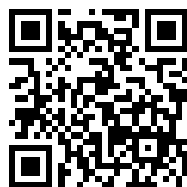
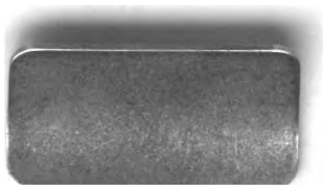

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TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORDS COMMISSIONERS OF HER MAJESTY'S TREASURY.

MY LORDS,

I HAVE the honour to submit to your Lordships the Thirty-seventh Annual Report on the Post Office, being the Report for the year ended the 31st of March 1891.

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 - - -	1,705,800,000	3·4	45·2
Post Cards - -	229,700,000	5·8	6·1
Book Packets, Circulars, } and Samples - }	481,200,000	8·9	12·8
Newspapers - -	161,000,000	1·1	4·3
Total - - -	2,577,700,000	4·4	68·4
Parcels - - -	46,287,956	8·0	1·2
Grand Total -	2,623,987,956	8·2	69·6

The number of letters registered was 11,357,197, a decrease of 738, or at the rate of ·006 per cent.

Of the 2,577,700,000 letters, &c. delivered, about 85·2 per cent. were delivered in England and Wales, 29·7 per cent. being delivered in the London Postal District alone, 8·9 per cent. in Scotland, and 5·9 per cent. in Ireland.

The number of Post Offices opened during the year was 447, and the number of public letter boxes has been increased by 1,010. The total number of Post Offices has thus been raised to 18,806, and the number of letter boxes to 21,837. About 750

New Offices
Sites, &c.

additional licenses to sell postage stamps have been issued to private individuals and firms.

Returned Letters.

The numbers of letters, &c. dealt with in the various Returned Letter Offices throughout the country were as follows :—

—	Number.	Increase.
Letters	6,568,270	257,168
Post cards	892,088	51,019
Pattens and Samples . .	30,237	2,751
Parcels	110,902	3,039
Book Packets and Circulars .	6,923,735	262,534
Newspapers	598,447	47,425

Of the letters returned 136,644 were re-issued to corrected addresses, 5,750,527 were returned to the senders, 222,491 were returned unopened to the Post Offices of foreign countries, and only 458,608 remained which could not be disposed of. The number of registered letters dealt with was 201,267, or 9,433 more than in 1889–90, and 31,168 other letters were found to contain articles which rendered registration necessary. About 30,751 letters were posted without any addresses, and of these 1,601 contained cash, bank-notes, and cheques of the value of over 5,100*l.* in all, or about 900*l.* less than was contained in similar letters last year, which were, however, fewer in number. Of the parcels dealt with 84,578 were re-issued to corrected addresses or returned to the senders.

Staff.

The total number of officers on the permanent establishment of the Department, together with Sub-Postmasters and Letter Receivers, is 63,868. The number added in the year was 2,814. In this total are included 8,877 women of whom 906 are employed as clerks in the Chief Offices in London, Edinburgh, and Dublin, and 3,750 as counterwomen and telegraphists throughout the United Kingdom, besides others employed as Sub-Postmistresses and Letter Receivers.

Besides the foregoing there are throughout the United Kingdom about 54,000 other persons employed more or less in Post Office work. Of these about 16,000 are women.

Organization.

Much time and labour have been devoted during the past year to the arrangement and organization of the numerous branches into which the Staff of this great Department is divided.

An extensive scheme for revising the pay and adjusting the duties of the Sorting Clerks and Telegraphists throughout the kingdom has been carried into effect. Important changes were made affecting the Sorters in the metropolitan offices, and various other reorganizations were effected.

I regret to state that while the representations of a large body of London Postmen were in process of examination, a number of misguided officers abandoned their duty on the 9th of July 1890, and refused to obey orders.

I was compelled at once to take stringent measures to restore discipline, and found it my painful duty to dismiss from the public Service in one morning about 450 men.

It was feared at one time that the Public would be exposed to great inconvenience and loss by the delay in the delivery of letters, but I am glad to say that owing to the prompt measures which were taken but little serious delay occurred and that the amount of inconvenience caused to the Public was comparatively slight.

It is right to mention that I received at that critical time abundant offers from various quarters placing at my disposal the services of trustworthy persons who were willing to undertake the delivery of letters. It is my desire to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to those members of the Public who offered assistance, although the rapid collapse of the strike rendered it unnecessary for me to avail myself of their services.

I felt that after this occurrence it was impossible to proceed at that time with the examination of the various questions affecting Postmen which were engaging my attention, and I therefore had to defer until the Autumn the appointment of a Committee to examine the subject. I also decided to extend the inquiry to Postmen outside London.

The first half of the new buildings in extension of the Central Savings Bank in Queen Victoria Street has been completed and occupied, and some progress has been made with the new General Post Office (north) building, as well as with the new Parcel Office and Telegraph Factory at Mount Pleasant. This latter will replace the present factory at Gloucester Road, Regent's Park, and will, it is hoped, be occupied in part during the current year. New buildings.

New Crown Post Offices have been completed at the following places:—Ballinasloe, Barrow-in-Furness, Birmingham, Dunfermline, Balls Bridge (Dublin), Inverness, Kelso, Nuneaton, South Shields, and Woolwich, and new branch offices at Billingsgate and Down Street in London, and at Verulam Place, Hastings.

The expenditure borne by the Post Office for the acquisition of sites and buildings during the year amounted to 27,804*l.*, of which about 9,600*l.* was spent in London. The amount provided by the Office of Works for the erection of new Post Offices and the maintenance of existing buildings was 267,763*l.* in Great Britain and 4,441*l.* in Ireland.

Systems of electric lighting have been established in the General Post Office, East, and in several Branch Offices in London, as well as at the Head Office and some Branch Offices in Liverpool, with most successful results.

The number of direct mails despatched from the chief office has been increased by 136 in the course of the year, and the number received by 20. New Mails, &c.

A travelling post office was added on the 1st April 1890 to the train leaving Waterloo Station at 5.50 a.m., and about three hours has thus been saved in the despatch of letters posted in London in the evening or brought to London by night mails for places in the South of England, and a return service, reaching Waterloo at 5.46 p.m., has also been established with a corresponding advantage in the delivery of letters from the same district. Since November 1890 a travelling post office has also been in use between Queenborough and London, and the delivery and transmission of correspondence brought by the Flushing night boat has been accelerated. By altering the time of departure of a morning mail train from King's Cross from 7.40 a.m. to 7.15 a.m., and completing the sorting of correspondence in the train instead of at the General Post Office, it has been found possible to deliver letters in the West Riding of Yorkshire and other localities in time for replies to be sent by the Continental Mails leaving London the same night, an advantage much appreciated in business centres, and by the use of the Sorting Carriage on the return journey a good deal of correspondence brought from Scotland and the North of England for places in the South can now be delivered on the same evening instead of on the following morning.

The Special Night Mail from London to Aberdeen now reaches that town at 9 a.m. instead of 9.55 a.m. The Special Night Mail from Aberdeen now takes 59 minutes less than formerly to reach London, and the time of the journey of the Day Mail has been shortened by 1 hour and 25 minutes.

**Express
Delivery Service.**

On the 25th March a new Express Delivery Service was introduced in London, which was subsequently extended to various parts of the Kingdom. Under this arrangement it is open to anyone to send for a small charge a message, letter, or parcel by special messenger from certain specified Post Offices in the United Kingdom designated Express Delivery Offices. There are 925 of these offices in London.

The rates charged, in addition to the ordinary postage, are as follows :—

	<i>d.</i>
For the first mile and under	2
For every succeeding mile or part of a mile	3

When the distance, however, exceeds two miles and no public conveyance is available, 1s. per mile or the actual cab fare is charged for special conveyance in addition to the express delivery fee and postage.

A further extension of this system is to be introduced on the 1st of August by which a letter bearing a special superscription may be committed to the post for the purpose of being transmitted to any Express Delivery Office in the Kingdom and being thence delivered by special messenger. The subscribers to Post

Office Telephone Exchanges and the renters of private wires connected with Post Offices may also summon messengers without extra payment.

Under this system a letter will be delivered considerably earlier than by the ordinary course of post. An express letter, for instance, sent by a person in one town addressed to a person in another, even when the arrival of a mail conveying this letter is closely followed by a delivery in the ordinary way, would be delivered from an hour to an hour and a half earlier. In the case, however, of an express letter sent by a despatch to which no delivery is closely fitted, the gain in time would be much greater, amounting frequently to several hours.

The greatest gain in point of time would be in the case of an express letter addressed to a rural district having only one ordinary delivery a day; there the gain in time might easily be 15 or 16 hours, but the cost of a special delivery to a place at any long distance from the nearest Express Office would of course be greater.

On the 1st of February a new service was commenced, under which Railway Companies carry single letters which are either delivered to the addressees at Railway Stations, or forwarded by post from the most convenient points on the Railway. In the first three months about 37,000 letters were dealt with in this way, and the system is believed to be of advantage to the public, especially in rural districts. Railway Letters.

The number of Parcels posted has increased in a satisfactory manner. The following table shows the growth of this branch of business since its commencement:— Parcel Post.

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.	22,910,040	508,247	256,572	251,675	5'32	2'63
1885-6	" " "	26,417,397	591,945	298,948	292,997	5'38	2'66
1886-7	" " "	32,860,154	719,112	358,254	360,858	5'25	2'64
1887-8	" " "	36,731,786	811,764	401,295	410,469	5'30	2'68
1888-9	" " "	39,589,313	878,547	433,307	445,240	5'32	2'69
1889-90	" " "	42,852,600	952,113	463,807	488,306	5'33	2'70
1890-91	" " "	46,287,986	1,035,773	499,913	535,860	5'37	2'77

New Parcel Coach Services have been organised between London and Chelmsford, Colchester and Ipswich, Oxford *via*

Reading, Chatham and Tunbridge Wells. Sixty-four additional direct Parcel Mails between London and other places have been established in the year.

**Foreign and
Colonial Mails.**

An important change in Foreign and Colonial Postal arrangements came into operation on 1st January 1891, when the ordinary letter rates to and from India and the Colonies were reduced from 4*d.*, 5*d.*, and 6*d.* to 2½*d.* The financial effect has been to add about 100,000*l.* a year to the loss already incurred by Great Britain on this branch of business, a result which was foreshadowed in the Budget Speech of the Chancellor of the Exchequer in April 1890. After considerable negotiation the Australasian Colonies and India gave their consent and undertook to bear the additional loss to which they became exposed.

In May 1890 the use of post-cards between Great Britain and the Cape Colony was introduced, and at the beginning of this year the system was extended to Natal. A monthly mail service to Mauritius *via* Ceylon has been established.

As a result of a new contract for five years with the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, the time occupied in the transmission of letters between England and the West Indies has been shortened by a day, and in some cases by two days, while at the same time the charge for conveyance has been reduced by 5,000*l.* a year.

An early evening despatch to the Continent *via* Ostend has been substituted for the former midday mail, with the result of considerably accelerating correspondence for Vienna, as well as for Hamburg, Bremen, Leipzig, Frankfort and other places in North Germany. A direct service three times a week has been established between Newcastle and Norway.

**Foreign and
Colonial Parcel Post.**

The number of Foreign and Colonial parcels has increased at the rate of 12 per cent., from 1,025,892 to 1,148,320. The service has been extended to Bermuda, Fiji, Mexico, Morocco, Seychelles and Siam. The parcel post to Greece and Uruguay has been greatly improved and reductions made in the postal rates for Cyprus, Egypt and Natal.

Curious incidents.

It is found that the public still frequently resort to the practice of sending money without registration enclosed in letters or parcels with other incongruous contents. For instance, sovereigns have at various times in the year been found packed with butter, flowers, dripping, figs, and puddings, and frequent warnings have apparently little effect in deterring the public from using such unsafe methods of transmission. As an illustration of reckless economy it may be mentioned that a lady residing in Siam forwarded to London several Parcels declared to contain walking sticks and stationery of the value of 7*l.* 10*s.*, but the vigilant eye of the Custom House officer promptly detected a brilliant collection of diamonds and jewellery worth upwards of 25,000*l.* The case was accordingly reported as contrary to regulation. The postage at the registered letter rate would

have amounted to about 30*l.*, and it may be assumed that the course adopted was prompted by the desire to save the difference between the ordinary parcel rate and this amount.

Some time ago a lady advertised in a newspaper asking persons to send 3*d.* each in aid of the Bishop of Bedford's White-chapel Refuge Fund and to induce two friends to do the same. The result, apparently, was successful beyond the expectation of the advertiser, and when later on she removed from the address given in the advertisement, without giving notice of the change, the replies accumulated at the Returned Letter Office to such an extent that, when her new address had been discovered, no fewer than 16,268 letters containing 191*l.* were awaiting delivery.

The number of Money Order Offices open on the 31st March last was 9,773, showing an increase of 336 in the year. **Money Orders.**

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

Orders issued in United Kingdom.	Number.			Amount.		
	1890-91.	1889-90.	Difference.	1890-91.	1889-90.	Increase.
Inland - -	8,864,483	9,027,750	Decrease. 163,267	£ 23,897,767	£ 23,383,417	£ 564,350
Colonial - -	86,191	81,717	Increase. 4,474	315,316	306,344	8,972
Foreign - -	288,331	282,108	6,223	720,380	692,631	27,749
	9,239,005	9,391,575	Decrease. 152,570	24,533,463	24,382,392	601,071
Orders issued abroad and paid in United Kingdom:—						
			Increase. 11,142			
Colonial - -	382,527	371,385	11,142	1,342,786	1,325,272	17,514
Foreign - -	639,320	611,184	28,136	1,591,638	1,508,241	83,397
	10,260,852	10,374,144	Decrease. 113,292	27,867,887	27,165,905	701,982

The decrease in the number of Inland Money Orders which has taken place since the introduction of Postal Orders in 1881 is still noticeable. The falling off has, however, been confined to Orders for small amounts, and there has at the same time been an actual increase in the number of Orders for larger sums. This is shown by the fact that the total annual value of the Orders issued has not fallen since 1880-81 in anything like the same proportion as the numbers. In that year the 16,329,476 Orders issued represented a sum of 24,228,763*l.*, or only about 300,000*l.* more than the value of the 8,864,483 Orders issued last year. In 1885-86 the number of Orders was 10,358,293, but their value only 21,975,345*l.*, or 1,922,422*l.* less than the corresponding value for 1890-91.

The increase in the Foreign and Colonial Money Order business has been at about the usual rate, and as usual the increase has **Foreign and Colonial Money Orders.**

been chiefly in the number and value of the Orders issued abroad for payment in the United Kingdom. The total number of Foreign and Colonial Orders both issued and paid was 1,396,369 as compared with 1,346,394 in 1889-90, and the corresponding values were 3,970,120*l.* and 3,832,488*l.* respectively. Notwithstanding the comparatively rapid growth of population in our chief Colonies the growth in the number of Money Orders which they send to the Mother Country is not so great as the increase in the number of Foreign Orders. In the year 1880-81 the value of inward Orders received from the Colonies was 690,465*l.* and the value of Foreign Orders only 626,032*l.* Last year the position was reversed, and the Colonies sent home only 1,342,786*l.* while 1,591,638*l.* was received from foreign countries.

The largest amount received from one country was 1,115,789*l.* from the United States. In 1880-81 that country sent only 392,782*l.*, or little more than one third of the amount received last year. The West Indian Colonies alone show an increase of anything like the same proportion. In 1880-81 their Money Order remittances were 66,818*l.*, and last year they had increased to 196,251*l.* Canada and the Australian Colonies also show substantial increases, but New Zealand remitted in Money Orders last year only 70,710*l.*, or nearly 28,000*l.* less than in 1880-81.

New Money Order Exchanges have been arranged with British Bechuanaland and the Transvaal as well as with the Cameroons territory, under German protection, on the West Coast of Africa.

Official Money Orders.

The total number of Money Orders issued for other Departments of the Government was 1,380,853 of the value of 5,085,156*l.*, an increase of 22,685 in number and 40,687*l.* in amount as compared with the business for 1889-90.

Telegraph Money Orders.

The number of Telegraph Money Orders issued was 30,196 of the value of 112,570*l.* In the seven months of the previous financial year during which the system was in use only 3,857 Orders were issued representing a sum of 14,936*l.* The system was for a time in force in London and 17 towns only as an experiment, but was on the 1st March 1890 extended to all Head and Branch Post Offices. It is difficult, therefore, to make any useful comparison of figures, but the result of the year's work certainly shows that the system meets a public want and is likely to be more and more used. Naturally most business is done in the months of August and September, when the number of travellers is greatest. In August last 3,021 and in September 3,028 Telegraph Orders were issued. The smallest number in any month, 2,206, was issued in February.

Postal Orders.

The number of Postal Orders issued in the United Kingdom was 48,841,765 or 4,129,217 more than in the previous year. The value represented by the Orders was 19,178,367*l.*, or 1,440,565*l.* more than the value of those issued in 1889-90.

The total amount transmitted by Money Orders and Postal Orders in the year was about 47 millions sterling, or 5 millions more than in 1889-90

Cases are still frequently noticed in which the payment of Postal Orders has to be refused because the numbers printed on the top have been cut off. This is generally done by the senders of the orders in the singular belief, as they explain, that it is right "to keep the numbers," instead of merely recording them.

