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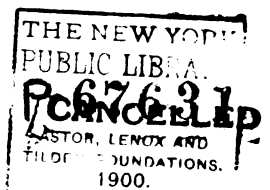


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FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT.

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

MY LORDS,

I HAVE the honour to submit to your Lordships the Forty-sixth Annual Report of the Postmaster-General, being an account of the business of the Department for the year ended the 31st of March 1900.

The whole year fell within the period of office of my predecessor the Duke of Norfolk, whose resignation (in order to proceed with the Imperial Yeomanry to South Africa) was sincerely regretted throughout the Department.

The year was marked by no great changes or striking developements; but the great prosperity of the country and the war in South Africa led to an increase in the work of the Post Office in almost every direction.

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

Appendix A.,
pp. 23 to 27.

—	Number.	Increase per Cent.	Average Number to each Person.
Letters - - -	2,246,800,000	2·7	55·3
Post Cards - - -	400,300,000	4·7	9·8
Book Packets and Circulars >	702,800,000	·2	17·8
Newspapers - - -	163,400,000	6·0	4·0
Parcels (actual number) -	75,448,000	4·9	1·9
Total - - -	3,588,748,000	2·6	88·3

The number of letters registered in the United Kingdom was 16,256,852, an increase of 6·7 per cent. over the number in the previous year.

Registered
letters.

In November the limits of size for postcards, both inland and foreign, were increased to 5½ inches by 3½ inches.

Postcards.

The issue of the thin and stout oblong cards, formerly used for the inland service, and of the old foreign postcards, has ceased; and the official cards now on sale at Post Offices are as follows:—

Inland thin (single and reply)—5½ by 3½ inches.

Inland stout " " " —4½ by 3½ inches (Court size).

Foreign thin " " " —5½ by 3½ inches.

The private postcards are estimated to be about 58 per cent. of the total number now passing through the post.

Newspapers. The increase in the number of newspapers sent is beyond recorded precedent. Those posted in London were nearly 18 per cent. more numerous than in the previous year. Not only was there a greater circulation of existing newspapers, but the number of papers placed on the register rose from 2,400 to 2,560.

Parcels. Of the total number of parcels delivered 64,614,000 were rail borne, while 10,834,000 did not pass over a railway. Inland parcels to the number of 838,113 were registered during the year. Details of the Parcel Post with places abroad will be found on a later page of this Report under the head of "Foreign and Colonial Post."

EXPRESS DELIVERY SERVICE.

Statistics. The total number of express services was 720,381, as compared with 641,227 in 1898-99, an increase of 12·34 per cent. In London 769,764 articles were delivered by express messenger, including 308,058 letters sent out for delivery in advance of the postman.

Service in London on Sunday. The arrangement under which residents in London can obtain delivery of letters on Sunday by special messenger has not been so largely used as was anticipated, the total number of letters so delivered averaging only 59 a Sunday. The arrangement is, however, found useful in emergencies; and a number of people have used it recently to obtain their letters from South Africa when the mail has arrived on Saturday night or on Sunday.

Foreign parcels. The express delivery system was extended during the year to parcels exchanged with Portugal, Madeira, and the Azores.

UNDELIVERED POSTAL PACKETS.

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

—	Number.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-).
Letters . . .	8,954,041	+ 400,105
Postcards . . .	1,495,085	+ 108,001
Book Packets . . .	10,613,853	- 687,753
Newspapers . . .	597,919	+ 44,397
Parcels . . .	206,944	+ 18,107

Further particulars are given in Table G. of the Appendix.

The number of undelivered letters returned to this country from abroad rose from 373,308 in 1898-99 to 463,611 in 1899-1900. The increase was largely due to the return of 35,448 letters addressed to the Transvaal and Orange Free State, which were stopped at Cape Town on the outbreak of the war, and were not claimed there by the persons for whom they were intended. Undelivered correspondence for the army in South Africa is also being returned in large quantities.

The total value of property found in undelivered letters, which had to be opened in the Returned Letter Offices, was 725,613*l*.

The articles found loose in the post have increased by nearly 80 per cent. during the last four years. Now that four ounces are carried for 1*d*., there is a tendency to send light articles by letter post in flimsy covers; and it would be well if the public realised the danger of the contents being lost in such cases, especially when the packets form part of mails which are transferred to or from trains in motion.

The number of postal packets posted without address during the year was 288,667. The number of parcels found in the post without address (having lost in most cases "tie-on" labels) was 14,066. In 2,767 of the unaddressed letters were found cash and bank-notes to the value of 136*l*., and no less than 9,628*l*. in bills, cheques, money orders, postal orders, and postage stamps.

HOME MAILS.

The Night Mail Service to and from Aberystwyth has been accelerated, with the result that an earlier arrival has been afforded to the extent of about 35 minutes, and a later despatch to the extent of 25 minutes. A sorting tender has been attached to the Night Mail trains over this line, and an improvement of the hours both of despatch and arrival at the places served has consequently been effected.

RURAL POSTS.

The extension of the house to house delivery of letters throughout the rural districts has been completed in England, and almost completed in Scotland and Ireland. There are still a few letters in Scotland and Ireland for which a delivery has to be provided, and the necessary arrangements will be made as soon as possible. The letters brought into the official delivery between 22nd June 1897 and 31st March last are estimated to number about 55,000,000 a year.

Authority was given in September for a post office to be established on the remote island of St. Kilda. Owing, however, to the difficulty of communicating with the island, it was not possible to open the office until the present summer.

LONDON ARRANGEMENTS.

- Private post-
ing boxes.** The reduction of the fees for private posting boxes in London, referred to in the last report, has caused a further increase in the number of such boxes, namely, from 173 to 396.
- Sunday
registration
of letters in
London.** An arrangement has been made under which letters are accepted for registration on Sundays at certain offices in London on payment of a double registration fee, in addition to the ordinary postage. These letters are included in the Sunday night despatches.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL POST.

- New entries
into the
Postal
Union.** Arrangements are in progress for the entry into the Universal Postal Union of Southern Rhodesia and the Bechuanaland and Somaliland Protectorates.
- Celebration
of 25th
Anniversary
of Postal
Union.** Arrangements having been made for a festival to be held at Berne in the summer of 1900 in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the foundation of the Union, Mr. H. Buxton Forman, C.B., and Mr. C. A. King, were appointed to represent this country.
- Penny
postage
within the
empire.** The Cape Colony adopted in October last the penny postage scheme, which now only requires the adhesion of Australasia to be practically co-extensive with the British empire.
- Packet
services.** The revision of the Packet services has been continued, with gain both in economy and efficiency.
- Atlantic
Mails.** Under new contracts for the service to New York, which came into force on the 1st of August 1899, the contractors receive payment at a cheaper rate than that fixed by the last contracts for all correspondence carried in excess of a certain weight, and at a still cheaper rate when the total payment for mails carried has reached a certain limit. The general effect is to provide that increase in the volume of mails shall not entail a proportionate extra cost. The provisions of these contracts will admit of the contents of the mails being sorted during the voyage, should it be considered desirable to do so.
- South
African
Mails.** A new contract made by the Cape Government for the mail service between South Africa and this country will come into force on the 1st of October next. It provides for a course of post between London and Cape Town shorter by over two days

than the course of post provided by the present contract. Although the new, like the old, is actually a Colonial contract, Her Majesty's Government bears a large share of the cost, and for that reason has stipulated for a leading voice in the arrangements for the service.

Negotiations have been completed with the Pacific Steam Navigation Company for bringing their service to South America under a fixed subsidy, and so avoiding the constant growth of payments as the mails increase in volume. The subsidy will cover not only the present services to Brazil and the River Plate, through the Straits of Magellan to the West Coast of South America, and from Panama down that Coast to Valparaiso, but also an additional service northward to Ocos; and at the same time an improved service will be provided between this country and the Falkland Islands. The settlement of the new contract for the West India service does not fall within the period under review, though it has practically been completed.

South
American
Mails.

Arrangements have been made with the French Post Office under which certain defects in the train service for the homeward Australian mails through France have been removed. An improvement has also been effected in the mail service between England and France by the provision of two daily despatches in each direction by way of Folkestone and Boulogne, in addition to the three daily despatches by the route of Dover and Calais.

Homeward
Australian
Mails.
Channel
Service.

During the year the new system by which letters can be insured against loss, damage or abstraction, has been extended to the service between the United Kingdom and the under-mentioned British Possessions:—British Guiana, Ceylon, Falkland Islands, Gambia, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, Lagos, Newfoundland, St. Helena, Straits Settlements, and Trinidad.

Insurance of
letters sent
abroad.

There has been a steady increase in the number of insured letters sent to and received from places abroad. During the first month of the financial year, 248 insured letters were despatched from this country, and 1,641 were received. During the last month 353 insured letters were despatched, and 2,543 were received. The total number of insured letters despatched during the year was 3,687, while 25,276 were received.

No opportunity has occurred of extending the Foreign and Colonial Parcel Post to any fresh country or colony, but the insurance system connected with it has been extended to Chile, the Danish West Indies, New South Wales, Sarawak, South Australia, Tasmania, and Victoria; while in British East Africa it has been extended to the town of Lamu, and in Southern Nigeria the limit up to which parcels can be insured has been increased from 20*l.* to 120*l.*

Parcel Post.

Payment of
Customs
charges by
the senders.

The system under which the senders of parcels can take on themselves the payment of the Customs duty and other charges levied in the country of destination has been extended to the post with New South Wales, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Victoria. Arrangements were made for reducing from 25 to 10 per cent. the sum which the senders are required to deposit in this country on account of the duty to which their parcels may ultimately become liable, a change which may be expected to add to the popularity of the system; but these arrangements took effect only on the 2nd of April last, on which date also India adopted the system.

Simplifica-
tion of
postage.

The uniform triple scale of postage which it was resolved last year to adopt for parcels exchanged by sea between the United Kingdom and various other parts of the British Empire, viz. :—

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

has been extended to Bermuda, Hong Kong, and Jamaica; while the similar scale applicable to the overland service, viâ France, viz. :—

- 2s. for a parcel weighing not over 3 lbs.
- 3s. " " over 3 lbs. but not over 7 lbs.
- 4s. " " " 7 lbs. " 11 lbs.

has been extended to Mauritius and the Seychelles Islands. Reduced rates have also been brought into operation for parcels addressed to Constantinople and Smyrna, viâ France.

The expectation that the adoption of these cheap and simple scales of postage would give an impetus to the Parcel Post with the Colonies appears to have been realised, the increase in the number of parcels sent from this country to those possessions which have adopted the triple scale being at the rate of about 17 per cent., or approximately twice as great as the increase in either of the two previous years. Part of this increase must, however, be set down to other causes, such as the local developement of trade.

A somewhat similar scheme has been adopted for the simplification of the postage on parcels for foreign countries, the multiplicity of the former rates, about 60 in number, being inconvenient.

The result has been that rates which are in every case more convenient and frequently also lower, have already been arranged in the Parcel Post with the under-mentioned countries :—

Annam.
Austria-Hungary.
Bosnia-Herzegovina.
Bulgaria.
Cambodia.
Cameroons.

Cayenne.
China (Kiautschau).
Cochin China.
Comoro Islands.
Congo Free State.
Dahomey.

Danish West Indies.	Portugal.
Erithrea.	Réunion.
French Congo.	Roumania.
French Guinea.	Russia (including Finland).
German East Africa.	St. Pierre and Miquelon.
German New Guinea.	Samoa.
German South-West Africa.	Senegal.
Guadeloupe.	Servia.
Italy.	Siam.
Ivory Coast.	Spain.
Madagascar.	Switzerland.
Madeira.	Tahiti.
Martinique.	Togoland.
Montenegro.	Tonquin.
Morocco.	Turkey (French and
New Caledonia.	Austrian Post Offices).
Obock.	

The total number of parcels sent to and received from abroad during the year was 2,510,615, an increase of about 12 per cent. on the numbers of the previous year. The parcels sent abroad increased in a considerably larger ratio than those received from abroad. This fact, which is contrary to the experience of last year, is to be chiefly attributed to the effects of the war in South Africa, which led to the despatch from this country of as many as 155,000 parcels for the troops. Large increases occurred in the service with Canada, Germany, Gibraltar, Hong Kong, India, Spain, and the West African Colonies. On the other hand, there was a falling off in the number of parcels sent to Colombia, France, and Holland. The despatch of parcels to the Transvaal and the Orange Free State ceased altogether in October.

Number of parcels to and from places abroad. Appendix B., pp. 30 to 33.

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:—

—	1898-99.	1899-1900.	Increase or Decrease.
	£	£	£
Exported - -	2,200,773	2,565,846	365,073 Increase
Imported - -	1,265,921	1,118,014	147,907 Decrease
Total - -	3,466,694	3,683,860	217,166 Increase

The total number of Foreign and Colonial parcels insured shows an increase of over 21 per cent., being 171,374 (75,279 despatched and 96,095 received), as against 141,475 in the previous year.

In accordance with a precedent which dates from the time of War in South the Crimean war, but was first applied on a fully organised Africa.

basis when an expeditionary force was sent to Egypt in the summer of 1882, an Army Post Office was established for the convenience of the troops at the outset of the present war in South Africa.

The staff consists of 10 officers and 392 men. Their duties include not only the distribution of the whole of the correspondence sent to the troops from this country, but the despatch of mails in the reverse direction, the sale of postage stamps and the sale and payment of British Postal Orders. In the present instance, the operations of the Army Post Office are conducted on a larger scale than on any previous occasion; and I have reason to believe that excellent results have been obtained, notwithstanding the exigencies of the campaign and the vast area over which the troops have been spread.

That the staff has no light task may be judged from the fact that the weekly mails sent to the Army Post Office from this country have sometimes contained over 300,000 letters and nearly 150,000 newspaper packets. The number of parcels sent each week by post to the troops has increased to a very remarkable extent as the war progressed. On the 30th of January the number of parcels sent in a week's mail to the troops was 3,745, by the 31st of March it had risen to 10,783, and by the 12th of May to 19,347. The large amount of correspondence affords an interesting comparison with that sent during the Crimean war. In 1854, when, of course, there was no Parcel Post, it was estimated that during a period of eight months the number of letters despatched to the seat of war was 362,000, as against 345,000 sent home, whereas returns covering a similar period during the South African war show totals of 5,629,938 letters in the outward and 2,731,559 in the homeward direction.

The Army Post Office is assisted in its labours by a postal contingent furnished by the Canadian Government; and the Indian Government has established an Army Post Office of its own for the benefit of the Indian troops serving in Natal.

Special facilities in the matter of postage have been arranged in concert with the War Office, for the benefit of the troops in South Africa. Letters sent home without prepayment by soldiers stationed where English postage stamps are not obtainable have been delivered free of charge, the amount due for postage being made good from army funds.

The war has not been without its effects on the contract packet services of the Department. It was chiefly in the case of the Atlantic services that difficulties arose from some of the fast packets being taken up as transports. On one occasion no mid-week American mail could be despatched, and on four other occasions only those letters could be forwarded on Wednesday which were posted in time for the German mail steamer from Southampton. The public, however, has cheer-

fully accepted this as well as other minor inconveniences incidental to the war.

MONEY ORDERS.

The following comparative statement of the number and Appendix K., amount of Orders dealt with during the year shows an increase pp. 64 to 72. in every branch of business:

Comparative Statement.

	Number.				Amount.			
	1890-1900.	1896-99.	In-crease.	Rate per Cent.	1890-1900.	1896-99.	In-crease.	Rate per Cent.
<i>Inland.</i>					£	£	£	
Ordinary - -	7,878,043	7,586,461	291,582	3·8	22,664,894	21,473,950	1,190,944	5·5
Telegraph - -	311,943	257,650	54,293	21·0	999,086	878,072	121,014	13·7
Government Offices	2,102,904	1,877,536	225,368	12·0	6,841,371	6,352,056	589,315	9·4
Total Inland -	10,292,890	9,721,647	571,243	5·8	30,505,351	28,604,078	1,901,273	6·6
<i>Foreign and Colonial.</i>								
Issued in the United Kingdom and paid abroad:								
Colonial - -	142,574	142,169	405	·2	476,631	497,629	20,998	4·2
Foreign - -	407,128	490,691	6,437	1·6	1,039,489	1,015,170	24,319	2·3
Total Outwards	549,702	542,860	6,842	1·2	1,516,120	1,512,799	3,321	·2
Issued abroad and payable in the United Kingdom:								
Colonial - -	474,766	431,245	23,521	5·2	1,399,780	1,380,678	39,102	2·8
Foreign - -	770,101	759,449	10,652	1·4	1,780,011	1,800,962	20,951	1·1
Total Inwards	1,244,867	1,210,694	34,173	2·8	3,179,791	3,181,640	18,151	·5
Total Foreign and Colonial Orders -	1,794,569	1,753,554	41,015	2·3	4,695,911	4,674,439	21,472	·4
Grand total -	12,087,459	11,475,201	612,258	5·3	35,201,262	33,278,517	1,922,745	5·7

Ordinary Inland Orders show an increase of 291,582 or Inland 3·8 per cent. in number, and 1,190,944l. or 5·5 per cent. in Orders. amount.

Inland Telegraph Orders again show a large increase, viz., 54,293 or 21 per cent. in number, and 121,014*l.* or 13·7 per cent. in amount. The total amount of the orders nearly reached 1,000,000*l.*

The average amount for ordinary Inland Orders was 2*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* (or 11*d.* more than last year) and for Inland Telegraph Orders 3*l.* 4*s.* (or 4*s.* 1*d.* less than last year).

Government
Orders.

The very large increase in Government Orders this year (225,368 or 12 per cent. in number, and 589,315*l.* or 9·4 per cent. in amount) has been almost entirely due to the fact that the War Office has made use of Money Orders to pay the allotments and separation allowances granted to the wives and families of the Army Reservists recalled to the colours in connection with the War in South Africa. These payments commenced with the mobilisation in October last, and from that time to the end of the financial year the amount so paid on behalf of the War Office was no less than 547,887*l.*

Foreign and
Colonial
Orders.

Foreign and Colonial Orders show an increase of 41,015 or 2·3 per cent. in number, and 21,472*l.* or 4 per cent. in amount. The figures for each country are shown as usual in Appendix K., the most noteworthy feature being the decrease (about 125,000*l.*), in the transactions with the South African Republic and the Orange Free State, the business with which was suspended by the War.

Taking all classes of orders together, the number of orders exceeds 12,000,000 (an increase of over 612,000 or 5·3 per cent.), while the amount exceeds 35,200,000*l.* (an increase of over 1,922,000*l.* or 5·7 per cent.).

Foreign
Telegraph
Orders.

The Foreign Telegraph Money Order Service, which was inaugurated by the opening of an exchange with Germany on the 1st November 1898, has been extended during the year to Austria, Belgium, Holland, Hungary, Luxemburg, Norway, Roumania, and Switzerland.

The number of Telegraph Money Orders issued in this country for places abroad was 1,591, and their total amount was 7,213*l.* In the opposite direction 2,183 such orders, amounting to 12,576*l.*, were received in the United Kingdom from the foreign countries mentioned.

As an example of the utility of the arrangement, it may be mentioned that one of the earliest Telegraph Orders received from Norway was despatched from Vardo within the Arctic Circle. It was issued at Vardo at 1.25 p.m. on the 11th February, and was delivered in London the same afternoon. An ordinary order advised by post would not at that time of year have been received until twelve days later.

Negotiations for an exchange of Telegraph Money Orders have taken place with France, Italy and Sweden, and it is expected that these countries will take part in the service at an early date. The Danish Post Office has also been approached on the subject.

POSTAL ORDERS.

The number of Postal Orders issued during the year was 82,115,674 representing 28,633,884*l.* The produce of the commission on these orders was 343,737*l.* The orders have increased 6·98 per cent. in number and 5·20 per cent. in amount during the year. There has again been a very large increase (17·39 per cent.) in the number of one shilling orders, which have risen in ten years from 7 per cent. to 11 per cent. of the whole.

