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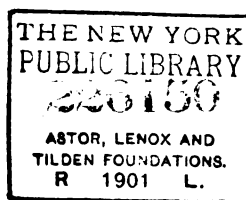
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TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORDS
COMMISSIONERS OF HIS MAJESTY'S TREASURY.

MY LORDS,

I HAVE the honour to submit to your Lordships the Forty-seventh Annual Report of the Postmaster-General, being an account of the business of the Post Office for the year ended the 31st of March 1901.

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

Statistics of postal packets. See also Appendix A., pp. 25-28.

—	Number.	Increase per Cent.	Average Number to each Person.
Letters - - -	2,323,600,000	3·4	56·7
Postcards - - -	419,000,000	4·7	10·2
Book Packets and Circulars -	732,400,000	4·2	17·9
Newspapers -	167,800,000	2·7	4·1
Parcels (actual number) -	81,017,000	7·4	2·0
Total - - -	3,723,817,000	3·8	90·8

The letters have increased by 23 per cent. since 1896-7, the year previous to the Jubilee reduction of postage; and a large part of the increase has been in the rural districts. The letters delivered in London last year show an increase of 5 per cent. on the previous year. The remarkable increase in the number of circulars and book packets is largely due to the general election.

The growth of Parcel Post business has been exceptional. Parcels have increased 27 per cent. since the reduction of postage in 1897. Of the total number delivered in 1900-1, 69,612,956 were rail-borne, while 11,403,916 did not pass over a railway. Details of the Parcel Post with places abroad will be found on a later page of this Report under the head of Foreign and Colonial Post.

Parcels. See also Appendix A., p. 28.

The number of letters registered in the United Kingdom was 17,729,869, an increase of 9·1 per cent. over the number in the previous year. The number of parcels registered was 940,025, the increase over the number in 1899-1900 being 12·2 per cent.

Registered articles. See also Appendix A., pp. 29-30.

EXPRESS DELIVERY SERVICE.

Statistics.
See also
Appendix A.,
p. 31.

The total number of express services was 804,447, as compared with 720,381 in 1899-1900, an increase of 11·7 per cent. In London 818,959 articles were delivered by express messengers, including 307,051 letters sent out for delivery in advance of the postman.

In the Appendix, on page 31, will be found a statement of the growth of the Post Office Express Service since its establishment 10 years ago. The number of services has risen from 64,000 to 530,000 in London, and from 108,000 to 804,000 in the United Kingdom.

Combined
railway
letter service
and express
delivery.

During the year there has been a considerable extension of the use made of the arrangement under which single letters can be despatched by any train selected by the sender and can be met and delivered by special messenger at the place of destination.

District
Messenger
Company.

As your Lordships are aware, it has been decided to grant an extension of the licence to work the call box system and of the authority to deliver letters, which were granted to the District Messenger and Theatre Ticket Company in 1891 for a period of 12 years, *i.e.*, up to 14th April 1903. The new licence of the Company will be granted for a further period of 19 years, ending 31st March 1922, and the principal conditions will be as follows :—

(1.) The payment of a percentage on the Company's gross receipts (excluding theatre ticket business) in lieu of the existing royalties for call boxes and letter carrying, with a minimum payment of 500*l.* per annum :

(2.) The Company to be allowed to give a return signal from their office to the subscriber's call box :

(3.) The number of letters which may be carried by one messenger at one time to be raised from 6 to 10.

UNDELIVERED POSTAL PACKETS.

Statistics.
See also
Appendix G.,
pp. 55-56.

The following are the numbers of undelivered packets dealt with during the year :—

Description.	Number.	Increase.	
		Total.	Per Cent.
Letters - - -	9,786,870	832,829	9·3
Postcards - - -	1,619,391	124,306	8·3
Book Packets and Circulars -	11,911,614	1,297,761	12·2
Newspapers - - -	627,642	29,723	5·0
Parcels - - -	227,252	20,308	9·8

More than 382,000 postal packets addressed to South Africa were returned to this country as undeliverable; and nearly 25,000 letters sent from the South African Field Force to addresses in this country could not be delivered, and had to be sent back.

The large increase in the number of undelivered postcards, book packets, and circulars is due in great measure to the general election.

There has been a further very large increase—more than 12 Articles per cent.—in the number of articles found loose in the Post, found loose. which were more than twice as numerous as four years ago. The coin, which had escaped from packets, alone amounted to 902*l.*, or 122*l.* more than in the previous year.

No fewer than 345,690 packets were posted unaddressed. Unaddressed These contained 251*l.* in cash and bank notes, and 7,203*l.* in packets. bills, cheques, postal orders, stamps, &c.

The total value of property found in undelivered letters, Property in which had to be opened in the Returned Letter Office, was undelivered 681,335*l.* letters.

LONDON ARRANGEMENTS.

During the year the Inland and Newspaper Sections of the General Post Office have been removed from St. Martin's-le-Grand, where the accommodation had long been insufficient, to new buildings at Mount Pleasant, the sorting of the London and Foreign correspondence continuing to be done in the old office. Although every effort was made to secure the efficient working of the service, the division of the work caused for a time considerable confusion, resulting in a good deal of delay to correspondence. This was perhaps inevitable in a change affecting an office dealing with such a vast amount of postal matter. After the first fortnight the work was done in a much more satisfactory manner, and the difficulties in connection with the transfer have by degrees been overcome. Apart from the much improved conditions under which the duties are now performed, the public are benefited by the greater regularity which has been secured in the delivery and collection of their correspondence.

London—
Alteration in
Sorting ar-
rangements.

New letter boxes with separate compartments, one for London and Foreign correspondence, to be sorted at St. Martin's-le-Grand, and the other for Provincial correspondence, to be sorted at Mount Pleasant, have been provided in the City, and the public have largely helped the Department by dividing the correspondence before posting it. Nearly 10 per cent. however is still posted in the wrong compartment, and in consequence frequently suffers delay.

Double letter
boxes.

CONVEYANCE OF MAILS.

Arbitration. The Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Company had for some time past been endeavouring to obtain an increase in the payment for the Mail Services over their lines, and as I was unable to agree to any increase, the Company took the case before the Railway Commissioners for decision. The result was that the former payment of 8,989*l.* a year, instead of being raised to 20,000*l.*, as claimed by the Company, was reduced to 8,000*l.* a year.

Motor Vans for conveying Mails. In my predecessor's report for the year ended 31st March 1899, it was stated that experiments made during that year in the conveyance of Mails by Motor Vans had proved unsuccessful, and that no permanent Motor Services had been established. Since that time some further experiments have been made which unfortunately have also proved unsuccessful; but by my instructions my officers have, from time to time, been present at trials of motor vehicles, and although it has not yet been possible to establish any Motor Mail Services, I am not without hopes, in view of the recent development of motor locomotion in this country, that a vehicle capable of performing a regular and continuous service over an extended period may before long be secured.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Record of addresses for re-direction. For some years it has been the practice to record householders' changes of address and to re-direct correspondence free of charge for a period of one year. In 1897 it was arranged that persons desiring to have the record continued beyond that period should have their wishes complied with on payment of a fee of 1*l.* 1*s.* a year. This fee has now been reduced to 1*s.*, and the total period during which a record is kept has been restricted to three years.

Collection of postal packets. In the case of firms who post a large number of parcels, the Department has long been in the habit of collecting such parcels when requested to do so. The rule has, however, been that, for greater security, registered parcels must in all cases be taken by the sender to a Post Office; but a demand having arisen for an official collection of registered packets, conditions have now been laid down under which the Post Office will collect from firms and others in towns, free of expense, postal packets of all descriptions posted in sufficient numbers.

Postage stamps. All the halfpenny postage stamps, some of which were red and some brown, are now printed in a green colour, and the shilling stamp is now bi-coloured—green and red—instead of wholly green, as formerly. Progress has been made in preparing the dies for the stamps of the new reign.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL POST.

Southern Rhodesia and the Bechuanaland Protectorate have entered the Universal Postal Union. By its amalgamation for postal purposes with the British East Africa Protectorate, Uganda is also incorporated in the Union, and the entry of the Somaliland Protectorate has been decided on and will take place very shortly.

New entries
into the
Postal Union.

At the festival held at Berne in the summer of 1900, in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the foundation of the Union, it was decided to erect a commemorative monument. The execution of the scheme has been left to the Swiss Federal Council, and the cost is to be shared by the various countries of the Union.

Celebration
of 25th
Anniversary
of Postal
Union.

The Orange River Colony and the Transvaal were included in the penny letter postage scheme in December last; and the scheme has since been adopted by the Colony of New Zealand.

Penny
postage
within the
Empire.

During the year the system by which letters can be insured against loss, damage, or abstraction, has been extended to the service between the United Kingdom and Bosnia-Herzegovina and the agencies of the Hong Kong Post Office in China. The increase in the number of insured letters sent to and received from places abroad has been maintained. The number despatched during the year was 5,026, against 3,687 last year, and the number received was 31,278, against 25,276 received last year.

Insurance of
letters sent
abroad.

The usual statistics of the weight of the Mails for and from places abroad are given in Appendix B.

Appendix B.,
pp. 32-33.

The Foreign and Colonial Parcel Post has been extended to certain places in Brazil, as well as to the Caroline, Marianne, Marshall, and Palaos islands; while the system of insurance has been extended to parcels sent to Bosnia-Herzegovina, to Malta by the long sea route, and to Tripoli.

Extension of
Parcel Post.

The uniform triple scale of postage which was adopted in 1898 for parcels exchanged by sea between the United Kingdom and various other parts of the British Empire, viz.—

Revision of
postage on
parcels.

- 1s. for a parcel weighing not over 3 lbs.,
- 2s. ,, over 3 lbs. but not over 7 lbs.,
- 3s. ,, ,, 7 lbs. ,, ,, 11 lbs.,

has been extended to New Zealand. The same scale has been applied to parcels for the agencies of the Gibraltar Post Office at Tangier and other places in Morocco.

Reduced rates have also been brought in for parcels addressed to British Central Africa, China (Kiautschau) *viâ* Germany, Congo Free State, Constantinople (by long sea route), Danish

West Indies, Dutch East Indies, Dutch Guiana, German East Africa, German New Guinea, German South West Africa, Honduras, Norway, Smyrna (by long sea route), and Spain, while the opening of a British Post Office at Salonica rendered possible the despatch of parcels to that port at a cheap rate of postage.

By the establishment of an overland service of parcels to Australia and British New Guinea, Ceylon, Hong Kong, and the Straits Settlements, through France and Italy, the senders of parcels can, for a small additional cost, save a week in the transit time as compared with that by the sea route, which was the only one formerly available.

Growth of the Parcel Post. Appendix B., pp. 34-37.

The total number of parcels sent to and received from places abroad during the year was 3,124,294, an increase of about 24 per cent. on the numbers of the previous year. The outward parcels have again increased in a much larger ratio than the inward parcels—a result doubtless, as last year, of the influence of the war in South Africa. In addition to a great increase in the number of parcels sent to the Cape Colony and Natal, large increases occurred in the numbers sent to France, Germany, Italy, India, Norway, and Sweden, as well as to Malta and the West African Colonies. On the other hand, there was a falling off in the number of parcels received from Colombia and India, in consequence probably of a revolution in the former case and of the plague in the latter.

Exports and Imports.

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:—

—		1899-1900.	1900-1901.	Increase.
		£	£	£
Exported -	-	2,565,846	3,118,853	552,507
Imported -	-	1,118,014	1,183,006	64,992
Totals -	-	3,683,860	4,301,859	617,499

Insured parcels.

The total number of Foreign and Colonial parcels insured shows an increase of nearly 20 per cent., being 204,829 (96,301 despatched and 108,528 received), as against 171,374 in the previous year.

West India Mails.

A contract was concluded on the 1st of September last with the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company for a continuance for five years of its fortnightly service from Southampton to the West Indies and Colon at the former subsidy of 80,000*l.* a year.

Direct Jamaica Service.

Mails are now despatched to and received from Jamaica every week, there being a direct Mail Service between the United

Kingdom and the Colony once a fortnight, by means of steamers sailing between Bristol and Jamaica under a contract concluded last year for other purposes between Messrs. Elder, Dempster, and Company and the Crown Agents for the Colonies, and alternating with the service provided by the Royal Mail Company.

Particulars of the existing Foreign and Colonial Mail Packet Contracts are given in Appendix D. A new contract is being made for five years with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the service with China and Japan viâ Canada. Appendix D.
pp. 46-47.

The arrangements connected with the conveyance of mails between England and France have recently been the subject of careful consideration; and a conference was held at Dover to discuss measures for improving the service. Correspondence sent to Paris by the day mail should now be delivered by the 6th instead of the 7th delivery; and the punctuality of the night mail has, it is hoped, been more effectually secured. The special Indian mail service viâ Calais has been re-arranged so as not in any way to interfere with the continental mails; and further improvements may be looked for as soon as certain works now in progress are completed. Channel
Service.

There has been a great increase of correspondence for India and the East during the last few years; and the weekly mail now contains on an average about 2,230 bags. The mail despatched on the 7th of December last, containing a large amount of correspondence intended for delivery about Christmas or the New Year, consisted of 2,885 bags. Eastern
Mails.

The Army Post Office is still in operation in South Africa. The staff now consists of 7 officers and about 540 men. The weekly mail for the Army Post Office contains on an average 204,000 letters and 115,300 packets of printed matter; and it is estimated that during the year ended the 31st of March 1901, 11,551,300 letters were sent to the troops and 9,250,000 were received from them. During the same period the parcels sent out to the forces in South Africa by post amounted to 534,245, the largest number despatched on any one occasion, namely, on the 1st of December 1900, being 19,672. About 8,745 such parcels are now sent each week. War in South
Africa

As to the magnitude and difficulties of the work of the Army Post Office, I cannot do better than quote the following paragraph from Earl Roberts' despatch of the 16th April last:—

“The magnitude of the task set the Military Postal Service may be appreciated when it is realised that the Army Mails from England have exceeded in bulk the whole of the mails arriving for the inhabitants of Cape Colony and Natal, and contained each week little short of 750,000 letters, newspapers, and parcels for the troops. No little credit is therefore due to

the department under Major Treble in the first few months, and for the greater part of the time under Lieut.-Colonel J. Greer, Director of Military Postal Services, for the way in which it has endeavoured to cope with the vast quantity of correspondence, bearing in mind the incessant manner in which the troops have been moved about the country, the transport difficulties which had to be encountered, the want of postal experience in the bulk of the personnel of the corps, and the inadequacy of the establishments laid down for the several organisations."

His Majesty has been pleased to confer the honour of C.M.G. on Messrs. Greer and Treble in acknowledgment of their services.

As there are no Field Post Offices in the Cape Colony, arrangements have been made to enable soldiers stationed in that Colony to purchase and cash British Postal Orders at some of the Civil Post Offices.

Loss of the
"Mexican."

The loss of the Packet "Mexican," which foundered about 80 miles from Cape Town on her homeward voyage to this country, after collision with the steamer "Winkfield," involved loss to a large number of soldiers on active service in South Africa, many of whom had despatched the chocolate boxes given to them by Queen Victoria and other valuable articles to their friends in this country, enclosed in parcels or in registered letters, while others had remitted money which they could ill afford to lose. In view of the exceptional circumstances of the case, the Postmaster-General undertook legal proceedings in the Court of Admiralty on his own behalf and on behalf of the Postmasters-General of the Cape Colony and Natal, as well as on that of the senders or addressees of the lost parcels and registered letters, with the object of recovering, if possible, out of the money paid into that court by the owners of the "Winkfield," a sum which could be divided among those concerned. The claims of those persons who expressly authorised the Postmaster-General to represent them have been allowed.

War in
China.

For the benefit of the Expeditionary Force in North China, the Indian Government has established Field Post Offices with a base office at Hong Kong. The troops enjoy the same special facilities in the matter of postage as the troops on service in South Africa; letters sent unpaid because stamps are not obtainable are delivered free, the amount due for postage being recovered from Army funds.

MONEY ORDERS.

Statistics.
See also
Appendix K.,
pp. 68-76.

The following comparative statement of the number and amount of the Orders dealt with during the year shows an increase at almost every point:—

Summary.

	Number.			Amount.		
	1900-1901.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) com- pared with previous Year.	Rate per Cent.	1900-1901.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) com- pared with previous Year.	Rate per Cent.
<i>Inland.</i>				<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	
Ordinary - -	8,288,125	+ 410,082	+ 5·2	24,633,441	+ 1,063,547	+ 8·6
Telegraph - -	369,165	+ 57,222	+ 18·3	1,128,661	+ 129,575	+ 12·9
Government Offices	2,718,228	+ 615,324	+ 29·2	8,692,757	+ 1,851,386	+ 27·0
Total Inland -	11,375,518	+ 1,082,628	+ 10·5	34,454,859	+ 3,949,508	+ 12·9
<i>Foreign and Colonial.</i>						
Issued in the United Kingdom and paid abroad:						
Colonial - -	140,772	- 1,802	- 1·2	449,483	- 27,148	- 5·6
Foreign - -	426,935	+ 19,807	+ 4·8	1,060,975	+ 41,486	+ 3·9
Total Outwards	567,707	+ 18,005	+ 3·2	1,530,458	+ 14,338	+ ·9
Issued abroad and payable in the United Kingdom:						
Colonial - -	539,598	+ 64,832	+ 13·6	1,625,012	+ 225,232	+ 16·0
Foreign - -	780,744	+ 10,643	+ 1·3	1,764,336	- 15,675	- ·8
Total Inwards	1,320,342	+ 75,475	+ 6·0	3,389,348	+ 209,557	+ 6·5
Total Foreign and Colonial Orders - }	1,888,049	+ 93,480	+ 5·2	4,919,806	+ 223,895	+ 4·7
Grand total -	13,263,567	+ 1,176,108	+ 9·7	39,374,665	+ 4,173,403	+ 11·8

The increase in ordinary Inland Orders (5·2 per cent. in number and 8·6 per cent. in amount) is by far the largest for many years past. Inland Orders.

The increase in Inland Telegraph Orders was again very large, and the total amount remitted exceeded 1,128,000*l*. Since the rates of commission on Telegraph Orders were reduced in February 1897, the number has increased by 130 per cent.

The average amount of an ordinary Inland Order was 2*l*. 19*s*. 5*d*. (or 1*s*. 11*d*. more than last year), and of an Inland Telegraph Order, 3*l*. 1*s*. 2*d*. (or 2*s*. 10*d*. less than last year).

It will be noticed that for Government Orders an increase of 29 per cent. in number and 27 per cent. in amount is shown.

The total amount remitted by such Orders was more than eight and a half millions sterling, of which 4,373,000*l.* were paid on behalf of the War Office for Army pensions, reserve pay, and the allotments and separation allowances granted to the wives and families of reservists in the field. It has, moreover, been decided by the War Office and Admiralty to use Money Orders for paying the pensions granted to the widows and orphans of soldiers and sailors who have fallen in South Africa.

Foreign and
Colonial
Orders.

Exchanges of ordinary Money Orders have been commenced with Samoa, Greece, British Central Africa, the Orange River Colony, the British Post Offices at Constantinople, Smyrna, and Salonica, and the Japanese Postal Agencies at certain places in China. Negotiations with several other countries are in progress. The Telegraph Money Order system was extended during the year to Italy and Sweden. The extension to France and Algeria will fall to be recorded in the report for the present year. The Telegraph Money Orders issued in the United Kingdom for payment abroad were 3,560 in number and 18,543*l.* in amount, while those issued abroad for payment in this country numbered 3,267 and amounted to 18,628*l.* Further extensions of the system are in contemplation.

POSTAL ORDERS.

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The number of Postal Orders issued to the public during the year was 85,390,029, representing 29,881,726*l.* The produce of the commission on these orders was 359,296*l.* The orders have increased 3·98 per cent. in number and 4·36 per cent. in amount during the year.

The value of the stamps affixed to Postal Orders by the holders during the year was 180,140*l.*

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

Appendix J.,
pp. 60-67.
Deposits and
withdrawals.