The deposits in the Post Office Savings Bank in the year numbered 8,776,566, amounting to 20,990,692*l.*, as against 8,101,120 and 19,814,308*l.*, the number and amount for the year 1889. The withdrawals were 2,892,006 in number, amounting in all to 17,908,860*l.*, showing an increase of 134,158 in number and of 1,094,592*l.* in amount over the number and amount for 1889. As a net result of these transactions a total sum of 67,634,807*l.*, including interest, remained to the credit of depositors on the 31st December 1890, being an increase of 4,635,187*l.* for the year as compared with an increase of 4,443,226*l.* in 1889. The amount of interest credited to depositors was 1,553,355*l.*, or 110,169*l.* more than in 1889.

The greatest number of deposits on one day was 61,494, amounting to 104,950*l.*, and made on the 1st February, but the largest amount deposited on one day was 161,903*l.* on the 1st January. The greatest number of withdrawals on one day was 23,477, amounting to 88,789*l.*, made on the 23rd May probably in provision for Whitsuntide holidays. The average amount of each deposit was 2*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.* as compared with 2*l.* 8*s.* 11*d.* in 1889. The average amount of each withdrawal increased to 6*l.* 3*s.* 10*d.* as compared with 6*l.* 1*s.* 11*d.* in 1889.

The number of accounts opened in 1890 was 997,283 and 677,778 were closed. The corresponding numbers for 1889 were respectively 924,010 and 637,128. The total number of accounts open at the end of the year was 4,827,314, or 319,505 more than in 1889, distributed as follows:—

—	Number.	Proportion to Population.	Average Balance due to each Depositor.
England and Wales - - -	4,456,086	1 to 7	£ s. d. 14 0 2
Scotland - - -	172,438	1 to 24	8 13 10
Ireland - - -	198,790	1 to 24	18 13 8
United Kingdom - - -	4,827,314	1 to 8	14 0 3

In 1889 the proportion to population and the average balance were, in England and Wales, 1 in 7 and 13*l.* 19*s.* 5*d.*; in Scotland, 1 in 25 and 8*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.*; and in Ireland, 1 in 25 and 18*l.* 14*s.* 11*d.*, and in the United Kingdom 1 in 8 and 18*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.*

The total number of Post Offices open for the transaction of

Savings Bank business on the 31st December 1890 was 9,681, or 328 more than in 1889, of which 283 were opened in England and Wales, 27 in Scotland, and 18 in Ireland.

The number of Registered Friendly Societies authorised during the year to open accounts without limit as to amount in the Post Office Savings Bank was 734, and the number of Provident and Charitable Societies authorised to open accounts during the year was 2,412.

The funds of 275 Penny Banks were invested during 1890 as compared with 284 in 1889. Of the number last year 122 were connected with schools, of which 39 were board schools.

Being anxious to ascertain to what extent the public made use of the facility which permits a depositor in the Post Office Savings Bank to deposit money in one locality and draw it out in another, I caused the accounts of 1890 to be analysed, when it appeared that 29 per cent. of the total number of transactions were dealt with in this way. The conclusion therefore is that the facility is appreciated, especially by workmen and others whose circumstances require them to move frequently from place to place.

It is not so well known as it should be that any depositor may nominate a person or persons to whom his deposit may be paid at once at his decease, on production of evidence of death and of the identity of the nominee. Last year 6,180 such nominations were made as compared with 5,946 in 1889, but these numbers are very small in proportion to the number of depositors, and it is to be regretted that so few persons avail themselves of this simple process for the disposition of their property.

I am glad to be able to report that employers of labour are encouraging the use of the Post Office Savings Bank. In one case a firm awarded as a bonus among their workpeople 1,000*l.*, which was distributed amongst them, and entrusted to the Savings Bank. In another case 1,700 workpeople belonging to one firm made deposits in one day.

The number of Trustee Savings Banks closed during the year was 22, and deposits amounting to 525,410*l.* were transferred to the Post Office Savings Bank together with 3,784*l.* stock. From other Trustee Banks a sum of 54,539*l.* and 3,034*l.* stock were also transferred, while deposits amounting to 8,445*l.* and 271*l.* stock were transferred from the Post Office Savings Bank.

Government
Stock business.

The amount of Government Stock purchased in the year by depositors was 1,125,310*l.* in 22,385 sums, an increase of 121,942*l.* in amount, and of 2,619 in the number of transactions. The amount of stock sold was 590,907*l.* as compared with 605,359*l.* in 1889. Only 28 "stock certificates" with coupons payable to bearer annexed were issued to depositors, but 204 transfers of stock were made to the names of the depositors in the books of the Bank of England. The number of stock accounts open at the end of 1890 was 51,063, consisting of 4,680,168*l.* stock, showing an increase of 4,070 in number of accounts, and of 504,534*l.* in the amount of stock held.

I observe that 651 investments and 1,232 sales were of amounts under 10*l.*, and in one case a depositor was so foolish as to invest in Consols and afterwards sell out a sum of 4*s.* only at an expense of 1*s.* 6*d.*

It is noticeable that even the small investors of the Savings Bank are influenced by the fluctuations in the prices of stock. In November last, when Consols were as low as 93½ per cent., there were 1,930 investments, or about 500 more than in November 1889.

In 1890 the number of immediate annuities granted was 948, amounting to 21,956*l.*, and 116 deferred annuities amounting to 2,527*l.* were also purchased. This branch of business shows a slight decrease as compared with the business done in 1889.

Annuity and
Insurance
business.

The number of life insurances effected was only 468 for a total sum of 25,466*l.* as compared with 671 insurances for 32,832*l.* in 1889. This decrease is to a considerable extent explained by the fact that in that year 120 policies were granted on the lives of the children at a single school, but it is a lamentable fact that there should be a further unexplained decrease in this business which would seem to offer so many advantages to persons of humble means to secure an easy and safe provision. The difficulty of inducing those for whose benefit the system was intended to take advantage of it is shown by the fact that out of the 120 policies referred to above, only 44 were continued after the first year when the premiums were paid out of school funds. It is stated by the benevolent promoter of this effort that the parents of children showed a distinct preference for insurance in local benefit societies, and especially for those societies which employed disabled working men as agents and collectors.

In the course of the year 239 Post Offices and 36 Railway Offices were opened for Postal Telegraph business, making the total numbers of such offices open on the 31st March 5,912 and 1,715 respectively.

Telegraph
business.

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	1890-91	54,116,413	3,303,069	1,774,022	90,125
"	1889-90	50,813,354	—	1,684,497	—
Press (Inland)	1890-91	5,003,409	199,944	113,146	1,852
"	1889-90	4,803,465	—	111,297	—
Foreign	1890-91	5,480,523	261,908	260,781	14,822
"	1889-90	5,218,620	—	245,959	—
Railway	1890-91	1,535,067	243,279	Nil.	—
"	1889-90	1,291,788	—		
Government	1890-91	273,794	Decrease. 2,378		
"	1889-90	276,172	—		
Totals	1890-91	66,409,211	4,005,812	2,148,552	106,799
"	1889-90	62,403,399	4,638,052	2,041,753	—

The average value of the ordinary Inland Telegrams was 7·87*d.* as compared with 7·95*d.* for 1889–90. The increase in the number of Inland Telegrams is at the rate of 6·5 per cent. as compared with 8·5 per cent. increase in the preceding year, a diminution probably due to no small extent to the increasing use of the telephone both in the metropolis and chief provincial towns as well as between the busy centres. The increase in the number of press telegrams has been at rather more than the usual rate. The highest rate of increase, 19 per cent., has, as usual, been shown in the telegrams sent by railway companies without payment. These telegrams which numbered 116,000 in 1871 had increased in 1876 to 243,633, in 1880 to 431,598, in 1885–86 to 734,641, and in 1890–91 reached a total number of 1,535,067. At 8*d.* each the value of these telegrams would be about 51,000*l.* At 1*s.* each, which is probably nearer their actual value, the amount would be about 76,500*l.*

Telegraph
Revenue and
Expenditure.

The following table gives the Revenue and the total cost of the Telegraph Service, taking into account the interest on Capital Expenditure, in each of the last seven years :—

Year.	Receipts.	EXPENDITURE.			Annual Interest on Capital.	Deficit.
		Charged to Telegraph Vote.	Charged to Votes of other Departments.	Total.		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1884–85	1,784,414	1,731,040	89,724	1,820,764	326,417	382,767
1885–86	1,787,264	1,733,105	99,297	1,832,402	326,417	371,555
1886–87	1,887,159	1,939,764	92,868	2,032,632	326,417	471,890
1887–88	1,992,940	1,928,345	70,688	1,999,033	326,417	332,501
1888–89	2,129,965	1,969,324	72,037	2,041,361	353,787	265,183
1889–90	2,364,099	2,179,921	99,065	2,278,986	299,216*	197,690
1890–91	2,456,754	2,266,356	89,383	2,355,719	299,216	198,181

Improvements. The chief novelty in the telegraph service has been the construction of a telephone line between London and Paris, which was accomplished last winter in somewhat trying circumstances. The cable between St. Margaret's Bay, near Dover, and Sangatte, near Calais, contains four copper wires of larger size than those generally used for telegraphs.

Much trouble was necessary in selecting the route for the land line in England so as to avoid laying any parts of the line

* 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.

Interest has been paid at the rate of 2½ per cent. instead of 3 per cent. since the 1st April 1889. The expenses of conversion in 1889 amounted to 27,370*l.*

underground, which would have rendered its working very uncertain. This danger has, however, been removed, and I am glad to be able to report that conversations by telephone can now be most satisfactorily maintained between the two capitals.

The line was opened for use on the 1st of April, at a charge of eight shillings for a conversation of three minutes.

Some improvements have been effected in the form of Wheatstone automatic receiver in use on fast speed Telegraph circuits. These instruments as improved by the Department can now, under experimental conditions, record no less than 600 words a minute transmitted over a single wire, while a speed of about 400 words a minute can be conveniently and safely used in practical working, a very satisfactory result compared with the modest rate of 60 or 70 words a minute which obtained in 1870. By the use of new and ingenious tools specially designed for the construction of telephone switch boards a considerable saving in cost of manufacture has been made, and I am glad to say that all parts of the "Hughes" instruments in use on the continental circuits can now be made in the Post Office factory, so that the Department is no longer dependent on a foreign supply.

On the 16th May 1890 the seventh International Telegraph Conference assembled in Paris to review the Regulations and Tariffs agreed upon at the Conference at Berlin in 1885. The changes embodied in the Convention signed on the 21st June 1890 took effect on the 1st instant, and their effect will be described in my next Annual Report.

It may be of interest to record that last year the occurrence of the 50th anniversary of the institution of the Penny Post on the 10th of January 1840 was made the occasion of some appropriate celebrations. In January a large company of past and present officers of the Department, some of whom entered the Post Office Service even before 1840, met together in London. In May, on the invitation of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and the Corporation, an exhibition illustrating Post Office work was held at the Guildhall, and was visited by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as well as by very large numbers of the Public. On the evening of the 2nd of July there was a similar exhibition at a gathering in the South Kensington Museum, under the Presidency of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, which was attended by officers of the Post Office of all ranks from all parts of the United Kingdom. This entertainment was undertaken on behalf of the Rowland Hill Benevolent Fund, which has for its object the relief of distress amongst the widows and orphans of Post Office employes, and Her Majesty the Queen was most graciously pleased to mark her interest in the anniversary celebrated, as well as her appreciation of the work of her servants in the Post Office, by becoming patroness of this most useful fund. I am happy to be able to say that its capital has in this way, as well

as by the generous subscriptions of the public and by other means, been increased by about 22,000*l.*, so raising the total invested capital to about 40,000*l.*

I have the honour to be,

My Lords,

Your Lordships' obedient humble Servant,

HENRY CECIL RAIKES.

27th July 1891.

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 1881-82	685,200,000	5.3	352,100,000	6.6	1,037,300,000	5.7	40	109,800,000	4.6	29	82,200,000	4.4	16	1,229,300,000	5.5	35
" 1882-83	713,100,000	4.1	384,600,000	3.5	1,077,700,000	3.9	41	116,500,000	6.1	31	86,500,000	5.2	17	1,280,600,000	4.2	36
" 1883-84	737,000,000	3.3	375,200,000	2.9	1,112,200,000	3.2	41	122,200,000	4.6	32	87,700,000	1.4	17	1,322,100,000	3.2	37
" 1884-85	757,200,000	2.7	391,100,000	4.1	1,148,300,000	3.2	42	122,900,000	.6	32	89,100,000	1.6	18	1,360,300,000	2.9	38
" 1885-86	778,000,000	2.8	409,400,000	4.7	1,187,400,000	3.4	43	126,400,000	2.8	32	90,700,000	.7	18	1,403,500,000	3.2	39
" 1886-87	800,800,000	2.9	439,100,000	7.3	1,239,900,000	4.4	44	129,100,000	2.1	33	90,800,000	1.3	19	1,450,900,000	4.0	40
" 1887-88	838,000,000	4.6	448,900,000	2.2	1,286,900,000	3.8	46	132,100,000	2.3	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	1,295,500,000	3.1	46	136,000,000	3.0	34	96,500,000	2.5	20	1,558,100,000	3.0	42
" 1889-90	895,000,000	5.8	518,100,000	7.8	1,413,100,000	6.5	48	140,300,000	3.2	34	96,800,000	1.4	21	1,650,100,000	5.9	43
" 1890-91	924,400,000	3.3	538,400,000	4.0	1,462,800,000	3.5	50	143,200,000	2.1	36	99,800,000	3.1	21	1,705,800,000	3.4	45

APPENDIX A.—*continued.***Post Cards, Book Packets, Samples, 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.
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	21,900,000	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
1890-91	195,000,000	5·7	24,000,000	4·8	10,700,000	9·2	229,700,000	5·8

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF BOOK PACKETS, CIRCULARS, and SAMPLES 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.
1881-82	229,000,000	12·3	27,900,000	15·0	14,200,000	16·9	271,000,000	12·8
1882-83	244,700,000	6·9	28,900,000	3·7	14,600,000	3·1 dec.	288,200,000	6·3
1883-84	249,300,000	1·9	31,400,000	7·8	13,900,000	4·9 inc.	294,600,000	2·2
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
1890-91	411,900,000	8·9	44,600,000	5·9	24,700,000	14·3	481,200,000	8·9

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.
1881-82	108,700,000	5·7	15,500,000	2·4	16,700,000	4·7 dec.	140,900,000	5·2
1882-83	108,600,000	—	15,800,000	2·0	16,200,000	3·0	140,600,000	—
1883-84	109,800,000	1·2	16,700,000	5·6	16,000,000	1·1 inc.	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 dec.	16,400,000	1·7	147,700,000	2·8
1886-87	117,800,000	3·6	17,000,000	3·3	16,400,000	— dec.	151,200,000	2·4
1887-88	119,800,000	1·7 dec.	16,700,000	1·8	15,800,000	3·7 inc.	152,300,000	·8 dec.
1888-89	119,300,000	·4 inc.	16,600,000	·6 inc.	16,000,000	1·3	151,900,000	·3 inc.
1889-90	126,600,000	6·1	16,700,000	·6 dec.	16,000,000	—	153,300,000	4·9
1890-91	137,300,000	·9	16,600,000	·6	16,600,000	8·7	161,000,000	1·1

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

TABLE showing the NUMBER of PARCELS delivered in the United Kingdom during each of the Twelve Months from the 1st April 1890 to the 31st March 1891.

Month.	England and Wales.			Scotland.	Ireland.	United Kingdom.
	Provinces.	London.	Total.			
April 1890 -	2,260,793	683,246	2,944,039	343,853	241,687	3,529,779
May -	2,470,628	751,499	3,222,127	381,520	266,736	3,870,383
June -	2,248,339	697,298	2,945,637	375,899	245,666	3,567,193
July -	2,355,363	686,726	3,042,109	400,836	248,311	3,691,856
August -	2,231,169	563,608	2,784,777	411,254	237,157	3,433,188
September -	2,338,674	619,199	2,957,873	420,333	245,515	3,633,721
October -	2,707,366	749,260	3,456,626	442,071	277,515	4,176,212
November -	2,551,141	755,949	3,307,090	395,264	265,379	3,967,733
December -	2,673,063	968,935	3,641,997	619,438	404,033	5,665,468
January 1891 -	2,587,966	714,014	3,301,980	402,378	275,638	3,977,996
February -	2,174,985	601,195	2,776,180	335,263	282,087	3,343,529
March -	2,239,454	614,851	2,844,305	350,849	246,345	3,441,499
Totals	29,318,950	8,405,780	36,224,730	4,876,967	3,184,269	46,287,956
No. during year ended 31st March 1890	27,548,814	7,820,333	35,369,047	4,528,364	2,955,159	42,855,570
Increase in Numbers	2,270,136	585,547	2,855,683	350,593	229,110	3,435,386
Increase per cent. -	8.2	7.5	8.1	7.7	7.8	8.0

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

**STATEMENT of the NUMBER of FOREIGN and COLONIAL PARCELS
Despatched and Received during the Years ended the 31st March
1890, and the 31st March 1891.**

APPENDIX A.—continued.

