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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL
ON
THE POST OFFICE.

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TWENTY-EIGHTH REPORT.

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

MY LORDS,

I HAVE the honour to present to your Lordships the Twenty-eighth Report on the Post Office for the year ending 31st March 1882.

The business of the Department has made satisfactory progress in almost every branch, and I am glad to say that this statement applies to Ireland as well as to England and to Scotland. Although the accounts dealt with in this report do not extend beyond the period covered by the past financial year, I think it desirable to mention any facts of interest connected with the administration of the Post Office to the present date.

The estimated number of letters delivered in the United Kingdom during the 12 months was 1,229,354,800, showing an increase of 5·5 per cent. ; the number of post cards, 135,329,000, an increase of 10·1 per cent. ; the number of book packets and circulars, 271,038,700, an increase of 12·8 per cent. ; and the number of newspapers, 140,789,100, an increase of 5·2 per cent. The number of registered letters was 10,902,318, being an increase of 8·6 per cent.

Number of letters, &c. delivered.

Registered letters.

It is interesting to note that, so far as can be estimated, the total number of letters delivered through the post in the United Kingdom at the under-mentioned periods gives the following average per head to the population of these Islands :—

| Year. | Population of United Kingdom. | Number of Letters per Individual. |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1839 - - - - (Before the introduction of Penny Postage.) | 26,200,106 | 3 |
| 1840 (after such introduction) - | 26,487,026 | 7 |
| 1872 - - - - | 31,555,164 | 28 |
| 1882 - - - - | 34,929,679 | 35 |

The number of Post Offices has been increased by 434, making a total of 14,918 in the United Kingdom, of which 915 are Head Offices. 693 letter boxes have been added, making the total number of receptacles of all sorts for letters about 28,860. New Post Office buildings have been provided and brought into use at Bournemouth, Bury St. Edmunds, Buxton, Dorchester, Huntingdon, Ipswich, Jarrow, Luton, Merthyr Tydvil, Twickenham, and Weymouth. New Offices are in progress at many other large towns. Additional Branch Offices have been opened

Number of post offices.
Total number of receptacles for letters.
New buildings.

in London, Dublin, Edinburgh, Liverpool, and Glasgow, and arrangements made for enlarging others.

Staff.

The increase in the number of established officers was 2,098, making the total number of persons employed by the Department on the 31st of December 53,772, in addition to about 20,000 persons who do not hold permanent situations. The number of women employed was—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|-------|
| As Clerks (in the Central Establishments in London, Edinburgh, and Dublin) | - | - | 321 |
| As Telegraphists, Counterwomen, &c. | - | - | 1,978 |

The employment of women has been attended with so much advantage to the Department and to the public that it is my intention gradually to extend this branch of the service. The total number of women holding Civil Service Certificates was about 2,299, as compared with 2,000 in 1880-81. The non-effective list shows a total of 3,304 pensioners, costing about 175,000*l*.

The conduct of the force throughout the country has, with certain exceptions, been satisfactory.

Letter box
indicators.

A large number of indicators have been affixed to road and wall Letter Boxes throughout the Kingdom; and every such receptacle will in the course of a short time be furnished with a similar appliance, so that the public may readily know the hour at which the next collection will be made.

Assimilation of
Postage and
Inland Revenue
Stamp.

On 1st July 1881 the assimilation of the Penny Postage with the Inland Revenue Receipt Stamp was carried into effect, and a very considerable convenience has been afforded by the change. The amount payable by the Department to the Board of Inland Revenue, as representing the number of penny Stamps used for receipt purposes, is calculated upon the average receipts collected by that Board in previous years, and is now roughly taken at 445,000*l*. increasing by 5,000*l*. annually.

New mails.

New mails have been established between many important places, and existing mails accelerated. In some parts of the country the acceleration of deliveries has been much facilitated by the use of tricycles.

In the west of Scotland a considerable improvement has been made by the establishment of Mail Packets between Oban and Fort William, and Oban and Tobermory, working in connexion with the London Night Mail on the Callander and Oban Railway. The effect of these arrangements is that letters posted in London in time for despatch by Night Mail reach Fort William and Tobermory the following afternoon in time for reply the same day.

A more frequent service to the Shetland Islands was established in April 1881. From the 1st of May to the 30th of September in each year there are now three mails a week conveyed between Aberdeen and Lerwick, and two mails a week from the 1st of October to the 30th of April.

Parcel Post.

The difficult question of an Inland Parcels Post, to which reference was made last year, has occupied much attention, and I am glad to be able to state that an arrangement has been arrived

at with the Railway Companies, whose friendly co-operation is so essential to the success of the undertaking. A Bill to give effect to this arrangement has been introduced into Parliament, and the rates of postage and limits of weight proposed are as follows:—

| For an Inland Parcel of a weight | The Postage shall be |
|---|----------------------|
| Not exceeding 1 lb. - - - - - | 3d. |
| Exceeding 1 lb. and not exceeding 3 lbs. - - - | 6d. |
| Exceeding 3 lbs. and not exceeding 5 lbs. - - - | 9d. |
| Exceeding 5 lbs. and not exceeding 7 lbs. - - - | 1s. |

Power is reserved to make any alterations from time to time in these rates and weights which the interest of the public may require.

As soon as the Inland Parcels Post is established it will be linked with the International Parcel Post, which is now in operation. This will enable parcels to be posted from any part of the United Kingdom to every other country in Europe except Russia, and to Egypt and Asiatic Turkey.

The introduction of the Parcels Post will make so important an addition to the working of the Department that some time must necessarily elapse before the requisite arrangements can be made.

Nearly 12½ millions of letters and packets were dealt with in the Central Office during the Christmas week, including 4½ tons of Registered Letters, against 11½ millions and 4 tons of Registered Letters in the previous year. Christmas work.

The number of Valentines despatched from the Central Office, which had recently shown a large falling off, increased to 1,634,000, as compared with 534,000 in 1880. In Dublin, on the other hand Valentines are reported to have been almost entirely discontinued. Valentines.

As a curious incident it may be mentioned that a 5l. Bank of England Note without any cover whatever was posted at Leeds, folded in two with a postage stamp affixed. On being noticed, it was enclosed in a Registered Letter cover and duly forwarded to its destination.

The number of letters received in the Returned Letter Offices was 5,454,885, an increase of 72,193; of post cards, 559,409, an increase of 35,724; of book packets, 4,701,394, an increase of 504,905; and of newspapers, 414,794, an increase of 19,430; the total number being 11,130,482. Of the letters, 542,816 were unreturnable, 26,750 bore no address, and of this number 1,507 contained cash, cheques, &c. to the amount of over 6,000l. Returned letters.

Although the number of letters delivered increased 5·5 per cent., as already stated, and the Post Cards 10·1 per cent., the increase in Returned Letters was only 1·3 per cent., and in Post Cards 6·8 per cent. The number of Returned Book Packets increased 12·3 per cent. and the Newspapers 4·9 per cent., which corresponds closely with the increase per cent. in the numbers delivered.

Reply Post
Cards.

An Act to enable the transmission of Reply Post Cards has been passed, and I hope that the necessary arrangements for bringing them into use will be completed by 1st October.

The Reply Post Card will be, in form, simply a double card, from which the blank half, bearing a halfpenny impressed stamp, may be easily detached for the reply to be written upon it. It is also intended shortly to issue an International Reply Post Card which will be available in most of the countries included in the Postal Union.

Foreign and
Colonial mails.

As regards Foreign and Colonial Posts, the Kingdom of Hawaii, the Republics of Guatemala, Paraguay, Hayti, the United States of Colombia, and the West Indian Colonies of Barbadoes and St. Vincent, have joined the Postal Union, and the postage for letters to those places has consequently been reduced to 4d. the half ounce. In my last Report I stated I had made arrangements with several foreign countries for extending the limits of weight and size allowed for packets of trade patterns sent between those States and this country, and I am glad to say that similar arrangements have been made with Greece, and are about to be made with Switzerland. Additional mails have been established between this country and Brazil, and Greece, making the communication with the latter country almost a daily service.

The total estimated number of letters, postcards, book packets, newspapers, &c. received in the United Kingdom from abroad during 1881-82 is roughly calculated at 69 millions; while the number despatched from these shores is reckoned at about 87 millions.

Europe sends us some 37 millions, America, 22 millions; India, 3 millions; China, half a million; Australia and New Zealand, 3½ millions; and Africa, 2½ millions.

On the other hand the United Kingdom despatches about 44 millions to Europe, 22 millions to America, 7½ millions to India, 1½ millions to China, 6 millions to Australia, and about 6 millions to Africa.

The great disparity in the amount of postal matter sent to India, Australia, and China, compared with the amount received, is chiefly due to the large number of newspapers and book packets which are sent to those countries. Thus, while 4½ millions of newspapers are despatched to India, not quite 1 million are received. It is, however, deserving of remark with regard to the postage of newspapers, that the United States occupy an exceptional position, for whereas the United States transmit to England 9½ millions, only 7½ millions are sent from England to the United States.

Telegraphs.

The number of Telegraph Messages was 31,345,861, being an increase of 1,933,879 over the previous year.

Deducting from this number about 6,000,000 for Government and Press Messages, it appears that the average number of private messages is about three for each four persons in the United Kingdom, and it further appears that the proportion of telegrams to letters is as 1 to 44.

As regards foreign countries, the statistics for the year 1880, which are the latest furnished by the International Postal Union,

show, in the case of France, a proportion of one telegram to 29 letters; in Belgium, one telegram to 24 letters; in Holland, one telegram to 22 letters; and in Switzerland, one telegram to 23 letters.

Although it thus appears that many more telegrams are sent in comparison to the number of letters in Foreign Countries than in England, yet, with the exception of Switzerland, where the proportion is about the same, the number of telegrams sent in proportion to population, is much greater in England than in the countries just enumerated.

On the 1st of November a change was effected by the abolition of the distinctive Telegraph Stamp, and by the adoption of the ordinary Postage Stamps for the payment of messages. This measure facilitates the posting of telegrams during the night or where there is no telegraph office within a convenient distance. Telegrams thus posted are conveyed without extra charge, at the next collection of letters, to the nearest Telegraph Office which is open, for the purpose of being transmitted by the wires at the earliest possible moment. In cases in which difficulty would be experienced in obtaining a printed Telegraph Message Form ordinary paper may be used. The Message may or may not, at the option of the sender, be enclosed in an envelope, but if an envelope is used it must be marked "Telegram Immediate."

Abolition of
distinctive
Telegraph
Stamps.

Thirty-three additional Post Offices and nine Railway Station Offices were opened for Telegraph work, making the total number 5,595.

New Offices.

An additional cable has been laid between Europe and America. A cable has also been laid from Germany by way of the North Sea and the English Channel to Valentia, where it is connected with the Anglo-American Company's cables for the purpose of obtaining direct communication between Germany and America.

Submarine
Cables.

The question of the development of telephonic communication has engaged the careful consideration of the Department. At the conclusion of the suit referred to in my last report, by which the monopoly of the Postmaster General was held to extend to telephones, licenses were granted to the United Telephone Company as representing the companies defendants to the suit, and to other private agencies, to carry on the business of a Telephone Exchange in London, and in various provincial towns; the Department at the same time itself establishing exchanges in other places. The principle which underlay this arrangement was that only one telephone system should be established in any one town. Before long, however, I received numerous applications to grant telephone licenses not only in places where Telephone Exchanges have been established by private companies, but also where they have been established by the Post Office. Deputations waited upon me representing the United Company, and other companies connected with it, strongly urging that in the interest of the public it was desirable that private companies should have an opportunity of competing against the Post Office in those places where telephonic exchange business has hitherto been conducted by the

Telephones.

Licenses.

Post Office alone. I have had similar applications to allow telephone exchange business to be established in places where the United Telephone Company, or one of its branches, has an exchange.

In the result I came to the conclusion that it was undesirable in the public interest to create a monopoly in the matter of telephonic communication, and in future applications will be favourably entertained from responsible persons for licenses to establish exchanges under conditions which may be regarded as giving adequate protection to the public and to the Department. Under this new arrangement I consider that it will be desirable that the Department should, with your Lordships' sanction, hold itself ready to establish telephonic communication where it is thought expedient to do so, irrespective of any private agencies which may be already licensed to carry on business there.

Among the advantages which I believe will follow from this arrangement is the probability of its leading to a considerable extension of telephonic enterprise. Moreover, it will not only secure to the public the advantages of competition, but will enable them to judge for themselves whether they can best be served by private companies or through the agency of the Post Office.

It must, however, be understood that in conferring a license the Department grants no power to erect wires overhead or below ground, and no power in regard either to streets or private property. Nor does the license confer any power to employ in the transaction of telephone business any instrument the use of which would be an infringement of a patent.

Post Office Savings Bank. The business of the Savings Bank increases steadily, and the Penny Stamp Savings Scheme and the facilities for investment in Government Stock have given an additional impetus to it.

Amount due to depositors at end of the year. The total amount due to depositors, including interest, at the close of the year 1881* was 36,194,495*l.*, as compared with 33,744,637*l.* in 1880, exclusive of 738,968*l.* Government Stock held by 11,812 persons, showing an increase of 2,449,858*l.*, or 7½ per cent., as against an increase of 5½ in 1880. On 31st March this had risen to 37,219,000*l.*

Government Stock. Government Stock to the amount of 694,957*l.* was purchased during the year, while the amount sold was 75,868*l.*, and 102 stock certificates with coupons payable to bearer were obtained. The total amount of stock standing to the credit of depositors on 31 March was 875,086*l.*

Deposits. The deposits (exclusive of those for immediate investment in Stock) were 5,676,066 in number and 11,345,957*l.* in amount, as compared with 3,754,064, amounting to 10,219,631*l.*, in 1880, and the withdrawals (not including those relating to Stock) were 1,712,866 in number and 9,469,668*l.* in amount, as compared with 1,465,300, amounting to 9,216,564*l.*, in 1880.

Interest. A sum of not less than 826,990*l.* was credited to depositors for interest, being 49,005*l.* more than in the previous year; and the grand total allowed under this head during the 20 years

* The Savings Bank Accounts are made up to the 31st December in each year, in accordance with the Act of Parliament.

since the establishment of the Post Office Savings Bank is 8,285,644*l*.

The increase in the number and amount of deposits, and the increase in the total amount standing to the credit of depositors at the close of the year compared with 1880, were larger than any previous annual increase. Large annual increases.

An increase of 280 was made in the number of Savings Bank and Money Order Offices as compared with 217 in the year 1880, and 132 have been added since the beginning of the present year, making the total number on the 31st March, 6,645. Number of Savings Bank Offices.

The largest number of deposits made in one day, 31 December 1881 (including deposits for investment in Government Stock) was 41,297, amounting to 96,602*l*.; but the largest amount received in one day, 1 January 1881, was 106,910*l*., the number of deposits being 36,471. The largest number of withdrawals in one day was 16,288 and the amount 57,689*l*.. The daily average number of deposits was 18,523 and the amount 38,349*l*., while the number of withdrawals averaged 5,613 and the amount 31,393*l*. Greatest number and amount of deposits received in one day.

The average amount of each deposit (exclusive of those made for investment) was 2*l*., as against 2*l*. 14*s*. 5*d*. in 1880. This is the lowest average that has been reached, and the fact is due, no doubt, to the great increase in the number of small deposits made by means of the Penny Stamp Savings Scheme. The average amount of each withdrawal was also very low, being 5*l*. 10*s*. 7*d*. as compared with 6*l*. 5*s*. 9*d*. in 1880. The average has not been so low since 1863. Average amount of each deposit and withdrawal.

A daily average sum of 248*l*. has been received during the year through the medium of the Penny Stamp Savings scheme. The total sum thus collected was 77,696*l*., and the number of slips 1,553,920, a result which may be regarded as satisfactory. Postage Stamp Deposit Scheme.

There were 880,831 accounts opened during the year and 458,191 closed, as against 554,658 opened and 358,163 closed in 1880. Accounts opened and closed.

The number of accounts remaining open at the close of the year was 2,607,612, as against 2,184,972 in the previous year, the increase of 422,640 being more than the aggregate increase of the last three years. The accounts were apportioned as follows:— Number of accounts open at the end of the year.

| — | | | | Number. | Proportion to Population. | Average Balance due to each Depositor. |
|-------------------|---|---|---|-----------|---------------------------|--|
| England and Wales | - | - | - | 2,410,949 | or 1 to 11 | £ s. d. 14 0 2 |
| Scotland | - | - | - | 99,566 | „ 1 to 38 | 7 0 7 |
| Ireland | - | - | - | 97,097 | „ 1 to 53 | 17 15 0 |

The Savings Bank business in Ireland continues to make satisfactory progress, the number of deposits during the year having been 251,146 as compared with 175,101 in 1880, and the Ireland.

amount 662,170*l.* against 548,212*l.* The total amount due to depositors at the end of the year was 1,723,395*l.*, showing an increase of 167,501*l.* on the previous year. Besides this the sum of nearly 70,000*l.* was invested in Government Stock.

Money Orders. The total number of Money Orders issued during the year was 14,880,821, and the amount 23,848,936*l.* The Inland Money Orders show a decrease of 1,636,648 in number and 861,091*l.* in amount, chiefly in small sums, which is no doubt owing to the extended use of Postal Orders. The Foreign Money Order business shows a satisfactory increase, and there is also a large increase in the Orders issued in the Colonies upon the United Kingdom, although there was a slight falling off in the Orders issued in this country on the Colonies. Money Order business with Japan has been resumed, and a Convention has been entered into with Sweden, and also a supplementary Convention with Denmark, for extending the system to the Danish West Indian Islands of St. Thomas, St. Croix, and St. John. The arrangement under which Money Orders have been exchanged through the medium of the London Office between Germany and a portion of the Australian Colonies has been extended so as to include all the Australian Colonies and also the Cape of Good Hope, and a similar facility has been afforded between Holland and the Cape Colony.

Postal Orders. Within the 12 months no less than 4,462,920 Postal Orders were issued, amounting to 2,006,917*l.*, and the classes of Orders most in demand are the 1*s.*, 5*s.*, 10*s.*, and 20*s.*, as will be seen from the following table:—

| NUMBER OF EACH CLASS OF ORDERS ISSUED IN THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1892. | | | | | | | | | | TOTAL. | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|------------------|
| s. d. 1 0 | s. d. 1 6 | s. d. 2 6 | s. d. 5 0 | s. d. 7 6 | s. d. 10 0 | s. d. 12 6 | s. d. 15 0 | s. d. 17 6 | s. d. 20 0 | No. | Value. |
| 462,823 | 362,094 | 437,096 | 853,306 | 262,920 | 308,736 | 110,691 | 202,665 | 60,611 | 911,978 | 4,462,920 | £ 2,006,917 19 0 |

It is found that the average time which these Orders are in circulation is six days, a fact which shows that there was no foundation for the idea that they would be used as currency.

Post Office
Annuities and
Life Insurance.

Reference was made in my last report to the slight extent to which the public have availed themselves of the facilities offered by the Government for the purchase of Annuities and Policies of Insurance. On the 8th of February last I moved for a Select Committee to investigate this important subject. To this Committee a proposal was submitted by Mr. J. J. Cardin of the Receiver and Accountant General's Branch of the Post Office, the most important feature of which was the linking of the Annuity and Insurance business with that of the Post Office Savings Bank. Every annuitant and insurant would, according to this proposal, become a depositor in the Savings Bank, the annuity or policy would be kept up through the Savings Bank account, and the whole of the Post Office Savings Banks, nearly 7,000 in number, would be thrown open for the transaction of Annuity

and Insurance business. Moreover, by this union of the several branches of the Department's work connected with the encouragement of thrift, it was suggested that the advantages offered by the Government in connexion with Insurance and what is known as "old age pay" would be brought to the notice of the large and rapidly increasing class of Savings Bank Depositors, every Savings Bank book being printed with regulations on the subject of Insurance and Annuities.

Mr. Cardin's proposal was accepted by the Committee, who further recommended the abolition of the minimum limits for Insurances and Annuities, and the increase of the maximum limit in each case to 200%. Upon the report of the Committee, which was unanimously adopted, a Bill was introduced, the effect of which, if it becomes law, will, I hope, be to enhance the usefulness of the Department in this branch of its work, and greatly to encourage thrift among the industrial classes.*

The gross revenue for the year was over 9,028,374*l.*, arrived at thus :—

Revenue and
expenditure.

| | | |
|---|---------|------------------|
| Postage on letters, postcards, news- papers, &c. - - - | £ | £ |
| Commission on Money Orders - | 226,947 | 6,770,232 |
| Commission on Postal Orders - | 25,657 | |
| Value of Unclaimed Money Orders - | 4,764 | |
| | | 257,368 |
| Savings Bank profits - - - | | 346,373 |
| Revenue from Telegraphs - - - | | 1,654,401 |
| | | <u>9,028,374</u> |

The expenditure was :

| | |
|---|------------------|
| For Postal service, including Money Order and Postal Order busi- ness - - - | 3,648,721 |
| „ Packet service - - - | 637,875 |
| „ Savings Bank - - - | 200,574 |
| „ Telegraph service, including ex- penditure by other Depart- ments - - - | 1,410,729 |
| | <u>5,927,899</u> |

The net revenue was therefore - - - 3,100,475

being, notwithstanding a heavy increase of expenditure, an increase of 32,396*l.* on the previous year.

* As the Bill could not be proceeded with until a late period of the session, it has been thought expedient, in order to facilitate its passing, to fix the maximum limit both for insurance and annuities at 100*l.*

Comparing these figures with those of the previous year it appears that the increase of revenue under each head was as follows:—

| | £ |
|---|---------|
| Postage on letters, &c. - - - | 291,536 |
| Commission on Money Orders and Postal Orders, and value of Unclaimed Orders - | 2,637 |
| Savings Bank profits - - - | 12,603 |
| Telegraphs * - - - | 20,515 |

and the increase of expenditure was—

| | £ |
|--|---------|
| Postal Service, including Money Orders and Postal Order business - - - | 178,508 |
| Savings Bank - - - | 11,683 |
| Telegraph Service, including expenditure by other Departments - - - | 132,275 |

There was a decrease in the Packet Service of 27,571*l.*

The chief cause of the increase of expenditure is the addition of staff, numbering 2,000, to which reference has been made, and also an increase in the remuneration of sorting clerks and telegraphists consequent upon the new classification introduced in 1881.

The annual interest on the capital sum of 10,880,571*l.* raised by the Government for the purchase of the Telegraphs has not previously been included in the Postmaster General's accounts because the amount is not provided for out of Post Office votes, but in estimating the financial position it ought to be borne in mind that the Chancellor of the Exchequer has to meet a charge of 326,417*l.* for this service out of the Consolidated Fund.

If this sum is included, as I think it ought to be, it would show that the true net revenue of the Post Office is 2,774,058*l.*

It is with sincere regret that I have to record the death of two of the chief officers of the Department; Mr. Arthur Benthall, who held the office of Third Secretary, and Mr. Horace Watson, the Solicitor. In Mr. Benthall the public service has lost an officer of proved ability and great experience, whose services fully merited his selection in December last for the post of Third Secretary. Mr. Watson's connexion with the Post Office only dated from 1879, but his service in the office of Woods, his knowledge of law and parliamentary business, and his recognised ability rendered him a most valuable servant of the Department.