The value of the stamps affixed to Postal Orders by the holders during the year was 186,964*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.*

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

During the year ended the 31st of December 1899, 14,654,609 deposits were made, the total sum deposited being 39,122,160*l.* In the same period the withdrawals numbered 5,094,033, the total sum withdrawn being 35,171,475*l.* The interest credited to depositors exceeded 3,000,000*l.*; and the total sum standing to their credit at the end of the year was 130,118,605*l.* The number of depositors reached 8,000,000, or 1 in 5 of the population of the United Kingdom. The deposits made on the last day of the year numbered 121,978, representing a value of 389,648*l.* These figures are the highest on record for a single day since the bank was established. The highest amount withdrawn in one day was 201,749*l.* on the Tuesday after Easter.

The following table shows the distribution of the accounts as regards England and Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, as well as the average amount to the credit of each depositor, and the proportion of depositors to population :—

—	On 31st December 1899.			
	Number of Depositors.	Total Amount to Credit of Depositors.	Average Amount to Credit of each Depositor.	Proportion of Depositors to Population.
England and Wales	7,332,728	117,619,724	£ s. d. 16 0 10	1 in 4·35
Scotland	351,236	4,787,810	13 12 8	1 in 12·19
Ireland	362,716	7,711,071	21 5 2	1 in 12·60
Totals	8,046,680	130,118,605	16 3 5	1 in 5·06

The number of withdrawals by telegraph on the day of application was 161,190, nearly 20,000 more than in the previous year. Under the system in which application for the money

is made by telegraph, and the warrant is sent by return of post, there were 11,405 withdrawals, nearly 1,000 more than in the previous year.

Accounts of Societies, &c. The number of new accounts opened during 1899 for friendly societies was 406 ; for charitable, provident and trade societies, 2,333 ; and for penny banks, 262.

Soldiers' accounts. Under the special arrangements made by the War Office, deferred pay of soldiers leaving the army was received in 16,522 deposits, amounting to 297,787*l.* During the last three months of the year such deposits almost ceased. On behalf of soldiers stationed abroad, who have accounts in the Post Office Savings Bank, 11,876 deposits, amounting to 15,895*l.*, were received through the War Office.

Accounts of registrars of county courts. The number of accounts opened by registrars of county courts rose from 277 in 1898 to 538 in 1899. The increase was due to the operation of the Workmen's Compensation Act of 1897, under which sums awarded as compensation may be invested in the Post Office Savings Bank. The arrangement has proved so convenient that a Bill has been introduced into Parliament authorising a similar investment of money paid into an English county court in ordinary actions at common law, and ordered to be invested for the benefit of an infant or lunatic.

Investment and sale of stock. During the year the investments of depositors in Government stock were 26,531, amounting to 1,670,354*l.*; the sales were 11,789, amounting to 686,135*l.* The fall in the price of consols which took place in December led to a great increase in the number of purchases of that stock. While the average number of applications for investment is not more than 90 in a day, from the 23rd of December, the day after the price of consols reached 98, to the 11th of January the applications varied between 190 and 832 a day. On the 31st of December there were 78,998 depositors, whose total holding of stock amounted to 8,397,213*l.*

Annuities and life insurance. The immediate annuities granted numbered 2,031, amounting to 54,044*l.* The deferred annuities were 147 in number and 3,085*l.* in amount. Out of the fund raised by the "Daily Telegraph" for the widows and orphans of soldiers killed in the war, immediate annuities of 15*l.* were purchased through the Savings Bank in favour of about 250 widows. As regards life insurance, 827 contracts were made in 1899, amounting to 43,723*l.* Of these, 356 are for the payment of the sum insured at the age of 55.

Expenditure. The net expenditure of the bank for the year was 473,877*l.*, representing an average cost per transaction of 5·75*d.* as against 5·77*d.* in 1898. The rate per cent. of expenses to capital was 7*s.* 3½*d.* as against 7*s.* ¾*d.* in 1898. Nearly all the forms required in large quantities for the business of the bank are now printed on the premises, with considerable gain in economy and convenience.

The deficiency on the year's working amounted to 11,711*l*. Deficiency. This, added to the deficits in the three preceding years, makes an aggregate loss of 34,123*l*.

The regulations of the Department have been revised, bringing them up to date and introducing certain amendments of detail, which experience has shown to be desirable. The revised code has been laid on the tables of both Houses of Parliament, as provided by law. Revised regulations.

TELEGRAPHS.

The number of telegrams sent over the wires of the Department during the year was 90,415,123, the increase being 3·87 per cent. Appendix H., pp. 53 and 54.

The following table gives the number and value of each class of telegram, as compared with the corresponding figures for the previous year:—

Class of Telegram.	Number.			Receipts.		
	1899-1900.	1898-99.	Increase.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	Increase.
Ordinary Inland - -	74,151,385	72,073,868	2,077,517	£ 2,299,574	£ 2,216,681	£ 82,923
Press (Inland) - -	6,812,781	6,240,394	572,387	143,233	134,231	9,002
Foreign - -	7,521,540	6,974,896	546,644	358,943	328,507	30,436
Railway, free - -	1,443,766	1,388,434	55,332	—	—	—
" reduced rate - -	31,456	29,096	2,361	616	572	44
Government, free - -	454,195	336,965	117,230	—	—	—
Totals - -	90,415,123	87,043,662	3,371,471	2,802,366	2,679,991	122,375

The increase in the number of ordinary Inland telegrams was 2·88 per cent. as compared with 4·95 per cent. for the previous year, and the increase in revenue was 3·74 per cent., the average value of these telegrams having risen from 7·38*d*. to 7·44*d*. The concessions in regard to portorage had influenced the average value and led to a steady decrease in previous years, but the figures for 1899-1900 seem to show that a turning point has been reached.

The number of Foreign telegrams, 7,521,540, is the highest on record, being 7·83 per cent. in excess of the number for the previous year. These figures do not include telegrams handed direct to cable companies or delivered by them without the intervention of the Post Office. The growth is chiefly attributable to activity in Stock Exchange business and to the war in South Africa. Press telegrams show an increase of 9·17 per

cent., as compared with 3.73 for the previous year. The average weekly number of words in these telegrams was 15,721,802, as compared with a weekly average for the previous year of 14,400,800. The war has given rise to an increase in two ways—(1) the existing newspapers and institutions have taken more news, and (2) nearly 400 additional clubs and institutions have been registered for the receipt of telegrams in connection with arrangements made by the various news agencies for the dissemination of intelligence. The visit of the Australian cricket teams in the summer of last year also gave rise to a considerable amount of press work.

The increase in London local telegrams was 1.35 per cent. the number being 7,941,540 as compared with 7,827,576. It will be seen that, as in the previous year, these telegrams have not increased at the same rate as the general traffic. To some extent this is no doubt due to the competition of the Telephone and Express Messenger Services.

As an instance of the amount of work which may be suddenly thrown upon the Department by an important event, it may be mentioned that on the 1st of March the news of the relief of Ladysmith brought to the Central Telegraph Office about 50,000 telegrams in excess of the average, and that on the same day at the Threadneedle Street Branch Office 7,500 telegrams were handed in between 10 and 11.10 a.m. The sudden influx of work was disposed of by the staff in a most satisfactory manner.

War news on
Sunday.

With the view of giving the public the latest official news from the seat of war, which in remote country districts it would be extremely difficult to obtain on Sundays, arrangements were made to forward on that day, to every Telegraph Office in the United Kingdom open for the delivery of telegrams, any important news from the front which might be received from the War Office up to 1.0 a.m. The notifications have been exhibited in the Post Office windows.

Censorship
on telegrams
to South
Africa.

On the 17th November last Her Majesty's Government suspended the transmission of telegrams in code or cipher to all places in East and South Africa, and at the same time established a censorship at Aden on telegrams in plain language. This remained in force until the 2nd of March, when the censorship was relaxed to the extent that telegrams in code to or from Zanzibar, Seychelles, Mauritius, Madagascar, British East Africa, German East Africa, Mozambique, and Lorenzo Marques, relating to commercial or private affairs, might be transmitted at the sender's risk on the condition that copies of the codes, with translations of the code words, were deposited with the authorities at Aden, the number of codes permitted being two for each State. Under this arrangement eight codes have been deposited with the censors.

Special facilities for the transmission of telegrams to and from the members of Her Majesty's Military and Naval Forces in the field in South Africa have been afforded by the liberality of the Eastern Telegraph Company, who have generously reduced the rate for such telegrams from 4s. to 2s. a word. The average daily number of these reduced-rate telegrams sent to South Africa is 76, while 65 are daily received for distribution in this country. The privilege has recently been extended to telegrams exchanged between South Africa and India and Australasia, and the Company have expressed their willingness to extend it still further.

Reduced rates for soldiers' and sailors' telegrams.

During the year 372 new telegraph offices were opened, of which 17 were at railway stations. The total number of telegraph offices is now 11,188.

Telegraph extensions and guarantees.

It is interesting to note how recent concessions have affected the number of guarantees entered into by the public. During the six years ended in 1891, the average number of telegraph offices guaranteed each year was 77. In that year the guarantee terms were reduced, with the result that, during the next five years, guarantees rose to an average of 167. In 1897 a further concession was made on the occasion of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, the guarantors being now called upon to pay one-half only of any deficiency, instead of the whole, and the consequence has been a still further increase in the number of new offices opened under guarantee, the average for the past two years being 290.

Under an Act passed in 1891, power was given to local authorities to guarantee telegraph offices. This power has been extensively used since the Local Government Act of 1894 became operative in England. In 1895, 6·2 per cent. of the guarantors were public authorities, and at the present time the percentage is 39·7.

The destruction of overhead telegraphs by the great gales and snowstorms in the middle of February last was without parallel in recent years. The cost of restoring the lines maintained by the Post Office alone was more than 12,000*l*. Every effort was made to restore communication at the earliest possible moment, but the damage was so widespread and the difficulty in effecting repairs was so much increased by a continuance of the bad weather, that some time necessarily elapsed before the whole system was restored. The districts mainly affected by the storms were the north-east of England and Scotland.

Destruction of telegraphs by storm.

The underground line between London and Birmingham—a cable containing 76 telegraph and telephone wires—which was mentioned in the report for 1897–98, is now practically finished; and as it passes through a part of the country which is more subject to destructive storms than any other, it ought to increase the stability of the whole telegraph

Birmingham underground line.

system. It is being supplemented by the reserve overhead wires which, with your Lordships' sanction, are being erected in those parts of the country for the purpose of making good interrupted circuits; and I am considering how far and in what direction I can recommend the construction of additional underground lines.

**New circuits
—Inland.**

New circuits to meet the pressure of traffic have been provided from London to Bristol, Cardiff, Liverpool, Plymouth, Ipswich, Yarmouth, Folkestone, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Ascot, Amersham, Buckhurst Hill, Harrow, Bracknell, Maidenhead and Reading; and additional circuits to strengthen the communication between provincial towns have also been provided.

**Direct communication
with towns on
the continent.**

With the cordial co-operation of the Administrations concerned, direct telegraphic communication has been established between London and Budapest, Lyons, Nice, and Zurich.

**New foreign
cables.**

For the purpose of strengthening communication with South Africa, cables have been laid by the Eastern Telegraph Company from Cape Town to St. Helena, St. Helena to Ascension, and Ascension to St. Vincent (Cape de Verd Islands), where they connect with the existing cable system, thus forming a third alternative route to Cape Town. The company have also laid an additional cable from Gibraltar to Malta and thence to Alexandria.

Coast communication.

The system of telegraphic communication between coastguard and lifeboat stations has been further extended during the year and is now fast approaching completion.

Bicycles.

The use of bicycles for the delivery of telegrams has been further extended, the number at present in use in various parts of the country being 1,141. It is intended eventually to extend their use to all places where they can be advantageously employed.

TELEPHONES.

**Trunk Wire
Service.**

The number of Post Offices open for Trunk Telephone business on the 31st March last was 299, an increase of 13 in the year. The trunk lines in use consisted of approximately 68,657 miles of wire, and 7,250 miles of wire were in course of construction.

Out of the sum of 2,300,000*l.* authorised by Parliament for the purchase and development of the trunk system, the expenditure up to the 31st March 1899 may be stated approximately as 1,531,209*l.* The expenditure during the year was approximately 176,968*l.*

During the year the trunk system was extended to—

Arklow.	*Redruth.
*Boston.	*Settle.
*Chippenham.	*Stratford-on-Avon.
*King's Lynn.	*Swindon.
*Lanark.	*Tiverton.
*Louth.	*Wellington (Salop).
*Newquay.	Wicklow.

and on the 31st March extensions were in progress to Chichester and Horsham. In the cases marked with an asterisk the extension has been guaranteed by the National Telephone Company.

The total number of trunk wire transactions during the year was 8,094,578, or, reckoning each transaction as involving at least two spoken messages, a total number of 16,189,156 (an increase of 14·55 per cent. over that of the preceding year). The revenue was 191,701*l.* (an increase of 14·44 per cent.), and the average value of each transaction was the same as in the preceding year, viz. 5·68*d.*

Post Office Exchanges were opened during the year at Llantwit Major, Low Fell, and Wallsend, and placed in connection with the trunk system. Local Exchanges.

The Post Office telephone and private wire system shows a general increase, the revenue for the year from this source being 148,200*l.*, as against 142,600*l.* in the previous year. Revenue. Appendix N., page 75.

The Telegraph Act of 1899 authorised your Lordships to issue from the Consolidated Fund 2,000,000*l.* to enable the Post Office to undertake the establishment of telephone exchanges in London and in other parts of the United Kingdom, in accordance with the recommendations of the Select Committee of 1898. It also empowered the authorities of boroughs and urban districts, when licensed by the Postmaster-General, to work telephone exchanges, to raise money for the purpose of defraying the expenses, and to carry on telephone business outside the limits of their boroughs or districts. The Act also contains provisions dealing with the position of the National Telephone Company in any area in which the local authority obtains a license to carry on telephone business. The Act of 1899.

Contracts involving the expenditure of more than 500,000*l.* have been made, and works necessary for the establishment of a Post Office exchange system in the London area are in progress. It is expected that the system in the city, and in certain other important districts, will be in working order early next year. The Corporation of London and the London vestries have been asked for the necessary consents for the disturbance of the roads and streets, and generally speaking they have shown much readiness in co-operating. The inconvenience caused by such extensive operations will no doubt be great, but the vestries have recognised that great advantage is likely to accrue from the establishment of the service, and efforts have been made to meet their wishes and convenience as far as possible. Establishment of exchanges in London.

I have been in correspondence with a number of corporations on the question of licenses for municipal telephone exchanges. In many of these cases no decision has yet been arrived at by the local authorities; but a license was granted to the Corporation of Glasgow on the 1st March, and it is anticipated that in several other cases municipal exchanges will shortly be established under licenses. Municipal telephones.

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	623	148	122	906
Branch Offices . .	106	111	27	11	255
Town Sub-Offices . .	872	3,585	308	199	4,964
Country Sub-Offices . .	—	11,358	1,793	2,664	15,815
Totals . .	989	15,679	2,276	2,996	21,940

The total includes 371 additional offices opened during the year. Of the 21,940 offices, 12,995 are open for Money Order and Savings Bank business, and 8,851 for Telegraph business, which is also transacted at 2,337 railway stations.

The number of letter boxes was increased during the year from 31,441 to 32,593.

POST OFFICE BUILDINGS.

New post
offices.

Seventy-five new Post Offices have been completed during the year, including a new Head Office at Liverpool, which was opened by H.R.H. the Duke of York on the 19th of July. Fifteen Post Office buildings have been enlarged, and 44 are in course of erection and enlargement. The additional cloak rooms and dining rooms provided for the telegraph staff in the General Post Office (West) have effected a great improvement in the accommodation.

A site has been obtained for a new Northern District Office in London. It is intended to erect there also buildings for postal stores now housed at Mount Pleasant.

Expenditure. The Expenditure out of the Post Office votes for the acquisition of sites and buildings during the year amounted to 153,071*l.*; of this sum 39,254*l.* was spent in London.

The expenditure by the Commissioners of Works and Buildings on the erection and furnishing of new Post Office buildings and on the enlargement and maintenance of existing buildings amounted to 263,705*l.* in Great Britain and 22,081*l.* in Ireland.

STAFF.

Appendix F., The total staff of the Post Office on the 31st of March last numbered 167,070, of whom 91,273 were established officers. This shows an increase in the total of 7,128, and in the number of established officers of 3,152, as compared with the previous year.

The conduct of the staff generally has been good. The number of persons dismissed was 915, an increase of 166 on the previous year. On the other hand, there were fewer cases of punishment by the withdrawal of Good Conduct Stripes.

Apart from the Army Post Office referred to below, about 2,685 servants of the Department have been withdrawn for military service in South Africa as reservists, militia, yeomanry or volunteers. These men's places are kept open for them, and the War Office allows the wives of the married men out of army funds a sum equivalent to half the absentees' civil pay in addition to the military separation allowance. In the case of the unmarried men, if there is any balance available between their civil pay and the cost of their substitutes plus their military emoluments, it is paid to them out of Post Office funds.

The Army Post Office Corps, attached to the 24th Middlesex (Post Office) Rifle Volunteer Regiment, which is 111 strong in peace time, has been increased to 336 with 7 officers, and in addition 3 officers and 56 men unconnected with the regiment have been enlisted for one year or the length of the campaign. The reserve of trained telegraphists attached to the regiment above mentioned has been increased from 100 to 216 for service in South Africa, and in addition 44 skilled telegraphists and 50 linemen have been temporarily enlisted. On service these men are attached to the Royal Engineers.

The total number of men withdrawn from the Post Office Staff for service in South Africa is therefore about 3,400.

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

Year.	Total Revenue.			Salaries and Wages.			Percentage of Combined Salaries and Wages to Combined Revenue.
	Postal.	Tele-graph.	Com-bined Totals.	Postal.	Tele-graph.	Com-bined Totals.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	Per cent.
1890-91	10,068,677	2,466,764	12,545,441	3,600,306	1,506,219	5,106,525	40.70
1891-92	10,451,996	2,545,612	12,997,610	3,897,962	1,635,093	5,533,045	42.57
1892-93	10,600,140	2,526,312	13,126,461	4,190,823	1,717,123	5,907,946	45.01
1893-94	10,734,885	2,579,206	13,314,091	4,446,361	1,804,603	6,260,964	46.96
1894-95	11,025,460	2,616,414	13,671,874	4,597,355	1,833,684	6,431,039	47.03
1895-96	11,769,945	2,879,794	14,639,739	4,734,446	1,893,419	6,629,865	45.28
1896-97	12,146,935	2,967,354	15,114,289	4,927,096	1,969,471	6,896,566	45.62
1897-98	12,420,376	3,071,723	15,492,099	5,230,538	2,081,009	7,311,597	47.19
1898-99	13,049,317	3,260,145	16,309,462	5,594,312	2,171,518	7,765,830	47.61
1899-1900 (estimated).	13,394,333	3,460,492	16,854,827	5,963,539	2,279,639	8,243,228	48.90

Withdrawals
for service in
South Africa.

Percentage
of wages to
Revenue and
Expenditure.

