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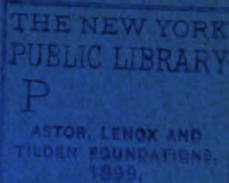
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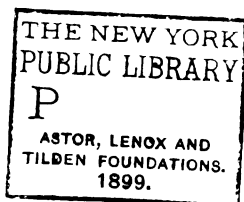
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FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

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

MY LORDS,

I HAVE the honour to submit to your Lordships the Forty-fifth Annual Report of the Postmaster-General, being an account of the business of the Department for the year ended the 31st of March 1899.

It is estimated that the number of postal packets delivered in the United Kingdom during the year was as follows:—

Appendix A.,
pp. 21 to 25.

—	Number.	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) per Cent.	Average Number to each Person.
Letters - - -	2,186,800,000	+ 8·6	54·3
Post Cards - - -	382,200,000	+ 6·0	9·5
Book Packets and Circulars -	701,500,000	— 3·5	17·4
Newspapers - - -	154,100,000	+ 2·1	3·8
Parcels (actual number) -	71,918,000	+ 6·0	1·8
Total - - -	3,496,518,000	+ 5·3	86·8

The number of letters registered in the United Kingdom was 15,240,669, an increase of 7·2 per cent. over the number in the previous year.

It will be observed that the highest percentage of increase is in the case of letters, which show an advance of 8·6 per cent. over the total for the previous year, which in its turn was 6·3 per cent. higher than the total for 1896–97.

London received no less than 28 per cent. of the total number of letters, but the increase during the year was greater in the provinces than in London, London showing an increase of 4·5 per cent. on the previous year, while the increase in England and Wales (excluding London) was 10·8, in Scotland 7·4, and

in Ireland 10·3 per cent. The stimulus given to correspondence by the reduction of rates of postage and by the extension of the deliveries in rural districts has no doubt contributed to this considerable increase.

Post Cards. Post cards have increased in number by 6 per cent. on the year. The rapid growth of correspondence by post card is indicated by the fact that the total given above is more than double the total recorded 12 years ago.

Newspapers. The number of newspapers shows an advance of some three millions on the total given in my last report. The returns from the different parts of the Kingdom vary somewhat, it being estimated that the number of newspapers delivered in London decreased 3·4 per cent., while the number delivered in the rural districts of all parts of the United Kingdom increased. In Ireland the increase was nearly 10 per cent.

Book Packets. Two causes have combined to cause a decrease in the number of book packets delivered. The book post has been limited during the whole of the year to packets not exceeding 2 oz. in weight, and there have been fewer "heavy postings" of prospectuses and circulars at the Chief Office.

Parcels. The total number of parcels delivered during the year, viz., 71,913,000, was 6 per cent. higher than the number for the previous year, and more than double the number delivered 12 years ago. The average postage on Inland parcels fell just short of 5*d.* Of the total number 61,777,000 were rail-borne, and 10,136,000 road-borne. The railway companies received 705,732*l.* as their share (55 per cent.) of the postage on the rail-borne parcels; the postage retained by the Post Office amounted to 792,367*l.* Inland parcels, to the number of 761,801, were registered during the year. Details of the Parcel Post with places abroad will be found under the head of "Foreign and Colonial Mails" on a later page of this report.

THE EXPRESS DELIVERY SERVICE.

The number of Express Services reached a total of 641,227, an increase of 16 per cent. on the total of the year 1897-98. 684,500 articles were delivered by Express Messengers in London, including 282,420 ordinary letters delivered by special messenger in advance of the postman.

On the 1st October last the regulations of the Express Service were made more favourable to the public in several respects. The weight charge on packets above 1 lb. in weight conveyed by special messenger all the way was reduced from 1½*d.* to 1*d.* for every lb. beyond the first lb., with a maximum payment of 1*s.*, and the limit of weight was raised from 15 lbs. to 20 lbs. in cases where the messenger can travel by a public conveyance. The fixed charge of 2*d.* for each article beyond one, when several packets are tendered by the same sender for

delivery by the same messenger at different addresses, or to different persons at the same address, was at the same time reduced to 1d.

Another change made in the service during the year has been the introduction of a delivery of express letters in London on Sunday. While far from desiring to increase Sunday labour or to disturb the arrangement under which there is no delivery of letters by postmen in London on that day, I thought it right to place the Express Service at the disposal of the public for exceptional cases, and thus remedy the inconvenience caused in cases of emergency or illness by the inability of persons in the country to procure the delivery of letters to their friends in London on Sunday morning. The new service was introduced on the 12th February last, and while it is found to add very slightly to Sunday work it is undoubtedly a boon in cases of special need.

The International Express Service was extended during the year to France, Algeria, and Corsica for parcels, and to British Guiana and to St. Lucia for both letters and parcels.

UNDELIVERED POSTAL PACKETS.

The numbers of undelivered packets dealt with in the year were as follows:—

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page 48.

—	Number.	Increase (+) or Decrease (—).	Percentage to Total Number for Delivery.
Letters . . .	8,558,936	+ 854,896	·39
Post Cards . . .	1,387,084	+ 92,868	·36
Book Packets . . .	11,801,606	— 318,768	1·61
Newspapers . . .	553,622	+ 19,502	·35
Parcels . . .	188,837	+ 13,162	·26

The number of letters which could neither be delivered at the place of their address nor be returned to their senders was 665,274, or 7·77 per cent. of the total number of letters dealt with in the Returned Letter Offices.

The total value of property in letters opened in the Returned Letter Offices was 720,610l.

As many as 44,360 letters were posted without address during the year, and 2,421 of these contained property to the value of 7,076l., one letter having in it an uncrossed cheque for 500l. payable to bearer. Other articles posted without address were 9,225 post cards, 102,820 book packets, and 130,635 newspapers. The number of parcels found in the post without address was 14,066.

CHANGES IN REGULATIONS.

Certain changes which have been made in the regulations during the year are noticed in other parts of this report, under the head of the service affected.

One change affecting the whole inland post may be mentioned here. On the 1st May 1898 the limit of compensation payable in the case of the loss of an inland registered postal packet was raised from 50*l.* to 120*l.*, and the fees were modified so that, after the limit of 10*l.* is passed, each additional penny of fee secures the right to 10*l.* additional compensation, instead of 5*l.* as before. The old and new scales are given in full :—

Old Scale.		New Scale.	
Limit of Compensation.	Fee.	Limit of Compensation.	Fee.
£	d.	£	s. d.
5	2	5	0 2
10	3	10	0 3
15	4	20	0 4
20	5	30	0 5
25	6	40	0 6
30	7	50	0 7
35	8	60	0 8
40	9	70	0 9
45	10	80	0 10
50	11	90	0 11
		100	1 0
		110	1 1
		120	1 2

HOME MAILS.

Country Mails.
Appendix E.,
page 42.

The daily number of Letter Mails from London to provincial Head Offices has increased by 35, and the number of Mails from provincial Head Offices to London by 95 during the year.

Irish Day
Mails.

On the 1st July last the Day Mail Service in various parts of Ireland was improved.

On the 1st August an alteration in the London and Dublin Day Mail Service was carried out in order to improve the passenger facilities. The departure from London now takes place at 8.30 a.m., instead of 7.15 a.m., but as the train has been accelerated by 30 minutes and the packet by 15 minutes, the arrival of the Mail in Dublin is only 30 minutes later than before. In the other direction the despatch from Dublin is 45 minutes later, but by accelerating the packet and the train, the former hour of arrival in London—5.45 p.m.—has been maintained.

Night Mail trains in each direction between Yeovil and Eastleigh were established on the 1st September, with considerable advantage to the Mail Service of the district.

On the 1st November the Highland Railway Company opened their new line from Aviemore to Inverness, with the result of accelerating, by 45 minutes or more, the arrival of the South Mails at Inverness and places in the far north, and postponing to a like extent the time of despatch of the return Mails. The Orkney Islands, as well as Skye and Lewis, shared in this improvement.

RURAL POSTS.

In my last report I stated that considerable progress had been made towards fulfilling the promise made by the Government in 1897 to give a regular delivery of letters to every house in the United Kingdom. During the past year the work of extending the posts has been continued as rapidly as possible, and in England and Wales few houses now remain unserved. The same cannot yet be said of Scotland and Ireland, but district after district is being visited by my surveying Staff, and there is a good prospect of the work being completed throughout the United Kingdom early next year. The letters brought into the official delivery between 22nd June 1897 and 31st March last are estimated to number almost 40,000,000 a year.

MOTOR VANS FOR CONVEYING MAILS.

I have not ceased to give attention to the question of employing Motor Vans for the conveyance of Mails both in London and the country, but some of the experiments made during the past year have, from various causes, proved unsuccessful, and I cannot yet report the establishment of any permanent motor services.

PRIVATE POSTING BOXES.

In order to afford greater facilities for posting letters in London, I introduced experimentally in February last revised arrangements for collections of letters from boxes on private premises. The change had led to a considerable number of applications for such a service before the end of the financial year.

UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION.

The changes in the Postal Union Regulations effected by the Congress of Washington came into operation on the 1st of January last; and, in connection with them, a simplification of the system of charging insufficiently paid and unpaid correspondence from places abroad was introduced, the charges being in many cases substantially reduced.

Charges on unpaid correspondence from places abroad.

Insurance of
letters sent
abroad.

While there have been for some years arrangements for the insurance of inland letters and parcels and of parcels for many places abroad, it has not been possible until the present year for a person sending a letter abroad to insure it with the Post Office. Such a letter could be registered, but in the case of its loss not more than 50 francs compensation was payable, while no compensation at all was payable for damage to such a letter or for the abstraction of its contents in the post. The scheme under which insured letters were exchanged between many countries of the Postal Union was not in all respects suitable for adoption in this country. At the last Congress of the Postal Union, however, the British delegates obtained the introduction into the Postal Union Insurance Agreement of certain provisions designed to meet the requirements of my Department; and it thus became possible to give in the adhesion of this country to the revised Agreement which came into operation on the 1st of January.

The countries and places, in the service with which letters can now, under this Agreement, be insured against loss, damage, or abstraction, are as follows :—

Algeria.	French Guinea.
Annam.	Gaboon.
Argentine Republic (chief places only).	Germany.
Austria-Hungary.	Guadeloupe.
Azores.	Holland.
Belgium.	Italian East Africa (Assab and Massowah only).
Bulgaria.	Italy.
Cameroons (Cameroon and Victoria only).	Ivory Coast.
Canary Islands.	Jibouti.
Cape Verd Islands (Santiago and St. Vincent only).	Luxemburg.
Chile (chief places only).	Madagascar (chief places only).
Cochin China.	Madeira.
Crete (Candia, Canea, and Retimo).	Martinique.
Dahomey (chief places only).	Mayotte.
Denmark (including the Faroe Islands, Greenland, and Iceland).	New Caledonia.
Danish West Indies (St. Thomas, St. John, and St. Croix).	Norway.
Egypt.	Nossi Bé.
France.	Portugal.
French Congo (Libreville and Loango only).	Portuguese East Africa (Lorenzo Marques, Mozambique, and Quilimane only).
French Guiana.	Portuguese West Africa (Benguela, Congo, Loanda, and Mossamedes in Angola, Bolama in Guinea, and St. Thomé).

Réunion.	Sweden.
Roumania.	Switzerland.
Russia.	Tonquin.
Senegal (chief places only).	Tripoli (Ital an Post Office).
Servia.	Tunis.

Spain (including the Balearic Islands).

Turkey (places at which there are British and Austrian Postal Agencies).

The highest sum for which any letter can be insured is 120*l.* ; and the following is the scale of fees :—

	<i>d.</i>
For the first 12 <i>l.</i> - - - - -	5
For each additional 12 <i>l.</i> or fraction of 12 <i>l.</i> -	2½

PENNY POSTAGE WITHIN THE EMPIRE.

As an outcome of proposals addressed by my Department to the Postal Administrations of the various British Colonies and Dependencies for a twopenny rate of letter postage within the Empire, and of the preference of the Canadian Government for a three-halfpenny rate, a Conference of representatives of the Imperial Government and India and the Colonies met in London in June and July, 1898, to consider the question. The result was the establishment (in most cases on Christmas Day 1898, in the rest shortly afterwards) of a uniform rate of one penny the half ounce on letters passing between the mother country and British India, Canada, Natal, Newfoundland, the Crown Colonies, and British Protectorates, or between those possessions themselves. Australasia and the Cape Colony are the only important parts of the Empire which have not yet adhered to the penny postage scheme.

Penny Postage
on land.

The scheme has also been extended to the letters of the officers and crews of Her Majesty's ships abroad, as well as to those of passengers on British Merchant ships, when addressed to any of the places embraced in the penny postage scheme, and posted in the waters of any of those places or on the high sea. At the same time the extra charge to which the letters of soldiers and seamen, enjoying the old statutory privilege of penny postage, were liable when they had to pass through a foreign country, has been abolished.

At Sea.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL MAILS.

The conditions of most of the packet services have been revised, or are under revision, with a view to greater economy as well as greater efficiency. The contracts for the service to New York terminated on the 31st of July 1899, and negotiations are in progress with the companies now performing the service for its renewal on fresh terms. The Cape Mail contracts will come to an end in September 1900. Tenders have been

Packet
Services.

invited by the Cape Government, and endeavours are being made to obtain an improved service. With the companies performing the service to the West Coast of Africa advantageous arrangements have been made, by which the correspondence, notwithstanding the increase resulting from penny postage, will be carried at a reduced cost. Notice has also been given to the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company for the termination of the West Indies Mail Contract in June 1900.

Dutch Mails.

The diversion of the Mails from this country for the chief cities of the Netherlands from the Dutch Service, *vid* Flushing, to the British Service, *vid* Harwich and the Hook of Holland, came into effect on the 1st of May 1898.

Channel Services.

Difficulties in the landing and embarkation of Mails at Dover, connected with the harbour alterations, have been met, as far as possible, by arrangements with the companies performing the service for the despatch of the French Mails by the route of Folkestone and Calais or Folkestone and Boulogne when need arises. Negotiations for still further improving this service are now in progress with the French Post Office.

Parcel Post.

The Foreign and Colonial Parcel Post has been extended to Russia, Formosa, the Banks and Santa Cruz Islands, the Comoro Islands, Kiachow in China, Nigeria, Guatemala, and Bolivia.

The insurance system has been extended to the Parcel Post with Algeria, Corsica, New Zealand, Russia, Sierra Leone, and Tunis. In the service with a considerable number of Foreign countries and British Colonies the limit up to which parcels can be insured has been raised from 50*l.* to 120*l.*

The system under which the senders of parcels can take upon themselves the payment of the Customs duty levied in the country of destination, has been extended to the service with France and French Possessions, Sweden, and the Leeward Islands.

An important step has been taken towards simplifying and making uniform the postage on parcels exchanged between the United Kingdom and other parts of the Empire. I took the opportunity of the meetings held by the Imperial Postal Conference to bring forward a scheme for adopting, whenever possible, a scale of—

1 <i>s.</i>	for a parcel weighing not over 3 lbs.	
2 <i>s.</i>	„ „ over 3 lbs. but not over 7 lbs.	
3 <i>s.</i>	„ „ „ 7 lbs.	„ 11 lbs.

The proposal met with wide approval, and since the beginning of the present year the scale has been brought into operation in the Parcel Post with the under-mentioned places:—

Antigua.	British East Africa.
Ascension.	British Guiana.
Bahamas.	British Honduras
Barbados.	Beirut

Ceylon.		Niger Coast Protectorate.
Constantinople (by direct Steamer).		Niger Territory (Nigeria)
Cyprus.		St. Helena.
Dominica.		St. Kitts.
Falkland Islands.		St. Lucia.
Gambia.		St. Vincent (West Indies).
Gibraltar.		Sarawak.
Gold Coast Colony.		Seychelles.
Grenada.		Sierra Leone.
Johore (<i>via</i> Singapore).		Smyrna (by direct Steamer).
Lagos (Africa).		Straits Settlements.
Malta (by direct Steamer).		Tobago.
Montserrat.		Tortola.
Nevis.		Trinidad.
Newfoundland.		Zanzibar.

The simplicity of the scale and the reduction in the postage on heavy parcels which it involves seem likely to give a great impetus to the Parcel Post with the Colonies.

The total number of parcels sent to and received from places abroad during the year was 2,243,865, an increase of about 8 per cent. on the number in the previous year. The parcels received from abroad increased in a considerably larger ratio than those sent abroad, owing chiefly to the fact that a very large growth took place in the number received from France, Germany, and Italy. Other large increases were in the service with British East Africa, Canada, Hong Kong, India and South Africa. On the other hand, there was a falling off in the number of parcels sent to Colombia, Spain, and the West Indies. According to the Board of Trade Returns the value of the goods exported and imported by Parcel Post during the last two years was as follows:—

Parcels to and from places abroad.
Appendix B., pp. 26 to 31.

—	1897-98.	1898-99.	Increase.
	£	£	£
Exported - -	2,070,417	2,200,773	130,356
Imported - -	1,122,724	1,265,623	142,899
Total - -	3,193,141	3,466,396	273,255

The total number of Foreign and Colonial parcels insured shows an increase of over 20 per cent., being 141,475 (59,392 despatched and 82,083 received), as against 117,545 in the previous year.

MONEY ORDERS.

Appendix K.,
pp. 61 to 69.

As shown by the following comparative statement, the Money Order business of the year has been greater than that of the previous year under all heads.

	Number.			Amount.		
	1898-99.	1897-98.	Increase.	1898-99.	1897-98.	Increase.
<i>Inland.</i>				£	£	£
Ordinary - - -	7,598,461	7,369,929	216,532	21,473,950	20,553,968	929,982
Telegraph - - -	257,650	205,754	51,896	878,072	698,944	179,128
Government Offices -	1,877,536	1,853,926	23,610	6,252,056	6,241,333	10,723
Total inland - - -	9,721,647	9,429,609	292,038	28,604,078	27,494,145	1,109,933
<i>Foreign and Colonial.</i>						
Issued in the United Kingdom and paid abroad:						
Colonial - - -	142,169	137,655	4,514	497,629	468,935	13,694
Foreign - - -	490,691	396,231	14,460	1,015,170	998,801	21,369
Total outwards - - -	542,860	533,886	18,974	1,512,799	1,477,836	34,963
Issued abroad and payable in the United Kingdom:						
Colonial - - -	451,245	429,680	21,565	1,380,678	1,358,936	1,742
Foreign - - -	759,449	745,193	14,256	1,800,982	1,783,682	17,300
Total inwards - - -	1,210,694	1,174,763	35,931	3,181,660	3,142,618	19,042
Total Foreign and Colonial Orders - - -	1,753,554	1,698,649	54,905	4,674,439	4,620,454	54,005
Grand total - - -	11,475,201	11,128,258	346,943	33,278,517	32,114,679	1,163,838

Ordinary Inland Orders show an increase over the previous year of 2·9 per cent. in number, and 4·4 per cent. in amount.

The rapid growth of Telegraph Money Order business noted in last year's report has continued, the figures for 1898-99 being 25 per cent. in advance of those for 1897-98. The rate of increase has been accelerated during the year by the additional facilities introduced on the 1st October last. The sender of a Telegraph Money Order may now have a private message added to the official telegram of advice and delivered to the payee with the Order; he may also prepay a reply to his message; and he is no longer compelled to pay an additional half rate for the repetition of the telegram of advice.

The average amount of ordinary Money Orders was 2*l.* 16*s.* 7*d.*, and of Telegraph Money Orders 3*l.* 8*s.* 1*d.*

There has been again an increase in the number and amount of Foreign and Colonial Money Orders, as shown in detail in the Appendix.

During the year a more satisfactory service for the interchange of Money Orders with Portugal has been established, and the Money Order system has been extended to certain places in Korea.