I have the honour to be, My Lords,

Your Lordships obedient humble Servant,

HENRY FAWCETT.

General Post Office,
28 July 1882.

* The figures relating to Telegraph Revenue in last year's report showed an anticipated surplus. When, however, the returns were completed there proved to be a small deficiency on the whole year.

APPENDIX A.

Letters delivered.

ESTIMATED NUMBER of Letters delivered in the United Kingdom in the year immediately preceding the first General Reduction of Postage on the 5th day of December 1839, and in the years subsequent thereto; also (in the first year) the number of Franks.

| Year ending 31st December, until 1876, and thereafter the Financial Year ending March 31st. | Delivered in England and Wales. | | | | Total in England and Wales. | Increase per cent. per annum. | Average number per annum. | Total in Scotland. | Increase per cent. per annum. | Average number to each person. | Total in Ireland. | Increase per cent. per annum. | Average number to each person. | Total in United Kingdom. | Increase per cent. per annum. | Average number to each person. |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | By Country Offices. | Increase per cent. per annum. | In London District, including Local Letters. | Increase per cent. per annum. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimated No. of Letters, 1839 - | - | - | - | - | 60,000,000 | - | 4 | 8,000,000 | - | 3 | 8,000,000 | - | 3 | 76,000,000 | - | 3 |
| Estimated No. of Franks, 1839 - | - | - | - | - | 5,172,000 | - | 8 | 338,000 | - | 7 | 1,065,000 | - | 7 | 6,553,000 | - | 7 |
| Estimated No. of Letters, 1840 - | 88,000,000 | 10.7 | 44,000,000 | 9.0 | 132,000,000 | 120.0 | 11 | 19,000,000 | 145.5 | 9 | 18,000,000 | 119.2 | 9 | 169,000,000 | 22.2 | 9 |
| Average of 5 years, 1841-45 - | 125,000,000 | 5.5 | 57,000,000 | 5.5 | 179,000,000 | 10.2 | 15 | 24,000,000 | 9.2 | 12 | 24,000,000 | 9.5 | 12 | 227,000,000 | 10.0 | 12 |
| " " 1846-50 - | 180,000,000 | 6.5 | 79,000,000 | 6.5 | 259,000,000 | 5.2 | 18 | 34,000,000 | 4.2 | 14 | 34,000,000 | 5.0 | 14 | 327,000,000 | 6.0 | 14 |
| " " 1851-55 - | 233,000,000 | 4.2 | 97,000,000 | 5.0 | 330,000,000 | 6.0 | 23 | 41,000,000 | 5.2 | 16 | 39,000,000 | 3.5 | 16 | 410,000,000 | 5.7 | 15 |
| " " 1856-60 - | 302,000,000 | 5.7 | 125,000,000 | 5.5 | 427,000,000 | 4.5 | 29 | 51,000,000 | 3.2 | 20 | 45,000,000 | 3.0 | 20 | 523,000,000 | 4.2 | 18 |
| " " 1861-65 - | 373,000,000 | 4.2 | 161,000,000 | 3.2 | 534,000,000 | 5.7 | 33 | 61,000,000 | 0.5 | 24 | 53,000,000 | 3.2 | 24 | 648,000,000 | 5.5 | 22 |
| " " 1866-70 - | 472,000,000 | 0.5 | 192,000,000 | 7.0 | 664,000,000 | 4.0 | 38 | 76,000,000 | 4.7 | 24 | 0,000,000 | 3.2 | 24 | 800,000,000 | 4.0 | 26 |
| Year 1871 - | 501,000,000 | 1.7 | 220,000,000 | 3.0 | 721,000,000 | 2.5 | 32 | 80,000,000 | 1.2 | 24 | 66,000,000 | 3.0 | 24 | 887,000,000 | 2.5 | 27 |
| " 1872 - | 510,000,000 | 1.5 | 227,000,000 | 5.0 | 737,000,000 | 2.2 | 33 | 85,000,000 | 2.5 | 24 | 66,000,000 | 1.5 | 24 | 895,000,000 | 2.0 | 28 |
| " 1873 - | 515,000,000 | 6.8 | 238,000,000 | 0.5 | 753,000,000 | 2.5 | 33 | 81,000,000 | 7.4 | 25 | 67,000,000 | 4.5 | 25 | 907,000,000 | 2.5 | 29 |
| " 1874 - | 553,579,100 | 4.8 | 250,474,000 | 2.5 | 804,053,100 | 6.5 | 35 | 90,195,300 | 0.9 | 26 | 70,004,000 | 0.8 | 26 | 984,253,300 | 6.3 | 30 |
| " 1875 - | 580,081,400 | 2.5 | 266,771,000 | 0.5 | 846,852,400 | 5.3 | 35 | 90,976,400 | 0.2 | 26 | 70,563,300 | 1.7 | 26 | 1,008,392,100 | 4.6 | 31 |
| " 1876 - | 594,519,600 | 0.5 | 261,522,800 | 9.0 | 856,042,400 | 1.1 | 35 | 91,120,700 | 9.2 | 28 | 71,792,100 | 3.4 | 28 | 1,018,935,200 | 1.0 | 31 |
| " 1877-8 - | 598,776,000 | 4.6 | 285,192,700 | 4.8 | 883,968,700 | 3.3 | 36 | 98,515,300 | 3.0 | 28 | 74,246,200 | 2.5 | 28 | 1,057,732,300 | 3.8 | 32 |
| " 1878-9 - | 626,499,800 | 2.2 | 305,803,300 | 6.6 | 932,303,100 | 4.3 | 37 | 98,991,200 | 3.0 | 28 | 76,078,500 | 3.8 | 28 | 1,097,372,800 | 3.7 | 32 |
| " 1879-80 - | 640,033,900 | 1.7 | 310,077,990 | 5.3 | 950,111,900 | 3.0 | 38 | 101,948,300 | 3.0 | 29 | 76,837,400 | 3.8 | 29 | 1,127,997,500 | 2.8 | 33 |
| " 1880-81 - | 650,862,700 | 5.3 | 330,419,300 | 6.6 | 981,372,000 | 3.3 | 38 | 104,905,300 | 4.6 | 29 | 78,799,700 | 4.4 | 29 | 1,165,166,900 | 3.3 | 34 |
| " 1881-82 - | 686,189,600 | 5.3 | 352,147,100 | 6.6 | 1,037,316,700 | 5.7 | 40 | 109,799,900 | 4.6 | 29 | 82,298,300 | 4.4 | 29 | 1,299,354,800 | 6.5 | 35 |

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

ESTIMATED NUMBER of POST CARDS delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM in each Year from 1872 to the present time, 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. |
| 1872 | 64,000,000 | — | 8,000,000 | — | 4,000,000 | — | 76,000,000 | — |
| 1873 | 60,000,000 | — | 8,000,000 | — | 4,000,000 | — | 72,000,000 | — |
| 1874 | 66,000,000 | 10·0 | 9,000,000 | 12·5 | 4,000,000 | — | 79,000,000 | 9·7 |
| 1875 | 73,300,100 | 11·6 | 9,200,300 | 6·7 | 4,540,900 | 5·5 | 87,118,300 | 10·7 |
| 1876 | 78,412,100 | 6·9 | 9,640,100 | 4·7 | 4,885,500 | 7·5 | 92,937,700 | 6·7 |
| 1877-8 | 86,051,500 | 9·7 | 11,067,500 | 14·8 | 5,118,500 | 4·8 | 102,237,500 | 10· |
| 1878-9 | 94,471,500 | 9·8 | 11,559,000 | 4·8 | 5,375,200 | 5· | 111,445,700 | 9· |
| 1879-80 | 96,637,400 | 2·3 | 12,284,700 | 5·9 | 5,530,500 | 3· | 114,453,400 | 2·7 |
| 1880-81 | 103,473,100 | 7·1 | 13,401,500 | 9·1 | 6,009,400 | 8·5 | 122,884,000 | 7·4 |
| 1881-82 | 114,251,500 | 10·4 | 14,651,400 | 9·3 | 6,426,100 | 6·9 | 135,329,000 | 10·1 |

ESTIMATED NUMBER of BOOK PACKETS and CIRCULARS delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM in each Year from 1872 to the present time, 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. |
| 1872 | 90,000,000 | — | 13,000,000 | — | 11,000,000 | — | 114,000,000 | — |
| 1873 | 104,000,000 | 15·5 | 14,000,000 | 7·7 | 11,000,000 | — | 129,000,000 | 13·1 |
| 1874 | 115,769,600 | 11·3 | 15,787,300 | 12·7 | 10,410,200 | — | 141,967,100 | 10· |
| 1875 | 133,394,900 | 15·2 | 15,723,700 | — | 9,548,000 | — | 158,666,600 | 11·7 |
| 1876 | 146,405,500 | 9· | 18,352,700 | 16·7 | 8,966,900 | — | 173,724,900 | 9·4 |
| 1877-8 | 167,691,600 | 7·7 | 21,336,800 | 16·2 | 10,272,200 | 14·5 | 199,300,600 | 8·9 |
| 1878-9 | 164,789,400 | 4·5 | 21,320,100 | — | 10,967,000 | 6·7 | 197,076,500 | 4·1 |
| 1879-80 | 180,541,400 | 9·6 | 22,140,500 | 3·8 | 11,281,100 | 2·9 | 213,963,000 | 8·6 |
| 1880-81 | 204,003,400 | 13·0 | 24,238,300 | 9·5 | 12,114,500 | 7·4 | 240,356,200 | 12·3 |
| 1881-82 | 228,999,400 | 12·3 | 27,875,000 | 15·0 | 14,164,300 | 16·9 | 271,038,700 | 12·8 |

ESTIMATED NUMBER of NEWSPAPERS delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM in each Year from 1872 to the present time, 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. |
| 1872 | 87,000,000 | — | 12,000,000 | — | 10,000,000 | — | 109,000,000 | — |
| 1873 | 89,115,200 | 2·4 | 12,606,300 | 5· | 11,295,000 | 12·9 | 113,016,500 | 3·6 |
| 1874 | 91,230,400 | 2·3 | 13,212,700 | 4·8 | 12,589,800 | 11·4 | 117,032,900 | 3·5 |
| 1875 | 93,346,600 | 2·3 | 13,819,100 | 4·5 | 13,884,700 | 10·2 | 121,049,400 | 3·4 |
| 1876 | 95,460,800 | 2·2 | 14,425,400 | 4·3 | 15,179,700 | 9·3 | 125,065,900 | 3·3 |
| 1877-8 | 98,282,400 | 2·9 | 14,883,100 | 3·1 | 15,442,500 | 1·7 | 128,558,000 | 3·7 |
| 1878-9 | 100,424,300 | 2·2 | 14,477,500 | — | 15,993,500 | 3·6 | 130,895,300 | 1·8 |
| 1879-80 | 100,317,000 | — | 14,570,700 | ·0 | 15,630,700 | — | 130,518,400 | — |
| 1880-81 | 102,764,600 | 2·4 | 15,120,000 | 3·8 | 15,911,500 | 1·8 | 133,796,100 | 2·5 |
| 1881-82 | 108,651,700 | 5·7 | 15,477,300 | 2·4 | 16,960,100 | 4·7 | 140,789,100 | 5·2 |

APPENDIX B.

Registered Letters.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Letters Registered by the Public in the United Kingdom in the years 1877, 1878-79, 1879-80, 1880-81, and 1881-82.

| YEAR. | ENGLAND AND WALES. | | | | | | SCOTLAND. | | IRELAND. | | TOTAL. | |
|---------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|------|--------------------|------|--------------------|------|
| | Country Offices. | | London District. | | Total. | | Increase per cent. | | Increase per cent. | | Increase per cent. | |
| | Number. | Increase per cent. | Number. | Increase per cent. | Number. | Increase per cent. | | | | | | |
| 1877 | 2,378,973 | — | 1,984,716 | — | 3,663,689 | — | 373,915 | — | 278,443 | — | 4,316,017 | — |
| 1878-79 | 4,290,545 | 78·2 | 1,900,269 | 48· | 6,190,814 | 68·9 | 551,715 | 47·6 | 453,821 | 60·2 | 7,200,350 | 66·8 |
| 1879-80 | 5,340,065 | 24·7 | 2,240,865 | 17·9 | 7,580,930 | 22·6 | 610,005 | 11·8 | 532,366 | 16·0 | 8,730,191 | 21·3 |
| 1880-81 | 6,144,085 | 14·9 | 2,508,550 | 15·9 | 8,741,515 | 15·2 | 698,008 | 12·8 | 597,023 | 12·1 | 10,034,546 | 14·8 |
| 1881-82 | 6,674,339 | 8·6 | 2,804,169 | 8·0 | 9,479,028 | 8·4 | 763,461 | 8·3 | 693,799 | 12·2 | 10,902,318 | 8·6 |

The reduction of the Registration Fee from 4d. to 2d. on 1st January 1878 explains the large increase since that date.

APPENDIX C.

NUMBER of MAILS daily between London and other Post Towns in England and Wales.

| Year. | Town havin One Mail only. | | Towns having Two Mails. | | Towns having Three Mails. | | Towns having Four Mails. | | Towns having Five Mails. | | Towns having Six Mails. | | Towns having Seven Mails. | | Towns having Eight Mails. | | Towns having Nine Mails. | | Towns having Ten Mails. | | Total Number of Post Towns in England and Wales. |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------|---|
| | From London. | To London. | From London. | To London. | From London. | To London. | From London. | To London. | From London. | To London. | From London. | To London. | From London. | To London. | From London. | To London. | From London. | To London. | From London. | To London. | |
| 31 Dec. 1872 | 41 | 89 | 315 | 222 | 99 | 114 | 80 | 101 | 36 | 42 | 5 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 583 |
| „ 1873 | 43 | 89 | 319 | 227 | 93 | 119 | 88 | 98 | 38 | 43 | 5 | 11 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 594 |
| „ 1874 | 43 | 89 | 302 | 226 | 92 | 118 | 96 | 97 | 43 | 45 | 17 | 17 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 3 | - | - | - | - | 599 |
| „ 1875 | 27 | 73 | 297 | 232 | 132 | 121 | 86 | 97 | 42 | 54 | 12 | 17 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 3 | - | - | - | - | 601 |
| „ 1876 | 22 | 69 | 299 | 232 | 137 | 132 | 87 | 102 | 48 | 57 | 11 | 21 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | - | - | - | - | 610 |
| 31 Mar. 1877 | 22 | 69 | 299 | 222 | 137 | 132 | 87 | 102 | 48 | 57 | 11 | 21 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | - | 1 | - | - | 610 |
| „ 1878 | 22 | 65 | 288 | 222 | 142 | 133 | 89 | 105 | 53 | 60 | 11 | 18 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | - | 1 | 1 | - | 612 |
| „ 1879 | 20 | 60 | 260 | 217 | 156 | 138 | 93 | 111 | 63 | 56 | 16 | 21 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | - | 614 |
| „ 1880 | 18 | 58 | 251 | 214 | 162 | 140 | 96 | 113 | 63 | 58 | 20 | 21 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | - | - | 617 |
| „ 1881 | 17 | 57 | 250 | 210 | 154 | 140 | 101 | 112 | 66 | 63 | 23 | 25 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | - | - | 618 |
| „ 1882 | 17 | 55 | 242 | 205 | 154 | 143 | 94 | 109 | 80 | 71 | 25 | 25 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | - | 2 | 620 |

Home Packet Service.

| Line of Packets. | Contract. | | Annual Payment. | Contract Time. | Penalties for Overtime. | Penalty for General Non-performance. | Remarks. |
|--|----------------|--|------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| | Com-mencement. | Terminable. | | | | | |
| ABERDEEN and LEEWICK (SHETLAND). | 1st April 1881 | After 1 April 1884 on 6 months' notice. | 2,900 <i>l</i> . | - | - | 200 <i>l</i> . | Vessels have liberty to call at Wick and certain ports of Orkney. |
| CHANNEL ISLANDS - Do. (additional services) | 1st Jan 1870 | On 6 months' notice. | 6,000 <i>l</i> . 700 <i>l</i> . | Between Southampton and Guernsey 9 hours; Between Southampton and Jersey 12 hours. | - | 2,000 <i>l</i> . - | - |
| GREENOCK and BELFAST | 16th July 1849 | On 6 months' notice. | Performed free of cost. | - | - | 100 <i>l</i> . | - |
| GREENOCK, TARBERT, and ISLAY. | 4th Nov. 1878 | On 6 months' notice. | 800 <i>l</i> . | - | - | 500 <i>l</i> . | - |
| HOLYHEAD and KINGSTOWN | 1st Oct. 1860 | On 12 months' notice. | 85,900 <i>l</i> . | The sea service, together with the land service between London and Holyhead, to be performed in 11 hours. No definite time allotted to sea service apart from land service. | 17 1/4 <i>s</i> . per minute, if journeys between London and Kingstown, and (on Sundays) between Crewe and Kingstown, are not accomplished within 11 hours and 7 1/4 hours respectively from appointed times of departure.* | - | The payment is subject to reduction when the receipts from Passenger traffic in any one year exceed 35,000 <i>l</i> . |
| LIVERPOOL and DOUGLAS (ISLE OF MAN). | 1st Oct. 1881 | After 1st Oct. 1884 on 6 months' notice. | 4,500 <i>l</i> . | - | - | - | - |
| PENANCE and SCILLY | - | On 6 months' notice. | 450 <i>l</i> . | - | - | - | - |
| PORTSMOUTH and EYDE | 1st April 1880 | On 6 months' notice. | 800 <i>l</i> . | - | - | - | - |
| SCRABSTER and STROMNESS (ORKNEY). | 27th July 1877 | After 5 years on 12 months' notice. | 2,000 <i>l</i> . | - | 90 <i>l</i> . for undue delay or deviation from course. | 200 <i>l</i> . | - |
| SOUTHAMPTON and COWES | - | - | 150 <i>l</i> . | - | - | - | - |
| STORKOWAY and ULLAPOOL. | 3rd Aug. 1881 | After 3rd August 1884 on 6 months' notice. | 2,000 <i>l</i> . | - | 90 <i>l</i> . for undue delay or deviation from course. | 500 <i>l</i> . | When a sailing vessel is employed a deduction of 2 <i>l</i> . a trip may be made if the Postmaster General thinks proper. |

* These penalties are at present suspended, owing to the state of the harbour at Holyhead.

APPENDIX E.

Staff of Officers.

| 31st Dec. 1880. | | | | | | | | | 31st Dec. 1881. |
|--------------------|------|--|---|---|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------------------|
| 1 | (A.) | Postmaster General | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| 7 | (B.) | Secretary, financial secretary, third secretary, assistant secretaries, secretary for Ireland, and surveyor general for Scotland | - | - | - | - | - | - | 8 |
| 22 | (C.) | Superior officers in Metropolitan offices, viz., heads of departments, chief clerk, &c. | - | - | - | - | - | - | 30 |
| 16 | (D.) | Surveyors | - | - | - | - | - | - | 15 |
| | (E.) | Postmasters— | | | | | | | |
| | | Head postmasters— | | | | | | | |
| | | England { London | - | - | 13 | | | | |
| | | Provincial | - | - | 617 | | | | |
| | | | | | 630 | | | | |
| | | Ireland | - | - | 131 | | | | |
| 912 | | Scotland | - | - | 154 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 915 |
| | | Sub-postmasters, letter receivers, &c.— | | | | | | | |
| | | England { London | - | - | 651 | | | | |
| | | Assistants | - | - | 1,238 | | | | |
| | | Provincial* | - | - | | 1,889 | | | |
| | | | | | | 9,481 | | | |
| | | | | | | | 11,390 | | |
| | | Ireland { Dublin | - | - | 123 | | | | |
| | | Assistants | - | - | 85 | | | | |
| | | Provincial* | - | - | | 208 | | | |
| | | | | | | 1,931 | | | |
| | | | | | | | 2,142 | | |
| | | Scotland { Edinburgh | - | - | 37 | | | | |
| | | Assistants | - | - | 65 | | | | |
| | | Provincial* | - | - | | 102 | | | |
| | | | | | | 1,453 | | | |
| | | | | | | | 1,554 | | |
| | | | | | | | | 15,096 | |
| | (F.) | Clerks— | | | | | | | |
| | | Clerks and superintending officers— | | | | | | | |
| | | Metropolitan { London | - | - | - | - | 1,143 | | |
| | | clerks (male) { Dublin | - | - | - | - | 75 | | |
| | | Edinburgh | - | - | - | - | 37 | | |
| | | | | | | | | 1,273 | |
| | | Metropolitan { London | - | - | - | - | 294 | | |
| | | clerks (female) | - | - | - | - | 13 | | |
| | | Edinburgh | - | - | - | - | 14 | | |
| | | | | | | | | 321 | |
| | | Metropolitan female telegraphists, counter women, and returners { London | - | - | - | - | 978 | | |
| | | Dublin | - | - | - | - | 64 | | |
| | | Edinburgh | - | - | - | - | 60 | | |
| | | | | | | | | 1,102 | |
| | | Clerks, sorting clerks, and telegraphists. | | | | | | | |
| | | Provincial { England | - | - | 4,417 | 678 | 5,095 | | |
| | | Ireland | - | - | 309 | 163 | 472 | | |
| | | Scotland | - | - | 469 | 324 | 793 | | |
| | | | | | | | | 6,380 | |
| | (G.) | Telegraphists, letter carriers, sorters, messengers, &c.— | | | | | | | |
| | | Telegraphists, &c.— | | | | | | | |
| | | Metropolitan { London | - | - | - | - | 2,087 | | |
| | | offices (males) { Dublin | - | - | - | - | 155 | | |
| | | Edinburgh | - | - | - | - | 131 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Sorters, letter carriers &c.— | | | | | | | |
| | | England { London | - | - | 5,878 | | | | |
| | | Provincial | - | - | 9,193 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 15,071 | | |
| | | Ireland { Dublin | - | - | 420 | | | | |
| | | Provincial | - | - | 974 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 1,194 | | |
| | | Scotland { Edinburgh | - | - | 373 | | | | |
| | | Provincial | - | - | 1,417 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 1,790 | | |
| | | | | | | | | 18,055 | |
| 32,682 | | | | | | | | | |

* Assistants employed by provincial postmasters, sub-postmasters, and letter receivers are excluded from these numbers.

APPENDIX E.—*continued.*31st Dec.
1890.31st Dec.
1881.

(H.) Persons occupying unestablished positions, viz., auxiliary letter carriers, telegraph messengers and porters, telegraph construction hands, copyists, female servants, commissionaires, &c.—

(NOTE.—This head is in addition to the sub-postmasters, letter receivers, and assistants shown under head of "Postmasters," and certain persons included in the number shown for "Sorters, letter carriers, &c., provincial.")

| | | | | | | |
|----------|-------------|--------|---|-------|--|-------|
| England | { London | Male | - | 4,480 | | |
| | | Female | - | 96 | | |
| | Provincial | | - | 4,556 | | |
| | | | | 2,594 | | 7,150 |
| Ireland | { Dublin | Male | - | 254 | | |
| | | Female | - | 13 | | |
| | Provincial | | - | 267 | | |
| | | | | 198 | | 465 |
| Scotland | { Edinburgh | Male | - | 124 | | |
| | | Female | - | 15 | | |
| | Provincial | | - | 130 | | |
| | | | | 438 | | 577 |

8,192

19
29(I.) Postmasters and clerks in colonies, under direction of Postmaster General -
Agents in foreign countries for collection of postage, &c. -19
20

47,004

4,670

Not previously included in Return.

