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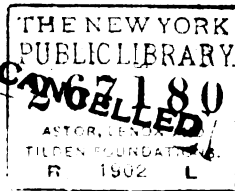
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FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT.

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-eighth Annual Report of the Postmaster-General, being an account of the business of the Post Office for the year ended the 31st of March 1902.

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

—	Number.	Increase per Cent.	Average Number to each Person.
Letters - - -	2,451,500,000	5·5	58·9
Postcards - - -	444,900,000	6·2	10·7
Book Packets and Circulars -	766,200,000	4·6	18·4
Newspapers - - -	169,800,000	1·2	4·1
Parcels - - -	86,600,000	6·9	2·1
Total - - -	3,919,000,000	5·2	94·2

Statistics of postal packets. See also Appendix A., pp. 24-6.

The letters have increased at a higher rate than for many years past, excluding the two years after the Jubilee reduction of postage. The increase in the rural districts was as much as 6·78 per cent.

Letters.

The increase in the number of postcards, which was 4·7 per cent. during the two previous years, rose last year to 6·2 per cent. Pictorial postcards are no doubt responsible for a large share of this rise. About 65 per cent. of the whole number of postcards passing through the post are private cards.

Postcards.

The increase in the number of book packets and circulars was nearly confined to those delivered in England, outside London, and in Ireland. In Scotland there was an actual falling off by 2·3 per cent.

Bookpackets.

On the other hand the increase in the newspapers is in respect of those delivered in towns. The growth of Parcel Post business has again been very large.

Newspapers and parcels. See Appendix A., p. 27. Registered articles. See also Appendix A., pp. 28-9.

The number of letters registered in the United Kingdom was 18,800,313, an increase of 6 per cent. over the number in the previous year. The number of parcels registered was 1,079,541, the increase over the number in 1900-01 being 14·8 per cent.

EXPRESS DELIVERY SERVICE.

See also
Appendix A.,
p. 80.

The total number of express services was 941,906, as compared with 804,447 in 1900-01, an increase of 17·09 per cent. In London alone 963,038 articles were delivered by express messengers, including 355,141 letters sent out for delivery in advance of the postman. The growth of the business has been particularly rapid as regards services performed "by special messenger throughout." In London the number of such services exceeded those in the previous year by nearly 64,000 or 18·6 per cent.

The number of messengers summoned by telephone to the houses of subscribers in London to perform express services was 2,500, while in 2,150 cases a letter was dictated by telephone to a Post Office to be sent out by express messenger. Of this facility much greater use will doubtless be made in future. During the year messengers were sent on special services from London as far as Dunstable, Dunmow and Oxford.

UNDELIVERED POSTAL PACKETS.

Statistics.
See also
Appendix G.,
pp. 55-6.

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

Description.	Number.	Increase (+) or Decrease (−) as compared with previous year.	
		Total.	Per Cent.
Letters	10,183,866	+ 396,996	+ 4·1
Postcards	1,757,081	+ 137,690	+ 8·5
Book Packets and Circulars	11,523,272	− 388,842	− 3·3
Newspapers	715,235	+ 87,643	+ 14·0
Parcels	242,472	+ 15,220	+ 6·7

The number of undelivered letters is larger by 3,500,000 than the figures for five years ago. Out of 10,000,000 letters undelivered nearly 9,000,000 were re-issued to corrected addresses or returned to the senders.

Foreign and
Colonial
Letters.

The number of undelivered letters from places abroad (not including 27,250 from the South African Field Force) returned unopened to the countries of origin was 417,900, an increase for the year of 10·8 per cent. The letters returned as undelivered to this country from places abroad numbered 596,300, an increase of 4·5 per cent.

Book packets
and circu-
lars.

The decrease in the number of undelivered book packets and circulars is due to the fact that the figures for last year were swollen by the General Election. It is becoming

more and more common to mark packets prepaid one halfpenny for return to the senders if undelivered. If not so marked, such packets are, as a rule, when delivery cannot be effected, disposed of at the office to which they are addressed.

The number of registered letters and letters containing property which reached the Returned Letter Offices during the year was 358,300, an increase of 21·6 per cent. The number of inland registered letters alone rose from 72,600 in 1900-01 to 115,400 during the past year, an increase of nearly 60 per cent., due largely to the use of the post for a trade in cheap jewellery. Letters containing property.

The property found at the Returned Letter Offices in undelivered letters included 18,231*l.* in cash and bank notes, and 650,298*l.* in bills, cheques, money orders, postal orders, and stamps. The letters posted without address and containing property numbered 3,782. The contents included 179*l.* in cash and bank notes, and 3,434*l.* in cheques, &c. The articles found loose in the post numbered 85,640, and included coin to the amount of more than 1,000*l.*, and cheques, &c., to the value of more than 6,000*l.* A half-sovereign, which had evidently been used to seal a parcel, was found to be still adhering to the wax on the arrival of the parcel in London. Articles found loose. &c.

STAMPS.

The issue of the new stamps, bearing the portrait of the King, commenced on the 1st January last. On that day stamps of the value of $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.*, 1*d.*, $2\frac{1}{4}$ *d.*, and 6*d.* were placed on sale; and stamps of most of the other values, as well as postcards, letter-cards, envelopes, and wrappers bearing the new design, have since been issued, as the stocks of the old ones have become exhausted.

The colour of the 1*d.* stamp has been changed from purple to red, the latter being the colour generally adopted by the countries of the International Postal Union for stamps of equivalent value; the colour of the 6*d.* stamp has been changed from red to purple, and the $2\frac{1}{4}$ *d.* stamp is now printed in blue on white paper instead of in purple on blue paper.

The pattern of the Registered Letter Envelopes issued by the Post Office has been altered, the flap being made rectangular in shape, and the medallion being moved from the middle to the top of the flap. The new envelopes are considered to afford greater security than those previously issued. Another change has been made by substituting a brown medallion, value 3*d.*, to cover the registration fee 2*d.* and postage 1*d.*, in place of the former blue medallion which covered the registration fee only. Registered Letter Envelopes.

HOME MAIL SERVICES.

Use of
cycles and
motors.

The use of bicycles on Rural Posts is being extended wherever circumstances admit of their being employed advantageously ; and a few tricycles supplied by the Department have recently been introduced, where the weight to be carried is too heavy for a man on a bicycle. Experiments are also being made with carrier tricycles in towns.

Fresh experiments have been made in the employment of Motor Cars for the conveyance of Parcel Mails, and a contract has been arranged for a service of this kind between Liverpool and Manchester. So far, no motor vehicle has been found which can be relied on to carry heavy loads of Mails with the same regularity as vans drawn by horses.

sockets
addressed
"The
House-
holder."

As an experiment, the Department undertook the delivery of a number of book packets, addressed simply to "The Householder," in certain specified districts. The packets were posted and conveyed to destination in bulk ; and one was delivered by the postmen at every house in the districts named, so far as the supply admitted. The arrangement was found to work well. The senders of the packets were saved the trouble of addressing them to persons by name, while the Post Office was relieved of the sorting necessary when a particular packet has to be delivered at a particular house.

Improve-
ment and
acceleration
of train
services.

For a considerable time past the accommodation for dealing with the Mails in the Night Mail trains to and from the West of England has been inconveniently restricted ; and, as the weight of the trains could not be increased, additional Mail vehicles could not be run without discontinuing the Passenger Carriages. The need for additional accommodation became so urgent that it was necessary on the 1st January last to establish Special Trains for these Mails.

In connection with this alteration, a valuable improvement was effected in the hours of arrival and despatch of the Mails at places on the main line in Cornwall. At Penzance the Mail is now due at 6.45 a.m., instead of at 7.25 a.m. ; and is despatched at 6 p.m., instead of 4.50 p.m.

The Night Mail Service to and from Ireland, by way of Stranraer and Larne, was accelerated on the 1st July. In the down direction the gain of time was mainly utilised in securing greater punctuality in the arrival at Belfast. In the other direction a later despatch from Belfast by half an hour was afforded.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL POST.

New entries
into the
Postal Union.
Insured
letters.

Arrangements have been in progress for the entry of Southern Nigeria and the Somaliland Protectorate into the Postal Union.

The system by which letters can be insured against loss, damage, or abstraction, has been extended to the services between

the United Kingdom and Malta, the German Postal Agencies in Morocco, and the German and Russian Postal Agencies in China. The number of insured letters sent to and received from places abroad continues to increase. The number despatched during the year under review was 6,558, against 5,026 during the previous financial year, the increase being thus about 30 per cent. The number received was 45,490 against 31,278, in the previous year, the increase being about 45 per cent.

The usual statistics of the weight of the ordinary Mails and of the number of parcels for and from places abroad are given in Appendix B., on pages 31-7.

The Foreign and Colonial Parcel Post has been extended to German Post Offices in China, to Portuguese East Africa, to certain Post Offices of the Ottoman Empire both in Europe and in Asia, and to Agencies of the Japanese Post Office in Corea. The system of parcel insurance has been extended to the Gold Coast, to Liberia, to Agencies of the German Post Office at Peking, Tientsin, and Tongku, to Malta and the Straits Settlements (*via* France), and to Erithræa. A higher limit of insurance for parcels has been arranged with Labuan.

Extension of Parcel Post.

Reductions have taken place in the postage for parcels addressed to the Bechuanaland Protectorate, British North Borneo, Bulgaria, the Cook Islands, Guatemala, Liberia, Samoa, Southern Rhodesia, Uruguay, and the French and Austrian Postal Agencies in Turkey. Moreover, the establishment of a new overland service by way of Germany and Constantza has provided a more rapid means of conveying parcels from this country to Constantinople than any which existed previously. A new overland parcel service has been established through France and Italy to Siam.

Revision of postage on parcels and additional facilities.

The arrangement for enabling the sender to assume responsibility for the Customs and other charges ordinarily collected from the recipients of parcels has been extended to Norway.

The efforts made on repeated occasions to induce the United States Post Office to enter into an agreement for the establishment of a Parcel Post with this country having proved unsuccessful, much consideration has been given to other projects for the establishment of the service.

Projected Parcel Post with the United States.

The total number of parcels sent to and received from places abroad during the year was 3,417,817. These figures show an increase of about 9 per cent. on those of the previous year. As in the two past years, the outward parcels have increased in a larger ratio than the inward parcels, though the difference is less marked. There is again a great increase in the number of parcels forwarded to the Cape Colony, while those sent to Natal

Growth of the Parcel Post.

have materially decreased. Other large increases occurred in the numbers sent to Germany, India, Italy, Malta, New Zealand, Switzerland, and the West African Colonies. On the other hand, there was a falling-off in the number of parcels received from Costa Rica and in direct mails from Norway and Sweden.

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:—

—	1900-1901.	1901-1902.	Increase.
Exported - -	£ 3,118,353	£ 3,710,116	£ 591,763
Imported - -	1,183,006	1,211,275	28,269
Totals - -	4,301,359	4,921,391	620,032

Insured parcels.

The total number of Foreign and Colonial parcels insured shows an increase of about 10 per cent., being 226,608 (107,566 despatched and 119,042 received), as against 204,829 in the previous year.

China and Japan service via Vancouver.

A contract was concluded in October last with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for a continuance during five years of its monthly service between Halifax (or Quebec) and China and Japan *via* Vancouver at the former subsidy of 60,000*l.* a year.

Particulars of the existing Foreign and Colonial Mail Packet Contracts are given in Appendix D. on pages 46-7.

War in South Africa.

There was no change of any importance in the arrangements made for maintaining communication with the military forces on service in South Africa. The bulk of their correspondence still passed through the Army Post Office, the only exception being in the case of soldiers in Natal, whose letters, if addressed to places in the Colony, were sent in the Mails for the Civil Post Office. The weekly mail for the Army Post Office contained on an average 184,000 letters and 143,600 packets of printed matter; the total number of letters for the year ended the 31st. of March 1902 was 10,774,000 in the outward and 8,372,000 in the homeward mails, showing a decrease as compared with previous returns. During the same period the number of parcels despatched from this country by post to the troops was 528,000.

MONEY ORDERS.

Statistics.
See also
Appendix K.,
pp. 68-77.

As will be seen from the following statement there has been an increase of every class of Money Order business.

Summary.

	Number.					Amount.			
	1901-02.	1900-01.	Increase.	Rate per Cent.		1901-02.	1900-01.	Increase.	Rate per Cent.
<i>Inland.</i>									
Ordinary - - -	8,718,425	8,288,125	430,300	5.18		£ 26,319,611	£ 24,633,441	£ 1,686,170	6.84
Telegraph - - -	411,952	369,165	42,787	11.58		1,240,619	1,128,661	111,958	9.91
Government Offices - - -	2,761,956	2,718,228	43,728	1.60		9,099,890	8,692,757	407,133	4.68
Total Inland - - -	11,892,333	11,375,518	516,815	4.54		36,660,120	34,454,859	2,205,261	6.40
<i>Foreign and Colonial.</i>									
Issued in the United Kingdom and paid abroad:									
Colonial - - -	142,114	140,772	1,342	0.95		456,901	449,483	7,418	1.65
Foreign - - -	472,312	426,935	45,377	10.62		1,175,142	1,080,375	94,167	8.71
Total Outwards - - -	614,426	567,707	46,719	8.22		1,632,043	1,530,458	101,585	6.63
Issued abroad and payable in the United Kingdom:									
Colonial - - -	642,631	539,598	103,028	19.09		2,006,818	1,625,012	381,801	23.49
Foreign - - -	814,030	780,744	33,286	4.26		1,870,235	1,764,386	105,889	6.00
Total Inwards - - -	1,456,651	1,320,342	136,309	10.32		3,877,088	3,389,348	487,690	14.38
Total Foreign and Colonial Orders - - -	2,071,077	1,888,049	183,028	9.69		5,509,081	4,919,805	589,275	11.97
GRAND TOTAL - - -	13,963,410	13,263,567	699,843	5.27		42,169,201	39,374,665	2,794,536	7.09

Inland Orders.

The 'increase in ordinary Inland Money Orders (5·1 per cent. in number and 6·8 per cent. in amount) is again exceptionally large, and is due partly to the use made of such Orders by the military authorities for paying soldiers on furlough and militiamen on demobilisation and by the Crown Agents for the Colonies for paying allotments to the families of the South African Constabulary. The Telegraph Money Order system is fast growing in popularity and is proving useful in unexpected directions. It was noticed, for instance, that one London firm remitted to its country branches by this means 20,000*l.* in seven months.

The average amount of an ordinary Inland Money Order was 3*l.* 0*s.* 4*d.*, or 11*d.* more than last year, and of a Telegraph Money Order 3*l.* 0*s.* 2*d.*, or 1*s.* less than last year.

Nearly one half of the Government Orders were on War Office account. Since August 1901, 85,340*l.* have been paid in this way to members of the Imperial Yeomanry. The Admiralty have also since April 1901 used Government Money Orders for making quarterly payments to the men of the newly-formed Royal Fleet Reserve.

Colonial Orders.

The increase in the number and amount of Money Orders from the Colonies is greater than any previously recorded. About two-thirds of the increase is in respect of Orders from South Africa. Money Orders passing through this country to Bermuda, which amounted in 1900-01 to 86*l.*, rose last year to 1,279*l.*, owing to remittances for the Boer prisoners of war.

Foreign Orders.

The increase in Money Orders for foreign countries is also unprecedented. It may probably be accounted for partly by the closing of the Cheque Bank. The greater part of the large increase in inward Foreign Orders came from the United States of America, whence as large a sum as 1,190,000*l.* was thus remitted to this country.

A new table in Appendix K. shows the number and amount of Telegraph Money Orders exchanged with places abroad. The increase over the previous year (71 per cent. in number and 77 per cent. in amount) is chiefly due to the extension of the system to France.

Extensions of the service.

During the year exchanges of Money Orders were established with British Central Africa and Liberia directly, with the Caroline Islands through Germany, and with Montenegro through Italy. The service with Southern Rhodesia, formerly effected through the Cape Colony, became a direct one. On the 1st of January 1902 the Money Order service with the Transvaal, interrupted by the war, was partially resumed. The foreign Telegraph Money Order service was extended to France and Algeria on the 1st of June 1901 and to Egypt on the 1st of November last. In the latter case, in view of the high tariff for telegrams to and from Egypt, a special provision was made for a single remittance amounting to as much as 40*l.* (four

Orders of 10*l.* each) to be advised in one telegram instead of four.

The number of Money Order Offices open in the United Kingdom on the 31st of March last was 18,745, or 351 more than a year before. In the last five years 1,779 additional offices have been opened. Money Order
Offices.

POSTAL ORDERS.

The number of Postal Orders issued to the public during the year was 90,687,404, representing 32,724,681*l.* The produce of the commission on these orders was 385,605*l.* The orders have increased 6·20 per cent. in number and 9·51 per cent. in amount during the year. See also
Appendix L,
p. 78.

The value of the stamps affixed to Postal Orders by the holders during the year was 172,177*l.*

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

During the year ended the 31st of December 1901, 15,018,645 deposits were made, the total sum deposited being 41,452,051*l.*; the withdrawals numbered 5,748,624, the total sum withdrawn being 39,890,043*l.* The largest amount ever withdrawn in one day was 235,355*l.*, on the 17th December. The sum of 3,281,263*l.* was credited to depositors as interest; and the total amount due to these at the end of the year was 140,392,916*l.* The amount added in the year to the total credit of depositors again fell from 5,431,040*l.* in 1900 to 4,843,271*l.* in 1901. On the other hand, as shown below, the amount of Government stock held by depositors in the Bank increased during 1901 by 2,300,000*l.* Statistics.
See also
Appendix J.,
pp. 60-67.
Deposits and
withdrawals.

The number of withdrawals by telegraph on the day of application was 192,308, the average amount withdrawn being 3*l.* 15*s.* Under the system in which application for the money is made by telegraph, and the warrant is sent by return of post, there were 13,108 withdrawals. Withdrawals
by Telegraph.

The total number of new accounts opened was 1,376,846, and of accounts closed 1,029,154. Of the accounts opened, 378 were for friendly societies; 1,891 for charitable, provident and trade societies; and 277 for penny banks. Accounts.

The number of accounts opened by registrars of county courts largely increased, principally owing to the operation of the County Courts (Investment) Act, which was passed in August 1900, and to the growth in the number of awards under the Workmen's Compensation Acts. The subjoined figures include accounts opened in Scotland by Sheriff Clerks of Counties, and in Ireland by County Court Judges and Clerks of the Crown and Peace:—

Year.	Number of Accounts opened by Registrars of County Courts.		
	Workmen's Compensation Act Cases.	Other cases.	Total.
1899	279	259	538
1900	360	220	580
1901	505	309	814

The total number of accounts remaining open on the 31st December 1901, their distribution, the average amount of each, and the proportion of depositors to population, were as follows :—

—	Number of Depositors.	Total Amount to Credit of Depositors.	Average Amount to Credit of each Depositor.	Proportion of Depositors to Population.
England and Wales -	7,999,764	£ 126,575,174	£ s. d. 15 16 5	1 in 4
Scotland - - -	388,072	5,381,468	13 17 4	1 in 11
Ireland - - -	399,839	8,436,274	21 2 0	1 in 11
Totals - - -	8,787,675	140,392,916	15 19 6	1 in 5

The average amount to the credit of each depositor, which at the end of 1900 was 2s. 2d. less than at the end of 1899, further decreased by 1s. 9d. in 1901.

Investment
in Govern-
ment Stock.

