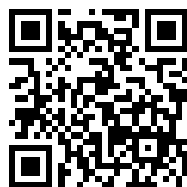

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THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT.

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-sixth Annual Report on the Post Office, being the Report for the year ended the 31st of March 1890.

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 - - -	1,650,100,000	5·9	43·5
Post Cards - -	217,100,000	7·8	5·7
Book Packets and Circulars	441,900,000	7·3	11·7
Newspapers . -	159,300,000	4·8	4·2
Total - - -	2,468,400,000	6·2	65·1
Parcels - - -	42,853,000	8·2	1·1
Grand Total -	2,511,253,000	6·3	66·2

The number of registered letters was 11,357,935, an increase of 356,850, or at the rate of 3·2 per cent.

Of the total number of letters, &c. delivered, it is thought that about 85·2 per cent. were delivered in England and Wales, 29·8 per cent. being delivered in the London Postal District alone, 9 per cent. in Scotland, and 5·8 per cent. in Ireland.

The practice of sending valentines appears to be diminishing. In 1883 some 2,770,000 valentines passed through the post in London, but in the present year the number was apparently not more than 320,000. On the other hand, the additional work at Christmas is largely on the increase. The fashion of offering prizes for competitions of various kinds amongst the readers of newspapers and magazines gives rise to much correspondence. On the 2nd May 1889 no less than 31,398 post cards were delivered at the office of one magazine, and at another office about half a million post cards were delivered in a single week, one delivery alone comprising 195,250 letters and post cards carried to the office of the magazine in two vans. In another week as many as 118,000 letters were delivered at the office of one journal, and the postage on these letters amounted to about 1,000*l*.

Returned
Letters.

It is satisfactory to be able to report that in spite of the continued increase in the number of letters, &c., the number of complaints of lateness in delivery is steadily decreasing. The numbers of letters, &c. dealt with in the various Returned Letter Offices throughout the country were as follows:—

—	Number.	Increase.
Letters - - - -	6,311,102	182,223
Post cards - - - -	841,076	44,817
Patterns - - - -	27,486	13,421
Parcels - - - -	107,863	22,230
Book Packets - - -	6,661,201	Decrease. 38,056
Newspapers - - -	551,022	Decrease. 11,270

Of the letters returned 119,386 were re-issued to corrected addresses, 5,539,551 were returned to the senders, 214,839 were returned unopened to the Post Offices of foreign countries, and only 437,326 remained which could not be disposed of. Of the parcels dealt with 81,277 were re-issued to corrected addresses or returned to the senders. The number of registered letters dealt with was 191,834, or 2,609 more than in 1888-89, and 32,742 other letters were found to contain articles which rendered registration necessary. About 28,790 letters were posted without any addresses, and of these 1,495 contained cash, bank-notes, and cheques of the value of over 6,000*l*. in all.

Post cards.

On the 1st July 1889 the price of stout post cards was reduced from 7*d*. for a packet of 12 to 6*d*. for a packet of 10.

The reduction in price and the greater convenience of the charge appear to have been much appreciated by the public. Since the change the cheaper stout cards have displaced the cards sold by private stationers at the rate of $13\frac{1}{4}$ millions a year, and the thin official cards at the rate of 16 millions a year. In addition there has been an actual increase in issue at the rate of 19 millions a year, and the total issue of the stout cards since the 1st July 1889 has been at the rate of 112 millions as compared with 64 millions for the previous year.

The number of Post Offices opened during the year was 530, and the number of public letter boxes has been increased by 873. The total number of Post Offices has thus been raised to 18,359, and the number of letter boxes to 20,827. About 800 additional licenses to sell postage stamps have been issued to private individuals and firms. New Offices,
Sites, &c.

The new Head Post Office for the Eastern district of London situated in the Whitechapel Road, and erected at a cost of about 25,000*l.* for the site and building, has been occupied, and New Crown Post Offices have been completed at Aylesbury, Bilston, North Shields, Smethwick, and Carlow. New Sorting Offices also have been built at Liverpool, Ipswich, Acton, Highgate, and Plaistow, and progress has been made with the new buildings at the General Post Office and at the Chief Office of the Savings Bank. The expenditure for the purchase of sites and buildings during the year has amounted to 83,200*l.*, and about 175,000*l.* has been expended in the maintenance and enlargement of existing Post Offices. The corresponding expenditure for these purposes amounted in 1888-89 to about 212,000*l.*

The total number of officers on the permanent establishment of the Department is 61,054. The number added in the year was 2,658. The number of women included in the total is 4,348, of whom 835 are employed as clerks in the Chief Offices in London, Edinburgh, and Dublin, and 3,513 as counterwomen and telegraphists throughout the United Kingdom. Staff.

Besides the foregoing there are about 52,000 other persons employed by Postmasters throughout the United Kingdom in Post Office work. Of these about 15,700 are women.

In London 87 additional outward mails and 40 inward mails have been established. The midday mail despatch by the London and South-Western Railway has been considerably improved, with the result that the day deliveries in a large number of towns in the south of England have been accelerated by an hour or more. Additional deliveries and collections have been provided in many of the suburban sub-districts in London and 15 additional direct despatches between one district and another have been established. New Mails, &c.

Sample Post.

The increase in the number of patterns and samples sent through the post in the course of the year is estimated at about 600,000, an increase of 20 per cent. About 1,000,000 patterns and samples were posted in London, or nearly 63,000 more than in the previous 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.
			£	£	£	d.	d.
1884-5	Railway-borne and Road-borne.	33,910,040	508,247	256,573	251,675	5'32	2'63
1885-6	" " "	35,417,397	591,945	296,948	294,997	5'38	2'06
1886-7	" " "	33,960,154	719,112	368,354	360,858	5'25	2'64
1887-8	" " "	36,731,786	811,764	401,295	410,469	5'20	2'68
1888-9	" " "	39,569,313	878,547	433,307	445,240	5'32	2'69
1889-90	" " "	42,352,600	952,113	468,307	483,306	5'33	2'70

Foreign and Colonial Mails.

A further reduction has been secured, after protracted negotiations between my Department and the French and Italian Administrations, in the rates payable to those Administrations for the transit by a special train service through France and Italy of the mails between England and the East, and a saving of between 5,000*l.* and 6,000*l.* a year has thus been effected, dating from the 1st January last. This reduction taken together with the reduction effected in 1887 represents a total saving of nearly 26,000*l.* a year without any loss of efficiency. The French administration at the same time agreed to bear the cost of the transfer of the mails from the steamers at Calais, and an additional saving of about 1,000*l.* a year has been made under this head. Under the terms of the Postal Union Convention, the payments made by Foreign Post Offices for closed mails transmitted by English packets to South America have been less than the contract prices paid to the Royal Mail Steamer Packet Company and the Pacific Steam Navigation Company, but I am happy to say that in the early part of last year the two Companies were induced to accept payment at the same rate as that received by my Department, and a loss of some 2,600*l.* a year will thus be avoided in future.

Arrangements for a Mail Service between England and Japan and China through Canada, to which reference was made in my 33rd Annual Report, have been advanced another stage by the settlement of the contracts in July 1889. It is hoped that the service will come into operation in 1891.

The number of parcels despatched from England to foreign countries and to the Colonies, was 673,807 as compared with 552,055, or an increase of 121,852. The number received from abroad was 352,085 as compared with 314,990, or 36,975 more than in 1888-89. The increase in the whole number of Foreign and Colonial parcels dealt with was therefore 158,827, or at the rate of more than 18 per cent. The Parcel Post has in the year 1889-90 been extended to Mauritius, Iceland, the Faroe Isles, Samoa, Tonga, Uruguay, Tahiti, Obock, the Argentine Republic, the Congo State, and Gaboon. The postage on parcels to the Cape of Good Hope, Canada, St. Helena, Ascension, Gibraltar, Malta, and Tangiers, has been reduced, and the maximum limit of weight for parcels sent to Canada has been raised from 4 lbs. to 5 lbs. Foreign and Colonial Parcel Post.

It is hardly necessary to record that the usual number of green frogs, leeches, and other creeping things made their appearance upon the Post Office counter, and the only novelty observed amongst dead animals forwarded by Parcel Post was a sucking pig carelessly wrapped in brown paper with both ends open, which passed through the Bath Office, and was delivered to the addressee. Curious incidents.

The confidence of the public in the ability of the Post Office to find anyone and to do anything does not appear to diminish. One trustful correspondent at Ludlow addressed a letter thus:—

“To the gentleman who looked at a house near Cleobury
Mortimer a little time ago,
Bilston,
“Staffordshire,”

and left it to the Department to discover this particular individual in a town of 25,000 inhabitants. Within four days of the arrival of the communication the Department succeeded in finding the gentleman and duly delivered the letter.

On another occasion a confident lady of Greenock requested a telegraphist to write out and despatch a message to her home to the effect that she would not return till morning, and handed a large door key to be sent with the message for the benefit of her lodgers. On being informed that the key could not be sent by telegraph she replied that, if the key could not go, there would be no use in sending the message, and the Department was compelled to confess itself beaten.

In the early part of the year a young man, about 20 years of age, applied to the Post Office at Northampton for a marriage license, stating that he wished to get married without anyone knowing it. Some time elapsed before he could be persuaded that the Post Office could not meet his wishes. He left with feelings of deep disappointment.

Money Orders. The number of Money Order Offices open on the 31st March last was 9,437, showing an increase of 312 in the year.

The number of Orders issued in the United Kingdom was as follows :—

Orders issued in United Kingdom.	Number.			Amount.		
	1889-90.	1888-89.	Difference.	1889-90.	1888-89.	Increase.
Inland . .	9,027,750	9,228,183	Dec. 200,443	£ 23,333,417	£ 22,967,640	£ 375,768
Colonial . .	81,717	74,065	Inc. 7,652	306,344	268,407	37,937
Foreign . .	282,103	261,467	Inc. 20,631	692,631	643,430	49,103
	9,391,575	9,563,725	172,150	24,332,392	23,869,495	462,897

It is satisfactory to find that the Orders issued in the quarter ended March 31st show an increase of 14,000 in number and of 150,000% in amount over the number and amount for the corresponding quarter last year.

Foreign and Colonial Money Orders.

Arrangements have been made for an exchange of Money Orders between Mombasa and Lamu, Stations of the East African Company, and the United Kingdom. A revised convention with the Empire of Japan has been concluded and direct exchanges arranged with Norway, Roumania, and Tunis. The following were the amounts sent to England last year from various Colonies :—From Australia 356,486%, from British North America 221,573%, from the Cape Colony 142,550%, from India 150,296%, and from the West Indies 202,064%. A large proportion of these sums consisted of payments for goods supplied by English tradesmen.

Taking into account the Orders paid in the United Kingdom as well as those issued, the number and amount of the Foreign and Colonial Orders dealt with will be seen to have increased from 1,297,524 and 3,660,403% in 1888-89, to 1,346,394 and 3,832,488% respectively in 1889-90, showing a satisfactory increase of 63,367 in number and 148,218% in amount.

Official Money Orders.

The total number of Money Orders issued for other Government Departments was 1,358,169 and the amount 5,044,469%. At the ordinary rates of commission this business would have

added 15,141*l.* to the revenue. The Money Orders issued in payment of Army pensions and reserve pay for the War Office numbered 528,436, of the value of 2,118*l.* 19*s.*, and the number issued for the Admiralty was 203,351, of the value of 916,407*l.* More than half a million Orders also were issued for the various Departments of the Inland Revenue.

On the 2nd September 1889 the issue of Telegraphic Money Orders between London and 17 large towns was begun as an experiment. Between the 2nd September and the 28th February, 2,088 Orders of the value of 8,674*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.* were issued, and on the 1st March the system was extended to all Head and Branch Post Offices in the United Kingdom, with the result that in one week 578 Telegraphic Orders were issued, representing a sum of 1,968*l.* In the month 1,769 Orders were issued amounting to 6,262*l.* Telegraphic Money Orders.

The number of Postal Orders issued in the United Kingdom was 44,712,548 or 4,430,227 more than in the previous year. The value represented by the Orders was 17,737,802*l.*, or 1,625,723*l.* more than the value of those issued in 1888-89. Postal Orders.

The total amount transmitted by Money Orders and Postal Orders in the year was over 42 millions sterling, or 3 millions more than in 1888-89.

There has been an increase in Savings Bank business, though at a slightly lower rate than in 1888, when the amounts of the deposits transferred from Trustee Savings Banks were unusually large. Savings Bank.

The deposits in the year numbered 8,101,120, amounting to 19,814,308*l.*, as against 7,540,625 and 19,052,226*l.*, the number and amount for the year 1888. The withdrawals were 2,757,848 in number, amounting in all to 16,814,268*l.*, showing an increase of 124,040 in number and of 1,011,533*l.* in amount over the number and amount for 1888. As a net result of these transactions a total sum of 62,999,620*l.*, including interest, remained to the credit of depositors on the 31st December 1889, being an increase of 4,443,226*l.* for the year as compared with an increase of 4,582,329*l.* in 1888. The amount of interest credited to depositors was 1,443,186*l.*, or 110,348*l.* more than in 1888.

The greatest number of deposits on one day was 55,095, amounting to 137,336*l.*, and made on the 30th December, but the largest amount deposited on one day was 158,218*l.* on the 31st December. The greatest number of withdrawals on one day was 18,499, amounting to 93,922*l.*, made on the 17th December. The average amount of each deposit was 2*l.* 8*s.* 11*d.* as compared with 2*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* in 1888. This decrease is, however, chiefly due to the large amounts of many of the transfers from Trustee Savings Banks in 1888. The average amount of each withdrawal was 6*l.* 1*s.* 11*d.* as compared with 6*l.* in 1888.

The number of accounts opened in 1889 was 924,010 and 637,128 were closed. The corresponding numbers for 1888 were

respectively 887,460 and 618,294. The total number of accounts open at the end of the year was 4,507,809, or 286,882 more than in 1888, distributed as follows :—

—	Number.	Proportion to Population.	Average Balance due to each Depositor.
England and Wales - - -	4,162,529	1 to 7	£ s. d. 13 19 5
Scotland - - - -	159,920	1 to 25	8 12 3
Ireland - - - -	185,360	1 to 25	18 14 11
United Kingdom - - -	4,507,809	1 to 8	13 19 6

In 1888 the proportion to population and the average balance were, in England and Wales, 1 in 7 and 13*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.*; in Scotland, 1 in 27 and 8*l.* 8*s.* 11*d.*; and in Ireland, 1 in 28 and 18*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.*, and in the United Kingdom 1 in 9 and 13*l.* 17*s.* 5*d.*

The total number of Post Offices open for the transaction of Savings Bank business on the 31st December 1889 was 9,353, or 331 more than in 1888, of which 286 were opened in England and Wales, 25 in Scotland, and 20 in Ireland. Whenever a new Savings Bank Office is opened a handbill calling attention to the fact and describing the chief advantages of the Post Office Savings Bank system is distributed from house to house in the neighbourhood.

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 800, and the number of Provident and Charitable Societies authorised to open accounts during the year was 2,197.

Only 284 Penny Banks invested their funds during 1889 as compared with 338 in 1888. Of the number last year 130 were connected with schools, of which 44 were board schools.

A novel experiment was made last year by the Ragged School Union as a first lesson in thrift. At the annual distribution of prizes 335 scholars received from the Union deposit books showing that 5*s.* had been placed to the credit of each in the Post Office Savings Bank. In ordinary circumstances the attendance of a depositor is required when an account is opened but, as in this case such a requirement would have made the arrangement impossible, all the necessary preliminaries were settled in co-operation with the Secretary of the Union, and the President, the Earl of Aberdeen, expressed publicly his thanks to the Department for doing so. By a curious coincidence the same plan appears to have been adopted in Paris, where, at a party given in December last at the Élysée to the pupils of the

Municipal Schools, each child received, as well as toys and clothing, a Savings Bank book with an entry of a deposit of 10 francs.

Special arrangements also have been made to facilitate the deposit and withdrawal of money in other exceptional cases. On one occasion bonuses amounting to 1,680*l.* were placed to the credit of 340 men employed in a large brewery. A Post Office Clerk attends regularly at Walmer Barracks on pay days to receive deposits, which on an average have numbered 66 at each visit. In the case of a regiment suddenly ordered on Foreign Service, arrangements were made for the repayment of deposits at 24 hours' notice.

The claims made by the representatives of deceased depositors numbered 20,740 as compared with 21,323 in 1888. The applications respecting the money of depositors who had become insane numbered 440 last year, and 377 in 1888. Under the new Regulation made in that year 2,371 transfers of deposits from one account to another were made in 1889.

During the year 31 Trustee Savings Banks were closed and deposits amounting to 716,814*l.*, and stock investments of the nominal value of 13,860*l.*, were transferred to the books of Post Office Savings Bank, in addition to deposits amounting to 48,268*l.* and 3,144*l.* stock transferred in the ordinary course of business. In 1888, 23 Trustee Savings Banks were closed, but the total amount transferred was 1,133,497*l.* with 22,389*l.* stock.

The investments in Government stocks by Savings Bank depositors, numbering 19,766 and amounting to 1,003,368*l.* stock, were only slightly in excess of the transactions for 1888. The total number of stock accounts open on the 31st December 1889 was 46,993, and the total amount of stock held was 4,175,634*l.* Under the new regulations of 1888 the minimum amount of stock purchasable was reduced from 10*l.* to 1*s.*, and last year 470 investments were made of amounts under 10*l.*, 14 of them being of amounts under 1*l.* Under the new regulation permitting the transfer of stock to the names of depositors in the books of the Bank of England, 126 transfers were made in 1889 and the nominal value of the stock so transferred was 21,931*l.* In July 1889 the Local Loans 3 per cent. stock was made available for purchase through the Savings Bank, but, although every effort was made to make the fact known, the number of investments was comparatively small.

Government
Stock
Accounts.

