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FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

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

MY LORDS,

I HAVE the honour to submit to your Lordships the Forty-second Annual Report of the Postmaster-General, being an account of the business of the Department for the year ended the 31st of March 1896.

It is estimated that during that year the following postal packets were delivered in the United Kingdom :—

—	Number estimated.	Increase or Decrease per cent.	Average Number to each Person.	Number of postal packets See Appendix A., pages 33-37.
Letters - - -	1,834,200,000	Inc. 3·6	46·8	
Post Cards - - -	314,500,000	Inc. 0·6	8·0	
Book Packets, Circulars, and Samples - - - }	672,300,000	Inc. 9·4	17·1	
Newspapers - - -	149,000,000	Dec. 1·8	3·8	
Parcels - - -	60,527,000	Inc. 5·9	1·5	
Total - - -	3,030,527,000	Inc. 4·2	77·2	

Your Lordships will observe with satisfaction that, except in the case of newspapers, the figures show an increase upon those of last year and tend to justify the view of my predecessor that the apparent decrease in the number of letters in 1894 was not to be taken as denoting any real cessation in the growth of postal business.

Looking back over a long period of years, I find that this growth has been continuous, and I feel sure that it will be of interest to show in some detail the steps by which the primary

business of the Post Office—that of carrying the correspondence of the country—has grown to its present dimensions.

Into the early history of the letter post I do not propose to enter. It is a subject which has received and is still receiving much attention in my Department; and I have been able during the past year to make arrangements whereby the voluminous archives of the Post Office, going back to the period of its first foundation, will be rendered more accessible to research. In the present report I have taken as my starting point the year before the establishment of uniform penny postage.

In that year (1839) the number of letters (including six million "franks") which passed through the post was 82 millions, and in the following year, under penny postage, it rose to 169 millions.

At that time the newspaper post was already in existence, but no statistics of the number of newspapers carried are forthcoming. Up to 1855 newspapers were subject to a compulsory stamp duty which enabled them to pass free by post. From 1855 to 1870 they were not required to be stamped, but stamped newspapers passed free from other postage.

Before 1870, however, other changes had been introduced into the Postal Service. In 1848 the book post was instituted at a rate of 6*d.* per lb., reduced in 1855 to 1*d.* for 4 ozs., and circulars were admitted to this post in 1856.

The Inland Pattern Post was established in 1863 at a rate of 3*d.* for 4 ozs., but this was reduced almost at once to 2*d.* and early in 1870 to 1*d.* for 4 ozs.

Up to 1870 then, or during the first 30 years after the introduction of penny postage, the changes in the postal rates had not been extensive, but in 1870 changes greater than any which had occurred since the reform of 1839 were made.

On the 1st October 1870 post cards were introduced; the rate for book packets and samples was reduced to $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* for 2 ozs.; and the rate for newspapers was fixed at $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* irrespective of weight. In the following year the letter rate of postage, up to 12 ozs., was reduced to the present scale of 1*d.* for the first ounce, $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* for the second ounce, and an additional $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* for each additional 2 ozs. The sample post was abolished at the same time.

The rates of postage for letters were not again altered till 1885, when postage on weights above 12 ozs. was reduced to $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* for each additional 2 ozs.

The book and newspaper rates have since remained unaltered, but a great stimulus was given to the book post in 1892, when greater freedom was given both in the mode of packing and in the definition of a book packet.

To complete this summary of the changes of the conditions of the post it ought to be added that the price of post cards and the conditions of their use have been changed from time to time since their first introduction in 1870.

In 1872 a charge of a halfpenny a dozen in addition to the stamp was made. In 1875 stout cards were first issued, and the charge for thin cards was raised to 1d. a dozen.

In 1889 the present rates, viz., 1d. for 10 stout cards and $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for 10 thin cards, were fixed, and stout cards began to displace thin cards to the extent of 18 millions a year. On the 1st September 1894, private cards first passed under a halfpenny adhesive stamp. Cards of "Court" size were issued on the 21st January 1895. In consequence of these various changes, in 1894-95, the number of post cards of all sorts rose from 272 to 313 millions, while the number of official post-cards showed a decrease of 31 millions.

The number of letters and books have perhaps been slightly affected by the re-establishment of the Sample Post in 1887, and still more by the Parcel Post, established on the 1st August 1883.

These preliminary observations will, it is hoped, add to the interest of the following table, which shows the average annual business of the Post Office during each five years from the institution of penny postage to the present time.

The average annual numbers have been as follows :—

Years.	Letters (in Millions).	News- papers (in Millions).	Books (in Millions).	Samples (in Millions).	Post Cards (in Millions).	Parcels (in Millions).	Total of Postal Packets (in Millions).
1839 - - -	82 (in- cluding Franks)	No record	—	—	—	—	No record
1840 (under uniform penny postage).	169	"	—	—	—	—	"
1841-45 - - -	227	"	—	—	—	—	"
1846-50 - - -	327	No record		—	—	—	"
1851-55 - - -	410	"	—	—	—	—	"
1856-60 - - -	521	79		—	—	—	600
1861-65 - - -	648	91		—	—	—	739
1866-70 - - -	805	110		—	—	—	915
1871-75 - - -	927	113	128	—	78	—	1,246
1876-1880-81 - -	1,096	129	205	—	108	—	1,537
1881-82-1885-86 -	1,519	143	303	—	153	25*	1,943
1886-87-1890-91 -	1,577	155	418	—	203	39	2,302
1891-92-1894-95 -	1,785	160	555	—	264	53	2,817
1895-96 - - -	1,834	140	672	—	315	60	3,030

* This is the average for 1884-85 and 1885-86. The post only commenced on the 1st August 1883.

In connection with this historical sketch, it will be interesting to give particulars of the revenue and expenditure of the Post Office at different periods.

I have accordingly taken the figures for 1839, 1840,* 1871-72,† 1883-84,‡ and each of the last 10 years. They are as follows:—

See Appendix
R. and footnote
on page 87.

Year.	Total Revenue.			Total Expenditure.§		
	Postal.	Telegraph.	Combined Totals.	Postal.	Telegraph.	Combined Totals.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1839	2,435,040	—	2,435,040	756,999	—	756,999
1840	1,450,227	—	1,450,227	858,677	—	858,677
1871-72	5,322,356	754,684	6,076,990	3,873,041	600,926	4,473,967
1883-84	8,285,760	1,789,228	10,074,988	5,505,208	1,808,920	7,314,128
1886-87	9,124,206	1,887,159	11,011,365	6,367,319	2,032,632	8,399,951
1887-88	9,313,068	1,992,949	11,306,017	6,281,231	1,999,033	8,280,264
1888-89	9,715,559	2,129,965	11,845,524	6,466,127	2,041,361	8,507,488
1889-90	9,721,481	2,364,099	12,085,580	6,275,085	2,278,986	8,554,071
1890-91	10,088,677	2,456,764	12,545,441	6,687,504	2,388,581	9,026,085
1891-92	10,451,998	2,545,612	12,997,610	7,192,487	2,635,895	9,828,382
1892-93	10,600,149	2,526,312	13,126,461	7,507,645	2,692,994	10,200,639
1893-94	10,734,885	2,579,206	13,314,091	7,759,712	2,757,645	10,517,357
1894-95	11,025,460	2,646,414	13,671,874	7,955,344	2,788,052	10,743,396
1895-96 (estimated)	11,759,945	2,879,794	14,639,739	8,093,036	2,914,581	11,007,617

Year.	Net Revenue.§		
	Postal.	Telegraph.	Combined Totals.
	£	£	£
1839	1,678,041	—	1,678,041
1840	591,550	—	591,550
1871-72	1,449,315	153,708	1,603,023
1883-84	2,780,552	deficit 19,697	2,760,855
1886-87	2,756,887	145,473	2,611,414
1887-88	3,081,837	6,084	3,025,753
1888-89	3,249,432	88,604	3,338,036
1889-90	3,446,396	85,113	3,531,509
1890-91	3,451,173	68,183	3,519,356
1891-92	3,259,511	deficit 90,283	3,179,228
1892-93	3,092,504	166,682	2,925,822
1893-94	2,975,173	178,439	2,796,734
1894-95	3,070,116	141,638	2,928,478
1895-96 (estimated)	3,666,909	34,787	3,632,122

These figures, I should add, include on the revenue side the value of work done for other Government Departments, and, on the expenditure side, the expenditure incurred by other Departments on behalf of the Post Office.

The penny letter has long been known to be the sheet-anchor of the Post Office, and it is interesting to record that it appears from returns taken last year that no less than 95 per cent. of the total number of inland letters passed for a penny each.

Features of
the Post
during the
past year.

* The first year of uniform penny postage.

† The first year of halfpenny rate for postcards, newspapers and books.

‡ The first year of the parcel post.

§ Not including the purchase money of the telegraphs, or the interest upon it.

I am unable to state with certainty what proportion of the 315 millions of post cards delivered last year were official cards, but apparently they are now about half the total number.

It will be observed that the total number of post cards has only increased by 0·6 per cent., as against 25·9 last year. This seems to show that the great impulse given to the use of post cards by the introduction of private cards has now spent its force.

For the decrease in late years in the number of newspapers passing by post, I am unable to account, but I presume that it is due to increased energy and improved system on the part of the great newsagents.

From a revenue point of view the tendency to relieve the Post Office of the duty of distributing newspapers is no matter for regret, for, as has been often stated in public, the State loses much money by the work.

Details of the Foreign and Colonial correspondence carried during the year will be found in Appendix B. The numbers of circulars, book packets, patterns, and newspapers sent to or received from abroad cannot unfortunately be given even approximately, and the weights are therefore given in bulk. Page 38.

PARCEL POST.

The number of parcels delivered in the United Kingdom during the year 1895-96 has increased by 5·9 per cent., from 57,136,000 to 60,527,000. The average postage per parcel is now 5·44*d.*, of which the Post Office share is 2·86*d.* The number of registered parcels has been as follows:—

England and Wales (excluding London)	-	399,265
London	-	182,281
Scotland	-	44,293
Ireland	-	36,357
Total	-	<u>662,196</u>

There has been no extension this year of the system of night mail coaches for the conveyance of parcels, but the total of parcels so conveyed has been largely increased. Mail coaches.

The total number of Rail-borne Parcels during the year was 52,196,217, an increase of 5·3 per cent. on last year, whereas the number of Road-borne Parcels was 8,331,221, an increase of 9·5 upon last year.

The mild character of the winter enabled the coaches to maintain a regularity which compares favourably with the mail trains, and the mishaps were few and slight.

The total number of parcels sent to and received from places abroad during the year was 1,761,606, an increase of 13 per cent. on the previous year. The increase in the number of parcels despatched was 7 per cent., and of parcels received 23 per cent. The largest growth has been in the service with France, Germany, Italy, and South Africa. The value of the goods exported and Foreign and colonial parcels, Appendix B., page 42.

imported by Parcel Post during the last two years was as follows:—

—	1894-95.	1895-96.	Increase.
	£	£	£
Exported - -	1,145,849	1,437,312	291,463
Imported - -	885,406	1,009,022	123,616
Total - -	2,031,255	2,446,334	415,079

The total number of Foreign and Colonial parcels insured was 73,789, as against 58,593 in the previous year.

THE EXPRESS DELIVERY SERVICE.

This service, which came into operation in March 1891, shows the considerable increase of 33 per cent. during the past year, the number of express services performed having been 363,971, as against 273,540 in the previous year. Two-thirds of the total number of services have been performed in London, only 20,000 services were performed in Scotland, and only 6,000 in Ireland.

Increasing advantage is being taken of the system of sending single letters by train with express messengers at each end of the journey, and also of the arrangement whereby letters arriving by ordinary post can be delivered, on payment of a small fee, by express messenger in advance of the ordinary delivery by Postman.

The number of letters so conveyed in London during the year was 142,018. In the city more than 60 firms have arranged that letters arriving by certain Foreign Mails shall be so delivered.

In rural districts the Express Service should confer considerable advantage seeing that letters for the post town can on payment of the threepenny fee be handed to the Postman on his return journey, so that they can be delivered the same evening.

RETURNED PACKETS.

The numbers of returned packets dealt with were as follows:—

—	Number.	Increase. or Decrease.
Letters - - - -	6,331,086	Increase. 229,136
Post Cards - - -	1,016,005	Decrease. 265,590
Book Packets - -	9,588,097	Decrease. 1,203,284
Newspapers - - -	707,004	Increase. 126,144
Patterns and Samples - -	62,769	Increase. 998
Parcels - - - -	146,407	Increase. 3,811

Undelivered
packets.
Appendix G.,
page 60.

The decrease in the number of postcards and books is no doubt due to the abolition of the charge for the redirection of these classes of packets, the Post Office having thereby been enabled to deliver a larger proportion of these packets to the addressees.

The value of property found in letters which were opened in the Returned Letter Offices exceeded 580,000*l.*, and, in addition to these, many registered letters, having the name and address of the sender outside, were returned unopened. Property in Returned Letter Office.

The letters posted without any address were 31,879, of which 2,133 contained property of the value of 3,860*l.* The number of parcels found in the Post without address was 6,462. The corresponding numbers for the previous five years were as follows:—1890–91, 9,986; 1891–92, 9,350; 1892–93, 8,263; 1893–94, 5,343; 1894–95, 5,631. Packets posted without address.

The decrease in the number of such parcels between 1891 and 1894 was no doubt due to the efforts made by the Postmaster General of the day to warn the Public against the use of “tie on” labels, which are often insecurely fastened to the parcels. It is to be regretted that the numbers should have risen in the last two years. I hope that the attention now drawn to the matter may cause greater care to be taken by the Public in the protection of the property which they entrust to the post.

HOME MAILS.

A contract was made by my predecessor with the City of Dublin Steam Packet Company for the conveyance of the mails between Holyhead and Kingstown, by which the time of the voyage was to be reduced by half an hour. The contract is for 20 years from the 1st April 1897. Irish Mail Contract.

Four packets of improved type are being built for the service. The accommodation for the Staff and the mails on these packets will be substantially improved.

In Ireland itself the mail services have been accelerated and improved, a change having been made in the day mail route between Dublin and Waterford, and new mail trains established on the Cork, Bandon, and South Coast Railway. Mail accelerations.

The late mails from London to the North and to Scotland have been accelerated, and by a new arrangement in the Circulation Office the sorting of letters for Wales has been simplified; a travelling post office, for the first time, passes through the Severn Tunnel, bringing Cornwall nearer to Scotland by an hour and a half, and better communication has been established by night mail between the West and Lancashire.

The increase in the number of daily country mails has been, to London—84, from London—68. Appendix E., page 54.

In the rural districts new collections and posts have been established and the Postmen’s deliveries have been extended to

outlying places. I estimate that each week which passes adds some 400*l.*, and each year 20,000*l.*, to the permanent expenditure of the Department on account of these improvements.

In those cases in which Rural Postmen own cycles, or horses and carts, I have issued instructions that their use should not be forbidden when their employment is not inconsistent with the interests of the Service. In addition, Postmen have been supplied in numerous other cases with the means of providing their own horses and carts, and in some instances with the means of providing their own cycles, by allowances paid to them for the purpose.

LATE POSTING.

Late posting.

The facilities for posting letters in London—with late fee—for Sunday night mails have been extended to more offices. The average number of letters so posted last year reached nearly 3,000 each Sunday. Special arrangements have been made in Fleet Street for the assistance of newspaper men whose Staff can now post their letters in the small hours of the morning, whereas formerly the boxes were closed at midnight. The hours for posting registered letters in London for the outgoing late night mails have also been extended.

I have been able to make arrangements in parts of the West Riding for receiving letters for the Eastern and Australian Mails posted after the ordinary despatch on Fridays with an additional fee of 2*l.* As stated in the last report of my predecessor, a similar system was introduced last year in Birmingham, Liverpool, and Manchester.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL MAILS.

Eastern and Australian Mail Contracts.

Much consideration, has, during the year, been given to the arrangements for carrying on the Eastern and Australian Mail Services on the expiration of the present contracts; and correspondence has taken place on the subject with the Governments of India and the various Colonies interested, with the result that tenders have been invited for an improved service to come into operation in February 1898.

Canadian quick Packet Service.

As a matter intimately connected with the means of communication between this country and her possessions in the East, I may properly touch here upon the subject of the proposed quick Packet Service between the United Kingdom and Canada. Since the Ottawa Conference of 1894 passed its resolution referred to in the Report of my predecessor, in favour of the development of the Canadian Pacific system as a means of communication with Australia, the Canadian Government has approached Her Majesty's Government with the view of obtaining an Imperial contribution towards the cost of the Atlantic service. The question what support from Imperial funds would be necessary or proper could not be settled until the total cost of such a service as the Canadian Govern-

ment have in contemplation was known. It was, therefore, suggested, that the Colonial Government should advertise for tenders; and this has been done; but I am not yet in a position to report to your Lordships upon the result.

An improved arrangement has been made by the Colony of Natal for the transport of its outward and homeward mails. Instead of being conveyed between Cape Town and Durban partly by land and partly by sea, these are now sent overland throughout the African stage of their transit by the railway passing through the Orange Free State and the South African Republic. Natal Mails.

By an acceleration of the Day Mail Service between London and Paris in both directions, it has been possible to fix the time of departure from each capital one hour later than formerly, without any material alteration in the time of arrival. Nearly an hour is thus gained by persons posting letters in the early morning, from one capital for the other. Acceleration of
London and
Paris Mail.

The Foreign and Colonial Parcel Post has continued to show satisfactory growth; but the changes during the year have not been numerous. The post has been extended to the French Possessions of St. Pierre and Miquelon and to German South West Africa. It was observed some time since that a considerable number of parcels addressed to passengers on board the outward bound Mail Packets for Australia and the East had been posted with a view to their delivery on board at Brindisi or Naples, and that the greater part of them failed of their object through the shortness of time for the accomplishment of the journey and the customs formalities. The French and Italian authorities have now consented to let closed parcel mails addressed to these Mail Packets go through France and Italy by the Indian Mail train, unexamined; and by this means the convenience desired by the passengers and their friends has been afforded. Foreign and
Colonial
Parcel Post.

A reduction has been made in the postage on parcels for Canada, the Argentine Republic, Finland, Annam, and Tonquin. The limit of weight for parcels sent to Natal, Argentine Republic, Egypt (via France), Mauritius, and the Seychelles has been raised to 11 lb.

The extension of the insurance system to parcels sent to and from France, and also to those sent through France to and from Italy, Switzerland, and Egypt, has evidently been very useful to the public, as it has led to a large increase in the total number of insured parcels sent by the post. Parcels for Bermuda can also now be insured. Insured
Foreign
Parcels.

Endeavours to establish a direct parcel post with Japan have been made for some years; and, pending the consent of the Japanese authorities to such a post, arrangements were made for the transmission of parcels to Japan by means of the German packets which call at Southampton. These arrangements were made in virtue of the Parcel Post Convention with Germany, which country has had a parcel post with Japan for some little

time. Although the agreement for a direct Anglo-Japanese Parcel Post had not been signed up to the end of the last financial year, I am glad to be able to state that the signed agreement has since arrived from Japan, and will shortly come into operation.

The attempts of my predecessors to arrange with the United States Post Office for a parcel post between this country and those States have also been renewed and prosecuted during my tenure of office, and I am not without hope of success.

POSTAL UNION.

Postal Union.

Since the entry of the Cape Colony into the Postal Union in 1895, the area of settled territory in Africa not comprised within the Union system has been rapidly diminishing; British Bechuanaland, British East Africa, and Zanzibar have all been included in the system within the past year.

The State of Sarawak also has lately announced its intention of entering the Union.

MONEY ORDERS AND POSTAL ORDERS.

Appendices K.
and L., pages
72-80.

Much attention has been given during the past year to various proposals for modifying the Post Office Money Order system. I have not, up to the present time, been able to adopt any of the schemes which have been pressed upon me, though I am well aware that in other countries some of them have been found highly successful.

The volume of business which would be affected by any change in the Money Order system is, however, so vast that, in my opinion, change could not properly be proposed except after the most exhaustive examination and discussion.

I give in the Appendix, besides the usual tables, a sketch of the history of the Money Order and Postal Order systems; Your Lordships will there be able to trace the steps by which the Post Office has become the medium of transmission of 54 millions of money in 75 million small sums in the course of one year.

The Inland Money Order business has maintained the tendency to increase, which was noted by my predecessor in 1894-95. Not only are the numbers of orders and the total amounts larger than in that year, but the average amount remitted by each order, which fell from 2*l.* 14*s.* 5*d.* in 1893-94 to 2*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.* in 1894-95, has now risen to 2*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.* The average amount remitted by Telegraph Money Order is 3*l.* 7*s.* 2*d.*, and these orders have increased in number by 15 per cent. during the year, the total amount remitted by telegram increasing by 12 per cent.

Foreign and
Colonial
Money Orders.

The Inward Money Order business from the United States has recovered from its recent slackness, for the orders in the past year show an increase of 26,419, representing 62,877*l.*, as against a decrease in the previous year of 22,483, representing 113,996*l.*

The Money Order business from the Cape Colony shows much elasticity, the numbers being 90,718 for 334,256*l.*, as against 77,573 for 279,433*l.* for last year. Of the total amount of 334,256*l.* remitted from the Cape, more than half, viz., 176,344*l.*, originated in the South African Republic, the Orange Free State, and Rhodesia.

In marked contrast to these figures, the money orders from the Australian Colonies show a decline of 2,013 in number and 5,687*l.* in amount.

The Money Order system has been extended during the year 1895-96 to Finland and Servia, and certain places in the Levant.

The actual number of Postal Orders during the past year has been 64,076,377, representing 23,896,594*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* The details of the Money Order business are as follows :—

MONEY ORDERS.

	Number.			Amount.		
	1895-96.	1894-95.	Increase.	1895-96.	1894-95.	Increase.
<i>Inland.</i>				<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Ordinary - - -	7,426,345	7,395,681	30,664	19,029,533	18,724,731	304,802
Telegraph - - -	153,318	132,467	20,861	515,304	456,731	58,573
Government Offices -	1,754,633	1,632,166	92,467	6,037,399	5,772,070	265,329
Total inland - - -	9,334,296	9,160,304	143,992	25,582,236	24,953,532	628,704
<i>Foreign and Colonial.</i>						
Issued in the United Kingdom and paid abroad :						
Colonial - - -	127,194	123,955	3,239	435,820	427,288	8,532
Foreign - - -	330,088	322,153	7,935	798,582	786,883	11,699
Total outwards - - -	457,282	446,108	11,174	1,234,402	1,214,171	20,231
<i>Issued abroad and payable in the United Kingdom :</i>				<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Colonial - - -	412,592	394,607	17,985	1,342,759	1,284,530	58,229
Foreign - - -	696,793	654,187	42,606	1,567,420	1,470,894	96,526
Total inwards - - -	1,109,385	1,048,794	60,591	2,910,179	2,755,424	154,755
Total Foreign and Colonial Orders - - -	1,566,667	1,494,902	71,765	4,144,581	3,969,595	174,986
Grand total - - -	10,900,963	10,685,206	215,757	29,726,817	28,923,127	803,690

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

Appendix J.,
pages 65-71.

The growth of the business of the Post Office Savings Bank during the year 1895 is shown in the following tables :—

Amount due to depositors on 31st December	£
1894 - - - - -	89,266,066
11,384,977 deposits during 1895	
(as against 10,973,651 of	£
30,439,449 <i>l.</i> in 1894) - -	32,078,660
4,102,059 withdrawals during	
1895 (as against 3,863,886 of	
23,786,927 <i>l.</i> in 1894) - -	25,698,296
Excess of deposits over withdrawals - -	6,380,364
Add interest for 1895 credited to depositors (as	
against 2,015,903 <i>l.</i> in 1894) - -	2,222,545
Amount due to depositors on 31st December 1895	<u>£97,868,975</u>
Number of accounts open on 31st December 1894	6,108,763
Accounts opened in 1895 (as	
against 1,135,525 opened in 1894)	1,153,236
Accounts closed in 1895 (as	
against 775,001 closed in 1894)	808,402
Excess of accounts opened (as against an excess	
of 360,524 in 1894) - - - -	344,834
Number of accounts open on 31st December 1895	<u>6,453,597</u>

Average daily
transactions.

The daily average number of deposits made throughout the year was 37,084, as against 35,861 in 1894, and the average amount deposited each day was 104,490*l.* as against 99,475*l.* in 1894. The daily averages of withdrawals were 13,361 and 83,707*l.* as against 12,627 and 77,735*l.* in 1894. The average amount of each deposit was 2*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.* (2*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* in 1894) and of each withdrawal, 6*l.* 5*s.* 3*d.* (6*l.* 3*s.* 1*d.* in 1894). The average sum to the credit of each account open at the end of 1895 was 15*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*, as against 14*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.* in 1894.

The largest number of deposits made on any one day was 92,761 on the 30th December, and the highest amount deposited was 332,132*l.* on the following day. The largest number of withdrawal warrants issued on one day was 27,654 on the 18th December, and the largest amount of such warrants was 172,501*l.* on the 17th December, the largest sum on record as having been withdrawn from the Savings Bank on one day.

The number of withdrawals by telegraph during 1895 was 78,818, as against 49,006 in 1894. The largest number of such withdrawals in one day was 873 on the 23rd December.