STATEMENT of the NUMBER of FOREIGN and COLONIAL PARCELS
31st March 1890 and

Country.	Date of Establishment of Post.	Number of Parcels.		
		Despatched.		
		1889-90.	1890-91.	Increase.
Aden - - - - -	July 1885	1,679	1,689	10
Antigua - - - - -	Jan. 1886	1,578	1,936	358
Argentine Republic - - - - -	Feb. 1890	199	1,470	1,271
Ascension - - - - -	July 1886	406	429	21
Austria* - - - - -	June 1886	9,453	10,711	1,258
Bahamas - - - - -	Sept. 1887	308	501	193
Barbados - - - - -	April 1886	3,784	4,187	393
Belgium - - - - -	Jan. 1886	27,968	31,238	3,325
Bermuda - - - - -	April 1890	—	2,079	2,079
Beyrout - - - - -	Jan. 1888	406	550	54
British Guiana - - - - -	Jan. 1886	4,542	4,843	301
British Honduras - - - - -	March 1887	171	234	63
Canada, Dominion of - - - - -	Aug. 1886	24,601	27,013	2,412
Cape of Good Hope - - - - -	Dec. 1885	21,994	25,373	3,379
Ceylon - - - - -	Nov. 1885	6,850	7,702	852
Colombia, Republic of - - - - -	March 1888	1,032	2,425	1,393
Constantinople - - - - -	Jan. 1886	2,605	2,832	227
Costa Rica - - - - -	Feb. 1888	473	1,088	615
Cyprus - - - - -	Jan. 1886	971	955	(Dec.) 16
Dominica - - - - -	Jan. 1886	905	730	125
Egypt - - - - -	July 1885	6,674	7,548	874
Falkland Islands - - - - -	Oct. 1888	347	461	104
Fiji - - - - -	June 1890	—	177	177
France† - - - - -	Oct. 1887	158,396	169,735	11,339
Germany ‡ - - - - -	Jan. 1886	121,908	133,103	11,196
Gibraltar - - - - -	July 1885	7,984	8,547	563
Grenada - - - - -	Oct. 1885	1,007	1,051	44
Holland - - - - -	April 1886	24,354	26,794	2,440
Hong Kong§ - - - - -	Oct. 1885	8,369	9,251	882
India - - - - -	July 1885	67,917	75,763	7,846
Italy - - - - -	Oct. 1887	36,967	39,153	2,186
Jamaica - - - - -	Oct. 1885	6,656	7,957	1,301
Labuan - - - - -	Dec. 1885	18	44	26
Malta - - - - -	Aug. 1885	8,434	11,229	2,795
Mauritius - - - - -	April 1888	1,017	1,100	83
Mexico - - - - -	April 1890	—	1,069	1,069
Montserrat - - - - -	Jan. 1886	309	346	37
Natal - - - - -	June 1887	4,827	6,972	2,145
Nevis - - - - -	Jan. 1886	164	229	65
Newfoundland - - - - -	Sept. 1886	1,534	1,583	49
New South Wales - - - - -	July 1886	14,947	16,930	1,983
New Zealand - - - - -	Nov. 1888	14,294	14,593	299
North Borneo - - - - -	Sept. 1887	163	195	32
Norway - - - - -	April 1886	4,903	6,117	1,214
Orange Free State - - - - -	Dec. 1889	225	1,146	921
Portugal - - - - -	Jan. 1888	2,761	2,798	37
St. Helena - - - - -	April 1886	590	588	28
St. Kitts - - - - -	Jan. 1886	909	1,045	136
St. Lucia - - - - -	Oct. 1885	557	706	148
St. Thomas - - - - -	Jan. 1888	450	401	(Dec.) 46
St. Vincent - - - - -	Nov. 1885	511	532	21
Sarawak - - - - -	July 1887	120	171	51
Seychelles - - - - -	April 1890	—	120	120
Siam - - - - -	Aug. 1890	—	238	238
South Australia - - - - -	July 1886	3,562	3,815	253
Sri Lanka - - - - -	April 1887	861	1,036	175
Straits Settlements - - - - -	Oct. 1885	4,189	5,273	1,084
Sweden - - - - -	May 1886	5,712	6,723	1,011
Switzerland - - - - -	Dec. 1887	28,515	31,405	2,890
Tangier - - - - -	Jan. 1890	232	1,137	905
Tasmania - - - - -	Jan. 1887	2,329	2,708	439
Tobago - - - - -	Oct. 1885	166	192	26
Tortola - - - - -	Oct. 1886	38	31	(Dec.) 7
Trinidad - - - - -	Oct. 1885	2,604	3,290	686
Vi toria - - - - -	July 1886	13,018	14,937	1,939
West Coast of Africa - - - - -	Jan. 1888	3,316	4,336	1,020
Western Australia - - - - -	Jan. 1887	2,090	2,341	253
Zanzibar - - - - -	Jan. 1887	292	390	98
Totals - - - - -		673,907	753,395	79,488

* Including parcels for Bulgaria, Roumania, and Servia.

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

‡ Including parcels for Eastern Europe, Chili, &c.

§ Including parcels for China and the China Fleet.

|| 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 1891.

Number of Parcels.						Country.
Received.			Totals.			
1889-90.	1890-91.	Increase.	1889-90.	1890-91.	Increase.	
928	1,036	108	2,607	2,725	118	Aden.
367	369	32	1,945	2,335	390	Antigua.
9	220	211	208	1,690	1,482	Argentina Republic.
106	71	(Dec.) 35	514	500	(Dec.) 14	Ascension.
3,311	3,776	465	12,764	14,487	1,723	Austria.*
112	113	1	420	614	194	Bahamas.
967	1,144	177	4,731	5,301	570	Barbados.
9,896	12,015	2,119	37,864	43,308	5,444	Belgium.
—	367	367	—	2,446	2,446	Bermuda.
170	208	38	666	758	92	Beirut.
1,228	1,180	(Dec.) 48	5,770	6,023	253	British Guiana.
49	54	5	220	288	68	British Honduras.
8,168	9,402	1,324	32,769	36,505	3,736	Canada, Dominion of.
6,825	8,146	1,321	28,819	33,519	4,700	Cape of Good Hope.
3,478	3,638	160	10,328	11,340	1,012	Ceylon.
42	121	79	1,074	2,546	1,472	Colombia, Republic of.
324	344	20	2,929	3,176	247	Constantinople.
59	134	75	532	1,222	690	Costa Rica.
266	261	(Dec.) 5	1,237	1,216	(Dec.) 21	Cyprus.
105	107	2	710	837	127	Dominica.
4,150	5,123	973	10,824	12,671	1,847	Egypt.
82	87	5	429	538	109	Falkland Islands.
—	—	—	—	177	177	Fiji.
100,783	111,930	11,147	259,179	281,665	22,486	France.†
83,381	92,946	9,565	205,289	226,049	20,760	Germany.‡
2,980	3,144	164	10,964	11,691	727	Gibraltar.
246	301	55	1,253	1,352	99	Grenada.
14,004	16,336	2,332	38,358	43,130	4,772	Holland.
4,620	5,112	492	12,989	14,363	1,374	Hong Kong.§
47,671	50,658	2,987	115,588	126,421	10,833	India.
19,011	21,548	2,537	55,978	60,701	4,723	Italy.
1,536	1,558	22	8,192	9,515	1,323	Jamaica.
7	10	3	25	54	29	Labuan.
4,849	6,118	1,269	13,283	17,347	4,064	Malta.
220	234	14	1,237	1,334	97	Mauritius.
—	11	11	—	1,080	1,080	Mexico.
59	53	(Dec.) 6	368	399	31	Montserrat.
1,426	2,417	991	6,253	9,389	3,136	Natal.
41	53	12	205	282	77	Nevis.
272	279	7	1,806	1,862	56	Newfoundland.
4,832	5,111	279	19,779	22,041	2,262	New South Wales.
2,463	2,736	293	16,757	17,349	592	New Zealand.
56	93	37	219	288	69	North Borneo.
1,955	2,389	454	6,838	8,506	1,668	Norway.
—	—	—	225	1,146	921	Orange Free State.
263	186	(Dec.) 77	3,024	2,984	(Dec.) 40	Portugal.
166	155	(Dec.) 11	726	743	17	St. Helena.
181	200	19	1,090	1,245	155	St. Kitts.
112	151	39	669	856	187	St. Lucia.
86	55	(Dec.) 31	556	459	(Dec.) 77	St. Thomas.
113	169	56	624	701	77	St. Vincent.
—	—	—	120	171	51	Sarawak.
—	38	38	—	158	158	Seychelles.
—	—	—	—	238	238	Siam.
1,047	1,456	409	4,609	5,271	662	South Australia.
239	270	31	1,100	1,306	206	Smyrna.
2,150	2,303	153	6,339	7,576	1,237	Straits Settlements.
1,595	1,856	261	7,307	8,579	1,272	Sweden.
8,487	9,837	1,350	37,002	41,242	4,240	Switzerland.
**—	—	—	232	1,137	905	Tangier.
271	293	22	2,600	3,061	461	Tasmania.
43	37	(Dec.) 6	209	229	20	Tobago.
7	6	(Dec.) 1	45	37	(Dec.) 8	Tortola.
1,029	1,173	144	3,637	4,463	826	Trinidad.
3,400	3,762	362	16,418	18,719	2,301	Victoria.
1,267	1,389	132	4,573	5,725	1,152	West Coast of Africa.
353	340	(Dec.) 13	2,443	2,688	245	Western Australia.
152	156	4	444	546	102	Zanzibar.
351,985	394,925	42,940	1,025,892	1,148,320	122,428	

Postage rates were reduced in 1889-90 on parcels for the Cape Colony, Canada, Ascension, St. Helena, Gibraltar, Malta, and Tangier, and in 1890-91 on parcels for Cyprus, Egypt, and Natal.

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

STATEMENT of the estimated total NUMBER of LETTERS, POST CARDS, BOOK PACKETS, CIRCULARS, and SAMPLES, NEWSPAPERS, TELEGRAMS, and PARCELS dealt with, and of the Average Number per Head of the Population for the year ended the 31st March 1891.

	Population.	Letters.		Post Cards.		Book Packets, Circulars, and Samples.*		Newspapers.		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	29,000,000	1,432,940,000	50·4	195,000,000	6·7	411,900,000	14·2	127,800,000	4·4	55,653,033	1·9	38,324,730	1·3
Scotland	4,033,103	143,900,000	35·5	24,000,000	6·0	44,600,000	11·1	10,800,000	4·1	7,077,368	1·7	4,878,937	1·2
Ireland	4,702,162	99,800,000	21·3	10,700,000	2·3	24,700,000	5·2	16,600,000	3·5	2,673,735	·8	3,184,369	·7
Totals	37,735,265	1,705,800,000	45·2	229,700,000	6·1	481,200,000	12·8	161,000,000	4·3	65,409,311	1·7	46,387,966	1·2

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

Letters	63·4	Telegrams	3·5
Post Cards	8·6	Parcels	1·7
Newspapers	5·9		

* The total number of samples dealt with amounted to 3,900,000, of which number 1,400,000 were posted in London.

APPENDIX B.

Registered Letters.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Letters Registered by the Public in the United Kingdom in each of the last Ten Years 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.		
1881-82	-	-	6,674,859	8·6	2,804,169	8·0	9,479,028	8·4	753,491	8·3	669,799	12·2	10,902,318	8·6
1882-83	-	-	6,827,123	2·3	2,905,633	3·6	9,732,755	2·7	896,554	7·0	725,617	8·3	11,264,926	3·3
1883-84	-	-	6,965,920	2·3	2,942,971	1·3	9,925,491	2·0	896,596	10·0	729,996	dec.	11,545,072	2·5
1884-85	-	-	6,763,821	3·1	2,972,203	1·0	9,740,724	1·9	914,017	3·1	710,410	2·7	11,965,151	1·5
1885-86	-	-	6,469,979	2·9	2,932,691	dec.	9,632,570	2·2	909,537	dec.	696,953	1·9	11,129,060	2·1
1886-87	-	-	6,177,160	6·0	2,971,166	inc.	9,148,326	4·0	928,976	inc.	702,253	inc.	10,779,556	3·1
1887-88	-	-	6,163,898	0·2	3,032,309	2·1	9,196,257	1·4	920,055	dec.	698,410	dec.	10,814,722	0·3
1888-89	-	-	6,192,027	0·5	3,160,554	4·2	9,352,301	1·2	932,223	inc.	716,501	inc.	11,061,085	1·7
1889-90	-	-	6,340,350	2·4	3,326,526	5·3	9,666,576	3·4	972,636	4·3	718,423	3·6	11,387,935	3·2
1890-91	-	-	6,384,514	·9	3,288,804	2·6	9,638,318	·3	1,001,483	3·0	722,996	·6	11,357,197	dec. ·006

The decrease in the numbers for the past seven years is principally due to the fact that money is now more frequently transmitted through the post by means of Postal Orders enclosed in unregistered letters.

APPENDIX C.

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

Year.	Towns having one Mail only.		Towns having Two Mails.		Towns having Three Mails.		Towns having Four Mails.		Towns having Five Mails.		Towns having Six Mails.		Towns having Seven Mails.		Towns having Eight Mails.		Aggregate Total No. of Mails.		Total No. of Post Towns in England and Wales.
	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	
1889-90	3	36	103	197	270	193	170	127	60	42	21	23	7	12	1	—	2,182	1,379	685
1890-91	1	32	98	195	236	188	169	135	82	43	35	30	5	14	1	—	2,274	2,019	637
Increase	—	—	—	—	26	—	—	8	22	1	14	2	—	2	—	—	92	40	2
Decrease	2	4	5	2	—	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—

APPENDIX D.

**ABSTRACT of CONTRACTS or AGREEMENTS for the Conveyance of
Home Mails by Sea.**

APPENDIX D.

Abstract of Contracts or Agreements for

Line of Communication.	How often.	Number, Size, and Character of Vessels.	Contractors.	Contract.		
				When made.	When commenced.	Terminates.
LEETWOOD and BELFAST.	Week days	Steam vessels	North Lancashire Steam Navigation Company (but payment made through Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company).	1 July 1889	1 July 1889	1 July 1892 (afterwards on six months' notice).
LILYHEAD and KINGSTOWN.	Twice a day	Four Mail Packets specially built and maintained for the service.	City of Dublin Steam Packet Company.	20 Aug. 1883	1 Oct. 1883	30 Sept. 1895 (afterwards on 12 months' notice).
LIVERPOOL and DOUGLAS (ISLE of MAN.)	Once on week days.	A sufficient number of efficient steam vessels.	Isle of Man Steam Packet Company.	17 Jan. 1883	- - -	1 Oct. 1884 (afterwards on six months' notice).
PERZANCE and SOILLY	Three times a week in summer. Twice a week in winter.	Steam vessel	West Cornwall Steam Packet Company.	31 July 1874	1 Feb. 1874	On 6 months' notice.
PORTSMOUTH and RYDE.	Once daily, with the Night Mails. <i>See "Remarks."</i>	Steam vessels	London, Brighton, and South Coast, and London and South-Western Railway Companies.	- - -	1 July 1890	1 July 1895 -
SOUTHAMPTON and CHANNEL ISLANDS.	Once on week days.	Steam vessels	London and South-Western Railway Company.	- - -	1 Jan. 1870. No formal Contract.	On 6 months' notice.
SOUTHAMPTON and COWES.	Once on week days, but <i>see</i> "Remarks."	Steam vessels	Southampton, Isle of Wight, and South of England Royal Mail Steam Packet Company.	- - -	1 Jan. 1874. No Contract.	- - -
WYMOUTH and CHANNEL ISLANDS.	6 days a week	Steam vessels	Great Western Railway Company, as successors of the Weymouth and Channel Islands Steam Packet Company.	- - -	Aug. 1881. No Contract.	- - -
SCOTLAND. ABERDEEN and LERWICK.	Five days a week in summer. Three days a week in winter.	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	North of Scotland and Orkney and Shetland Steam Navigation Company.	June 1891	1 June 1891	1 June 1895 -
LERWICK and NORTH ISLES.	Thrice a week.	Steam vessel	Do.			
ARROSSAN and ARRAN.	Six days a week.	Steam vessel	George Buchanan, factor to the trustees of the late William Buchanan.	- - -	- - -	- - -

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the Conveyance of Home Mails by Sea.

Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
1,000 <i>l</i> .	-	-	-	The Department, has the general use of the Company's vessels.
84,000 <i>l</i> .	Outward journey (including transfer on both sides of the Channel), 4 <i>h</i> . 7 <i>m</i> . Inward journey (including transfer), 4 <i>h</i> . 2 <i>m</i> .	1 <i>l</i> . 1 <i>s</i> . per minute	If on any occasion vessel is not ready, penalty of 100 <i>l</i> ., and 1 <i>l</i> . 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 35,000 <i>l</i> . It includes payment for parcel services.
4,500 <i>l</i> .	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 5 <i>s</i> . a week for parcels.
450 <i>l</i> . and 100 <i>l</i> . 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.
1,400 <i>l</i> . (including payment for parcels).	25 minutes each trip.	-	200 <i>l</i> .	The Department has also the general use of the Companies' vessels which are constantly plying between the two places.
6,500 <i>l</i> .	Between Southampton and Guernsey, 9 hours; between Southampton and Jersey, 12 hours.	-	3,000 <i>l</i> .	An additional 500 <i>l</i> . allowed some years ago for a service six days a week in lieu of four days a week in winter. This was sanctioned by Treasury in August 1882.
150 <i>l</i> .	-	-	-	No Contract. The Post Office has the general use of the Company's vessels.
200 <i>l</i> .	-	-	-	No Contract. The Post Office has the general use of the Company's vessels. This is a supplementary service to the one from Southampton.
6,000 <i>l</i> . (See Remarks).	-	-	200 <i>l</i> . P.M.G. to charter another vessel at Contractors' expense.	3,000 <i>l</i> . of this sum is paid by the Post Office, and 3,000 <i>l</i> . by the Scottish Office.
400 <i>l</i> .	-	-	100 <i>l</i> .	There is at present no formal Contract entered into for this service.

APPENDIX D.—continued.

Line of Communication.	How often.	Number, Size, and Character of Vessels.	Contractors.	Contract.		
				When made.	When commenced.	Terminates.
GLASGOW and CAMPBELTOWN.	Once on week days.	Steam vessels	C. A. Murray, for Campbeltown and Glasgow Steam Packet Company, Limited.	- - -	- - -	- - -
GLASGOW, GREENOCK, OBAN, PORTREE, and STORNOWAY.	Twice a week in summer, once in winter.	Steam vessels	David MacBrayne	10, 14, 20 Jan. 1881.	4 Aug. 1880.	4 Aug. 1881 -
GREENOCK and BELFAST } ARDROSSAN and BELFAST }	Including Parcel Post Service. } Once on week days.	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	Sir John Burns, Baronet.	21, 23, 24, and 25 August 1883.	1 Aug. 1883	1 Aug. 1888, afterwards on 12 months' notice.
{ GREENOCK ROTHERSAY, and ARDRISHAIG.	Week days -	Steam vessel	David MacBrayne	10, 14, and 20 Jan. 1881.	4 Aug. 1880	4 Aug. 1881, afterwards on 6 months' notice.
{ GREENOCK, ROTHERSAY, and ARDRISHAIG (Parcels).	Week days -	Steam vessel	David MacBrayne	8 and 20 Dec. 1884.	1 Aug. 1884	1 Aug. 1888, afterwards on 3 months' notice.
GREENOCK and LOCK- GOILHEAD.	Six days a week in summer, four in winter.	Steam vessel	M. T. Clark, for Lockgoil Steam Packet Company.	21 Nov. and 4 Dec. 1878.	1 June 1877	1 Dec. 1887, afterwards on 3 months' notice.
GREENOCK and KIL- MUN.	Week days -	Steam vessel	Capt. Jas. Williamson, for Caledonian Steam Packet Company.	- - -	1 Jan. 1887 No Contract.	- - -
GREENOCK and TARBET (HARRIS).	Once a week -	Steam vessel "Dunara Castle."	Martin Orme & Co.	May 1891	1 June 1891	Provisional arrangement to terminate not later than 30 Sept. 1892.
GREENOCK and DUN- VEGAN.	Once a week -	Steamer "Hebridean."	John McCallum & Co.	May 1891	1 June 1891	
INVERNESS and FORT AUGUSTUS.	Six days a week.	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	David MacBrayne	10, 14, and 20 Jan. 1881.	4 Aug. 1880	- - -
KIRK WALL and NORTH ISLES.	Twice a week	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	Geo. Robertson -	- - -	21 May 1882	3 months' notice terminable on 4 Aug. 1881, afterwards on 6 months' notice.
{ OBAN and FORT WILLIAM.	Once a day, six days a week.	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	David MacBrayne	10 & 16 Nov. 1881.	1 Apr. 1881	On 6 months' notice after 1 Apr. 1884.
{ OBAN and FORT WILLIAM (Parcels).	Once a day, six days a week.	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	David MacBrayne	13 Dec. 1884, 2 Jan. 1885.	1 Aug. 1884	On 3 months' notice after 1 Aug. 1885.

APPENDIX D.—continued.

Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
630£.	• • • • •	• • • • •	135£.	The Department has also the general use of these steamers, as run by the Company for their own traffic purposes.
200£.	• • • • •	• • • • •	•	Forms a part of Greenock, Rothesay, and Ardrishaig Contract. The Department has the general use of the steamers.
8,000£. 1st year. 8,500£. 2nd year. 9,000£. 3rd year. 10,000£. 4th and 5th years, and to continue until notice is given by either side to terminate the Contract.	• • • • •	• • • • •	1,000£.	
1,800£.	• • • • •	• • • • •	1,000£.	
245£.	• • • • •	• • • • •	•	This payment includes the Parcel Service between Greenock, Portree, and Stornoway, and Inverness and Fort Augustus.
100£. and 1s. a cwt. for parcels.	• • • • •	• • • • •	50£.	
125£.	• • • • •	• • • • •	•	Payment includes the Parcel Service.
1,000£. a year, of which 250£. are paid by Post Office and 750£. by Scottish Office.	• • • • •	• • • • •	•	General use as far as practicable of the two steamers, "Dunara Castle" and "Hebridean."
210£.	—	—	—	
100£. and 1s. a cwt. for parcels.	• • • • •	• • • • •	•	No Contract.
600£.	Out. 3 hrs. 30 mins. In. 3 hrs. 30 mins.	• • • • •	300£.	
65£.	—	—	—	

APPENDIX D.—*continued.*

Line of Communication.	How often.	Number, Size, and Character of Vessels.	Contractors.	Contract.		
				When made.	When commenced.	Terminates.
OBAN and TOBER-MORY.	Once a day, six days a week.	Steam vessel	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -
OBAN round MULL via Carsaig.	Once a day, six days a week.	Steam vessel	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -
Calls at Tiree and Coll.	Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -
OBAN and DUNVEGAN, calling at Castlebay, Lochboisdale and Lochmaddy.	Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.	Steam vessel.	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -
DUNVEGAN and OBAN, calling at Loch Pooltiel and Loch Bracedale;	Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.		- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -
And also at Canna and Rum.	Tuesdays and Thursdays.		David Mac-Brayne.	Apr. 1891.	1 May 1891.	30 Sept. 1892, on 6 months' notice. <i>See Remarks.</i>
OBAN and LOCHMADDY, calling at Loch Bracedale, Loch Pooltiel, and Dunvegan;	Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.	Steam vessel.	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -
And also at Rum and Canna.	Tuesdays and Saturdays.		- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -
LOCHMADDY and OBAN, calling at Loch Boisdale and Castlebay.	Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -
PORTREE and LOCHMADDY and DUNVEGAN.	Out. — Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. In. — Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.	Steam vessel	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -
STROME FERRY and STORNOWAY.	Once a day, six days a week each way.	Steam vessel	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -
STROME FERRY and PORTREE.	6 days a week	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	David MacBrayne	1 Dec. 1887	1 Oct. 1888.	After 1 year on 12 months' notice.
ROTHESAY and WHIMYS BAY.	Week days for about 8½ months.	Steam vessel	Per Caledonian Steam Packet Company, Capt. Jas. Williamson.	- - -	1 Apr. 1891.	After 1 year on 3 months' notice.

APPENDIX D.—*continued.*

Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
555 <i>l.</i>	At rate of 10 sea miles an hour.	- . .	- . .	
1,500 <i>l.</i>	At rate of 10 sea miles an hour.	- . .	- . .	
- . .	- . .	- . .	- . .	
6,000 <i>l.</i>	At rate of not less than 11 sea miles an hour.	- . .	6,000 <i>l.</i> To be recovered by way of liquidated damages, and not by way of penalty.	Notice must be given on or before 31st March 1892 to terminate following 30th September. Of the total sum of 12,605 <i>l.</i> a year payable under this contract, 5,845 <i>l.</i> is paid by the Post Office, and 6,750 <i>l.</i> by the Scottish Office.
1,550 <i>l.</i>	At rate of not less than 10 sea miles an hour.	- . .	- . .	
3,000 <i>l.</i>	At rate of 11 sea miles an hour.	20 <i>l.</i> for undue delay or deviation from course.	- . .	In event of accident, storm, &c. preventing despatch in due course of the Stromo Ferry-Portree Steamer, Contractor allowed to divert the Stromo Ferry-Stornoway Steamer from the direct course and touch at Broadford, Raasay, and Portree. In every such case special report to be furnished within two days to P.M.G. and Secretary for Scotland detailing circumstances.
650 <i>l.</i>	- . .	20 <i>l.</i> for undue delay or deviation from course.	100 <i>l.</i>	Payment includes the Parcel Service.
325 <i>l.</i>	- . .	- . .	- . .	Payment includes Parcels Service and a service from Gourock to Kilm and Dunoon for about 7 months of the year.

APPENDIX D.—continued.

Line of Communication.	How often.	Number, Size, and Character of Vessels.	Contractors.	Contract.		
				When made.	When commenced.	Terminates.
SCRABSTER (THURSO) STROMNESS. PIER and	6 days a week	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	North of Scotland and Orkney and Shetland Steam Navigation Company.	- - -	12 Feb. 1869	After 5 years on 6 months' notice.
STROMNESS and LONGHOPE.	3 days a week	Sailing boat	R. Monat and W. Tayler.	- - -	10 June 1864	- - -
TARBET and ISLAY. GREENOCK and ISLAY, included.	Week days	Steam vessel	David MacBrayne	30 Sept. 1879.	4 Nov. 1878	4 Nov. 1879, afterwards on 6 months' notice.
GREENOCK and ISLAY (Parcels).	Week days	Steam vessel	David MacBrayne	12 Dec. 1884, 5 Jan. 1885.	1 Aug. 1884	1 Aug. 1885, afterwards on 3 months' notice.
VIEKIE (SHETLAND) and FAIR ISLE.	Once a fortnight.	Sailing vessel.	John Bruce	- - -	1 Nov. 1883	- - -
WALLS (SHETLAND) and FOULA.	Once a fortnight.	Sailing vessel.	L. F. U. Garriock	1 April 1885	1 July 1885	30 June 1887, afterwards on 6 months' notice.
KENMORE and KILLIN.	- - -	- - -	The Marquis of Breadalbane, per William J. Fraser.	- - -	- - -	- - -

In many cases the service commenced in addition to the payments given in detail above, Letters, &c. are conveyed by Private Ships to and from places 2,100*l.* a year, and the principal payments are as follows:—

For Stranraer and Larne Service* - - - - -
 „ Glasgow, Greenock, and Londonderry Service - - - - -
 „ Waterford and Milford Haven Service - - - - -

There are also a number of small miscellaneous fixed payments for conveyance of Home Mails and for ferryage in any case 50*l.* a year which have not been included in the above statement.

* A new contract Mail Service is about to be established by the Larne and Stranraer route, and the payment per 100 Letters will then cease.

General Post Office, 1st May, 1891.

APPENDIX E.

Staff of Officers.

Totals 31 Mar. 1900.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar. 1901.
		Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	
1	Postmaster General . .	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
8	Secretary, Financial Secretary, Third Secretary, Assistant Secretaries (3), Surveyor General for Scotland, and Secretary for Ireland.	6	—	1	—	1	—	8	—	8
42	Superior Officers in Metro- politan Offices.	35	1	3	—	3	—	41	1	42
16	Surveyors -	10	—	3	—	3	—	16	—	16
927	Head Postmasters : Metropolitan . .	11	1	—	—	—	—	773	156	929
	Provinces	545	90	130	34	97	31			
17,166	Letter Receivers and Sub- Postmasters : Metropolitan . .	722	100	41	6	69	66	13,429	4,058	17,487
	Provinces	9,633	2,724	1,224	492	1,740	670			
3,833	Clerks and Superintending Officers : Metropolitan . .	1,626	859	90	27	106	20	3,194	951	4,145
	Provinces	1,181	38	168	7	43	—			
19,021	Supervisors, Overseers, Counter- men, Sorters, Telegraphists, &c. : Metropolitan . .	6,933	1,655	461	99	523	70	16,130	3,703	19,833
	Sorting Clerks and Telegra- phists : Provinces	6,764	1,414	943	340	556	127			
20,011	Postmen, Porters, &c. : Metropolitan . .	5,480	—	287	—	211	—	21,345	6	21,351
	Provinces	12,329	5	1,889	1	1,140	—			
52,496	Carried forward - .	45,276	6,887	5,210	1,006	4,501	984	54,987	8,877	63,864

APPENDIX E.—*continued.*

Totals 31 Mar. 1890.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar. 1891.
		Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	
	Brought forward - -	45,276	6,887	5,210	1,006	4,501	964	54,987	8,877	63,864
52,406	Persons employed in unesta- blished positions, viz., As- sistants to Postmasters, &c., Auxiliary Postmen, Boy Sorters, Boy Messengers, Telegraph Messengers, Tele- graph Construction Hands, Copyists, Female Servants, Commissionaires, &c.:									
	Metropolitan - - -	8,037	1,297	367	103	505	190	38,060	16,066	54,116
	Provinces - - -	22,880	11,064	3,016	1,318	3,246	2,116			
4	Postmasters and Clerks abroad (under direction of Post- master General).	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	4
5	Agents in Foreign Countries for collection of postage.	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	5
113,550	Totals - - -	76,193	19,218	8,593	2,426	8,252	3,269	96,046	24,943	117,989

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 1890, and in the Year ended 31st March 1891.

	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.	
	1889-90.	1890-91.	1889-90.	1890-91.	1889-90.	1890-91.	1889-90.	1890-91.	1889-90.	1890-91.
LONDON - -	2,648,137	2,706,257	27,471	36,864	2,367,911	2,294,646	128,773	128,563	228,063	246,764
MANCHESTER -	389,930	393,479	14,531	10,447	329,740	338,137	9,636	10,066	36,081	33,859
LIVERPOOL -	322,973	340,223	8,177	15,546	278,924	283,376	18,601	16,161	24,561	25,152
BIRMINGHAM -	339,971	258,710	5,448	4,763	213,464	232,063	4,543	4,896	16,516	16,966
LEEDS - -	227,330	235,643	4,279	4,645	193,053	200,884	6,428	7,047	23,570	23,066
BRISTOL - -	328,840	333,129	7,436	9,190	286,257	290,144	11,469	10,700	23,678	23,066
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.	156,962	175,683	2,707	2,888	127,888	137,646	6,275	6,532	30,092	28,616
NOTTINGHAM -	175,349	180,854	4,591	5,430	152,699	157,468	4,068	4,063	13,991	13,904
PLYMOUTH -	42,598	56,250	573	507	35,279	46,671	2,762	4,133	3,964	4,939
EDINBURGH -	203,596	224,390	9,214	11,378	178,713	196,499	6,315	6,355	9,354	8,158
GLASGOW - -	190,599	200,329	19,354	18,254	158,101	167,622	5,110	5,067	8,034	9,386
ABERDEEN -	25,643	25,708	904	984	22,076	21,904	703	751	1,960	2,064
INVERNESS -	15,806	17,238	1,089	1,063	13,597	14,834	339	361	961	941
DUBLIN - -	206,929	220,395	8,071	9,024	175,685	188,147	11,960	11,898	12,613	11,416
BELFAST - -	61,666	61,347	3,537	4,724	45,237	46,960	2,343	2,528	10,249	7,115
CORK - -	36,260	44,976	1,154	1,419	22,904	36,931	3,443	3,489	2,759	3,167
Head Post Offices authorised to return certain letters, &c. direct to senders	1,087,113	1,094,566	—	—	1,037,113	1,094,566	—	—	—	—
TOTALS -	6,311,102	6,568,270	119,396	136,644	5,539,551	5,750,527	214,839	222,491	437,236	458,066
Increase in 1890-91 over 1889-90.	257,168		17,258		210,976		7,652		21,232	

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

	Post Cards received.		Books and Circulars received.		Newspapers received.		Patterns and Samples received.		Parcels received.		Parcels returned to Senders, or re-issued to Addressees.	
	1889-90.	1890-91.	1889-90.	1890-91.	1889-90.	1890-91.	1889-90.	1890-91.	1889-90.	1890-91.	1889-90.	1890-91.
LONDON -	80,811	85,808	2,287,594	2,242,994	337,818	391,391	3,708	3,776	44,330	46,023	30,157	30,923
MANCHESTER -	32,833	32,975	541,109	531,131	17,425	13,887	162	78	4,578	4,358	2,887	2,659
LIVERPOOL -	34,535	35,796	378,669	332,468	18,788	18,063	343	628	2,393	2,205	2,631	2,189
BIRMINGHAM -	27,464	29,313	275,455	304,985	11,683	8,730	1,306	1,180	2,701	2,604	1,847	1,908
LEEDS -	16,500	17,623	265,236	290,273	7,753	9,044	296	467	2,919	2,495	1,814	1,719
BRISTOL -	13,990	14,235	389,617	339,183	12,904	15,638	1,289	1,574	5,306	5,066	3,229	3,105
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.	11,126	12,164	174,220	173,193	5,391	5,996	575	437	1,968	1,818	1,348	1,224
NOTTINGHAM -	3,145	3,265	233,911	237,912	6,066	5,933	225	184	2,635	2,441	1,672	1,799
PLYMOUTH -	2,481	3,241	39,163	56,976	1,871	2,539	196	241	631	738	304	447
EDINBURGH -	21,509	25,074	242,698	263,866	16,487	16,207	487	727	4,562	4,324	3,423	3,290
GLASGOW -	35,469	37,112	144,048	162,438	9,142	10,875	929	394	2,523	2,671	2,014	2,164
ABERDEEN -	764	717	28,896	27,450	1,865	1,618	21	35	323	283	177	153
INVERNESS -	973	963	16,927	18,651	1,715	1,394	62	53	312	269	185	171
DUBLIN -	17,796	18,487	205,116	231,006	37,580	34,062	127	80	4,123	4,178	2,971	2,541
BELFAST -	4,525	6,853	67,263	74,415	4,963	4,296	11	4	755	577	519	377
CORK -	651	697	28,512	37,261	2,248	2,973	9	24	446	479	230	253
Head Post Offices authorized to return certain letters to direct to senders	537,030	571,232	1,392,712	1,601,533	57,423	57,691	17,741	20,335	26,469	29,383	26,469	29,383
TOTALS	841,076	892,088	6,661,201	6,923,735	551,022	598,447	27,486	30,237	107,863	110,902	81,277	84,578
Increase in 1890-91 over 1889-90.	51,012		262,534		47,425		2,751		3,039		3,301	

APPENDIX G.