The number of life insurances granted in 1889 was 671 as compared with 580 in 1888, but the amount insured was only 32,832*l.* as against 34,819*l.* Only 1,119 annuities were purchased last year, while the number for 1888 was 1,133. Great efforts have been made to bring more prominently before the public the advantages which the Department offers, and it is hoped that persons will avail themselves more readily of these facilities for making provision for the future. A new notice has been

Life Insurance
and Annuities.

Telegraph
business.

exhibited in every Post Office in the United Kingdom, and post-masters have been urged to call attention to them. On the 31st December 1889 the number of life insurances in force was 6,504, while the number of immediate annuities was 10,772, and the number of deferred annuities 1,110.*

In the course of the year 263 Post Offices and 58 Railway Offices were opened for Postal Telegraph business, making the total numbers of such offices open on the 31st March 5,673 and 1,679 respectively.

The numbers of the various classes of telegrams dealt with as compared with the numbers dealt with last year are given in the following table :—

Class of Telegrams.	Year.	Number.	Increase.	Receipts.	Increase.
Ordinary Inland - - -	1889-90	50,813,354	3,996,643	£ 1,684,497	£ 136,905
" " " - -	1888-89	46,816,711	—	1,545,592	—
Press (Inland) - - -	1889-90	4,903,465	42,574	111,297	138
" " " - -	1888-89	4,760,991	—	111,159	—
Foreign - - -	1889-90	5,218,620	390,391	245,969	71,482
" " " - -	1888-89	4,828,229	—	174,477	—
Railway - - -	1889-90	1,291,788	186,595	} Nil.	—
" " " - -	1888-89	1,105,193	—		
Government - - -	1889-90	276,172	21,849		
" " " - -	1888-89	254,323	—		
Totals - - -	1889-90	62,403,399	4,638,052	2,041,753	210,525
" " " - -	1888-89	57,765,347	—	1,831,223	—

The average value of ordinary Inland Telegrams was 7·95*d.* as compared with 7·92*d.* in 1888-89. The increase in the number of ordinary Inland and Foreign Telegrams at the rate of 8·5 per cent. and 8·1 per cent. respectively may be regarded as satisfactory, as is also the smallness of the increase in the number of Press Telegrams, which are transmitted at very low rates and at a very considerable loss to the revenue. There has, however, been a serious increase, at the rate of nearly 17 per cent., in the number of telegrams on the business of Railway Companies transmitted without charge by the Post Office, under obligations incurred in pursuance of the Statutes under which their telegraphic business and the use of their systems for telegraphic purposes were acquired by the Government.

Railway free
Telegrams.

The enormous increase which has taken place in messages of this class and the growth of the burden thus imposed upon the

* Further particulars as to the business of the Post Office Savings Bank will be found in Appendix "J," pp. 45 to 53.

Post Office Telegraph system is shown in the following table, giving the numbers of telegrams for the five years from 1876 to 1880 and for the five years from 1885-6 to 1889-90. The comparison is more forcible from the fact that in 1871, the year after that of the transfer of the telegraph system to the Post Office, the number of these telegrams sent in England, Wales, and Scotland was only 116,000:—

Year.	Railway Free Telegrams.	Year.	Railway Free Telegrams.
1876 - -	243,633	1885-86 -	734,641
1877 - -	260,855	1886-87 -	864,440
1878 - -	288,775	1887-88 -	976,387
1879 - -	341,125	1888-89 -	1,103,193
1880 - -	431,598	1889-90 -	1,291,788
Total -	1,565,986	Total -	4,972,449

The value of these messages at only 8d. each would have amounted to more than 43,000*l.* in the year 1889-90.

The following table gives in a convenient form the total cost of the Telegraph Service and its relation to revenue in each of the last seven years. The conversion on the 1st of April 1889 of the stock representing the capital expended in the purchase of the Telegraph System has lessened by about 27,000*l.* a year the permanent charge for interest, but involved an immediate outlay for expenses of 27,370*l.*:—

Telegraph
Revenue and
Expenditure.

Year.	Receipts.	EXPENDITURE.			Annual Interest on Capital.	Deficit.
		Charged to Telegraph Vote.	Charged to Votes of other Departments.	Total.		
1883-84	£ 1,789,223	£ 1,709,644	£ 99,576	£ 1,808,920	£ 326,417	£ 346,114
1884-85	1,784,414	1,731,040	96,734	1,820,764	326,417	363,767
1885-86	1,787,264	1,733,104	99,297	1,832,401	326,417	371,554
1886-87	1,687,160	1,939,764	92,868	2,032,632	326,417	471,889
1887-88	1,992,940	1,923,345	70,688	1,999,033	326,417	333,501
1888-89	2,129,965	1,969,394	72,667	2,041,361	353,787	265,183
1889-90	2,363,836	2,161,473	80,838	2,242,310	299,216	197,690

Foreign
Telegrams.

In my last Report I described the arrangements made for the transfer to this Department on the 1st April 1889 of the business of the Submarine Telegraph Company, and I am glad to state that the transfer has been followed by a large increase in the number of telegrams, due no doubt partly to the reduction in the rates of charge and partly to the improvements made in the Service.

Liverpool has been placed in direct communication with Hamburg and Havre; and London in direct communication with Rome

The following statement gives an analysis of the business passing over the cables transferred to the Post Office in the year ended 31st March last as compared with the business in the previous year:—

Class of Telegrams.	Year ended March, 1889.		Year ended March, 1890.		Increase per cent. in Year ended 31st March 1890 as compared with previous Year.	
	Total Number of Telegrams to and from England.	Total Post Office Revenue from Rate per Word and from Wire Rentals under its Arrangements with the Submarine Telegraph Co.	Total Number of Telegrams to and from England.	Total Post Office Revenue from Rate per Word and from Wire Rentals.	Number of Telegrams.	Post Office Revenue.
Anglo-French -	1,180,153	£ 43,669	1,313,648	£ 65,013	11	49
Anglo-Belgian -	270,067	9,209	294,167	16,562	9	79
Anglo-Dutch -	333,927	13,151	374,341	24,579	12	52
Anglo-German -	1,177,251	46,948	1,303,693	64,303	11	37
Total -	2,961,418	116,037	3,285,854	170,461	11	47

The comparatively large increase in revenue shown is due to the fact that the Post Office in 1888-89 received only a commission on the telegrams handed over to the Submarine Telegraph Company.

Revenue and Expenditure. The gross revenue for the year, including Savings Bank business, was 12,211,614*l.*, arrived at thus:—

Postage on letters, parcels, postcards, newspapers, &c.	-	-	£	£
Commission on Money Orders	-	129,628	-	9,146,841
Commission on Postal Orders	-	195,405	-	
Value of Unclaimed Money Orders	-	2,900	-	
				327,933
Savings Bank	-	-	-	373,004
Revenue from Telegraphs	-	-	-	*2,363,836
				12,211,614

* Includes the value of Telegraph work done for other Government Departments amounting to 36,329*l.*

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

	£	£
For Postal Service, including Money Order and Postal Order business	-	-
" Packet Service	-	5,600,888
" Savings Bank	-	665,375
" Telegraph Service*	-	336,954
		<u>2,262,310</u>
		8,865,527

The net revenue was therefore - - - 3,346,087
being an increase of 146,443*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 350,951
Commission on Money Orders and Postal Orders, and value of Unclaimed Orders	"	21,047
Savings Bank	-	decrease 26,491
Telegraphs	-	increase 234,167

Expenditure :		
Postal Service, including Money Order and Postal Order business and expenses incurred by other Departments	-	increase 165,004
Packet Service	-	" 38,357
Savings Bank	-	" 91,964
Telegraph Service	-	" 219,916

I have the honour to be,

My Lords,

Your Lordships' obedient humble servant,

HENRY CECIL RAIKES.

General Post Office,
11th August 1890.

* The annual interest on the capital sum of 10,880,571*l.* raised by the Government for the purchase of the Telegraphs, amounting to 299,216*l.*, is not borne on the Post Office Votes.

APPENDICES.

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.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Average number to each person.	Total in Scotland.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Average number to each person.	Total in Ireland.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Average number to each person.	Total in United Kingdom.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Average number to each person.
	By Country Offices.	In- crease per cent. per annum	In London District.	In- crease per cent. per annum												
Year 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	1,165,200,000	3.3	34
" 1881-82	685,200,000	5.3	353,100,000	6.6	1,037,300,000	5.7	40	109,200,000	4.6	29	82,200,000	4.4	16	1,229,300,000	5.5	35
" 1882-83	713,100,000	4.1	364,600,000	3.5	1,077,700,000	3.9	41	116,500,000	6.1	31	86,600,000	5.3	17	1,280,600,000	4.2	36
" 1883-84	737,000,000	3.3	375,200,000	2.9	1,112,200,000	3.2	41	122,200,000	4.6	32	87,700,000	1.4	17	1,322,100,000	3.1	37
" 1884-85	757,200,000	2.7	381,100,000	4.1	1,146,300,000	3.2	42	122,900,000	4.6	32	89,100,000	1.6	18	1,360,300,000	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	32	89,700,000	7.7	18	1,403,500,000	3.2	39
" 1886-87	800,800,000	2.9	423,100,000	7.3	1,229,900,000	4.4	44	129,100,000	2.1	33	90,900,000	1.3	19	1,469,900,000	4.0	40
" 1887-88	838,000,000	4.6	448,900,000	2.3	1,289,900,000	3.8	46	132,100,000	2.3	33	93,200,000	2.5	20	1,512,200,000	3.6	41
" 1888-89	846,000,000	1.0	460,500,000	7.0	1,292,500,000	3.1	46	136,000,000	3.0	34	96,500,000	2.5	20	1,588,100,000	3.0	42
" 1889-90	895,000,000	5.8	513,108,000	7.8	1,413,100,000	6.5	48	140,300,000	3.2	34	96,800,000	1.4	21	1,650,200,000	5.9	43

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.
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	21,200,000	3·9	8,700,000	3·6	188,800,000	4·8
1888-89	170,100,000	7·0	21,800,000	2·8	9,300,000	6·9	201,400,000	6·7
1889-90	184,400,000	8·4	22,900,000	5·0	9,800,000	5·4	217,100,000	7·8

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.
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	16·6	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. 4·9	294,600,000	3·2
1884-85	269,400,000	8·1	34,500,000	10·0	16,500,000	18·9	330,400,000	8·8
1885-86	288,500,000	7·1	35,900,000	4·2	17,800,000	7·7	342,200,000	6·8
1886-87	312,000,000	8·1	38,700,000	7·7	18,200,000	2·3	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
1889-90	378,200,000	7·5	42,100,000	3·7	21,600,000	9·6	441,900,000	7·3

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.
1880-81	102,800,000	2·4	15,100,000	3·8	15,900,000	1·8	133,800,000	2·5
1881-82	106,700,000	5·7	15,600,000	2·4	16,700,000	4·7	140,300,000	5·2
1882-83	108,600,000	—	15,800,000	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	1·5
1884-85	110,700,000	·7	16,900,000	·9	16,100,000	·5	143,700,000	·7
1885-86	113,700,000	2·8	17,600,000	4·2	16,400,000	1·7	147,700,000	2·8
1886-87	117,800,000	3·6	17,000,000	dec. 3·3	16,400,000	—	151,200,000	3·4
1887-88	119,800,000	1·7	16,700,000	1·8	15,900,000	dec. 3·7	152,300,000	·8
1888-89	119,300,000	dec. ·4	16,600,000	dec. ·6	16,000,000	inc. 1·3	151,900,000	dec. ·3
1889-90	126,600,000	inc. 6·1	16,700,000	inc. ·6	16,000,000	—	159,300,000	inc. 4·9

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

TABLE showing the NUMBER of PARCELS delivered in the United Kingdom during each of the Twelve Months from the 1st April 1889 to the 31st March 1890.

Month.	England and Wales.			Scotland.	Ireland.	United Kingdom.
	Provinces.	London.	Total.			
April 1889 -	2,063,967	627,413	2,691,380	310,436	324,352	3,336,168
May " -	2,371,077	725,530	3,096,607	356,385	249,061	3,701,953
June " -	2,060,064	639,798	2,699,862	351,338	236,844	3,378,044
July " -	2,111,134	617,623	2,728,826	359,062	233,041	3,319,929
August " -	2,138,508	540,296	2,668,804	400,685	230,380	3,399,819
September " -	2,092,356	549,610	2,641,866	377,417	224,871	3,344,154
October " -	2,507,858	697,919	3,205,777	408,567	263,758	3,877,102
November " -	2,417,129	709,861	3,126,990	377,498	254,354	3,759,342
December " -	3,318,938	880,540	4,199,463	573,377	363,199	5,143,039
January 1890 -	2,348,561	647,733	2,996,314	376,886	248,001	3,631,201
February " -	1,978,704	557,628	2,536,332	300,325	202,800	3,039,967
March " -	2,150,633	626,193	2,776,826	336,038	229,988	3,342,852
Totals	27,548,814	7,920,233	35,369,047	4,528,364	2,955,159	43,852,570
No. during year ended 31st March 1889	25,448,609	7,264,859	32,713,468	4,144,582	2,731,363	39,589,313
Increase in Numbers	2,100,205	555,374	2,655,579	383,782	228,896	3,263,257
Increase per cent. -	8.3	7.6	8.1	9.3	8.2	8.2

APPENDIX A.—continued.

STATEMENT of the NUMBER of FOREIGN and COLONIAL PARCELS
31st March 1889 and

Country.	Date of Establishment of Post.	Number of Parcels.		
		Despatched.		
		1888-89.	1889-90.	Increase.
Aden	July 1886	1,325	1,079	354
Antigua	Jan. 1886	1,463	1,578	115
Argentine Republic	Feb. 1890	—	199	199
Ascension	July 1886	287	408	121
Austria*	June 1886	7,172	9,463	2,291
Bahamas	Sept. 1887	99	308	209
Barbados	April 1886	3,358	3,764	406
Belgium	Jan. 1886	25,876	27,968	2,092
Beirut	Jan. 1888	249	496	247
British Guiana	Jan. 1886	3,773	4,542	770
British Honduras	March 1887	195	171	(Dec.) 24
Canada, Dominion of	Aug. 1886	18,707	24,601	5,894
Cape of Good Hope	Dec. 1885	13,073	21,994	8,921
Ceylon	Nov. 1885	5,478	6,850	1,372
China Fleet	Oct. 1885	908	1,056	148
Colombia, Republic of	March 1888	517	1,032	515
Constantinople	Jan. 1886	2,190	2,605	415
Costa Rica	Feb. 1888	398	473	75
Cyprus	Jan. 1886	1,128	971	(Dec.) 157
Dominica	Jan. 1886	460	605	145
Egypt	July 1885	6,601	6,674	73
Falkland Islands	Oct. 1883	126	347	221
France†	Oct. 1887	128,062	158,896	30,834
Germany ‡	Jan. 1886	110,506	121,908	11,402
Gibraltar	July 1885	7,418	7,884	466
Grenada	Oct. 1885	929	1,007	78
Holland	April 1886	21,133	24,354	3,221
Hong Kong§	Oct. 1885	5,973	7,313	1,340
India	July 1885	56,551	67,917	11,366
Italy	Oct. 1887	29,438	36,967	7,529
Jamaica	Oct. 1885	6,040	6,656	616
Labuan	Dec. 1885	34	13	(Dec.) 16
Malta	Aug. 1885	8,341	8,434	93
Mauritius	April 1889	—	1,017	1,017
Montserrat	Jan. 1886	—	309	309
Natal	June 1887	3,153	4,527	1,374
Nevis	Jan. 1886	145	164	19
Newfoundland	Sept. 1886	1,445	1,534	(Dec.) 11
New South Wales	July 1886	12,075	14,947	2,872
New Zealand	Nov. 1888	5,614	14,204	8,590
North Borneo	Sept. 1887	87	163	76
Norway	April 1886	4,213	4,903	690
Orange Free State	Dec. 1889	—	225	225
Penang	Oct. 1885	1,006	1,340	334
Portugal	Jan. 1889	2,759	2,761	2
St. Helena	April 1886	563	530	(Dec.) 33
St. Kitts	Jan. 1886	606	609	3
St. Lucia	Oct. 1885	452	557	105
St. Thomas	Jan. 1888	331	450	119
St. Vincent	Nov. 1885	514	511	(Dec.) 3
Sarawak	July 1887	142	120	(Dec.) 22
Singapore	Oct. 1885	2,303	2,840	537
South Australia	July 1886	2,717	3,562	845
Smyrna	April 1887	837	861	24
Sweden	May 1886	4,843	5,712	869
Switzerland	Dec. 1887	20,610	28,515	7,905
Tangier	Jan. 1890	—	232	232
Tasmania	Jan. 1887	1,729	2,329	600
Tobago	Oct. 1885	169	166	(Dec.) 3
Tortola	Oct. 1886	51	38	(Dec.) 13
Trinidad	Oct. 1885	2,373	2,608	235
Viktorin	July 1886	10,679	13,018	2,339
West Coast of Africa	Jan. 1888	2,543	3,316	773
Western Australia	Jan. 1887	1,505	2,090	585
Zanzibar	Jan. 1887	316	292	(Dec.) 24
Totals		552,055	673,807	121,752

* Including parcels for Bulgaria, Roumania, and Servia.

† 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 Cape of Good Hope.

¶ Included in figures for Singapore.

** Included in figures for Gibraltar.

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

Despatched and Received during the years ended the
the 31st March 1890.