Trustee Sav-
ings Banks.

The transfer of money from the Trustee Savings Banks to the Post Office Savings Banks continues ; the amount so transferred in 1895 being 174,428*l.* During the early part of the present year, several large Trustee Banks have been closed, including the

St. Martin's Place Provident Institution, from which no less a sum than 773,000*l.* was transferred to my care.

Into the difficult questions connected with the appreciation of Consols and its effect upon the financial position of the Savings Banks I do not enter in this report. I may, however, state that the profit upon the operations of the Post Office Savings Banks in 1895, after payment of all expenses, reached 16,983*l.*

The average cost of each transaction was 6*4**d.* and the cost per cent. upon the total amount to the depositors' credit is 8*s.* 5½*d.*, as compared with 6*7**d.* and 9*s.* 3½*d.* in 1894. The cost would have been reduced to a yet lower sum had it not been for heavy charges for land and buildings.

By an Act which came into force on the 1st January 1895, Building Societies, duly incorporated, were enabled to deposit at any one time a sum not exceeding 300*l.*, and to buy Government Stock up to 500*l.* through the Savings Bank. Advantage has been taken of this provision by 16 societies during the year. Societies of other kinds authorised to keep accounts in the Savings Bank continue to do so, the number of such accounts opened in the last five years is as follows:—

	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.
Friendly Societies - - -	582	670	768	752	668
Trade, Provident, and Charitable Societies.	2,380	2,195	2,557	2,342	2,381
Bodies Corporate and Corporations Sole.	4	17	19	32	54
Totals - - -	2,966	2,882	3,344	3,126	3,098

The movement for the promotion of thrift in schools, which followed the passing of the Free Education Act, has now apparently slackened; the number of special "Stamp deposit" forms used in schools has fallen by 45,000, and the number of new Penny Banks has fallen by 63. 8,668 Elementary Schools out of nearly 20,000 in England and Wales have Penny Banks, the proportion varies from 67 per cent. in Cambridgeshire, to 24 per cent. in Wales and Monmouthshire.

Under the arrangement by which the amounts of Scholarships awarded by the Technical Education Board of the London County Council are paid into the Savings Bank accounts of the scholars, 446 new accounts were opened in 1895, and 6,998 deposits, amounting to 10,448*l.*, were made. The deferred pay of soldiers leaving the Army was deposited during the year to the extent of 359,496*l.* in 17,281 deposits, as against 389,256*l.* in 18,432 deposits in 1894.

The Stock Investment business of the Savings Bank shows the effect of the high prices of Consols, for the sales, for the first time, exceed the purchases; they amount to 19,608, representing 1,163,930*l.* Stock, as against 18,090 purchases representing 1,112,568*l.* Stock.

The total amount of Stock remaining to the credit of Stockholders in the books of the Savings Bank at the end of 1895 was 6,949,948*l.* in 68,949 accounts.

The arrangements for the automatic investment of the excess over the maximum limit of deposit in accounts at the close of 1895 had the following effect:—2,066 investments were made amounting to 75,341*l.* Stock: in 1,138 cases the excess, amounting to 15,373*l.*, was allowed by the desire of the depositors to remain on deposit without interest; and in 5,010 cases withdrawals were made amounting to 82,855*l.* It is noticed that when depositors' attention is called to the regulations, they generally invest or withdraw more than the actual excess and that they sometimes close their accounts.

Post Office
Annuities.

The appreciation of Consols has also had its effect on the Annuity business of the Post Office, the Post Office conducting the business at fixed rates, while the rates charged by the National Debt Commissioners vary according to the price of Consols. The Post Office has therefore been the cheaper agency. 1,898 immediate annuities, representing 49,816*l.*, have been purchased for 665,363*l.*, as against 1,565 such annuities, representing 41,495*l.*, bought for 540,277*l.* in 1894.

169 deferred annuities for 4,038*l.* were purchased during 1895 as compared with 164 for 3,772*l.* in 1894. These figures seem to show that deferred annuities are still unpopular, and that this unpopularity is unaffected by appeals to provide, in this way, for old age.

Post Office
insurances.

720 Life Insurance policies were issued in 1895 for 38,358*l.*, against 1,128 for 56,010*l.* in 1894, but it must be remembered that the figures for 1892, 1893, and 1894 were swelled by a special canvass among Post Office servants, and the present business shows an increase upon that of the years before 1892.

All practicable means have been adopted for making the advantages of the Savings Bank system widely known among the poorer classes, and I am glad to acknowledge the assistance which I have received in this matter from employers of labour.

TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES.

Number and
increase of
telegrams.

A very satisfactory increase took place in the number of both Inland and Foreign telegrams, an increase undoubtedly due to the revival of trade throughout the country.

Appendices
R. and S.,
pages 87-88.

During the year 78,839,610 telegrams of all descriptions were forwarded showing an increase over the previous year of 7,250,546 or 10·12 per cent. 64,563,587 of these were ordinary inland telegrams (*i.e.*, excluding foreign, press, and free telegrams), showing an increase of 5,656,179 or 9·6 per cent. The total revenue from inland telegrams was 2,046,456*l.* as compared with 1,880,206*l.* for the previous year, making the average revenue 7·61*d.* per telegram, as compared with 7·66*d.*

The number of foreign telegrams dealt with by the Department reached 6,701,838, showing an increase of 764,123, or 12·86 per cent. as compared with the year 1894-95.

This total does not represent the whole of the foreign telegraphic business of the United Kingdom. It only shows the number of foreign telegrams transmitted by the Post Office, and does not include those dealt with by the various cable companies without recourse to the Postal Telegraphs.

5,915,646 telegrams were transmitted at the press rates for newspapers, clubs, &c., being an increase as compared with the previous year of 513,863, or 9·5 per cent. The average weekly number of words contained in these telegrams was about 13,650,000.

Telegrams sent on behalf of the various Government Departments show an increase of 22,722, or 8·33 per cent., the total for the year being 295,371, as compared with 272,649 for the previous year.

The number of telegrams sent free of charge on behalf of the railway companies amounted to 1,338,818. This number represents an increase of 27·74 per cent. on the number, 1,048,064, sent in the previous year; but it is considerably below the numbers sent in former years before the arrangements for limitation of the number transmissible free of charge, to which reference was made in the Reports for 1892-93, 1893-94, and 1894-95 came into operation.

In continuation of these arrangements, a settlement has been arrived at with the Great Western and the Brecon and Merthyr Railway Companies for a limitation of their free message privilege, and there now only remain four companies with whom agreements have not been concluded.

The numbers of the various kinds of telegrams as compared with the number in the previous year are given in the following table :—

Class of Telegram.	Number.			Receipts.		
	1895-96.	1894-95.	Increase.	1895-96.	1894-95.	Increase.
Ordinary Inland . . .	64,503,537	58,007,408	5,656,179	£ 2,046,450	£ 1,890,206	£ 166,250
Press (Inland) . . .	5,915,646	5,401,783	513,863	124,881	110,061	5,820
Foreign . . .	6,701,838	5,957,715	764,123	331,717	286,215	45,502
Railway, free . . .	1,338,818	1,048,064	290,754	—	—	—
„ half rate . . .	24,360	21,445	2,905	460	414	55
Government, free . . .	295,371	272,649	22,722	—	—	—
Totals . . .	78,839,010	71,580,064	7,258,946	2,568,523	2,283,806	217,637

The London local telegrams show an increase of 644,921, or 10·14 per cent., the numbers for the year being 6,999,402 as compared with 6,354,481 in 1894-95.

The large increase in the number of telegrams passing over the Government cables to the continent, and in the number of conversations on the telephone circuits between London and New cables.

Paris, has rendered it necessary to consider the advisability of improving the means of communication.

With the cordial co-operation of the German Post Office experiments were made with a view to improve the carrying capacity of the cables to Germany by the method of duplex working which has been employed with success on some of the Anglo-French cables; but, owing to the greater length of the Anglo-German cables, the results obtained were not sufficiently successful to justify the adoption of the system for practical working.

Arrangements have now been made for the laying of three additional cables to the Continent, two to France, and one to Germany. These cables, each of which will contain four conductors, will afford a much needed relief to the traffic; and it is expected that this new cable to Germany will prove suitable for duplex working.

Telephones.

The new agreement with the National Telephone Company, embodying the arrangement arrived at after prolonged and difficult negotiations extending over nearly four years, was executed on the 25th March last. In accordance with the terms of the Treasury Minute, on which the negotiations were based, the agreement restricts the operations of the company to local areas and places the trunk wires connecting those areas in the hands of the Post Office. Special facilities for using the telephone in connexion with the telegraph and postal services are placed at the disposal of the public whether subscribers of the Company or not. Thus: messages may be telephoned—

1. For transmission over the Postal Telegraphs and delivery as telegrams.
2. For delivery as express letters.
3. For transmission and delivery as ordinary letters.

The telephone may also be used for obtaining the services of Post Office Express Messengers.

After considerable labour the experts appointed by the Post Office and the National Telephone Company to value the trunk wires of the Company brought their work to a successful termination, the price agreed upon being 459,114*l.* 3*s.* 7*d.* This amount was paid to the Company on the 4th of April last. 17

The length of trunk line taken over was 2,651 miles, and the length of wire about 29,000 miles.

It has not yet been found practicable to transfer the working of the whole of these wires to the Post Office, as the special arrangements for leading in the wires, and fitting the necessary switch boards, &c. must necessarily occupy some time. The only wires the working of which has at present been transferred are those in the South of England.

It is anticipated that the working of the whole of the remaining wires will be in the hands of the Post Office by the end of the summer.

The telephonic service on the main system of trunk lines erected by the Department itself between the principal business

centres of the United Kingdom to supplement those which it has now acquired from the National Telephone Company, was successfully inaugurated on the 12th June 1895.

On the 16th of July 1895, the system was thrown open to the public, and there has since been a steady development of the business.

During the year additional telephone circuits between London and Bristol, London and Southampton, London, Lowestoft, and Yarmouth, and London and Guildford have been completed, while further circuits between London and Birmingham, Liverpool and Manchester, Manchester and Carlisle, and Newcastle and Carlisle are in course of construction.

The scale of charges for trunk line conversations of three minutes each has been revised. Under the scale laid down in the Treasury Minute of the 23rd May 1892, the charges were as follows :—

For 20 miles or under	-	-	-	-	3d.	
" 40 "	"	"	"	"	6d.	
For every additional 40 miles or fraction thereof					6d.	
Under the revised scale the charges are—						
For 25 miles or under	-	-	-	-	3d.	6 8
" 50 "	"	"	"	"	6d.	12 "
" 75 "	"	"	"	"	9d.	18 "
" 100 "	"	"	"	"	1s.	24 "
For every additional 40 miles or fraction thereof					6d.	12 "

Trunk wire charges.

Rates
P. O. A.

Further progress has been made in the work of telegraphically connecting Coastguard Stations, &c. on exposed parts of the Coast with the nearest Lifeboat Stations for the purpose of summoning assistance to vessels in distress; and I understand that the system has on several occasions been the means of saving life.

Coast communication.

Cables have also been laid to the Formby Lightship and the pile Lighthouse on the Maplin Sands.

Some difficulty has been experienced in maintaining the cables which, on the recommendation of the Royal Commission, have been laid to some of the lightships. The cables become chafed and strained, and frequently break. Experiments are, however, about to be made with a view to establish communication with a lightship by means of induction, with a non-continuous cable, and it is hoped that these experiments will have a satisfactory result.

PROFIT ON POST AND TELEGRAPH.

From the financial point of view the past year has been one of unexampled prosperity in the Post Office.

Finance.
Appendix U.,
page 94; and
see also page 4.

The General Election and the revival of trade have combined to enable me to realise a profit of 3,632,122l.

Your Lordships will, I doubt not, recognise in these figures a proof that my Department continues to be administered upon the lines laid down by the Select Committee of the House of

Commons in 1888, which dwelt upon "the necessity of working in the main upon business principles, and with a view to a profit on the transactions of each year," and added, "that the high business character of the Post Office Department is in no small degree due to the fact that it has been administered in this spirit and from this point of view."

POST OFFICES.

New Offices.

264 new Post Offices and 1,087 new Letter Boxes have been added during the last year. There are now 27,622 Letter Boxes and 20,398 Post Offices in the United Kingdom. Money Order and Savings Bank business is transacted at about 11,000 offices, telegraph business is transacted at 7,653, but, in addition, telegraph business is performed for the Post Office at 2,273 Railway Stations. New Telegraph Offices have been opened during the past year at 244 Post Offices and 21 Railway Stations.

For many years it has been the practice to require a guarantee in all cases in which it appeared that such business would not be self-supporting, and this guarantee can now be given by parish councils as well as district councils.

New Crown Post Offices have been opened during the year at Aldershot Camp, Bury St. Edmunds, Croydon, Stamford, Galashiels, Stirling, and Wexford, and in several parts of London. At Bristol, Bath, and Hastings the Offices have been enlarged.

25 Crown Offices in London and the Provinces are in course of erection or enlargement; the General Post Office West is being re-arranged, and the Central Savings Bank is being extended.

Arrangements have been commenced or advanced for providing or enlarging 34 other Offices belonging to the Crown, and at 126 towns, where the Post Office belongs to the Postmaster, additional allowances have been granted to this officer to enable him to provide new or improved premises.

In the course of last year a deputation of Postmasters represented to my predecessor that they felt it a hardship to be called upon to provide fittings for those Post Offices at which, though they were not Crown offices, Post Office business only was carried on. The Postmasters had been assisted by allowances granted by the Department, but these did not satisfactorily meet the case. I have had pleasure in relieving Postmasters of their difficulty by arranging, with your Lordships approval, that for the future all such fittings and furniture not provided by the landlord, shall be provided by the Crown.

The expenditure out of the Post Office Vote on the acquisition of sites and buildings during the year amounted to 67,063*l.*, of which 31,870*l.* was spent in London. The expenditure by the Commissioners of Works and Buildings in Great Britain and Ireland respectively on the erection and furnishing of new

Post Offices and on the maintenance and enlargement of existing Post Office buildings amounted to 305,355*l.* in Great Britain and 8,360*l.* in Ireland. Of the former amount, 20,417*l.* was for the General Post Office North.

During the year 856 additional licenses to shopkeepers to sell stamps have been issued.

The occupation of the new General Post Office North by the Postmaster-General, the Secretary, and various administrative officers took place in June 1895, with much advantage alike to the Service and the Staff. The latter have now the benefit of ample room within the walls of the Office.

STAFF.

The Staff of the Post Office has increased during the year by 2,068 from 138,738 persons to 140,806. The number on the permanent Establishment (including Head and Sub-Postmasters) has risen by 2,343 to 79,235; in this latter number are included 11,857 women. Appendix F.,
page 55.

The manner in which this large number of women is employed is detailed in the appendix.

The fact that the increase of the permanent establishment exceeds the increase on the whole service is, in my opinion, highly satisfactory, as marking a reduction in the numbers of the auxiliary and "part time" force.

Of the 61,500 persons employed *not* on the permanent Establishment, the number of women is about 16,300.

The usual tables follow, showing the percentages of wages and salaries to Revenue and Expenditure.

Year.	Total Revenue.			Salaries and Wages.			Per-centage of Combined Salaries and Wages to Combined Revenue.
	Postal.	Tele-graph.	Com-bined Totals.	Postal.	Tele-graph.	Com-bined Totals.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	Per cent.
1885-86 - -	8,739,476	1,787,264	10,526,740	2,932,020	1,035,230	3,967,250	37·88
1886-87 - -	9,124,206	1,687,159	11,011,365	3,125,032	1,153,863	4,278,895	38·66
1887-88 - -	9,313,068	1,902,940	11,300,017	3,307,182	1,227,255	4,534,437	40·11
1888-89 - -	9,715,559	2,129,965	11,845,524	3,434,157	1,275,940	4,700,097	39·68
1889-90 - -	9,721,431	2,364,009	12,085,580	3,359,363	1,382,414	4,741,777	39·24
1890-91 - -	10,088,677	2,456,764	12,545,441	3,600,306	1,506,219	5,106,525	40·70
1891-92 - -	10,461,906	2,545,612	12,907,518	3,897,952	1,635,093	5,533,045	42·57
1892-93 - -	10,600,149	2,526,312	13,126,461	4,190,823	1,717,123	5,907,946	45·01
1893-94 - -	10,734,885	2,579,206	13,314,091	4,446,361	1,804,093	6,250,454	46·66
1894-95 - -	11,025,400	2,646,414	13,671,814	4,597,355	1,833,684	6,431,039	47·03
1895-96 - - (estimated).	11,759,945	2,879,794	14,639,739	4,734,417	1,895,327	6,629,744	45·28
		✓			✓		

Year.	Total Expenditure.			Salaries and Wages.			Per-centage of Combined Salaries and Wages to Combined Expenditure.
	Postal.	Tele-graph.	Com-bined Totals.	Postal.	Tele-graph.	Com-bined Totals.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	Per cent.
1885-86 - -	5,535,925	1,832,401	7,668,326	2,952,620	1,035,239	3,967,859	52·00
1886-87 - -	6,367,319	2,032,632	8,399,951	3,125,032	1,153,863	4,278,895	50·94
1887-88 - -	6,281,231	1,999,033	8,280,264	3,307,182	1,227,255	4,534,437	54·76
1888-89 - -	6,466,127	2,041,361	8,507,488	3,424,157	1,275,940	4,700,097	55·25
1889-90 - -	6,275,085	2,278,936	8,554,071	3,359,563	1,382,414	4,741,977	55·44
1890-91 - -	6,637,504	2,388,581	9,026,085	3,600,306	1,506,219	5,106,525	56·57
1891-92 - -	7,192,467	2,635,895	9,828,332	3,897,952	1,635,093	5,533,045	56·30
1892-93 - -	7,507,645	2,692,994	10,200,639	4,190,823	1,717,123	5,907,946	57·92
1893-94 - -	7,759,712	2,757,645	10,517,357	4,446,361	1,804,903	6,250,964	59·44
1894-95 - -	7,955,344	2,788,052	10,743,396	4,597,355	1,833,684	6,431,039	59·86
1895-96 - (estimated).	8,093,036	2,914,581	11,007,617	4,734,447	1,895,327	6,629,774	60·22

The number of persons who are provided with uniform by the Department now reaches 57,000. Constant effort is made to improve and simplify the system of clothing so large a number of men and boys, with a view both to their own comfort and to economy of public money. Great advantage has been obtained by arranging that the cloth for uniforms shall be bought by the Department and not by the contractors, and time has been saved by transferring from the War Office to the Post Office the duty of inspecting the finished clothes.

I am pleased to think that the men and boys look smarter than in former times; the boys, especially, profit in appearance, as well as in strength and discipline, by the system of drilling introduced during the last four years.

The force of Telegraph Messengers is also, I think, improved by the system of eliminating the less satisfactory boys at the age of 16. Such an elimination is obviously for the good of the Service, and I think it is also for the advantage of the boys themselves, because it is impossible to find permanent employment for all in the Post Office, and a lad is more likely at 16 than at 18 to find other work without difficulty.

Attention is drawn sometimes in Parliament and in the press to cases of theft by servants of the Post Office, but I am glad to believe—as the result of the best information which I can procure—that the average standard of honesty in the Service is high. That the public repose full confidence in the Post Office is clearly established by the constant increase in the Money and Postal Orders and other valuable articles sent by post, but I am glad to avail myself of this opportunity of warning the public that, not only in their own interest, but also in the interest of my staff, packets containing negotiable securities or other valuable articles ought invariably to be registered.

Irregularities falling short of crime—such, for instance, as intoxication and absence without leave—must, of course, occupy much of my attention in dealing with a force of 140,800 people, but on the whole I have no reason to be dissatisfied with the class of servants whom the Post Office is able to secure.

The Committee, sitting under the presidency of Lord Tweedmouth, to inquire into the Post Office Establishments, has not yet reported, and consequently, during the past year, I have recommended no large alteration in the pay and conditions of Service of the Staff.

The system known as the “eight-hours’ day,” which may be more strictly described as confining the labour of the workmen to 48 hours a week, was introduced experimentally at the two telegraph factories at Mount Pleasant and Holloway on the 1st March 1895. Its introduction, I am glad to state, has been attended with successful results. Except in those cases where the speed of the work is regulated by the speed of the machinery, or where other conditions interfering with its success have prevailed, the men have been able to turn out as much work in the eight hours as they had previously done in the nine. It is gratifying to find that, on the whole, the experience of the Post Office confirms the results obtained in other cases where the experiment has been tried. The superintendents of the factories, I ought to add, report that the men have evidently derived much benefit from the shorter hours of labour, which is displayed in a marked improvement in their appearance and general behaviour.

“Eight-hours’ day” in the factories.

I am glad to be able to report that the health of the Staff during the year 1895, has been generally satisfactory, but in the early part of the year epidemic influenza was prevalent, which led to much absence from sickness and to 14 deaths.

Health of Staff.
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The number of Medical Officers employed by the Post Office was increased during the year 1895 by 85; and stood, at the end of the year, at 559, of whom 4 are women. The Staff under their direct charge amounted to 56,685 men and 6,167 women. The average sick-absence of this Staff per officer employed from all causes was 9 days for men, and 17 days for women, as against 7·9 days for men, and 12·2 days for women in 1894; the per centage of sick absentees, average sick rate per sick

officer, and the average absence per officer employed, are shown in the subjoined table :—

	Per-centage of Sick Absentees.		Average Amount of Sick Absence per Sick Officer in Days.		Average Absence per Officer employed in Days.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
<i>England—</i>						
Chief Office - -	70·7	68·1	14·3	17·1	10·1	13·8
Metropolitan Districts	61·3	79·6	16·4	21·5	10·6	17·6
Country - -	41·8	60·8	21·3	21·5	7·6	14·4
<i>Scotland</i> - -	37·7	71·3	19·4	28·7	6·7	20·9
<i>Ireland</i>	44·3	78·3	21·9	25·5	9·8	18·8

Scarlet fever was less prevalent in the United Kingdom, and only 89 officers contracted the disease as against 127 in 1894. So also with smallpox, of which there were only 4 cases and one death among the Staff. From zymotic diseases there were 17 deaths.

The statistics of sickness and mortality from phthisis are :—

Retirement from Phthisis.

	Number of Retirements.		Rate of Retirement per 1,000 of the Staff.		Average Age on Retirement.		Average Length of Service.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
<i>England—</i>								
Chief Office - -	16	8	1·4	2·9	31	31	13	13
Metropolitan Districts	12	Nil	1·3	Nil	25	Nil	7	Nil
Country - -	16	3	·5	5·8	31	24	11	5
<i>Scotland</i> - -	7	2	1·6	3·8	29	5	10	10
<i>Ireland</i> - -	2	1	·9	6·7	27	28	10	8

Death from Phthisis.

	Number of Deaths.		Rate of Deaths per 1,000 of the Staff.		Average Age at Death.		Average Length of Service.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
<i>England—</i>								
Chief Office - -	19	1	1·5	·4	32	23	15	8
Metropolitan Districts	8	Nil	·9	Nil	33	Nil	8	Nil
Country - -	38	2	1·3	·8	34	23	13	4
<i>Scotland</i> - -	6	1	1·1	2·0	29	20	11	3
<i>Ireland</i> - -	9	2	3·2	9·4	31	29	13	10

The deaths among the whole established Staff throughout the year are shown in the following table :—

	Number of Deaths.		Death Rate per 1,000.		Average Age at Death in Years.		Average Length of Service in Years.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
<i>England—</i>								
Chief Office - -	59	5	5.1	1.8	37	28	17	10
Metropolitan Districts	18	1	2.5	1.9	38	19	14	2
Provinces - -	118	7	4.5	2.7	38	35	15	6
<i>Scotland</i> - -	21	2	4.6	3.0	32	45	12	13
<i>Ireland</i> - -	32	2	10.2	5.6	37	24	15	5
Total - -	248	17	4.7	2.5	37	32	15	8

The statistics of persons invalided from the Service during 1895 are as follows :—

	Number.	Average Age.	Average Service in Years.
Men - - -	350	41	21
Women - - -	62	33	14

In Appendix F. will be found a statement of the diseases which have led to deaths and retirements among the Staff during the year. This statement, however, necessarily deals only with the cases of persons under official medical charge, and includes, among them, persons who are not on the established Staff. The totals do not, therefore, tally with those here given, which relate to the whole established Staff and to that exclusively.

The statistics of persons superannuated at 60 years or upwards are—

	Number.	Average Age.	Average Service in Years.
Men - - -	139	64	36
Women - - -	3	68	20

The number of women retiring on marriage during 1895 is 114 with an average age of 28 and average service of 10 years.

In recording these statistics I ought to explain, as my predecessor explained last year, that there are special circumstances which vitiate any attempted comparison of these figures with ordinary tables of sickness and mortality. The younger members of the Service at any rate are "selected lives." During 1895, 2,652 male and 609 female candidates were medically examined before appointment, with the result that 495 of the former and 48 of the latter were rejected. Such a system might be expected to raise the average age at death to a higher figure than that at which it stands in fact, but it is counteracted by the dominant characteristic of the Post Office service, viz., its extraordinary expansion during the last quarter of a century. The result of this is that the bulk of the Service consists of young men and women, so that, of those who die, a very large proportion must, of necessity, die young.

