
Antigua	Jan. 1886	1,453	306	1,759
Ascension	July 1886	387	66	355
Austria*	June 1886	7,172	3,004	10,176
Bahamas†	Sept. 1887	99	22	121
Barbados	April 1886	3,338	1,063	4,401
Belgium	Jan. 1886	25,876	9,268	35,144
Beirut	Jan. 1886	249	104	353
British Guiana	Jan. 1886	3,772	1,036	4,808
British Honduras	March 1887	186	29	214
Canada, Dominion of	Aug. 1886	18,707	6,251	24,958
Cape Colony	Dec. 1885	13,073	4,669	17,742
Ceylon	Nov. 1885	5,478	2,685	8,163
China Fleet	Oct. 1885	908	—	908
Colombia, Republic of	March 1886	517	59	576
Constantinople	Jan. 1886	2,190	296	2,486
Costa Rica	Feb. 1888	398	43	441
Cyprus	Jan. 1886	1,128	240	1,377
Dominica	Jan. 1886	490	105	595
Egypt	July 1885	6,601	3,987	10,528
Falkland Islands	Oct. 1888	126	20	146
France‡	Oct. 1887	123,062	90,260	213,322
Germany §	Jan. 1886	110,506	76,300	186,806
Gibraltar	July 1885	7,418	2,580	9,948
Grenada	Oct. 1885	929	226	1,155
Holland	April 1886	21,133	12,665	33,798
Hong Kong 	Oct. 1885	5,973	4,245	10,218
India	July 1885	56,551	44,654	101,207
Italy	Oct. 1887	29,433	19,395	48,833
Jamaica	Oct. 1885	6,040	1,420	7,460
Labuan	Dec. 1885	34	5	39
Malta	Aug. 1885	8,341	4,692	13,033
Montserrat	Jan. 1886	277	90	367
Natal	June 1887	3,153	1,016	4,169
Nevis	Jan. 1886	145	23	168
Newfoundland	Sept. 1886	1,545	233	1,833
New South Wales	July 1886	12,075	4,240	16,324
New Zealand	Nov. 1883	5,614	373	5,988
North Borneo	Sept. 1887	87	40	127
Norway	April 1886	4,312	1,566	5,798
Penang	Oct. 1885	1,008	427	1,435
Portugal	Jan. 1888	2,759	189	2,948
St. Helena	April 1886	563	187	720
St. Kitts	Jan. 1886	696	153	854
St. Lucia	Oct. 1885	452	102	554
St. Thomas	Jan. 1883	351	36	387
St. Vincent	Nov. 1885	514	142	656
Sarawak	July 1887	148	—¶	142
Singapore	Oct. 1885	2,303	1,251	3,554
South Australia	July 1886	2,717	653	3,370
Smyrna	April 1887	837	217	1,054
Sweden	May 1886	4,843	1,534	6,377
Switzerland	Dec. 1887	20,610	7,099	27,709
Tasmania	Jan. 1887	1,729	248	1,977
Tobago	Oct. 1885	169	36	195
Tortola	Oct. 1886	51	10	61
Trinidad	Oct. 1885	2,373	827	3,200
Victoria	July 1886	10,679	2,635	13,344
West Coast of Africa	Jan. 1888	2,543	969	3,512
Western Australia	Jan. 1887	1,505	209	1,714
Zanzibar	Jan. 1887	316	16**	332
Totals		552,055	314,900	867,045

* Including parcels for Bulgaria, Roumania, and Servia.

† Service suspended during most of the year.

‡ Including parcels for Spain, Portugal, and the French Colonies and Dependencies.

§ Including parcels for Eastern Europe, Argentine Republic, Chili, &c.

|| Including parcels for China.

¶ Included in figures for Singapore.

** Figures for one month only. Other parcels from Zanzibar included in figures for Aden.

APPENDIX A.—continued.

STATEMENT of the estimated total NUMBER of LETTERS, BOOK PACKETS and CIRCULARS, NEWSPAPERS, POST CARDS, TELEGRAMS, and PARCELS dealt with, and of the Average Number per Head of the Population for the year ended the 31st March 1889.

	Estimated Population.	Letters.		Book Packets and Circulars.		Newspapers.		Post Cards.		Telegrams.		Parcels.	
		Total No.	No. per Head of Population.	Total No.	No. per Head of Population.	Total No.	No. per Head of Population.	Total No.	No. per Head of Population.	Total No.	No. per Head of Population.	Total No.	No. per Head of Population.
England and Wales	28,725,670	1,336,500,000	46·3	351,700,000	12·3	119,800,000	4·3	170,100,000	5·9	49,632,669	1·7	32,713,468	1·1
Scotland	4,044,398	136,000,000	33·6	40,600,000	10·0	16,600,000	4·1	21,800,000	5·4	5,997,333	1·5	4,144,333	1·0
Ireland	4,763,236	96,500,000	20·1	19,700,000	4·1	16,000,000	3·4	9,800,000	1·9	3,541,465	·7	2,731,363	·6
Totals	37,533,304	1,568,100,000	41·5	412,000,000	10·9	151,900,000	4·0	201,400,000	5·37	57,765,547	1·5	39,589,113	1·0

Notes.—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 64·4 Newspapers 6·3 Telegrams 3·4
 Book Packets and Circulars . 17·0 Post Cards 8·3 Parcels 1·6

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. for United Kingdom.	
	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	—	1,894,716	—	3,663,689	—	373,915	—	278,443	—	4,316,017	—
1878-79	4,380,545	76·2	1,900,269	48·0	6,190,814	68·9	551,715	47·6	453,831	60·2	7,900,350	66·8
1879-80	5,346,065	24·7	2,240,365	17·9	7,586,980	22·6	616,905	11·8	532,356	16·0	8,739,191	21·3
1880-81	6,144,965	14·9	2,598,550	15·9	8,741,515	16·2	696,008	12·8	597,023	12·1	10,084,546	14·8
1881-82	6,674,369	8·6	2,804,169	8·0	9,478,023	8·4	763,461	8·3	669,799	13·2	10,902,318	8·6
1882-83	6,827,123	2·3	2,906,633	3·6	9,733,755	2·7	806,554	7·0	725,617	8·3	11,364,926	3·3
1883-84	6,985,590	2·3	2,942,971	1·3	9,928,491	2·0	886,586	10·0	739,906	·6	11,546,073	2·5
1884-85	6,768,531	3·1	2,972,903	1·0	9,740,724	1·9	914,017	3·1	710,410	2·7	11,365,151	1·5
1885-86	6,569,979	2·9	2,963,591	·7	9,532,570	2·2	909,537	·5	696,963	1·9	11,129,060	3·1
1886-87	6,177,160	6·0	2,971,166	inc.	9,148,326	4·0	923,976	3·1	703,253	·7	10,779,555	3·1
1887-88	6,163,898	0·2	3,032,369	2·1	9,243,798	1·4	920,065	1·0	698,410	·5	10,814,722	0·3
1888-89	6,192,027	0·5	3,160,334	4·2	9,352,361	1·2	832,223	1·3	716,601	2·6	11,001,085	1·7

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 five 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.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of Post Towns in ENGLAND and WALES, arranged in CLASSES according to the number of MAILS they receive and despatch from and to LONDON.

Year.	Towns having one Mail only.		Towns having Two Mails.		Towns having Three Mails.		Towns having Four Mails.		Towns having Five Mails.		Towns having Six Mails.		Towns having Seven Mails.		Towns having Eight Mails.		Aggregate total No. of Mails daily.		Total No. 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.	
	4	43	118	222	277	175	152	127	52	34	23	20	4	10	2	1	2,121	1,833		633	
1887-88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
1888-89	6	38	105	217	236	182	169	123	53	39	26	19	5	11	1	2	2,154	1,912	631		
Increase	2	1	1	1	1	7	17	1	1	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	33	24	-		
Decrease	-	5	13	5	11	1	-	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	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 68l. separate payment for parcels).	-	-	200l.	Vessels have liberty to call at Wick and certain ports of Orkney.
CHANNEL ISLANDS . .	1st Jan. 1870	On 6 months' notice.	6,000l.	Between South- ampton and Guernsey 9 hours; between Southampton and Jersey 12 hours.	-	2,000l.	
Do. (additional services)	-	-	200l.	-	-	-	
GREENOCK and BELFAST	1st Aug. 1883	On or after 31 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.	-	-	2,000l.	
2,046l.	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GREENOCK, ROthesay, and ARDBERHAIS.	4th Aug. 1880	After one year on 6 months' no- tice.	2,046l.	-	-	1,000l.	

APPENDIX D.—continued.

Line of Packets.	Contract.		Annual Payment.	Contract Time.	Penalties for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
	Commencement.	Terminable.					
GREENPOOL, TARBERT, and ISLAY.	4th Nov. 1878	On 6 months' notice.	800l. (85l. separate payment for parcels.)	• • •	• • •	500l.	The payment is subject to reduction when the receipts from passenger traffic in any one year exceed 35,000l.
HOLYHEAD and KINGSTOWN	1st Oct. 1883	On or after the 30th September 1886 on 18 months' notice.	84,000l.	Outward journey (including transfer on both sides of the Channel) 4h. 7m. Inward journey (including transfer) 4h. 2m.	1l. 14s. per minute	• • •	
LIVERPOOL and DOUGLAS (ISLE OF MAN).	1st Oct. 1881	After 1st Oct. 1884 on 6 months' notice.	4,500l. (About 500l. 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 Postmaster General.	1,500l.	• • •	20l. for undue delay or deviation from course.	500l.	
OBAN and TOBERMORY	1st April 1881	After one year on 3 months' notice.	500l. (85l. separate payment for parcels.)	• • •	• • •	250l.	
OBAN and PORT WILLIAM	1st April 1881	After 3 years on 6 months' notice.	600l. (85l. separate payment for parcels.)	• • •	• • •	300l.	

APPENDIX D.—continued.

Line of Packets.	Contract.		Annual Payment.	Contract Time.	Penalties for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-per. performance.	Remarks.
	Com- mencement.	Terminable.					
PENANCE and SOLLIX	-	-	On 6 months' notice.	450l. (100l. separate pay- ment for parcels.)	-	-	
PORTER, LOCHMADDY, and DUFFYGAN.	17th Jan. 1888	After one year on 6 months' no- tice.	1,500l.	-	20l. for undue de- lay or deviation from course.	200l.	
PORTSMOUTH and EYDE	1st July 1885	After 5 years on 6 months' no- tice.	1,200l.	-	-	200l.	
SCHABER and STORRENS (ORREY).	12th Feb. 1889	After 5 years on 6 months' no- tice.	2,000l.	-	20l. for undue de- lay or deviation from course.	200l.	
SOUTHAMPTON and COWES	-	-	150l.	-	-	-	
STROME FERRY and PORTER	1st Dec. 1887	After one year on 12 months' no- tice.	650l.	-	20l. for undue de- lay or deviation from course.	100l.	
STROME FERRY and STORRO- WAY.	1st Dec. 1887	At the end of any complete year on 6 months' notice.	2,500l.	-	20l. for undue de- lay or deviation from course.	500l.	

APPENDIX E.

Staff of Officers.