Number of Parcels.						Country.
Received.			Totals.			
1888-89.	1889-90.	Increase.	1888-89.	1889-90.	Increase.	
823	928	105	2,148	2,607	459	Aden.
306	367	61	1,759	1,945	186	Antigua.
—	9	9	—	208	208	Argentine Republic.
68	106	38	355	514	159	Ascension.
3,004	3,311	307	10,176	12,764	2,588	Austria.*
22	112	90	121	420	299	Bahamas.
1,063	967	(Dec.) 96	4,401	4,731	330	Barbados.
9,263	9,896	633	35,144	37,864	2,720	Belgium.
104	170	66	353	666	313	Beyrout.
1,036	1,223	192	4,108	5,770	1,662	British Guiana.
29	49	20	224	220	(Dec.) 4	British Honduras.
6,251	8,168	1,917	24,968	32,769	7,811	Canada, Dominion of.
4,669	6,825	2,156	17,742	28,819	11,077	Cape of Good Hope.
2,685	3,478	793	8,163	10,328	2,165	Ceylon.
—	—	—	908	1,056	148	China Fleet.
59	42	(Dec.) 17	576	1,074	498	Colombia, Republic of.
296	324	28	2,486	2,929	443	Constantinople.
43	50	16	441	532	91	Costa Rica.
249	266	17	1,377	1,237	(Dec.) 140	Cyprus.
105	106	—	595	710	115	Dominica.
3,927	4,150	223	10,528	10,824	296	Egypt.
20	82	62	146	429	283	Falkland Islands.
90,260	100,783	10,523	218,322	259,179	40,857	France.†
76,300	85,381	7,081	186,806	205,289	18,483	Germany.‡
2,530	2,980	450	9,943	10,964	1,021	Gibraltar.
226	246	20	1,155	1,253	98	Grenada.
12,666	14,004	1,338	33,798	38,558	4,760	Holland.
4,245	4,620	375	10,213	11,933	1,720	Hong Kong.§
44,656	47,671	3,015	101,207	115,588	14,381	India.
19,396	19,011	(Dec.) 385	48,883	55,978	7,145	Italy.
1,420	1,536	116	7,460	8,192	732	Jamaica.
5	7	2	39	25	(Dec.) 14	Labuan.
4,692	4,849	157	13,083	13,233	150	Malta.
—	220	220	—	1,237	1,237	Mauritius.
90	59	(Dec.) 31	367	368	1	Montserrat.
1,016	1,426	410	4,169	6,253	2,084	Natal.
23	41	18	168	205	37	Nevia.
238	272	(Dec.) 16	1,883	1,806	(Dec.) 27	Newfoundland.
4,249	4,832	583	16,324	19,779	3,455	New South Wales.
372	2,463	2,091	5,986	16,757	10,771	New Zealand.
40	56	16	127	219	92	North Borneo.
1,586	1,935	349	5,798	6,838	1,040	Norway.
—	—	—	—	225	225	Orange Free State.
427	467	70	1,435	1,837	402	Penang.
189	263	74	2,948	3,024	76	Portugal.
157	166	9	720	728	8	St. Helena.
158	181	23	854	1,090	236	St. Kitts.
102	112	10	554	669	115	St. Lucia.
36	56	20	367	536	169	St. Thomas.
142	113	(Dec.) 29	656	624	(Dec.) 32	St. Vincent.
—	—	—	142	120	(Dec.) 22	Sarawak.
1,251	1,653	402	3,554	4,502	948	Singapore.
653	1,047	394	3,370	4,609	1,239	South Australia.
217	239	22	1,054	1,100	46	Smyrna.
1,534	1,596	61	6,377	7,307	930	Sweden.
7,009	8,487	1,478	27,679	37,002	9,323	Switzerland.
—	—	—	—	232	232	Tangier.
248	271	23	1,977	2,600	623	Tasmania.
26	45	17	195	209	14	Tobago.
10	7	(Dec.) 3	61	45	(Dec.) 16	Tortola.
827	1,020	203	3,200	3,637	437	Trinidad.
2,665	3,400	735	13,344	16,418	3,074	Victoria.
969	1,267	298	3,512	4,573	1,061	West Coast of Africa.
209	353	144	1,714	2,443	729	Western Australia.
16	152	136	332	444	112	Zanzibar.
314,960	352,065	36,975	867,045	1,025,892	158,827	

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 1890.

	Estimated Population.	Letters.		Book Packets, Circulars, and Samples.*		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	29,118,783	1,413,100,000	48·5	881,300,000	13·0	126,600,000	4·3	184,400,000	6·3	53,486,779	1·8	35,269,047	1·3
Scotland	4,087,927	140,300,000	34·3	42,400,000	10·4	16,700,000	4·1	22,900,000	5·6	6,546,654	1·6	4,932,384	1·1
Ireland	4,717,429	96,800,000	20·5	22,000,000	4·7	16,000,000	3·4	9,800,000	2·1	3,480,966	·7	2,953,159	·6
Totals	37,919,139	1,650,200,000	43·5	945,700,000	11·3	169,300,000	4·2	217,100,000	5·7	63,408,399	1·6	42,952,570	1·1

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

Letters	64·0	Newspapers	6·3	Telegrams	3·4
Book Packets and Circulars	17·3	Post Cards	8·4	Parcels	1·7

* The total number of samples dealt with amounted to 8,100,000.

APPENDIX B.

Registered Letters.

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

YEAR.	ENGLAND AND WALES.						SCOTLAND.				IRELAND.		TOTAL 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.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.		
1877	-	-	2,378,973	-	1,284,716	-	3,663,689	-	373,915	-	278,443	-	4,316,017	-	7,300,350	66·8		
1878-79	-	-	4,390,545	76·2	1,900,269	48·0	6,190,814	68·9	551,715	47·6	459,831	60·2	7,300,350	66·8				
1879-80	-	-	5,340,065	24·7	2,240,865	17·9	7,580,930	22·6	616,905	11·8	532,356	16·0	8,739,191	21·3				
1880-81	-	-	6,144,985	14·9	2,598,550	15·9	8,741,515	15·2	694,008	12·8	597,023	13·1	10,084,546	14·8				
1881-82	-	-	6,674,859	8·6	2,804,169	8·0	9,479,028	8·4	753,491	8·3	699,799	13·2	10,902,318	8·6				
1882-83	-	-	6,827,123	2·3	2,903,632	3·6	9,732,755	2·7	806,554	7·0	725,617	8·3	11,264,926	3·3				
1883-84	-	-	6,983,520	2·3	2,942,971	1·3	9,928,491	2·0	884,586	10·6	729,998	·6	11,546,072	2·5				
1884-85	-	-	6,798,321	3·1	2,972,203	1·0	9,740,724	1·9	914,017	3·1	710,410	2·7	11,365,151	1·5				
1885-86	-	-	6,569,979	2·9	2,932,591	·7	9,592,570	2·2	909,537	·5	696,983	1·9	11,190,060	2·1				
1886-87	-	-	6,177,160	6·0	2,971,166	inc.	9,148,326	4·0	928,976	2·1	702,233	·7	10,779,555	3·1				
1887-88	-	-	6,163,858	0·2	3,012,399	2·1	9,243,798	1·4	920,055	1·0	698,410	·5	10,814,722	0·3				
1888-89	-	-	6,192,027	0·5	3,161,334	4·2	9,352,361	1·2	933,223	1·3	716,501	2·6	11,001,085	1·7				
1889-90	-	-	6,340,310	2·4	3,226,526	5·3	9,606,876	3·4	973,636	4·3	718,423	·3	11,367,935	3·2				

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 six 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 in England and Wales.																Total No. of Post Towns in England and Wales.		
	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.	
	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.			
1888-89	6	38	105	217	266	183	169	123	53	39	26	19	5	11	1	2	2,154	1,913	631
1889-90	3	36	103	197	270	183	170	127	60	42	21	26	7	13	1	—	2,183	1,979	635
Increase	—	—	—	—	4	11	1	4	7	3	—	9	2	1	—	—	23	67	4
Decrease	3	2	2	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—

APPENDIX D.

Home Packet Service.

Line of Communication.	How often.	Contract.		Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
		When Commenced.	Terminates.					
FLEETWOOD and BELFAST.	Week days	1st July 1889 -	1 July 1893 (afterwards on six months' notice).	1,000l.	-	-	-	The Department has the general use of the Company's vessels. Contract not completed yet.
HOLYHEAD and KINGSTOWN.	Twice a day	1st Oct. 1883 -	30 Sept. 1895 (afterwards on 12 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.	If on any occasion vessel is not ready, penalty of 100l., and 10l. per hour for every hour beyond stipulated time before vessel starts.	The payment is subject to reduction when the receipts from passenger traffic in any one year exceed 35,000l. It includes payment for parcel services.
LIVERPOOL and DOUGLAS (ISLE of MAN.)	Once on week days	-	1 Oct. 1884 (afterwards on six months' notice).	4,500l.	14 nautical miles an hour in summer; 12 in winter.	-	If on any occasion vessel is not ready, P.M.G. may employ another vessel and charge cost to the Contractors.	Separate payment at rate of 3s. a cwt. for parcels.
PERZANCE and SCILLY	Three times a week in summer. Twice a week in winter.	1st Feb. 1874 -	On six months' notice.	450l. and 100l. for parcels.	No time fixed	-	If on any occasion vessel is not ready, P.M.G. may employ a pilot boat and special messenger at the expense of the Contractors.	Payment for parcels fixed under separate Contract dated the 31st July 1883. General conditions similar to those under the old Contract.

APPENDIX D.—*continued.*

Line of Communication.	How often.	Contract.		Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
		When Commenced.	Terminates.					
PORTSMOUTH and ETDE.	Once daily, with the Night Mails. <i>See "Remarks."</i>	1st July 1865	1 July 1890, after- wards on 6 month's notice.	1,900l. (including payment for parcels).	25 minutes each trip.	-	200l.	The Department has also the general use of the Companies' vessels which are constantly plying between the two places.
SOUTHAMPTON and CHANNEL ISLANDS.	Once on week days.	1st Jan. 1870 No formal Contract.	On 6 months' notice.	6,500l.	Between South- ampton and Guernsey, 9 hours; be- tween South- ampton and Jersey, 13 hours.	-	2,000l.	An additional 200l. allowed some years ago for a service six days a week in lieu of four days a week in winter. This was sanctioned by Treas- ury in August 1882.
SOUTHAMPTON and COWES.	Once on week days, but <i>see "Re- marks."</i>	1st Jan. 1874 No Contract.	-	150l.	-	-	-	The Post Office has the general use of the Company's vessels.
WYTHMOUTH and CHANNEL ISLANDS.	6 days a week	Aug. 1881 No Contract.	-	200l.	-	-	-	The Post Office has the general use of the Company's vessels. This is a supplement- ary service to the one from Southampton.

APPENDIX D.—*continued.*

Line of Communication.	How often.	Contract.		Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
		When commenced.	Terminates.					
SCOTLAND. ABERDEEN and LEE- WICK.	Thrice a week in summer, five months. Twice a week in winter.	1st April 1881	30 March 1884, afterwards on 6 months' notice.	2,300 <i>l</i> .	-	2 <i>o</i> l. for each case of lingering or delay.	200 <i>l</i> . P.M.G. to charter another vessel at Contractors' expense.	Vessels have liberty to call at Wick and cer- tain ports of Orkney. Payment includes 100 <i>l</i> . for parcels.
ARDROSSAN and ABERAN.	Summer six days a week. Winter five days a week.	16th Jan. 1874	10 Jan. 1875, after- wards on 4 months' notice.	350 <i>l</i> . and 1 <i>l</i> . 6 <i>s</i> . 6 <i>d</i> . a cwt. for Parcels.	-	-	100 <i>l</i> .	
GLASGOW and CAMP- BELLTOWN.	Twice a day on week days at present, but see "Remarks."	28th July 1883	1 Aug. 1884 after- wards on 3 months' notice.	250 <i>l</i> . and 3 <i>l</i> . 4 <i>s</i> . 6 <i>d</i> . a cwt. for Parcels.	-	-	12 <i>l</i> .	The Department has the general use of these steamers, as run by the Company for their own traffic purposes.
GLASGOW, GREENOCK, OBAN, FORTRESS, and STORNOWAY.	Twice a week in summer, once in winter.	4th Aug. 1880	4 Aug. 1881 -	200 <i>l</i> .*	-	-	-	Forms a part of Greenock, Rothesay, and Ardris- hale Contract. The Department has the general use of the steamers.

* This payment includes the parcel service between Greenock, Fortree, and Stornoway, and Inverness and Fort Augustus.

APPENDIX D.—*continued.*

Line of Communication.	How often.	Contract.		Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
		When commenced.	Terminates.					
GREENOCK { Including Parcel Post and Belfast } ARDROSSAN { Parcel Post and Belfast } and Belfast Service.	Once on week days.	1st Aug. 1883	1 Aug. 1883, afterwards on 12 months' notice.	8,000 <i>l.</i> first year, 8,500 <i>l.</i> second year, 9,000 <i>l.</i> third year, 10,000 <i>l.</i> fourth and fifth years, and to continue until notice is given by either side to terminate the Contract.	-	-	2,000 <i>l.</i>	
		4th Aug. 1880	4 Aug. 1881, afterwards on 6 months' notice.	1,800 <i>l.</i>	-	-	1,000 <i>l.</i>	
GREENOCK, ROTHE-SAY, and ARDROSSAN HAIG.	Week days	1st Aug. 1884	1 Aug. 1885, afterwards on 3 months' notice.	245 <i>l.</i> *	-	-	-	
	Week days	1st Aug. 1884	1 Aug. 1885, afterwards on 3 months' notice.	245 <i>l.</i> *	-	-	-	
GREENOCK and LOCH-GOILHEAD.	Six days a week in summer, four in winter.	1st June 1877	1st Dec. 1887, afterwards on 3 months' notice.	100 <i>l.</i> and 2 <i>s.</i> a cwt. for parcels.	-	-	50 <i>l.</i>	

* This payment includes the parcel service between Greenock, Portree, and Stornoway, and Inverness and Port Augustus.

APPENDIX D.—*continued.*

Line of Communication.	How often.	Contract.		Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
		When commenced.	Terminates.					
GREENOCK and KIL- MUN.	Week days	1st Jan. 1888 No Contract	-	125l.	-	-	-	Payment includes the Parcel Service.
INVERNESS and FORT AUGUSTUS.	Six days a week	4th Aug. 1880	-	210l.*	-	-	-	
KIRKALL and NORTH ISLE.	Twice a week	21st May 1883 No Contract	2 months' notice terminable on 4 Aug. 1881 after- wards on 6 months' notice.	160l. and 2s. a cwt. for Parcels	-	-	-	
OBAN and FORT WILLIAM	Once a day, six days a week.	1st Apr. 1881.	On 6 months' no- tice after 1 Apr. 1884	600l.	Out. 3 hrs. 30 mins. In. 3 hrs. 30 mins.	-	300l.	
OBAN and FORT WILLIAM (Par- cels).	Once a day, six days a week.	1st Aug. 1884.	On 3 months' notice after 1 Aug. 1886.	65l.	-	-	-	
OBAN and TORER- MORE.	Once a day, six days a week.	1st Apr. 1881	On 3 months' notice after 1 Apr. 1886.	500l.	Out. 3 hrs. 15 mins. In. 3 hrs. 15 mins.	-	250l.	Payment includes the Parcel Service. Mr. MacBrayne actually provides for the service at the present time on behalf of the Normal Company.
OBAN and TORER- MORE (Parcels).	Once a day, six days a week.	1st Aug. 1884.	On 3 months' notice after 1 Aug. 1886.	55l.	-	-	-	
OBAN and LOCHBOIE- DALE PIER.	Out. — Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. In. — Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.	1st Mar. 1886.	1 Mar. 1886, after- wards on 6 months' notice.	1,500l.	At rate of 10 sea miles an hour.	20l.	500l.	

* This payment includes the parcel service between Greenock, Portree, and Stornoway, and Inverness and Fort Augustus.

APPENDIX D.—*continued.*

Line of Communication.	How often.	Contract.		Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
		When commenced.	Terminates.					
POETERE, LOCHMADDY, DUNVEGAN.	Thrice a week, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings.	17th Jan. 1888	After 1 year on 6 months' notice.	1,550l.	-	90l. for undue delay or deviation from course.	900l.	Payment includes Parcel Service.
ROTHESAY and WEMYSS BAY.	Week days	1st Oct. 1888	30 Sept. 1890.	325l.	-	-	-	Payment includes Parcel Service.
SCABSTER FERRY (THURSO) and STROMNESS.	Six days a week	18th Feb. 1888	After 5 years on 6 months' notice.	3,000l.	10 knots an hour.	20l. for undue delay or deviation from course.	900l. P.M.G. to charter another vessel at Contractor's expense.	Payment includes Parcel Service.
STROME FERRY and STORKOWAY.	Six days a week	1st Dec. 1887	At the end of any complete year on 6 months' notice.	2,250l.	-	30l. for undue delay or deviation from course.	500l.	Payment includes Parcel Service.
STROME FERRY and POETERE.	Six days a week	1st Oct. 1886	After 1 year on 12 months' notice.	650l.	-	20l. for undue delay or deviation from course.	100l.	Payment includes Parcel Service.
STROMNESS and LONGHOPE.	Three days a week	10th June 1884	-	78l. (10s. a trip.)	-	-	-	Payment is made as for ferryage.
TARBET and ISLAY.	Week days	4th Nov. 1878	4 Nov. 1879, afterwards on 6 months' notice.	900l.	-	-	500l.	-
GREENOCK and ISLAY, included.	Week days	1st Aug. 1884	1 Aug. 1885, afterwards on 3 months' notice.	35l.	-	-	-	-

APPENDIX D.—continued.

Line of Communication.	How often.	Contract.		Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
		When commenced.	Terminated.					
VIEKIE (SHETLAND) and FAIE ISLE.	Once a fortnight -	1st Nov. 1883 No Contract.	-	170 <i>l</i> .	-	-	-	Payment is made up thus : 6 <i>l</i> . for service from 1 April to 31 October, and 1 <i>l</i> 6 <i>s</i> . per trip for the other 5 months.
WALLS (SHETLAND) and FOULA.	Once a fortnight -	1st July 1885	30 June 1887, afterwards on 6 months' notice.	59 <i>l</i> . (21 <i>l</i> 5 <i>s</i> . a trip.)	-	-	50 <i>l</i> .	