The remarkable increase in the investments of Savings Bank depositors in Government stock, which began in 1899 with the fall in the prices of securities, has continued, as will be seen from the following table :—

Year.	No. of Purchases.	Amount invested.	Average Price of Consols.
1899	26,531	£ 1,770,170	107½
1900	41,030	2,830,513	99½
1901	46,550	3,065,596	94½

The amount of stock sold by depositors was 761,629l., as compared with 678,374l. in 1900, and stock to the amount of

107,851*l.* was transferred to depositors' accounts at the Bank of England. At the close of 1901 there were in connection with the Savings Bank 109,509 stockholders, with 12,786,190*l.* stock to their credit, an increase in the year of 15,544 stockholders and 2,317,900*l.* stock. About one depositor in 80 is now a stockholder.

Immediate annuities to the number of 1,764, and amounting to 42,268*l.*, were purchased last year, as compared with 2,258, amounting to 49,893*l.* in 1900. The falling-off is largely due to the closing of funds for the benefit of soldiers' widows and orphans. The deferred annuities purchased in 1901 numbered 142, and amounted to 3,066*l.*, while 920 life insurances for a total amount of 44,296*l.* were taken out. Annuities and life insurance.

The net expenditure of the bank for the year was 506,093*l.*, representing an average cost per transaction of 5·84*d.* as against 5·73*d.* in 1900. The ratio of the expenditure to the total sum standing to the credit of depositors at the end of 1901 was as 7*s.* 2½*d.* to 100*l.* Expenditure.

After providing for the interest to depositors and the cost of administration, as well as a sum of 1,378*l.* to be set against depreciation in the value of the securities, there remained a balance of income over expenditure of 26,177*l.* Profit.

As your Lordships are aware, a Select Committee of the House of Commons has been considering this Session the measures to be adopted in view of the approaching reduction of the rate of interest on Consols. Select Committee of House of Commons.

TELEGRAPHS.

The number of telegrams sent over the wires of the Department during the year was 90,432,041, the increase over the figures for 1900-01 being ·95 per cent. Statistics. See also Appendix H., pp. 57-8.

The following table gives the number and value of each kind of telegram, as compared with the number and value in the previous year :—

Class of Telegram.	Number.			Receipts.		
	1901-1902.	1900-1901.	(+) Increase or (-) Decrease.	1901-1902.	1900-1901.	(+) Increase or (-) Decrease.
Ordinary Inland - -	74,721,194	73,184,864	+ 1,536,330	£ 2,321,277	£ 2,257,399	+ £ 63,878
Press (Inland) - -	6,216,118	6,961,761	- 745,645	136,780	141,600	- 4,820
Foreign - - -	7,626,589	7,641,090	- 14,501	363,253	367,060	- 3,807
Railway, free - -	1,356,171	1,280,876	+ 75,295	—	—	—
„ reduced rate	29,853	31,106	- 1,253	556	606	- 50
Government, free - -	482,118	477,264	+ 4,854	—	—	—
Totals - -	90,432,041	89,576,961	+ 855,080	£ 2,821,866	£ 2,766,665	+ £ 55,201

The estimated value of the railway free telegrams is 54,986*l.*, and of Government free telegrams 25,995*l.*, making a total of 80,981*l.*

The increase in the number of ordinary Inland telegrams was 2·09 per cent., as compared with a decrease of 1·3 per cent. for the previous year. The revenue shows an increase of 2·83 per cent., the average value of an inland telegram being 7·45*d.*, as compared with 7·4*d.* for the previous year.

**Foreign
Telegrams.**

The decrease in foreign telegrams was at the rate of ·19 per cent., and in press telegrams 10·71 per cent. The large falling off in press telegrams was probably due to a decrease in the number of telegrams relating to the war, which, in the previous year, caused the numbers to be abnormally high.

**Press Tele-
grams.**

The average weekly number of words contained in press telegrams was 14,344,883, as compared with a weekly average of 16,065,602 for the previous year. As an instance of the amount of work thrown upon the Department on special occasions, it may be mentioned that the number of words transmitted from London on the evening of the 2nd June 1902, in connection with the announcement of the terms of peace, amounted to nearly 740,000. In this connection it may also be recorded that on the 19th March a business firm despatched a telegram to 7,720 different addresses.

**Telephoned
Telegrams.**

There has been a marked increase in the number of telegrams received and delivered by telephone at the Central Telegraph Office in London. The number of messages received during the year from telephone subscribers for transmission as telegrams amounted to 17,191, an increase over the preceding year of nearly 30 per cent., while 101,674 telegrams were received from the provinces for delivery by telephone, an increase of over 25 per cent.

**Number of
Telegraph
Offices.**

Including 13 at railway stations, 272 additional telegraph offices were opened, during the year. Of these offices, 180 were opened under guarantees provided by public bodies or private persons, the Post Office undertaking to bear half the amount of any deficiency.

There are now 11,784 telegraph offices in the United Kingdom—9,430 at post offices, and 2,354 at railway stations. As compared with the number for the year 1896-97—five years ago—this shows an increase of 1,601, or 15·7 per cent.

**Telegrams
from Villages
at night.**

Telegraph offices in villages close as a rule at 8.0 PM., and after that hour there is no certainty that a telegraphic message can be sent from them to the post office in the neighbouring town. It has been urged that some means ought to be provided for enabling persons residing in such villages to telegraph at night in cases of emergency, such as illness or fire. An arrangement is therefore being tried experimentally, whereby the wires from certain village offices are led to a point at the head office,

where a call would not fail to receive attention, with the result that any telegram sent from the outlying offices could be taken down and delivered. The local authorities are called upon to pay a charge of 10s. a year for the apparatus, and the ordinary telegraph charges and late fees are payable on each message.

During the past winter the telegraph wires again suffered considerably from snow-storms. A particularly destructive storm occurred in December last, which practically cut off direct telegraphic communication between London and places north of Birmingham for four days. During a snowstorm, accompanied by heavy gales, the wires became thickly encrusted with ice, and thus unable to withstand the pressure of the wind. Wires and posts gave way in all directions; and, although prompt and efficient measures were taken by the Engineering Officers of the Department and of the Railway Companies, some time elapsed before communication was restored. The cost of making good the damage to the lines maintained by the Post Office amounted to nearly 30,000*l*. Storm damage.

The effect of these interruptions has been to give greater prominence to the question of providing underground lines. The line between London and Birmingham proved of great value during the emergency; and I hope that next year it may be possible to place at my disposal larger funds in order to accelerate the execution of a comprehensive scheme.

The London and Birmingham line has already been extended to Stafford, and it will be carried on during the present year to Warrington, where it will join existing underground lines between Manchester, Liverpool, and Chester. The following large centres will then have underground communication with London:—Birmingham, Dudley, Wolverhampton, Stafford, Warrington, Manchester, Liverpool, and Chester.

Another exposed portion of the telegraph system which is to be protected by placing the wires underground is that between Preston and Penrith. About 34 miles of pipes have already been laid on this route. It is proposed to carry the underground line eventually as far as Lanark, whence branches will be laid to Glasgow and Edinburgh. The next extension will probably be from Manchester to the principal Yorkshire towns through Bradford and Leeds, and thence to Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Although the use of paper-insulated cable has considerably cheapened the cost of underground lines, they still involve a very heavy expenditure, and it will be necessary to proceed with caution. The London-Birmingham line cost 165,000*l*., while the contemplated extension northwards will, it is estimated, involve a further expenditure of 700,000*l*.

In addition to these underground extensions, much is being done to give greater stability to the service by the erection of reserve wires, carried as far as possible by alternative routes. These wires also have proved very useful during the past year.

- New telegraph wires.** Numerous additional telegraph circuits have been provided for the purpose of improving the communication between the large centres of trade, the most important being those between London and Liverpool (two wires), London and Plymouth, Birmingham and Portsmouth, London and Bradford, Liverpool and Dundee, and Liverpool and Swansea.
- Improved telegraphic communication with the Continent.** The wires in the new cable to Germany (referred to in the last report) were brought into use on the 29th May 1901, and in October last direct communication was established between Liverpool and Paris.
- Belgian Telephone Cable.** With the co-operation of the Belgian administration a cable has been laid between St. Margaret's Bay (Dover) and La Panne (Belgium) for the purpose of establishing direct telephonic communication between England and Belgium. The length of the cable is approximately 50 knots. It is more than twice the length of the cables between St. Margaret's Bay (Dover) and Calais, used in connection with the London-Paris telephone service, and is the longest cable of its kind in the world. The wires in the cable form two circuits, which will be placed at the disposal of the public as soon as the necessary arrangements have been completed.
- New cable route to Australasia.** The Eastern Telegraph Company have successfully completed the laying of a series of cables between Durban (Natal) and Adelaide (South Australia), *via* Mauritius, Rodriguez, Cocos Island, and Perth (Western Australia), thus providing, in conjunction with the new cables from Cape Colony to this country, *via* St. Helena, Ascension, and St. Vincent, an alternative line of telegraphic communication between the mother country and the Australasian colonies.
- Pacific cable.** The first section of the Pacific cable, which is being established at the joint cost of the Imperial Government and the Governments of Australia, Canada, and New Zealand, has been successfully completed. Cables have been laid from New Zealand and Queensland to Norfolk Island, and thence to Fiji. The section between Fiji and Fanning Island is now in course of construction. The rate at present charged to Norfolk Island is 3s. 2d. and to Fiji 3s. 7d. a word.
- International Telegraph Conference.** The International Telegraph Conference, which was to have met in London on the 10th February last, was postponed, and will be held in the early part of the summer of 1903.
- Reduction in the rate to India.** After prolonged negotiations the charge for telegrams between this country and India has been reduced from 4s. to 2s. 6d. a word. It has also been agreed that when the maximum revenue derived from the 2s. 6d rate equals that obtained from the 4s. rate, the charge per word shall be further reduced to 2s.

Numerous reductions were also made, during the year under review, in the telegraph rates to other parts of the world, the most important being :—

Rates per Word to—	Reduced	
	From	To
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Aden - - - - -	3 9	3 0
Ascension - - - - -	3 6	3 0
Australia (New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania and Western Australia) - - - - -	3 6	3 0
British Central Africa (Nyassaland) - - - - -	3 11	3 5
Burma - - - - -	4 2	2 6
Cape Colony - - - - -	3 6	3 0
Ceylon - - - - -	4 1	2 7
Madagascar - - - - -	5 8	3 8
Mauritius - - - - -	5 0	3 0
Mombasa - - - - -	5 0	3 0
Natal - - - - -	3 6	3 0
Orange River Colony - - - - -	3 6	3 0
Philippine Islands (Luzon) - - - - -	8 7	5 9
Portuguese East Africa (Delagoa Bay and Mozambique) - - - - -	5 1	3 1
Rhodesia, North - - - - -	3 11	3 5
Rhodesia, South - - - - -	3 8	3 2
St. Helena - - - - -	3 6	3 0
Seychelles - - - - -	5 0	3 0
Transvaal - - - - -	3 6	3 0
Uganda - - - - -	5 0	3 0
West Africa :		
Bathurst - - - - -	4 7	3 6
Accra - - - - -	6 3	5 7
Lagos - - - - -	7 1	6 5
Sierra Leone - - - - -	5 5	4 6
Zanzibar - - - - -	5 0	3 0
Zululand - - - - -	3 6	3 0

On the 1st of October arrangements were made for the acceptance of press telegrams between the United Kingdom and Denmark, between the hours of 6 p.m. and 9 a.m., at half the rates charged for ordinary telegrams. On the 1st of March similar arrangements were made with regard to press telegrams between the United Kingdom and Sweden.

Little remains to be done to complete the system of coast communications for life-saving purposes which has been established, in accordance with a resolution of the House of Commons, at a cost of nearly 70,000*l.* Begun in 1892, the system has been gradually extended, and has proved effective for summoning assistance to vessels in distress. The general plan adopted has been to connect coastguard stations and shore lighthouses at suitable points with places where the assistance of lifeboats or tugs can be procured, so that the lookout men may be in a position to report any casualty which comes under their observation to the nearest lifeboat or harbour authorities.

Arrangements have been made to secure communication at any hour of the day or night. Altogether 492 coastguard stations—namely, 349 in England and Wales, 36 in Scotland, and 107 in Ireland—and 57 shore lighthouses have been connected with the telegraph system.

It was at first intended to reserve these special wires solely for summoning assistance when life was in danger, as the Admiralty naturally felt very reluctant to allow calls to be made on the coastguardmen except in cases of emergency; but it has recently been decided that they may send and receive messages passing between the masters of stranded vessels and their owners. This privilege will be a great advantage to the shipping community as, under the former arrangement, it was often necessary for the master of a stranded vessel, who wished to communicate with his employers, to send some miles to the nearest public telegraph office, valuable time being thus lost. At some of the coastguard stations connected with the system, ordinary public telegraph business is transacted.

TELEPHONES.

Trunk Wire Service.

On the 31st March last the number of Post Office trunk wire centres was 328, an increase of 16 in the year. The trunk circuits in use numbered 1,165, and contained about 98,000 miles of wire. Out of the capital 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 1,896,649*l.* The expenditure during the year was approximately 201,570*l.*

The total number of trunk wire conversations during the year was 10,080,716, or, reckoning each conversation as involving at least two spoken messages, a total number of 20,161,432 messages (an increase of 12·31 per cent. over that of the preceding year). The gross trunk revenue was 238,720*l.*, as compared with 211,209*l.*, and the average value of each transaction was 5·68*d.*, or practically the same as in the preceding year.

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

Alnwick,	Newbury,
Andover,	Penrith,
Driffield,	Whitby, and
Keswick,	Yeovil,
Marlborough,	

and to the following places in connection with the new Post Office Exchanges:—

Aylesbury,	Kinross,
Abertillery,	Skegness,
Billesdon,	Spalding, and
Caerphilly,	Stocksfield.

To serve places which were already on the system, 111 additional circuits were also authorised.

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

Aberkenfig.	Crumlin.	Pontycymmer.
Abertillery.	Dowlais.	Rhymney.
Annfield Plain.	Griffiths Town.	Shotley Bridge.
Bargoed.	Hirst.	Skegness.
Bedlington.	Kinross.	Southerndown.
Blaenogwy.	Llanbradach.	Spalding.
Blaina.	Llantrisant.	Stocksfield.
Bryn-mawr.	Maesteg.	Treharris.
Caerau.	Mardy.	Tring.
Caerphilly.	Merthyr Vale.	Troedyrhiw.
Chester-le-Street.	Newbridge (Mon.)	Wendover.
Corbridge.	Ogmore Vale.	West Stanley.
Crickhowell.	Pengam.	Wingate.

Other Exchanges are in course of construction.

The Central Exchange of the London Telephone System was opened on the 24th February last, and about 500 subscribers had been connected on the 31st March. Provision was made in the first instance for the accommodation of 5,400 subscribers, but the number of applications received has been so great that arrangements have had to be made for an early extension of the switchboard so as to accommodate over 10,000 lines, with a corresponding addition to the number of junction wires for connections with other Exchanges. The service at this Exchange has worked very smoothly, and many expressions of satisfaction have been received from the subscribers. The central battery system of supplying all the electricity required from the Exchange has fully justified its adoption. It has rendered possible a simplification of the apparatus supplied to subscribers and the abolition of the batteries which were formerly required to be placed at their premises. These batteries required constant inspection, and their failure was a source of difficulty. The use of the lines by subscribers is much simplified, and the glow-lamp signals at the Exchange, which mark every stage of a conversation, enable the operators to give more rapid and efficient service to a greater number of subscribers. The speaking on the lines has been found to be very good, and their freedom from the accidents to which an overhead system is necessarily exposed justifies the hope of a more regular and satisfactory service than has hitherto been possible in London.

Exchanges have also been opened at Putney and Kingston-on-Thames, and other suburban Exchanges are in process of construction at Wimbledon, Richmond, Chiswick, Twickenham,

and Croydon. More important Exchanges are about to be opened in the neighbourhood of Victoria Street, Westminster, and in Cromwell Road, S.W. They will be known as the "Victoria" and "Western" Exchanges, and will serve the intervening districts between the areas of the Central Exchange and of the suburban Exchanges mentioned above. Other important Exchanges which are being constructed are one situated on the north side of Oxford Street and one in Finchley Road; they will be opened as soon as possible. These Exchanges will serve large districts to the north of the areas served by the Victoria and Central Exchange areas. Surveys for the construction of other Exchanges and underground systems of wires have been made in outlying parts of the London area, and it is probable that Exchanges will be established at Sutton and Epsom, which will serve the remaining districts to the west of the Croydon area and south of the Kingston and Wimbledon areas. The surveys of certain districts in the north-west of the London area are about to be undertaken.

The demand for telephonic service is increasing very rapidly, and the Metropolitan system will, in the course of the next few years, have to be developed to an extent which would have seemed impossible a few years ago. Dissatisfaction is necessarily caused by the slow rate at which the demand can be met, as it is hardly possible for individual subscribers to realise the amount of work involved in the general construction of the system. Already over 600 miles of underground pipes have been laid, and about 330 miles of cable, containing from 200 to 432 wires, have been drawn into them. The arrangements for the distribution of these wires into smaller cables for connection with the premises of subscribers, involve an enormous amount of minute work requiring great care and skill. The installation of subscribers' instruments can be undertaken only as this work is completed, and is a comparatively simple affair.

Out of the capital sum of 2,000,000*l.* authorised by the Telegraph Act of 1899, an expenditure of 972,317*l.* was sanctioned up to the 31st March last. The authorised expenditure on the London system at that date was about 795,846*l.*

On the 18th November 1901 an Agreement was made with the National Telephone Company for inter-communication between the subscribers to the systems of the Company and the Post Office in the London area. The Agreement also provided for the abolition of terminal fees between telephone subscribers in London and the subscribers to the two systems in other places. This arrangement will, undoubtedly, be a great convenience to all telephone users in the London area, as it will prevent the unnecessary expense and inconvenience which would have been caused by the existence there of competitive and unconnected systems; and, by increasing largely the number of subscribers with whom conversation is possible over any Exchange line, it much increases the value of the service given to

Agreement
with the
National
Telephone
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each subscriber. It has involved a large amount of additional work in connecting the exchanges of the two systems by numerous junction wires, and in the internal arrangements necessary for communication between exchanges worked on different principles. The work has, however, been carried out with much skill by the engineering staff of the Post Office, which has been greatly aided by the co-operation of the staff of the National Telephone Company. There is no previous instance of the combination of two systems of the same size or with so many differences in the mode of working; and it is very satisfactory that the communication between Post Office subscribers and those of the Company is now as rapid and as efficient as between the subscribers to the same system.

During the year Telephone Licences were granted to the Corporations of Brighton, Chard, and Portsmouth, and to the Norwich Mutual Telephone Company. Applications for licences from several other Corporations and from one or two local companies have been received. The systems of the Corporations of Glasgow and Tunbridge Wells have been opened for use, but no other Municipal Exchanges have yet been established, although active steps in this direction are being taken by some of the Corporations concerned.

The revenue from the Post Office private wires and Provincial Telephone Exchanges was 182,142*l.*, as against 155,694*l.* in the previous year.

The amount of royalty received under licenses for Exchange working was 151,626*l.*, made up as follows:—

		£
National Telephone Company	- - -	149,907
Other Licensees	- - -	1,719

The amount paid by the National Telephone Company shows an increase of 6.73 per cent. over that paid by them in the preceding year.

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	620	147	120	898
Branch Offices -	111	111	30	11	263
Town Sub-Offices -	879	3,829	332	203	5,243
Country Sub-Offices	—	11,498	1,814	2,679	15,991
Totals -	1,001	16,058	2,823	3,013	22,395

Municipal
Telephones.

Private
Wires. See
also Appen-
dix N., p. 80.

The total includes 207 additional offices opened during the year. Of the 22,395 offices, 13,745 are open for Money Order and Savings Bank business, and 9,430 for Telegraph business, which is also transacted at 2,354 railway stations.

The number of letter boxes was increased during the year from 33,590 to 34,592.

POST OFFICE BUILDINGS.

New and enlarged offices.