During the year ended the 31st of December 1900, 14,969,849 deposits were made, the total sum deposited being 40,516,436*l.*: the withdrawals numbered 5,406,347, the total sum withdrawn being 38,231,372*l.* The sum of 3,145,978*l.* was credited to depositors as interest; and the total amount due to these at the end of the year was 135,549,645*l.* The amount added in the year to the total credit of depositors has steadily fallen from 10,230,000*l.* in 1896 to 5,431,000*l.* in 1900. On the other hand, as shown subsequently, the amount of Government stock held by depositors in the Bank increased during 1900 by 2,000,000*l.*

The deposits on the 31st December 1900 were 124,469, amounting to 458,115*l.*, and exceeded both in number and amount the record for any previous day in the history of the

bank. The largest number of withdrawals in one day was 44,805 on the 18th December; the amount withdrawn was 221,149*l*.

The number of withdrawals by telegraph on the day of application was 167,389. Under the system in which application for the money is made by telegraph, and the warrant is sent by return of post, there were 11,609 withdrawals. Withdrawals by Telegraph.

The total number of new accounts opened was 1,376,171, and of accounts closed 982,868. Of the accounts opened, 293 were for friendly societies; 1,794 for charitable, provident and trade societies; and 230 for penny banks. The number of accounts opened by registrars of county courts for the deposit of money paid into Court was 580. Of these 360, to the amount of 22,987*l*., were the outcome of cases under the Workmen's Compensation Act. The total number of accounts remaining open on the 31st December 1900, their distribution, the average amount of each, and the proportion of depositors to population, are as follows:— Accounts.

—	Number of Depositors.	Total Amount to Credit of Depositors.	Average Amount to Credit of each Depositor.	Proportion of Depositors to Population.
England and Wales -	7,685,317	£ 122,365,193	£ s. d. 15 18 5	1 in 4
Scotland - - -	372,801	5,126,299	13 15 0	1 in 12
Ireland - - -	381,865	8,058,153	21 2 1	1 in 12
Totals - - -	8,439,983	135,549,645	16 1 8	1 in 5

The average amount to the credit of each depositor was 2*s*. 2*d*. less than at the end of 1899.

The arrangement under which the deferred pay of soldiers leaving the army is deposited by the War Office in the Post Office Savings Bank has been almost in abeyance owing to the war. Only 2,069 deposits, representing 36,729*l*., were received, and 64½ per cent. of the sums deposited were withdrawn within one month by the soldiers to whose credit they had been placed. Soldiers' accounts.

The effect of the low price of Government stock on the investments of Savings Bank depositors is shown in the following table:— Investments in Government Stock.

Year.	No. of Purchases.	Amount invested.	Average Price of Consols.
1899	26,531	£ 1,770,170	107½
1900	41,030	2,830,513	99½

The amount of stock sold by depositors in 1900 was 678,374*l.* as against 686,135*l.* in 1899. Stock certificates with coupons for dividends attached were obtained for depositors to the number of 41, and to the amount of 6,000*l.*, and 353 transfers, amounting to 75,189*l.*, were made to depositors' accounts at the Bank of England. These figures were largely in excess of those for the previous year. On the 31st December 1900 there were in connection with the bank 93,965 stockholders, with 10,468,290*l.* stock standing to their credit, being an increase during the year of 14,967 stockholders and 2,071,077*l.* stock.

**Annuities
and life
insurance.**

The immediate annuities purchased during the year numbered 2,258, and amounted to 49,893*l.* They included 545 purchased by the "Daily Telegraph Shilling Fund" for widows of soldiers who had died in South Africa. The deferred annuities were 137 in number and 2,722*l.* in amount. Only 677 contracts for life insurance to the amount of 35,512*l.* were granted in 1900, as against 827 for 43,723*l.* in 1899.

Expenditure.

The net expenditure of the bank for the year was 487,025*l.*, representing an average cost per transaction of 5·73*d.* as against 5·75*d.* in 1899. The ratio of the expenses to the total sum standing to the credit of depositors was as 7*s.* 2½*d.* to 100*l.* The corresponding amount in 1899 was 7*s.* 3½*d.*, and five years ago it was 8*s.*

Profit.

While for the four previous years the expenditure exceeded the income, in 1900 there was once more a balance of profit amounting to 10,465*l.*

**Revised
Regulations.**

A revised code of regulations for the ordinary business of the Savings Bank came into force on the 1st of August 1900. Among the most important of the alterations is a provision that the marriage of a depositor contracted on or after the date just mentioned has the effect of revoking any nomination made by him or her before marriage, except in the case of a depositor domiciled in Scotland, the Channel Islands or, in certain cases, in the Isle of Man. When a nominee dies in the depositor's lifetime leaving issue, such issue is now entitled to the sum the nominee was appointed to receive; and provision is also made for the payment of debts out of a sum nominated, where the Postmaster General has notice of a claim, if the estate apart from the sum nominated is not sufficient to satisfy the claim.

The rule that deposits must be multiples of a shilling has been relaxed in the case of the accounts of societies; and their treasurers and other officers are thus relieved of the necessity, which was sometimes inconvenient, of having to hold over any odd pence they might have in hand.

**County Court
Investments.**

The County Courts (Investment) Act, 1900, provides that all money paid into a county court in any proceedings, and ordered

by the judge to be invested for the benefit of any infant or person of unsound mind, may be deposited in the Post Office Savings Bank.

TELEGRAPHS.

The number of telegrams sent over the wires of the Department during the year was 89,576,961, showing a decrease of .92 per cent. Statistics—
See also
Appendix H,
pp. 57, 58.

The following table gives the number of each kind of telegram, and the amounts received in respect of each, as compared with the figures for the previous year:—

Class of Telegram.	Number.			Receipts.		
	1900-1901.	1899-1900.	(+) Increase or (-) Decrease.	1900-1901.	1899-1900.	(+) Increase or (-) Decrease.
Ordinary Inland - -	73,184,364	74,151,385	- 966,521	£ 2,257,399	£ 2,299,574	- £ 42,175
Press (Inland) - -	6,961,761	6,812,781	+ 148,980	141,600	143,233	- 1,633
Foreign - - -	7,641,090	7,521,540	+ 119,550	367,060	358,943	+ 8,117
Railway, free - -	1,280,876	1,448,766	- 167,890	—	—	—
„ reduced rate	31,106	31,456	- 350	606	616	- 10
Government, free - -	477,264	454,195	+ 23,069	—	—	—
Totals - -	89,576,961	90,415,123	- 838,162	2,766,665	2,802,366	- 35,701

The estimated value of railway free telegrams is 50,866*l.*, and of Government free telegrams 28,014*l.*, making a total of 78,970*l.*

The decrease in the number of ordinary Inland telegrams was 1.30 per cent. as compared with an increase of 2.88 per cent. for the previous year. The local traffic in London showed a decrease of 2.11 per cent., and Stock Exchange telegrams a decrease of nearly 14 per cent. The revenue shows a falling off of 1.83 per cent., the average value of an inland telegram being 7.40*d.*, as compared with 7.44*d.* last year, and with 8.12*d.* in 1885-6, the first year after the introduction of sixpenny telegrams.

Foreign telegrams show an increase of 1.58 per cent., the total of 7,641,090 being the highest on record. Foreign
Telegram.

The number of press telegrams also exceeds the number sent in the previous year, the increase being at the rate of 2.18 per cent. The receipts from these telegrams, however, show a decrease. The average weekly number of words in press telegrams was 16,065,602, as compared with a weekly average of 15,721,802, for the previous year. Press Tele-
grams. Special

measures have been taken to cope with this large amount of press work, and to obviate delay in transmission. I am glad to think that these measures have been successful from the point of view of the newspapers concerned. At the same time it is to be borne in mind that press telegrams entail a heavy financial burden on the telegraph service, which has to provide highly skilled officers and special apparatus for the disposal of the work, and to perform that work at a charge which is totally inadequate to meet the expenses.

Illness and
death of
H.M. Queen
Victoria.

The circumstances attending the death of Her Majesty Queen Victoria gave rise to a large amount of telegraph business. On the 1st February, the day preceding the funeral of Her Majesty, the number of telegrams (199,155) passing through the Central Telegraph Office, London, was the highest number ever dealt with in one day at this office. There was also great pressure at Cowes, Portsmouth, and Windsor; and 63 telegraphists were withdrawn from London to supplement the ordinary staff at those offices. His Majesty the King was graciously pleased to express his appreciation of the way in which the special arrangements were carried out.

Extensions of
the Tele-
graph.

During the year 324 new telegraph offices were opened, including four at railway stations. Of these, 250 were opened under guarantees, of which 101 were provided by public bodies and 149 by private persons.

In connection with the coast communication scheme, extensions have been made to 32 additional points, 14 being in England, 7 in Scotland, and 11 in Ireland.

New wires.

New wires have been erected between London and Benacre, and London and Bacton, to connect with the new cables to Holland and Germany referred to below, and a number of new circuits have been provided between the principal centres of trade in various parts of the country.

The underground line between London and Birmingham, mentioned in previous reports, has been brought into use, and has already proved of advantage to the Department during interruptions of the overhead lines. There is the drawback that, for some high-speed systems of working, two underground wires are required where one aerial wire would suffice; but the advantages are on the whole great enough to justify the extension of the London-Birmingham line northwards and the construction of another underground line north of Preston, where the existing overground lines are much exposed to storms.

Reserve
wires.

A large addition was made during the year to the number of reserve wires on overground routes to make good interruptions on the main lines of communication.

The facilities generously afforded by the Eastern Telegraph Company for the transmission of telegrams at half rates to the troops in South Africa have been extended by the Company, in conjunction with the Great Northern Telegraph Company, to the members of the expeditionary force in China. The arrangement came into operation on the 1st November last, the charge being reduced from 5s. 6d. to 2s. 9d. a word. The companies at the same time agreed to convey telegrams at the same rates of charge for the troops of other nations serving with the expeditionary force; and practically all the states concerned availed themselves of the privilege.

A new four-wire cable to Holland was laid by this department in November last, between Benacre in Suffolk and Zandvoort; and, as the result of arrangements made within the year under review, an additional cable has since been laid by the German Telegraph Administration between Bacton in Norfolk and Emden in Germany. In each case the cable has been provided at the joint expense of this country and the foreign administration concerned. These additional facilities will effect a considerable and much needed improvement in the telegraphic service between this country and Germany and the Netherlands

Improved communication with the Continent.

Direct telegraphic working between London and Genoa, was established on the 16th of June 1900; and the provision of direct wires to other centres of commerce on the continent is under consideration.

Direct wire to Genoa.

The Eastern Telegraph Company have established direct communication between Porthcurno, in Cornwall, and St. Vincent, *via* Madeira, to join the cable from South Africa, *via* St. Helena and Ascension, which had been landed in St. Vincent in the previous year. These cables complete a third and independent route between this country and South Africa. The Eastern Telegraph Company have also undertaken the construction of a cable from Natal to Australia, *via* Mauritius and the Cocos Islands. The first section between Natal and Mauritius has recently been completed and opened for traffic.

New foreign cables.

In conjunction with the Great Northern Telegraph Company, the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company have laid a cable from Shanghai to Chefoo and Taku. The cable was primarily laid in connection with the operations of the expeditionary force in Northern China, and has provided a much needed means of communication. The Eastern Extension Company have also laid a cable from Chefoo to Wei-hai-wei, under an agreement with H.M. Government. Further extensions have been made from Chefoo to Taintau and Shanghai on behalf of the German Government, and from Chefoo to Port Arthur on behalf of the Russian Government.

The Imperial Government and the Governments of Canada and certain of the Australasian Colonies have entered into a joint contract with the Telegraph Construction and Maintenance Company for the construction and laying of a cable across the Pacific from Vancouver to Australia *via* the Fanning Islands and Fiji.

**Reductions
in Foreign
tariffs.**

Several reductions have been effected in the telegraph rates to British Colonies and to Foreign Countries. The most important of these are :—

	Reduced	
	From	To
	A Word. s. d.	A Word. s. d.
Africa :		
British Central - - - - -	4 5	3 11
Cape Colony, Natal, Orange River Colony, Trans- vaal and Zululand - - - - -	4 0	3 6
Rhodesia :		
Northern - - - - -	4 5	3 11
Southern - - - - -	4 2	3 8
Australasia :		
New South Wales - - - - -	4 11	3 6
South and Western Australia - - - - -	4 9	3 6
Tasmania - - - - -	5 5	3 6
Ascension and St. Helena - - - - -	4 0	3 6
Brazil : Pernambuco - - - - -	3 6	3 0
West Indies : Cuba - - - - -	2 6	1 10
Europe :		
Bulgaria and Eastern Roumelia - - - - -	0 4½	0 4
Roumania - - - - -	0 4	0 3½

The reductions in the case of South Africa and the Australasian Colonies have been effected in connection with the new cables between this country and the Cape, and between Natal and Australia, already referred to. In both cases arrangements have been made for an ultimate reduction in the rate on the sliding scale principle to 2s. 6d. a word.

**Meteoro-
logical tele-
grams.**

The fee for the weather reports and forecasts of the Meteorological Office was reduced, by agreement with that department, from 1s. to 6d. per message.

**Staff with-
drawn for
service in
South Africa.**

Throughout the year the Staff of Telegraphists has been very largely drawn upon for men required in connection with the telegraph service in South Africa, and in addition to these, many have gone to the front as members of the special corps which have been raised during the war. The temporary loss of so many skilled telegraphists has been somewhat severely felt. At the Central Telegraph Office alone the average number absent during the 12 months was 113.

The pressure has also been felt in the engineering department. Altogether 14 engineers and 307 linemen and mechanics have left for South Africa. Of these 131 were Royal Engineers employed by this Department in the southern district of England. The absence of these specially trained men has been a source of much difficulty and has led to unavoidable delay in construction work.

Allusion may be made to the serious fire which broke out in the Manchester Post Office on the 19th of September last, and destroyed the telegraph instrument galleries. Telegraphic communication between Manchester and the rest of the country was for a short time interrupted; and even when it was restored, many telegrams which would ordinarily have circulated through Manchester had to be sent by other routes, the time occupied in transit being thus unavoidably increased.

TELEPHONES.

The number of Post Offices open for Trunk Telephone business on the 31st of March last was 312, an increase of 13 in the year. The trunk circuits in use consisted of approximately 76,831 miles of wire, and 7,700 miles of wire were in course of construction. 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 last was approximately 1,695,822*l.* The expenditure during the year was approximately 164,189*l.*

During the year the trunk system was extended to the following places, under guarantee from the National Telephone Company:—

Bishop's Stortford.	Chichester.	Lymington.
Braintree.	Haverfordwest.	Newry.
Brentwood.	Holywell.	Sleaford.
Bury St. Edmunds.	Horsham.	
Carmarthen.	Huntly.	

Additional circuits were also authorised to serve the following places which were already on the system:—

Accrington.	Blackburn.	Castleford (Yorks).
Alloa.	Blyth.	Chester.
Ardrossan.	Bolton.	Chesterfield.
Ashton - under - Lyne.	Bournemouth.	Coventry.
Aylesbury.	Bradford (Yorks).	Darlington.
Barnsley.	Brighton.	Derby.
Barrow-in-Furness.	Bristol.	Dewsbury.
Barry.	Burnley.	Doncaster.
Beith.	Burton-on-Trent.	Dundee.
Birmingham.	Bury (Lancs).	Eastbourne.
	Cardiff.	Edinburgh.

Exeter.	Newport (Mon.).	Southampton.
Forfar.	Northampton.	Southend-on-Sea.
Glasgow.	North Shields.	Southport.
Gloucester.	Nottingham.	Stockport.
Halifax.	Oldham.	Stockton-on-Tees.
Hanley.	Ormskirk.	Todmorden.
Harrogate.	Plymouth.	Ton.
Helensburgh.	Pontypool.	Tunbridge Wells.
Hull.	Preston (Lancs).	Walsall.
Leeds.	Renfrew.	Warwick.
Leicester.	Ripley (Derby).	Watford.
Lewes.	Rochdale.	Weston - super -
Liverpool.	St. Albans.	Mare.
Loughborough.	St. Helens (Lancs).	Weybridge.
Manchester.	Sharpness.	Wigan.
Neath.	Sheffield.	Wolverhampton.
Newcastle - on -	Sittingbourne.	Worcester.
Tyne.	Slough.	

The total number of trunk transactions during the year was 8,975,148, or, reckoning each transaction as involving at least two spoken messages, a total number of 17,950,296 (an increase of 10·87 per cent. over that of the preceding year). The revenue was 211,209*l.* (an increase of 10·18 per cent.), and the average value of each transaction was 5·64*d.*, practically the same as in the preceding year.

Local Exchanges.

Post Office Exchanges were opened during the year at the following places, the exchange in each case being placed in connection with the trunk system :—

Aylesbury.	Elswick Road,	Ryton.
Blaenavon.	Newcastle.	Senghenith.
Bridgend.	Neath.	Tredegar.
Castle Eden.	Penarth.	Tylorstown.
Clayton Road,	Prince Consort Rd.,	
Newcastle.	Gateshead.	

Arrangements have also been made for the establishment of Exchanges at other places in the Provinces.

London Telephone System.

The provision of the Post Office Metropolitan Exchange System is progressing satisfactorily. In connection with the works now proceeding, there are to be exchanges at Queen Victoria Street, E.C. (Savings Bank Buildings), Westminster, Kensington, Chiswick, Putney, Richmond, Twickenham, Kingston, Wimbledon, and Croydon. Ultimately there will be about 40 exchanges in the London area.

In the City the greater part of the underground work has been completed. About 160 miles of pipes have been laid, into which about 20 miles of cables (each containing from 200 to

434 wires) have already been drawn. In the other districts (Westminster, Kensington, etc.) about 110 miles of pipes have been laid, and about 16 miles of cable drawn in. As soon as these sections of the system have been completed, work will be commenced in other parts of the Metropolitan area, but a considerable time must of course elapse before the whole area can be served.

Owing to unforeseen difficulties which have been met with in carrying out the underground work, and in obtaining and adapting buildings for the exchanges, it has not yet been practicable to bring the system into operation.

During the year Telephone Licences were granted to the Corporations of Belfast, Grantham, Huddersfield, and Tunbridge Wells; and since the 31st March a Licence has been granted to the Corporation of Brighton. Applications for Licences from other Corporations and Local Companies have been received. Municipal
Telephones.

The revenue from the Post Office telephone and private wire system was 155,694*l.*, as against 148,250*l.* in the previous year. The rates were reduced during the year, and subscribers were given the option of renting their circuits at inclusive or at toll rates. Revenue—
Appendix N.,
P. 79.

The amount of the royalty paid by the National Telephone Company was 140,448*l.*

POST OFFICES AND LETTER BOXES.

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

—	London.	England and Wales, excluding London.	Scotland.	Ireland.	Total.
Head Offices -	11	622	148	120	901
Branch Offices -	111	109	30	11	261
Town Sub-Offices -	877	3,730	322	199	5,128
Country Sub-Offices	—	11,415	1,866	2,678	15,899
Totals -	999	15,876	2,306	3,008	22,189

The total includes 249 additional offices opened during the year. Of the 22,189 offices, 13,394 are open for Money Order and Savings Bank business, and 9,171 for Telegraph business, which is also transacted at 2,341 railway stations.

The number of letter boxes was increased during the year from 32,593 to 33,590.

POST OFFICE BUILDINGS.

Now and enlarged offices.

Ninety-two Post Offices belonging to the Crown have been opened during the year, of which 49 are new buildings specially erected for the purpose. Twenty-seven Post Offices have been enlarged, and 72 are in course of erection or enlargement.

The Mount Pleasant Sorting office.

The Sorting Office at Mount Pleasant, which was completed in 1900, has a floor space of between six and seven acres. The length of the sorting tables is a mile and a half. Nearly 4,000 persons are employed there, and they deal with nearly 12,000,000 postal packets a week. Every day 1,730 mail vans call there, and 200 tons of mail matter pass through the Office.

General Post Office, St. Martin's-le-Grand.

The space left in the General Post Office (East) by the transfer to Mount Pleasant of the work of sorting the Provincial Mails, has been utilised for a much needed expansion of the branches of work remaining in the old building. In order to gain space in the General Post Office (West) for additional telegraphic communication with the Continent, the public office at St. Martin's-le-Grand was retransferred in January to the East Building, whence it was moved in 1897.

Telephone Exchanges.