51,674

2,098

Increase.

53,772

53,772

APPENDIX E.—continued.

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| A. | | | |
| Postmaster General | - | - | (Estimates, page 631) 1 |
| B. | | | |
| Secretary | - | - | (Estimates, page 631) 1 |
| Financial Secretary | - | - | (" ") 1 |
| Third Secretary | - | - | (" ") 1 |
| Assistant Secretaries | - | - | (" ") 3 |
| Secretary for Ireland | - | - | (" page 652) 1 |
| Surveyor-General for Scotland | - | - | (" page 656) 1 |
| | | | 8 |
| C. | | | |
| Chief Clerk | - | - | (Estimates, page 631) 1 |
| Principal Clerks | { Upper Section | - | (Estimates, page 631) 7 |
| | { Lower Section | - | (" ") 8 |
| | { Insurance | - | (" page 667) 1 |
| | | | 16 |
| Clerk for Missing Letter Business | - | - | (Estimates, page 632) 1 |
| Medical Officers | - | - | (" pp. 648, 692) 2 |
| Solicitor | - | - | (" page 638) 1 |
| Receiver and Accountant General | - | - | (" " 633) 1 |
| Engineer-in-Chief | - | - | (" " 687) 1 |
| Controllers | { Packets | - | (Estimates, page 632) 1 |
| | { Savings Bank Department | - | (" " 665) 1 |
| | { Money Order Office | - | (" " 635) 1 |
| | { Circulation Department | - | (" " 635) 1 |
| | { Central Telegraph Station | - | (" " 691) 1 |
| | { Returned Letter Office | - | (" " 638) 1 |
| | | | 6 |
| Surveyor, Metropolitan District | - | - | (Estimates, page 659) 1 |
| | | | 30 |
| D. | | | |
| Surveyors | England | - | (Estimates, page 659) 10 |
| | Ireland | - | (" ") 3 |
| | Scotland | - | (" ") 2 |
| | | | 15 |
| E. | | | |
| Head Postmasters :— | | | |
| England | { London | - | (see detail below*) 13 |
| | { Provincial | - | (Estimates, page 661) 617 |
| | | | 630 |
| Ireland | - | - | (Estimates, page 662) 131 |
| Scotland | - | - | (" " 663) 154 |
| | | | 915 |

* E.C.
W.C.
W.
S.W.
Wandsworth.
Norwood.
Ealing.
House of Commons.
Paddington.
E.
S.E.
N.
N.W.

APPENDIX E.—*continued.*

Sub-Postmasters and Letter Receivers :—

| | | | | |
|----------|------------|--------------------------------|---|---|
| England | London | Sub-Postmaster* | { | Statement from E.C. and Met. District. |
| | | Receivers - 651 | | |
| | | Assistants - 1,238 | | |
| | Provincial | - (Estimates, page 661) | | 1,889 9,481 |
| | | | | 11,390 |
| Ireland | Dublin | Sub-Postmasters - | | 77 |
| | | (Sub-head C., page 122.) | | |
| | | Receivers - | | 46 |
| | | (Estimates, page 655.) | | |
| | | Assistants - | | 85 |
| | | (Statistics from Dublin.) | | |
| | Provincial | - (Estimates, page 662) | | 208 1,934 |
| | | (less 77, sub-head C., p. 130) | | 2,142 |
| Scotland | Edinburgh | Receivers - | | 37 |
| | | (Estimates, p. 658.) | | |
| | | Assistants - | | 65 |
| | | (Stat. from Edinburgh.) | | |
| | Provincial | - (Estimates, page 663) | | 102 1,452 |
| | | | | 1,554 |
| | | | | 15,086 |

* Putney.
Wimbledon.

APPENDIX E.—*continued.*

F.

CLERKS.

| Clerks and Superintending Officers. | LONDON. | | | | | | | | | | | | DUBLIN. | EDINBURGH. | |
|---|---------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|--------|------|--------|-------|-------|------|---------|------------|----|
| | Secys. | Med. | Solr. | Surv. | RAGO. | S.B. | M.O.O. | C.D. | R.L.O. | Metn. | Engg. | T.S. | Total. | | |
| Clerks:— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grade I. - - - | 58 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 67 | — | — | — | — | 58 | — | — |
| Grade II. - - - | 19 | — | — | 47 | 255 | 287 | 72 | 3 | 21 | 15 | 34 | — | 817 | 50 | 42 |
| Lower Division - - | 9 | — | — | — | 19 | 116 | 7 | — | — | 2 | — | — | 156 | 16 | 9 |
| Professional (Solicitors) - | — | — | 9 | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | 9 | 2 | 1 |
| Assistant Surveyor, Chief Clerk, and Controller. | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | 2 | 1 | — |
| Assistant Receiver and Accountant General. | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — |
| Chief Examiner, Cashier, Book-keeper, Chief Clerk, and Accountants. | — | — | — | — | 4 | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 7 | 4 | 4 |
| Assistant Engineer, Controller of Stores, Submarine Superintendent. | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | — | 3 | — | — |
| Nautical Assistant - - | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — |
| Officers in charge of Indian Mails. | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | — |
| Clerks in charge - - | — | — | — | 8 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 8 | — | — |
| Assistant to Medical Officers, Dispenser. | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — |
| Sub-Controllers - - | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | — |
| Assistant ditto - - | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — | 4 | 6 | — | — |
| Travelling Officers, M. & B. - | 6 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 6 | — | — |
| Superintendents and Assistants. | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 23 | — | 8 | 29 | — | 63 | 2 | 1 |
| | 97 | 2 | 9 | 55 | 279 | 407 | 80 | 97 | 21 | 26 | 66 | 4 | 1,143 | 75 | 67 |
| Female Clerks - - - | — | — | — | — | 134 | 160 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 294 | 13 | 14 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1,437 | 88 | 71 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1,596 | | |

PROVINCIAL CLERKS AND TELEGRAPHISTS.

| Clerks, Sorting Clerks, and Telegraphists. | | | | | | Telegraphists. |
|---|---|------------------|---|-----------------------|---|----------------|
| England | - | 4,417 (Page 661) | - | 678 (Page 694) | - | 5,095 |
| Ireland | - | 300 („ 662) | - | 163 („ 694) | - | 472 |
| | | | | (less Dublin 212). | | |
| Scotland | - | 409 („ 663) | - | 324 (Page 694) | - | 793 |
| | | | | (less Edinburgh 190.) | | |
| | | | | | | 6,360 |

APPENDIX E.—continued.

G.

TELEGRAPHIST, RETURNERS OF LETTERS, LETTER CARRIERS, SORTERS, &c.

| | LONDON. | | | | | | | | | | | | | DUBLIN. | EDINBURGH. |
|--|---------|------|-------|------|-------|------|--------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|------------|
| | Secys. | Med. | Solr. | Sur. | RAGO. | S.B. | M.O.O. | C.D. | RLO. | Metn. | Engg. | T.S. | Total. | | |
| TELEGRAPHS. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Superintendents and Assistant ditto. | 4 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | 48 | 56 | 3 | 9 |
| Inspectors and Counter ditto | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | — | 1 | 77 | — | 85 | — | — |
| Inspecting Telegraphists | — | — | — | 15 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 15 | — | — |
| Clerks | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 60 | — | 69 | — | — |
| New Distributors | 20 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 29 | — | — |
| Telegraphists | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 29 | — | 205 | 2 | 1,040 | 1,276 | 114 | 120 |
| Counter men and Telegraphists | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 43 | — | 17 | — | — | 60 | — | — |
| Foremen, Mechanics, and Linemen. | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | 424 | — | 426 | — | — |
| Inspectors of Telegraph Messengers, Tube Attendants, &c. | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 6 | — | 13 | — | 61 | 74 | 8 | 2 |
| | 27 | — | — | 15 | — | — | — | 84 | — | 236 | 576 | 1,149 | 2,087 | 155 | 131 |
| POSTAL. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Supervisors and Inspectors | 4 | — | — | — | 3 | — | — | 38 | — | 34 | — | — | 79 | 5 | 6 |
| Overseers and Counter men | 5 | — | — | — | — | 4 | — | 134 | 2 | 207 | — | — | 352 | 11 | 4 |
| Paper Keepers and Assistants | 47 | — | — | — | — | 80 | 50 | — | — | — | — | — | 177 | 1 | 1 |
| Sorters | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 648 | 6 | — | — | — | 654 | 143 | 104 |
| Junior Sorters and Bagmen | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 577 | 21 | 210 | — | — | 808 | 32 | 13 |
| Boy Sorters | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 391 | — | 385 | — | — | 776 | 24 | 4 |
| Boy Clerks | — | — | — | — | 7 | 50 | 48 | — | — | 1 | 4 | — | 110 | — | — |
| Marine Mail Guards | 8 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | — |
| Mail Guards | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 8 | — |
| Messengers | 13 | 3 | 1 | — | 14 | 1 | — | 7 | 2 | 21 | 5 | — | 67 | 27 | 3 |
| Tracers | — | — | — | — | 116 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 116 | 7 | 8 |
| Letter Carriers { Town | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 388 | — | 671 | — | — | 1,059 | 128 | 147 |
| { Suburban | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 533 | — | — | 533 | — | — |
| { Town | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 199 | — | 232 | — | — | 431 | — | 70 |
| { Suburban | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 264 | — | — | 264 | — | — |
| Foremen, Porters, &c. | 90 | — | — | — | — | 12 | 6 | 151 | 2 | 35 | — | — | 296 | 12 | 5 |
| Boy Messengers | 14 | 1 | 1 | — | 28 | 62 | 6 | 6 | 2 | — | 4 | — | 124 | 22 | 8 |
| Binder | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — |
| Stationery Clerks | — | — | — | 23 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 28 | — | — |
| | 177 | 4 | 2 | 28 | 168 | 209 | 110 | 2,539 | 35 | 2,593 | 13 | — | 5,878 | 420 | 173 |
| Females { Returners | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| { Counter women and | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| { Telegraphists. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 93 | 45 | — | — | — | 45 | — | — |
| | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 229 | 4 | 607 | 933 | 64 | 00 |
| | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 978 | 64 | 00 |

SORTERS, LETTER CARRIERS, MESSENGERS, &c.

| | | | | | | |
|----------|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|----------|
| England | { London (as above) | - | - | - | - | 5,878 |
| | { Provincial (page 661) | - | - | - | - | 9,193 |
| | | | | | | — 15,071 |
| Ireland | { Dublin (as above) | - | - | - | - | 420 |
| | { Provincial (page 662) | - | - | - | - | 974 |
| | | | | | | — 1,194 |
| Scotland | { Edinburgh (as above) | - | - | - | - | 373 |
| | { Provincial (page 663) | - | - | - | - | 1,417 |
| | | | | | | — 1,790 |
| | | | | | | 18,055 |

APPENDIX E.—(continued).

H.

Persons occupying unestablished positions, viz., auxiliary letter carriers, telegraph messengers, and porters, telegraph construction hands, copyists, female servants, commissionaires, &c.

(NOTE.—This head is in addition to the sub-postmasters, letter receivers, and assistants shown under head of "Postmasters," and certain persons included in the numbers shown for "Sorters, letter carriers, &c., provincial.")

| | | | | | |
|----------|---|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| England | London | Males (see below) | 4,460 | | |
| | | Females | 96 | 4,556 | |
| | Provincial (page 694) | | | 2,594 | 7,150 |
| Ireland | Dublin | Males (see below) | 254 | | |
| | | Females | 13 | 267 | |
| | Provincial (page 694) (less Dublin 163) | | | 198 | 465 |
| Scotland | Edinburgh | Males (see below) | 124 | | |
| | | Females | 15 | 139 | |
| | Provincial (page 694) (less Edinburgh 126) | | | 438 | 577 |
| | | | | | 8,192 |

DETAIL OF ABOVE METROPOLITAN TOTALS.

| | LONDON. | | | | | | | | | DUBLIN. | EDINBURGH. | |
|---|---------|--------|-------|------|--------|------|-------|----------------|------|---------|------------|-----|
| | Secys. | Solrs. | RAGO. | S.B. | M.O.O. | C.D. | Metn. | Engg. | T.S. | Total. | | |
| MALES. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Telegraph maintenance and construction hands. | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | { 920 238 } | — | 1,158 | — | — |
| Copyists - { Men | 36 | 1 | — | — | — | 2 | — | 3 | — | 42 | 5 | — |
| Boys | 4 | — | — | 40 | 1 | — | — | 2 | — | 47 | — | — |
| Overseers of telegraph messengers (pensioners). | — | — | — | — | — | 11 | 8 | — | — | 19 | — | — |
| Commissionaires and adult messengers. | — | — | — | — | — | — | 192 | — | 50 | 242 | — | — |
| Telegraph { Town | — | — | — | — | — | 250 | 588 | — | 228 | 1,066 | 149 | 124 |
| messengers { Suburban | — | — | — | — | — | — | 308 | — | — | 308 | — | — |
| Auxiliary let- { Town | — | — | — | — | — | 21 | 239 | — | — | 260 | 100 | — |
| ter carriers. { Suburban | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1,318 | — | — | 1,318 | — | — |
| | 40 | 1 | — | 40 | 1 | 284 | 2,653 | 1,163 | 278 | 4,460 | 254 | 124 |
| FEMALES. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Housekeepers | 1 | — | 2 | — | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | 5 | — | 1 |
| Matrons for telegraph messengers' kitchens. | — | — | — | — | — | — | 8 | — | — | 8 | — | — |
| Female servants | 4 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | 7 | 14 |
| Needlewomen | — | — | — | — | — | 6 | — | — | — | 6 | — | — |
| Charwomen | 41 | — | 5 | 13 | — | — | — | — | 14 | 73 | 6 | — |
| | 46 | — | 7 | 13 | — | 7 | 9 | — | 14 | 96 | 13 | 15 |

I.

Postmasters, clerks, &c., in colonies, under direction of Postmaster General (page 664) - - - - - 19
 Agents in foreign countries for collection of postage, &c. (page 664) - - - - - 20

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APPENDIX F.

Returned Letters.

A COMPARATIVE STATEMENT showing the Number of Letters, Post Cards, Books, and Newspapers received and disposed of in the RETURNED LETTER OFFICES of LONDON, MANCHESTER, LIVERPOOL, BIRMINGHAM, LEEDS, BRISTOL, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, EDINBURGH, GLASGOW, and DUBLIN, respectively; also the Number which, bearing outside the addresses of the senders, were returned direct from many other Post Offices not possessing RETURNED LETTER BRANCHES, in the Year ended 31st March 1881, and in the Year ended 31st March 1882.

| | Letters received. | | Letters re-issued to corrected Addresses. | | Letters returned to the Senders. | | Letters returned unopened to Foreign Countries. | | Letters which could neither be delivered nor returned to the Senders. | | Post Cards received. | | Books received. | | Newspapers received. | |
|--|-------------------|-----------|---|---------|----------------------------------|-----------|---|---------|---|---------|----------------------|---------|-----------------|-----------|----------------------|---------|
| | 1880-1. | 1881-2. | 1880-1. | 1881-2. | 1880-1. | 1881-2. | 1880-1. | 1881-2. | 1880-1. | 1881-2. | 1880-1. | 1881-2. | 1880-1. | 1881-2. | 1880-1. | 1881-2. |
| LONDON | 2,354,354 | 2,376,993 | 39,695 | 32,519 | 2,040,992 | 2,035,037 | 84,238 | 76,442 | 172,409 | 231,995 | 85,545 | 90,411 | 1,650,327 | 1,593,303 | 206,198 | 290,811 |
| MANCHESTER | 330,236 | 374,908 | 3,957 | 3,457 | 327,131 | 322,696 | 7,663 | 7,607 | 41,544 | 41,200 | 29,219 | 29,477 | 339,002 | 383,422 | 16,808 | 17,177 |
| LIVERPOOL | 330,290 | 330,085 | 4,745 | 6,089 | 276,779 | 276,407 | 13,045 | 14,505 | 35,651 | 34,094 | 26,294 | 27,340 | 297,896 | 305,687 | 20,378 | 19,882 |
| BIRMINGHAM | 298,613 | 234,113 | 2,289 | 2,002 | 296,175 | 294,723 | 3,398 | 3,545 | 23,751 | 23,943 | 24,104 | 23,144 | 214,755 | 254,763 | 9,149 | 9,827 |
| LEEDS | 212,094 | 213,127 | 3,474 | 3,669 | 177,529 | 176,479 | 6,207 | 5,637 | 25,684 | 24,412 | 12,049 | 14,637 | 228,631 | 216,857 | 10,023 | 10,807 |
| BRISTOL | 323,664 | 333,128 | 1,741 | 2,107 | 272,132 | 273,948 | 18,296 | 14,495 | 34,513 | 36,578 | 15,821 | 16,766 | 325,393 | 358,247 | 15,164 | 16,209 |
| NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE. | 154,660 | 155,530 | 3,072 | 4,007 | 125,246 | 123,969 | 5,623 | 5,872 | 20,719 | 21,482 | 10,252 | 9,965 | 137,895 | 126,413 | 7,080 | 11,007 |
| EDINBURGH | 234,625 | 234,011 | 6,891 | 7,379 | 196,669 | 197,519 | 5,066 | 5,111 | 23,069 | 23,003 | 20,173 | 22,509 | 210,096 | 243,008 | 20,824 | 18,283 |
| GLASGOW | 173,447 | 180,891 | 10,711 | 12,077 | 149,374 | 154,883 | 4,483 | 4,367 | 8,929 | 9,894 | 23,976 | 26,617 | 101,135 | 114,912 | 7,940 | 7,983 |
| DUBLIN | 327,793 | 321,833 | 4,506 | 3,972 | 217,467 | 208,371 | 18,560 | 18,146 | 87,271 | 96,344 | 16,915 | 18,557 | 223,572 | 270,861 | 46,389 | 40,361 |
| Other Post Offices authorized to return certain letters, &c. direct to senders | 673,027 | 701,506 | — | — | 673,027 | 701,506 | — | — | — | — | 269,438 | 281,986 | 467,778 | 463,921 | 32,411 | 32,337 |
| TOTALS | 5,332,692 | 5,454,885 | 78,050 | 76,177 | 4,065,821 | 4,679,137 | 163,379 | 166,765 | 476,442 | 542,816 | 623,685 | 549,409 | 4,196,489 | 4,701,394 | 395,364 | 414,794 |
| Increase in 1881-2 over 1880-81. | 72,193 | — | — | — | 13,316 | — | — | — | 67,374 | — | 35,724 | — | 504,905 | — | 19,480 | — |

APPENDIX G.

Colonial and Foreign

| Line of Packets. | Contracts. | | Payment. |
|--|---|---|------------|
| | Com- mencement. | Termination. | |
| AUSTRALIA: Point de Galle and Melbourne, Aden and Brisbane, San Francisco and Sydney | Contracts with Colonial Governments - | | £ |
| BRAZIL, RIVER PLATE, AND CHILI: Bi-Monthly Service from Southampton | 1 Sept. 1876 | On 6 months' notice | (a) 3,988 |
| Fortnightly service from Liverpool | 1 July 1878 | On 6 months' notice | (a) 5,450 |
| CAPE OF GOOD HOPE and NATAL | 1 Oct. 1876 | Contracts with Colonial Govern- ments terminating on 30th September 1883, if 12 months' previous notice has been given | - |
| CYPRUS and ALEXANDRIA | 8 Aug. 1878 1 Sept. 1881 | On 30 August 1881 On 12 months' notice | 7,494 |
| EAST INDIES and CHINA | 1 Feb. 1880 | On 31st January 1888 | 356,000 |
| EAST COAST OF AFRICA: Aden and Zanzibar | 6 Dec. 1872 | On 5th December 1882 | 10,000 |
| EUROPE: Dover and Calais | 20 June 1878 | On 12 months' notice | (b) 11,800 |
| Dover and Ostend | Arrangement with Belgian Government | | 4,500 |
| Malta and Syracuse | Contract with Government of Malta | | (c) 2,000 |
| NORTH AMERICA: Queenstown to New York | 1 Dec. 1877 | On 6 months' notice | (a) 74,732 |
| Halifax, Bermuda, and Jamaica | 1 Jan. 1878 | On 12 months' notice | 17,500 |
| PANAMA to VALPARAISO | 1 July 1878 | On 6 months' notice | (a) 2,945 |
| WEST INDIES: Bi-monthly Service | 1 Jan. 1880 | On 31st December 1885 | 80,500 |
| Additional Services: Non-Contract Service | - | - | (a) 863 |
| Liverpool to West Indies and Mexico | 1 Oct. 1875 24 Oct. 1881 | 23 October 1881 On 6 months' notice | (a) 968 |
| Belize and New Orleans | Contract with Honduras Government termi- nating on 30th September 1884 | | (c) 1,900 |
| Turk's Island and St Thomas | Contract with Turk's Island Government | | (c) 300 |
| WEST COAST OF AFRICA | No Contract | | (a) 8,652 |

(a) The payments in these cases depend upon the amount of correspondence conveyed by the packets.
 (b) Including 2,415*l.* for excess of premiums over penalties.
 (c) These sums represent the Imperial share of the cost of the services.

APPENDIX G.

Packet Service.

| Penalties for Overtime. | Contributions towards the Cost of the Service. | Esti- mated British Share of Sea Postage on Letters, News- papers, &c. | Esti- mated British Loss on the Service. | Rate of Postage per single Letter, excluding Transit Rates. |
|--|--|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ | |
| | | - - - | Nil. | 5d. |
| | | - - - | Nil. | 4d. |
| | | - - - | Nil. | 6d. |
| | | 130 | 7,360 | 2½d. |
| 200l. for every 12 hours late at Brin- disi. In other cases 100l. | India, 88,000l. | 63,000 | 207,000 | { Mediterranean 2½d. India - - - Ceylon - - - } 4d. China, &c. - - |
| | | 200 | 9,800 | 4d. |
| 5l. for 15 minutes or upwards. | | - - - | Nil. | 2½d. |
| | | - - - | Nil. | 2½d. |
| | | - - - | Nil. | 2½d. |
| | | 32,000 | 42,000 | 2½d. |
| | | 1,000 | 16,500 | { Canadian Dominion and New- foundland. } 2½d. Bermuda - - 4d. Ecuador - - Peru - - 4d. Chili - - Bolivia - 1s. |
| 25l. for every 24 hours. | | - - - | Nil. | |
| One-eighth part of ordinary payment for every 24 hours. | | 31,000 | 53,000 | 4d. |
| | | 6,400 | 2,000 | 4d. |

APPENDIX H.

Telegrams.