In addition to the payments given in detail above, Letters, &c. are conveyed by Private Ships to and from places in the United Kingdom, for a certain fixed payment of 2*l*. 6*d*. per 100. The total amount paid at present is under 2,000*l*. a year, and the principal payments are as follows :—

For Stranraer and Larne Service - - - - - about 1,000*l*.
 " Waterford and Milford Haven Service - - - - - 150*l*.
 " Holyhead and Douglas (Season) Service - - - - - 400*l*.

There are also a number of small miscellaneous fixed payments for conveyance of Home Mails and for ferrage (such as a payment of 30*l*. a year for a direct service from Plymouth to the Channel Islands twice a week, and various payments for the Conveyance of Mails in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland), not exceeding in any case 50*l*. a year, which have not been included in the above statement.

APPENDIX E.

Staff of Officers.

Totals 31 Mar. 1880.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar. 1880.
		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	—	8
	C.									
42	Superior Officers in Metropo- litan Offices.*	35	1	3	—	3	—	41	1	43
	D.									
16	Surveyors - - -	10	—	3	—	3	—	16	—	16
	E.									
920	Head Postmasters : Metropolitan - -	11	1	—	—	—	—	775	152	927
	Provinces - - -	549	85	119	34	96	32			
16,844	Letter Receivers and Sub- Postmasters : Metropolitan - -	708	96	39	6	73	63	13,279	3,887	17,166
	Provinces - - -	9,508	2,587	1,214	490	1,787	663			
	F.									
3,713	Clerks and Superintending Officers : Metropolitan* - -	1,569	788	79	27	108	20	2,979	874	3,853
	Provinces - - -	1,052	34	129	5	42	—			
	G.									
17,610	Supervisors, Overseers, Counter- men, Sorters, Telegraphists, &c. : Metropolitan* - -	6,700	1,594	415	86	523	70	15,547	3,474	19,021
	Sorting Clerks and Telegra- phists : Provinces - - -	6,468	1,295	894	305	547	124			
	H.									
19,187	Postmen, Porters, &c. : Metropolitan* - -	4,873	—	288	—	213	—	20,006	5	20,011
	Provinces - - -	11,724	4	1,782	1	1,121	—			
58,347	Carried forward - -	43,219	8,467	4,966	954	4,467	927	52,652	8,393	61,045

* 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.	
58,347	Brought forward - - -	43,219,	6,467	4,966	954	4,467	972	52,652	8,393	61,045
	I.									
50,205	Persons employed in unesta- blished positions, viz., As- sistants to Postmasters, &c., Auxiliary Postmen, Boy Sorters, Boy Messengers, Telegraph Messengers, Telo- graph Construction Hands, Copyists, Female Servants, Commissionaires, &c.:									
	Metropolitan - - -	7,825	1,175	339	87	482	181	36,712	15,784	52,496
	Provinces - - -	22,024	10,981	2,844	1,277	3,198	2,063			
	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
108,561	Totals - - -	73,063	18,623	8,149	2,318	8,147	3,236	89,573	24,177	113,550

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
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).

Description of Officers.	LONDON.—DEPARTMENTS OF CHIEF OFFICE.													Totals.	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.			
MALES.																
Clerks:—																
Grade I.	78	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	78	—	—
Grade II.	51	2	—	—	—	197	38	237	104	8	—	—	—	637	42	48
Second Division	27	—	—	—	—	164	38	310	—	—	6	8	—	553	18	34
Professional	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—
Assistant Solicitor	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Assistant Surveyors	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	3	3
Surveyors' Clerks	—	—	—	—	41	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41	6	9
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	—	—
Deputy 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.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	5	—	—
Navigating Commander, Chief Officers, and Chief and second Engineer of Cable Ships.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	6	—	—
Technical Officers, Examiners, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	16	—	30	—	—
Superintending Engineers.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	—	—	20	—	—
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	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	2
Assistants to Medical Officers and Dispensing Assistant.	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—
Registrar and Assistant Registrar.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
Travelling Officers (Confidential Enquiry Branch).	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	—	—
Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents.	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23	—	1	8	70	111	5	6
Totals	191	3	3	6	51	366	77	551	138	23	52	33	75	1,569	79	11
FEMALES.																
Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, Supervisors and Assistant Supervisors.	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	3	24	1	—	—	47	79	6	—
Clerks	—	—	—	—	—	357	—	352	—	—	—	—	—	709	21	16
Totals	191	3	3	6	51	727	77	906	162	24	52	33	122	2,357	106	128

APPENDIX E.—continued.

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

Description of Officers.	LONDON.—DEPARTMENTS OF CHIEF OFFICE.													Totals.	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.			
MALES.																
Inspectors and Supervisors	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	4	94	3	107	7	1	224	3	7
Senior Telegraphists, and Branch Office Supervisors.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	—	—	—	219	245	12	10
Counter men and Tele- graphists, 1st class.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	154	—	—	—	441	595	74	51
Counter men and Tele- graphists, 2nd class.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	316	—	—	—	1,140	1,465	130	139
Overseers - - -	—	6	—	—	—	9	—	—	388	—	—	—	—	403	14	20
Paper Keepers, Paper Sorters, Returners of Letters, &c.	61	—	—	—	—	—	49	47	—	47	—	—	—	204	10	3
Tracers - - -	—	—	—	—	—	198	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	198	23	21
Boy Clerks - - -	—	—	—	—	—	27	60	112	—	—	—	2	—	201	—	—
Sorters, 1st Class - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	757	—	—	—	—	757	47	76
„ 2nd „ - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,506	—	—	—	—	1,506	102	196
„ 3rd „ - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	689	—	—	—	—	689	—	—
Writing Assistants - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	67	—	—	—	—	67	—	—
Superintending Engineers' Clerks.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	77	—	—	77	—	—
Relay Clerks - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	—	—	19	—	—
Factory Clerks - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	—	17	—	—
News Distributors - -	33	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	33	—	—
Totals - - -	100	8	—	—	—	234	109	123	3,997	50	203	26	1,810	3,700	415	523
FEMALES.																
Returners - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	56	—	—	—	56	—	—
Counterwomen and Tele- graphists.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	545	—	—	—	771	1,316	86	70
Sorters - - -	—	—	—	—	—	140	—	82	—	—	—	—	—	222	—	—
Totals - - -	100	8	—	—	—	374	109	245	4,542	106	203	26	2,581	3,294	501	593

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	—	3
Messengers, Lobby Officers, &c.	19	—	4	2	—	18	—	1	57	2	2	1	9	115	8	24
Postmen—Town :—																
" 1st Class -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,315	—	—	—	—	1,315	218	113
" 2nd " -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	605	—	—	—	—	605	52	42
" Suburban, H.P.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	85	—	—	—	—	85	—	—
" " Div. I.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	587	—	—	—	—	587	—	—
" " " II.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	697	—	—	—	—	697	—	—
" " " III.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	291	—	—	—	—	291	—	—
Bagmen - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	—	—	—	—	26	—	5
Storemen, Porters, &c.	-	—	138	—	—	5	5	17	307	5	—	—	—	477	5	21
Binder - - -	-	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Constables - - -	-	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	—
Mechanics, Linemen, &c. -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	475	24	—	—	501	—	—
Inspectors of Telegraph Messengers, Tube Attendants, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	87	—	—	—	69	156	5	5
Totals - - -	38	138	4	2	—	23	5	18	4,063	7	477	25	78	4,878	288	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, PLYMOUTH, 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 1889, and in the Year ended 31st March 1890.

	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.	
	1888-9.	1889-90.	1888-9.	1889-90.	1888-9.	1889-90.	1888-9.	1889-90.	1888-9.	1889-90.
LONDON - -	2,546,628	2,648,137	27,744	27,471	2,211,400	2,267,911	112,964	123,772	193,518	228,963
MANCHESTER -	881,900	889,930	13,621	14,531	321,957	329,740	9,133	9,628	37,189	36,031
LIVERPOOL -	324,915	322,373	2,050	3,177	231,903	273,924	15,052	15,691	25,910	24,581
BIRMINGHAM -	237,239	239,971	4,795	5,448	212,579	213,464	4,036	4,543	15,829	16,516
LEEDS - -	219,878	227,330	5,195	4,279	186,439	193,053	6,518	6,428	21,726	23,570
BRISTOL - -	363,829	328,840	7,093	7,436	314,367	236,257	13,886	11,469	28,043	23,678
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.	155,009	156,962	3,232	2,707	126,333	127,888	6,194	6,275	19,250	20,092
NOTTINGHAM -	182,773	175,349	4,811	4,591	159,683	152,699	3,836	4,068	14,443	13,991
*PLYMOUTH -	—	42,598	—	573	—	35,279	—	2,762	—	3,964
EDINBURGH -	200,447	203,595	9,370	9,314	172,827	178,713	5,568	6,315	12,682	9,354
GLASGOW - -	197,964	190,599	17,813	19,354	165,967	158,101	5,036	5,110	9,168	8,034
ABERDEEN -	24,264	25,643	875	904	20,826	23,076	597	703	1,966	1,960
INVERNESS -	15,810	15,806	1,147	1,039	13,259	13,507	373	329	1,031	931
DUBLIN - -	225,075	208,929	8,548	8,671	177,656	175,685	11,277	11,960	27,594	12,613
BELFAST - -	61,545	61,666	2,742	3,837	50,506	45,237	2,547	2,343	5,450	10,249
CORK - -	35,090	36,380	1,051	1,154	27,202	28,904	3,068	3,443	3,149	2,759
Head Post Offices authorised to return certain letters, &c. direct to senders -	957,495	1,037,113	—	—	957,495	1,037,113	—	—	—	—
TOTALS -	6,128,579	6,311,102	110,067	119,386	5,401,739	5,539,551	200,105	214,839	416,948	437,326
Increase in 1889-90 over 1888-9. }	182,523		9,399		137,812		14,734		20,378	

* R. L. B. Plymouth established 1st July 1889.

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.	
	1888-9.	1889-90.	1888-9.	1889-90.	1888-9.	1889-90.	1888-9.	1889-90.	1888-9.	1889-90.	1888-9.	1889-90.
LONDON	83,170	86,811	2,285,219	2,287,594	348,127	387,818	2,089	3,708	33,156	44,230	23,168	36,157
MANCHESTER	30,093	32,333	534,356	541,109	20,686	17,425	323	163	3,997	4,578	2,551	2,887
LIVERPOOL	32,245	34,538	378,663	378,669	16,378	18,788	174	343	2,589	3,393	1,447	2,031
BIRMINGHAM	25,040	27,464	288,599	275,455	9,553	11,638	755	1,305	2,067	2,791	1,469	1,847
LEEDS	15,746	16,500	235,680	265,293	13,326	7,738	284	296	2,806	2,919	1,483	1,814
BRISTOL	13,541	13,990	373,791	339,617	16,187	12,801	1,192	1,289	4,185	5,306	2,629	3,229
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.	10,689	11,126	176,349	174,220	6,047	5,391	314	575	1,380	1,968	834	1,348
NOTTINGHAM	3,265	3,145	218,354	233,911	7,623	6,096	204	225	2,043	2,635	1,353	1,672
*PLYMOUTH	—	2,481	—	39,162	—	1,871	—	196	—	621	—	301
EDINBURGH	20,445	21,509	244,692	242,698	14,803	16,427	704	487	3,776	4,562	3,098	3,423
GLASGOW	32,633	35,439	156,188	144,048	9,330	9,142	395	929	2,276	2,523	1,908	2,014
ABERDEEN	696	764	27,873	28,896	1,854	1,885	24	21	247	323	155	177
INVERNESS	798	973	15,291	16,927	1,461	1,715	31	62	258	312	187	185
DUBLIN	18,311	17,796	261,955	205,116	21,324	37,580	16	127	3,478	4,122	2,742	2,971
BELFAST	4,577	4,526	65,147	67,862	5,109	4,963	19	11	735	755	494	519
CORK	693	651	30,840	28,512	2,295	2,248	3	9	333	446	239	230
Head Post Offices authorised to return certain letters, &c. direct to senders	504,295	537,030	1,356,252	1,392,712	67,330	57,423	7,535	17,741	22,457	26,469	22,457	26,469
TOTALS	796,259	841,076	6,699,227	6,661,201	562,742	551,022	14,065	27,486	85,633	107,863	65,204	81,877
Increase in 1889-90 over 1888-9.	44,817		Decrease, 38,056		Decrease, 11,270		13,421		22,230		16,073	

* R. L. B. Plymouth established 1st July 1889.

APPENDIX G.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL PACKET SERVICE.

APPENDIX G.

Foreign and Colonial

Line of Packets.	Contracts.		Payment.
	Com- mencement.	Termination.	
AUSTRALIA :			
Brindisi or Naples and Adelaide -	1 Feb. 1888 -	31st January 1895 - -	£ 170,000 {
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) 1,061
BRAZIL, RIVER PLATE, AND CHILI :			
Fortnightly Service from Southampton	1 Sept. 1876 -	On 6 months' notice - - -	(a) 8,490
Fortnightly service from Liverpool -	1 July 1878 -	On 6 months' notice - - -	(a) 14,642
CAPE OF GOOD HOPE AND NATAL -			
Do. do. for calls at St. Helena and Ascension }	- - -	- - -	(c) 2,733
Natal - - -	17 June 1887 {	On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post - - -	(a) 351
EAST INDIES AND CHINA - - -	1 Feb. 1883 -	On 31st January 1898 - - -	265,000 {
	1 July 1885 {	On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post - - -	(a) 2,360
EAST COAST OF AFRICA :			
London and Zanzibar - - -	Service provided under arrangement with Foreign Office		- - -
EUROPE :			
Dover and Calais - - -	20 June 1878 -	On 12 months' notice - - -	(b) 12,617 {
Do. - - -	1 Oct. 1887 -	On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post - - -	(a) 3,589
Dover and Ostend - - -	Arrangement with Belgian Government -		4,500
Channel Islands and St. Malo and Granville }	15 Feb. 1893 -	On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post - - -	(a) 27
Liverpool, Constantinople, and Smyrna	1 Jan. 1886 -	On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post - - -	(a) 38
London to Hamburg - - -	1 Jan. 1886 -	On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post - - -	(a) 163
United Kingdom and Lisbon - -	1 Jan. 1888 -	On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post - - -	(a) 53
NORTH AMERICA :			
Queenstown to New York - - -	1 March 1887	On 12 months' notice - - -	(a) 97,512
Newfoundland (Colonial Contract) -	1 April 1888 -	On 31st March 1893 - - -	(c) 4,000
Bermuda and New York - - -	1 Jan. 1889 -	On 6 months' notice - - -	(a) 621
PANAMA TO VALPARAISO - - -	1 July 1878 -	On 6 months' notice - - -	(a) 4,080
WEST INDIES :			
Fortnightly service - - -	1 July 1885 -	On 30th June 1890 - - -	90,000 {
Additional Services :			
Non-Contract Service - - -	- - -	- - -	(a) 347
Turk's Islands (Colonial Contract)	27 Oct. 1888 -	On 6 months' notice - - -	(c) 358
Belize and New Orleans - - -	Contract made by the Honduras Government, terminating on 30th September 1889 - - -		(c) 8.0
Do. - - -	1 March 1887 {	On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post - - -	(a) 5
WEST COAST OF AFRICA - - -	Indefinite -	- - -	(a) 9,524
	1 Jan. 1888 -	On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post - - -	(a) 144

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

(b) Including 2,710*l.* 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.	Estimated British Loss on the Sea Service.	Rate of Postage per single Letter, excluding Transit Rates.
100 <i>l.</i> for every 24 hours.	{ South Australia Victoria New South Wales } 75,000 <i>l.</i>	£ 39,000	£ 56,000	7 <i>d.</i>
- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	5 <i>d.</i>
- - - - -	- - - - -	1,061	Nil.	
- - - - -	- - - - -	18,132	3,000	4 <i>d.</i>
- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	4 <i>d.</i>
- - - - -	- - - - -	133	2,600	4 <i>d.</i>
- - - - -	- - - - -	351	Nil.	
200 <i>l.</i> for every 12 hours late at Brindisi. In other cases 100 <i>l.</i>	{ India, 40,000 <i>l.</i> Ceylon, 1,400 <i>l.</i> Straits Settlements, 6,000 <i>l.</i> Hong Kong, 6,000 <i>l.</i> }	80,860	133,100	{ Mediterranean 2½ <i>d.</i> India - - - - Ceylon - - - - China, &c. - } 4 <i>d.</i>
- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	4 <i>d.</i>
5 <i>l.</i> for 15 minutes or upwards.	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	2½ <i>d.</i>
- - - - -	- - - - -	3,589	Nil.	
- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	2½ <i>d.</i>
- - - - -	- - - - -	27	Nil.	
- - - - -	- - - - -	38	Nil.	
- - - - -	- - - - -	163	Nil.	
- - - - -	- - - - -	53	Nil.	
- - - - -	- - - - -	63,812	33,700	2½ <i>d.</i>
- - - - -	- - - - -	500	3,500	
- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	Bermuda - 4 <i>d.</i>
- - - - -	- - - - -	2,390	1,700	4 <i>d.</i>
25 <i>l.</i> for every 24 hours.	{ Antigua - 489 Barbados - 4,357 British Guiana - 7,480 Dominica - 186 Grenada - 372 Jamaica - 4,163 Montserrat - 86 Nevis - 71 St. Kitt's - 470 St. Lucia - 209 St. Vincent - 310 Tobago - 151 Tortola - 18 Trinidad - 3,998 }	25,150	44,000	4 <i>d.</i>
- - - - -	- - - - -	6,068	3,800	{ Union Places 2½ <i>d.</i> or 4 <i>d.</i> Non-Union 6 <i>d.</i>

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 -	9,333,854	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 -	12,392,996	9,854,566	22,247,562	2,704,574	1,595,001	26,547,137
1880-81 -	13,456,555	11,176,459	24,633,014	3,042,291	1,736,677	29,411,982
1881-82 -	14,204,479	12,071,034	26,275,513	3,207,994	1,862,354	31,345,861
1882-83 -	14,554,015	12,374,707	26,928,722	3,244,202	1,919,102	32,092,026
1883-84 -	14,920,413	12,686,433	27,606,846	3,299,428	1,936,846	32,843,120
1884-85 -	15,195,618	12,930,376	28,125,994	3,257,546	1,894,919	33,278,459
1885-86 -	18,029,008	15,081,433	33,110,441	3,812,173	2,223,669	39,146,283
1886-87 -	24,044,077	18,276,108	42,320,185	5,106,774	2,816,680	50,243,639
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	20,268,539	48,537,669	5,991,223	3,241,455	57,765,347
1889-90 -	30,873,953	21,562,826	52,436,779	6,545,654	3,420,966	62,403,399

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 1888-89 and 1889-90; and the Increase in each Month of the latter Year over the corresponding Month of the former Year.