The exchange of Telegraph Money Orders with Germany commenced on the 1st November last, and, during the five remaining months of the financial year, 937 such orders were transmitted to or from Germany. It is evident that the system supplies a public want, and negotiations are in progress for an exchange of Telegraph Money Orders with other countries of Europe.

The number of additional offices opened for Money Order (and Savings Bank) business during the year was 360.

It has been found possible to arrange for the employment of women upon some of the duties of the Money Order Office, which are similar in character to those performed by women in other departments. Up to the 31st March last 57 women clerks and 30 women sorters had been placed on duty, but ultimately the female establishment will consist of 93 of the former and 40 of the latter. The change has been carried out with satisfactory results.

POSTAL ORDERS.

The number of Postal Orders issued during the year has been 76,755,217, representing 27,217,436*l.*, the number under each denomination varying from 10,886,906 orders for 5*s.*, down to 2,150,371 orders for 4*s.* 6*d.* The total figures show an increase of 7.52 per cent. in number, and 4.62 per cent. in amount, on those for the previous year. The largest increase has taken place in the number of 1*s.* Postal Orders (22.48 per cent.), and the smallest increase in the number of 15*s.* Postal Orders (2.97 per cent.).

The value of the stamps affixed to Postal Orders by the holders during the year was 159,050*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.*

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

During the year ended 31st December 1898, 13,757,244 deposits were made, amounting to 37,361,838*l.*; the withdrawals during the same period being 4,957,895 in number and 32,952,829*l.* in amount. In every respect, the Savings Bank business of the year was larger than that of any previous year, and at the end of the year a sum of no less than 123,144,099*l.* was in hand, belonging to 7,630,502 depositors. On the 31st January 1898, the day's deposits for the first time exceeded 100,000 in number; and on the 31st December the amount deposited, viz., 347,745*l.*, exceeded the record of any previous day in the Bank's history.

The following table shows the distribution of the accounts as regards England and Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, as well as

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the average amount to the credit of each depositor, and the proportion of depositors to population :—

	At 31st December 1898.			
	Number of Depositors.	Total Amount to Credit of Depositors.	Average Amount to Credit of each Depositor.	Proportion of Depositors to Population.
England and Wales	6,960,995	£ 111,506,005	£ s. d. 16 0 4	1 in 4·53
Scotland	327,487	4,414,333	13 9 8	1 in 12·98
Ireland	342,070	7,324,761	21 2 5	1 in 13·28
United Kingdom	7,630,552	123,144,099	16 2 9	1 in 5·29

The number of withdrawals by telegraph was larger than in any previous year since the arrangement came into operation in December 1893. There were 141,783 such withdrawals on the day of application, the telegraph being used to advise payment as well as to give notice of withdrawal; and 10,563 on the following day, the telegraph being used only to give notice of withdrawal. The cost to the depositor was about 1s. 3d. in the former cases and 9d. in the latter.

Excluding expenditure on land and buildings, the cost of management during 1898 was 449,239*l.*, an increase of 11,197*l.* on the cost during 1897; but the cost per transaction was lower, being 5·8*d.* in 1898, as against 5·9*d.* in 1897, and the rate per cent. of expenses to capital 7s. 3½*d.* against 7s. 6½*d.*

For the third year in succession the balance sheet of the Post Office Savings Bank shows a deficit, the exact sum for 1898 being 7,019*l.*

Facility for using any Savings Bank Office.

On the 31st March last the number of post offices open for Savings Bank business was 12,660, and it is one of the chief advantages of the system that depositors can use any of these offices for the purpose of making deposits or of withdrawing money from his account. These facilities are appreciated more and more each year, and during the year 1898, 36·5 per cent. of the transactions took place at offices other than those at which the accounts had been opened.

Accounts of Societies, &c.

The number of new accounts opened for friendly societies during 1898 was 441, and for charitable, provident and trade societies 2,169. 313 penny banks received authority during the year to deposit their funds in the Post Office Savings Bank, and the stamp deposit system in schools was carried out as usual.

Soldiers' accounts.

Deferred pay of soldiers leaving the Army was received to the amount of 361,385*l.*, in 18,677 deposits; but, whereas in ordinary accounts 70 per cent. of the money deposited remains at the end of a year, the proportion of deferred pay which the soldiers allow to remain for a year is about 3 per cent.

Increasing use is made by soldiers stationed abroad of the arrangements carried out through the War Office for depositing

money in the Post Office Savings Bank. The amount so received in 1898 was 10,913*l.*, in 8,305 deposits.

The investments of depositors in Government Stock were 20,162, amounting to 1,183,029*l.*, and the sales 12,567, amounting to 714,285*l.* At the end of the year the total amount of stock was 7,462,134*l.*, and the number of stockholders 72,071. Of the 20,162 investments, 5,137 were made in Local Loans Stock. Stock Investment business.

The Immediate Annuities granted during 1898 numbered 2,065 and amounted to 55,753*l.* 164 Deferred Annuities were granted, amounting to 3,626*l.* As regards Life Insurance, 731 contracts were granted in 1898, insuring 42,554*l.* On the whole these figures show a decrease on those for the year 1897. Annuities and Life Insurance.

In my last Report I announced the decision to remove the Central Savings Bank from Queen Victoria Street to a site chosen at West Kensington. The plans of the large building to be erected there have now been approved and the work of erection has been begun. On the 24th June last the foundation stone was laid by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on behalf of the Queen. Removal of Central Office from City to West End.

TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES.

The number of telegrams of all descriptions forwarded during the year was 87,043,652, an increase over the previous year of 4,013,653, or 4·83 per cent. Appendix H., pp. 50 and 51.

The following table shows the number and value of the various classes of telegram which make up the total, together with the corresponding figures for the previous year :—

Class of Telegram.	Number.			Receipts.		
	1898-99.	1897-98.	Incr. (+) or Decr. (-).	1898-99.	1897-98.	Incr. (+) or Decr. (-).
Ordinary Inland - -	72,073,868	68,810,786	+ 3,263,082	£ 2,216,681	£ 2,130,973	£ + 85,708
Press (Inland) - -	6,240,394	6,015,901	+ 224,493	134,231	133,009	+ 1,222
Foreign - -	6,974,896	6,492,808	+ 482,088	328,507	316,718	+ 11,789
Railway, free - -	1,388,434	1,381,965	+ 6,469	—	—	—
" reduced rate -	29,005	29,795	- 790	572	589	- 17
Government, free - -	836,965	308,746	+ 528,219	—	—	—
Totals - -	87,043,652	83,029,999	+ 4,013,653	2,679,991	2,581,289	+ 98,702

It will be observed that the ordinary inland telegrams, which increased in 1897-98 by as many as 3,248,969 over the previous year, show an equally large advance in 1898-99 over the total of 1897-98. The average value of the telegrams slightly declined, from 7·43*d.* to 7·38*d.*

Inland Press telegrams increased in number less rapidly than ordinary telegrams, but their length is indicated by the fact that the average weekly number of words so sent was 14,400,900.

On the occasion of the final match at the Crystal Palace for the Football Association Cup, 3,509 Press telegrams were despatched, containing nearly 42,000 words.

The number of Foreign Telegrams dealt with during the year was the highest on record, and exceeded by 7.59 per cent. the previous year's total.

The concessions made in 1897 in regard to the delivery of telegrams and guarantees for new Telegraph Offices have contributed in no small degree to the general increase of traffic. They have also involved considerable loss, the revenue from portage alone being 74,000*l.* less in the year than would have been received under the former arrangements. The number of Telegraph Offices opened under guarantee rose from 224 in the previous year to 279 in the year under review, 88 of the number being established at the instance of Parish and Rural District Councils.

Altogether 333 new Telegraph Offices were opened during the year, and the total number of Telegraph Offices in the United Kingdom on the 31st March last was 10,816, of which 2,320 were at railway stations.

12,764 miles of additional wire were brought into use during the year, and 6,000 miles of wire in the underground line in course of construction between London and Birmingham are ready to be brought into use.

In June last a new Telegraph Cable was laid between England and Ireland, from Nevin in North Wales to Newcastle in County Wicklow. It contains four conductors and is the first submarine Cable constructed on the air-space plan.

Coast communications.

The communication between Coastguard and Lifeboat Stations around the coast for life-saving purposes has been further extended during the year. Alarm bells were fixed at various Post Offices for facilitating night calls, and about 43 new stations were added to the system.

On the recommendation of the Royal Commission on Electric Communication with Lighthouses, &c., 10 additional shore lighthouses were connected with the postal telegraphic system, and at several of these arrangements have been made by the Board of Trade for the exhibition of storm-warning signals on receipt of storm-warning telegrams from the Meteorological Office.

Two outlying lighthouses were also electrically connected with the mainland, but further development of arrangements for telegraphic communication with light vessels has been deferred, pending the question of the adoption of an aetheric system of telegraphy.

Telephones.

The number of Post Offices open for Trunk Telephone business on the 31st March last was 286, an increase of 22 in the year.

Out of the sum of 2,300,000*l.* authorised by Parliament for the purchase and development of the trunk system, the expenditure up to the 31st March 1899 may be put down approximately at 1,354,241*l.* The expenditure during the year was 153,237*l.*

During the year the trunk system was extended to—

*Bradford (Wilts).	*North Berwick.
*Buckie.	Penzance.
*Cirencester.	*Peterborough.
*Coldstream.	*Rothesay.
Cowbridge.	St. Austell.
*Dunoon.	*Salisbury.
*Hereford.	*Stamford.
*Huntingdon.	Truro.
*Market Harborough.	Waterford.
*Nairn.	Wexford.
*Newmarket.	*Weybridge.

In the case of the towns marked with an asterisk the extension has been carried out under guarantee from the National Telephone Company.

The total number of trunk wire transactions during the year was 7,066,069, or, reckoning each transaction as involving at least two spoken messages, a total number of 14,132,138 messages (an increase of 19·7 per cent. over the preceding year). The revenue was 167,505*l.* (an increase of 25 per cent.), and the average value of each transaction was 5·68*d.*, as against 5·45*d.* for the previous year.

Post Office Telephone Exchanges were opened during the year at the following places, viz.: Cowbridge, Ferndale, Porth, Tonyrefail and Treherbert, each Exchange being placed in connection with the Trunk System.

The reduction in the charges for Post Office Telephone Exchange wires and for short lines of private wire, which was made in October 1897, has continued to lead to an increased demand for these facilities, the revenue for the year from this source being 142,600*l.* against 130,100*l.* in the previous year.

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POST OFFICES AND LETTER BOXES.

The total number of Post Offices open on the 31st March last was 21,569, made up as follows:—

— —	London.	England and Wales, excluding London.	Scotland.	Ireland.	Total.
Head Offices - - -	11	630	149	125	915
Branch Offices - -	106	110	27	11	254
Town Sub-Offices - -	837	3,437	298	198	4,770
Country Sub-Offices - -	—	11,261	1,755	2,600	15,616
Total - -	954	15,438	2,229	2,934	21,555

The total includes 372 offices opened during the year. Of the 21,569 offices, 12,660 are open for Money Order and Savings Bank business, and 8,496 for Telegraph business.

The number of letter boxes was increased during the year by 1,138 to a total of 31,441.

NEW POST OFFICE BUILDINGS.

New post
offices.

Thirty-five new Post Offices have been completed and opened during the year, including a new District Office in the Western Central District of London. In addition, two Postmen's Offices and two Sorting Offices have been completed and brought into use, and 35 Post Offices have been enlarged.

The arrangement under which provincial post offices, formerly provided by the Postmasters, are now being provided and furnished by the Department, continues to work well.

Mount
Pleasant.

During the year considerable progress has been made with the construction of the additional building at Mount Pleasant, to which much of the work from the General Post Office East will be transferred as soon as the new building is ready for occupation.

Expenditure
on sites and
buildings.

The expenditure of the year out of the Post Office Vote for the acquisition of sites and buildings amounted to 82,782*l.*, of which 27,034*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 Office buildings and on the enlargement and maintenance of existing buildings amounted to 246,114*l.* in Great Britain and 19,421*l.* in Ireland.

UNIFORM.

During the last few years special attention has been given to the question of the uniform supplied to postmen and other classes of the Staff.

As many as 67,000 officers are supplied with uniform, and I am glad to be able to report that the arrangements recently completed for its manufacture and distribution ensure the prompt supply of well-fitting garments to all the officers concerned.

STAFF.

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The staff of the Post Office has increased during the year by 9,832 from 150,110 to 159,942 persons, of whom 127,779 are males and 32,163 females.

The general growth of work has made necessary an addition during the year of 3,000 persons to the Established Staff, but the addition to the number of persons holding unestablished positions has been more than 6,000, most of whom are employed, for a few hours a day only, in the delivery of letters in rural districts.

Of the 159,942 persons employed on the 31st March last, 67,832 (59,707 men and 8,125 women) were established officers holding Civil Service Certificates; 20,268 were Postmasters and Postmistresses appointed by me, but not holding Civil Service Certificates; and the remaining 71,842 were persons filling unestablished situations.

The number of Postmen, &c., holding good conduct stripes on the 31st March last was 19,511, an increase of 2,229 on the number at the end of the previous year. The stripes awarded during the year numbered 6,767, each stripe carrying 1s. a week extra pay and representing five years' unblemished service.

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

Year.	Total Revenue.			Salaries and Wages.			Percentage of Combined Salaries and Wages to Combined Revenue.
	Postal.	Tele-graph.	Com-bined Totals.	Postal.	Tele-graph.	Com-bined Totals.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	Per cent.
1889-90 - -	9,721,481	2,364,000	12,085,581	3,353,563	1,382,414	4,741,977	39.54
1890-91 - -	10,088,677	2,153,764	12,242,441	3,600,306	1,506,219	5,106,525	40.70
1891-92 - -	10,451,998	2,515,612	12,967,610	3,897,952	1,635,093	5,533,045	42.57
1892-93 - -	10,601,149	2,526,312	13,126,461	4,190,823	1,717,123	5,907,946	45.01
1893-94 - -	10,731,885	2,579,203	13,311,088	4,446,331	1,804,603	6,250,934	46.95
1894-95 - -	11,025,400	2,616,414	13,641,814	4,597,355	1,833,684	6,431,039	47.03
1895-96 - -	11,753,945	2,879,791	14,633,736	4,734,446	1,895,419	6,629,865	45.23
1896-97 - -	12,146,935	2,967,354	15,114,289	4,927,095	1,969,471	6,896,566	45.62
1897-98 - -	12,426,376	3,071,723	15,498,099	5,230,588	2,081,009	7,311,597	47.19
1898-99 - - (estimated).	13,049,317	3,260,145	16,309,462	5,593,905	2,171,522	7,765,427	47.61

Year.	Total Expenditure.			Salaries and Wages.			Percentage of Combined Salaries and Wages to Combined Expenditure.
	Postal.	Tele-graph.	Com-bined Totals.	Postal.	Tele-graph.	Com-bined Totals.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	Per cent.
1889-90 - -	6,275,085	2,278,936	8,554,021	3,353,563	1,382,414	4,741,977	55.44
1890-91 - -	6,637,504	2,398,581	9,036,085	3,600,306	1,506,219	5,106,525	56.57
1891-92 - -	7,192,467	2,635,896	9,828,363	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	2,757,615	10,517,327	4,446,361	1,804,603	6,250,964	59.44
1894-95 - -	7,955,344	2,788,032	10,743,376	4,597,355	1,833,684	6,431,039	59.86
1895-96 - -	8,096,272	2,920,341	11,016,613	4,734,446	1,895,419	6,629,865	60.23
1896-97 - -	8,246,356	3,111,810	11,358,166	4,927,095	1,969,471	6,896,566	60.71
1897-98 - -	8,683,317	3,378,841	12,062,158	5,230,588	2,081,009	7,311,597	60.61
1898-99 - - (estimated).	9,194,437	3,477,919	12,672,356	5,593,905	2,171,522	7,765,427	61.27

HEALTH OF THE STAFF.

The health of the Staff generally has continued to be satisfactory. Medical officers to the number of 578 are employed

by my Department in London and at Head Post Offices where the Staff employed is sufficiently large to warrant such an appointment. The total Staff in London and at these head offices numbered, in 1898, 73,487 men (50,950 established officers and 22,537 unestablished) and 8,685 women (7,049 established officers and 1,636 unestablished).

The details given on this and the following page, and in the second and third tables of Appendix F., relate solely to these 82,172 officers, of whom all whose salaries do not exceed 150% a year receive free medical attendance. The sick absence of this Staff was less in 1898 than in 1897, being 6 days per head among the men and 8·8 days per head among the women, as compared with 7·6 days and 11·3 days respectively in the previous year.

The percentage of sick absentees to the total force, the average sick absence per sick officer, and the average absence per officer employed are shown for the different parts of the kingdom in the subjoined table :—

	Established Staff.					
	Percentage 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.
England—						
Chief Office - -	62	72	11·2	12·4	7·	9·
Metropolitan Districts	55	74	15·2	15·2	8·3	11·3
Country - -	41	81	16·5	11·4	6·8	9·3
Scotland - -	35	52	16·	14·	5·6	7·8
Ireland - -	52	73	16·	16·	8·5	12·

	Unestablished Staff.					
	Percentage 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.
England—						
Chief Office - -	70	67	8·8	15·5	6·1	10·4
Metropolitan Districts	53	47	10·	13·	5·3	6·2
Country - -	38	44	11·2	12·6	4·3	5·6
Scotland - -	47	35	8·	11·	3·9	3·8
Ireland - -	53	40	9·	13·	4·8	5·3

In Appendix F. full statements are given of the diseases which led to death or retirement during the year among the staff of 82,172 officers. They show a total of 260 deaths, and of 539 retirements on account of ill health. It will be seen that influenza was responsible for 14 deaths and 7 retirements, and phthisis (including hæmoptysis and tuberculosis) for 64 deaths and 89 retirements. In 1897, 10 deaths and 6 retirements were directly due to influenza, and 70 deaths and 85 retirements to phthisis.

In addition to the statements already given I furnish tables of deaths and retirements which took place during last year among the established staff, that is, the 67,832 officers throughout the country who hold Civil Service Certificates.

Deaths.

—	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 - -	38	4	3.0	1.2	37	30	17.5	13.0
Metropolitan Districts	24	1	3.1	1.7	32	39	9.0	23.5
Provinces - -	93	1	3.0	.3	39	18	16.2	.5
<i>Scotland</i> - -	32	—	5.7	—	37	—	16.3	—
<i>Ireland</i> - -	25	—	6.8	—	36	—	11.7	—
Total -	212	6	3.5	.7	37	30	15.1	12.7

Retirements.

—	Number of Persons.		Average Age on Retirement (in years).		Average Length of Service on Retirement (in years).	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
Invalid - -	516	75	41	33	20	15
Superannuated at age of 60 years or upwards.	286	11	62	63	35	27

The number of women who retired on marriage during 1898 was 199, with an average age of 27, and an average service of between 9 and 10 years.

The number of candidates medically examined for Post Office appointments was 7,120, of whom 472 were rejected.

FINANCE.

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The postal revenue of the year, including the value of services rendered to other Departments, has been 13,049,317*l.*, an increase of 628,941*l.* on that of the previous year. The postal expenditure has been 9,194,437*l.*, an increase of 511,120*l.* on that of the previous year.

The telegraph revenue of the year, 3,260,145*l.*, shows an increase of 188,422*l.*, and the telegraph expenditure 3,477,949*l.*, an increase of 99,108*l.* upon the previous year.

Setting expenditure against revenue, the combined accounts show a profit of 3,637,076*l.* on the year, or if allowance be made for interest on the capital — 10,868,663*l.* — created for the purchase of the telegraphs, a profit of 3,338,188*l.*

These figures are, necessarily, partly estimated.