Thus, in the Post Office service there ought to be a smaller number of deaths per thousand than would be found in a similar number of persons engaged in somewhat similar occupations elsewhere. But the average age of those who died ought at the same time to be less than the average age of persons engaged on similar work elsewhere.

I am satisfied that the Medical Officers give every attention and consideration in furthering the welfare of the Staff, and are zealous to bring to my notice any facts bearing upon the duties of my officers, or the sanitary state of Post Offices, which may require attention.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords,

Your Lordships' obedient humble Servant,

NORFOLK.

August 1896.

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INLAND MONEY ORDERS.

The Money Order system of the Post Office is rather more than a century old.

In the year 1791, when the Postmasters-General were anxious to find some means of checking the frequent thefts of letters containing money, Mr. Gosnell, an accountant of Crutched Friars, proposed two schemes for adoption by the Post Office, one of them being somewhat similar to the Money Order system of the present day. The Postmasters-General and the staff of the Post Office were favourable to its adoption, but the legal adviser of the Department doubted whether the Postmasters-General, even with the concurrence of the Treasury, had power to adopt it, and it was eventually decided that the scheme should not be officially taken up.

Six officers of the Post Office, however, called the "clerks of the roads," who were already conducting a large newspaper business for their own advantage, came forward with a proposal to undertake a Money Order plan, or, as it was then called, a "Money Letter" plan, and the Postmasters-General not only sanctioned and encouraged the venture, but also bore the cost of advertising it; and, after some hesitation, allowed the advices of the Money Orders to go free by post under the "frank" of the Secretary to the Post Office.

The scheme came into actual operation on the 1st October 1792. The limit of an Order (which appears, however, to have been frequently transgressed) was 5*l.* 5*s.*, and the commission charged (of which the payee of the Order paid 3*d.*) was at first 6*d.* in the pound; it was reduced on the 1st January 1793 to 4*d.* for orders to or from London, while it remained at 6*d.* between country towns, and subsequently reached the sum of 8*d.* in the pound for all Orders,* the commission being in addition to stamp duty.

In 1793 a suggestion was made to raise the limit of each order to 20*l.*, but this was not carried into effect.

From the 1st January 1793 the whole commission was paid by the remitter, and he was charged in addition, not only stamp duty, but also the high postage of double letters, each packet of course containing both a letter and a Money Order. This hardship was so severely felt that, in 1827 for Ireland and in 1837 for Great Britain, the Orders were printed at the top of a large sheet of paper on which a letter might be written so that the whole might pass for a single postage. It appears that, in the earliest days of the Money Order Office, this had sometimes been done without authority.

The capital embarked originally in the Money Order Office by the "clerks of the roads" seems to have been about 1,000*l.*

On the 5th April 1798 the "clerks of the roads" gave up the scheme, which had left them with a loss of 298*l.*, besides interest; but the senior of them, Mr. Barnes, invited Mr. Daniel Stow (Superintending President of the Inland Office) and Mr. Slater to join him in carrying on the Money Order Office as a private speculation. Other partners joined from time to time, and when the Committee of Revenue Enquiry reported upon the Post Office in 1829, the Money Order Office was

* It appears that, in 1838, Orders under 10*s.* were being issued for 6*d.*, but it is not clear whether this was or was not in accordance with the general rule of the Money Order Office.

being carried on by Messrs. Stow and Watts. The Committee disapproved of such a concern being carried on by private persons for their own profit, and they recommended that, if it were continued, it should be officially controlled and the produce be appropriated to the Revenue. Accordingly, to prevent the creation of any new vested interests, no new partners were allowed to be admitted, and the death of Mr. Stow in 1836 left Mr. Watts sole proprietor, with a capital, embarked in the concern, of 2,000*l*. Unfortunately, however, a similar interest had been created in Ireland, a Money Order Office having been given to Mr. Lees in 1831 (on a re-organisation of the Irish Post Office) in exchange for a clerkship of the Munster Road which he surrendered.

The Government determined in 1838 to undertake the Money Order business, and to compensate these two officers. Mr. Watts received more than 400*l*. a year, and Mr. Lees more than 500*l*. a year; and business was commenced by the Postmaster-General on the 6th December 1838. The rates of commission were—

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
For Orders not exceeding 2 <i>l</i> .	-	0 6
" " 5 <i>l</i> .	-	1 6

The number of Orders issued in 1839 was 188,000.

In November of the following year the rates were reduced to—

	<i>d.</i>
Orders not exceeding 2 <i>l</i> .	- 3
" " 5 <i>l</i> .	- 6

and the number issued rose to 587,000 in 1840, and 1½ millions in 1841.

The average number of Orders annually issued for the next succeeding years was as follows:—

1842-46	-	-	-	-	3 millions.
1847-51	-	-	-	-	4½ "
1852-56	-	-	-	-	5½ "
1857-61	-	-	-	-	7 "

At the beginning of 1862 a change was made by allowing the issue of Orders for larger sums; the existing rates were not altered, but Orders were issued for sums—

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Not exceeding 7 <i>l</i> .	-	0 9
" 10 <i>l</i> .	-	1 0

The annual numbers issued were—

1862-66	-	-	-	-	8 millions.
1867-70	-	-	-	-	9¼ "

On the 1st May 1871 a further reduction was made, and the scale of charges was fixed as follows:—

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Under 10 <i>s</i> .	-	0 1
" 1 <i>l</i> .	-	0 2
" 2 <i>l</i> .	-	0 3
" 3 <i>l</i> .	-	0 4
" 4 <i>l</i> .	-	0 5
" 5 <i>l</i> .	-	0 6
" 6 <i>l</i> .	-	0 7
" 7 <i>l</i> .	-	0 8
" 8 <i>l</i> .	-	0 9
" 9 <i>l</i> .	-	0 10
" 10 <i>l</i> .	-	0 11
Sums of 10 <i>l</i> .	-	1 0

As a consequence of this reduction the number of Orders issued rose in 1871 to 12 millions; from 1872 to 1876-77 the average was nearly 16 millions; and in 1877-78 the highest number ever attained, viz., 18 millions, was reached.

It was found, however, that the low rate of 1*d.* for small Orders did not provide a profit, and it was therefore decided to raise the rate of commission for the smaller Orders, and to provide a cheaper means of remittance for small sums.

The rates were raised on the 1st January 1878 to—

Orders under 10 <i>s.</i>	-	-	-	-	<i>d.</i> 2
" 2 <i>l.</i>	-	-	-	-	3

and at the same time the charge for registration of letters was reduced from 4*d.* to 2*d.*

The rest of the scheme was realised by the introduction of Postal Orders on the 1st January 1881.

The average annual number of Money Orders issued from 1878-79 to 1880-81 was nearly 17 millions, and the average numbers between 1881-82 and 1885-86 were 13 millions.

On the 1st September 1886 the rates were altered to those now in force, viz. :—

Orders not exceeding 1 <i>l.</i>	-	-	-	<i>d.</i> 2
" " 2 <i>l.</i>	-	-	-	3
" " 4 <i>l.</i>	-	-	-	4
" " 7 <i>l.</i>	-	-	-	5
" " 10 <i>l.</i>	-	-	-	6

The average annual numbers have been : 1886-87—1890-91, 9 millions ; 1892-93—1895-96, 10 millions.

Greatly, however, as the number of Money Orders has fallen off since the year 1877-78, the amount of money transmitted thereby has actually increased, for the sum in 1877-78 was 27,870,117*l.*, and in the past year has been 29,726,817*l.*

In addition to the ordinary service for the public, Money Orders are largely used for pensions and other payments by the Government offices. In the past year the number of such Orders has been 1,754,633, representing 6,037,399*l.*

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN MONEY ORDERS.

In the year 1843 Sir Rowland Hill included a Money Order system with the Colonies in a list of improvements which he wished to introduce, but no active steps were taken in the matter until 1849.

In that year the subject was brought forward by the directors of the New Zealand Company, who thought that such a system would be of great utility to emigrants, and indeed to all the colonists. A plan for Colonial Money Orders was therefore prepared at the Post Office, but difficulties occurred and the Government determined not to go on with it.

In 1855, however, the British Army in the East—and especially the civilian element of the expedition, who had not, like the soldiers, a regular official means of remitting money home—felt the need of some special arrangements for this purpose. Miss Nightingale remitted for these people no less a sum than 50*l.* a week during 1855, and at the end of the year it was decided that the Army Post Office should issue

Money Orders—at Inland rates—at Constantinople, Scutari, headquarters, and Balacava. The system began in January 1856, and during the first eight weeks more than 13,000*l.* was remitted. No means were provided for paying money at these offices; it could only be remitted home.

All persons were allowed to obtain orders, but they were, in practice, used only by members of the expedition. The total amount of money sent home by this means reached 106,000*l.*

In April 1856 this system was extended to Malta and Gibraltar, but in the following year, the war being over, the matter was reconsidered, and although Money Orders were allowed still to be issued at these two places, the rates of commission were raised to—

		<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Amounts not exceeding 2 <i>l.</i>	- - -	0	9
" " " 5 <i>l.</i>	- - -	1	6

in order that the rates for remittance by Money Order might not be cheaper than the commission required by the commissariat and by the mercantile community.

The Money Order system was still confined to remittances homeward.

The average annual business was 4,133 orders for 12,393*l.*

In 1858 the question of Money Orders with the Colonies was brought forward again by the Canadian Government, and the Imperial Government decided to try the experiment of their introduction.

Orders were accordingly issued in both directions, at four times the Inland rates, on the 1st June 1859. The limit remained at 5*l.*, as for Inland Orders.

Later in the same year the Malta and Gibraltar offices began to issue Orders payable in Canada as well as in the United Kingdom.

By the end of the year 1859 the number of Orders issued in Canada on the United Kingdom had reached 4,000, and in the United Kingdom on Canada 1,150.

In August 1860, Malta and Gibraltar began to pay as well as issue Money Orders.

In May 1861 the Government decided to extend the system to the Colonies generally, the limit being now 10*l.*, and the commission for Canada being fourfold and for Malta and Gibraltar threefold that on an Inland Order, *i.e.* :—

		<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
For orders not exceeding 2 <i>l.</i> , Malta and Gibraltar	- - -	0	9
Canada	- - -	1	0
" " 5 <i>l.</i> , Malta and Gibraltar	- - -	1	6
Canada - - -	- - -	2	0
" " 7 <i>l.</i> , Malta and Gibraltar	- - -	2	3
Canada - - -	- - -	3	0
" " 10 <i>l.</i> , Malta and Gibraltar	- - -	3	0
Canada - - -	- - -	4	0

This arrangement came into effect on the 1st January 1862.

In the next few years the system was rapidly extended to other Colonies, the same rates being adopted as those for Canada.

In 1867 an English Money Order Office was established in the Paris Exhibition, and about 4,000 orders passed each way.

In 1868 the first Money Order Convention was concluded with a foreign Power, *viz.*, Switzerland; the Orders between the two countries were first issued on the 1st January 1869, and the rate of commission was the same as that for Inland Orders.

On the 1st July 1869, Money Orders began to be exchanged on the same terms with Belgium, but in 1871 the rates for these two countries were raised to threefold the inland rates, viz. :—

Not exceeding 2 <i>l</i> .	-	-	-	-	s. d.
" 5 <i>l</i> .	-	-	-	-	0 9
" 7 <i>l</i> .	-	-	-	-	1 6
" 10 <i>l</i> .	-	-	-	-	2 3
" 10 <i>l</i> .	-	-	-	-	3 0

which was then the rate for the Foreign Money Orders which were beginning to be exchanged with other countries in Europe.

On the 1st January 1880 the rates for Colonial Money Orders were reduced to the same level, all Foreign and Colonial Money Order rates being thus assimilated.

On the 1st January 1883 the rates were further reduced to the present scale, viz. :—

Not exceeding 2 <i>l</i> .	-	-	-	-	s. d.
" 5 <i>l</i> .	-	-	-	-	0 6
" 7 <i>l</i> .	-	-	-	-	1 0
" 10 <i>l</i> .	-	-	-	-	1 6
" 10 <i>l</i> .	-	-	-	-	2 0

There are now few countries in the world with which this country does not exchange Money Orders, and the British Post Office also acts as a medium for the exchange of Money Orders between several foreign countries and British colonies which have no Money Order arrangements with each other.

The past and present extent of the Money Order business with the Colonies and foreign countries will be found in Appendix K. of the Postmaster-General's report.

TELEGRAPHIC MONEY ORDERS.

On the 2nd September 1889 the issue of Telegraphic Money Orders between London and 17 large towns was commenced as an experiment.

Between that date and the 28th February 1890, 2,088 Orders were issued, of the value of 8,674*l*.

On the 1st March 1890 the system was extended to all Head and Branch Offices in the United Kingdom, and on 1st March 1892 it was extended to all Money Order Offices which were also Telegraph Offices.

The limit is 10*l*., and the rates are :—

Not exceeding 1 <i>l</i> .	-	-	-	-	s. d.
" 2 <i>l</i> .	-	-	-	-	0 4
" 4 <i>l</i> .	-	-	-	-	0 6
" 7 <i>l</i> .	-	-	-	-	0 8
" 7 <i>l</i> .	-	-	-	-	0 10
" 10 <i>l</i> .	-	-	-	-	1 0

in addition to a charge of at least 9*d*. for the official telegram, which is sent in duplicate, authorising the payment.

On the 1st March 1892 arrangements came into force by which when several orders are sent at the same time and the total amount does not exceed 50*l*., only one official telegram authorising payment is sent and charged for.

The number of telegraphic orders issued has been approximately as follows :—

1890-91	-	-	-	30 thousand.
1891-92	-	-	-	42 "
1892-93	-	-	-	80 "
1893-94	-	-	-	107 "
1894-95	-	-	-	132 "
1895-96	-	-	-	153 "

The average amount of a Telegraphic Money Order during the past year has been *3l. 7s. 2d.*

POSTAL ORDERS.

Postal Orders were first issued on the 1st January 1881.

For many years before that date Postmasters-General had considered the question of issuing orders for fixed amounts at low rates of commission, but were always deterred by the risks and difficulties attending the issue of anything resembling a low paper currency.

It was, moreover, thought that the needs of the public were met by the Money Order system, especially after the reduction in rates which was made in 1871.

But this reduction, which of course largely stimulated the use of Money Orders of low value, was found to result in loss to the State, and it became imperatively necessary to adopt some cheaper method of remitting small sums. The objections which had barred the earlier issue of anything resembling Postal Orders were therefore set aside, and Parliament sanctioned the scheme in 1880.

The series of orders issued in 1881 was as follows :—

	1s., 1s. 6d.	2s. 6d., 5s., 7s. 6d.
Poundage	$\frac{1}{2}d.$	1d.
	10s., 12s. 6d., 15s., 17s. 6d., 20s.	
Poundage	2d.	

These Orders at first circulated only within the United Kingdom, but on the 1st January 1882 their use was extended to Malta and Gibraltar, two colonies in which at that time the Post Office was under the direct control of her Majesty's Postmaster-General.

The circulation of this series of Postal Orders was approximately as follows :—

1881-82	-	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ millions for 2 million pounds.
1882-83	-	8 " 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
1883-84	-	12 " 5 "

On the 2nd June 1884 a new series of Postal Orders was issued, the 12s. 6d. and 17s. 6d. denominations being abolished and the present denominations and poundage being established. They are as follows :—

	1s., 1s. 6d.	2s., 2s. 6d., 3s., 3s. 6d., 4s., 4s. 6d.,
Poundage	$\frac{1}{2}d.$	1d.
	5s., 7s. 6d., 10s., 10s. 6d.	15s., 20s.
Poundage	1d.	1 $\frac{1}{2}d.$

At the same time it was provided that broken amounts might be made up by affixing postage stamps, to the value of 5d., to the Orders.

The system was extended in the same month to the British Post Office at Constantinople, and later in the same year arrangements were made for the issue of Postal Orders on board Her Majesty's ships and in India, Hong Kong, and the agencies maintained by the Hong Kong Post Office at several treaty ports in China.

In September 1885 the sale of Postal Orders, which had previously been confined to Offices which were Money Order Offices, was extended to many Offices which were not of that class.

At the same date arrangements were made for the sale of British Postal Orders in the Straits Settlements, and rather more than three years later, viz., in January 1889, in Newfoundland, but these orders are not payable in either Colony.

On the 1st September 1892 a new series of Postal Orders was issued, but the denominations remained unchanged. The words "Not negotiable" were printed on the new orders, and a regulation was made enabling any person by writing across the face of a Postal Order to postpone its payment for a period not exceeding ten days.

The average annual circulation of Postal Orders has been as follows :—

1884-85—1889-90	-	33 millions for 13½ million pounds.
1890-91—1894-95	-	55 21 "
1895-96	-	64 24 "

The amount of the stamps affixed to make up broken amounts, which was about 11,000*l.* in the first complete year of the arrangement, has now reached a sum of about 95,000*l.* a year.

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 1886-87	-	800,800,000	2.9	439,100,000	7.3	1,299,900,000	4.4	129,100,000	2.1	33	90,900,000	1.3	19	1,459,900,000	4.0	40
" 1887-88	-	838,000,000	4.6	448,900,000	2.2	1,296,900,000	3.8	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	1,293,500,000	3.1	136,000,000	3.0	34	96,500,000	2.5	20	1,553,100,000	3.0	42
" 1889-90	-	895,000,000	5.8	518,100,000	7.8	1,413,100,000	6.5	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	143,300,000	2.1	36	99,800,000	3.1	21	1,705,900,000	3.4	45
" 1891-92	-	965,000,000	4.4	551,000,000	2.4	1,516,100,000	3.7	146,400,000	2.1	36	105,000,000	5.2	23	1,767,500,000	3.6	46
" 1892-93	-	765,900,000	0.1	568,500,000	2.8	1,532,300,000	1.1	152,300,000	4.0	37	106,900,000	.9	23	1,790,500,000	1.3	47
" 1893-94	-	973,900,000	0.8	575,800,000	1.6	1,540,400,000	1.1	153,900,000	1.1	38	108,500,000	2.5	23	1,811,900,000	1.3	47
" 1894-95	-	993,300,000	2.0	598,800,000	11.6	1,592,100,000	3.1	156,000,000	1.4	38	112,800,000	4.0	24	1,770,900,000	dec. 2.3	46
" 1895-96	-	1,021,300,000	2.8	637,600,000	5.6	1,568,900,000	3.8	163,900,000	4.4	39	112,500,000	.3	25	1,684,900,000	inc. 3.6	47

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 1896.

	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	30,477,978	1,538,900,000	51.1	268,300,000	8.8	566,600,000	18.6	115,500,000	3.8	60,436,540	2.2	49,978,733	1.64
Scotland	4,185,664	162,000,000	39.2	32,200,000	7.7	70,700,000	17.0	17,300,000	4.2	8,095,281	1.9	6,510,108	1.57
Ireland	4,570,598	112,500,000	24.6	14,000,000	3.1	35,000,000	7.7	16,200,000	3.5	4,307,460	.9	4,038,602	.88
Totals	39,204,224	1,834,200,000	46.8	314,500,000	8.0	672,300,000	17.1	149,000,000	3.8	78,839,610	2.0	60,527,438	1.54

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	89.0	Book Packets, Circulars, and Samples	21.6	Telegrams	2.5
Post Cards	10.1	Newspapers	4.8	Parcels	2.9

APPENDIX A.—continued.

Parcel Post.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER OF PARCELS DELIVERED in the UNITED KINGDOM and the REVENUE derived from the PARCEL POST during the last TEN YEARS.

Year.	NUMBER OF PARCELS DELIVERED.					REVENUE.				
	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		United Kingdom.		Postage.	
	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Gross Amount.	55 per Cent. on Railway-Parcels paid to Railway Companies.
1886-87	27,237,000	22·7	3,430,000	27·5	2,193,000	43·5	32,860,000	24·3	£ 719,113	£ 358,254
1887-88	30,364,000	11·5	3,892,000	13·2	2,496,000	13·4	36,732,000	11·8	811,765	401,295
1888-89	32,713,000	7·7	4,146,000	6·8	2,731,000	9·9	39,589,000	7·8	878,547	433,307
1889-90	35,369,000	8·1	4,528,000	9·3	2,955,000	8·2	42,852,000	8·2	952,113	468,807
1890-91	38,225,000	8·1	4,879,000	7·7	3,184,000	7·8	46,288,000	8·0	1,035,773	469,913
1891-92	40,783,000	6·7	5,226,000	7·1	3,370,000	5·8	49,379,000	6·6	1,109,554	530,076
1892-93	43,293,000	6·2	5,534,000	5·9	3,543,000	5·1	52,370,000	6·1	1,175,209	562,900
1893-94	44,559,000	2·9	5,823,000	5·2	3,653,000	3·0	54,084,000	3·1	1,214,235	590,739
1894-95	47,216,000	5·9	6,083,000	4·4	3,838,000	5·0	57,136,000	5·7	1,285,267	611,465
1895-96	49,979,000	5·8	6,310,000	7·0	4,038,000	5·2	60,587,000	5·9	1,372,577	648,925
									£ d.	£ d.
									5·25	2·64
									5·30	2·68
									5·32	2·69
									5·33	2·70
									5·37	2·77
									5·39	2·82
									5·28	2·80
									5·39	2·81
									5·38	2·83
									5·44	2·86

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.
1886-87	151,300,000	5·3	20,400,000	4·6	8,400,000	5·3	180,100,000	5·1
1887-88	158,900,000	5·0	21,200,000	3·9	8,700,000	3·6	188,800,000	4·8
1888-89	170,100,000	7·0	21,800,000	2·8	9,300,000	6·9	201,400,000	6·7
1889-90	184,400,000	8·4	22,900,000	5·0	9,800,000	5·4	217,100,000	7·8
1890-91	195,000,000	5·7	24,000,000	4·8	10,700,000	9·2	229,700,000	5·8
1891-92	205,200,000	5·2	25,400,000	5·8	11,000,000	2·8	241,600,000	5·2
1892-93	206,500,000	·5	26,800,000	5·5	11,800,000	2·7	244,000,000	1·2
1893-94	209,100,000	1·4	27,400,000	2·2	12,000,000	6·2	248,500,000	1·6
1894-95	211,600,000	29·9 dec.	28,700,000	4·7	12,500,000	4·2	252,800,000	25·9
1895-96	208,300,000	1·2	32,200,000	12·2	14,000,000	12·0	314,500,000	·6

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.
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	441,800,000	7·3
1890-91	411,900,000	8·9	44,600,000	8·9	24,700,000	14·3	481,200,000	8·9
1891-92	425,000,000	3·2	45,300,000	1·6	25,000,000	1·2	495,300,000	2·9
1892-93	456,100,000	7·3	51,200,000	13·0	27,900,000	11·6	535,200,000	8·1
1893-94	489,700,000	7·4	56,200,000	9·8	28,400,000	1·9	574,300,000	7·3
1894-95	522,500,000	6·7	60,800,000	8·2	31,300,000	10·2	614,600,000	7·0
1895-96	566,600,000	8·4	70,700,000	16·3	35,000,000	11·8	672,300,000	9·4

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.
1886-87	117,300,000	3·6	17,000,000	dec. 5·3	16,400,000	— dec.	151,200,000	2·4
1887-88	119,800,000	1·7	18,700,000	1·8	15,800,000	3·7 inc.	152,300,000	·8
1888-89	119,300,000	dec. 4	16,800,000	·8	16,000,000	1·3	151,900,000	dec. ·3
1889-90	126,600,000	6·1	16,700,000	inc. ·6	16,000,000	—	159,300,000	inc. 4·9
1890-91	127,900,000	·9	16,800,000	dec. ·6	16,800,000	3·7	161,000,000	1·1
1891-92	128,800,000	·8	17,000,000	inc. 2·4	17,000,000	2·4	162,800,000	1·1
1892-93	127,800,000	dec. ·8	17,800,000	3·5	17,400,000	2·3	162,800,000	—
1893-94	129,800,000	inc. 1·6	17,700,000	·6	17,400,000	—	164,900,000	1·3
1894-95	117,500,000	dec. 9·5	17,300,000	dec. 2·3	17,000,000	dec. 2·3	151,800,000	dec. 7·9
1895-96	115,500,000	1·7	17,300,000	—	16,200,000	4·7	149,000,000	1·8

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

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.											
1886-87	-	-	6,177,160	dec. 6'0	2,971,168	inc. 1'6	9,148,328	dec. 4'0	928,976	inc. 2'1	702,252	inc. 1'7	10,779,555	dec. 3'1	
1887-88	-	-	6,163,888	0'2 inc.	3,032,369	2'1	9,196,257	inc. 1'4	920,035	1'0	dec.	698,410	1'6 inc.	10,814,722	inc. 0'3
1888-89	-	-	6,192,927	0'5	3,160,334	4'2	9,352,301	1'2	932,223	1'3	inc.	716,501	2'6	11,061,065	1'7
1889-90	-	-	6,540,350	2'4	3,324,526	5'3	9,866,876	3'4	972,030	4'3	dec.	718,423	1'3	11,367,935	3'2
1890-91	-	-	6,391,514	9	3,238,904	2'6	9,633,318	dec. 1'3	1,001,483	3'0	inc.	722,396	1'6	11,367,197	0'06 inc.
1891-92	-	-	6,600,188	3'4 dec.	3,683,639	13'7	10,282,877	6'9 dec.	1,039,161	3'7	inc.	746,330	3'2	12,077,368	6'3
1892-93	-	-	6,568,404	6	3,724,240	1'1	10,292,644	0'02 dec.	1,074,106	3'4	inc.	765,292	2'7	12,132,144	4
1893-94	-	-	6,302,212	2'6 inc.	3,473,748	6'7	9,865,960	4'1 inc.	1,099,798	2'4	dec.	776,594	1'5	11,742,352	3'2
1894-95	-	-	6,485,761	1'5	3,606,333	3'8	10,092,094	2'3	1,069,595	1'9 inc.	inc.	776,575	0'02 inc.	11,968,264	1'8
1895-96	-	-	6,704,084	3'4	4,446,400	23'3	11,150,484	10'5	1,184,758	8'7	inc.	798,708	2'9	13,133,950	9'8

APPENDIX B.