Month.	Number of Telegrams.		Increase.
	1889-90.	1888-89.	
April - - -	4,940,793	4,405,758	535,040
May - - -	5,412,604	4,929,745	482,859
June - - -	5,274,057	4,942,428	331,629
July - - -	5,862,570	5,216,670	645,900
August - - -	5,884,428	5,478,221	406,207
September - - -	5,352,182	5,089,941	262,241
October - - -	5,669,358	5,321,798	347,560
November - - -	5,188,012	4,797,632	340,380
December - -	4,671,467	4,351,688	319,779
January - - -	4,817,069	4,435,153	381,916
February - - -	4,383,706	4,117,324	266,382
March - - -	4,997,153	4,678,994	318,159
	62,403,399	57,765,347	4,638,052

APPENDIX I.

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

Period.	Inland. Telegrams.	Wire Rentals, &c.	Salaries.	Work executed.	Total.
Year ended 31st March 1881	-	-	-	-	-
"	7,586 8 0	6,891 9 6	5,000 18 11	19,478 16 5	19,478 16 5
"	10,635 19 0	8,608 19 9	2,674 16 10	0 14 7	21,920 10 2
"	12,978 2 0	10,069 17 8	8,080 14 8	8 15 8	26,087 10 0
"	11,746 16 5	11,142 10 3	2,880 15 1	5 0 8	25,775 2 5
"	12,666 5 2	11,651 3 2	2,764 12 3	15 7 7	27,097 8 2
"	11,899 15 8	12,143 0 10	2,894 16 0	59 7 6	26,997 0 0
"	12,509 17 9	13,703 2 7	2,955 5 8	38 11 10	29,306 17 10
"	13,140 18 0	14,350 7 11	3,069 14 11	23 5 1	30,584 5 11
"	14,870 7 10	15,118 7 3	3,357 9 10	68 9 8	33,414 14 7
"	15,495 9 6½	16,355 9 7	3,851 2 7	626 17 4½	36,328 19 1

APPENDIX J.

"Extracts from a report of the Controller of the Post Office Savings Bank."

(42.) On and from the 14th January 1889, the daily attendance of the men clerks, lower division, in this Department (who then numbered 303) was extended from six to seven hours, with increase of pay according to the scale prescribed by Order in Council.

Attendance of men clerks, lower division.

(43.) By the introduction on the 1st January 1890 of new rates of pay for extra duty a considerable benefit has been conferred upon officers of all grades, the general effect of the change being that, as regards extra duty reckoned by time, payment will be made *pro rata* (subject to certain maxima) according to the amount of salary received by each officer.

New rates of pay for extra duty.

(44.) The general conduct of the force has been satisfactory.

Conduct of force.

(45.) The first portion of the new building is now almost ready for occupation, and will provide for all the force at present located in out-lying premises except for the boy copyists, numbering about 150, for whom the premises No. 111, Queen Victoria Street, will still be retained. This concentration of the staff will, of course, be a great convenience and tend to facilitate business, which has been seriously impeded by the various branches being so widely separated.

New building for savings bank department.

(46.) The cost of management in 1889, after deducting 2,484*l.* the amount received for commission on stock transactions, was 336,954*l.*, as compared with 326,990*l.* in the previous year. Calculated on the gross amounts the average cost per transaction in 1889 is 7*1*/₁₀*d.* and the percentage of expenses to the total balance of the Post Office Savings Bank 10*s.* 8*1*/₁₀*d.* against 7*1*/₁₀*d.* and 11*s.* 2*d.* respectively in 1888. It should be borne in mind, however, that the charges in 1888 include the sum of 40,988*l.* for purchase of land under the Post Office Sites Act, while those in 1889 include 20,663*l.* for a similar purpose, as well as 17,732*l.* in respect of the new building, and if these amounts be deducted, interest at 5 per cent. being added instead, the cost per transaction and the percentage of expenses become 6*1*/₁₀*d.* and 9*s.* 10*d.* in 1888 and 6*1*/₁₀*d.* and 9*s.* 6*1*/₁₀*d.* in 1889. An explanatory note on this point is appended to the first of the following tabular statements.

Cost of management.
Average cost per transaction, &c. on gross expenses.
Exceptional expenditure.
Cost per transaction, &c. if exceptional expenditure be excluded.

(47.) The Department was visited during the year by the Postmaster General of Egypt and the Postmaster General of British Guiana, and information respecting the system was furnished to the governments of Canada, Cape Colony, Queensland, Tobago and Trinidad, as well as to various individuals in France and the United States. In the latter country there are still no Post Office Savings Banks.

Inquiries from abroad.

(48.) The report of the Post Office Savings Bank at the Cape of Good Hope for the year 1888 shows that the open accounts increased by nearly 3,000 making a total of 15,505; that the amount deposited rose from 214,389*l.* to 258,676*l.*; and that the amount due to depositors reached 320,829*l.*, an addition of 54,000*l.* during the year. The facilities for repayment by telegraph are increasingly appreciated, no less than 2,018 withdrawals representing 40,046*l.* having been so effected in 1888, as compared with 681 in 1887 and 160 in 1886. In

Cape of Good Hope.

- Canada. Canada, the amounts deposited and withdrawn during the year ended the 30th June 1889, were both larger than in the previous year, while the number of depositors was considerably augmented reaching 113,123 with an aggregate balance of 4,602,284*l.* to their credit. In Jamaica the depositors in the Government Savings Bank on the 30th September 1888, numbered 18,311, the total amount due being 393,249*l.* In British Guiana. British Guiana, Post Office Savings Banks commenced business on the 2nd December 1889, the system being very similar to that adopted in the United Kingdom. Six offices were opened, and by the 31st December there were 136 depositors, including 24 coolies, with \$2,279 to their credit. It is stated that some of the deposits bore evident traces of having been *uncarthed*, in the literal sense of the word, proving the need which some thrifty persons had experienced of a safe place of deposit. The system of collecting deposits of one shilling by means of stamps is not considered to be suited to the condition and habits of the labouring classes of the Colony. In South Australia, the number of depositors on the 30th June 1889, viz., 64,320 and the balance to their credit, viz., 1,896,217*l.* show an advance of 4,019 and 168,706*l.* respectively during the year. In Queensland, the amount due to 43,003 depositors, viz., 1,611,876*l.* evidences a satisfactory growth of business. New Zealand. In New Zealand, similar progress is observable, the number of accounts being 84,488 with balances amounting to 2,048,441*l.* In Ceylon, the Post Office Savings Bank, which was established in 1885, is stated to have proved a boon to the poorer population, the most gratifying feature being that the best customers are the Singhalese. At the close of 1887, 144 offices were open for the transaction of savings bank business, and the sum due to 6,685 depositors was 129,175 rupees.
- France. (49.) In France, the operations of the Post Office Savings Banks during 1888 are described as very favourable the number of open accounts on 31st December being 1,129,984, and the amount to their credit 10,671,544*l.* The investments by depositors in Government stock were 3,293, the capital invested being 160,596*l.*, a falling off in both respects as compared with the previous year. The withdrawals by telegram which numbered 9,637 amounting to 41,329*l.* show an increase.
- Austria. In Austria there is continued progress, the number of depositors on the 31st December 1889, being 719,431 and the sum standing to their credit 1,747,690*l.*; while in Hungary, which possesses an independent Postal Savings Bank system, the results are likewise satisfactory, 3,225 offices being open on the 31st December 1888, when the depositors numbered 129,887 and the amount standing to their credit was 292,784*l.* The sum invested in Government Stock on behalf of the depositors during the year was 35,963*l.*, bringing up the total value of stock purchased to 80,560*l.* In Belgium the depositors at the close of 1888 numbered 593,979 with an aggregate balance of 9,999,927*l.*, the former having in eight years trebled and the latter doubled. 2,921 purchases and 1,537 sales of Government Stock were made by depositors during the year, the nominal value of the stock being 341,492*l.* and 217,588*l.* respectively, and on the 31st December there were 8,627 inscriptions of stock in the names of depositors, the amount being 1,862,683*l.* In the Netherlands, at the end of 1888, 1,165,034*l.* stood to the credit of 201,763 accounts. In this country, also, the repayments by telegram are gradually developing. In Sweden, 152,016 depositors, 59 per cent. of whom were minors, held 153,286*l.* on the 31st December 1887. Comparing the deposits and withdrawals in 1887 with those in 1884 there is an increase of over 100 per cent. as regards deposits and of only 35 per cent. as regards withdrawals. Again, in proportion to population

the number of deposits was, it is stated, greater than in France, Italy, or Belgium. In Russia, it is interesting to notice that the establishment of Postal and Telegraph Savings Banks was sanctioned last year, the minimum deposit being fixed at 25 kopeks and the maximum sum which may be deposited at 1,000 roubles. The adoption of Postal Savings Banks in Russia leaves Germany, I believe, alone among the Great Powers of Europe, without such a system. This is the more singular in view of the efforts which are being made in that country to ameliorate the condition of the wage-earning classes.

(50.) I gather from a newspaper published at Honolulu that there is a Post Office Savings Bank in the Hawaiian Kingdom which allows interest at the rate of 5 per cent. on deposits from 25 cents to \$2,500. The cross-entry system is in operation, and the bank is described as having met with wonderful success. It was inaugurated on the 1st July 1886, and, according to a statement of transactions for the year 1889, the amount due on the 31st December to 2,641 depositors was 181,922/. The funds are employed in carrying out certain public improvements.

Post Office Savings Banks.

TABLE showing the BUSINESS done during the last TEN YEARS.

Year.	Number of Post Office Savings Banks.	Number of Deposits.	Amount of Deposits.	Average amount of each Deposit.	Interest credited to Depositors.	Number of Withdrawals.	Amount of Withdrawals.	Average amount of each Withdrawal.	Charges of Management.	Average Cost of each transaction.	Number of accounts opened.	Number of accounts closed.	Number of accounts remaining open at close of the year.	Amount, inclusive of interest, standing to credit of all open accounts at close of the year.	Average amount standing to credit of each open account at close of the year.	Percentage of cost of Management to total funds in possession of the Post Office Savings Banks.	Total sum standing to credit of Post Office Savings Banks on books of National Debt Commissioners at close of the year.	Balance in hands of Postmaster-General after making provision for Outstanding Warrants at close of the year.	Estimated value of the Central Savings Bank premises in Queen Victoria Street.	Total value of Assets applicable to payment of Depositors at close of the year.	Number, at close of the year, of Old Savings Banks and Post Office Banks combined.	Number, at close of the year, of Depositors in Old Savings Banks and Post Office Banks combined.	
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1880	6,293	3,756,680†	10,301,132†	2 14 5	777,983	1,465,331‡	9,346,634‡	6 5 19	188,891*	8 10 8	554,658	358,103	2,184,972	33,744,637	15 8 11	232,945	34,375,936	6,875	34,608,881	—	34,608,881	6,875	3,704,777
1881	6,513	5,699,769†	11,867,156†	2 0 6	820,990	1,728,700†	10,244,287‡	5 10 7	200,574	6 10 6	880,831	458,191	2,607,612	36,194,405	13 17 7	236,463	36,509,923	6,950	36,746,376	—	36,746,376	6,950	4,140,068
1882	6,999	6,151,466†	12,821,230†	2 0 6	891,920	1,955,120†	10,893,534‡	5 5 3	221,653	6 10 6	788,858	537,404	2,858,976	39,057,821	13 13 1	145,924	40,862,640	7,429	40,862,640	120,000	41,128,564	7,429	4,411,958
1883	7,369	6,297,398†	13,575,167†	2 1 3	955,991	2,075,465†	11,800,171‡	5 6 3	245,180	7 10 6	772,201	525,535	3,105,642	41,768,808	13 9 0	282,983	43,294,949	7,790	43,294,949	120,000	43,697,692	7,790	4,671,826
1884	7,756	6,458,707†	14,510,411†	2 4 11	1,025,117	2,198,792†	12,580,563‡	5 14 0	248,618†	6 10 6	774,298	540,255	3,333,675	44,773,773	13 8 7	313,473	45,949,718	8,167	45,949,718	120,000	46,383,191	8,167	4,916,149
1885	8,106	6,474,484†	15,034,694†	2 6 5	1,092,112	2,280,062†	13,202,742‡	5 15 10	256,402†	7 10 6	750,862	548,857	3,535,650	47,597,898	13 9 10	296,322	48,606,318	8,515	48,606,318	120,000	49,012,640	8,515	5,128,647
1886	8,321	6,262,395†	15,030,552†	2 7 10	1,169,596	2,590,655†	13,689,943‡	5 14 6	290,555†	7 10 6	758,270	562,436	3,731,421	50,874,338	13 8 11	272,263	52,074,357	8,756	52,074,357	154,000	52,500,650	8,756	5,322,925
1887	8,720	6,916,327†	16,635,932†	2 7 10	1,244,074	2,406,294†	14,680,273‡	5 17 7	288,418†	7 10 6	704,562	574,252	3,951,761	53,974,065	13 13 2	322,553	56,248,599	9,120	56,248,599	174,000	56,745,152	9,120	5,556,371
1888	9,022	7,540,625†	19,055,220†	2 10 6	1,332,538	2,653,898†	15,802,735‡	6 0 0	326,990†	7 10 6	887,460	618,204	4,229,927	58,556,394	13 17 5	266,071	60,800,563	9,404	60,800,563	219,000	61,345,634	9,404	5,800,473
1889	9,323	8,101,120†	19,814,308†	2 8 11	1,443,186	2,757,848†	16,814,263‡	6 1 11	336,934†	7 10 6	924,010	637,128	4,507,809	62,999,620	13 19 6	253,615	64,756,212	9,699	64,756,212	257,000	65,296,327	9,699	6,059,403

* The charges of management in 1880 include the sum of 16,373^l. paid on account of the new building in Queen Victoria Street.

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

‡ Including, as well as Ordinary Withdrawals, (a) Withdrawals for investment in Stock, with commission; (b) Withdrawals consequent on sale of Stock and obtaining Stock Certificates, with commission and fees. Also including, since June 1884, (c) Withdrawals for purchase of Annuities and payment of Insurance premiums, and (d) amounts paid to Annuity and Insurance and their representatives. For particulars, see statements of Government Stock business and Annuity and Insurance business.

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

|| The gross expenses in 1884 were 252,578^l, but the sum of 3,960^l. received for commission on Stock transactions from 22nd November 1880 to 30th September 1884 was in this year applied towards defraying the expenses of management, in accordance with the Savings Banks Act, 1880. The amount shown for 1885 and for each year subsequently is the net amount after deducting the sum received for commission on Stock transactions.¶ The charges of management in 1886, 1887, and 1888 include the sums of 28,212^l, 19,073^l, and 40,983^l, respectively, for purchase of land under the Post Office Sites Act. Omitting these amounts, but adding interest at the rate of 5 per cent. thereon, the cost per transaction will be, in 1886, 7^l. 10^s. 6^d., in 1887, 6^l. 10^s. 6^d., and in 1888, 6^l. 10^s. 6^d.; and the percentage of expenses to capital 10^s. 4^d. 10^s. and 9^s. 10^s. 10^s. respectively. The charges in 1889 include the sum of 29,668^l. for purchase of land, and 17,733^l. for new buildings; and omitting both these amounts but adding interest thereon as before, the cost per transaction in 1889 will be 6^l. 10^s. 6^d., and the percentage of expenses to capital 9^s. 6^d.

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 the Year.		
From Nov. 31st to Dec. 31st 1880.	2,162	31	2,131	2,230	0	22	—	128,013	175 10 0	1 10 0	129,514	56 1 6	383	42 15 6	330	1,500	—	—	—	—	—	—	127,029	59 17 9	
1881	11,019	1,838	11,812	13,709	2,023	102	—	690,181	1,104 10 0	7 10 6	694,987	50 13 10	75,698	57 10 0	75,697	7,700	—	—	—	—	50	11,303	738,098	62 11 3	
1882	7,451	2,754	10,069	12,183	4,355	77	—	589,395	1,106 17 0	6 3 0	588,211	48 8 0	177,192	40 14 0	177,082	6,150	—	—	—	—	190	26,782	26,533	1,143,717	68 17 3
1883	7,576	3,418	20,767	12,822	5,685	56	—	692,927	1,228 4 9	5 11 0	618,538	48 4 6	230,706	41 12 9	238,903	5,550	—	—	420	235	35,271	37,648	1,519,983	73 5 10	
1884	8,577	4,651	24,963	14,200	6,840	76	—	706,040	1,417 0 9	8 7 0	703,195	49 10 5	301,448	44 1 5	303,912	8,350	—	—	376	110	44,250	40,894	1,916,355	76 13 6	
1885	9,844	4,240	30,597	17,133	7,443	68	—	846,791	1,688 1 9	7 0 0	859,050	50 2 9	339,445	43 17 3	322,669	6,900	—	—	10,537	315	55,146	63,608	2,452,232	80 2 11	
1886	9,633	4,945	35,305	16,563	8,918	50	—	845,606	1,725 17 6	7 6 0	841,121	50 15 8	389,935	43 14 6	392,068	7,300	—	—	1,181	348	65,339	77,908	2,898,941	82 1 1	
1887	10,669	5,704	40,270	18,204	10,216	50	—	927,614	1,917 1 0	5 10 0	915,947	50 5 4	462,785	43 6 0	470,656	5,500	—	—	2,450	1,057	74,743	91,100	3,345,106	83 1 4	
1888	11,629	8,575	43,331	19,413	11,459	44	36	996,217	2,108 2 6	5 2 0	1,003,104	51 13 8	573,304	50 0 7	572,113	5,100	6,420	25,070	912	127,918	110,578	3,785,011	87 7 7		
1889†	11,261	7,592	46,953	19,766	11,858	27	126	985,322	2,108 8 3	3 9 0	1,003,268	50 15 8	606,939	50 18 11	585,691	3,450	21,681	19,151	760	171,570	114,469	4,177,634	88 17 1		

* Besides the addition arising from the ordinary business of the year, the balance of Stock was further increased during 1884 by the sum of £,078. Stock in consequence of the conversion by certificate of 8 per cent. Stock into 3½ and 5½ 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.