I cannot conclude this report without referring to the loss which the Department has sustained by the retirement on pension of Sir Spencer Walpole, K.C.B., who was Secretary to the Post Office from 1893 to the present year, and of Mr. W. H. Preece, C.B., Engineer-in-Chief and Electrician from 1892. Since Mr. Preece's retirement, Her Majesty has been pleased to confer upon him the honour of a Knight Commandership of the Bath, in recognition of his eminent services to the State.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords,

Your Lordships' obedient Servant,

NORFOLK.

1st August 1899.

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.	In Scotland.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Average number to each person.	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 1889-90	-	-	895,000,000	5·8	518,100,000	7·8	48	1,413,100,000	6·5	34	94,800,000	1·4	21	1,650,100,000	5·9	43
" 1890-91	-	-	994,400,000	3·3	538,400,000	4·0	50	1,462,800,000	3·5	36	99,800,000	3·1	21	1,706,800,000	3·4	45
" 1891-92	-	-	985,000,000	4·4	551,000,000	2·4	52	1,516,100,000	3·7	36	105,000,000	5·2	23	1,767,500,000	3·6	46
" 1892-93	-	-	985,800,000	0·1	566,500,000	2·8	52	1,532,300,000	1·1	37	105,900,000	0·9	23	1,790,500,000	1·3	47
" 1893-94	-	-	973,800,000	0·8	575,600,000	1·6	52	1,549,400,000	1·1	38	108,500,000	2·5	23	1,811,800,000	1·2	47
" 1894-95	-	-	903,300,000	2·0	508,800,000	11·6	50	1,502,100,000	3·1	38	112,800,000	4·0	24	1,770,900,000	3·3	46
" 1895-96	-	-	1,021,300,000	2·8	537,500,000	5·6	51	1,558,900,000	3·8	39	112,500,000	0·3	25	1,834,200,000	3·6	47
" 1896-97	-	-	1,049,300,000	2·7	557,200,000	3·7	52	1,606,500,000	3·1	40	118,000,000	4·9	26	1,893,000,000	3·2	48
" 1897-98	-	-	1,120,300,000	6·8	580,900,000	6·0	53	1,711,200,000	6·5	42	123,700,000	4·8	27	2,012,300,000	6·3	50
" 1898-99	-	-	1,242,000,000	10·8	617,700,000	4·5	59	1,869,700,000	8·7	45	136,500,000	10·3	30	2,186,800,000	8·6	54

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

STATEMENT of the estimated Total Number of Letters, Post Cards, Book Packets and Circulars, Newspapers, Telegrams, and PARCELS dealt with, and of the Average Number per Head of the Population for the year ended the 31st March 1890.

	Population.	Letters.		Post Cards.		Book Packets and Circulars.		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	31,483,109	1,859,700,000	59.1	327,200,000	10.4	550,900,000	18.8	118,000,000	3.7	73,340,702	2.3	58,512,000	1.9
Scotland	4,240,946	190,800,000	44.8	38,800,000	9.1	75,100,000	17.7	17,900,000	4.2	9,064,029	2.1	7,700,000	1.8
Ireland	4,543,515	138,500,000	30.0	16,200,000	3.6	35,500,000	7.8	13,200,000	4.0	4,729,321	1.0	4,641,000	1.0
Totals	40,276,570	2,186,500,000	54.3	382,200,000	9.5	701,500,000	17.4	154,100,000	3.8	87,043,653	2.2	71,913,000	1.8

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

Letters	61.0	Book Packets and Circulars	19.8	Telegrams	2.4
Post Cards	10.7	Newspapers	4.3	Parcels	3.0

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.		Average Postage per Parcel.		
	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. borne on Railway-Parcels paid to Railway Companies.	Post Office Share.	Gross.	Post Office Share.
1889-90	35,269,000	8.1	4,593,000	9.3	2,955,000	8.2	42,852,000	8.2	982,113	468,907	483,206	5.33	2.70
1890-91	38,225,000	8.1	4,879,000	7.7	3,184,000	7.8	46,288,000	8.0	1,085,773	499,913	535,860	5.37	2.77
1891-92	40,783,000	6.7	5,223,000	7.1	3,370,000	5.8	49,379,000	6.6	1,109,664	530,076	579,578	5.39	2.82
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	562,600	612,609	5.28	2.80
1893-94	44,559,000	2.9	5,892,000	5.2	3,653,000	3.0	54,084,000	3.1	1,214,285	580,789	633,497	5.39	2.81
1894-95	47,316,000	5.9	6,082,000	4.4	3,838,000	5.0	57,136,000	5.7	1,288,567	611,465	673,902	5.38	2.83
1895-96	49,979,000	5.8	6,510,000	7.0	4,038,000	5.2	60,527,000	5.9	1,373,577	643,895	723,752	5.44	2.86
1896-97	52,741,000	5.5	6,802,000	4.5	4,172,000	3.3	63,715,000	5.2	1,448,126	681,819	763,307	5.44	2.87
1897-98	56,167,000	6.5	7,282,000	6.3	4,494,000	6.0	67,583,000	6.4	1,425,293	673,406	751,887	5.04	2.66
1898-99	59,512,000	5.9	7,760,000	7.3	4,641,000	4.9	71,913,000	6.0	1,496,099	705,732	793,367	4.99	2.64

APPENDIX A.—*continued.***Post Cards, Book Packets, and Newspapers.**

ESTIMATED NUMBER of POST CARDS delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the last Ten Years, and the increase per cent. per annum.

Year.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		United Kingdom.	
	Number.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Number.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Number.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Number.	Increase per cent. per annum.
1889-90	184,400,000	8·4	22,930,000	5·0	9,800,000	5·4	217,100,000	7·8
1890-91	185,000,000	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	241,000,000	5·2
1892-93	206,300,000	1·5	26,900,000	5·5	11,800,000	2·7	244,000,000	1·2
1893-94	203,100,000	1·4	27,400,000	2·2	12,000,000	6·2	242,500,000	1·6
1894-95	271,600,000	29·9	28,700,000	4·7	12,500,000	4·2	312,800,000	25·9
1895-96	268,300,000	1·2 dec.	32,200,000	12·2	14,000,000	12·0	314,500,000	·6
1896-97	286,000,000	6·9 inc.	34,400,000	6·8	15,200,000	8·6	335,600,000	7·0
1897-98	308,000,000	7·7	36,400,000	5·8	15,100,000	·7	339,400,000	7·1
1898-99	327,200,000	5·9	38,500,000	6·6	16,200,000	7·3 inc.	382,200,000	6·9

ESTIMATED NUMBER of BOOK PACKETS and CIRCULARS delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the last Ten Years, and the increase per cent. per annum.
(The totals for the first eight years include also Inland Samples.)

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.
1889-90	378,200,000	7·5	42,100,000	3·7	21,600,000	9·6	441,900,000	7·3
1890-91	411,900,000	8·9	44,000,000	5·9	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	436,100,000	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	60,500,000	8·2	31,300,000	10·2	614,000,000	7·0
1895-96	560,600,000	8·4	70,700,000	16·3	35,000,000	11·8	672,300,000	9·4
1896-97	583,300,000	2·9	75,400,000	6·6	39,200,000	12·0 dec.	697,900,000	3·8
1897-98	612,900,000	5·1 dec.	76,900,000	2·0 dec.	37,500,000	4·3	727,300,000	4·2 dec.
1898-99	590,900,000	3·6	75,100,000	2·3	35,500,000	5·3	701,500,000	3·5

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.
1889-90	126,600,000	6·1	16,700,000	·8 dec.	16,000,000	—	159,300,000	4·9
1890-91	127,800,000	·9	16,800,000	·6 inc.	16,600,000	3·7	161,000,000	1·1
1891-92	128,800,000	·8 dec.	17,000,000	2·4	17,000,000	2·4	162,800,000	1·1
1892-93	127,800,000	·8 inc.	17,000,000	3·5	17,400,000	2·3	162,800,000	—
1893-94	129,800,000	1·6 dec.	17,700,000	·8 dec.	17,400,000	— dec.	164,900,000	1·3 dec.
1894-95	117,500,000	9·5	17,300,000	2·3	17,000,000	2·3	151,800,000	7·9
1895-96	115,500,000	1·7 inc.	17,300,000	—	16,200,000	4·7 inc.	149,000,000	1·8 inc.
1896-97	116,500,000	·9	17,300,000	— dec.	16,800,000	3·7	150,600,000	1·1
1897-98	116,800,000	·3	17,200,000	·6 inc.	16,000,000	·6	150,000,000	·2
1898-99	118,000,000	1·0	17,000,000	4·1	18,200,000	7·7	154,100,000	2·1

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.		SCOTLAND.		IRELAND.		TOTAL			
	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.		
1889-90	-	-	6,340,350	2.4	3,328,526	5.3 dec.	9,668,876	3.4 dec.	972,636	4.3	718,423	11,387,085	3.3 dec.	
1890-01	-	-	6,394,514	.9	3,238,804	2.6 inc.	9,633,318	.3 inc.	1,001,483	3.0	722,596	11,357,197	.006 inc.	
1891-92	-	-	6,609,188	3.4 dec.	3,083,089	13.7 dec.	10,292,577	6.9 dec.	1,080,161	3.7	745,350	12,077,368	6.3	
1892-93	-	-	6,568,404	.6	3,724,240	1.1 dec.	10,292,644	.002 dec.	1,074,108	3.4	765,292	12,182,144	.4 dec.	
1893-94	-	-	6,392,212	2.6 inc.	3,473,748	6.7 inc.	9,865,960	4.1 inc.	1,099,798	2.4	776,594	11,742,362	3.2 inc.	
1894-95	-	-	6,486,761	1.5	3,606,333	2.8 inc.	10,092,094	2.3 inc.	1,098,595	.9 inc.	776,575	11,968,264	1.8 inc.	
1895-96	-	-	6,704,084	3.4	4,446,400	23.3	11,150,484	10.5	1,184,768	8.7	798,708	13,133,960	9.8	
1896-97	-	-	6,919,593	3.2	4,469,428	1.2	11,418,723	2.4	1,204,831	1.9	813,181	13,488,735	2.3	
1897-98	-	-	7,316,040	5.7	4,789,067	6.4	12,105,107	6.0	1,273,541	5.5	854,831	14,213,479	5.8	
1898-99	-	-	7,817,938	6.9	5,174,092	8.0	12,992,060	7.3	1,308,752	7.5	879,887	15,240,689	7.2	

APPENDIX B.

ESTIMATE of the WEIGHT of LETTERS and POST CARDS, and of
with FOREIGN COUNTRIES and BRITISH COLONIES, based mainly
Universal Postal

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.				
	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.
Austria-Hungary -	26,000	197,200	22,800	56,500
Belgium and Luxemburg -	53,700	264,500	49,700	102,600
Denmark -	13,300	48,500	11,900	17,300
France (including Algeria and Tunis) - .	209,400	1,322,460	223,300	567,200
Germany -	152,300	1,040,300	229,200	564,900
Gibraltar (including Tangier), Malta, and } Cyprus }	17,300	221,000	24,300	19,800
Greece -	3,800	15,000	3,000	6,500
Holland -	44,500	191,200	40,600	126,600
Italy -	46,400	487,900	33,100	94,800
Norway -	18,200	80,600	9,400	18,400
Portugal and Azores -	9,100	93,600	7,700	12,000
Roumania and Balkan States -	4,700	50,300	3,360	8,000
Russia -	31,500	250,200	10,700	61,100
Spain -	21,000	198,800	19,900	36,200
Sweden -	15,600	82,000	13,800	26,600
Switzerland -	33,500	280,200	33,000	108,900
Turkey (European) -	8,200	93,700	7,100	8,000
Totals -	738,500	4,952,700	760,800	1,835,400
ASIA.				
Asiatic Turkey and Persia -	4,500	64,800	2,800	5,200
Ceylon -	11,000	184,700	9,100	28,000
China and Japan -	21,800	308,000	16,600	32,900
India (including Aden) -	110,300	1,943,000	93,300	280,800
Straits Settlements, Siam, and East Indies - .	12,500	230,500	11,100	20,100
Totals -	160,400	2,731,000	132,900	373,000

APPENDIX B.

OTHER ARTICLES exchanged annually by the UNITED KINGDOM on the results of Statistics taken under the provisions of the 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.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.
Cape Colony and Interior States (except South African Republic)	35,800	505,000	36,700	151,400
East Coast of Africa (British and Portuguese Possessions)	2,600	37,800	2,200	2,500
Egypt	14,800	201,800	10,700	17,300
Madeira, Canary Islands, and Cape Verd	3,900	46,300	3,200	1,800
Mauritius, &c.	2,100	38,200	1,500	4,100
Natal	9,600	167,900	8,800	46,600
St. Helena and Ascension	1,000	7,800	500	600
South African Republic	20,500	288,500	25,400	186,900
West Coast of Africa, &c.	10,300	147,000	8,000	6,000
Totals	109,600	1,440,300	97,000	417,200
AMERICA.				
Canada and Newfoundland	60,500	1,002,700	46,500	236,000
United States	296,100	2,438,300	268,300	1,509,000
Mexico and Central American States	6,600	100,100	3,300	9,300
Brazil	11,300	145,100	6,500	9,700
Uruguay and Paraguay	3,400	42,500	800	1,700
Argentine Republic	10,800	179,000	8,100	13,300
Chili and Bolivia	6,100	76,800	5,000	9,900
Peru	2,100	27,700	1,800	1,400
Ecuador, Colombia, and Venezuela	2,600	35,900	1,800	2,200
British West Indies (including British Guiana, British Honduras, Bahamas, and Bermuda)	18,700	321,000	17,600	30,400
Foreign West Indies	3,200	34,700	1,300	1,000
Falkland Islands	300	6,900	300	200
Totals	430,700	4,410,700	361,300	1,913,100
AUSTRALASIA.				
Western Australia	10,500	192,100	9,200	44,600
South Australia	7,400	133,900	5,800	36,600
Victoria	26,100	459,500	21,100	215,600
New South Wales	27,300	422,900	22,000	154,800
Queensland	10,500	249,100	7,500	53,700
Tasmania	3,000	71,200	2,400	15,800
New Zealand	23,700	519,900	17,600	140,400
Fiji, &c.	800	25,000	800	1,600
Totals	109,800	2,073,600	86,500	665,100
GRAND TOTALS	1,549,000	15,608,300	1,438,500	5,203,800

APPENDIX B.—*continued.*STATEMENT of the NUMBERS of FOREIGN and COLONIAL
31st March 1898 and

Country.	Date of Establishment of Post.	Number of Parcels.			
		Despatched.			
		1897-98.	1898-99.	In- crease.	De- crease.
Aden - - - -	July 1885	1,764	1,937	173	—
Antigua - - - -	Jan. 1886	1,480	1,641	161	—
Argentine Republic - -	Feb. 1890	2,807	3,181	374	—
Ascension - - - -	July 1886	279	331	52	—
Austria-Hungary* - -	June 1886	9,988	11,094	1,106	—
Bahamas - - - -	Sept. 1887	930	894	—	36
Barbados - - - -	April 1886	4,161	4,065	—	106
Bechuanaland, Orange Free State, and Transvaal.	Dec. 1889	32,511	35,278	2,767	—
Belgium - - - -	Jan. 1886	50,239	52,315	2,076	—
Bermuda - - - -	April 1890	3,934	3,776	—	158
Beyrout - - - -	Jan. 1886	763	729	—	34
British Central Africa -	Aug. 1893	630	762	132	—
British East Africa - -	April 1891	1,264	2,670	1,406	—
British Guiana - - -	Jan. 1886	5,538	5,647	109	—
British Honduras*** -	March 1887	629	660	31	—
British North Borneo -	Sept. 1887	260	261	1	—
Canada, Dominion of -	Aug. 1886	51,135	59,276	8,091	—
Cape Colony - - - -	Dec. 1885	64,883	70,692	5,809	—
Ceylon - - - -	Nov. 1885	12,064	13,094	1,030	—
Chili - - - -	Jan. 1897	852	916	64	—
Colombia, Republic of -	March 1888	9,138	6,304	—	2,834
Constantinople - - -	Jan. 1886	3,673	4,235	622	—
Costa Rica - - - -	Feb. 1888	2,002	1,354	—	648
Cyprus - - - -	Jan. 1888	1,374	1,589	215	—
Dominica - - - -	Jan. 1886	714	712	—	2
Dutch East Indies - -	June 1896	710	884	174	—
Egypt - - - -	July 1885	17,429	20,890	3,461	—
Falkland Islands - -	Oct. 1888	932	1,008	76	—
Fiji - - - -	June 1890	346	357	11	—
France† - - - -	Oct. 1887	208,189	209,075	2,886	—
Germany‡ - - - -	Jan. 1886	246,430	264,039	17,609	—
Gibraltar - - - -	July 1885	12,710	12,645	—	65
Grenada - - - -	Oct. 1885	1,426	1,478	52	—
Hawaii - - - -	March 1895	1,012	1,063	51	—
Holland - - - -	April 1886	45,981	48,693	2,712	—
Hong Kong§ - - - -	Oct. 1885	13,678	16,728	3,050	—
India - - - -	July 1885	94,943	103,019	8,076	—
Italy - - - -	Oct. 1887	61,415	62,512	1,097	—
Jamaica - - - -	Oct. 1885	8,626	7,944	—	682
Japan - - - -	Nov. 1895	3,629	4,771	1,142	—
Labuan - - - -	Dec. 1885	83	121	38	—
Liberia - - - -	July 1893	295	308	13	—
Madeira - - - -	July 1891	970	1,042	72	—
Malta - - - -	Aug. 1885	18,645	19,417	772	—
Carried forward -		998,451	1,059,952	65,566	4,065

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

† Including parcels for and from the French Possessions, &c.

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

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

*** Including parcels for and from the Republic of Honduras.

APPENDIX B.—*continued.*

PARCELS Despatched and Received during the Years ended the 31st March 1899.

Number of Parcels.								Country.
Received.				Totals.				
1897-98.	1898-99.	In-crease.	De-crease.	1897-98.	1898-99.	In-crease.	De-crease.	
1,907	1,935	128	—	3,571	3,872	301	—	Aden.
217	291	74	—	1,697	1,932	235	—	Antigua.
497	502	105	—	3,294	3,773	479	—	Argentine Republic.
41	96	55	—	320	427	107	—	Ascension.
4,293	5,915	1,622	—	14,281	17,009	2,728	—	Austria-Hungary.*
202	185	—	17	1,132	1,079	—	53	Bahamas.
1,269	1,453	184	—	5,430	5,508	78	—	Barbados.
—	—	—	—	32,511	35,278	2,767	—	Bechuanaland, Orange Free State, and Transvaal.
24,183	25,729	1,547	—	74,421	78,044	3,623	—	Belgium.
904	962	78	—	4,833	4,758	—	80	Bermuda.
194	233	39	—	937	962	5	—	Beyrout.
—	—	—	—	630	762	132	—	British Central Africa.
255	503	338	—	1,519	3,263	1,744	—	British East Africa.
1,420	1,626	197	—	6,967	7,273	306	—	British Guiana.
100	86	—	14	729	746	17	—	British Honduras.***
84	57	—	27	344	318	—	26	British North Borneo.
21,465	23,175	1,710	—	72,650	82,451	9,801	—	Canada, Dominion of.
22,940	25,189	2,240	—	87,832	93,881	8,049	—	Cape Colony.
5,430	6,108	678	—	17,494	19,202	1,708	—	Ceylon.
657	527	—	110	1,519	1,443	—	70	Chili.
271	303	32	—	9,409	7,107	—	2,302	Colombia, Republic of.
563	778	215	—	4,236	5,073	837	—	Constantinople.
71	63	—	8	2,073	1,417	—	656	Costa Rica.
440	536	96	—	1,814	2,125	311	—	Cyprus.
110	109	—	1	824	821	—	3	Dominica.
—**	—**	—	—	710	884	174	—	Dutch East Indies.
10,304	11,926	1,622	—	27,733	32,816	5,083	—	Egypt.
150	156	6	—	1,082	1,164	82	—	Falkland Islands.
87	103	16	—	433	460	27	—	Fiji.
185,125	202,847	17,722	—	591,314	411,922	20,608	—	France.†
312,525	346,245	33,419	—	659,256	610,284	51,028	—	Germany ‡
6,928	7,029	101	—	19,638	19,674	36	—	Gibraltar.
331	284	—	47	1,757	1,762	5	—	Grenada.
106	146	—	19	1,177	1,209	32	—	Hawaii.
36,310	40,431	4,112	—	82,300	89,121	6,821	—	Holland.
9,857	12,328	2,471	—	23,535	29,056	5,521	—	Hong Kong.§
67,454	69,333	1,879	—	162,397	172,352	9,955	—	India.
44,538	56,728	12,145	—	105,998	119,240	13,242	—	Italy.
2,215	2,320	105	—	10,841	10,264	—	577	Jamaica.
2,960	3,930	980	—	6,579	8,701	2,122	—	Japan.
96	84	—	11	178	205	27	—	Labuan.
5	11	6	—	210	314	104	—	Liberia.
71	98	27	—	1,041	1,140	99	—	Madeira.
10,630	11,213	583	—	29,275	30,630	1,355	—	Malta.
777,606	861,773	81,532	254	1,773,946	1,921,725	140,452	3,773	

* Included in figures for Cape Colony.