ESTIMATE of the NUMBER of LETTERS and POST CARDS, and of the
 KINGDOM with FOREIGN COUNTRIES and BRITISH COLONIES, based
 provisions of the Universal

Country or Colony.	Despatched from the United Kingdom.		Destined for the United Kingdom.	
	Letters and Postcards.	Circulars, Book Packets, Patterns, News- papers.	Letters and Postcards.	Circulars, Book Packets, Patterns, News- papers.
EUROPE.				
	Number.	Lbs.	Number.	Lbs.
Austria-Hungary - - - -	942,900	206,800	847,100	48,800
Belgium and Luxemburg - - -	1,903,100	214,200	1,823,800	131,400
Denmark - - - - -	471,100	58,900	514,800	20,400
France (including Algeria and Tunis) -	7,204,200	835,560	7,801,500	663,200
Germany - - - - -	7,131,000	726,100	8,017,800	676,400
Gibraltar (including Tangier), Malta, and } Cyprus	730,900	198,900	955,100	13,700
Greece - - - - -	148,600	33,500	151,100	8,200
Holland - - - - -	1,680,700	170,500	1,812,100	101,300
Italy - - - - -	1,614,100	389,000	1,509,700	94,400
Norway - - - - -	669,800	69,300	404,200	24,200
Portugal and Azores - - - -	307,600	86,200	380,700	9,300
Roumania and Balkan States - - -	243,200	66,900	182,200	10,900
Russia - - - - -	1,074,700	203,000	852,000	77,300
Spain - - - - -	1,128,100	260,100	995,800	34,100
Sweden - - - - -	518,300	62,400	483,800	17,500
Switzerland - - - - -	1,169,000	199,900	1,080,800	68,000
Turkey (European) - - - - -	384,100	98,900	264,100	10,900
Totals - - - - -	27,381,400	3,379,100	28,166,400	2,009,900
ASIA.				
Asiatic Turkey and Persia - - -	163,700	56,200	104,400	8,400
Ceylon - - - - -	261,500	133,500	243,800	20,500
China and Japan - - - - -	555,000	254,400	482,500	27,700
India (including Aden and Zanzibar) -	3,394,800	1,501,800	2,839,100	237,500
Straits Settlements, Siam, and East Indies -	362,700	181,400	358,100	17,900
Totals - - - - -	4,737,700	2,127,300	4,027,900	312,000

APPENDIX B.

WEIGHT OF OTHER ARTICLES exchanged annually by the UNITED mainly on the results of Statistics taken triennially under the Postal Union Convention.

Country or Colony.	Despatched from the United Kingdom.		Destined for the United Kingdom.	
	Letters and Postcards.	Circulars, Book Packets, Patterns, Newspapers.	Letters and Postcards.	Circulars, Book Packets, Patterns, Newspapers.
AFRICA.	Number.	Lbs.	Number.	Lbs.
Cape Colony and Interior States - - -	1,456,200	630,400	1,301,400	164,500
East Coast of Africa (British and Portuguese Possessions) - - - - -	29,600	14,700	20,500	900
Egypt - - - - -	456,000	136,500	451,900	30,000
Madeira, Canary Islands, and Cape Verd - -	100,100	24,500	79,100	2,100
Mauritius, &c - - - - -	70,200	37,200	64,200	4,600
Natal - - - - -	312,000	147,800	247,700	48,600
St. Helena and Ascension - - - - -	18,700	6,900	10,500	300
West Coast of Africa - - - - -	193,500	66,300	189,700	3,600
Totals - - - - -	2,636,300	1,064,300	2,365,000	254,600
AMERICA.				
Canada and Newfoundland - - - - -	2,453,000	901,900	1,812,700	211,900
United States - - - - -	10,179,100	2,153,300	10,036,700	1,498,400
Mexico and Central American States - - -	210,100	100,500	112,900	7,400
Brazil - - - - -	300,300	129,200	210,400	12,100
Uruguay and Paraguay - - - - -	67,000	33,600	52,100	2,100
Argentine Republic - - - - -	226,900	173,900	322,300	20,300
Chili and Bolivia - - - - -	138,800	62,100	192,600	11,100
Peru - - - - -	59,300	30,500	72,500	1,900
Ecuador, Colombia, and Venezuela - - -	84,100	27,000	43,700	1,300
British West Indies (including British Guiana, British Honduras, Bahamas, and Bermuda) - - - - -	574,300	233,300	468,400	27,000
Foreign West Indies - - - - -	150,600	54,500	72,900	2,900
Falkland Islands - - - - -	7,900	6,900	11,500	200
Totals - - - - -	14,450,900	3,967,100	13,438,700	1,786,600
AUSTRALASIA.				
Western Australia - - - - -	123,100	72,500	71,800	10,600
South Australia - - - - -	214,900	118,000	158,500	36,200
Victoria - - - - -	847,300	431,400	698,900	206,700
New South Wales - - - - -	783,400	377,300	632,400	178,600
Queensland - - - - -	338,100	212,000	247,100	74,400
Tasmania - - - - -	97,600	64,400	81,400	19,000
New Zealand - - - - -	670,500	430,800	461,600	128,500
Fiji, &c. - - - - -	21,400	13,800	18,900	1,700
Totals - - - - -	3,066,300	1,720,200	2,410,600	635,600
GRAND TOTALS - - - - -	52,302,600	12,753,000	50,406,600	5,018,700

APPENDIX B.—*continued.*STATEMENT of the NUMBERS of FOREIGN and COLONIAL
31st March 1895 and

Country.	Date of Establishment of Post.	Number of Parcels.			
		Despatched.			
		1894-95.	1895-96.	In- crease.	De- crease.
Aden - - - -	July 1885	1,505	1,684	179	—
Antigua - - -	Jan. 1886	1,991	1,878	—	113
Argentine Republic - -	Feb. 1890	1,944	1,977	33	—
Ascension - - -	July 1886	390	420	40	—
Austria-Hungary* - -	June 1886	15,561	13,457	—	2,134
Bahamas - - -	Sept. 1887	782	962	180	—
Barbados - - -	April 1886	4,428	4,441	13	—
Bechuanaland, Orange Free State, and Transvaal.	Dec. 1889	17,240	22,853	5,618	—
Belgium - - -	Jan. 1886	41,938	43,171	1,233	—
Bermuda - - -	April 1890	2,903	3,068	165	—
Beyrout - - -	Jan. 1888	645	684	39	—
British Central Africa -	Aug. 1893	336	408	72	—
British East Africa - -	April 1891	311	512	201	—
British Guiana - - -	Jan. 1886	6,789	6,475	—	314
British Honduras - - -	March 1887	357	519	162	—
British North Borneo - -	Sept. 1887	143	144	1	—
Canada, Dominion of - -	Aug. 1886	40,564	42,430	1,866	—
Cape Colony - - -	Dec. 1885	34,689	39,289	4,600	—
Ceylon - - - -	Nov. 1885	9,978	10,199	231	—
Colombia, Republic of -	March 1888	4,338	6,859	2,521	—
Constantinople - - -	Jan. 1886	3,407	3,450	52	—
Costa Rica - - -	Feb. 1888	1,416	2,515	1,099	—
Cyprus - - - -	Jan. 1886	1,317	1,033	—	284
Dominica - - -	Jan. 1886	715	759	44	—
Egypt - - - -	July 1885	11,903	12,282	479	—
Falkland Islands - - -	Oct. 1888	807	965	158	—
Fiji - - - -	June 1890	264	269	5	—
France† - - - -	Oct. 1887	170,816	185,066	14,240	—
Germany‡ - - - -	Jan. 1886	194,213	208,484	14,271	—
Gibraltar - - -	July 1885	11,129	10,566	—	563
Grenada - - -	Oct. 1885	1,547	1,350	—	197
Hawaii - - - -	March 1895	6	403	487	—
Holland - - -	April 1886	37,107	40,242	3,135	—
Hong Kong§ - - -	Oct. 1885	11,585	12,765	1,180	—
India - - - -	July 1885	90,094	92,344	2,250	—
Italy - - - -	Oct. 1887	44,313	48,508	4,193	—
Jamaica - - -	Oct. 1885	8,756	9,003	247	—
Japan - - - -	Nov. 1895	—	203	203	—
Labuan - - - -	Dec. 1885	57	62	5	—
Liberia - - -	July 1893	106	140	34	—
Madeira - - -	July 1891	664	717	53	—
Malta - - - -	Aug. 1885	14,854	15,713	859	—
Carried forward -		791,828	848,361	60,138	3,605

* Including parcels for and from Bulgaria, Roumania, and Servia.

† Including parcels for and from the French Possessions.

‡ Including parcels for and from Eastern Europe, German Possessions, Chili, &c.

§ Including parcels for and from China and the China Fleet.

APPENDIX B.—continued.

PARCELS Despatched and Received during the Years ended the
the 31st March 1896.

Number of Parcels.								Country.
Received.				Totals.				
1894-95.	1895-96.	In-crease.	De-crease.	1894-95.	1895-96.	In-crease.	De-crease.	
1894-95.	1895-96.	In-crease.	De-crease.	1894-95.	1895-96.	In-crease.	De-crease.	
1,932	1,908	66	—	3,457	3,682	245	—	Aden.
366	359	—	7	2,357	2,237	—	120	Antigua.
906	613	—	293	2,850	2,590	—	260	Argentine Republic.
112	97	—	15	492	517	25	—	Ascension.
5,332	5,640	417	—	20,823	19,106	—	1,717	Austria-Hungary.*
226	235	9	—	1,008	1,197	189	—	Bahamas.
1,423	1,291	—	132	5,851	5,732	—	119	Barbados.
—	—	—	—	17,240	22,858	5,618	—	Bechuanaland, Orange Free State, and Transvaal.
20,196	20,317	122	—	62,133	63,488	1,355	—	Belgium.
685	745	60	—	3,583	3,913	225	—	Bermuda.
252	246	—	6	897	930	33	—	Beyrout.
—	—	—	—	336	408	72	—	British Central Africa.
189	183	—	6	500	605	105	—	British East Africa.
1,575	1,700	125	—	8,364	8,175	—	159	British Guiana.
67	81	14	—	424	600	176	—	British Honduras.
69	79	10	—	212	223	11	—	British North Borneo.
15,137	16,668	1,529	—	55,701	59,096	3,395	—	Canada, Dominion of.
15,163	16,440	1,286	—	40,852	55,738	5,886	—	Cape Colony.
5,785	5,989	204	—	15,763	16,188	425	—	Ceylon.
205	172	—	33	4,543	7,031	2,488	—	Colombia, Republic of.
474	507	33	—	3,881	3,966	85	—	Constantinople.
102	103	1	—	1,518	2,618	1,100	—	Costa Rica.
407	316	—	91	1,724	1,340	—	375	Cyprus.
121	140	19	—	836	899	63	—	Dominica.
8,329	8,581	252	—	20,132	20,663	731	—	Egypt.
151	256	105	—	968	1,221	263	—	Falkland Islands.
84	85	1	—	348	354	6	—	Fiji.
124,719	155,217	30,498	—	295,535	340,273	44,738	—	France.†
171,571	255,520	83,949	—	365,784	464,004	98,220	—	Germany.‡
6,188	5,497	—	691	17,317	16,063	—	1,254	Gibraltar.
418	351	—	67	1,965	1,701	—	264	Grenada.
—	150	150	—	6	643	637	—	Hawaii.
25,731	30,126	4,395	—	62,538	70,368	7,830	—	Holland.
8,685	10,152	1,467	—	20,270	22,917	2,647	—	Hong Kong.§
87,925	87,941	16	—	178,019	180,285	2,266	—	India.
24,047	30,028	5,981	—	68,360	78,534	10,174	—	Italy.
1,906	2,213	307	—	10,662	11,216	554	—	Jamaica.
—††	—††	—	—	—	203	203	—	Japan.
43	63	20	—	100	125	25	—	Labuan.
8	7	—	1	114	147	33	—	Liberia.
70	73	3	—	734	790	56	—	Madeira.
9,089	9,885	796	—	23,943	25,598	1,655	—	Malta.
539,567	670,060	131,835	1,342	1,331,415	1,518,441	191,324	4,296	

* Included in figures for Cape Colony.

†† Included in figures for Germany.

APPENDIX B.—*continued.*STATEMENT of the NUMBERS of FOREIGN and COLONIAL
31st March 1895 and

Country.	Date of Establishment of Post.	Number of Parcels.			
		Despatched.			
		1894-95.	1895-96.	In- crease.	De- crease.
	Brought forward -	791,328	848,361	60,138	3,605
Mauritius - - -	April 1889	1,237	1,430	143	—
Mexico - - - -	April 1890	1,600	2,017	417	—
Montserrat - -	Jan. 1886	504	526	22	—
Natal - - - - -	June 1887	9,799	10,964	1,165	—
Nevis - - - - -	Jan. 1886	231	207	—	24
Newfoundland -	Sept. 1886	2,440	2,459	19	—
New South Wales	July 1886	14,103	14,471	369	—
New Zealand - -	Nov. 1888	13,352	13,754	—	39
Niger Coast Protectorate	Dec. 1892	639	713	74	—
Norway - - - - -	April 1886	9,055	10,123	1,063	—
Persia - - - - -	Jan. 1894	109	113	4	—
Portugal - - - -	Jan. 1883	2,247	3,140	893	—
Queensland - - -	Feb. 1892	4,351	4,786	435	—
Rhodesia - - - -	Jan. 1893	1,099	2,304	1,205	—
St. Helena - - -	April 1886	737	927	190	—
St. Kitts - - - -	Jan. 1886	1,196	1,125	—	70
St. Lucia - - - -	Oct. 1885	1,249	1,143	—	106
St. Pierre and Miquelon	Aug. 1895	—	827	827	—
St. Thomas - - -	Jan. 1888	431	409	—	22
St. Vincent - - -	Nov. 1885	870	877	7	—
Salvador - - - -	April 1893	209	358	179	—
Samoa and Raratonga	May 1894	53	63	10	—
Sarawak - - - - -	July 1887	165	173	8	—
Seychelles - - -	April 1890	96	119	23	—
Siam - - - - -	Aug. 1890	474	553	79	—
Smyrna - - - - -	April 1887	1,244	1,198	—	46
South Australia -	July 1886	3,683	3,798	110	—
Spain - - - - -	Sept. 1891	20,465	21,753	1,288	—
Straits Settlements	Oct. 1885	5,231	5,465	234	—
Sweden - - - - -	May 1886	9,539	10,832	1,352	—
Switzerland - - -	Dec. 1887	38,610	39,070	460	—
Tangier - - - - -	Jan. 1890	1,066	1,284	195	—
Tasmania - - - -	Jan. 1887	2,122	2,138	16	—
Tobago - - - - -	Oct. 1885	268	265	—	3
Tortola - - - - -	Oct. 1886	34	42	8	—
Trinidad - - - -	Oct. 1885	3,987	4,963	976	—
Uruguay - - - - -	April 1891	855	682	—	203
Victoria - - - - -	July 1886	10,314	10,445	131	—
West African Colonies	Jan. 1888	6,430	6,609	179	—
West Australia -	Jan. 1887	3,529	4,374	845	—
Zanzibar - - - -	Jan. 1887	654	666	12	—
Totals		966,672	1,035,576	73,081	4,177
Net Increase				63,904	

The postage was reduced in 1894-95 in the case of parcels exchanged with British Central Africa, Italy, Constantinople, and Smyrna; and in 1895-96 in the case of parcels exchanged with the Argentine Republic and Canada.

APPENDIX B.—continued.

PARCELS Despatched and Received during the Years ended the
the 31st March 1906—continued.

Number of Parcels.								Country.
Received.				Totals.				
1894-95.	1895-96.	In-crease.	De-crease.	1894-95.	1895-96.	In-crease.	De-crease.	
539,587	670,080	131,835	1,342	1,331,415	1,518,441	191,294	4,298	
213	216	3	—	1,500	1,646	146	—	Mauritius.
138	204	66	—	1,738	2,221	483	—	Mexico.
115	95	—	20	619	621	2	—	Montserrat.
2,900	3,143	174	—	12,768	14,107	1,339	—	Natal.
54	38	—	16	285	245	—	40	Nevis.
522	530	8	—	2,962	2,989	27	—	Newfoundland.
5,570	5,718	148	—	19,672	20,189	517	—	New South Wales.
3,411	3,384	—	27	17,263	17,133	—	125	New Zealand.
250	393	143	—	889	1,106	217	—	Niger Coast Protectorate.
3,893	4,518	625	—	12,948	14,641	1,693	—	Norway.
—	—	—	—	109	113	4	—	Persia.
325	289	—	36	2,572	3,429	857	—	Portugal.
1,637	2,030	393	—	5,893	6,816	923	—	Queensland.
—	—	—	—	1,099	2,304	1,205	—	Rhodesia.
247	242	—	5	984	1,169	185	—	St. Helena.
209	187	—	22	1,404	1,312	—	92	St. Kitts.
288	268	—	20	1,537	1,411	—	126	St. Lucia.
—	11	11	—	—	838	838	—	St. Pierre and Miquelon.
107	94	—	23	538	493	—	45	St. Thomas.
216	241	25	—	1,066	1,118	32	—	St. Vincent.
5	18	13	—	214	406	192	—	Salvador.
—	—	—	—	53	63	10	—	Samoa and Raratonga.
†—	†—	—	—	165	173	8	—	Sarawak.
53	64	11	—	149	183	34	—	Seychelles.
†—	†—	—	—	474	553	79	—	Siam.
692	351	—	341	1,936	1,549	—	387	Smyrna.
1,489	1,482	—	7	5,177	5,280	103	—	South Australia.
†—	†—	—	—	20,465	21,753	1,288	—	Spain.
4,119	4,657	538	—	9,350	10,122	772	—	Strait Settlements.
3,465	3,553	88	—	12,995	14,435	1,440	—	Sweden.
11,716	14,357	2,641	—	50,326	53,427	3,101	—	Switzerland.
§—	§—	—	—	1,089	1,284	195	—	Tangier.
447	630	183	—	2,509	2,768	199	—	Tasmania.
63	74	11	—	331	339	8	—	Tobago.
5	11	6	—	39	53	14	—	Tortola.
1,571	1,488	—	83	5,558	6,461	893	—	Trinidad.
92	122	30	—	947	774	—	173	Uruguay.
4,325	4,178	—	147	14,639	14,623	—	16	Victoria.
2,489	2,485	6	—	8,919	9,104	185	—	West African Colonies.
610	588	—	22	4,139	4,962	823	—	West Australia.
267	291	24	—	921	957	36	—	Zanzibar.
591,159	726,030	136,982	2,111	1,567,831	1,761,606	209,077	5,302	
Net Increase		134,871				203,775		

* Included in figures for India.

† Included in figures for Straits Settlements.

‡ Included in figures for France.

§ Included in figures for Gibraltar.

|| Included in figures for Cape Colony.

** Included in figures for New Zealand.

APPENDIX C.

Abstract of Contracts or Agreements for

Line of Communication.	How often.	Number and Character of Vessels.	Contractors.	Contract or Agreement.		
				Date of Contract.	When commenced.	Terminated.
FALMOUTH and PERCUL.	Daily - -	Steam vessel	St. Mawes Steam Tug and Passenger Company.	- - -	10 Aug. 1892	- - -
FLEETWOOD and BELFAST.	Week days -	Steam vessels	North Lancashire Steam Navigation Company (but payment made through Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company).	28 Jan. 1891	1 July 1899	On 6 months' notice.
HOLYHEAD and KINGSTOWN.	Twice a day -	Five Mail Packets specially built and maintained for the service (four only required by the contract).	City of Dublin Steam Packet Company.	20 Aug. 1883	1 Oct. 1883	After 1 year 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	- - -	On 6 months' notice.
LUNDY ISLAND and INSTOW.	Once a week -	Sailing boat	Captain Dark -	- - -	1 May 1888	- - -
PENZANCE and SCILLY	Three times a week in summer. Twice a week in winter.	Steam vessel	West Cornwall Steamship 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.	10 Nov. 1891	1 July 1890	After 5 years on 6 months' notice.
SCILLY, ST. MARTIN's and ST. AGNES.	Three times in summer, twice in winter.	Steam launch	Mr. J. Banfield -	- - -	1 March 1896	- - -
SOUTHAMPTON and CHANNEL ISLANDS.	Once on week days.	Steam vessels	London and South-Western Railway Company.	- - -	- - -	On 6 months' notice.
SOUTHAMPTON and COWES.	Once on week days, but <i>see "Remarks."</i>	Steam vessels	Southampton, Isle of Wight, and South of England Royal Mail Steam Packet Company.	- - -	1 Jan. 1874	- - -
WEYMOUTH and CHANNEL ISLANDS.	6 days a week	Steam vessels	Great Western Railway Company.	- - -	1 Aug. 1881	- - -
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 1892	1 June 1891	After 4 years on 6 months' notice.
LERWICK, WHALSAY, and NORTH ISLES.	Thrice a week	Steam vessel	Do.			

APPENDIX C.

the Conveyance of Home Mails by Sea.

Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
60l.	—	—	—	—
1,000l.	- - -	- - -	- - -	The Department has the general use of the Company's vessels.
84,000l.	Outward journey (including transfer on both sides of the Channel), 4h. 7m. Inward journey (including transfer), 4h. 2m.	1l. 14s. per minute	If on any occasion vessel is not ready, penalty of 100l. and 10l. per hour for every hour beyond stipulated time before vessel starts.	The payment is subject to reduction when the receipts from passenger traffic in any one year exceed 35,000l. It includes payment for parcel services. 65l. per trip is also paid for a special steamer from Holyhead to Kingstown with outward American Mails on Saturdays, and for occasional trips in the opposite direction.
4,500l.	14 nautical miles an hour in summer; 12 in winter.	- - -	If on any occasion vessel is not ready P.M.G. may employ another vessel, and charge cost to the Contractors.	Separate payment at rate of 3s. a cwt. for parcels. 125l. per annum is also paid for transfer of Parcel Mails from the Packets at Liverpool and Douglas.
32l. 10s.	—	—	—	—
*500l. and 150l. 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.	*From 1st Sept. 1893. Payment for parcels fixed under separate Contract. General conditions similar to those under the old Contract. More frequent service provided by the Company in summer.
1,400l. (including payment for parcels).	25 minutes each trip.	- - -	200l.	The Department has also the general use of the Company's vessels which are constantly plying between the two places.
70l.	- - -	- - -	- - -	No Contract.
6,500l.	- - -	- - -	- - -	No Contract.
150l.	- - -	- - -	- - -	No Contract. The Post Office has the general use of the Company's vessels.
200l.	- - -	- - -	- - -	No Contract. The Post Office has the general use of the Company's vessels. This is a supplementary service to the one from Southampton.
6,000l. (see Remarks), 100l. for parcels and 40l. for North Isles Service.	- - -	- - -	1,000l. P.M.G. to charter another vessel at Contractors' expense.	3,140l. of this sum is paid by the Post Office, and 3,000l. by the Scottish Office.

APPENDIX C.—continued.

Line of Communication.	How often.	Number and Character of Vessels.	Contractors.	Contract or Agreement.		
				Date of Contract.	When commenced.	Termination.
ARDROSSAN and ARRAH.	Six days a week.	Steam vessel	Glasgow and South-Western Railway Company.	March 1892	1 Dec. 1891	After 1 year on 6 months' notice.
FOULA and WALLS (SHETLAND).	Once a fortnight.	Sailing vessel.	M. Manson and L. Gray.	June 1892	10 Mar. 1892	After 2 years on 6 months' notice.
GLASGOW and CAMPBELTOWN.	Once on week days.	Steam vessels	Campbeltown and Glasgow Steam Packet Company.	Oct. 1891	1 July 1890	On 3 months' notice.
GREENOCK and BELFAST.	Once on week days.	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	Sir John Burns, Bart.	21, 22, 24, and 25 August 1893.	1 Aug. 1893	On 12 months' notice.
ARDROSSAN and BELFAST.						
GREENOCK and LONDONDERRY.	Twice a week					
GREENOCK (PRINCE'S PIER) and ROTHERSAY.	Week days	Steam vessel	Glasgow and South-Western Railway Co.	24 Oct. and 3 Nov. 1893.	17 Oct. 1892	After 1 year on 6 months' notice.
GREENOCK and ROTHERSAY, GREENOCK and ARDMUDD.	Week days	Steam vessel	David MacBrayne	13 and 19 Jan. 1894.	17 Oct. 1892	After 1 year on 6 months' notice.
GREENOCK and LOCHGOILHEAD.	Six days a week	Steam vessel	Lochgoil and Loch Long Steam Packet Company.	6 and 7 June and 13 July 1892.	1 Feb. 1892	After 1 year on 6 months' notice.
GREENOCK and KILMUN.	Twice on week days.	Steam vessel	Capt. Jas. Williamson, for Caledonian Steam Packet Company.	- - -	1 Jan. 1897 No Contract.	- - -
GREENOCK and TARBERT (HARRIS).	Once a week	Steam vessel (Dunara Castle).	Martin Orme & Co.	- - -	No Contract	- - -
GREENOCK and DUNVEGAN.	Once a week	Steam vessel (Hebridean).	John McCallum & Co.	- - -	No Contract	- - -
INVERGORDON and CROMARTY.	Week days	Steam vessel	Cromarty Steamship Company.	- - -	1 Feb. 1894	After 1 year on 3 months' notice.
INVERNESS and FORT AUGUSTUS.	Six days a week	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	David MacBrayne	13 and 19 Jan. 1894.	17 Oct. 1892	After 1 year on 6 months' notice.
KIRKWALL and NORTH ISLES.	Twice a week for 9 months, and three times a week for 3 months.	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	Orkney Steam Navigation Company, per Geo. Robertson.	1 Nov. 1891	1 Nov. 1891	After 1 year on 6 months' notice.