TABLE showing the TOTAL NUMBER of MESSAGES 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 Messages. | | | | | |
|-----------|---------------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | England and Wales. | | | Scotland. | Ireland. | TOTAL. |
| | Provinces. | London. | Total. | | | |
| 1870-71 - | 5,299,882 | 2,863,821 | 8,163,703 | 1,080,189 | 606,285 | 9,850,177 |
| 1871-72 - | 6,594,590 | 3,612,772 | 10,207,362 | 1,388,434 | 878,000 | 12,473,796 |
| 1872-73 - | 8,022,151 | 4,577,015 | 12,599,166 | 1,761,298 | 1,175,316 | 15,535,780 |
| 1873-74 - | 9,288,854 | 5,254,547 | 14,488,401 | 2,009,893 | 1,323,236 | 17,821,530 |
| 1874-75 - | 10,124,661 | 5,652,033 | 15,776,694 | 2,132,787 | 1,343,639 | 19,253,120 |
| 1875-76 - | 10,883,282 | 6,350,714 | 17,233,996 | 2,287,359 | 1,452,180 | 20,973,535 |
| 1876-77 - | 11,232,704 | 6,561,930 | 17,794,634 | 2,402,347 | 1,529,162 | 21,726,143 |
| 1877-78 - | 11,392,098 | 6,700,504 | 18,092,602 | 2,490,776 | 1,588,489 | 22,171,867 |
| 1878-79 - | 11,592,899 | 8,830,019 | 20,422,918 | 2,477,003 | 1,559,854 | 24,459,775 |
| 1879-80 - | 12,392,996 | 9,854,566 | 22,247,562 | 2,704,574 | 1,595,001 | 26,547,137 |
| 1880-81 - | 13,456,555 | 11,176,459 | 24,633,014 | 3,042,291 | 1,736,677 | 29,411,982 |
| 1881-82 - | 14,204,479 | 12,071,034 | 26,275,513 | 3,207,994 | 1,862,354 | 31,345,861 |

The figures for each year since 1877-78 include the number of certain Press Messages not previously included in these Returns.

APPENDIX H.—*continued.*

TABLE showing the NUMBER of MESSAGES forwarded from TELEGRAPH OFFICES in the UNITED KINGDOM during each of the Years 1880-81 and 1881-82; and the Increase or Decrease in each Month of the latter Year over the corresponding Month of the former Year.

| Month. | Number of Messages. | | Increase. | Decrease. |
|-----------------|---------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 1880-81. | 1881-82. | | |
| April - - - | 2,392,595 | 2,816,669* | 424,074 | 368,056 |
| May - - - | 2,762,882* | 2,394,826 | — | |
| June - - - | 2,288,090 | 2,454,919 | 166,829 | |
| July - - - | 2,974,079* | 3,204,194* | 230,115 | |
| August - - - | 2,418,444 | 2,570,564 | 152,120 | |
| September - - - | 2,347,607 | 2,569,501 | 221,894 | |
| October - - - | 2,959,222* | 3,067,139* | 107,917 | |
| November - - - | 2,258,483 | 2,361,611 | 103,128 | 482,267 |
| December - - - | 2,044,493 | 2,698,202* | 653,709 | |
| January - - - | 2,590,423* | 2,108,156 | — | |
| February - - - | 2,156,182 | 2,179,046 | 22,864 | |
| March - - - | 2,219,482 | 2,921,034* | 701,552 | |
| | 29,411,982 | 31,345,861 | 2,784,202 | 850,323 |
| | Total Increase | | - - | 1,933,879 |

* Five weeks.

APPENDIX I.

TABLE showing the VALUE OF WORK PERFORMED by the POST OFFICE TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT for other GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, and for which no Payment has been made, from the 5th February 1870 to the 31st March 1882.

| Period. | Telegrams. | | Wire Rentals. | | Salaries. | | Work executed. | | Total. | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|----------|---------------|-------|-----------|-------|----------------|-------|---------|-------|
| | Inland. | Foreign. | £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. |
| Period to 31st March 1871 | - | - | 243 | 3 1 | 513 | 9 5 | 882 | 1 7 | 256 | 15 9 |
| Year ended 31st March 1872 | - | - | 313 | 7 3 | 743 | 4 7 | 731 | 0 4 | 247 | 5 0 |
| " 1873 | - | - | 486 | 10 8 | 408 | 13 11 | 892 | 1 3 | 273 | 5 0 |
| " 1874 | - | - | 626 | 8 5 | 752 | 8 10 | 1,046 | 14 9 | 341 | 10 5 |
| Nine months to 31st December 1874 | - | - | 714 | 18 4 | 91 | 15 9 | 2,018 | 16 10 | 1,131 | 0 10 |
| Year ended 31st December 1875 | - | - | 1,703 | 2 1 | 1,707 | 16 9 | 4,544 | 5 11 | 2,495 | 4 2 |
| Quarter ended 31st March 1876 | - | - | 933 | 5 0 | - | - | 1,174 | 5 10 | 642 | 14 8 |
| Year ended 31st March 1877 | - | - | 6,300 | 17 9 | - | - | 4,977 | 14 10 | 2,567 | 2 8 |
| " 1878 | - | - | 9,550 | 15 9 | - | - | 5,338 | 14 6 | 2,506 | 16 9 |
| " 1879 | - | - | 10,906 | 8 9 | - | - | 6,378 | 18 0 | 3,296 | 11 4 |
| " 1880 | - | - | 6,393 | 1 9 | - | - | 6,435 | 5 7 | 2,552 | 16 1 |
| " 1881 | - | - | 7,586 | 8 0 | - | - | 6,891 | 9 6 | 5,000 | 19 11 |
| " 1882 | - | - | 10,635 | 19 0 | - | - | 8,608 | 19 9 | 2,674 | 16 10 |
| TOTALS | - | - | 56,394 | 5 1 | 4,217 | 9 3 | 49,920 | 8 8 | 28,986 | 18 5 |
| | | | | | | | 148 | 3 6 | 134,667 | 4 11 |

All Government Departments since 1st April 1875 have paid for the transmission of Foreign telegrams. The increase in the value of Inland telegrams sent for Government Departments is attributable to an increase in the number of such telegrams, and to certain Departments which formerly paid for inland telegrams having ceased to do so.

APPENDIX J.

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

Extracts from the Controller's Report.

Various meetings for the promotion of Thrift have taken place during the year, among which may be noticed the Conference assembled by the Lord Mayor last May, at the instance of the Mansion House Committee on National Thrift, and a Conference held at Wolverhampton under the auspices of the Church of England Temperance Society, the Bishop of Lichfield presiding. In the latter case, forms, &c. containing information as to the assistance offered by the Post Office Savings Bank, together with specimen books and rules, were supplied from this Department for distribution. Thrift meetings.

In August last the Chief Inspector of Factories addressed a Circular to occupiers of Factories, calling their attention to the facilities for saving afforded by the Post Office Savings Bank, and requesting their co-operation by the exhibition of a printed notice on the subject, and, where practicable, by assisting children or young persons to open accounts by means of the stamp forms, "so as," in the words of the Circular, "to give the young a helping hand and a start in the early practice of economy." Inquiries have been received, not only from factory owners, but also from other large employers; and in all such cases it has been pointed out how the workpeople can become depositors without personal attendance at a Post Office. It is only necessary that the ordinary form of declaration should be signed by the intending depositor in the presence of some person known to the Postmaster, and should be presented at the Post Office with the amount to be deposited, when an account will be opened, and a deposit book issued on the understanding that it will be duly signed by the depositor. If any firm desires a more express arrangement and will bear some moderate expense, a Post Office Clerk is instructed to attend periodically at the establishment in order to transact Savings Bank business with the workpeople themselves. The results of certain arrangements of this kind down to the 31st March last are shown in the following statement:—

Circular of Chief Inspector of Factories to Factory owners.

Opening of Accounts without personal attendance at Post Office.

Special arrangements for large factories, &c.

| Name of Works, &c. | Date of first Visit. | Total Number of Visits. | Deposits. | |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| | | | No. | Amount. |
| Messrs. Bass and Co.'s Brewery, Burton-on-Trent. | 18 Feb. 1881 | 112 | 233 | £ s. d. 213 18 0 |
| Washford Mills, Needle and Fish-hook Manufactory, Red-ditch. | 2 April 1881 | 12 | 159 | 89 16 0 |
| Windsor Street Gas Works, Birmingham. | 22 April 1881 | 50 | 15 | 4 18 0 |
| Saltley Gas Works, Birmingham. | 22 April 1881 | 50 | 78 | 54 14 0 |
| Messrs. Hazell and Co.'s Printing Works, Aylesbury. | 30 April 1881 | 47 | 244 | 125 15 0 |
| Jewish Working Men's Club and Institute, Aldgate. | 11 May 1881 | 47 | 191 | 120 2 0 |
| Holy Trinity, Kilburn Branch of Church of England Temperance Society, Kilburn, Manor Terrace. | 5 July 1881 | 20 | 88 | 64 1 0 |
| Shustoke Reservoir Works, Birmingham. | 27 Aug. 1 81 | 30 | 79 | 84 5 0 |

Friendly Societies and Trade, Provident, and Charitable Societies.

The following statement shows the numbers of Friendly Societies, and Trade, Provident, and Charitable Societies, to which authority has been given to invest their funds in the Post Office Savings Bank during the last five years :—

| — | 1877. | 1878. | 1879. | 1880. | 1881. |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Friendly Societies - | 253 | 275 | 437 | 442 | 526 |
| Trade, Provident, and Charitable Societies. | 1,210 | 1,098 | 1,273 | 1,366 | 1,364 |

It will be seen that, although fewer Trade, Provident, and Charitable Societies were authorised to open accounts last year than in 1880, there was a considerable increase in the number of Friendly Societies; the losses sustained by many such societies in 1878 through unsound investments having evidently given rise to a growing desire to obtain Government security. During the first quarter of the present year, authority to open accounts has been given to 170 Friendly Societies and 414 other societies, as against 144 and 444 respectively in the first quarter of 1881.

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Progress of Post Office Savings Banks in Ireland.

The following statement shows the amount due to depositors in Ireland in each of the last 10 years, together with the annual increase :—

| Year. | | | | Total Amount, including Interest, due to Depositors on 31st Dec. | Annual Increase of Capital. |
|-------|---|---|---|--|-----------------------------|
| | | | | £ | £ |
| 1872 | - | - | - | 825,740 | — |
| 1873 | - | - | - | 845,550 | 19,810 |
| 1874 | - | - | - | 913,747 | 68,197 |
| 1875 | - | - | - | 1,003,304 | 89,557 |
| 1876 | - | - | - | 1,123,717 | 120,413 |
| 1877 | - | - | - | 1,256,724 | 133,007 |
| 1878 | - | - | - | 1,325,806 | 69,082 |
| 1879 | - | - | - | 1,417,389 | 91,583 |
| 1880 | - | - | - | 1,555,894* | 138,505 |
| 1881 | - | - | - | 1,723,395* | 167,501 |

* Exclusive of Stock standing to the credit of the depositors, viz., 1880, 17,212l.; 1881, 85,370l.

A further statement is subjoined showing the increase of capital during the last two years divided according to counties :—

Increase of capital in each Irish county during the last two years.

| Counties. | Total Amount, including Interest, due to Depositors at close of Year. | | | Increase in 1880 over 1879. | Increase in 1881 over 1880. |
|--------------------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | 1879. | 1880. | 1881. | | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Antrim - - | 184,866 | 199,441 | 222,811 | 14,575 | 23,370 |
| Armagh - - | 27,892 | 29,292 | 32,898 | 1,400 | 3,606 |
| Carlow - - | 13,632 | 15,363 | 16,768 | 1,731 | 1,405 |
| Cavan - - | 19,543 | 20,721 | 22,953 | 1,178 | 2,232 |
| Clare - - | 16,783 | 19,005 | 21,688 | 2,222 | 2,683 |
| Cork - - | 117,145 | 127,239 | 141,641 | 10,094 | 14,402 |
| Donegal - - | 34,650 | 38,508 | 44,403 | 3,858 | 5,895 |
| Down - - | 77,898 | 84,917 | 102,279 | 7,019 | 17,362 |
| Dublin - - | 306,829 | 337,856 | 367,673 | 31,027 | 29,817 |
| Fermanagh - - | 15,384 | 16,664 | 17,408 | 1,280 | 744 |
| Galway - - | 48,633 | 54,722 | 59,589 | 6,089 | 4,867 |
| Kerry - - | 21,299 | 22,884 | 24,982 | 1,585 | 2,098 |
| Kildare - - | 27,994 | 31,083 | 33,716 | 3,089 | 2,633 |
| Kilkenny - - | 22,692 | 24,717 | 27,045 | 2,025 | 2,328 |
| King's County - - | 18,890 | 20,225 | 22,144 | 1,335 | 1,919 |
| Leitrim - - | 10,560 | 12,188 | 13,433 | 1,628 | 1,245 |
| Limerick - - | 32,878 | 35,966 | 41,313 | 3,088 | 5,347 |
| Londonderry - - | 31,156 | 33,581 | 36,376 | 2,425 | 2,795 |
| Longford - - | 7,943 | 9,089 | 10,093 | 1,146 | 1,004 |
| Louth - - | 50,237 | 52,353 | 55,369 | 2,116 | 3,016 |
| Mayo - - | 40,125 | 45,069 | 48,875 | 4,944 | 3,806 |
| Meath - - | 15,116 | 17,941 | 18,479 | 2,825 | 538 |
| Monaghan - - | 15,423 | 17,549 | 19,995 | 2,126 | 2,446 |
| Queen's County - - | 15,718 | 17,765 | 19,413 | 2,047 | 1,648 |
| Roscommon - - | 14,395 | 16,303 | 20,539 | 1,908 | 4,236 |
| Sligo - - | 24,857 | 28,023 | 31,319 | 3,166 | 3,296 |
| Tipperary - - | 54,069 | 62,441 | 68,807 | 8,372 | 6,366 |
| Tyrone - - | 42,048 | 45,840 | 52,786 | 3,792 | 6,946 |
| Waterford - - | 22,339 | 24,481 | 26,454 | 2,142 | 1,973 |
| Westmeath - - | 22,526 | 25,012 | 27,546 | 2,486 | 2,534 |
| Wexford - - | 34,028 | 37,630 | 40,995 | 3,602 | 3,365 |
| Wicklow - - | 29,841 | 32,026 | 33,605 | 2,185 | 1,579 |
| Total - - | 1,417,389 | 1,555,894 | 1,723,395 | 138,505 | 167,501 |

In no year, perhaps, since the establishment of the Post Office Savings Bank was there such a succession of applications, personal and otherwise, from various countries, for information respecting our system, as during 1881, a large portion of the applications being from our own colonies and dependencies, where, indeed, Post Office Savings Banks are becoming so generally established as to warrant the belief that such institutions will soon be co-extensive with British rule. Gibraltar, Malta, and Cyprus have each received practical information; and in the first of these places a Savings Bank commenced operations on the 2nd January at the Post Office, one of the clerks having previously spent a fortnight here making himself acquainted with the actual working of our system. From India, Ceylon, and Cape Colony, officials have also visited this Department with a similar object. As regards India, it would appear from Major Baring's Financial Statement for 1882-3 that arrangements were being made to utilise the organisation of the Post Office with a view to giving increased facilities to depositors in the Savings Banks. The new scheme was to come into

Applications from abroad for information as to system.

British colonies.

Gibraltar, Malta, and Cyprus.

India, Ceylon, and Cape Colony.

South Australia,
New South Wales,
Queensland, and
Victoria.

Canada.

France.

Belgium.

Holland.

operation on the 1st April 1882 in the Bengal and Madras Presidencies, but was deferred as regards the Bombay Presidency owing to legal difficulties in connexion with the vested rights of the Bank of Bombay. There were already in the Bengal and Madras Presidencies 179 Railway and Treasury Savings Banks, none of which would be closed; and from the 1st April 4,035 Post Office Savings Banks would be opened. From South Australia, New South Wales, Queensland, and Victoria, inquiries on certain details of our system have been received, and in the last-named colony the stamp deposit scheme has been adopted. One visitor to this Department was a Commissioner of the Melbourne Government Savings Bank, and another an officer of the Sydney Post Office. In Canada, the Postmaster-General, in his Report for the year ending the 30th June 1881, states that the deposits in the Post Office Savings Bank have increased three-fold in three years, and that the number of daily transactions has more than doubled during the same time.

The French Government, with the view of carrying out the provisions of the Post Office Savings Bank Act, passed in April 1881, delegated M. de Laboulaye, Administrateur des Postes et Télégraphes, to study personally the working of our system, and, for eight days in June, he and another official attended for that purpose in this Department. On their return to Paris the regulations were completed, and on the 1st January 1882 the work of the French Post Office Savings Banks began at 6,250 offices. In the three months to the 31st March last the total number and amount of deposits were 119,021 of 18,231,187 francs (729,247l.), and of withdrawals 2,900 of 917,536 francs (36,701l.), the total number of open accounts at the end of the quarter being 80,799, with an aggregate balance of 17,313,650 francs (692,546l.) standing to the credit of the depositors. At last, therefore, we see this important result of the exertions which have been made during the past 15 years to provide the people of France with those facilities which Postal Savings Banks alone can give. In Belgium, the Government Savings Bank not only has numerous branches, but also transacts its business through the Post Offices; and its system, which never approximated very closely to our own, has recently undergone considerable modifications, tending no doubt to its greater efficiency, and adapting it still more to the habits and wants of the people. Notwithstanding that in Belgium there has been so remarkably successful a development of School Banks and what we call Penny Banks, it has yet been found advisable for the Government Savings Bank to receive deposits in stamps; forms being supplied to contain 50 stamps of two centimes, and either 20 of five centimes or 10 of double that value. In December last, the Director General of the Belgian Post Office issued a circular commencing thus:—
“Le Gouvernement attache une grande importance à la vulgarisation, dans la classe ouvrière, des idées d'ordre et de prévoyance. Il appartient aux agents des postes de concourir à cette œuvre humanitaire.” And then, referring to an instruction previously issued, the circular proceeds:—*“Le personnel de l'Administration a été convié à user de toute son influence et à employer tous les moyens de persuasion, dans ses rapports constants avec le public, pour chercher à étendre de plus en plus la clientèle de la caisse d'épargne. Cet appel n'a pas été fait en vain; les premiers résultats obtenus sont des plus satisfaisants.”*
 The practical measures alluded to include the collection of Savings Bank deposits by the letter-carriers and rural messengers, as well as the general distribution by them of handbills containing the principal Savings Bank rules. An Annuity and Life Insurance system is immediately connected with the Belgian Government Savings Bank. In Holland, the Post Office Savings Banks began their operations on the 1st April 1881, and,

in the autumn following the Secretary of these Banks spent two days at this Department in gaining a knowledge of the mode of conducting the business. The Netherlands system embraces the use of postage stamps for the purpose of collecting small sums, and, in order to advertise the facilities afforded for saving, metal plates bearing the principal rules of the Banks in conspicuous colours are distributed amongst the hotels, restaurants, &c., and are affixed to benches and seats in the public promenades. Advantage is also taken of the street lamps for the same purpose. The German Society for the diffusion of useful knowledge has recently published an interesting pamphlet on Post Office Savings Banks; while information has been obtained from this Department by the Governments of Sweden, Wurtemberg, and Switzerland. From Italy, I have only received information respecting the Post Office Savings Banks down to the end of 1880, during which year the business presented few circumstances for special remark. Although the number of the accounts remaining open on the 31st December and the amounts due to the depositors showed a very considerable increase as compared with the corresponding figures of the preceding year, the investments in Government Stock were but slightly in excess of those of 1879, whether as regards number or amount, and fell far short of what the business of the first three years gave reason to expect. The Italian system does not provide for the dividend being credited to the depositor's Savings Bank Account or for the sale of Stock. The Austrian Government has obtained further information respecting our system, and it would appear that the opinion repeatedly expressed in the Reichsrath favourable to the establishment of a similar institution in Austria-Hungary has gained ground. A Post Office Savings Bank Bill, introduced by the Government and already adopted by the Lower House, embraces not only the chief features of our system, but most of its details, including the collection of small amounts by means of stamps. An interesting volume published under the auspices of the Austrian Government gives an account of the Post Office Savings Banks of England, Belgium, Holland, and France, and contains fac-similes of the principal forms used. The system of this Department is highly eulogised, allusion being made to many of the circumstances connected with its origin and progress; and it seems to be intended to profit by our experience, not only as regards the system itself, but also the various classes of labour engaged in carrying it out. In Russia, the practicability of introducing Post Office Savings Banks has been under consideration. In November a Councillor of State from St. Petersburg was commissioned by his Government to inquire into our system; and after spending two days in this Department, he expressed the opinion that it would be many years before a similar institution could be established in Russia, on account of numerous obstacles, including the want of education among the people and the vastness of the territory. There are, it appears, about 80 Savings Banks in Russia, branches of the State Bank, in which deposits as low as a quarter of a rouble (9½d.) may be made, the total limit being 500 roubles (79l. 3s. 4d.). From Portugal, a British merchant in business there applied for information respecting our system; and, with reference to the great want of Savings Banks in that country, he enclosed a photograph of a Portuguese *paísana* in gala dress, as an illustration of the following remarks:—"It is the habit of the peasantry to invest their money in real gold ornaments, which they wear at church and other festivals, and when money is needed they cut off a portion of a chain or other article and sell it, or dispose of the whole if necessary." For Chili, and Chili and Buenos Ayres, primary information as regards our system

Germany.

Sweden,
Wurtemberg,
Switzerland.
Italy.Austria-Hun-
gary.

Russia.

Portugal.

Chili, and
Buenos Ayres.

United States.

was sought by the respective Governments, while additional particulars as to details were applied for by the Government of the United States of America, where there has still been a succession of Bills before Congress for the introduction of Post Office Savings Banks. A Bill, prepared by Mr. James, the late American Postmaster-General, was last autumn submitted to Congress, read twice, and referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads. For this, another Bill was substituted in February last, which has also been read twice and referred for report, and it is hoped by its promoters that it will become law before the close of this year. This Bill provides that the credit of the United States shall be pledged for the repayment of deposits, and that interest shall be allowed to the depositors at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum. It is proposed that no depositor shall be allowed to deposit a less sum than three dollars (12*s.* 6*d.*) as a first deposit, and not less than one dollar or a multiple of one dollar in subsequent deposits, and not more than 100 dollars (about 20*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*) within 30 days, the total limit of deposits being fixed at 500 dollars (about 104*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*). The Bill further provides for the collection of smaller savings by means of "Postal Savings Stamps" and "Postal Savings Cards." Mr. James, in his Report for 1881, alluding to the proposed establishment of Post Office Savings Banks, expresses his earnest conviction that they would—to use his own words—"inure more than almost any other measure of public importance to the benefit of the working people of the United States."