†† Included in figures for Germany.

** Included in figures for Holland.

APPENDIX B.—*continued.*STATEMENT of the NUMBERS of FOREIGN and COLONIAL
31st March 1898 and

Country.	Date of Establishment of Post.	Number of Parcels.			
		Despatched.			
		1897-98.	1898-99.	In- crease.	De- crease.
	Brought forward -	908,451	1,059,952	65,506	4,068
Mauritius -	April 1889	1,788	1,778	—	10
Mexico -	April 1890	3,316	3,655	339	—
Montserrat -	Jan. 1886	308	331	—	67
Natal -	June 1887	16,701	18,258	2,157	—
Nevis -	Jan. 1886	159	107	—	52
Newfoundland - . . .	Sept. 1886	2,303	2,407	104	—
New South Wales - . .	July 1886	10,330	21,089	1,759	—
New Zealand -	Nov. 1888	16,934	19,477	2,543	—
Niger Coast Protectorate	Dec. 1892	935	1,297	362	—
Norway -	April 1886	11,981	13,032	1,951	—
Persia -	Jan. 1894	162	193	31	—
Portugal -	Jan. 1883	4,145	4,710	565	—
Queensland -	Feb. 1892	6,285	6,859	574	—
Rhodesia -	Jan. 1893	3,331	4,149	318	—
St. Helena -	April 1886	881	1,177	296	—
St. Kitts -	Jan. 1886	930	981	43	—
St. Lucia -	Oct. 1885	1,163	1,471	308	—
St. Pierre and Miquelon	Aug. 1895	2,846	2,638	—	168
St. Thomas -	Jan. 1888	451	599	—	52
St. Vincent -	Nov. 1885	708	744	36	—
Salvador -	April 1893	771	252	—	519
Sāmos and Raratonga -	May 1894	70	61	—	18
Sarawak -	July 1887	209	251	42	—
Seychelles -	April 1890	241	250	9	—
Siam -	Aug. 1890	664	813	149	—
Smyrna -	April 1887	1,426	1,393	—	33
South Australia - . . .	July 1886	4,506	5,369	863	—
Spain -	Sept. 1891	22,630	19,046	—	3,584
Straits Settlements - . .	Oct. 1885	6,133	7,115	982	—
Sweden -	May 1886	13,182	14,691	1,509	—
Switzerland -	Dec. 1897	46,483	49,578	3,095	—
Tangier -	Jan. 1890	1,138	1,299	161	—
Tasmania -	Jan. 1887	2,798	2,814	16	—
Tobago -	Oct. 1885	214	227	13	—
Tortola -	Oct. 1886	38	43	5	—
Trinidad -	Oct. 1885	4,183	4,523	330	—
Uruguay -	April 1891	507	626	119	—
Victoria -	July 1886	13,286	13,806	520	—
West African Colonies - .	Jan. 1888	7,211	8,736	1,525	—
West Australia -	Jan. 1887	7,248	7,252	4	—
Zanzibar -	Jan. 1887	529	790	270	—
Totals -		1,226,964	1,304,678	86,272	8,558
		Net Increase 77,714			

The postage was reduced in 1897-98 in the case of parcels exchanged with British East Africa, Hong Kong India, Mexico, Persia, Siam, and Zanzibar; and in 1898-99 a uniform scale of Postage was introduced in the Service with the undermentioned British Colonies, Protectorates, &c.:—Ascension, Bahamas, Barbados, British East Africa, British Honduras, Beyrout, Ceylon, Constantinople, Cyprus, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Leeward Islands, Malta, Newfoundland, Niger Coast Protectorate, St. Helena, Sarawak, Seychelles, Smyrna, Straits Settlements, Tobago, Trinidad, West African Colonies, Windward Islands, Zanzibar.

APPENDIX B.—*continued.*

PARCELS Despatched and Received during the Years ended the
the 31st March 1899—*continued.*

Number of Parcels.								Country.
Received.				Totals.				
1897-98.	1898-99.	In-crease.	De-crease.	1897-98.	1898-99.	In-crease.	De-crease.	
777,495	861,773	84,532	254	1,775,946	1,921,725	149,532	8,773	
291	305	14	—	2,079	2,083	4	—	Mauritius.
468	513	50	—	3,784	4,173	389	—	Mexico.
68	61	—	7	463	392	—	74	Montserrat.
4,705	5,448	743	—	20,805	23,706	2,900	—	Natal.
21	19	—	2	180	126	—	54	Nevis.
523	555	32	—	2,916	3,032	136	—	Newfoundland.
8,202	8,605	403	—	27,532	29,784	2,252	—	New South Wales.
4,367	3,915	—	452	21,301	23,332	2,031	—	New Zealand.
409	467	58	—	1,344	1,764	420	—	Niger Coast Protectorate.
4,979	5,137	158	—	16,930	19,060	2,109	—	Norway.
—	—	—	—	162	103	31	—	Persia.
410	554	144	—	4,555	5,264	709	—	Portugal.
2,389	2,637	248	—	8,674	9,496	822	—	Queensland.
—	—	—	—	3,931	4,149	318	—	Rhodesia.
194	240	46	—	1,075	1,417	342	—	St. Helena.
111	120	9	—	1,050	1,101	51	—	St. Kitts.
262	316	54	—	1,425	1,787	362	—	St. Lucia.
52	61	9	—	2,508	2,740	—	140	St. Pierre and Miquelon.
90	71	—	19	541	470	—	71	St. Thomas.
159	136	—	23	867	880	13	—	St. Vincent.
12	4	—	8	783	256	—	527	Salvador.
—	—	—	—	70	61	—	18	Samoa and Raratonga.
†	†	—	—	200	251	42	—	Sarawak.
816	270	—	546	1,057	520	—	537	Seychelles.
†	†	—	—	664	813	149	—	Siam.
426	436	10	—	1,852	1,829	—	23	Smyrna.
2,028	2,530	502	—	6,834	7,899	1,065	—	South Australia.
†	†	—	—	22,630	19,046	—	3,584	Spain.
5,506	6,092	586	—	11,639	13,207	1,568	—	Straits Settlements.
4,546	5,030	484	—	17,723	19,721	1,998	—	Sweden.
17,861	20,221	2,360	—	61,344	69,932	8,588	—	Switzerland.
§	§	—	—	1,138	1,290	161	—	Tangier.
514	554	40	—	3,312	3,368	56	—	Tasmania.
41	41	—	—	255	268	13	—	Tobago.
7	5	—	2	45	48	3	—	Tortola.
1,521	1,489	—	32	5,704	6,011	307	—	Trinidad.
77	99	22	—	584	725	141	—	Uruguay.
5,341	5,991	650	—	18,627	19,797	1,170	—	Victoria.
2,379	2,713	334	—	9,590	11,149	1,559	—	West African Colonies.
1,800	2,178	378	—	9,048	9,430	382	—	West Australia.
323	503	180	—	843	1,293	450	—	Zanzibar.
848,393	930,187	92,139	1,345	2,075,357	2,243,865	177,318	8,810	
Net Increase		90,794				168,508		

* 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.	Terminable.	Service commenced.
FALMOUTH and ST. MAWES and PERCULL.	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).	23 Jan. 1891	On 6 months' notice.	1 July 1889
HOLYHEAD and KINGSTOWN.	Twice a day -	Four Mail Packets specially built and maintained for the service	City of Dublin Steam Packet Company.	1 July 1895	31 Mar. 1917 or on 12 months' notice after 31 Mar. 1916.	1 Apr. 1897
LIVERPOOL and DOUGLAS (ISLE of MAN).	Once on week days. <i>See "Remarks."</i>	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 1883
PENZANCE and SCILLY	Three times a week in summer. Twice a week in winter.	Steam vessel	West Cornwall Steamship Company.	31 July 1874	On 6 months' notice.	1 Feb. 1874
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	On 6 months' notice.	1 July 1890
SCILLY, ST. MARTIN'S and ST. AGNES.	Three times a week in summer, twice in winter.	Steam launch	Mr. J. Banfield, Jr.	- - -	- - -	1 Mar. 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	On 6 months' notice.	1 June 1891
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.
70 <i>l</i> .	—	—	—	—
1,000 <i>l</i> .	- - -	- - -	- - -	The Department has the general use of the Company's vessels.
100,000 <i>l</i> . to 31 Mar. 1917. 80,000 <i>l</i> . after that date.	Outward journey (including transfer on both sides of the Channel), Sh. 37 <i>m</i> . Inward journey (including transfer), Sh. 32 <i>m</i> .	1 <i>l</i> . 14 <i>s</i> . per minute	If on any occasion vessel is not ready, penalty of 100 <i>l</i> ., and 10 <i>l</i> . per hour for every hour beyond stipulated time before vessel starts.	The payment is subject to a reduction of 2,000 <i>l</i> . in respect of the receipts from passenger traffic. It includes payment for parcel services.
4,500 <i>l</i> .	14 nautical miles an hour in summer; 12 in winter.	- - -	If on any occasion vessel is not ready P.M.G. may employ another vessel, and charge cost to the Contractors.	Separate payment at rate of 3 <i>s</i> . a cwt. for parcels. 125 <i>l</i> . per annum is also paid for transfer of Parcel Mails from the Packets at Liverpool and Douglas. There is a second service on week days during the summer season.
52 <i>l</i> . 10 <i>s</i> .	—	—	—	—
*500 <i>l</i> . and †1 <i>s</i> . 6 <i>d</i> . per basket 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. †From 1st Feb. 1899. 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.
1,400 <i>l</i> . (including payment for parcels).	25 minutes each trip.	- - -	200 <i>l</i> .	The Department has also the general use of the Companies' vessels which are constantly plying between the two places.
120 <i>l</i> .	- - -	- - -	- - -	No Contract.
6,500 <i>l</i> .	- - -	- - -	- - -	No Contract.
170 <i>l</i> .	- - -	- - -	- - -	No Contract. The Post Office has the general use of the Company's vessels.
200 <i>l</i> .	- - -	- - -	- - -	No Contract. The Post Office has the general use of the Company's vessels. This is a supplementary service to the one from Southampton.
6,000 <i>l</i> . 100 <i>l</i> . for parcels and 40 <i>l</i> . for North Isles Service.	- - -	- - -	1,000 <i>l</i> . P.M.G. to charter another vessel at Contractors' expense.	—

APPENDIX C.—continued.

Line of Communication.	How often.	Number and Character of Vessels.	Contractors.	Contract or Agreement.		
				Date of Contract.	Terminable.	Service commenced.
ARROSSAN and ABBAN.	Week days -	Steam vessel	Glasgow and South-Western Railway Company.	16 Feb. and 25 March 1892	On 6 months' notice.	1 Dec. 1891
FOULA and WALLS (SHETLAND).	Once a fortnight (Oct. to Mar.): Once a week (Apr. to Sept.).	Sailing vessel.	M. Manson and L. Gray.	19 Mar. 1896	On 6 months' notice.	1 Apr. 1896
GLASGOW and CAMPBELTOWN.	Week days -	Steam vessels	Campbeltown and Glasgow Steam Packet Company.	6 and 17 Oct. 1891.	On 3 months' notice.	1 July 1890
GREENOCK and BELFAST.	Week days -	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	Sir John Burns, Bart.	21, 22, 24, and 25 August 1893.	On 12 months' notice.	1 Aug. 1893
ARROSSAN and BELFAST.						
GREENOCK and LONDONDERRY.	Twice a week					
GREENOCK (PRINCE'S PIER) and ROTHESAY.	Week days -	Steam vessel	Glasgow and South-Western Railway Co.	24 Oct. and 3 Nov. 1893.	On 6 months' notice.	17 Oct. 1892
GREENOCK and ROTHESAY.	Week days -	Steam vessel	David MacBrayne	13 and 19 Jan. 1894.	On 6 months' notice.	17 Oct. 1892
GREENOCK and ARDRISHAIG.						
GREENOCK and LOCHGOILHEAD	Week days -	Steam vessel	Lochgoil and Loch Long Steam Boat Company.	6 and 7 June and 13 July 1892.	On 6 months' notice.	1 Feb. 1892
GREENOCK and KILMUN.	Twice on week days.	Steam vessel	Capt. Jas. Williamson, for Caledonian Steam Packet Company.	No Contract	- - -	Mar. 1899
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.	- - -	On 3 months' notice.	1 Feb. 1894
INVERNESS and FORT AUGUSTUS.	Six days a week	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	David MacBrayne	13 and 19 Jan. 1894.	On 6 months' notice.	17 Oct. 1892
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 (Thos. Work, manager).	1 Nov. 1891	On 6 months' notice.	1 Nov. 1891

APPENDIX C.—*continued.*

Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
400L.	- . .	- . .	200L.	—
78L. (2L. a trip.)	- . .	- . .	25L.	—
650L.	- . .	- . .	150L.	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.
10,000L.	- . .	- . .	2,000L.	Payment includes Parcel Service.
130L.	- . .	- . .	45L.*	Payment includes the Parcel Service. * To be recovered by way of liquidated damages and not by penalty.
2,510L.	- . .	- . .	850L.*	This payment includes 190L. for Parcel Service, and 320L. (30L. of this sum for Parcel Service) for the general use of all Mr. MacBrayne's steamers running to and from the Clyde.
300L.	- . .	- . .	100L.	The Department has general use of all this Company's steamers as run by them for traffic purposes. The payment includes the Parcel Service.
125L.	- . .	- . .	- . .	Payment includes the Parcel Service.
500L.	—	—	—	—
100L.	- . .	- . .	25L.	Payment includes Parcel Service.
210L. and 25L. for Parcel Service.	—	—	—	—
310L.	- . .	- . .	- . .	Payment includes Parcel Service.

APPENDIX C.—*continued.*

Line of Communication.	How often.	Number and Character of Vessels.	Contractors.	Contract or Agreement.		
				Date of Contract.	Terminable.	Service commenced.
KIRK WALL and BALFOUR.	Five days a week.	Steam vessel	John Reid	28 Dec. 1894 & 8 Jan. 1895.	On 3 months' notice.	1 Oct. 1894
KYLE and PORTREE.	6 days a week	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	David MacBrayne	2 & 11 Jan. 1894.	On 12 months' notice.	1 Apr. 1893
KYLE and STORNOWAY	Once a day, six days a week each way.	Steam vessel	"	1 & 13 June 1893.	On 6 months' notice.	"
LOCH TAY Steamers	Six days a week.	Steam vessels	Marquis of Breadalbane per W. J. Frazer.	- - -	- - -	- - -
MALLAIG and INVERIE (FORT WILLIAM).	Three days a week.	Sailing vessel.	John Michie	- - -	On 6 months' notice.	10 Sept. 1893
OBAN and FORT WILLIAM.	Once a day, six days a week.	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	David MacBrayne	- - -	- - -	1 Apr. 1891
OBAN and FORT WILLIAM (Parcel).	Once a day, six days a week.	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	"	- - -	- - -	1 Aug. 1894
OBAN and TOBERMORY.	Once a day, six days a week.	Steam vessel	"	1 & 13 June 1893.	On 6 months' notice.	1 Apr. 1893
OBAN 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	"	"	"	"
OBAN and DUNVEGAN, calling at Tobermory, Castlebay, Lochboisdale, and Lochmaddy.	Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.	Steam vessel.	"	"	"	"
DUNVEGAN and OBAN, calling at Loch Pooltiel, and Loch Bracadale and Tobermory; And also at Canna and Rum.	Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Tuesdays and Thursdays.					
OBAN 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 OBAN, calling at Lochboisdale and Castlebay.	Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.	Steam vessel.	"	"	"	"

APPENDIX C.—*continued.*

Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
40¢.	At rate of not less than 8 sea miles an hour.	- - -	20¢.	Payment includes Parcel Service.
650¢.	At speed of not less than 10 sea miles an hour.	20¢. for undue delay or deviation from course.	100¢.	" "
3,000¢.	At rate of 11 sea miles an hour.	20¢. for undue delay or deviation.	1,000¢.*	" "
100¢. for mails and 4¢. for parcels.	- - -	- - -	- - -	No Contract.
52¢. 2s. 10d.	- - -	- - -	- - -	"
600¢.	Out. 8 hrs. 30 mins. In. 3 hrs. 30 mins.	- - -	300¢.	"
65¢.	- - -	- - -	- - -	"
555¢.	At rate of 10 sea miles an hour.	20¢. for undue delay or deviation.	200¢.*	*To be recovered by way of liquidated damages, and not by way of penalty.
1,200¢.	"	"	500¢.*	
3,000¢.	At rate of not less than 11 sea miles an hour.	"	1,000¢.*	Payments include Parcel Services.
3,000¢.	"	"	"	

APPENDIX C.—*continued.*

Line of Communication.	How often.	Number and Character of Vessels.	Contractors.	Contract or Agreement.		
				Date of Contract.	Terminable.	Service commenced.
PORTREE, LOCH-MADDY, and DUN-VEGAN.	<i>Out.</i> — Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. <i>In.</i> — Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.	Steam vessel	David MacBrayne.	1 & 13 June 1893.	On 6 months' notice.	1 Apr. 1893
ROTHESAY and WEMYSS BAY.	Week days	Steam vessels	Caledonian Steam Packet Company, per Capt. James Williamson.	21 Nov. & 18 Dec. 1893.	"	17 Oct. 1892
SCRABSTER (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. 1890.	On 6 months' notice.	12 Feb. 1889
STRANRAER and LARNE. (<i>See below.</i>)	4 days a week	Steam vessel	R. Garden - -	14 April & 5 May 1896.	On 6 months' notice.	1 Mar. 1896
STROMNESS and SOUTH ISLES.						
TARBERT, ISLAY, and JURA.	Week days	Steam vessel	David MacBrayne	13 & 19 Jan. 1894.	On 6 months' notice.	1 Oct. 1892
GREENOCK, ISLAY, and JURA.						
VIRKIE (SHETLAND) and FAIR ISLE.	Once a fortnight.	Sailing vessel.	John Bruce, Junr.	- - -	- - -	1 Nov. 1893
WEMYSS BAY and MILLPORT.	Thrice on week days in summer and twice in winter.	Steam vessel	Caledonian Railway Co.	In general agreement with the Co.		
Ditto - -	Additional week day service in winter.	Steam vessel	Caledonian Steam Packet Company, per Capt. James Williamson.	- - -	On 6 months' notice.	1 Oct. 1896
IRELAND.						
LARNE and STRANRAER.	Week days	2 steam vessels with accommodation for sorting Mails.	Portpatrick and Wigtownshire Joint Committee.	22 Dec. 1892	On 12 months' notice.	1 Sept. 1891
GALWAY and ABBAN	3 days a week	Steam vessel	Galway Bay Steamboat Co.	- - -	- - -	27 Apr. 1894

NOTES—

1. In many cases the service commenced before the formal contract was executed.
2. In addition to the payments given in detail above, Letters, &c. are conveyed by Private Ships to and from places 1,435l. 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, Barrow, Belfast and Barrow Service - - -
3. There are also a number of small miscellaneous fixed payments for conveyance of Home Mails and for ferryage in any case 60l. a year, which have not been included in the above statement.
4. For the conveyance of Outward American Mails on Saturday by train from Euston to Holyhead and thence by Homeward American Mails by steamer from Dublin to Holyhead when required, 60l. a trip.