Totals 31 Mar. 1898.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar. 1899.
		Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	
	A.									
1	Postmaster General - -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	B.									
8.	Secretary, Financial Secretary, Third Secretary, Assistant Secretaries (3), Surveyor General for Scotland, and Secretary for Ireland.	6	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	8
	C.									
43	Superior Officers in Metro- politan Offices.*	35	1	3	—	3	—	41	1	42
	D.									
16	Surveyors - - - -	10	—	3	—	3	—	16	—	16
	E.									
928	Head Postmasters : Metropolitan - -	11	1	—	—	—	—	778	148	926
	Provinces - - -	551	81	118	36	98	30			
16,461	Letter Receivers and Sub- Postmasters : Metropolitan - -	702	96	38	6	77	57	13,148	3,702	16,844
	Provinces - - -	9,353	2,488	1,225	467	1,747	638			
	F.									
3,690	Clerks and Superintending Officers : Metropolitan* - -	1,561	719	78	23	110	20	2,914	799	3,713
	Provinces - - -	997	32	130	5	38	—			
	G.									
16,960	Supervisors, Overseers, Counter- men, Sorters, Telegraphists, &c. : Metropolitan* - -	5,953	1,514	399	71	521	69	14,355	3,255	17,610
	Sorting Clerks and Telegra- phists : Provinces - - - -	6,137	1,192	821	287	534	123			
	H.									
18,255	Postmen, Porters, &c. : Metropolitan* - -	4,652	—	287	—	213	—	19,183	4	19,187
	Provinces - - -	11,190	4	1,738	—	1,103	—			
56,461	Carried forward - -	41,159	6,078	4,831	895	4,448	936	50,433	7,909	58,347

* For details, see separate page.

APPENDIX E.—*continued.*

Totals 31 Mar. 1888.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar. 1889.
		Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	
56,461	Brought forward - -	41,159	6,078	4,831	895	4,448	936	50,438	7,909	58,347
	I.									
48,883	Persons employed in unesta- blished positions, viz., As- sistants to Postmasters, &c., Auxiliary Postmen, Boy Sorters, Boy Messengers, Telegraph Messengers, Tele- graph Construction Hands, Copyists, Female Servants, Commissionaires, &c.:									
	Metropolitan - - -	7,192	1,099	295	86	499	170	84,853	15,352	50,205
	Provinces - - -	21,186	10,763	2,605	1,258	3,106	1,976			
	J.									
4	Postmasters and Clerks in Colonies (under direction of Postmaster General), Post- men, &c. in Colonies.	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	4
5	Agents in Foreign Countries for collection of postage.	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	5
105,353	Totals - - -	69,537	17,940	7,731	2,239	8,023	3,062	85,300	23,261	108,561

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 Department - - - -	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).

LONDON.—DEPARTMENTS OF CHIEF OFFICE.															EDINBURGH.	DUBLIN.
Description of Officers.	Secys.	P.S.	Med.	Solr.	Surv.	R. & A.G.	M.O.	S.B.	L.P.S.	R.L.	E. in C.	C. of S. (T.)	C.T.	Totals.		
MALES.																
Clerks :—																
Grade I. - - -	78	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	78	—	—
Grade II. - - -	51	2	—	—	—	208	39	242	104	8	—	—	—	654	43	53
Lower Division - -	29	—	—	—	—	153	37	305	—	—	6	8	—	538	16	31
Professional - - -	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	1
Assistant Surveyors -	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	3	3
Surveyors' Clerks -	—	—	—	—	41	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41	6	2
Assistant Director (Confidential Enquiry Branch).	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Assistant Receiver and Accountant General.	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Chief Clerks (R. & A.G.O., and S.B.) Examiners, Cashiers, Book-keepers, and Accountants.	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	7	4	4
Vice Controller - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Controller or Superintendent (Sorting Office).	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Assistant Controllers, Sub-Controllers, and Chief Superintendents.	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	10	—	—	1	4	18	—	—
Assistant Engineer, Sub-Marine Superintendent, and Assistant Sub-Marine Superintendent.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	3	—	—
Navigating Commander, Chief Officer, and Chief and second Engineer of Cable Ship.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	4	—	—
Technical Officers, Examiners, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	16	—	30	—	—
Superintending Engineers.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22	—	—	22	—	—
Examiners (Returned Letter Office).	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	—	—	15	—	—
Nautical Assistant to Controller of Packet Services.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Officers in charge of Indian Mails.	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—
Clerks in charge - -	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—
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.	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23	—	1	7	64	104	5	—
Totals -	192	3	3	7	51	366	77	551	138	23	50	32	68	1,561	78	110
FEMALES.																
Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, Supervisors and Assistant Supervisors.	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	2	24	1	1	—	47	79	5	4
Clerks - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	357	—	283	—	—	—	—	—	640	18	16
Totals -	192	3	3	7	51	727	77	836	162	24	51	32	115	2,280	101	130

APPENDIX E.—*continued.*

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

Description of Officers.	LONDON.—DEPARTMENTS OF CHIEF OFFICE.													EDINBURGH.	DUBLIN	
	Secys.	P.S.	Med.	Solr.	Sur.	R. & A.G.	M.O.	S.B.	L.P.S.	R.L.	E. in C.	C. of S. (T.)	C.T.			Totals.
MALES.																
Supervisors and Inspectors	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	4	104	3	105	7	1	232	3	7
Countermen - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	138	—	—	—	—	138	9	—
Overseers - - -	—	6	—	—	—	9	—	—	387	—	—	—	—	402	13	18
Paper Keepers, Paper Sorters, Returners of Letters, &c.	61	—	—	—	—	—	49	54	—	39	—	—	—	203	10	8
Tracers - - -	—	—	—	—	—	188	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	188	20	21
Boy Clerks - - -	—	—	—	—	—	20	60	112	—	—	—	2	—	194	—	—
Sorters, 1st Class - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	716	—	—	—	—	716	47	76
„ 2nd „ - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,421	—	—	—	—	1,421	102	196
„ 3rd „ - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	396	—	—	—	—	396	—	—
Writing Assistants - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	67	—	—	—	—	67	—	—
Superintending Engineers' Clerks.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	76	—	—	76	—	—
Relay Clerks - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	—	—	19	—	—
Factory Clerks - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	—	17	—	—
News Distributors - -	—	33	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	33	—	—
Telegraphists - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	342	—	4	—	1,505	1,851	185	200
Totals - - -	100	8	—	—	—	217	109	170	3,571	42	204	26	1,506	5,953	389	521
FEMALES.																
Returners - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	49	—	—	—	49	—	—
Counterwomen and Telegraphists.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	529	—	2	—	719	1,250	71	69
Sorters - - -	—	—	—	—	—	140	—	75	—	—	—	—	—	215	—	—
Totals - - -	100	8	—	—	—	357	109	245	4,100	91	206	26	2,225	7,467	460	590

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

Description of Officers.	LONDON.—DEPARTMENTS OF CHIEF OFFICE.													EDINBURGH.	DUBLIN	
	Secys.	P.S.	Med.	Solr.	Surv.	R. & A.G.	M.O.	S.B.	L.P.S.	R.L.	E. in C.	C. of S. (T.)	C.T.			Totals.
Mail Guards, Marine Mail Guards, &c.	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	7	2	3
Messengers, Lobby Officers, &c.	19	—	4	2	—	18	—	1	57	2	2	1	7	113	7	23
Postmen—Town :—																
" 1st Class -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,293	—	—	—	—	1,293	216	113
" 2nd " -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	550	—	—	—	—	550	52	42
" Suburban, H.P.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	82	—	—	—	—	82	—	—
" " Div. I.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	564	—	—	—	—	564	—	—
" " " II.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	656	—	—	—	—	656	—	—
" " " III.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	284	—	—	—	—	284	—	—
Bagmen - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	—	—	—	—	26	—	5
Porters, &c. - - -	—	111	—	—	—	5	6	17	283	4	—	—	—	426	5	22
Binder - - -	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Constables - - -	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	—	—
Mechanics, Linemen, &c. -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	470	24	—	496	—	—
Inspectors of Telegraph Messengers, Tube Attendants, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	77	—	—	—	64	141	5	5
Totals - - -	36	111	4	2	—	23	6	18	3,878	6	472	25	71	4,652	287	213

APPENDIX F.

Returned Letters, Parcels, &c.

A COMPARATIVE STATEMENT showing the Number of LETTERS, POST CARDS, BOOKS, NEWSPAPERS, PATTERNS 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, INVERNESS, 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 1888, and in the Year ended 31st March 1889.

	Letters received.		Letters re-issued to corrected Addresses.		Letters returned to the Senders.		Letters returned unopened to Foreign Countries.		Letters which could neither be delivered nor returned to the Senders.	
	1887-8.	1888-9.	1887-8.	1888-9.	1887-8.	1888-9.	1887-8.	1888-9.	1887-8.	1888-9.
LONDON - -	2,416,962	2,545,026	25,519	27,744	2,080,591	2,211,400	109,284	112,964	201,558	193,518
MANCHESTER -	356,789	381,900	11,348	12,621	296,725	321,967	8,592	9,185	38,129	37,189
LIVERPOOL -	320,538	324,915	1,986	2,050	272,151	281,903	15,410	15,053	29,991	25,910
BIRMINGHAM -	228,997	237,259	4,263	4,795	203,964	212,579	4,253	4,036	16,518	18,829
LEEDS - -	210,569	219,878	3,682	5,195	177,219	186,439	6,130	6,518	23,568	21,726
BRISTOL - -	344,628	363,839	6,870	7,098	296,735	314,907	13,121	13,896	29,402	28,043
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.	143,945	155,009	3,474	3,232	119,079	126,333	5,497	6,194	15,895	19,250
NOTTINGHAM -	175,472	182,773	5,938	4,811	150,581	159,683	3,697	3,836	15,256	14,443
EDINBURGH -	196,135	200,447	9,999	9,870	174,087	172,827	5,543	5,568	6,506	12,682
GLASGOW - -	175,969	197,984	15,762	17,813	146,353	165,967	4,963	5,086	8,791	9,168
ABERDEEN -	25,284	24,864	837	875	21,679	20,826	652	597	2,116	1,966
INVERNESS -	11,745	15,810	958	1,147	9,712	13,259	309	373	766	1,031
DUBLIN - -	218,225	225,075	7,177	8,548	181,815	177,656	11,499	11,277	17,734	27,594
BELFAST - -	61,363	61,545	869	2,742	54,849	50,806	2,794	2,547	2,851	5,450
CORK - -	36,416	35,090	1,076	1,051	28,688	27,202	3,611	3,068	3,041	3,149
Head Post Offices authorised to return certain letters, &c. direct to senders -	973,539	967,495	—	—	973,539	967,495	—	—	—	—
TOTALS -	5,896,466	6,128,879	99,223	110,067	5,189,767	5,401,739	195,354	200,105	412,122	416,948
Increase in 1888-9 over 1887-8. }	232,413		10,864		211,972		4,751		4,826	

APPENDIX F.—*continued.*Returned Letters, Parcels, &c.—*continued.*

	Post Cards received.		Books received.		Newspapers received.		Patterns received.		Parcels received.		Parcels returned to Senders, or re-issued to Addressees.	
	1887-8.	1888-9.	1887-8.	1888-9.	1887-8.	1888-9.	1887-8.	1888-9.	1887-8.	1888-9.	1887-8.	1888-9.
LONDON - -	78,800	83,170	2,164,177	2,285,219	329,120	346,127	1,327	2,089	31,797	33,186	21,737	22,168
MANCHESTER -	29,299	30,085	475,979	534,356	19,061	20,686	473	326	3,512	3,997	2,171	2,551
LIVERPOOL -	31,547	32,245	346,232	378,662	19,866	18,378	159	174	2,399	2,589	1,409	1,447
BIRMINGHAM -	23,896	25,040	272,337	288,599	7,334	9,553	477	755	1,907	2,067	1,422	1,469
LEEDS - -	15,426	15,766	273,519	285,680	7,577	13,326	327	284	1,978	2,906	1,240	1,483
BRISTOL - -	12,665	13,541	366,577	378,791	15,222	16,187	581	1,192	4,255	4,185	2,657	2,629
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.	8,967	10,689	176,520	176,349	5,287	6,047	104	314	1,540	1,380	914	834
NOTTINGHAM -	3,168	3,265	209,563	218,354	5,842	7,623	223	204	1,854	2,043	1,124	1,353
EDINBURGH -	19,874	20,445	246,193	244,692	15,045	14,903	456	704	4,061	3,776	3,301	3,098
GLASGOW - -	33,410	32,633	155,840	156,188	9,450	9,530	92	395	1,960	2,276	1,625	1,908
ABERDEEN -	562	696	25,414	27,873	1,571	1,254	23	24	226	247	163	165
INVERNESS -	684	798	10,407	15,291	1,148	1,461	15	31	182	258	150	187
DUBLIN -	14,437	18,311	212,962	261,955	23,026	21,224	83	16	3,783	3,478	2,484	2,742
BELFAST - -	5,049	4,577	68,012	65,147	4,038	5,109	73	19	548	735	350	494
CORK - -	676	696	27,742	30,849	2,300	2,295	3	3	345	383	218	229
Head Post Offices authorised to return certain letters, &c. direct to senders	447,275	504,296	1,177,055	1,356,252	53,063	67,539	1,231	7,535	21,179	22,467	21,179	22,467
TOTALS -	725,717	796,259	6,308,319	6,699,257	518,970	562,742	5,647	14,065	81,538	85,633	62,144	65,204
Increase in 1888-9 over 1887-8.	70,542		490,938		43,772		8,418		4,065		3,060	

APPENDIX G.