APPENDIX C.—*continued.*

Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
400 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	200 <i>l.</i>	
52 <i>l.</i> (2 <i>l.</i> a trip.)	- - - - -	- - - - -	25 <i>l.</i>	
650 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	150 <i>l.</i>	The Department has also the general use of these steamers, as run by the Company for their own traffic purposes. The payment includes Parcel Service.
10,000 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	2,000 <i>l.</i>	Payment includes Parcel Service.
130 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	65 <i>l.</i>	Payment includes the Parcel Service.
2,510 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	850 <i>l.</i>	This payment includes 190 <i>l.</i> for Parcel Service, and 320 <i>l.</i> for the general use of all Mr. MacBrayne's steamers running to and from the Clyde.
270 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	100 <i>l.</i>	The Department has general use of all this Company's steamers as run by them for traffic purposes. The payment includes the Parcel Service.
125 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	-	Payment includes the Parcel Service.
500 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	-	Temporary arrangement, for one year ending 31st March 1897; half of the subsidy to be paid by the Post Office, and half by the Scottish Office.
50 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	25 <i>l.</i>	Payment includes Parcel Service.
310 <i>l.</i> and 25 <i>l.</i> for Parcel Service.	—	—	—	—
340 <i>l.</i>	—	—	—	—

APPENDIX C.—*continued.*

Line of Communication.	How often.	Number and Character of Vessels.	Contractors.	Contract or Agreement.		
				Date of Contract.	When commenced.	Terminates.
KIRK WALL and BALFOUR.	Week days	Steam vessel	John Reid	28 Dec. 1894 & 8 Jan. 1895.	1 Oct. 1894	After 1 year on 3 months' notice.
LOCH TAY Steamers	Six days a week.	Steam vessels	Marquis of Breadalbane per W. J. Fraser.	No Contract	—	—
MALLAIG and INVERIE (PORT WILLIAM).	Three days a week.	Sailing vessel.	John Michie	"	10 Sept. 1893	On 6 months' notice.
{ O'BAN and FORT WILLIAM.	Once a day, six days a week.	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	David Mac-Brayne.	"	1 Apr. 1891	- - -
{ O'BAN and FORT WILLIAM (Parcels).	Once a day, six days a week.	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	"	"	1 Aug. 1894	- - -
O'BAN and TOBERMORY.	Once a day, six days a week.	Steam vessel	"	1 & 13 June 1893.	1 Apr. 1893	After 1 year on 6 months' notice.
O'BAN and West of MULL, calling at Croggan, Tobermory, Kilchoan, Coll, Tiree, Iona, (on outward voyage) and Bunessan.	Out. — On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. In. — On Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.	Steam vessel	"	"	"	"
{ O'BAN and DUNVEGAN, calling at Tobermory, Castlebay, Lochboisdale, and Lochmaddy.	Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.	Steam vessel.	"	"	"	"
{ DUNVEGAN and O'BAN, calling at Loch Pooltiel, and Loch Bracadale and Tobermory; And also at Canna and Rum.	Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Tuesdays and Thursdays.					
{ O'BAN and LOCHMADDY, calling at Tobermory, Loch Bracadale, Loch Pooltiel, and Dunvegan; And also at Rum and Canna.	Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Tuesdays and Saturdays.					
{ LOCHMADDY and O'BAN, calling at Lochboisdale and Castlebay.	Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.	Steam vessel	"	"	"	"
{ PORTREE, LOCHMADDY, and DUNVEGAN.	Out. — Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. In. — Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.					
STROME FERRY and STORNOWAY.	Once a day, six days a week each way.	Steam vessel	"	"	"	"

APPENDIX C.—*continued.*

Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
46l.	At rate of not less than 8 sea miles an hour.	- - -	20l.	Payment includes Parcel Service.
100l. and 4l. for parcels.	—	—	—	
52l. 2s. 10d.	—	—	—	
600l.	Out. 8 hrs. 30 mins. In. 3 hrs. 30 mins.	- - -	300l.	
65l.	—	—	—	
555l.	At rate of 10 sea miles an hour.	20l. for undue delay or deviation.	200l.*	*To be recovered by way of liquidated damages, and not by way of penalty.
1,200l.	"	"	500l.*	
3,000l.	At rate of not less than 11 sea miles an hour.	"	1,000l.*	Of the total sum of 12,305l. a year payable under these contracts, 5,716l. is paid by the Post Office, and 6,589l. by the Scottish Office. Payments include Parcel Services.
3,000l.	"	"	"	
1,550l.	At rate of not less than 10 sea miles an hour.	"	500l.*	
3,000l.	At rate of 11 sea miles an hour.	"	1,000l.*	

APPENDIX C.—*continued.*

Line of Communication.	How often.	Number and Character of Vessels.	Contractors.	Contract or Agreement.		
				Date of Contract.	When commenced.	Terminates.
PORTASKAIG (ISLAY) and COLONSAY.	Week days -	Sailing vessel.	Sir John McNeill K.C.B.	- - -	- - -	- - -
ROTHESAY and WEMYSS BAY.	Week days -	Steam vessels	Caledonian Steam Packet Company.	21 Nov. & 18 Dec. 1893.	17 Oct. 1892	After 1 year on 6 months' notice.
STRANRAER and LARNE. (See below.)						
STROME FERRY and PORTREE.	6 days a week	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	David MacBrayne	2 & 11 Jan. 1894.	1 Apr. 1893	After 1 year on 12 months' notice.
SCRABSTER PIER (THURSO) and STROMNESS.	6 days a week	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	North of Scotland and Orkney and Shetland Steam Navigation Company.	21 Feb. & 27 Mar. 1893.	12 Feb. 1893	After 5 years on 6 months' notice.
STROMNESS and SOUTH ISLES.	4 days a week	Steam vessel	R. Garden - -	14 April & 5 May 1893.	1 Mar. 1896	After 1 year on 6 months' notice.
{ TARBERT, ISLAY, and JURA.						
{ GREENOCK, ISLAY, and JURA.	Week days -	Steam vessel	David MacBrayne	13 & 19 Jan. 1894.	1 Oct. 1892	After 1 year on 6 months' notice.
VIEKIE (SHETLAND) and FAIR ISLE.	Once a fortnight.	Sailing vessel.	John Bruce, Junr.	- - -	1 Nov. 1893	- - -
WEMYSS BAY and MILLPORT.	Thrice on week days.	Steam vessel	Caledonian Railway Co.	In general agreement with the Co.		
IRELAND.						
LARNE and STRANRAER.	Week days -	2 steam vessels with accommodation for sorting Mails.	Portpatrick and Wigtownshire Joint Committee.	22 Dec. 1892	1 Sept. 1891	After 5 years on 12 months' notice.
GALWAY AND ARRAN	3 days a week	Steam vessel	Galway Bay Steamboat Co.	- - -	27 Apr. 1893	- - -

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 1,500*l.* a year, and the principal payments are as follows:—

For Guernsey, Alderney and Sark Service (special rates) - - -
 „ Glasgow, Greenock, and Londonderry Service - - -
 „ Waterford and Milford Haven Service - - -
 „ Douglas (Isle of Man). Season services via Fleetwood and via
 „ Belfast and Barrow 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.

APPENDIX C.—*continued.*

Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
40%.	—	—	—	
150%.	- - -	- - -	75%.	Payment includes Parcel Service.
50%.	At speed of not less than 10 sea miles an hour.	20% for undue delay or deviation from course.	100%.	" "
2,000%.	Vessels to be capable of steaming 12 knots an hour.	20% for undue delay or deviation from course.	200% P.M.G. to charter another vessel at Contractor's expense.	" "
180%.	- - -	10% for ditto.	50%.	130% paid by Post Office and 50% by Scottish Office. Payment includes Parcel Service.
6%.	- - -	20% for ditto.	350%.	Payment includes Parcel Service.
180%.	- - -	- - -	- - -	No Contract. Payment is made up thus: 60% for service from 1 April to 31 October, and 10% per trip for the other 5 months.
—	—	—	—	
13,500%.	- - -	- - -	- - -	This amount includes also payment for Railway Services between Carlisle and Stranraer, Larne and Belfast, and Larne and Derry.
60%.	—	—	—	

before the formal contract was executed.

in the United Kingdom for a certain fixed payment of 2s. 6d. per 100. The total amount paid at present is about

about 607l. a year.

" 260l. "

" 327l. "

Barrow " 96l. "

" 53l. "

(including various payments for the conveyance of Mails in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland), not exceeding

APPENDIX D. Foreign and Colonial Packet Service.

Line of Packets.	Contracts.		Payment.	Penalties or Overtime.	Contributions towards the Cost of the Service.	Estimated Receipts for Sea Postage.	Estimated British Loss on the Sea Service.
	Com- mencement.	Termination.					
AUSTRALIA: Brindisi or Naples and Adelaide	1 Feb. 1888 -	31 January 1898 -	£ 170,000 {	100% for every 24 hours.	South Australia } 75,000l. Victoria } New South Wales }	£ 5,940	£ 90,000
* London and Sydney, and intermediate Australian Ports	1 July 1886 -	31 January 1896 -	(a) 1,440	-	-	-	-
Aden and Brisbane	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vancouver and Australasian Ports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Francisco and New Zealand	-	Colonial Contracts	-	-	-	-	-
BRAZIL, RIVER PLATE, and CHILI: Fortnightly Service from Southampton	1 Sept. 1876 -	On 6 months' notice	(a) 7,559	-	-	-	-
* Do. do.	1 Sept. 1889 -	Do.	(a) 200	-	-	12,656	10,400
Fortnightly Service from Liverpool	1 July 1873 -	Do.	(a) 15,279	-	-	-	-
CANADA and CHINA	7 April 1891 -	6 April 1901	60,000	100% for every 12 hours.	{ Canada - 15,000l. Admiralty - 7,300l. }	1,700	24,000
CAPE OF GOOD HOPE and NATAL	Contracts with Colonial Governments	-	-	-	-	-	-
* Natal	17 June 1887 -	On 6 months' notice	(a) 740	-	-	740	Nil.
EAST INDIES and CHINA	1 Feb. 1893 -	31 January 1898	245,000	200% for every 12 hours late at Brindisi. In other cases 100%.	{ India, 60,000l. Ceylon, 1,400l. Straits Settlements, 5,000l. Hong Kong, 6,000l. }	30,050	164,500
* Do. do.	1 May 1885 -	On 6 months' notice	(a) 3,550	-	-	-	-
EAST COAST OF AFRICA: Aden and Zanzibar	5 Nov. 1892 -	On 12 months' notice	9,000	-	-	100	8,900
EUROPE: Dover and Calais	21 June 1893 -	On 12 months' notice	25,000 {	5% for 20 minutes and 6% for every additional 15 minutes.	-	-	-
* Do.	1 Oct. 1887 -	On 6 months' notice	(a) 2,310	-	-	-	-

*Channel Islands and St. Malo and Granville	15 Feb. 1893	On 6 months' notice	(a) 40	-	-	-	40	NIL.
*Grimaby and Hamburg	16 Apr. 1893	Do.	(a) 692	-	-	-	692	NIL.
*Liverpool, Constantinople, and Smyrna	1 Jan. 1896	Do.	(a) 84	-	-	-	84	NIL.
*London to Hamburg	1 Jan. 1896	Do.	(a) 375	-	-	-	375	NIL.
*United Kingdom and Lisbon	1 Jan. 1893	Do.	(a) 56	-	-	-	56	NIL.
NORTH AMERICA:								
United Kingdom to New York	1 March 1887	On 12 months' notice	(a) 90,400	-	-	-	37,600	52,800
Do. do.	31 March 1893	Do.	(a) 65	-	-	-	65	NIL.
Newfoundland (Colonial Contract)	1 April 1893	31 December 1893	(b) 3,000	-	-	-	200	2,800
New York and Bermuda	1 Jan. 1889	On 6 months' notice	(a) 670	-	-	-	100	570
*Liverpool to Mexico	1 Dec. 1891	Do.	(a) 114	-	-	-	114	NIL.
PANAMA to VALPARAISO	1 July 1878	Do.	(a) 5,380	-	-	-	2,480	2,900
ST. HELENA and ASCENSION	1 Oct. 1893	Do.	3,900	-	-	-	300	3,600
WEST INDIES:								
Fortnightly Service	{ 1 July 1890 1 July 1893	30 June 1895 30 June 1900	21,250 { 40,000 {	251. for every 24 hours.	-	-	-	-
Additional Services: Non-Contract Service	-	-	(a) 100	-	-	-	10,000	47,400
Turk's Islands (Colonial Contract)	27 Oct. 1888	On 6 months' notice	(b) 256	-	-	-	-	-
WEST COAST OF AFRICA								
Do. do.	Indefinite	-	(a) 15,415	-	-	-	4,718	11,100
	1 Jan. 1893	On 6 months' notice	(a) 403	-	-	-	-	-

(a) The payments in these cases depend upon the weight of mails conveyed by the Packet.

(b) These sums represent the Imperial share of the cost of the Services.

* These Contracts are for Parcel Mails only.

APPENDIX F.

Staff of Officers.

Totals 31 Mar. 1895.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar. 1896.
		Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	
	A.									
1	Postmaster General - -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	B.									
10	Secretary, Financial Secretary, Third Secretary, Assistant Secretaries (5), Secretary for Scotland, and for Ireland.	8	—	1	—	1	—	10	—	10
	C.									
27	Superior Officers in Metro- politan Offices.	10	—	4	—	4	—	27	—	27
	D.									
16	Surveyors - - - -	10	—	3	—	3	—	16	—	16
	E.									
927	Head Postmasters : Metropolitan - -	11	1	1	—	—	—	768	156	924
	Provinces - - -	541	89	120	33	95	33			
18,965	Sub-Postmasters : Metropolitan - -	723	137	50	7	55	86	14,120	5,068	19,188
	Provinces - - -	10,363	3,456	1,244	594	1,685	798			
	F.									
5,419	Clerks and Superintending Officers : Metropolitan - -	2,174	1,362	133	36	165	30	4,387	1,403	5,790
	Provinces - - -	1,623	65	210	10	82	—			
	G.									
24,326	Supervisors, Overseers, Counter- men, Sorters, Telegraphists, &c. : Metropolitan - -	9,346	1,967	426	109	540	90	19,954	5,232	25,176
	Sorting Clerks and Telegra- phists : Provinces - - -	7,918	2,392	1,076	476	648	198			
49,681	Carried forward - -	32,737	9,349	3,306	1,265	3,278	1,235	39,283	11,849	51,132

APPENDIX F.—*continued.***Staff of Officers—*continued.***

Totals 31 Mar. 1895.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		Totals.		Total 31 Mar. 1895.
		Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	
46,661	Brought forward -	33,737	9,340	3,268	1,365	3,278	1,233	39,283	11,849	51,132
	H.									
27,218	Postmen, Porters, &c.: Metropolitan - - -	7,518	—	439	—	216	—	23,086	8	23,094
	Provinces - - -	16,223	6	2,324	2	1,375	—			
	I.									
61,929	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 - - -	9,821	1,435	348	129	471	204	45,964	16,307	61,571
	Provinces - - -	27,024	11,302	3,701	1,581	3,899	1,656			
	J.									
5	Postmasters and Clerks abroad (under direction of Post- master General).	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	5
5	Agents in Foreign Countries for collection of postage.	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	4
138,738	Totals - -	93,323	22,092	10,071	2,977	9,239	3,095	112,642	23,164	140,806

APPENDIX F.—*continued.***Mortality Table.***Note.*—Figures in *Italic type* refer to Women.

	Number of Deaths in 1895.									
	Chief Office.		Districts.		Provinces.		Scotland.		Ireland.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
I.—SIMPLE FEBRILE OR ZYMOTIC DISEASE.										
1. Miasmatic disease :										
Typhus - - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid - - - - -	3	<i>7</i>	2	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
Scarlet fever - - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria - - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Influenza - - - - -	3	<i>7</i>	1	-	8	-	1	-	-	-
Small-pox - - - - -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2. Diarrhoeal diseases :										
Simple cholera - - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentry - - - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
3. Septic diseases :										
Pyæmia - - - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas - - - - -	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-
II.—CONSTITUTION DISEASES.										
Cancer - - - - -	1	-	1	-	5	-	1	-	-	-
Phthisis and hæmoptysis - - - - -	19	<i>7</i>	8	-	38	<i>2</i>	6	<i>7</i>	9	<i>2</i>
Tuberculosis - - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rheumatic fever - - - - -	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Diabetes - - - - -	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Dropsy - - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Glandular disease - - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
III.—LOCAL DISEASES.										
1. Disease of nervous system :										
Apoplexy - - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inflammation of brain - - - - -	1	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
Paralysis - - - - -	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Chorea - - - - -	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Epilepsy - - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebral tumour - - - - -	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Tetanus - - - - -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mental derangement - - - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
2. Diseases of circulatory system :										
Disease of the heart - - - - -	3	-	1	-	9	<i>7</i>	1	-	1	-
Disease of the blood vessels - - - - -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syncope - - - - -	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

APPENDIX F.—*continued.***Mortality Table—*continued.***

	Number of Deaths in 1895.									
	Chief Offices.		Districts.		Provinces.		Scotland.		Ireland.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
3. Diseases of respiratory system :										
Bronchitis - - -	3	-	4	-	9	-	2	-	4	-
Pneumonia - - -	6	-	5	-	13	1	1	-	2	-
Asthma - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pleurisy - - -	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Hæmoptysis - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4. Diseases of digestive system :										
Ulcer of stomach - -	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteritis and perityphlitis	3	-	2	-	3	-	1	-	-	-
Obstruction of bowels -	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Peritonitis - - -	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
Disease of liver - -	2	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	2	-
Other diseases of digestive system.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5. Diseases of urinary system :										
Bright's disease - -	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Renal calculus - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Stricture - - -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IV.--DEATHS FROM VIOLENCE.										
Operations for cure of disease -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accidents - - -	3	1	1	-	5	-	1	-	2	-
Suicide - - -	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
V. - ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED CASES.										
Tumour - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
{ Chill - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
{ Pernicious anæmia -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
{ Gangrene - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not classified { Delirium tremens -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
{ Fistula - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
{ Bone disease - -	1	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	-
{ Sunstroke - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Causes not stated - - -	1	-	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
	57	5	37	1	131	5	18	1	24	2

APPENDIX F.—*continued.*

Table giving Causes of Retirement from the Service.

Note.—Figures in *Italic type* refer to Women.

	Number of Persons retired in 1895.									
	Chief Office.		Metropolitan Districts.		Provinces.		Scotland.		Ireland.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
Paralysis	5	-	2	-	7	<i>1</i>	1	-	-	-
Softening of brain	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Epilepsy	-	-	3	-	2	-	1	-	-	-
Mental derangement	8	<i>2</i>	3	-	9	<i>4</i>	-	-	1	<i>1</i>
Nervous debility	<i>2</i>	<i>4</i>	-	<i>3</i>	6	<i>1</i>	-	-	1	-
Diabetes	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Heart disease	7	<i>1</i>	7	-	10	<i>3</i>	1	-	1	-
Varicose veins	1	-	-	<i>1</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Phthisis	16	<i>8</i>	12	-	16	<i>3</i>	7	<i>2</i>	2	<i>1</i>
Hæmorrhoids	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chronic bronchitis	7	-	7	-	14	-	1	-	-	-
Pleurisy	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Asthma	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Liver disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Kidney disease	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Eyesight	5	<i>1</i>	1	-	1	<i>1</i>	-	-	1	-
Deafness	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<i>1</i>
Influenza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hæmatemesis	-	-	-	-	1	<i>1</i>	-	-	2	-
Chronic rheumatism and sciatica	5	-	13	-	11	-	-	-	-	-
Gout	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Cancer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uterine disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<i>1</i>
Cystitis	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Strictures	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hysteria	-	-	-	-	-	-	<i>1</i>	-	-	<i>1</i>
Chronic synovitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tumour	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chronic alcoholism	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Flat feet and weak ankles	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Skin disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Telegraph cramp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Writer's cramp	-	-	-	<i>1</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fistula and abscess	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-
Diseased bone	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Ingrowing toe-nail	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accidents	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Hernia	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
General debility	5	<i>3</i>	3	<i>3</i>	13	<i>2</i>	1	-	1	<i>1</i>
Anæmia	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	<i>1</i>
Syphilis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dyspepsia	2	-	1	-	6	-	-	-	-	-
Not stated	4	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	<i>1</i>

APPENDIX G.

Returned Letters, Parcels, &c.

A COMPARATIVE STATEMENT showing the Numbers of UNDELIVERED LETTERS and PARCELS, received OFFICES of LONDON, MANCHESTER, LIVERPOOL, BIRMINGHAM, LEEDS, BRISTOL, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE and CORK respectively; also the Numbers of UNDELIVERED POSTAL PACKETS dealt with in HULL

—	Letters received.		Letters re-issued to corrected Addressee.		Letters returned to the Senders.		Letters returned unopened to Foreign Countries.		Letters which could neither be delivered to Addressee nor returned to Senders.	
	1894-95.	1895-96.	1894-95.	1895-96.	1894-95.	1895-96.	1894-95.	1895-96.	1894-95.	1895-96.
LONDON - -	2,000,900	2,724,989	22,183	21,501	2,179,078	2,241,646	146,280	154,109	262,280	307,733
MANCHESTER -	355,540	365,371	7,451	8,835	290,062	294,481	10,862	18,204	38,165	43,721
LIVERPOOL -	585,318	512,746	15,609	15,738	237,833	257,482	16,532	19,854	15,344	19,702
BIRMINGHAM -	244,292	259,423	4,233	4,646	220,443	228,213	5,618	10,606	13,968	15,866
LEEDS - -	220,096	211,831	5,777	5,976	185,024	174,084	7,969	11,633	21,326	20,138
BRISTOL - -	302,130	308,707	6,026	7,178	252,078	239,743	12,728	16,396	31,398	45,261
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.	143,410	157,789	2,982	2,635	114,464	129,282	6,965	9,099	18,979	16,773
NOTTINGHAM -	164,124	174,921	5,962	3,963	139,936	141,595	4,932	3,065	13,204	20,278
PLYMOUTH -	49,534	50,901	781	842	39,127	41,136	4,337	4,583	5,229	4,083
EDINBURGH -	180,355	185,428	11,569	12,286	152,088	150,918	6,341	7,536	10,487	14,896
GLASGOW - -	155,598	141,774	14,951	18,870	126,300	112,613	5,913	7,232	8,434	3,669
ABERDEEN -	21,275	23,315	788	712	17,526	19,680	790	1,038	2,171	1,985
INVERNESS -	16,044	15,592	506	283	13,890	13,461	470	455	1,188	1,263
DUBLIN - -	197,916	184,920	13,180	8,006	153,593	148,260	8,953	9,676	22,210	18,978
BELFAST - -	62,963	66,620	2,244	2,575	52,172	57,084	2,904	3,053	5,633	3,908
CORK - -	35,633	35,595	1,466	1,619	26,897	27,255	4,262	3,896	3,006	2,823
Totals for Re- turned Letter Offices - -	5,044,018	5,313,020	115,697	115,705	4,209,501	4,276,906	245,756	285,237	473,064	540,772
Dealt with in Head Post Offices - -	1,057,932	1,112,466	—	—	1,057,932	1,112,466	—	—	—	—
General Totals of Undelivered Correspondence	6,101,950	6,331,086	115,697	115,705	5,267,433	5,389,372	245,756	285,237	473,064	540,772
Increase -	229,136		8		121,959		39,481		67,708	
Decrease -	—		—		—		—		—	

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

and disposed of, and the Numbers of Correspondence of other Classes received in the RETURNED LETTER TYNE, NOTTINGHAM, PLYMOUTH, EDINBURGH, GLASGOW, ABERDEEN, INVERNESS, DUBLIN, BELFAST, POST OFFICES, in the Year ended 31st March 1895, and in the Year ended 31st March 1896.