APPENDIX C.—continued.

Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
1,550 <i>l</i> .	At rate of not less than 10 sea miles an hour.	20 <i>l</i> . for undue delay or deviation.	500 <i>l</i> .*	Payment includes Parcel Service. * To be recovered by way of liquidated damages and not by way of penalty.
150 <i>l</i> .	- " -	- " -	75 <i>l</i> .*	Payment includes Parcel Service.
2,000 <i>l</i> .	Vessels to be capable of steaming 12 knots an hour.	20 <i>l</i> . for undue delay or deviation from course.	200 <i>l</i> . P.M.G. to charter another vessel at Contractors' expense.	" "
180 <i>l</i> .	- " -	10 <i>l</i> . for ditto.	50 <i>l</i> .	" "
300 <i>l</i> .	- " -	20 <i>l</i> . for ditto.	350 <i>l</i> .	" "
180 <i>l</i> .	- " -	- " -	- " -	No Contract. Payment is made up thus: 60 <i>l</i> . for service from 1 April to 31 October, and 10 <i>l</i> . per trip for the other 5 months.
—	—	—	—	—
200 <i>l</i> .	- " -	- " -	100 <i>l</i> .*	* To be recovered by way of liquidated damages and not by way of penalty. Payment includes Parcel Service by Company's Steamers throughout the year.
13,500 <i>l</i> .	- " -	- " -	- " -	This amount includes also payment for Railway Services between Carlisle and Stranraer, Larne and Belfast, and Larne and Derry.
60 <i>l</i> .	—	—	—	—

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

about 750*l*. a year.
 " 270*l*. "
 " 270*l*. "
 and Ardrossan " 110*l*. "
 " 55*l*. "

(including various payments for the conveyance of Mails in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland), not exceeding steamer to Dublin, the London and North-Western Railway Company receives 3,650*l*. a year, and for the conveyance of

APPENDIX E.

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

Year.	Towns having One Mail only.		Towns having Two Mails.		Towns having Three Mails.		Towns having Four Mails.		Towns having Five Mails.		Towns having Six Mails.		Towns having Seven Mails.		Towns having Eight Mails.		Aggregate No. of Mails.		Total No. of Post Towns in England and Wales.
	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	
1897-98	1	16	34	124	160	183	241	157	107	82	56	40	17	19	9	8	2,587	2,935	628
1898-99	1	11	28	110	135	172	213	169	124	94	54	43	16	19	9	12	2,622	2,380	630
Increase	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	17	12	-	3	-	-	-	4	85	158	-
Decrease	-	5	6	14	5	10	1	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	50	63	-
																	35	95	
																	Net Increase -		

APPENDIX F.

Staff of Officers.

Totals 31 Mar. 1898.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Ireland.		Scotland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar. 1899.
		Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	
1	Postmaster General - -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
11	Secretary, Second Secretary, Comptroller and Accountant General, Assistant Secre- taries, Secretary for Ireland and Secretary for Scotland.	9	—	1	—	1	—	11	—	11
79	Higher Division Clerks (Secre- tary's Office) and other Superior Officers in Metro- politan Offices.	60	1	4	—	4	—	77	1	78
16	Surveyors - - - -	10	—	3	—	3	—	16	—	16
913	Head Postmasters : Metropolitan - - - Provinces - - -	11 541	— 88	— 93	— 31	1 115	— 33	} 701	162	913
19,718	Sub-Postmasters : Metropolitan - - - Provinces - - -	706 10,765	147 3,876	64 1,742	81 883	46 1,295	13 700			
7,007	Clerks and Superintending Officers : Metropolitan - - - Provinces - - -	3,143 2,013	1,001 98	183 106	35 5	155 257	38 15	} 5,557	1,792	7,649
25,724	Counter Clerks and Tele- graphists, Sorters, Sorting Clerks and Telegraphists, and Telegraphists : Metropolitan - - - Provinces - - -	8,745 8,406	2,256 2,318	648 679	99 297	486 1,218	112 587			
30,829	Mechanics, Porters, Postmen, &c. : Metropolitan - - - Provinces - - -	8,173 19,141	— 9	359 1,667	— —	492 2,912	— 2	} 32,744	11	32,755
63,301	Persons employed in un- established positions, viz., Assistants to Postmasters, Auxiliaries, Boy Messengers, Copyists, Commissionaires, Female Servants, Tele- graph Construction Hands, &c. : Metropolitan - - - Provinces - - -	11,034 30,483	1,647 12,885	616 6,119	182 1,610	437 4,812	181 1,828			
9	Postmasters and Clerks, &c. abroad (under direction of the Postmaster General) and agents in Foreign Countries for collection of postage, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	9
150,110	Totals - - -	103,252	25,426	12,234	3,228	12,234	3,500	127,770	32,163	159,942

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

	Number of Deaths during the Twelve Months ended December 31, 1898.									
	Chief Office.		Metro-politan Districts.		Pro-vinces.		Scotland.		Ireland.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
I.—SIMPLE FEBRILE OR ZYMOTIC DISEASE.										
1. Miasmatic disease :										
Typhoid - - -	1	-	3	-	5	-	-	-	3	-
Scarlet fever - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Influenza - - -	4	-	2	-	6	1	1	-	-	-
2. Septic diseases :										
Pyæmia - - -	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Erysipelas - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
II.—CONSTITUTION DISEASES.										
Cancer - - -	3	1	3	-	2	-	3	-	-	-
Phthisis and hæmoptysis - -	11	1	6	-	23	-	13	-	8	-
Tuberculosis - - -	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rheumatic fever - - -	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Diabetes - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Glandular disease - - -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
III.—LOCAL DISEASES.										
1. Disease of nervous system :										
Apoplexy - - -	-	-	-	-	6	-	1	-	1	-
Inflammation of brain - -	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1
Paralysis - - -	2	-	1	-	1	-	2	-	1	-
Epilepsy - - -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebral tumour and abscess -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tetanus - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Mental derangement - -	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
2. Diseases of circulatory system :										
Disease of the heart - -	4	-	5	-	8	-	1	1	1	-
Disease of the blood vessels -	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syncope - - -	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
3. Diseases of respiratory system :										
Bronchitis - - -	3	-	3	-	9	-	-	-	1	-
Pneumonia - - -	5	-	2	-	13	-	-	-	2	-
Congestion of lungs - -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Asthma - - -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Laryngitis - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Pleurisy - - -	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Carried forward -	41	2	35	-	87	1	24	2	17	1

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

		Number of Deaths during the Twelve Months ended December 31, 1898.									
		Chief Office.		Metro-politan Districts.		Pro-vinces.		Scotland.		Ireland.	
		Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
	Brought forward -	41	2	35	-	87	1	24	2	17	1
4.	Diseases of digestive system :										
	Ulcer of stomach -	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	Appendicitis -	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
	Enteritis -	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	Hernia, strangulated -	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
	Peritonitis -	-	1	-	-	2	-	3	-	-	-
	Disease of liver -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	Other diseases of digestive system.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.	Diseases of urinary system :										
	Bright's disease -	-	-	1	-	5	-	1	-	1	-
	Renal calculus -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IV.--DEATHS FROM VIOLENCE.											
	Operations for cure of disease -	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Accidents -	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
	Drowned -	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	Suicide -	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
V.--ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED CASES.											
	Tumour -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not classified	Chill -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	Pernicious anæmia -	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	Skin disease -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Ear disease -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Syphilis -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Sudden death -	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Perineal abscess -	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
	Totals -	49	4	46	-	107	1	32	2	18	1

APPENDIX F.—*continued.***Table giving Causes of Retirement from the Service.**

	Number of Persons retired during the Twelve Months ended December 31, 1898.									
	Chief Office.		Metro-politan Districts.		Pro-vinces.		Scotland.		Ireland.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
Paralysis - - -	11	-	4	-	6	1	-	-	-	-
Vertigo - - -	3	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Softening of brain - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Epilepsy - - -	3	1	3	-	3	-	-	-	1	-
Mental derangement - - -	7	-	5	-	13	1	3	-	1	-
Nervous debility - - -	6	5	6	1	13	3	-	-	-	-
Diabetes - - -	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Heart disease - - -	6	3	11	-	18	2	-	1	3	-
Varicose veins - - -	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Abscess - - -	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Phthisis and Hæmoptysis - - -	20	2	13	-	30	3	10	-	5	-
Tuberculosis - - -	5	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Hæmorrhoids - - -	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Chronic bronchitis - - -	1	1	9	2	17	1	1	-	1	-
Asthma - - -	2	-	2	-	7	1	-	-	1	-
Liver disease - - -	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Kidney disease - - -	1	1	-	-	8	-	2	-	1	-
Eye disease - - -	4	2	2	2	2	1	1	-	3	-
Ear disease - - -	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Influenza - - -	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-
Ague - - -	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Ulcer of stomach - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Chronic rheumatism and sciatica	3	2	10	1	29	-	1	1	2	-
Gout - - -	5	-	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Carried forward -	82	19	72	7	165	14	20	2	20	-

APPENDIX F.—*continued.***Table giving Causes of Retirement from the Service**
—*continued.*

			Number of Persons retired during the Twelve Months ended December 31, 1898.									
			Chief Office.		Metro-politan Districts.		Pro-vinces.		Scotland.		Ireland.	
			Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
Brought forward	-	-	82	19	72	7	165	14	20	2	20	-
Apoplexy	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Chronic synovitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	-
Hip disease	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Tumour	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Flat feet and weak ankles	-	-	-	-	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Skin disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
Hammer toes and bunions	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Dropsy	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Accidents	-	-	-	-	2	-	8	-	-	-	1	-
Hernia	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	1	-
Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
General debility	-	-	2	18	-	-	8	3	-	1	3	2
Senile decay	-	-	8	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Spinal disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Dyspepsia	-	-	5	-	2	-	6	-	1	-	1	-
Quinsy (recurrent)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Suicide (attempted)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Hydrocele	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Goitre	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-
Aneurism	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Other causes	-	-	3	1	5	1	6	1	-	-	-	-
Totals	-	-	100	38	91	8	227	19	22	3	29	2

APPENDIX G.

Returned Postal Packets.

A COMPARATIVE STATEMENT showing the Numbers of UNDELIVERED LETTERS and received in the RETURNED LETTER OFFICES; also the Numbers of UNDELIVERED and the Year ended

Returned Letter Office.	Letters received.		Letters re-issued to corrected Addresses, or returned to the Senders.		Letters returned unopened to Foreign Countries.		Letters which could neither be delivered to the Addressee nor returned to the Senders.	
	1897-98.	1898-99.	1897-98.	1898-99.	1897-98.	1898-99.	1897-98.	1898-99.
LONDON - -	3,213,129	3,397,233	2,623,693	2,841,271	174,991	185,516	414,445	370,446
MANCHESTER -	413,895	401,876	322,816	303,524	13,679	16,366	77,400	51,986
LIVERPOOL -	302,209	348,912	257,701	293,607	16,808	18,230	27,700	36,873
BIRMINGHAM -	311,484	293,673	287,622	263,245	6,752	8,387	17,110	22,041
LEWIS - -	250,863	298,986	211,333	254,397	9,950	12,819	29,580	31,770
BRISTOL - -	358,967	331,204	296,632	322,456	14,611	16,277	47,724	42,471
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.	142,417	173,062	117,978	141,793	7,802	10,232	16,047	21,047
NOTTINGHAM -	189,539	232,153	174,393	206,067	5,566	6,432	19,530	19,054
PLYMOUTH -	57,722	58,800	48,580	50,048	3,978	3,622	5,164	5,130
EDINBURGH -	211,611	212,073	185,025	196,776	8,710	9,043	17,876	16,254
GLASGOW - -	153,903	202,054	134,152	179,682	6,407	7,947	13,344	14,425
ABERDEEN -	25,977	30,443	22,487	25,601	1,095	1,891	2,303	2,951
INVERNESS -	15,215	17,062	13,746	15,133	541	538	923	1,391
DUBLIN - -	194,175	208,165	163,234	179,425	8,857	9,305	22,084	19,435
BELFAST - -	58,159	67,454	49,045	56,898	2,864	3,095	7,250	7,461
CORK - -	32,932	36,065	29,161	30,887	2,826	2,641	945	2,537
Totals for Re- turned Letter Offices - -	5,942,197	6,419,215	4,936,498	5,441,600	235,527	312,341	720,172	665,274
Dealt with in Head Post Offices - -	1,756,843	2,134,721	1,756,843	2,134,721	—	—	—	—
General Totals of Undelivered Correspondence	7,699,040	8,553,936	6,693,341	7,576,321	235,527	312,341	720,172	665,274
Increase - -	854,893		882,980		26,814		—	
Decrease -	—		—		—		54,898	

APPENDIX G.

Returned Postal Packets.

PARCELS received and disposed of, and the Numbers of POSTAL PACKETS of other Classes POSTAL PACKETS dealt with in HEAD POST OFFICES, in the Year ended 31st March 1898, 31st March 1899.

Post Cards received.		Book Packets received.		Newspapers received.		Parcels received.		Parcels re-issued to the Addressees or returned to the Senders.		Returned Letter Office.
1897-98.	1898-99.	1897-98.	1898-99.	1897-98.	1898-99.	1897-98.	1898-99.	1897-98.	1898-99.	
79,820	92,316	596,977	600,055	207,500	224,897	67,181	72,123	44,801	47,942	LONDON.
37,278	22,873	104,816	96,428	4,157	3,409	6,844	7,176	4,152	4,313	MANCHESTER.
16,533	11,457	65,591	57,994	6,385	6,718	4,460	4,581	2,532	2,842	LIVERPOOL.
62,064	11,767	341,837	58,566	8,687	2,018	5,492	5,223	3,916	3,696	BIRMINGHAM.
8,820	8,477	57,594	50,671	1,627	1,848	4,275	4,125	2,213	2,349	LEEDS.
10,264	10,620	55,827	59,369	3,105	2,831	7,698	7,390	4,141	4,596	BRISTOL.
9,702	11,183	43,618	47,476	1,439	1,338	2,404	2,587	1,379	1,403	NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
9,481	10,567	43,241	45,682	1,265	1,466	3,782	4,370	2,205	2,507	NOTTINGHAM.
1,133	1,363	6,408	5,416	426	448	1,153	1,251	634	683	PLYMOUTH.
34,929	36,295	157,208	149,704	11,866	11,207	5,117	5,212	3,938	3,536	EDINBURGH.
19,600	9,741	37,049	46,859	5,694	6,429	3,595	4,336	2,913	3,419	GLASGOW.
4,690	5,419	9,172	15,222	539	670	587	622	376	378	ABERDEEN.
338	414	2,812	2,906	347	345	323	394	169	218	INVERNESS.
1,134	2,469	12,845	16,983	6,563	5,522	6,634	6,317	3,350	3,504	DUBLIN.
1,427	1,477	9,133	14,253	1,580	1,656	1,050	1,147	582	706	BELFAST.
1,550	1,426	3,825	7,023	1,274	1,509	656	589	327	276	CORK.
298,553	237,854	1,547,963	1,298,436	262,454	272,311	121,231	127,436	77,628	82,460	Totals for Returned Letter Offices. Dealt with in Head Post Offices.
995,663	1,149,230	10,072,391	10,033,170	271,686	291,311	54,444	61,401	54,444	61,401	
1,294,216	1,387,084	11,620,374	11,301,606	534,120	553,622	175,675	188,837	132,072	143,861	General Totals of Undelivered Correspondence.
92,968	—	—	—	19,502	—	13,162	—	11,789	—	Increase.
—	—	318,768	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	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	11,892,098	6,700,504	18,092,602	2,490,776	1,588,489	22,171,867
1878-79	11,592,899	8,830,019	20,422,918	2,477,003	1,559,854	24,459,775
1879-80	12,392,996	9,854,566	22,247,562	2,704,574	1,595,001	26,547,137
1880-81	13,456,555	11,176,459	24,633,014	3,042,291	1,736,677	29,411,982
1881-82	14,204,479	12,071,034	26,275,513	3,207,994	1,862,354	31,345,861
1882-83	14,554,015	12,374,707	26,928,722	3,244,202	1,919,102	32,092,026
1883-84	14,920,413	12,686,433	27,606,846	3,299,428	1,936,846	32,843,120
1884-85	15,195,618	12,930,876	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	7,077,388	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	8,095,581	4,307,480	78,839,610
1896-97	40,305,002	26,645,407	66,950,409	8,094,360	4,378,787	79,423,556
1897-98	42,542,109	27,419,241	69,961,350	8,463,393	4,605,256	83,029,999
1898-99	44,781,460	28,468,242	73,249,702	9,064,629	4,729,321	87,043,652

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 1897-98 and 1898-99; and the Increase in each Month of the latter Year over the corresponding Month of the former Year.

Month.	Number of Telegrams.		Increase.
	1897-98.	1898-99.	
April - - -	6,583,304	7,161,867	578,563
May - - -	6,972,607	7,406,802	434,195
June - - -	7,553,988	7,693,712	139,724
July - - -	8,087,813	8,090,764	2,951
August - - -	7,724,690	8,147,823	423,133
September - - -	7,395,673	7,770,997	375,324
October - - -	7,111,487	7,459,100	347,613
November - - -	6,658,165	6,958,512	300,347
December - - -	6,818,194	6,681,364	363,170
January - - -	6,133,897	6,420,520	286,623
February - - -	5,736,420	6,100,497	364,077
March - - -	6,753,761	7,151,694	397,933
	88,029,999	87,043,652	4,013,653

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 1890	- - -	£ s. d. 15,495 9 6½	£ s. d. 3,851 2 7	£ s. d. 626 17 4½	£ s. d. 36,328 19 1
" " 1891	- - -	15,906 12 10	3,610 16 7	76 12 11	36,380 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 13 1
" " 1896	- - -	17,983 7 1	3,674 9 8	96 14 6	44,045 10 11
" " 1897	- - -	18,474 2 7½	3,570 5 9½	139 16 2	44,904 11 6
" " 1898	- - -	16,927 12 6½	3,297 8 5	162 3 2½	41,371 3 8
" " 1899	- - -	18,145 12 4	3,453 18 10	†6,564 4 8	55,749 6 2

* Including a sum of 7,456l. 5s. in respect of Coast Communications.

† " " 6,419l. 0s. " "

TABLE showing the BUSINESS done during the last TEN YEARS.

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

TABLE showing the under-mentioned particulars of the BUSINESS for each YEAR since the passing of the SAVINGS BANK ACT, 1893, in continuation of PARLIAMENTARY PAPER No. 362 of 1896.