‡ In 1889, 856 persons holding 59,975½ Redemption money under the provisions of the National Debt Redemption Act, 1889, were paid off, and £,011. of the amount was re-invested, free of Commission, in one or other of the new Government Stocks.

APPENDIX J.—*continued.*

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS.

Annuities and Life Insurances.

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

Year.	ANNUITIES.										LIFE INSURANCES.						
	Immediate.					Deferred.					Contracts entered into.	Receipts.	Payments.	Amount of Claims and Death on Surrender.			
	No.	Amount of Annuities.	Amount of Purchase Money.	No.	Amount of Annuities.	Contracts entered into.	Receipts.	Payments.	Pecies received on Immediate and Deferred Annuity Contracts, the Charges on Monthly Allowances being included in the Premium.								
									No.	Amount.					No.	Amount.	No.
1880	-	892	£ 13,240	146,562	14,933	£ 101,734	41	£ 847	4,106	119	£ 1,570	696	258	20,378	15,979	10,506	£ 3,886
1881	-	966	16,434	184,737	15,808	111,211	66	1,376	5,243	131	1,763	873	390	23,900	15,883	10,987	3,875
1882	-	700	13,435	155,528	16,729	122,123	72	1,502	6,449	156	2,327	727	234	18,447	16,039	11,009	5,694
1883	-	770	14,141	159,630	17,302	130,053	104	2,120	7,240	163	1,898	790	256	20,600	16,156	11,333	5,431
1884*— 1 Jan. to } 3 June } 31 Dec. }	-	187	2,938	34,507	8,853	67,931	13	327	3,140	89	1,156	152	50	3,499	7,032	5,019	2,604
1885	-	536	11,786	137,910	7,948	69,868	80	2,083	6,744	111	1,876	392	298	18,236	7,258	6,309	4,384
1886	-	725	16,307	173,128	16,111	146,169	103	1,694	9,761	212	2,980	358	457	34,768	12,402	12,036	4,646
1886	-	923	17,388	211,570	16,234	153,878	87	1,772	10,510	246	3,122	322	506	34,188	12,187	12,623	5,942
1887	-	912	19,299	234,174	16,556	164,546	90	1,628	9,721	264	5,020	283	585	36,168	12,069	13,492	5,976
1888	-	905	23,404	286,762	17,050	178,160	138	2,719	10,853	301	3,877	244	580	34,919	12,016	14,121	5,538
1889	-	968	23,361	292,846	17,537	183,140	131	2,853	11,464	343	4,097	214	671	32,832	12,275	16,112	7,473

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 1889, and the Number and Amount of Contracts in existence on the 31st December 1889.

	CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO				TOTAL.	
	From 17 April 1865 to 31 December 1888.		From 1 Jan. 1889 to 31 December 1889.			
	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 1889, viz. :—						
Immediate Annuities - -	17,443	274,313 4 8	988	23,361 6 2	18,431	297,674 10 10
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - -	503	8,939 17 6	37	576 13 6	540	9,516 11 0
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - -	973	20,902 7 0	94	2,281 0 0	1,067	23,183 7 0
Contracts for Sums payable at Death entered into from the commencement of business on the 17th April 1865 to the 31st December 1889 - - - -	9,490	715,834 2 10	671	32,331 19 1	10,161	748,666 1 11
Contracts for Annuities in existence on the 31st December 1889, viz. :—						
Immediate Annuities - -	-	-	-	-	10,772	206,849 5 8
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - - -	-	-	-	-	473	8,038 17 0
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - -	-	-	-	-	637	13,602 3 0
Contracts for Sums payable at Death, in existence on the 31st December 1889 - - -	-	-	-	-	6,504	463,240 14 4

APPENDIX J.—continued.

Post Office Savings Bank.

RETURN of the BALANCE SHEETS of the POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS on the 31st day of December 1889, 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 1889, 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. 1889.		Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the year.			
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
2½ per cent. Consols - - - -	20,835,889	9 7	28,961,955	0 0	194,050	16 0
2½ per cents. - - - -	9,238,770	15 8	8,742,187	0 0	55,520	5 0
Local Loans 3½ per cent. Stock - -	8,705,848	15 11	8,955,936	0 0	61,743	17 4
Egyptian Guaranteed 3½ per cent. Bonds	313,000	0 0	319,260	0 0	—	—
Exchequer (Suez) Bonds - - - -	404,819	8 11	404,849	0 0	3,992	11 5
Exchequer Bonds - - - -	550,000	0 0	550,000	0 0	257	11 0
Exchequer (March) Bills - - - -	58,900	0 0	58,900	0 0	537	7 2
Treasury Bills - - - -	1,107,000	0 0	1,097,028	0 0	7,479	10 5
Advances to Her Majesty's Exchequer under 52 Vict., c. 4, s. 6, on credit of Charge created on Consolidated Fund - - - -	1,150,000	0 0	1,150,000	0 0	11,532	6 4
Advances per 43 Vict. c. 4, and 45 & 46 Vict. c. 62, repayable by Irish Land Commission per 44 & 45 Vict. c. 71. - -	850,000	0 0	850,000	0 0	—	—
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) 3,930,213	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) 6,672,431	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. - -	138,800	0 0	(a) 1,439,665	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) 402,729	0 0	—	—
Annuities for terms of years per 46 Vict. c. 1, s. 2 - - - -	42,899	5 0	(a) 204,718	0 0	—	—
Annuity for a term of years per 45 & 46 Vict. c. 72, expiring 8th September 1892 - - - -	5,428	18 8	(a) 15,508	0 0	—	—
Red Sea and India Telegraph Annuity, expiring 4th August 1908 - - - -	3,100	0 0	42,625	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 1883 - - - -	99,793	4 6	(a) 321,394	0 0	—	—
Advances under Pensions Commutation Act, 34 & 35 Vict., c. 36, during year ended 31st December 1889, in respect of which an Annuity had not been granted - - - -	102,848	5 0	102,848	0 0	2,066	17 8
			£64,312,241	0 0	337,181	1 11
Add value of Securities - - - -					64,312,241	0 0
Cash balance in Bank of England - -					236,790	11 0
					£64,796,313	12 11

(a) Value, inclusive of interest, to 31st December 1889.

National Debt Office,
13th June 1890.

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 1889, 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 1889, 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 1889 (including interest) -	62,899,519 16 4	Value of Securities according to the average price of the day on 31 Dec. 1889 -	64,549,422 1 11
Amount of expenses remaining unpaid (partly estimated) -	17,893 15 2	Amount of cash in hands of Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt -	234,790 11 0
Surplus of assets over Liabilities -	2,279,224 13 10	Total Amount in the hands of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt -	-
		Amount received for issuing new Deposit Books -	3,060 1 5
		Less—Amount paid to the National Debt Commissioners -	883 4 4
		Amount in the hands of Her Majesty's Postmaster General -	306,283 8 8
		Less—Amount required to meet Warrants issued to Depositors but not cashed on 31st December 1889 -	54,865 13 4
		Value of the Central Savings Bank Premises in Queen Victoria Street, E.C. -	-
	£		£
	65,296,827 5 4		251,417 15 4
			257,000 0 0
			65,296,827 5 4

Total amount received from Depositors, including interest, to 31st December 1889 - - - - - £ 281,611,728 14 8
Total amount repaid to Depositors to 31st December 1889 - - - - - £ 215,611,108 18 4

Number of Transactions.		Number of Accounts.	
Deposits.	Withdrawals.	Opened.	Closed.
104,203,490	86,970,186	14,115,087	9,607,228
			Remaining Open.
			4,607,809

The total number of transactions i.e. Deposits and Withdrawals, from the commencement of Post Office Savings Bank business to the end of the year 1889 was 140,578,676. The average cost of each transaction in the period was 7½d. Prior to the passing of the Post Office Savings Banks Act, 1881, it was estimated (see Parliamentary Paper, No. 523, 1881) that the average cost of each transaction would be 7d. The sums of 129,279l. 14s. 11d., 147,116l. 16s. 0d., 77,787l. 12s. 1d., 125,345l. 4s. 11d., 144,979l. 3s. 11d., 146,799l. 10s. 1d., 125,189l. 0s. 1d., 93,794l. 10s. 2d., 93,040l. 11s. 1½d., 87,001l. 13s. 3d., 76,506l. 8s. 9d. and 72,485l. 1s. 8d., 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, 1888 and 1889 respectively under sec. 14 of the Act 40 Vict. c. 13, being the excess of interest which had accrued during the years 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887 and 1888. The sum of 178,936l., the cost of the site of the new Savings Bank buildings in Queen Victoria Street, and 72,261l. towards the cost of the new building, have been paid for out of the funds of the Post Office Savings Banks.

APPENDIX K. Money Orders.

Year.	INLAND ORDERS.			COLONIAL ORDERS.			FOREIGN ORDERS.			GRAND TOTAL.			
	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	
1880-81	-	£ 16,329,476 24,228,763	Decrease. " 2.7	221,962	£ 812,979	9.4	383,567	961,840	16.4	16,935,005	25,003,582	Decrease. " 1.3	
1881-82	-	14,692,328 23,367,672	" 10.4	244,976	892,725	10.4	445,220	1,133,177	16.4	15,388,033	25,393,574	" 9.2	
1882-83	-	14,306,297 25,223,763	Increase. " 2.8	277,022	1,043,158	13.4	507,569	1,350,462	14.4	15,090,538	27,537,883	Increase. " 8.7	
1883-84	-	13,790,782 25,012,117	Decrease. " 3.6	313,455	1,184,211	13.5	559,468	1,433,548	10.2	14,663,535	27,029,870	" 2.88	
1884-85	-	11,958,127 23,536,679	" 13.3	337,420	1,263,500	7.7	569,189	1,450,387	1.7	Decrease. " 2	12,864,736	26,230,676	Decrease. " 5.4
1885-86	-	10,358,293 21,975,345	" 13.3	358,462	1,572,066	6.2	601,625	1,484,470	5.7	Increase. " 3.8	11,318,880	24,832,421	" 12.4
1886-87	-	9,762,562 22,262,768	Increase. " 1.3	363,281	1,328,409	1.4	687,191	1,763,484	14.2	20.4	10,813,034	25,354,601	Increase. " 3.0
1887-88	-	9,552,777 22,681,676	" 2.1	397,970	1,458,388	9.5	793,746	2,014,112	15.5	14.2	10,744,468	26,384,126	" 3.8
1888-89	-	9,228,183 22,967,649	" 3.4	424,987	1,521,013	7.4	884,547	2,180,890	7.7	6.2	10,507,717	26,618,052	" 2.8
1889-90	-	9,027,750 23,333,417	" 2.1	453,102	1,631,616	6.6	898,292	2,200,872	4.5	3.4	10,374,144	27,166,905	" 2.4

Money Orders.

Year.	ENGLAND AND WALES.					SCOTLAND.					IRELAND.					UNITED KINGDOM.				
	Increase per cent.		Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Increase per cent.		Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Increase per cent.		Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Increase per cent.		Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Increase per cent.		Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Increase per cent.		Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.		
	Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.			
1880-81	-	13,984,701	20,620,213	2'6	2'2	54'7	Decrease.	1'5	1'3	38'6	Decrease.	4'3	3'5	18'4	16,329,476	24,223,763	2'7	2'2	47'4	
1881-82	-	12,519,430	19,891,331	10'1	3'5	48'	Incr.	9'	4'	34'3	9'5	3'3	9'5	17'3	14,692,928	23,367,672	10'	3'5	42'0	
1882-83	-	12,208,086	21,788,691	2'5	9'5	46'2	Incr.	3'	1'4	33'	850,467	1,264,265	4'1	'8	16'6	14,306,207	25,293,763	2'6	8'	40'5
1883-84	-	11,664,711	21,484,880	4'4	1'39	43'	Decrease.	3'41	4'7	34'	822,542	1,252,621	3'2	'9	16'	13,790,732	25,012,117	3'6	'84	38'7
1884-85	-	10,023,386	20,108,955	14'	6'4	37'	Decrease.	7'9	2'5	31'	734,319	1,270,843	10'6	3'3	15'	11,958,127	23,556,699	13'3	5'9	33'2
1885-86	-	8,639,082	18,735,048	13'8	9'8	31'4	Incr.	9'7	5'	27'6	638,168	1,134,636	13'1	6'3	13'	10,358,203	21,975,345	13'3	6'6	28'5
1886-87	-	8,070,907	18,875,453	6'6	'7	30'	Incr.	—	5'	27'4	611,228	1,178,463	4'2	4'	13'	9,762,562	22,262,768	6'	1'3	26'6
1887-88	-	7,851,960	19,289,306	2'7	2'2	27'4	Decrease.	1'7	7'3	27'2	602,176	1,222,928	1'5	4'	13'	9,552,777	22,881,676	2'1	2'8	25'5
1888-89	-	7,560,195	19,267,308	3'7	'4	26'15	Incr.	1'7	2'2	26'5	588,360	1,267,548	2'3	4'	12'4	9,298,183	22,957,649	3'4	'53	24'5
1889-90	-	7,395,352	19,548,374	2'2	1'4	25'2	Incr.	1'	3'2	26'	563,941	1,283,471	4'	1'2	12'	9,027,750	23,333,417	2'1	1'6	24'

In 1840 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.

For sums not exceeding 2*l*. but not above 2*l*., but not exceeding 5*l*., but not exceeding 7*l*., but not above 7*l*., but not exceeding 10*l*.

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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 the U.K. Africa.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the U.K. Australia.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the U.K. America.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the Cape Colony.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the India.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the New Zealand.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the W. Indies.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the Colonies.	Issued in the Colonies.	
1880-81	2,825	34,907	37,065	197,772	37,509	90,533	5,313	83,281	6,532	86,384	14,800	98,572	4,300	66,818	13,740	57,168	122,514	630,465
1881-82	3,352	45,452	36,895	211,687	36,069	110,606	7,260	83,964	7,103	95,836	13,954	90,934	3,826	69,482	12,721	61,554	121,210	771,515
1882-83	2,905	44,281	38,018	236,556	39,810	162,157	9,571	111,698	8,864	110,022	14,083	90,520	4,569	76,186	11,461	81,568	130,172	912,986
1883-84	3,893	53,678	47,178	291,075	51,054	187,113	11,790	97,987	11,258	115,521	16,328	95,869	5,004	105,994	9,439	89,818	156,530	1,027,515
1884-85	4,533	58,063	55,578	313,446	59,774	172,855	11,556	87,326	12,879	157,932	18,153	96,708	5,705	120,545	9,083	77,884	177,021	1,065,689
1885-86	4,483	83,024	61,573	346,645	62,641	164,025	11,406	83,785	16,807	174,748	20,268	93,343	6,420	131,629	12,987	98,987	198,475	1,176,131
1886-87	5,483	76,128	60,272	345,628	63,547	176,850	11,807	82,209	26,279	144,121	22,615	86,340	7,615	160,892	13,682	137,896	220,240	1,108,169
1887-88	4,844	74,129	78,927	340,300	66,310	199,512	11,108	89,763	34,094	138,240	24,385	89,681	8,161	206,648	13,915	64,721	242,344	1,193,994
1888-89	6,780	68,989	78,003	371,628	74,687	223,048	11,709	105,135	51,821	132,638	23,654	75,372	7,679	221,212	14,315	54,589	298,407	1,252,006
1889-90	7,348	82,629	82,594	350,436	79,850	221,573	14,575	149,580	72,926	150,296	23,474	72,923	9,276	202,064	16,461	90,851	306,344	1,325,272