Post Office Savings Banks.

| YEAR. | Number of Post Office Savings Banks. | Number of Depositors. | Amount of Deposits. | Average Amount of each Deposit. | Interest credited to Depositors. | Number of Withdrawals. | Amount of Withdrawals. | Average Amount of each Withdrawal. | Charges of Management. | Average Cost of each Transaction, viz., of each Deposit or Withdrawal. | Number of Accounts opened. | Number of Accounts closed. | Number of Accounts remaining open at close of the Year. | Amount, inclusive of Interest, standing to credit of all open Accounts at close of the Year. | Average Amount standing to credit of each open Account at close of the Year. | Percentage of Cost of Management to total funds in possession of the Post Office Savings Bank. | Total Sum standing to credit of Post Office Savings Banks on Books of National Debt Commissioners at close of the Year. | Balance in hands of Postmaster General, after making Provision for outstanding Warrants, at close of the Year. | Total Balance in hand, applicable to payment of Depositors, at close of the Year.* | Number at close of the Year of Old Banks combined. | Number at close of the Year of the Depositors in Old Savings Banks and Post Office Banks combined. |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| From 16 Sept. 1861 to 31 Dec. 1862 | 2,535 | 639,216 | 2,114,669 | 3 2 | 23,189 | 97,294 | 438,637 | 4 10 | 20,391 | 5 1/2 | 205,928 | 27,453 | 178,495 | 1,698,221 | 9 10 | 0 15 | 1,639,032* | 35,692 | 1,694,724 | 3,157 | 1,782,555 |
| 1863 | 2,991 | 842,848 | 2,651,209 | 3 2 | 55,204 | 197,431 | 1,027,154 | 5 4 | 25,401 | 4 1/2 | 185,934 | 44,760 | 319,669 | 3,377,480 | 10 11 | 0 15 | 3,328,182* | 44,413 | 3,372,595 | 3,694 | 1,876,389 |
| 1864 | 3,081 | 1,110,769 | 3,250,000 | 3 1 | 100,483 | 309,242 | 1,834,840 | 5 18 | 45,856 | 5 1/2 | 259,686 | 79,964 | 470,358 | 4,903,128 | 10 13 | 0 18 | 4,935,663* | 5,322 | 5,001,185 | 3,659 | 1,967,663 |
| 1865 | 3,321 | 1,592,369 | 3,719,017 | 2 17 | 132,870 | 407,412 | 2,318,610 | 5 13 | 49,227 | 6 1/2 | 239,688 | 94,160 | 611,384 | 6,626,460 | 10 12 | 0 15 | 6,582,369* | 5,227 | 6,586,686 | 3,292 | 2,078,346 |
| 1866 | 3,507 | 1,692,344 | 4,400,657 | 2 17 | 81,691 | 615,348 | 2,975,054 | 5 15 | 59,451 | 6 1/2 | 266,542 | 131,672 | 746,254 | 8,121,172 | 10 7 | 0 14 | 7,931,176* | 25,791 | 8,256,967 | 4,038 | 2,166,290 |
| 1867 | 3,629 | 1,692,344 | 4,400,657 | 2 17 | 81,691 | 615,348 | 2,975,054 | 5 15 | 59,451 | 6 1/2 | 266,542 | 131,672 | 746,254 | 8,121,172 | 10 7 | 0 14 | 7,931,176* | 25,791 | 8,256,967 | 4,038 | 2,166,290 |
| 1868 | 3,813 | 1,757,303 | 5,643,698 | 3 18 | 8,269,897 | 687,144 | 3,669,809 | 5 15 | 61,860 | 7 1/2 | 289,362 | 179,195 | 1,085,154 | 11,066,653 | 12 9 | 0 10 | 11,493,063 | 19,386 | 11,899,400 | 4,331 | 2,396,654 |
| 1869 | 4,047 | 1,998,644 | 5,787,918 | 2 17 | 10,297,392 | 716,466 | 4,227,066 | 5 17 | 62,060 | 8 1/2 | 333,648 | 296,280 | 1,183,153 | 15,099,104 | 12 15 | 0 9 | 13,765,547 | 15,888 | 13,774,933 | 4,554 | 2,464,510 |
| 1870 | 4,089 | 2,135,095 | 5,995,121 | 2 16 | 13,877,981 | 787,172 | 4,758,187 | 6 10 | 67,945 | 9 1/2 | 370,745 | 250,406 | 1,303,492 | 17,025,004 | 13 15 | 0 8 | 17,303,815 | 166,456 | 17,470,271 | 4,895 | 2,707,570 |
| 1871 | 4,335 | 2,369,621 | 6,664,629 | 2 16 | 13,877,981 | 845,279 | 5,115,407 | 6 11 | 69,427 | 10 1/2 | 424,843 | 285,887 | 1,442,448 | 19,318,380 | 13 7 | 0 8 | 19,539,804 | 801,570 | 19,860,874 | 5,087 | 2,867,305 |
| 1872 | 4,532 | 2,745,245 | 7,699,916 | 2 16 | 14,930,079 | 933,975 | 5,836,660 | 6 4 | 78,404 | 11 1/2 | 478,548 | 319,281 | 1,556,645 | 21,167,740 | 13 12 | 0 7 | 21,745,442 | 881,050 | 21,898,292 | 5,334 | 3,002,134 |
| 1873 | 4,832 | 3,014,692 | 8,955,740 | 2 16 | 16,777,851 | 1,095,339 | 6,584,131 | 6 8 | 84,160 | 12 1/2 | 483,501 | 330,413 | 1,668,733 | 23,187,469 | 13 17 | 0 8 | 23,430,711 | 94,518 | 24,016,836 | 5,543 | 3,194,871 |
| 1874 | 5,068 | 3,139,653 | 8,743,256 | 2 16 | 10,524,559 | 1,009,699 | 6,876,095 | 6 8 | 99,616 | 13 1/2 | 482,501 | 330,413 | 1,668,733 | 23,187,469 | 13 17 | 0 8 | 23,430,711 | 94,518 | 24,016,836 | 5,543 | 3,194,871 |
| 1875 | 5,240 | 3,139,653 | 8,743,256 | 2 16 | 10,524,559 | 1,009,699 | 6,876,095 | 6 8 | 99,616 | 13 1/2 | 482,501 | 330,413 | 1,668,733 | 23,187,469 | 13 17 | 0 8 | 23,430,711 | 94,518 | 24,016,836 | 5,543 | 3,194,871 |
| 1876 | 5,468 | 3,139,653 | 8,743,256 | 2 16 | 10,524,559 | 1,009,699 | 6,876,095 | 6 8 | 99,616 | 13 1/2 | 482,501 | 330,413 | 1,668,733 | 23,187,469 | 13 17 | 0 8 | 23,430,711 | 94,518 | 24,016,836 | 5,543 | 3,194,871 |
| 1877 | 5,698 | 3,267,851 | 9,166,738 | 2 16 | 11,681,489 | 1,252,965 | 7,083,991 | 6 9 | 125,912 | 14 1/2 | 487,033 | 364,355 | 1,791,240 | 26,740,751 | 16 0 | 10 7 | 29,713,529 | 104,057 | 28,817,586 | 6,126 | 3,301,087 |
| 1878 | 5,831 | 3,360,626 | 9,455,391 | 2 16 | 12,699,603 | 1,304,617 | 8,214,188 | 6 10 | 148,543 | 15 1/2 | 447,549 | 346,083 | 1,892,756 | 30,411,563 | 16 1 | 1 4 | 30,946,963 | 242,362 | 31,189,325 | 6,285 | 3,408,466 |
| 1879 | 6,016 | 3,547,523 | 9,887,109 | 2 19 | 17,433,636 | 1,418,543 | 9,080,174 | 6 7 | 192,280 | 16 1/2 | 445,500 | 346,779 | 1,988,477 | 32,012,134 | 16 2 | 0 12 | 32,689,001 | 112,948 | 32,801,949 | 6,465 | 3,495,191 |

For Statistics of the years 1880 and 1881 see next page.

*These sums do not include the dividends accruing to the Post Office Savings Banks on the 5th January (that is, five days after the close of the account in each year), up to the year 1866 inclusive, but after that year the Securities belonging to the Banks have been inserted in the above return.

†The falling off in the cost per transaction and in the per-centage of cost of management in 1863 and the increase in 1864 are attributable to one and the same cause, viz., to the payment during 1864 of various charges properly belonging to 1863.

‡In 1864, the charge for postage, amounting to about $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per transaction, ceased to be debited against the Savings Bank Department, but in 1877 the sum of 22,543*l.* 12*s.* was charged under this head for nine months.

§167,380 accounts having small balances, which had no transactions for a considerable period, were transferred to the Dormant Account in the year 1876, and a similar transfer of 21,779 accounts was made in 1877, the number of open accounts in those years being reduced accordingly.

¶The sum of 448,543*l.* for charges of management in 1878 includes 214,454*l.* for arrears of postage for the nine years from 1st April 1868 to 31st March 1877, and also 75,419*l.* paid on account of the new building in Queen Victoria Street and its site. The effect of these additions to the charges proper to the year is to raise the cost of a transaction to 1*s.* 11*d.*, and the per-centage of expenses to capital to 1*t.* 9*s.* 6*d.*

‡The working charges proper to the year 1878 only are taken into account, including 5 per cent. upon the expenditure in respect of the new building, the cost per transaction will be 8*d.*, and the per-centage of expenses to capital 10*s.* 7*d.*

¶Further, if the arrears of postage charged to the year 1878 be added to the expenses of the years which they affect, viz., 1868 to 1877 inclusive, the average annual cost of a transaction for those years will be 7*d.*, and the average per-centage of expenses to capital will be 11*s.* 3*d.*

¶The sum of 192,890*l.* for charges of management in 1879 includes the sum of 25,564*l.* paid in respect of the new building. Omitting this amount, but adding interest at the rate of 5 per cent. thereon, as well as on the expenditure of 73,419*l.* for similar purposes in 1878, the cost per transaction will be 8*d.*, and the per-centage of expenses to capital 10*s.* 8*d.*

APPENDIX J.—continued.

Post Office Savings Banks.

| | 1880. | 1881. |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Number of Post Office Savings Banks | 6,223 | 6,513 |
| Number of deposits | 3,755,689 | 5,699,876 |
| Ordinary | 1880. 3,754,064 | 1881. 5,676,066 |
| For immediate investment in Stock | 1,625 | 10,862 |
| *Sales of Stock and Stock Certificates obtained | † | 2,125 |
| Dividends | ‡ | 11,303 |
| | 3,755,689 | 5,699,876 |
| Amount of deposits | £10,301,152 | £11,867,155 |
| Ordinary | 1880. £ 10,219,631 | 1881. £ 11,345,957 |
| For immediate investment in Stock | 79,641 | 427,312 |
| *Sales of Stock and Stock Certificates obtained | 1,880 | 83,447 |
| Dividends | ‡ | 10,439 |
| | 10,301,152 | 11,867,155 |
| Average amount of each ordinary deposit | £3 14 5 | £2 0 0 |
| Interest credited to depositors | £777,985 | £826,990 |
| Number of withdrawals | 1,465,331 | 1,728,700 |
| Ordinary | 1880. 1,465,300 | 1881. 1,712,868 |
| Investments in Stock | † | 13,709 |
| Sales of Stock and Stock Certificates obtained | 31 | 2,125 |
| | 1,465,331 | 1,728,700 |
| Amount of withdrawals | £9,346,634 | £10,244,237 |
| Ordinary | 1880. £ 9,216,564 | 1881. £ 9,469,668 |
| Investments in Stock, including commission | 128,190 | 691,156 |
| Sales of Stock and Stock Certificates obtained, including commission and fees | 1,880 | 83,463 |
| | 9,346,634 | 10,244,237 |
| Average amount of each ordinary withdrawal | £6 5 9 | £5 10 7 |
| Charges of management | £188,891 5 | £200,574 |
| Average cost of each transaction, namely, of each deposit or withdrawal in the year 1880, and of each deposit, withdrawal, or Stock transaction in the year 1881 | 8½d. 5½ | 6½d. |
| Number of accounts opened | 554,658 | 890,831 |
| Number of accounts closed | 358,163 | 468,191 |
| Number of accounts remaining open at close of the year | 2,184,979 | 2,607,612 |
| Amount, inclusive of interest, standing to credit of all open accounts | £33,744,637 | £36,104,495 |
| Average amount standing to credit of each open account | £15 8 11 | £13 17 7 |
| Per-centage of cost of management to total funds in possession of the Post Office Savings Bank | 11s. 2½d. 5 | 11s. 1d. |
| Total sum standing to credit of Post Office Savings Banks on books of National Debt Commissioners at close of the year | £34,375,936 | £36,509,723 |
| Balance in hands of Postmaster General after making provision for outstanding warrants at close of the year | £232,945 | £236,453 |
| Total balance in hand applicable to payment of depositors | £34,608,881 | £36,746,176 |
| Number at close of the year of Old Savings Banks and Post Office Savings Banks combined | 6,675 | 6,550 |
| Number at close of the year of depositors in Old Savings Banks and Post Office Savings Banks combined | 3,704,777 | 4,140,928 |

* When Stock is sold or a Stock Certificate obtained, the amount is placed to the credit of the Savings Bank account, so as to be dealt with as a withdrawal.

† The numbers of these transactions were not included for the year 1880.

‡ The first dividend upon Stock bought through the Post Office Savings Bank was not due until 5th January 1881.

§ The sum of 188,891 5 for charges of management in 1880 includes 16,373 2 paid in respect of the new building. Omitting this amount, the cost per transaction was 7½d. and the per-centage of expenses to capital 10s. 2½d.

|| If the Stock transactions for the year 1880 had been included, the average cost per transaction for that year would still have remained the same, viz., 8½d.

APPENDIX J.—*continued.*

Post Office Savings Banks.

INVESTMENTS IN GOVERNMENT STOCK.

| | | | | 1880. (From 22nd Nov. to 31st Dec.) | 1881. |
|--|---|--------|----|---|-----------|
| Number of Stock accounts opened | - | - | - | 2,162 | 11,019 |
| Number of Stock accounts closed | - | - | - | 31 | 1,338 |
| Number of Stock accounts remaining open at close of the year | - | - | - | 2,181 | 11,813 |
| Number of investments | - | - | - | 2,230 | 13,709 |
| Number of sales | - | - | - | 9 | 2,023 |
| Number of Stock Certificates obtained | - | - | - | 22 | 102 |
| Number of deposits for immediate investment | - | - | - | 1,625 | 10,382 |
| Amount of deposits for immediate investment | - | - | - | £79,641 | £427,312 |
| Average amount of each deposit for immediate investment | - | - | - | £49 | £41 3 2 |
| Number of Savings Bank accounts opened with deposits for immediate investment | - | - | - | 563 | 2,875 |
| Amount of money invested | - | - | - | £128,013 | £690,181 |
| | | | | 1880. | 1881. |
| | | | | £ | £ |
| From deposits made for the purpose | - | 79,641 | - | 427,312 | |
| From existing deposits | - | 48,372 | - | 262,869 | |
| | | | | 128,013 | 690,181 |
| Amount of Commission and Bank of England Fees | - | - | - | £177 | £1,112 |
| | | | | 1880. | 1881. |
| | | | | £ s. | £ s. |
| Commission | - | 175 | 10 | 1,104 | 10 |
| Bank of England fees | - | 1 | 10 | 7 | 10 |
| | | | | 177 0 | 1,112 0 |
| Amount of Stock bought | - | - | - | £129,514 | £694,957 |
| Average amount of each purchase of Stock | - | - | - | £58 1 6 | £50 13 10 |
| Amount of Stock sold | - | - | - | £385 | £75,868 |
| Average amount of each sale of Stock | - | - | - | £42 15 6 | £37 10 0 |
| Amount of Stock Certificates obtained | - | - | - | £1,500 | £7,700 |
| Amount of Stock transferred to Trustees Savings Banks | - | - | - | — | £50 |
| Amount of Stock remaining to credit of Stockholders at close of the year | - | - | - | £127,629 | £738,968 |
| Average amount of Stock remaining to credit of each Stockholder at close of the year | - | - | - | £59 17 9 | £62 11 3 |

APPENDIX J.—continued. POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

BALANCE SHEET.

RETURN of the BALANCE SHEETS of the POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS for the Year 1881, showing the Balance due to Depositors, the Amount of Expenses remaining Unpaid, the Value of Securities determined pursuant to Act 43 & 44 Vict. c. 36. s. 1., Amount of Cash in Hand and Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the Year, and the Surplus of Funds to meet Liabilities.

| LIABILITIES. | | | ASSETS. | | |
|--|------------|-------|--|------------|-------|
| | £ | s. d. | | £ | s. d. |
| Balance due to Depositors on the 31st December 1881 (including interest) | 36,194,466 | 10 8 | Value of Securities determined pursuant to Act 43 & 44 Vict. c. 36. s. 1. | 36,483,308 | 13 3 |
| Amount of expenses remaining unpaid (partly estimated) | 15,990 | 1 4 | Amount of cash in hands of Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt | 86,614 | 10 11 |
| Surplus of Funds to meet Liabilities | 535,891 | 1 4 | Total Amount in the hands of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt | - | - |
| | | | Amount received for issuing new Deposit Books | 1,622 | 1 4 |
| | | | Less,—Amount paid to the National Debt Commissioners | 883 | 4 4 |
| | | | Amount in the hands of Her Majesty's Postmaster General | 270,187 | 16 5 |
| | | | Less,—Amount required to meet Warrants issued to Depositors but not cashed on 31st December 1881 | 34,453 | 4 3 |
| | | | | 738 | 17 0 |
| | | | | 335,714 | 13 3 |
| | | | | 36,746,376 | 13 4 |

Total amount received from Depositors, including interest, to 31st December 1881 £ 145,416,370 14 4
Total amount repaid to Depositors to 31st December 1881 £ 109,231,575 3 8

| Number of Transactions. | | Number of Accounts. | |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Deposits. | Withdrawals. | Opened. | Closed. |
| 49,705,995 | 17,602,133 | 7,664,516 | 5,066,904 |
| | | | Remaining Open. |
| | | | 2,697,613 |

The total cost of the Post Office Savings Banks from their establishment to the 31st December 1881, including the sum of 15,990l. 1s. 4d. charged as above, was 2,335,698l. 0s. 3½d. The total number of transactions, i.e., Deposits and Withdrawals in this period was 67,308,128, of which 14,203,127 were made prior to the end of the year 1881, and 53,105,001 since that date. The average cost of each transaction from the commencement of the business to the end of the year 1881 was 7½d. Prior to the passing of the Post Office Savings Banks Act, 1861, it was estimated in Parliamentary Paper No. 523, 1861, that the average cost of each transaction would be 7d.

The sums of 136,579l. 14s. 11½d., 147,116l. 16s. 6d., 77,797l. 15s. 1d., 185,945l. 4s. 11½d., and 144,579l. 8s. 11½d. have been paid into the Post Office Savings Banks in the years 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, and 1880 respectively, and 140,400l. 13s. 11½d. in the year 1881. The sums of 140,400l. 13s. 11½d. and 144,579l. 8s. 11½d. have been paid for out of the funds of the Post Office Savings Banks, and 40,400l. towards the cost of the new building, which had accrued during the years 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, and 1880, and 40,400l. towards the cost of the new building, which had accrued during the years 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, and 1880, and 40,400l. towards the cost of the new building, which had accrued during the years 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, and 1880.

APPENDIX J.—continued.

Post Office Savings Bank.

RETURN of the BALANCE SHEETS of the POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS on the 31st day of December 1881; showing the Balance due to Depositors, the estimated amount of Expenses remaining unpaid, the Value of Securities determined pursuant to Act 43 & 44 Vict. c. 36. s. 1., 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 per Act 43 & 44 Vict. c. 36. s. 1. | | | Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the year. | | | | | |
|--|--|----|----|--|----|----|------------|----|----|
| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
| Consolidated 3½. per cents. | 4,839,114 | 0 | 8 | 4,496,875 | 0 | 0 | 70,614 | 4 | 10 |
| Reduced 3½. per cents. | 3,200,399 | 3 | 3 | 2,964,123 | 0 | 0 | 22,947 | 3 | 11 |
| New 3½. per cents. | 8,189,218 | 2 | 10 | 7,540,817 | 0 | 0 | 53,575 | 19 | 8 |
| New 2½. per cents. | 447,427 | 14 | 11 | 344,175 | 0 | 0 | 5,440 | 17 | 4 |
| Turkish Guaranteed 4½. per cent. Bonds | 103,100 | 0 | 0 | 103,100 | 0 | 0 | 1,703 | 7 | 10 |
| Exchequer Bonds | 2,750,000 | 0 | 0 | 2,750,000 | 0 | 0 | 29,824 | 11 | 3 |
| Exchequer (Suez) Bonds | 1,583,400 | 0 | 0 | 1,583,400 | 0 | 0 | 15,615 | 5 | 11 |
| Bonds per 32 & 33 Vict. c. 42., and 43 Vict. c. 4., repayable by Irish Land Commission, as legal successors to the Commissioners of Church Temporalities in Ireland, per 44 & 45 Vict. c. 71. | 600,000 | 0 | 0 | 600,000 | 0 | 0 | — | | |
| Canada Guaranteed 4½. per cent. Bonds | 37,500 | 0 | 0 | 37,500 | 0 | 0 | 375 | 0 | 0 |
| Advance to Public Works Loan Commissioners | 1,797,526 | 18 | 0 | 1,797,526 | 0 | 0 | 14,991 | 3 | 11 |
| Annuities for terms of years, expiring at various periods of the year 1885 | 2,644,469 | 8 | 3 | (a.) 9,333,598 | 0 | 0 | — | | |
| Annuity for a term of years, granted to repay advances per Act 32 & 33 Vict. c. 42. payable by Irish Land Commission as legal successors to the Commissioners of Church Temporalities in Ireland per 44 & 45 Vict. c. 71., expiring 31 December 1905 | 138,800 | 0 | 0 | (a.) 2,300,710 | 0 | 0 | — | | |
| Annuity under Indian Loan Act, 1881, expiring 5 July 1906 | 115,864 | 10 | 0 | (a.) 2,003,837 | 0 | 0 | — | | |
| Red Sea and India Telegraph Annuities, expiring 4th August 1908 | 3,100 | 0 | 0 | (a.) 56,169 | 0 | 0 | — | | |
| Annuities of an amount sufficient to repay sums advanced under Pensions Commutation Acts, 32 & 33 Vict. c. 32. and 34 & 35 Vict. c. 36., to 31st December 1880 | 82,576 | 3 | 0 | (a.) 316,598 | 0 | 0 | — | | |
| Advances under Pensions Commutation Act during year ended 31st December 1881, per 34 & 35 Vict. c. 36., in respect of which an annuity has not been granted | 113,443 | 19 | 0 | 113,444 | 0 | 0 | 1,301 | 18 | 2 |
| | | | | 36,201,919 | 0 | 0 | 221,389 | 13 | 3 |
| Add value of Securities | | | | | | | 36,201,919 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash balance in Bank of England | | | | | | | 86,614 | 10 | 11 |
| | | | | | | | 36,609,923 | 4 | 2 |

(a) Value, inclusive of interest, to 31st December 1881.

National Debt Office,
18th July 1882.