	Year ending 31st December				
	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.
Total number of depositors -	6,108,763	6,453,597	6,862,035	7,239,761	7,630,502
Total number of deposits -	10,978,651	11,384,977	12,638,807	13,012,985	13,757,244
Average amount of each deposit account -	14 <i>l.</i> 12 <i>s.</i> 3 <i>d.</i>	15 <i>l.</i> 3 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i>	15 <i>l.</i> 15 <i>s.</i> 1 <i>d.</i>	16 <i>l.</i> 0 <i>s.</i> 2 <i>d.</i>	16 <i>l.</i> 2 <i>s.</i> 9 <i>d.</i>
Average sum paid in -	2 <i>l.</i> 15 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i>	2 <i>l.</i> 16 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i>	2 <i>l.</i> 17 <i>s.</i> 5 <i>d.</i>	2 <i>l.</i> 14 <i>s.</i> 11 <i>d.</i>	2 <i>l.</i> 14 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i>
Average sum drawn out -	6 <i>l.</i> 3 <i>s.</i> 1 <i>d.</i>	6 <i>l.</i> 5 <i>s.</i> 8 <i>d.</i>	6 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i> 5 <i>d.</i>	6 <i>l.</i> 11 <i>s.</i> 2 <i>d.</i>	6 <i>l.</i> 12 <i>s.</i> 11 <i>d.</i>
Total number of persons who have deposited in single sums the entire amount allowed to be deposited in each year -	35,850	48,500	54,700	53,500	54,000

**‘ APPENDIX J.—continued.
Post Office Savings Bank—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 Stock Certificates obtained.	Number of Transfers to the Bank of England.	Amount of Money Invested.	Amount of Commission.	Amount of Bank of England fees.	Amount of Stock bought.	Average amount of each purchase of Stock.	Amount of Stock sold.	Average amount of each sale of Stock.	Amount realised by sale of Stock.	Amount of Stock Certificates obtained.	Amount of Transfers to the Bank of England.	Amount of Stock transferred from old Savings Banks.	Amount of Stock transferred to old Savings Banks.	Number of Dividends credited to Stockholders.	Amount of Dividends credited to Stockholders.	Amount of Stock remaining to credit of Stockholders at close of the Year.	Average amount of Stock remaining to credit of each Stock Account at close of the Year.
1880*	11,261	7,592	46,998	19,766	11,882	27	136	985,552	2,108	8	1,005,986	50 15 3	605,359	50 18 11	535,631	3,450	21,551	18,154	760	171,270	114,460	4,175,634	88 17 1
1890	14,008	10,536	51,063	22,385	12,096	28	204	1,069,257	2,332	12	1,125,310	50 5 5	590,307	46 17 0	573,168	4,000	37,400	6,919	271	159,109	118,326	4,980,168†	91 13 1
1891	11,516	7,494	55,065	20,841	12,500	29	238	969,236	2,332	9	1,092,310	49 3 11	607,837	46 12 2	583,658	3,850	42,778	36,991	438	207,970	131,913	5,087,766	92 7 3
1892	14,110	8,356	60,539	23,976	13,727	37	360	1,254,368	2,745	7	1,264,104	52 14 5	669,355	50 2 11	668,355	3,700	67,417	6,776	134	223,538	142,760	5,599,093	92 0 7
1893	17,185	8,968	69,131	29,998	15,293	26	427	1,533,027	3,218	13	1,544,006	62 14 4	711,668	46 11 1	704,329	3,100	73,990	9,036	540	251,625	160,270	6,364,404	92 1 3
1894	13,188	11,015	71,304	23,532	18,315	12	159	1,650,575	3,227	8	1,625,074	69 1 8	973,091	53 8 0	963,459	1,350	22,774	41,220	976	279,352	183,179	7,025,197	96 11 4
1895	9,725	12,060	68,949	18,090	19,068	17	164	1,185,720	2,837	0	1,112,568	61 10 0	1,103,390	59 7 2	1,285,401	3,100	27,611	4,477	633	292,069	108,003	8,340,948	100 16 0
1896	10,175	10,947	68,177	16,912	17,955	8	148	1,065,373	2,608	6	967,634	57 4 7	1,107,837	61 15 2	1,221,390	1,400	26,573	110,354	635	275,203	192,134	8,907,891	101 1 9
1897	9,139	8,203	69,113	16,635	13,769	10	144	1,078,949	2,227	13	967,142	57 2 2	795,686	57 16 11	891,267	1,700	26,511	1,710	482	273,592	191,684	7,033,564	101 15 4
1898	10,366	7,408	72,071	20,162	12,567	19	191	1,303,690	2,423	3	1,183,069	58 13 6	714,365	56 16 9	757,896	2,200	26,715	1,133	392	290,666	126,991	7,462,134	103 10 9

* In 1890, 855 persons holding 59,974. Redemption money under the provisions of the National Debt Redemption Act, 1889, were paid off and 4,014½ of the amount was reinvested free of Commission in one or other of the new Government Stocks.

† In April 1890 the residue of Redemption money, amounting to 246,523½, was re-invested in 2½ per cent. Consolidated Stock at 98, this being the final operation connected with the Convention Scheme. The balance of Stock was thus increased by 4,074½.

APPENDIX J.—continued.

Post Office Savings Bank—continued.

ANNUITIES AND LIFE INSURANCES.

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

Year.	ANNUITIES.						LIFE INSURANCES.					
	Immediate.			Deferred.			Contracts entered into.		Receipts.		Payments.	
	Contracts entered into.		Payments.		Contracts entered into.		Receipts.		Payments.		Amount of Claims on Death and Surrender.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1880	988	28,381	292,846	17,537	183,140	131	2,888	984	11,464	343	4,097	7,473
1890	948	21,956	273,578	17,976	206,422	116	2,527	914	14,283	412	4,644	6,941
1891	968	23,673	296,882	18,195	217,595	142	2,183	959	12,578	475	6,341	8,561
1892	1,157	28,155	355,723	18,523	230,370	214	4,283	1,096	15,360	478	6,932	7,354
1893	1,420	35,746	461,999	19,344	261,474	159	3,091	1,297	16,148	535	8,070	9,286
1894	1,565	41,405	540,377	20,418	275,243	164	3,772	1,283	17,202	600	9,130	9,641
1895	1,898	49,816	665,363	21,911	305,712	169	4,033	1,300	23,863	646	8,957	9,861
1896	2,293	60,905	825,713	23,820	347,126	202	4,178	1,317	25,356	719	8,746	9,578
1897	2,061	56,237	756,433	26,057	392,285	207	4,009	1,368	24,112	827	10,997	10,050
1898	2,065	55,753	750,354	27,963	432,761	164	3,628	1,374	23,576	864	10,690	11,673

* New Tables of Life Insurance Premiums introduced 1st February 1896.

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 1898, and the Number and Amount of Contracts in existence on the 31st December 1898.

	CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO				TOTAL.	
	From 17 April 1865 to 31 December 1897.		From 1 Jan. 1898 to 31 December 1898.			
	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 1898, viz.:—						
Immediate Annuities - -	30,646	616,717 0 4	2,065	55,752 19 6	32,711	672,469 19 10
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - -	981	17,340 15 0	72	1,320 14 8	1,053	18,661 9 8
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - -	1,999	43,410 16 0	92	2,395 14 6	2,091	45,716 10 6
Contracts for Sums payable at Death entered into from the commencement of business on the 17th April 1865 to the 31st December 1898 - - - -	17,914	1,135,337 17 1	731	42,553 17 2	18,645	1,177,891 14 3
Contracts for Annuities in existence on the 31st December 1898, viz.:—						
Immediate Annuities - -	-	-	-	-	19,061	466,426 8 2
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - -	-	-	-	-	916	16,048 12 2
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - -	-	-	-	-	1,181	25,849 9 6
Contracts for Sums payable at Death, in existence on the 31st December 1898 - - -	-	-	-	-	11,473	699,568 0 1

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 1898, 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 1898, 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. 1898.			Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the Year.					
STOCKS:			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
2½ per cent. Consols - - -			77,380,718	18	11	85,892,598	0	0	502,954	1	6
2½ per cents. - - -			8,969,170	15	8	9,361,572	0	0	53,010	14	6
Local Loans 3 per cent. Stock -			11,037,690	5	1	12,182,851	0	0	78,283	12	4
2½ per cent. Annuities (1906) -			135,000	0	0	140,400	0	0	877	13	9
2½ per cent. Guaranteed Land Stock			500,000	0	0	555,000	0	0	6,537	12	9
BOOK DEBT, per Act 55 & 56 Vict. c. 26.			10,200,000	0	0	10,200,000	0	0	66,313	17	2
BILLS AND BONDS:											
Treasury Bills - - - -			280,000	0	0	277,166	0	0	1,014	15	9
Egyptian Guaranteed 3 per cent. Bonds			619,100	0	0	653,150	0	0	—		
Greek Guaranteed 2½ per cent. Bonds			1,137,400	0	0	1,137,400	0	0	—		
Canada Guaranteed 4 per cent. Bonds			30,000	0	0	31,500	0	0	—		
Irish Land Commission Bonds -			850,000	0	0	850,000	0	0	—		
ANNUITIES FOR TERMS OF YEARS:											
Converted Annuity, per 46 & 47 Vict. c. 54, s. 5, and 48 & 49 Vict. c. 43. }			321,918	0	0	(a) 1,786,608	0	0	—		
Savings Bank Annuities, per 46 & 47 Vict. c. 54, 48 & 49 Vict. c. 43, and 50 & 51 Vict. c. 18. }			699,322	0	0	(a & b) 2,542,066	0	0	—		
Irish Church Annuity, per 32 & 33 Vict. c. 42, and 44 & 45 Vict. c. 71. }			138,800	0	0	(a) 231,637	0	0	—		
Conversion, 1884, Annuity, per 47 Vict. c. 2, s. 2 }			35,121	0	0	(a) 163,119	0	0	—		
Permanent Charges Redemption Annuity, per 46 Vict. c. 1, s. 2 }			6,308	8	6	(a) 23,952	0	0	—		
Red Sea and India Telegraph Annuity, per 25 & 26 Vict. c. 29. }			3,100	0	0	(a) 21,800	0	0	—		
Imperial Defence Annuities, per 51 & 52 Vict. c. 32. }			60,431	16	0	(a) 118,239	0	0	—		
Russian - Dutch Loan Annuity, per 54 & 55 Vict. c. 26. }			35,176	18	0	(a) 250,544	0	0	—		
Telegraph Annuities, per 55 & 56 Vict. c. 59 and 59 & 60 Vict. c. 40. }			74,660	1	0	(a) 869,683	0	0	—		
Light Railways Annuities, per 54 & 55 Vict. c. 24, s. 4 }			64,190	16	0	(a) 300,704	0	0	—		
Barracks Annuities, per 53 & 54 Vict. c. 25. }			13,576	17	0	(a) 136,928	0	0	—		
Pensions Commutation Annuities, per 34 & 35 Vict. c. 26. }			49,583	2	0	(a) 191,726	0	0	—		
Carried forward - - -						127,921,843	0	0	709,292	7	9

(a) Value, inclusive of interest, to 31st December 1898.

(b) Cash value (at the price of Consols on 31st December 1898) of the amount of 2½ per cent. Consols, estimated to have been unreplaced at 31st December 1898, 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. 1898.			Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the Year.		
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	
Brought forward - - -	-	-	127,021,843	0 0		709,292	7 9	
ANNUITIES, &c.—<i>cont.</i>								
Indian Army Pension Deficiency Fund Annuities, per 48 & 49 Vict. c. 67, s. 5 (2), and 59 & 60 Vict. c. 28, s. 37 - - -	137,684	14 4	(a) 738,600	0 0		—		
Uganda Railway Annuity, per 59 & 60 Vict. c. 33. - - -	7,402	15 0	(a) 141,407	0 0		—		
ADVANCES, in respect of which Annuities had not been granted at 31st December 1898:								
Under Pensions Commutation Act, 34 & 35 Vict. c. 36. - -	37,013	3 0	37,013	0 0		626	3 5	
" Barracks Act, 1890, 53 & 54 Vict. c. 25 - - -	520,000	0 0	520,000	0 0		6,973	14 0	
" Telegraph Acts, 55 & 56 Vict. c. 59, and 59 & 60 Vict. c. 40. - - -	180,000	0 0	180,000	0 0		1,423	10 5	
" Public Offices (Acquisition of Site) Act, 1895, Session 2, 59 Vict. c. 5. - -	345,000	0 0	345,000	0 0		2,729	5 7	
" British Museum (Purchase of Land) Act, 1894, 57 & 58 Vict. c. 34. - -	200,000	0 0	200,000	0 0		1,418	9 6	
TEMPORARY ADVANCES to Local Loans Fund - - -	2,135,000	0 0	2,135,000	0 0		12,034	7 5	
			£132,218,863	0 0		734,498	7 1	
Add—Value of Securities - - -						132,218,863	0 0	
Cash balance in Bank of England - - -						264,929	3 1	
						£ 133,218,290	10 2	

(a) Value, inclusive of interest, to 31st December 1898.

National Debt Office,
20th May 1899.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 1898, 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 1898, 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 1898 (including interest)	123,144,099	15 1	Value of Securities according to the average price of the day on 31 Dec. 1898	132,953,361	7 1
Amount of expenses remaining unpaid (partly estimated)	25,443	15 3	Amount of cash in hands of Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt	264,029	3 1
Surplus of Assets over Liabilities	10,705,508	7 4	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	375,640	9 1
			Less—Amount required to meet Warrants issued to Depositors but not cashed on 31st December 1898	91,531	1 7
			Value of the Central Savings Bank Premises	-	-
				370,000	0 0
	£			133,872,069	17 8
		133,872,099 17 8			

Total amount received from Depositors, including interest, to 31st December 1898 £ 502,349,083 5 8
Total amount repaid to Depositors to 31st December 1898 £ 439,203,983 10 7

Number of Transactions.		Number of Accounts.	
Deposits.	Withdrawals.	Opened.	Closed.
203,010,138	71,304,129	24,321,586	16,601,064
			Remaining Open.
			7,630,502

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 1898 was 274,314,307.

The sums of 126,379l. 14s. 11d., 147,116l. 18s. 0d., 77,787l. 19s. 1d., 125,245l. 4s. 11d., 144,879l. 3s. 11d., 145,799l. 10s. 1d., 183,189l. 0s. 1d., 93,792l. 10s. 2d., 93,040l. 11s. 5d., 64,692l. 15s. 11d., 67,001l. 13s. 9d., 78,805l. 8s. 9d., 72,493l. 1s. 8d., 36,050l. 9s. 4d., 65,692l. 12s. 2d., 61,171l. 10s. 2d., 26,927l. 4s. 2d., 36,100l. 5s. 10d., 3,894l. 10s. 3d., and 16,983l. 2s. 11d. have been paid into the Exchequer out of the funds of the Post Office Savings Banks in the years 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, and 1896 respectively under sec. 14 of the Act 40 Vict. c. 13, being the excess of interest which had accrued during the years 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, and 1895. In the year 1898 there was a deficiency of 6,162l. and in 1897 of 9,537l. The sum of £20,247l. the cost of the site of the Savings Bank buildings in Queen Victoria Street, and 142,940l. towards the cost of the buildings, have been paid for out of the funds of the Post Office Savings Bank.

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.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.
1890-90	9,027,750	23,533,417	Decrease. 2.1	483,102	1,631,616	6.6	893,329	2,300,872	4.5	10,374,144	27,166,905	Decrease. 1.3
1890-91	8,964,463	23,997,767	1.8	468,718	1,653,103	3.4	927,651	2,312,018	3.8	10,360,832	27,987,887	1.1
1891-92	8,906,576	24,383,569	Increase. .4	479,626	1,655,081	2.3	900,428	2,339,964	3.5	10,346,630	28,429,634	Increase. .8
1892-93	8,963,032	24,618,590	.6	485,986	1,683,330	1.3	903,950	2,429,812	3.4	10,442,918	28,683,951	.9
1893-94	9,027,284	24,575,056	Decrease. .1	515,476	1,767,701	6.1	961,364	2,375,092	Decrease. 1.2	10,524,774	28,720,329	Decrease. .7
1894-95	9,190,304	24,953,533	Increase. 1.5	518,562	1,771,818	.5	976,340	2,337,777	.5	10,683,206	28,923,127	1.5
1895-96	9,334,296	25,152,226	1.5	539,796	1,773,579	4.1	1,096,881	2,366,002	Increase. 5.1	10,900,963	29,726,817	Increase. 4.7
1896-97	9,314,022	25,919,853	Decrease. .2	573,135	1,906,661	6.1	1,034,460	2,425,573	.7	10,921,617	30,240,067	1.7
1897-98	8,429,609	27,494,145	Increase. 1.2	567,315	1,842,871	Decrease. 1.1	1,131,334	2,777,563	9.3	11,128,268	32,114,579	14.6
1898-99	8,721,647	28,604,078	3.1	593,414	1,859,307	Increase. 4.6	1,160,140	2,816,132	2.5	11,475,301	33,273,517	1.3

APPENDIX K.—continued.

Money Orders—continued.

INLAND ORDERS.																		
Year.	ENGLAND AND WALES.					SCOTLAND.					IRELAND.				UNITED KINGDOM.			
	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.
1889-90	7,385,362	19,546,374	3·2	1·4	25·3	1,068,457	2,501,572	Dec. 1·	3·2	26·	563,941	1,293,471	Dec. 4·	1·2	9,087,750	23,383,417	Dec. 3·1	1·6
1890-91	7,268,248	20,044,082	1·7	2·5	25·06	1,045,048	2,546,719	2·1	1·8	25·9	551,187	1,300,966	2·2	1·8	8,864,483	23,897,767	1·8	3·4
1891-92	7,342,299	20,471,068	1·	2·1	25·	1,021,698	2,573,466	2·2	1·	25·1	542,579	1,339,045	1·5	2·4	8,906,576	24,383,669	·4	3·
1892-93	7,391,775	20,658,172	·6	·9	24·9	1,032,082	2,605,839	2·1	1·3	25·2	539,175	1,354,708	·6	1·1	8,963,032	24,618,869	·6	·9
1893-94	7,453,054	20,647,160	1·2	·06	24·9	1,008,662	2,564,601	2·2	1·3	24·4	536,218	1,363,975	·5	·6	9,027,584	24,575,088	·7	1·
1894-95	7,663,766	21,040,022	2·3	1·9	25·4	994,834	2,549,397	1·3	·5	23·9	536,714	1,363,913	·09	·04	9,190,304	24,963,533	1·7	1·5
1895-96	7,778,115	21,539,006	1·5	2·3	25·3	1,017,320	2,571,839	2·2	4·7	24·2	538,861	1,371,391	Dec. 4·	·5	9,354,296	25,583,236	1·6	3·5
1896-97	7,784,344	21,851,263	·08	1·4	25·1	992,426	2,666,071	2·4	·1	23·5	537,293	1,401,869	Dec. 2·3	2·2	9,314,022	25,919,863	Dec. 1·3	·2
1897-98	7,914,955	22,211,325	1·6	6·3	25·3	967,740	2,772,746	2·4	3·9	23·7	547,614	1,510,174	Inc. 1·9	7·7	9,429,609	27,494,145	Inc. 1·2	6·
1898-99	8,166,871	24,121,376	3·1	3·9	25·9	1,003,138	2,911,860	3·6	5·	23·6	568,638	1,570,942	2·	4·	9,731,647	28,604,078	3·1	4·

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 1899.*

	Number.	Amount.
		£
Admiralty, Bills Branch - - -	35,062	116,952
" Greenwich Hospital - - -	4,922	5,732
" Naval Allotments - - -	845,657	504,943
" " Pensions - - -	126,320	914,988
Board of Trade, Bankruptcy - - -	71,118	43,046
" " Pensions - - -	5,676	5,148
Civil Service Commission - - -	1,129	3,776
Education Office, England - - -	10,194	98,780
" " Scotland - - -	474	4,707
India Office - - -	1,573	6,303
Inland Revenue - - -	258,210	730,695
Metropolitan Police - - -	14,034	197,156
Office of Works - - -	4,635	17,073
Science and Art Department - - -	1,699	5,634
War Office - - -	622,144	2,315,134
Excise Duties - - -	566,761	1,237,901
Legacy and Succession Duties - - -	7,673	43,714
Public Works, Ireland - - -	255	874
	1,877,536	6,252,056

* 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.