Considerable progress has been made with the central exchange for the London Telephone system, which will ultimately occupy a large part of the present Savings Bank Buildings in Queen Victoria Street; and outside premises have been hired in order to provide temporarily for the Savings Bank Staff displaced. Progress has also been made in providing accommodation for telephone business in the South-Western District of London, South Kensington, Chiswick, Wimbledon, and other centres.

Expenditure. The Expenditure out of the Post Office votes for the acquisition of sites and buildings during the year amounted to 114,608*l.*, as against 153,071*l.* in 1899-1900. The expenditure by the Commissioners of Works and Buildings on buildings for the Post Office amounted to 205,479*l.* in Great Britain and 24,391*l.* in Ireland. The corresponding figures for the previous year were 263,705*l.* and 22,081*l.*

STAFF.

Appendix F., pp. 49, 50. The number of persons on the establishment of the Post Office, including all Head and Sub-Postmasters, is 94,132, of whom 15,216 are women. The number added during the year is 2,859.

In addition to the above, there are 79,052 persons filling unestablished situations (some of them employed only for an hour or two daily), of whom 20,161 are women. The number added during the year to the unestablished force is 3,255.

The total number of persons employed in the Post Office is thus 173,184.

The number of persons dismissed during the year was 1,216, Dismissals, while 331 men were deprived of good conduct stripes. The etc. corresponding figures for 1899-1900 were 915 and 259.

The principal feature connected with the Staff has been the large demands made upon it for men to serve in South Africa, either with the Army or as civilians:— Men with-
drawn for
South Africa.

100 Officers, chiefly provincial Sorting Clerks and Telegraphists, have been demanded for service with the Army Post Office; 50 Telegraphists for service with the Royal Engineers; 30 for Civil Post Office employment in Natal; 100 for Civil Post Office employment in the Transvaal; and 66 for Civil Post Office employment in the Cape Colony.

The withdrawal from the Post Office Service at home of these trained men, in addition to those previously sent to South Africa, has constituted a serious drain on the resources of the Department; and when it is borne in mind that, in the case of all the Reservists and of the men sent to the Royal Engineers and the Army Post Office Corps, their situations have to be kept open, it is evident that the efficiency of the service must be impaired.

Of the men first sent to South Africa, 1,100 have now returned to England and resumed duty in the Post Office. These men were invalided or sent home as "time expired."

The usual tables follow, showing the percentage of wages and salaries to Revenue and Expenditure. Percentage
of wages 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.
1891-92 - -	10,461,998	2,545,612	12,907,610	3,897,952	1,635,093	5,533,045	42·57
1892-93 - -	10,600,149	2,526,312	13,126,461	4,100,823	1,717,123	5,907,946	45·01
1893-94 - -	10,734,885	2,579,206	13,314,091	4,446,361	1,804,603	6,250,964	46·95
1894-95 - -	11,025,460	2,616,414	13,671,874	4,597,355	1,833,684	6,431,039	47·03
1895-96 - -	11,759,945	2,579,794	14,339,739	4,734,446	1,893,410	6,629,365	45·28
1896-97 - -	12,146,935	2,967,354	15,114,289	4,927,095	1,969,471	6,896,566	45·62
1897-98 - -	12,420,376	3,071,723	15,492,099	5,230,538	2,081,009	7,311,507	47·19
1898-99 - -	13,049,317	3,200,145	16,309,462	5,594,312	2,171,518	7,765,830	47·61
1899-1900 - -	13,394,335	3,460,462	16,854,827	5,903,399	2,279,722	8,243,121	48·90
1900-1901 - (estimated).	13,905,470	3,469,353	17,434,823	6,277,275	2,342,896	8,620,171	49·38

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.
1891-92 . .	7,192,487	2,633,895	9,829,332	3,897,952	1,635,093	5,533,045	56.30
1892-93 . .	7,507,645	2,692,994	10,200,639	4,190,823	1,717,123	5,907,946	57.92
1893-94 . .	7,759,712	2,757,645	10,517,357	4,416,361	1,804,603	6,250,964	59.44
1894-95 . .	7,955,344	2,788,032	10,743,396	4,597,353	1,833,684	6,431,039	59.86
1895-96 . .	8,096,272	2,920,341	11,006,613	4,734,446	1,895,419	6,629,865	60.28
1896-97 . .	8,246,356	3,111,810	11,353,166	4,927,095	1,969,471	6,896,566	60.71
1897-98 . .	8,683,317	3,378,841	12,062,158	5,236,588	2,061,009	7,314,597	60.61
1898-99 . .	9,190,006	3,482,014	12,672,020	5,594,312	2,171,518	7,765,830	61.28
1899-1900 . .	9,683,999	3,740,034	13,433,063	5,963,399	2,279,722	8,243,121	61.36
1900-1901 . . (estimated).	10,064,908	3,812,569	13,877,472	6,377,275	2,342,896	8,620,171	62.11

HEALTH OF THE STAFF.

Sick absence. Scarlet fever has been very prevalent during the year, but notwithstanding that 221 persons were absent owing to this cause, the average sick absence of the Staff was rather less than in the previous year, being 6.8 days for each man and 10.6 days for each woman, as against 7.3 and 10.8 respectively.

These figures and also those in the following table and in the second and third tables of Appendix F. relate only to the staff under the care of the 597 departmental medical officers, namely, 77,165 men (52,682 established and 24,483 unestablished) and 10,077 women (8,002 established and 2,075 unestablished):—

	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 . .	59	76	12.0	13.3	7.1	10.2
Metropolitan Districts	55	70	14.6	14.9	8.1	10.5
Country . .	46	62	17.4	21.0	8.0	13.0
Scotland . .	37	58	15.8	17.2	6.2	10.1
Ireland . .	58	76	17.5	16.6	10.2	12.7

	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 - -	73	66	9.1	14.2	6.7	9.5
Metropolitan Districts	57	54	9.9	12.2	5.7	6.7
Country - - -	42	51	12.2	15.7	5.2	8.1
Scotland - - -	48	38	9.1	11.6	4.4	4.5
Ireland - - -	46	41	11.6	14.4	5.4	6.0

The number of persons placed off duty owing to the presence of infectious diseases (chiefly scarlet fever and diphtheria) in their homes was 1,271, and the time thus lost to the Department was 19,765 days. Infectious diseases in families.

Although in Glasgow and other towns where small-pox was very prevalent during the year, many postmen and telegraph messengers had to visit infected areas, no evil consequences to any of them appear to have arisen. This satisfactory immunity the Chief Medical Officer ascribes to the enforcement of revaccination on all persons entering the Post Office service. Small-pox.

Statements as to the diseases which led to death and retirement during the year at places where there are departmental medical officers are given in Appendix F. Deaths and retirements. See also Appendix F., pp. 61-54.

As attention is now being called to the mortality from phthisis and tuberculosis, it may be desirable to point out that in the Post Office service the deaths ascribed to these causes in the year numbered 61 and the retirements 92. These figures appear to indicate that those employed in the service of the Department are not specially liable to tubercular diseases.

The following tables relate to the established staff throughout the United Kingdom, that is to 78,916 men and 15,216 women, who, with a few exceptions, give their whole time to the Post Office service :—

Deaths (not including those in South Africa).

	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.
England—								
Chief Office - -	68	2	5.6	0.6	39	33	19.2	15.5
Metropolitan Districts	33	1	3.2	1.6	36	42	14.3	24.6
Provinces - - -	123	7	3.7	2.0	39	36	16.6	9.7
Scotland - - -	19	3	3.0	3.4	36	40	12.3	11.3
Ireland - - -	17	1	4.3	2.0	42	28	16.8	2.0
Total - - -	260	14	4.0	1.6	38	33	16.8	11.4

Retirements.

	Number of Persons.		Average Age on Retirement (in years).		Average Length of Service on Retirement (in years).	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
Invalided - -	484	92	41	36	20	16
Superannuated at age of 60 years or upwards.	204	11	61	63	34	24

Deaths in South Africa.

Of the 69 men holding established appointments reported as having died in South Africa during the year, 9 are recorded as killed, 4 as having died from wounds, 2 from accidents, 51 from disease, and 3 from unknown causes.

Retirement on marriage.

The number of women who retired on marriage in 1900 was 189, with an average age of 27, and an average service of 8 years.

Examination of Candidates.

The number of candidates for Post Office appointments medically examined was 5,666 men and 887 women, of whom 606 men (10·7 per cent.) and 135 women (15·2 per cent.) were rejected.

FINANCE.**Appendices P., Q., and R., pp. 82-85.**

The postal revenue of the year, including the value of services rendered to other Departments, has been 13,995,470*l.*, an increase of 601,135*l.* on that of the previous year. The postal expenditure has been 10,064,903*l.*, an increase of 380,904*l.* on that of the previous year. The net profit was thus 3,930,567*l.*, or 220,231*l.* more than last year.

The telegraph revenue of the year, 3,459,353*l.*, shows a decrease of 1,139*l.*, and the telegraph expenditure 3,812,569*l.*, an increase of 63,485*l.* upon the previous year. The net deficit on telegraphs was thus 353,216*l.*, or 64,624*l.* more than last year. If allowance be made for interest on the capital—10,868,663*l.*—created for the purchase of the telegraphs, the deficit on the year is raised to 652,104*l.*

These figures are, necessarily, partly estimated.

In conclusion I should like to express my sense of the loss the Department has sustained in the retirement of Mr. J. J. Cardin, C.B., the late Comptroller and Accountant General.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords,

Your Lordships' obedient Servant,

LONDONDERRY.

2nd August 1901.

APPENDIX A.

Letters Delivered.

ESTIMATED NUMBER of Letters delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the last Ten Years, with the average number to each person.

Year.	England and Wales.					Scotland.		Ireland.		Total in United Kingdom.		Average number to each person.
	Country Offices.	Increase per cent. per annum	London District.	Increase per cent. per annum	Total.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Average number to each person.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Average number to each person.	Total in United Kingdom.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Average number to each person.
1891-92	965,000,000	4.4	551,000,000	3.4	1,516,100,000	3.7	52	105,000,000	5.2	1,767,500,000	3.6	46
1892-93	965,800,000	1.1	568,500,000	2.8	1,532,300,000	1.1	53	106,000,000	.9	1,790,800,000	1.3	47
1893-94	973,800,000	.8	575,600,000	1.6	1,549,400,000	1.1	53	108,500,000	2.5	1,811,800,000	1.2	47
1894-95	983,900,000	2.0	598,800,000	dec.	1,582,700,000	3.1	50	112,900,000	4.0	1,770,900,000	dec.	46
1895-96	1,021,300,000	2.8	537,500,000	inc.	1,558,800,000	3.8	51	113,500,000	dec.	1,834,200,000	3.3	47
1896-97	1,049,300,000	2.7	537,200,000	5.6	1,586,500,000	3.1	52	118,000,000	inc.	1,893,000,000	3.6	48
1897-98	1,120,300,000	6.8	590,900,000	3.7	1,711,200,000	6.5	55	123,700,000	4.8	2,012,300,000	3.3	50
1898-99	1,242,000,000	10.8	617,700,000	6.0	1,859,700,000	8.7	59	136,600,000	7.4	2,198,900,000	8.6	54
1899-1900	1,276,300,000	2.7	632,600,000	4.5	1,908,900,000	2.6	60	141,100,000	10.3	2,246,800,000	2.7	55
1900-01	1,312,700,000	2.9	664,300,000	2.4	1,977,000,000	3.6	61	144,200,000	3.4	2,383,600,000	3.4	57

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

STATEMENT OF THE ESTIMATED 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 1901.

	Population.	Letters.		Post Cards.		Book Packets and Circulars.		Newspapers.		Telegrams.		Parcels.	
		No.	No. per Head of Population.	No.	No. per Head of Population.	No.	No. per Head of Population.	No.	No. per Head of Population.	No.	No. per Head of Population.	No.	No. per Head of Population.
England and Wales	32,179,843	1,977,000,000	61·4	359,400,000	11·2	619,300,000	19·2	127,800,000	4·0	75,384,987	2·3	67,194,000	2·1
Scotland	4,313,998	202,400,000	46·9	41,600,000	9·6	77,900,000	18·0	19,300,000	4·5	9,289,019	2·2	8,698,000	2·0
Ireland	4,498,256	144,200,000	32·1	18,000,000	4·0	35,300,000	7·8	20,700,000	4·6	4,903,075	1·1	6,215,000	1·2
Totals	40,992,092	2,323,600,000	56·7	419,000,000	10·2	732,400,000	17·9	167,800,000	4·1	89,576,981	2·2	81,017,000	2·0

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

Letters	-	60·9	Book Packets and Circulars	-	19·3	Telegrams	-	2·3
Post Cards	-	11·0	Newspapers	-	4·4	Parcels	-	2·1

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.

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.
1891-92	205,200,000	5·2	25,400,000	5·8	11,000,000	2·8	241,600,000	5·2
1892-93	204,500,000	·5	26,800,000	5·5	11,300,000	2·7	244,400,000	1·2
1893-94	209,100,000	1·4	27,400,000	2·2	12,000,000	6·2	248,500,000	1·6
1894-95	271,900,000	29·9 dec.	28,700,000	4·7	12,500,000	4·2	312,800,000	25·9
1895-96	268,300,000	1·2 inc.	32,200,000	12·2	14,000,000	12·0	314,500,000	·6
1896-97	234,900,000	6·9	34,400,000	6·8	15,200,000	8·6 dec.	336,500,000	7·0
1897-98	308,900,000	7·7	36,400,000	5·8	15,100,000	·7 inc.	360,400,000	7·1
1898-99	327,200,000	5·9	38,800,000	6·6	16,200,000	7·3	382,200,000	6·0
1899-1900	343,600,000	4·7	40,800,000	5·2	16,800,000	4·3	400,300,000	4·7
1900-01	359,400,000	4·9	41,600,000	2·0	18,000,000	6·5	419,000,000	4·7

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF BOOK PACKETS and CIRCULARS delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the last Ten Years. (The totals for the first six 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.
1891-92	423,000,000	3·2	45,300,000	1·6	25,000,000	1·2	493,300,000	2·9
1892-93	438,100,000	7·3	51,200,000	13·0	27,900,000	11·6	535,200,000	8·1
1893-94	489,700,000	7·4	58,200,000	9·8	28,400,000	1·9	574,300,000	7·3
1894-95	522,500,000	6·7	60,900,000	8·2	31,300,000	10·2	614,600,000	7·0
1895-96	564,600,000	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 inc.	75,100,000	2·3	35,500,000	5·3	701,500,000	3·5 inc.
1899-1900	596,300,000	·7	75,000,000	·1 inc.	32,500,000	8·5 inc.	702,800,000	·2
1900-01	619,300,000	4·0	77,500,000	3·7	35,300,000	8·6	732,400,000	4·2

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NEWSPAPERS delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the last Ten Years.

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.
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.	17,600,000	3·5	17,400,000	2·3	162,800,000	—
1893-94	129,800,000	1·6 dec.	17,700,000	·6 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	17,500,000	— dec.	16,800,000	3·7	150,800,000	1·1
1897-98	116,800,000	·3	17,200,000	·6 inc.	16,900,000	·6	150,900,000	·2
1898-99	118,000,000	1·0	17,900,000	4·1	18,200,000	7·7	154,100,000	2·1
1899-1900	125,000,000	5·9	19,500,000	7·8	19,100,000	4·9	163,400,000	6·0
1900-01	127,900,000	2·2	19,500,000	—	20,700,000	8·4	167,800,000	2·7

APPENDIX A.—*continued*

Parcel Post.

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

Year.	NUMBER OF PARCELS DELIVERED.						REVENUE.				
	ENGLAND AND WALES.		SCOTLAND.		IRELAND.		UNITED KINGDOM.		Postage.		
	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Gross Amount.	55 per Cent. borne on Railway-Parcels paid to Railway Companies.	Post Office Share.
1891-92	40,783,000	6·7	5,226,000	7·1	3,370,000	5·8	40,379,000	6·6	£ 1,106,654	£ 530,076	£ 576,578
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	£ 563,600	£ 612,609
1893-94	44,559,000	2·9	5,522,000	5·2	3,653,000	3·0	54,031,000	3·1	£ 1,214,235	£ 580,739	£ 633,497
1894-95	47,216,000	5·9	6,062,000	4·4	3,838,000	5·0	57,136,000	5·7	£ 1,283,367	£ 611,465	£ 673,902
1895-96	49,979,000	5·8	6,510,000	7·0	4,038,000	5·2	60,227,000	5·9	£ 1,372,577	£ 643,825	£ 728,752
1896-97	52,741,000	5·5	6,802,000	4·5	4,172,000	3·3	63,715,000	5·2	£ 1,446,126	£ 681,819	£ 763,307
1897-98	56,167,000	6·5	7,232,000	6·3	4,484,000	6·0	67,823,000	6·4	£ 1,623,293	£ 673,406	£ 751,887
1898-99	59,512,000	5·9	7,760,000	7·3	4,641,000	4·9	71,913,000	6·0	£ 1,606,099	£ 705,733	£ 792,367
1899-1900	62,460,000	5·0	8,068,000	4·4	4,860,000	4·7	75,448,000	4·9	£ 1,850,508	£ 742,315	£ 838,293
1900-01	67,194,000	7·5	8,608,000	6·3	5,215,000	7·3	81,017,000	7·4	£ 1,680,994	£ 801,236	£ 898,758
									d. 5·39	d. 579,578	d. 5·83
									d. 5·28	d. 612,609	d. 2·80
									d. 5·39	d. 633,497	d. 2·81
									d. 5·38	d. 673,902	d. 2·83
									d. 5·44	d. 728,752	d. 2·86
									d. 5·44	d. 763,307	d. 2·87
									d. 5·04	d. 751,887	d. 2·68
									d. 4·90	d. 792,367	d. 2·64
									d. 5·08	d. 838,293	d. 2·66
									d. 5·04	d. 898,758	d. 2·66

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

Registered Letters.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER OF LETTERS REGISTERED by the Public in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the last Ten Years.

YEAR.	ENGLAND AND WALES.						SCOTLAND.		IRELAND.		TOTAL for UNITED KINGDOM.			
	Country Offices.		London District.		Total.		Number.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Number.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Number.	Increase per cent. per annum.		
	Number.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Number.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Number.	Increase per cent. per annum.								
1891-92	-	-	6,609,188	3.4 dec.	3,683,650	13.7	10,992,877	6.9 dec.	1,030,161	3.7	746,380	3.2	12,077,368	6.3
1892-93	-	-	6,668,404	.5	3,724,240	1.1 dec.	10,292,644	.002	1,074,108	3.4	765,292	2.7	12,132,144	.4 dec.
1893-94	-	-	6,392,212	2.6 inc.	3,473,748	6.7 inc.	9,865,960	4.1 inc.	1,069,788	2.4 dec.	776,594	1.5 dec.	11,742,352	3.2 inc.
1894-95	-	-	6,486,761	1.5	3,606,353	3.8	10,092,094	2.3	1,069,695	.9 inc.	776,575	.002 inc.	11,988,264	1.8
1895-96	-	-	6,704,084	3.4	4,446,400	23.3	11,150,484	10.5	1,184,768	8.7	786,708	2.9	13,133,960	9.8
1896-97	-	-	6,919,295	3.2	4,400,429	1.2	11,418,723	2.4	1,206,831	1.9	813,181	1.8	13,458,785	2.3
1897-98	-	-	7,316,040	5.7	4,789,067	6.4	12,105,107	6.0	1,273,541	5.5	834,831	2.7	14,213,479	5.8
1898-99	-	-	7,817,983	6.9	5,174,092	8.0	12,992,050	7.3	1,368,782	7.5	879,887	5.4	15,240,669	7.2
1899-1900	-	-	8,339,989	6.9	5,555,514	7.4	13,915,445	7.1	1,438,530	5.1	905,879	2.6	16,256,862	6.7
1900-01	-	-	9,019,411	8.2	5,921,288	6.6	14,963,690	7.5	1,781,775	23.9	984,586	9.0	17,759,860	9.1

APPENDIX A.—*continued.***Registered Parcels.**

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of PARCELS REGISTERED by the PUBLIC in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the last TEN YEARS.