C. RIVERS WILSON,
Comptroller-General.

APPENDIX K. Money Orders.

| 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. |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1889 - | 188,921 | £ 313,124 | - | - | | £ | | | | £ | | | 188,921 | £ 313,124 | - | - |
| 1890 - | 587,797 | 960,975 | 211 | 206 | | | | | | | | | 587,797 | 960,975 | 211 | 206 |
| Average of 5 years } | 2,429,855 | 4,037,256 | 313 | 414 | | | | | | | | | 2,429,855 | 4,037,256 | 313 | 414 |
| 1846-50 | 4,087,703 | 7,954,533 | 69 | 61 | | | | | | | | | 4,087,703 | 7,954,533 | 69 | 61 |
| " | 5,219,559 | 9,941,316 | 27 | 25 | | | | | | | | | 5,219,559 | 9,941,316 | 27 | 25 |
| " | 6,686,368 | 12,737,504 | 28 | 28 | 8,507 | 25,067 | - | - | | | | | 6,686,368 | 12,737,504 | 28 | 28 |
| " | 8,001,127 | 16,398,261 | 19 | 29 | 54,100 | 226,142 | 536 | 821 | | | | | 8,001,127 | 16,398,261 | 19 | 29 |
| " | 9,588,585 | 19,319,707 | 19 | 18 | 122,625 | 494,104 | 126 | 118 | | | | | 9,588,585 | 19,319,707 | 19 | 18 |
| " | 12,062,886 | 21,799,583 | 26 | 13 | 143,211 | 600,981 | 16.7 | 21.6 | | | | | 12,062,886 | 21,799,583 | 26 | 13 |
| 1871 - | 13,984,189 | 24,013,747 | 16 | 10 | 154,512 | 648,376 | 7.9 | 7.9 | | | | | 13,984,189 | 24,013,747 | 16 | 11 |
| 1872 - | 15,118,636 | 25,600,069 | 8 | 6.5 | 176,060 | 731,529 | 13.9 | 12.8 | | | | | 15,118,636 | 25,600,069 | 8 | 7 |
| 1873 - | 15,900,552 | 26,296,441 | 5 | 2.5 | 172,438 | 723,156 | - | - | | | | | 15,900,552 | 26,296,441 | 5 | 2.5 |
| 1874 - | 16,485,661 | 26,497,918 | 3.7 | 0.8 | 170,617 | 701,245 | - | - | | | | | 16,485,661 | 26,497,918 | 3.7 | 0.7 |
| 1875 - | 4,350,935 | 6,901,506 | - | - | 39,494 | 161,910 | - | - | | | | | 4,350,935 | 6,901,506 | - | - |
| 3 months ended } 31st March 1876 } | 17,822,021 | 27,516,098 | 8.1 | 3.8 | 167,597 | 671,327 | - | - | | | | | 17,822,021 | 27,516,098 | 8.1 | 3.8 |
| 1876-77 - | 18,368,901 | 27,870,117 | 3.1 | 1.2 | 175,749 | 679,371 | 4.8 | 1.1 | | | | | 18,368,901 | 27,870,117 | 3.1 | 1.2 |
| 1877-78 - | 17,290,764 | 25,911,923 | Decrease. 5.8 | 7.1 | 184,319 | 711,816 | 5.1 | 4.7 | | | | | 17,290,764 | 25,911,923 | Decrease. 5.8 | 7.1 |
| 1878-79 - | 16,774,354 | 24,776,331 | 3.1 | 4.3 | 203,090 | 764,092 | 10.2 | 7.3 | | | | | 16,774,354 | 24,776,331 | 3.1 | 4.3 |
| 1879-80 - | 16,329,476 | 24,238,763 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 221,932 | 812,079 | 9.1 | 6.4 | | | | | 16,329,476 | 24,238,763 | 2.7 | 2.2 |
| 1880-81 - | 14,692,338 | 23,367,672 | 10.1 | 3.5 | 244,970 | 802,725 | 10.4 | 9.8 | | | | | 14,692,338 | 23,367,672 | 10.1 | 9.2 |
| 1881-82 - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

* These numbers were overstated by 100,000, see Note on next page.
† This is the average for two years only, as Money Order business with foreign countries did not commence until 1889.

UNITED KINGDOM.

| Year. | Number. Amount. | Increase per cent. on Number. | Increase per cent. on Amount. | Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population. | Number. Amount. | Increase per cent. on Number. | Increase per cent. on Amount. | Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population. | Number. Amount. | Increase per cent. on Number. | Increase per cent. on Amount. | Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population. | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|------|
| 1839 | 142,728 | 240,063 | — | — | 16,183 | 25,765 | — | — | 30,015 | 47,205 | — | — | 0·4 |
| 1840 | 482,764 | 802,827 | — | — | 51,526 | 80,980 | — | — | 53,507 | 77,167 | — | — | 0·7 |
| Average of 5 years 1841-45 | 2,020,977 | 4,211,885 | 318 | 422 | 210,093 | 385,336 | 308 | 377 | 108,785 | 339,443 | 271 | 340 | 2·4 |
| " 1846-50 | 3,365,969 | 6,668,684 | 66 | 58 | 374,187 | 680,696 | 78 | 76 | 347,547 | 583,151 | 75 | 72 | 4·5 |
| " 1851-55 | 4,393,045 | 8,488,175 | 30 | 27 | 493,047 | 769,863 | 12 | 13 | 447,608 | 788,277 | 17 | 17 | 6·6 |
| " 1856-60 | 5,678,297 | 10,898,412 | 29 | 28 | 524,097 | 975,289 | 25 | 26 | 484,064 | 863,803 | 18 | 26 | 8·2 |
| " 1861-65 | 6,799,266 | 14,021,757 | 20 | 29 | 640,417 | 1,283,434 | 24 | 31 | 552,414 | 1,093,170 | 14 | 26 | 9·7 |
| " 1866-70 | 8,159,258 | 16,484,950 | 20 | 17 | 792,205 | 1,560,661 | 22 | 21 | 636,822 | 1,274,096 | 15 | 16 | 11·7 |
| 1871 | 10,275,875 | 18,566,317 | 26 | 13 | 983,911 | 1,767,574 | 24 | 14 | 803,100 | 1,446,692 | 26 | 14 | 14·9 |
| 1872 | 12,462,546 | 20,375,179 | 16 | 10 | 1,164,639 | 2,046,062 | 18 | 15 | 918,078 | 1,592,506 | 14 | 10 | 17·1 |
| 1873 | 12,863,004 | 21,629,750 | 8 | 6 | 1,273,086 | 2,210,107 | 9 | 8 | 982,546 | 1,760,212 | 7 | 10·5 | 18·4 |
| 1874 | 13,550,011 | 22,446,625 | 5·5 | 3 | 1,324,415 | 2,268,799 | 4 | 2·5 | 1,026,136 | 1,781,017 | 4·5 | 1·5 | 19·4 |
| 1875 | 13,453,014 | 22,387,716 | 3·6 | 0·7 | 1,367,754 | 2,300,819 | 3·3 | 1·8 | 1,071,893 | 1,790,383 | 4·7 | 0·5 | 20·3 |
| 3 months ended 31st March 1876 | 3,715,657 | 5,789,805 | — | — | 346,158 | 559,009 | — | — | 289,120 | 552,692 | — | — | — |
| 1876-77 | 15,197,704 | 23,166,935 | 8·2 | 3·4 | 1,465,177 | 2,403,982 | 7·1 | 4· | 1,160,040 | 1,946,831 | 7·9 | 8·6 | 21·8 |
| 1877-78 | 15,637,659 | 23,392,661 | 2·8 | 0·9 | 1,531,158 | 2,485,724 | 4·5 | 3·4 | 1,200,084 | 1,991,792 | 3·4 | 2·3 | 22·5 |
| 1878-79 | 14,773,630 | 22,087,603 | 5·0 | 5·5 | 1,452,752 | 2,386,693 | 5·1 | 4· | 1,064,622 | 1,437,627 | 11·3 | 27·8 | 19·7 |
| 1879-80 | 14,313,100 | 21,088,290 | 3·1 | 4·2 | 1,435,640 | 2,392,119 | 1·2 | 2·7 | 1,025,611 | 1,863,913 | 3·6 | 5· | 19·1 |
| 1880-81 | 13,934,701 | 20,630,213 | 2·6 | 2·2 | 1,413,997 | 2,291,269 | 1·5 | 1·3 | 980,778 | 1,317,281 | 4·3 | 3·5 | 18·4 |
| 1881-82 | 12,519,430 | 19,891,331 | 10·1 | 3·5 | 1,286,053 | 2,202,123 | 9· | 4· | 887,345 | 1,274,218 | 9·5 | 3·3 | 17·3 |
| 1889 | 18,822,921 | 27,516,698 | 8·1 | 3·8 | 1,782,921 | 2,751,698 | 8·1 | 3·8 | 1,368,901 | 2,787,017 | 3·1 | 1·2 | 53·9 |
| 1890-91 | 18,368,901 | 27,870,117 | — | — | 1,200,084 | 1,991,792 | — | — | 1,064,622 | 1,437,627 | — | — | 51·1 |
| 1891-92 | 17,200,000 | 26,500,000 | — | — | 1,000,000 | 1,800,000 | — | — | 1,000,000 | 1,800,000 | — | — | 49·1 |
| 1892-93 | 16,774,354 | 24,776,331 | 3· | 2·3 | 980,778 | 1,317,281 | 3· | 2·3 | 887,345 | 1,274,218 | 3· | 2·2 | 47·4 |
| 1893-94 | 16,329,476 | 24,228,763 | 3· | 2·2 | 980,778 | 1,317,281 | 3· | 2·2 | 887,345 | 1,274,218 | 3· | 2·2 | 47·4 |
| 1894-95 | 14,692,828 | 23,367,672 | 10· | 3·5 | 887,345 | 1,274,218 | 9·5 | 3·3 | 887,345 | 1,274,218 | 9·5 | 3·3 | 42·0 |

In 1940 the commission on Money Orders was reduced as follows:—
 For any sum not exceeding 2*l.*, from 6*d.* to 3*d.*

for any sum above 2*l.*, and not exceeding 5*l.*, from 1*s.* 6*d.* to 6*d.*

| Rates of Commission up to 1871. | | Rates of Commission from 1871 to 31st December 1877. | | Present Rates of Commission. | |
|--|---------------------|--|---------------------|---|---------------------|
| | <i>s.</i> <i>d.</i> | | <i>s.</i> <i>d.</i> | | <i>s.</i> <i>d.</i> |
| For sums not exceeding 2 <i>l.</i> | 0 3 | For sums under 10 <i>s.</i> | 0 1 | For sums under 10 <i>s.</i> | 0 7 |
| " above 2 <i>l.</i> , but not exceeding 5 <i>l.</i> | 0 6 | " of 10 <i>s.</i> and under 1 <i>l.</i> | 0 2 | " of 10 <i>s.</i> and under 2 <i>l.</i> | 0 8 |
| " above 5 <i>l.</i> , but not exceeding 7 <i>l.</i> | 0 9 | " of 1 <i>l.</i> | 0 3 | " of 7 <i>l.</i> | 0 9 |
| " above 7 <i>l.</i> , but not exceeding 10 <i>l.</i> | 1 0 | " of 3 <i>l.</i> | 0 4 | " of 10 <i>l.</i> | 0 10 |
| | | " of 3 <i>l.</i> | 0 5 | " other sums, as in preceding Table. | 0 11 |
| | | " of 3 <i>l.</i> | 0 6 | | |
| | | " of 4 <i>l.</i> | 0 6 | | |

The number of Inland Orders issued in Ireland in 1878-9 was overstated by 100,000. The great decrease in the number and amount of Inland Orders in Ireland in 1880-1 was due to the fact that the number of National School Teachers.

able to the discontinuance of the use of Money Orders for payment

APPENDIX K.—*continued.*
Money Orders.

| Year. | COLONIAL ORDERS. | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| | ISSUED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM. | | | | | ISSUED IN THE COLONIES. | | | | |
| | Number. | Amount. | Increase per cent. on Number. | Increase per cent. on Amount. | | Number. | Amount. | Increase per cent. on Number. | Increase per cent. on Amount. | TOTAL. |
| 1856 | | £ | | | | 3,905 | 12,961 | — | — | £ |
| 1857 | | | | | | 4,744 | 14,168 | 19·6 | 9·3 | 14,168 |
| 1858 | | | | | | 3,724 | 10,060 | — | — | 10,060 |
| 1859 | 709 | 2,256 | — | — | | 8,102 | 22,943 | 117 | 128 | 25,199 |
| 1860 | 2,640 | 7,726 | 273 | 242 | | 13,605 | 40,256 | 67·9 | 75·4 | 47,963 |
| Average of } 1861-65 5 years | 8,163 | 30,526 | 208 | 292 | | 45,937 | 195,816 | 245 | 386 | 226,142 |
| 1860-70 | 16,158 | 63,613 | 97·9 | 109 | | 106,467 | 494,104 | 131 | 163 | 557,717 |
| 1871 | 19,739 | 80,431 | 23·1 | 28·4 | | 123,473 | 520,550 | 15·9 | 5·3 | 600,981 |
| 1872 | 21,023 | 84,727 | 6·5 | 5·3 | | 133,490 | 563,849 | 8·1 | 8·3 | 648,976 |
| 1873 | 21,864 | 89,002 | 3·9 | 5· | | 154,196 | 642,527 | 15·5 | 13·9 | 731,529 |
| 1874 | 23,188 | 98,361 | 6· | 4·7 | | 149,250 | 688,896 | — | — | 723,156 |
| 1875 | 24,651 | 98,062 | 6·3 | 5·1 | | 146,966 | 608,183 | — | — | 701,245 |
| 8 months ended 31st } March 1876 | 6,426 | 24,689 | — | — | | 33,068 | 137,321 | — | — | 161,910 |
| 1876-77 | 27,161 | 104,357 | 10·1 | 6·4 | | 140,436 | 567,470 | — | — | 671,827 |
| 1877-78 | 29,408 | 109,466 | 8·2 | 4·8 | | 146,346 | 599,915 | 4· | 0·4 | 679,371 |
| 1878-79 | 29,569 | 106,784 | 0·5 | — | | 155,290 | 605,083 | 6· | 6·2 | 711,816 |
| 1879-80 | 31,598 | 112,242 | 6·8 | 6· | | 172,068 | 650,860 | 10·8 | 7·5 | 764,098 |
| 1880-81 | 34,125 | 122,514 | 8· | 8·1 | | 187,837 | 690,465 | 9·1 | 6· | 812,279 |
| 1881-82 | 34,423 | 121,210 | ·9 | — | | 210,554 | 771,215 | 12· | 12· | 892,785 |
| 1882-83 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1883-84 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1884-85 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1885-86 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1886-87 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1887-88 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1888-89 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1889-90 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1890-91 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1893-94 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1894-95 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1895-96 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1903-04 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1904-05 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1905-06 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1906-07 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1907-08 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1908-09 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1909-10 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1910-11 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1911-12 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1912-13 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1913-14 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1914-15 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1915-16 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1916-17 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1917-18 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1918-19 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1927-28 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1929-30 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1930-31 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1931-32 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1932-33 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1933-34 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1934-35 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1935-36 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1937-38 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1938-39 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939-40 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1940-41 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1941-42 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1942-43 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1943-44 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1944-45 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1945-46 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1946-47 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1947-48 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1950-51 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1958-59 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1959-60 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1960-61 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1961-62 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1962-63 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1963-64 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1964-65 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1965-66 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1966-67 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1967-68 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1968-69 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1969-70 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970-71 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1971-72 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1972-73 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1973-74 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1974-75 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1975-76 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1976-77 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1977-78 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1978-79 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1982-83 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1993-94 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1998-99 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1999-00 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 2001-02 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002-03 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2003-04 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2004-05 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2006-07 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2007-08 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2008-09 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2009-10 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2010-11 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2011-12 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2012-13 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2013-14 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2014-15 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2016-17 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2017-18 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2018-19 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2019-20 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2020-21 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2021-22 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2022-23 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2023-24 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2024-25 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2025-26 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2026-27 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2027-28 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2028-29 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2029-30 | | | | | | | | | | |

APPENDIX K.—*continued.*
Money Orders.

| Year. | ISSUED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM. | | | | | | ISSUED ABROAD. | | | | TOTAL. | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Number. | Amount. | Increase per cent. on | | Number. | Amount. | Increase per cent. on | | Number. | Amount. | Increase per cent. on | | Number. | Amount. |
| | | | Number. | Amount. | | | Number. | Amount. | | | Number. | Amount. | | |
| 1869 | 3,303 | 11,362 | — | — | 2,177 | 8,753 | — | — | 5,479 | 20,106 | — | — | — | — |
| 1870 | 7,329 | 29,423 | 121 | 159 | 4,832 | 17,861 | 121 | 98·3 | 12,161 | 46,789 | 121 | 132 | 132 | 132 |
| 1871 | 13,769 | 65,072 | 156 | 121 | 28,663 | 107,911 | 498 | 521 | 47,431 | 172,983 | 290 | 269 | 269 | 269 |
| 1872 | 29,551 | 93,334 | 53·1 | 43·4 | 75,360 | 264,026 | 163 | 144 | 103,911 | 337,360 | 119 | 106 | 106 | 106 |
| 1873 | 39,969 | 131,053 | 39·6 | 40·4 | 97,680 | 339,613 | 29·6 | 23·6 | 137,549 | 470,666 | 33·3 | 31·7 | 31·7 | 31·7 |
| 1874 | 53,123 | 169,417 | 33·2 | 29·2 | 95,380 | 313,668 | — | — | 143,503 | 488,075 | 7·9 | 3·6 | 3·6 | 3·6 |
| 1875 | 67,546 | 202,901 | 26·7 | 19·7 | 96,246 | 291,019 | 0·9 | — | 163,596 | 493,990 | 10·1 | 1·1 | 1·1 | 1·1 |
| 3 months ended 31st March 1876 | 20,150 | 55,765 | — | — | 26,279 | 75,762 | — | — | 46,429 | 131,537 | — | — | — | — |
| 1876-77 | 98,879 | 266,940 | 39·3 | 31·2 | 107,501 | 294,745 | 11·6 | 1·2 | 201,380 | 560,968 | 23· | 13·3 | 13·3 | 13·3 |
| 1877-78 | 107,856 | 291,123 | 14·8 | 9·3 | 113,470 | 312,836 | 10·2 | 6·1 | 226,325 | 603,964 | 13·3 | 7·6 | 7·6 | 7·6 |
| 1878-79 | 124,172 | 317,715 | 15·1 | 9·1 | 140,867 | 361,639 | 18·9 | 15·6 | 265,039 | 679,354 | 17·1 | 12·4 | 12·4 | 12·4 |
| 1879-80 | 134,781 | 323,927 | 8·5 | 1·9 | 194,778 | 506,670 | 33·2 | 40·1 | 329,559 | 830,597 | 24·3 | 22·2 | 22·2 | 22·2 |
| 1880-81 | 148,216 | 336,808 | 5·5 | 3·6 | 241,351 | 626,032 | 24· | 23·6 | 383,567 | 961,840 | 16·4 | 15·8 | 15·8 | 15·8 |
| 1881-82 | 153,571 | 360,054 | 8· | 6·2 | 291,693 | 773,123 | 20·8 | 23·5 | 446,229 | 1,133,177 | 16· | 13· | 13· | 13· |

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APPENDIX K.—continued.

Money Orders.

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

| Year. | Africa, South and West. | | Australia. | | British America. | | Cape Colony. | | India. | | New Zealand. | | West Indies. | | Other Colonies and Packet Agencies. | | | TOTAL. | |
|---------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--|
| | Issued in the U.K. | Issued in Africa. | Issued in the U.K. | Issued in Australia. | Issued in the U.K. | Issued in America. | Issued in the U.K. | Issued in Cape Colony. | Issued in the U.K. | Issued in India. | Issued in the U.K. | Issued in New Zealand. | Issued in the U.K. | Issued in the W. Indies. | Issued in the U.K. | Issued in Colonies. | Issued in the U.K. | Issued in Colonies. | |
| 1873 | £ 1,207 | 23,308 | 29,921 | 143,014 | 33,899 | 163,138 | 2,900 | 11,231 | 2,673 | 57,725 | 6,656 | 48,760 | 2,909 | 91,126 | 8,937 | 104,225 | 89,002 | 642,627 | |
| 1874 | £ 1,053 | 39,868 | 28,965 | 140,364 | 38,252 | 185,693 | 2,034 | 15,800 | 2,691 | 44,234 | 7,322 | 58,072 | 3,552 | 107,333 | 8,599 | 98,720 | 93,261 | 629,805 | |
| 1875 | £ 1,205 | 31,896 | 29,897 | 140,197 | 38,317 | 110,949 | 3,178 | 22,406 | 2,980 | 46,189 | 9,307 | 63,553 | 3,220 | 98,406 | 9,969 | 86,574 | 98,063 | 603,182 | |
| 1876-77 | £ 1,601 | 27,444 | 30,070 | 143,957 | 40,622 | 93,803 | 3,435 | 31,539 | 3,762 | 46,176 | 10,284 | 67,810 | 3,979 | 76,819 | 10,705 | 75,622 | 104,368 | 567,470 | |
| 1877-78 | £ 1,609 | 19,708 | 30,617 | 158,331 | 40,154 | 82,512 | 4,116 | 35,992 | 5,166 | 63,362 | 10,319 | 73,994 | 4,118 | 66,411 | 13,357 | 69,635 | 109,456 | 569,915 | |
| 1878-79 | £ 1,815 | 27,653 | 30,545 | 166,754 | 36,463 | 81,729 | 4,441 | 39,660 | 4,810 | 65,399 | 9,798 | 85,933 | 4,383 | 63,256 | 14,569 | 74,748 | 108,784 | 605,632 | |
| 1879-80 | £ 2,412 | 41,222 | 32,943 | 167,718 | 37,631 | 84,256 | 4,694 | 49,543 | 4,910 | 61,363 | 11,972 | 93,258 | 3,882 | 63,427 | 14,496 | 66,064 | 113,240 | 650,350 | |
| 1880-81 | £ 2,825 | 34,907 | 37,005 | 197,772 | 37,909 | 90,533 | 5,313 | 58,281 | 6,538 | 86,394 | 14,800 | 98,572 | 4,300 | 68,518 | 13,740 | 57,198 | 122,514 | 690,465 | |
| 1881-82 | £ 3,322 | 45,452 | 39,806 | 211,687 | 36,069 | 110,606 | 7,290 | 85,964 | 7,103 | 95,846 | 13,054 | 99,384 | 3,826 | 69,482 | 12,731 | 61,554 | 121,210 | 771,515 | |

APPENDIX K.—*continued.*
Money Orders.