One hundred and thirty-two Post Offices belonging to the Crown have been opened during the year, of which 67 are new buildings specially erected for the purpose. Twenty-nine Post Offices have been enlarged or improved, and 66 are in course of erection or enlargement.

Considerable work was done in providing buildings for telephone exchanges in the London District at Queen Victoria Street, Mayfair, Westminster, South Kensington, Chiswick, Putney, 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 146,157*l.*, as against 114,608*l.* in 1900-01. The expenditure by the Commissioners of Works and Buildings on buildings for the Post Office amounted to 203,464*l.* in Great Britain and 18,880*l.* in Ireland. The corresponding figures for the previous year were 205,479*l.* and 24,391*l.*

STAFF.

Appendix F.,
pp. 49-50.
Numbers.

The number of persons on the establishment of the Post Office, including all Head and Sub-Postmasters, is 97,785, of whom 16,282 are women. The number added during the year was 3,653.

In addition to the above, there are 81,417 persons filling unestablished situations (some of them employed only for an hour or two daily), of whom 20,267 are women. The number added during the year to the unestablished force was 2,358.

The total number of persons employed in the Post Office is thus 179,202.

Dismissals,
&c.

The number of persons dismissed during the year was 991, while 261 men were deprived of good conduct stripes. The corresponding figures for 1900-01 were 1,216 and 331.

Demands
from the
Colonies.

The South African Colonies have continued to apply for considerable numbers of men trained to Post Office work at home, and their requests have been met as far as possible.

The Army
Post Office.

Reinforcements have been sent during the year to the Army Post Office and to the Telegraph Detachment of the Royal

Engineers, while, on the other hand, a considerable number of men have returned home, time expired or invalided, and have resumed duty in their respective offices.

HEALTH OF THE STAFF.

Scarlet fever was again very prevalent throughout the country in 1901, and in the early part of the year influenza was epidemic in a mild form. In other respects, the health of the staff was generally good. Three postmen contracted small pox, not, however, in the discharge of their official duties. All had been properly re-vaccinated, and the disease in their case took a mild form.

The figures in the following table and in the second and third tables of Appendix F. (pages 51-4) relate only to the staff under the care of the 614 departmental medical officers, namely, 80,716 men (54,614 established and 26,102 unestablished) and 10,686 women (8,426 established and 2,260 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 - - -	66	79	15·0	13·9	7·0	11·0
Metropolitan Districts - - -	59	75	14·4	15·9	8·6	12·0
Country - - -	45	61	16·9	22·2	7·6	13·9
Scotland - - -	39	54	15·6	15·7	6·2	8·5
Ireland - - -	58	79	17·0	19·6	10·0	15·6
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 - - -	43	70	14·9	17·5	6·4	12·3
Metropolitan Districts - - -	55	45	9·9	13·9	5·5	6·3
Country - - -	41	53	12·0	15·2	4·2	8·1
Scotland - - -	49	49	9·2	10·8	4·5	5·3
Ireland - - -	51	45	8·9	20·0	4·6	9·1

The number of persons placed off duty owing to the presence of infectious diseases (chiefly scarlet fever and diphtheria) in their homes was 1,650, and the time thus lost to the Department was 23,510 days.

Infectious diseases in families.

Steps have been taken in all Post Offices to guard against practices on the part both of officers of the Department and of the public tending to the spread of consumption.

Deaths and retirements. See also Appendix F., pp. 51-4.

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.

The following tables relate to the established staff throughout the United Kingdom, that is, to the men and women who 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 - - -	50	5	4.1	1.3	38	32	18	12
Metropolitan Districts	42	1	4.7	1.5	34	58	13	27
Provinces - - -	101	6	3.1	1.7	39	38	15	12
Scotland - - -	25	—	3.3	—	38	—	15	—
Ireland - - -	30	—	5.2	—	37	—	14	—
Total - - -	248	12	3.8	1.3	37	37	15	13

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 - - -	505	122	41	34	19	14
Superannuated at age of 60 years or upwards.	179	7	61	61	34	23

Of the officers of the Department serving in South Africa during 1901, 7 were killed in action, 3 died of wounds, 25 died of disease, and 5 died from causes unknown.

Retirement on marriage.

The number of women who retired on marriage in 1901 was 201, with an average age of 27, and an average service of 9.7 years.

Medical Examination of Candidates.

The number of candidates for Post Office appointments medically examined by the Department's medical officers was 5,463 men and 1,142 women, of whom 487 men (8.9 per cent.) and 145 women (12.7 per cent.) were rejected.

FINANCE.

The postal revenue of the year, including the value of services rendered to other Departments, was 14,465,870*l.*, an increase of 470,400*l.* on that of the previous year. The postal expenditure was 10,466,519*l.*, an increase of 424,935*l.* on that of the previous year. The net profit was thus 3,999,351*l.*, or 45,465*l.* more than last year.

See also
Appendices
P, Q, R, and
S., pp. 83-7.

The telegraph revenue of the year, 3,570,046*l.*, shows an increase of 110,693*l.*, and the telegraph expenditure, 4,221,852*l.*, an increase of 424,858*l.* upon the previous year. The net deficit on telegraphs was thus 651,806*l.*, or 314,165*l.* more than last year. If allowance be made for interest on the capital—10,867,644*l.*—created for the purchase of the telegraphs, the deficit on the year is raised to 950,666*l.*

These figures are, necessarily, partly estimated.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords,

Your Lordships' obedient Servant,

LONDONDERRY.

29 July 1902.

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.						Average number to each person.	Scotland.		Average number to each person.	Ireland.		Average number to each person.	Total in United Kingdom.	Increase per cent. per annum.	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.											
1892-93	-	-	945,800,000	1	566,500,000	2.8	1,532,300,000	1.1	52	152,300,000	4.0	37	106,000,000	19	1,790,500,000	1.3	47
1893-94	-	-	973,800,000	8	575,600,000	1.6	1,540,400,000	1.1	52	153,200,000	1.1	38	108,500,000	2.5	1,811,800,000	1.2 dec.	47
1894-95	-	-	993,300,000	2 0	593,800,000	11.6	1,562,100,000	3.1 inc.	50	156,000,000	1.4	38	112,800,000	4.0	1,770,000,000	2.3 inc.	46
1895-96	-	-	1,021,300,000	2.8	537,500,000	5.6	1,558,800,000	3.8 inc.	51	162,900,000	4.4	39	112,500,000	13 dec.	1,834,200,000	3.6	47
1896-97	-	-	1,049,300,000	2.7	557,200,000	3.7	1,606,500,000	3.1	52	168,500,000	3.4	40	118,000,000	4.9 inc.	1,863,000,000	3.2	48
1897-98	-	-	1,120,300,000	6.8	590,900,000	6.0	1,711,200,000	6.3	55	177,400,000	5.8	42	123,700,000	4.8	2,012,300,000	6.3	50
1898-99	-	-	1,242,000,000	10.8	617,700,000	4.5	1,859,700,000	8.7	59	190,600,000	7.4	45	136,500,000	10.3	2,166,800,000	8.6	54
1899-1900	-	-	1,276,300,000	2.7	632,600,000	2.4	1,909,900,000	2.6	60	196,800,000	5.3	46	141,100,000	3.4	2,248,800,000	2.7	55
1900-01	-	-	1,312,700,000	2.9	664,300,000	5.0	1,977,000,000	3.6	61	202,400,000	2.8	47	144,200,000	2.2	2,333,600,000	3.4	57
1901-02	-	-	1,362,700,000	6.1	692,100,000	4.2	2,064,900,000	5.5	64	218,100,000	7.8	49	146,600,000	3.1	2,451,500,000	5.5	59

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 1902.

	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	32,713,083	2,084,800,000	63·7	380,300,000	11·6	653,100,000	20·0	130,700,000	4·0	74,781,898	2·3	71,823,000	2·2
Scotland	4,483,880	218,100,000	48·6	45,700,000	10·2	76,000,000	16·9	20,100,000	4·5	9,729,594	2·2	9,227,000	2·1
Ireland	4,441,570	148,600,000	33·5	19,900,000	4·3	37,100,000	8·4	19,000,000	4·3	4,920,449	1·1	5,552,000	1·3
Totals	41,638,533	2,451,500,000	58·9	444,900,000	10·7	766,200,000	18·4	169,800,000	4·1	90,432,041	2·2	86,603,000	2·1

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

Letters	61·1	Book Packets and Circulars	19·1	Telegrams	2·3
Post Cards	11·1	Newspapers	4·3	Parcels	2·2

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.
1892-93	206,303,000	·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	271,600,000	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	284,900,000	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	342,600,000	4·7	40,800,000	5·2	16,900,000	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
1901-02	380,300,000	5·8	46,700,000	9·9	18,900,000	5·0	444,900,000	6·2

ESTIMATED NUMBER of BOOK PACKETS and CIRCULARS delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the last Ten Years. (The totals for the first five 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.
1892-93	456,100,000	7·3	51,200,000	13·0	27,900,000	11·6	535,200,000	8·1
1893-94	489,700,000	7·4	56,200,000	9·8	28,400,000	1·9	574,300,000	7·3
1894-95	522,500,000	6·7	60,800,000	8·2	31,300,000	10·2	614,600,000	7·0
1895-96	560,600,000	8·4	70,700,000	16·3	35,000,000	11·8	672,300,000	9·4
1896-97	583,300,000	2·9	75,400,000	6·6	39,200,000	12·0 dec.	697,900,000	3·8
1897-98	612,900,000	5·1 dec.	76,900,000	2·0 dec.	37,500,000	4·3	727,300,000	4·2 dec.
1898-99	590,900,000	3·6 inc.	75,100,000	2·3	35,500,000	5·3	701,500,000	3·5 inc.
1899-1900	595,300,000	·7	75,000,000	·1 inc.	32,500,000	8·5 inc.	702,800,000	·2
1900-01	619,300,000	4·0	77,800,000	3·7 dec.	35,300,000	8·6	732,400,000	4·2
1901-02	663,100,000	5·5	76,000,000	2·3	37,100,000	5·1	766,200,000	4·6

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.
1892-93	127,800,000	dec. ·8	17,600,000	3·5	17,400,000	2·3	162,800,000	—
1893-94	129,800,000	inc. 1·6	17,700,000	·6 dec.	17,400,000	—	164,900,000	1·3 dec.
1894-95	117,500,000	9·5 dec.	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	149,000,000	1·8 inc.
1896-97	116,500,000	·9	17,300,000	— dec.	16,800,000	3·7	150,600,000	1·1
1897-98	116,800,000	·3	17,200,000	·6 inc.	16,900,000	·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	127,800,000	2·2	19,300,000	—	20,700,000	8·4 dec.	167,800,000	2·7
1901-02	130,700,000	2·2	20,100,000	4·1	19,000,000	8·2	169,800,000	1·2

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.				
1892-93	-	dec. '6	6,568,404	3,724,240	1.1 dec.	10,292,644	dec. '002	1,074,106	765,298	2.7	12,132,144	.4 dec.
1893-94	-	2.6 inc.	6,392,312	3,473,748	6.7 inc.	9,866,060	4.1 inc.	1,099,798	776,694	1.5 dec.	11,742,352	3.2 inc.
1894-95	-	1.5	6,485,761	3,694,333	3.8	10,092,094	2.3	1,089,595	776,575	.002 inc.	11,958,264	1.8
1895-96	-	3.4	6,704,084	4,446,400	23.3	11,150,484	10.5	1,184,758	798,708	2.9	13,133,960	9.8
1896-97	-	3.2	6,919,925	4,499,498	1.2	11,418,793	3.4	1,206,831	813,181	1.8	13,438,735	2.3
1897-98	-	5.7	7,318,040	4,789,087	6.4	12,105,107	6.0	1,273,541	894,831	2.7	14,313,479	5.8
1898-99	-	6.9	7,817,953	5,174,093	8.0	12,992,080	7.3	1,368,732	879,887	5.4	15,240,669	7.2
1899-1900	-	6.9	8,359,899	5,555,544	7.4	13,915,443	7.1	1,438,530	903,879	3.6	16,356,862	6.7
1900-01	-	8.2	9,048,411	5,921,288	6.6	14,969,699	7.5	1,781,775	964,395	9.0	17,759,869	9.1
1901-02	-	5.6	9,553,005	6,190,983	4.6	15,743,989	5.2	2,027,542	1,098,982	4.5	18,800,313	6.0

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.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.						
1892-93	254,722	—	135,040	—	389,762	—	30,052	—	23,419	—	449,233	17·7
1893-94	293,638	15·3	144,148	6·7	437,816	12·3	32,684	8·8	23,112	18·7	463,532	10·1
1894-95	352,274	20·0	164,727	14·3	517,001	18·1	38,703	18·4	35,014	51·5	590,718	19·7
1895-96	399,265	13·3	182,231	10·7	581,546	12·5	44,233	14·4	34,367	3·8	662,196	12·1
1896-97	437,451	9·6	238,360	41·7	685,811	19·6	50,126	13·3	39,043	7·4	784,990	18·3
1897-98	417,086	4·7	215,978	16·4	633,064	9·0	46,347	3·5	38,060	2·5	719,471	8·3
1898-99	459,555	10·2	212,968	1·4	672,513	6·3	49,524	2·4	39,764	4·5	761,801	5·9
1899-1900	523,077	13·8	218,051	2·4	741,128	10·2	53,547	8·1	43,488	9·2	838,113	10·0
1900-01	574,728	9·9	238,475	9·4	813,203	9·7	77,913	45·5	46,909	12·6	940,025	12·2
1901-02	644,634	12·2	263,292	11·2	909,986	11·9	112,472	44·4	57,133	16·8	1,079,541	14·8

APPENDIX A.—continued.

Express Delivery Service.

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

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.						
1892-93	-	-	43,651	40·7	95,237	49·0	143,888	46·1	11,189	48·3	155,113	45·6
1893-94	-	-	54,678	12·4	124,216	30·4	178,894	24·3	12,999	16·2	191,876	23·6
1894-95	-	-	71,108	30·0	180,129	45·0	251,237	40·4	17,636	33·7	273,543	40·0
1895-96	-	-	84,019	32·2	243,751	36·3	337,770	34·4	20,298	15·1	353,971	33·1
1896-97	-	-	113,153	20·4	294,407	20·8	407,620	20·7	23,174	14·3	438,196	20·4
1897-98	-	-	150,062	32·6	362,580	23·1	512,642	25·8	29,815	28·7	551,379	25·8
1898-99	-	-	181,918	21·2	410,119	14·8	598,037	16·7	34,418	18·4	641,227	16·3
1899-1900	-	-	199,839	9·9	474,351	14·0	674,190	12·7	37,344	8·5	720,381	13·3
1900-01	-	-	223,908	12·0	530,661	11·9	754,569	11·9	40,909	9·5	804,417	11·7
1901-02	-	-	253,918	15·6	697,826	18·3	886,744	17·5	45,237	10·0	941,908	17·1

APPENDIX B.

**ESTIMATE of the WEIGHT of LETTERS and POSTCARDS, and of
OTHER ARTICLES, &c.**

APPENDIX B.

ESTIMATE of the WEIGHT of LETTERS and POSTCARDS, and
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	40,000	290,000	40,000	100,000
Belgium and Luxemburg	75,000	310,000	70,000	145,000
Denmark, Norway, and Sweden	70,000	300,000	60,000	125,000
France (including Algeria and Tunis)	270,000	1,400,000	280,000	1,000,000
Germany	271,000	1,350,000	317,000	820,000
Gibraltar (including Tangier), Malta, and } Cyprus }	45,000	370,000	40,000	35,000
Holland	100,000	270,000	75,000	120,000
Italy	62,000	600,000	58,000	158,000
Russia	40,000	315,000	30,000	68,000
Spain, Portugal, and Azores	46,000	380,000	40,000	70,000
Switzerland	45,000	360,000	45,000	125,000
Turkey, Greece, Roumania, and Balkan States	25,000	280,000	20,000	60,000
Totals	1,089,000	6,225,000	1,055,000	2,826,000
ASIA.				
Asiatic Turkey and Persia]	7,000	100,000	5,000	18,000
India (including Aden)	160,000	2,200,000	118,000	340,000
Ceylon, Straits Settlements, and East Indies	45,000	640,000	30,000	66,000
China, Japan, &c.	35,000	500,000	30,000	62,000
Totals	247,000	3,440,000	183,000	466,000

APPENDIX B.

of OTHER ARTICLES, exchanged by the UNITED KINGDOM with COLONIES, during the Year 1901.

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* - - -	400,000	3,250,000	370,000	450,000
East Coast of Africa, Mauritius, &c. - -	10,000	145,000	8,000	15,000
West Coast of Africa, Madeira, &c. - -	24,000	250,000	25,000	30,000
Egypt - - - - -	23,000	302,000	16,000	50,000
Totals - - - -	457,000	3,947,000	419,000	545,000
AMERICA.				
United States - - - -	300,000	2,250,000	325,000	2,600,000
Canada and Newfoundland - - -	91,000	1,000,000	90,000	440,000
West Indies (British and Foreign), &c. -	35,000	410,000	25,000	55,000
Mexico and Central American States -	7,500	110,000	7,000	20,000
Brazil, Argentine Republic, Uruguay, and } Paraguay - - - - - }	25,000	420,000	26,000	75,000
Chili, Peru, and Bolivia - - - -	10,000	140,000	10,000	23,000
Ecuador, Colombia, and Venezuela - -	3,500	50,000	2,000	5,000
Totals - - - -	472,000	4,380,000	485,000	3,218,000
AUSTRALASIA				
Commonwealth of Australia - - -	100,000	1,600,000	75,000	650,000
New Zealand, Fiji, &c. - - - -	35,000	600,000	24,000	250,000
Totals - - - -	135,000	2,200,000	99,000	930,000
GRAND TOTALS - - -	2,400,000	20,192,000	2,241,000	8,006,000

* Including correspondence to and from the Army.

APPENDIX B.—continued.

STATEMENT of the NUMBERS of FOREIGN and COLONIAL
31st March 1901 and

Country.	Date of Establishment of Post.	Number of Parcels.			
		Despatched.			
		1900-01.	1901-02.	In-crease.	De-crease.
Aden - - - -	July 1885	2,416	2,669	253	—
Antigua - - - -	Jan. 1886	1,625	1,874	249	—
Argentine Republic - - -	Feb. 1890	4,358	3,832	—	526
Ascension - - - -	July 1886	738	831	93	—
Austria-Hungary* - - -	June 1886	12,619	14,269	1,650	—
Bahamas - - - -	Sept. 1887	1,579	1,726	147	—
Barbados - - - -	April 1886	5,646	5,661	15	—
Belgium - - - -	Jan. 1886	54,038	55,542	1,504	—
Bermuda - - - -	April 1890	4,565	6,793	2,228	—
Beyrout - - - -	Jan. 1888	902	1,033	131	—
British Central Africa - -	Aug. 1893	895	1,232	337	—
British East Africa - -	April 1891	2,992	3,915	923	—
British Guiana† - - -	Jan. 1886	6,988	7,417	429	—
British Honduras‡ - - -	March 1887	958	966	10	—
British North Borneo - -	Sept. 1887	249	306	57	—
Canada, Dominion of - -	Aug. 1886	66,105	75,221	9,116	—
Cape Colony§ - - - -	Dec. 1885	571,797	674,447	102,650	—
Ceylon - - - -	Nov. 1885	16,411	16,699	288	—
Chili - - - -	Jan. 1897	1,391	1,490	99	—
Colombia, Republic of - -	March 1888	1,749	2,961	1,212	—
Constantinople - - - -	Jan. 1886	4,038	4,295	257	—
Costa Rica - - - -	Feb. 1888	1,708	662	—	1,046
Cyprus - - - -	Jan. 1886	1,895	2,204	309	—
Dominica - - - -	Jan. 1886	1,237	1,266	29	—
Dutch East Indies - - -	June 1896	1,167	1,167	—	—
Egypt - - - -	July 1885	24,700	26,955	2,255	—
Falkland Islands - - -	Oct. 1898	2,026	2,798	772	—
Fiji - - - -	June 1890	470	431	—	39
France¶ - - - -	Oct. 1887	222,477	225,586	3,109	—
Germany** - - - -	Jan. 1886	281,145	304,971	23,826	—
Gibraltar - - - -	July 1886	16,297	16,618	321	—
Grenada - - - -	Oct. 1885	2,007	2,349	342	—
Guatemala - - - -	Jan. 1899	155	182	27	—
Hawaii†† - - - -	March 1895	943	—	—	943
Holland - - - -	April 1886	48,804	51,470	2,666	—
Hong Kong‡‡ - - - -	Oct. 1885	23,792	27,368	3,576	—
India - - - -	July 1885	114,072	120,698	6,626	—
Italy§§ - - - -	Oct. 1887	73,179	80,028	6,849	—
Jamaica - - - -	Oct. 1885	9,710	11,053	1,343	—
Japan - - - -	Nov. 1895	6,234	6,208	—	26
Labuan - - - -	Dec. 1885	197	125	—	72
Liberia - - - -	July 1893	306	412	106	—
Madeira - - - -	July 1891	1,389	1,669	280	—
Malta - - - -	Aug. 1885	23,562	28,960	5,398	—
Carried forward -		1,619,527	1,796,439	179,562	2,650

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

† Including parcels for and from Dutch Guiana.