YEAR.	ENGLAND AND WALES.				SCOTLAND.		IRELAND.		TOTAL FOR UNITED KINGDOM.	
	Country Offices.		London District.		Total.					
	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.
1891-92	•	—	•	—	•	—	•	—	380,995	—
1892-93	234,722	—	135,040	—	389,762	—	28,419	—	448,233	17·7
1893-94	293,638	15·3	144,148	6·7	437,816	12·3	23,112	dec. 18·7	435,582	10·1
1894-95	352,274	20·0	164,727	14·3	517,001	18·1	38,703	inc. 51·6	500,718	19·7
1895-96	390,265	13·3	182,291	10·7	581,546	12·5	44,293	14·4	632,106	12·1
1896-97	437,451	9·6	259,900	41·7	695,811	19·6	50,126	13·2	784,090	18·3
1897-98	417,068	dec. 4·7	215,978	dec. 16·4	633,064	dec. 9·0	43,347	dec. 3·6	719,471	dec. 8·3
1898-99	469,555	inc. 10·2	212,953	1·4	672,513	inc. 6·2	40,524	inc. 2·4	761,801	inc. 6·9
1899-1900	523,077	13·8	219,051	inc. 2·4	741,128	10·2	53,547	8·1	839,113	10·0
1900-01	574,728	9·9	233,475	9·4	813,203	9·7	77,913	45·5	940,025	12·2

• Details not available.

APPENDIX A.—continued.

Express Delivery Service.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of EXPRESS DELIVERY SERVICES performed in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the TEN YEARS since the ESTABLISHMENT of the SERVICE.

YEAR.	ENGLAND AND WALES.						SCOTLAND.		IRELAND.		TOTAL in UNITED KINGDOM.	
	Country Offices.		London District.		Total.		Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.
	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.						
1891-92	34,535	—	63,908	—	98,493	—	7,547	—	2,543	—	106,583	—
1892-93	49,051	40·7	95,237	49·0	143,888	46·1	11,189	48·3	3,036	19·4	158,113	45·6
1893-94	54,678	13·4	124,916	30·4	178,894	34·3	13,999	16·2	3,463	14·7	192,376	23·6
1894-95	71,108	30·0	180,129	45·0	251,237	40·4	17,636	35·7	4,670	34·1	273,543	40·0
1895-96	94,019	32·2	243,751	35·3	337,770	34·4	20,298	15·1	5,903	26·4	363,971	33·1
1896-97	113,153	20·4	294,467	20·8	407,620	20·7	23,174	14·2	7,332	24·2	438,196	20·4
1897-98	150,062	32·6	362,380	23·1	512,642	25·8	29,815	23·7	8,922	21·7 dec.	531,379	25·8
1898-99	181,918	21·2	416,119	14·8	598,037	16·7	34,418	15·4	8,772	1·7 inc.	641,227	16·3
1899-1900	199,839	9·9	474,351	14·0	674,190	12·7	37,244	8·5	8,847	·9	720,381	12·3
1900-01	223,908	12·0	530,661	11·9	754,569	11·9	40,909	9·5	8,969	1·4	804,447	11·7

APPENDIX B.

ROUGH ESTIMATE of the WEIGHT of LETTERS and POSTCARDS,
FOREIGN COUNTRIES and BRITISH

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 - - - -	27,900	213,000	26,000	65,000
Belgium and Luxemburg - - -	65,000	360,000	58,000	131,000
Denmark - - - - -	17,000	73,000	16,000	32,000
France (including Algeria and Tunis) -	271,000	1,715,000	243,000	719,000
Germany - - - - -	258,000	1,479,000	252,000	807,000
Gibraltar (including Tangier), Malta, and } Cyprus	32,000	319,000	40,000	32,000
Greece - - - - -	5,000	50,000	3,500	9,000
Holland - - - - -	58,000	249,000	53,000	126,000
Italy - - - - -	64,000	676,000	50,000	137,000
Norway - - - - -	18,000	89,000	12,000	25,000
Portugal and Azores - - - -	10,000	124,000	10,000	15,000
Roumania and Balkan States - -	4,500	51,000	3,500	9,000
Russia - - - - -	39,500	310,000	24,000	62,000
Spain - - - - -	28,000	251,000	24,000	46,000
Sweden - - - - -	15,500	86,000	15,000	26,000
Switzerland - - - - -	45,000	436,000	40,000	110,000
Turkey (European) - - - - -	8,000	120,000	7,000	10,000
Totals - - - - -	964,500	6,621,000	877,000	2,359,000
ASIA.				
Asiatic Turkey and Persia - -	4,500	65,000	3,000	6,000
India (including Aden) - - -	147,000	2,187,000	112,000	313,000
Ceylon, Straits Settlements, and East Indies	30,000	487,000	27,000	62,000
China and Japan - - - - -	30,000	462,000	27,000	20,000
Totals - - - - -	211,500	3,181,000	169,000	431,000

APPENDIX B.

and of OTHER ARTICLES, exchanged by the UNITED KINGDOM with COLONIES, during the Year 1900.

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.
South African Colonies* - - -	298,000	2,270,000	243,000	473,000
East Coast of Africa (British and Portuguese Possessions), Mauritius, &c. - - - }	8,500	119,000	6,500	11,000
West Coast of Africa, &c. - - -	12,000	170,000	8,500	7,000
Egypt - - - - -	25,000	350,000	20,000	40,000
Madeira, Canary Islands, Cape Verd, St. Helena, and Ascension - - - }	5,500	56,000	5,500	3,000
Totals - - - -	340,000	2,963,000	283,500	534,000
AMERICA.				
United States - - - -	307,000	2,290,000	290,000	2,100,000
Canada and Newfoundland - - -	83,500	1,068,000	70,000	375,000
Mexico and Central American States - -	7,000	96,000	5,000	11,000
Brazil, Argentine Republic, Uruguay, and Paraguay - - - }	27,000	473,000	23,000	47,000
Chili, Peru, and Bolivia - - - -	8,000	126,000	7,000	13,000
Ecuador, Colombia, and Venezuela - -	2,000	50,000	1,500	2,000
British West Indies (including British Guiana, British Honduras, Bahamas, and Bermuda), and Falkland Islands - - }	21,000	350,000	20,500	35,000
Foreign West Indies - - - - -	5,500	50,000	2,500	2,000
Totals - - - -	461,000	4,503,000	419,500	2,585,000
AUSTRALASIA.				
Western Australia - - - - -	10,000	188,000	8,500	42,000
South Australia - - - - -	8,500	145,000	6,500	45,000
Victoria - - - - -	27,000	463,000	22,000	217,000
New South Wales - - - - -	23,500	438,000	23,000	200,000
Queensland - - - - -	12,000	270,000	5,500	78,000
Tasmania - - - - -	3,500	76,000	3,000	19,000
New Zealand - - - - -	23,000	567,000	18,500	133,000
Fiji, &c. - - - - -	1,500	27,000	1,000	3,000
Totals - - - -	117,000	2,174,000	91,000	787,000
GRAND TOTALS - - -	2,103,000	19,414,000	1,840,000	6,696,000

* Including correspondence to and from the Army.

APPENDIX B.—continued.

STATEMENT of the NUMBERS of FOREIGN and COLONIAL
31st March 1900 and

Country.	Date of Establishment of Post.	Number of Parcels.			
		Despatched.			
		1899-1900.	1900-01.	In- crease.	De- crease.
Aden - - - -	July 1885	2,423	2,416	—	7
Antigua - - - -	Jan. 1886	1,666	1,625	—	41
Argentine Republic - -	Feb. 1890	3,634	4,358	724	—
Asconsion - - - -	July 1886	643	738	95	—
Austria-Hungary* - - -	June 1886	12,657	12,619	—	38
Bahamas - - - -	Sept. 1887	1,395	1,579	184	—
Barbados - - - -	April 1886	4,943	5,646	698	—
Bechuanaland, Orange Free State, and Transvaal.	Dec. 1889	17,710	6,298	—	11,412
Belgium - - - -	Jan. 1886	52,911	54,038	1,127	—
Bermuda - - - -	April 1890	4,556	4,565	9	—
Beyrout - - - -	Jan. 1888	775	902	127	—
British Central Africa -	Aug. 1893	965	895	—	90
British East Africa - -	April 1891	3,167	2,992	—	175
British Guiana§§ - - -	Jan. 1886	6,380	6,388	608	—
British Honduras*** - -	March 1887	845	956	111	—
British North Borneo - -	Sept. 1887	274	249	—	25
Canada, Dominion of - -	Aug. 1886	62,115	66,105	3,990	—
Cape Colony - - - -	Dec. 1885	210,603††	571,797††	361,194	—
Ceylon - - - -	Nov. 1885	14,984	16,411	1,427	—
Chili - - - -	Jan. 1897	1,157	1,391	234	—
Colombia, Republic of - -	March 1888	4,106	1,749	—	2,357
Constantinople - - - -	Jan. 1886	3,940	4,038	98	—
Costa Rica - - - -	Feb. 1888	1,314	1,706	392	—
Cyprus - - - -	Jan. 1886	2,070	1,895	—	175
Dominica - - - -	Jan. 1886	798	1,237	439	—
Dutch East Indies - - -	June 1896	1,023	1,167	144	—
Egypt - - - -	July 1885	22,004	24,700	2,636	—
Falkland Islands - - -	Oct. 1888	1,427	2,026	599	—
Fiji - - - -	June 1890	334	470	86	—
Fancet - - - -	Oct. 1887	208,153	222,477	14,324	—
Germany‡ - - - -	Jan. 1886	266,982	281,145	14,163	—
Gibraltar - - - -	July 1885	15,397	16,297	900	—
Grenada - - - -	Oct. 1885	1,909	2,007	98	—
Guatemala - - - -	Jan. 1899	163	155	—	7
Hawaii - - - -	March 1895	1,261	943	—	318
Holland - - - -	April 1886	47,204	48,804	1,600	—
Hong Kong§ - - - -	Oct. 1885	20,450	23,792	3,342	—
India - - - -	July 1885	108,369	114,072	5,713	—
Italy - - - -	Oct. 1887	65,198	73,179	7,981	—
Jamaica - - - -	Oct. 1885	8,225	9,710	1,485	—
Japan - - - -	Nov. 1895	5,369	6,234	865	—
Labuan - - - -	Dec. 1885	135	197	62	—
Liberia - - - -	July 1893	302	306	4	—
Madeira - - - -	July 1891	1,559	1,389	—	150
Malta - - - -	Aug. 1885	19,390	23,562	4,163	—
Carried forward -		1,210,998	1,625,825	429,622	14,795

* 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
the 31st March 1901.

Number of Parcels.								Country.
Received.				Totals.				
1899-1900.	1900-01.	In-crease.	De-crease.	1899-1900.	1900-01.	In-crease.	De-crease.	
2,114	1,981	—	133	4,537	4,307	—	140	Aden.
263	238	—	29	1,931	1,861	—	70	Antigua.
618	612	—	6	4,232	4,970	718	—	Argentine Republic.
79	117	38	—	722	855	133	—	Ascension.
6,293	7,853	1,563	—	18,952	20,477	1,525	—	Austria-Hungary.*
338	312	—	26	1,733	1,891	158	—	Bahamas.
1,618	1,630	12	—	6,566	7,276	710	—	Barbados.
—	—	—	—	17,710	6,293	—	11,412	Bechuanaland, Orange Free State, and Transvaal.
25,704	28,178	2,414	—	78,673	82,216	3,541	—	Belgium.
1,283	1,302	19	—	5,839	5,867	28	—	Bermuda.
314	220	—	94	1,089	1,122	33	—	Beyrout.
—	—	—	—	985	893	—	90	British Central Africa.
643	538	—	5	3,710	3,530	—	180	British East Africa.
1,985	1,958	—	27	8,365	8,946	581	—	British Guiana §§
66	66	—	—	911	1,022	111	—	British Honduras.***
97	63	—	29	371	317	—	54	British North Borneo.
26,022	29,282	3,260	—	88,137	95,387	7,250	—	Canada, Dominion of.
31,902	88,781	57,879	—	241,505	600,578	419,073	—	Cape Colony.
4,743	7,801	1,058	—	21,727	24,212	2,485	—	Ceylon.
469	476	7	—	1,626	1,867	241	—	Chili.
285	85	—	130	4,371	1,834	—	2,537	Colombia, Republic of.
683	799	116	—	4,623	4,837	214	—	Constantinople.
57	66	9	—	1,371	1,772	401	—	Costa Rica.
833	793	—	40	2,003	2,088	—	215	Cyprus.
96	152	56	—	894	1,389	495	—	Dominica.
—**	—**	—	—	1,023	1,167	144	—	Dutch East Indies.
12,551	13,305	2,754	—	34,615	40,005	5,390	—	Egypt.
227	281	54	—	1,654	2,307	653	—	Falkland Islands.
53	61	8	—	437	531	94	—	Fiji.
199,601	212,032	12,431	—	407,754	431,500	26,755	—	France.†
384,169	392,426	8,257	—	651,151	673,571	22,420	—	Germany.‡
6,938	8,084	1,146	—	22,333	24,381	2,048	—	Gibraltar.
320	333	13	—	2,229	2,340	111	—	Grenada.
39	65	26	—	201	220	19	—	Guatemala.
213	45	—	168	1,474	983	—	496	Hawaii.
42,282	40,952	—	1,310	89,460	89,756	296	—	Holland.
12,767	14,707	1,940	—	33,217	38,499	5,282	—	Hong Kong.§
71,415	68,428	—	2,987	179,774	182,500	2,726	—	India.
61,890	66,410	4,520	—	127,078	139,589	12,511	—	Italy.
2,611	2,784	173	—	10,836	12,494	1,653	—	Jamaica.
4,191	4,060	—	122	9,560	10,303	743	—	Japan.
102	93	—	9	237	290	53	—	Labuan.
9	8	—	1	311	314	3	—	Liberia.
104	270	166	—	1,643	1,659	16	—	Madeira.
8,683	10,820	2,147	—	28,082	34,392	6,310	—	Malta.
915,584	1,010,494	100,076	5,166	2,126,582	2,636,319	524,921	15,184	

†† Including parcels for Army in South Africa.

§§ Including parcels for Dutch Guiana.

* Included in figures for Cape Colony.

** Included in figures for Holland.

APPENDIX B.—continued.

STATEMENT of the NUMBERS of FOREIGN and COLONIAL
31st March 1900 and

Country.	Date of Establishment of Post.	Number of Parcels.			
		Despatched.			
		1899-1900.	1900-01.	In- crease.	De- crease.
	Brought forward -	1,210,908	1,625,825	429,622	14,795
Mauritius -	April 1889	2,381	2,629	248	—
Mexico -	April 1890	4,047	4,455	408	—
Montserrat -	Jan. 1886	427	413	—	14
Natal -	June 1887	41,221††	93,530††	52,300	—
Nevia -	Jan. 1886	107	158	51	—
Newfoundland -	Sept. 1886	2,717	2,915	198	—
New South Wales -	July 1886	23,515	25,824	2,309	—
New Zealand -	Nov. 1888	19,464	21,459	1,995	—
Nigeria -	Dec. 1892	2,444	2,743	299	—
Norway -	April 1886	14,036	18,536	4,500	—
Persia -	Jan. 1894	235	214	—	21
Portugal -	Jan. 1883	5,450	6,236	786	—
Queensland -	Feb. 1892	7,901	8,496	595	—
Rhodesia -	Jan. 1893	3,867	5,355	1,988	—
St. Helena -	April 1886	1,843	3,637	1,789	—
St. Kitts -	Jan. 1886	1,310	1,118	—	192
St. Lucia -	Oct. 1885	1,587	1,643	56	—
St. Pierre and Miquelon -	Aug. 1895	3,416	3,625	209	—
St. Thomas -	Jan. 1888	484	475	—	9
St. Vincent -	Nov. 1885	742	811	69	—
Salonica -	May 1900	—	477	477	—
Salvador -	April 1893	215	597	382	—
Samoa and Raratonga -	May 1894	73	64	—	9
Sarawak -	July 1887	377	334	—	43
Seychelles -	April 1890	336	344	8	—
Siam -	Aug. 1890	1,179	1,074	—	105
Smyrna -	April 1887	1,351	1,568	127	—
South Australia -	July 1886	5,703	6,975	1,267	—
Spain -	Sept. 1891	29,186	29,755	569	—
Straits Settlements -	Oct. 1885	9,073	8,694	—	379
Sweden -	May 1886	14,867	10,371	4,484	—
Switzerland -	Dec. 1887	51,712	52,248	536	—
Tangier and other Morocco } Ports -	Jan. 1890	1,279	1,533	254	—
Tasmania -	Jan. 1887	3,127	3,659	532	—
Tortola -	Oct. 1836	28	64	36	—
Trinidad (including Tobago) -	Oct. 1885	5,861	6,111	250	—
Uruguay -	April 1891	640	656	16	—
Victoria -	July 1886	14,681	16,526	1,845	—
West African Colonies -	Jan. 1888	11,763	15,257	3,475	—
West Australia -	Jan. 1887	8,310	8,514	504	—
Zanzibar -	Jan. 1887	763	848	85	—
TOTALS -		1,508,705	2,005,506	512,278	15,567
		Net Increase - 496,711			

†† Including parcels for Army in South Africa.

In 1899-1900 the uniform scale of postage was extended to the service with Bermuda, Hong Kong, Jamaica, and Mauritius, and the postage was reduced in the case of parcels exchanged by the overland route with Constantinople and Smyrna. A revision and simplification of the scales of postage in the service with the following foreign countries, &c. was also effected:—Austria-Hungary, Colombia, Eastern Europe, Egypt, French Possessions, Germany, German Possessions, Italy, Madeira, Portugal, St. Pierre and Miquelon, Siam, and Switzerland. In 1900-1901 the uniform scale was extended to the service with New Zealand and Tangier, and the postage was reduced in the case of parcels exchanged with Spain and by the all-sea route with Constantinople and Smyrna. A revision and simplification of the scales of postage in the service with the following foreign countries, &c. was also effected:—Dutch East Indies, Norway, and the Republic of Honduras.

APPENDIX B.—*continued.*

PARCELS Despatched and Received during the Years ended the
the 31st March 1901—*continued.*

Number of Parcels.								Country.
Received.				Totals.				
1899-1900.	1900-01.	In-crease.	De-crease.	1899-1900.	1900-01.	In-crease.	De-crease.	
915,584	1,010,494	100,076	5,166	2,126,582	2,636,519	524,921	15,184	
507	997	490	—	2,888	3,626	738	—	Mauritius.
532	445	—	87	4,579	4,900	321	—	Mexico.
52	54	2	—	479	467	—	12	Montserrat.
6,500	25,209	18,709	—	47,721	118,789	71,018	—	Natal.
17	30	13	—	124	188	64	—	Nevis.
550	561	34	—	3,247	3,479	232	—	Newfoundland.
8,926	8,780	—	146	32,441	34,604	2,163	—	New South Wales.
4,698	4,896	198	—	24,162	26,355	2,193	—	New Zealand.
701	688	—	13	3,145	3,431	286	—	Nigeria.
5,418	5,082	264	—	19,454	24,218	4,764	—	Norway.
—*	—*	—	—	235	214	—	21	Persia.
477	843	366	—	5,927	7,079	1,152	—	Portugal.
2,765	2,905	140	—	10,666	11,401	735	—	Queensland.
—	—	—	—	3,867	5,855	1,988	—	Rhodesia.
452	840	388	—	2,300	4,477	2,177	—	St. Helena.
144	132	—	12	1,454	1,260	—	204	St. Kitts.
354	496	142	—	1,941	2,139	198	—	St. Lucia.
47	69	12	—	3,463	3,684	221	—	St. Pierre and Miquelon.
67	65	—	2	551	540	—	11	St. Thomas.
128	128	—	—	870	939	69	—	St. Vincent.
—	126	126	—	—	603	603	—	Salonica.
16	12	—	4	231	609	378	—	Salvador.
—**	—**	—	—	73	64	—	9	Samoa and Baratonga.
97	139	42	—	474	473	—	1	Sarawak.
360	391	22	—	705	735	30	—	Seychelles.
—†	—†	—	—	1,179	1,074	—	105	Siam.
522	682	160	—	1,903	2,190	287	—	Smyrna.
2,795	2,930	144	—	8,503	9,914	1,411	—	South Australia.
—‡	—‡	—	—	29,186	29,755	569	—	Spain.
5,816	5,774	—	42	14,889	14,498	—	421	Straits Settlements.
5,274	6,004	730	—	20,161	25,375	5,214	—	Sweden.
21,961	22,292	331	—	73,673	74,540	867	—	Switzerland.
—§	—§	—	—	1,279	1,533	254	—	{ Tangier and other
681	525	—	156	3,808	4,184	376	—	{ Morocco Ports.
7	14	7	—	35	78	43	—	Tasmania.
1,636	1,757	121	—	7,497	7,868	371	—	Tortola.
93	92	—	1	733	748	15	—	Trinidad (including Tobago).
6,500	6,076	—	424	21,181	22,602	1,421	—	Uruguay.
5,470	5,868	398	—	17,252	21,125	3,873	—	Victoria.
2,236	2,448	155	—	10,603	11,262	659	—	West African Colonies.
391	342	—	49	1,154	1,190	36	—	West Australia.
								Zanzibar.
1,001,820	1,118,788	123,070	6,102	2,510,615	3,124,294	629,647	15,968	
Net Increase		116,968				613,679		

* 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 PERCUL.	Daily - -	Steam vessel	St. Mawes Steam Tug and Passenger Company.	- - -	- - -	10 Aug. 1892
FLEETWOOD and BELFAST.	Week days -	Steam vessels	North Lancashire Steam Navigation Company (but payment made through Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company).	28 Jan. 1891	On 6 months' notice.	1 July 1899
GUERNSEY and SARK	July, Aug. and Sept., 5 days a week. May, June and Oct., 3 days a week. Other months, 2 days a week.	Steam vessel	Guernsey Steam Towing and Trading Co.	- - -	- - -	1 Jan. 1891
HOLTHEAD 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. 1893	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. 1891

APPENDIX C.