Year.	Total Expenditure.			Salaries and Wages.			Percentage of Combined Salaries and Wages to Combined Expenditure.
	Postal.	Tele-graph.	Com-bined Totals.	Postal.	Tele-graph.	Com-bined Totals.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	Per cent.
1890-91 . .	6,637,504	2,388,581	9,026,085	3,600,306	1,506,219	5,106,525	56·57
1891-92 . .	7,192,487	2,635,895	9,828,382	3,897,952	1,635,093	5,533,045	56·30
1892-93 . .	7,507,645	2,692,904	10,200,639	4,190,823	1,717,123	5,907,946	57·92
1893-94 . .	7,759,712	2,757,645	10,517,357	4,446,361	1,804,603	6,250,964	59·44
1894-95 . .	7,956,344	2,788,052	10,743,396	4,597,355	1,833,684	6,431,039	59·86
1895-96 . .	8,090,272	2,920,341	11,006,613	4,734,446	1,895,419	6,629,865	60·23
1896-97 . .	8,246,356	3,111,810	11,358,166	4,927,095	1,969,471	6,896,566	60·71
1897-98 . .	8,683,317	3,378,841	12,062,158	5,230,588	2,061,009	7,311,597	60·61
1898-99 . .	9,190,006	3,482,014	12,672,020	5,594,312	2,171,518	7,765,830	61·28
1899-1900 . . (estimated).	9,693,704	3,748,930	13,432,634	5,963,539	2,279,689	8,243,228	61·36

HEALTH OF THE STAFF.

Except for two epidemics of influenza, causing 18 deaths, the health of the staff in 1899 was generally good. In consequence of the presence of scarlet fever in their homes, 1,147 Post Office servants were placed off duty, their work during 20,566 days being lost to the Department.

Medical officers.

Seven additional departmental medical officers have been appointed, bringing the total up to 580 men and 5 women. The total staff under their care numbered 74,998 men (51,803 established and 23,190 unestablished) and 9,307 women (7,486 established and 1,821 unestablished). It is to this staff that the following statistics and those given in the second and third tables of Appendix F. relate.

Sick absence. The sick absence averaged 7·3 days for each man and 10·8 days for each woman, the figures for 1898 being 6 and 8·8 respectively. Further particulars are given in the following table:—

	Established Staff.					
	Percentage of Sick Absentees.		Average Amount of Sick Absence per Sick Officer (in days).		Average Absence per Officer employed (in days).	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
England—						
Chief Office . . .	62	80	12·9	14·2	8·1	11·4
Metropolitan Districts	62	73	14·0	16·4	8·7	12·1
Country	46	62	17·3	18·9	8·1	11·7
Scotland	39	59	17·1	18·2	6·7	10·8
Ireland	60	79	16·6	17·9	10·0	14·2

	Unestablished Staff.					
	Percentage of Sick Absentees.		Average Amount of Sick Absence per Sick Officer (in days).		Average Absence per Officer employed (in days).	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
England—						
Chief Office - -	73	72	9.2	15.3	6.7	11.1
Metropolitan Districts	60	43	10.7	13.5	6.4	5.8
Country - - -	42	52	10.0	12.8	4.3	6.7
Scotland - - -	46	44	9.0	9.9	4.2	4.4
Ireland - - -	59	43	12.8	11.8	7.6	5.1

Full statements as to the diseases which led to death or retirement during the year are given in Appendix F. The total number of deaths was 310 and of retirements from ill-health 526. The corresponding figures for 1898 were 260 and 539 respectively. Deaths and retirements.

The following tables relate to the established staff only, that is to the 91,273 Post Office servants throughout the country, who hold Civil Service Certificates.

Deaths.

	Number of Deaths.		Death Rate per 1,000.		Average Age at Death (in years).		Average Length of Service (in years).	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
England—								
Chief Office - -	50	8	4.0	2.8	39	26	18	9.2
Metropolitan Districts	23	—	2.8	—	35	—	15	—
Provinces - - -	114	6	3.6	1.8	39	34	16	10.0
Scotland - - -	30	3	4.9	3.5	42	26	20	6.0
Ireland - - -	24	3	6.1	6.1	36	25	14	4.0
Total - - -	241	20	3.9	2.2	39	29	16	8.0

Retirements.

	Number of Persons.		Average Age on Retirement (in years).		Average Length of Service on Retirement (in years).	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
Invalid - - -	518	101	42	33	21	14
Superannuated at age of 60 years or upwards.	238	9	62	66	34	27

The number of women who retired on marriage during 1899 was 196, with an average age of 27, and an average service of between 8 and 9 years.

Examination
of candidates.

The number of candidates medically examined for Post Office appointments was 6,970, of whom 641 were rejected.

The question of the physical standards to be applied to candidates for Post Office appointments has been under the consideration of a committee, of which Lord Francis Hervey was Chairman, and Sir Dyce Duckworth and Dr. de Havilland Hall were members.

FINANCE.

Appendices
P. and Q.,
pp. 78 and 79.

The postal revenue of the year, including the value of services rendered to other Departments, has been 13,394,335*l.*, an increase of 345,018*l.* on that of the previous year. The postal expenditure has been 9,683,704*l.*, an increase of 493,698*l.* on that of the previous year. The net profit was thus 3,710,631*l.*, or 134,199*l.* less than last year.

The telegraph revenue of the year, 3,460,492*l.*, shows an increase of 200,347*l.*, and the telegraph expenditure 3,748,930*l.*, an increase of 266,916*l.* upon the previous year.

The net deficit on telegraphs was thus 288,438*l.*, or 66,569*l.* more than last year. If allowance be made for interest on the capital—10,868,663*l.*—created for the purchase of the telegraphs, the deficit on the year is raised to 587,326*l.*

These figures are, necessarily, partly estimated.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords,

Your Lordships' obedient Servant,

LONDONDERRY.

27 July 1900.

APPENDIX A.

Letters Delivered.

ESTIMATED NUMBER of Letters delivered in the United Kingdom in each of the last Ten Years, and the increase per cent. per annum. Also the average number to each person.

Financial Year ending March 31st.	Delivered in England and Wales.			Total in England and Wales.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Average number to each person.	In Scotland.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Average number to each person.	In Ireland.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Average number to each person.	Total in United Kingdom.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Average number to each person.
	By Country Offices.	In- crease per cent. per annum.	In London District.	In- crease per cent. per annum.											
Year 1890-91	-	924,400,000	538,400,000	4.0	3.5	50	148,200,000	2.1	36	99,800,000	3.1	21	1,705,900,000	3.4	45
" 1891-92	-	965,000,000	551,000,000	2.4	3.7	52	146,400,000	2.1	36	105,000,000	5.2	23	1,767,900,000	3.6	46
" 1892-93	-	965,900,000	568,500,000	2.8	1.1	53	152,300,000	4.0	37	105,900,000	0.9	23	1,790,500,000	1.3	47
" 1893-94	-	973,800,000	575,600,000	1.6	1.1	53	153,900,000	1.1	38	106,500,000	2.5	23	1,811,900,000	1.2	47
" 1894-95	-	993,300,000	598,900,000	11.6	3.1	50	156,000,000	1.4	38	113,800,000	4.0	24	1,770,900,000	2.3	46
" 1895-96	-	1,021,300,000	537,500,000	0.6	3.8	51	162,900,000	4.4	39	112,500,000	0.3	25	1,834,900,000	5.6	47
" 1896-97	-	1,049,300,000	557,200,000	3.7	3.1	53	168,500,000	3.4	40	118,000,000	4.9	26	1,868,000,000	3.2	48
" 1897-98	-	1,120,300,000	590,900,000	6.0	6.5	55	177,400,000	5.3	42	123,700,000	4.8	27	2,012,900,000	6.3	50
" 1898-99	-	1,242,000,000	617,700,000	4.5	9.7	59	190,600,000	7.4	45	136,500,000	10.3	30	2,188,900,000	8.6	54
" 1899-1900	-	1,276,300,000	632,600,000	2.4	2.6	60	196,800,000	3.3	46	141,100,000	3.4	31	2,246,900,000	2.7	55

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

STATEMENT of the estimated Total Number of Letters, Post Cards, Book Packets and Circulars, Newspapers, Telegrams, and PARCELS dealt with, and of the Average Number per Head of the Population for the year ended the 31st March 1900.

	Population.	Letters.		Post Cards.		Book Packets and Circulars.		Newspapers.		Telegrams.		Parcels.	
		Total No.	No. per Head of Population.	Total No.	No. per Head of Population.	Total No.	No. per Head of Population.	Total No.	No. per Head of Population.	Total No.	No. per Head of Population.	Total No.	No. per Head of Population.
England and Wales	31,839,263	1,906,900,000	60·0	342,600,000	10·8	886,300,000	18·7	125,000,000	3·9	76,116,209	2·4	62,400,000	2·0
Scotland	4,281,950	198,900,000	46·0	40,800,000	9·5	76,000,000	17·5	19,300,000	4·5	9,387,275	2·2	8,098,000	1·9
Ireland	4,527,906	141,100,000	31·2	16,900,000	3·7	32,400,000	7·2	19,100,000	4·2	4,910,539	1·1	4,860,000	1·1
Totals	40,639,318	2,246,900,000	55·3	400,300,000	9·8	702,900,000	17·3	163,400,000	4·0	90,415,123	2·2	75,448,000	1·9

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	Telegrams	2·5
Post Cards	10·9	Parcels	2·0
Book Packets and Circulars	19·1		
Newspapers	4·4		

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

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

Year.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		United Kingdom.	
	Number.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Number.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Number.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Number.	Increase per cent. per annum.
1890-91	195,000,000	5·7	24,000,000	4·8	10,700,000	9·2	229,700,000	5·8
1891-92	205,200,000	5·2	25,400,000	5·8	11,000,000	2·8	241,600,000	5·2
1892-93	206,300,000	·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	286,900,000	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

ESTIMATED NUMBER of BOOK PACKETS and CIRCULARS delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the last Ten Years, and the increase per cent. per annum. (The totals for the first seven 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.
1890-91	411,900,000	8·9	44,800,000	5·9	24,700,000	14·3	481,200,000	8·9
1891-92	425,000,000	3·2	45,300,000	1·6	25,000,000	1·2	495,300,000	2·9
1892-93	466,100,000	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	564,600,000	8·4	70,700,000	16·3	35,000,000	11·8	672,300,000	9·4
1896-97	583,500,000	2·9	75,400,000	6·6	39,200,000	12·0 dec.	697,900,000	3·8
1897-98	612,900,000	5·1 dec.	76,900,000	2·0 dec.	37,500,000	4·3	727,300,000	4·2 dec.
1898-99	590,900,000	3·6 inc.	75,100,000	2·3	35,500,000	5·3	701,500,000	3·5 inc.
1899-1900	596,300,000	·7	75,000,000	·1	32,500,000	8·5	702,800,000	·2

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

Year.*	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		United Kingdom.	
	Number.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Number.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Number.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Number.	Increase per cent. per annum.
1890-91	127,800,000	·9	16,800,000	dec. ·6	16,800,000	3·7	161,000,000	1·1
1891-92	128,800,000	·8 dec.	17,000,000	2·4	17,000,000	2·4	162,800,000	1·1
1892-93	127,800,000	·8 inc.	17,600,000	3·5	17,400,000	2·3	162,800,000	—
1893-94	129,800,000	1·6 dec.	17,700,000	·6 dec.	17,400,000	— dec.	164,900,000	1·3 dec.
1894-95	117,500,000	9·5	17,300,000	2·3	17,000,000	2·3	151,800,000	7·9
1895-96	115,500,000	1·7 inc.	17,300,000	—	16,200,000	4·7 inc.	148,000,000	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	19,300,000	7·8	19,100,000	4·9	163,400,000	6·0

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

Parcel Post.

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

Year.	NUMBER OF PARCELS DELIVERED.						REVENUE.							
	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		United Kingdom.		Postage.					
	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Gross Amount.	55 per Cent. on Railway-borne Parcels paid to Railway Companies.	Post Office Share.			
												Gross.	Post Office Share.	Average Postage per Parcel.
1890-91	38,225,000	3·1	4,879,000	7·7	3,184,000	7·8	46,298,000	8·0	1,083,773	£ 499,913	£ 535,860	d. 2·77		
1891-92	40,793,000	6·7	5,226,000	7·1	3,370,000	5·8	46,379,000	6·6	1,106,654	530,076	579,578	2·83		
1892-93	43,293,000	6·2	5,534,000	5·9	3,543,000	5·1	52,370,000	6·1	1,175,209	562,600	613,609	3·80		
1893-94	44,559,000	2·9	5,822,000	5·2	3,653,000	3·0	54,034,000	3·1	1,214,235	580,739	633,497	2·81		
1894-95	47,216,000	5·9	6,063,000	4·4	3,838,000	5·0	57,136,000	5·7	1,293,367	611,465	673,908	2·83		
1895-96	49,979,000	5·8	6,510,000	7·0	4,038,000	5·2	60,227,000	5·9	1,375,577	643,825	733,732	2·86		
1896-97	52,741,000	5·5	6,802,000	4·5	4,172,000	3·3	63,715,000	5·2	1,446,126	681,319	763,307	2·87		
1897-98	54,167,000	6·5	7,232,000	6·3	4,494,000	6·0	67,223,000	6·4	1,482,263	673,406	751,887	2·86		
1898-99	59,512,000	5·9	7,760,000	7·3	4,641,000	4·9	71,913,000	6·0	1,486,099	705,732	792,367	2·84		
1899-1900	62,400,000	5·0	8,066,000	4·4	4,860,000	4·7	75,448,000	4·0	1,550,508	742,215	838,293	2·86		

APPENDIX A.—continued.

Registered Letters.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Letters Registered by the Public in the United Kingdom in each of the last Ten Years and the increase per cent. per annum.

Y <small>EAR</small> .	E <small>NGLAND AND WALES</small> .						S <small>COTLAND</small> .		I <small>RELAND</small> .		T <small>OTAL</small> for UNITED KINGDOM.			
	C <small>OUNTRY OFFICES</small> .		L <small>ONDON DISTRICT</small> .		T <small>OTAL</small> .									
	N <small>UMBER</small> .	I <small>NCREASE</small> per cent.	N <small>UMBER</small> .	I <small>NCREASE</small> per cent.	N <small>UMBER</small> .	I <small>NCREASE</small> per cent.	N <small>UMBER</small> .	I <small>NCREASE</small> per cent.	N <small>UMBER</small> .	I <small>NCREASE</small> per cent.	N <small>UMBER</small> .	I <small>NCREASE</small> per cent.		
1890-01	-	-	6,394,514	·9	3,238,804	dec. 2·6 inc.	9,633,318	dec. ·3 inc.	1,001,483	3·0	722,396	·6	11,357,197	dec. ·008 inc.
1891-02	-	-	6,600,188	3·4 dec.	3,683,689	13·7	10,292,877	6·9 dec.	1,039,161	3·7	745,330	3·2	12,077,368	6·3 ·4
1892-03	-	-	6,568,404	·6	3,724,240	1·1 dec.	10,292,644	·002	1,074,108	3·4	765,292	2·7	12,132,144	dec.
1893-04	-	-	6,392,212	2·6 inc.	3,473,748	6·7 inc.	9,865,960	4·1 dec.	1,099,798	2·4	776,594	1·5 dec.	11,742,352	3·2 inc.
1894-05	-	-	6,485,761	1·5	3,605,333	3·8	10,092,094	2·3	1,089,595	·9 inc.	776,575	·002 inc.	11,968,264	1·8
1895-06	-	-	6,704,084	3·4	4,446,400	23·3	11,150,484	10·5	1,184,768	8·7	798,708	2·9	13,138,960	9·8
1896-07	-	-	6,919,295	3·2	4,469,428	1·2	11,418,723	2·4	1,206,831	1·9	813,181	1·8	13,438,785	2·3
1897-08	-	-	7,316,040	5·7	4,789,087	6·4	12,105,107	6·0	1,273,541	5·5	834,831	2·7	14,913,479	5·8
1898-09	-	-	7,817,938	6·9	5,174,092	8·0	12,992,030	7·3	1,368,732	7·5	879,887	5·4	15,240,669	7·2
1899-1900	-	-	8,359,899	6·9	5,555,544	7·4	13,915,443	7·1	1,438,530	5·1	902,879	2·6	16,956,862	6·7

APPENDIX B.

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

Country or Colony.	Despatched from the United Kingdom.		Destined for the United Kingdom.	
	Letters and Postcards.	Circulars, Book Packets, Patterns, News- papers.	Letters and Postcards.	Circulars, Book Packets, Patterns, News- papers.
EUROPE.				
	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.
Austria-Hungary	26,000	197,200	22,800	56,500
Belgium and Luxemburg	53,700	264,500	46,700	102,800
Denmark	13,300	48,500	11,900	17,300
France (including Algeria and Tunis)	209,400	1,322,400	223,300	567,200
Germany	182,300	1,040,300	229,200	564,900
Gibraltar (including Tangier), Malta, and } Cyprus	17,400	221,100	24,300	19,800
Greece	4,100	40,000	3,000	6,500
Holland	44,500	191,200	46,600	126,800
Italy	46,400	487,900	33,100	94,800
Norway	18,200	89,600	9,400	18,400
Portugal and Azores	9,100	98,600	7,700	12,000
Roumania and Balkan States	4,700	80,300	3,300	8,000
Russia	31,800	250,900	19,700	61,100
Spain	21,000	198,800	19,900	36,200
Sweden	15,600	82,600	13,800	26,600
Switzerland	33,500	280,200	33,000	108,900
Turkey (European)	8,200	98,700	7,100	8,000
Totals	738,900	4,957,800	780,800	1,835,400
ASIA.				
Asiatic Turkey and Persia	4,500	64,800	2,800	5,200
Ceylon	13,800	203,800	10,700	29,700
China and Japan	23,900	329,800	18,100	34,500
India (including Aden)	140,900	2,118,000	107,100	301,300
Straits Settlements, Siam, and East Indies	14,200	247,600	12,100	20,700
Totals	197,300	2,964,000	150,800	391,400

APPENDIX B.

OTHER ARTICLES exchanged annually by the UNITED KINGDOM on the results of the latest Statistics taken under the provisions of the Union Convention.

Country or Colony.	Despatched from the United Kingdom.		Destined for the United Kingdom.	
	Letters and Postcards.	Circulars, Book Packets, Patterns, News- papers.	Letters and Postcards.	Circulars, Book Packets, Patterns, News- papers.
AFRICA.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.
Cape Colony and Interior States (except } South African Republic)	38,800	505,000	36,700	151,400
East Coast of Africa (British and Portuguese } Possessions)	3,300	43,600	2,900	2,500
Egypt	15,100	204,900	10,700	17,300
Madeira, Canary Islands, and Cape Verd	3,900	46,300	3,200	1,800
Mauritius, &c.	2,200	39,200	1,500	4,100
Natal	9,600	167,900	8,800	46,600
St. Helena and Ascension	1,000	7,800	500	600
South African Republic	26,500	283,500	25,400	186,900
West Coast of Africa, &c.	11,200	160,300	8,100	6,700
Totals	111,600	1,463,500	97,100	417,900
AMERICA.				
Canada and Newfoundland	82,600	1,030,200	46,500	236,000
United States	304,600	2,197,800	268,300	1,598,000
Mexico and Central American States	6,400	94,700	3,300	9,300
Brazil	11,100	180,900	6,500	9,700
Uruguay and Paraguay	3,300	45,500	500	1,700
Argentine Republic	11,800	205,500	8,100	13,300
Chili and Bolivia	6,100	90,400	5,000	9,900
Peru	2,100	27,700	1,800	1,400
Ecuador, Colombia, and Venezuela	2,600	35,900	1,800	2,200
British West Indies (including British } Guiana, British Honduras, Bahamas, and Bermuda)	19,500	326,000	17,600	30,400
Foreign West Indies	5,400	46,700	1,300	1,000
Falkland Islands	300	6,900	300	200
Totals	456,800	4,258,200	361,300	1,913,100
AUSTRALASIA.				
Western Australia	9,800	196,900	8,600	42,200
South Australia	7,700	137,900	5,700	39,100
Victoria	26,300	449,200	21,200	205,000
New South Wales	30,000	428,700	21,700	157,400
Queensland	10,900	254,500	5,000	55,200
Tasmania	3,300	74,000	2,600	16,200
New Zealand	25,000	533,500	17,800	151,000
Fiji, &c.	1,000	26,800	600	1,400
Totals	114,000	2,101,500	86,200	667,500
GRAND TOTALS	1,617,600	15,745,000	1,456,200	5,223,300

APPENDIX B.—continued.