Foreign and Colonial

Line of Packets.	Contracts.		Payment.
	Com- mencement.	Termination.	
AUSTRALIA:			
Brindisi or Naples and Adelaide -	1 Feb. 1888 -	Contracts not yet concluded -	£ -
Aden and Brisbane -	-	Colonial Contracts -	-
San Francisco and Sydney -	-	-	-
London and Sydney, and intermediate } Australian Ports - }	1 July 1886 {	On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post -	(a) 979
BRAZIL, RIVER PLATE, AND CHILI:			
Fortnightly Service from Southampton -	1 Sept. 1876 -	On 6 months' notice -	(a) 6,380
Fortnightly service from Liverpool -	1 July 1878 -	On 6 months' notice -	(a) 15,727
CAPE OF GOOD HOPE and NATAL -	Contracts with	Colonial Governments -	-
Do. do. for calls } at St. Helena and Ascension - }	-	-	(c) 2,733
Natal -	17 June 1887 {	On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post -	(a) 72
EAST INDIES and CHINA -	1 Feb. 1888 -	On 31st January 1888 -	285,000
-	1 July 1888 {	On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post -	(a) 2,248
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) 13,067
Do. -	1 Oct. 1887 -	On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post -	(a) 3,476
Dover and Ostend -	-	Arrangement with Belgian Government -	4,500
Channel Islands and St. Malo and } Granville - }	15 Feb. 1888 -	On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post -	(a) 21
Liverpool, Constantinople, and Smyrna -	1 Jan. 1886 -	On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post -	(a) 31
London to Hamburg -	1 Jan. 1886 -	On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post -	(a) 149
United Kingdom and Lisbon -	1 Jan. 1888 -	On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post -	(a) 45
NORTH AMERICA:			
Queenstown to New York -	1 March 1887	On 12 months' notice -	(a) 95,170
Bermuda and New York -	1 April 1886 -	On 31st December 1888 -	325
-	1 Jan. 1889 -	On 6 months' notice -	(a) -
PANAMA to VALPARAISO -	1 July 1878 -	On 6 months' notice -	(a) 3,397
WEST INDIES:			
Fortnightly service -	1 July 1885 -	On 30th June 1890 -	90,000
Additional Services:			
Non-Contract Service -	-	-	(a) 275
Liverpool to West Indies and } Mexico - }	24 Oct. 1881 -	On 26th December 1883 -	(a) 1,137
Belize and New Orleans -	-	Contract made by the Honduras Government, terminating on 30th September 1889 -	(c) 1,800
Do. -	1 March 1887 {	On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post -	(a) 9
WEST COAST OF AFRICA -	Indefinite -	-	(a) 9,812
-	1 Jan. 1888 -	On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post -	(a)

(a) The payments in these cases depend upon the amount of correspondence conveyed by the packets.

(b) Including 2.780% 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.
.	.	979	NIL.	
.	.	16,500	5,000	4d.
.	.	.	.	6d.
.	.	144	2,800	6d.
.	.	72	NIL.	
200% for every 12 hours late at Brin- disi. In other cases 100%.	{ India, 37,500%. Ceylon, 1,400%. Straits Settlements, 6,000%. Hong Kong, 8,000%.	80,700	123,000	{ Mediterranean 2½d. India " " 4d. Ceylon " " 4d. China, &c. " }
.	.	.	.	4d.
5% for 15 minutes or upwards.	.	.	.	2½d.
.	.	3,476	NIL.	
.	.	.	.	2½d.
.	.	21	NIL.	
.	.	31	NIL.	
.	.	149	NIL.	
.	.	45	NIL.	
.	.	62,900	32,300	2½d.
.	.	.	.	Bermuda 4d.
.	.	1,800	1,600	4d.
2% for every 24 hours.	{ Antigua . . . 489 Barbados . . . 4,357 British Guiana . . . 7,460 Dominica . . . 188 Grenada . . . 372 Jamaica . . . 4,163 Montserrat . . . 86 Nevis . . . 71 St. Kitt's . . . 470 St. Lucia . . . 309 St. Vincent . . . 310 Tobago . . . 151 Tortola . . . 18 Trinidad . . . 3,968	24,200	46,500	4d.
One-eighth part of ordinary payment for every 24 hours.	.	.	.	
.	.	6,100	3,800	{ Union Places 2½d. or 4d. Non-Union 6d.

APPENDIX H.

Telegrams.

TABLE showing the TOTAL NUMBER of TELEGRAMS 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 Telegrams.					
	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 -	11,892,098	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 -	12,892,996	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 -	14,920,418	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
1887-88 -	26,052,717	18,872,554	44,925,271	5,430,623	3,047,531	53,403,425
1888-89 -	28,269,130	20,263,539	48,532,669	5,991,223	3,241,455	57,765,347

The figures for each year since 1877-78 include the number of certain Press Telegrams 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 TELEGRAMS forwarded from TELEGRAPH OFFICES in the UNITED KINGDOM during each of the Years 1887-88 and 1888-89; and the Increase in each Month of the latter Year over the corresponding Month of the former Year.

Month.	Number of Telegrams.		Increase.
	1888-89.	1887-88.	
April - - -	4,405,753	4,244,318	161,435
May - - -	4,929,745	4,456,106	473,639
June - - -	4,942,428	4,807,364	135,044
July - - -	5,216,670	4,892,728	323,942
August - - -	5,478,221	4,966,033	512,188
September - - -	5,089,941	4,694,293	395,648
October - - -	5,321,798	4,577,021	744,777
November - - -	4,797,682	4,396,652	400,980
December - -	4,351,688	4,200,673	151,015
January - - -	4,435,153	3,949,430	485,723
February - - -	4,117,324	3,815,192	302,132
March - - -	4,678,994	4,403,595	275,399
	57,765,347	53,408,425	4,361,922

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.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Year ended 31st March 1880	- - -	6,393 1 9	6,435 5 7	2,552 16 1	0 18 6	15,382 1 11
" 1881	- - -	7,586 8 0	6,891 9 6	5,000 18 11	—	19,478 16 5
" 1882	- - -	10,635 19 0	8,608 19 9	2,674 16 10	0 14 7	21,920 10 2
" 1883	- - -	12,978 2 0	10,069 17 8	3,030 14 8	8 15 8	26,087 10 0
" 1884	- - -	11,746 16 5	11,143 10 3	2,880 15 1	5 0 8	25,775 2 5
" 1885	- - -	12,666 5 2	11,651 3 2	2,764 12 3	15 7 7	27,097 8 2
" 1886	- - -	11,899 15 8	12,143 0 10	2,894 16 0	59 7 6	26,997 0 0
" 1887	- - -	12,508 17 9	13,703 2 7	2,955 5 8	38 11 10	29,306 17 10
" 1888	- - -	13,140 18 0	14,350 7 11	3,069 14 11	23 5 1	30,584 5 11
" 1889	- - -	14,870 7 10	15,118 7 3	3,357 9 10	68 9 8	33,414 14 7

APPENDIX J.

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

Extracts from the Controller's Report.

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(29.) Penny Banks continue steadily to increase; 338 received authority last year to open accounts, as compared with 312 in 1887. Of this number 158 were established in schools, 53 of them being board schools. The resolution noticed in my last annual report as having been passed by the London School Board in favour of the establishment of Penny Banks in their schools has, as yet, had little result; but some correspondence on the subject has taken place lately between the Board and this Department, and in the report of the Board for the year 1887-88 the hope is expressed that the measures being taken "will not only lead to the general establishment of Penny Banks, but will also foster and encourage the spirit and practice of thrift amongst the children attending the schools of the Board."

Penny Banks.

(30.) The claims to the moneys of deceased depositors, and in respect of Annuity and Insurance contracts closed by death, numbered 21,323 in 1888, against 20,108 in the previous year; and Probates of Wills or Letters of Administration were produced in 5,943 and 5,285 cases in the two years respectively. 407 claims were made by nominees under the provisions of the Provident Nominations and Small Intestacies Act, 1883, the number in the previous year having been 373. There were 4,749 fresh nominations executed, an increase of 1,180; and the number of nominations in force on the 31st December last was 18,214. By the embodiment in the New Code of specific Regulations respecting nominations the system has been placed on a more satisfactory footing, and no doubt depositors will be gradually induced to avail themselves to a larger extent of the advantages which it undoubtedly offers. Steps have been taken to bring the provisions of the new Regulations under the notice of those depositors who had previously executed nominations, and in a certain number of cases such nominations have been revoked and fresh ones executed.

Deceased depositors.

Claims by nominees.

Fresh nominations executed.

Regulations as to nomination embodied in New Code.

(31.) The provision in the Savings Banks Act, 1897, for reducing to 1s. the cost of a certificate of birth, death, or marriage, required for the purposes of the Post Office Savings Bank Acts, has been carried into effect, the necessary forms having been settled after correspondence with the Registrars General for England, Scotland, and Ireland respectively. Copies of the forms are now obtainable by Post Office Savings Bank depositors, as occasion requires, on application to this Department.

Cheap certificates of birth, death, and marriage.

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(33.) Every year a certain number of depositors who have lost or destroyed their books are supplied with new ones, and it is curious how little variation there is in the number of such cases year by year, allowing for a slight progressive increase, corresponding to the increase in the number of depositors. In 1888 and 1887 the numbers were 3,342 and 3,213 respectively. Trouble is also sometimes caused by the loss

Depositors' books lost or destroyed.

Unissued book lost by postmaster. Curious means for recovering book. of a book from the numbered series of un-issued books in the hands of a postmaster, on which series it is necessary, of course, that a strict check should be kept. In one case a postmaster in Ireland from whose stock a book was missing stated that, amongst other means taken for recovering it, which included "thinking over it" and "posting up advertisements," he had had the loss "announced to the people in church."

Cost of management.

Average cost per transaction, &c. on gross expenses.

Purchase of land.

Average cost per transaction, &c. if purchase of land be excluded.

Applications for information from abroad.

Business done by Post Office Savings Banks throughout the world.

Additional particulars as to stock investments, &c. France.

Italy.