‡ Including parcels for and from the Republic of Honduras.

§ Including parcels for and from the Army in South Africa.

|| Including parcels for and from Bolivia.

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

APPENDIX B.—continued.

PARCELS Despatched and Received during the Years ended the
the 31st March 1902.

Number of Parcels.								Country.
Received.				Totals.				
1900-01.	1901-02.	In-crease.	De-crease.	1900-01.	1901-02.	In-crease.	De-crease.	
1,981	2,306	325	—	4,307	4,17	578	—	Aden.
236	293	57	—	1,861	2,167	306	—	Antigua.
612	618	6	—	4,970	4,460	—	520	Argentine Republic.
117	125	8	—	855	950	101	—	Ascension.
7,858	7,519	—	339	20,477	21,788	1,311	—	Austria-Hungary.*
513	302	—	10	1,891	2,028	137	—	Bahamas.
1,630	1,629	—	1	7,276	7,290	14	—	Barbados.
28,178	31,334	3,156	—	82,216	86,876	4,660	—	Belgium.
1,302	1,712	410	—	5,867	8,505	2,638	—	Bermuda.
220	196	—	24	1,122	1,279	157	—	Beyrout.
III	354	354	—	895	1,586	691	—	British Central Africa.
538	689	151	—	3,530	4,604	1,074	—	British East Africa.
1,938	1,764	—	194	8,946	9,211	265	—	British Guiana.†
66	88	22	—	1,022	1,064	32	—	British Honduras.‡
68	83	15	—	317	389	72	—	British North Borneo.
29,282	34,860	5,578	—	95,387	110,081	14,694	—	Canada, Dominion of.
88,781	73,807	—	14,974	660,578	748,254	87,676	—	Cape Colony.§
7,801	8,749	948	—	24,212	25,448	1,236	—	Ceylon.
476	473	—	3	1,867	1,963	96	—	Chili.
85	104	19	—	1,834	3,065	1,231	—	Colombia, Republic of.
799	1,170	371	—	4,837	5,465	628	—	Constantinople.
66	50	—	16	1,772	712	—	1,060	Costa Rica.
793	833	40	—	2,688	3,037	349	—	Cyprus.
152	169	7	—	1,389	1,425	36	—	Dominica.
¶¶	—	—	—	1,167	1,167	—	—	Dutch East Indies.
15,305	17,471	2,166	—	40,005	44,426	4,421	—	Egypt.
281	309	28	—	2,307	3,107	800	—	Falkland Islands.
61	77	16	—	531	508	—	23	Fiji.
212,032	232,067	20,035	—	434,509	457,653	23,144	—	France.¶
392,426	447,601	55,175	—	673,571	752,572	79,001	—	Germany.**
8,084	8,283	199	—	24,381	24,901	520	—	Gibraltar.
333	398	65	—	2,340	2,747	407	—	Grenada.
65	8	—	57	220	190	—	30	Guatemala.
45	—	—	45	983	—	—	983	Hawaii.††
40,952	43,837	2,885	—	89,756	95,307	5,551	—	Holland.
14,707	19,433	4,776	—	38,499	46,851	8,352	—	Hong Kong.‡‡
68,423	72,199	3,771	—	182,500	192,897	10,397	—	India.
66,410	74,523	8,113	—	180,589	184,551	14,962	—	Italy.§§
2,784	3,303	519	—	12,494	14,356	1,862	—	Jamaica.
4,069	4,767	698	—	10,303	10,975	672	—	Japan.
93	92	—	1	290	217	—	73	Labuan.
8	12	4	—	314	424	110	—	Liberia.
270	217	—	53	1,659	1,886	227	—	Madeira.
10,800	13,125	2,295	—	34,392	42,085	7,693	—	Malta.
1,010,494	1,106,989	112,212	15,717	2,630,021	2,903,428	276,101	2,694	

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

†† Service suspended since April 1901.

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

§§ Including parcels for and from Greece, Turkey, &c.

¶¶ Included in figures for Cape Colony.

|| Included in figures for Holland.

APPENDIX B.—continued.

STATEMENT of the NUMBERS of FOREIGN and COLONIAL
31st March 1901 and

Country.	Date of Establishment of Post.	Number of Parcels.			
		Despatched.			
		1900-01.	1901-02.	In- crease.	De- crease.
	Brought forward -	1,619,527	1,798,439	179,563	2,650
Mauritius	April 1889	2,629	2,863	234	—
Mexico	April 1890	4,455	4,589	134	—
Montserrat	Jan. 1886	413	394	—	19
Natal*	June 1887	93,630	49,159	—	44,371
Nevis	Jan. 1886	158	143	—	15
Newfoundland . . .	Sept. 1886	2,915	3,506	591	—
New South Wales . .	July 1886	25,824	25,387	—	437
New Zealand	Nov. 1888	21,459	25,384	3,925	—
Nigeria	Dec. 1892	2,743	4,613	1,870	—
Norway	April 1886	18,538	16,144	—	2,392
Orange River Colony and } Transvaal	Dec. 1889	6,298	44,412	38,114	—
Persia	Jan. 1894	214	249	35	—
Portugal§	Jan. 1883	6,236	7,864	1,628	—
Queensland	Feb. 1892	8,496	8,675	179	—
Rhodesia and Bechuanaland } Protectorate	Jan. 1893	5,855	7,598	1,743	—
St. Helena	April 1886	3,637	5,154	1,517	—
St. Kitts	Jan. 1886	1,118	1,067	—	31
St. Lucia	Oct. 1885	1,643	1,831	188	—
St. Pierre and Miquelon .	Aug. 1895	3,625	3,944	319	—
St. Thomas	Jan. 1888	475	483	7	—
St. Vincent	Nov. 1885	811	713	—	98
Salonica	May 1900	477	503	26	—
Salvador	April 1893	597	704	107	—
Samoa and Raratonga . .	May 1894	64	56	—	8
Sarawak	July 1887	334	352	18	—
Seychelles	April 1890	344	404	60	—
Siam	Aug. 1890	1,074	1,176	102	—
Smyrna	April 1887	1,508	1,575	367	—
South Australia	July 1886	6,975	6,689	—	286
Spain	Sept. 1891	29,755	32,367	2,612	—
Straits Settlements . . .	Oct. 1885	8,694	9,967	1,173	—
Sweden††	May 1886	19,371	17,976	—	1,395
Switzerland	Dec. 1887	52,248	56,362	4,114	—
Tangier and other Morocco } Ports	Jan. 1890	1,533	2,413	880	—
Tasmania	Jan. 1887	3,559	3,529	—	130
Tortola	Oct. 1886	64	33	—	31
Trinidad (including Tobago) .	Oct. 1885	6,111	7,045	934	—
Uruguay	April 1891	656	793	137	—
Victoria	July 1886	16,526	17,821	1,295	—
West African Colonies . .	Jan. 1888	15,257	21,967	6,710	—
West Australia	Jan. 1887	8,814	9,167	353	—
Zanzibar	Jan. 1887	848	1,116	268	—
TOTALS		2,005,506	2,202,845	249,302	51,863
		Net Increase 197,339			

In 1900-1901 the uniform scale of postage 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.

In 1901-1902 the uniform scale was extended to the exchanges with British North Borneo and Labuan, and the postage was reduced on parcels for the Bechuanaland Protectorate, Cooke Islands, Guatemala, Southern Rhodesia, Turkey (Austrian Post Offices), and Uruguay. The rates on parcels for Bulgaria and Liberia were revised.

APPENDIX B.—*continued.*

PARCELS Despatched and Received during the Years ended the 31st March 1902—*continued.*

Number of Parcels.								Country.
Received.				Totals.				
1900-01.	1901-02.	In-crease.	De-crease.	1900-01.	1901-02.	In-crease.	De-crease.	
1,010,494	1,106,989	112,212	15,717	2,630,021	2,903,428	276,101	2,694	
997	795	—	202	3,626	3,658	32	—	Mauritius.
445	656	211	—	4,900	5,245	345	—	Mexico.
54	79	25	—	467	473	6	—	Montserrat.
25,209	15,442	—	9,767	118,739	64,601	—	54,138	Natal.*
30	13	—	17	188	156	—	32	Nevis.
564	694	130	—	3,479	4,200	721	—	Newfoundland.
8,780	9,405	625	—	34,804	34,792	188	—	New South Wales.
4,896	5,963	1,067	—	26,355	31,367	5,012	—	New Zealand.
688	825	137	—	3,431	5,438	2,007	—	Nigeria.
5,032	6,462	780	—	24,218	22,606	—	1,612	Norway.
—†	868	868	—	6,298	45,280	38,982	—	{ Orange River Colony and Transvaal.
—‡	—‡	—	—	214	249	35	—	Persia.
843	912	69	—	7,079	8,778	1,697	—	Portugal.§
2,905	3,102	197	—	11,401	11,777	376	—	Queensland.
—†	—†	—	—	5,855	7,598	1,743	—	{ Rhodesia and Bechuana- land Protectorate.
840	1,780	940	—	4,477	6,934	2,457	—	St. Helena.
132	139	7	—	1,250	1,226	—	24	St. Kitts.
496	339	—	157	2,139	2,170	31	—	St. Lucia.
59	51	—	8	3,684	3,995	311	—	St. Pierre and Miquelon.
65	54	—	11	540	536	—	4	St. Thomas.
128	121	—	7	939	834	—	105	St. Vincent.
126	90	—	36	603	593	—	10	Salonica.
12	19	7	—	609	723	114	—	Salvador.
—	—	—	—	64	56	—	8	Samoa and Raratonga.
139	137	—	2	473	489	16	—	Sarawak.
391	1,353	962	—	735	1,787	1,022	—	Seychelles.
—¶	—¶	—	—	1,074	1,176	102	—	Siam.
682	531	—	151	2,190	2,406	216	—	Smyrna.
2,939	3,461	522	—	9,914	10,150	236	—	South Australia.
—**	—**	—	—	29,755	32,367	2,612	—	Spain.
5,774	6,343	569	—	14,468	16,210	1,742	—	Straits Settlements.
6,004	6,434	430	—	25,375	24,410	—	965	Sweden.††
22,292	22,407	115	—	74,540	78,769	4,229	—	Switzerland.
—‡‡	146	146	—	1,533	2,559	1,026	—	{ Tangier and other Morocco Ports.
525	609	84	—	4,184	4,138	—	46	Tasmania.
14	6	—	8	78	39	—	39	Tortola.
1,757	1,992	235	—	7,868	9,037	1,169	—	Trinidad (including Tobago).
92	77	—	15	748	870	122	—	Uruguay.
6,076	7,015	939	—	22,602	24,836	2,234	—	Victoria.
5,868	6,999	1,131	—	21,125	28,066	7,941	—	West African Colonies.
2,448	2,164	—	284	11,262	11,331	69	—	West Australia.
342	480	138	—	1,190	1,596	406	—	Zanzibar.
1,118,788	1,214,972	122,566	26,362	5,124,294	5,417,817	353,200	59,677	
Net Increase		96,184				293,523		

* Including parcels for and from the Army in South Africa.

† Included in figures for Cape Colony.

‡ Included in figures for India.

§ Included in figures for New Zealand.

|| Including parcels for and from Brazil and the Portuguese Possessions.

¶ Including parcels for and from Finland.

¶ Included in figures for Straits Settlements.

** Included in figures for France.

†† Included in figures for Gibraltar.

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 PERCUTIL.	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
HOLYHEAD and KINGSTOWN.	Twice a day -	Four Mail Packets specially built and maintained for the service.	City of Dublin Steam Packet Company.	1 July 1895	31 Mar. 1917 or on 12 months' notice after 31 Mar. 1916.	1 Apr. 1897
LIVERPOOL and DOUGLAS (ISLE of MAN).	Once on week days. <i>See "Remarks."</i>	A sufficient number of efficient steam vessels.	Isle of Man Steam Packet Company.	17 Jan. 1883	On 6 months' notice.	- - -
LUNDY ISLAND and INSTOW.	Once a week -	Sailing boat	Captain Dark -	- - -	- - -	1 May 1883
PENZANCE and SCILLY	Three times a week in summer. Twice a week in winter.	Steam vessel	West Cornwall Steamship Company.	31 July 1874	On 6 months' notice.	1 Feb. 1874
PORTSMOUTH and EYDE.	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
WYMOUTH and CHANNEL ISLANDS.	6 days a week	Steam vessels	Great Western Railway Company.	- - -	- - -	1 Aug. 1831

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), Sh. 37m. Inward journey (including transfer), Sh. 32m. 14 nautical miles an hour in summer; 12 in winter.	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. If on any occasion vessel is not ready P.M.G. may employ another vessel, and charge cost to the Contractors.	The payment is subject to a reduction of 2,000l. in respect of the receipts from passenger traffic. It includes payment for parcel services. 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.
4,500l.	—	—	—	—
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 Company's vessels which are constantly plying between the two places.
120l.	- - -	- - -	- - -	No Contract.
6,500l.	- - -	- - -	- - -	No Contract.
150l.	- - -	- - -	- - -	No Contract. The Post Office has the general use of the Company's vessels.
200l.	- - -	- - -	- - -	No Contract. The Post Office has the general use of the Company's vessels. This is a supplementary service to the one from Southampton.

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. 1893
ARDROSSAN and BELFAST.						
GREENOCK and LONDONDERRY.						
GREENOCK, COLONSAY, and TARBET (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. 1890
GREENOCK and LOCHGOILHEAD.	Week days	Steam vessel	Lochgoil and Loch Long Steam Boat Company.	6 and 7 June and 13 July 1892.	On 6 months' notice.	1 Feb. 1892
GREENOCK (PRINCE'S PIER) and ROTHERSAY.	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 ROTHERSAY.	Week days	Steam vessel	David MacBrayne	13 and 19 Jan. 1894.	On 6 months' notice.	17 Oct. 1892
GREENOCK and ARDMISHAIG.						
GREENOCK, ISLAY, and JURA.	Week days	Steam vessel	David MacBrayne	13 & 19 Jan. 1894.	On 6 months' notice.	1 Oct. 1893
TARBET, 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. 1892

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>	-	-	-	-
350 <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 350 <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 undue delay or deviation from course.	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 STORNOWAY	Once a day, six days a week each way.	Steam vessel	"	1 & 13 June 1893.	On 6 months' notice.	"
LOCH SHIEL.	Once a day, six days a week each way.	Steam vessel	Lord Howard of Gloseop per W. Middleton.	- - -	- - -	- - -
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 Poolticl, 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 Poolticl, 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.
340£.	- - -	- - -	- - -	Payment includes Parcel Service.
46£.	At rate of not less than 8 sea miles an hour.	- - -	20£.	" "
650£.	At speed of not less than 10 sea miles an hour.	20£. for undue delay or deviation from course.	100£.	"
3,000£.	At rate of 11 sea miles an hour.	20£. for undue delay or deviation.	1,000£.*	"
100£.	—	—	—	—
100£. for mails and 4£. for parcels.	- - -	- - -	- - -	No Contract.
52£. 2s. 10d.	- - -	- - -	- - -	"
600£.	Out. 8 hrs. 30 mins. In. 3 hrs. 30 mins.	- - -	300£.	"
65£.	- - -	- - -	- - -	"
555£.	At rate of 10 sea miles an hour.	20£. for undue delay or deviation.	200£.*	*To be recovered by way of liquidated damages, and not by way of penalty.
1,200£.			500£.*	
3,000£.	At rate of not less than 11 sea miles an hour.	"	1,000£.*	Payments include Parcel Services.
3,000£.	"	"	"	

APPENDIX C.—continued.

Line of Communication.	How often.	Number and Character of Vessels.	Contractors.	Contract or Agreement.		
				Date of Contract.	Terminable.	Service commenced.
PORTREE, LOCH-MADDY, and DUNVEGAN.	Out.—Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. In.—Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.	Steam vessel	David MacBrayne.	1 & 13 June 1893.	On 6 months' notice.	1 Apr. 1893
ROTHESAY and WEMYSS BAY.	Week days	Steam vessels	Caledonian Steam Packet Company, per Capt. James Williamson.	21 Nov. & 18 Dec. 1893.	"	17 Oct. 1893
SCRABSTER (THURSO) and STROMNESS.	6 days a week	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	North of Scotland and Orkney and Shetland Steam Navigation Company.	21 Feb. & 27 Mar. 1893.	On 6 months' notice.	12 Feb. 1893
SHETLAND (VIRKIE) and FAIR ISLE.	Once a fortnight.	Sailing vessel.	John Bruce, Junr.	- - -	- - -	1 Nov. 1893
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. 1893	On 6 months' notice.	1 Apr. 1893
STRANRAER and LARNE. (<i>See below.</i>)						
STROMNESS and SOUTH ISLES.	4 days a week	Steam vessel	E. Garden - -	14 April & 5 May 1893.	On 6 months' notice.	1 Mar. 1893
WEMYSS BAY and MILLPORT.	Thrice on week days in summer and twice in winter.	Steam vessel	Caledonian Railway Co.	In general agreement with the Co.		
Ditto - -	Additional week day service in winter.	Steam vessel	Caledonian Steam Packet Company, per Capt. James Williamson.	- - -	On 6 months' notice.	1 Oct. 1893
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 ARRAN 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 is also a number of small miscellaneous fixed payments for conveyance of Home Mails and for ferriage 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, 80*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 13 knots an hour.	20 <i>l.</i> for undue delay or deviation from course.	200 <i>l.</i> P.M.G. to charter another vessel at Contractors' expense.	" "
180 <i>l.</i>	- - -	- - -	- - -	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.
75 <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.
70 <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*l.* a year.