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

| Year. | Belgium. | | Denmark. | | Egypt. | | France. | | Germany. | | Italy. | | Japan. | |
|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | Issued in the U.K. | Issued in Belgium. | Issued in the U.K. | Issued in Denmark. | Issued in the U.K. | Issued in Egypt. | Issued in the U.K. | Issued in France. | Issued in the U.K. | Issued in Germany. | Issued in the U.K. | Issued in Italy. | Issued in the U.K. | Issued in Japan. |
| 1873 - | £ 10,738 | £ 15,652 | £ 2,176 | £ 2,005 | £ — | £ — | £ 8,638 | £ 1,337 | £ 39,321 | £ 30,246 | £ 7,097 | £ 4,307 | £ — | £ — |
| 1874 - | 11,356 | 14,921 | 2,800 | 2,882 | 44 | 1,384 | 18,580 | 5,519 | 50,070 | 38,309 | 9,893 | 6,214 | — | — |
| 1875 - | 11,400 | 15,017 | 2,995 | 4,219 | 128 | 1,953 | 36,891 | 18,403 | 58,901 | 46,044 | 11,186 | 6,558 | — | — |
| 1876-77 - | 13,129 | 15,772 | 3,429 | 4,022 | 74 | 1,845 | 59,940 | 38,005 | 74,658 | 53,778 | 10,274 | 7,377 | — | — |
| 1877-78 - | 12,024 | 15,286 | 4,238 | 5,461 | 132 | 2,754 | 69,024 | 46,136 | 96,430 | 56,992 | 20,039 | 8,417 | — | — |
| 1878-79 - | 13,394 | 16,019 | 3,880 | 6,059 | 985 | 7,971 | 83,037 | 65,368 | 96,673 | 61,506 | 21,107 | 8,440 | — | — |
| 1879-80 - | 13,476 | 19,144 | 4,110 | 5,683 | 627 | 9,106 | 78,343 | 79,149 | 105,193 | 71,003 | 25,014 | 10,407 | — | — |
| 1880-81 - | 13,823 | 21,925 | 4,806 | 5,674 | 738 | 7,691 | 79,019 | 90,390 | 110,691 | 71,950 | 23,362 | 11,234 | — | — |
| 1881-82 - | 13,449 | 21,792 | 4,625 | 7,303 | 597 | 8,589 | 80,888 | 92,782 | 118,279 | 79,614 | 26,472 | 12,195 | 71 | 417 |

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| Year. | Netherlands. | | Norway. | | Sweden. | | Switzerland. | | United States. | | TOTAL. | |
|-----------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | Issued in the U.K. | Issued in Netherlands. | Issued in the U.K. | Issued in Norway. | Issued in the U.K. | Issued in Sweden. | Issued in the U.K. | Issued in Switzerland. | Issued in the U.K. | Issued in U.S. | Issued in the U.K. | Issued in Abroad. |
| 1873 - | £ 3,107 | £ 4,000 | £ — | £ — | £ — | £ — | £ 11,516 | £ 5,403 | £ 48,570 | £ 276,453 | £ 131,063 | £ 339,613 |
| 1874 - | 3,595 | 3,831 | — | — | — | — | 12,742 | 5,052 | 60,336 | 240,886 | 169,417 | 318,658 |
| 1875 - | 4,969 | 5,064 | — | — | — | — | 13,606 | 5,564 | 62,864 | 186,197 | 292,900 | 291,020 |
| 1876-77 - | 5,481 | 6,887 | 2,230 | 1,115 | — | — | 15,419 | 6,483 | 75,605 | 159,464 | 268,239 | 294,748 |
| 1877-78 - | 5,741 | 9,974 | 2,712 | 1,476 | — | — | 16,702 | 6,633 | 73,196 | 167,707 | 291,128 | 312,836 |
| 1878-79 - | 5,879 | 10,906 | 3,947 | 2,037 | — | — | 17,652 | 6,900 | 71,059 | 176,332 | 317,713 | 361,639 |
| 1879-80 - | 5,902 | 9,691 | 5,069 | 2,084 | — | — | 18,797 | 9,662 | 70,466 | 290,841 | 323,927 | 506,670 |
| 1880-81 - | 6,231 | 10,678 | 6,782 | 2,469 | — | — | 18,315 | 11,239 | 73,051 | 392,782 | 335,808 | 696,082 |
| 1881-82 - | 6,549 | 12,382 | 8,124 | 2,031 | 1,687 | 1,364 | 19,096 | 12,4 | 80,967 | 552,968 | 390,054 | 773,123 |

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 1882.

| YEAR. | NUMBER OF EACH CLASS OF ORDERS. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | TOTAL. | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | No. | Value. |
| Quarter ended 31 March 1881 | 62,589 | 48,994 | 62,041 | 124,147 | 40,381 | 122,745 | 17,953 | 31,736 | 11,091 | 125,312 | 646,989 | 292,150 | 10 | 0 | | |
| 1881-82 - | 452,823 | 362,094 | 437,096 | 853,306 | 262,920 | 808,736 | 110,691 | 202,665 | 60,611 | 911,973 | 4,462,920 | 2,006,917 | 19 | 0 | | |
| TOTALS - | 515,412 | 411,088 | 499,137 | 977,453 | 303,301 | 931,481 | 128,644 | 234,401 | 71,702 | 1,037,290 | 5,109,909 | 2,299,068 | 9 | 0 | | |

| RATES OF POUNDAGE. | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Poundage. | | ½d. | | 1d. | | 2d. | | | |
| s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. |
| Amount of Order - | 1 0 | 1 6 | 2 6 | 5 0 | 7 6 | 10 0 | 12 6 | 15 0 | 17 6 |
| | | | | | | | | | 20 0 |

(1) TABLE showing the Business done in each Year since the commencement on the 17th April 1865.

| Year. | ANNUITIES. | | | | | | | | | | LIFE INSURANCES. | | | | | | |
|-------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|-----------|---------------------------|--|-----------|---|------------|-------------------------------|-----|----------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| | Immediate. | | | | | Deferred. | | | | | Contracts entered into. | | Receipts. | | Payments. | | |
| | Contracts entered into. | | Receipts. | | Payments. | Contracts entered into. | | Receipts. | | Payments.* | Amount. in the Premium. | No. | Amount of In- surances. | No. | Amount of Pre- miums. | No. | Amount of Claims and Deaths on Surrender. |
| | No. | Amount of An- nuities. | Amount of Purchase Money. | No. | | Amount of An- nuities. | Amount of Annuities and Monthly Allowances. | No. | Amount of Purchase Money and Interest. | | | | | | | | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 1865 | 87 | 2,100 | 23,738 | 32 | 423 | £ 949 | 67 | 1,342 | — | 139 | £ 40,647 | 547 | 1,076 | 1,165 | — | — | — |
| 1866 | 196 | 4,827 | 46,829 | 280 | 3,183 | 1,389 | 297 | 2,845 | 8 | 94 | 47,261 | 691 | 3,782 | 2,838 | 1 | 70 | 70 |
| 1867 | 268 | 5,966 | 65,068 | 725 | 8,042 | 704 | 313 | 2,392 | 8 | 131 | 26,989 | 364 | 5,398 | 2,580 | 5 | 318 | 318 |
| 1868 | 323 | 6,396 | 70,775 | 1,286 | 14,112 | 668 | 310 | 2,505 | 16 | 248 | 26,761 | 350 | 6,468 | 4,192 | 11 | 754 | 754 |
| 1869 | 352 | 6,811 | 74,401 | 1,895 | 19,925 | 1,044 | 386 | 2,062 | 10 | 380 | 32,670 | 423 | 7,814 | 5,044 | 10 | 537 | 537 |
| 1870† | 306 | 6,120 | 67,738 | 2,629 | 26,099 | 1,195 | 514 | 3,529 | 9 | 346 | 31,254 | 355 | 9,374 | 5,877 | 39† | 1,676 | 1,676 |
| 1871 | 360 | 7,272 | 81,839 | 3,125 | 32,066 | 710 | 503 | 2,840 | 16 | 854 | 27,695 | 353 | 9,891 | 6,493 | 59 | 1,744 | 1,744 |
| 1872 | 1,019‡ | 9,870 | 97,260 | 3,737 | 38,464 | 721 | 490 | 2,838 | 16 | 618 | 55,982 | 757 | 11,659 | 7,490 | 54 | 2,184 | 2,184 |
| 1873 | 1,344‡ | 10,390 | 108,877 | 6,257 | 47,374 | 583 | 520 | 3,025 | 19 | 1,367 | 55,073 | 396 | 13,206 | 8,279 | 76 | 2,516 | 2,516 |
| 1874 | 1,814‡ | 12,269 | 115,021 | 9,492 | 56,888 | 992 | 583 | 4,837 | 19 | 1,454 | 21,622 | 278 | 13,450 | 8,615 | 92 | 3,766 | 3,766 |
| 1875 | 582 | 7,928 | 84,781 | 11,129 | 63,641 | 768 | 661 | 3,543 | 10 | 526 | 32,032 | 370 | 14,549 | 9,500 | 84 | 3,127 | 3,127 |
| 1876 | 729 | 10,013 | 109,084 | 11,607 | 69,240 | 464 | 639 | 2,691 | 52 | 872 | 22,875 | 270 | 14,101 | 9,288 | 101 | 4,280 | 4,280 |
| 1877 | 745 | 10,933 | 120,255 | 12,444 | 76,612 | 1,251 | 687 | 4,747 | 87 | 961 | 33,444 | 393 | 15,140 | 10,108 | 98 | 3,252 | 3,252 |
| 1878 | 769 | 11,275 | 126,327 | 13,190 | 84,219 | 1,370 | 654 | 4,963 | 106 | 2,260 | 19,608 | 223 | 15,833 | 10,606 | 137 | 4,351 | 4,351 |
| 1879 | 964 | 15,263 | 167,625 | 13,873 | 92,013 | 958 | 623 | 4,644 | 114 | 2,112 | 19,870 | 226 | 15,927 | 10,427 | 139 | 5,288 | 5,288 |
| 1880 | 892 | 13,249 | 140,583 | 14,363 | 101,734 | 847 | 621 | 4,406 | 119 | 1,570 | 20,378 | 263 | 15,579 | 10,506 | 125 | 3,886 | 3,886 |
| 1881 | 956 | 16,434 | 184,737 | 15,808 | 111,211 | 1,376 | 696 | 5,243 | 131 | 1,763 | 23,900 | 300 | 15,883 | 10,967 | 114 | 3,675 | 3,675 |

* Prior to the year 1875 the payments consisted of Purchase Money Returned only, as no Annuities were payable till after the lapse of ten years.

† Claims on Surrender value of Life Insurance Contracts commenced in this year.

‡ The exceptional increase during these years 1872, 1873, and 1874 arose from Contracts entered into on the lives of Masters and Seamen of the Mercantile Marine, through the Board of Trade.

APPENDIX M.—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 1881, and the Number and Amount of Contracts in existence on the 31st December 1881.

| | CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO. | | | | TOTAL. | |
|---|---|--------------|---|-------------|--------|--------------|
| | From 17 April 1865 to 31 December 1880. | | From 1 Jan. 1881 to 31 December 1881. | | | |
| | 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 1881, viz. :— | | | | | | |
| Immediate Annuities - - | 10,690 | 140,172 12 8 | 966 | 16,433 12 0 | 11,646 | 156,606 4 8 |
| Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - - | 243 | 4,513 3 6 | 25 | 419 8 0 | 268 | 4,937 11 6 |
| Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - - - | 480 | 10,102 9 0 | 41 | 956 8 0 | 521 | 11,068 17 0 |
| Contracts for Sums payable at Death entered into from the commencement of business on the 17th April 1865 to the 31st December 1881 - - - - | | | | | | |
| | 6,224 | 491,178 5 | 300 | 23,900 1 10 | 6,524 | 515,078 14 3 |
| Contracts for Annuities in existence on the 31st December 1881, viz. :— | | | | | | |
| Immediate Annuities - - | - | - | - | - | 8,432 | 122,635 2 8 |
| Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - - | - | - | - | - | 240 | 4,315 1 6 |
| Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - - - | - | - | - | - | 290 | 6,303 11 0 |
| Contracts for Sums payable at Death, in existence on the 31st December 1881 - - - - | | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | 4,567 | 367,450 2 11 |

APPENDIX N.

Official Correspondence.

A STATEMENT showing the WEIGHT of CORRESPONDENCE carried, and the VALUE of POSTAL SERVICE performed, for the following Public Offices, &c. in the Year ended the 31st March 1882.

| NAMES OF OFFICES. | England and Wales. | | Scotland. | | Ireland. | | Total. | |
|--|--------------------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|------------|---------|
| | Weight. | Amount. | Weight. | Amount. | Weight. | Amount. | Weight. | Amount. |
| | oz. | £ | oz. | £ | oz. | £ | oz. | £ |
| Adjutant General | — | — | — | — | 115,346 | 539 | 115,346 | 539 |
| Admiralty, Lords Commis- sioners of | 1,158,427 | 11,302 | — | — | — | — | 1,158,427 | 11,302 |
| Army Medical Department | — | — | — | — | 110,830 | 519 | 110,830 | 519 |
| Attorney General | 5,066 | 23 | — | — | — | — | 5,066 | 23 |
| Australian Exhibition, Com- missioners of | 58,461 | 248 | — | — | — | — | 58,461 | 248 |
| Board of Education | — | — | 16,262 | 68 | 780,541 | 3,286 | 796,803 | 3,354 |
| Board of Supervision | — | — | 38,693 | 120 | — | — | 38,693 | 120 |
| Board of Trade | 649,027 | 2,860 | — | — | — | — | 649,027 | 2,860 |
| Board of Works | — | — | — | — | 460,225 | 2,057 | 460,225 | 2,057 |
| Chancellor, The Lord | 25,928 | 114 | — | — | — | — | 25,928 | 114 |
| Charity Commissioners | 111,050 | 493 | — | — | — | — | 111,050 | 493 |
| Chelsea Hospital | 23,636 | 110 | — | — | — | — | 23,636 | 110 |
| Chief and Under Secretary, Dublin Castle | — | — | — | — | 597,899 | 2,664 | 597,899 | 2,664 |
| Census Office | 82,755 | 311 | — | — | — | — | 82,755 | 311 |
| Civil Service Commissioners | 292,981 | 1,312 | — | — | — | — | 292,981 | 1,312 |
| Clerk of the Parliaments, House of Lords | 530,521 | 552 | — | — | — | — | 530,521 | 552 |
| Colonial Office | 462,171 | 7,092 | — | — | — | — | 462,171 | 7,092 |
| Commander of the Forces | — | — | — | — | 10,559 | 78 | 10,559 | 78 |
| Commissariat Department | — | — | — | — | 215,343 | 970 | 215,343 | 970 |
| Constabulary Office | — | — | — | — | 633,349 | 2,827 | 633,349 | 2,827 |
| Convict Prisons, Directors of | — | — | — | — | 198,586 | 891 | 198,586 | 891 |
| Council Office | 1,093,688 | 4,910 | — | — | — | — | 1,093,688 | 4,910 |
| Court of Chancery | 48,926 | 228 | — | — | — | — | 48,926 | 228 |
| Court of Probate | 167,617 | 761 | — | — | — | — | 167,617 | 761 |
| Crown Office | — | — | 91,742 | 382 | — | — | 91,742 | 382 |
| Crown and Hanaper | — | — | — | — | 3,699 | 17 | 3,699 | 17 |
| Customs | 420,557 | 1,809 | — | — | 61,019 | 286 | 481,576 | 2,095 |
| Exchequer and Audit Department | 224,541 | 1,137 | — | — | — | — | 224,541 | 1,137 |
| Foreign Office | 218,994 | 3,026 | — | — | — | — | 218,994 | 3,026 |
| Home Office | 1,106,174 | 3,905 | — | — | — | — | 1,106,174 | 3,905 |
| Inland Revenue | 5,494,927 | 19,755 | 506,530 | 2,110 | 1,868,377 | 7,960 | 7,867,384 | 29,825 |
| Inspector of Fisheries | — | — | — | — | 128,266 | 590 | 128,266 | 590 |
| Insurances and Annuities | 1,311 | 6 | — | — | — | — | 1,311 | 6 |
| Irish Office | 84,544 | 345 | — | — | — | — | 84,544 | 345 |
| Loan Fund Board | — | — | — | — | 4,156 | 19 | 4,156 | 19 |
| Local Government Board | 1,427,145 | 5,965 | — | — | 504,881 | 2,241 | 1,932,026 | 8,206 |
| Lord Lieutenant and Private Secretary | — | — | — | — | 11,231 | 53 | 11,231 | 53 |
| Mercantile Marine Board | 63,600 | 284 | — | — | — | — | 63,600 | 284 |
| Merchant Seamen, Registrar of | 467,795 | 2,147 | — | — | — | — | 467,795 | 2,147 |
| National Debt Office | 35,439 | 162 | — | — | — | — | 35,439 | 162 |
| Ordnance Survey | — | — | — | — | 64,349 | 300 | 64,349 | 300 |
| Paymaster of Civil Services | — | — | — | — | 66,172 | 310 | 66,172 | 310 |
| Paymaster General | 52,889 | 304 | — | — | — | — | 52,889 | 304 |
| Public Record Office | — | — | — | — | 4,903 | 23 | 4,903 | 23 |
| Quartermaster General | — | — | — | — | 63,048 | 295 | 63,048 | 295 |
| Queen's Remembrancer | — | — | 22,295 | 93 | — | — | 22,295 | 93 |
| Register House | — | — | 52,970 | 231 | — | — | 52,970 | 231 |
| Registrar General | 408,405 | 1,491 | 362,500 | 738 | 548,417 | 2,383 | 1,319,322 | 4,602 |
| Registrar of Friendly Societies | 152,967 | 697 | 10,467 | 44 | 4,994 | 23 | 168,428 | 764 |
| Registrar Petty Sessions | — | — | — | — | 190,047 | 856 | 190,047 | 856 |
| Registrar of Trade Marks | 15,386 | 56 | — | — | — | — | 15,386 | 56 |
| Science and Art Department | 986,409 | 4,104 | — | — | — | — | 986,409 | 4,104 |
| Solicitor General | 14,854 | 63 | — | — | — | — | 14,854 | 63 |
| Stationery Office | 67,452 | 298 | — | — | 117,349 | 544 | 184,801 | 842 |
| Tithe Commissioners | 51,393 | 235 | — | — | — | — | 51,393 | 235 |
| Treasury | 405,651 | 1,757 | — | — | — | — | 405,651 | 1,757 |
| Valuation Office | — | — | — | — | 70,326 | 329 | 70,326 | 329 |
| War Office | 3,188,814 | 20,168 | 32,553 | 135 | 143,460 | 670 | 3,364,827 | 20,973 |
| Woods and Forests, Commis- sioners of | 80,841 | 345 | — | — | — | — | 80,841 | 345 |
| Works and Buildings, Commis- sioners of | 132,206 | 556 | — | — | — | — | 132,206 | 556 |
| TOTALS | 19,812,596 | 98,921 | 1,134,012 | 3,921 | 6,981,372 | 30,730 | 27,927,988 | 133,572 |

APPENDIX O.

ESTIMATE based upon a Return taken during One Month of the Number of Letters, &c. passing between the United Kingdom and Countries Abroad from and to which Mails are received and despatched during the Year 1881.

I.

| Foreign Countries. | Estimated yearly Number of Letters, &c. received from all Countries for Delivery in the United Kingdom. | | | Per-centage of total Number of Letters, &c. received from all Countries. |
|--|---|---|------------|--|
| | Letters and Post Cards. | Circulars, Book Packets, and Newspapers. | Total. | |
| EUROPE. | | | | |
| Austro-Hungary - - | 452,700 | 240,100 | 692,800 | 1·1 |
| Belgium and Luxemburg - | 1,501,700 | 575,900 | 2,077,600 | 3·0 |
| Denmark - - - | 399,000 | 176,300 | 575,300 | ·8 |
| France and Algeria - | 8,897,600 | 5,564,300 | 14,461,900 | 21·0 |
| Germany - - - | 6,262,800 | 3,587,800 | 9,850,600 | 14·3 |
| Gibraltar and Malta - | 728,300 | 79,700 | 808,000 | 1·2 |
| Greece - - - | 97,000 | 33,800 | 130,800 | ·2 |
| Holland - - - | 1,269,500 | 406,800 | 1,676,300 | 2·4 |
| Italy - - - | 1,942,800 | 613,100 | 2,555,900 | 3·7 |
| Norway - - - | 334,100 | 121,800 | 455,900 | ·7 |
| Portugal and Azores - | 278,000 | 75,200 | 353,200 | ·5 |
| Russia - - - | 536,700 | 171,600 | 708,300 | 1·0 |
| Spain - - - | 772,700 | 434,100 | 1,206,800 | 1·7 |
| Sweden - - - | 322,200 | 98,900 | 421,100 | ·6 |
| Switzerland - - | 746,500 | 305,000 | 1,051,500 | 1·5 |
| Turkey - - - | 135,400 | 42,600 | 178,000 | ·3 |
| N.B.—Separate Mails are not received from Bulgaria, Montenegro, Persia, Roumania or Servia. | | | | |
| Totals - - | 24,677,000 | 12,527,000 | 37,204,000 | 54 |
| ASIA. | | | | |
| India - - - | 1,980,300 | 975,200 | 2,955,500 | 4·8 |
| Ceylon - - - | 135,200 | 76,400 | 211,600 | ·8 |
| China, Japan, Straits Settle- ments, &c. - } | 394,200 | 133,400 | 527,600 | ·8 |
| Totals - - | 2,509,700 | 1,185,000 | 3,694,700 | 5·4 |

APPENDIX O.—*continued.*

| Foreign Countries. | Estimated yearly Number of Letters, &c. received from all Countries for Delivery in the United Kingdom. | | | Per-centage of total Number of Letters, &c. received from all Countries. |
|--|---|---|------------|--|
| | Letters and Post Cards. | Circulars, Book Packets, and Newspapers. | Total. | |
| AFRICA. | | | | |
| Egypt - - - | 358,500 | 104,000 | 462,500 | ·7 |
| Madeira, Cape de Verds and Canary Islands - } | 131,700 | 8,800 | 140,500 | ·2 |
| Cape of Good Hope and Natal - - - } | 910,900 | 722,800 | 1,633,700 | 2·4 |
| Mauritius, &c. - - | 42,600 | 31,400 | 74,000 | ·1 |
| West Coast of Africa - | 103,400 | 6,200 | 109,600 | ·2 |
| Ascension and St. Helena - | 17,600 | 4,400 | 22,000 | ·03 |
| Totals - - | 1,564,700 | 877,600 | 2,442,300 | 3·63 |
| AMERICA. | | | | |
| Canada, &c. - - | *1,435,100 | *1,898,200 | *3,333,300 | 4·8 |
| United States - - | 7,464,800 | 9,512,200 | 16,977,000 | 24·7 |
| Central America (British) - | 75,000 | 56,600 | 131,600 | ·2 |
| Do (Foreign) including Mexico } | 199,400 | 76,500 | 275,900 | ·4 |
| West Indies (British) - | 244,900 | 95,500 | 340,400 | ·5 |
| Do. (Foreign) - | 100,200 | 23,400 | 123,600 | ·2 |
| Brazil - - - | 237,800 | 68,800 | 306,600 | ·4 |
| Argentine Confederation - | 80,600 | 36,500 | 117,100 | ·2 |
| Uruguay and Paraguay - | 22,700 | 7,400 | 30,100 | ·04 |
| Chili - - - | 63,200 | 21,700 | 84,900 | ·1 |
| Bolivia - - - | 700 | 25 | 725 | ·001 |
| Peru - - - | 67,600 | 8,400 | 76,000 | ·1 |
| Falkland Islands - - | 3,000 | 100 | 3,100 | ·004 |
| Totals - - | 9,995,000 | 11,805,300 | 21,800,300 | 31·645 |

* Returns incomplete ; numbers approximate.