(41.) The cost of management during the year 1888, after deducting 1,861*l.*, the commission received on Government stock transactions, was 326,990*l.* as compared with 288,418*l.* in the previous year. Calculated on these amounts the average cost per transaction in 1888 is 7*7*/₁₀*d.*, and the per-centage of cost of management to the total balance of the Post Office Savings Bank 11*s.* 2*d.*, against 7*7*/₁₀*d.* and 10*s.* 8*d.* respectively in 1887. It is to be observed, however, that the cost in 1888 includes the sum of 40,988*l.* for purchase of land under the Post Office Sites Act, whereas the sum so paid in the preceding year was only 19,073*l.*; and, if these amounts be deducted, interest at 5 per cent. on the respective sums being added instead, the cost per transaction and per-centage of cost to the total balance become 6*8*/₁₀*d.* and 9*s.* 10*d.* respectively in 1888 and 6*9*/₁₀*d.* and 10*s.* in 1887. The different modes of calculation are shown in a footnote to the tabular statement A.

(42.) Applications from abroad for information respecting the system were unusually numerous last year, many of them having been prompted by the announcement in newspapers, &c. of the introduction of new Regulations. Among the number were the Governments of India, Canada, Cape Colony, Newfoundland, Jamaica, and, of foreign States, France, Germany (where Post Office Savings Banks have yet to be introduced), Austria, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Siam, and the Republic of Salvador; while information was likewise sought by private persons living in the most distant countries.

(43.) With regard to the progress of Post Office Savings Banks throughout the world, I subjoin a tabular statement, given on the opposite page, somewhat similar to one I furnished three years ago, but containing fuller and, of course, later particulars. The former statement appeared in the 32nd Report of the Postmaster General and attracted some attention abroad.

(44.) It is worthy of note that in France, where the Post Office Savings Bank affords facilities to depositors for the purchase, but not for the sale, of Government stock, the investments in 1887 numbered 3,878, amounting to 183,990*l.*, being an increase at the rate of about 21 per cent. in number and 17 per cent. in amount over the investments in the preceding year. The investments were about equally divided between the three and the four-and-a-half per cent. stocks. The principal modification in the French system during the year was the partial decentralization of the work by the discontinuance of the practice of referring to Paris for authority to repay depositors in Algeria and Tunis. In Italy, for the first time, the amount deposited during the year was less than that deposited in the preceding year, while the deposits exceeded the withdrawals by a smaller amount than in any year since 1878. The falling off is ascribed to an agricultural and commercial crisis which the country experienced, to a reduction of the rate of interest on deposits from 3½ to 3¼ per cent., and to certain malicious rumours (*a certe voci calunniose*) to the effect that the Government intended to suspend repayment of deposits. The purchase of Government stock for depositors showed an advance in comparison with the year 1886 both in the number of investments, 4,903, and in the capital invested, 197,890*l.*

STATEMENT of the BUSINESS of POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS for the year ending 31st December 1887.

Country. Year of Establishment.	Number of Offices.	Number of Open Accounts at Close of Year.	Deposits.			Withdrawals.			Rate of Interest on Deposits.	Amount due to Depositors.			Proportion per 1,000 Population.	
			Number.	Amount.	Average Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Average Amount.		At close of Year.	Increase during Year.	Average Balance per Account.	Open Accounts.	Amount due.
FOREIGN.														
Austria - (1863)	4,356	597,708	1,138,871	1,497,946	2 s. d. 1 6 3	339,473	1,352,897	2 s. d. 3 18 6	3	1,271,250*	196,016	2 s. d. 2 2 0	26*0	55 6
Belgium - (1870)	624*	542,037	1,090,006	4,559,590	4 4 5	274,353	3,853,739	14 3 9	3	9,154,958*	940,713	16 17 9	90*7	1,533 5
France - (1863)	6,712	979,597	1,391,353	5,775,471	4 9 4	453,753	4,700,159	10 4 11	3	8,940,787	1,315,821	9 2 6	23*3	203 19
Hungary - (1864)	2,962	110,989	438,114	304,530	0 13 11	104,855	532,355	2 3 6	3½	214,131*	72,176	1 18 7	6*6	12 14
Italy - (1876)	4,337	1,570,840	1,920,545	6,376,708	3 6 7	1,060,193	5,850,003	5 9 5	3½	9,609,406*	815,787	6 2 4	55*0	337 15
Sweden - (1864)	—	153,004	189,748	105,406	0 11 1	37,245	65,702	1 15 3	3½	167,353	86,443 ^b	1 2 0	32*2	35
The Netherlands - (1881)	1,164	169,027	394,237	636,933	1 12 3	109,071	467,416	4 5 9	2*64	929,393	190,590	5 9 11	39*5	217 3
BRITISH EMPIRE.														
The United Kingdom (1861)	8,720	3,951,761	6,916,327	16,535,932	2 7 10	2,469,394	14,680,279	5 17 7	2½	53,974,068*	3,069,727	13 13 2	106*8	1,458 15
Canada - (1868)	433	101,693*	155,978	1,544,466	9 18 0	75,229	1,502,314	19 4 2	4	4,137,806	233,256	40 13 9	—	—
Cape of Good Hope - (1864)	141	12,868	33,642	214,589	6 7 5	10,817	173,770	16 10 6	2½	266,800	44,088	20 15 0	—	—
Ceylon - (1865)	144	6,885	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12,917	—	1 18 7	—	—
India - (1862)	6,046	219,010 ^d	—	4,444,060	—	—	2,682,168	—	2½	4,261,334	1,997,545	19 18 3	—	—
New South Wales - (1871)	313	64,002	172,323	1,076,987	5 18 9	84,110	966,538	11 17 6	4	1,501,453	78,148	23 9 2	61*3	1,439 13
New Zealand - (1867)	263	76,794	136,197	1,512,151	9 12 8	89,963	1,182,409	13 2 10	4½	1,813,084	197,105	23 14 10	137*8	3,134 4
Queensland - (1867)	113	38,780	86,057	944,333	10 14 6	51,628	914,896	17 14 5	5	1,486,018	86,063	25 16 11	123*2	4,416 18
South Australia - (1867)	109*	60,301*	113,163	1,060,102	9 5 7	85,963	1,079,057	13 17 0	5	1,627,541	46,441	26 19 9	189*9	5,136 19
Tasmania - (1862)	—	2,996	7,782	41,212	5 5 11	3,144	35,239	11 4 1	3½	46,001	5,983	15 7 1	21*0	332 17
Victoria - (1865)	290	82,376	163,276	967,456	6 17 4	85,013	864,905	10 8 4	4	1,406,477	129,521	16 19 5	79*9	1,357 8

* Exclusive of Government Stock held by depositors.

b Increase during two years.

c For year ending 30th June 1888.

d The Post Office are used as agencies.

* 537 Post Offices used as agencies.

d For year ending 31st March 1888.

APPENDIX J.—continued.

Post Office Savings Banks.

GOVERNMENT STOCK BUSINESS.

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 Transfers to the Bank of England.	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 of Stock sold.	Average amount of each sale of Stock.	Amount realised by sale of Stock.	Amount of Stock Certificates obtained.	Amount of Transfers to the Bank of England.	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 Stock Account at close of the Year.	
From Nov. 1st to Dec. 31st 1880.	2,168	13	2,151	2,230	9	22	—	128,013	£ 175 10 0	£ 1 10 0	129,514	£ 59 1 6	885	£ 49 15 6	£ 380	£ 1,500	—	—	—	—	—	—	£ 127,689	£ 59 17 9
1881	11,019	1,368	11,812	13,709	2,023	102	—	690,181	1,104 10 0	7 10 0	694,987	50 13 10	75,598	37 10 0	75,697	7,700	—	—	—	50	11,303	10,439	728,968	63 11 3
1882	7,551	2,754	16,609	12,133	4,355	77	—	599,395	1,105 17 0	6 3 0	598,211	48 8 0	177,122	40 14 0	177,998	6,150	—	—	—	190	26,782	26,533	1,145,717	68 17 3
1883	7,576	8,418	20,767	12,922	5,685	83	—	682,927	1,298 4 9	5 11 0	618,338	48 4 6	235,706	41 12 9	238,953	5,550	—	420	235	35,271	37,649	1,519,988	73 8 10	
1884	8,877	4,651	24,693	14,200	6,840	76	—	705,040	1,417 0 9	8 7 0	703,195	49 10 5	301,445	44 1 5	303,912	8,250	—	576	110	44,260	46,894	1,916,325*	76 13 6	
1885	9,844	4,240	30,597	17,133	7,449	68	—	846,791	1,695 1 9	7 0 0	859,050	50 2 9	323,445	43 17 3	322,860	9,900	—	10,537	315	55,146	68,696	2,043,252	80 2 11	
1886	9,683	4,945	35,505	16,563	8,918	59	—	845,095	1,795 17 6	7 6 0	841,121	50 15 8	339,965	43 14 6	339,033	7,300	—	1,151	346	65,389	77,968	2,596,941	83 1 1	
1887	10,096	5,704	40,270	18,204	10,216	50	—	927,614	1,917 1 0	5 10 0	915,047	50 5 4	465,785	45 6 0	469,656	5,500	—	2,480	1,027	74,746	91,169	3,245,106	85 1 4	
1888	11,629	8,575	45,254	19,413	11,459	44	36	908,217	2,168 2 6	5 2 0	1,008,164	51 13 6	573,304	50 0 7	574,113	5,100	6,480	28,079	912	127,918†	110,878	3,788,611	87 7 7	

* Besides the addition arising from the ordinary business of the year, the balance of Stock was further increased during 1884 by the sum of £,078. 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.

† Dividends on 3 per cent. Stock converted paid quarterly instead of half yearly.

APPENDIX J.—*continued.*

Post Office Savings Bank.

RETURN of the BALANCE SHEETS of the POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS on the 31st day of December 1888, 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 1888, 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 Bank Fund.		Value of Securities at average price on 31 Dec. 1888.	Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the year.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Consolidated 3½ per cents. - - - - -	270,784 6 1	270,446 0 0	3,929 0 4
Reduced 3½ per cents. - - - - -	40,586 6 1	40,336 0 0	—
2½ per cent. Consols - - - - -	20,777,955 12 0	20,310,463 0 0	146,111 14 8
2½ per cents. - - - - -	9,569,000 0 0	9,078,589 0 0	56,555 18 3
Local Loans 3½ per cent. Stock - - - - -	13,528,289 10 3	13,761,438 0 0	94,629 6 1
Turkish Guaranteed 4½ per cent. Bonds	103,100 0 0	110,317 0 0	—
Egyptian Guaranteed 3½ per cent. Bonds	498,000 0 0	500,460 0 0	—
Canada Guaranteed 4½ per cent. Bonds	37,500 0 0	42,000 0 0	—
Exchequer (Suez) Bonds - - - - -	809,200 0 0	809,200 0 0	7,980 4 7
Exchequer Bonds - - - - -	50,000 0 0	50,000 0 0	144 4 7
Exchequer (March) Bills - - - - -	58,900 0 0	58,782 0 0	447 16 0
Advances per 45 Vict. c. 4. and 46 & 46 Vict. c. 62, repayable by Irish Land Commission per 44 & 45 Vict. c. 71. - - -	850,000 0 0	850,000 0 0	—
Annuity for a term of years in lieu of annuities converted per National Debt Act, 1883, 46 & 47 Vict. c. 54, s. 5, and National Debt Act, 1885, 48 & 49 Vict. c. 43. - - -	321,918 0 0	(a) 4,134,653 0 0	—
Annuities for terms of years in lieu of Stock cancelled per National Debt Act, 1883, 46 & 47 Vict. c. 54, National Debt Act, 1885, 48 & 49 Vict. c. 43, and National Debt and Local Loans Act, 1887, 50 & 51 Vict. c. 16. - - -	629,964 0 0	(a) 7,101,031 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) 1,845,592 0 0	—
Annuity for a term of years per National Debt Act, 1884, 47 Vict. c. 2, s. 2, expiring 5th October 1903 - - -	35,121 0 0	(a) 425,657 0 0	—
Annuities for terms of years per 46 Vict. c. 1, s. 2 - - - - -	42,899 5 0	(a) 240,665 0 0	—
Annuity for a term of years per 45 & 46 Vict. c. 72, expiring 8th September 1892 - - - - -	5,428 18 8	(a) 20,323 0 0	—
Red Sea and India Telegraph Annuity, expiring 4th August 1906 - - -	3,100 0 0	43,788 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. 36., to 31st December 1887 - - - - -	99,793 4 6	(a) 406,478 0 0	—
Temporary Advances to Local Loans Fund	500,000 0 0	500,000 0 0	3,398 12 6
		260,403,236 0 0	313,096 17 0
Add value of Securities - - - - -	-	-	60,403,236 0 0
Cash balance in Bank of England - - -	-	-	144,230 3 1
			260,860,563 0 1

(a) Value, inclusive of interest, to 31st December 1888.