Foreign and Colonial

Line of Packets.	Contracts.		Payment.
	Com- mencement.	Termination.	
AUSTRALIA:			
Brindisi or Naples and Adelaide	1 Feb. 1888	31st January 1896	£ 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) 1,236
BRAZIL, RIVER PLATE, AND CHILI:			
Fortnightly Service from Southampton	1 Sept. 1876	On 6 months' notice	(a) 7,178
Do. do.	1 Jan. 1888	Do. for Parcel Post	(a) 69
Fortnightly service from Liverpool	1 July 1878	On 6 months' notice	(a) 15,639
CAPE OF GOOD HOPE and NATAL:			
Do. do. for calls	Contracts with	Colonial Governments	-
at St. Helena and Ascension	-	-	(c) 2,733
Natal	17 June 1887	On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post	(a) 383
EAST INDIES and CHINA			
-	1 Feb. 1888	On 31st January 1896	265,000
-	1 July 1885	On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post	(a) 2,587
MAURITIUS and CEYLON			
-	Service provided under arrangement with Colonial Office		-
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) 12,443
Do.	1 Oct. 1887	On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post	(a) 3,987
Dover and Ostend	Arrangement with Belgian Government		4,500
Channel Islands and St. Malo and Granville	15 Feb. 1888	On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post	(a) 33
Liverpool, Constantinople, and Smyrna	1 Jan. 1886	On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post	(a) 35
London to Hamburg	1 Jan. 1886	On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post	(a) 363
United Kingdom and Lisbon	1 Jan. 1888	On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post	(a) 48
NORTH AMERICA:			
Queenstown to New York	1 March 1887	On 12 months' notice	(a) 99,152
Do. do.	31 March 1889	Do. for Parcel Post	(a) 30
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) 648
Liverpool to Mexico	1 March 1890	On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post	(a) 34
PANAMA to VALPARAISO	1 July 1878	On 6 months' notice	(a) 4,167
WEST INDIES:			
Fortnightly service	1 July 1890	On 30th June 1896	92,709
Additional Services:			
Non-Contract Service	-	-	(a) 309
Turk's Islands (Colonial Contract)	27 Oct. 1888	On 6 months' notice	(c) 250
British Honduras (direct)	1 March 1887	On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post	(a) 1
WEST COAST OF AFRICA			
-	Indefinite	-	(a) 9,866
-	1 Jan. 1888	On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post	(a) 189

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

(b) Including 2,235*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.	
				To 31 Dec. 1890.	From 1 Jan. 1891.
100l. for every 24 hours.	{ South Australia Victoria } 75,000l. New South Wales	£ 31,200	£ 60,800	5d.	2½d.
.	.	.	.	5d.	2½d.
.	.	1,236	Nil.	.	.
.	.	20,086	2,800	4d.	4d.
.	.	133	2,800	4d.	2½d.
.	.	383	Nil.	4d.	2½d.
200l. for every 12 hours late at Brindisi. In other cases 100l.	{ India, 44,975l. Ceylon, 1,400l. Straits Settlements, 6,000l. Hong Kong, 3,000l. }	65,212	144,000	{ Mediterranean 2½d. India - } 5d. Ceylon - } China, &c. - }	2½d.
.	.	.	.	4d.	2½d.
5l. for 15 minutes or upwards.	.	.	.	4d.	4d.
.	.	3,937	Nil.	2½d.	2½d.
.	.	.	.	2½d.	2½d.
.	.	33	Nil.	.	.
.	.	35	Nil.	.	.
.	.	363	Nil.	.	.
.	.	48	Nil.	.	.
.	.	64,792	24,400	2½d.	2½d.
.	.	30	Nil.	.	.
.	.	500	3,500	.	.
.	.	34	Nil.	Bermuda - 4d.	4d.
.	.	2,567	1,600	4d.	4d.
25l. for every 24 hours.	{ Antigua . . . 489 Barbados . . . 4,337 British Guiana . . . 7,480 Dominica . . . 186 Grenada . . . 372 Jamaica . . . 4,163 Montserrat . . . 86 Nevis . . . 71 St. Kitt's . . . 470 St. Lucia . . . 308 St. Vincent . . . 310 Tobago . . . 151 Tortola . . . 18 Trinidad . . . 3,998 }	(d) 25,309	45,700	4d.	2½d.
.	.	6,255	3,800	{ Union Places 2½d. or 4d. Non-Union 6d.	.

(d) These amounts are subject to adjustment.

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 -	5,999,883	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	1,175,816	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 -	11,392,098	6,700,504	18,092,602	2,490,776	1,588,489	22,171,867
1878-79 -	11,592,899	8,630,019	20,422,918	2,477,008	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 -	14,304,479	12,071,034	26,375,513	3,207,994	1,862,354	31,345,861
1882-83 -	14,554,015	12,374,707	26,928,722	3,244,902	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	20,263,539	48,532,669	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
1890-91 -	32,827,055	22,831,033	55,658,088	7,077,388	3,678,735	66,409,211

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 1889-90 and 1890-91; and the Increase in each Month of the latter Year over the corresponding Month of the former Year.

Month.	Number of Telegrams.		Increase.
	1890-91.	1889-90.	
April - - -	5,240,837	4,940,798	300,044
May - - -	5,837,192	5,412,604	424,588
June - - - -	5,620,339	5,274,057	346,282
July - - -	6,359,052	5,862,570	496,482
August - - -	6,124,479	5,884,428	240,051
September - - -	6,008,575	5,352,182	651,393
October - - -	5,944,373	5,669,358	275,015
November - - -	5,243,100	5,138,012	105,088
December - -	5,148,232	4,671,467	476,765
January - - -	4,980,810	4,817,069	163,741
February - -	4,651,995	4,383,706	268,289
March - - -	5,255,227	4,997,153	258,074
	66,409,211	62,403,399	4,005,812

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 1883	-	-	£ s. d. 10,635 19 0	£ s. d. 8,608 19 9	£ s. d. 21,920 10 2
" 1883	-	-	12,978 2 0	10,069 17 8	26,087 10 0
" 1884	-	-	11,746 16 5	11,142 10 3	25,775 2 5
" 1885	-	-	12,666 5 2	11,651 3 2	27,097 8 2
" 1886	-	-	11,899 15 8	12,143 0 10	26,997 0 0
" 1887	-	-	12,509 17 9	13,703 2 7	29,906 17 10
" 1888	-	-	13,140 18 0	14,350 7 11	30,584 5 11
" 1889	-	-	14,870 7 10	15,118 7 3	33,414 14 7
" 1890	-	-	15,495 9 6½	16,355 9 7	36,328 19 1
" 1891	-	-	15,906 12 10	16,786 7 3	36,380 9 7

APPENDIX J.

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

- (30.) The alteration from six to seven hours attendance daily, which was made in the case of the Lower Division Clerks in January 1889, was extended to the old Second and Third Classes on the 16th April 1890, and a similar extension of the hours of the Female Clerks was made on the 1st December 1890. In both cases improved scales of pay were granted. Seven hours' attendance.
- (31.) The new building in Knight-riding Street was opened in July last. New Building for Savings Bank Department.
- (32.) The expenses of management in the year 1890 amounted to 326,394*l.* against 336,954*l.* in the previous year, but it is to be pointed out that, while the amount in 1890 included 8,502*l.* for purchase of Land and for New Buildings, that in 1889 included a far larger sum for such purposes, viz. 38,395*l.* The average cost per transaction in 1890 calculated on the gross amounts is 6*s.* 7*d.* and the per-centage of expenses to the total Balance of the Post Office Savings Bank is 9*s.* 7*d.* 82*d.* against 7*s.* 44*d.* and 10*s.* 8*s.* 36*d.* in 1889; but, if the expenditure on account of Land and New Buildings be omitted in each case, interest on the amounts at 5 per cent. being added instead, the cost per transaction and the per-centage of expenses become 6*s.* 54*d.* and 9*s.* 4*s.* 95*d.* in 1890 and 6*s.* 64*d.* and 9*s.* 6*s.* 46*d.* in 1889. Cost of management.
Average cost per transaction, &c., on gross expenses.
Average cost per transaction &c., on net expenses.
- (33.) Type-writing machines are now employed to a considerable extent in this Department with satisfactory results, not only reports, memoranda to Postmasters, &c., but also letters to the public being type-written. It is found that Boy Clerks and Boy Copyists, after a moderate amount of practice, become as a rule very efficient in the use of the machines. Type-writing.
- (34.) During the year visits were paid to the Department by Government officials from Canada, Jamaica, and Japan, and applications for information respecting the system were received from France, Austria, Italy, Spain, Belgium, and the United States of America. Post Office Savings Banks abroad.
- (35.) From the Cape of Good Hope I learn that the amount which a person may deposit in the Post Office Savings Bank has been raised from 200*l.* to 500*l.*, or, inclusive of accumulated interest, to 600*l.*; while at the same time power has been given to depositors to invest 1,000*l.* in Savings Bank Certificates having the direct security of the Public Revenue and repayable on three months' notice being given to the Postmaster General. The rate of interest on such investments is at present fixed at 4 per cent. During the year 1889 there were 43,430 deposits amounting to 294,436*l.* and 14,605 withdrawals amounting to 262,756*l.*, the number of accounts remaining open on the 31st December being 18,392 with an aggregate sum of 363,430*l.* standing to their credit. The increase was less than in the preceding year owing to large withdrawals having been made in the early part of 1889 "when the mania for share speculation was at its height." When the public interest in the Gold Fields began to decline the withdrawals fell off. The charges of management represented an average of 6½*d.* per transaction. In Queensland, South Australia, and New Zealand, the business of the Cape of Good Hope.
Australasia.

Government Savings Banks during the year 1889 showed but little increase. In the first-named Colony the depositors numbered 43,875 with an amount of 1,597,784*l.* standing to their credit on the 31st December 1889; in the second there were 69,193 depositors with 1,923,292*l.* on the 30th June 1890; and in the third there were 90,745 depositors with 2,191,451*l.* on the 31st December 1889. With regard to the Government Savings Bank in Queensland, it is stated that the income arising from the investment of deposits is insufficient to provide for the interest paid to depositors, and that a serious inroad has had to be made on the Reserve Fund.

France.

(36.) In France the business of the Post Office Savings Bank during the year 1889 more than maintained the marked progress of the preceding year. The deposits (1,701,267) amounted to 8,336,422*l.* and the withdrawals (622,646) to 6,072,028*l.* The average amount of each deposit was therefore 4*l.* 18*s.* and of each withdrawal 9*l.* 15*s.* as compared with averages of 2*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.* and 6*l.* 3*s.* 10*d.* respectively in this country. The total number of accounts remaining open at the end of 1889 was 1,301,743, the balance standing to their credit being 13,282,956*l.*, which represents an average balance per account of 10*l.* 4*s.* as compared with 14*l.* 0*s.* 3*d.* here. A slight falling off occurred in the investments in Government Stock, the number of such transactions being 3,255 and the amount of Stock purchased 159,278*l.* The special facilities for immediate repayment by means of messages transmitted by pneumatic tube or by telegram were all more largely used. In Austria the Post Office

Austria.

Savings Banks received during 1889 1,224,310 deposits amounting to 1,819,505*l.*, and paid 388,145 withdrawals amounting to 1,571,691*l.* On the 31st December the number of depositors was 719,431 and the total sum to their credit 1,790,752*l.* In Italy, during the same year, the Post Office Savings Banks were, like other financial institutions, adversely affected by the economic crisis which prevailed in that country throughout 1889, the difference between the amount deposited, 7,253,148*l.*, and that withdrawn, 6,742,359*l.*, not being so favourable as in the previous 12 months. At the end of the year the number of open accounts was 1,941,254, the balance to their credit being 11,438,173*l.* Notwithstanding the check in the growth of the Savings Bank business proper, the purchasers of Government Stock, both as regards number and amount, viz., 8,984 and 389,189*l.*, show a great increase over the previous 12 months. In Belgium there was a steady advance in the business of the General Savings Bank, to which institution the Post Office Savings Banks are affiliated. On the 31st December 1889 the private accounts—in contra-distinction to the public accounts into which Government subventions and grants-in-aid for local purposes are paid—numbered 652,322, the total sum due therein being 10,927,672*l.* The investments in Government Stock on behalf of depositors were 2,661 and the nominal value of the Stock purchased 275,240*l.*, while 1,675 sales were effected, amounting to 226,284*l.* At the end of the year 8,981 inscriptions of Stock, amounting to 1,914,277*l.*, were standing in the names of depositors. In the Netherlands the

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number of Post Office Savings Bank accounts open at the end of 1889, viz., 241,175, and the sum standing to their credit, viz., 1,460,242*l.*, show an increase of about one-fifth and one-fourth respectively, in comparison with the corresponding period of 1888. In Sweden, likewise, the business of the Post Office Savings Bank during the same year advanced by "leaps and bounds," the amount due to 202,520 depositors at its close, viz., 477,150*l.*, being nearly double that due at the end of 1888. In the Grand Duchy of Finland the Post Office Savings Banks, which began business on the 1st January 1887, have, as elsewhere, met with consider-

Sweden.

Finland.

able success. No deposit can be less than one marc (say 9½*d.*), and not more than 1,000 marcs (say 40*l.*) can be deposited in an account annually. Interest is allowed on deposits at the rate of 3 per cent., and savings stamps are sold to encourage the saving of amounts below one marc. At the close of 1889 the number of open accounts was 20,162 and the sum standing to their credit reached 1,101,897 marcs (86,730*l.*) as against 14,056 accounts and 710,905 marcs (23,697*l.*) respectively in 1888. The number of Post Office Savings Banks was 253.

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.
		\bar{g}	\bar{g}	\bar{g}	\bar{g}	\bar{g}	\bar{g}	\bar{g}	\bar{g}	\bar{g}	\bar{g}	\bar{g}	\bar{g}	\bar{g}	\bar{g}	\bar{g}	\bar{g}	\bar{g}	\bar{g}	\bar{g}	\bar{g}	\bar{g}
1881	6,513	5,699,876†	11,867,155†	2 0 0‡	826,990	1,728,700†	10,244,287†	5 10 7‡	200,574	6½	880,831	458,191	2,607,612	36,194,405	13 17 11	36,500,923	296,463	—	38,746,376	6,050	4,140,068	
1882	6,999	6,151,466†	12,821,290†	2 0 0‡	891,629	1,935,120†	10,869,534†	5 5 3‡	221,653	6½	788,858	537,404	2,858,976	39,037,821	13 13 11	40,862,640	145,924	120,000	41,128,564	7,429	4,411,968	
1883	7,960	6,297,368†	13,575,167†	2 1 3‡	955,991	2,075,405†	11,800,171†	5 6 3‡	248,180	7½	772,201	525,535	3,106,642	41,768,808	13 9 0	43,204,940	282,983	120,000	43,697,932	7,790	4,671,326	
1884	7,756	6,458,707†	14,510,411†	2 4 11‡	1,025,117	2,108,792†	12,530,563†	5 14 0‡	248,618	6½	774,268	546,235	3,383,676	44,773,773	13 8 7	45,940,718	313,473	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	750,862	548,887	3,535,650	47,597,838	13 9 10	48,606,318	286,322	120,000	49,012,640	8,515	5,128,647	
1886	8,351	6,562,395†	15,696,352†	2 7 10‡	1,169,590	2,390,655†	13,689,945†	5 14 6‡	290,555	7½	758,270	562,499	3,731,421	50,874,338	13 12 8	52,074,387	272,263	154,000	52,500,650	8,756	5,322,225	
1887	8,720	6,916,327†	16,555,932†	2 7 10‡	1,244,074	2,496,294†	14,680,279†	5 17 7‡	288,418	7½	794,592	574,252	3,951,761	53,974,065	13 13 2	56,248,596	322,553	174,000	56,745,152	9,120	5,556,271	
1888	9,022	7,540,825†	19,032,226†	2 10 6‡	1,352,858	2,683,808†	15,802,735†	6 0 0‡	326,990	7½	887,460	618,294	4,229,927	58,556,394	13 17 5	60,890,563	266,071	219,000	61,345,634	9,404	5,900,473	
1889	9,358	8,101,120†	19,814,308†	2 8 11‡	1,443,186	2,757,848†	16,814,268†	6 1 11‡	336,954	7½	924,010	637,128	4,507,809	62,999,620	13 19 6	64,786,212	253,615	257,000	65,296,827	9,699	6,059,403	
1890	9,681	8,776,666†	20,990,692†	2 7 10‡	1,553,355	2,892,066†	17,908,860†	6 3 10‡	326,394	6½	997,283	677,778	4,827,314	67,634,807	14 0 3	68,954,754	155,673	266,000	69,376,477	10,005	6,368,096	

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

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

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

|| The gross expenses in 1884 were 252,578½, but the sum of 3,960† 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, 1888, 1889, and 1890 include the sums of 28,212½, 10,078½, 40,984½, 2,663½, and 752½, respectively for purchase of land while the charges in 1880 and 1890 also include 17,739½ and 7,751½, respectively for new buildings. Omitting these amounts, but adding interest at the rate of 5 per cent. thereon, the cost per transaction will be in 1886, 74½d., in 1887, 6½d., in 1888, 6½d., in 1889, 6½d., and in 1890, 6½d., and the percentage of expenses to capital 108.44d., 108.98.10d., 98.64d., and 98.56d., respectively. Prior to the passing of the Post Office Savings Bank Act, 1861 it was estimated (see Parliamentary Paper No. 325, 1861) that the average cost of each transaction would be 7d.