STATEMENT of the NUMBERS of FOREIGN and COLONIAL
31st March 1899 and

Country.	Date of Establishment of Post.	Number of Parcels.			
		Despatched.			
		1898-99.	1899-1900.	In-crease.	De-crease.
Aden - - - -	July 1885	1,937	2,423	486	—
Antigua - - -	Jan. 1886	1,641	1,666	25	—
Argentine Republic - -	Feb. 1890	3,181	3,634	453	—
Ascension - - -	July 1886	331	643	312	—
Austria-Hungary* - -	June 1886	11,094	12,457	1,563	—
Bahamas - - -	Sept. 1887	894	1,395	501	—
Barbados - - -	April 1886	4,065	4,943	893	—
Bechuanaland, Orange Free State, and Transvaal.	Dec. 1889	35,278	17,710	—	17,568
Belgium - - -	Jan. 1886	52,315	52,911	596	—
Bermuda - - -	April 1890	3,776	4,556	780	—
Beyrout - - -	Jan. 1885	729	775	46	—
British Central Africa -	Aug. 1893	762	985	223	—
British East Africa - -	April 1891	2,670	3,167	497	—
British Guiana - - -	Jan. 1886	5,647	6,380	733	—
British Honduras*** - -	March 1887	660	845	185	—
British North Borneo - -	Sept. 1887	261	274	13	—
Canada, Dominion of - -	Aug. 1886	59,276	62,115	2,839	—
Cape Colony - - -	Dec. 1885	70,692	210,603††	139,911	—
Ceylon - - - -	Nov. 1885	13,064	14,964	1,890	—
Chili - - - -	Jan. 1897	916	1,157	241	—
Colombia, Republic of - -	March 1888	6,904	4,106	—	2,698
Constantinople - - -	Jan. 1886	4,296	3,940	—	355
Costa Rica - - -	Feb. 1888	1,354	1,314	—	40
Cyprus - - - -	Jan. 1886	1,589	2,070	481	—
Dominica - - -	Jan. 1886	712	798	86	—
Dutch East Indies - - -	June 1886	884	1,023	139	—
Egypt - - - -	July 1885	20,890	22,064	1,174	—
Falkland Islands - - -	Oct. 1888	1,008	1,427	419	—
Fiji - - - -	June 1890	357	384	27	—
France† - - - -	Oct. 1887	209,075	208,163	—	922
Germany† - - -	Jan. 1886	264,039	266,982	2,943	—
Gibraltar - - -	July 1885	12,645	15,397	2,752	—
Grenada - - -	Oct. 1885	1,478	1,909	431	—
Hawaii - - - -	March 1895	1,063	1,261	198	—
Holland - - -	April 1886	48,993	47,204	—	1,489
Hong Kong‡ - - -	Oct. 1885	16,728	20,450	3,722	—
India - - - -	July 1885	103,019	108,369	5,340	—
Italy - - - -	Oct. 1887	62,512	65,198	2,686	—
Jamaica - - -	Oct. 1885	7,044	8,225	281	—
Japan - - - -	Nov. 1895	4,771	5,369	598	—
Labuan - - - -	Dec. 1885	121	135	14	—
Liberia - - -	July 1893	303	302	—	1
Madeira - - -	July 1891	1,042	1,539	497	—
Malta - - - -	Aug. 1885	19,417	19,399	—	18
Carried forward -		1,059,052	1,210,836	173,975	23,091

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

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

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

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

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

†† Including parcels for Army in South Africa.

APPENDIX B.—continued.

PARCELS Despatched and Received during the Years ended the
the 31st March 1900.

Number of Parcels.								Country.
Received.				Totals.				
1898-99.	1899-1900.	In-crease.	De-crease.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	In-crease.	De-crease.	
1,935	2,114	179	—	3,872	4,537	665	—	Aden.
291	265	—	26	1,933	1,831	—	1	Antigua.
502	618	26	—	3,773	4,252	479	—	Argentine Republic.
96	79	—	17	427	722	295	—	Ascension.
5,915	6,295	380	—	17,009	18,952	1,943	—	Austria-Hungary.*
185	338	153	—	1,079	1,733	654	—	Bahamas.
1,453	1,618	165	—	5,598	6,566	1,068	—	Barbados.
—||	—||	—	—	35,278	17,710	—	17,568	Bechuanaland, Orange Free State, and Transvaal.
25,729	25,764	35	—	78,044	78,675	631	—	Belgium.
963	1,233	301	—	4,758	5,339	1,081	—	Bermuda.
233	314	81	—	962	1,089	127	—	Beyrout.
—||	—||	—	—	763	965	223	—	British Central Africa.
593	543	—	50	3,263	3,710	447	—	British East Africa.
1,626	1,965	359	—	7,273	8,365	1,092	—	British Guiana.
86	66	—	20	746	911	165	—	British Honduras.***
57	97	40	—	318	371	53	—	British North Borneo.
23,175	26,022	2,847	—	82,451	88,137	5,686	—	Canada, Dominion of.
25,189	30,902	5,713	—	95,831	241,505	145,624	—	Cape Colony.
6,108	6,743	635	—	19,202	21,727	2,525	—	Ceylon.
527	469	—	53	1,443	1,626	183	—	Chili.
303	265	—	38	7,107	4,371	—	2,736	Colombia, Republic of.
778	683	—	95	5,073	4,623	—	450	Constantinople.
63	87	—	6	1,417	1,371	—	46	Costa Rica.
536	833	297	—	2,125	2,903	778	—	Cyprus.
109	96	—	13	821	894	73	—	Dominica.
—**	—**	—	—	884	1,023	139	—	Dutch East Indies.
11,926	12,551	625	—	32,816	34,615	1,799	—	Egypt.
156	227	71	—	1,164	1,654	490	—	Falkland Islands.
103	53	—	50	460	437	—	23	Fiji.
202,847	199,601	—	3,246	411,922	407,754	—	4,168	France.†
346,345	354,169	37,924	—	610,284	651,151	40,867	—	Germany ‡
7,029	6,938	—	91	19,674	22,335	2,661	—	Gibraltar.
234	320	36	—	1,762	2,229	467	—	Grenada.
146	213	67	—	1,209	1,474	265	—	Hawaii.
40,431	42,262	1,831	—	89,124	89,466	342	—	Holland.
12,328	12,767	439	—	29,056	33,217	4,161	—	Hong Kong.§
69,333	71,415	2,083	—	173,352	179,774	7,422	—	India.
56,728	61,890	5,162	—	119,240	127,078	7,838	—	Italy.
2,320	2,611	291	—	10,264	10,836	572	—	Jamaica.
3,930	4,191	261	—	8,701	9,560	859	—	Japan.
84	102	18	—	205	237	32	—	Labuan.
11	9	—	2	314	311	—	3	Liberia.
96	104	6	—	1,140	1,643	503	—	Madeira.
11,213	8,683	—	2,530	30,630	28,062	—	2,568	Malta.
861,773	915,545	60,014	6,242	1,921,725	2,126,381	232,199	27,543	

|| Included in figures for Cape Colony.

†† Included in figures for Germany.

** Included in figures for Holland.

APPENDIX B.—continued.

STATEMENT of the NUMBERS of FOREIGN and COLONIAL
31st March 1899 and

Country.	Date of Establishment of Post.	Number of Parcels.			
		Despatched.			
		1898-99.	1899-1900.	In- crease.	De- crease.
	Brought forward -	1,059,952	1,210,836	173,975	23,091
Mauritius	April 1889	1,778	2,381	603	—
Mexico	April 1890	3,655	4,047	392	—
Montserrat	Jan. 1886	331	427	96	—
Natal	June 1887	18,258	41,221*	22,963	—
Novis	Jan. 1886	107	107	—	—
Newfoundland . . .	Sept. 1886	2,497	2,717	220	—
New South Wales . .	July 1886	21,089	23,515	2,426	—
New Zealand	Nov. 1888	19,477	19,464	—	13
Nigeria	Dec. 1892	1,297	2,444	1,147	—
Norway	April 1886	13,932	14,036	104	—
Persia	Jan. 1894	193	235	42	—
Portugal	Jan. 1883	4,710	5,450	740	—
Queensland	Feb. 1892	6,859	7,901	1,042	—
Rhodesia	Jan. 1893	4,149	3,867	—	282
St. Helena	April 1886	1,177	1,848	671	—
St. Kitts	Jan. 1886	981	1,310	329	—
St. Lucia	Oct. 1885	1,471	1,587	116	—
St. Pierre and Miquelon	Aug. 1895	2,638	3,416	728	—
St. Thomas	Jan. 1888	399	464	85	—
St. Vincent	Nov. 1885	744	742	—	2
Salvador	April 1893	252	377	125	—
Samoa and Baratonga .	May 1894	61	73	12	—
Sarawak	July 1887	251	377	126	—
Seychelles	April 1890	250	336	86	—
Siam	Aug. 1890	813	1,179	366	—
Smyrna	April 1887	1,393	1,381	—	12
South Australia . . .	July 1886	5,369	5,708	339	—
Spain	Sept. 1891	19,046	29,186	10,140	—
Straits Settlements . .	Oct. 1885	7,115	9,073	1,958	—
Sweden	May 1886	14,691	14,887	196	—
Switzerland	Dec. 1887	49,573	51,712	2,134	—
Tangier	Jan. 1890	1,299	1,279	—	20
Tasmania	Jan. 1887	2,814	3,127	313	—
Tortola	Oct. 1886	43	28	—	15
Trinidad (including Tobago)	Oct. 1885	4,749	5,861	1,112	—
Uruguay	April 1891	626	640	14	—
Victoria	July 1886	13,806	14,681	875	—
West African Colonies .	Jan. 1888	8,736	11,782	3,046	—
West Australia	Jan. 1887	7,252	8,310	1,058	—
Zanzibar	Jan. 1887	790	763	—	27
	Totals	1,304,078	1,508,795	227,579	23,462
		Net Increase 204,117			

* Including parcels for Army in South Africa.

In 1898-99 a uniform scale of Postage was introduced in the Service with the undermentioned British Colonies, Protectorates, &c.:—Ascension, Bahamas, Barbados, British East Africa, British Honduras, Beyrout, Ceylon, Constantinople, Cyprus, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Leeward Islands, Malta, Newfoundland, Niger Coast Protectorate, St. Helena, Sarawak, Seychelles, Smyrna, Straits Settlements, Tobago, Trinidad, West African Colonies, Windward Islands, Zanzibar. In 1899-1900 the uniform scale was extended to the service with Bermuda, Hong Kong, Jamaica, and Mauritius, and the postage was reduced in the case of parcels exchanged by the overland route with Constantinople and Smyrna. A revision and simplification of the scales of postage in the service with the following foreign countries, &c., was also effected:—Austria-Hungary, Colombia, Eastern Europe, Egypt, French Possessions, Germany, German Possessions, Italy, Madeira, Portugal, St. Pierre and Miquelon, Siam, and Switzerland.

APPENDIX B.—*continued.*

PARCELS Despatched and Received during the Years ended the
the 31st March 1900—*continued.*

Number of Parcels.								Country.
Received.				Totals.				
1898-99.	1899-1900.	In-crease.	De-crease.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	In-crease.	De-crease.	
861,773	915,545	60,014	6,242	1,921,725	2,126,381	232,199	27,543	
305	507	202	—	2,063	2,898	805	—	Mauritius.
518	532	14	—	4,173	4,579	406	—	Mexico.
61	52	—	9	392	479	87	—	Montserrat.
5,448	6,500	1,052	—	23,706	47,721	24,015	—	Natal.
19	17	—	2	126	124	—	2	Nevis.
555	530	—	25	3,052	3,247	195	—	Newfoundland.
8,695	8,926	231	—	29,784	32,441	2,657	—	New South Wales.
3,915	4,698	783	—	23,392	24,162	770	—	New Zealand.
467	701	234	—	1,764	3,145	1,381	—	Nigeria.
5,137	5,418	281	—	19,069	19,454	385	—	Norway.
*—	*—	—	—	103	235	42	—	Persia.
554	477	—	77	5,264	5,927	663	—	Portugal.
2,637	2,765	128	—	9,496	10,606	1,170	—	Queensland.
||—	||—	—	—	4,149	3,967	—	282	Rhodesia.
240	452	212	—	1,417	2,300	883	—	St. Helena.
120	144	24	—	1,101	1,454	353	—	St. Kitts.
316	354	38	—	1,787	1,941	154	—	St. Lucia.
1	47	—	14	2,749	3,463	714	—	St. Pierre and Miquelon.
71	67	—	4	470	551	81	—	St. Thomas.
136	128	—	8	880	870	—	10	St. Vincent.
4	55	51	—	256	432	176	—	Salvador.
**—	**—	—	—	61	73	12	—	Samoa and Baratonga.
†—	97	97	—	251	474	223	—	Sarawak.
270	369	99	—	520	705	185	—	Seychelles.
†—	†—	—	—	813	1,179	366	—	Siam.
436	522	86	—	1,829	1,903	74	—	Smyna.
2,530	2,795	265	—	7,899	8,503	604	—	South Australia.
†—	†—	—	—	19,046	29,186	10,140	—	Spain.
6,092	5,816	—	276	13,207	14,889	1,682	—	Straits Settlements.
5,030	5,274	244	—	19,721	20,161	440	—	Sweden.
20,224	21,961	1,737	—	69,802	73,673	3,871	—	Switzerland.
§—	§—	—	—	1,299	1,279	—	20	Tangier.
554	681	127	—	3,368	3,808	440	—	Tasmania.
5	7	2	—	48	35	—	13	Tortola.
1,530	1,636	106	—	6,279	7,497	1,218	—	Trinidad (including Tobago).
99	93	—	6	725	733	8	—	Uruguay.
5,991	6,500	509	—	19,797	21,181	1,384	—	Victoria.
2,713	5,470	2,757	—	11,449	17,252	5,803	—	West African Colonies.
2,178	2,293	115	—	9,430	10,803	1,173	—	West Australia.
503	391	—	112	1,293	1,154	—	139	Zanzibar.
939,187	1,001,820	69,408	6,775	2,243,565	2,510,615	294,759	28,009	
Net Increase		62,633				266,750		

* Included in figures for India.

† Included in figures for Straits Settlements.

‡ Included in figures for France.

§ Included in figures for Gibraltar.

|| Included in figures for Cape Colony.

** Included in figures for New Zealand.

APPENDIX C.

Abstract of Contracts or Agreements for

Line of Communication.	How often.	Number and Character of Vessels.	Contractors.	Contract or Agreement.		
				Date of Contract.	Terminable.	Service commenced.
FALMOUTH and ST. MAWES and PERCUL.	Daily - -	Steam vessel	St. Mawes Steam Tug and Passenger Company.	- - -	- - -	10 Aug. 1892
FLEETWOOD and BELFAST.	Week days -	Steam vessels	North Lancashire Steam Navigation Company (but payment made through Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company).	28 Jan. 1891	On 6 months' notice.	1 July 1899
GUERNSEY and SARK	July, Aug. and Sept., 5 days a week. May, June and Oct., 3 days a week. Other months, 2 days a week.	Steam vessel	Guernsey Steam Towing and Trading Co.	- - -	- - -	1 Jan. 1891
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 1888
PENZANCE and SCILLY	Three times a week in summer. Twice a week in winter.	Steam vessel	West Cornwall Steamship Company.	31 July 1874	On 6 months' notice.	1 Feb. 1874
PORTSMOUTH and RYDE.	Once daily, with the Night Mails. <i>See "Remarks."</i>	Steam vessels	London, Brighton, and South Coast, and London and South-Western Railway Companies.	10 Nov. 1891	On 6 months' notice.	1 July 1890
SCILLY, ST. MARTIN'S and ST. AGNES.	Three times a week in summer, twice in winter.	Steam launch	Mr. J. Banfield, Jr.	- - -	- - -	1 Mar. 1898
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
WREYMOUTH and CHANNEL ISLANDS.	6 days a week	Steam vessels	Great Western Railway Company.	- - -	- - -	1 Aug. 1931

APPENDIX C.

the Conveyance of Home Mails by Sea.

Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
70%.	—	—	—	—
1,000%.	- - -	- - -	- - -	The Department has the general use of the Company's vessels.
60%. (from 1 Jan. 1899).	- - -	- - -	- - -	Payment includes the parcel service.
100,000%. to 31 Mar. 1917. 80,000% after that date.	Outward journey (including transfer on both sides of the Channel), 3h. 37m. Inward journey (including transfer), 3h. 32m.	12. 14s. per minute	If on any occasion vessel is not ready, penalty of 100% and 10% per hour for every hour beyond stipulated time before vessel starts.	The payment is subject to a reduction of 2,000% in respect of the receipts from passenger traffic. It includes payment for parcel services.
4,500%.	14 nautical miles an hour in summer; 12 in winter.	- - -	If on any occasion vessel is not ready P.M.G. may employ another vessel, and charge cost to the Contractors.	Separate payment at rate of 3s. a cwt. for parcels. 125% per annum is also paid for transfer of Parcel Mails from the Packets at Liverpool and Douglas. There is a second service on week days during the summer season.
52% 10s.	—	—	—	—
*500% 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.
1,400%. (including payment for parcels).	25 minutes each trip.	- - -	200%.	The Department has also the general use of the Companies' vessels which are constantly plying between the two places.
120%.	- - -	- - -	- - -	No Contract.
6,500%.	- - -	- - -	- - -	No Contract.
170%.	- - -	- - -	- - -	No Contract. The Post Office has the general use of the Company's vessels.
200%.	- - -	- - -	- - -	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 ARBAN.	Week days -	Steam vessel	Glasgow and South-Western Railway Company.	16 Feb. and 25 March 1892	On 6 months' notice.	1 Dec. 1891
FOULA and WALLS (SHETLAND).	Once a fortnight (Oct. to Mar.). Once a week (Apr. to Sept.).	Sailing vessel.	M. Manson and L. Gray.	19 Mar. 1896	On 6 months' notice.	1 Apr. 1896
GLASGOW and CAMPBELTOWN.	Week days -	Steam vessels	Campbeltown and Glasgow Steam Packet Company.	6 and 17 Oct. 1891.	On 3 months' notice.	1 July 1890
GREENOCK and BELFAST.	Week days -	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	Right Hon. Lord Inverclyde.	21, 22, 24, and 25 August 1883.	On 12 months' notice.	1 Aug. 1883
ARDROSSAN and BELFAST.						
GREENOCK and LONDONDERRY.							Twice a week
GREENOCK (PRINCE'S PIER) and ROTHESAY.	Week days -	Steam vessel	Glasgow and South-Western Railway Co.	24 Oct. and 3 Nov. 1893.	On 6 months' notice.	17 Oct. 1892
GREENOCK and ROTHESAY.	Week days -	Steam vessel	David MacBrayno	13 and 19 Jan. 1894.	On 6 months' notice.	17 Oct. 1892
GREENOCK and ARDRISHAIG.						
GREENOCK and LOCHGOILHEAD.	Week days -	Steam vessel	Lochgoil and Loch Long Steam Boat Company.	6 and 7 June and 13 July 1892.	On 6 months' notice.	1 Feb. 1892
GREENOCK and KILMUN.	Twice on week days.	Steam vessel	Capt. Jas. Williamson, for Caledonian Steam Packet Company.	No Contract	- - -	Mar. 1889
GREENOCK and TARBERT (HARRIS).	Once a week -	Steam vessel (Dunara Castle).	Martin Orme & Co.	No Contract	- - -	- - -
GREENOCK and DUNVEGAN.	Once a week -	Steam vessel (Hebridean).	John McCallum & Co.	No Contract	- - -	- - -
INTERGORDON 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 MacBrayno	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.	- - - - -	- - - - -	P.M.G. 1,000 <i>l.</i> to charter another vessel at Con- tractors' expense.	—
400 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	200 <i>l.</i>	—
78 <i>l.</i> (2 <i>l.</i> a trip.)	- - - - -	- - - - -	25 <i>l.</i>	—
650 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	150 <i>l.</i>	The Department has also the general use of these steamers, as run by the Company for their own traffic purposes. The pay- ment includes Parcel Ser- vice.
10,000 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	2,000 <i>l.</i>	Payment includes Parcel Service.
130 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	65 <i>l.</i> *	Payment includes the Parcel Service. * To be recovered by way of liquidated damages and not by penalty.
2,510 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	850 <i>l.</i> *	This payment includes 190 <i>l.</i> for Parcel Service, and 320 <i>l.</i> (30 <i>l.</i> of this sum for Parcel Service) for the general use of all Mr. MacBrayne's steamers running to and from the Clyde.
300 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	100 <i>l.</i>	The Department has general use of all this Company's steamers as run by them for traffic purposes. The payment includes the Parcel Service.
125 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	-	Payment includes the Parcel Service.
500 <i>l.</i>	—	—	—	—
100 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	25 <i>l.</i>	Payment includes Parcel Service.
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.	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 TAY Steamers	Six days a week.	Steam vessels	Marquis of Breadalbane per W. J. Fraser.	- - -	- - -	- - -
MALLAIG and INVERIE (FORT WILLIAM).	Three days a week.	Sailing vessel.	John Michie	- - -	On 6 months' notice.	10 Sept. 1893
OBAN and FORT WILLIAM.	Once a day, six days a week.	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	David MacBrayne	- - -	- - -	1 Apr. 1891
OBAN and FORT WILLIAM (Parcels).	Once a day, six days a week.	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	"	- - -	- - -	1 Aug. 1894
OBAN and TOBERMORY.	Once a day, six days a week.	Steam vessel	"	1 & 13 June 1893.	On 6 months' notice.	1 Apr. 1893
OBAN and West of MULL, calling at Croggan, Tobermory, Kilchoan, Coll, Tiree, Iona (on outward voyage) and Bunessan.	Out. — On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. In. — On Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.	Steam vessel	"	"	"	"
OBAN and DUNVEGAN, calling at Tobermory, Castlebay, Lochboisdale, and Lochmaddy.	Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.	Steam vessel.	"	"	"	"
DUNVEGAN and OBAN, calling at Loch Pooltiel, and Loch Bracadale and Tobermory; And also at Canna and Rum.	Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.					
	Tuesdays and Thursdays.					
OBAN and LOCHMADDY, calling at Tobermory, Loch Bracadale, Loch Pooltiel, and Dunvegan; And also at Rum and Canna.	Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.	Steam vessel.	"	"	"	"
	Tuesdays and Saturdays.					
LOCHMADDY and OBAN, calling at Lochboisdale and Castlebay.	Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.					