National Debt Office,
14th June 1889.

C. RIVERS WILSON,
Comptroller General.

APPENDIX J.—continued. POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK. BALANCE SHEET.

RETURN of the BALANCE SHEETS of the POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS for the Year 1888, 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 1888, 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.	£	s. d.
Balance due to Depositors on the 31st December 1888 (including interest)	53,553,394 9 8	Value of Securities according to the average price of the day on 31 Dec. 1888	60,716,338 17 0
Amount of expenses remaining unpaid (partly estimated)	65,711 8 3	Amount of cash in hands of Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt	144,290 3 1
Surplus of assets over Liabilities	2,725,538 12 1	Total Amount in the hands of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt	-
		Amount received for issuing new Deposit Books	2,964 18 6
		Less—Amount paid to the National Debt Commissioners	883 4 4
		Amount in the hands of Her Majesty's Postmaster General	313,081 7 11
		Less—Amount required to meet Warrants issued to Depositors but not cashed on 31st December 1888	48,991 12 3
		Value of the Central Savings Bank Premises in Queen Victoria Street, E.C.	-
£	61,345,634 10 0		294,089 15 9
			219,000 0 0
			61,345,634 10 0

Total amount received from Depositors, including interest, to 31st December 1888
Total amount repaid to Depositors to 31st December 1888

Number of Transactions.		Number of Accounts.	
Deposits.	Withdrawals.	Opened.	Closed.
96,107,370	33,613,338	13,191,027	8,970,100
			Remaining Open.
			4,290,927

The total cost of the Post Office Savings Banks from their establishment to the 31st December 1888, including the sum of £5,711l. 8s. 3d. charged as above, was £1,164,234l. 14s. 4d. The total number of transactions, i.e., Deposits and Withdrawals, in the period was 129,719,708. The average cost of each transaction from the commencement of Post Office Savings Bank business to the end of the year 1888 was 7d. Prior to the passing of the Post Office Savings Banks Act, 1881, it was estimated (see Parliamentary Paper, No. 323, 1861) that the average cost of each transaction would be 7d. The sums of 129,379l. 14s. 11d., 147,118l. 18s. 0d., 77,787l. 12s. 1d., 125,245l. 4s. 11d., 114,879l. 3s. 11d., 146,799l. 10s. 1d., 123,139l. 0s. 1d., 98,794l. 10s. 2d., 93,040l. 11s. 5d., 64,081l. 15s. 11d., 47,001l. 13s. 3d., and 75,502l. 8s. 3d. 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, 1886, 1887, and 1888 respectively under the provisions of the Act 40 Vict. c. 12, being the excess of interest which had accrued during the years 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, and 1887. The sum of 183,272l. the cost of the site of the new Savings Bank buildings in Queen Victoria Street, and 54,529l. towards the cost of the new building, have been paid for out of the funds of the Post Office Savings Banks.

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS.

Annuities and Life Insurances.

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

Year.	ANNUITIES.										LIFE INSURANCE.								
	Immediate.					Deferred.					Contracts entered into.	Receipts.	Payments.						
	Contracts entered into.		Payments.		No.	Amount of Annuities.	No.	Amount of Purchase Money.	No.	Amount of Premiums.				No.	Amount.	Fees received on Immediate and Deferred Annuity Contracts, the Charges on Monthly Allowances being included in the Premium.			
	No.	Amount of Annuities.	No.	Amount of Purchase Money.													No.	Amount of Annuities.	No.
1879	-	964	15,262	13,873	92,013	46	963	628	£	114	2,112	801	228	£	15,227	10,427	139	£	5,298
1880	-	892	13,249	14,983	101,794	41	847	621	4,406	119	1,570	686	258	20,378	15,379	10,506	125	3,886	
1881	-	956	16,434	18,473	111,211	66	1,376	686	5,245	131	1,793	873	900	23,900	15,883	10,947	114	3,675	
1882	-	769	13,435	15,628	167,229	72	1,502	772	6,449	156	2,327	727	924	18,447	16,039	11,069	141	5,064	
1883	-	770	14,141	15,630	173,302	104	2,120	830	7,240	163	1,868	790	256	20,600	16,156	11,333	129	5,431	
1884* :—																			
1 Jan. to 31 Dec.		187	2,938	34,507	8,853	67,931	13	327	332	3,140	89	1,156	152	50	3,469	7,032	5,019	65	2,504
1885	-	586	11,736	137,919	7,948	69,868	80	2,063	535	6,744	111	1,876	392	298	18,266	7,258	6,399	117	4,284
1886	-	725	15,367	178,128	16,111	140,169	103	1,694	860	9,761	212	2,980	358	457	34,768	12,492	12,086	140	4,646
1887	-	923	17,388	211,570	16,234	133,878	87	1,772	859	10,510	246	3,122	323	506	34,188	12,187	12,633	168	5,942
1888	-	912	16,999	234,174	16,556	161,546	90	1,628	869	9,721	264	5,020	283	585	36,168	12,069	13,469	182	5,976
1889	-	905	23,404	286,702	17,050	178,100	138	2,719	900	10,853	301	3,877	244	580	34,919	12,016	14,121	190	5,538

* 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 1888, and the Number and Amount of Contracts in existence on the 31st December 1888.

	CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO				TOTAL.	
	From 17 April 1865 to 31 December 1887.		From 1 Jan. 1888 to 31 December 1888.			
	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 1888, viz. :—						
Immediate Annuities - -	16,448	250,909 3 2	995	23,404 1 6	17,443	274,313 4 8
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - -	459	8,251 14 6	44	688 3 0	503	8,939 17 6
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - - -	879	18,871 7 0	94	2,031 0 0	973	20,902 7 0
Contracts for Sums payable at Death entered into from the commencement of business on the 17th April 1865 to the 31st December 1888 - - - -	8,910	681,015 6 10	580	34,818 16 0	9,490	715,834 2 10
Contracts for Annuities in existence on the 31st December 1888, viz. :—						
Immediate Annuities - -	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	10,358	192,112 3 6
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - -	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	444	7,583 9 0
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - - -	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	571	12,042 9 0
Contracts for Sums payable at Death, in existence on the 31st December 1888 - - - -	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	6,210	464,840 14 9

APPENDIX K. Money Orders.

Year.	INLAND ORDERS.			COLONIAL ORDERS.			FOREIGN ORDERS.			GRAND TOTAL.			
	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	
1870-80	-	£ 16,774,354 24,776,331	Decrease. " 3.	203,660	£ 764,092	10.2	7.3	329,559	830,597	24.3	22.2	17,307,573 25,571,090	Decrease. " 2.4
1880-81	-	16,329,476 24,228,763	" 2.7	221,932	812,979	9.	6.4	383,567	981,840	16.4	15.8	16,935,005 25,003,582	" 2.2
1881-82	-	14,692,328 23,397,972	" 10.	244,976	892,725	10.4	9.8	445,229	1,133,177	16.	18.	15,383,033 25,393,574	" 9.2
1882-83	-	14,306,297 25,223,763	" 2.8	277,052	1,043,158	13.	17.	507,509	1,330,962	14.	17.	15,090,838 27,597,883	Increase. " 8.7
1883-84	-	13,790,732 25,012,117	" 3.6	313,485	1,184,214	13.1	13.5	559,468	1,433,548	10.2	7.7	14,663,636 27,629,979	" 2.88
1884-85	-	11,968,127 23,536,609	" 13.3	337,420	1,263,590	7.7	6.7	569,189	1,430,387	1.7	Decrease. " 2	12,964,736 26,230,676	Decrease. " 5.
1885-86	-	10,358,293 21,975,345	" 13.3	353,462	1,372,606	6.2	8.0	601,625	1,484,470	5.7	Increase. " 3.8	11,318,360 24,532,421	" 12.
1886-87	-	9,762,562 22,262,708	" 6.	363,281	1,323,409	1.4	Decrease. " 3.0	687,191	1,763,484	14.2	20.	10,813,034 25,354,601	Increase. " 3.0.
1887-88	-	9,552,777 22,831,676	" 2.1	397,970	1,438,338	9.5	Increase. " 8.2	793,746	2,014,112	15.5	14.2	10,744,498 26,354,126	" 63
1888-89	-	9,298,133 22,957,649	" 3.4	424,987	1,521,013	7.	6.	854,547	2,130,390	7.7	6.2	10,507,717 26,618,023	" 2.2
													" 1.08

APPENDIX K.—*continued.* Money Orders.

INLAND ORDERS.

Year.	ENGLAND AND WALES.				SCOTLAND.				IRELAND.				UNITED KINGDOM.			
	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	
1875-80	-	14,313,100	21,088,299	3·1	4·5	56·8	2,322,119	Decrease. 1·2	2·7	39·5	1,025,614	1,365,913	Decrease. 3·6	5·	19·1	49·1
1880-81	-	13,984,701	20,620,213	2·6	2·2	54·7	1,413,997	1·5	1·3	38·6	980,778	1,317,281	4·3	3·5	18·4	47·4
1881-82	-	12,519,430	19,891,331	10·1	3·5	48·	1,286,053	9·	4·	34·3	887,345	1,274,218	9·5	3·3	17·3	42·0
1882-83	-	12,298,086	21,788,691	2·5	9·5	46·2	1,247,744	3·	1·4	33·	850,467	1,264,265	4·1	·8	16·6	40·5
1883-84	-	11,664,711	21,484,880	4·4	1·39	43·	1,303,479	4·41	4·7	34·	822,542	1,252,921	3·2	·9	16·	38·7
1884-85	-	10,023,386	20,108,955	14·	6·4	37·	1,199,922	7·9	2·5	31·	734,819	1,210,843	10·6	3·3	15·	33·2
1885-86	-	8,639,082	18,785,048	13·8	5·8	31·4	1,081,045	9·7	5·	27·6	638,166	1,134,636	13·1	6·3	13·	28·5
1886-87	-	8,070,907	18,875,453	6·6	·7	30·	1,080,427	—	5·	27·4	611,228	1,178,463	4·2	4·	13·	26·6
1887-88	-	7,851,900	19,289,306	2·7	9·2	27·4	1,098,611	1·7	7·3	27·2	602,176	1,232,928	1·5	4·	13·	25·5
1888-89	-	7,560,195	19,267,308	3·7	·4	26·15	1,079,719	1·7	2·2	26·5	588,269	1,207,548	2·3	4·	12·4	24·5

In 1940 the commission on Money Orders was reduced as follows:—
For any sum not exceeding 2*l.*, from 6*d.* to 3*d.*.
For any sum above 2*l.*, and not exceeding 5*l.*, from 1*s.* 6*d.* to 6*d.*.