APPENDIX J.—continued.

Post Office Savings Banks.

GOVERNMENT STOCK BUSINESS.
TABLE SHOWING THE BUSINESS DONE DURING THE LAST TEN YEARS.

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 Block 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 realized by sale of Stock.	Amount of Block 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 Block-holders.	Amount of Dividends credited to Stock-holders.	Amount of Stock remaining to credit of Stockholders at close of the Year.	Average amount of Stock remaining to credit of the Year.	
1861	11,019	1,538	11,812	13,709	2,023	102	—	690,181	1,104	10	694,687	50 13 10	75,588	57 10 0	75,697	7,700	—	—	—	50	11,303	10,489	793,938	66 11 5
1862	7,551	2,754	16,000	13,153	4,355	77	—	559,395	1,105	17	6	568,311	48 8 0	177,123	40 14 0	177,982	6,150	—	190	26,733	25,583	1,143,717	66 17 3	
1863	7,576	3,418	30,767	12,582	5,653	56	—	682,927	1,228	4	9	619,338	48 4 6	298,706	41 12 9	298,943	5,540	—	430	235	82,371	87,648	1,519,983	78 8 10
1864	8,677	4,631	34,068	14,300	6,840	76	—	708,040	1,417	0	8	708,195	40 10 5	301,445	44 1 5	305,912	8,350	—	576	110	44,280	44,804	1,916,338*	76 13 6
1865	9,844	4,940	30,597	17,133	7,443	66	—	846,791	1,685	1	9	859,050	50 2 9	329,445	43 17 2	332,800	6,900	—	10,587	315	55,146	63,608	2,432,252	89 3 11
1866	9,653	4,945	35,305	16,563	8,918	59	—	845,006	1,725	17	6	841,121	50 15 8	380,965	43 14 6	392,053	7,300	—	1,181	348	65,339	77,908	2,806,941	88 1 1
1867	10,069	5,704	40,570	18,204	10,216	50	—	927,614	1,917	1	5	915,047	50 5 4	462,795	45 6 0	469,666	5,500	—	2,490	1,027	74,748	91,169	3,245,106	88 1 4
1868	11,629	8,575	43,324	19,413	11,459	44	38	994,217	2,168	2	5	1,008,164	51 13 6	573,804	50 0 7	572,113	5,100	6,420	23,079	912	127,918†	110,878	3,785,611	87 7 7
1869‡	11,261	7,592	46,993	19,766	11,862	27	126	985,352	2,168	8	3	1,003,368	50 15 3	605,359	50 18 11	535,681	3,450	21,981	18,154	760	171,270	114,460	4,175,634	86 17 1
1890	14,606	10,736	51,063	32,265	12,066	28	204	1,060,227	2,332	12	6	1,125,310	50 5 5	590,907	43 17 0	573,188	4,000	37,490	6,819	271	189,109	118,326	4,680,164‡	91 13 1

* Besides the addition arising from the ordinary business of the year the balance of Stock was further increased during 1864 by the sum of 2,678*l*. Stock in consequence of the conversion by certain holders of 3 per cent. Stock into 2½ and 2½ per cent. Stock under the National Debt (Conversion of Stock) Act, 1864.

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

‡ In 1869, 866 persons holding 16,973*l*. Redemption money under the provisions of the National Debt Redemption Act, 1869, were paid off and 4,014*l*. of the amount was re-invested free of Commission, in one or other of the new Government Stocks.

§ In April 1869 the residue of Redemption money, amounting to 248,332*l*., was re-invested in 2½ per cent. Consolidated Stock at 98, this being the final operation connected with the Conversion Scheme. The balance of Stock was thus increased by 5,072*l*.

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.		
	Contracts entered into.		Payments.	Contracts entered into.		Payments.	Contracts entered into.		Amount of Insurance.	Receipts.		Payments.
	No.	Amount of Annuities.	No.	No.	Amount of Annuities.	No.	No.	Amount of Insurance.	No.	Amount of Premiums and Fees.	No.	Amount of Premiums and Fees.
		£	£		£	£		£	£	£		£
1881 -	955	16,454	15,948	66	1,576	686	2	23,900	15,533	10,967	114	3,675
1882 -	789	13,435	16,729	73	1,502	773	2	18,447	16,030	11,069	141	5,094
1883 -	770	14,141	17,592	104	2,120	830	256	20,800	16,156	11,833	139	5,451
1884*—												
1 Jan. to 31 Dec. }	187	2,938	34,507	13	527	338	50	3,469	7,032	5,019	65	2,604
1 Jan. to 31 Dec. }	586	11,736	137,919	80	2,083	535	298	18,396	7,258	6,399	117	4,394
1885 -	725	12,387	178,128	108	1,694	860	457	34,768	12,402	12,086	140	4,646
1886 -	833	17,358	311,570	87	1,773	859	506	34,188	12,187	13,683	158	5,943
1887 -	912	16,399	234,174	90	1,623	969	535	36,168	13,089	13,462	183	5,976
1888 -	995	23,404	293,762	138	2,719	900	580	34,319	12,016	14,121	190	5,538
1889 -	968	23,931	293,346	131	2,853	934	671	32,533	13,275	15,113	243	7,473
1890 -	946	21,956	273,378	116	2,527	914	468	25,466	11,799	14,423	196	6,941

* 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 1890, and the Number and Amount of Contracts in existence on the 31st December 1890.

	CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO				TOTAL.	
	From 17 April 1865 to 31 December 1889.		From 1 Jan. 1890 to 31 December 1890.			
	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 1890, viz. :—						
Immediate Annuities - -	18,431	297,674 10 10	948	21,955 15 8	19,379	319,630 6 6
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - -	540	9,516 11 0	39	697 0 0	579	10,213 11 0
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - -	1,067	23,183 7 0	77	1,830 5 0	1,144	25,013 12 0
Contracts for Sums payable at Death entered into from the commencement of business on the 17th April 1865 to the 31st December 1890 - - - -	10,161	748,666 1 11	468	25,466 3 1	10,629	774,132 5 0
Contracts for Annuities in existence on the 31st December 1890, viz. :—						
Immediate Annuities - -	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	11,066	218,743 19 4
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - - -	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	509	8,716 17 0
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - -	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	694	14,938 16 0
Contracts for Sums payable at Death, in existence on the 31st December 1890 - - -	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	6,961	472,551 18 2

APPENDIX J.—continued.

Post Office Savings Bank.

RETURN of the BALANCE SHEETS of the POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS on the 31st day of December 1890, 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 1890, 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 price of 31 Dec. 1890.			Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the year.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
2½ per cent. Consols - - - -	31,109,868	3	3	23,787,699	0	0
2½ per cents. - - - - -	9,238,770	15	8	8,534,315	0	0
Local Loans 3½ per cent. Stock - -	8,705,848	15	11	8,901,826	0	0
Egyptian Guaranteed 3½ per cent. Bonds	313,000	0	0	312,218	0	0
Exchequer (Suez) Bonds - - - -	321,000	0	0	321,000	0	0
Exchequer Bonds - - - - -	500,000	0	0	500,000	0	0
Exchequer (March) Bills - - - -	58,900	0	0	58,812	0	0
Advances made to Her Majesty's Exchequer under 52 Vict., c. 4, s. 6, on Consolidated Fund - - - -	6,645,278	18	7	6,645,279	0	0
Advances per 43 Vict. c. 4, and 45 & 46 Vict. c. 62, repayable by Irish Land Commission per 44 & 45 Vict. c. 71. -	850,000	0	0	850,000	0	0
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) 3,719,598	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) 6,231,044	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) 1,350,479	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) 379,120	0	0
Annuities for terms of years per 46 Vict. c. 1, s. 2 - - - - -	42,899	5	0	(a) 167,603	0	0
Annuity for a term of years per 45 & 46 Vict. c. 72, expiring 8th September 1892 - - - - -	5,488	18	8	(a) 10,514	0	0
Red Sea and India Telegraph Annuity, expiring 4th August 1908 - - - -	3,100	0	0	41,075	0	0
Annuities for terms of years granted to repay advances made under the Pensions Commutation Act, 34 & 35 Vict. c. 36. - - - - -	90,603	11	0	(a) 326,214	0	0
Advances under Pensions Commutation Act, 34 & 35 Vict., c. 36, during year ended 31st December 1890, in respect of which an Annuity had not been granted - - - - -	47,510	1	6	47,510	0	0
Advances under "Imperial Defence Act, 1888," 51 & 52 Vict. c. 32. - -	300,000	0	0	300,000	0	0
	£68,484,006 0 0			380,457 5 10		
Add value of Securities - - - -				68,484,006 0 0		
Cash balance in Bank of England - -				90,290 12 7		
				£68,964,763 18 5		

(a) Value, inclusive of interest, to 31st December 1890.

National Debt Office,
11th June 1891.

C. RIVERS WILSON,
Comptroller General.

APPENDIX J.—continued.
Post Office Savings Bank.
BALANCE SHEET.

RETURNS OF THE BALANCE SHEETS OF THE POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS FOR THE YEAR 1890, 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 1890, 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 1890 (including interest)	67,834,806 19 0	Value of Securities according to the average price of the day on 31 Dec. 1890	68,864,463 5 10
Amount of expenses remaining unpaid (partly estimated)	11,567 13 6	Amount of cash in hands of Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt	90,290 13 7
Surplus of assets over Liabilities	1,730,032 5 8	Total Amount in the hands of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt	- - -
		Amount in the hands of Her Majesty's Postmaster General	228,388 12 7
		Less—Amount required to meet Warrants issued to Depositors but not cashed on 31st December 1890	72,713 12 10
		Value of the Central Savings Bank Premises in Queen Victoria Street, E.C.	155,673 19 9
	£ 60,376,428 18 3		244,000 0 0
			£ 60,376,428 18 3

Total amount received from Depositors, including interest, to 31st December 1890 £ 304,153,775 15 0
 Total amount repaid to Depositors to 31st December 1890 £ 233,520,968 16 0

Number of Transactions.		Number of Accounts.	
Deposits.	Withdrawals.	Opened.	Closed.
112,065,066	39,832,192	15,112,320	10,285,006
			Remaining Open.
			4,897,314

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 1890 was 152,947,248.
 The sums of 198,279l. 14s. 11d., 147,110l. 16s. 0d., 77,787l. 12s. 1d., 125,343l. 4s. 11d., 144,899l. 3s. 11d., 145,799l. 10s. 1d., 123,199l. 0s. 1d., 93,794l. 10s. 2d., 93,040l. 11s. 6d., 87,007l. 13s. 8d., 78,804l. 8s. 9d., 72,183l. 1s. 6d., and 36,060l. 9s. 4d., 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, 1889, and 1890 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, 1888, and 1889. The sum of 179,688l., the cost of the site of the new Savings Bank buildings in Queen Victoria Street, and 50,012l. 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.

MONEY ORDER BUSINESS IN THE LAST TEN YEARS.

Year.	INLAND ORDERS.			COLONIAL ORDERS.			FOREIGN ORDERS.			GRAND TOTAL.		
	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Numb.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Numb.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Numb.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Numb.
1881-82	14,692,328	23,367,972	Decrease. " 10"	244,976	892,725	10.4	445,929	1,133,177	16.	15,383,033	25,363,874	Decrease. " 9.3
1882-83	14,306,297	23,223,763	" 2.8	277,052	1,043,158	13.	507,509	1,330,962	14.	15,090,858	27,597,883	Increase. " 8.7
1883-84	13,790,732	25,012,117	Decrease. " 3.6	313,435	1,184,214	13.1	559,468	1,433,548	10.2	14,663,635	27,629,579	" 2.83
1884-85	11,968,127	23,536,069	" 13.3	337,420	1,263,590	7.7	569,189	1,430,387	1.7	12,864,736	26,230,676	Decrease. " 5.
1885-86	10,358,293	21,976,545	" 13.3	363,402	1,372,606	6.2	601,625	1,494,470	5.7	11,318,360	24,832,481	" 13.
1886-87	9,762,563	22,292,708	Increase. " 1.3	363,281	1,323,409	1.4	687,191	1,763,484	14.2	10,813,094	25,354,601	Increase. " 3.0
1887-88	9,562,777	22,381,076	" 2.1	397,970	1,498,338	9.5	793,746	2,014,112	15.5	10,744,468	26,354,126	" 63
1888-89	9,293,183	22,367,449	" 3.4	424,987	1,521,013	7.	854,547	2,139,390	7.7	10,597,717	26,618,062	" 2.3
1889-90	9,027,750	23,333,417	" 2.1	463,102	1,631,616	6.6	889,292	2,200,872	4.5	10,374,144	27,166,906	" 1.3
1890-91	8,864,463	23,397,767	" 1.8	468,718	1,668,102	3.4	927,031	2,312,018	3.8	10,290,862	27,897,887	" 1.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

SCOTLAND.

IRELAND.

UNITED KINGDOM.

Year.	Number. Amount.			Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.			Increase per cent. on Number.			Increase per cent. on Amount.			Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.										
	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Amount.											
1881-82	-	12,519,430	19,891,331	10.1	3.5	Decrease.	48.	1,286,053	2,592,123	9.	4.	Decrease.	34.3	887,345	1,274,218	9.5	3.3	17.3	14,694,328	25,367,672	10.	3.5	42.0
1882-83	-	12,208,086	21,783,691	2.5	9.5	Incr.	46.2	1,247,744	2,170,807	3.	1.4	Increase.	33.	850,467	1,364,265	4.1	.8	16.6	14,306,297	25,233,763	2.6	8.	40.5
1883-84	-	11,654,771	21,484,880	4.4	1.39	D'er.	43.	1,303,479	2,274,316	4.41	4.7	Decrease.	34.	822,542	1,252,921	3.2	.9	16.	13,790,732	25,012,117	3.6	.84	38.7
1884-85	*	10,023,386	20,103,955	14.	6.4	Decrease.	37.	1,199,322	2,216,901	7.9	2.5	Decrease.	31.	734,819	1,210,843	10.6	3.3	15.	11,058,127	25,636,690	13.3	5.9	33.2
1885-86	-	8,639,082	18,735,048	13.8	9.8	Incr.	31.4	1,081,045	2,105,661	9.7	5.	Incr.	27.6	638,166	1,134,636	13.1	6.3	13.	10,358,293	21,475,346	13.3	6.	28.5
1886-87	-	8,070,907	18,875,433	6.6	.7	Incr.	30.	1,080,427	2,598,782	—	5.	Increase.	27.4	611,228	1,178,463	4.2	4.	13.	9,762,562	22,262,708	6.	1.3	26.6
1887-88	-	7,851,990	19,289,906	2.7	2.2	D'er.	27.4	1,098,611	2,369,442	1.7	7.8	D'er.	27.2	602,176	1,222,928	1.5	4.	13.	9,452,777	22,881,676	2.1	2.8	25.5
1888-89	-	7,560,195	19,297,908	3.7	.4	Increase	26.15	1,070,719	2,422,793	1.7	2.2	D'er.	26.5	588,269	1,267,548	2.3	4.	12.4	9,228,183	22,957,640	3.4	.33	24.5
1889-90	-	7,395,352	19,548,374	2.2	1.4	D'er.	25.2	1,068,457	2,501,572	1.	3.2	Incr.	26.	563,941	1,283,471	4.	1.2	12.	9,027,750	23,335,417	2.1	1.6	24.
1890-91	-	7,268,248	20,044,082	1.7	2.5	Incr.	25.06	1,045,048	2,546,719	2.1	1.8	Incr.	25.9	551,187	1,306,966	2.2	1.8	11.7	8,864,483	23,597,767	1.8	2.4	23.43

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 from 1st

Present rates of Commission.

s .	d .	s .	d .	s .	d .
For sums not exceeding $2l$.	0	For sums under $10s$.	0	For sums of $5l$, and under	0
" above $2l$, but not	3	" of $10s$, and under	1	$6l$.	7
exceeding $5l$.	6	" of $10s$, and under	2	" of $6l$.	8
" above $5l$, but not	9	" of 17 .	3	" of $7l$.	9
exceeding $7l$.	0	" of $2l$.	4	" of $8l$.	10
" above $7l$, but not	1	" of $3l$.	5	" of $9l$.	11
exceeding $10l$.	0	" of $4l$.	6	" of $10l$.	10
		" of $5l$.		"	

APPENDIX K.—*continued.*
Money Orders.