" 260*l.* "
" 250*l.* "
" 40*l.* "
" 65*l.* "

(including various payments for the conveyance of Mails in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland), not exceeding steamer to Dublin, the London and North-Western Railway Company receives 11,020*l.* a year, and for the conveyance of

APPENDIX D. **Foreign and Colonial Packet Service.**

Service.	Contracts.		Penalties for Overtime.	Payment during the Year 1901-1902.	Amount received.		Cost borne in respect of Mails despatched from the United Kingdom.
	Com-mencement.	Termination.			By Contributions.	By Sea Postage for Mails despatched by Colonies and Foreign Countries.	
EUROPE:	21 June 1893 -	On 12 months' notice -	5†. for 20 minutes and 5†. for every additional 15 minutes.	£ 24,990	-	£	£ 24,990*
Dover and Calais -	-	31 December 1903 -	-	850	-	-	850
Harwich to the Hook of Holland -	1 May 1898 -	On 6 months' notice -	-	45†	-	-	45
†Newhaven to Dieppe -	1 July 1897 -	Do.	-	36†	-	22	14
†Channel Islands and St. Malo and Granville }	15 Feb. 1888 -	Do.	-	-	-	703	454
†Grimsby and Hamburg -	16 Apr. 1898 -	Do.	-	1,157†	-	-	541
†London to Hamburg -	1 Jan. 1886 -	Do.	-	189†	-	67	92
†Liverpool, Malta, and the Levant -	1 Jan. 1886 -	Do.	-	95†	-	9	88
†United Kingdom and Lisbon -	1 Jan. 1888 -	Do.	-	-	-	-	-
AMERICA:	1 Aug. 1899 -	On 12 months' notice -	-	116,543†	-	13,143	104,400
United Kingdom to United States -	1 Jan. 1889 -	On 6 months' notice -	-	1,094†	-	54	1,040
New York and Bermuda -	Colonial Contract -	-	-	2,000\$	-	-	2,000
Newfoundland -	1 Dec. 1891 -	On 6 months' notice -	-	261†	-	2	259
†Liverpool, Belize, and Mexico -	Colonial Contract -	-	-	250\$	-	-	250
Turks Islands -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
						£ Antigua - 970 Barbados - 2,169 British Guiana - 3,940 Dominica - 220 Grenada - 580 Jamaica - 2,500 Montserrat - 110 Nevis - 115 St. Kitts - 570 St. Lucia - 370 St. Vincent - 560 Tortola - 25 Trinidad - 2,900	
United Kingdom and West Indies:	1 July 1900 -	30 June 1905 -	25†. for every 24 hours.	79,880	-	17,870	47,00

Southampton to Brazil and River Plate	1 Sept. 1876 -	On 6 months' notice	-	-	10,500†	-	-	-	6,317	4,800
+ Do. to and from do.	1 Sept. 1889 -	Do.	-	-	312‡	-	-	-	-	-
Liverpool and Falkland Islands, } Liverpool to Callao, Panama to Val- } paraiso, Panama to Ocos	14 June 1900 -	18 June 1910 -	-	-	33,780	-	-	Falkland Islands, 2,500	15,080	15,300
AFRICA:										
United Kingdom, and West Coast } of Africa	1 Jan. 1899 -	On 3 months' notice	-	-	15,385	-	-	-	5,083	11,200
+ Do. do.	1 Jan. 1899 -	On 6 months' notice	-	-	98‡	-	-	-	-	-
United Kingdom and St. Helena } and Ascension	1 Oct. 1893 -	On 6 months' notice	-	-	3,900	-	-	-	170	3,730
Aden and Zanzibar	5 Nov. 1892 -	On 13 months' notice	-	-	9,000	-	-	-	530	8,460
+ United Kingdom and Chinde	15 Aug. 1900 -	On 3 months' notice	-	-	67‡	-	-	-	15	53
+ United Kingdom and Morocco	1 Oct. 1900 -	-	-	-	31‡	-	-	-	3	13
ASIA AND AUSTRALIA:										
Brindisi and Bombay and Shanghai	1 Feb. 1898 -	31 January 1905	-	100‡. for every 13 hours.	245,000	-	-	{ India - 52,000 } Ceylon - 1,400 } Straits Settlements - 8,000 } Hong Kong - 8,000 } 55,400‡.	35,000	154,600
Brindisi or Naples and Adelaide	1 Feb. 1898 -	31 January 1905	-	100‡. for every 24 hours.	169,800	-	-	{ South Australia } Victoria } New South Wales } 71,912‡.	6,988	90,900
Canada, Japan, and Hong Kong	7 April 1891 - 7 April 1901 -	6 April 1901 - 6 April 1906	-	100‡. for every 13 hours.	59,700	-	-	{ Canada - 14,925 } Admiralty - 7,313 } 22,237‡.	2,763	54,700

* A second service in each direction is provided at the cost of the French Post Office.

† These Contracts are for Parcel Mails only.

‡ The payments in these cases depend upon the weight of mails conveyed by the Packets.

§ These sums represent the Imperial share of the cost of the Services.

APPENDIX E.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of POST TOWNS in ENGLAND and WALES, including the CHANNEL ISLANDS and the 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.
1900-01	-	1	5	25	69	124	169	234	180	140	102	58	18	27	15	13
1901-02	-	1	5	23	65	131	165	237	172	136	107	68	22	25	15	13

APPENDIX F.

Staff of Officers.

Totals 31 Mar. 1901.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Ireland.		Scotland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar. 1902.
		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	5	—	4	—	78	1	79
	D.									
16	Surveyors	10	—	3	—	3	—	16	—	16
	E.									
898	Head Postmasters : Metropolitan	9	—	—	—	1	—	784	111	895
	Provinces	559	41	92	27	123	23			
	F.									
21,027	Sub-Postmasters : Metropolitan	721	144	61	83	52	11	14,713	6,507	21,220
	Provinces	10,875	4,452	1,721	1,012	1,223	800			
	G.									
8,061	Clerks and other Superin- tending Officers : Metropolitan	3,533	1,880	206	40	168	45	6,443	2,107	8,550
	Provinces	2,155	117	120	6	251	19			
	H.									
23,838	Counter Clerks and Tele- graphists, Sorters, Sorting Clerks and Telegraphists, and Telegraphists : Metropolitan	9,359	2,626	607	122	479	149	22,787	7,543	30,330
	Provinces	9,914	3,581	748	352	1,380	713			
59,010	Carried forward	37,514	12,962	3,564	1,647	3,755	1,760	44,833	16,269	61,102

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

Totals 31 Mar. 1901.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Ireland.		Scotland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar. 1902.
		Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	
59,010	Brought forward . .	37,514	12,862	3,564	1,647	3,755	1,760	44,833	16,269	61,102
	I.									
35,111	Mechanics, Porters, Postmen, &c.:									
	Metropolitan . .	9,070	—	375	—	529	—	36,666	13	36,679
	Provinces . .	21,398	9	1,824	—	3,470	4			
	J.									
79,052	Persons employed in un- established positions, viz., Assistants to Postmasters, Auxiliaries, Boy Messengers, Copyists, Commissionaires, Female Servants, Telegraph Construction Hands, &c.:									
	Metropolitan . .	13,105	2,040	672	184	395	105	61,143	20,267	81,410
	Provinces . .	33,164	14,307	8,423	1,417	5,384	2,214			
	K.									
11	Postmasters and Clerks, &c. abroad (under direction of Postmaster General) and agents in Foreign Countries for collection of postage, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	—	11
173,184	Totals . .	114,251	29,218	14,868	3,248	13,533	4,063	142,653	36,540	179,202

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

	Number of Deaths during the Twelve Months ended December 31, 1901.									
	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 - - -	5	-	6	-	7	1	1	-	5	-
Scarlet fever - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Influenza - - -	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
2. Septic diseases :										
Pyæmia - - -	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-
Erysipelas - - -	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
II.—CONSTITUTION DISEASES.										
Cancer - - -	2	2	3	-	7	1	-	-	-	-
Phthisis and hæmoptysis - -	12	1	16	-	11	-	4	-	7	-
Tuberculosis - - -	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Rheumatic fever - - -	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Diabetes - - -	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Glandular disease - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
III.—LOCAL DISEASES.										
1. Diseases of nervous system :										
Apoplexy - - -	5	-	3	1	2	-	1	-	-	1
Inflammation of brain - -	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Paralysis - - -	-	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	-	-
Epilepsy - - -	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mania - - -	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
2. Diseases of circulatory system :										
Disease of the heart - -	5	-	7	-	9	-	3	-	3	-
Disease of the blood vessels	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Pericarditis - - -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syncope - - -	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Angina pectoris - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
3. Diseases of respiratory system :										
Bronchitis - - -	5	1	2	-	3	-	-	-	2	-
Pneumonia - - -	12	-	10	-	15	2	1	-	1	-
Asthma - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Pleurisy - - -	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Carried forward - - -	56	5	55	1	76	5	12	-	20	1

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

	Number of Deaths during the Twelve Months ended December 31, 1901.									
	Chief Office.		Metro-politan Districts.		Rest of England.		Scotland.		Ireland.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
Brought forward -	56	5	55	1	76	5	12	-	20	1
4. Diseases of digestive system :										
Ulcer of stomach -	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Appendicitis -	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	-
Enteritis -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hernia, strangulated -	-	1	1	-	3	-	-	-	1	-
Peritonitis -	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Hæmatemesis -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disease of liver -	1	-	1	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
Other diseases of digestive system.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
5. Diseases of urinary system :										
Bright's disease -	2	-	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Cystitis -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
IV.—DEATHS FROM VIOLENCE.										
Accidents -	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-
Drowned -	2	-	3	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Suicide -	2	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
V.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED CASES.										
Operations for cure of disease -	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Abscess -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Dropsy -	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Pernicious anæmia -	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Exophthalmic goitre -	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Senile decay -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Misadventure -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals -	71	7	68	1	95	7	17	-	24	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, 1901.									
	Chief Office.		Metro-politan Districts.		Rest of England.		Scotland.		Ireland.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
Typhoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Influenza	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer	1	1	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-
Phthisis and hæmoptysis	25	8	15	1	44	9	5	2	5	-
Tuberculosis	-	-	1	-	3	1	-	-	-	-
Chronic rheumatism and sciatica	4	2	13	2	25	-	2	-	2	2
Gout	-	-	2	-	6	-	-	-	-	-
Diabetes	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Glandular disease	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Anæmia	-	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Apoplexy	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Paralysis	1	-	2	-	13	1	-	-	1	-
General paralysis of the insane	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Telegraphist's cramp	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Epilepsy	2	1	1	-	10	-	-	-	-	-
Mental derangements	8	6	6	-	19	5	1	-	4	-
Nervous debility	9	6	1	2	17	4	1	-	1	-
Hysteria	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Vertigo	3	-	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Heart disease	6	1	6	-	18	-	2	-	3	1
Aneurism	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Varicose veins	-	-	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Chronic bronchitis	1	-	7	-	6	1	1	-	2	-
Pleurisy	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Asthma	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	1
Liver disease	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Carried forward	63	28	63	5	185	27	13	2	18	4

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, 1901.									
	Chief Office.		Metro-politan Districts.		Rest of England.		Scotland.		Ireland.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
Brought forward - -	63	28	63	5	185	27	13	2	18	4
Ulcer of stomach - -	-	1	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-
Fistula - - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Piles - - - -	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Appendicitis - - -	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Dyspepsia - - - -	2	2	1	-	4	1	-	-	-	-
Kidney disease - -	1	-	1	-	4	1	1	-	2	-
Eye affections - -	2	5	-	1	4	2	2	-	1	-
Ear affections - -	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
Tumour - - - -	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-
Necrosis of ribs - -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hernia - - - -	-	-	2	-	3	-	1	-	1	-
Chronic synovitis - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Flat feet and weak ankles -	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-
Tender feet - - -	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Abscess of foot - - -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hammer toes, bunions, and deformed feet.	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Accidents - - - -	-	1	-	-	6	-	-	-	2	-
Operation - - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Senile decay - - -	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
General debility - -	1	15	5	1	7	1	1	1	-	1
Totals - - - -	73	53	76	10	234	34	19	3	24	5

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 1901, and the Year ended 31st March 1902.

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.	
	1900-1.	1901-2.	1900-1.	1901-2.	1900-1.	1901-2.	1900-1.	1901-2.
LONDON - -	3,968,930	4,129,192	3,263,524	3,305,167	223,667	227,916	486,855	596,109
MANCHESTER -	526,855	531,002	449,374	433,710	23,017	25,102	56,464	72,190
LIVERPOOL -	360,304	387,749	335,971	333,475	22,965	24,067	31,368	30,187
BIRMINGHAM -	328,982	370,205	276,444	308,544	10,954	13,297	41,584	48,364
LEEDS - -	311,794	337,424	267,113	279,578	12,691	16,819	31,990	41,027
BRISTOL - -	424,976	446,628	360,467	372,673	18,370	24,508	46,139	40,447
NEWCASTLE-ON- TYNE.	215,977	228,347	179,050	188,226	13,319	14,467	23,708	25,654
NOTTINGHAM -	270,463	305,228	239,909	252,526	6,491	13,870	24,063	38,832
PLYMOUTH -	70,385	72,760	60,680	62,656	4,339	4,961	5,366	5,143
EDINBURGH -	205,804	210,795	181,354	180,011	9,320	11,595	14,930	19,189
GLASGOW - -	264,128	284,984	228,037	246,815	12,317	15,717	23,774	22,452
ABERDEEN -	34,720	37,111	29,098	31,303	2,040	2,219	3,582	3,589
INVERNESS -	19,324	19,132	16,304	15,936	830	780	2,190	2,416
DUBLIN - -	269,349	273,958	221,933	223,523	6,124	13,220	30,375	22,861
BELFAST - -	89,513	78,064	77,172	66,756	4,546	5,722	7,795	5,586
CORK - -	46,984	44,122	40,375	37,416	4,371	3,632	2,238	3,074
Totals for Re- turned Letter Offices	7,470,238	7,756,701	6,226,805	6,343,315	377,261	417,912	832,421	986,120
Dealt with in Head Post Offices - -	2,316,582	2,427,165	2,316,582	2,427,165	—	—	—	—
General Totals of Undelivered Correspondence	9,786,870	10,183,866	8,543,387	8,770,480	377,261	417,912	832,421	986,120
Increase - -	396,996		227,093		40,651		153,699	
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 1901, and the Year ended 31st March 1902.

Returned Letter Office.	Post Cards received.		Book Packets received.		Newspapers received.		Parcels received.		Parcels re-issued to the Addressees or returned to the Senders.	
	1900-1.	1901-2.	1900-1.	1901-2.	1900-1.	1901-2.	1900-1.	1901-2.	1900-1.	1901-2.
LONDON - -	131,958	140,684	740,498	650,075	265,896	264,792	93,273	96,976	65,127	66,967
MANCHESTER -	18,877	28,352	102,258	87,592	4,640	4,109	7,999	8,989	4,610	5,574
LIVERPOOL - -	11,043	13,594	84,292	69,706	6,378	5,607	5,901	5,570	3,369	3,624
BIRMINGHAM -	10,322	12,767	53,202	49,353	3,199	3,156	5,913	6,609	4,173	4,519
LEEDS - -	9,037	11,805	96,560	55,121	1,423	1,344	4,905	5,494	2,988	3,166
BRISTOL - -	13,183	14,484	68,400	52,909	3,072	2,929	8,540	9,790	4,813	5,573
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.	14,694	16,062	60,011	51,078	1,475	1,304	3,130	3,640	1,892	2,247
NOTTINGHAM -	11,418	10,579	49,410	33,918	1,530	1,131	4,498	5,949	2,851	3,433
PLYMOUTH - -	1,891	1,856	7,123	5,032	601	518	1,324	1,563	696	770
EDINBURGH -	39,602	38,035	157,272	131,620	12,940	11,781	6,465	6,961	4,637	5,078
GLASGOW - -	8,596	10,113	72,105	45,791	5,909	4,604	4,667	5,312	3,595	3,809
ABERDEEN - -	6,651	5,909	14,442	11,494	908	781	831	1,005	535	671
INVERNESS - -	817	537	5,438	4,131	615	398	391	474	218	277
DUBLIN - -	7,076	16,686	26,957	106,479	3,912	18,414	9,946	9,169	5,726	5,210
BELFAST - -	2,145	1,392	12,180	6,945	2,715	2,017	1,465	1,759	923	929
CORK - -	1,187	1,475	2,861	3,494	1,112	1,128	916	890	840	451
Totals for Returned Letter Offices.	278,497	324,200	1,553,009	1,264,738	316,324	323,963	152,964	170,370	106,895	112,096
Dealt with in Head Post Offices.	1,340,894	1,432,881	10,358,605	10,158,534	311,318	391,322	67,296	72,102	67,296	72,102
General Totals of Undelivered Correspondence	1,619,391	1,757,081	11,911,614	11,523,272	627,642	715,285	220,260	242,472	174,193	184,200
Increase -	137,690		—		87,643		15,220		10,007	
Decrease -	—		338,312		—		—		—	

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	8,880,019	20,422,918	2,477,008	1,559,854	24,459,775
1879-80	12,392,996	9,854,566	22,247,562	2,704,574	1,595,001	26,547,137
1880-81	13,456,555	11,176,459	24,633,014	3,042,291	1,736,677	29,411,982
1881-82	14,204,479	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	14,920,418	12,686,433	27,606,846	3,299,428	1,936,846	32,843,120
1884-85	15,195,618	12,930,376	28,125,994	3,257,546	1,894,919	33,278,459
1885-86	18,029,008	15,081,433	33,110,441	3,812,173	2,223,669	39,146,283
1886-87	24,044,077	18,276,108	42,320,185	5,106,774	2,816,680	50,243,639
1887-88	26,052,717	18,872,553	44,925,270	5,430,624	3,047,531	53,403,425
1888-89	28,269,130	20,263,589	48,532,669	5,991,223	3,241,455	57,765,347
1889-90	30,873,953	21,562,826	52,436,779	6,545,654	3,420,966	62,403,399
1890-91	32,827,055	22,831,033	55,658,088	7,077,388	3,673,735	66,409,211
1891-92	34,854,867	23,911,238	58,766,105	7,155,180	3,764,195	69,685,480
1892-93	35,382,090	23,554,094	58,936,184	7,100,514	3,871,150	69,907,848
1893-94	36,129,876	23,501,876	59,631,752	7,279,894	3,987,852	70,899,498
1894-95	36,098,807	24,117,901	60,216,708	7,334,094	4,038,262	71,589,064
1895-96	39,411,356	27,025,193	66,436,549	8,095,581	4,307,480	78,839,610
1896-97	40,306,002	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	8,463,893	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
1901-02	46,857,847	28,924,151	75,781,998	9,729,594	4,920,449	90,432,041

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 1900-1901 and 1901-1902; 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.
	1900-1901.	1901-1902.	(-) Decrease.
April - - -	6,964,805	7,483,822	+ 519,517
May - - -	8,005,411	8,229,227	+ 223,816
June - - -	8,095,841	7,926,776	- 169,065
July - - -	8,375,346	8,749,380	+ 374,034
August - - -	8,612,671	8,707,749	+ 95,078
September - - -	7,822,071	7,777,966	- 44,105
October - - -	8,192,531	7,941,934	- 250,597
November - - -	7,114,227	7,197,172	+ 82,945
December - - -	6,644,168	6,491,183	- 152,985
January - - -	6,827,330	6,900,520	+ 73,190
February - - -	5,965,862	6,114,940	+ 149,078
March - - -	6,957,198	6,911,372	- 45,826
	89,576,961	90,432,041	+ 855,080

APPENDIX I.

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

Year.	Inland Telegrams.	Wire Rentals, &c.	Salaries.	Work executed.	Total.
1892-93	£ 14,615	£ 21,130	£ 3,709	£ 67	£ 39,521
1893-94	-	23,990	4,043	12	44,942
1894-95	-	25,451	3,967	19	47,439
1895-96	-	22,291	3,674	97	44,045
1896-97	-	22,728	3,570	133	44,905
1897-98	-	20,984	3,397	162	41,871
1898-99	-	27,585	3,454	6,564	55,749
1899-1900	-	27,908	5,671	3,108	70,746
1900-01	-	29,257	18,136	3,367	78,764
1901-02	-	29,473	21,981	1,795	79,448

APPENDIX J.