APPENDIX C.—*continued.*

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

APPENDIX C.—continued.

Line of Communication.	How often.	Number and Character of Vessels.	Contractors.	Contract or Agreement.		
				Date of Contract.	Terminable.	Service commenced.
PORTREE, LOCH-MADDY, and DUN-VEGAN.	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. 1892
SCRABSTER (THURSO) and STROMNESS.	6 days a week	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	North of Scotland and Orkney and Shetland Steam Navigation Company.	21 Feb. & 27 Mar. 1893.	On 6 months' notice.	12 Feb. 1893
STRANRAER and LARNE. (See below.)	4 days a week	Steam vessel	R. Garden	14 April & 5 May 1893.	On 6 months' notice.	1 Mar. 1893
STROMNESS and SOUTH ISLES.	4 days a week	Steam vessel	R. Garden	14 April & 5 May 1893.	On 6 months' notice.	1 Mar. 1893
{ TARBERT, ISLAY, and JURA.	Week days	Steam vessel	David MacBrayne	13 & 19 Jan. 1894.	On 6 months' notice.	1 Oct. 1892
{ GREENOCK, ISLAY, and JURA.						
VIRKIE (SHETLAND) and FAIR ISLE.	Once a fortnight.	Sailing vessel.	John Bruce, Junr.	- - -	- - -	1 Nov. 1893
WEMYSS BAY and MILLPORT.	Thrice on week days in summer and twice in winter.	Steam vessel	Caledonian Railway Co.	In general agreement with the Co.		
Ditto	Additional week day service in winter.	Steam vessel	Caledonian Steam Packet Company, per Capt. James Williamson.	- - -	On 6 months' notice.	1 Oct. 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 ARRAH	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 1,500*l.* a year, and the principal payments are as follows:—

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

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

4. For the conveyance of Outward American Mails on Saturday by train from Euston to Holyhead and thence by Homeward American Mails by steamer from Dublin to Holyhead when required, 60*l.* a trip.

APPENDIX C.—continued.

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

in the United Kingdom for a certain fixed payment of 2*s*. 1*d*. per 100. The total amount paid at present is about

.	.	.	.	.	.	.	about 750 <i>l</i> . a year.
.	.	.	.	.	.	.	" 290 <i>l</i> . "
.	.	.	.	.	.	.	" 270 <i>l</i> . "
and Ardrossan	.	.	.	.	.	.	" 110 <i>l</i> . "
	.	.	.	.	.	.	" 65 <i>l</i> . "

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

APPENDIX D. Foreign and Colonial Packet Service.

Service.	Contracts.			Payment during the Year 1899-1900.	Amount received.		Cost borne in respect of Mails despatched from the United Kingdom.
	Com-mencement.	Termination.	Penalties for Overtime.		By Contributions.	By Sea Postage for Mails despatched by Colonies and Foreign Countries.	
EUROPE :				£		£	£
Dover and Calais -	21 June 1893 -	On 12 months' notice -	5s. for 20 minutes and 5s. for every additional 15 minutes.	24,730	-	-	24,730*
Harwich to the Hook of Holland	1 May 1898 -	31 December 1903 -	-	867	-	-	867
†Newhaven to Dieppe	1 July 1897 -	On 6 months' notice -	-	44½	-	-	44
†Channel Islands and St. Malo and Granville -	15 Feb. 1898 -	Do. -	-	42½	-	26	16
†Grimsby and Hamburg -	16 Apr. 1893 -	Do. -	-	1,003½	-	585	418
†London to Hamburg -	1 Jan. 1896 -	Do. -	-	453½	-	-	453
†Liverpool, Malta, and the Levant	1 Jan. 1896 -	Do. -	-	82½	-	-	83
†United Kingdom and Lisbon -	1 Jan. 1898 -	Do. -	-	94½	-	8	88
AMERICA :							
United Kingdom to New York -	{ 1 March 1897 1 Aug. 1899	31 July 1899 - On 12 months' notice -	-	113,640½	-	11,925	101,715
New York and Bermuda	1 Jan. 1899 -	On 6 months' notice -	-	960½	-	49	911
†Liverpool, Belize, and Mexico -	1 Dec. 1891 -	Do. -	-	200½	-	-	209
United Kingdom and West Indies :							
Fortnightly Service -	1 July 1895 -	30 June 1900 -	2s. for every 24 hours.	80,000	-	15,651	46,860
Additional Non-Contract Service -	-	-	-	161½	-	-	-

APPENDIX F.

Staff of Officers.

Totals 31 Mar. 1899.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Ireland.		Scotland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar. 1900.
		Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	
	A.									
1	Postmaster General - -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	B.									
11	Secretary, Second Secretary, Comptroller and Accountant General, Assistant Secre- taries, Secretary for Ireland and Secretary for Scotland.	9	—	1	—	1	—	11	—	11
	C.									
78	Higher Division Clerks (Seco- tary's Office) and other Superior Officers in Metro- politan Offices.	60	1	4	—	4	—	77	1	78
	D.									
16	Surveyors - - - -	10	—	3	—	3	—	16	—	16
	E.									
913	Head Postmasters :									
	Metropolitan - -	10	—	—	—	1	—	759	145	904
	Provinces - - -	542	83	92	29	114	33			
	F.									
20,323	Sub-Postmasters :									
	Metropolitan - -	733	139	61	87	48	12	14,781	5,998	20,779
	Provinces - - -	10,869	4,074	1,751	984	1,319	722			
	G.									
7,640	Clerks and Superintending Officers :									
	Metropolitan - -	3,252	1,690	200	36	167	44	5,954	1,899	7,853
	Provinces - - -	1,984	108	112	5	239	18			
	H.									
26,351	Counter Clerks and Tele- graphists, Sorters, Sorting Clerks and Telegraphists, and Telegraphists :									
	Metropolitan - -	8,995	2,401	604	102	459	131	20,781	6,574	27,355
	Provinces - - -	8,781	3,016	702	312	1,240	612			
55,343	Carried forward - - -	35,255	11,510	3,530	1,535	3,595	1,572	42,380	14,617	56,997

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

Totals 31 Mar. 1899.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Ireland.		Scotland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar. 1900.
		Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	
55,842	Brought forward . .	35,256	11,510	3,530	1,535	3,596	1,572	42,380	14,617	56,997
	I.									
32,755	Mechanics, Porters, Postmen, &c.:									
	Metropolitan . .	8,184	—	428	—	517	—	34,272	9	34,281
	Provinces . .	20,191	8	1,754	—	3,248	1			
	J.									
71,833	Persons employed in un- established positions, viz., Assistants to Postmasters, Auxiliaries, Boy Messengers, Copyists, Commissionaires, Female Servants, Tele- graph Construction Hands, &c.:									
	Metropolitan . .	10,983	1,725	687	241	486	145	56,505	19,292	75,797
	Provinces . .	31,356	13,540	7,708	1,576	5,200	2,068			
	K.									
0	Postmasters and Clerks, &c. abroad (under direction of the Postmaster General) and agents in Foreign Countries for collection of postage, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	—	11
130,942	Totals . .	105,019	26,783	14,102	3,352	13,136	3,783	133,168	33,018	167,086

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

	Number of Deaths during the Twelve Months ended December 31, 1899.									
	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 DISEASE.										
1. Miasmatic disease :										
Typhoid - - - -	2	1	2	-	3	-	1	-	3	-
Scarlet fever - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Influenza - - - -	2	1	2	-	10	1	1	-	1	-
2. Septic diseases :										
Pyæmia - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas - - -	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
II.—CONSTITUTION DISEASES.										
Cancer - - - -	2	-	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Phthisis and hæmoptysis -	16	2	4	-	25	1	4	-	2	1
Tuberculosis - - -	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Rheumatic fever - - -	-	-	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Diabetes - - - -	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
Glandular disease - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
III.—LOCAL DISEASES.										
1. Disease of nervous system :										
Apoplexy - - - -	2	1	1	-	3	-	3	-	-	-
Inflammation of brain -	3	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Paralysis - - - -	-	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	1	-
Epilepsy - - - -	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebral tumour and abscess	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Spinal disease - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Mental derangement -	3	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
2. Diseases of circulatory system :										
Disease of the heart -	2	-	2	-	7	1	3	-	4	-
Disease of the blood vessels	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Syncope and angina pectoris	2	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	1	-
3. Diseases of respiratory system :										
Bronchitis - - - -	3	-	3	-	8	-	1	-	-	-
Pneumonia - - - -	10	1	6	-	15	2	5	1	-	-
Congestion of lungs -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Asthma - - - -	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Laryngitis - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pleurisy - - - -	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Carried forward - -	51	8	26	-	105	6	19	3	13	1

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

	Number of Deaths during the Twelve Months ended December 31, 1899.									
	Chief Office.		Metro-politan Districts.		Rest of England.		Scotland.		Ireland.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
Brought forward -	51	8	26	-	105	6	19	3	13	1
4. Diseases of digestive system :										
Ulcer of stomach -	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Appendicitis -	2	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
Enteritis -	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Hernia, strangulated -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peritonitis -	3	1	1	-	4	-	2	-	-	-
Disease of liver -	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Other diseases of digestive system.	-	-	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
5. Diseases of urinary system :										
Bright's disease -	1	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
Renal calculus -	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cystitis -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
IV.—DEATHS FROM VIOLENCE.										
Operations for cure of disease -	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Accidents -	1	-	2	-	3	-	1	-	1	-
Drowned -	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	2	-
Suicide -	4	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
V.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED CASES.										
Tumour -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
{ Quinsy -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
{ Killed in battle -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
{ Dropsy -	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Not classified { Delirium tremens -	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
{ Sudden death -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
{ Not stated -	-	-	1	-	4	-	2	-	-	-
Totals -	67	11	39	-	135	8	28	3	17	1

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, 1899.									
	Chief Office.		Metro-politan Districts.		Rest of England.		Scotland.		Ireland.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
Paralysis - - -	4	-	5	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Vertigo - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Locomotor ataxy - -	2	-	1	-	2	-	2	-	-	-
Epilepsy - - -	1	2	3	-	7	-	-	-	-	-
Mental derangement -	13	-	6	-	10	-	2	-	2	-
Nervous debility - -	5	7	2	7	9	4	-	-	-	-
Diabetes - - -	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Heart disease - - -	4	-	6	-	21	2	2	-	4	2
Varicose veins - - -	-	-	2	-	4	-	-	-	1	-
Abscess - - -	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Phthisis and hæmoptysis -	19	4	18	-	24	3	9	4	3	-
Hæmorrhoids - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Chronic bronchitis - -	3	-	2	-	15	1	5	-	2	-
Pleurisy - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia - - -	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Laryngitis - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Asthma - - -	1	-	3	-	5	-	1	-	-	-
Liver disease - - -	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-
Gastric catarrh - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Kidney disease - - -	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-
Eye sight - - -	1	2	3	1	7	1	1	-	2	-
Ear disease - - -	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis - - -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Influenza - - -	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-
Phlebitis - - -	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Ulcer of stomach - - -	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Chronic rheumatism and sciatica	5	2	9	-	19	1	1	1	2	-
Gout - - -	4	-	3	-	3	-	1	-	-	-
Cancer - - -	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Carried forward - -	73	18	64	9	145	13	25	6	22	2

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, 1899.									
	Chief Office.		Metro-politan Districts.		Rest of England.		Scotland.		Ireland.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
Brought forward - -	73	18	64	9	145	13	25	6	22	2
Glandular disease - -	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Peritonitis and enteritis - -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Albuminuria - -	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Scrofula - -	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apoplexy - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Chronic synovitis - -	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Ulcer of leg - -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tumour - -	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sunstroke - -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Flat feet and weak ankles - -	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Skin disease - -	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tender feet - -	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Hammer toes and bunions - -	-	-	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Writer's cramp - -	-	-	2	1	1	2	-	-	-	-
Accidents - -	-	-	5	-	11	1	-	-	1	-
Hernia - -	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Hysteria - -	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
General debility - -	-	21	2	-	12	5	2	-	2	1
Senile decay - -	8	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Anaemia - -	1	2	1	2	-	1	-	1	-	-
Spinal disease - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Dyspepsia - -	5	1	1	-	5	-	2	-	1	-
Above 60 years of age - -	33	1	21	1	92	3	15	-	4	1
For official reasons - -	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Goitre - -	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Angina pectoris - -	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operation - -	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hæmatemesis - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Totals - -	130	46	113	15	280	27	45	7	30	4

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 1899, and the Year ended 31st March 1900.

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.	
	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1899-1900.
LONDON - -	3,397,233	3,509,647	2,841,271	2,904,432	185,516	195,663	370,446	409,552
MANCHESTER -	461,876	483,182	393,524	413,137	16,366	17,273	51,986	52,772
LIVERPOOL -	348,912	360,958	293,807	304,031	18,230	20,166	36,873	36,761
BIRMINGHAM -	293,673	307,173	263,245	274,943	8,387	8,648	22,041	23,582
LEEDS - -	298,986	292,126	254,397	253,983	12,819	11,105	31,770	27,038
BRISTOL - -	381,204	397,338	322,456	339,942	16,277	19,484	42,471	37,912
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.	173,062	184,725	141,783	155,247	10,232	10,635	21,047	18,843
NOTTINGHAM -	232,153	251,684	206,667	226,048	6,432	6,529	19,054	19,107
PLYMOUTH -	58,800	63,215	50,048	54,647	3,622	3,937	5,130	4,631
EDINBURGH -	212,073	187,154	186,776	162,962	9,043	7,707	16,254	16,485
GLASGOW - -	202,054	242,277	179,682	214,802	7,947	9,299	14,425	18,176
ABERDEEN -	30,443	30,842	25,601	26,645	1,891	1,559	2,951	2,638
INVERNESS -	17,062	18,378	15,133	16,730	538	690	1,391	958
DUBLIN - -	208,165	238,180	179,425	205,241	9,305	12,842	19,435	20,097
BELFAST - -	67,454	72,259	56,898	60,151	3,095	3,553	7,461	8,555
CORK - -	36,065	37,490	30,887	33,654	2,641	2,649	2,537	1,187
Totals for Re- turned Letter Offices - -	6,419,215	6,676,628	5,441,600	5,646,595	312,341	331,739	665,274	698,294
Dealt with in Head Post Offices - -	2,134,721	2,277,413	2,134,721	2,277,413	—	—	—	—
General Totals of Undelivered Correspondence	8,553,936	8,954,041	7,576,321	7,924,008	312,341	331,739	665,274	698,294
Increase - -	400,105		347,687		19,398		33,020	
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 1899, and the Year ended 31st March 1900.

Returned Letter Office.	Post Cards received.		Book Packets received.		Newspapers received.		Parcels received.		Parcels re-issued to the Addressees or returned to the Senders.	
	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1899-1900.
LONDON - -	92,316	100,288	600,055	596,783	224,897	254,871	72,123	82,740	47,942	55,877
MANCHESTER -	22,873	15,988	96,428	93,628	3,409	3,512	7,176	7,296	4,313	4,293
LIVERPOOL - -	11,457	10,501	57,904	63,925	6,718	6,815	4,581	5,026	2,842	3,261
BIRMINGHAM -	11,767	9,260	52,540	42,388	2,018	3,135	5,223	6,359	3,066	4,448
LEEDS - -	8,477	9,137	50,671	49,864	1,848	1,700	4,125	4,645	2,349	2,509
BRISTOL - -	10,620	11,542	59,369	56,474	2,831	2,781	7,390	7,991	4,596	4,711
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.	11,183	11,124	47,476	48,071	1,338	1,519	2,587	3,052	1,483	1,734
NOTTINGHAM -	10,567	10,771	45,682	38,220	1,466	1,922	4,370	4,240	2,507	2,497
PLYMOUTH - -	1,363	1,321	5,416	6,942	448	677	1,251	1,309	683	728
EDINBURGH -	36,295	33,958	149,764	138,622	11,207	11,999	5,212	5,381	3,536	3,356
GLASGOW - -	9,741	7,540	46,659	37,222	6,429	6,287	4,336	5,448	3,419	3,893
ABERDEEN - -	5,419	5,595	15,222	11,681	670	720	622	788	378	587
INVERNESS - -	414	495	2,906	3,133	345	383	394	414	218	246
DUBLIN - -	2,469	3,571	16,963	22,285	5,622	4,200	6,317	8,125	3,504	4,421
BELFAST -	1,477	1,350	14,253	9,165	1,656	1,304	1,147	1,207	706	794
CORK - -	1,426	1,001	7,022	2,441	1,509	1,142	582	725	276	325
Totals for Returned Letter Offices.	237,834	232,745	1,268,436	1,225,846	272,311	302,977	127,436	144,746	82,460	93,690
Dealt with in Head Post Offices.	1,149,230	1,262,340	10,033,170	9,388,007	281,311	294,942	61,401	62,198	61,401	62,198
General Totals of Undelivered Correspondence.	1,387,064	1,495,085	11,301,006	10,613,853	553,622	597,919	188,837	206,944	143,861	155,878
Increase.	109,001		—		44,297		18,107		12,017	
Decrease.	—		687,753		—		—		—	

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	5,399,882	2,863,821	8,168,703	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	1,823,236	17,821,530
1874-75	10,124,661	5,652,033	15,776,694	2,132,787	1,343,639	19,253,120
1875-76	10,883,282	6,350,714	17,233,996	2,287,359	1,452,180	20,973,535
1876-77	11,232,704	6,561,930	17,794,634	2,402,347	1,529,162	21,726,143
1877-78	11,392,098	6,700,504	18,092,602	2,490,776	1,588,489	22,171,867
1878-79	11,592,899	8,630,019	20,422,918	2,477,003	1,559,854	24,459,775
1879-80	12,392,996	9,854,566	22,247,562	2,704,574	1,595,001	26,547,137
1880-81	13,456,555	11,176,459	24,633,014	3,042,291	1,736,677	29,411,982
1881-82	14,204,479	12,071,084	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	20,263,539	48,532,669	5,991,223	3,241,455	57,765,347
1889-90	30,873,953	21,562,826	52,436,779	6,545,654	3,420,966	62,403,399
1890-91	32,827,055	22,831,033	55,658,088	7,077,388	3,673,735	66,409,211
1891-92	34,854,867	23,911,238	58,766,105	7,155,180	3,764,195	69,685,480
1892-93	35,382,090	23,554,094	58,936,184	7,100,514	3,871,150	69,907,848
1893-94	36,129,876	23,501,876	59,631,752	7,279,894	3,987,852	70,859,498
1894-95	36,098,807	24,117,901	60,216,708	7,334,094	4,038,262	71,589,064
1895-96	39,411,356	27,025,193	66,436,549	8,095,581	4,307,480	78,839,610
1896-97	40,305,002	26,645,407	66,950,409	8,094,360	4,378,787	79,423,556
1897-98	42,542,109	27,419,241	69,961,350	8,463,393	4,605,256	83,029,999
1898-99	44,781,460	28,468,242	73,249,702	9,064,629	4,729,321	87,043,652
1899-1900	46,144,875	29,971,334	76,116,209	9,387,975	4,910,939	90,415,123

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 1898-99 and 1899-1900; and the Increase in each Month of the latter Year over the corresponding Month of the former Year.