Year.	FOREIGN ORDERS.											
	ISSUED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.				ISSUED ABROAD.				TOTAL.			
	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.
1880-81	-	-	5·5	3·6	241,331	622,033	24·	23·6	383,557	931,940	16·4	15·8
1881-82	-	-	8·	6·2	291,638	773,123	20·8	23·5	445,329	1,133,177	16·	18·
1882-83	-	-	6·	11·2	344,796	930,543	18·2	20·3	507,509	1,350,933	14·	17·4
1883-84	-	-	19·	19·2	364,933	966,255	5·84	2·76	539,468	1,433,546	10·2	7·7
1884-85	-	-	6·3	6·6	362,414	921,712	Decrease. 7·	Decrease. 3·6	569,189	1,450,387	1·7	Decrease. 3·
1885-86	-	-	4·4	4·7	385,731	951,942	Increase. 6·4	Increase. 3·3	601,635	1,464,470	5·7	Increase. 3·8
1886-87	-	-	4·2	3·8	462,237	1,210,620	20·	27·1	637,191	1,763,464	14·2	20·
1887-88	-	-	9·	8·2	546,596	1,415,374	18·7	17·	753,746	2,014,113	15·5	14·2
1888-89	-	-	6·6	7·6	593,090	1,495,361	8·1	6·	854,547	2,139,390	7·7	6·3
1889-90	-	-	8·	7·6	611,184	1,508,241	3·	8·	893,222	2,200,372	4·5	3·
1890-91	-	-	2·2	4·	639,320	1,591,638	4·6	5·5	927,651	2,312,018	3·8	5·

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 India.		Other Colonies and Protector Agencies.		TOTAL.	
	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Africa.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Australia.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in America.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Cape Colony.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in India.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in New Zealand.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in West India.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Other Colonies and Protector Agencies.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Colonies.
1881-82 -	£ 3,352	£ 46,452	£ 36,896	£ 211,687	£ 36,069	£ 110,606	£ 7,290	£ 85,964	£ 7,103	£ 98,526	£ 13,964	£ 90,934	£ 3,926	£ 60,483	£ 12,721	£ 61,554	£ 121,210	£ 771,515
1882-83 -	2,905	44,931	38,918	236,556	39,510	162,157	9,571	111,698	8,864	110,023	14,083	90,520	4,560	76,166	11,461	81,568	130,173	912,966
1883-84 -	3,883	53,696	47,173	251,675	51,684	187,113	11,790	97,987	11,258	115,521	16,368	96,899	5,004	105,994	9,439	89,518	156,569	1,027,615
1884-85 -	4,533	53,963	55,578	313,446	59,774	173,855	11,566	87,326	12,579	157,983	16,163	96,768	5,765	130,545	9,683	77,854	77,921	1,085,699
1885-86 -	4,433	53,024	61,573	346,645	62,641	164,025	11,406	83,795	16,507	174,743	20,268	93,543	6,420	151,629	12,937	98,957	196,475	1,176,131
1886-87 -	5,433	76,128	69,273	346,688	68,547	176,859	11,897	82,399	26,279	144,121	22,615	86,546	7,615	160,893	13,833	137,896	220,240	1,106,109
1887-88 -	4,944	74,129	78,927	340,390	66,310	199,513	11,106	89,763	34,694	138,240	24,385	82,631	8,161	206,646	13,915	64,731	248,344	1,196,994
1888-89 -	6,789	66,986	76,003	371,628	74,637	225,046	11,709	106,135	51,331	132,683	23,664	75,372	7,979	221,212	14,315	54,089	263,407	1,233,606
1889-90 -	7,548	83,539	82,394	356,496	79,850	226,573	14,575	142,550	73,923	156,296	23,474	73,923	9,376	262,064	16,461	96,561	306,344	1,325,273
1890-91 -	9,325	91,985	87,255	346,897	78,778	215,596	16,790	166,064	70,213	180,646	24,586	70,710	10,019	196,251	18,365	76,196	315,316	1,348,796

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.
1881-82	—	—	£ 13,440	£ 21,792	£ 4,625	£ 7,208	£ 597	£ 8,589	£ 80,388	£ 92,753	£ 113,379	£ 79,614	£ 26,472	£ 12,195	£ 71	£ 417	£ —	£ —
1882-83	—	—	15,005	23,540	5,385	9,424	1,394	20,036	83,440	98,669	136,184	85,466	22,687	13,753	183	936	—	—
1883-84	—	—	16,914	27,081	7,906	12,140	3,381	22,717	92,745	122,461	146,069	90,769	34,922	16,451	168	918	—	—
1884-85	—	—	17,816	32,271	6,965	9,751	2,992	30,713	97,301	128,092	163,045	91,399	37,375	18,327	243	1,561	—	—
1885-86	3,506	3,466	20,165	34,664	8,062	10,647	4,001	40,350	98,351	133,117	153,757	89,946	37,625	21,379	275	2,069	361	533
1886-87	7,960	6,960	22,549	36,374	8,914	9,873	3,908	33,627	103,989	136,035	161,424	71,060	39,633	102,268	344	1,968	1,043	6,356
1887-88	9,533	10,656	23,698	38,240	10,640	9,600	3,307	23,929	111,036	139,204	169,109	102,533	33,533	76,094	303	1,334	2,351	1,623
1888-89	10,936	10,686	23,992	44,448	11,378	11,760	2,966	20,263	113,033	146,651	172,996	107,327	41,226	34,634	414	1,441	3,324	2,094
1889-90	13,667	12,007	24,354	42,103	13,390	12,447	3,643	21,123	125,500	151,938	178,235	113,992	46,717	26,125	449	1,637	2,556	2,394
1890-91	15,654	13,468	26,640	44,249	14,462	11,765	3,232	23,432	127,733	155,273	186,217	119,063	52,178	35,702	571	2,692	4,090	2,545

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 the 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 the U.S.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued Abroad.
1881-82	—	—	6,549	12,282	8,124	2,051	—	—	1,687	1,364	19,066	12,431	—	—	80,267	522,268	340,054	775,123
1882-83	—	—	7,358	13,328	10,663	2,279	—	—	5,649	3,416	19,313	12,790	—	—	98,711	647,097	400,480	980,548
1883-84	—	—	9,035	14,277	16,720	2,436	490	810	10,015	3,832	23,289	11,709	—	—	116,727	630,705	477,263	966,255
1884-85	31	3,350	8,851	14,468	15,118	2,544	960	1,486	10,301	4,573	24,620	14,671	—	—	132,538	567,677	508,675	921,713
1885-86	218	3,861	8,772	14,750	17,758	2,694	1,780	2,783	12,366	5,799	25,381	16,107	—	—	135,550	561,775	532,598	951,942
1886-87	103	7,383	9,907	15,417	18,474	2,930	2,187	3,207	13,468	6,001	25,854	16,518	—	—	135,262	729,940	552,864	1,210,620
1887-88	556	8,530	10,638	16,819	22,461	2,974	4,142	3,415	15,440	6,525	28,417	18,047	—	—	148,410	956,003	598,238	1,415,874
1888-89	680	19,767	11,687	16,534	26,663	3,143	3,845	4,029	21,234	6,410	28,370	19,146	—	—	170,217	1,047,619	648,489	1,468,951
1889-90	426	6,326	13,870	19,314	28,506	4,345	5,176	4,468	25,753	7,383	31,273	22,212	30	217	180,096	1,060,260	692,631	1,506,941
1890-91	558	4,867	15,006	20,963	27,360	6,176	6,291	3,790	26,371	8,568	32,045	21,665	143	279	181,393	1,115,789	790,380	1,591,638

• Roumania.

Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Roumania.
425	1,150

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.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	Number.	Value.
		1 0	1 6	2 0	2 6	3 0	3 6	4 0	4 6	5 0	7 6	10 0	10 6	12 6	15 0	17 6	20 0		
Quarter ended 31st March 1881		62,589	48,994	—	32,011	—	—	—	—	124,147	40,381	122,745	—	17,963	31,736	11,691	125,312	646,989	292,150 10 0
1881-2		452,823	362,094	—	487,096	—	—	—	—	853,306	265,920	808,736	—	110,691	292,665	60,611	911,978	4,462,929	2,006,917 19 0
1882-3		948,678	759,105	—	825,198	—	—	—	—	1,463,620	449,229	1,330,098	—	181,832	318,769	97,345	1,606,454	7,989,228	3,451,284 0 6
1883-4		1,700,453	1,397,774	—	1,333,656	—	—	—	—	2,164,178	676,193	1,870,963	—	268,745	444,637	143,184	2,318,773	12,286,556	5,028,663 9 0
1884-5		1,407,397	1,003,609	922,180	1,371,127	796,733	406,848	844,563	319,550	3,936,013	995,384	2,916,248	394,789	51,489	818,697	27,476	3,611,521	18,831,164	7,885,347 9 0
1885-6		1,624,421	1,169,449	1,531,407	1,581,562	1,343,562	703,036	1,407,125	565,851	3,987,290	1,146,139	3,874,602	694,680	—	1,127,985	—	4,943,267	25,790,316	10,788,946 2 6
1886-7		2,225,587	1,471,775	1,909,349	1,907,100	1,691,524	912,717	1,920,846	742,332	4,795,124	1,376,281	4,538,659	896,960	—	1,328,869	—	5,891,528	31,608,711	12,058,939 19 6
1887-8		2,559,701	1,772,774	2,288,981	2,189,838	1,965,946	1,094,598	2,260,050	889,704	5,511,549	1,697,113	5,069,738	1,090,775	—	1,490,517	—	6,586,463	36,386,147	14,696,360 13 0
1888-9		2,856,289	2,047,598	2,593,854	2,427,739	2,181,063	1,240,596	2,539,921	1,005,480	6,046,886	1,894,163	5,514,842	1,234,638	—	1,635,049	—	7,154,169	40,282,321	16,112,079 15 0
1889-90		3,256,608	2,358,828	2,951,140	2,639,614	2,418,391	1,391,983	2,837,462	1,126,679	6,637,199	2,003,526	6,027,107	1,889,954	—	1,795,111	—	7,889,446	44,712,548	17,737,892 4 0
1890-91		3,699,150	2,651,736	3,340,251	2,998,141	2,616,391	1,425,144	3,096,381	1,240,370	7,154,497	2,183,815	6,467,535	1,513,512	—	1,938,908	—	8,443,634	48,841,765	19,178,367 8 0
		20,794,296	14,973,231	15,387,082	17,832,972	13,913,610	7,274,922	15,005,348	5,889,975	41,773,749	12,454,144	38,531,273	7,215,338	628,710	11,192,943	339,707	49,432,545	271,839,765	110,136,868 9 6

RATES OF POUNDAGE.																			
To 31st May 1884.		Poundage.		1d.		1d.		1d.		1d.		2d.		2d.		2d.			
—		Amount of Order		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
				1 0	1 6	2 0	2 6	3 0	3 6	4 0	4 6	5 0	7 6	10 0	10 6	12 6	15 0	17 6	20 0
From 1st June 1884		Poundage.		1d.		1d.		1d.		1d.		1d.		1d.		1d.		1d.	

Postal Orders for the sums of 12s. 6d. and 17s. 6d. were abolished on the 31st May 1884.
 Postal Orders for the sums of 2s., 3s., 3s. 6d., 4s., 4s. 6d., and 10s. 6d. were established on the 1st June 1884.

APPENDIX M.

Official Correspondence.

A STATEMENT showing the WEIGHT of CORRESPONDENCE carried for the following Public Offices, &c. in the Year ended the 31st March 1891.

NAMES OF OFFICES.	Correspondence.			Total. Weights.
	Weight in Ounces.			
	England and Wales.	Scotland.	Ireland.	
	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.
Admiralty	1,862,053	—	—	1,862,053
Attorney General	9,147	—	—	9,147
Board of Agriculture	1,244,334	—	—	1,244,334
Board of Supervision	—	54,680	—	54,680
Board of Trade	1,454,338	—	—	1,454,338
Cape of Good Hope, Agent General for	36,610	—	—	36,610
Census Office	83,750	—	—	83,750
Chancellor, The Lord	47,843	—	—	47,843
Charity Commissioners	194,745	—	—	194,745
Chelsea Hospital	35,706	—	—	35,706
Chief Secretary, Dublin Castle	111,464	—	388,987	500,451
Civil Service Commissioners	353,894	—	—	353,894
Clerk of the Parliaments	626,743	—	—	626,743
Colonial Office	405,921	—	—	405,921
Constabulary of Ireland	—	—	415,058	415,058
Courts of Law and Justice, Scotland	—	21,807	—	21,807
Crown and Hanaper	—	—	2,925	2,925
Crown Office	—	73,790	—	73,790
Customs	880,064	—	2,961	883,025
Emigrants' Information Office	166,572	—	—	166,572
Exchequer and Audit Department	143,190	—	—	143,190
Exchequer Offices in Scotland	—	27,964	—	27,964
Fishery Board for Scotland	—	—	—	—
Foreign Office	284,668	—	—	284,668
Home Office	1,101,941	3,812	—	1,105,753
House of Commons	181,296	—	—	181,296
Inland Revenue	11,613,951	4,894,661	3,254,799	19,763,321
Irish Fisheries, Inspector of	—	—	86,941	86,941
Loan Fund Board	—	—	8,518	8,518
Local Government Board	2,006,074	—	526,323	2,531,396
Lord Lieutenant and Private Secretary	—	—	16,562	16,562
Lunacy, Commissioners in	37,471	—	11,835	49,306
Mercantile Marine Board	402,576	—	—	402,576
Merchant Seamen, Registrar of	534,104	—	—	534,104
Mint, The Royal	9,710	—	—	9,710
National Debt Office	74,165	—	—	74,165
Patent Office	518,956	—	—	518,956
Paymaster General	46,100	—	16,306	62,506
Prisons Board	—	—	115,270	115,270
Privy Council Office	1,519,587	—	—	1,519,587
Public Education	—	39,927	671,883	711,810
Public Works Loan Board	20,484	—	—	20,484
Record Office	10,508	—	4,199	14,707
Register House	—	36,505	—	36,505
Registrar General	927,986	477,367	318,645	1,724,028
Registrar of Friendly Societies	110,360	8,962	2,723	122,075
Registrar of Petty Sessions, Clerks	—	—	69,688	69,688
Science and Art Department	1,599,172	—	—	1,599,172
Scotch Education Department	252,971	—	—	252,971
Secretary for Scotland	102,346	2,270	—	104,616
Solicitor General	3,014	—	—	3,014
Stationery Office	814,138	—	40,530	854,468
Supreme Court of Judicature	397,242	—	—	397,242
Surveys of the United Kingdom	104,131	—	73,574	177,705
Treasury	440,536	—	—	440,536
Valuation Office	—	—	36,419	36,419
War Office	3,217,813	11,435	348,785	3,578,053
Woods and Forests, Commissioners of	69,921	—	—	69,921
Works and Buildings, Commissioners of	161,863	—	300,993	462,726
TOTALS	34,238,088	5,703,190	6,713,403	46,654,681

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 10 Financial Years.