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.
1880-81 -	£ —	£ —	£ 13,823	£ 21,925	£ 4,806	£ 5,074	£ 738	£ 7,691	£ 70,019	£ 90,390	£ 110,691	£ 71,950	£ 23,353	£ 11,234	£ —	£ —	£ —	£ —
1881-82 -	—	—	£ 13,449	£ 21,792	£ 4,625	£ 7,306	£ 697	£ 8,589	£ 80,838	£ 92,782	£ 118,279	£ 79,014	£ 26,472	£ 12,195	£ 71	£ 417	—	—
1882-83 -	—	—	£ 15,005	£ 23,349	£ 5,825	£ 9,424	£ 1,394	£ 20,086	£ 83,449	£ 98,669	£ 126,184	£ 85,466	£ 28,687	£ 13,732	£ 183	£ 936	—	—
1883-84 -	—	—	£ 16,914	£ 27,021	£ 7,808	£ 12,149	£ 2,381	£ 22,717	£ 92,745	£ 122,461	£ 146,089	£ 90,769	£ 34,922	£ 16,451	£ 168	£ 918	—	—
1884-85 -	—	—	£ 17,516	£ 32,271	£ 6,985	£ 9,751	£ 2,992	£ 30,712	£ 97,201	£ 123,992	£ 153,045	£ 91,239	£ 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	£ 153,757	£ 89,946	£ 37,625	£ 21,379	£ 275	£ 2,089	£ 361	£ 533
1886-87 -	£ 7,960	£ 6,960	£ 22,449	£ 36,374	£ 8,914	£ 9,873	£ 3,908	£ 33,927	£ 103,989	£ 136,035	£ 161,424	£ 96,953	£ 39,532	£ 102,258	£ 354	£ 1,268	£ 1,068	£ 6,656
1887-88 -	£ 9,533	£ 10,656	£ 23,968	£ 38,249	£ 10,640	£ 9,609	£ 3,307	£ 23,929	£ 111,036	£ 139,204	£ 169,109	£ 102,883	£ 38,238	£ 76,094	£ 303	£ 1,334	£ 2,251	£ 1,628
1888-89 -	£ 10,986	£ 10,666	£ 23,992	£ 44,448	£ 11,878	£ 11,780	£ 2,896	£ 20,263	£ 113,033	£ 146,031	£ 172,986	£ 107,327	£ 41,926	£ 34,634	£ 414	£ 1,441	£ 3,324	£ 2,064
1889-90 -	£ 13,657	£ 12,007	£ 24,554	£ 42,103	£ 13,300	£ 12,447	£ 3,643	£ 21,128	£ 125,500	£ 151,988	£ 175,995	£ 113,992	£ 46,717	£ 26,125	£ 440	£ 1,637	£ 2,556	£ 2,304

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.		Tunis.		United States.		TOTAL.	
	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Iceland, & D.W.I.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in 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 Tunis.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in U.S.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued Abroad.
1880-81.	£ —	£ —	£ 6,231	£ 10,878	£ 6,782	£ 2,469	£ —	£ —	£ —	£ —	£ 18,315	£ 11,239	£ —	£ —	£ 72,051	£ 392,733	£ 335,906	£ 636,033
1881-82.	—	—	£ 6,549	£ 12,282	£ 8,124	£ 2,031	£ 1,687	£ 1,564	£ —	£ 1,564	£ 19,096	£ 13,481	—	—	£ 80,297	£ 522,268	£ 390,064	£ 773,123
1882-83.	—	—	£ 7,358	£ 13,328	£ 10,662	£ 2,279	£ 5,649	£ 3,416	£ 5,649	£ 3,416	£ 19,513	£ 12,790	—	—	£ 98,711	£ 647,097	£ 400,420	£ 530,548
1883-84.	—	—	£ 9,035	£ 14,277	£ 16,720	£ 2,486	£ 10,015	£ 3,882	£ 10,015	£ 3,882	£ 23,289	£ 11,709	—	—	£ 116,727	£ 630,705	£ 477,263	£ 966,255
1884-85.	31	£ 3,350	£ 8,851	£ 14,498	£ 15,118	£ 2,544	£ 10,501	£ 4,573	£ 10,501	£ 4,573	£ 24,620	£ 14,671	—	—	£ 132,538	£ 567,677	£ 506,675	£ 981,713
1885-86.	218	£ 3,661	£ 8,772	£ 14,750	£ 17,738	£ 2,694	£ 1,780	£ 2,753	£ 12,366	£ 5,709	£ 25,381	£ 16,107	—	—	£ 135,550	£ 561,775	£ 532,523	£ 961,942
1886-87.	103	£ 7,353	£ 9,807	£ 15,417	£ 18,474	£ 2,930	£ 2,187	£ 3,207	£ 13,468	£ 6,001	£ 25,854	£ 16,518	—	—	£ 133,262	£ 729,940	£ 555,264	£ 1,210,030
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	—	—	£ 148,410	£ 966,003	£ 598,928	£ 1,415,874
1888-89.	680	£ 19,767	£ 11,637	£ 18,354	£ 24,663	£ 3,142	£ 3,845	£ 4,029	£ 21,234	£ 6,410	£ 28,370	£ 19,146	—	—	£ 170,217	£ 1,047,619	£ 643,439	£ 1,495,951
1889-90.	436	£ 6,226	£ 12,370	£ 19,314	£ 23,506	£ 4,345	£ 5,176	£ 4,468	£ 25,753	£ 7,383	£ 31,273	£ 22,212	30	217	£ 180,096	£ 1,060,260	£ 692,631	£ 1,508,941

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 1890.

	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. 5 6	s. d. 6 0	s. d. 6 6	s. d. 7 0	s. d. 7 6	s. d. 8 0	s. d. 8 6	s. d. 9 0	s. d. 9 6	Number.	Value.
Quarter ended 31st March 1881.	62,589	48,994	—	32,041	—	—	—	—	124,147	40,881	122,745	—	17,953	31,786	11,001	125,312	—	—	646,989	292,160 10 0
1881-2	452,823	362,064	—	457,096	—	—	—	—	853,306	202,020	808,730	—	110,081	202,666	60,611	911,978	—	—	4,402,090	2,004,917 19 0
1882-3	948,678	759,105	—	825,198	—	—	—	—	1,453,620	449,229	1,350,066	—	181,832	318,780	97,345	1,606,454	—	—	7,980,328	3,451,294 0 6
1883-4	1,700,453	1,367,774	—	1,333,656	—	—	—	—	2,164,176	676,193	1,870,963	—	206,745	444,637	143,184	2,818,773	—	—	12,296,556	5,028,663 9 0
1884-5	1,407,037	1,003,609	922,180	1,371,127	796,733	406,848	844,503	319,550	3,036,013	902,384	2,916,246	394,789	51,480	816,697	27,476	3,611,521	—	—	18,531,164	7,885,347 9 0
1885-6	1,624,421	1,169,446	1,531,407	1,531,562	1,343,592	703,036	1,497,125	505,851	3,987,230	1,146,139	3,874,602	604,680	—	1,127,985	—	4,943,267	—	—	25,790,316	10,785,946 3 6
1886-7	2,225,587	1,471,775	1,900,349	1,907,100	1,691,824	912,717	1,820,846	742,332	4,795,124	1,376,281	4,538,659	806,960	—	1,328,869	—	5,891,528	—	—	31,698,711	12,953,958 19 6
1887-8	2,550,701	1,772,774	2,288,881	2,189,838	1,965,946	1,094,598	2,290,050	889,704	5,511,540	1,697,113	5,009,738	1,090,775	—	1,400,517	—	6,586,463	—	—	36,386,147	14,696,369 13 0
1888-9	2,350,289	2,047,593	2,593,854	2,427,739	2,181,063	1,240,596	2,530,921	1,005,480	6,945,886	1,804,153	5,514,842	1,234,638	—	1,655,049	—	7,154,199	—	—	40,282,321	16,112,079 15 0
1889-90	3,256,698	2,338,828	2,951,140	2,699,614	2,418,301	1,391,983	2,837,462	1,126,072	6,637,190	2,003,526	6,027,107	1,389,954	—	1,798,111	—	7,839,446	—	—	44,712,548	17,737,802 4 0
	17,095,080	12,541,405	12,106,811	14,834,531	10,397,219	5,749,778	11,996,967	4,649,905	34,610,252	10,268,329	32,073,738	5,701,896	628,710	9,194,036	339,707	40,983,911	222,983,000	90,865,501	1 6	

RATES OF POUNDAGE.

To 31st May 1884.	Poundage.	1d.	—	1d.	—	1d.	—	1d.	—	1d.	—	1d.	—	1d.	—	1d.	—	1d.	—	1d.
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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., 21s., 22s., 23s., 24s., 25s., 26s., 27s., 28s., 29s., 30s., 31s., 32s., 33s., 34s., 35s., 36s., 37s., 38s., 39s., 40s., 41s., 42s., 43s., 44s., 45s., 46s., 47s., 48s., 49s., 50s., 51s., 52s., 53s., 54s., 55s., 56s., 57s., 58s., 59s., 60s., 61s., 62s., 63s., 64s., 65s., 66s., 67s., 68s., 69s., 70s., 71s., 72s., 73s., 74s., 75s., 76s., 77s., 78s., 79s., 80s., 81s., 82s., 83s., 84s., 85s., 86s., 87s., 88s., 89s., 90s., 91s., 92s., 93s., 94s., 95s., 96s., 97s., 98s., 99s., 100s., 101s., 102s., 103s., 104s., 105s., 106s., 107s., 108s., 109s., 110s., 111s., 112s., 113s., 114s., 115s., 116s., 117s., 118s., 119s., 120s., 121s., 122s., 123s., 124s., 125s., 126s., 127s., 128s., 129s., 130s., 131s., 132s., 133s., 134s., 135s., 136s., 137s., 138s., 139s., 140s., 141s., 142s., 143s., 144s., 145s., 146s., 147s., 148s., 149s., 150s., 151s., 152s., 153s., 154s., 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298s., 299s., 300s., 301s., 302s., 303s., 304s., 305s., 306s., 307s., 308s., 309s., 310s., 311s., 312s., 313s., 314s., 315s., 316s., 317s., 318s., 319s., 320s., 321s., 322s., 323s., 324s., 325s., 326s., 327s., 328s., 329s., 330s., 331s., 332s., 333s., 334s., 335s., 336s., 337s., 338s., 339s., 340s., 341s., 342s., 343s., 344s., 345s., 346s., 347s., 348s., 349s., 350s., 351s., 352s., 353s., 354s., 355s., 356s., 357s., 358s., 359s., 360s., 361s., 362s., 363s., 364s., 365s., 366s., 367s., 368s., 369s., 370s., 371s., 372s., 373s., 374s., 375s., 376s., 377s., 378s., 379s., 380s., 381s., 382s., 383s., 384s., 385s., 386s., 387s., 388s., 389s., 390s., 391s., 392s., 393s., 394s., 395s., 396s., 397s., 398s., 399s., 400s., 401s., 402s., 403s., 404s., 405s., 406s., 407s., 408s., 409s., 410s., 411s., 412s., 413s., 414s., 415s., 416s., 417s., 418s., 419s., 420s., 421s., 422s., 423s., 424s., 425s., 426s., 427s., 428s., 429s., 430s., 431s., 432s., 433s., 434s., 435s., 436s., 437s., 438s., 439s., 440s., 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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 1890.

NAMES OF OFFICES.	Correspondence.						Parcels.				Totals.		Total Value.			
	England and Wales.			Scotland.			Ireland.		England and Wales.		Scotland.			Ireland.		
	Weight in Ounces.			Value.			Weight in Ounces.		Value.		Weight in Ounces.			Value.		
	oz.	£	7s	oz.	£	7s	oz.	£	7s	oz.	£	7s		oz.	£	7s
Admiralty	1,710,302	10,614	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,710,302	10,614	—	£ 10,687
Agricultural Office	655,701	2,685	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	655,701	2,685	—	2,685
Attorney General	10,634	45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10,634	45	—	45
Board of Supervision	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	49,699	227	—	227
Board of Trade	1,278,936	5,423	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,278,936	5,423	—	5,427
Cape of Good Hope, Agent General for	31,529	462	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	31,529	462	—	463
Chancellor, The Lord	44,556	167	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	44,556	167	—	167
Charity Commissioners	183,719	850	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	183,719	850	—	851
Cholera Hospital	33,995	163	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	33,995	163	—	163
Chief Secretary, Dublin Castle	183,292	492	—	—	—	—	291,243	1,262	—	—	—	—	414,535	1,754	—	1,754
Civil Service Commissioners	304,503	1,353	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	304,502	1,353	—	1,357
Clerk of the Parliaments	491,490	515	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	491,490	515	—	515
Colonial Office	381,015	4,502	—	—	—	—	354,734	1,578	—	—	—	—	381,015	4,502	—	4,508
Constabulary of Ireland	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	354,734	1,578	—	1,578
Courts of Law and Justice, Scotland	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Crown and Hanaper	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Crown Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Customs	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Emigrants' Information Office	778,407	3,367	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	778,407	3,367	—	3,372
Exchequer and Audit Department	187,464	903	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	187,464	903	—	903
Exchequer Offices in Scotland	105,253	455	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	105,253	455	—	458
Fishery Board for Scotland	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Foreign Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Home Office	278,067	3,619	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	278,067	3,619	—	3,627
House of Commons	1,081,753	3,792	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,081,753	3,792	—	3,800
Inland Revenue	205,443	215	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	205,443	215	—	215
Irish Fisheries, Inspector of	11,896,632	44,701	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11,896,632	44,701	—	44,703
Land Commissioners	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Loan Fund Board	30,541	138	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30,541	138	—	138
Local Government Board	1,890,553	7,909	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,890,553	7,909	—	7,915

Appendix M.—continued.

NAMES OF OFFICERS.	Correspondence.						Parcels.			Totals.		Total Value.
	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		England and Wales.	Scotland.	Ireland.	Correspondence.		
	Weight in Ounces.	Value.	Weight in Ounces.	Value.	Weight in Ounces.	Value.						
										Value.	Value.	
Lord Lieutenant and Private Secretary	os.	£	os.	£	os.	£	£	£	os.	£	£	
Lunacy Commissioners in	16,006	—	—	—	10,853	—	—	—	10,853	—	—	
Melbourne Exhibition	4,931	57	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,931	57	—	
Mercantile Marine Board	394,000	33	—	—	—	—	—	—	394,000	33	—	
Merchant Seamen, Registrar of	590,584	1,338	—	—	—	—	—	—	590,584	1,338	—	
Mint, The Royal	8,104	2,216	—	—	—	—	—	—	8,104	2,216	—	
National Debt Office.	65,650	40	—	—	—	—	—	—	65,650	40	—	
Patent Office.	450,907	293	—	—	—	—	—	—	450,907	293	—	
Paymaster General.	53,314	1,146	—	—	—	—	—	—	53,314	1,146	—	
Prisons Board.	2,303,717	273	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,303,717	273	—	
Privy Council Office.	—	9,894	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9,894	—	
Public Education.	17,353	—	47,931	—	435,833	1,923	117	—	17,353	—	117	
Public Works Loan Board.	8,689	—	—	220	—	—	—	—	8,689	—	—	
Registrar General.	—	81	—	—	3,706	—	17	—	—	81	—	
Registrar of Friendly Societies.	752,539	36	79,027	250	—	—	10	—	752,539	36	250	
Registrar of Petty Sessions, Clerks.	141,189	510	215,688	383	262,350	1,176	80	1	141,189	510	1	
Science and Art Department.	—	—	7,999	36	82,331	373	—	—	—	—	—	
Scottish Education Department.	1,708,316	7,142	—	—	—	—	179	—	1,708,316	7,142	—	
Secretary for Scotland.	242,929	1,082	—	—	—	—	20	—	242,929	1,082	—	
Solicitor General.	103,798	448	—	—	—	—	—	—	103,798	448	—	
Stationary Office.	1,977	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,977	6	—	
Supreme Court of Judicature.	805,331	1,102	—	—	33,630	146	176	—	805,331	1,102	176	
Surveys of the United Kingdom.	317,861	1,431	—	—	—	—	1	—	317,861	1,431	—	
Treasury.	78,271	332	—	—	36,337	156	—	—	78,271	332	—	
Vagrancy.	425,655	1,800	—	—	—	—	—	—	425,655	1,800	—	
Vagrancy Office.	—	—	—	71	39,117	171	355	—	—	—	—	
War Office.	3,173,714	14,973	15,764	—	237,356	1,164	—	—	3,446,534	16,198	—	
Woods and Forests, Commissioners of.	88,981	392	—	—	—	—	3	—	88,981	392	—	
Works and Buildings, Commissioners of.	144,896	622	—	—	277,083	1,240	14	—	421,948	1,662	—	
TOTALS	33,541,773	140,688	5,098,969	12,175	6,164,260	26,538	2,205	57	446	44,906,002	179,401	2,708
												182,109

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 12 Financial Years.

Financial Year.	Net Increase in each Financial Year.				Totals at end of each Financial Year.			
	Contracts.	Miles.	Instruments and Batteries.	Rentals. £ s. d.	Contracts.	Miles.	Instruments and Batteries.	Rentals.* £ s. d.
1878-79	59	402	357	3,183 5 6	1,889	6,382	5,656	63,805 10 6
1879-80	—	1,218	353	3,455 17 1	1,889	7,600	6,009	66,761 7 7
1880-81	56	1,455	317	7,771 9 2	1,945	9,055	6,326	74,532 16 9
1881-82	298	2,000	656	14,203 6 0	2,238	11,055	6,982	88,736 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	113,633 12 7
1884-85	188	1,129	110	7,249 4 4	3,285	15,336	8,971	120,892 16 11
1885-86	122	919	208	5,615 5 9	3,407	16,255	9,179	126,498 2 8
1886-87	98	317	—	† —	3,500	16,572	9,045	122,768 11 11
1887-88	43	301	116	1,304 9 7	3,548	16,873	9,161	124,073 1 6
1888-89	53	171	90	1,149 0 0	3,595	17,044	9,251	125,222 1 6
1889-90	89	167	81	1,695 15 10	3,684	17,211	9,332	126,917 17 4

* 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 2s. each.	At 21s. each.	At 15s. each.	At 10s. 6d. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.	At 15s. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.
1880-81	—	68,176	—	683,069	79,258	59,784	—	138,860	—	—	—	—
1881-82	6,655	96,483	—	646,362	84,968	66,764	—	156,704	—	—	—	—
1882-83	6,587	84,788	—	659,660	93,722	74,212	—	176,171	—	—	—	—
1883-84	6,339	81,122	—	682,682	98,515	78,680	—	188,043	—	—	—	—
1884-85	6,096	78,069	—	710,386	100,524	74,371	186	194,792	—	708	1,213	77
1885-86	5,732	23,082	62,603	724,888	101,331	72,997	191	192,350	—	624	13	—
1886-87	5,961	—	25,332	743,139	101,276	74,100	254	200,805	—	934	—	—
1887-88	5,767	—	19,172	783,731	107,571	78,293	252	212,160	—	1,025	—	—
1888-89	3,997	—	13,374	824,964	106,747	41,873	49,847	197,142	—	1,368	—	—
189-90	5,037	—	17,346	8 82,717	113,037	31,404	67,670	199,330	296	1,319	—	—

APPENDIX O.—*continued.*

Inland Revenue Licenses.

NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION OF LICENSES ISSUED BY THE POST OFFICE during the last Ten Years.

Year.	Armorial Bearings.		Guns at 10s. each.	Game.			Game Keepers at 40s. each.	Total Number.	Revenue.
	At 42s. each.	At 21s. each.		Red at 60s.	Blue and Green at 40s.	Occasional at 20s.			
1880-81	-	7,806	18,448	5,323	717	—	610	1,101,108	645,561 16 6
1881-82	-	8,386	20,080	8,031	1,906	—	768	1,176,864	709,181 8 0
1882-83	-	9,008	21,980	13,887	1,787	—	1,480	1,243,487	774,117 16 0
1883-84	-	9,199	23,076	16,377	1,563	1,591	1,800	1,297,769	818,708 2 0
1884-85	-	9,254	23,415	19,305	2,118	2,129	2,056	1,345,104	844,574 1 6
1885-86	-	9,234	24,140	20,900	2,065	2,206	2,277	1,375,386	860,191 4 0
1886-87	-	8,965	24,381	20,921	2,172	2,398	2,355	1,385,969	849,868 14 6
1887-88	-	9,146	26,682	23,475	2,464	3,084	2,507	1,407,776	901,523 18 0
1888-89	-	9,232	25,983	23,553	2,624	2,895	2,840	1,449,694	884,685 14 0
1889-90	-	9,234	26,685	26,012	2,807	3,480	3,088	1,518,186	908,163 0 6

APPENDIX P.

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

Year.	EXPENDITURE.														
	COST OF COLLECTION AND DELIVERY, OF MANAGEMENT, and of MONEY ORDER and POSTAL ORDER BUSINESS.					COST OF CONVEYANCE OF MAILS.									
	Salaries, Wages, Pensions, Travelling Allowances, Poundation, or Sale of Stamps, Commission on Money Order and Postal Order Business, Cost of Uniform Clothing, of Medical Attendance, of Substitutes during Holidays or Sickness, and Amount of Official Postage, Law Charges, and incidental Expenses.	Manufacture of Postage Stamps, Post Cards, and Stamped Newspaper Wrappers.	Stationery.	Buildings and Repairs, Rents, Rates, Taxes, Fuel, and Light.	Total Cost of Collection, Delivery, and Management, and of Money Order and Postal Order Business.	Conveyance by Coaches, Carts, and Omnibuses.	Conveyance by Railways.	Mail Bags and Boxes, Tolls, and Ferry- age, Apparatus for Exchange of Bags conveyed by Railway, and Miscellaneous Expenses.	Conveyance of Mails by Packets under Contract, and by private Ships.	Conveyance of Mails over Isthmuses of Suez and Panama and in other Foreign Ports, and Salaries of Admiralty Agents and other Officers in charge of Foreign and Colonial Mails.	Total Cost of Conveyance.	Conveyance of Savings Bank Correspondence.	Net Cost of Conveyance.	Total Cost of Post Office Service.	
1880-81	2,981,551	101,802	46,482	145,001	2,572,336	184,415	707,436	28,327	665,446	16,450	1,002,075	38,753	1,033,323	4,135,659	
1881-82	2,433,676	107,162	44,244	152,113	2,737,835	186,976	714,124	32,036	637,875	16,425	1,587,486	38,875	1,545,761	4,295,596	
1882-83	2,613,661	117,785	39,789	307,278	2,978,777	190,543	732,531	30,465	653,879	14,716	1,602,243	35,033	1,566,631	4,545,398	
1883-84	2,607,325	134,889	58,093	287,176	3,448,094	268,811	746,846	62,063	684,636	14,912	1,745,301	39,566	1,706,735	5,154,829	
1884-85	3,061,325	141,800	53,306	304,697	3,561,038	300,444	783,213	47,323	619,019	16,276	1,768,275	40,120	1,728,155	5,317,213	
1885-86	3,250,182	164,270	52,743	234,234	3,671,489	390,453	838,010	64,548	638,201	13,559	1,855,765	41,470	1,815,286	5,486,724	
1886-87	3,428,767	153,987	62,840	307,070	4,043,664	390,727	870,958	64,505	626,905	17,837	1,979,940	42,453	1,937,477	5,890,141	
1887-88	3,048,964	178,849	55,793	267,543	4,131,179	306,643	890,290	75,492	671,018	21,428	1,838,407	45,766	1,813,641	5,993,830	
1888-89	3,721,459	165,029	53,086	252,637	4,134,061	308,794	903,643	76,233	687,018	10,003	1,916,661	49,850	1,866,841	6,072,976	
1889-90	3,827,677	151,464	59,317	321,616	4,360,073	304,777	905,966	71,750	695,375	9,168	1,987,098	50,838	1,936,190	6,396,563	

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.				
1880-81	£ 6,478,696	£ 943,033	£ 3,750 (a)	£ 4,848	£ 6,785,427	£ 4,135,659	£ 2,597,768
1881-82	6,770,328	993,947	25,457	4,768	7,027,600	4,236,596	2,741,004
1882-83	7,031,632	417,636	44,462	3,800	7,500,960	4,545,398	2,755,562
1883-84	7,483,896	507,704	53,946	4,000	7,764,556	3,164,659	2,610,068
1884-85	7,692,320	184,719	50,267	4,300	7,966,406	5,317,213	2,589,183
1885-86	7,892,936	163,568	114,258	3,600	8,170,604	5,498,724	2,665,880
1886-87	8,184,219	142,260	139,289	3,000	8,471,188	5,890,141	2,591,067
1887-88	8,406,212	133,446	139,879	2,800	8,706,337	5,933,880	2,771,517
1888-89	8,765,290	124,063	176,625	1,300	9,102,776	6,063,902	3,089,874
1889-90	9,146,541	129,628	185,406	2,900	9,474,774 (b)	6,296,363	3,298,511
Average Annual Net Revenue of first period of Five Years					£ 9,474,774	£ 6,296,363	£ 3,298,511
Ditto					£ 9,474,774	£ 6,296,363	£ 3,298,511
Average Annual Net Revenue of second period of Five Years					£ 9,474,774	£ 6,296,363	£ 3,298,511

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

(b) Postal Revenue as per Finance Accounts 9,467,165l.

Add Unclaimed Money Orders - 3,900l.

" Extra Receipts - 4,709l.

7,609l.

9,474,774l.

APPENDIX R.

Gross and Net Revenue derived from the TELEGRAPH SERVICE in the last TEN YEARS.

Year ended 31st March.	Gross Revenue from Telegrams and from Wires rented by Cable Companies, &c.	News Produce and Special Wire Rentals.	Private Wire Rentals.	Miscel- laneous.	Extra Receipts.	Total Revenue collected. (a)	Payments out		Total Telegraph Revenue.	Working Expenses charged to the Telegraph Vote. (c)	Net Revenue.
							To Cable Companies, &c. (b)	For Telegram Moneys refunded, &c.			
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	£ 87,233	£ 72,481	£ 25,090	£ 13,644	£ 1,896,000	£ 262,493	£ 3,064	£ 1,630,443	£ 1,365,633	£ +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	£ 15,583	£ 2,042,274	£ 283,521	£ 3,635	£ 1,755,118	£ 1,731,040	£ +24,078
1886	£ 1,708,976	£ 103,415	£ 100,802	£ 61,659	£ 13,113	£ 1,987,965	£ 226,174	£ 3,622	£ 1,758,169	£ 1,733,105	£ +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	£ 1,852,743	£ 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	£ 230,971	£ 10,249	£ 2,094,048	£ 1,969,096	£ +124,952
1890	£ 2,330,709	£ 113,805	£ 103,720	£ 94,095	£ 18,271	£ 2,660,600	£ 332,148	£ 12,737	£ 2,325,715	£ 2,181,472	£ +144,243

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

(b) The payments to Cable Companies, &c. 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 11, 12 and 13 includes the value of work done for other Governments Departments amounting to 36,339*l.* as well as the amounts realised by the Stationery Office and Office of Works for waste paper and old materials which were respectively 1,735*l.* and 8*l.* On the other hand the expenditure shown on the same pages includes a sum of 80,538*l.* expended by other Departments on account of the Telegraph Service.

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	1,583,876
1883-84	- 1,709,644	168	24,349	71,977	1,911	871	1,808,920
1884-85	- 1,731,040	166	24,169	62,039	2,347	1,003	1,820,764
1885-86	- 1,733,105	237	31,391	64,353	2,161	1,155	1,832,402
1886-87	- 1,939,764	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	- 1,969,324	377	30,937	36,774	2,825	1,124	2,041,361
1889-90	- 2,181,472	405	33,729	43,725	1,903	1,076	2,262,310

APPENDIX T.

Cumulative Account showing the FLUCTUATIONS in the CON-
SUMPTION of STORES and the BALANCES in DEPÔTS.

CUMULATIVE ACCOUNT showing the FLUCTUATIONS in the

	Year ending					
	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Value of Stores in Depôts at commencement of year -	116,773 15 9½	120,020 12 2½	105,698 17 1½	129,361 0 1	152,625 15 11½	
Value of Stores purchased during year -	46,966 14 2	60,968 9 2	127,169 7 6	135,695 11 11	149,632 6 9	
Value of Stores and labour expended thereon, paybill charges, during year -	2,731 15 7½	3,854 7 4	6,956 12 6½	10,863 7 4½	11,968 18 6	
Value of Stores returned into Stock under the following Sub-heads:—						
C ³ Maintenance -	58,307 15 9½	54,619 13 3	58,590 14 10	83,786 1 5½	107,914 15 3½	
C ¹¹ „ [Ships] -	—	—	—	—	—	
O ¹ Extensions -	164 15 1	176 7 8½	128 1 11	165 1 9	118 17 11½	
O ² Re-arrangements -	5,950 16 5½	5,188 15 7½	7,073 5 2½	15,065 2 0½	9,886 14 3	
O ³ Private Telegraphs -	2,592 11 8	4,475 9 3½	9,461 6 2½	13,661 17 0	20,447 7 8½	
O ⁴ Works executed for Ely. Co's, &c. -	323 9 8½	401 12 2½	486 8 4½	305 4 8½	413 12 8	
O ⁵ Government dept. Telegraphs -	256 8 0½	73 10 9½	53 6 6½	240 6 7½	621 18 4½	
A ⁴ Fraud, accident, and default (losses) -	—	—	—	—	—	
General Stock -	85 6 10½	11 11 4	3 9 1	—	—	
E ⁴ Electric lighting of West Chief Offices -	—	—	—	—	—	
Extra receipts -	—	—	—	—	—	
Postal G ⁵ Incidental Expenses -	—	—	—	—	—	
Total -	236,885 9 2½	240,790 8 11½	315,621 9 4	389,143 13 0	453,620 7 6	
Value of Stores used under the following Sub-heads:—						
C ³ Maintenance -	91,440 16 7½	120,755 14 0	99,987 19 10	136,201 9 4	164,286 12 7½	
C ¹¹ „ [Ships] -	—	—	—	—	—	
O ¹ Extensions -	4,032 15 6	1,631 13 6½	3,537 16 10½	3,728 16 0	2,832 13 8½	
O ² Re-arrangements -	11,179 2 10½	6,487 1 9½	63,802 1 0½	43,318 13 5½	34,696 1 6	
O ³ Private Telegraphs -	8,475 16 7½	12,751 18 3½	17,275 0 3½	49,916 0 7½	56,396 0 2½	
O ⁴ Works executed for Ely. Co's, &c. -	1,356 4 4½	1,515 13 8½	1,438 19 8½	1,414 17 10½	2,874 13 11½	
O ⁵ Government dept. Telegraphs -	380 0 10½	885 5 5½	224 11 5½	1,937 19 8	1,777 15 11½	
A ⁴ Losses by fraud, default, &c. -	—	—	—	—	—	
E ⁴ Electric Lighting of West Chief Offices -	—	—	—	—	—	
General Stock -	—	14 5 0	—	—	—	
Postal G ⁵ Incidental Expenses -	—	—	—	—	—	
Postal G ⁵ Supply and repair of mail bag apparatus -	—	—	—	—	—	
Value of Stores in Depot at end of year -	120,020 12 2½	105,698 17 1½	129,361 0 1	152,625 15 11½	190,776 9 5½	
Total -	236,885 9 2½	240,790 8 11½	315,621 9 4	389,143 13 0	453,620 7 6	

DIX T.

CONSUMPTION OF STORES, and the BALANCES in DEPÔTS.

March 31st.

1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.
<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>
190,778 9 5½	211,762 11 10½	215,329 7 8½	212,183 10 1½	226,783 7 9½	205,364 17 0½
297,092 17 2	225,448 11 6	139,839 9 2	134,722 18 11	131,869 7 1	135,990 0 3
15,562 13 5	15,538 16 9½	12,935 17 11	11,775 6 5	10,387 10 9½	6,532 15 5½
103,147 1 2	173,145 10 6½	136,181 19 4½	115,468 16 5½	137,908 5 0½	138,065 3 10½
—	60 1 7½	47 9 0½	3 9 3½	7 15 2½	28 8 2
56 1 9½	504 17 8½	452 18 0	375 14 6½	2,085 3 11	840 5 0
16,241 17 1	39,006 19 10½	59,986 1 7½	18,917 6 8½	16,083 6 8½	18,710 11 4½
13,011 13 10½	10,466 4 0	13,470 0 4½	13,120 14 1½	19,550 17 11½	15,174 6 4
348 9 6½	697 16 6½	325 7 2	607 9 2½	663 13 7½	601 14 6
393 6 3½	261 0 5½	266 13 4	153 3 8½	285 12 10½	253 12 10½
—	—	—	—	1 8 10	0 2 6
—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	96 17 6
—	—	—	—	—	0 1 3
—	—	—	—	—	2 10 0
636,630 12 10½	676,884 10 11½	578,835 3 8½	507,328 9 6½	545,629 9 9½	521,671 1 2½
171,615 6 11	237,281 5 8½	209,045 10 6	196,094 6 7	237,192 10 8½	213,678 15 1½
—	1,388 5 3½	805 11 4½	519 2 6½	700 15 7½	471 3 7
3,302 8 8½	6,589 9 8½	5,814 5 10½	6,409 4 0½	7,567 10 2	8,476 4 4
212,172 14 9	177,877 0 5½	112,853 4 11	51,569 16 8½	49,562 14 10½	52,006 19 4½
33,600 14 10	24,184 13 3½	34,777 6 8½	21,103 12 4½	41,892 2 4½	30,739 11 10
2,646 11 5½	3,199 2 5½	1,560 16 10½	1,622 18 7	1,941 7 3½	2,131 17 11½
1,520 4 4	1,135 6 5	1,794 17 4½	1,823 6 2½	1,212 0 11½	2,169 8 10½
—	—	—	224 6 8½	71 14 0½	30 12 8
—	—	—	1,175 8 0	123 7 7½	64 6 5½
—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	368 7 0½
—	—	—	—	—	0 17 10
211,762 11 10½	215,329 7 8½	212,183 10 1½	226,786 7 9½	205,364 17 0½	211,542 16 1½
636,630 12 10½	676,884 10 11½	578,835 3 8½	507,328 9 6½	545,629 9 9½	521,671 1 2½

(Signed) CHAS. E. STUART,
Controller of Stores.
 (Signed) JAMES J. CARDIN,
Receiver and Accountant General.

EXTRACT FROM THE FINANCE ACCOUNTS' FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1890.

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

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 -		28	10	0	—	—
Postage collected in the Metropolis -	121,533	16	2½	—	—	—
Postage, &c. refunded -	—	—	—	14,310	13	11
Postage Stamps sold by Postmasters, &c. in the United Kingdom, and issued to Postmasters and Agents Abroad -	9,815,817	16	11	—	—	—
Postage Stamps sold by Stamp Distributors of Inland Revenue -	271,771	4	10	—	—	—
Postage, &c. refunded by Stamp Distributors of Inland Revenue -	—	—	—	1,504	19	9½
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 -	—	—	—	468,040	15	5
Commission on Money Orders -	129,628	4	8½	—	—	—
Ditto Postal " -	195,405	0	11½	—	—	—
Miscellaneous Receipts -	32,533	9	5½	—	—	—
Postage collected for Great Britain by Colonial Offices, and Postmasters and Agents Abroad -	97,909	16	0	—	—	—
Postage collected by Foreign Offices for credit of Great Britain -	82,966	9	7	—	—	—
Postage collected by Great Britain for credit of Colonial Offices not under the control of the Imperial Post Office -	—	—	—	119,135	11	2½
Postage collected by Great Britain for credit of Foreign Offices -	—	—	—	175,157	11	11½
	10,747,594	8	8	1,280,429	12	3½
Deduct Payments out -	1,280,429	12	3½			
NET PRODUCE £	9,467,164	16	4½			

The Postage chargeable on other Public Departments has not been paid to the Post Office since 1868, but if it had been paid in the current year the net Produce would have been increased by 182,109l.

General Post Office, }
June 1890.

JAMES J. CARDIN,
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	510,287 14 10	—
Amount received for the transmission of Telegraphic Messages, &c. in Stamps -	2,132,041 3 2	—
Payments to Cable Companies, &c.,	- - -	334,884 18 10½
Telegram Moneys, refunded &c. &c. -	2,642,328 18 0	334,884 18 10½
Deduct Payments out -	834,884 18 10½	
NET PRODUCE £	2,307,443 19 1½	

The value of Telegraph services performed for other Public Departments is not paid to the Post Office, but if it had been paid in the current year, the net produce would have been increased by 86,328*l.* 19*s.* 1*d.*

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