COLONIAL ORDERS.													
Year.	ISSUED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.				ISSUED IN THE COLONIES.				TOTAL.				
	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	
1899-00	81,717	306,344	10·3	10·6	371,395	1,323,273	5·8	6·	453,102	1,631,616	6·6	7·2	
1890-91	86,191	315,516	5·4	2·9	382,527	1,342,786	3·	1·3	468,718	1,658,102	3·4	1·6	
1891-92	92,554	332,411	7·3	5·4	387,073	1,323,670	1·1	1·4	479,636	1,656,061	3·3	Decrease. ·1	
1892-93	103,181	360,394	11·4	9·9	382,755	1,299,886	Decrease. 1·1	4·	493,596	1,635,330	1·3	1·2	
1893-94	117,425	430,564	13·9	17·7	398,051	1,337,337	Increase. 3·9	Increase. 5·3	515,476	1,767,701	Increase. 6·1	Increase. 8·	
1894-95	123,955	427,268	5·5	Decrease. ·7	394,607	1,294,530	Decrease. ·8	Decrease. 3·9	518,562	1,711,318	·5	Decrease. 3·1	
1895-96	127,194	436,820	2·6	Increase. 1·9	412,592	1,342,769	Increase. 4·5	Increase. 4·5	539,786	1,778,579	4·	Increase. 3·9	
1896-97	129,171	430,414	1·5	Decrease. 1·2	443,964	1,475,247	7·6	9·8	573,135	1,905,661	6·1	7·1	
1897-98	137,655	463,935	6·5	Increase. 12·4	429,660	1,358,836	Decrease. 3·2	Decrease. 7·8	567,315	1,842,871	Decrease. 1·	Decrease. 3·2	
1898-99	142,169	497,629	3·2	2·8	451,245	1,390,678	Increase. 5·	Increase. ·1	593,414	1,858,307	Increase. 4·6	Increase. ·8	

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

Year.	FOREIGN ORDERS.									
	ISSUED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.				ISSUED ABROAD.				TOTAL.	
	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount.
1889-90	232,108	£ 692,631	8·	7·6	611,184	£ 1,508,241	.	8·	893,292	£ 2,300,872
1890-91	283,331	720,390	22·	4·	639,320	1,591,638	4·6	5·5	927,651	2,312,018
1891-92	298,021	746,139	3·3	3·5	663,407	1,643,845	3·6	3·3	960,428	2,359,864
1892-93	301,535	741,470	1·1	Decrease .6	692,415	1,698,242	4·5	2·7	993,950	2,459,512
1893-94	317,906	797,377	5·3	Increase. 7·5	683,533	1,590,715	Decrease. 4·1	Decrease. 6·3	981,364	2,378,093
1894-95	322,153	786,883	1·3	Decrease. 1·3	654,187	1,470,394	1·4	6·9	976,340	2,247,777
1895-96	330,068	798,532	2·4	Increase. 1·4	696,793	1,567,420	Increase. 6·5	Increase. 6·5	1,026,331	2,366,002
1896-97	335,633	805,553	7·7	11·8	678,827	1,530,015	Decrease. 2·5	Decrease. 2·3	1,054,460	2,453,573
1897-98	386,331	905,901	8·6	11·2	745,103	1,783,662	Increase. 9·7	Increase. 16·5	1,131,334	2,777,563
1898-99	400,991	1,015,170	3·7	8·1	759,449	1,900,963	1·9	·9	1,160,140	2,816,133

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 the W. Indies.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Colonies.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Colonies.	
1889-90	£ 7,348	£ 82,529	£ 82,364	£ 356,496	£ 79,350	£ 221,573	£ 14,575	£ 142,550	£ 72,923	£ 150,296	£ 23,474	£ 72,923	£ 9,276	£ 202,064	£ 16,451	£ 90,351	£ 306,344	£ 1,325,273	
1890-91	9,325	91,985	87,255	346,337	75,773	215,598	16,780	165,064	70,213	180,645	24,686	0,710	10,019	196,251	18,365	76,196	315,316	1,342,786	
1891-92	10,470	92,878	91,322	344,196	83,883	215,723	19,253	184,756	73,025	142,322	25,522	73,680	10,245	200,151	18,685	70,014	332,411	1,323,670	
1892-93	13,051	91,119	108,922	294,894	84,417	215,513	23,730	207,179	80,344	127,077	25,662	74,276	10,813	201,666	19,555	58,212	365,394	1,269,936	
1893-94	13,377	96,504	146,702	265,881	92,845	215,136	29,328	243,650	84,228	167,933	29,933	78,466	11,863	216,888	20,068	62,879	480,364	1,337,337	
1894-95	12,294	95,646	124,692	228,454	102,887	193,274	35,060	279,433	89,405	143,257	30,368	72,688	11,496	207,409	21,166	64,339	467,268	1,284,530	
1895-96	13,480	119,300	117,599	222,787	100,671	176,498	40,308	334,256	96,345	152,525	31,585	72,888	12,746	193,973	23,084	70,523	455,820	1,342,759	
1896-97	21,152	235,542	112,874	242,063	102,705	163,225	41,341	343,048	82,557	182,764	31,288	76,785	14,096	163,475	24,402	63,315	430,414	1,475,247	
1897-98	18,063	164,553	111,906	255,880	107,968	171,723	37,660	260,474	136,699	201,562	32,040	88,902	14,773	166,369	24,336	59,569	463,935	1,355,986	
1898-99	19,635	162,845	113,908	243,516	106,370	178,963	43,168	264,209	135,069	207,907	31,809	99,648	16,463	144,561	28,197	66,725	497,639	1,360,278	

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 Austria.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Belgium.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Denmark.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Egypt.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in France.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Germany.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Italy.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Japan.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Hungary.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Iceland & D.W.I.
1880-90	13,637	12,007	24,354	42,103	13,380	12,447	3,043	21,123	125,500	151,988	173,295	113,992	46,717	26,125	449	1,557	2,556	2,394	680	6,328
1890-91	15,654	13,468	26,640	44,249	14,482	11,755	3,232	23,482	127,733	155,378	186,217	119,092	62,178	35,703	571	2,692	4,080	2,545	436	4,867
1891-92	17,737	13,735	26,126	43,834	16,269	14,312	3,205	25,341	131,199	164,801	192,007	127,964	50,565	56,357	533	1,534	5,635	3,538	558	5,117
1892-93	20,546	16,778	28,017	49,471	15,311	14,535	3,351	25,617	123,487	166,554	191,345	133,846	45,430	44,699	526	1,213	8,002	4,436	665	5,537
1893-94	20,105	19,869	23,113	50,371	16,062	15,805	4,042	28,405	121,916	154,938	183,708	138,218	36,778	21,163	825	1,054	9,084	5,036	551	4,298
1894-95	27,316	20,269	31,345	49,101	15,134	15,029	4,654	26,241	122,597	157,831	179,958	144,550	38,256	16,707	1,063	1,180	5,844	5,545	392	3,606
1895-96	32,054	24,261	32,994	51,277	15,562	15,354	4,370	26,237	129,064	164,355	178,067	140,108	47,751	21,213	1,084	2,324	5,838	7,767	569	4,064
1896-97	40,634	26,510	34,026	53,426	16,565	15,209	4,758	28,929	137,281	160,080	190,090	148,716	55,157	17,703	1,366	2,060	8,062	7,525	549	6,139
1897-98	52,704	29,931	39,163	56,301	17,193	16,014	5,000	31,583	149,109	164,664	203,781	160,222	69,752	16,929	1,291	2,413	11,445	7,594	625	10,885
1898-99	64,536	34,131	38,613	58,234	17,355	19,351	5,985	50,675	155,206	175,332	201,124	160,936	71,275	16,325	1,351	2,337	15,003	9,312	643	6,193

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.	Luxembourg.		Netherlands, and Dutch East Indies.		Norway.		Portugal.		Roumania.		South African Republic.	
	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Luxembourg.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Netherlands and Dutch East Indies.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Norway.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Portugal.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Roumania.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in S.A.R.
1889-90	£ —	£ —	£ 12,870	£ 19,314	£ 28,506	£ 4,345	£ 5,176	£ 4,498	£ —	£ —	£ —	£ —
1890-91	—	—	15,008	20,963	27,350	6,176	6,291	3,790	425	1,150	—	—
1891-92	—	—	16,651	23,253	24,632	6,677	2,902	11,145	598	2,302	—	—
1892-93	96	91	18,928	23,522	25,551	7,203	1,735	—†	609	2,985	—	—
1893-94	714	572	19,987	24,971	27,526	8,691	1,190	—†	650	4,745	—	—
1894-95	758	617	21,323	27,010	27,774	9,374	967	—†	1,065	4,613	—	—
1895-96	656	614	29,390	30,327	28,891	10,651	916	—†	1,399	5,643	—	—
1896-97	768	916	42,535	32,525	36,994	11,782	729	—†	1,704	5,162	—	—
1897-98	938	1,103	50,616	31,085	44,164	12,501	765	—†	2,176	5,077	11,757	235,792
1898-99	941	950	47,798	32,039	42,139	14,622	1,123	231	2,184	5,613	9,881	217,236

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

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.	Sweden.		Switzerland.		Tunis.		United States.		Total.	
	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Sweden.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Switzerland.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Tunis.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in U.S.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued Abroad.
1889-90	£ 25,753	£ 7,383	£ 31,273	£ 22,212	£ 30	£ 217	£ 180,026	£ 1,060,260	£ 692,631	£ 1,508,241
1890-91	-	26,371	32,045	21,685	142	279	181,393	1,115,789	720,350	1,591,638
1891-92	-	27,942	32,756	22,402	87	317	196,430	1,107,282	746,139	1,643,845
1892-93	-	27,598	32,674	21,842	124	561	194,224	1,169,499	741,470	1,688,342
1893-94	-	30,664	32,175	23,743	177	540	257,170	1,066,306	797,377	1,580,715
1894-95	-	29,243	34,373	24,509	45	519	244,177	952,310	786,883	1,470,894
1895-96	-	31,783	36,079	26,512	222	475	21,873	1,015,187	798,582	1,567,420
1896-97	-	37,633	36,650	26,308	204	296	247,853	973,637	893,558	1,530,015
1897-98	-	42,023	39,101	28,964	274	784	251,965	958,376	993,901	1,788,662
1898-99	-	43,292	38,964	30,065	393	455	255,367	952,339	1,015,170	1,800,962

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 1899.

		NUMBER OF EACH CLASS OF POSTAL ORDERS ISSUED.																TOTAL.		
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	Number.	Value.	
		1 0	1 6	2 0	2 6	3 0	3 6	4 0	4 6	5 0	7 6	10 0	10 6	12 6	15 0	17 6	19 6			
Quarter ended 31st March 1881.		62,589	49,904	—	62,041	—	—	—	—	—	124,147	40,381	122,746	—	17,953	31,736	11,091	132,312	646,989	292,150 10 0
1881-2	462,823	362,094	—	437,096	—	—	—	—	—	—	853,306	202,920	808,736	—	110,691	202,665	60,611	911,978	4,462,990	2,006,917 19 0
1882-3	948,678	750,105	—	825,198	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,463,620	440,220	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	1,267,774	—	1,283,656	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,614,178	676,193	2,370,063	—	298,745	444,687	148,184	2,818,773	12,296,566	5,028,663 9 0
1884-5	1,627,937	1,003,609	922,180	1,371,127	706,733	406,848	844,563	319,520	3,166,015	3,166,015	1,092,384	2,916,248	394,789	51,489	818,697	27,476	3,611,521	18,831,164	7,895,547 9 0	
1885-6	1,694,421	1,008,609	1,531,407	1,581,562	1,243,562	703,036	1,407,125	545,851	3,987,290	1,141,130	3,874,466	891,680	696,960	—	1,127,985	—	4,943,297	25,790,316	10,789,946 2 6	
1886-7	2,225,481	1,772,774	1,060,349	1,907,160	1,891,534	912,717	1,920,846	742,382	4,793,124	1,376,281	4,538,053	896,960	1,393,889	—	1,393,889	—	6,596,458	31,608,711	12,983,839 13 0	
1887-8	2,559,701	1,772,774	2,288,881	2,189,338	1,965,046	1,004,508	2,269,021	889,704	5,511,549	1,604,163	5,493,736	1,090,775	1,490,517	—	1,490,517	—	7,154,169	36,396,147	14,096,369 13 0	
1888-9	2,856,280	2,047,593	2,503,854	2,427,739	2,181,063	1,240,506	2,539,921	1,005,450	6,046,886	1,804,163	5,514,842	1,294,068	1,795,111	—	1,795,111	—	7,389,446	44,712,548	19,178,397 8 0	
1889-0	3,256,608	2,358,528	2,951,140	2,699,614	2,418,301	1,391,983	2,837,462	1,126,679	6,637,199	2,003,526	6,027,107	1,380,068	1,938,908	—	1,938,908	—	8,448,634	48,541,765	19,775,802 4 0	
1890-1	3,699,160	2,631,736	3,340,251	2,668,141	2,616,301	1,525,144	3,096,281	1,240,370	7,154,197	2,185,815	6,457,535	1,513,512	2,094,181	—	2,094,181	—	9,117,156	52,659,543	20,563,750 0 6	
1891-2	4,016,124	2,924,141	3,555,118	2,937,546	2,844,011	1,684,188	3,348,712	1,367,115	7,690,070	2,378,837	6,901,801	1,656,970	2,174,989	—	2,174,989	—	9,155,927	57,233,993	21,545,153 10 6	
1892-3	5,550,891	3,110,158	3,778,475	3,416,793	3,040,251	1,780,330	3,560,649	1,404,104	8,101,497	2,529,817	7,124,315	1,764,128	2,304,968	—	2,304,968	—	9,416,103	60,681,078	22,769,283 11 0	
1893-4	4,478,011	3,272,449	3,917,211	3,631,580	3,162,482	1,872,973	3,804,072	1,673,433	8,430,544	2,656,717	7,694,968	1,850,005	2,394,462	—	2,394,462	—	9,854,301	64,076,377	23,898,594 7 6	
1894-5	4,378,447	3,390,466	4,301,678	3,690,679	3,356,712	1,967,239	4,084,074	1,773,253	9,921,088	3,016,918	8,062,140	2,111,360	2,537,606	—	2,537,606	—	10,119,047	67,182,988	24,939,474 4 6	
1895-6	5,218,470	3,780,570	4,507,886	4,278,216	3,518,322	2,121,855	4,296,867	1,902,063	9,764,639	3,187,525	8,902,078	2,321,800	2,663,500	—	2,663,500	—	10,464,706	71,380,476	26,014,583 17 6	
1896-7	5,550,333	4,036,730	4,803,082	4,498,810	3,700,696	2,386,958	4,574,889	2,108,220	10,988,290	3,388,659	8,641,615	2,568,404	2,742,811	—	2,742,811	—	10,794,806	76,755,317	27,217,456 6 6	
1897-8	6,194,180	4,408,428	5,010,940	4,825,068	3,990,696	2,386,958	4,574,889	2,108,220	10,988,290	3,388,659	8,641,615	2,568,404	2,742,811	—	2,742,811	—	10,794,806	76,755,317	27,217,456 6 6	
1898-9	7,586,571	4,961,470	5,890,207	5,105,453	4,211,884	2,553,898	4,934,823	2,150,371	10,866,196	3,550,346	9,092,582	2,443,440	2,742,811	—	2,742,811	—	10,794,806	76,755,317	27,217,456 6 6	
Totals	64,296,572	45,016,690	51,245,669	50,765,351	40,746,322	23,908,091	47,378,787	19,820,347	115,171,683	36,464,796	101,533,067	28,008,907	628,710	30,398,479	539,707	127,806,413	778,389,562	298,699,356 11 6		

RATES OF POUNDAGE.													
To 31st May 1884.		1d.										2d.	
Poundage.		—		1d.		—		1d.		2d.			
Amount of Order		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.		
—		1 0	1 6	2 0	2 6	3 0	3 6	4 0	4 6	5 0	7 6		
From 1st June 1884.		1d.										1½d.	
Poundage.		—		1d.		—		1d.		1½d.			
Amount of Order		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.		
—		1 0	1 6	2 0	2 6	3 0	3 6	4 0	4 6	5 0	13 6		
From 1st June 1884.		1d.										1½d.	
Poundage.		—		1d.		—		1d.		1½d.			
Amount of Order		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.		
—		1 0	1 6	2 0	2 6	3 0	3 6	4 0	4 6	5 0	15 0		
From 1st June 1884.		1d.										1½d.	
Poundage.		—		1d.		—		1d.		1½d.			
Amount of Order		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.		
—		1 0	1 6	2 0	2 6	3 0	3 6	4 0	4 6	5 0	17 6		
From 1st June 1884.		1d.										1½d.	
Poundage.		—		1d.		—		1d.		1½d.			
Amount of Order		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.		
—		1 0	1 6	2 0	2 6	3 0	3 6	4 0	4 6	5 0	20 0		
From 1st June 1884.		1d.										1½d.	
Poundage.		—		1d.		—		1d.		1½d.			
Amount of Order		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.		
—		1 0	1 6	2 0	2 6	3 0	3 6	4 0	4 6	5 0	20 0		

RATES OF POUNDAGE.