Month.	Number of Telegrams.		(+) Increase. (-) Decrease.
	1898-99.	1899-1900.	
April - - -	7,161,867	7,106,615	- 55,252
May - - -	7,406,802	7,946,785	+ 539,983
June - - -	7,693,712	8,068,273	+ 374,561
July - - -	8,090,764	8,176,282	+ 85,518
August - -	8,147,823	8,648,190	+ 500,367
September - - -	7,770,997	7,889,825	+ 118,828
October - - -	7,459,100	7,887,498	+ 428,398
November - -	6,958,512	7,351,581	+ 393,019
December - -	6,681,864	6,928,570	+ 247,206
January - - -	6,420,520	6,998,296	+ 577,776
February - - -	6,100,497	6,166,701	+ 66,204
March - - -	7,151,694	7,246,557	+ 94,863
	87,043,652	90,415,123	+ 3,371,471

APPENDIX I.

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

Period.	Inland Telegrams.	Wire Rentals, &c.	Salaries.	Work executed.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Year ended 31st March 1891	- - -	16,786 7 3	3,610 16 7	76 12 11	36,380 9 7
" " 1892	- - -	17,765 13 8	3,216 14 2	31 5 8	35,588 18 9
" " 1893	- - -	21,129 13 0	3,708 19 1	67 10 5½	39,520 18 1
" " 1894	- - -	23,990 0 2	4,042 13 5	11 18 8	44,941 12 3
" " 1895	- - -	25,431 5 9	3,967 2 9	18 9 11	47,428 13 1
" " 1896	- - -	22,290 19 8	3,674 9 8	96 14 6	44,045 10 11
" " 1897	- - -	22,727 6 11	3,570 5 9½	132 16 2	44,904 11 6
" " 1898	- - -	20,983 19 6	3,397 8 5	162 3 2½	41,371 3 8
" " 1899	- - -	18,145 12 4	3,453 18 10	6,564 4 8	55,749 6 2
" " 1900	- - -	27,907 11 9	5,671 10 0	3,103 8 1	70,746 11 6½

TABLE showing the BUSINESS done during the last TEN YEARS.

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

‡ The charges of management in 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, and 1898 include the sums of 752*l*., 843*l*., 832*l*., 782*l*., 833*l*., 3,886*l*., 1,807*l*., 357*l*., and 31*l*., respectively for purchase of land, while the charges in 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, and 1898 also include 7,751*l*., 2,274*l*., 3,446*l*., 2,111*l*., 1,774*l*., 21,502*l*., 17,911*l*., 12,589*l*., 1,371*l*., and 1,524*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 1890, 6*s* 6*d*., in 1891, 5*l* 5*s* 6*d*., in 1892, 6*l* 6*s* 6*d*., in 1893, 6*l* 6*s* 6*d*., in 1894, 6*l* 6*s* 6*d*., in 1895, 6*l*., and in 1898, 5*l* 6*s* 6*d*., and the percentage of expenses to capital 9*s* 6*d*., 9*s* 6*d*., 9*s* 6*d*., 9*s* 6*d*., 9*s* 6*d*., 9*s* 6*d*., 9*s* 6*d*., 9*s* 6*d*., and 7*s* 3*s* 6*d*., respectively. Prior to the passing of the Post Office Savings Bank Act, 1891, it was estimated (see Parliamentary Paper No. 523, 1891) 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.
Total number of depositors - - -	6,108,763	6,453,597	6,862,035	7,239,761	7,630,502	8,046,680
Total number of deposits - - -	10,973,651	11,384,977	12,638,307	13,012,935	13,757,244	14,654,009
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>
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>
Average sum drawn out - - -	6 <i>l.</i> 3 <i>s.</i> 1 <i>d.</i>	6 <i>l.</i> 5 <i>s.</i> 3 <i>d.</i>	6 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i> 5 <i>d.</i>	6 <i>l.</i> 11 <i>s.</i> 2 <i>d.</i>	6 <i>l.</i> 12 <i>s.</i> 11 <i>d.</i>	6 <i>l.</i> 18 <i>s.</i> 1 <i>d.</i>
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

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

GOVERNMENT STOCK.
TABLE showing the Business done during the last TEN YEARS.

Year.	Number of Stock Accounts opened.	Number of Stock Accounts closed.	Number of Stock Accounts remaining open at close of the Year.	Number of Investments.	Number of Sales.	Number of Stock Certificates obtained.	Number of Transfers to the Bank of England.	Amount of Money Invested.	Amount of Commission.	Amount of Bank of England fees.	Amount of Stock bought.	Average amount of each purchase of Stock.	Amount of Stock sold.	Average amount of each sale of Stock.	Amount realised by sale of Stock.	Amount of Transfers to the Bank of England.	Amount of Stock transferred from old Savings Banks.	Amount of Stock transferred to old Savings Banks.	Number of Dividends credited to Block-holders.	Amount of Dividends credited to Block-holders.	Amount of Stock remaining to credit of Blockholders at close of the Year.	Average amount of Block remaining to credit of the Year.	
1890	14,606	10,536	51,063	22,385	12,066	23	204	1,060,257	2,332 12 6	4 0 0	1,125,310	40 5 5	560,907	46 17 0	573,168	4,000	37,490	6,819	271	189,109	118,239	4,680,168	5,912 1 2
1891	11,516	7,494	55,065	20,781	12,500	23	238	969,298	2,332 9 0	3 17 0	1,095,310	49 3 11	697,637	46 12 2	583,668	3,850	42,778	36,991	438	267,970	131,913	5,087,768	62 7 3
1892	14,110	8,356	60,839	23,976	13,727	27	360	1,254,396	2,745 7 6	8 14 0	1,264,104	52 14 5	863,385	50 2 11	698,689	3,700	47,417	6,776	134	323,583	142,760	5,990,020	92 0 7
1893	17,195	8,903	66,131	29,293	15,293	26	427	1,539,027	3,218 13 0	3 2 0	1,444,006	23 14 4	711,466	46 11 1	704,329	3,100	72,960	9,095	540	251,625	160,270	6,364,404	92 1 3
1894	13,188	11,015	71,304	23,532	18,315	12	159	1,650,575	3,227 8 6	1 7 0	1,625,674	60 1 8	978,021	53 8 0	968,459	1,350	22,774	41,220	976	279,362	183,179	7,023,197	98 11 4
1895	9,725	12,060	66,949	18,090	19,948	17	164	1,185,790	2,687 0 0	3 2 0	1,112,066	61 10 0	1,168,660	59 7 2	1,283,491	2,100	27,611	4,477	635	232,009	108,005	8,940,946	100 16 0
1896	10,175	10,947	68,177	16,912	17,953	8	143	1,065,573	2,692 6 9	1 8 0	967,584	57 4 7	1,107,397	61 15 2	1,232,306	1,400	26,573	110,354	635	275,308	192,134	6,391,591	101 1 9
1897	9,139	8,303	66,113	16,565	13,769	10	144	1,078,546	2,257 12 3	1 14 0	967,148	57 2 2	796,666	67 16 11	691,927	1,700	25,511	1,710	462	273,502	191,654	7,083,564	101 15 4
1898	10,306	7,408	72,071	20,162	12,567	19	191	1,303,590	2,423 3 2	4 0 0	1,183,029	58 13 6	714,983	56 16 9	737,896	2,300	33,715	1,138	392	290,595	198,991	7,408,124	103 10 9
1899	13,938	7,011	75,996	20,531	11,746	23	225	1,770,170	2,927 8 6	4 19 0	1,670,354	68 19 2	683,135	63 4 0	735,721	4,950	40,639	3,543	1,094	394,195	312,362	8,397,313	106 6 11

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.		Receipts.		Payments.		Contracts entered into.		Receipts.		Payments.		Amount of In- surances.		Amount.		No.		
	No.	Amount of An- nuities.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount of Annuities.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount of Claims on Death and Sur- render.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1890	948	21,956	273,578	17,976	206,422	116	2,527	914	14,283	413	4,614	468	25,466	11,799	14,422	196	6,941		
1891	968	23,673	290,892	18,196	217,696	142	2,183	969	12,578	475	6,341	529	23,980	11,627	15,073	238	8,561		
1892	1,167	23,155	355,723	18,523	230,370	214	4,253	1,086	15,360	478	6,932	1,863	80,307	15,517	16,069	190	7,354		
1893	1,420	36,746	461,569	19,344	251,474	159	3,691	1,297	16,148	535	8,070	853	44,000	19,365	17,327	228	9,226		
1894	1,565	41,405	540,277	20,418	375,243	164	3,772	1,283	17,202	600	9,130	1,123	56,010	20,107	18,239	291	9,641		
1895	1,898	49,816	665,363	21,911	305,712	169	4,083	1,300	23,863	646	8,967	720	38,358	20,903	19,140	290	9,861		
1896	2,208	60,965	833,713	23,820	347,126	202	4,178	1,317	25,356	719	8,746	1,223*	65,532	21,264	18,587	431	9,578		
1897	2,051	56,237	756,433	26,067	392,235	207	4,069	1,363	24,112	827	10,997	849	46,017	21,512	20,439	321	10,050		
1898	2,065	55,753	750,354	27,953	432,761	164	3,636	1,374	23,576	894	10,690	751	42,554	21,227	21,563	341	11,673		
1899	2,031	54,044	719,419	29,747	472,632	147	3,085	1,347	23,617	942	11,891	827	43,723	21,256	21,575	342	10,663		

* 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 1899, and the Number and Amount of Contracts in existence on the 31st December 1899.

	CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO				TOTAL.	
	From 17 April 1865 to 31 December 1898.		From 1 Jan. 1899 to 31 December 1899.			
	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 1899, viz. :—						
Immediate Annuities - -	32,711	672,469 19 10	2,031	54,944 4 2	34,742	726,514 4 0
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - -	1,053	18,661 9 8	61	1,103 11 6	1,114	19,765 1 2
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - - -	2,091	45,716 10 6	86	1,981 1 6	2,177	47,697 12 0
Contracts for Sums payable at Death entered into from the commencement of business on the 17th April 1865 to the 31st December 1899 - - - - -	18,645	1,177,891 14 3	827	42,723 7 1	19,472	1,221,615 1 4
Contracts for Annuities in existence on the 31st December 1899, viz. :—						
Immediate Annuities - -	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	20,313	504,015 0 0
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - -	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	934	16,484 8 6
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - - -	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	1,217	26,568 11 0
Contracts for Sums payable at Death, in existence on the 31st December 1899 - - -	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	11,866	721,197 0 0

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 1899, 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 1899, 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. 1899.		Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the Year.			
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
STOCKS:						
2½ per cent. Consols - - -	67,330,884	13 7	66,994,230	5 1	442,445	2 10
2½ per cents. - - - - -	8,888,170	15 8	8,632,635	17 6	52,531	19 9
Local Loans 3 per cent. Stock -	11,007,690	5 1	11,062,728	14 1	78,283	12 4
2½ per cent. Annuities (1908) -	262,000	0 0	263,310	0 0	1,703	7 1
2½ per cent. Guaranteed Land Stock	2,071,582	16 9	2,061,224	18 6	24,226	17 6
BILLS AND BONDS:						
Treasury Bills - - - - -	500,000	0 0	485,179	0 10	2,592	16 1
Egyptian Guaranteed 3 per cent. Bonds - - - - -	611,100	0 0	620,266	10 0	—	
Greek Guaranteed 2½ per cent. Bonds	1,210,400	0 0	1,119,620	0 0	—	
Canada Guaranteed 4 per cent. Bonds - - - - -	30,000	0 0	30,000	0 0	—	
Irish Land Commission Bonds -	850,000	0 0	850,000	0 0	—	
Local Loans Bonds - - - -	4,500,000	0 0	4,500,000	0 0	44,816	11 6
ANNUITIES FOR TERMS OF YEARS:						
Converted Annuity, per 46 & 47 Vict. c. 54, s. 5, and 48 & 49 Vict. c. 43. - - - - -	321,918	0 0	(a) 1,510,716	8 5	—	
Savings Bank Annuity expiring 1911-2, per 46 & 47 Vict. c. 54, 48 & 49 Vict. c. 43, 50 & 51 Vict. c. 16, and 62 & 63 Vict. c. 9. - - -	180,559	0 0	(a & b) 1,744,135	0 0	—	
Savings Bank Annuities expiring 1922-23, per 62 & 63 Vict. c. 9. - - -	584,717	0 0	(a & b) 9,939,465	0 0	—	
Book Debt Annuity, per 62 & 63 Vict. c. 9. - - - - -	584,633	0 0	(a) 9,891,243	0 10	—	
Irish Church Annuity, per 32 & 33 Vict. c. 42, and 44 & 45 Vict. c. 71. - - - - -	138,800	0 0	(a) 99,800	5 6	—	
Conversion, 1884, Annuity, per 47 Vict. c. 2, s. 2 - - - - -	35,121	0 0	(a) 132,379	3 2	—	
Permanent Charges Redemption Annuity, per 46 Vict. c. 1, s. 2 - - -	6,398	8 6	(a) 18,247	15 2	—	
Red Sea and India Telegraph Annuity, per 25 & 26 Vict. c. 39. - - -	3,100	0 0	(a) 22,475	0 0	—	
Imperial Defence Annuities, per 51 & 52 Vict. c. 32. - - - - -	60,431	16 0	(a) 59,992	19 4	—	
Russian - Dutch Loan Annuity, per 54 & 55 Vict. c. 26. - - - - -	35,176	18 0	(a) 222,368	5 11	—	
Telegraph Annuities, per 55 & 56 Vict. c. 59, 59 & 60 Vict. c. 40, and 61 & 62 Vict. c. 38. - - - - -	90,130	7 0	(a) 989,115	8 3	—	
Carried forward - - - - -			121,249,133	12 7	646,600	7 1

(a) Value, inclusive of interest, to 31st December 1899.

(b) Cash value (at the price of Consols on 31st December 1899) of the amount of 2½ per cent. Consols, estimated to have been unreplaced at 31st December 1899, 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. 1899.	Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the Year.
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Brought forward - - -			121,249,133 12 7	646,600 7 1
ANNUITIES, &c.—<i>cont.</i>				
Light Railways Annuities, per 54 } & 55 Vict. c. 24. s. 4 - - -	64,190	16 0	(a) 244,806 5 1	—
Barracks Annuities, per 53 & 54 } Vict. c. 25. - - -	65,105	9 0	(a) 616,620 0 4	—
Pensions Commutation Annuities, } per 34 & 35 Vict. c. 26. - - -	41,699	15 0	(a) 181,986 17 4	—
Indian Army Pension Deficiency } Fund Annuities, per 48 & 49 } Vict. c. 67. s. 5 (2), and 59 & 60 } Vict. c. 28. s. 37 - - -	167,674	17 4	(a) 990,127 3 1	—
Uganda Railway Annuity, per 59 } & 60 Vict. c. 38. - - -	7,462	15 0	(a) 137,807 8 1	—
British Museum (Purchase of } Land) Annuity, per 57 & 58 Vict. } c. 34. - - -	7,732	10 0	(a) 200,076 11 9	—
Public Offices (Acquisition of } Site) Annuity, per 59 Vict. c. 5. }	12,778	4 0	(a) 344,412 12 9	—
ADVANCES, in respect of which Annuities had not been granted at 31st December 1899:				
Under Pensions Commutation } Act, 34 & 35 Vict. c. 36. - }	34,325	11 6	34,325 11 6	656 6 3
" Barracks Act, 1890, 53 & } 54 Vict. c. 25. - - -	250,000	0 0	250,000 0 0	6,008 11 3
" Telegraph Acts, 55 & 56 } Vict. c. 59., 59 & 60 Vict. } c. 40., 61 & 62 Vict. c. 33., } and 62 & 63 Vict. c. 38. }	243,335	16 5	243,335 16 5	4,633 17 4
" Public Offices (Acquisition } of Site) Act, 1895, } Session 2, 59 Vict. c. 5. - }	105,000	0 0	105,000 0 0	2,523 11 11
" Uganda Railway Act, } 1896, 59 & 60 Vict. c. 38. }	2,319,000	0 0	2,519,000 0 0	51,627 17 11
TEMPORARY ADVANCES to Local } Loans Fund - - -	1,530,000	0 0	1,530,000 0 0	7,598 12 7
			£ 128,446,631 18 11	719,649 4 4
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Add—Value of Securities - - -				128,446,631 18 11
Cash balance in Banks of England and Ireland - - -				287,056 14 0
				£ 129,453,337 17 3

(a) Value, inclusive of interest, to 31st December 1899.

National Debt Office,
22nd May 1900.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 1899, 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 1899, Amount of Cash in Hand and Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the Year, &c., and the Surplus of Assets over Liabilities.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance due to Depositors on the 31st December 1899 (including interest) -	130,118,604 19 9	Value of Securities according to the average price of the day on 31 Dec. 1899 -	129,160,331 3 3
Amount of expenses remaining unpaid (partly estimated) -	19,739 12 1	Amount of cash in hands of Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt -	237,063 14 0
		Total Amount in the hands of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt -	-
		Less—Amount overpaid for investment by Her Majesty's Postmaster-General -	80,272 3 3
		Amount required to meet Warrants issued to Depositors but not cashed on 31st December 1899 -	110,640 4 0
			129,453,337 17 3
		Value of the Central Savings Bank Premises -	120,232,416 10 0
		Excess of Liabilities over Assets -	371,000 0 0
			504,928 1 10
			£
			130,138,344 11 10

Total amount received from Depositors, including interest, to 31st December 1899 - £ 604,494,083 0 0
Total amount repaid to Depositors to 31st December 1899 - 474,375,454 0 0

Number of Transactions.		Number of Accounts.	
Deposits.	Withdrawals.	Opened.	Closed.
217,664,747	76,308,162	25,655,338	17,648,705
			Remaining Open.
			8,046,680

The total number of transactions, i.e., Deposits and Withdrawals, from the commencement of Post Office Savings Bank business to the end of the year 1899 was 294,082,209.