Post Cards received.		Book Packets received.		Newspapers received.		Patterns and Samples received.		Parcels received.		Parcels re-issued to Addressees or returned to Senders.		—
1894-95.	1895-96.	1894-95.	1895-96.	1894-95.	1895-96.	1894-95.	1895-96.	1894-95.	1895-96.	1894-95.	1895-96.	
122,455	57,799	2,359,049	679,519	314,155	238,293	6,646	4,074	46,208	54,041	32,249	46,830	LONDON.
39,208	16,954	752,539	126,522	11,442	7,733	603	545	5,643	6,072	3,781	4,080	MANCHESTER.
55,326	36,866	545,625	318,191	13,655	13,259	646	781	3,965	4,371	2,612	2,857	LIVERPOOL.
40,831	48,160	488,075	299,658	8,590	11,862	1,917	1,647	3,707	3,972	2,588	2,741	BIRMINGHAM.
29,906	5,806	423,824	96,066	8,918	2,463	1,276	270	3,704	3,669	2,517	2,484	LEEDS.
17,116	4,487	500,754	133,913	12,409	2,419	2,527	420	6,063	6,786	3,807	4,146	BRISTOL.
13,873	7,461	277,561	41,135	4,616	1,961	617	53	2,129	2,364	1,527	1,834	NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
8,619	6,435	300,012	53,312	4,437	1,494	421	413	2,995	3,078	1,860	1,945	NOTTINGHAM.
3,371	1,217	63,900	12,015	1,415	738	390	265	912	967	530	585	PLYMOUTH.
33,449	30,763	379,588	199,252	19,044	13,564	1,384	161	4,968	5,501	3,943	4,328	EDINBURGH.
42,238	41,972	310,879	195,889	11,398	14,962	1,538	188	3,057	3,590	2,668	3,056	GLASGOW.
1,837	7,536	36,888	14,409	2,045	805	86	15	340	438	231	287	ABERDEEN.
1,043	254	18,960	3,843	1,362	358	48	90	313	383	185	311	INVERNESS.
13,685	3,720	283,965	26,696	26,296	16,237	443	50	3,911	4,615	2,989	3,243	DUBLIN.
10,335	1,914	113,396	17,100	4,326	2,374	379	325	856	1,065	456	667	BELFAST.
1,162	1,465	39,143	7,969	1,544	907	137	115	578	603	306	333	CORK.
414,353	272,339	7,394,208	2,227,394	445,072	329,459	19,058	9,412	91,347	103,515	62,228	79,259	{ Totals for Returned Letter Offices. Dealt with in Head Post Offices.
867,242	743,096	3,347,173	7,310,703	135,188	377,545	42,713	53,357	51,749	42,892	51,749	42,892	
1,281,595	1,016,005	10,741,381	9,538,097	580,860	707,004	61,771	62,769	143,096	146,407	113,977	122,151	{ General Totals of Undelivered Correspondence.
—	—	—	—	126,144	—	998	—	3,311	—	8,174	—	Increase.
265,590	—	1,203,284	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Decrease.

APPENDIX H.

Telegrams.

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

Year.	Number of Telegrams.					
	England and Wales.			Scotland.	Ireland.	TOTAL.
	Provinces.	London.	Total.			
1870-71 -	5,299,882	2,863,821	8,163,703	1,080,189	606,285	9,850,177
1871-72 -	6,594,590	3,612,772	10,207,362	1,388,434	878,000	12,473,796
1872-73 -	8,022,151	4,577,015	12,599,166	1,761,298	1,175,316	15,535,780
1873-74 -	9,233,854	5,254,547	14,488,401	2,009,893	1,323,236	17,821,530
1874-75 -	10,124,661	5,652,033	15,776,694	2,132,787	1,343,639	19,253,120
1875-76 -	10,883,282	6,350,714	17,233,996	2,287,359	1,452,180	20,973,535
1876-77 -	11,232,704	6,561,930	17,794,634	2,402,347	1,529,162	21,726,143
1877-78 -	11,392,098	6,700,504	18,092,602	2,490,776	1,588,489	22,171,867
1878-79 -	11,592,899	8,830,019	20,422,918	2,477,003	1,559,854	24,459,775
1879-80 -	12,392,996	9,854,566	22,247,562	2,704,574	1,595,001	26,547,137
1880-81 -	13,456,555	11,176,459	24,633,014	3,042,291	1,736,677	29,411,982
1881-82 -	14,204,479	12,071,034	26,275,513	3,207,994	1,862,354	31,345,861
1882-83 -	14,554,015	12,374,707	26,928,722	3,244,202	1,919,102	32,092,026
1883-84 -	14,920,413	12,686,433	27,606,846	3,299,428	1,936,846	32,843,120
1884-85 -	15,195,618	12,930,876	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	18,872,553	44,925,270	5,430,624	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	7,077,888	3,673,735	66,409,211
1891-92 -	34,854,867	23,911,238	58,766,105	7,155,180	3,764,195	69,685,480
1892-93 -	35,382,090	23,554,094	58,936,184	7,100,514	3,871,150	69,907,848
1893-94 -	36,129,876	23,501,876	59,631,752	7,279,894	3,987,852	70,899,498
1894-95 -	36,098,807	24,117,901	60,216,708	7,334,094	4,038,262	71,589,064
1895-96 -	39,411,356	27,025,193	66,436,549	8,093,581	4,307,480	78,839,610

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.***Telegrams—*continued.***

TABLE showing the NUMBER of TELEGRAMS forwarded from TELEGRAPH OFFICES in the UNITED KINGDOM during the Years 1894-95 and 1895-96; and the Increase in each Month of the latter Year over the corresponding Month of the former Year.

Month.	Number of Telegrams.		Increase.
	1895-96.	1894-95.	
April - - -	6,347,436	5,772,799	574,637
May - - -	7,228,886	6,364,147	864,739
June - - -	6,691,431	6,364,864	326,567
July - - -	7,941,447	6,576,248	1,365,199
August - - -	7,664,392	6,951,374	713,018
September - - -	6,934,029	6,198,008	736,021
October - - -	7,080,762	6,373,138	707,624
November - - -	6,296,045	5,898,561	397,484
December - - -	5,588,443	5,319,979	268,464
January - - -	5,655,415	5,297,569	357,846
February - - -	5,405,701	4,589,646	816,055
March - - -	6,005,623	5,882,731	122,892
	78,839,610	71,589,064	7,250,546

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 1887	- - -	£ s. d. 12,509 17 9	£ s. d. 2,955 5 8	£ s. d. 38 11 10	£ s. d. 29,306 17 10
" " 1888	- - -	13,140 18 0	3,069 14 11	23 5 1	30,584 5 11
" " 1889	- - -	14,870 7 10	3,357 9 10	62 9 8	33,414 14 7
" " 1890	- - -	15,495 9 6½	3,851 2 7	626 17 4½	36,328 19 1
" " 1891	- - -	15,906 12 10	3,610 16 7	76 12 11	36,880 9 7
" " 1892	- - -	14,595 5 3	3,206 14 2	21 5 8	35,588 18 9
" " 1893	- - -	14,614 10 6½	3,708 19 1	67 10 5½	39,520 18 1
" " 1894	- - -	16,897 0 0	4,042 13 5	11 18 8	44,941 12 3
" " 1895	- - -	17,991 14 8	3,967 2 9	18 9 11	47,498 18 1
" " 1896	- - -	17,983 7 1	3,674 9 8	96 14 6	44,045 10 11

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.	Expenses 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.	Rate per cent. of expenses of Management to total amount standing to credit of Depositors.	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.
1886	8,351	6,562,393*	15,696,352*	2 7 10	1,169,590	2,390,656†	13,689,943†	5 14 6	290,555‡	7 ½	758,270	562,499	3,751,421	50,874,398	13 13 8	11 5 4	52,074,387	272,263	154,000	52,500,650	8,766	5,322,225
1887	8,720	6,916,327*	16,535,032*	2 7 10	1,244,074	2,406,294†	14,080,279†	5 17 7	288,418‡	7 ½	794,592	574,252	3,951,761	53,974,065	13 13 2	10 8 ½	56,243,599	322,553	174,000	56,745,152	9,120	5,556,371
1888	9,022	7,510,625*	19,052,229*	2 10 6	1,332,838	2,653,508†	15,802,735†	6 0 0	326,990‡	7 ½	887,460	618,204	4,220,927	58,556,394	13 17 5	11 2 2	60,860,563	268,071	219,000	61,345,634	9,404	5,800,473
1889	9,353	8,101,120*	19,814,308*	2 8 11	1,443,186	2,757,848†	16,814,268†	6 1 11	336,954‡	7 ½	924,010	637,128	4,507,800	62,999,020	13 19 6	10 8 ½	64,786,212	253,615	257,000	65,296,827	9,609	6,039,403
1890	9,681	8,776,566*	20,990,692*	2 7 10	1,553,355	2,892,006†	17,908,804†	6 3 10	326,394‡	6 ½	997,283	677,778	4,827,314	67,634,807	14 0 3	9 7 ½	68,354,754	155,673	268,000	69,376,477	10,005	6,368,096
1891	10,065	8,941,431*	21,334,903*	2 7 9	1,658,148	3,126,231†	19,019,856†	6 1 8	343,614‡	6 ½	992,155	701,074	5,118,395	71,608,092	13 19 10	9 7 7	72,417,045	173,982	269,000	72,890,027	10,366	6,628,677
1892	10,519	9,473,335*	22,845,031*	2 8 2	1,746,263	3,335,068†	20,346,217†	6 2 0	354,008‡	6 ½	1,036,622	702,701	5,452,316	75,853,079	13 18 3	9 4 4	78,123,968	176,056	273,000	78,573,044	10,800	6,954,296
1893	11,018	9,838,198*	24,640,024*	2 10 1	1,860,104	3,618,721†	21,764,566†	6 3 3	367,566‡	6 ½	1,097,160	731,237	5,748,239	80,597,641	14 0 5	9 11 ½	82,857,698	415,073	276,000	83,548,771	11,285	7,219,385
1894	11,323	10,973,651*	30,439,440*	2 15 6	2,015,903	3,863,889†	23,786,927†	6 3 1	414,567‡	6 ½	1,135,453	776,001	6,108,763	89,296,066	14 12 3	9 3 ½	94,497,364	497,743	312,000	95,397,107	11,580	7,579,709
1895	11,518	11,384,977*	32,078,660*	2 16 4	2,222,545	4,102,059†	25,038,266†	6 5 3	414,625‡	6 ½	1,153,236	808,402	6,453,697	97,868,975	15 3 4	8 5 ½	105,064,203	384,181	336,000	105,784,384	11,763	7,969,826

* Including, as well as Ordinary Deposits, (a) Deposits for immediate investment in Stock; (b) amounts realised by sale of Stock and Stock Certificates obtained, 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; (d) Deposits for purchase of Annuities and Payment of Insurance premiums, and (e) amounts credited to Accounts in respect of sums payable to Annuity and Insurance business. For particulars, see statements of Government Stock business and Annuity and Insurance business.

† Including, as well as Ordinary Withdrawals, (a) Withdrawals for purchase of Annuities and payment of Insurance premiums, and (b) amounts paid to Annuity and Insurance business. For particulars, see statements of Government Stock business and Annuity and Insurance business.

‡ The charges for management in 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895 include the sums of 38,912†, 10,073†, 40,983†, 20,683†, 752†, 846†, 832†, 782†, 33,631†, and 2,366† respectively for purchase of land, while the charges in 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, and 1895, also include 17,758†, 7,751†, 2,274†, 3,446†, 2,111†, 1,774†, and 21,502† 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, 77½d., in 1887, 6½d., in 1888, 6½d., in 1889, 6½d., in 1890, 6½d., in 1891, 6½d., in 1892, 6½d., in 1893, 6½d., in 1894, 6½d., and in 1895, 6½d., and the percentage of expenses to capital 10s. 4½d., 10s., 8s. 10d., 9s. 6d., 9s. 5d., 9s. 6d., 9s. 2½d., 9s. 0½d., 8s. 6½d., and 8s. 2½d. respectively. Prior to the passing of the Post Office Savings Bank Act, 1861, it was estimated (see Parliamentary Paper No. 523, 1861) that the average cost of each transaction would be 7d.

APPENDIX J.—*continued.* Post Office Savings Banks—*continued.*

GOVERNMENT STOCK.
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 realised 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 Stockholders.	Amount of Dividends credited to Stockholders.	Amount of Stock remaining to credit of Stockholders at close of the Year.	Average amount of each Block Account at close of the Year.
1886	9,653	4,945	25,305	16,563	8,918	59	—	845,006	1,725 17 6	7 6 0	941,181	59 15 8	289,965	48 14 6	362,082	7,200	—	1,181	249	65,329	77,598	3,983,961	56 1 1
1887	10,089	5,704	40,470	18,304	10,216	90	—	927,614	1,917 1 0	5 10 0	915,047	59 5 4	465,788	45 6 0	469,656	5,000	—	2,480	1,027	74,748	91,169	3,944,108	53 1 4
1888	11,029	8,575	43,334	19,413	11,459	44	86	908,217	2,108 2 6	5 2 0	1,008,164	51 13 6	573,304	50 0 7	572,115	5,100	6,480	32,079	912	137,918	110,878	3,785,611	57 7 7
1889†	11,241	7,598	44,963	19,706	11,582	27	126	985,352	2,108 8 3	3 9 0	1,008,368	50 15 8	605,359	50 18 11	535,831	3,450	31,381	18,154	700	171,270	114,400	4,175,684	60 17 1
1890	14,606	10,536	51,063	22,385	12,066	33	204	1,069,257	2,332 12 6	4 0 0	1,125,310	50 5 5	590,907	49 17 0	573,168	4,000	37,490	6,319	271	159,169	118,336	4,680,163‡	61 13 1
1891	11,516	7,494	55,065	20,841	12,400	26	258	980,298	2,332 9 0	3 17 0	1,026,310	49 3 11	607,637	48 12 2	585,655	3,350	42,778	35,991	438	207,970	121,913	5,067,706	62 7 2
1892	14,110	8,356	60,839	23,976	13,727	27	300	1,254,896	2,745 7 6	3 14 0	1,264,104	58 14 5	698,393	50 2 11	608,689	3,700	67,417	6,776	134	223,538	162,760	5,399,080	62 0 7
1893	17,196	8,903	66,131	29,291	15,283	26	437	1,533,027	3,218 13 0	3 2 0	1,544,006	53 14 4	711,468	46 11 1	704,329	3,100	82,774	6,036	510	251,925	160,379	6,264,464	62 1 2
1894	13,106	11,015	71,304	25,532	16,315	12	159	1,650,675	3,227 8 6	1 7 0	1,625,674	60 1 8	978,001	53 8 0	968,459	1,350	32,774	41,230	976	279,303	168,170	7,083,197	66 11 4
1895	9,725	12,090	65,949	13,090	19,696	17	164	1,185,750	2,857 0 0	3 2 0	1,112,568	61 10 0	1,161,900	59 7 2	1,298,461	3,100	27,611	4,477	653	282,009	168,005	8,048,945	100 10 0

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

‡ In one or other of the previous years, Redemption money under the provisions of the National Debt Redemption Act, 1859, were paid off and 4,014½ of the amount was re-invested free of Commission in the National Debt Redemption money, amounting to 269,582½, was re-invested in 31 per cent. Consolidated Stock at 98 this being the final operation connected with the Conversion Scheme. The balance of Stock was thus increased by 5,072½

APPENDIX J.—*continued.*Post Office Savings Bank—*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 1895, and the Number and Amount of Contracts in existence on the 31st December 1895.

	CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO				TOTAL.	
	From 17 April 1865 to 31 December 1894.		From 1 Jan. 1895 to 31 December 1895.			
	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 1895, viz. :—						
Immediate Annuities - -	24,489	440,699 7 0	1,898	49,816 3 10	26,387	490,515 10 10
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - -	765	13,354 10 6	57	1,252 11 0	822	14,607 1 6
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - -	1,637	35,171 4 0	112	2,785 10 6	1,749	37,956 14 6
Contracts for Sums payable at Death entered into from the commencement of business on the 17th April 1865 to the 31st December 1895 - - - -	15,122	983,390 5 4	720	38,358 9 0	15,842	1,021,738 14 4
Contracts for Annuities in existence on the 31st December 1895, viz. :—						
Immediate Annuities - -	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	14,737	336,614 1
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - -	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	713	12,495 4 0
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - -	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	985	21,298 13 6
Contracts for Sums payable at Death, in existence on the 31st December 1895 - - -	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	10,024	616,522 7 2

APPENDIX J.—continued.

Post Office Savings Bank—continued.

RETURN of the BALANCE SHEETS of the POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS on the 31st day of December 1895, 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 1895, the amount of cash in hand and Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the year, and the surplus or deficiency of Funds to meet Liabilities (so far as relates to the National Debt Office).

Securities standing in the Names of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt on account of the POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS FUND.	Value of Securities at price of 31 Dec. 1895.			Dividend* accrued but not received at the end of the Year.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
2½ per cent. Consols - - -	54,485,191	15	7	58,023,729	0	0	352,044	19	11
2½ per cents. - - - - -	9,079,170	15	8	9,396,942	0	0	53,660	17	3
Local Loans 3 per cent. Stock - -	10,977,690	5	1	12,075,459	0	0	77,858	1	6
2½ per cent. Annuities (1903) - -	75,000	0	0	78,469	0	0	487	12	1
Book Debt, per Act 55 & 56 Vict. c. 36.	10,200,000	0	0	10,200,000	0	0	66,313	17	2
Egyptian Guaranteed 3 per cent. Bonds	303,500	0	0	325,124	0	0	—		
Treasury Bills - - - - -	3,482,900	0	0	3,391,135	0	0	80,817	11	4
Advances per 43 Vict. c. 4, 43 & 44 Vict. c. 14, 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	—		
Advance under British Museum (Purchase of Land) Act, 1894, 57 & 58 Vict. c. 34, s. 1 -	200,000	0	0	200,000	0	0	1,418	9	6
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) 2,566,322	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.	574,570	0	0	(a & b) 4,071,035	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.	139,800	0	0	(a) 652,660	0	0	—		
Annuity for a term of years per National Debt Act, 1884, 47 Vict. c. 2, s. 2.	35,121	0	0	(a) 250,101	0	0	—		
Annuities for terms of years per 46 Vict. c. 1, s. 2 -	6,398	8	6	(a) 40,007	0	0	—		
Red Sea and India Telegraph Annuity, expiring 4th August 1906	3,100	0	0	34,160	0	0	—		
Annuities for terms of years granted to repay advances under Imperial Defence Act, 1883, 51 & 52 Vict. c. 32.	60,431	16	0	(a) 232,976	0	0	—		
Annuity for a term of years granted to repay advance under Russian Dutch Loan Act, 1891, 54 & 55 Vict. c. 24.	35,176	18	0	(a) 330,227	0	0	—		
Annuities for terms of years granted to repay advances under Telegraph Act, 1892, 55 & 56 Vict. c. 59.	19,078	13	0	(a) 256,837	0	0	—		
Annuities for terms of years granted to repay advances under Public Accounts and Charges Act, 1891, 54 & 55 Vict. c. 24, s. 4.	55,106	4	0	(a) 387,285	0	0	—		
Carried forward - - -				103,415,408	0	0	632,601	8	9

(a) Value, inclusive of interest, to 31st December 1895.

(b) Cash value (at the price of Consols on 31st December 1896) of the amount of 2½ per cent. Consols, estimated to have been unreplaced at 31st December 1895, out of the amount of Stock originally cancelled in exchange for these Annuities. Act 54 & 55 Vict. c. 24.

APPENDIX J.—*continued.*Post Office Savings Bank.—*continued.*

Securities standing in the Names of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt on account of the POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS FUND.		Value of Securities at price of 31 Dec. 1895.	Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the Year.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward		103,415,408 0 0	633,001 8 9
Annuity for a term of years granted to repay advances under Barracks Act, 1890, 53 & 54 Vict. c. 25.	13,576 17 0	(a) 164,186 0 0	—
Annuities for terms of years granted to repay advances made under the Pensions Commutation Act, 34 & 35 Vict. c. 36.	34,433 6 0	(a) 193,908 0 0	—
Advances under Pensions Commutation Act, 34 & 35 Vict. c. 36., during year ended 31st December 1895, in respect of which an Annuity had not been granted	31,561 13 0	31,562 0 0	525 1 7
Advances under Public Accounts and Charges Act, 1891, 54 & 55 Vict. c. 24. s. 4, during year ended 31st December 1895, in respect of which an Annuity had not been granted	40,000 0 0	40,000 0 0	937 16 1
Advances under Telegraph Act, 1893, 55 & 56 Vict. c. 59., during year ended 31st December 1895, in respect of which an Annuity had not been granted	145,000 0 0	145,000 0 0	2,644 2 0
Advances under Naval Works Act, 1895, 58 & 59 Vict. c. 35., during year ended 31st December 1895, in respect of which an Annuity had not been granted	375,000 0 0	375,000 0 0	3,445 0 8
		<u>£104,365,064 0 0</u>	<u>640,153 9 1</u>
Add value of Securities	- - -	- - -	104,365,064 0 0
Cash balance in Bank of England	- - -	- - -	58,966 0 3
			<u>£ 105,064,293 9 4</u>

(a) Value, inclusive of interest, to 31st December 1895.

National Debt Office,
6th June 1896.G. W. HERVEY,
Comptroller General.

APPENDIX J.—continued.

Post Office Savings Bank—continued.

BALANCE SHEET.

RETURN of the BALANCE SHEETS of the POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS for the Year 1895, 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 1895, 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 1895 (including interest)	97,968,974	15 5	Value of Securities according to the average price of the day on 31 Dec. 1895	105,006,217	9 1
Amount of expenses remaining unpaid (partly estimated)	29,750	7 10	Amount of cash in hands of Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt	58,968	0 3
Surplus of assets over Liabilities	7,886,688	19 10	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	457,069	15 0
			Less.—Amount required to meet Warrants issued to Depositors but not cashed on 31st December 1895	72,909	1 3
			Value of the Central Savings Bank Premises in Queen Victoria Street, E.C.	-	-
	£	108,784,384 3 1			
				384,180	13 9
				359,000	0 0
				108,784,384	3 1

Total amount received from Depositors, including interest, to 31st December 1895 £ 446,905,905 4 8
Total amount repaid to Depositors to 31st December 1895 £ 347,120,880 9 3

Number of Transactions.		Number of Accounts.	
Deposits.	Withdrawals.	Opened.	Closed.
163,601,632	57,308,157	30,457,018	14,003,481
			Remaining Open.
			6,453,397

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 1895 was 220,909,909.