		RATES OF POUNDAGE.																TOTAL.	
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	Number.	Value.
		1 0	1 6	2 0	2 6	3 0	3 6	4 0	4 6	5 0	7 6	10 0	10 6	12 6	15 0	17 6	19 6		
To 31st May 1884.		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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.	Number.	Value.
From 1st June 1884.		1 0	1 6	2 0	2 6	3 0	3 6	4 0	4 6	5 0	7 6	10 0	10 6	12 6	15 0	17 6	19 6	14d.	14d.
Poundage.		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poundage.		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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., 5s., 6s., 7s., 8s., 9s., 10s., 11s., 12s., 13s., 14s., 15s., 16s., 17s., 18s., 19s., 20s., 21s., 22s., 23s., 24s., 25s., 26s., 27s., 28s., 29s., 30s., 31s., 32s., 33s., 34s., 35s., 36s., 37s., 38s., 39s., 40s., 41s., 42s., 43s., 44s., 45s., 46s., 47s., 48s., 49s., 50s., 51s., 52s., 53s., 54s., 55s., 56s., 57s., 58s., 59s., 60s., 61s., 62s., 63s., 64s., 65s., 66s., 67s., 68s., 69s., 70s., 71s., 72s., 73s., 74s., 75s., 76s., 77s., 78s., 79s., 80s., 81s., 82s., 83s., 84s., 85s., 86s., 87s., 88s., 89s., 90s., 91s., 92s., 93s., 94s., 95s., 96s., 97s., 98s., 99s., 100s., 101s., 102s., 103s., 104s., 105s., 106s., 107s., 108s., 109s., 110s., 111s., 112s., 113s., 114s., 115s., 116s., 117s., 118s., 119s., 120s., 121s., 122s., 123s., 124s., 125s., 126s., 127s., 128s., 129s., 130s., 131s., 132s., 133s., 134s., 135s., 136s., 137s., 138s., 139s., 140s., 141s., 142s., 143s., 144s., 145s., 146s., 147s., 148s., 149s., 150s., 151s., 152s., 153s., 154s., 155s., 156s., 157s., 158s., 159s., 160s., 161s., 162s., 163s., 164s., 165s., 166s., 167s., 168s., 169s., 170s., 171s., 172s., 173s., 174s., 175s., 176s., 177s., 178s., 179s., 180s., 181s., 182s., 183s., 184s., 185s., 186s., 187s., 188s., 189s., 190s., 191s., 192s., 193s., 194s., 195s., 196s., 197s., 198s., 199s., 200s., 201s., 202s., 203s., 204s., 205s., 206s., 207s., 208s., 209s., 210s., 211s., 212s., 213s., 214s., 215s., 216s., 217s., 218s., 219s., 220s., 221s., 222s., 223s., 224s., 225s., 226s., 227s., 228s., 229s., 230s., 231s., 232s., 233s., 234s., 235s., 236s., 237s., 238s., 239s., 240s., 241s., 242s., 243s., 244s., 245s., 246s., 247s., 248s., 249s., 250s., 251s., 252s., 253s., 254s., 255s., 256s., 257s., 258s., 259s., 260s., 261s., 262s., 263s., 264s., 265s., 266s., 267s., 268s., 269s., 270s., 271s., 272s., 273s., 274s., 275s., 276s., 277s., 278s., 279s., 280s., 281s., 282s., 283s., 284s., 285s., 286s., 287s., 288s., 289s., 290s., 291s., 292s., 293s., 294s., 295s., 296s., 297s., 298s., 299s., 300s., 301s., 302s., 303s., 304s., 305s., 306s., 307s., 308s., 309s., 310s., 311s., 312s., 313s., 314s., 315s., 316s., 317s., 318s., 319s., 320s., 321s., 322s., 323s., 324s., 325s., 326s., 327s., 328s., 329s., 330s., 331s., 332s., 333s., 334s., 335s., 336s., 337s., 338s., 339s., 340s., 341s., 342s., 343s., 344s., 345s., 346s., 347s., 348s., 349s., 350s., 351s., 352s., 353s., 354s., 355s., 356s., 357s., 358s., 359s., 360s., 361s., 362s., 363s., 364s., 365s., 366s., 367s., 368s., 369s., 370s., 371s., 372s., 373s., 374s., 375s., 376s., 377s., 378s., 379s., 380s., 381s., 382s., 383s., 384s., 385s., 386s., 387s., 388s., 389s., 390s., 391s., 392s., 393s., 394s., 395s., 396s., 397s., 398s., 399s., 400s., 401s., 402s., 403s., 404s., 405s., 406s., 407s., 408s., 409s., 410s., 411s., 412s., 413s., 414s., 415s., 416s., 417s., 418s., 419s., 420s., 421s., 422s., 423s., 424s., 425s., 426s., 427s., 428s., 429s., 430s., 431s., 432s., 433s., 434s., 435s., 436s., 437s., 438s., 439s., 440s., 441s., 442s., 443s., 444s., 445s., 446s., 447s., 448s., 449s., 450s., 451s., 452s., 453s., 454s., 455s., 456s., 457s., 458s., 459s., 460s., 461s., 462s., 463s., 464s., 465s., 466s., 467s., 468s., 469s., 470s., 471s., 472s., 473s., 474s., 475s., 476s., 477s., 478s., 479s., 480s., 481s., 482s., 483s., 484s., 485s., 486s., 487s., 488s., 489s., 490s., 491s., 492s., 493s., 494s., 495s., 496s., 497s., 498s., 499s., 500s., 501s., 502s., 503s., 504s., 505s., 506s., 507s., 508s., 509s., 510s., 511s., 512s., 513s., 514s., 515s., 516s., 517s., 518s., 519s., 520s., 521s., 522s., 523s., 524s., 525s., 526s., 527s., 528s., 529s., 530s., 531s., 532s., 533s., 534s., 535s., 536s., 537s., 538s., 539s., 540s., 541s., 542s., 543s., 544s., 545s., 546s., 547s., 548s., 549s., 550s., 551s., 552s., 553s., 554s., 555s., 556s., 557s., 558s., 559s., 560s., 561s., 562s., 563s., 564s., 565s., 566s., 567s., 568s., 569s., 570s., 571s., 572s., 573s., 574s., 575s., 576s., 577s., 578s., 579s., 580s., 581s., 582s., 583s., 584s., 585s., 586s., 587s., 588s., 589s., 590s., 591s., 592s., 593s., 594s., 595s., 596s., 597s., 598s., 599s., 600s., 601s., 602s., 603s., 604s., 605s., 606s., 607s., 608s., 609s., 610s., 611s., 612s., 613s., 614s., 615s., 616s., 617s., 618s., 619s., 620s., 621s., 622s., 623s., 624s., 625s., 626s., 627s., 628s., 629s., 630s., 631s., 632s., 633s., 634s., 635s., 636s., 637s., 638s., 639s., 640s., 641s., 642s., 643s., 644s., 645s., 646s., 647s., 648s., 649s., 650s., 651s., 652s., 653s., 654s., 655s., 656s., 657s., 658s., 659s., 660s., 661s., 662s., 663s., 664s., 665s., 666s., 667s., 668s., 669s., 670s., 671s., 672s., 673s., 674s., 675s., 676s., 677s., 678s., 679s., 680s., 681s., 682s., 683s., 684s., 685s., 686s., 687s., 688s., 689s., 690s., 691s., 692s., 693s., 694s., 695s., 696s., 697s., 698s., 699s., 700s., 701s., 702s., 703s., 704s., 705s., 706s., 707s., 708s., 709s., 710s., 711s., 712s., 713s., 714s., 715s., 716s., 717s., 718s., 719s., 720s., 721s., 722s., 723s., 724s., 725s., 726s., 727s., 728s., 729s., 730s., 731s., 732s., 733s., 734s., 735s., 736s., 737s., 738s., 739s., 740s., 741s., 742s., 743s., 744s., 745s., 746s., 747s., 748s., 749s., 750s., 751s., 752s., 753s., 754s., 755s., 756s., 757s., 758s., 759s., 760s., 761s., 762s., 763s., 764s., 765s., 766s., 767s., 768s., 769s., 770s., 771s., 772s., 773s., 774s., 775s., 776s., 777s., 778s., 779s., 780s., 781s., 782s., 783s., 784s., 785s., 786s., 787s., 788s., 789s., 790s., 791s., 792s., 793s., 794s., 795s., 796s., 797s., 798s., 799s., 800s., 801s., 802s., 803s., 804s., 805s., 806s., 807s., 808s., 809s., 810s., 811s., 812s., 813s., 814s., 815s., 816s., 817s., 818s., 819s., 820s., 821s., 822s., 823s., 824s., 825s., 826s., 827s., 828s., 829s., 830s., 831s., 832s., 833s., 834s., 835s., 836s., 837s., 838s., 839s., 840s., 841s., 842s., 843s.,

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 1899.

NAMES OF OFFICERS.	Correspondence.			Total Weights.
	Weight in Ounces.			
	England and Wales.	Scotland.	Ireland.	
	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.
Admiralty	3,811,797	—	—	3,811,797
Attorney General	15,716	—	—	15,716
Board of Agriculture	2,609,477	—	—	2,609,477
Board of Trade	2,537,885	—	—	2,537,885
Brussels Exhibition	6,226	—	—	6,226
Chancellor, The Lord	67,576	—	—	67,576
Charity Commissioners	220,212	—	—	220,212
Chelsea Hospital	67,954	—	—	67,954
Chief Secretary, Dublin Castle	133,631	—	540,489	674,120
Civil Service Commissioners	426,749	—	10	426,759
Clerk of the Parliaments	445,402	—	—	445,402
Colonial Office	515,240	—	—	515,240
Congested Districts Board	—	—	453,751	453,751
Constabulary of Ireland	—	—	339,775	339,775
Court of Bankruptcy	—	—	733	733
Courts of Law and Justice, Scotland	—	49,183	—	49,183
Crown and Hanaper	—	—	5,401	5,401
Crown Office	—	46,966	—	46,966
Customs	987,664	—	4,461	992,125
Emigrants' Information Office	186,561	—	—	186,561
Exchequer and Audit Department	131,613	—	—	131,613
Exchequer Offices in Scotland	—	38,284	—	38,284
Foreign Office	612,497	—	—	612,497
Home Office	1,717,125	5,606	—	1,722,731
House of Commons	566,140	—	—	566,140
Inland Revenue	15,437,821	4,483,396	3,714,206	23,635,423
Irish Fisheries, Inspector of	—	—	156,574	156,574
Irish Land Commission	—	—	703,429	703,429
Loan Fund Board	—	—	11,995	11,995
Local Government Board	3,516,825	96,256	788,368	4,391,449
Local Marine Board	521,136	—	—	521,136
Lord Lieutenant and Private Secretary	—	—	26,071	26,071
Lunacy, Commissioners in	58,688	—	41,395	100,083
Merchant Seamen, Registrar of	601,089	—	—	601,089
Mint, The Royal	11,214	—	—	11,214
National Debt Office	81,798	—	—	81,798
Paris Exhibition	59,995	—	1,892	61,887
Patent Office	1,196,641	—	—	1,196,641
Paymaster General	62,095	—	37,260	99,354
Prisons Board	—	—	242,817	242,817
Privy Council Office	2,948,813	—	—	2,948,813
Public Education	—	32,801	1,221,824	1,254,625
Public Works Loan Board	40,936	—	—	40,936
Record Office	32,469	—	4,314	36,783
Register House	—	21,490	—	21,490
Registrar General	575,505	322,226	379,064	1,276,795
Registrar of Friendly Societies	153,176	11,858	2,396	167,430
Registrar of Petty Sessions, Clerks	—	—	116,075	116,075
Science and Art Department	2,394,982	—	—	2,394,982
Scotch Education Department	568,021	—	—	568,021
Scotch Fisheries Board	—	26,350	—	26,350
Secretary for Scotland	119,955	5,600	—	125,555
Solicitor General	6,290	—	—	6,290
Stationery Office	1,275,322	—	79,938	1,355,260
Supreme Court of Judicature	378,613	—	68,547	447,160
Surveys of the United Kingdom	—	—	237,901	237,901
Treasury	517,945	—	—	517,945
Valuation Office	—	—	123,258	123,258
War Office	5,027,449	10,822	623,026	5,661,297
Woods and Forests, Commissioners of	103,524	—	—	103,524
Works and Buildings, Commissioners of	237,072	—	690,345	926,417
TOTALS	50,966,839	5,140,738	10,624,324	66,731,901

APPENDIX N.

Private Wires and Telephone Exchange Wires.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER OF CONTRACTS, MILES OF WIRE, and INSTRUMENTS, and the Net Additional Rental in each of the last 10 Financial Years.

Financial Year.	Net Increase in each Financial Year.				Totals at end of each Financial Year.			
	Contracts.	Miles.	Instruments and Batteries.	Rentals.	Contracts.	Miles.	Instruments and Batteries.	Rentals.*
1889-90	-	-	-	£ s. d. 1,695 15 10	3,684	17,211	9,332	£ s. d. 126,917 17 4
1890-91	-	-	-	12,518 15 8	3,705	20,045	9,449	139,486 18 0
1891-92	-	-	-	—	3,855	22,166	9,992	†133,257 10 11
1892-93	-	-	-	3,555 15 10	†3,809	22,828	10,188	136,813 6 9
1893-94	-	-	-	1,955 16 11	†3,705	23,103	10,284	138,769 3 8
1894-95	-	-	-	1,318 9 9	3,709	23,309	10,341	140,087 13 5
1895-96	-	-	-	—	3,831	21,581	10,385	§134,312 3 0
1896-97	-	-	-	1,067 3 0	3,821	22,380	10,401	135,879 6 0
1897-98	-	-	-	—	3,913	27,114	10,825	130,109 1 7
1898-99	-	-	-	12,493 2 1	4,038	30,198	11,396	142,602 3 8

* These amounts include rentals for certain lines leased to Cable Companies.

† The rates for Private Wires were reduced in 1891, consequent on the expiry of telephone patents, and existing rentals were reduced accordingly.

‡ 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.

|| The rates for Private Wires and Telephone Exchange Wires were reduced in 1897 and existing rentals were reduced accordingly.

APPENDIX O.

Inland Revenue Licenses.

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

Year.	Brewers.		Dogs.		Male Servants at 15s. each.	Carriages.				
	At 9s. each.	At 4s. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.		At 4s. each.	At 21s. each.	At 11s. each.	At 10s. 6d. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.
1889-90	5,987	17,346	882,717		113,037	31,404	57,670	199,350	296	1,319
1890-91	5,717	15,981	924,176		116,674	29,321	57,856	207,463	353	1,463
1891-92	5,142	14,323	975,500		117,997	29,079	56,902	208,438	331	1,565
1892-93	5,081	13,553	1,042,865		119,073	28,679	56,707	216,235	296	1,433
1893-94	4,479	11,656	1,105,007		118,653	27,946	55,055	217,738	256	1,436
1894-95	4,418	11,573	1,152,590		114,512	26,307	52,161	214,488	335	1,730
1895-96	4,237	10,870	1,205,515		117,176	26,294	53,945	233,505	360	1,850
1896-97	3,997	9,983	1,238,921		113,968	24,753	51,008	229,665	350	1,639
1897-98	3,063	9,754	1,254,907		102,797	21,026	49,658	233,075	343	1,816
1898-99	3,944	9,245	1,287,504		118,064	23,035	51,515	243,944	360	1,914

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.
	At 4s. each.	At 21s. each.		Red at 60s.	Blue and Green at 40s.	Occasional at 20s.			
1898-90	-	-	-	26,012	2,807	3,480	3,088	1,518,136	£ 908,163 0 6
1899-01	-	-	-	27,458	2,884	3,526	3,302	1,588,632	948,519 1 0
1891-92	-	-	-	28,553	3,453	3,751	3,288	1,633,668	965,292 15 0
1892-93	-	-	-	28,604	3,333	4,206	3,585	1,719,869	1,002,685 15 0
1893-94	-	-	-	32,101	3,108	4,636	3,639	1,788,424	1,034,318 2 6
1894-95	-	-	-	31,708	3,114	4,588	3,632	1,827,028	1,038,866 4 6
1895-96	-	-	-	33,488	3,289	5,048	3,746	1,896,324	1,075,994 8 6
1896-97	-	-	-	36,308	3,406	5,794	3,903	1,933,708	1,094,423 12 0
1897-98	-	-	-	37,780	3,595	5,994	3,902	1,935,933	1,085,588 0 0
1898-99	-	-	-	37,669	3,809	5,420	4,019	2,007,350	1,134,310 5 6

APPENDIX P.

Return showing, for each Year from 1889-90, the REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, and NET REVENUE of the Post Office.

Year.	REVENUE.				EXPENDITURE.												Net Revenue.		Net Revenue after deducting Expenditure on Sites and Buildings from Total Revenue.
	Postal Receipts.	Extra Receipts.	Estimated Value of Services to other Departments.	Total.	Sites and Buildings.		Superannuations and other non-effective Charges.	Salaries, Wages, &c.	Percentage of Salaries, &c. to Total Revenue.	Conveyance of Mails.	Percentage of Conveyance of Mails to Total Revenue.	Packet Service.	Other Expenditure.		Total Expenditure.	Percentage of Total Expenditure to Total Revenue.			
					Purchase.	Erection.							Under Post Office Vote.	Under other Votes.		Per Cent.	£	Per Cent.	
1889-90	9,467,186	30,379	218,037	9,721,461	70,900	79,940	103,921	3,350,563	34.55	1,240,821	12.55	664,342	583,910	142,788	6,375,083	64.54	3,446,398	3,597,136	
1890-91	9,645,968	16,297	223,113	10,083,677	23,255	141,522	151,046	3,600,308	35.78	1,273,894	12.62	706,136	590,979	150,568	6,637,504	65.79	3,451,173	3,615,950	
1891-92	10,183,290	15,682	237,086	10,451,968	163,197	169,729	198,339	3,387,363	37.29	1,306,260	13.51	701,081	635,715	172,294	7,192,467	68.77	3,259,511	3,568,457	
1892-93	10,344,353	—	255,796	10,600,149	75,375	150,569	176,533	4,190,823	39.53	1,360,297	13.03	719,615	654,937	176,896	7,507,646	70.82	3,082,504	3,319,043	
1893-94	10,472,376	—	263,009	10,734,385	46,354	171,823	183,412	4,446,361	41.41	1,395,947	13.00	720,350	624,574	170,311	7,759,713	72.28	2,975,173	3,185,980	
1894-95	10,743,014	—	277,446	11,020,460	12,397	175,390	186,919	4,637,355	41.69	1,395,292	13.06	729,513	677,424	178,464	7,955,344	73.15	3,070,116	3,268,103	
1895-96	11,465,370	—	294,575	11,759,945	49,547	170,075	196,396	4,754,446	40.25	1,394,182	11.85	714,332	625,074	199,580	8,066,273	68.76	3,673,673	3,883,695	
1896-97	11,372,656	39,841	296,498	12,146,983	8,548	162,501	207,529	4,927,065	40.56	1,400,321	11.82	722,685	619,298	197,985	8,246,356	67.94	3,900,579	4,071,923	
1897-98	12,306,694	—	313,693	12,620,376	52,784	133,309	224,234	5,280,668	43.11	1,456,131	11.72	746,757	638,836	200,698	8,653,317	69.91	3,737,060	3,923,182	
1898-99 (Estimated)	12,541,399	—	307,918	13,046,317	39,564	139,697	246,443	5,563,965	43.86	1,473,703	11.29	831,369	671,635	205,361	9,194,437	70.45	3,854,880	4,033,841	

APPENDIX R.

**Extract from the Finance Accounts for the
Year ended 31st March 1899.**

*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.	£	s.	d.			
Gross Receipts :									
From Postage Stamps sold by Postmasters in the United Kingdom -	13,061,583	1	8						
From Postage Stamps sold by Stamp Distributors of Inland Revenue -	235,645	1	1				13,297,228	2	9
From Postage collected in cash by Country Postmasters -	85,390	9	11						
From Postage collected in cash in the Metropolis -	215,690	8	9½				301,080	18	8½
From Postage collected for credit of Imperial Post Office by Foreign Offices -	320,395	10	3½						
From Postage collected by Colonial Offices and Postmasters and Agents Abroad -	58,253	2	9				378,648	13	0½
From Commission on Money Orders -	128,407	19	7½						
Ditto Postal Orders -	323,130	1	2½				451,538	0	10
From Miscellaneous Receipts -	-	-	-				36,453	2	8
							14,464,948	18	0
Payments out of Receipts :									
For Postage, &c., refunded -	14,779	1	2¾						
To Inland Revenue Department -	544,760	0	0						
To Railway Companies, &c., on account of Parcel Post -	720,111	1	3						
For Postage collected for credit of Colonial Offices -	47,758	17	1						
For Postage collected for credit of Foreign Offices -	296,140	15	1½				1,623,549	15	2¼
Net Receipts	-	-	£				12,841,399	2	9¾
Payments into Exchequer	-	-	-				£12,710,000	0	0

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APPENDIX R.—*continued.*

TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gross Receipts :						
For transmission of Telegrams, &c., in						
Cash - - - - -	953,008	7	5			
For transmission of Telegrams, &c., in						
Stamps - - - - -	2,655,413	10	11½			
				3,608,421	18	4½
Payments out of Receipts :						
To Cable Companies, &c., Telegram						
Moneys refunded, &c., &c. - -	-	-	-	404,026	5	11½
Net Receipts - - - - -	-	-	£	3,204,395	12	5
Payments into Exchequer - - - -	-	-		£3,150,000	0	0

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APPENDIX S.

CONSUMPTION OF TELEGRAPH STORES and BALANCES in DEPÔTS.

Year ending March 31st										
	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.
Balance in hand at beginning of year - - -	£ 205,365	£ 211,543	£ 238,866	£ 248,404	£ 239,011	£ 305,883	£ 317,159	£ 319,864	£ 365,379	£ 369,075
Purchases - - -	142,518	173,850	190,215	280,287	287,353	355,558	225,792	296,395	397,512	389,080
Returns into stock - - -	173,793	148,081	115,227	125,479	137,312	152,755	145,265	101,931	108,344	152,900
	521,671	533,474	544,308	649,170	663,676	814,196	688,216	718,190	871,235	911,055
Issues out of stock - - -	310,129	294,609	300,904	410,159	357,793	497,037	368,352	852,811	502,160	538,921
Balance in hand at end of year - - -	211,542	238,865	243,404	239,011	305,883	317,159	319,864	365,379	369,075	372,134

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