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.			Present rates of Commission.																		
	s.	d.		s.	d.		s.	d.		s.	d.																
For sums not exceeding 2 <i>l.</i> , but not above 2 <i>l.</i> , but not exceeding 5 <i>l.</i> , but not above 5 <i>l.</i> , but not exceeding 7 <i>l.</i> , but not above 7 <i>l.</i> , but not exceeding 10 <i>l.</i>	-	0	3	For sums under 10 <i>s.</i> , of 10 <i>s.</i> and under 1 <i>l.</i> , of 1 <i>l.</i> , of 2 <i>l.</i> , of 2 <i>l.</i> , of 3 <i>l.</i> , of 3 <i>l.</i> , of 4 <i>l.</i> , of 4 <i>l.</i> , of 5 <i>l.</i> , of 5 <i>l.</i> , of 6 <i>l.</i> , of 6 <i>l.</i> , of 7 <i>l.</i> , of 7 <i>l.</i> , of 8 <i>l.</i> , of 8 <i>l.</i> , of 9 <i>l.</i> , of 9 <i>l.</i> , of 10 <i>l.</i>	-	0	1	For sums of 5 <i>l.</i> and under 6 <i>l.</i> , of 6 <i>l.</i> , of 7 <i>l.</i> , of 7 <i>l.</i> , of 8 <i>l.</i> , of 8 <i>l.</i> , of 9 <i>l.</i> , of 9 <i>l.</i> , of 10 <i>l.</i>	-	0	7	For sums not exceeding 1 <i>l.</i> , above 1 <i>l.</i> and not exceeding 2 <i>l.</i> , above 2 <i>l.</i> and not exceeding 4 <i>l.</i> , above 4 <i>l.</i> and not exceeding 7 <i>l.</i> , above 7 <i>l.</i> and not exceeding 10 <i>l.</i>	-	0	2	-	0	8	-	0	4	-	0	5	-	0	6

APPENDIX K.—*continued.*
Money Orders.

Year.	COLONIAL ORDERS.									
	ISSUED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.					ISSUED IN THE COLONIES.				
	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.		Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	TOTAL.
1879-80	31,592	£ 113,242	6·8	6·		172,068	£ 660,350	10·8	7·5	203,660 764,062
1880-81	34,125	123,514	8·	8·1		187,837	690,465	9·1	6·	221,662 812,979
1881-82	34,423	121,210	·9	Decrease. 1·		210,554	771,515	12·	12·	244,976 892,735
1882-83	36,244	130,172	5·3	Increase. 3·3		240,808	912,986	14·	18·3	277,032 1,043,158
1883-84	43,055	154,599	18·8	20·3		270,380	1,027,615	12·3	12·5	313,435 1,184,214
1884-85	46,690	177,921	15·4	13·6		297,730	1,084,639	6·4	5·6	337,420 1,293,590
1885-86	55,493	186,475	11·5	10·4		303,034	1,174,131	5·3	8·3	368,462 1,372,606
1886-87	61,542	220,240	11·	13·		301,738	1,103,169	Decrease. ·4	Decrease. 6·	363,231 1,323,409
1887-88	67,768	242,344	11·	10·4		330,202	1,194,994	Increase. 9·4	Increase. 8·	397,970 1,438,338
1888-89	74,065	268,407	9·3	10·7		350,902	1,252,606	6·2	4·7	424,987 1,521,013
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APPENDIX K.—*continued.*
Money Orders.

FOREIGN ORDERS.												
Year.	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.
1879-80	134,781	325,927	8·5	1·9	194,778	506,670	38·2	40·1	329,569	830,597	24·3	23·3
1880-81	148,216	335,908	5·5	3·6	241,351	624,032	24·	23·6	383,567	961,840	16·4	15·8
1881-82	153,571	360,054	8·	6·2	291,688	773,123	20·8	23·5	446,329	1,133,177	16·	18·
1882-83	162,713	400,480	6·	11·2	344,798	980,542	18·2	20·3	507,509	1,380,963	14·	17·4
1883-84	194,515	477,203	19·	19·2	384,903	966,255	5·84	3·76	589,408	1,453,546	10·3	7·7
1884-85	204,775	508,475	6·3	6·6	362,414	921,712	Decrease. 7	Decrease. 3·6	569,189	1,430,387	1·7	Decrease. 1·3
1885-86	215,844	532,238	4·4	4·7	386,781	951,942	Increase. 6·4	Increase. 3·3	601,625	1,484,470	5·7	Increase. 3·8
1886-87	224,904	552,364	4·2	3·8	462,287	1,210,620	20·	27·1	687,191	1,763,484	14·2	20·
1887-88	246,151	568,238	9·	8·2	546,596	1,413,874	18·7	17·	793,746	2,014,112	15·5	14·2
1888-89	261,427	642,439	6·6	7·6	593,090	1,469,351	8·1	6·	854,517	2,139,390	7·7	6·3

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 Colonies.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Colonies.
1879-80	2,413	41,232	32,943	187,712	87,381	84,256	4,604	49,545	4,910	61,368	11,972	95,238	3,893	65,467	14,496	66,064	113,240	650,350
1880-81	2,825	34,907	37,086	197,772	97,909	90,533	5,313	58,281	6,532	86,384	14,800	98,378	4,300	66,818	13,740	57,198	132,514	690,465
1881-82	3,352	45,453	36,896	211,687	96,069	110,806	7,290	85,964	7,103	95,836	13,954	90,384	3,826	69,463	12,721	61,554	151,210	771,515
1882-83	2,905	44,331	38,918	236,556	89,810	162,157	9,571	111,698	8,864	110,022	14,083	90,320	4,590	76,186	11,461	81,566	130,172	913,986
1883-84	3,893	53,608	47,173	281,675	51,684	187,113	11,790	97,987	11,258	115,521	16,358	96,389	5,004	105,994	9,439	89,818	156,899	1,027,615
1884-85	4,533	58,983	55,578	313,446	59,774	172,355	11,556	87,326	12,879	157,982	18,153	94,768	5,765	120,545	9,683	77,834	177,981	1,085,069
1885-86	4,453	83,024	61,573	346,645	62,641	164,025	11,406	85,785	16,807	174,743	20,258	93,345	6,420	131,659	12,937	96,987	198,475	1,176,131
1886-87	5,433	76,128	69,272	343,638	63,547	176,859	11,897	82,299	26,279	144,121	22,615	84,346	7,615	160,893	13,632	137,896	230,240	1,106,169
1887-88	4,844	74,129	78,927	340,300	66,510	199,512	11,108	89,763	34,694	138,240	24,385	82,681	8,161	206,646	13,915	64,721	248,344	1,196,994
1888-89	6,789	68,989	76,003	371,638	74,637	223,046	11,700	106,135	51,321	132,633	23,654	75,572	7,979	231,212	14,315	54,689	268,407	1,233,006

APPENDIX K.—*continued.*

Money Orders.

TABLE showing the AMOUNT (to the nearest Pound) of MONEY ORDER TRANSACTIONS between the UNITED KINGDOM and 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.
1879-80 -	£ —	£ —	£ 13,476	£ 19,144	£ 4,110	£ 5,683	£ 627	£ 9,106	£ 75,343	£ 79,149	£ 105,193	£ 71,003	£ 23,011	£ 10,407	£ —	£ —	£ —	£ —
1880-81 -	—	—	£ 13,823	£ 21,925	£ 4,808	£ 5,674	£ 738	£ 7,691	£ 76,019	£ 90,390	£ 110,891	£ 71,960	£ 23,352	£ 11,234	—	—	—	—
1881-82 -	—	—	£ 13,449	£ 21,792	£ 4,625	£ 7,308	£ 597	£ 8,589	£ 80,838	£ 92,783	£ 118,279	£ 79,614	£ 23,472	£ 12,195	£ 71	£ 417	—	—
1882-83 -	—	—	£ 15,005	£ 23,349	£ 5,825	£ 9,424	£ 1,394	£ 20,086	£ 85,446	£ 98,669	£ 124,164	£ 85,466	£ 23,687	£ 13,752	£ 193	£ 936	—	—
1883-84 -	—	—	£ 16,914	£ 27,021	£ 7,808	£ 12,140	£ 2,361	£ 22,717	£ 92,745	£ 122,461	£ 146,089	£ 90,769	£ 34,982	£ 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	£ 40,350	£ 98,251	£ 132,117	£ 153,767	£ 89,946	£ 37,692	£ 21,579	£ 275	£ 2,069	£ 361	£ 533
1886-87 -	£ 7,960	£ 6,960	£ 22,549	£ 36,374	£ 8,914	£ 9,873	£ 3,908	£ 33,827	£ 103,989	£ 136,035	£ 161,424	£ 95,953	£ 39,552	£ 102,263	£ 354	£ 1,293	£ 1,068	£ 6,656
1887-88 -	£ 9,583	£ 10,656	£ 23,696	£ 38,249	£ 10,640	£ 9,609	£ 3,307	£ 23,929	£ 111,036	£ 139,204	£ 169,109	£ 102,966	£ 38,238	£ 76,094	£ 303	£ 1,354	£ 2,351	£ 1,628
1888-89 -	£ 10,936	£ 10,686	£ 23,992	£ 44,446	£ 11,878	£ 11,780	£ 2,996	£ 20,263	£ 113,033	£ 146,651	£ 173,696	£ 107,527	£ 41,236	£ 84,654	£ 414	£ 1,441	£ 3,324	£ 2,094

APPENDIX K.—*continued.*

Money Orders.

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

Year.	Iceland, and Danish W. Indies.		Netherlands, and Dutch E. Indies.		Norway.		Portugal.		Sweden.		Switzerland.		United States.		TOTAL.	
	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Iceland & D.W.I.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the Netherlands and Dutch E. Indies.	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 the U.S.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued Abroad.
1879-80 -	-	£ -	£ 5,802	£ 9,691	£ 5,069	£ 2,064	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 18,797	£ 9,562	£ 70,496	£ 290,841	£ 323,927	£ 506,870
1870-81 -	-	-	£ 0,231	£ 10,678	£ 6,762	£ 2,469	-	-	-	-	£ 18,315	£ 11,239	£ 72,061	£ 392,763	£ 335,808	£ 696,083
1881-82 -	-	-	£ 6,549	£ 12,282	£ 8,124	£ 2,081	-	-	£ 1,687	£ 1,364	£ 19,066	£ 12,481	£ 80,397	£ 552,268	£ 360,064	£ 773,128
1883-83 -	-	-	£ 7,358	£ 13,328	£ 10,662	£ 2,279	-	-	£ 5,649	£ 3,416	£ 19,313	£ 12,790	£ 96,711	£ 647,097	£ 400,480	£ 880,542
1883-84 -	-	-	£ 9,035	£ 14,277	£ 16,750	£ 2,436	£ 480	£ 810	£ 10,015	£ 3,832	£ 23,289	£ 11,709	£ 116,727	£ 630,705	£ 477,263	£ 946,255
1884-85 -	31	£ 3,350	£ 8,851	£ 14,468	£ 15,118	£ 2,544	£ 960	£ 1,466	£ 10,301	£ 4,575	£ 24,620	£ 14,671	£ 132,538	£ 667,877	£ 508,675	£ 981,712
1885-86 -	218	£ 3,861	£ 8,772	£ 14,750	£ 17,758	£ 2,694	£ 1,780	£ 2,733	£ 12,366	£ 5,799	£ 25,381	£ 16,107	£ 134,550	£ 561,775	£ 532,538	£ 961,942
1886-87 -	103	£ 7,383	£ 9,807	£ 15,417	£ 18,474	£ 2,980	£ 2,187	£ 3,207	£ 13,488	£ 6,001	£ 25,854	£ 16,518	£ 133,262	£ 759,940	£ 532,964	£ 1,210,920
1887-88 -	556	£ 8,530	£ 10,638	£ 16,819	£ 22,461	£ 2,974	£ 4,142	£ 3,415	£ 15,449	£ 6,525	£ 28,417	£ 18,047	£ 145,410	£ 966,003	£ 598,288	£ 1,415,874
1888-89 -	680	£ 19,767	£ 11,637	£ 16,534	£ 26,663	£ 3,142	£ 3,945	£ 4,029	£ 21,234	£ 6,410	£ 28,370	£ 19,146	£ 170,217	£ 1,047,619	£ 648,439	£ 1,495,961

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 1889.