The Conveyance of Home Mails by Sea.

Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
70l.	—	—	—	—
1,000l.	- - -	- - -	- - -	The Department has the general use of the Company's vessels.
60l. (from 1 Jan. 1899).	- - -	- - -	- - -	Payment includes the parcel service.
100,000l. to 31 Mar. 1917. 80,000l. after that date.	Outward journey (including transfer on both sides of the Channel), 3h. 37m. Inward journey (including transfer), 3h. 32m.	1l. 14s. per minute	If on any occasion vessel is not ready, penalty of 100l. and 10l. per hour for every hour beyond stipulated time before vessel starts.	The payment is subject to a reduction of 2,000l. in respect of the receipts from passenger traffic. It includes payment for parcel services.
4,500l.	14 nautical miles an hour in summer; 12 in winter.	- - -	If on any occasion vessel is not ready P.M.G. may employ another vessel, and charge cost to the Contractors.	Separate payment at rate of 3s. a cwt. for parcels. 125l. per annum is also paid for transfer of Parcel Mails from the Packets at Liverpool and Douglas. There is a second service on week days during the summer season.
52l. 10s.	—	—	—	—
*500l. and †1s. 6d. 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.
1,400l. (including payment for parcels).	25 minutes each trip.	- - -	200l.	The Department has also the general use of the Companies' vessels which are constantly plying between the two places.
120l.	- - -	- - -	- - -	No Contract.
6,500l.	- - -	- - -	- - -	No Contract.
170l.	- - -	- - -	- - -	No Contract. The Post Office has the general use of the Company's vessels.
200l.	- - -	- - -	- - -	No Contract. The Post Office has the general use of the Company's vessels. This is a supplementary service to the one from Southampton.

APPENDIX C.—continued.

Line of Communication.	How often.	Number and Character of Vessels.	Contractors.	Contract or Agreement.		
				Date of Contract.	Terminable.	Service commenced.
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.			
ARDROSSAN and ABERN.	Week days	Steam vessel	Glasgow and South-Western Railway Company.	16 Feb. and 25 March 1892	On 6 months' notice.	1 Dec. 1891
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.	Messrs. G. and J. Burns.	21, 22, 24, and 25 August 1893.	On 12 months' notice.	1 Aug. 1888
ARDROSSAN and BELFAST.						
GREENOCK and LONDONDERRY.	Twice a week					
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	- - -	- - -
GREENOCK and KILMUN.	Twice on week days.	Steam vessel	Capt. Jas. Williamson, for Caledonian Steam Packet Company.	No Contract	- - -	Mar. 1889
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. 1893
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. 1893
GREENOCK and ROTHESAY.	Week days	Steam vessel	David MacBrayne	13 and 19 Jan. 1894.	On 6 months' notice.	17 Oct. 1893
GREENOCK and ARDMISHAIG.						
GREENOCK, ISLAY, and JURA.	Week days	Steam vessel	David MacBrayne	13 & 19 Jan. 1894.	On 6 months' notice.	1 Oct. 1893
TARBERT, ISLAY, and JURA.						
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. 1893

APPENDIX C.—*continued.*

Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
6,000 <i>l.</i> 100 <i>l.</i> for parcels and 40 <i>l.</i> for North Isle Service.	- - - - -	- - - - -	1,000 <i>l.</i> P.M.G. to charter another vessel at Con- tractors' expense.	—
425 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	200 <i>l.</i>	—
650 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	150 <i>l.</i>	The Department has also the general use of these steamers, as run by the Company for their own traffic purposes. The pay- ment includes Parcel Ser- vice.
10,000 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	2,000 <i>l.</i>	Payment includes Parcel Service.
500 <i>l.</i>	—	—	—	—
125 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	Payment includes the Parcel Service.
300 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	100 <i>l.</i>	The Department has general use of all this Company's steamers as run by them for traffic purposes. The payment includes the Parcel Service.
130 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	65 <i>l.</i> *	Payment includes the Parcel Service. * To be recovered by way of liquidated damages and not by penalty.
2,510 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	850 <i>l.</i> *	This payment includes 190 <i>l.</i> for Parcel Service, and 320 <i>l.</i> (30 <i>l.</i> of this sum for Parcel Service) for the general use of all Mr. MacBrayne's steamers running to and from the Clyde.
900 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	20 <i>l.</i> for ditto.	350 <i>l.</i>	Payment includes Parcel Service.
120 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	25 <i>l.</i>	" "
210 <i>l.</i> and 25 <i>l.</i> for 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 NORTH ISLES of ORKNEY.	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
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 STORROWAY	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 John P. Stewart.	- - -	- - -	- - -
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 (Parcels).	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.	Steam vessel.	"	"	"	"
	Tuesdays and Saturdays.					
LOCHMADDY and OBAN, calling at Lochboisdale and Castlebay.	Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.					

APPENDIX C.—*continued.*

Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
340ℓ.	- - -	- - -	- - -	Payment includes Parcel Service.
46ℓ.	At rate of not less than 8 sea miles an hour.	- - -	20ℓ.	" "
630ℓ.	At speed of not less than 10 sea miles an hour.	20ℓ. for undue delay or deviation from course.	100ℓ.	" "
3,000ℓ.	At rate of 11 sea miles an hour.	20ℓ. for undue delay or deviation.	1,000ℓ.*	" "
100ℓ. for mails and 4ℓ. for parcels.	- - -	- - -	- - -	No Contract.
52ℓ. 2s. 10d.	- - -	- - -	- - -	"
600ℓ.	Out. 8 hrs. 30 mins. In. 3 hrs. 30 mins.	- - -	300ℓ.	"
65ℓ.	- - -	- - -	- - -	"
555ℓ.	At rate of 10 sea miles an hour.	20ℓ. for undue delay or deviation.	200ℓ.*	*To be recovered by way of liquidated damages, and not by way of penalty.
1,200ℓ.	"	"	500ℓ.*	
3,000ℓ.	At rate of not less than 11 sea miles an hour.	"	1,000ℓ.*	Payments include Parcel Services.
3,000ℓ.	"	"	"	

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.	Out. — Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. In. — Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.	Steam vessel	David Mac-Brayne.	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) PIER and STROMNESS.	6 days a week	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	North of Scotland and Shetland Steam Navigation Company.	21 Feb. & 27 Mar. 1889.	On 6 months' notice.	12 Feb. 1889
SHETLAND (VIRKIE) and FAIR ISLE.	Once a fortnight.	Sailing vessel.	John Bruce, Junr.	- - -	- - -	1 Nov. 1883
SHETLAND (WALLS) and FOULA.	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
STRANRAER and LARNE. (<i>See below.</i>)						
STROMNESS and SOUTH ISLES.	4 days a week	Steam vessel	R. Garden - -	14 April & 5 May 1896.	On 6 months' notice.	1 Mar. 1896
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. 1895
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 ARBAN ISLANDS.	3 days a week	Steam vessel	Galway Bay Steamboat Co.	- - -	- - -	27 Apr. 1893

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 1,400*l.* a year, and the principal payments are as follows:—
 For Guernsey, Alderney and Sark Service (special rates) - - -
 " Glasgow, Greenock, and Londonderry Service - - -
 " Waterford and Milford Haven Service - - -
 " Douglas (Isle of Man) Season services via Barrow and Ardrossan - - -
 " 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 50*l.* 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, 60*l.* 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.	P.M.G. to charter another vessel at Contractors' expense.	" "
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.
78 <i>l.</i> (2 <i>l.</i> a trip.)	- - -	- - -	25 <i>l.</i>	—
180 <i>l.</i>	- - -	10 <i>l.</i> for ditto.	50 <i>l.</i>	Payment includes Parcel Service.
—	—	—	—	—
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.* 1*d.* per 100. The total amount paid at present is about

-	-	-	-	-	-	about 750 <i>l.</i> a year.
-	-	-	-	-	-	" 240 <i>l.</i> "
-	-	-	-	-	-	" 250 <i>l.</i> "
-	-	-	-	-	-	" 40 <i>l.</i> "
-	-	-	-	-	-	" 65 <i>l.</i> "

(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 11,020*l.* a year, and for the conveyance of

APPENDIX D. Foreign and Colonial Packet Service.

Service.	Contracts.			Payment during the Year 1900-1901.	Amount received.		Cost borne in respect of Mails despatched from the United Kingdom.
	Com- mencement.	Termination.	Penalties for Overtime.		By Contributions.	By Sea Postage for Mails despatched by Colonies and Foreign Countries.	
EUROPE:				£	£	£	£
Dover and Calais - - - -	21 June 1893 -	On 12 months' notice -	5s. for 20 minutes and 6s. for every additional 15 minutes.	24,900	-	-	24,900*
Harwich to the Hook of Holland -	1 May 1893 -	31 December 1903	-	850	-	-	850
+Newhaven to Dieppe -	1 July 1897 -	On 6 months' notice	-	43†	-	-	43
+Channel Islands and St. Malo and Granville -	15 Feb. 1893 -	Do.	-	33†	-	25	13
+Grimsby and Hamburg -	16 Apr. 1893 -	Do.	-	1,041†	-	632	419
+London to Hamburg -	1 Jan. 1896 -	Do.	-	496†	-	-	496
+Liverpool, Malta, and the Levant -	1 Jan. 1896 -	Do.	-	118†	-	49	66
+United Kingdom and Lisbon -	1 Jan. 1893 -	Do.	-	95†	-	14	81
AMERICA:							
United Kingdom to United States -	1 Aug. 1899 -	On 12 months' notice -	-	117,835†	-	11,335	105,500
New York and Bermuda -	1 Jan. 1889 -	On 6 months' notice -	-	987†	-	53	904
Newfoundland - - - -	Colonial Contract	-	-	2,000§	-	-	2,000
+Liverpool, Belize, and Mexico -	1 Dec. 1891 -	On 6 months' notice -	-	244†	-	-	244
Turks Islands - - - -	Colonial Contract	-	-	250§	-	-	250
					Antigua - 970 Barbados - 2,160 British Guiana - 3,940 Dominica - 920 Grenada - 480 Jamaica - 5,140 Montserrat - 110 Nevis - 115 St. Kitts - 570 St. Lucia - 270 St. Vincent - 590 Tobago - 25 Trinidad - 2,900		
United Kingdom and West Indies:							
Fortnightly Service -	{ 1 July 1893 -	30 June 1900 -	2s. for every 24 hours.	80,000	-	16,703	45,653
Additional Non-Contract Service -	{ 1 July 1900 -	30 June 1903 -	-	702	-	-	-

APPENDIX E.

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

YEAR.	Towns having One Mail.		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.	
	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.
1899-1900	1	9	30	99	141	176	240	164	128	96	55	48	17	21	13	12
1900-01	1	5	25	69	134	169	234	180	140	102	55	58	18	27	15	12

APPENDIX F.

Staff of Officers.

Totals 31 Mar. 1900.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Ireland.		Scotland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar. 1901.
		Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	
	A.									
1	Postmaster General - -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	B.									
11	Secretary, Second Secretary, Assistant Secretaries, Comp- troller and Accountant General, and Secretaries for Ireland and Scotland.	9	—	1	—	1	—	11	—	11
	C.									
78	Grade I. Clerks (Secretary's Office) and other Superior Officers in Metropolitan Offices.	69	1	4	—	4	—	77	1	78
	D.									
16	Surveyors - - - -	10	—	3	—	3	—	16	—	16
	E.									
904	Head Postmasters: Metropolitan - -	9	—	—	—	1	—	772	126	898
	Provinces - -	550	72	91	28	121	26			
	F.									
30,770	Sub-Postmasters: Metropolitan - -	730	147	29	42	53	11	14,828	6,199	21,027
	Provinces - -	10,931	4,214	1,774	1,032	1,311	753			
	G.									
7,853	Clerks and other Superin- tending Officers: Metropolitan - -	3,350	1,754	193	36	168	44	6,122	1,969	8,091
	Provinces - -	2,046	112	114	5	248	18			
	H.									
27,335	Counter Clerks and Tele- graphists, Sorters, Sorting Clerks and Telegraphists, and Telegraphists: Metropolitan - -	9,302	2,446	596	99	481	139	21,976	6,912	28,888
	Provinces - -	9,547	3,239	715	330	1,335	659			
56,297	Carried forward - -	36,554	11,986	3,523	1,572	3,726	1,650	43,803	15,207	59,010

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

Totals 31 Mar. 1900.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Ireland.		Scotland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar. 1901.
		Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	
56,997	Brought forward - -	36,554	11,985	3,523	1,572	3,726	1,650	43,803	15,207	59,010
	I.									
34,331	Mechanics, Porters, Postmen, &c.:									
	Metropolitan - -	8,348	—	374	—	527	—	35,102	9	35,111
	Provinces - - -	20,624	8	1,849	—	3,380	1			
	J.									
75,787	Persons employed in un- established positions, viz., Assistants to Postmasters, Auxiliaries, Boy Messengers, Copyists, Commissionaires, Female Servants, Telegraph Construction Hands, &c.:									
	Metropolitan - -	12,057	1,951	568	166	471	134	58,691	20,161	78,853
	Provinces - - -	32,066	14,116	8,403	1,599	5,206	2,195			
	K.									
11	Postmasters and Clerks, &c. abroad (under direction of the Postmaster General) and agents in Foreign Countries for collection of postage, &c	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	—	11
107,086	Totals -	109,679	28,060	14,717	3,337	13,400	3,990	137,807	35,377	173,184

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

	Number of Deaths during the Twelve Months ended December 31, 1900.									
	Chief Office.		Metro-politan Districts.		Rest of England.		Scotland.		Ireland.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
I.—SIMPLE FEBRILE OR ZYMOTIC DISEASES.										
1. Miasmatic diseases :										
Typhoid - - -	4	-	1	-	5	-	-	-	2	-
Scarlet fever - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Influenza - - -	4	-	3	-	9	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
2. Septic diseases :										
Pyæmia - - -	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas - - -	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
II.—CONSTITUTION DISEASES.										
Cancer - - -	3	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	2	-
Phthisis and hæmoptysis -	15	1	8	-	18	-	5	-	7	1
Tuberculosis - - -	1	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
Rheumatic fever - - -	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	-
Diabetes - - -	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Glandular disease - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gout - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
III.—LOCAL DISEASES.										
1. Disease of nervous system :										
Apoplexy - - -	2	1	1	-	3	-	-	1	-	-
Inflammation of brain -	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Paralysis - - -	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Epilepsy - - -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebral tumour and abscess	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
2. Diseases of circulatory system:										
Disease of the heart -	8	1	3	-	9	-	1	-	2	-
Disease of the blood vessels	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Pericarditis - - -	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Syncope - - -	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Angina pectoris - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
3. Diseases of respiratory system:										
Bronchitis - - -	4	-	6	-	7	-	1	-	-	-
Pneumonia - - -	12	-	9	-	33	3	4	-	-	-
Asthma - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Pleurisy - - -	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carried forward -	62	3	37	-	112	3	15	1	14	1

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

	Number of Deaths during the Twelve Months ended December 31, 1900.									
	Chief Office.		Metro-politan Districts.		Rest of England.		Scotland.		Ireland.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
Brought forward -	62	3	37	-	112	3	15	1	14	1
4. Diseases of digestive system :										
Ulcer of stomach -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Appendicitis -	2	-	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	-
Enteritis -	2	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Hernia, strangulated -	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Peritonitis -	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-
Hæmatemesis -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disease of liver -	2	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Other diseases of digestive system.	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
5. Diseases of urinary system :										
Bright's disease -	2	-	2	-	3	-	1	-	1	-
Renal calculus -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cystitis -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
IV.—DEATHS FROM VIOLENCE.										
Operations for cure of disease -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Accidents -	1	-	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Drowned -	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Suicide -	1	-	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Murdered on duty -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
V.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED CASES.										
Tumour -	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Delirium tremens -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hyperpyrexia -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pernicious anæmia -	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
Ear disease -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sunstroke -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Exophthalmic goitre -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Senile decay -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not stated -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals -	77	4	57	1	134	4	19	3	18	1

N.B.—This table does not include deaths in South Africa.

APPENDIX F.—*continued.***Table giving Causes of Retirement from the Service through ill-health.**

	Number of Persons retired during the Twelve Months ended December 31, 1900.									
	Chief Office.		Metro-politan Districts.		Rest of England.		Scotland.		Ireland.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
Influenza - - -	1	-	2	-	10	1	2	-	-	-
Erysipelas - - -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer - - -	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Phthisis and hæmoptysis -	30	5	8	1	30	4	9	1	2	-
Tuberculosis - - -	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-
Chronic rheumatism and sciatica	2	1	6	-	25	-	1	-	3	1
Gout - - -	-	-	2	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
Diabetes - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Glandular disease - - -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goitre - - -	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anæmia - - -	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apoplexy - - -	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Paralysis - - -	4	-	1	-	8	-	-	-	-	-
General paralysis of the insane	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Writer's cramp - - -	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Telegraphist's cramp - - -	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
Epilepsy - - -	3	-	2	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
Mental derangements - - -	8	2	8	-	14	-	1	1	3	-
Nervous debility - - -	6	3	5	3	10	5	1	-	2	-
Vertigo - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Heart disease - - -	10	2	6	-	19	2	3	-	4	-
Angina pectoris - - -	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Varicose veins - - -	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	1	-
Chronic bronchitis - - -	5	-	4	1	12	1	1	-	1	-
Pleurisy - - -	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
Asthma - - -	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Empyæna - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Liver disease - - -	3	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Carried forward - - -	79	17	47	5	162	14	25	2	16	1

APPENDIX F.—*continued.***Table giving Causes of Retirement from the Service through ill-health—*continued.***

	Number of Persons retired during the Twelve Months ended December 31, 1900.									
	Chief Office.		Metro-politan Districts.		Rest of England.		Scotland.		Ireland.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
Brought forward - -	79	17	47	5	162	14	25	2	16	1
Ulcer of stomach - -	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Fistula - - -	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Appendicitis - - -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dyspepsia - - -	2	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	1
Kidney disease - -	2	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	-	-
Renal calculus - -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Albuminuria (functional) -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Cystitis - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Eye disease - - -	4	-	1	-	8	-	1	-	1	-
Ear disease - - -	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Tumour - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Skin disease - - -	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Hernia - - -	-	-	3	-	2	-	1	-	1	-
Chronic synovitis - -	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Flat feet and weak ankles -	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Tender feet - - -	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Hammer toes, bunions, and deformed feet.	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-
Accidents - - -	-	-	4	-	6	-	-	-	-	-
Operation - - -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Senile decay - - -	6	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
General debility - -	3	34	3	1	6	1	1	1	-	-
Totals - - -	98	53	67	6	202	16	31	3	21	2

APPENDIX G.

Returned Postal Packets.