The sums of 129,279,144s. 11d., 147,116l. 16s. 0d., 77,787l. 12s. 1d., 129,346l. 4s. 11d., 144,879l. 3s. 11d., 146,799l. 10s. 1d., 123,139l. 0s. 1d., 93,794l. 10s. 2d., 93,040l. 11s. 5d., 64,608l. 15s. 11d., 67,001l. 13s. 8d., 73,303l. 8s. 9d., 72,486l. 1s. 8d., 36,060l. 9s. 4d., 65,662l. 12s. 2d., 51,171l. 19s. 3d., 29,922l. 8s. 3d., 36,100l. 8s. 10d., 3,892l. 10s. 3d., and 16,983l. 2s. 11d. have been paid into the Exchequer out of the funds of the Post Office Savings Banks in the years 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 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APPENDIX K.

Money Orders.

MONEY ORDER BUSINESS in the last TEN YEARS.

Year.	INLAND ORDERS.				COLONIAL ORDERS.				FOREIGN ORDERS.				GRAND TOTAL.			
	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.
1890-91	8,934,483	23,897,767	Decrease. 1·8	2·	463,718	1,658,102	3·4	1·6	927,651	2,312,018	3·8	5·	10,990,852	27,867,887	Decrease. 1·	2·5
1891-92	8,906,576	24,383,590	Increase. ·4	2·	479,626	1,656,081	2·3	Decrease. ·1	960,428	2,389,984	3·5	3·3	10,346,630	28,429,634	Increase. ·8	2·
1892-93	8,963,032	24,618,809	·6	·9	485,936	1,635,330	1·3	1·2	983,950	2,429,812	3·4	1·6	10,442,918	28,683,951	·9	·8
1893-94	9,027,934	24,575,036	·7	Decrease. ·1	515,476	1,767,701	6·1	Increase. 8·	981,364	2,378,092	Decrease. 1·2	Decrease. 2·1	10,524,774	28,720,329	·7	·1
1894-95	9,190,304	24,053,532	1·7	Increase. 1·5	518,562	1,711,818	·5	Decrease. 3·1	976,340	2,257,777	·5	5·	10,685,206	28,923,127	1·5	·7
1895-96	9,334,296	25,582,286	1·5	2·5	539,786	1,778,579	4·	Increase. 3·9	1,026,881	2,366,002	Increase. 5·1	Increase. 4·7	10,900,968	29,798,817	2·	2·7
1896-97	9,314,022	25,919,853	Decrease. ·2	1·3	573,135	1,903,861	6·1	7·1	1,034,460	2,423,573	·7	2·4	10,921,617	30,249,087	·1	1·7
1897-98	9,429,609	27,494,145	Increase. 1·2	6·	567,515	1,942,871	Decrease. 1·	Decrease. 3·2	1,131,334	2,777,663	9·3	14·6	11,128,298	32,114,579	1·8	6·1
1898-99	9,721,647	28,604,078	3·1	4·0	593,414	1,858,307	Increase. 4·6	Increase. ·8	1,160,140	2,816,132	2·5	1·3	11,475,201	33,278,517	3·1	3·6
1899-1900	10,292,800	30,505,351	5·8	6·6	617,340	1,876,411	4·0	·9	1,177,229	2,819,600	1·4	0·1	12,067,469	35,201,262	5·3	5·7

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.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.
1890-91	7,268,248	20,044,082	1.7	2.5	1,045,048	2,546,719	2.1	1.8	551,187	1,308,968	2.2	1.8	8,964,483	23,897,767	1.8	2.4
1891-92	7,342,299	20,471,068	1.0	2.1	1,021,698	2,573,456	2.2	1.0	542,579	1,389,045	1.5	2.4	8,906,576	24,383,569	0.4	2.0
1892-93	7,301,775	20,553,172	0.6	0.9	1,032,082	2,605,839	1.0	1.2	539,175	1,354,798	0.6	1.1	8,963,032	24,618,609	0.6	0.9
1893-94	7,483,054	20,647,160	2.5	0.5	1,008,662	2,564,601	2.2	1.5	536,218	1,363,275	0.5	0.6	9,027,584	24,575,036	0.7	0.1
1894-95	7,658,756	21,040,022	2.3	1.9	994,834	2,549,897	1.5	0.5	538,714	1,363,913	0.6	0.4	9,190,304	24,953,532	1.7	1.5
1895-96	7,778,115	21,539,066	1.5	2.3	1,017,320	2,571,839	2.2	4.7	539,861	1,371,391	0.4	0.5	9,354,296	25,582,236	1.5	2.5
1896-97	7,784,344	21,851,293	0.8	1.4	992,426	2,666,671	2.4	1.1	537,282	1,401,889	Dec.	2.2	9,314,022	25,918,853	Dec.	1.3
1897-98	7,914,255	22,211,225	1.6	6.2	967,740	2,772,746	2.4	3.9	547,614	1,510,174	1.9	7.7	9,428,609	27,494,145	1.2	6.0
1898-99	8,159,871	24,121,276	3.1	3.9	1,003,138	2,911,860	3.6	5.0	558,638	1,570,942	2.0	4.0	9,751,647	28,604,078	3.1	4.0
1899-1900	8,646,571	26,687,094	6.0	6.5	1,047,154	3,119,470	4.3	7.1	588,885	1,688,787	5.4	7.5	10,292,890	30,505,351	5.8	6.6

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 1900.*

	Number.	Amount.
		£
Admiralty, Bills Branch - - -	34,341	118,441
Greenwich Hospital - - -	4,579	5,106
" Naval Allotments - - -	366,622	527,655
" " Pensions - - -	128,560	931,953
Board of Trade, Bankruptcy - - -	71,132	75,553
" " Pensions - - -	5,084	4,625
Civil Service Commission - - -	1,264	4,202
Education Office, England - - -	10,456	100,302
" " Scotland - - -	437	4,634
India Office - - -	1,413	5,573
Inland Revenue, England - - -	221,847	620,418
Metropolitan Police - - -	16,273	214,715
Office of Works - - -	4,410	18,074
Science and Art Department - - -	1,707	6,362
War Office - - -	797,234	2,769,796
Excise Duties - - -	376,475	1,342,200
Legacy and Succession Duties - - -	7,407	43,053
Public Works, Ireland - - -	165	54
Inland Revenue, Ireland - - -	20,036	55,052
" " Scotland - - -	33,463	98,603
	2,102,904	6,841,371

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

APPENDIX K.—continued.

Money Orders—continued.

Year.	COLONIAL ORDERS.											
	ISSUED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.						ISSUED IN THE COLONIES.					
	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.
1890-91	86,191	315,316	5·4	2·9	382,527	1,342,786	3·	1·3	463,718	1,653,102	3·4	1·6
1891-92	92,554	332,411	7·3	5·4	387,072	1,323,670	1·1	Decrease. 1·4	479,626	1,654,061	2·3	Decrease. 1·
1892-93	103,131	365,394	11·4	9·9	393,755	1,299,336	1·1	4·	495,596	1,635,330	1·3	1·2
1893-94	117,425	430,364	13·8	17·7	398,051	1,337,337	1·1	Increase. 5·3	615,476	1,767,701	6·1	Increase. 8·
1894-95	123,055	427,283	5·5	Decrease. 7·	394,607	1,284,530	3·9	Decrease. 3·9	618,563	1,711,313	5·	Decrease. 3·1
1895-96	127,194	436,930	2·6	Increase. 1·9	412,532	1,342,769	4·5	Increase. 4·5	639,786	1,778,579	4·	Increase. 3·9
1896-97	129,171	430,414	1·5	Decrease. 1·2	443,964	1,471,247	7·6	9·8	673,135	1,905,661	6·1	7·1
1897-98	137,655	463,935	6·5	Increase. 13·4	439,660	1,363,936	3·2	Decrease. 7·8	637,315	1,842,871	Decrease. 1·	Decrease. 3·2
1898-99	142,169	497,029	3·2	2·8	461,246	1,360,678	5·	Increase. 1·	638,414	1,853,307	Increase. 4·6	Increase. 8·
1899-1900	142,574	476,631	·2	Decrease. 4·2	474,766	1,369,790	5·2	2·8	617,540	1,876,411	4·	·9

Money Orders—continued.

FOREIGN ORDERS.

Year.	ISSUED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.				ISSUED ABROAD.				TOTAL.			
	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.
1890-91	288,331	£ 720,580	2.2	4.	630,320	£ 1,501,638	4.6	5.5	927,651	£ 2,312,018	3.8	5.
1891-92	298,021	746,139	3.3	3.5	668,407	1,643,845	3.6	3.2	960,428	2,389,584	3.5	3.
1892-93	301,635	741,470	1.1	Decrease .6	692,415	1,638,343	4.5	2.7	993,860	2,429,513	3.4	1.6
1893-94	317,906	797,577	5.3	Increase .7.5	663,558	1,580,715	Decrease .4.1	Decrease .6.3	981,864	2,378,092	Decrease .1.8	Decrease .2.
1894-95	322,153	786,868	1.3	Decrease .1.3	654,187	1,470,894	1.4	6.9	976,340	2,307,777	.5	5.
1895-96	330,068	796,562	2.4	Increase .1.4	666,793	1,567,460	Increase .6.5	Increase .6.5	1,026,881	2,396,002	Increase .5.1	Increase .4.7
1896-97	335,633	808,558	7.7	11.8	678,537	1,580,015	Decrease .2.5	Decrease .2.3	1,054,460	2,462,573	.7	2.4
1897-98	386,331	963,921	8.6	11.2	743,163	1,783,693	Increase .9.7	Increase .16.5	1,131,334	2,777,563	9.3	14.6
1898-99	400,601	1,016,170	3.7	2.1	759,449	1,800,968	1.9	.9	1,160,140	2,816,133	2.5	1.3
1899-1900	407,193	1,039,469	1.6	2.4	770,101	1,780,011	1.4	Decrease .1.1	1,177,229	2,819,500	1.5	.1

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

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

Year.	Africa, South and West.		Australia.		British America.		Cape Colony.		India.		New Zealand.		West Indies.		Other Colonies and Packet Agencies.		TOTAL.	
	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Africa.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Australia.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in America.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Cape Colony.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in India.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in New Zealand.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the W. Indies.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the Colonies.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the Colonies.
1890-91	£ 9,325	91,595	£ 87,255	340,357	£ 78,773	215,508	£ 16,780	165,064	£ 70,513	180,645	£ 24,586	70,710	£ 10,019	194,551	£ 18,365	76,198	£ 315,316	1,342,798
1891-92	10,476	92,878	91,322	344,196	83,883	215,723	19,243	184,756	78,026	142,353	25,533	73,630	10,946	200,151	18,685	70,614	333,411	1,353,670
1892-93	12,051	91,119	108,582	294,804	84,417	215,513	23,730	207,179	80,344	127,077	25,682	74,276	10,513	201,606	19,555	58,312	365,304	1,369,936
1893-94	13,377	96,504	148,702	265,881	92,945	215,136	29,328	245,650	84,228	167,953	29,933	78,466	11,865	216,888	20,068	62,879	450,264	1,337,337
1894-95	15,224	95,646	124,692	288,494	102,897	198,274	35,060	278,433	89,405	143,257	30,368	72,683	11,406	207,409	21,166	64,339	467,288	1,384,556
1895-96	13,480	119,300	117,599	252,797	100,871	176,496	46,308	334,256	96,345	152,595	31,585	72,888	12,746	193,973	23,064	70,522	455,820	1,342,759
1896-97	21,158	235,548	112,874	242,093	102,705	163,225	41,341	346,043	82,557	182,764	31,888	76,785	14,066	165,475	24,402	63,315	430,514	1,475,247
1897-98	15,063	164,538	111,906	255,880	107,938	171,732	37,660	260,474	136,689	201,623	33,040	86,508	14,773	166,369	24,836	59,569	463,935	1,383,366
1898-99	19,635	182,846	113,908	243,516	109,370	176,963	43,168	264,209	135,089	207,907	31,809	96,248	16,463	144,561	28,197	69,735	497,039	1,390,678
1899-1900	26,459	154,195	114,908	244,133	107,786	197,634	47,575	270,161	103,155	208,194	32,909	112,761	14,779	145,194	29,760	68,109	476,631	1,399,780

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

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

Year.	Austria.		Belgium.		Denmark.		Egypt.		France.		Germany.		Italy.		Japan.		Hungary.		Iceland and Danish W. Indies.
	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Aus- tria.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Bel- gium.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Den- mark.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Egypt.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in France.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Ger- many.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Italy.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Japan.	Issued in Hun- gary.	Issued in the U.K.		Issued in Iceland & D.W.I.
1890-91	£ 15,654	13,438	£ 26,640	44,249	£ 14,482	11,755	£ 3,232	23,482	£ 127,733	155,378	£ 186,217	119,092	£ 52,178	35,702	£ 571	2,692	£ 4,090	2,546	£ 456
1891-92	17,737	13,735	26,126	48,834	16,289	14,312	3,296	25,341	131,199	164,861	192,097	127,964	50,568	56,357	552	1,634	5,635	3,538	558
1892-93	20,546	16,778	23,017	49,471	15,311	14,585	3,581	25,017	126,487	156,554	191,345	133,946	45,430	44,699	526	1,212	8,002	4,436	5,537
1893-94	26,106	19,809	28,113	50,371	16,062	15,805	4,042	28,496	121,916	154,938	183,708	138,318	36,718	21,108	825	1,054	9,084	5,036	4,298
1894-95	27,815	20,259	31,345	49,101	15,134	15,029	4,654	28,311	122,597	157,851	179,958	144,550	38,256	16,707	1,063	1,180	5,844	5,546	3,606
1895-96	32,054	24,561	32,994	51,277	15,562	15,354	4,370	26,237	129,064	164,555	173,087	149,108	47,751	21,213	1,084	2,324	5,838	7,737	4,084
1896-97	40,684	26,516	34,028	53,426	16,565	15,209	4,738	28,929	137,261	180,060	190,090	148,716	55,157	17,708	1,366	2,060	8,062	7,525	6,129
1897-98	52,704	28,961	39,162	56,301	17,193	16,014	5,099	31,563	149,109	164,664	203,781	160,322	69,753	16,929	1,391	2,413	11,445	7,524	10,835
1898-99	66,596	34,131	38,612	58,254	17,355	19,351	5,985	50,675	155,906	175,332	201,194	160,866	71,275	16,835	1,351	2,227	15,002	9,312	6,192
1899-1900	85,680	33,774	40,449	59,766	19,787	21,230	6,094	49,874	185,418	176,130	205,117	173,568	6,176	16,132	1,561	2,344	20,394	9,345	3,877

APPENDIX K.—*continued.***Money Orders—*continued.***TABLE showing the AMOUNT (to the nearest Pound) of MONEY ORDER TRANSACTIONS between the UNITED KINGDOM and FOREIGN COUNTRIES in each of the past Ten Years—*continued.*

Year.	Luxembourg.		Netherlands, and Dutch East Indies.		Norway.		Portugal.		Roumania.		South African Republic.	
	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Luxembourg.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Netherlands and Dutch East Indies.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Norway.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Portugal.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Roumania.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in S.A.R.
1890-91	£ —	£ —	£ 15,008	£ 20,963	£ 27,350	£ 6,176	£ 6,391	£ 3,790	£ 425	£ 1,150	£ —	£ —
1891-92	—	—	16,651	23,252	24,632	6,677	2,902	11,145	598	2,302	—	—
1892-93	96	91	18,928	23,522	25,551	7,303	1,785	—†	609	2,985	—	—
1893-94	714	572	19,987	24,971	27,526	8,691	1,190	—†	650	4,745	—	—
1894-95	758	617	21,323	27,010	27,774	9,374	967	—†	1,065	4,613	—	—
1895-96	656	614	29,390	30,327	28,891	10,651	916	—†	1,399	5,643	—	—
1896-97	768	916	42,435	32,525	36,994	11,782	729	—†	1,704	5,162	—	—
1897-98	938	1,108	50,616	31,085	44,164	12,501	765	—†	2,176	5,077	11,757	235,792
1898-99	941	950	47,798	32,039	42,139	14,622	1,123	231	2,134	5,613	9,881	217,236
1899-1900	771	842	39,654	32,665	43,252	15,282	1,116	653	2,897	7,544	3,909	97,420

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

APPENDIX K.—*continued.***Money Orders—continued.**TABLE showing the AMOUNT (to the nearest Pound) of MONEY ORDER TRANSACTIONS between the UNITED KINGDOM and FOREIGN COUNTRIES in each of the past Ten Years—*continued.*

Year.	Sweden.		Switzerland.		Tunis.		United States.		Total.	
	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	Issued Abroad.
1890-91	-	26,371	32,045	21,685	142	279	181,393	1,115,789	720,380	1,591,638
1891-92	-	27,942	32,756	22,402	87	317	196,430	1,107,282	746,139	1,643,845
1892-93	-	27,598	32,674	21,842	124	561	194,224	1,169,499	741,470	1,688,342
1893-94	-	30,664	32,175	23,743	177	540	257,170	1,066,306	797,377	1,580,715
1894-95	-	29,243	34,378	24,509	45	519	244,177	952,310	786,583	1,470,894
1895-96	-	31,783	36,079	26,512	222	475	221,873	1,015,187	798,532	1,567,420
1896-97	-	37,633	36,650	26,308	204	296	247,853	978,637	893,558	1,530,015
1897-98	-	42,023	39,161	28,964	274	784	251,965	958,576	993,901	1,733,662
1898-99	-	43,292	38,964	30,065	393	455	255,367	952,539	1,015,170	1,800,962
1899-1900	-	45,752	41,846	31,268	464	437	248,312	1,039,444	1,039,489	1,780,012

APPENDIX L.

Postal Orders.

TABLE showing the NUMBER and VALUE of POSTAL ORDERS issued to the Public from the commencement on the 1st January 1881 to the 31st March 1900.