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 Banks combined.	Number, at close of the year, of Depositors in Old Savings Banks and Post Office Banks combined.	
£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£	d.				£	£ s. d.	£	£	£	£	£			
1892	10,519	9,478,838*	22,845,081* 2 8	2 17 46,293	3,335,008† 20,346,217† 6 2	0 354,068†	6 1/2† 1,636,622	702,701	5,452,316	75,853,079	13 18 3	9 4 4	78,123,988	176,056	273,000	78,573,044	10,800	6,954,236					
1893	11,018	9,838,196*	24,649,024* 2 10	1 1,890,104	3,618,721† 21,764,568† 6 0	307,566†	6 1/2† 1,057,100	731,237	5,748,239	80,597,641	14 0 5	9 11†	82,857,698	415,073	276,000	83,548,771	11,285	7,219,385					
1894	11,323	10,073,351*	30,439,449* 2 15	6 2,015,903	3,895,866† 23,786,927† 6 3	1 414,557†	6 1/2† 1,135,525	775,001	6,108,763	89,266,066	14 12 3	9 31†	94,497,364	407,743	312,000	95,307,107	11,580	7,579,709					
1895	11,518	11,384,977*	32,078,660* 2 16	4 2,222,545	4,102,039† 25,639,296† 6 5	3 414,623†	6 1/2† 1,153,298	808,402	6,453,597	97,868,975	15 3 4	8 51†	105,064,203	384,181	336,000	105,784,384	11,763	7,969,826					
1896	11,867	12,638,307*	35,298,350* 2 17	5 2,460,075	4,367,594† 28,489,329† 6 10	5 429,627†	6 1/2† 1,201,978	852,740	6,362,035	108,098,641	15 15 1	7 111†	119,260,502	— 7,937	356,000	119,617,515	12,106	8,357,938					
1897	12,212	13,012,935*	36,757,476* 2 14	11 2,665,064	4,670,483† 30,624,969† 6 11	2 450,988†	6 1/2† 1,239,936	892,209	7,239,761	115,896,786	16 0 2	7 94†	127,944,469	364,850	368,000	128,677,319	12,444	8,766,978					
1898	12,582	13,757,244*	37,361,888* 2 14	4 2,838,304	4,967,895† 32,052,820† 6 12 11	450,647†	5 1/2† 1,338,385	942,654	7,630,502	123,114,969	16 2 9	7 34†	133,218,290	383,809	370,000	133,872,099	12,814	9,194,449					
1899	12,995	14,654,600*	39,122,160* 2 13	5 3,023,821	5,094,033† 35,171,475† 6 18	1 473,877†	5 1/2† 1,373,799	937,621	8,046,680	139,118,965	16 3 5	7 34†	129,453,337	— 190,921	371,000	129,633,416	13,236	9,648,165					
1900	13,341	14,963,840*	40,516,434* 2 14	2 3,145,978	5,406,347† 38,231,372† 7 1	5 487,023†	5 1/2† 1,376,171	982,886	8,439,983	135,549,646	16 1 3	7 24†	132,715,647	442,579	372,000	133,530,226	13,571	10,465,006					
1901	13,672	15,018,644*	41,452,051* 2 15	2 3,281,263	5,748,624† 39,890,043† 6 18	9 506,093†	5 1/2† 1,376,846	1,029,154	8,787,675	140,392,916	15 19 6	7 24†	134,586,377	311,144	372,000	135,269,521	13,902	10,434,577					

* 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 Annuity 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 business.

‡ The charges of management in 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, and 1899 include the sums of 832*l.*, 762*l.*, 33,631*l.*, 2,386*l.*, 1,807*l.*, 357*l.*, 31*l.* and 156*l.*, respectively for purchase of land, while the charges in 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, and 1901 also include 3,446*l.*, 2,111*l.*, 1,774*l.*, 21,502*l.*, 17,911*l.*, 12,539*l.*, 11,647*l.*, 420*l.* and 2,765*l.*, 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 1892, 6*sd.*, in 1893, 9*sd.*, in 1894, 6*sd.*, in 1895, 6*sd.*, in 1896, 5*sd.*, in 1897, 5*sd.*, in 1898, 5*sd.*, in 1900, 5*sd.*, and in 1901, 5*sd.*, and the percentage of expenses to capital 9*sd.*, 9*sd.*, 9*sd.*, 8*sd.*, 7*sd.*, 7*sd.*, 6*sd.*, 7*sd.*, 3*sd.*, 7*sd.*, 3*sd.*, 7*sd.*, 2*sd.*, and 7*sd.*, 2*sd.*, respectively. Prior to the passing of the Post Office Savings Bank Act, 1861, it was estimated (see Parliamentary Paper No. 523, 1861) that the average cost of each transaction would be 7*d.*

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.	1901.
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	8,787,675
Total number of deposits - - -	10,978,651	11,384,977	12,638,307	13,012,935	13,737,244	14,654,609	14,969,849	15,018,645
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>	15 <i>l.</i> 19 <i>s.</i> 6 <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>	2 <i>l.</i> 15 <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> 13 <i>s.</i> 1 <i>d.</i>	7 <i>l.</i> 1 <i>s.</i> 5 <i>d.</i>	6 <i>l.</i> 18 <i>s.</i> 9 <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	48,900

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 realized by sale of Stock.	Amount of Stock Certificates obtained.	Amount of Transfers to the Bank of England.	Amount of Stock transferred from old Savings Banks.	Amount of Stock transferred to old Savings Banks.	Number of Dividends credited to Stockholders.	Amount of Dividends credited to Stockholders.	Amount of Stock remaining to credit of Stockholders at close of the Year.	Average amount of Stock remaining to credit of the Year.
				£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.
1892	14,110	8,356	60,839	23,976	13,727	27	390	1,234,398	2,745	7 6	3 14 0	53 14 5	688,335	50 2 11	668,689	3,700	67,417	6,776	124	223,538	143,760	5,590,080	98 0 7
1893	77,195	8,903	69,181	29,393	15,253	26	427	1,533,027	3,218	13 0	3 2 0	53 14 5	688,335	50 2 11	704,329	3,100	72,000	9,098	540	251,625	160,270	6,394,494	92 1 3
1894	13,183	11,015	71,904	25,532	18,315	12	159	1,050,976	3,227	8 6	1 7 0	69 1 8	978,091	53 8 0	995,459	1,350	23,774	41,280	976	279,302	183,179	7,093,197	98 11 4
1895	9,725	12,060	68,940	18,090	19,696	17	164	1,185,729	2,837	0 0	3 2 0	61 10 0	1,103,890	59 7 2	1,333,491	3,100	27,611	4,477	633	232,080	185,605	6,949,948	100 16 0
1896	10,175	10,947	68,177	16,912	17,935	8	143	1,045,573	2,602	6 9	1 8 0	57 4 7	1,107,637	61 15 2	1,223,396	1,400	26,573	110,354	635	275,203	126,134	6,391,801	101 1 9
1897	9,139	8,203	69,113	16,935	13,760	10	144	1,073,849	2,237	13 3	1 14 0	57 3 2	793,496	57 16 11	891,927	1,700	23,511	1,710	432	273,592	191,684	7,083,594	101 15 4
1898	10,866	7,408	72,071	30,162	12,567	19	191	1,303,990	2,422	3 3	2 4 0	58 13 6	714,785	56 16 9	787,983	2,200	38,715	1,133	392	290,366	193,991	7,468,134	103 10 9
1899	13,938	7,011	78,968	26,531	11,799	23	225	1,770,170	2,927	8 6	4 19 0	62 19 2	698,115	53 4 0	735,721	4,950	46,639	3,543	1,094	294,186	212,368	8,397,313	106 5 11
1900	22,044	7,977	68,945	41,080	12,028	41	353	2,380,513	4,298	7 6	6 0 0	68 19 11	678,374	56 8 0	675,510	6,000	75,189	1,170	1,448	339,463	255,696	10,465,200	111 8 2
1901	23,333	7,789	106,503	46,550	13,574	44	507	3,065,506	4,894	13 6	6 2 0	68 11 6	761,629	56 2 2	723,531	6,100	107,801	2,053	737	396,397	313,068	12,786,190	116 15 2

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

ANNUITIES AND LIFE INSURANCES.

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

YEAR.	ANNUITIES.						LIFE INSURANCES.								
	Immediate.			Deferred.			Contracts entered into.		Receipts.		Payments.				
	Contracts entered into.		Payments.		Contracts entered into.		Receipts.		Payments.		Amount of Claims on Death and Sur-render.				
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount of Annuities.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.			
1892	-	1,157	28,155	£	355,723	£	18,523	230,370	£	18,523	15,517	16,099	£	190	7,354
1893	-	1,420	36,746	£	481,599	£	19,344	251,474	£	19,344	19,346	17,227	£	228	9,296
1894	-	1,565	41,405	£	540,277	£	20,418	275,243	£	20,418	20,107	18,229	£	291	9,641
1895	-	1,808	49,816	£	665,903	£	21,911	305,712	£	21,911	20,903	19,140	£	290	9,861
1896	-	2,203	60,945	£	823,713	£	23,820	347,136	£	23,820	21,264	18,587	£	431	9,578
1897	-	2,051	56,337	£	756,433	£	26,037	392,295	£	26,037	21,512	20,439	£	321	10,050
1898	-	2,065	55,753	£	750,354	£	27,963	432,761	£	27,963	21,562	21,562	£	341	11,673
1899	-	2,031	54,044	£	719,419	£	29,747	472,532	£	29,747	21,266	21,575	£	343	10,663
1900	-	2,258	49,893	£	728,142	£	31,409	503,297	£	31,409	21,460	22,185	£	364	15,428
1901	-	1,764	42,938	£	562,159	£	33,209	527,371	£	33,209	21,972	22,047	£	380	13,998

* 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 1901, and the Number and Amount of CONTRACTS in existence on the 31st December 1901.

	CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO				TOTAL.	
	From 17 April 1865 to 31 December 1900.		From 1 Jan. 1901 to 31 December 1901.			
	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 1901, viz.:—						
Immediate Annuities - -	37,000	776,407 10 8	1,764	42,268 8 2	38,764	818,675 18 10
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - -	1,172	20,577 16 8	45	874 17 6	1,217	21,452 14 2
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - -	2,256	40,606 12 0	97	2,190 15 6	2,353	51,797 7 6
Contracts for Sums payable at Death entered into from the commencement of business on the 17th April 1865 to the 31st December 1901 - - - -	20,149	1,257,126 13 7	920	44,295 10 0	21,069	1,301,422 3 7
Contracts for Annuities in existence on the 31st December 1901, viz.:—						
Immediate Annuities - -	-	-	-	-	22,616	555,694 4 4
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - -	-	-	-	-	1,001	17,246 1 6
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - -	-	-	-	-	1,268	27,995 6 6
Contracts for Sums payable at Death, in existence on the 31st December 1901 - - -	-	-	-	-	12,546	748,972 4 9

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 1901, 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 1901, 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. 1901.	Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the Year.
STOCKS:		
2½ per cent. Consols - - -	£ 65,385,307 12 6	£ 61,402,189 3 4
2½ per cents. - - -	8,888,170 15 8	8,299,329 9 4
Local Loans 3 per cent. Stock -	10,947,890 5 1	11,002,428 14 1
2½ per cent. Annuities (1905) -	302,000 0 0	225,205 0 0
2½ per cent. Guaranteed Land Stock	3,967,550 15 8	3,729,497 14 8
2½ per cent. War Stock - - -	205,000 0 0	200,900 0 0
BILLS AND BONDS:		
Treasury Bills - - -	320,000 0 0	311,577 14 4
Exchequer Bonds (1903) - - -	70,000 0 0	69,650 0 0
Exchequer Bonds (1905) - - -	130,000 0 0	128,537 10 0
Egyptian Guaranteed 3 per cent. Bonds	599,100 0 0	602,096 10 0
Greek Guaranteed 2½ per cent. Bonds	1,210,400 0 0	1,116,594 0 0
Canada Guaranteed 4 per cent. Bonds	30,000 0 0	30,300 0 0
Irish Land Commission Bonds -	800,000 0 0	800,000 0 0
Local Loans Bonds - - -	7,400,000 0 0	7,400,000 0 0
ANNUITIES FOR TERMS OF YEARS:		
Converted Annuity, per 46 & 47 Vict. c. 54. s. 5, and 48 & 49 Vict. c. 43. - - -	321,918 0 0	(a) 1,226,422 18 4
Savings Bank Annuity expiring 1913-14, per 46 & 47 Vict. c. 54. 45 & 46 Vict. c. 43., 50 & 51 Vict. c. 16., 62 & 63 Vict. c. 9., 63 Vict. c. 7., and 1 Edw. VII. c. 7. - - -	180,559 0 0	(a & b) 1,649,385 0 0
Savings Banks Annuities expiring 1924-25, per 62 & 63 Vict. c. 9., 63 Vict. c. 7., and 1 Edw. VII. c. 7. - - -	584,717 0 0	(a & b) 9,250,704 0 0
Book Debt Annuity, per 62 & 63 Vict. c. 9., 63 Vict. c. 7., and 1 Edw. VII. 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) 68,129 14 3
Permanent Charges Redemption Annuity, per 46 Vict. c. 1. s. 2. - - -	6,398 8 6	(a) 6,278 2 8
Red Sea and India Telegraph Annuity, per 25 & 26 Vict. c. 39. - - -	3,100 0 0	17,050 0 0
Russian - Dutch Loan Annuity, per 54 & 55 Vict. c. 26. - - -	35,176 18 0	(a) 163,456 14 8
Telegraph Annuities, per 55 & 56 Vict. c. 59., 59 & 60 Vict. c. 40., 61 & 62 Vict. c. 33., and 62 & 63 Vict. c. 38. - - -	173,308 11 0	(a) 1,648,884 0 10
Carried forward - - -	119,369,858 2 4	702,649 4 10

(a) Value, inclusive of interest, to 31st December 1901.

(b) Cash value (at the price of Consols on 31st December 1901) of the amount of 2½ per cent. Consols, estimated to have been unreplaced at 31st December 1901, 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. 1901.			Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the Year.		
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	
Brought forward	-	-	119,369,858	2 4		702,649	4 10	
ANNUITIES, &c.—<i>cont.</i>								
Light Railways Annuities, per 54 & 55 Vict. c. 24. s. 4	65,697	7 0	(a) 132,239	8 4		—		
Barracks Annuities, per 53 & 54 Vict. c. 25.	110,484	7 0	(a) 878,429	12 5		—		
Pensions Commutation Annuities, per 34 & 35 Vict. c. 36.	38,709	12 0	(a) 173,589	5 0		—		
Indian Army Pension Deficiency Fund Annuities, per 48 & 49 Vict. c. 67. s. 5 (2), and 59 & 60 Vict. c. 28. s. 37	261,136	2 0	(a) 1,464,664	18 6		—		
Uganda Railway Annuity, per 59 & 60 Vict. c. 38., and 63 & 64 Vict. c. 11.	215,048	15 0	(a) 3,718,406	0 11		—		
British Museum (Purchase of Land) Annuity, per 57 & 58 Vict. c. 34.	7,732	10 0	(a) 196,406	3 7		—		
Public Offices (Acquisition of Site) Annuity, per 59 Vict. c. 5.	16,766	6 0	(a) 442,835	16 0		—		
Royal Niger Company Annuity, per 62 & 63 Vict. c. 43.	44,474	7 0	(a) 822,251	0 4		—		
Military Works Annuity, per 60 Vict. c. 7., 62 & 63 Vict. c. 41., and 1 Edw. 7. c. 40.	47,802	0 0	(a) 836,009	7 9		—		
Naval Works Annuity, per 58 & 59 Vict. c. 35., 62 & 63 Vict. c. 42., and 1 Edw. VII. c. 39.	35,555	14 0	(a) 586,105	13 8		—		
ADVANCES, in respect of which Annuities had not been granted at 31st December 1901:								
Under Pensions Commutation Act, 34 & 35 Vict. c. 36.	27,090	15 0	27,090	15 0		328	4 2	
Telegraph Acts, 55 & 56 Vict. c. 59., 59 & 60 Vict. c. 40., 61 & 62 Vict. c. 33., and 62 & 63 Vict. c. 38.	651,500	0 0	651,500	0 0		9,115	15 1	
Uganda Railway Acts, 1896 and 1900, 59 & 60 Vict. c. 38. and 63 & 64 Vict. c. 11.	770,000	0 0	770,000	0 0		12,987	14 8	
Military Works Acts, 1897, 1899, and 1901, 60 Vict. c. 7., 62 & 63 Vict. c. 41., and 1 Edw. VII. c. 40.	950,000	0 0	950,000	0 0		15,332	17 6	
Naval Works Acts, 1895, 1899, and 1901, 58 & 59 Vict. c. 35. 62 & 63 Vict. c. 42., and 1 Edw. VII. c. 39.	2,310,000	0 0	2,310,000	0 0		29,861	1 9	
Pacific Cable Act, 1901, 1 Edw. VII. c. 31.	464,600	0 0	464,600	0 0		3,274	12 8	
			£ 133,793,986	3 10		773,549	10 8 ½	
Add—Value of Securities								
						133,793,986	3 10	
Cash balance in Banks of England and Ireland								
						18,840	15 10	
						£ 134,586,376	10 4	

(a) Value, inclusive of interest, to 31st December 1901.

National Debt Office,
13th May 1902.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 1901, 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 1901, 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 1901 (including interest)	140,399,916 8 9	Value of Securities according to the average price of the day on 31 Dec. 1901	134,597,535 14 6
Amount of expenses remaining unpaid (partly estimated)	24,533 10 5	Amount of cash in hands of Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt	18,840 15 10
		Total Amount in the hands of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt	- - -
		Amount in the hands of His Majesty's Postmaster-General	417,319 15 0
		Lease.—Amount required to meet Warrants issued to Depositors but not cashed on 31st December 1901	106,175 19 3
		Value of the Central Savings Bank Premises (estimated)	134,897,230 6 1
		Excess of Liabilities over Assets	372,000 0 0
			5,146,249 13 1
			140,417,769 19 3

N.B.—The excess of liabilities over assets is due to the low price at which the securities stood on 31st December 1901, *viz.* 2½ per cent. Consols were valued at 94. In the 20 years from 1876 to 1896 inclusive, a total sum of 1,698,767½ was paid into the Exchequer out of the funds of the Post Office Savings Banks under sec. 14 of the Act 40 Vict. c. 13, being the excess of interest accrued from Securities, over the amount of interest paid and credited to depositors and the working expenses. In the four years from 1896 to 1899 inclusive, there was a total deficiency of 34,123½. In 1900 there was an excess of interest of 10,466½. The cost of the site of the Savings Bank buildings in Queen Victoria Street and the cost of the buildings (together 372,000½) have been paid out of the Post Office Savings Bank funds.

APPENDIX K.

Money Orders.

MONEY ORDER BUSINESS in the last TEN YEARS.