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. 12 6	s. d. 15 0	s. d. 17 6	s. d. 20 0	Number.	Value.				
Quarter ended 31st March 1881.																		646,989	£ 292,160	s. 10	d. 0
-	62,589	48,894	—	32,041	—	—	—	—	124,147	40,381	192,745	—	17,953	31,736	11,091	125,312	4,462,920	2,005,917	19	0	
1881-2	452,823	362,004	—	437,096	—	—	—	—	853,356	292,020	808,735	—	110,691	202,665	60,611	911,978	7,980,328	3,451,284	0	6	
1882-3	948,678	759,105	—	825,198	—	—	—	—	1,463,620	449,229	1,330,098	—	181,832	318,769	97,345	1,606,454	12,296,556	5,028,663	9	0	
1883-4	1,700,453	1,367,774	—	1,333,656	—	—	—	—	2,154,178	676,193	1,870,963	—	268,745	444,637	143,184	2,318,773	18,331,164	7,895,347	9	0	
1884-5	1,407,937	1,003,009	922,180	1,371,127	796,733	406,848	844,563	319,550	3,036,013	902,384	2,916,248	394,789	51,489	818,697	27,476	3,611,521	25,790,316	10,783,946	2	6	
1885-6	1,624,421	1,169,449	1,531,407	1,681,562	1,543,562	703,036	1,497,125	565,851	3,987,230	1,146,139	3,874,602	694,680	—	1,127,986	—	4,943,267	31,608,711	12,963,939	19	6	
1886-7	2,225,587	1,471,775	1,909,349	1,907,160	1,691,524	912,717	1,020,846	742,332	4,795,124	1,376,291	4,538,659	806,960	—	1,328,869	—	5,891,528	36,386,147	14,696,369	13	0	
1887-8	2,559,701	1,772,774	2,288,881	2,189,858	1,965,946	1,094,593	2,269,050	889,704	5,611,540	1,607,113	5,069,738	1,090,775	—	1,490,517	—	6,586,463	40,282,321	16,112,079	15	0	
1888-9	2,856,289	2,047,503	2,593,854	2,427,789	2,181,063	1,240,506	2,539,921	1,005,489	6,046,886	1,804,163	5,514,842	1,234,668	—	1,635,049	—	7,154,190	33,149,465	178,275,452	73,220,698	17	6
RATES OF POUNDAGE.																		7,398,994	£ 339,707	s. 178,275	d. 452
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. 12 6	s. d. 15 0	s. d. 17 6	s. d. 20 0			
From 1st June 1884		Poundage.		1d.		—		—		—		1d.		2d.		—		1d.		—	

Postal Orders for the sums of 12s. 6d. and 17s. 6d. were abolished on the 31st May 1884.
Postal Orders for the sums of 2s., 3s., 4s., 5s., 6s., 7s., 8s., 9s., 10s., 11s., 12s., 13s., 14s., 15s., 16s., 17s., 18s., 19s., 20s. were established on the 1st June 1884.

APPENDIX M.

Official Correspondence.

A STATEMENT showing the WEIGHT of CORRESPONDENCE carried, and the VALUE of POSTAL SERVICE performed, for the following Public Offices, &c. in the Year ended the 31st March 1889.

NAMES OF OFFICES.	Correspondence.						Parcels.			Totals.		Total Value.	
	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		England and Wales.	Scotland.	Ireland.	Correspondence.	Parcels.		
	Weight in Ounces.	Value.	Weight in Ounces.	Value.	Weight in Ounces.	Value.							
Adjutant General	oz.	£	oz.	£	oz.	£	£	£	oz.	£	£	£	
Admiralty, Lords Commissioners of the	1,720,631	11,276	—	—	25,955	119	—	—	25,955	119	—	79	11,355
Army Medical Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	131	—	—	—	131	—	131
Attorney General	10,733	45	—	—	30,928	—	—	—	30,928	—	—	—	31
Australian Exhibition	9,217	161	—	—	—	—	—	—	10,733	45	—	—	45
Bankruptcy Court	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9,217	161	—	—	161
Board of Education	—	—	43,475	201	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
Board of Supervision	—	—	70,580	328	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Board of Trade	—	—	—	—	421,476	1,908	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Board of Works	2,613,175	11,168	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	95	—	116	2,230
Cape of Good Hope, Agent General	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chancellor, The Lord	20,786	390	—	—	—	—	—	—	70,530	328	—	—	328
Charity Commissioners	45,577	167	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,613,175	11,168	73	—	11,240
Chelsea Hospital	140,251	656	—	—	—	—	—	—	295,408	1,376	14	—	1,390
Chief and Under Secretary, Dublin Castle	37,457	179	—	—	—	—	—	—	30,736	390	—	—	390
Civil Service Commissioners	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	45,577	167	—	—	167
Clerk of the Parliaments (House of Lords)	339,009	1,454	—	—	293,248	1,232	—	—	140,251	656	—	—	657
Colonial Office	339,135	461	—	—	—	—	—	—	37,457	179	—	—	179
Commander of the Forces	390,458	5,445	—	—	—	—	—	—	293,248	1,232	—	—	1,293
Commissariat Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	339,009	1,454	—	—	1,457
Constabulary Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	339,135	461	—	—	461
Convict Prisons, Directors of	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	276	3	—	—	277
Council Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	24	—	—	24
Court of Chancery	2,063,311	8,846	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Court of Probate	186,100	871	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Crown Office, Edinburgh	211,444	941	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Crown and Hanaper	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Customs	—	—	79,308	368	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Emigration Office	812,032	3,462	—	—	5,329	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	25
Exchequer and Audit Department	190,116	878	—	—	1,052	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Fishery Board for Scotland	1,47,463	626	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Foreign Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Home Office	235,200	3,408	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
House of Commons	1,147,337	4,032	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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Appendix M.—continued.

NAMES OF OFFICES.	Correspondence.						Parcels.			Totals.		Total Value.
	England and Wales.			Scotland.			Ireland.			Correspondence.	Parcels.	
	Weight in Ounces.	Value.	Scotland.	Weight in Ounces.	Value.	Ireland.	England and Wales.	Scotland.	Ireland.			
										Weight in Ounces.	Value.	
Inland Revenue	13,331,055	46,986	4,510,294	10,469	3,017,938	12,682	941	47	30,869,287	72,167	1,936	73,203
Inspector of Fisheries	—	—	—	—	73,407	316	—	—	73,407	316	—	316
Irish Office	121,904	482	—	—	—	—	—	—	121,904	482	—	482
Land Commissioners	92,314	403	—	—	—	—	—	—	92,314	403	—	403
Loan Fund Board	—	—	—	—	8,413	37	—	—	8,413	37	—	37
Local Government Board	1,929,214	8,200	—	—	469,356	1,980	36	11	2,398,570	10,180	47	10,227
Lord Lieutenant and Private Secretary	—	—	—	—	15,023	68	—	—	15,023	68	—	68
Lunacy Commissioners in	21,855	66	—	—	—	—	—	—	21,855	66	—	66
Melbourne Exhibition	1,639	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,639	8	—	8
Merchandise Marine Board	380,515	1,625	—	—	—	—	—	—	380,515	1,625	—	1,625
Merchant Seamen, Registrar of	593,783	2,458	—	—	—	—	—	—	593,783	2,458	—	2,458
National Debt Office	59,127	267	—	—	34,013	146	—	—	69,127	267	—	267
Ordnance Survey	70,893	316	—	—	—	—	—	—	113,941	463	—	463
Patent Office	404,298	1,036	—	—	—	—	—	—	404,298	1,036	—	1,036
Paymaster of Civil Services	—	—	—	—	13,766	62	—	—	13,766	62	—	62
Paymaster General	70,832	396	—	—	—	—	1	13	70,832	396	1	397
Privy Council Office, Dublin	—	—	—	—	5,457	18	11	1	10,695	40	12	42
Public Record Office	5,201	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	20,373	94	12	94
Public Works Loan Board	20,373	94	—	—	—	—	—	—	20,373	94	—	94
Quartermaster General	—	—	—	—	21,530	98	—	—	21,530	98	—	98
Queen's Remembrancer	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	27,142	123	2	124
Registrar House	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	248	6	6	249
Registrar General	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	71,236	123	—	124
Registrar of Friendly Societies	1,375,572	3,814	224,412	405	250,414	1,123	74	1	1,850,596	5,241	197	5,538
Registrar at Petty Sessions, Clerks	108,352	490	7,981	57	2,325	11	—	—	113,558	538	—	538
Royal Mint	—	—	—	—	63,223	303	—	—	63,223	303	26	329
Science and Art Department	8,299	45	—	—	—	—	—	—	8,299	45	—	45
Scotch Education Department	1,277,413	5,397	—	—	—	—	183	—	1,277,413	5,397	183	5,579
Secretary of State for Scotland	218,124	955	—	—	—	—	—	—	218,124	955	—	955
Solicitor General	88,966	389	—	—	—	—	—	—	88,966	389	—	389
Stationary Office	3,345	18	—	—	33,465	146	143	20	3,345	18	172	3,517
Treasury	859,968	1,233	—	—	—	—	—	—	859,968	1,233	—	1,233
Valuation Office	468,083	2,064	—	—	—	—	—	—	468,083	2,064	—	2,064
War Office	3,455,566	17,694	28,469	123	58,413	254	403	—	3,455,566	17,694	23	3,478
Woods and Forests, Commissioners of	117,861	515	—	—	133,966	569	3	—	117,861	515	3	118
Works and Buildings, Commissioners of	153,184	667	—	—	—	—	12	—	153,184	667	13	167
Wrecks, Commissioners of	1,462	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,462	7	—	7
TOTALS	36,194,334	152,345	5,064,327	12,331	5,793,625	24,933	2,463	79	47,041,266	189,608	2,972	192,580

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.*
1878-79	59	402	357	£ 3,183 5 6	1,889	6,382	5,656	£ 63,305 10 6
1879-80	—	1,218	353	3,455 17 1	1,889	7,600	6,009	66,761 7 7
1880-81	56	1,455	317	7,771 9 2	1,945	9,055	6,326	74,532 16 9
1881-82	293	2,000	656	14,203 6 0	2,238	11,055	6,982	88,786 2 9
1882-83	452	1,384	766	12,787 13 6	2,690	12,439	7,748	101,523 16 3
1883-84	412	1,768	1,113	12,109 16 4	3,102	14,207	8,861	113,638 12 7
1884-85	188	1,129	110	7,249 4 4	3,285	15,386	8,971	120,882 16 11
1885-86	122	919	208	5,615 5 9	3,407	16,255	9,179	126,498 2 8
1886-87	98	817	—	† —	3,500	16,572	9,045	122,768 11 11
1887-88	43	301	116	1,304 9 7	3,543	16,873	9,161	124,073 1 6
1888-89	52	171	90	1,149 0 0	3,595	17,044	9,251	125,222 1 6

* 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 7s. 6d. each.		At 4s. each.	At 15s. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.	At 15s. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.
1870-80	-	-	-	652,663	62,792	46,653	108,634	-	-	-
1880-81	-	63,176	-	633,969	79,253	59,794	138,960	-	-	-
1881-82	6,655	96,423	-	646,362	84,968	66,754	156,704	-	-	-
1882-83	6,587	84,793	-	656,660	93,722	74,212	175,171	-	-	-
1883-84	6,339	81,122	-	662,662	98,515	78,580	188,043	-	-	-
1884-85	6,096	75,069	-	710,296	100,524	74,371	194,792	708	186	77
1885-86	5,793	25,063	62,603	794,693	101,331	72,997	192,350	624	191	13
1886-87	5,951	-	25,332	743,139	101,276	74,100	200,605	964	254	-
1887-88	5,767	-	19,172	783,751	107,671	78,283	212,160	1,095	262	-
1888-89	3,997	-	19,374	824,964	109,747	41,873	197,148	1,388	46,847	-

APPENDIX O.—continued.