A COMPARATIVE STATEMENT showing the Numbers of UNDELIVERED LETTERS and PARCELS received and disposed of, and the Numbers of POSTAL PACKETS of other Classes received, in the RETURNED LETTER OFFICES; also the Numbers of UNDELIVERED POSTAL PACKETS dealt with in HEAD POST OFFICES, in the Year ended 31st March 1900, and the Year ended 31st March 1901.

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 Addressees nor returned to the Senders.	
	1899-1900.	1900-01.	1899-1900.	1900-01.	1899-1900.	1900-01.	1899-1900.	1900-01.
LONDON - -	3,509,647	3,998,930	2,904,432	3,263,524	195,663	223,667	409,552	486,855
MANCHESTER -	483,182	523,855	413,137	449,374	17,273	23,017	52,772	56,464
LIVERPOOL -	360,958	390,304	304,031	335,071	20,166	22,965	36,761	31,363
BIRMINGHAM -	307,173	328,982	274,943	276,444	8,648	10,954	23,582	41,584
LEEDS - -	292,126	311,794	253,983	267,113	11,105	12,691	27,038	31,990
BRISTOL - -	397,338	424,976	339,042	380,467	19,481	18,370	37,912	40,139
NEWCASTLE - ON - TYNE.	184,725	215,977	155,247	179,050	10,635	13,219	18,843	23,708
NOTTINGHAM -	251,684	270,463	226,048	239,909	6,529	6,491	19,107	24,063
PLYMOUTH -	63,215	70,383	54,647	60,680	3,937	4,339	4,631	5,366
EDINBURGH -	187,154	205,004	162,962	181,354	7,707	9,320	16,435	11,930
GLASGOW - -	242,277	264,128	214,802	228,037	9,299	12,317	18,176	23,774
ABERDEEN -	30,842	34,720	26,645	29,098	1,559	2,040	2,638	3,592
INVERNESS -	18,378	19,324	16,730	16,304	690	830	968	2,190
DUBLIN - -	238,180	269,349	205,241	221,933	12,812	8,124	20,697	30,375
BELFAST - -	72,269	89,513	60,151	77,172	3,553	4,546	8,555	7,795
CORK - -	37,490	46,984	33,654	40,375	2,649	4,371	1,187	2,238
Totals for Re-returned Letter Offices Dealt with in Head Post Offices - -	6,676,628	7,470,288	5,646,595	6,226,805	331,739	377,261	698,294	832,421
	2,277,413	2,316,582	2,277,413	2,316,582	—	—	—	—
General Totals of Undelivered Correspondence	8,954,041	9,786,870	7,924,008	8,543,387	331,739	377,261	698,294	832,421
Increase - -	832,829		619,379		45,522		134,127	
Decrease - -	—		—		—		—	

APPENDIX G.—*continued.***Returned Postal Packets—*continued.***

A COMPARATIVE STATEMENT showing the Numbers of UNDELIVERED LETTERS and PARCELS received and disposed of, and the Numbers of POSTAL PACKETS of other Classes received in the RETURNED LETTER OFFICES; also the Numbers of UNDELIVERED POSTAL PACKETS dealt with in HEAD POST OFFICES, in the Year ended 31st March 1900, and the Year ended 31st March 1901.

Returned Letter Office.	Post Cards received.		Book Packets received.		Newspapers received.		Parcels received.		Parcels re-issued to the Addressees or returned to the Senders.	
	1899-1900.	1900-01.	1899-1900.	1900-01.	1899-1900.	1900-01.	1899-1900.	1900-01.	1899-1900.	1900-01.
LONDON - -	100,238	121,953	590,783	740,498	254,371	265,896	82,740	93,273	55,877	63,127
MANCHESTER -	15,288	18,877	93,623	102,258	3,512	4,649	7,296	7,999	4,293	4,610
LIVERPOOL - -	10,504	11,013	68,925	84,292	6,815	6,378	5,026	5,801	3,201	3,269
BIRMINGHAM -	9,260	10,322	42,388	53,202	3,135	3,109	6,350	5,913	4,448	4,173
LEEDS - -	9,137	9,037	49,864	96,560	1,700	1,423	4,645	4,805	2,509	2,968
BRISTOL - -	11,542	13,183	56,474	68,400	2,781	3,072	7,991	8,540	4,711	4,913
NEWCASTLE-ON- TYNE.	11,124	14,694	48,071	60,011	1,519	1,475	3,052	3,130	1,734	1,892
NOTTINGHAM -	10,771	11,418	38,220	49,410	1,922	1,520	4,240	4,408	2,497	2,851
PLYMOUTH - -	1,321	1,891	6,942	7,123	677	601	1,309	1,324	728	696
EDINBURGH -	33,958	30,602	138,622	157,272	11,999	12,940	5,381	6,405	3,356	4,637
GLASGOW - -	7,540	8,596	37,222	72,105	6,287	5,909	5,448	4,667	3,803	3,595
ABERDEEN - -	5,595	6,631	11,681	14,442	720	908	788	821	587	535
INVERNESS - -	405	817	3,135	5,438	393	615	414	391	246	218
DUBLIN - -	3,571	7,676	22,285	26,957	4,200	3,912	8,125	9,946	4,421	5,726
BELFAST - -	1,350	2,145	9,165	12,180	1,364	2,715	1,267	1,465	794	923
CORK - -	1,001	1,187	2,441	2,861	1,142	1,112	725	916	325	840
Totals for Re- turned Letter Offices.	232,745	278,497	1,225,346	1,553,069	302,977	316,324	144,746	159,954	93,690	106,896
Dealt with in Head Post Offices.	1,262,340	1,340,894	9,388,007	10,358,605	294,942	311,318	62,198	67,298	62,198	67,298
General Totals of Undelivered Correspondence	1,495,085	1,619,391	10,613,353	11,911,674	597,919	627,642	206,944	227,252	155,878	174,193
Increase -	124,306		1,297,761		29,723		20,308		19,315	
Decrease -	—		—		—		—		—	

APPENDIX H.

Telegrams.

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

Year.	Number of Telegrams.					
	England and Wales.			Scotland.	Ireland.	TOTAL.
	Provinces.	London.	Total.			
1870-71	5,299,882	2,863,821	8,163,703	1,080,189	606,285	9,850,177
1871-72	6,594,590	3,612,772	10,207,362	1,388,434	878,000	12,473,796
1872-73	8,022,151	4,577,015	12,599,166	1,761,298	1,175,316	15,535,780
1873-74	9,233,854	5,254,547	14,488,401	2,009,893	1,323,236	17,821,530
1874-75	10,124,661	5,652,033	15,776,694	2,132,787	1,343,639	19,253,120
1875-76	10,883,282	6,350,714	17,233,996	2,287,359	1,452,180	20,973,535
1876-77	11,232,704	6,561,930	17,794,634	2,402,347	1,529,162	21,726,143
1877-78	11,392,098	6,700,504	18,092,602	2,490,776	1,588,489	22,171,867
1878-79	11,592,899	8,830,019	20,422,918	2,477,003	1,559,854	24,450,775
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	39,146,263
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	70,889,498
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
1899-1900	46,144,875	29,971,334	76,116,209	9,387,975	4,910,939	90,415,123
1900-01	46,029,133	29,355,734	75,384,867	9,289,019	4,903,075	89,576,961

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 1899-1900 and 1900-1901; and the Increase or Decrease in each Month of the latter Year as compared with the corresponding Month of the former Year.

Month.	Number of Telegrams.		(+) Increase. (-) Decrease.
	1899-1900.	1900-1901.	
April - - -	7,106,615	6,964,305	- 142,310
May - - -	7,946,785	8,005,411	+ 58,626
June - - -	8,068,273	8,095,841	+ 27,568
July - - -	8,176,282	8,375,346	+ 199,064
August - -	8,648,190	8,612,671	- 35,519
September - -	7,889,825	7,822,071	- 67,754
October - -	7,887,498	8,192,531	+ 305,033
November - -	7,351,531	7,114,227	- 237,304
December - -	6,928,570	6,644,168	- 284,402
January - - -	6,998,296	6,827,330	- 170,966
February - - -	6,166,701	5,965,862	- 200,839
March - - -	7,346,557	6,957,198	- 289,359
	90,415,123	89,576,961	- 838,162

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 1892	£ s. d. 14,595 5 3	£ s. d. 17,765 13 8	£ s. d. 3,206 14 2	£ s. d. 21 5 8	£ s. d. 35,588 18 9
" 1893	- - -	21,129 18 0	3,708 19 1	67 10 5½	39,520 18 1
" 1894	- - -	23,990 0 2	4,042 13 5	11 18 8	44,941 12 3
" 1895	- - -	25,451 5 9	3,967 2 9	18 9 11	47,428 13 1
" 1896	- - -	22,290 19 8	3,674 9 8	96 14 6	44,045 10 11
" 1897	- - -	22,727 6 11	3,570 5 9½	132 16 2	44,904 11 6
" 1898	- - -	20,983 19 6	3,397 8 5	162 3 2½	41,371 3 8
" 1899	- - -	27,585 10 4	3,453 18 10	6,564 4 8	55,749 6 2
" 1900	- - -	34,064 1 8½	5,671 10 0	3,103 8 1	70,746 11 6½
" 1901	- - -	28,104 7 5½	18,135 14 3½	3,267 6 0½	78,764 2 11½

Post Office Savings Bank.

TABLE showing the BUSINESS done during the last TEN YEARS.

Year ended 31 December.	Number of Post Office Savings Banks.	Number of Deposits.	Amount of Deposits.	Average amount of each Deposit.	Interest credited to Depositors.	Number of Withdrawals.	Amount of Withdrawals.	Average amount of each Withdrawal.	Expenses of Management.	Average Cost of each transaction.	Number of accounts opened.	Number of accounts closed.	Number of accounts remaining open at close of the year.	Amount, inclusive of interest, standing to credit of all open accounts at close of the year.	Average amount standing to credit of each open account at close of the year.	Rate per cent. of expenses of Management to total amount standing to credit of Depositors.	Total sum standing to credit of Post Office Savings Banks on books of National Debt Commissioners at close of the year.	Balance in hands of Postmaster-General after making provision for Outstanding Warrants at close of the year.	Estimated value of the Central Savings Bank Premises.	Total value of assets applicable to payment of Depositors at close of the year.	Number, at close of the year, of (Old Savings Banks and Post Office Banks combined).	Number, at close of the year, of Depositors in Old Savings Banks and Post Office Banks combined.
		£	s. d.	£	£	£	£	£	£	d.				£	£	s. d.	£	£	£	£		
1891	10,063	8,941,431*	21,334,903*	2 7	9 1,658,148	3,126,231†	19,019,856†	6 1 8	343,614‡	6 ½	992,155	701,074	5,118,395	71,008,002	13 19 10	9 7 †	72,417,045	173,962	269,000	72,800,027	10,366	6,928,977
1892	10,519	9,478,336*	22,845,031*	2 8	2 1,746,283	3,385,618†	20,346,217†	6 2 0	354,008‡	6 ½	1,036,622	702,701	5,452,316	75,853,079	13 18 3	9 4 †	78,123,088	176,056	273,000	78,573,044	10,800	7,054,232
1893	11,018	9,898,106*	24,640,024*	2 10	1 1,860,104	3,618,721†	21,764,561†	6 0 3	367,566‡	6 ½	1,027,160	731,237	5,743,239	80,597,641	14 0 5	9 11 †	82,357,698	415,073	276,000	83,548,771	11,285	7,219,385
1894	11,323	10,973,651*	30,439,419*	2 15	2 2,016,903	3,863,890†	23,780,927†	6 3 1	414,557‡	6 ½	1,135,325	775,001	6,103,763	89,266,066	14 12 3	9 31 †	94,497,364	467,743	312,000	95,307,107	11,580	7,679,709
1895	11,518	11,384,077*	32,078,660*	2 16	4 2,222,545	4,102,059†	25,088,296†	6 5 8	414,625‡	6 ½	1,153,296	808,402	6,453,597	97,808,075	15 3 4	8 51 †	103,064,203	384,181	336,000	105,784,384	11,763	7,669,386
1896	11,867	12,698,307*	35,258,350*	2 17	5 2,460,645	4,367,504†	28,480,329†	6 10 6	429,627‡	6 †	1,261,178	852,740	6,392,033	108,068,611	15 1 1	7 11 †	110,569,502	—7,997	356,000	119,617,515	12,106	8,357,938
1897	12,212	13,012,935*	35,757,470*	2 14	11 2,665,664	4,670,487†	30,624,905†	6 11 2	450,938‡	6 ½	1,390,908	892,293	7,230,761	115,806,786	16 0 2	7 9 †	127,944,469	384,880	368,000	128,677,319	12,444	8,766,978
1898	12,582	13,757,241*	37,361,838*	2 14	4 2,838,304	4,957,897†	32,062,829†	6 12 11	450,641‡	5 ½	1,333,335	942,634	7,630,502	123,144,069	16 2 9	7 3 †	133,218,290	283,909	370,000	133,878,069	12,814	9,194,440
1899	12,905	14,654,609*	39,122,160*	2 13	5 3,023,521	5,094,033†	35,171,475†	6 18 1	473,877‡	5 ½	1,373,799	957,021	8,046,680	130,118,805	16 3 5	7 31 †	120,453,337	—190,321	371,000	129,653,416	13,236	9,648,165
1900	13,341	14,988,849*	40,516,436*	2 14	2 3,145,978	5,406,317†	38,231,372†	7 1 5	487,025‡	5 ½	1,376,171	982,868	8,439,983	135,540,646	16 1 3	7 21 †	132,715,647	442,570	372,000	133,530,226	13,571	10,063,006

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

† Including, as well as Ordinary Withdrawals, (a) Withdrawals for investment in Stock, with commission; (b) Withdrawals consequent on sale of Stock and obtaining Stock Certificates, with commission and fees; (c) Withdrawals for purchase of Government Stock business and Annuity and Insurance premiums; and (d) amounts paid to Annuitants and Insurants and their representatives. For particulars, see statements of Government Stock business and Annuity and Insurance business.

‡ The charges of management in 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, and 1900 include the sums of £ 667, 832, 762, 35,031, 2,386, 317, and 160, respectively for the charges of land, while the charges in 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, and 1900 also include £ 274, 3,440, 1,774, 21,602, 17,011, 12,532, 1,371, 1,151, and 491, respectively for new buildings. Omitting these amounts, but adding interest at the rate of 5 per cent. thereon, the cost per transaction will be in 1891, 5½d., in 1892, 6½d., in 1893, 6½d., in 1894, 6½d., in 1895, 6½d., in 1896, 5½d., in 1897, 5½d., in 1898, 5½d., in 1899, 5½d., and the percentage of expenses to capital 0.46, 0.47, 0.46, 0.44, 0.44, 0.44, 0.44, 0.44, 0.44, and 0.44. Prior to the passing of the Post Office Savings Bank Act, 1891, it was estimated (see Parliamentary Paper No. 528, 1891) that the average cost of each transaction would be 7d.

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.	1899.	1900.
Total number of depositors - - -	6,108,763	6,453,597	6,862,035	7,239,761	7,630,502	8,046,680	8,439,983
Total number of deposits - - -	10,973,651	11,384,977	12,638,307	13,012,935	13,757,244	14,654,609	14,969,849
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>	16 <i>l.</i> 3 <i>s.</i> 5 <i>d.</i>	16 <i>l.</i> 1 <i>s.</i> 3 <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>	2 <i>l.</i> 13 <i>s.</i> 5 <i>d.</i>	2 <i>l.</i> 14 <i>s.</i> 2 <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> 3 <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>	6 <i>l.</i> 18 <i>s.</i> 1 <i>d.</i>	7 <i>l.</i> 1 <i>s.</i> 5 <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	51,700	48,100

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 Stock-holders.	Amount of Dividends credited to Stock-holders.	Amount of Stock remaining to credit of Stockholders at close of the Year.	Average amount of each Stock Account at close of the Year.
								£	s.	d.	p.	£	s.				d.	p.									
1891	11,516	7,494	55,985	29,841	12,500	86	255	980,243	2,352	9 0	3 17 6	1,025,310	49 3 11	607,637	48 12 2	588,658	3,760	67,417	6,776	124	223,538	142,760	5,067,706	92 0 7			
1892	14,110	8,356	60,839	25,576	13,727	27	390	1,234,306	2,745	7 6	3 14 0	1,554,104	52 14 5	688,385	50 2 11	608,089	3,700	72,060	9,086	510	251,625	160,270	6,361,404	92 1 3			
1893	17,195	8,904	69,131	29,293	15,288	26	427	1,535,027	3,218	13 0	3 2 0	1,744,766	62 14 4	711,468	46 11 1	704,329	3,850	22,774	41,226	976	279,262	183,179	7,029,107	98 11 4			
1894	13,188	11,015	71,304	26,532	18,315	12	159	1,650,875	3,227	8 6	1 7 0	1,925,674	63 1 8	975,001	53 8 0	963,459	1,850	26,573	110,354	635	282,069	166,905	6,949,948	100 16 0			
1895	9,725	12,640	68,949	18,090	19,664	17	164	1,485,729	2,837	0 3	3 2 0	1,112,568	61 10 0	1,103,990	59 7 2	1,288,491	3,700	27,611	4,477	633	282,069	166,905	6,949,948	100 16 0			
1896	10,175	10,947	68,177	16,912	17,985	8	148	1,065,573	2,692	6 9	1 8 0	967,834	57 4 7	1,107,687	61 15 2	1,285,386	1,400	26,573	110,354	635	275,203	192,184	6,991,891	101 1 9			
1897	9,139	8,203	69,113	16,695	15,780	10	144	1,078,840	2,257	12 3	1 14 0	967,142	57 2 2	795,486	57 16 11	891,937	1,700	28,511	1,710	482	273,502	101,684	7,083,504	101 15 4			
1898	10,306	7,498	72,071	20,162	12,567	19	191	1,303,990	2,432	3 2	2 4 0	1,183,020	58 13 6	714,851	56 16 9	787,808	2,200	38,715	1,153	302	280,586	108,991	7,462,134	108 10 9			
1899	13,938	7,011	73,008	20,531	11,740	23	225	1,770,170	2,927	8 6	4 19 0	1,670,534	62 19 2	683,155	58 4 0	735,721	4,955	46,689	3,543	1,004	294,156	212,568	8,307,213	108 5 11			
1900	22,044	7,077	66,965	41,080	12,028	41	353	2,880,513	4,268	7 6	6 0 0	2,880,018	68 19 11	678,374	56 8 0	678,510	6,000	75,189	1,170	1,418	330,463	255,000	10,406,300	111 8 2			

APPENDIX J.—continued.

Post Office Savings Bank—continued.

ANNUITIES AND LIFE INSURANCES.

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

YEAR.	ANNUITIES.										LIFE INSURANCES.								
	Immediate.					Deferred.					Contracts entered into.		Receipts.		Payments.				
	Contracts entered into.		Receipts.		Payments.		Contracts entered into.		Receipts.		Payments.		Amount of in- surances.		Amount.				
	No.	Amount of An- nuities.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount of Annuities.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount of Claims on Death and Sur- render.		
-	1891	-	968	£ 23,673	296,882	£ 18,195	217,595	112	£ 2,183	959	£ 12,578	475	£ 6,311	529	£ 23,930	11,027	£ 15,073	232	£ 8,561
-	1892	-	1,157	28,155	355,753	18,923	230,370	214	4,253	1,096	13,360	478	6,932	1,993	80,307	15,517	18,099	190	7,354
-	1893	-	1,420	36,746	461,569	19,344	251,474	150	3,001	1,297	16,148	535	8,070	833	44,000	19,385	17,227	228	9,226
-	1894	-	1,565	41,405	540,277	20,418	275,243	164	3,772	1,283	17,262	600	9,130	1,128	56,010	20,107	18,229	291	9,641
-	1895	-	1,898	49,816	665,963	21,911	305,712	169	4,933	1,300	23,903	646	8,957	720	38,353	20,903	19,140	290	9,861
-	1896	-	2,203	60,965	853,713	23,820	347,126	202	4,178	1,317	25,336	719	8,746	1,223*	65,582	21,264	18,537	431	9,278
-	1897	-	2,051	56,237	756,433	26,057	392,285	207	4,009	1,363	24,112	827	10,997	849	46,017	21,512	20,439	321	10,050
-	1898	-	2,065	55,763	750,354	27,963	432,761	164	3,626	1,374	23,876	864	10,690	731	42,554	21,227	21,562	341	11,073
-	1899	-	2,031	54,044	719,419	29,747	472,532	147	3,085	1,347	23,617	942	11,891	827	43,723	21,256	21,575	342	10,663
-	1900	-	2,258	49,893	728,142	31,409	503,297	137	2,722	1,343	19,852	1,080	12,921	677	35,512	21,460	22,185	364	15,423

* 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 1900, and the Number and Amount of CONTRACTS in existence on the 31st December 1900.

	CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO				TOTAL.	
	From 17 April 1865 to 31 December 1899.		From 1 Jan. 1900 to 31 December 1900.			
	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 1900, viz. :—						
Immediate Annuities - -	34,742	726,514 4 0	2,258	40,893 6 8	37,000	776,407 10 8
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - -	1,114	19,766 1 2	58	812 15 6	1,172	20,577 16 8
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - - -	2,177	47,697 12 0	79	1,909 0 0	2,256	49,606 12 0
Contracts for Sums payable at Death entered into from the commencement of business on the 17th April 1865 to the 31st December 1900 - - - - -	19,472	1,221,615 1 4	677	25,511 12 3	20,149	1,267,126 13 7
Contracts for Annuities in existence on the 31st December 1900, viz. :—						
Immediate Annuities - -	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	21,693	532,068 17 8
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - - -	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	977	16,867 4 0
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - -	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	1,235	27,373 11 0
Contracts for Sums payable at Death, in existence on the 31st December 1900 - - -	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	12,073	729,787 8 3

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 1900, 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 1900, 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. 1900.		Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the Year.			
STOCKS:			£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
2½ per cent. Consols - - -			64,737,170	0 1	63,118,740	15 1	421,344	5 10
2½ per cents. - - - -			8,888,170	15 8	8,677,076	14 7	62,531	19 9
Local Loans 3 per cent. Stock -			10,947,690	5 1	11,016,113	6 4	77,645	6 0
2½ per cent. Annuities (1905) -			312,000	0 0	304,080	0 0	2,028	8 6
2½ per cent. Guaranteed Land Stock			2,961,258	1 9	2,887,220	12 8	39,128	9 8
BILLS AND BONDS:								
Treasury Bills - - - -			755,000	0 0	731,821	12 0	16,023	19 6
Egyptian Guaranteed 3 per cent. Bonds			606,100	0 0	615,191	10 0	—	
Greek Guaranteed 2½ per cent. Bonds			1,210,400	0 0	1,095,412	0 0	—	
Canada Guaranteed 4 per cent. Bonds			30,000	0 0	30,600	0 0	—	
Irish Land Commission Bonds -			850,000	0 0	850,000	0 0	—	
Local Loans Bonds - - -			7,400,000	0 0	7,400,000	0 0	82,887	4 6
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) 1,226,422	13 4	—	
Savings Bank Annuity expiring 1912-13, per 46 & 47 Vict. c. 54., 48 & 49 Vict. c. 43., 50 & 51 Vict. c. 16., 62 & 63 Vict. c. 9., and 63 Vict. c. 7. }			180,559	0 0	(a & b) 1,709,081	0 0	—	
Savings Bank Annuities expiring 1923-24, per 62 & 63 Vict. c. 9., and 63 Vict. c. 7. }			584,717	0 0	(a & b) 9,589,502	0 0	—	
Book Debt Annuity, per 62 & 63 Vict. c. 9., and 63 Vict. c. 7. }			584,633	0 0	(a) 9,891,243	0 10	—	
Conversion, 1884, Annuity, per 47 Vict. c. 2. s. 2 }			35,121	0 0	(a) 100,725	4 10	—	
Permanent Charges Redemption Annuity, per 46 Vict. c. 1. s. 2 -			6,398	8 6	(a) 12,358	12 11	—	
Red Sea and India Telegraph Annuity, per 25 & 26 Vict. c. 39. }			3,100	0 0	(a) 20,150	0 0	—	
Russian - Dutch Loan Annuity, per 54 & 55 Vict. c. 26. }			35,176	18 0	(a) 193,347	16 6	—	
Telegraph Annuities, per 55 & 56 Vict. c. 59., 59 & 60 Vict. c. 40., 61 & 62 Vict. c. 33., and 62 & 63 Vict. c. 38. -			112,611	15 0	(a) 1,156,089	5 3	—	
Light Railways Annuities, per 54 & 55 Vict. c. 24. s. 4 -			64,190	16 0	(a) 187,231	10 11	—	
Carried forward - - -			-	-	120,814,813	15 3	691,588	13

(a) Value, inclusive of interest, to 31st December 1900.

(b) Cash value (at the price of Consols on 31st December 1900) of the amount of 2½ per cent. Consols, estimated to have been unreplaced at 31st December 1900, 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. 1900.			Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the Year.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Brought forward - - -				120,814,813	15	3	
ANNUITIES, &c.—cont.							
Barracks Annuities, per 53 & 54 Vict. c. 25. }	92,059	2	0	(a) 803,766	6	2	
Pensions Commutation Annuities, per 34 & 35 Vict. c. 36. }	40,061	2	0	(a) 177,565	9	2	
Indian Army Pension Deficiency Fund Annuities, per 48 & 49 Vict. c. 67. s. 5 (2), and 59 & 60 Vict. c. 28. s. 37. }	211,243	15	8	(a) 1,232,142	17	5	
Uganda Railway Annuity, per 59 & 60 Vict. c. 33. }	135,785	5	0	(a) 2,440,113	6	5	
British Museum (Purchase of Land) Annuity, per 57 & 58 Vict. c. 34. }	7,732	10	0	(a) 198,268	16	1	
Public Offices (Acquisition of Site) Annuity, per 59 Vict. c. 5. }	16,766	6	0	(a) 446,847	0	7	
ADVANCES, in respect of which Annuities had not been granted at 31st December 1900:							
Under Pensions Commutation Act, 34 & 35 Vict. c. 36. }	33,026	2	6	33,026	2	6	
“ Barracks Act, 1890, 53 & 54 Vict. c. 25. }	156,086	10	5	156,086	10	5	
“ Telegraph Acts, 55 & 56 Vict. c. 59., 59 & 60 Vict. c. 40., 61 & 62 Vict. c. 33., and 62 & 63 Vict. c. 38. }	608,500	0	0	608,500	0	0	
“ Uganda Railway Acts, 1896 and 1900, 59 & 60 Vict. c. 38. and 63 & 64 Vict. c. 11. }	1,364,000	0	0	1,364,000	0	0	
“ Royal Niger Company Act, 1899, 62 & 63 Vict. c. 43. }	820,000	0	0	820,000	0	0	
“ Military Works Acts, 1897 and 1899, 60 & 61 Vict. c. 7. and 62 & 63 Vict. c. 41. }	850,000	0	0	850,000	0	0	
“ Naval Works Acts, 1895 and 1899, 58 & 59 Vict. c. 35. and 62 & 63 Vict. c. 42. }	600,000	0	0	600,000	0	0	
“ Public Accounts and Charges Act, 1891, 54 & 55 Vict. c. 24. }	5,600	0	0	5,600	0	0	
TEMPORARY ADVANCES to Local Loans Fund }	350,000	0	0	350,000	0	0	
ADVANCES to the Exchequer in aid of Ways and Means, per 63 & 64 Vict. c. 57. }	800,000	0	0	800,000	0	0	
				£ 131,700,730	4	0	
Add—Value of Securities - - -					131,700,730	4	0
Cash balance in Banks of England and Ireland - -					250,137	8	6
					£ 132,715,646	14	7

(a) Value, inclusive of interest, to 31st December 1900.

National Debt Office,
20th June 1901.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 1900, 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 1900, Amount of Cash in Hand and Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the Year, &c., and the Excess of Liabilities over Assets.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance due to Depositors on the 31st December 1900 (including interest)	135,540,644 15 1	Value of Securities according to the average price of the day on 31 Dec. 1900	132,403,509 6 1
Amount of expenses remaining unpaid (partly estimated)	21,175 10 5	Amount of cash in hands of Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt	250,137 8 6
		Total Amount in the hands of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt	132,715,646 14 7
		Amount in the hands of His Majesty's Postmaster-General	531,492 15 9
		Less—Amount required to meet Warrants issued to Depositors but not cashed on 31st December 1900	88,913 5 4
		Value of the Central Savings Bank Premises	130,168,226 5 0
		Excess of Liabilities over Assets	372,000 0 0
£			2,040,594 0 6
			135,570,820 5 6

Total amount received from Depositors, including interest, to 31st December 1900 £ 648,156,478 0 0
 Total amount repaid to Depositors to 31st December 1900 512,606,831 0 0

Number of Transactions.		Number of Accounts.	
Deposits.	Withdrawals.	Opened.	Closed.
232,634,596	81,804,509	27,071,556	18,681,573
			Remaining Open.
			8,439,983

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 1900 was 314,439,106. The sums of 126,279,145. 11d., 147,116,162. 0d., 77,787,122. 1d., 125,345,447. 11d., 144,879,32. 11d., 145,799,102. 1d., 123,139,02. 1d., 93,040,112. 5d., 64,608,152. 11d., 67,001,132. 8d., 78,806,82. 3d., 72,495,112. 8d., 36,050,96. 4d., 65,662,122. 2d., 51,171,192. 3d., 29,922,36. 3d., 35,100,76. 10d., 3,836,102. 3d., and 16,983,22. 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, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, and 1906 respectively under sec. 14 of the Act 40 Vict. c. 13, being the excess of interest which had accrued during the years 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, and 1906 of 7,018,222. 11d. in 1897 of 6,106,722. 11d. in 1898 of 7,018,222. 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APPENDIX K.

Money Orders.

MONEY ORDER BUSINESS in the last TEN YEARS.

YEAR.	INLAND ORDERS.			COLONIAL ORDERS.			FOREIGN ORDERS.			GRAND TOTAL.			
	Man bcr.	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.	Increase per cent. on Amount.
1871-72	8,906,776	21,383,589	4	173,626	1,656,681	2·3	960,428	2,389,984	3·5	10,340,630	28,429,634	·8	2·0
1892-93	8,263,692	21,618,869	·6	183,636	1,635,339	1·3	993,960	2,429,812	3·4	10,442,918	28,683,951	·9	·8
1893-94	9,027,934	21,576,936	·7	315,476	1,767,791	6·1	981,364	2,378,092	Decrease, 1·2	10,521,774	28,750,829	·7	·1
1894-95	9,190,304	24,953,532	1·7	518,562	1,711,818	·5	976,340	2,257,777	·5	10,685,206	28,923,127	1·5	·7
1895-96	9,334,296	25,582,256	1·5	539,786	1,778,679	4·0	1,026,881	2,366,002	Increase, 5·1	10,900,903	29,736,817	2·0	2·7
1896-97	9,314,022	25,919,853	Decrease, ·2	573,135	1,905,061	6·1	1,034,460	2,423,673	·7	10,921,017	30,249,087	·1	1·7
1897-98	9,429,699	27,494,145	Increase, 1·2	567,315	1,842,871	Decrease, 1·0	1,131,334	2,777,563	9·3	11,128,258	32,114,579	1·8	6·1
1898-99	9,721,647	28,004,078	3·1	593,414	1,858,397	Increase, 4·6	1,160,140	2,816,132	2·5	11,476,201	33,279,517	3·1	3·6
1899-1900	10,292,890	30,505,351	5·8	617,540	1,876,410	4·0	1,177,229	2,819,500	1·4	12,087,459	35,201,262	5·3	5·7
1900-01	11,375,518	34,454,839	10·5	630,370	2,074,405	10·2	1,207,679	2,945,311	2·6	13,263,567	39,374,665	9·7	11·8

APPENDIX K.—continued.

Money Orders—continued.

YEAR.	ENGLAND AND WALES.						SCOTLAND.						IRELAND.						UNITED KINGDOM.					
	Increase per cent.			Increase per cent.			Increase per cent.			Increase per cent.			Increase per cent.			Increase per cent.			Increase per cent.			Increase per cent.		
	Number.	Amount.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Number.	Amount.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Number.	Amount.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Number.	Amount.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Number.	Amount.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Number.	Amount.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Number.	Amount.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Number.	Amount.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.
1891-92	7,342,269	20,471,068	1.0	2.1	25.0	25.1	1,021,698	2,573,456	2.2	1.0	25.1	512,579	1,339,045	1.6	2.4	11.6	8,006,576	21,383,569	.4	2.0	23.3			
1892-93	7,391,775	20,658,172	.6	.9	24.9	25.2	1,032,082	2,605,839	1.0	1.2	25.2	530,175	1,354,798	.6	1.1	11.6	8,063,032	21,618,809	.6	.9	23.3			
1893-94	7,483,054	20,647,160	1.2	.05	24.9	24.4	1,008,632	2,564,691	2.2	1.5	24.4	536,218	1,333,275	.5	.6	11.6	9,027,031	21,575,036	.7	.1	23.3			
1894-95	7,658,766	21,040,622	2.3	1.9	25.4	23.9	994,834	2,549,597	1.3	.5	23.9	536,714	1,363,913	.09	.04	11.6	9,190,304	21,953,532	1.7	1.5	23.6			
1895-96	7,778,115	21,539,006	1.5	2.3	25.3	24.2	1,017,320	2,571,839	2.2	4.7	24.2	538,861	1,371,391	.4	.5	11.8	9,834,206	25,582,236	1.5	2.5	23.6			
1896-97	7,784,344	21,851,293	.08	1.4	25.1	23.5	992,426	2,600,671	2.4	.1	23.5	637,252	1,401,889	.2	2.2	11.8	9,814,022	25,919,853	Dec.	1.3	23.4			
1897-98	7,914,265	23,211,225	1.6	6.2	25.2	22.7	967,740	2,772,746	2.4	3.9	22.7	517,614	1,510,174	1.9	7.7	12.0	9,429,609	27,494,145	Inc.	6.0	23.5			
1898-99	8,163,971	24,121,276	3.1	3.9	25.9	23.6	1,003,138	2,911,860	3.6	5.0	23.6	558,638	1,570,942	2.0	4.0	12.3	9,721,647	28,601,078	3.1	4.0	24.1			
1899-1900	8,656,871	25,637,084	6.0	6.5	27.1	24.4	1,047,134	3,119,470	4.3	7.1	24.4	588,885	1,638,787	5.4	7.5	13.0	10,292,890	30,506,351	5.8	6.6	25.3			
1900-01	9,638,474	29,213,745	11.3	13.6	29.9	25.3	1,094,431	3,344,691	4.5	7.2	25.3	642,613	1,896,423	9.1	12.3	14.2	11,376,218	34,454,859	10.5	12.9	27.7			

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 1901.*

	Number.	Amount.
Admiralty, Bills Branch - - -	31,219	£ 109,506
„ Greenwich Hospital - -	5,139	5,615
„ Naval Allotments - - -	389,076	567,802
„ „ Pensions - - -	129,222	946,511
Board of Trade, Bankruptcy - - -	73,453	45,695
„ „ Pensions - - -	4,453	4,070
Civil Service Commission - - -	1,391	4,515
Education Office, England - - -	10,330	99,301
„ „ Scotland - - -	375	4,210
India Office - - -	1,302	4,893
Inland Revenue, England - - -	242,107	718,882
Metropolitan Police - - -	22,729	235,644
Office of Works - - -	4,829	20,561
Science and Art Department - - -	2,300	7,343
War Office - - -	1,863,053	4,397,446
Excise Duties - - -	372,427	1,310,815
Legacy and Succession Duties - -	7,826	45,468
Public Works, Ireland - - -	262	403
Inland Revenue, Ireland - - -	19,961	55,925
„ „ Scotland - - -	36,774	108,152
	2,718,228	8,692,757

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

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

YEAR.	COLONIAL ORDERS.										
	ISSUED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.				ISSUED IN THE COLONIES.				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.
1891-92	-	92,354	7.3	5.4	397,072	£ 1,323,670	1.1	Decrease. 1.4	479,626	£ 1,655,061	2.3
1892-93	-	103,181	11.4	9.9	392,755	1,295,936	Decrease. 1.1	4.0	435,936	1,635,330	1.3
1893-94	-	117,425	13.8	17.7	398,051	1,337,337	Increase. 3.9	Increase. 5.3	615,476	1,767,701	6.1
1894-95	-	113,965	5.5	Decrease. .7	394,607	1,294,530	Decrease. .8	Decrease. 3.9	618,562	1,711,818	Decrease. 3.1
1895-96	-	127,194	2.6	Increase. 1.9	412,332	1,345,769	Increase. 4.5	Increase. 4.5	539,786	1,778,579	Increase. 3.9
1896-97	-	129,171	1.5	Decrease. 1.2	443,964	1,475,247	7.6	9.8	573,135	1,906,661	6.1
1897-98	-	137,555	6.5	Increase. 12.4	439,660	1,355,936	Decrease. 3.2	Decrease. 7.8	567,515	1,842,571	Decrease. 1.0
1898-99	-	145,169	3.2	2.8	451,245	1,360,678	Increase. 5.0	Increase. .1	533,414	1,858,307	Increase. 4.6
1899-1900	-	142,574	*2	Decrease. 4.2	474,766	1,399,780	5.2	2.8	617,340	1,876,411	4.0
1900-01	-	140,773	Decrease. 1.2	5.6	539,598	1,625,012	13.6	16.0	680,370	2,074,495	10.5

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.
1891-92	298,091	£ 746,139	3.3	3.5	682,407	£ 1,643,345	3.6	3.2	980,428	£ 2,389,684
1892-93	301,535	741,470	1.1	Decrease .6	692,415	1,648,342	4.5	2.7	993,950	2,438,012
1893-94	317,906	797,377	5.	Increase 7.5	663,553	1,580,715	Decrease 4.1	Decrease 6.3	981,364	2,378,092
1894-95	322,153	786,863	1.3	Decrease 1.3	654,187	1,470,894	1.4	6.9	976,340	2,257,777
1895-96	330,088	798,532	2.4	Increase 1.4	666,793	1,567,420	Increase 6.5	Increase 6.5	1,026,831	2,386,002
1896-97	325,633	863,559	7.7	11.8	678,827	1,530,015	Decrease 2.5	Decrease 2.3	1,034,460	2,423,573
1897-98	386,231	963,901	8.6	11.2	745,103	1,783,692	Increase 9.7	Increase 16.5	1,131,334	2,777,563
1898-99	440,391	1,015,170	3.7	2.1	769,449	1,900,962	1.9	.9	1,160,140	2,816,133
1899-1900	407,128	1,039,469	1.6	2.4	770,101	1,780,011	1.4	Decrease 1.1	1,177,229	2,819,500
1900-01	426,935	1,080,975	4.8	3.9	780,744	1,764,336	1.3	.8	1,207,679	2,845,311

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 the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the Colonies.	
1891-92	10,476	92,878	91,322	344,196	83,883	215,723	19,263	184,756	73,025	142,322	25,522	73,630	10,245	290,151	18,685	70,014	332,411	1,323,870
1892-93	12,051	91,119	108,882	294,894	84,417	215,513	23,730	207,179	80,344	127,077	25,662	74,276	10,813	291,666	19,555	58,212	365,394	1,269,936
1893-94	13,377	86,504	143,702	266,681	98,845	216,136	29,528	243,650	84,228	167,533	29,333	78,466	11,863	216,888	20,088	62,879	430,364	1,337,337
1894-95	12,224	95,646	124,692	223,434	102,887	193,274	35,060	279,433	89,405	143,257	30,363	72,688	11,496	207,409	21,156	64,339	427,238	1,254,530
1895-96	13,480	119,300	117,599	222,797	100,671	176,498	40,306	331,256	96,345	152,525	31,535	72,888	12,748	193,973	23,064	70,522	453,930	1,342,759
1896-97	21,162	235,542	112,874	242,093	102,705	163,225	41,341	348,046	82,557	182,764	31,286	76,785	14,095	163,475	24,402	63,315	430,114	1,475,247
1897-98	18,063	164,558	111,906	255,880	107,938	171,722	37,660	260,474	136,669	291,562	32,040	88,802	14,773	166,369	24,536	59,569	463,935	1,358,936
1898-99	19,635	163,846	113,908	243,516	105,870	178,263	43,168	264,209	135,089	297,907	31,809	99,642	16,403	144,561	28,197	66,735	407,629	1,360,678
1899-1900	26,469	164,195	114,908	244,132	107,786	197,034	47,575	270,161	103,155	293,194	32,209	112,761	14,779	145,194	29,760	68,109	476,631	1,398,780
1900-01	26,790	212,516	113,131	250,767	107,139	218,663	53,034	397,048	71,863	218,229	31,206	108,966	14,977	142,876	31,363	75,968	449,463	1,625,012