YEAR.	INLAND ORDERS.			COLONIAL ORDERS.			FOREIGN ORDERS.			GRAND TOTAL.		
	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.
1892-93	8,963,032	24,618,909	·6	485,936	1,635,330	1·3	983,960	2,423,812	3·4	10,442,918	28,683,951	·9
1893-94	9,027,934	24,575,036	·7	515,476	1,767,701	6·1	981,364	2,378,092	Decrease. 1·2	10,524,774	28,720,329	·7
1894-95	9,100,304	24,953,532	1·7	518,563	1,711,818	·5	976,340	2,257,777	·5	10,585,206	28,923,127	·7
1895-96	9,334,296	25,532,236	1·5	539,786	1,773,579	4·0	1,028,981	2,366,002	Increase. 5·1	10,590,963	29,726,817	2·7
1896-97	9,314,023	25,919,533	Decrease. ·2	573,135	1,905,651	6·1	1,034,460	2,423,573	·7	10,921,617	30,240,087	1·7
1897-98	9,429,609	27,494,145	1·3	567,315	1,848,971	Decrease. 1·0	1,151,334	2,777,563	9·3	11,123,258	32,114,579	1·8
1898-99	9,727,047	28,604,078	3·1	583,414	1,865,307	Increase. 4·6	1,160,140	2,816,133	2·5	11,475,201	33,273,517	3·1
1899-1900	10,292,890	30,506,351	5·8	617,340	1,976,411	4·0	1,177,229	2,819,500	1·4	12,067,459	35,201,292	5·3
1900-01	11,376,618	34,454,569	10·5	680,370	2,074,466	10·2	1,207,679	2,846,311	2·5	13,963,667	39,374,665	9·7
1901-02	11,599,333	36,660,120	4·5	734,735	2,463,714	15·3	1,296,343	3,046,367	6·5	13,963,410	42,169,301	5·2

APPENDIX K.—continued.

Money Orders—continued.

YEAR.	ENGLAND AND WALES.					SCOTLAND.					IRELAND.					UNITED KINGDOM.				
	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.
1892-93	7,391,775	20,688,172	6	0	94.9	1,482,082	2,605,839	1.0	1.2	25.2	539,175	1,354,798	Dec. '6	1.1	11.6	8,963,082	24,618,909	6	9	23.3
1893-94	7,488,084	20,647,160	1.2	05	94.9	1,008,662	2,564,001	2.2	1.3	24.4	536,218	1,303,275	5	6	11.6	9,027,984	24,575,086	7.7	1	23.3
1894-95	7,658,756	21,040,022	2.3	1.9	95.4	904,834	2,540,507	1.3	5	23.9	536,714	1,303,913	Inc.	06	11.6	9,190,304	24,953,532	1.7	1.6	23.6
1895-96	7,778,115	21,539,006	1.5	2.3	95.3	1,017,920	2,971,839	2.2	4.7	24.2	538,861	1,371,391	4	5	11.8	9,334,296	25,582,236	1.5	2.5	23.6
1896-97	7,784,344	21,851,293	08	1.4	95.1	992,426	2,696,071	2.4	1	23.5	537,252	1,401,869	Dec. '2	2.2	11.8	9,314,022	25,919,853	2	1.3	23.4
1897-98	7,914,265	23,211,225	1.6	6.2	95.2	967,740	2,772,746	2.4	3.9	22.7	547,614	1,510,174	Inc.	7.7	12.0	9,429,609	27,404,146	1.2	6.0	23.5
1898-99	8,159,871	24,121,270	3.1	3.9	95.9	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	28,604,078	3.1	4.0	24.1
1899-1900	8,656,871	25,697,094	6.0	6.5	27.1	1,047,134	3,119,470	4.3	7.1	24.4	588,885	1,688,787	5.4	7.5	13.0	10,292,890	30,505,351	5.8	6.6	25.3
1900-01	9,638,474	29,213,745	11.3	13.6	29.9	1,034,431	3,344,691	4.5	7.2	25.3	642,613	1,896,423	9.1	12.2	14.2	11,375,518	34,454,859	10.3	13.9	27.7
1901-02	10,007,088	31,006,654	4.4	6.1	30.7	1,141,433	3,586,429	4.2	6.3	25.4	683,862	2,097,087	6.4	10.5	15.3	11,892,383	36,600,120	4.5	6.4	28.5

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 1902.*

	Number.	Amount.
Admiralty, Bills Branch - - -	31,921	£ 114,567
„ Greenwich Hospital - - -	5,358	6,133
„ Naval Allotments - - -	396,574	569,818
„ „ Pensions - - -	131,950	966,402
„ Royal Fleet Reserve - - -	3,915	6,675
Board of Education, England - - -	11,669	103,218
Board of Trade, Bankruptcy - - -	72,598	43,884
„ „ Pensions - - -	3,974	3,632
Civil Service Commission - - -	1,390	4,426
India-Office - - - - -	1,233	4,621
Inland Revenue, England - - -	285,561	1,097,534
Metropolitan Police - - - -	18,583	240,165
Office of Works - - - - -	6,644	36,851
Scotch Education Department - - -	457	4,748
War Office - - - - -	1,329,518	4,269,201
Excise Duties - - - - -	382,117	1,340,091
Legacy and Succession Duties - - -	11,477	48,197
Public Works, Ireland - - - -	126	41
Inland Revenue, Ireland - - -	24,628	87,801
„ „ Scotland - - - -	42,270	152,385
	2,761,956	9,099,890

* 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.***

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER and AMOUNT of INLAND TELEGRAPH MONEY ORDERS issued in each Year since the ESTABLISHMENT of the Service in September 1889.

Year.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per Cent. on Number.	Increase per Cent. on Amount.
1889-90	3,857	£ 15,132	—	—
1890-91	30,196	112,571	—	—
1891-92	42,055	157,429	39·3	39·8
1892-93	80,016	292,837	90·3	86·0
1893-94	106,890	366,908	33·6	25·3
1894-95	132,457	456,731	23·9	24·5
1895-96	153,318	515,304	15·7	12·8
1896-97	160,470	528,316	4·7	2·5
1897-98	205,754	698,944	28·2	32·3
1898-99	257,650	878,072	25·2	25·6
1899-1900	311,943	999,086	21·1	13·8
1900-01	369,165	1,128,661	18·3	13·0
1901-02	411,952	1,240,619	11·6	9·9

2nd September 1889.—System restricted to London and 17 other large towns.

1st March 1890.—System extended to all Head and Branch Offices.

1st March 1892.—System further extended to all Sub-Offices and Town Sub-Offices transacting Telegraph and Money Order business.

1st February 1897.—Rates of Commission reduced.

1st October 1898.—Private messages allowed in Telegrams of Advice, and compulsory repetition abolished.

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

YEAR.	COLONIAL ORDERS.									
	ISSUED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.					ISSUED IN THE COLONIES.				
	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.		Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	
1892-93	103,181	£ 365,394	11·4	9·9		382,755	£ 1,989,886	Decrease. 1·1	Decrease. 4·0	
1893-94	117,425	430,364	13·8	17·7		398,061	1,887,837	Increase. 3·9	Increase. 5·3	
1894-95	153,955	427,288	5·5	Decrease. 7		393,607	1,294,530	Decrease. 8	Decrease. 3·9	
1895-96	127,194	435,820	2·6	Increase. 1·9		412,592	1,342,769	Increase. 4·5	Increase. 4·5	
1896-97	129,171	430,414	1·5	Decrease. 1·3		443,964	1,473,247	7·6	9·8	
1897-98	137,655	483,985	6·5	Increase. 13·4		429,660	1,333,936	Decrease. 3·3	Decrease. 7·8	
1898-99	142,169	497,629	3·2	2·8		451,245	1,360,678	Increase. 5·0	Increase. 1	
1899-1900	142,574	476,631	2	Decrease. 4·2		474,766	1,369,780	5·3	2·8	
1900-01	140,772	449,483	Decrease. 1·2	5·6		539,598	1,635,012	13·6	16·0	
1901-02	142,114	466,901	Increase. 9	Increase. 1·6		642,651	2,004,913	19·1	23·4	
						TOTAL.				
						Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	
						486,986	£ 1,635,330	1·3	Decrease. 1·3	
						515,476	1,767,701	6·1	Increase. 8·0	
						518,563	1,711,818	5	Decrease. 3·1	
						539,786	1,776,579	4·0	Increase. 3·9	
						573,135	1,905,661	6·1	7·1	
						567,315	1,842,871	Decrease. 1·0	Decrease. 3·2	
						593,414	1,853,307	Increase. 4·6	Increase. 8	
						617,340	1,876,411	4·0	9	
						680,370	2,074,495	10·2	10·5	
						784,735	2,468,714	15·3	18·7	

APPENDIX K.—continued.
Money Orders—continued.

YEAR.	FOREIGN ORDERS.									
	ISSUED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.					ISSUED ABROAD.				
	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.		Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	TOTAL.
1892-93	301,535	741,470	1·1	Decrease ·6	692,415	1,683,542	4·5	3·7	983,960	2,420,512
1893-94	317,906	797,377	5·	Increase. 7·5	683,558	1,580,715	Decrease. 4·1	Decrease. 6·3	981,394	2,378,062
1894-95	322,183	784,883	1·3	Decrease. 1·3	684,187	1,470,894	1·4	6·9	976,340	2,327,777
1895-96	330,088	793,582	2·4	Increase. 1·4	693,793	1,567,480	Increase. 6·5	Increase. 6·5	1,098,891	2,366,002
1896-97	335,683	804,558	7·7	11·8	678,837	1,530,015	Decrease. 2·5	Decrease. 3·3	1,034,460	2,483,573
1897-98	336,321	803,901	8·6	11·3	746,163	1,783,662	Increase. 9·7	Increase. 16·5	1,151,354	2,777,563
1898-99	400,691	1,015,170	3·7	3·1	766,449	1,800,963	1·9	·9	1,160,140	2,816,133
1899-1900	407,193	1,036,469	1·6	3·4	776,101	1,780,011	1·4	Decrease. 1·1	1,177,229	2,819,500
1900-01	426,985	1,080,975	4·8	3·9	780,744	1,764,356	1·3	·8	1,207,679	2,846,311
1901-02	472,312	1,176,143	10·6	8·7	814,080	1,870,235	4·2	Increase. 6·0	1,286,942	3,046,367

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

TABLE showing the AMOUNT of MONEY ORDER TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN the UNITED KINGDOM and the COLONIES in each of the past Ten Years.

Year.	Australia.		British America.		India.		New Zealand.		South Africa.		West Indies.		Other Colonies and Postal Agencies.		TOTAL.	
	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Australia.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in America.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in India.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in New Zealand.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in South Africa.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in W. Indies.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Colonies.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Colonies.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1892-93	106,823	294,894	84,417	215,513	80,344	127,077	25,662	74,276	31,028	254,813	10,813	201,666	24,308	101,697	365,394	1,269,936
1903-04	148,702	265,881	92,845	215,136	84,228	167,933	29,933	78,468	36,880	287,639	11,863	216,868	25,913	105,394	430,364	1,337,537
1894-95	194,692	228,494	102,887	193,274	89,405	143,257	30,363	72,638	42,966	323,191	11,496	207,409	25,484	114,237	487,288	1,294,530
1896-96	117,599	222,797	100,671	176,498	96,345	152,225	31,555	72,888	43,539	336,478	12,748	163,973	23,333	138,600	435,820	1,242,769
1896-97	112,874	242,093	102,705	163,225	82,537	132,764	31,288	76,785	53,386	483,733	14,096	163,475	33,509	163,172	430,414	1,475,247
1897-98	111,906	255,890	107,238	171,722	136,699	201,562	32,040	86,802	46,191	346,521	14,773	156,369	33,388	138,080	463,935	1,383,936
1898-99	113,908	243,516	109,370	178,263	135,069	207,907	31,809	96,642	55,022	355,777	16,463	144,561	35,968	131,012	497,689	1,360,678
1899-1900	114,908	244,133	107,786	197,034	103,155	203,194	32,209	112,761	64,641	365,037	14,779	145,194	39,153	127,498	476,631	1,396,780
1900-01	113,131	250,767	107,139	218,663	71,863	218,229	31,206	106,966	70,445	536,632	14,977	142,875	40,722	148,910	449,463	1,625,012
1901-02	113,093	263,616	111,274	253,592	75,973	237,504	32,370	105,969	60,107	798,967	18,069	136,280	45,713	166,885	454,901	2,006,813

APPENDIX K.—continued.

Money Orders—continued.

TABLE showing the AMOUNT 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.		Holland.		Hungary.		Italy.	
	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 Holland.	Issued in Hungary.	Issued in Italy.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Italy.
1893-93	20,246	16,778	28,017	46,471	15,311	14,585	3,551	25,617	126,487	156,554	191,345	133,946	18,123	23,522	8,002	4,436	45,430	44,889
1893-94	26,105	19,869	28,113	50,571	14,032	15,805	4,042	28,465	121,916	154,838	183,708	138,218	19,987	24,971	9,084	5,036	36,718	21,168
1894-95	27,815	20,259	31,245	46,101	15,134	15,029	4,654	26,241	122,597	157,831	179,968	144,550	21,323	27,010	5,944	5,546	38,256	16,707
1895-96	32,054	24,561	32,994	51,277	15,562	15,354	4,370	26,237	129,064	164,355	178,087	149,108	29,300	30,327	5,338	7,757	47,751	21,213
1896-97	40,654	26,516	34,026	53,426	15,565	15,209	4,758	28,029	137,261	160,080	190,090	148,716	42,535	32,525	8,052	7,525	53,157	17,703
1897-98	52,704	23,961	36,162	56,301	17,193	16,014	5,000	31,563	140,109	164,654	203,781	100,222	50,616	31,065	11,445	7,524	69,752	16,929
1898-99	63,536	34,131	33,613	58,234	17,555	19,351	5,985	50,675	155,206	175,332	201,194	160,936	47,798	32,639	15,003	9,312	71,375	16,325
1899-1900	85,680	33,774	40,449	59,766	19,787	21,230	6,064	46,874	153,418	170,130	205,117	172,568	39,654	32,665	20,394	9,345	76,176	16,133
1900-01	81,332	34,619	42,220	58,232	20,466	21,617	6,227	43,725	167,379	185,300	203,319	175,387	33,735	34,427	25,090	11,340	84,319	16,536
1901-02	83,280	38,798	45,691	60,562	22,212	18,350	6,597	41,919	179,874	176,301	219,231	192,552	40,625	35,973	36,960	12,261	94,330	18,907

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

TABLE showing the AMOUNT of MONEY ORDER TRANSACTIONS between the UNITED KINGDOM and FOREIGN COUNTRIES in each of the past Ten Years—*continued.*

YEAR.	Japan.		Norway.		Portugal.		Sweden.		Switzerland.		United States.		Other Countries.		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.	£
1892-93	598	1,312	25,551	7,203	1,735	— †	27,598	9,904	32,674	21,848	194,324	1,169,489	1,515	9,174	741,470	1,688,548
1893-94	825	1,054	27,526	8,691	1,190	— †	30,664	11,896	32,175	23,748	257,170	1,063,306	2,092	10,155	797,377	1,580,715
1894-95	1,063	1,180	27,774	9,374	987	— †	29,243	11,892	34,373	24,509	244,177	882,310	2,300	9,355	786,883	1,470,894
1895-96	1,084	2,224	28,891	10,651	916	— †	31,763	11,842	36,079	26,512	221,873	1,015,187	2,846	10,815	798,582	1,567,920
1896-97	1,366	2,060	36,094	11,768	729	— †	37,683	12,496	36,650	26,908	247,853	973,637	3,925	12,503	893,538	1,480,015
1897-98	1,991	2,413	44,164	12,501	765	— †	42,093	14,399	39,161	28,984	251,965	988,576	15,770	253,646	993,901	1,783,682
1898-99	1,351	2,327	42,139	14,693	1,123	231	43,392	14,397	38,964	20,065	255,367	982,439	18,991	230,446	1,015,170	1,800,862
1899-1900	1,561	2,344	43,253	15,363	1,116	683	45,768	15,425	41,946	31,268	246,312	1,030,444	8,881	110,121	1,089,489	1,780,011
1900-01	2,011	2,700	48,380	21,327	1,529	1,223	52,692	17,829	42,964	30,794	230,762	1,116,617	8,680	12,668	1,080,975	1,764,336
1901-02	2,375	3,046	50,708	18,094	2,033	1,854	55,329	16,468	46,461	33,796	281,887	1,189,877	7,634	11,507	1,176,143	1,870,225

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

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

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER and AMOUNT of TELEGRAPH MONEY ORDER TRANSACTIONS between the UNITED KINGDOM and FOREIGN COUNTRIES during the Year ended 31st March 1902.

Country.	Date of Commencement.	Issued in the United Kingdom.		Issued Abroad.	
		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
Germany - -	1 Nov. 1898	2,003	£ 10,488	2,603	£ 14,049
Belgium - -	1 Oct. 1899	677	4,129	372	2,175
Netherlands - -	"	1,412	6,048	231	1,146
Austria - -	1 Feb. 1900	210	1,265	352	1,512
Hungary - -	"	63	419	76	1,240
Luxembourg - -	"	5	44	5	27
Norway - -	"	103	680	270	1,675
Roumania - -	"	17	88	36	238
Switzerland - -	"	257	1,816	146	818
Italy - - -	1 Aug. 1900	256	1,866	200	1,386
Sweden - -	1 Jan. 1901	60	404	77	476
France - -	1 June 1901	1,189	7,738	1,038	5,733
Egypt - -	1 Nov. 1901	2	15	18	180
Totals - - -	-	6,254	35,000	5,424	30,733

APPENDIX L.

Postal Orders.

TABLE showing the NUMBER and VALUE of POSTAL ORDERS issued to the PUBLIC during the last TEN YEARS.

Year.	NUMBER OF EACH CLASS OF POSTAL ORDERS ISSUED.																TOTAL.	
	s. d. 1 0	s. d. 1 6	s. d. 2 0	s. d. 2 6	s. d. 3 0	s. d. 3 6	s. d. 4 0	s. d. 4 6	s. d. 5 0	s. d. 7 6	s. d. 10 0	s. d. 10 6	s. d. 15 0	s. d. 20 0	Number.	Value.		
1892-93	- 5,580,891	3,119,158	3,778,475	3,410,793	3,030,251	1,780,359	3,560,640	1,404,104	8,101,497	2,529,813	7,124,315	1,764,128	2,174,989	9,117,166	56,500,608	21,345,154		
1893-94	- 4,478,011	3,272,642	3,917,211	3,631,580	3,142,482	1,872,973	3,680,353	1,553,221	8,430,544	2,656,717	7,345,906	1,850,006	2,216,368	9,155,927	57,232,939	21,766,793		
1894-95	- 4,838,417	3,530,495	4,301,678	3,930,679	3,356,712	1,907,239	3,894,072	1,678,433	8,924,330	2,841,307	7,084,938	1,978,193	2,304,452	9,416,108	63,631,078	22,766,283		
1895-96	- 5,218,479	3,730,879	4,507,886	4,278,216	3,518,322	2,121,855	4,083,074	1,775,253	9,321,088	3,016,918	8,002,140	2,111,300	2,426,666	9,854,301	64,076,377	23,893,594		
1896-97	- 5,550,333	4,031,730	4,833,032	4,506,310	3,701,354	2,247,392	4,296,867	1,902,053	9,764,529	3,187,525	8,278,078	2,221,829	2,537,509	10,119,047	67,182,668	24,826,874		
1897-98	- 6,194,180	4,408,533	5,204,990	4,825,093	3,930,696	2,336,658	4,574,889	2,045,932	10,282,220	3,388,659	8,611,613	2,308,404	2,663,560	10,464,706	71,380,376	26,014,583		
1898-99	- 7,536,871	4,961,470	5,830,207	5,105,452	4,211,884	2,533,398	4,934,823	2,150,371	10,886,906	3,550,346	9,092,632	2,442,440	2,742,811	10,794,806	76,755,217	27,217,456		
1899-1900	- 8,906,173	5,088,206	6,252,192	5,419,403	4,583,350	2,676,519	5,419,544	2,287,151	11,686,803	3,737,810	9,461,813	2,538,907	2,863,447	11,214,357	82,115,674	28,633,884		
1900-01	- 8,229,237	5,338,145	6,346,968	5,715,873	5,024,008	2,964,129	5,651,566	2,361,555	12,363,898	3,936,520	9,977,087	2,768,096	2,982,261	11,522,006	85,290,029	29,881,726		
1901-02	- 7,872,628	5,651,223	6,810,366	6,129,160	5,234,397	3,144,598	5,892,980	2,554,596	13,129,490	4,201,602	10,657,738	2,914,479	3,331,634	13,282,468	90,687,404	33,724,681		
RATES OF POUNDAGE.																		
Amount of Order		-	-	s. d. 1 6	s. d. 2 0	s. d. 2 6	s. d. 3 0	s. d. 3 6	s. d. 4 0	s. d. 4 6	s. d. 5 0	s. d. 7 6	s. d. 1 0 0	s. d. 10 6	s. d. 15 0	s. d. 20 0		
Poundage.		1d.														1½d.		