Inland Revenue Licenses.

NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION OF LICENSES issued by the POST OFFICE during the last Ten Years.

Ycar.	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 20s.			
1870-80	6,403	14,471	87,728	7	3	—	3	979,365	543,523 5 6
1880-81	7,806	18,448	88,253	5,232	717	—	610	1,101,108	645,561 16 6
1881-82	8,386	20,030	93,507	8,031	1,806	—	768	1,176,884	709,181 8 0
1882-83	9,008	21,680	102,260	13,887	1,767	—	1,480	1,245,457	774,117 16 0
1883-84	9,199	23,078	108,792	16,377	1,563	1,601	1,880	1,297,769	818,703 3 0
1884-85	9,254	23,415	119,785	19,365	2,118	2,129	2,056	1,346,104	844,574 1 6
1885-86	9,234	24,149	127,643	20,960	2,085	2,908	2,277	1,372,328	830,191 4 0
1886-87	8,465	24,381	123,176	20,921	2,173	2,398	2,385	1,335,909	849,238 14 6
1887-88	9,146	25,682	133,467	23,476	2,464	3,084	2,507	1,407,776	901,522 13 0
1888-89	9,252	25,083	133,206	23,532	2,624	2,836	2,560	1,449,034	884,183 14 0

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

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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.				
1879-80	£ 6,300,750	£ 251,539	£ 3,750 (a)	£ 6,145	£ 6,598,445	£ 4,980,753	£ 2,497,687
1880-81	6,478,696	245,033	3,750	4,948	6,733,487	4,133,659	2,597,768
1881-82	6,770,333	226,947	25,637	4,764	7,027,690	4,393,596	2,741,004
1882-83	7,054,988	£17,686	44,492	3,500	7,500,660	4,545,396	2,755,562
1883-84	7,455,206	206,704	65,945	4,000	7,764,855	5,154,339	2,610,026
1884-85	7,632,920	186,719	55,567	4,300	7,906,406	5,317,313	2,589,193
1885-86	7,896,898	165,563	114,533	3,600	8,170,604	5,495,724	2,683,880
1886-87	8,186,519	142,390	136,339	3,000	8,471,138	5,890,141	2,581,057
1887-88	8,469,212	133,443	136,879	2,900	8,703,337	5,933,820	2,771,517
1888-89	8,786,890	126,063	176,523	1,396	9,102,776 (b)	6,052,902	3,089,874
Average Annual Net Revenue of first period of Five Years							£2,640,409
Ditto							£2,735,104

(c) Postal Orders were first issued on 1st January 1881.
 (d) Postal Revenue as per Finance Accounts 9,066,493.
 Add Unclaimed Money Orders - 1,300.
 " Extra Receipts - 5,014.
 9,102,776.

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. (c)	Working Expenses charged to the Telegraph Vote. (c)	Net Revenue.
							To Cable Companies. (b)	For Postage and Message Money refunded.			
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	13,737	17,960	1,847,726	234,103	2,716	1,610,907	1,242,092	+ 368,815
1882	1,697,552	87,238	72,481	25,090	13,644	1,896,000	262,493	3,064	1,630,443	1,365,683	+ 264,810
1883	1,781,617	97,989	84,429	29,517	15,515	2,009,067	265,860	3,144	1,740,063	1,504,204	+ 235,859
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	15,333	2,042,274	283,521	3,685	1,755,118	1,731,040	+ 24,078
1886	1,708,976	108,415	100,802	61,659	13,113	1,987,965	226,174	3,622	1,758,169	1,733,105	+ 25,064
1887	1,757,715	111,150	96,998	69,261	14,525	2,049,649	189,962	4,001	1,855,686	1,939,764	- 84,078
1888	1,832,743	113,688	98,976	73,910	14,878	2,154,195	190,404	4,385	1,959,406	1,928,159	+ 31,247
1889	2,013,448	113,546	99,135	84,198	14,941	2,325,268	220,971	10,249	*2,094,048	1,969,096	+ 124,952

(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 October of 1885. The Revenue shown on pages 12 and 13 includes the value of the work done for other Government Departments without remuneration, amounting to 33,418*l.*, as well as the amounts realised by the sale of waste paper and old materials, which were respectively 2,682*l.* and 148*l.*, and, on the other hand, the expenditure shown on the same pages includes a sum of 73,368*l.* expended by other Departments of the Government in respect of work done for the Telegraph Department.

APPENDIX S. **Expenditure in relation to Telegraphs.**

Year.	EXPENDITURE.						Total Cost of Telegraph Service.
	Working Expenses charged to the Telegraph Vote, according to the Appropriation Account.	Manufacture and Issue of Stamps used on Telegrams.	Stationery.	Buildings.	Auditing of Telegraph Accounts by Exchequer and Audit Department.	Rates and Contributions in lieu of Rates paid by Treasury.	
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	1,583,877
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	- 1,733,104	237	31,391	64,353	2,161	1,155	1,832,401
1886-87	- 1,939,764	334	35,259	53,977	2,193	1,105	2,032,652
1887-88	- 1,928,345	352	35,088	31,478	2,634	1,136	1,999,033
1888-89	- 1,969,096	377	32,130	36,842	2,825	1,124	2,042,394

APPENDIX T.

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

	Year ending March 31st.										
	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.	
Value of Stores in Depôts at commencement of year -	£ s. d. 116,778 15 9½	£ s. d. 120,090 12 2½	£ s. d. 105,068 17 1½	£ s. d. 129,361 0 1	£ s. d. 192,625 15 11½	£ s. d. 190,776 9 5½	£ s. d. 211,762 11 10½	£ s. d. 215,329 7 8½	£ s. d. 212,183 10 1½	£ s. d. 236,796 7 9½	
Value of Stores purchased during year -	40,608 14 2	60,968 9 2	127,109 7 6	135,935 11 11	149,622 6 9	297,092 17 2	226,446 11 6	139,539 9 2	134,722 18 11	131,969 7 1	
Value of Stores and labour expended thereon, payroll charges, during year -	2,731 15 7½	3,864 7 4	6,963 12 6½	10,963 7 4½	11,963 18 6	15,562 16 5	15,538 16 9½	12,955 17 11	11,775 0 5	10,387 10 9½	
Value of Stores returned into Stock under the following Sub-heads:—											
C ¹ Maintenance .	53,307 15 9½	54,619 13 3	53,590 14 10	83,786 1 5½	107,914 15 3½	103,147 1 2	173,145 10 6½	196,181 19 4½	115,468 16 5½	137,968 5 0½	
C ¹¹ " [Ships]	—	—	—	—	—	—	60 1 7½	47 9 0½	3 9 3½	7 15 2½	
O ¹ Extensions -	164 15 1	176 7 8½	128 1 11	165 1 9	118 17 11½	56 1 9½	504 17 8½	453 18 0	375 14 0½	2,085 3 11	
O ² Re-arrangements -	5,960 16 5½	5,188 15 7½	7,073 5 2½	15,963 2 0½	9,896 14 3	16,241 17 1	39,006 19 10½	59,966 1 7½	18,917 6 8½	16,063 6 8½	
O ³ Private Telegraphs -	2,592 11 8	4,475 9 3½	9,461 6 2½	13,661 17 0	20,447 7 8½	13,011 18 10½	10,456 4 0	13,470 0 4½	18,120 14 1½	19,550 17 11½	
O ⁴ Works executed for Rly. Co.'s, &c. -	823 9 8½	401 12 2½	496 8 4½	305 4 8½	413 12 8	348 9 6½	697 16 6½	325 7 2	607 9 2½	663 13 7½	
O ⁵ Government Telegraphs -	256 8 0½	73 10 9½	53 6 0½	240 6 7½	621 18 4½	393 0 3½	264 0 5½	266 13 4	153 3 8½	285 12 10½	
A ¹ Fraud, accident, and default (losses) -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 8 10	
General Stock -	85 6 10½	11 11 4	3 9 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Total -	236,886 9 2½	240,730 8 11½	315,021 9 4	389,143 13 0	483,620 7 6	636,680 18 10½	676,854 10 11½	578,835 3 8½	507,328 9 6½	546,029 9 9½	

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EXTRACT FROM THE FINANCE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1889.

*Inserted by desire of the Select Committee on Estimates, Revenue
Department.*

DETAILED STATEMENT of the GROSS RECEIPTS and NET PRODUCE of the REVENUE.

POST OFFICE.

	Gross Receipts.			Payments out.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Postage collected by Country Postmasters - - -		5	5	0	--	
Postage collected in the Metropolis - - -	110,840	4	3½	--		
Postage, &c. refunded - - -	-	-	-	14,953	14	6
Postage Stamps sold by Postmasters, &c. in the United Kingdom, and issued to Postmasters and Agents Abroad - -	9,409,473	7	3½	--		
Postage Stamps sold by Stamp Distributors of Inland Revenue - - -	272,942	12	7½	--		
Postage, &c. refunded by Stamp Distributors of Inland Revenue - - -	-	-	-	1,353	12	5½
Payments to Inland Revenue Department on account of Postage Stamps used for Inland Revenue purposes - -	-	-	-	502,280	0	0
Payments to Railway Companies and to Her Majesty's Customs on account of Parcel Post - - -	-	-	-	429,534	6	5
Commission on Money Orders - - -	129,062	17	8	--		
Ditto Postal " - - -	176,522	11	10	--		
Miscellaneous Receipts - - -	34,250	1	1½	--		
Postage collected for Great Britain by Colonial Offices, and Postmasters and Agents Abroad - - -	93,998	18	5½	--		
Postage collected by Foreign Offices for credit of Great Britain - - -	113,183	9	5	--		
Postage collected by Great Britain for credit of Colonial Offices not under the control of the Imperial Post Office - - -	-	-	-	97,910	16	0½
Postage collected by Great Britain for credit of Foreign Offices - - -	-	-	-	197,784	9	0½
	10,340,279	2	8½	1,243,816	18	5½
Deduct Payments out - - -	1,243,816	18	5½			
NET PRODUCE £	9,096,462	4	3½			

General Post Office, }
June 1889.

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Receiver and Accountant General.

TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

	Gross Receipts.	Payments out.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Amount received for the transmission of Telegraphic Messages, &c. in Cash	383,080 17 9	—
Amount received for the transmission of Telegraphic Messages, &c. in Stamps -	1,927,246 5 4	—
Payments to Submarine Telegraph Companies, Message Moneys refunded, &c.	- - -	231,220 6 11
	2,310,327 3 1	231,220 6 11
Deduct Payments out -	231,220 6 11	
NET PRODUCE £	2,079,106 16 2	

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