The sums of 198,5792 14s. 11d., 147,1162 10s. 0d., 77,7877 12s. 1d., 128,3467 4s. 11d., 144,9797 3s. 11d., 146,7997 10s. 1d., 153,1397 0s. 1d., 93,7947 10s. 2d., 93,0407 11s. 1d., 97,6017 12s. 2d., 78,9037 9s. 6d., 73,4637 12s. 8d., 66,6697 12s. 2d., 61,1177 10s. 2d., 59,9227 8s. 3d., 55,1007 9s. 10d., and 3,9397 10s. 3d., have been paid into the Exchequer out of the funds of the Post Office Savings Banks in the years 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, and 1895 respectively under sec. 14 of the Act 40 Vict. c. 12, being the excess of interest which had accrued during the years 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, and 1894. The sum of 511,136s., the cost of the site of the new Savings Bank buildings in Queen Victoria Street, and 111,119s. 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 Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.
1886-87	9,768,563	22,862,708	Decrease. " 6	Increase. " 1.3	363,281	1,328,409	1.4	Decrease. 3	687,191	1,763,484	14.3	20	10,811,664	25,354,601	Decrease. " 4.46	Increase. "
1887-88	9,553,777	22,981,676	" 2.1	" 2.8	397,970	1,485,389	9.5	Increase. 8.2	793,746	2,014,112	15.5	14.2	10,744,493	26,394,196	" .63	" 3.8
1888-89	9,298,183	22,957,649	" 3.4	" .83	494,967	1,521,013	7	6	854,547	2,139,390	7.7	6.2	10,597,717	26,619,022	" 2.2	" 1.02
1889-90	9,027,750	23,333,417	" 3.1	" 1.6	483,102	1,631,616	6.6	7.2	893,892	2,900,872	4.5	3	10,274,146	27,165,908	" 1.2	" 2
1890-91	8,964,483	22,997,767	" 1.8	" 2.4	468,718	1,668,102	3.4	1.6	927,651	2,312,018	3.8	5	10,390,858	27,997,967	" 1	" 2.5
1891-92	8,906,576	24,383,569	Increase. " 4	" 2	479,626	1,665,081	2.3	Decrease. 1	900,428	2,399,964	3.5	3.3	10,546,630	28,489,664	Increase. " .8	" 2
1892-93	8,968,032	24,618,909	" .6	" .9	485,986	1,685,880	1.3	1.2	993,950	2,429,612	3.4	1.6	10,443,918	28,693,951	" .9	" .8
1893-94	9,027,954	24,575,096	" .7	Decrease. " 1	515,476	1,767,701	6.1	Increase. 8	961,364	2,379,002	Decrease. 1.2	Decrease. 3.1	10,394,774	28,798,889	" .7	" .1
1894-95	9,190,304	24,963,532	" 1.7	Increase. " 1.5	518,562	1,711,818	.5	Decrease. 3.1	978,340	2,337,777	.5	5	10,680,206	29,092,127	" 1.5	" .7
1895-96	9,354,236	25,682,226	" 1.8	" 2.5	539,786	1,775,679	4	Increase. 3.9	1,056,981	2,360,002	Increase. 5.1	Increase. 4.7	10,900,968	29,793,617	" 2	" 2.7

**APPENDIX K.—continued.
Money Orders—continued.**

INLAND ORDERS.																	
Year.	ENGLAND AND WALES.				SCOTLAND.				IRELAND.				UNITED KINGDOM.				
	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of popu- lation.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of popu- lation.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Dec. Inc.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of popu- lation.	
1886-87	8,070,907	18,875,433	6·6	30·	1,080,427	2,298,782	—	27·4	611,228	1,178,403	4·2	4·	13·	9,762,562	22,262,708	6·	26·6
1887-88	7,851,990	19,289,306	2·7	27·4	1,098,611	2,369,442	1·7	27·3	602,176	1,229,928	1·5	4·	13·	9,552,777	22,881,676	2·1	25·5
1888-89	7,590,195	19,267,308	3·7	26·15	1,079,719	2,422,793	1·7	26·5	588,269	1,267,548	2·3	4·	12·4	9,228,183	22,957,649	3·4	24·5
1889-90	7,305,352	19,548,374	2·2	25·2	1,068,457	2,501,572	1·	26·	563,941	1,283,471	4·	1·2	12·	9,027,750	23,333,417	2·1	24·
1890-91	7,268,248	20,044,082	1·7	25·06	1,045,048	2,546,719	2·1	25·9	551,187	1,306,966	2·2	1·8	11·7	8,864,483	23,897,767	1·8	23·4
1891-92	7,342,299	20,471,068	1·	25·	1,021,698	2,573,456	2·2	25·1	542,579	1,339,045	1·5	2·4	11·6	8,906,576	24,383,609	·4	23·3
1892-93	7,391,775	20,658,172	·9	24·9	1,032,082	2,605,839	1·	25·2	539,175	1,354,798	·6	1·1	11·6	8,963,082	24,618,809	·6	23·3
1893-94	7,483,054	20,647,160	1·2	24·9	1,008,662	2,564,601	2·2	24·4	536,218	1,393,275	·5	·6	11·6	9,027,534	24,575,936	·7	23·3
1894-95	7,658,756	21,040,022	2·3	25·4	994,834	2,540,597	1·3	23·9	536,714	1,363,913	·09	·04	11·6	9,190,304	24,953,532	1·7	23·6
1895-96	7,778,115	21,539,006	1·5	25·3	1,017,820	2,571,889	2·2	24·2	538,861	1,371,391	·4	·5	11·8	9,334,296	25,582,236	1·5	23·6

In 1840 the commission on Money Orders was reduced as follows:—
For any sum not exceeding 2*l.*, from 6*d.* to 3*d.*.
For any sum above 2*l.*, and not exceeding 5*l.*, from 1*s.* 6*d.* to 6*d.*.

Rates of Commission up to 1871.				Rates of Commission from 1871 to 31st December 1877.				Rates of Commission from 1st Jan. 1878 to 31st Aug. 1886.								
For sums not exceeding 2 <i>l.</i> , but not above 5 <i>l.</i> , exceeding 5 <i>l.</i> , but not above 7 <i>l.</i> , but not exceeding 10 <i>l.</i>	For sums under 10 <i>l.</i> , of 1 <i>l.</i> , of 2 <i>l.</i> , of 3 <i>l.</i> , of 4 <i>l.</i> , of 5 <i>l.</i>	For sums under 10 <i>l.</i> , of 1 <i>l.</i> , of 2 <i>l.</i> , of 3 <i>l.</i> , of 4 <i>l.</i> , of 5 <i>l.</i>	For sums under 10 <i>l.</i> , of 1 <i>l.</i> , of 2 <i>l.</i> , of 3 <i>l.</i> , of 4 <i>l.</i> , of 5 <i>l.</i>	For sums under 10 <i>l.</i> , of 1 <i>l.</i> , of 2 <i>l.</i> , of 3 <i>l.</i> , of 4 <i>l.</i> , of 5 <i>l.</i>	For sums under 10 <i>l.</i> , of 1 <i>l.</i> , of 2 <i>l.</i> , of 3 <i>l.</i> , of 4 <i>l.</i> , of 5 <i>l.</i>	For sums under 10 <i>l.</i> , of 1 <i>l.</i> , of 2 <i>l.</i> , of 3 <i>l.</i> , of 4 <i>l.</i> , of 5 <i>l.</i>	For sums under 10 <i>l.</i> , of 1 <i>l.</i> , of 2 <i>l.</i> , of 3 <i>l.</i> , of 4 <i>l.</i> , of 5 <i>l.</i>	For sums under 10 <i>l.</i> , of 1 <i>l.</i> , of 2 <i>l.</i> , of 3 <i>l.</i> , of 4 <i>l.</i> , of 5 <i>l.</i>	For sums under 10 <i>l.</i> , of 1 <i>l.</i> , of 2 <i>l.</i> , of 3 <i>l.</i> , of 4 <i>l.</i> , of 5 <i>l.</i>	For sums under 10 <i>l.</i> , of 1 <i>l.</i> , of 2 <i>l.</i> , of 3 <i>l.</i> , of 4 <i>l.</i> , of 5 <i>l.</i>	For sums under 10 <i>l.</i> , of 1 <i>l.</i> , of 2 <i>l.</i> , of 3 <i>l.</i> , of 4 <i>l.</i> , of 5 <i>l.</i>	For sums under 10 <i>l.</i> , of 1 <i>l.</i> , of 2 <i>l.</i> , of 3 <i>l.</i> , of 4 <i>l.</i> , of 5 <i>l.</i>	For sums under 10 <i>l.</i> , of 1 <i>l.</i> , of 2 <i>l.</i> , of 3 <i>l.</i> , of 4 <i>l.</i> , of 5 <i>l.</i>	For sums under 10 <i>l.</i> , of 1 <i>l.</i> , of 2 <i>l.</i> , of 3 <i>l.</i> , of 4 <i>l.</i> , of 5 <i>l.</i>	For sums under 10 <i>l.</i> , of 1 <i>l.</i> , of 2 <i>l.</i> , of 3 <i>l.</i> , of 4 <i>l.</i> , of 5 <i>l.</i>	For sums under 10 <i>l.</i> , of 1 <i>l.</i> , of 2 <i>l.</i> , of 3 <i>l.</i> , of 4 <i>l.</i> , of 5 <i>l.</i>
0 3	0 3	0 3	0 3	0 3	0 3	0 3	0 3	0 3	0 3	0 3	0 3	0 3	0 3	0 3	0 3	0 3
0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6
0 9	0 9	0 9	0 9	0 9	0 9	0 9	0 9	0 9	0 9	0 9	0 9	0 9	0 9	0 9	0 9	0 9
1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0

Present rates of Commission.
For sums not exceeding 1*l.*, above 1*l.*, and not exceeding 2*l.*, above 2*l.*, and not exceeding 4*l.*, above 4*l.*, and not exceeding 7*l.*, above 7*l.*, and not exceeding 10*l.*

APPENDIX K.—*continued.*Money Orders—*continued.*

A STATEMENT showing the NUMBER and AMOUNT of MONEY ORDERS issued by and for other GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, and the METROPOLITAN POLICE, during the year ended 31st March 1896.*

	Number.	Amount.
		£
Admiralty, Bills Branch - - -	33,470	116,548
" Greenwich Hospital - - -	4,505	5,383
" Naval Allotments - - -	214,345	337,476
" " Pensions - - -	117,462	849,190
Board of Trade, Bankruptcy - - -	70,475	43,391
" " Pensions - - -	7,977	7,321
Civil Service Commission - - -	1,077	4,197
Education Office, England - - -	8,003	86,941
" " Scotland - - -	375	4,143
India Office - - -	2,106	9,065
Inland Revenue - - -	253,145	601,238
Metropolitan Police - - -	10,461	140,722
Office of Works - - -	9,771	26,071
Science and Art Department - - -	2,832	14,259
War Office - - -	641,639	2,379,326
H.M.S. Alert - - -	118	307
" Monarch - - -	368	979
Excise Duties - - -	366,577	1,354,914
Legacy and Succession - - -	9,716	55,755
Public Works, Ireland - - -	211	183
	1,754,633	6,037,399

* No payment for the services rendered is received from any of the Government Departments, except the India Office, which pays two-thirds commission. The Metropolitan Police also pays two-thirds commission.

APPENDIX K.—continued.
Money Orders—continued.

Year.	COLONIAL ORDERS.									
	ISSUED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.					ISSUED IN THE COLONIES.				
	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.		Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	TOTAL.
1886-87	61,542	£ 230,240	11·	12·		301,739	£ 1,103,189	Decrease. 4	Decrease. 6	Number. 365,231 Amount. £ 1,383,409 Increase per cent. on Number. 1·4 Increase per cent. on Amount. 3·2
1887-88	67,768	242,344	11·	10·4		330,902	1,195,994	Increase. 9·4	Increase. 8	Number. 397,970 Amount. 1,483,538 Increase per cent. on Number. 9·5 Increase per cent. on Amount. 8·3
1888-89	74,085	268,407	9·3	10·7		350,902	1,252,603	6·2	4·7	Number. 424,987 Amount. 1,551,013 Increase per cent. on Number. 7· Increase per cent. on Amount. 6·
1889-90	81,717	304,344	10·3	10·6		371,385	1,325,272	5·8	6·	Number. 453,102 Amount. 1,651,616 Increase per cent. on Number. 6·6 Increase per cent. on Amount. 7·2
1890-91	88,191	315,316	5·4	2·9		382,537	1,342,786	3·	1·3	Number. 466,713 Amount. 1,658,102 Increase per cent. on Number. 3·4 Increase per cent. on Amount. 1·6
1891-92	92,554	333,411	7·3	5·4		387,072	1,325,670	1·1	Decrease. 1·4	Number. 479,636 Amount. 1,666,081 Increase per cent. on Number. 2·3 Decrease per cent. on Amount. 1
1892-93	103,181	365,394	11·4	9·9		393,765	1,289,936	Decrease. 1·1	4·	Number. 485,986 Amount. 1,635,320 Increase per cent. on Number. 1·3 Increase per cent. on Amount. 1·3
1893-94	117,425	430,364	13·3	17·7		398,051	1,337,337	Increase. 3·9	Increase. 5·3	Number. 515,476 Amount. 1,767,701 Increase per cent. on Number. 6·1 Increase per cent. on Amount. 8·
1894-95	123,955	437,233	5·5	Decrease. 7		394,607	1,284,530	Decrease. 8	Decrease. 3·9	Number. 518,503 Amount. 1,711,518 Decrease per cent. on Number. 5 Decrease per cent. on Amount. 3·1
1895-96	127,194	435,830	2·6	Increase. 1·9		412,392	1,342,739	Increase. 4·5	Increase. 4·5	Number. 539,736 Amount. 1,773,579 Increase per cent. on Number. 4· Increase per cent. on Amount. 3·9

**APPENDIX K.—continued.
Money Orders—continued.**

FOREIGN ORDEBS.														
Year.	ISSUED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.					ISSUED ABROAD.					TOTAL.			
	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.		Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.		Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.
1886-87	-	234,904	4·3	3·8		463,287	1,210,630	20·	27·1		687,191	1,763,464	14·3	20·
1887-88	-	245,151	9·	8·3		548,595	1,415,874	18·7	17·		793,746	2,014,112	15·5	14·3
1888-89	-	261,457	6·6	7·6		593,090	1,496,361	8·1	6·		854,547	2,139,200	7·7	6·3
1889-90	-	233,108	8·	7·6		611,184	1,508,241	3·	8·		868,292	2,300,872	4·5	3·
1890-91	-	233,331	2·3	4·		639,320	1,591,658	4·6	5·5		927,651	2,312,018	3·3	5·
1891-92	-	236,021	3·3	3·5		663,407	1,643,945	3·6	3·3		960,423	2,353,964	3·5	3·
1892-93	-	201,535	1·1	Decrease ·6		692,415	1,648,342	4·5	3·7		968,960	2,469,512	3·4	1·6
1893-94	-	317,806	5·3	Increase. 7·5		663,558	1,580,715	Decrease. 4·1	Decrease. 6·3		931,264	2,278,062	Decrease. 1·2	Decrease. 3·
1894-95	-	232,153	1·3	Decrease. 1·3		654,187	1,470,894	1·4	6·9		976,340	2,257,777	·5	5·
1895-96	-	330,068	2·4	Increase. 1·4		693,793	1,567,420	Increase. 6·5	Increase. 6·5		1,094,931	2,366,002	Increase. 5·1	Increase. 4·7

APPENDIX K.—*continued.***Money Orders—continued.**

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

Year.	Africa, South and West.		Australia.		British America.		Cape Colony.		India.		New Zealand.		West Indies.		Other Colonies and Packet Agencies.			TOTAL.	
	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Africa.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Australia.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in America.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Cape Colony.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in India.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in New Zealand.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in W. Indies.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Colonies.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Colonies.	TOTAL.
1886-87	£ 5,433	76,128	£ 69,272	£ 343,628	£ 63,547	£ 176,359	£ 11,807	£ 82,299	£ 26,279	£ 144,121	£ 22,615	£ 86,346	£ 7,615	£ 160,892	£ 13,632	£ 137,896	£ 220,240	£ 1,103,169	
1887-88	4,944	74,129	78,927	340,500	66,310	199,512	11,108	89,763	34,694	138,240	24,385	83,681	8,161	206,648	13,915	64,721	242,314	1,195,994	
1888-89	6,789	68,989	78,003	371,628	74,637	223,048	11,709	105,135	51,321	132,653	23,654	75,372	7,979	221,212	14,315	54,589	283,407	1,252,606	
1889-90	7,348	82,529	82,394	356,436	79,359	221,573	14,575	142,550	72,926	150,296	23,474	72,923	9,276	202,064	16,481	96,851	306,344	1,326,272	
1890-91	9,325	91,935	87,255	346,337	73,773	215,598	16,780	165,064	70,213	180,645	24,586	70,710	10,019	196,251	18,865	76,196	315,316	1,542,786	
1891-92	10,476	92,878	91,322	344,196	83,883	215,723	19,233	184,768	73,025	142,222	25,523	73,630	10,245	200,151	18,685	70,014	332,411	1,522,670	
1892-93	12,051	91,119	102,822	294,894	84,417	215,513	23,750	207,179	80,344	127,077	25,662	74,376	10,813	201,668	19,555	53,212	365,394	1,266,936	
1893-94	13,377	86,504	148,702	265,831	92,545	215,136	23,328	243,650	84,228	167,933	29,933	73,466	11,963	216,988	20,098	62,879	430,364	1,337,337	
1894-95	12,254	95,646	194,692	228,434	102,887	193,274	33,060	279,433	89,406	143,237	30,363	73,688	11,496	207,409	21,156	64,339	467,268	1,284,530	
1895-96	13,460	119,300	117,599	222,797	100,671	176,498	40,308	334,266	96,345	152,925	31,585	72,888	12,748	193,973	23,064	70,523	435,820	1,542,739	

APPENDIX K.—*continued.***Money Orders—continued.**

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.		Iceland, and Danish W. Indies.	
	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Aus- tria.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Bel- gium.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Den- mark.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Egypt.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in France.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Ger- many.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Italy.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Japan.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Hun- gary.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the U.K. & D.W.I.
1886-87	7,460	6,980	22,549	36,374	8,914	9,873	3,308	33,827	103,989	136,035	161,424	71,860	39,533	102,268	354	1,268	1,053	6,456	218	7,383
1887-88	9,683	10,656	23,698	38,249	10,640	9,609	2,307	23,929	111,036	139,204	169,109	102,863	38,238	76,094	303	1,334	2,231	1,623	103	8,330
1888-89	10,936	10,686	23,992	44,448	11,878	11,780	2,996	20,283	113,033	146,631	172,905	107,327	41,226	34,684	414	1,441	2,324	2,094	556	19,767
1889-90	13,657	13,007	24,254	43,103	13,330	12,447	3,643	21,123	125,500	161,088	176,295	113,993	46,717	26,125	449	1,657	2,556	2,304	699	6,326
1890-91	15,654	13,468	26,640	44,240	14,482	11,755	3,232	23,493	127,733	155,378	186,217	119,092	53,178	35,702	571	2,692	4,090	2,545	436	4,867
1891-92	17,737	13,735	26,126	46,854	16,269	14,312	3,295	25,341	131,199	164,981	192,097	127,964	50,566	56,397	533	1,634	5,635	2,538	553	5,117
1892-93	20,546	16,778	28,017	49,471	15,311	14,585	3,351	25,617	126,467	166,554	191,346	123,946	45,430	44,669	526	1,212	8,002	4,436	665	5,537
1893-94	26,105	19,869	28,113	50,371	16,062	15,805	4,042	23,466	121,916	154,938	183,708	138,318	34,716	21,168	825	1,054	9,064	5,086	551	4,298
1894-95	27,815	20,269	31,345	49,101	15,134	15,029	4,654	26,241	122,597	157,531	179,968	144,550	36,266	16,707	1,063	1,180	5,544	5,546	392	3,006
1895-96	32,064	24,561	33,904	51,277	15,562	15,354	4,370	26,237	120,064	164,355	178,067	149,106	47,751	21,213	1,064	2,224	5,538	7,767	569	4,094

APPENDIX K.—*continued.***Money Orders—*continued.***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.	Luxemburg.		Netherlands and Dutch E. Indies.		Norway.		Portugal.		Roumania.		Sweden.		Switzerland.		Tunisia.		United States.		TOTAL.	
	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Lux-emburg.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Nether-lands and Dutch E. Indies.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Norway.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Por-tugal.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Rou-mania.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Sweden.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Swit-zerland.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Tunisia.	Issued in the U.S.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the Abroad.	
1886-87	£ —	—	£ 9,807	£ 15,417	£ 18,474	£ 2,990	£ 2,187	£ 3,207	£ —	£ —	£ 13,498	£ 6,001	£ 25,954	£ 16,518	£ —	£ —	£ 183,963	£ 729,940	£ 552,864	£ 1,210,620
1887-88	—	—	10,638	16,819	23,461	2,974	4,142	3,415	—	—	15,449	6,525	28,417	18,047	—	—	148,410	946,003	598,238	1,415,874
1888-89	—	—	11,637	16,534	26,065	3,143	3,845	4,089	—	—	21,234	6,410	28,370	19,146	—	—	170,217	1,047,619	643,459	1,468,961
1889-90	—	—	12,870	19,314	28,506	4,345	5,176	4,468	—	—	25,753	7,583	31,975	22,312	30	217	180,028	1,060,280	692,631	1,508,941
1890-91	—	—	15,008	20,963	27,350	6,176	6,291	5,790	425	1,150	26,371	8,566	32,045	21,685	148	279	181,393	1,115,789	790,380	1,591,638
1891-92	—	—	16,651	23,252	24,632	6,677	2,902	11,145	598	2,302	27,943	8,976	32,766	22,402	87	317	196,450	1,107,382	746,139	1,645,845
1892-93	96	91	18,928	23,522	25,551	7,203	1,735	—†	609	2,965	27,596	9,904	32,674	21,843	124	561	194,524	1,109,469	741,470	1,688,348
1893-94	714	573	19,987	24,971	27,626	8,691	1,190	—	650	4,745	30,064	11,896	32,175	23,743	177	540	267,170	1,098,306	797,377	1,880,715
1894-95	758	617	21,353	27,010	27,774	9,574	967	—	1,065	4,613	29,243	11,892	34,373	24,509	45	519	244,177	953,310	798,883	1,470,894
1895-96	656	614	23,390	30,337	28,991	10,631	916	—	1,399	5,643	51,783	11,843	36,079	26,512	225	476	231,375	1,016,187	798,468	1,667,480

† The issue of Money Orders in Portugal on the United Kingdom is suspended.

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 1896.

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.	Number.	Value.	£	s. d.	
																			10	6	12	6	10	6	15	0	17	6	20	0			292,150	10 0
Quarter ended 31st March 1881	62,589	48,994	—	62,011	—	—	—	—	124,147	40,381	122,745	—	—	17,953	31,736	11,091	646,989	292,150	10 0															
1881-2	452,823	362,094	—	437,096	—	—	—	—	853,306	262,920	808,736	—	110,691	202,065	60,611	911,978	4,462,920	2,006,917	19 0															
1882-3	948,678	759,105	—	825,198	—	—	—	—	1,453,620	449,229	1,330,068	—	181,832	318,769	97,345	1,606,454	7,980,328	3,451,284	0 6															
1883-4	1,700,453	1,367,774	—	1,333,656	—	—	—	—	2,164,178	676,193	1,870,963	—	263,745	444,637	143,184	2,318,773	12,286,566	5,028,063	9 0															
1884-5	1,407,937	1,003,669	922,180	1,371,127	796,733	406,818	844,563	319,550	3,036,013	192,381	2,916,248	394,789	51,489	818,697	27,476	3,611,321	18,831,164	7,835,347	9 0															
1885-6	1,624,421	1,103,449	1,531,407	1,351,562	1,343,562	703,036	1,497,125	565,851	3,987,230	1,146,139	3,874,602	694,680	—	1,127,985	—	4,943,267	23,790,316	10,788,946	2 6															
1886-7	2,225,587	1,471,775	1,909,340	1,907,160	1,691,524	912,717	1,920,846	742,332	4,795,124	1,376,281	4,538,659	806,960	—	1,328,869	—	5,891,528	31,608,711	12,463,939	19 6															
1887-8	2,559,701	1,772,774	2,288,851	2,189,338	1,965,946	1,094,598	2,261,050	889,704	5,511,549	1,007,113	5,069,738	1,090,775	—	1,400,517	—	6,586,463	36,386,147	14,606,369	13 0															
1888-9	2,856,289	2,047,563	2,593,854	2,427,739	2,181,063	1,240,506	2,539,921	1,005,489	6,046,886	1,804,163	5,514,842	1,234,068	—	1,635,049	—	7,154,169	40,282,321	16,112,079	15 0															
1889-90	3,256,608	2,338,328	2,951,140	2,699,614	2,418,391	1,391,983	2,837,462	1,126,679	6,657,109	2,063,526	6,027,107	1,380,954	—	1,795,111	—	7,886,446	44,712,548	17,737,802	4 0															
1890-91	3,699,150	2,631,736	3,340,251	2,998,441	2,616,391	1,525,144	3,096,381	1,240,370	7,154,497	2,182,815	6,457,535	1,513,512	—	1,938,908	—	8,443,634	48,841,765	19,178,367	8 0															
1891-92	4,016,124	2,924,441	3,535,118	3,297,246	2,844,011	1,684,488	3,548,712	1,367,115	7,690,070	2,378,357	6,901,891	1,656,970	—	2,094,181	—	8,980,821	52,650,545	20,593,750	0 6															
1892-93	5,589,891	3,119,158	3,778,475	3,416,793	3,030,251	1,789,529	3,560,640	1,494,194	8,101,497	2,929,813	7,124,315	1,764,128	—	2,174,989	—	9,117,156	56,590,608	21,345,153	10 6															
1893-94	4,478,011	3,272,642	3,947,211	3,631,580	3,142,482	1,872,973	3,680,323	1,552,221	8,430,544	2,656,717	7,345,905	1,890,005	—	2,216,368	—	9,155,927	57,281,939	21,768,783	4 0															
1894-95	4,838,447	3,539,495	4,301,678	3,939,679	3,556,712	1,997,236	3,894,072	1,673,433	8,924,330	2,841,397	7,684,038	1,973,193	—	2,304,432	—	9,416,103	60,631,078	22,759,282	11 0															
1895-96	5,218,479	3,780,879	4,507,886	4,278,216	3,518,322	2,121,855	4,085,074	1,775,253	9,321,098	3,016,918	8,062,140	2,111,300	—	2,428,066	—	9,854,301	64,076,377	23,896,594	7 6															
	44,935,188	31,009,846	35,367,429	36,327,486	28,966,388	16,740,896	33,572,208	13,752,191	84,241,278	25,877,526	75,590,462	16,575,364	628,710	22,349,339	339,707	95,966,853	363,070,372	220,470,442	3 0															
RATES OF POUNDAGE.																			1d.	2d.	2d.													
To 31st May 1884.	Poundage.																		1d.	2d.	2d.													
—	Amount of Order																		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.										
—	—																		1 0	6	3 6	4 0	4 6	5 0	7 6	10 0	10 6	12 6	13 0	17 6	20 0			
From 1st June 1884	Poundage.																		1d.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14d.			

RATES OF POUNDAGE.

To 31st May 1884.	Poundage.	1d.	1d.	1d.	1d.	1d.	1d.	1d.	1d.	1d.	1d.	1d.	1d.	1d.	1d.	1d.	1d.	1d.	1d.
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.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
From 1st June 1884	Poundage.	1d.	1d.	1d.	1d.	1d.	1d.	1d.	1d.	1d.	1d.	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., 6d., 4s., 5s., 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 1896.