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.		Hungary.		Iceland and Danish W. Indies.		Italy.		Japan.	
	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 Hungary.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Iceland and Danish W. Indies.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Italy.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Japan.
1891-92	17,737	13,735	26,126	48,834	16,269	14,312	3,295	25,341	131,199	164,861	192,067	127,964	5,635	3,538	553	5,117	50,568	56,357	552	1,534
1892-93	20,540	16,778	23,017	49,471	15,311	14,585	3,581	25,617	126,487	156,554	191,345	133,946	8,003	4,436	685	5,537	43,430	44,689	526	1,212
1893-94	26,105	19,869	23,113	50,571	16,062	15,805	4,042	23,495	121,916	154,938	183,708	138,218	9,064	5,036	551	4,298	36,718	21,168	825	1,054
1894-95	27,915	20,259	3,345	49,101	15,134	15,029	4,654	26,231	122,597	157,831	176,998	144,550	5,844	5,546	392	3,606	38,258	16,707	1,063	1,180
1895-96	32,054	24,561	32,994	51,277	15,562	15,354	4,370	26,237	120,064	164,355	178,067	149,108	5,838	7,757	569	4,084	47,751	21,213	1,084	2,224
1896-97	40,084	26,516	34,026	53,426	16,505	15,209	4,738	28,929	137,261	160,080	190,090	143,716	8,052	7,525	549	6,129	56,157	17,703	1,366	2,060
1897-98	53,704	28,961	32,102	56,301	17,103	16,014	5,000	31,563	149,109	164,064	203,761	160,222	11,445	7,524	635	10,885	66,732	16,929	1,291	2,413
1898-99	66,596	34,131	33,612	63,234	17,355	19,351	5,985	50,676	155,206	175,332	201,124	160,868	15,003	9,812	643	6,192	71,275	16,325	1,361	2,327
1899-1900	83,090	33,774	40,440	59,766	19,767	21,230	6,094	49,874	155,418	170,130	205,117	172,568	20,394	9,345	840	3,877	76,176	16,132	1,561	2,344
1900-01	81,823	34,619	42,220	58,232	20,496	21,617	6,227	43,785	167,379	165,300	203,319	175,387	25,080	11,540	963	3,112	84,319	16,536	2,011	2,700

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 Luxem-bourg.	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.
1891-92	£ —	£ —	£ 16,651	£ 23,252	£ 24,632	£ 6,677	£ 2,902	£ 11,145	£ 598	£ 2,302	£ —	£ —
1892-93	96	91	18,928	23,522	25,551	7,203	1,785	—†	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	5,648	—	—
1896-97	768	916	42,535	32,525	36,994	11,782	729	—†	1,704	5,162	—	—
1897-98	938	1,108	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	2,134	5,613	9,881	217,236
1899-1900	771	842	39,654	32,665	43,252	15,282	1,116	653	2,897	7,544	8,909	97,420
1900-01	763	1,098	33,735	34,427	48,380	21,327	1,529	1,223	6,524	8,012	—	—

† 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.
1891-92	£ 27,942	£ 8,876	£ 32,756	£ 22,402	£ 87	£ 317	£ 196,430	£ 1,107,282	£ 746,139	£ 1,643,845
1892-93	27,598	9,904	32,674	21,842	124	561	194,224	1,169,499	741,470	1,689,342
1893-94	30,664	11,895	32,175	23,743	177	540	257,170	1,066,308	797,377	1,580,715
1894-95	29,243	11,892	34,373	24,509	45	519	244,177	952,310	786,883	1,470,894
1895-96	31,783	11,842	36,079	26,512	222	475	221,373	1,015,187	798,582	1,567,420
1896-97	37,633	12,496	36,650	26,908	204	296	247,953	973,637	893,558	1,530,015
1897-98	42,023	14,299	39,161	28,964	274	784	251,365	958,576	993,901	1,783,662
1898-99	43,202	14,397	38,964	30,065	393	465	255,367	952,539	1,015,170	1,800,962
1899-1900	45,752	15,425	41,846	31,258	464	437	248,312	1,039,444	1,039,489	1,780,012
1900-01	52,602	17,829	42,964	30,794	380	441	259,752	1,116,617	1,080,975	1,764,336

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 1901.

NAMES OF OFFICES.	Correspondence.			Total Weights.
	Weight in Ounces.			
	England and Wales.	Scotland.	Ireland.	
	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.
Admiralty	4,286,951	—	—	4,286,951
Agriculture and Technical Institute, Ireland.	333	—	255,820	256,153
Attorney General	3,197	—	—	3,197
Board of Agriculture	3,428,419	—	—	3,428,419
Board of Trade	2,526,178	—	—	2,526,178
Census Office	64,407	—	—	64,407
Chancellor, The Lord	861,221	—	—	861,221
Charity Commissioners	177,709	—	—	177,709
Chelsea Hospital	98,869	—	—	98,869
Chief Secretary, Dublin Castle	130,603	—	473,243	603,846
Civil Service Commissioners	475,140	—	749	475,889
Clerk of the Parliaments	534,169	—	—	534,169
Colonial Office	534,911	—	—	534,911
Constabulary of Ireland	—	—	375,040	375,040
Court of Bankruptcy	—	—	439	439
Courts of Law and Justice, Scotland	—	55,536	—	55,536
Crown and Hanaper	—	—	4,450	4,450
Crown Office	—	43,617	—	43,617
Customs	1,071,850	—	7,720	1,079,570
Emigrants' Information Office	211,957	—	—	211,957
Exchequer and Audit Department	352,648	—	—	352,648
Exchequer Offices in Scotland	—	36,905	—	36,905
Foreign Office	510,047	—	—	510,047
Home Office	1,754,246	5,583	—	1,759,829
House of Commons	461,683	—	—	461,683
Inland Revenue	21,717,311	5,136,245	3,277,965	30,131,521
Irish Fisheries, Inspector of	—	—	86,525	86,525
Irish Land Commission	—	—	648,665	648,665
Loan Fund Board	—	—	9,933	9,933
Local Government Board	3,348,927	93,978	982,353	4,425,258
Local Marine Board	177,168	—	—	177,168
Lord Lieutenant and Private Secretary	—	—	21,921	21,921
Lunacy, Commissioners in	82,251	—	41,473	123,724
Merchant Seamen, Registrar of	587,538	—	—	587,538
Mint, The Royal	11,055	—	—	11,055
National Debt Office	64,461	—	—	64,461
Paris Exhibition	17,642	—	—	17,642
Patent Office	939,963	—	—	939,963
Paymaster General	76,840	—	37,778	114,618
Prisons Board	—	—	251,504	251,504
Privy Council Office	4,139,105	—	—	4,139,105
Public Education	—	45,773	856,508	902,281
Public Works Loan Board	54,782	—	—	54,782
Record Office	85,635	—	5,905	91,540
Register House	—	25,885	—	25,885
Registrar General	1,119,881	663,044	423,133	2,206,058
Registrar of Friendly Societies	129,029	7,914	1,342	138,285
Registrar of Petty Sessions, Clerks	—	—	109,516	109,516
Science and Art Department	995,496	—	—	995,496
Scotch Education Department	707,776	—	—	707,776
Scotch Fisheries Board	—	30,313	—	30,313
Secretary for Scotland	143,503	6,047	—	149,550
Solicitor General	5,159	—	—	5,159
Stationery Office	1,154,473	—	100,918	1,255,391
Supreme Court of Judicature	578,361	—	72,030	650,391
Surveys of the United Kingdom	—	—	245,667	245,667
Treasury	514,125	—	—	514,125
Valuation Office	—	—	144,879	144,879
War Office	5,748,985	—	481,175	6,230,160
War Office, Imperial Yeomanry	15,614	—	—	15,614
Woods and Forests, Commissioners of	115,541	—	—	115,541
Works and Buildings, Commissioners of	242,863	—	702,338	945,201
TOTALS	60,288,922	6,150,840	9,618,689	76,068,451

APPENDIX N.

Private Wires and Telephone Exchange Wires.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of CONTRACTS, MILES of WIRE, and INSTRUMENTS, and the Rentals in each of the last 10 Years.

Year.	Contracts.	Increase.	Miles of Wire.	Increase.	Instruments.	Increase.	Rentals.*	Increase.
1891-92	-	3,855	22,166	2,121	9,992	473	\$133,257 10 11	\$ 6,179 2 1
1892-93	-	†3,809	22,928	662	10,188	196	136,818 6 9	Inc. 3,555 15 10
1893-94	-	†3,705	23,103	275	10,234	46	138,769 3 8	1,955 16 11
1894-95	-	3,709	23,209	106	10,341	107	140,087 13 5	1,318 9 9
1895-96	-	3,831	21,581	Dec. 1,628	10,385	44	\$134,312 3 0	Dec. 5,775 10 5
1896-97	-	3,821	22,380	Inc.	10,401	16	135,379 6 0	Inc. 1,067 3 0
1897-98	-	3,913	27,114	4,734	10,825	424	130,109 1 7	Dec. 5,270 4 5
1898-99	-	4,038	30,198	3,084	11,396	571	142,602 3 8	Inc. 12,493 2 1
1899-1900	-	4,152	32,096	1,898	12,020	624	148,249 19 4	5,647 15 8
1900-01	-	4,541	34,356	2,260	13,037	1,017	¶155,694 4 2	7,444 4 10

* 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.

¶ The rates for Exchange Wires were reduced in 1900 and Subscribers were given the option of renting their circuits at Inclusive or at Toll Rates.

APPENDIX O.

Inland Revenue Licenses.

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

YEAR.	Brewers.		Dogs.	Male Servants at 15s. each.	Carriages.									
	At 9s. each.	At 4s. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.		At 42s. each.	At 21s. each.	At 13s. each.	At 10s. 6d. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.					
1891-92	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1892-93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1893-94	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1894-95	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1895-96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1896-97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1897-98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1898-99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1899-1900	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1900-01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 42s. each.	At 21s. each.		Red at 60s.	Blue and Green at 40s.	Occasional at 20s.			
1891-92	-	9,360	27,727	153,955	28,552	3,453	3,288	1,633,668	£ 946,292 s. 15 d. 0
1892-93	-	9,166	28,632	157,546	29,604	3,232	3,553	1,719,869	1,002,685 15 0
1893-94	-	9,029	28,672	164,972	32,101	3,108	3,629	1,788,424	1,094,216 2 6
1894-95	-	8,385	28,085	169,712	31,708	3,114	3,632	1,827,028	1,038,856 4 6
1895-96	-	8,406	28,318	161,692	33,488	3,259	3,746	1,896,824	1,078,994 8 6
1896-97	-	7,921	27,767	172,357	36,308	3,406	3,803	1,932,708	1,094,423 12 0
1897-98	-	6,448	26,267	176,006	37,780	3,395	3,902	1,985,683	1,063,398 0 0
1898-99	-	7,762	26,321	179,386	37,689	3,809	4,019	2,007,350	1,134,310 5 6
1899-1900	-	7,923	26,330	199,947	40,072	3,968	4,174	2,049,614	1,161,055 13 0
1900-01	-	7,953	26,396	215,391	40,523	4,160	4,226	2,113,849	1,194,535 12 0

APPENDIX P.

RETURN showing, for each YEAR from 1891-92, the REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, and NET REVENUE of the POST OFFICE.

YEAR.	REVENUE.				EXPENDITURE.												Percentage of Total Expenditure to Total Revenue.	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.				
					Purchase.	Erection.							Under Post Office Vote.	Under other Votes.					
1891-92	10,183,290	15,682	257,026	10,451,998	168,197	160,729	158,329	3,897,962	37.29	1,306,890	12.51	701,081	622,715	172,224	7,192,467	68.77	3,299,511	3,588,457	
1892-93	10,344,353	—	255,796	10,600,149	75,975	150,569	176,533	4,190,823	39.53	1,390,297	12.83	719,615	654,937	178,896	7,507,645	70.82	3,092,504	3,319,048	
1893-94	10,472,376	—	262,009	10,734,385	46,934	171,823	183,412	4,446,361	41.41	1,396,947	13.00	720,350	624,574	170,311	7,769,713	73.28	2,975,173	3,185,980	
1894-95	10,746,014	—	277,446	11,023,460	12,597	175,290	188,919	4,597,255	41.69	1,396,282	12.65	729,513	677,524	178,464	7,965,344	73.15	3,070,116	3,255,703	
1895-96	11,465,370	—	294,575	11,759,945	49,847	170,075	198,396	4,734,446	40.25	1,394,132	11.85	714,332	625,074	199,590	8,066,272	68.76	3,673,673	3,893,596	
1896-97	11,876,666	39,241	230,438	12,146,345	8,942	162,501	207,529	4,927,095	40.56	1,400,521	11.52	722,585	619,298	197,985	8,246,356	67.94	3,900,579	4,071,923	
1897-98	12,206,694	—	213,692	12,420,376	52,784	133,309	224,254	5,230,888	42.11	1,466,131	11.72	746,757	638,536	900,688	9,683,317	69.91	3,757,060	3,923,152	
1898-99	12,541,399	—	207,918	12,749,317	37,127	136,769	249,443	5,594,313	42.10	1,473,719	11.29	821,370	671,078	206,196	9,190,006	70.48	3,869,311	4,053,198	
1899-1900	13,192,020	—	202,315	13,394,335	115,394	169,096	269,092	5,963,369	44.53	1,474,118	11.00	769,307	719,244	313,747	9,683,969	73.29	3,710,386	3,994,728	
1900-01 (Estimated)	13,776,896	—	216,284	13,993,170	81,249	175,000	266,298	6,277,275	44.85	1,516,896	10.83	764,604	726,101	286,677	10,064,908	71.91	3,980,567	4,187,516	

APPENDIX Q.

RETURN showing, for each YEAR from 1891-92, the REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, and NET REVENUE of the POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

YEAR.	REVENUE.				EXPENDITURE.										Percentage of Total Revenue.	Net Revenue.	Net Revenue after deducting Expenditure on Sites, Buildings, and Extensions, from Total Expenditure.	Interest on Stock created for Purchase of Telegraphs.	
	Telegraph Receipts.	Extra Receipts.	Estimated Value of Services to other Departments.	Total.	Purchase.		Telegraph Extensions.	Superannuations and other Non-Effective Charges.	Salaries, Wages, &c.	Percentage of Salaries to Total Revenue.	Maintenance of the Telegraph System.	Percentage of Main Revenue to Total.	Other Expenditure.						Total Expenditure.
					Sites and Buildings.	Recreation.							Under Telegraph Vote.	Under other Votes.					
1891-92	2,464,098	25,925	36,589	2,546,612	50,171	68,205	156,393	28,689	1,635,063	64.23	448,924	17.63	187,763	60,678	2,635,895	103.54	90,883	298,888	
1892-93	2,466,791	—	39,521	2,526,312	24,586	63,274	97,740	33,574	1,717,123	67.96	492,619	19.49	201,868	62,701	2,692,994	106.89	166,699	298,888	
1893-94	2,534,264	—	44,942	2,579,206	18,390	46,135	84,144	36,673	1,804,603	69.96	501,474	19.44	196,736	68,490	2,757,645	106.91	778,459	298,888	
1894-95	2,568,985	—	47,429	2,646,414	3,915	53,854	74,819	39,791	1,833,684	69.28	500,833	18.92	212,803	69,353	2,788,062	105.35	144,698	298,888	
1895-96	2,835,749	—	44,045	2,879,794	15,166	74,574	80,102	42,388	1,896,419	66.81	542,319	18.83	196,782	73,601	2,990,341	101.40	40,647	298,888	
1896-97	2,922,449	—	44,905	2,967,354	6,844	87,896	185,414	47,379	1,908,471	66.37	533,419	17.97	204,266	77,201	3,111,510	104.86	144,456	298,888	
1897-98	3,080,352	—	41,371	3,071,723	36,894	52,583	296,646	61,561	2,081,009	67.74	583,784	19.00	232,031	74,403	3,378,541	109.99	307,118	298,888	
1898-99	3,204,306	—	56,749	3,260,146	29,806	52,323	226,311	73,439	2,171,518	66.60	617,616	18.94	230,649	79,353	3,462,014	106.90	331,609	298,888	
1899-1900	3,389,746	—	70,746	3,460,492	18,029	59,629	277,193	81,031	2,278,722	66.87	706,519	20.39	238,610	86,151	3,749,094	108.34	366,699	298,888	
1900-01 (Estimated)	3,390,539	—	75,764	3,469,303	32,297	48,199	260,740	86,334	2,342,896	67.72	695,836	20.11	246,718	97,569	3,812,669	110.21	355,810	298,888	
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APPENDIX R.

**Extract from the Finance Accounts for the
Year ended 31st March 1901.**

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

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

POST OFFICE.				
	£	s.	d.	
Gross Receipts :				
From Postage Stamps sold by Postmasters in the United Kingdom -	14,206,486	15	7½	
From Postage Stamps sold by Stamp Distributors of Inland Revenue -	239,670	5	4½	
				14,446,107 1 0½
From Postage collected in cash by Country Postmasters -	122,650	1	4	
From Postage collected in cash in the Metropolis -	214,610	9	11¼	
				337,260 11 3¼
From Postage collected for credit of Imperial Post Office by Foreign Offices -	139,278	17	11	
From Postage collected by Colonial Offices and Postmasters and Agents Abroad -	48,919	17	6¾	
				188,198 15 5¾
From Commission on Money Orders -	142,075	7	9¾	
Ditto Postal Orders -	359,296	4	1½	
				501,371 11 11¼
From Miscellaneous Receipts -	-	-	-	37,855 11 8
				15,510,293 11 4½
Payments out of Receipts :				
For Postage, &c., refunded -	16,203	5	11	
To Inland Revenue Department -	554,200	0	0	
To Railway Companies, &c., on account of Parcel Post -	815,755	4	8	
For Postage collected for credit of Colonial Offices -	139,450	2	10½	
For Postage collected for credit of Foreign Offices -	207,798	19	1	
				1,783,407 12 6½
Net Receipts	-	-	£	13,776,885 18 10
Payments into Exchequer	-	-	-	£13,800,000 0 0

General Post Office, }
June 1901.

CHARLES A. KING.
Comptroller and Accountant-General.

APPENDIX R.—*continued.*

TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gross Receipts :						
For transmission of Telegrams, &c., in						
Cash - - - - -	1,151,145	9	8½			
For transmission of Telegrams, &c., in						
Stamps - - - - -	2,733,952	13	3½			
				3,885,098	3	0
Payments out of Receipts :						
To Cable Companies, &c. - - -	499,352	0	4			
To Telegram Moneys refunded, &c. -	5,157	12	8			
				504,509	13	0
Net Receipts - - - - -			£	3,380,588	10	0
Payments into Exchequer - - -			-	£3,450,000	0	0

General Post Office, }
June 1901

CHARLES A. KING,
Comptroller and Accountant-General.

APPENDIX S.

CONSUMPTION OF TELEGRAPH STORES AND BALANCES IN DEPÔTS.

	Year ending March 31st									
	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance in hand at beginning of year - - -	238,866	243,404	239,011	305,883	317,159	319,864	365,379	369,075	372,184	379,179
Purchases - - -	190,215	280,287	287,353	355,558	225,792	296,895	337,512	389,080	402,408	500,297
Returns into stock - -	115,227	125,479	137,312	152,755	145,265	101,931	108,344	152,900	185,633	200,969
	544,308	649,170	663,676	814,196	688,216	718,190	871,235	911,055	960,175	1,080,445
Issues out of stock - - -	800,904	410,159	837,793	437,037	368,352	352,811	502,160	538,921	580,996	710,117
Balance in hand at end of year -	243,404	239,011	805,883	317,159	319,864	365,379	369,075	372,184	379,179	370,838

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