Financial Year.	Net Increase in each Financial Year.				Totals at end of each Financial Year.			
	Contracts.	Miles.	Instruments and Batteries.	Rentals.	Contracts.	Miles.	Instruments and Batteries.	Rentals.*
1881-82	-	-	-	£ s. d. 14,203 6 0	293	2,000	656	£ s. d. 88,736 2 9
1882-83	-	-	-	12,787 13 6	452	1,384	766	101,523 16 3
1883-84	-	-	-	12,109 16 4	412	1,768	1,113	113,633 12 7
1884-85	-	-	-	7,349 4 4	183	1,129	110	120,882 16 11
1885-86	-	-	-	5,615 5 9	122	919	208	126,498 2 8
1886-87	-	-	-	† —	98	317	—	122,768 11 11
1887-88	-	-	-	1,304 9 7	45	301	116	124,073 1 6
1888-89	-	-	-	1,149 0 0	52	171	90	125,222 1 6
1889-90	-	-	-	1,695 15 10	89	167	81	126,917 17 4
1890-91	-	-	-	12,518 15 8	21	2,834	117	129,436 13 0

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

† 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 10s. each.	Carriages.					Hackney Carriages.	
	At 9s. each.	At 6s. each.	At 4s. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.		At 42s. each.	At 21s. each.	At 15s. each.	At 10s. 6d. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.	At 15s. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.
1881-82	-	6,655	96,423	-	646,363	84,968	-	166,704	-	-	-	-
1882-83	-	6,587	84,793	-	658,660	93,732	-	175,171	-	-	-	-
1883-84	-	6,539	81,122	-	682,663	96,515	-	188,043	-	-	-	-
1884-85	-	6,096	78,060	-	710,386	100,524	186	194,792	-	708	1,913	77
1885-86	-	5,723	23,063	62,603	724,388	101,331	191	108,350	-	624	13	-
1886-87	-	5,061	-	25,332	743,139	101,276	254	200,505	-	984	-	-
1887-88	-	5,757	-	19,172	783,731	107,571	232	212,160	-	1,025	-	-
1888-89	-	3,967	-	15,374	824,964	106,747	49,847	197,143	-	1,388	-	-
1889-90	-	5,967	-	17,346	883,717	113,037	57,870	196,330	206	1,319	-	-
1890-91	-	5,717	-	15,961	924,176	116,674	57,856	207,463	353	1,463	-	-

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. £ s. d.
	At 4s. each.	At 21s. each.		Red at 60s.	Blue and Green at 40s.	Occasional at 20s.			
1881-82	8,386	20,080	98,507	8,031	1,206	—	768	1,176,884	709,181 8 0
1882-83	9,008	21,880	102,250	13,887	1,767	—	1,480	1,943,427	774,117 10 0
1883-84	9,199	23,076	108,722	16,377	1,563	1,691	1,890	1,997,789	818,703 2 0
1884-85	9,254	23,415	110,735	19,305	2,118	2,129	2,056	1,345,104	844,574 1 6
1885-86	9,254	24,149	127,642	20,900	2,065	2,308	2,277	1,372,336	850,191 4 0
1886-87	8,945	24,331	123,176	20,921	2,172	2,398	2,355	1,335,959	849,868 14 6
1887-88	9,146	25,693	133,467	23,475	2,464	3,084	2,507	1,407,776	901,322 18 0
1888-89	9,232	25,983	133,206	23,532	2,624	2,885	2,840	1,449,894	884,468 14 0
1889-90	9,334	26,635	137,825	26,012	2,807	3,480	3,088	1,518,136	906,163 0 6
1890-91	9,400	27,207	155,633	27,453	2,834	3,536	3,502	1,588,632	948,319 1 0

APPENDIX P.

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.				
1881-83	£ 6,770,232	£ 226,947	£ 25,637	£ 4,764	£ 7,027,000	£ 4,286,593	£ 2,741,004
1883-83	7,034,983	217,686	44,492	3,800	7,300,000	4,544,398	2,755,602
1885-84	7,485,208	209,704	65,946	3,800	7,704,855	5,154,829	2,610,026
1884-85	7,629,320	186,719	85,567	4,000	7,900,406	5,317,213	2,583,193
1885-86	7,894,898	165,548	114,538	3,600	8,170,604	5,486,724	2,683,880
1886-87	8,184,519	142,290	130,389	3,000	8,471,198	5,880,141	2,591,057
1887-88	8,406,212	133,446	150,879	2,800	8,705,337	5,953,820	2,771,517
1888-89	8,705,890	129,063	176,523	1,800	9,102,776	6,065,902	3,039,874
1889-90	9,146,841	129,628	195,405	2,900	9,474,774	6,266,263	3,208,511
1890-91	9,506,484	129,425	212,728	2,441	9,851,078 (a)	6,687,069	3,163,989
Average Annual Net Revenue of first period of Five Year					-	-	2,675,983
Ditto					-	-	2,954,089
Average Annual Net Revenue of second period of Five Year					-	-	-

(a) Postal Revenue as per Finance Accounts 9,843,208L.

Add Unclaimed Money Orders - 2,441L.

" Extra Receipts - 5,589L.

7,810L.

9,851,078L.

9,851,078L.

APPENDIX Q.

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, Pounds on 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 Bares and Boxes, Tolls, and Ferryage, 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 Panama and in other Foreign Parts, 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.
1881-82	2,453,076	107,105	44,244	152,113	2,757,539	186,970	714,154	38,086	437,375	16,425	1,587,456	38,675	1,548,781	4,968,988
1882-83	2,613,951	117,765	80,789	207,272	2,978,777	190,342	732,821	30,405	453,479	14,716	1,600,253	35,652	1,564,602	4,545,398
1883-84	2,947,936	134,889	68,063	281,176	3,445,064	268,811	746,840	62,033	654,636	14,912	1,745,301	38,546	1,706,738	5,154,829
1884-85	3,061,325	141,800	53,206	304,627	3,631,958	340,444	783,213	47,323	619,019	16,276	1,766,275	40,120	1,726,155	5,317,213
1885-86	3,250,188	154,270	62,743	224,284	3,671,180	290,453	838,010	64,542	638,201	13,559	1,856,765	41,470	1,815,295	5,469,724
1886-87	3,423,767	153,067	62,840	207,070	4,042,664	248,727	870,496	64,595	698,805	17,887	1,879,900	42,423	1,837,477	5,800,141
1887-88	3,406,904	158,840	55,763	207,543	4,121,170	246,642	880,220	78,492	671,625	21,438	1,958,406	45,706	1,912,641	5,983,490
1888-89	3,721,459	165,029	53,686	224,637	4,146,061	248,704	905,643	76,253	627,018	10,063	1,916,919	40,850	1,876,069	6,062,902
1889-90	3,527,677	151,454	59,317	321,615	4,399,073	304,777	905,468	71,750	665,375	11,138	1,937,028	50,838	1,886,190	6,296,465
1890-91	4,064,200	165,283	60,064	346,538	4,667,177	317,616	920,144	74,751	752,691	7,704	2,072,906	52,964	2,020,912	6,687,069

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 Telegraph Moneys refunded, &c.			
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	15,533	2,042,274	283,521	3,635	1,755,118	1,731,040	+ 24,078
1886	- 1,708,976	103,415	100,802	61,639	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	220,971	10,249	2,094,048	1,969,096	+ 124,952
1890	- 2,380,709	113,805	103,720	94,095	18,271	2,660,600	322,148	12,737	2,325,715	2,179,921	+ 145,794
1891	- 2,485,974	112,261	99,377	88,647	22,112	2,812,371	390,860	4,320	2,416,691	2,366,356	+ 150,335

(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 page 12 includes the value of work done for other Government Departments amounting to 36,380*l.* as well as the amounts realised by the Stationery Office and Office of Works for waste paper and old materials which were respectively 1,643*l.* and 2,035*l.* On the other hand, the expenditure shown on the same page includes a sum of 89,363*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 Ex- penses charged to the Tele- graph Vote, according to the Appropria- tion Account.	Manufacture and Issue of Stamps used on Telegrams.	Stationery.	Buildings.	Auditing of Telegraph Accounts by Exchequer and Audit Depart- ment.	Rates and Contributions in lieu of Rates paid by Treasury.	
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	- 62,089	- 2,347	- 1,003	- 1,820,764
1885-86	- 1,738,105	- 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	- 2,032,632
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	- 2,179,921	- 405	- 33,295	- 62,386	- 1,903	- 1,076	- 2,278,986
1890-91	- 2,266,356	- 425	- 31,000	- 55,186	- 1,641	- 1,111	- 2,355,719

APPENDIX T.

CUMULATIVE ACCOUNT showing the FLUCTUATIONS in the

	Year ending				
	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Value of Stores in Depôts at commencement of year -	120,020 12 2½	105,698 17 1½	129,361 0 1	152,625 15 11½	190,776 9 5½
Value of Stores purchased during year, including wages for completing Stores -	64,822 16 6	134,126 0 0½	146,558 19 3½	161,591 5 3	312,655 13 7
Value of Stores returned into Stock under the following Sub-heads:—					
C ³ Maintenance -	54,619 13 3	58,590 14 10	83,786 1 5½	107,914 15 3½	103,147 1 2
C ¹¹ " [Ships] -	—	—	—	—	—
O ¹ Extensions -	176 7 8½	128 1 11	165 1 9	118 17 11½	56 1 9½
O ² Re-arrangements -	5,188 15 7½	7,073 5 2½	15,065 2 0½	9,886 14 3	16,241 17 1
O ³ Private Telegraphs -	4,475 9 3½	9,461 6 2½	13,661 17 0	20,447 7 8½	13,011 13 10½
O ⁴ Works executed for Rly. Co.'s, &c. -	401 12 2½	486 8 4½	305 4 8½	413 12 8	348 9 6½
O ⁵ Government dept. Telegraphs -	73 10 9½	53 6 6½	240 6 7½	621 18 4½	393 6 3½
A ⁴ Fraud, accident, and default (losses) -	—	—	—	—	—
General Stock -	11 11 4	3 9 1	—	—	—
E ⁴ Electric lighting of West Chief Offices -	—	—	—	—	—
Extra receipts -	—	—	—	—	—
Postal G ⁸ Incidental Expenses -	—	—	—	—	—
Total -	249,790 8 11½	315,621 9 4	389,143 13 0	453,620 7 6	636,630 12 10½
Value of Stores used under the following Sub-heads:—					
C ³ Maintenance -	120,755 14 0	99,987 19 10	136,201 9 4	164,286 12 7½	171,615 6 11
C ¹¹ " [Ships] -	—	—	—	—	—
O ¹ Extensions -	1,681 13 6½	3,537 16 10½	3,728 16 0	2,832 13 8½	3,302 8 8½
O ² Re-arrangements -	6,487 1 9½	63,802 1 0½	43,318 13 5½	34,686 1 6	212,172 14 9
O ³ Private Telegraphs -	12,751 18 3½	17,275 0 3½	49,916 0 7½	56,386 0 2½	33,600 14 10
O ⁴ Works executed for Rly. Co.'s, &c. -	1,515 13 8½	1,438 19 8½	1,414 17 10½	2,874 13 11½	2,646 11 5½
O ⁵ Government dept. Telegraphs -	885 5 5½	224 11 5½	1,937 19 8	1,777 15 11½	1,530 4 4
A ⁴ Losses by fraud, default, &c. -	—	—	—	—	—
E ⁴ Electric Lighting of West Chief Offices -	—	—	—	—	—
G ⁶ Fuel and Light -	—	—	—	—	—
L Stores (Morse and Wheatstone paper, &c.) -	—	—	—	—	—
A ¹³ Gas and Electric Light (G.P.O. East, &c. (Postal) -	—	—	—	—	—
C ³ Fuel and Light (Provincial) -	—	—	—	—	—
E ⁵ Fuel and Light (P.O.S.B.) -	—	—	—	—	—
General Stock -	14 5 0	—	—	—	—
Postal G ⁸ Incidental Expenses (Mail Bags, &c.) -	—	—	—	—	—
Postal G ⁸ Supply and repair of Mail Bags, &c. -	—	—	—	—	—
C ¹⁸ Fuel and Light (Scotland) -	—	—	—	—	—
Suspense Account -	—	—	—	—	—
Value of Stores in Depot at end of year -	105,698 17 1½	129,361 0 1	152,625 15 11½	190,776 9 5½	211,762 11 10½
Total -	249,790 8 11½	315,621 9 4	389,143 13 0	453,620 7 6	636,630 12 10½

(Signed)

CHAS. E. STUART,

Controller of Stores.

APPENDIX T.

CONSUMPTION of TELEGRAPH STORES, and the BALANCES in DEPÔTS.

March 31st.						
1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	
<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>
211,762 11 10½	215,329 7 8½	212,183 10 1½	226,786 7 9½	205,364 17 0½	211,542 16 1½	
240,987 8 3½	152,775 7 1	146,468 5 4	142,256 17 10½	142,512 15 8½	173,840 15 7½	
173,145 10 6½	136,181 19 4½	115,468 16 5½	137,908 5 0½	133,085 3 10½	116,566 10 1½	
60 1 7½	47 9 0½	3 9 3½	7 15 2½	23 3 2	16 5 9½	
504 17 8½	453 13 0	375 14 6½	2,085 3 11	840 5 0½	657 5 2½	
39,005 19 10½	59,966 1 7½	18,917 6 8½	16,083 6 8½	13,710 11 4½	17,274 6 7½	
10,456 4 0	13,470 0 4½	13,120 14 1½	19,550 17 11½	15,174 6 4	12,226 5 8	
697 16 6½	325 7 2	607 9 2½	663 13 7½	601 14 6	757 7 3½	
264 0 5½	266 13 4	153 3 8½	285 12 10½	253 12 10½	370 1 1	
—	—	—	1 8 10	0 2 6	4 0 0	
—	—	—	—	—	—	
—	—	—	—	96 17 6	188 1 0	
—	—	—	—	0 1 3	0 0 7	
—	—	—	—	2 10 0	21 10 0½	
676,884 10 11½	578,835 3 8½	507,328 9 6½	545,629 9 9½	521,671 1 2½	533,474 5 3	
237,281 5 8½	209,045 10 6	196,094 6 7	237,192 19 8½	213,678 15 1½	203,917 8 2½	
1,288 5 3½	805 11 4½	519 2 6½	700 15 7½	471 8 7	809 14 7½	
6,589 9 8½	5,814 5 10½	6,409 4 0½	7,567 10 2	8,476 4 4	5,808 3 5½	
177,877 0 5½	112,853 4 11	51,569 16 8½	49,562 14 10½	52,006 19 4½	51,974 18 3½	
34,184 13 3½	34,777 6 8½	21,103 12 4½	41,892 2 4½	30,739 11 10	23,574 2 7	
3,199 3 5½	1,560 16 10½	1,622 18 7	1,941 7 3½	2,181 17 11½	2,207 9 0½	
1,135 6 5	1,794 17 4½	1,823 6 2½	1,212 0 11½	2,159 8 10½	2,193 3 2½	
—	—	224 6 8½	71 14 0½	30 12 8	31 17 1	
—	—	1,175 8 0	123 7 7½	64 6 5½	328 16 0	
—	—	—	—	—	4 9 8	
—	—	—	—	—	4 3 4	
—	—	—	—	—	1,220 7 4	
—	—	—	—	—	1 18 4	
—	—	—	—	—	526 6 4½	
—	—	—	—	368 7 0½	1,145 11 3	
—	—	—	—	0 17 10	859 5 1½	
—	—	—	—	—	0 0 7½	
—	—	—	—	—	1 1 5½	
215,339 7 8½	212,183 10 1½	226,786 7 2½	205,364 17 0½	211,542 16 1½	238,365 9 3½	
676,884 10 11½	578,835 3 8½	507,328 9 6½	545,629 9 9½	521,671 1 2½	533,474 5 3	

(Signed) JAMES J. CARDIN,
Receiver and Accountant General.

APPENDIX U.

EXTRACT FROM THE FINANCE ACCOUNTS FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1891.*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 -		12	12	0	—	
Postage collected in the Metropolis -	125,896	19	7	—		
Postage, &c. refunded -	—	—	—	14,718	5	3½
Postage Stamps sold by Postmasters, &c. in the United Kingdom, and issued to Postmasters and Agents Abroad -	10,192,675	8	2½	—		
Postage Stamps sold by Stamp Distributors of Inland Revenue -	254,872	6	2	—		
Postage, &c. refunded by Stamp Distributors of Inland Revenue -	—	—	—	1,360	4	8
Payments to Inland Revenue Department on account of Postage Stamps used for Inland Revenue purposes -	—	—	—	507,000	0	0
Payments to Railway Companies and to Her Majesty's Customs on account of Parcel Post -	—	—	—	499,428	16	4
Commission on Money Orders -	129,425	16	8½	—		
Ditto Postal „ -	212,727	18	8½	—		
Miscellaneous Receipts -	33,304	0	0½	—		
Postage collected for Great Britain by Colonial Offices, and Postmasters and Agents Abroad -	84,895	8	4½	—		
Postage collected by Foreign Offices for credit of Great Britain -	58,553	13	8½	—		
Postage collected by Great Britain for credit of Colonial Offices not under the control of the Imperial Post Office -	—	—	—	99,162	3	8½
Postage collected by Great Britain for credit of Foreign Offices -	—	—	—	126,925	16	0
	11,091,863	18	1	1,248,595	5	11½
Deduct Payments out -	1,248,595	5	11½			
NET PRODUCE £	9,843,268	12	1½			

The Postage chargeable on other Public Departments has not been paid to the Post Office since 1868.

General Post Office, }
June 1891.

JAMES J. CARDIN,
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APPENDIX U.—*continued.*

TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

	Gross Receipts.	Payments out.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Amount received for the transmission of Telegraphic Messages, &c. in Cash	590,520 4 11	—
Amount received for the transmission of Telegraphic Messages, &c. in Stamps -	2,199,739 4 10½	—
Payments to Cable Companies, &c.,	- - -	395,680 1 5½
Telegram Moneys refunded, &c., &c. -	2,790,259 9 9½	395,680 1 5½
Deduct Payments out	- 395,680 1 5½	
NET PRODUCE	£ 2,394,579 8 4	

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General Post Office, }
June 1891. .j

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