NAMES OF OFFICES.	Correspondence.			Total Weights.
	Weight in Ounces.			
	England and Wales.	Scotland.	Ireland.	
	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.
Admiralty	3,112,789	—	—	3,112,789
Attorney General	10,960	—	—	10,960
Board of Agriculture	3,010,413	—	—	3,010,413
Board of Trade	2,402,979	—	—	2,402,979
Cape of Good Hope, Agent General for	11,347	—	—	11,347
Chancellor, The Lord	496,257	—	—	496,257
Charity Commissioners	345,453	—	—	345,453
Chelsea Hospital	67,653	—	—	67,653
Chief Secretary, Dublin Castle	138,441	—	700,186	838,627
Civil Service Commissioners	315,253	—	11,090	326,342
Clerk of the Parliaments	468,125	—	—	468,125
Colonial Office	621,541	—	—	621,541
Congested Districts Board	—	—	169,337	169,337
Constabulary of Ireland	—	—	386,756	386,756
Courts of Law and Justice, Scotland	—	51,950	—	51,950
Crown and Hanaper	—	—	36,007	36,007
Crown Office	—	53,156	—	53,156
Customs	1,089,293	—	10,015	1,099,308
Emigrants' Information Office	188,031	—	—	188,031
Exchequer and Audit Department	143,076	—	—	143,076
Exchequer Offices in Scotland	—	30,348	—	30,348
Foreign Office	446,371	—	—	446,371
Home Office	2,508,799	6,107	—	2,509,906
House of Commons	253,142	—	—	253,142
Inland Revenue	13,646,736	4,896,133	3,313,857	21,856,726
Irish Fisheries, Inspector of	—	—	157,265	157,265
Irish Land Commission	—	—	463,465	463,465
Loan Fund Board	—	—	12,057	12,057
Local Government Board	2,967,274	77,234	788,438	3,832,946
Local Marine Board	752,704	—	—	752,704
Lord Lieutenant and Private Secretary	—	—	29,515	29,515
Lunacy, Commissioners in	56,777	—	44,089	100,866
Merchant Seamen, Registrar of	568,871	—	—	568,871
Mint, The Royal	8,892	—	—	8,892
National Debt Office	89,269	—	—	89,269
Patent Office	730,427	—	—	730,427
Paymaster General	65,936	—	36,581	102,517
Prisons Board	—	—	268,240	268,240
Privy Council Office	2,694,770	—	—	2,694,770
Public Education	—	41,676	998,057	1,039,733
Public Works Loan Board	25,077	—	—	25,077
Record Office	11,640	—	5,156	16,796
Register House	—	132,926	—	132,926
Registrar General	748,716	319,424	386,343	1,454,483
Registrar of Friendly Societies	144,432	15,824	2,319	162,575
Registrar of Petty Sessions, Clerks	—	—	109,578	109,578
Science and Art Department	2,669,021	—	—	2,669,021
Scotch Education Department	461,248	—	—	461,248
Secretary for Scotland	127,217	7,647	—	134,864
Solicitor General	2,568	—	—	2,568
Stationery Office	1,250,709	—	90,034	1,340,743
Supreme Court of Judicature	479,044	—	10,224	489,268
Surveys of the United Kingdom	—	—	218,363	218,363
Treasury	562,748	—	—	562,748
Valuation Office	—	—	122,235	122,235
War Office	3,953,637	29,357	622,055	4,905,039
Woods and Forests, Commissioners of	99,550	—	—	99,550
Works and Buildings, Commissioners of	252,196	—	721,635	974,061
TOTALS	47,994,371	5,666,782	9,714,147	63,374,300

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. £ s. d.	Contracts.	Miles.	Instruments and Batteries.	Rentals.* £ s. d.
1886-87	93	317	—	† —	3,500	16,572	9,045	122,768 11 11
1887-88	43	301	116	1,304 9 7	3,543	16,873	9,161	124,073 1 6
1888-89	52	171	90	1,149 0 0	3,595	17,044	9,251	125,252 1 6
1889-90	89	167	81	1,095 15 10	3,684	17,211	9,332	126,917 17 4
1890-91	21	2,834	117	12,518 15 8	3,705	20,045	9,149	139,436 13 0
1891-92	150	2,121	473	† —	3,855	22,166	9,992	131,257 10 11
1892-93	§ —	662	196	3,555 15 10	§3,809	22,828	10,188	136,513 6 9
1893-94	§ —	275	46	1,955 16 11	§3,705	23,103	10,234	138,769 3 8
1894-95	4	106	107	1,318 9 9	3,709	23,209	10,341	140,087 13 5
1895-96	122	—	44	—	3,831	21,581	10,385	134,312 3 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.
‡ The rates were further reduced in 1891, consequent on the expiry of telephone patents.

§ The decrease is due to the abolition of Rentals for Telephone Trunk Lines, and the substitution of a system of payment per conversation.

|| The decrease is due to certain lines leased by Cable Companies having been given up, and to the receipts for Telephone Trunk Lines being no longer brought to account as rental.

APPENDIX O.

Inland Revenue Licenses.

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

Year.	Brewers.		Dogs.	Male Servants at 15s. each.	Carriages.			
	At 9s. each.	At 4s. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.		At 42s. each.	At 21s. each.	At 15s. each.	At 10s. 6d. each.
1886-87	5,931	25,532	715,139	101,276	74,100	251	200,005	—
1887-88	5,787	19,172	783,731	107,571	73,283	232	212,160	—
1888-89	5,907	19,374	824,884	100,747	41,873	49,547	107,142	—
1889-90	5,937	17,316	882,717	113,057	31,494	57,670	100,330	205
1890-91	5,717	15,031	924,176	116,674	29,321	57,855	207,462	353
1891-92	5,142	14,328	975,500	117,007	29,079	50,202	203,438	331
1892-93	5,081	13,553	1,042,865	119,073	25,079	55,707	216,225	205
1893-94	4,479	11,656	1,105,007	118,653	27,916	55,055	217,738	256
1894-95	4,418	11,573	1,152,500	111,512	26,297	52,161	214,483	335
1895-96	4,527	10,870	1,205,015	117,176	26,394	53,945	232,603	360

APPENDIX O. —continued.

Inland Revenue Licenses—continued.

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

Year.	Armorial Bearings.		Guns at 10s. each.	Game.			Game Keepers at 40s. each.	Total Number.	Revenue. £ s. d.
	At 40s. each.	At 21s. each.		Red at 60s.	Blue and Green at 40s.	Occasional at 20s.			
1836-37	8,965	24,381	123,176	20,921	2,172	2,393	2,355	1,335,950	849,188 14 6
1837-38	9,146	25,782	133,467	23,475	2,461	3,084	2,507	1,467,776	901,322 18 0
1838-39	9,232	25,983	133,206	23,552	2,624	2,886	2,860	1,449,694	884,488 14 0
1839-40	9,234	26,635	137,823	26,012	2,807	3,490	3,088	1,513,186	908,163 0 6
1840-41	9,400	27,207	155,652	27,438	2,584	3,520	3,302	1,589,632	943,319 1 0
1841-42	9,560	27,727	153,965	28,552	3,463	3,751	3,288	1,631,668	965,292 15 0
1842-43	9,166	28,632	157,546	29,004	3,232	4,206	3,563	1,719,869	1,002,682 15 0
1843-44	9,029	28,672	164,972	32,101	3,108	4,635	3,629	1,783,424	1,054,215 2 6
1844-45	8,395	28,095	169,712	31,768	3,114	4,333	3,632	1,827,528	1,038,856 6 6
1845-46	8,406	28,318	161,693	33,489	3,269	5,043	3,746	1,890,824	1,078,994 8 6

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.		Total Postal Revenue.	Total Cost of Post Office Service.	Net Revenue.
		Money Order.	Postal Order.			
1886-87	£ 8,180,838	£ 142,290	£ 130,380	£ 8,462,567	£ 5,871,510	£ 2,591,057
1887-88	8,403,760	133,446	159,879	8,697,085	5,925,568	2,771,517
1888-89	8,790,376	129,063	176,523	9,096,462	6,056,588	3,039,874
1889-90	9,142,132	129,628	195,405	9,467,165	6,258,654	3,208,511
1890-91	9,501,115	179,425	212,728	9,893,268	6,879,270	3,163,989
1891-92	9,824,123	180,231	228,936	10,183,290	7,134,592	3,048,698
1892-93	9,971,073	131,184	242,096	10,344,353	7,518,597	2,825,756
1893-94	10,094,366	131,693	246,916	10,472,875	7,738,732	2,734,273
1894-95	10,385,464	131,772	260,778	10,748,014	7,974,284	2,769,730
1895-96	11,066,036	134,404	274,930	11,465,370	8,080,573	3,384,497
Average Annual Net Revenue of first period of Five Years				-	-	2,954,989
Ditto second period of Five Years				-	-	2,962,590

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

Year.

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.	Total Revenue collected. (a.)	Payments out		Total Telegraph Revenue.	Working Expenses charged to the Telegraph Vote. (c)	Net Revenue.
						To Cable Companies, &c. (b)	For Telegram Moneys refunded, &c.			
1887	£ 1,757,715	£ 111,150	£ 96,998	£ 83,786	£ 2,049,649	£ 189,962	£ 4,001	£ 1,855,686	£ 1,939,764	£ -84,078
1888	1,852,743	113,688	98,976	88,788	2,154,195	190,404	4,385	1,959,406	1,928,159	+ 31,247
1889	2,013,448	113,546	99,135	99,129	2,325,268	220,371	10,249	2,094,048	1,969,096	+ 124,952
1890	2,330,709	113,805	103,720	103,720	2,660,600	322,148	12,737	2,325,715	2,179,921	+ 145,794
1891	2,489,974	112,261	99,377	110,759	2,812,371	390,860	4,320	2,416,691	2,265,388	+ 151,353
1892	2,533,048	119,527	83,680	130,543	2,866,798	353,877	4,783	2,508,138	2,507,012	+ 1,126
1893	2,574,328	121,703	93,893	115,797	2,835,721	344,570	4,360	2,486,791	2,567,018	-80,227
1894	2,512,203	124,971	93,728	130,425	2,891,327	352,739	4,324	2,534,264	2,641,020	-106,756
1895	2,539,729	118,371	95,008	145,911	2,959,019	355,677	4,357	2,598,985	2,665,845	-66,860
1896	2,683,279	123,271	92,423	162,138	3,231,111	420,374	4,368	2,835,749	2,773,536	+ 62,213

(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, for which see Appendix S.

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

The revenue shown in the table on page 4 includes the value of work done for other Government Departments amounting to 440,154. On the other hand, the expenditure shown on the same page includes a sum of 141,046, expended by other Departments on account of the Telegraph Service.

APPENDIX S.

Expenditure in relation to Telegraphs in the last Ten Years.

Year.	EXPENDITURE.						Total Cost of Telegraph Service.
	Working Expenses charged to the Telegraph Vote, according to the Appropriation Account.	Manufacture and Issue of Stamps used on Telegrams.	Stationery.	Buildings.	Auditing of Telegraph Accounts by Exchequer and Audit Department.	Rates and Contributions in lieu of Rates paid by Treasury.	
1886-87	£ 1,939,764	£ 334	£ 35,259	£ 53,977	£ 2,193	£ 1,105	£ 2,032,652
1887-88	1,928,345	352	35,088	31,478	2,634	1,136	1,999,033
1888-89	1,969,324	377	30,937	36,774	2,825	1,124	2,041,361
1889-90	2,179,921	405	33,295	62,386	1,903	1,076	2,278,986
1890-91	2,265,338	425	29,692	90,374	1,041	1,111	2,388,581
1891-92	2,507,012	420	36,652	88,946	1,688	1,177	2,635,895
1892-93	2,567,019	413	37,145	85,950	1,650	817	2,692,994
1893-94	2,641,020	411	37,048	68,934	1,676	8,556	2,757,645
1894-95	2,665,845	398	35,722	75,058	1,753	9,276	2,788,052
1895-96	2,773,586	410	34,158	89,313	1,776	15,888	2,914,561

APPENDIX T.

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

APPENDIX T.

Cumulative Account showing the Fluctuation Balances

	Year ending			
	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.
Value of Stores in Depôts at commencement of year	£ 215,329 7 8½	£ 212,183 10 1½	£ 226,786 7 9½	£ 206,364 17 0½
Value of Stores purchased during year, including wages for completing Stores	152,775 7 1	146,498 5 4	142,256 17 10½	142,512 15 9½
Value of Stores returned into Stock under the following Sub-heads:—				
C ² Maintenance	136,181 19 4½	115,468 16 5½	137,908 5 0½	138,065 3 10½
C ³ Gas, &c.	—	—	—	—
C ¹¹ Maintenance [Ships]	47 9 0½	3 9 3½	7 15 2½	28 3 2
O ¹ Extensions	452 18 0	375 14 6½	2,085 3 11	840 5 0½
O ² Re-arrangements	50,986 1 7½	18,917 6 8½	16,083 6 8½	18,710 11 4½
O ³ Private Telegraphs	13,470 0 4½	13,120 14 1½	19,550 17 11½	15,174 6 4
O ⁴ Works executed for Ely. Co.'s, &c.	325 7 2	607 9 2½	663 13 7½	601 14 6
O ⁵ Government Deptl. Telegraphs	266 13 4	153 3 8½	285 12 10½	253 12 10½
O ⁶ Coast Communications	—	—	—	—
O ⁸ Works executed for War Office	—	—	—	—
Losses by default, fire, &c.	—	—	—	0 2 6
E ⁶ Electric lighting of West Chief Offices	—	—	—	96 17 6
G ⁶ Fuel and Light	—	—	—	—
Extra receipts	—	—	—	0 1 3
L Stores (Morse and Wheatstone Paper, &c.)	—	—	—	—
Postal G ² Incidental Expenses	—	—	—	2 10 0
A ¹² Gas and Electric Light (G.P.O. East, &c.)	—	—	—	—
E ⁵ Fuel and Light (P.O.S.B.)	—	—	—	—
E ¹⁷ New Buildings and Works	—	—	—	—
G ⁶ Supply and Repair of Mail Bags, &c.	—	—	—	—
C ² Fuel and Light (Provincial)	—	—	—	—
C ¹⁰ Fuel and Light (Scotland)	—	—	—	—
Special Account (Western Highlands and Islands Extension)	—	—	—	—
War Office Suspense Account	—	—	—	—
Telephone Trunk Lines	—	—	—	—
Sundry Special Works Account	—	—	—	—
Lightship Communication Account	—	—	—	—
Total	578,835 3 8½	507,328 9 6½	545,628 0 11½	531,671 1 2½

APPENDIX T.

in the Consumption of Telegraph Stores, and the
in Depôts.

March 31st.

1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.
<i>£</i> <i>s.</i> <i>d.</i> 211,542 16 1½	<i>£</i> <i>s.</i> <i>d.</i> 238,965 9 3½	<i>£</i> <i>s.</i> <i>d.</i> 243,403 15 6½	<i>£</i> <i>s.</i> <i>d.</i> 239,011 6 10	<i>£</i> <i>s.</i> <i>d.</i> 305,883 3 3½	<i>£</i> <i>s.</i> <i>d.</i> 317,159 2 0½
173,840 15 7½	190,214 17 5½	280,287 2 2½	287,333 6 5½	355,558 0 10½	225,792 2 4½
116,536 10 1½	85,926 16 3½	90,516 11 9	101,515 11 8½	110,493 11 5½	75,071 2 3
—	—	—	3 0 0	—	0 5 3
16 5 9½	26 10 8½	35 19 7	124 7 3	65 1 0	38 10 2½
657 5 2½	618 12 11½	1,111 3 0	1,459 0 10	2,098 17 4½	1,179 13 3½
17,274 6 7½	15,143 1 3	13,255 18 7	17,376 1 2	4,990 16 6	5,759 7 10
12,226 5 8	12,424 19 11	16,678 13 3½	11,211 7 0	9,270 14 2½	6,121 6 9½
757 7 3½	768 2 6½	1,745 18 0	1,550 13 5½	1,366 13 4	940 0 1
370 1 1	273 3 11	796 15 3½	1,296 5 1	1,011 10 11	2,229 10 4½
—	—	—	447 4 0½	1,044 2 3½	350 4 0½
—	—	—	—	—	60 9 8½
4 0 0	—	816 15 9	—	—	0 9 0
188 1 0	1 4 0	32 19 11½	160 2 4½	32 13 3½	78 14 11
—	—	6 13 2	3 8 7½	34 5 2	127 1 10½
0 0 7	1 7 0	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	0 8 4	5 6 3	—
21 10 0½	3 6 10½	17 4 10	5 11 6	4 2 9	36 10 1
—	28 4 2	120 0 11½	445 16 2½	473 0 9½	127 1 4
—	0 4 4½	7 3 11	166 0 3½	192 19 2½	85 14 4
—	—	—	—	—	0 11 11
—	11 12 3½	140 5 9	20 12 3	—	16 14 10
—	—	2 13 2	18 2 10	8 18 9	23 12 6
—	—	—	—	21 0 0	179 16 1
—	—	194 13 3	16 9 7½	—	1 2 2
—	—	—	—	—	350 16 6½
—	—	—	1,491 11 10½	21,716 19 2½	52,362 14 0
—	—	—	—	—	35 8 7½
—	—	—	—	15 10 6	83 4 9
533,474 5 3	544,307 13 6	649,170 8 0	663,676 7 9½	814,196 13 1½	688,216 7 2½

APPENDIX T.—*continued.*Cumulative Account showing the Fluctuations
Balances in

	Year ending			
	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.
Value of Stores issued under the following Sub-heads:—				
U ³ Maintenance - - -	£ 209,045 10 6	£ 196,094 6 7	£ 237,192 19 8½	£ 213,678 15 1½
C ¹¹ „ [Ships] - - -	806 11 4½	519 2 6½	700 15 7½	471 8 7
O ¹ Extensions - - -	5,814 5 10½	6,409 4 0½	7,567 10 2	8,476 4 4
O ² Re-arrangements - - -	112,853 4 11	51,569 16 8½	49,563 14 10½	52,006 19 4½
O ³ Private Telegraphs - - -	34,777 6 8½	21,103 12 4½	41,892 2 4½	30,739 11 10
O ⁴ Works executed for Rly. Co.'s, &c. -	1,560 16 10½	1,623 18 7	1,941 7 3½	2,131 17 11½
O ⁵ Government Dept ^l . Telegraphs -	1,794 17 4½	1,823 6 2½	1,212 0 11½	2,156 8 10½
O ⁶ Coast Communications - - -	—	—	—	—
O ⁶ Works executed for the War Office	—	—	—	—
Losses by default, fire, &c. - - -	—	224 6 8½	70 5 2½	30 12 8
E ⁴ Electric Lighting of West Chief Offices - - -	—	1,175 8 0	123 7 7½	64 6 5½
G ⁶ Fuel and Light - - -	—	—	—	—
L Stores (Morse and Wheatstone paper, &c.) - - -	—	—	—	—
C ² Gas, Water, Fuel, &c. - - -	—	—	—	—
(Postal) A ¹³ Gas and Electric Light	—	—	—	—
G.P.O. East, &c. - - -	—	—	—	—
C ³ Fuel and Light (Provincial) - - -	—	—	—	—
C ⁷ Incidental Expenses, &c. - - -	—	—	—	—
E ² Maintenance of Buildings, &c. -	—	—	—	—
E ³ Fuel and Light (P.O.S.B.) - - -	—	—	—	—
E ¹⁷ New Buildings (P.O.S.B.) - - -	—	—	—	—
G ⁶ Supply and repair of Mail Bags, &c. -	—	—	—	368 7 0½
G ⁸ Incidental Expenses (Mail Bags, &c.) -	—	—	—	0 7 10
C ¹⁹ Fuel and Light (Scotland) - - -	—	—	—	—
A ⁸ Water, Fire Insurance, &c. - - -	—	—	—	—
A ¹⁸ Stores - - -	—	—	—	—
War Office Suspense Account - - -	—	—	—	—
Special Account (Western Highlands and Islands Extension) - - -	—	—	—	—
+ Telephone Trunk Lines - - -	—	—	—	—
Lightship Communication Account - -	—	—	—	—
Sundry Special Works Account - - -	—	—	—	—
Value of Stores in Depôts at end of year -	212,183 10 1½	226,796 7 9½	206,364 17 0½	211,542 16 1½
Total - - -	578,835 3 8½	507,328 9 6½	545,623 0 11½	521,671 1 9½

(Signed) CHAS. E. STUART,
Controller of Stores.

APPENDIX T.—*continued.*in the Consumption of Telegraph Stores, and the
Depôts—*continued.*

March 31st.

1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.
<i>£ s. d.</i> 203,917 8 2½	<i>£ s. d.</i> 171,023 5 8	<i>£ s. d.</i> 190,250 6 9½	<i>£ s. d.</i> 200,653 1 4½	<i>£ s. d.</i> 208,731 11 3½	<i>£ s. d.</i> 170,177 14 1½
809 14 7½	1,003 13 2½	1,044 12 8	848 4 7½	909 19 11½	1,001 5 11
5,808 3 5½	6,986 18 9½	10,563 8 1	12,916 14 9	17,213 5 3½	15,307 5 9
51,974 18 3½	65,768 13 7½	131,935 14 6½	38,217 7 5½	22,637 6 8	12,108 7 5½
23,574 2 7	34,983 6 10½	37,840 6 5½	21,910 17 1½	20,279 17 9½	14,067 3 1
2,207 9 0½	4,912 8 2½	6,120 17 4	7,759 8 10½	5,608 0 9	3,467 11 4½
2,193 3 2½	4,239 10 0½	4,804 1 4	7,621 15 1½	5,900 12 2½	2,714 7 4
—	—	—	12,960 18 11	7,322 8 2	4,265 12 0½
—	—	—	—	—	4,700 10 2
31 17 1	53 8 0	3,261 1 5½	21 3 0	16 5 2½	52 17 10
328 16 0	1,579 1 11	620 5 9	1,429 5 7	1,766 19 11	1,435 13 9
4 9 8½	5 12 1½	316 16 11	371 2 1½	343 10 7½	334 4 5
4 3 4	28 13 4	1 9 8	17 19 5	23 0 2	13 6 2
—	—	2,100 10 5	3,808 5 6½	1,456 12 9½	260 1 8
1,220 7 4	7,514 9 0½	6 080 11 3½	8,135 7 0½	4,954 3 9½	4,393 14 9
1 13 4	20 19 5	704 3 2	505 4 8	685 7 11½	461 8 4
—	—	—	—	0 1 4	3 9 7½
—	—	—	—	—	15 14 0
526 6 4½	864 17 3½	607 1 2½	1,106 7 3½	803 0 3	1,412 13 0½
—	—	—	—	37 15 0	3 3 8½
1,145 11 3	1,046 16 11½	923 0 7½	840 4 4½	2,582 14 5½	2,333 0 0½
859 5 1½	814 4 10	1,012 0 2½	2,173 10 2½	614 19 5½	260 9 4½
0 0 7½	—	35 5 10	102 5 0	2,631 9 4½	1,143 0 3½
—	—	1,208 2 0½	45 13 9	161 2 6½	212 9 3
—	—	—	—	8 5 9	—
—	—	—	—	8,071 17 4	1 1 3
—	—	4,659 18 5	538 17 7½	—	182 16 8½
—	—	—	35,738 14 3½	179,533 0 1½	123,163 16 1½ +
—	—	—	—	4,534 1 10½	3,818 16 8½
1 1 5½	7 13 7½	6 6 11	5 10 4	—	48 18 9
238,365 9 3½	243,403 15 6½	238,011 6 10	305,383 3 3½	317,159 2 0½	319,804 5 3½
533,474 5 3	544,307 13 6	648,170 8 0	633,676 7 9½	814,196 12 1½	688,216 7 2½

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

APPENDIX U.

**Extract from the Finance Accounts for the
Year ended 31st March 1896.**

*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.									
	£			s.			d.		
Gross Receipts :									
From Postage Stamps sold by Postmasters in the United Kingdom -	11,914,157	0	6½						
From Postage Stamps sold by Stamp Distributors of Inland Revenue -	242,749	13	10½						
From Postage collected in cash by Country Postmasters -	16	16	0						
From Postage collected in cash in the Metropolis -	149,498	6	4						
From Postage collected for credit of Imperial Post Office by Foreign Offices -	133,379	3	10						
From Postage collected by Colonial Offices and Postmasters and Agents Abroad -	68,379	0	6½						
From Commission on Money Orders -	134,404	1	0½						
Ditto Postal Orders -	274,929	10	8½						
From Miscellaneous Receipts -	-	-	-						
Payments out of Receipts :									
For Postage, &c., refunded -	15,905	14	8						
To Inland Revenue Department -	530,600	0	0						
To Railway Companies, &c., on account of Parcel Post -	652,105	19	5						
For Postage collected for credit of Colonial Offices -	95,742	5	10½						
For Postage collected for credit of Foreign Offices -	192,609	17	7						
Net Receipts	-	-	£						
Payments into Exchequer	-	-	-						

General Post Office, }
June 1896.

JAMES J. CARDIN,
Receiver and Accountant General.

APPENDIX U.—*continued.*

TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gross Receipts :						
For transmission of Telegrams, &c., in						
Cash - - - - -	789,535	13	1½			
For transmission of Telegrams, &c., in						
Stamps - - - - -	2,471,575	16	7½			
				3,261,111	9	9
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