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 1902.

NAMES OF OFFICES.	Correspondence.			Total Weights.
	Weight in Ounces.			
	England and Wales.	Scotland.	Ireland.	
	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.
Admiralty	4,578,451	—	—	4,578,451
Agriculture and Technical Institute, Ireland.	—	—	757,763	757,763
Attorney General	5,304	—	—	5,304
Board of Agriculture	2,556,929	—	—	2,556,929
Board of Trade	2,877,910	—	—	2,877,910
Census Office	137,497	—	—	137,497
Chancellor, The Lord	54,253	—	—	54,252
Charity Commissioners	168,359	—	—	168,359
Chelsea Hospital	156,844	—	—	156,844
Chief Secretary, Dublin Castle	176,156	—	547,119	723,275
Civil Service Commissioners	504,632	—	239	504,871
Clerk of the Parliaments	734,378	—	—	734,378
Colonial Office	625,093	—	—	625,093
Constabulary of Ireland	—	—	386,059	386,059
Court of Bankruptcy	—	—	522	522
Courts of Law and Justice, Scotland	—	63,720	—	63,720
Crown and Hanaper	—	—	3,452	3,452
Crown Office	—	46,364	—	46,364
Customs	1,292,823	—	6,187	1,298,980
Emigrants' Information Office	191,294	—	—	191,294
Exchequer and Audit Department	451,837	—	—	451,837
Exchequer Offices in Scotland	—	41,794	—	41,794
Foreign Office	557,589	—	—	557,589
Home Office	3,954,988	4,713	—	3,959,701
House of Commons	565,901	—	—	565,901
Inland Revenue	24,143,064	5,173,196	3,765,896	33,082,146
Irish Fisheries, Inspector of	—	—	114,424	114,424
Irish Land Commission	—	—	638,809	638,809
Loan Fund Board	—	—	8,302	8,302
Local Government Board	3,518,721	100,884	1,156,974	4,776,579
Local Marine Board	46,666	—	—	46,666
Lord Lieutenant and Private Secretary	—	—	33,884	33,884
Lunacy, Commissioners in	84,176	—	42,396	126,562
Merchant Seamen, Registrar of	674,741	—	—	674,741
Mint, The Royal	8,577	—	—	8,577
National Debt Office	72,597	—	—	72,597
Paris Exhibition	89,077	—	—	89,077
Patent Office	909,720	—	—	909,720
Paymaster General	81,614	—	46,020	127,634
Prince of Wales, H.R.H.	702	—	—	702
Prisons Board	—	—	278,063	278,063
Privy Council Office	5,537,723	—	—	5,537,723
Public Education	—	38,773	1,000,664	1,039,437
Public Works Loan Board	69,472	—	—	69,472
Record Office	91,934	—	4,811	96,745
Register House	—	28,016	—	28,016
Registrar General	1,067,487	421,526	1,000,051	2,489,064
Registrar of Friendly Societies	172,391	5,441	3,550	181,382
Registrar of Petty Sessions, Clerks	—	—	140,142	140,142
Royal Household, The	42,771	—	—	42,771
Scotch Education Department	881,048	—	—	881,048
Scotch Fisheries Board	—	35,599	—	35,599
Secretary for Scotland	143,234	7,203	—	150,437
Solicitor General	3,600	—	—	3,600
Stationery Office	1,414,665	—	108,637	1,523,302
Supreme Court of Judicature	757,487	—	71,750	829,237
Surveys of the United Kingdom	—	—	232,771	232,771
Treasury	540,598	—	—	540,598
Valuation Office	—	—	168,733	168,733
War Office	6,018,569	—	577,432	6,596,001
Woods and Forests, Commissioners of	134,574	—	—	134,574
Works and Buildings, Commissioners of	260,528	—	768,095	1,028,623
TOTALS	66,368,937	5,967,229	11,865,190	84,201,356

APPENDIX N.

Private Wires and Telephone Exchange Wires.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER OF CONTRACTS, MILES OF WIRE, and INSTRUMENTS, and the RENTALS for the last Ten Years.

Year.	Contracts.	Increase.	Miles of Wire.	Increase.	Instruments.	Increase.	Rentals.*	Increase.
1892-93	-	-	-	-	-	-	£	£
1893-94	3,809	Dec. 46	22,828	662	10,188	196	136,813	3,556
1894-95	3,705	Dec. 104	23,103	275	10,234	46	138,769	1,956
1895-96	3,709	Inc. 4	23,209	106	10,341	107	140,088	1,319
1896-97	3,831	122	21,581	Dec. 1,628	10,385	44	\$134,312	Dec. 5,776
1897-98	3,821	Dec. 10	22,380	Inc. 799	10,401	16	135,879	Inc. 1,067
1898-99	3,913	Inc. 92	27,114	4,734	10,825	424	130,109	Dec. 5,270
1899-1900	4,038	125	30,198	3,084	11,396	571	142,602	Inc. 12,493
1900-01	4,152	114	32,096	1,898	12,020	624	148,250	5,648
1901-02	4,541	389	34,356	2,260	13,087	1,017	¶155,694	7,444
	6,151	1,610	41,207	6,851	15,432	2,395	182,143	26,449

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

† 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 1st. each.	Carriages.				
	At 9s. each.	At 4s. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.		At 42s. each.	At 21s. each.	At 15s. each.	At 10s. 6d. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.
1892-93	5,061	13,563	1,042,865	118,073	28,679	58,707	216,225	295	1,432
1893-94	4,479	11,656	1,105,007	118,663	27,946	55,065	217,738	256	1,438
1894-95	4,418	11,573	1,162,890	114,513	26,307	52,161	214,488	335	1,730
1895-96	4,227	10,870	1,206,615	117,176	26,394	53,945	231,505	360	1,860
1896-97	3,897	9,952	1,238,921	113,968	24,752	51,608	229,685	330	1,639
1897-98	3,963	9,754	1,254,907	102,797	21,026	43,653	233,075	343	1,816
1898-99	3,844	9,245	1,287,504	118,094	25,035	51,515	242,944	369	1,914
1899-1900	3,543	8,395	1,306,557	119,836	25,413	50,356	243,403	356	1,797
1900-01	3,467	8,124	1,343,913	122,494	26,533	50,370	246,753	340	1,839
1901-02	3,398	7,766	1,404,283	123,978	27,644	50,418	254,331	329	1,889

APPENDIX O.—continued.

Inland Revenue Licenses—continued. NUMBER and DESCRIPTION of LICENSES issued by the Post Office during the last Ten Years—continued.

YEAR.	Armorial Bearings.		Guns at 10s. each.	Game.			Game Keepers at 40s. each.	Total Number.	Revenue.
	At 4s. each.	At 21s. each.		Red at 60s.	Blue and Green at 40s.	Occasional at 20s.			
1892-93	9,166	28,633	137,346	29,604	3,233	4,906	3,533	1,719,889	1,003,683
1893-94	9,029	29,672	164,973	32,101	3,108	4,635	3,639	1,783,424	1,034,315
1894-95	8,385	28,095	168,713	31,708	3,114	4,388	3,633	1,827,028	1,033,366
1895-96	8,406	28,318	161,663	33,468	3,239	5,043	3,746	1,896,824	1,078,994
1896-97	7,821	27,767	172,827	36,306	3,406	5,794	3,903	1,932,708	1,094,424
1897-98	6,446	26,267	176,008	37,780	3,395	5,564	3,902	1,935,383	1,085,388
1898-99	7,768	23,321	179,886	37,669	3,809	5,420	4,019	2,007,350	1,134,810
1899-1900	7,823	28,330	199,947	40,072	3,998	5,644	4,174	2,049,614	1,161,066
1900-01	7,953	28,396	215,191	40,623	4,160	6,087	4,236	2,113,849	1,194,586
1901-02	7,888	28,428	228,278	43,321	4,015	6,553	4,358	2,166,823	1,239,081

APPENDIX P.

RETURN showing, for each YEAR from 1892-93, the REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, and NET REVENUE of the POSTAL SERVICES.

YEAR.	REVENUE.				EXPENDITURE.										Percentage of Total Expenditure to Total Revenue.	Net Revenue.	Net Revenue after deducting Expenditure on Sites and Buildings from Total Expenditure.	
	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.				
1892-93	10,344,353	—	255,766	10,600,140	75,975	150,569	176,533	4,190,823	39.53	1,360,297	12.83	719,615	624,987	178,898	7,507,645	70.82	3,092,504	
1893-94	10,472,876	—	262,009	10,734,885	46,934	171,823	183,412	4,446,361	41.41	1,393,947	13.00	720,350	624,574	170,311	7,759,712	72.28	2,975,173	
1894-95	10,748,014	—	277,446	11,025,460	12,597	175,390	188,919	4,597,355	41.69	1,395,292	12.65	729,813	677,524	178,464	7,955,344	72.15	3,070,116	
1895-96	11,403,370	—	294,575	11,759,945	40,847	170,075	198,386	4,784,446	40.25	1,394,182	11.85	714,332	625,074	199,980	8,086,272	69.76	3,673,673	
1896-97	11,870,056	39,841	230,438	12,140,335	8,842	162,501	207,529	4,927,095	40.56	1,400,521	11.52	722,585	619,298	197,983	8,246,356	67.94	3,900,579	
1897-98	12,206,694	—	213,682	12,420,376	52,784	133,369	234,224	5,230,588	42.11	1,456,131	11.72	746,757	638,836	200,988	8,683,317	69.91	3,737,069	
1898-99	12,841,369	—	207,918	13,049,317	37,127	136,760	219,443	5,504,313	42.10	1,473,719	11.29	821,370	671,078	206,196	9,190,006	70.42	3,859,311	
1899-1900	13,192,020	—	202,315	13,394,335	116,294	109,096	269,092	5,963,369	44.52	1,474,118	11.00	769,307	719,944	213,747	9,683,999	73.29	3,710,386	
1900-01	13,770,886	—	218,584	13,989,470	78,789	156,373	286,255	6,277,697	44.85	1,510,916	10.79	764,805	732,271	234,478	10,041,584	71.74	3,963,886	
1901-02 (Estimated)	14,225,906	—	136,964	14,465,870	106,347	159,319	500,971	6,586,046	45.18	1,574,381	10.88	770,421	757,106	261,818	10,466,519	72.35	3,999,351	

APPENDIX Q.

Return showing, for each YEAR from 1892-93, the REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, and NET REVENUE of the POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

YEAR.	REVENUE.				EXPENDITURE.												Percentage of Total Expenditure to 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 Extension.	Superannuations and other Non-Effective Charges.	Salaries, Wages, &c.	Percentage of Salaries to Total Revenue.	Maintenance of the Telegraph System.	Percentage of Maintenance to Total Revenue.	Other Expenditure.		Total Expenditure.					
					Sites and Buildings.	Erection.							Under Tele. Graph Vote.	Under other Votes.						
1892-93	2,486,791	—	39,521	2,526,312	24,595	63,274	97,740	33,574	1,717,123	67.96	402,619	19.49	201,308	62,701	2,692,994	106.59	166,639	18,927	298,888	
1893-94	2,534,264	—	44,942	2,579,206	18,390	48,135	84,144	36,673	1,804,603	69.96	501,474	19.44	195,736	68,460	2,757,645	106.91	478,459	67,770	298,888	
1894-95	2,598,985	—	47,429	2,646,414	3,915	62,854	74,819	39,791	1,833,684	69.28	500,833	18.92	212,893	69,353	2,788,032	105.35	441,638	70,060	298,888	
1895-96	2,835,749	—	44,045	2,879,794	15,156	74,574	80,102	42,888	1,895,419	65.81	542,319	18.83	196,782	73,601	2,920,341	101.40	404,447	129,235	298,888	
1896-97	2,922,440	—	44,905	2,967,354	6,844	87,826	185,414	47,379	1,969,471	66.37	533,419	17.97	204,256	77,201	3,111,810	104.86	444,467	135,028	298,888	
1897-98	3,050,352	—	41,371	3,071,723	36,824	62,583	266,646	61,561	2,081,009	67.74	533,784	19.60	222,031	74,403	3,378,841	109.99	807,116	48,935	298,888	
1898-99	3,204,395	—	56,749	3,260,145	23,806	62,323	228,311	73,439	2,171,518	66.80	617,616	18.94	230,649	76,362	3,482,014	106.80	221,869	87,571	298,888	
1899-1900	3,389,746	—	70,746	3,460,492	18,029	59,529	277,103	81,031	2,279,722	65.87	705,819	20.39	238,610	86,151	3,749,084	108.34	268,298	66,159	298,880	
1900-01	3,380,289	—	75,764	3,456,053	23,160	46,890	260,730	86,375	2,343,760	67.75	691,948	20.00	248,723	96,399	3,766,994	109.76	257,541	66,159	298,880	
1901-02 (Estimated)	3,490,398	—	70,448	3,570,046	34,510	46,219	400,397	96,397	2,416,666	67.69	671,193	24.40	255,943	96,537	4,221,853	118.26	661,800	106,800	298,880	

APPENDIX R.

STATEMENT showing for each YEAR from 1892-93 the combined REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, and NET REVENUE of the
POSTAL and TELEGRAPH SERVICES.

Y E A R.	Revenue.			Expenditure.										Per-centage of Total Expenditure to Total Revenue.	Net Revenue.
	Receipts.	Estimated Value of Services to other Departments.	Total.	Salaries, Wages, &c.		Superannuations and other Non-Effective Charges.		Sites and Buildings.		Other Expenditure.		Total.			
				Amount.	Per-centage to Total Revenue.	Amount.	Per-centage to Total Expenditure.	Amount.	Per-centage to Total Expenditure.	Amount.	Per-centage to Total Expenditure.				
1892-93	£ 12,831,144	£ 295,317	£ 13,126,461	£ 5,907,946	45·01	57·92	£ 210,107	2·06	£ 314,413	3·06	£ 3,768,173	36·94	£ 10,200,639	77·71	£ 2,925,822
1893-94	13,007,140	306,961	13,314,091	6,360,964	47·95	59·43	230,055	2·10	235,282	2·71	3,761,026	33·76	10,517,357	78·90	2,796,734
1894-95	13,346,090	324,875	13,671,974	6,431,039	47·04	59·86	228,710	2·13	244,756	2·28	3,838,801	33·73	10,743,396	78·58	2,925,478
1895-96	14,301,119	338,680	14,639,799	6,629,865	45·29	60·24	240,774	2·19	309,632	2·81	3,826,322	34·76	11,006,613	75·18	3,633,126
1896-97	14,838,946	275,343	15,114,289	6,898,566	45·65	60·72	254,908	2·24	266,013	2·34	3,940,679	34·70	11,358,106	75·15	3,756,123
1897-98	15,837,046	335,063	16,172,109	7,311,597	47·20	60·63	285,785	2·37	275,500	2·28	4,189,276	31·73	12,062,158	77·86	3,429,941
1898-99	16,046,795	263,667	16,310,462	7,765,831	47·62	61·23	322,833	2·55	255,016	2·01	4,328,291	34·16	12,672,020	77·70	3,637,442
1899-1900	16,681,766	273,061	16,954,827	8,243,121	48·91	61·36	360,123	2·61	361,960	2·69	4,477,889	33·84	13,433,083	79·70	3,421,744
1900-01	17,167,476	297,248	17,464,723	8,621,466	49·39	62·30	372,630	2·69	305,212	2·21	4,539,870	32·80	13,838,278	79·28	3,616,245
1901-02 (Estimated)	17,719,504	316,412	18,035,916	8,962,762	49·64	60·95	397,368	2·71	345,395	2·37	4,999,866	33·97	14,038,371	81·44	3,947,546

APPENDIX S.

**Extract from the Finance Accounts for the
Year ended 31st March 1902.**

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

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

POST OFFICE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gross Receipts :						
From Postage Stamps sold by Postmasters in the United Kingdom -	14,763,587	18	2½			
From Postage Stamps sold by Stamp Distributors of Inland Revenue -	228,158	19	7½			
				14,991,746	17	10½
From Postage collected in cash by Country Postmasters -	115,493	17	5½			
From Postage collected in cash in the Metropolis - - -	229,943	2	1½			
				345,436	19	7½
From Postage collected for credit of Imperial Post Office by Foreign Offices - - -	134,871	3	7			
From Postage collected by Colonial Offices and Postmasters and Agents Abroad - - -	51,839	14	7½			
				186,710	18	2½
From Commission on Money Orders -	151,889	11	0			
Ditto Postal Orders -	385,605	8	10½			
				537,494	19	10½
From Miscellaneous Receipts - -	-	-	-			
				37,753	15	11
				16,099,143	11	5½
Payments out of Receipts :						
For Postage, &c., refunded - -	20,399	7	8½			
To Inland Revenue Department -	558,920	0	0			
To Railway Companies, &c., on account of Parcel Post - - -	879,151	15	8			
For Postage collected for credit of Colonial Offices - - -	239,192	19	7½			
For Postage collected for credit of Foreign Offices - - -	172,573	7	6			
				1,870,237	10	6½
Net Receipts	-	-	£	14,228,906	0	11
Payments into Exchequer	-	-	-	£14,300,000	0	0

General Post Office, }
June 1902.

CHARLES A. KING,
Comptroller and Accountant-General.

APPENDIX S.—*continued.*

TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gross Receipts :						
For transmission of Telegrams, &c., in						
Cash - - - - -	1,269,878	5	5½			
For transmission of Telegrams, &c., in						
Stamps - - - - -	2,763,643	18	8½			
				4,033,522	4	2½
Payments out of Receipts :						
To Cable Companies, &c. - - -	538,495	14	11			
To Telegram Moneys refunded, &c. -	4,428	6	1			
				542,924	1	0
Net Receipts - - - - -	£			3,490,598	3	2½
Payments into Exchequer - - -	-	-	-	£3,490,000	0	0

General Post Office, }
June 1902.

CHARLES A. KING,
Comptroller and Accountant-General.

APPENDIX T.

CONSUMPTION of TELEGRAPH STORES and BALANCES in DEPÔTS.

	Year ending March 31st.									
	1892.	1898.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.
—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance in hand at beginning of year	243,404	289,011	305,883	317,159	319,864	365,379	369,075	372,134	379,179	370,328
Purchases	280,287	287,353	355,558	225,792	296,395	397,512	389,080	402,408	500,297	663,178
Returns into stock	135,479	137,312	152,755	145,265	101,931	108,344	152,900	185,633	200,969	286,843
	649,170	663,676	814,196	688,216	718,190	871,235	911,055	960,175	1,080,445	1,320,349
Issues out of stock	410,159	357,793	497,087	368,352	352,811	502,160	538,921	580,996	710,117	862,786
Balance in hand at end of year	289,011	305,883	317,159	319,864	365,379	369,075	372,134	379,179	370,328	457,563

MINES. Reports of H.M. Inspectors for 1901, with Summaries of the Statistical portion under the provisions of the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1887; Metalliferous Mines Regulation Acts, 1872-1875; Slate Mines (Gunpowder) Act, 1882, Districts Nos 1 to 12. Complete. Price 8s. 2½d.
MINES in the United Kingdom and the Isle of Man. List of, for 1901. Price 3s. 2½d.
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