	NUMBER OF EACH CLASS OF POSTAL ORDERS ISSUED.																TOTAL.	
																	Number.	Value.
	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. 5 6	s. d. 6 0	s. d. 6 6	s. d. 7 0	s. d. 7 6	s. d. 8 0	s. d. 8 6		
Quarter ended 31st March 1881.	62,889	46,994	—	62,041	—	—	—	—	124,147	40,381	122,745	—	17,953	31,736	11,091	126,312	646,989	292,160 10 0
1881-2	462,823	362,094	—	437,098	—	—	—	—	833,306	302,020	808,736	—	110,691	302,665	60,611	911,978	4,462,920	2,006,917 19 0
1882-3	948,678	769,105	—	825,198	—	—	—	—	1,463,620	440,239	1,350,963	—	181,852	318,769	97,545	1,606,464	7,980,328	3,461,234 0 6
1883-4	1,700,453	1,367,774	—	1,383,656	—	—	—	—	2,464,178	676,183	2,370,963	—	296,745	444,637	143,184	2,315,773	12,286,568	5,628,663 9 0
1884-5	1,407,837	1,003,699	922,180	1,371,127	796,733	406,848	—	—	319,550	3,096,013	102,384	384,789	51,469	818,697	27,476	3,611,521	18,831,164	7,836,347 9 0
1885-6	1,694,421	1,169,449	1,531,407	1,581,562	1,343,562	703,096	—	—	565,351	3,987,015	1,461,339	684,680	—	1,127,965	—	4,943,267	25,790,316	10,768,946 2 6
1886-7	2,225,597	1,471,775	1,969,340	1,907,160	1,691,624	912,717	—	—	742,327	4,795,134	1,376,231	4,536,339	960,760	1,328,969	—	6,891,528	31,608,711	13,983,689 19 6
1887-8	2,559,701	1,772,774	2,288,831	2,189,338	1,965,946	1,094,596	—	—	889,704	5,511,549	1,490,113	5,069,738	1,060,770	1,490,517	—	6,886,463	36,366,147	14,696,369 13 0
1888-9	2,856,289	2,047,539	2,693,854	2,427,739	2,181,063	1,240,596	—	—	1,005,489	6,040,888	1,804,163	5,514,542	1,234,608	1,635,049	—	7,154,199	40,282,321	16,112,079 15 0
1889-90	3,256,608	2,338,329	2,951,140	2,699,614	2,418,391	1,391,983	—	—	1,196,679	6,687,109	2,003,226	6,027,107	1,389,964	1,795,111	—	7,839,440	44,712,548	17,757,892 4 0
1890-91	4,016,124	2,631,736	3,340,251	2,998,441	2,616,391	1,525,144	—	—	1,240,370	7,154,497	2,185,815	6,467,539	1,513,512	1,938,908	—	8,443,654	46,941,763	18,178,367 8 0
1891-92	4,310,158	3,110,158	3,778,475	3,297,246	2,844,011	1,684,488	—	—	1,240,370	7,154,497	2,185,815	6,467,539	1,513,512	1,938,908	—	8,443,654	46,941,763	18,178,367 8 0
1892-93	4,478,011	3,272,642	3,947,271	3,490,079	3,056,712	1,789,539	—	—	1,404,194	8,101,497	2,878,357	6,901,391	1,656,370	2,094,181	—	9,390,921	52,639,545	20,663,750 0 6
1893-94	4,838,447	3,530,495	4,301,678	3,890,079	3,356,712	1,997,239	—	—	1,404,194	8,101,497	2,878,357	6,901,391	1,656,370	2,094,181	—	9,390,921	52,639,545	20,663,750 0 6
1894-95	5,218,479	3,760,879	4,507,896	4,278,216	3,518,322	2,121,855	—	—	1,404,194	8,101,497	2,878,357	6,901,391	1,656,370	2,094,181	—	9,390,921	52,639,545	20,663,750 0 6
1895-96	5,530,333	4,036,730	4,833,092	4,506,810	3,701,354	2,247,302	—	—	1,404,194	8,101,497	2,878,357	6,901,391	1,656,370	2,094,181	—	9,390,921	52,639,545	20,663,750 0 6
1896-97	6,194,180	4,408,658	5,204,960	4,825,903	3,930,096	2,396,958	—	—	1,404,194	8,101,497	2,878,357	6,901,391	1,656,370	2,094,181	—	9,390,921	52,639,545	20,663,750 0 6
1897-98	6,586,871	4,961,470	5,890,207	5,105,452	4,211,894	2,533,998	—	—	1,404,194	8,101,497	2,878,357	6,901,391	1,656,370	2,094,181	—	9,390,921	52,639,545	20,663,750 0 6
1898-99	7,586,871	5,089,206	6,252,102	5,419,403	4,593,350	2,676,519	—	—	1,404,194	8,101,497	2,878,357	6,901,391	1,656,370	2,094,181	—	9,390,921	52,639,545	20,663,750 0 6
1899-1900	8,906,173	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	73,172,745	50,104,814	57,737,831	56,184,764	45,314,672	26,585,318	52,798,331	22,067,008	120,801,790	39,741,996	110,901,900	69,107,511	628,710	33,156,096	339,707	188,046,796	960,505,236	327,163,219 14 0

RATES OF POUNDAGE.

	RATES OF POUNDAGE.																TOTAL.	
																	Number.	Value.
	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. 5 6	s. d. 6 0	s. d. 6 6	s. d. 7 0	s. d. 7 6	s. d. 8 0	s. d. 8 6		
Quarter ended 31st May 1884.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1884-5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1885-6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1886-7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1887-8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1888-9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1889-90	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1890-91	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1891-92	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1892-93	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1893-94	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1894-95	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1895-96	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1896-97	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1897-98	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1898-99	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1899-1900	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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

APPENDIX M.

Official Correspondence.

A STATEMENT showing the WEIGHT of CORRESPONDENCE carried for the following Public Offices, &c., in the Year ended the 31st March 1900.

NAMES OF OFFICES.	Correspondence.			Total Weights.
	Weight in Ounces.			
	England and Wales.	Scotland.	Ireland.	
	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.
Admiralty	3,854,720	—	—	3,854,720
Agriculture and Technical Instruction, Ireland.	—	—	6,488	6,488
Attorney General	11,844	—	—	11,844
Board of Agriculture	2,698,517	—	—	2,698,517
Board of Trade	2,370,895	—	—	2,370,895
Chancellor, The Lord	47,432	—	—	47,432
Charity Commissioners	189,480	—	—	189,480
Chelsea Hospital	77,352	—	—	77,352
Chief Secretary, Dublin Castle	114,536	—	444,956	559,492
Civil Service Commissioners	469,736	—	6	469,742
Clerk of the Parliaments	541,633	—	—	541,633
Colonial Office	433,755	—	—	433,755
Congested Districts Board	—	—	243,583	243,583
Constabulary of Ireland	—	—	345,142	345,142
Court of Bankruptcy	—	—	549	549
Courts of Law and Justice, Scotland	—	56,542	—	56,542
Crown and Hanaper	—	—	3,855	3,855
Crown Office	—	47,695	—	47,695
Customs	1,093,805	—	6,586	1,100,391
Emigrants' Information Office	193,322	—	—	193,322
Exchequer and Audit Department	158,172	—	—	158,172
Exchequer Offices in Scotland	—	31,284	—	31,284
Foreign Office	493,565	—	—	493,565
Home Office	2,068,401	6,748	—	2,075,149
House of Commons	471,532	—	—	471,532
Inland Revenue	19,624,393	4,940,273	3,487,529	28,052,195
Irish Fisheries, Inspector of	—	—	104,243	104,243
Irish Land Commission	—	—	709,333	709,333
Loan Fund Board	—	—	10,394	10,394
Local Government Board	3,222,397	86,469	913,556	4,222,423
Local Marine Board	480,530	—	—	480,530
Lord Lieutenant and Private Secretary	—	—	18,811	18,811
Lunacy, Commissioners in	62,944	—	42,350	105,794
Merchant Seamen, Registrar of	561,393	—	—	561,393
Mint, The Royal	11,300	—	—	11,300
National Debt Office	83,372	—	—	83,372
Paris Exhibition	47,756	—	—	47,756
Patent Office	1,071,405	—	—	1,071,405
Paymaster General	72,777	—	35,493	108,270
Prisons Board	—	—	200,189	200,189
Privy Council Office	3,851,831	—	—	3,851,831
Public Education	—	39,383	1,060,447	1,045,830
Public Works Loan Board	46,916	—	—	46,916
Record Office	52,750	—	5,614	58,364
Register House	—	27,716	—	27,716
Registrar General	670,187	367,214	379,065	1,416,466
Registrar of Friendly Societies	134,717	7,885	2,838	145,438
Registrar of Petty Sessions, Clerks	—	—	95,475	95,475
Science and Art Department	2,405,830	—	—	2,405,830
Scotch Education Department	615,207	—	—	615,207
Scotch Fisheries Board	—	28,864	—	28,864
Secretary for Scotland	126,506	6,715	—	133,221
Solicitor General	4,383	—	—	4,383
Stationery Office	1,322,182	—	88,018	1,410,200
Supreme Court of Judicature	428,017	—	66,511	494,528
Surveys of the United Kingdom	—	—	194,392	194,392
Treasury	516,128	—	—	516,128
Valuation Office	—	—	112,349	112,349
War Office	4,637,665	—	508,841	5,146,506
War Office, Imperial Yeomanry	18,411	—	—	18,411
Woods and Forests, Commissioners of	115,358	—	—	115,358
Works and Buildings, Commissioners of	230,514	—	602,085	832,599
TOTALS	55,703,566	5,646,688	9,935,196	70,985,450

APPENDIX N.

Private Wires and Telephone Exchange Wires.

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

Financial Year.	Net Increase in each Financial Year.				Totals at end of each Financial Year.			
	Contracts.	Miles.	Instruments.	Rentals.	Contracts.	Miles.	Instruments.	Rentals.*
1890-91	21	2,834	117	£ 12,518 15 8	3,705	20,045	9,449	£ 139,436 13 0
1891-92	150	2,121	473	—	3,855	22,166	9,992	† 133,257 10 11
1892-93	—	662	196	3,555 15 10	† 3,809	22,828	10,188	136,813 6 9
1893-94	—	275	46	1,955 16 11	† 3,705	23,103	10,284	138,769 3 8
1894-95	4	106	107	1,318 9 9	3,709	23,209	10,341	140,087 13 5
1895-96	122	—	44	—	3,831	21,581	10,385	§ 134,312 3 0
1896-97	—	799	16	1,067 3 0	3,821	22,880	10,401	135,379 6 0
1897-98	92	4,784	424	—	3,913	27,114	10,825	|| 130,109 1 7
1898-99	135	3,084	571	12,493 2 1	4,038	30,198	11,396	142,602 3 8
1899-1900	114	1,898	624	5,647 15 8	4,152	32,096	12,020	148,249 19 4

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

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

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

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

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

APPENDIX O.

Inland Revenue Licenses.

NUMBER and DESCRIPTION of LICENSES issued by the POST OFFICE during the last Ten Years.

Year.	Brewers.		Dogs.	Male Servants at 15s. each.	Carriages.				
	At 9s. each.	At 4s. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.		At 42s. each.	At 21s. each.	At 11s. each.	At 10s. 6d. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.
1890-91	5,717	15,981	924,176	116,674	29,521	57,856	207,462	353	1,463
1891-92	5,143	14,328	975,500	117,997	29,079	56,202	206,438	331	1,565
1892-93	5,081	13,553	1,042,865	119,073	28,679	56,707	216,925	285	1,432
1893-94	4,479	11,656	1,105,007	118,653	27,946	55,055	217,738	256	1,438
1894-95	4,418	11,573	1,152,590	114,512	26,307	52,161	214,468	335	1,720
1895-96	4,237	10,870	1,205,615	117,176	26,394	53,945	233,505	360	1,850
1896-97	3,997	9,953	1,233,921	113,963	24,752	51,603	229,685	330	1,639
1897-98	3,963	9,754	1,254,907	102,797	21,026	48,658	233,075	343	1,816
1898-99	3,844	9,245	1,297,504	118,094	25,035	51,515	242,944	269	1,914
1899-1900	3,543	8,395	1,304,557	119,536	25,413	50,356	243,403	266	1,797

APPENDIX O.—*continued.*

Inland Revenue Licenses—*continued.*

NUMBER and DESCRIPTION of LICENSES issued by the POST OFFICE during the last Ten Years—*continued.*

Year.	Armorial Bearings.		Guns at 10s. each.	Game.			Game Keepers at 40s. each.	Total Number.	Revenue, £ s. d.
	At 4s. each.	At 21s. each.		Red at 60s.	Blue and Green at 40s.	Occasional at 30s.			
1880-81	9,400	27,207	153,633	27,453	2,884	3,526	3,302	1,583,633	943,319 1 0
1881-82	9,360	27,727	153,955	28,532	3,453	3,751	3,288	1,633,668	945,292 15 0
1882-83	9,166	28,633	157,546	28,604	3,233	4,306	3,553	1,719,969	1,003,685 15 0
1883-84	9,029	28,673	164,972	32,101	3,106	4,635	3,639	1,733,424	1,034,215 2 6
1884-85	8,385	28,085	169,713	31,706	3,114	4,338	3,632	1,827,088	1,068,896 4 6
1885-86	8,406	28,313	161,692	33,488	3,239	5,043	3,746	1,893,824	1,078,994 8 6
1886-87	7,831	27,767	173,937	36,308	3,406	5,794	3,503	1,932,706	1,094,428 13 6
1887-88	6,448	26,267	173,008	37,780	3,595	5,394	3,902	1,935,983	1,043,368 0 0
1888-89	7,762	28,321	179,886	37,699	3,609	5,480	4,019	2,007,350	1,124,810 5 6
1889-1890	7,823	28,330	199,947	40,073	3,968	5,644	4,174	2,049,314	1,161,065 13 6

APPENDIX P.

RETURN showing, for each YEAR from 1890-91, the REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, and NET REVENUE of the Post Office.

Year.	REVENUE.				EXPENDITURE.														Net Revenue.	Percentage of Total Expenditure to Total 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.							
1890-91	9,843,268	16,297	220,112	10,068,677	23,255	141,522	151,046	3,600,306	35.78	1,273,894	12.62	706,136	590,979	150,566	6,637,504	65.79	3,451,173	3,615,950			
1901-02	10,183,290	15,682	257,026	10,451,998	163,197	160,729	153,329	3,897,952	37.29	1,306,260	12.51	701,081	625,715	172,224	7,192,487	68.77	3,299,511	3,588,487			
1892-93	10,344,353	—	255,706	10,600,149	75,975	150,569	176,533	4,190,823	39.53	1,360,297	12.83	719,615	654,937	178,896	7,507,645	79.83	3,092,504	3,319,048			
1893-94	10,472,876	—	262,009	10,734,885	46,934	171,823	183,412	4,446,361	41.41	1,395,947	13.00	720,350	634,374	170,311	7,756,712	72.28	2,975,173	3,183,980			
1894-95	10,748,014	—	277,446	11,025,460	12,517	175,380	188,919	4,597,355	41.69	1,395,282	12.65	729,313	677,624	178,464	7,955,344	72.15	3,670,116	3,268,103			
1895-96	11,465,370	—	294,575	11,759,945	49,847	170,076	198,366	4,754,446	40.25	1,394,182	11.85	714,332	625,074	189,530	8,066,272	68.76	3,673,673	3,868,495			
1896-97	11,872,656	39,841	280,438	12,146,935	8,842	162,501	207,529	4,927,085	40.56	1,400,521	11.52	722,585	619,298	197,985	8,346,366	67.94	3,900,579	4,071,922			
1897-98	12,206,694	—	213,682	12,420,376	52,784	183,309	224,324	5,230,868	42.11	1,456,131	11.72	746,757	638,896	200,688	9,683,517	69.91	3,737,060	3,923,152			
1898-99	12,541,389	—	207,918	13,049,317	37,127	198,760	249,443	5,594,313	42.10	1,473,719	11.29	821,370	671,078	206,196	9,190,006	70.42	3,869,311	4,038,196			
1899-1900 (Estimated)	13,192,020	—	202,315	13,394,335	115,294	169,313	269,081	5,963,539	44.52	1,474,132	11.00	789,397	719,916	213,123	9,683,704	72.29	3,710,631	3,995,357			

APPENDIX Q.

RETURN showing, for each YEAR from 1890-91, the REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, and NET REVENUE of the POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

Year.	REVENUE.			EXPENDITURE.											Percentage of Total Revenue.	Net Revenue.	Net Revenue after deducting Expenditure on Sites, Buildings, and Extensions, from Total Expenditure.	Interest on Stock created for Purchase of Telegraphs.	
	Telegraph Receipts.	Extra Receipts.	Estimated Value of Services to other Departments.	Total.	Sites and Buildings.		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.
					Purchase.	Recreation.							Under Telegraph Vote.	Under other Votes.					
1890-91	2,394,679	25,804	36,331	2,456,764	4,548	69,340	106,735	26,607	1,506,219	61.30	440,351	17.91	177,579	53,902	2,388,631	97.23	251,306	296,215	
1891-92	2,484,098	25,925	36,589	2,546,612	50,171	68,205	156,383	36,689	1,632,093	64.23	448,924	17.63	187,762	60,678	2,635,895	103.54	184,476	218,983	
1892-93	2,486,791	—	39,521	2,526,312	24,695	63,374	97,740	33,574	1,717,123	67.96	492,619	19.49	201,368	62,701	2,692,994	106.59	16,927	218,988	
1893-94	2,534,264	—	44,948	2,579,206	18,380	49,135	84,144	36,673	1,804,603	69.96	501,474	19.44	196,736	68,490	2,767,645	106.91	87,770	296,888	
1894-95	2,598,985	—	47,429	2,646,414	3,915	52,854	74,319	39,791	1,833,684	69.28	500,833	18.92	212,903	66,353	2,788,032	105.35	10,050	296,888	
1895-96	2,835,749	—	44,045	2,879,794	15,156	74,574	80,102	42,388	1,895,419	65.81	542,319	18.83	196,782	73,601	2,990,541	101.40	129,236	296,888	
1896-97	2,922,440	—	44,905	2,967,354	6,544	87,826	185,414	47,379	1,969,471	66.37	533,419	17.97	204,266	77,201	3,111,810	104.86	135,628	296,888	
1897-98	3,080,352	—	41,371	3,071,723	36,824	52,583	266,646	61,561	2,081,009	67.74	588,784	19.00	222,031	74,403	3,378,641	109.99	48,936	296,888	
1898-99	3,204,396	—	56,749	3,260,145	29,806	52,323	325,211	75,439	2,171,518	66.80	617,616	18.94	230,649	79,352	3,482,014	106.80	87,571	296,888	
1899-1900 (Estimated)	3,389,746	—	70,746	3,460,492	18,029	58,968	277,133	80,769	2,279,639	65.87	705,847	20.39	233,843	86,762	3,746,580	109.33	65,692	296,888	
Deficits.																			

APPENDIX R.

**Extract from the Finance Accounts for the
Year ended 31st March 1900.**

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

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

POST OFFICE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gross Receipts :						
From Postage Stamps sold by Postmasters in the United Kingdom -	13,579,358	7	7½			
From Postage Stamps sold by Stamp Distributors of Inland Revenue -	242,645	2	5½	13,822,008	10	0½
From Postage collected in cash by Country Postmasters -	91,170	0	5½			
From Postage collected in cash in the Metropolis -	222,747	14	7½	813,917	15	1½
From Postage collected for credit of Imperial Post Office by Foreign Offices -	93,991	11	3			
From Postage collected by Colonial Offices and Postmasters and Agents Abroad -	58,109	4	2½	152,100	15	5½
From Commission on Money Orders -	132,708	5	8½			
Ditto Postal Orders -	848,786	19	5½	476,445	4	9
From Miscellaneous Receipts -	-	-	-	87,830	3	5½
				14,802,297	8	9½
Payments out of Receipts :						
For Postage, &c., refunded -	14,791	17	3			
To Inland Revenue Department -	549,480	0	0			
To Railway Companies, &c., on account of Parcel Post -	755,816	7	3			
For Postage collected for credit of Colonial Offices -	106,110	5	1			
For Postage collected for credit of Foreign Offices -	184,148	9	5	1,610,276	19	0
Net Receipts	-	-	£	13,192,020	9	9½
Payments into Exchequer	-	-	-	£13,300,000	0	0

General Post Office, }
June 1900.

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APPENDIX R —*continued.*

TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

	£	s	d.	£	s	d.
Gross Receipts :						
For transmission of Telegrams, &c., in Cash	1,100,034	7	6½			
For transmission of Telegrams, &c., in Stamps	2,746,967	15	9			
				3,847,002	3	3½
Payments out of Receipts :						
To Cable Companies, &c.	453,466	10	6			
To Telegram Moneys refunded, &c.	3,789	16	0½			
				457,256	6	6½
Net Receipts	-	-	£	3,389,745	16	9
Payments into Exchequer	-	-	-	£3,350,000	0	0

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APPENDIX S.

CONSUMPTION OF TELEGRAPH STORES AND BALANCES IN DÉPÔTS.

	Year ending March 31st									
	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.
Balance in hand at beginning of year - - -	£ 211,543	£ 238,866	£ 243,404	£ 239,011	£ 305,883	£ 317,159	£ 319,864	£ 365,379	£ 369,075	£ 372,134
Purchases - - -	173,850	190,315	280,287	287,353	355,558	225,792	296,395	337,512	388,080	402,408
Returns into stock - - -	148,081	115,227	125,479	137,312	152,755	145,265	101,981	108,344	152,900	185,633
Issues out of stock - - -	533,474	544,308	649,170	663,676	814,196	688,216	718,190	871,235	911,055	960,175
Balance in hand at end of year -	294,509	300,904	410,159	357,793	497,087	368,352	352,811	502,160	538,921	580,996
	238,565	243,404	239,011	305,883	317,159	319,864	365,379	369,075	372,134	379,179

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