APPENDIX O.—*continued.*

| Foreign Countries. | Estimated yearly Number of Letters, &c. received from all Countries for Delivery in the United Kingdom. | | | Per-centage of total Number of Letters, &c. received from all Countries. | |
|-----------------------|---|---|------------|--|--|
| | Letters and Post Cards. | Circulars, Book Packets, and Newspapers. | Total. | | |
| AUSTRALIA, &c. | | | | | |
| Queensland - - | 144,800 | 142,200 | 287,000 | ·4 | |
| Victoria - - - | 421,400 | 736,400 | 1,157,800 | 1·7 | |
| New South Wales - - | 392,300 | 384,200 | 776,500 | 1·2 | |
| South Australia - - | 173,000 | 173,500 | 343,500 | ·5 | |
| Western Australia - - | 24,600 | 11,800 | 36,400 | ·05 | |
| New Zealand - - - | 426,500 | 585,500 | 1,012,000 | 1·5 | |
| Tasmania - - - | 38,000 | 32,300 | 70,300 | ·1 | |
| Fiji, &c. - - - | 8,400 | 6,200 | 14,600 | ·02 | |
| Totals - - - | 1,629,000 | 2,072,100 | 3,701,100 | 5·47 | |
| Grand Total - - | 40,375,400 | 28,467,000 | 68,842,400 | — | |

APPENDIX O.—*continued.*

II.

| Foreign Countries. | Estimated yearly Number of Letters, &c. despatched from the United Kingdom for Delivery in all Countries. | | | Per-cent tage of total Number of Letters, &c. despatched to all Countries. |
|---|---|---|------------|--|
| | Letters and Post Cards. | Circulars. Book Packets, and Newspapers. | Total. | |
| EUROPE. | | | | |
| Austro-Hungary - - | 688,800 | 355,300 | 1,043,600 | 1·2 |
| Belgium and Luxemburg - | 1,727,000 | 731,500 | 2,458,500 | 2·8 |
| Denmark - - - - | 450,900 | 164,900 | 615,800 | ·7 |
| France and Algeria - - | 10,474,000 | 5,401,500 | 15,875,500 | 18·2 |
| Germany - - - - | 6,514,000 | 3,014,100 | 9,528,100 | 10·9 |
| Gibraltar and Malta - | 795,700 | 723,400 | 1,519,100 | 1·6 |
| Greece - - - - | 88,800 | 98,300 | 186,600 | ·2 |
| Holland - - - - | 1,445,500 | 560,000 | 2,005,500 | 2·3 |
| Italy - - - - | 2,384,500 | 1,869,000 | 4,253,500 | 4·9 |
| Norway - - - - | 497,200 | 214,700 | 711,900 | ·8 |
| Portugal and Azores - | 331,600 | 339,700 | 671,300 | ·8 |
| Russia - - - - | 631,400 | 353,500 | 984,900 | 1·0 |
| Spain - - - - | 856,500 | 710,000 | 1,566,500 | 1·7 |
| Sweden - - - - | 445,600 | 227,400 | 673,000 | ·8 |
| Switzerland - - - | 898,300 | 568,500 | 1,466,800 | 1·7 |
| Turkey - - - - | 158,500 | 218,500 | 377,000 | ·4 |
| N.B. Separate Mails are not despatched to Bulgaria, Montenegro, Persia, Roumania, or Servia. | | | | |
| Totals - - - | 28,387,300 | 15,550,300 | 43,937,600 | 50. |
| ASIA. | | | | |
| India - - - - | 2,252,800 | 4,617,300 | 6,870,100 | 7·9 |
| Ceylon - - - - | 159,500 | 493,600 | 653,100 | ·7 |
| China, Japan, Straits Settle- ments, &c. - - - } | 556,300 | 1,241,900 | 1,798,200 | 2·0 |
| Totals - - - | 2,968,600 | 6,352,800 | 9,321,400 | 10·6 |

APPENDIX O.—*continued.*

| Foreign Countries. | Estimated yearly Number of Letters, &c. despatched from the United Kingdom for Delivery in all Countries. | | | Per-centage of total Number of Letters, &c. despatched to all Countries. |
|---|---|---|------------|--|
| | Letters and Post Cards. | Circulars. Book Packets, and Newspapers. | Total. | |
| AFRICA. | | | | |
| Egypt - - - | 562,300 | 585,500 | 1,147,800 | 1·3 |
| Madeira, Cape de Verde, and Canary Islands } | 568,700 | 132,000 | 700,700 | ·8 |
| Cape of Good Hope and Natal - - - } | 1,138,900 | 2,126,700 | 3,265,600 | 3·7 |
| Mauritius, &c. - - | 74,700 | 120,700 | 195,400 | ·2 |
| West Coast of Africa - | 168,900 | 348,200 | 512,100 | ·6 |
| Ascension and St. Helena - | 17,500 | 24,100 | 41,600 | ·05 |
| Totals - - - | 2,531,000 | 3,332,200 | 5,863,200 | 6·65 |
| AMERICA. | | | | |
| Canada, &c. - - - | 1,421,000 | 1,835,800 | 3,256,800 | 3·7 |
| United States - - - | 7,795,200 | 7,718,900 | 15,514,100 | 18·1 |
| Central America (British) - | 85,500 | 147,500 | 233,000 | ·3 |
| Do. (Foreign) and Mexico } | 328,500 | 519,600 | 848,100 | 1·0 |
| West Indies (British) - | 263,400 | 605,000 | 868,400 | 1·0 |
| Do. (Foreign) - | 100,500 | 108,500 | 209,000 | ·2 |
| Brazil - - - | 247,500 | 269,000 | 516,500 | ·6 |
| Argentine Confederation - | 104,000 | 135,000 | 239,000 | ·3 |
| Uruguay and Paraguay - | 50,800 | 86,700 | 137,500 | ·1 |
| Chili - - - | 75,300 | 110,700 | 186,000 | ·2 |
| Bolivia - - - | 1,800 | 3,600 | 5,400 | ·01 |
| Peru - - - | 72,200 | 99,300 | 171,500 | ·2 |
| Falkland Islands - - | 3,000 | 12,700 | 15,700 | ·02 |
| Totals - - - | 10,548,700 | 11,652,300 | 22,201,000 | 25·73 |

APPENDIX O.—*continued.*

| Foreign Countries. | Estimated yearly Number of Letters, &c. despatched from the United Kingdom for Delivery in all Countries. | | | Per-centage of total Number of Letters, &c. despatched to all Countries. |
|-----------------------|---|---|------------|--|
| | Letters and Post Cards. | Circulars, Book Packets, and Newspapers. | Total. | |
| AUSTRALIA, &c. | | | | |
| Queensland - - - | 156,800 | 383,600 | 540,400 | ·7 |
| Victoria - - - | 436,800 | 1,219,100 | 1,655,900 | 2·0 |
| New South Wales - - | 373,100 | 841,000 | 1,214,100 | 1·3 |
| South Australia - - | 178,500 | 424,000 | 602,500 | ·7 |
| Western Australia - - | 24,100 | 91,500 | 115,600 | ·1 |
| New Zealand - - - | 436,300 | 1,237,400 | 1,673,700 | 2·1 |
| Tasmania - - - | 41,100 | 127,200 | 168,300 | ·2 |
| Fiji, &c. - - - | 9,200 | 26,200 | 35,400 | ·04 |
| Totals - - - | 1,655,900 | 4,350,000 | 6,005,900 | 7·14 |
| Grand Total - | 46,051,500 | 41,237 | 87,299,100 | — |

APPENDIX O.—*continued.*

SUMMARY.

| CONTINENT. | Estimated yearly Number of Letters, &c. | | | | | | |
|------------------|--|--|------------|---|---------------------------------|--|------------|
| | Received for Delivery in United Kingdom. | | | Per-centage of total Number of Letters, &c. received from Abroad. | Despatched from United Kingdom. | | |
| | Letters and Post Cards. | Circulars, Book Packets, and Newspapers. | Total. | | Letters and Post Cards. | Circulars, Book Packets, and Newspapers. | Total. |
| EUROPE - | 24,677,000 | 12,527,000 | 37,204,000 | 54·0 | 28,387,300 | 15,550,300 | 43,937,600 |
| ASIA - | 2,509,700 | 1,185,000 | 3,694,700 | 5·4 | 2,968,600 | 6,352,800 | 9,321,400 |
| AFRICA - | 1,564,700 | 877,600 | 2,442,300 | 3·5 | 2,531,000 | 3,332,200 | 5,863,200 |
| AMERICA - | 9,995,000 | 11,805,300 | 21,800,300 | 31·7 | 10,548,700 | 11,652,300 | 22,201,000 |
| AUSTRALIA, &c. - | 1,629,000 | 2,072,100 | 3,701,100 | 5·4 | 1,655,900 | 4,350,000 | 6,005,900 |
| | 40,375,400 | 28,467,000 | 68,842,400 | — | 46,051,500 | 41,237,600 | 87,289,100 |
| | | | | | | | 50·3 |
| | | | | | | | 10·7 |
| | | | | | | | 6·7 |
| | | | | | | | 25·5 |
| | | | | | | | 6·8 |
| | | | | | | | — |

APPENDIX P.

Private Wires.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER OF PRIVATE WIRE CONTRACTS, MILES OF WIRE, and INSTRUMENTS, and the Net Additional Rentals in each Financial Year since the Transfer.

| Financial Year. | Net Increase in each Financial Year. | | | | Totals at the end of each Financial Year. | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|--------------|---------------------|---|--------|--------------|---------------------|
| | Contracts. | Miles. | Instruments. | Rentals. £ s. d. | Contracts. | Miles. | Instruments. | Rentals. £ s. d. |
| *At the 31st March 1870 | — | — | — | — | 792 | 2,525 | 1,773 | 20,992 10 6 |
| 1870-71 | 44 | 62 | 198 | 1,586 6 0 | 776 | 2,587 | 1,971 | 22,573 16 6 |
| 1871-72 | 86 | 270 | 166 | 3,580 11 0 | 862 | 2,857 | 2,187 | 26,109 7 6 |
| 1872-73 | 165 | 674 | 399 | 6,590 8 6 | 1,027 | 3,531 | 2,536 | 32,699 16 0 |
| 1873-74 | 239 | 702 | 883 | 8,520 12 0 | 1,266 | 4,233 | 3,369 | 41,220 8 0 |
| 1874-75 | 176 | 657 | 807 | 6,675 14 0 | 1,442 | 4,890 | 4,176 | 47,896 2 0 |
| 1875-76 | 140 | 351 | 340 | 3,874 1 0 | 1,582 | 5,241 | 4,516 | 51,770 3 0 |
| 1876-77 | 105 | 466 | 389 | 4,581 18 0 | 1,687 | 5,707 | 4,855 | 56,352 1 0 |
| 1877-78 | 143 | 273 | 444 | 3,770 4 0 | 1,830 | 5,980 | 5,299 | 60,122 5 0 |
| 1878-79 | 59 | 402 | 357 | 3,183 5 6 | 1,889 | 6,382 | 5,656 | 63,805 10 6 |
| 1879-80 | — | 1,218 | 353 | 3,455 17 1 | 1,889 | 7,600 | 6,009 | 66,761 7 7 |
| 1880-81 | 56 | 1,455 | 317 | 7,771 9 2 | 1,945 | 9,055 | 6,326 | 74,532 16 9 |
| 1881-82 | 293 | 2,000 | 656 | 14,203 6 0 | 2,238 | 11,055 | 6,982 | 88,786 2 9 |

* Contracts inherited from the Telegraph Companies and those made by the Post Office between the 29th January and the 31st March 1870.

† The rentals current at the end of the year differ slightly from the rentals received within the year, as shown in Appendix S.

APPENDIX Q. Inland Revenue Licenses.

NUMBER and DESCRIPTION of LICENSES issued by the Post Office since 1869, with the Revenue from the same.

| Year. | Brewers. | | Dogs. | | Male Servants at 1s. each. | Carriages. | | Horse Dealers at 12s. each. | Horses and Mules at 10s. 6d. each. | Armorial Bearings. | | Guns at 10s. each. | Game. | | | Game Keepers at 40s. each. | Total Number. | Revenue. |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| | At 5s. each. | At 1s. each. | At 5s. each. | At 1s. each. | | At 4s. each. | At 1s. each. | | | At 4s. each. | At 2s. each. | | Red at 60s. at 40s. | Green at 40s. | Blue at 40s. | | | |
| 1869 | - | - | 473,318 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 473,318 | £ 118,204 10 0 |
| 1870 | - | - | 534,033 | - | 74,607 | 33,090 | 75,171 | 10 | 203,351 | 6,171 | 10,319 | 40,748 | - | - | - | - | 964,333 | 490,027 16 6 |
| 1871 | - | - | 553,329 | - | 70,945 | 31,387 | 75,111 | 10 | 201,527 | 5,945 | 10,303 | 63,161 | - | - | - | - | 1,009,038 | 473,511 15 6 |
| 1872 | - | - | 573,738 | - | 71,394 | 33,578 | 74,413 | 10 | 205,914 | 5,945 | 11,090 | 63,239 | - | - | - | - | 1,037,306 | 485,459 9 0 |
| 1873 | - | - | 615,345 | - | 69,236 | 33,530 | 74,651 | 8 | 206,523 | 5,736 | 10,753 | 70,671 | - | - | - | - | 1,065,938 | 498,157 0 0 |
| 1874 | - | - | 635,656 | - | 68,325 | 34,094 | 75,495 | 8 | 203,333 | 5,536 | 10,943 | 79,431 | 4 | 1 | 1 | - | 1,163,307 | 521,249 14 6 |
| 1875 | - | - | 755,408 | - | 67,949 | 34,964 | 77,531 | - | - | 5,741 | 10,363 | 86,978 | 10 | - | - | 3 | 1,039,541 | 438,346 8 0 |
| Quarter ended 31 Mar. 1876 | - | - | 680,750 | - | 67,652 | 33,590 | 75,617 | - | - | 5,603 | 10,704 | 3,306 | - | - | - | - | 873,962 | 370,078 15 0 |
| | - | - | 847,609 | - | 61,304 | 36,660 | 81,107 | - | - | 5,713 | 11,279 | 84,554 | 14 | - | - | 1 | 1,130,541 | 462,357 15 0 |
| 1876-77 | - | - | 930,066 | - | 57,153 | 37,127 | 83,798 | - | - | 5,654 | 11,335 | 85,859 | 11 | - | - | 1 | 1,310,433 | 482,700 7 0 |
| 1877-78 | - | - | 82,367 | 668,919 | 53,855 | 37,060 | 80,998 | - | - | 5,656 | 11,334 | 96,306 | 14 | - | - | - | 1,033,500 | 530,368 11 0 |
| 1878-79 | - | - | - | 683,663 | 62,792 | 46,553 | 106,654 | - | - | 6,406 | 14,471 | 87,738 | 7 | 3 | - | 3 | 979,355 | 543,353 6 6 |
| 1879-80 | - | - | - | 683,969 | 79,255 | 50,784 | 138,800 | - | - | 7,306 | 13,448 | 86,953 | 5,333 | 717 | - | 610 | 1,101,106 | 645,561 16 6 |
| 1880-81 | - | 66,176 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1881-82 | 6,655 | 94,433 | - | 646,368 | 84,068 | 66,764 | 166,704 | - | - | 8,366 | 30,030 | 93,507 | 8,063 | 1,003 | - | 768 | 1,170,384 | 709,181 8 0 |

* The duty on Horse Dealers and Horses and Mules was abolished in 1876.

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

| Year | EXPENDITURE. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|---|--|-------------|--|--|--|-------------------------|---|--|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | COST OF COLLECTION AND DELIVERY, OF MANAGEMENT, AND OF MONEY ORDER AND POSTAL ORDER BUSINESS. | | | | | COST OF CONVEYANCE OF MAILES. | | | | | | | | |
| | Salaries, Wages, Pensions, Travelling Allowances, Foundries on Sale of Stamps, Commission on Money Order Business, Cost of Uniform Clothing, of Medical Attendance, or Substitutes, and Amount of Holidays or Sickness, and Amount of Official Postage, Law Charges, and incidental Expenses. | Manufacture of Postage Stamps, Post Cards, and Stamped Newspaper Wrappers. | Stationery. | Buildings and Repairs, Rents, Rates, Taxes, Fuel, and Light. | Total Cost of Collection, Delivery, and Management, and of Money Order Business. | Conveyance by Coaches, Carts, and Omnibuses. | Conveyance by Railways. | Mail Bags and Boxes, Tolls, and Ferryage, Apparatus for Exchange of Bags conveyed by Railway, and Miscellaneous Expenses. | Conveyance of Mails by Packets under Contract, and by private Ships. | Conveyance of Mails over Isthmuses of Suez and Panama and in other Foreign Ports, and Salaries of Admiralty Agents and other Officers in charge of Foreign and Colonial Mails. | Total Cost of Conveyance. | Conveyance of Savings Bank Correspondence. | Net Cost of Conveyance. | Total Cost of Post Office Service. |
| 1872 | 1,681,975 | 58,200 | 46,037 | 164,308 | 1,950,520 | 144,576 | 618,715 | 19,774 | 927,762 | 23,599 | 1,734,426 | — | 1,734,426 | 3,684,946 |
| 1873 | 1,774,702 | 66,170 | 37,272 | 132,307 | 2,010,451 | 147,877 | 644,179 | 23,970 | 944,806 | 21,303 | 1,782,228 | — | 1,782,228 | 3,792,679 |
| 1874 | 1,874,438 | 70,000 | 37,420 | 168,855 | 2,150,713 | 157,008 | 640,613 | 23,865 | 915,580 (a) | 18,434 | 1,764,500 | — | 1,764,500 | 3,915,213 |
| 1875 | 1,941,704 | 86,420 | 42,465 | 142,881 | 2,213,470 | 162,321 | 666,857 | 25,435 | 885,895 (b) | 16,922 | 1,707,421 | — | 1,707,421 | 3,920,891 |
| Quarter ended 31st Mar. 1876 | 406,615 | 21,656 | 12,614 | 44,550 | 575,435 | 46,463 | 169,105 | 7,209 | 207,141 | 4,029 | 427,887 | — | 427,887 | 1,003,322 |
| 1876-7 | 2,045,876 | 92,101 | 48,925 | 206,483 | 2,393,475 | 171,370 | 684,465 | 24,241 | 779,632 | 16,823 | 1,676,531 | — | 1,676,531 | 4,070,006 |
| 1877-8 | 2,116,715 | 96,637 | 43,160 | 179,912 | 2,436,424 | 173,433 | 692,140 | 25,048 | 679,426 (d) | 16,714 | 1,586,761 | — | 1,586,761 | 3,990,620 |
| 1878-9 | 2,177,569 | 103,640 | 45,012 | 155,963 | 2,483,184 | 177,748 | 697,069 | 25,843 | 684,957 | 16,149 | 1,601,766 | — | 1,601,766 | 3,840,973 |
| 1879-80 | 2,243,412 | 108,151 | 43,588 | 109,238 | 2,504,389 | 181,703 | 701,070 | 24,737 | 664,620 | 16,092 | 1,588,222 | — | 1,588,222 | 4,060,758 |
| 1880-81 | 2,281,551 | 101,302 | 46,482 | 143,051 | 2,572,336 | 184,416 | 707,436 | 28,327 | 665,446 | 16,450 | 1,602,075 | — | 1,602,075 | 4,135,659 |
| 1881-82 | 2,433,676 | 107,862 | 44,244 | 152,113 | 2,737,835 | 186,976 | 714,124 | 32,036 | 637,875 | 16,425 | 1,587,436 | — | 1,587,436 | 4,286,596 |

(a) This decrease is chiefly attributable to a reduction in the amount of the subsidy payable to the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Packet Company, and to the Australian Colonies having taken the service beyond Point de Galle into their own hands, in the year 1874.

(b) This further decrease is attributable to a new and more favourable contract with the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company having commenced at the beginning of the year 1875.

(c) These sums include 60,859*l.*, 53,817*l.*, and 25,216*l.* paid towards the purchase of the Site of the Manchester New Post Office in the years 1876-7, 1877-8, and 1878-9 respectively.

(d) This further decrease is chiefly attributable to new and more favourable arrangements with respect to the Conveyance of Correspondence to America.

(e) No charge was made in respect of the Cost of the Conveyance of the Post Office Savings Bank Correspondence from 1st April 1868 to 31st March 1877 inclusive.

(f) The arrears in respect of the Cost of Savings Bank Correspondence from 1st April 1868 to 31st March 1877 inclusive, viz., 214,434*l.*, were charged to the Savings Bank Department in the year 1878-9.

APPENDIX S.

Gross and Net Revenue from Postage, Money Orders and Postal Orders in the last Ten Years.

| Year. | Gross Revenue from Letters, Post Cards, Newspapers, and Books. | Commission. | | Unclaimed Money Orders. | Total Postal Revenue. | Total Cost of Post Office Service. | Net Revenue. |
|--|--|--------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| | | Money Order. | Postal Order. | | | | |
| 1872 | £ 5,012,816 | £ 192,804 | - | £ 3,502 | £ 5,208,322 | £ 3,684,946 | £ 1,523,376 |
| 1873 | 5,134,816 | 206,057 | - | 5,167 | 5,345,040 | 3,792,679 | 1,552,361 |
| 1874 | 5,531,022 | 216,462 | - | 5,116 | 5,751,600 | 3,915,213 | 1,836,387 |
| 1875 | 5,590,535 (a) | 219,197 | - | 5,900 | 5,815,632 | 3,920,891 | 1,894,141 |
| Quarter ended 31st March 1876 | 1,280,951 | 56,640 | - | 1,270 | 1,338,861 (b) | 1,003,322 | 335,539 |
| 1876 | 5,782,033 | 229,308 | - | 5,731 | 6,017,072 | 4,070,006 | 1,947,066 |
| 1877-8 | 5,798,801 | 242,463 | - | 6,045 | 6,047,312 | 3,990,620 | 2,056,692 |
| 1878-9 | 6,010,306 | 238,063 | - | 6,051 | 6,247,450 | 3,840,076 | 2,434,374 |
| 1879-80 | 6,390,790 | 251,568 | - | 6,146 | 6,558,446 | 4,060,738 | 2,497,687 |
| 1880-81 | 6,478,696 | 246,033 | - | 4,946 | 6,733,427 (d) | 4,135,059 | 2,597,768 |
| 1881-82 | 6,770,232 | 256,947 | 3,750 (c) 25,037 | 4,764 | 7,027,600 | 4,286,596 | 2,741,004 |
| Average Annual Net Revenue of first period of Five Years | | | | | | | £1,731,889 |
| Ditto second period of Five Years | | | | | | | £2,466,505 |

(a) The Postage collected on Australian Correspondence in this country from the beginning of the year 1874 was agreed to be handed over to the Australian Colonies, as part of an arrangement whereby a considerable saving in the cost of the Packet Service was effected; but the Australian accounts, in which credit for the Postage in question was given, were not entered in the books of the Post Office before the year 1876, thus causing the reduction of revenue consequent on the arrangement first to appear in that year.

(b) The amount of Postal Revenue proper to the Quarter ended 31st March 1876 was 1,497,839*l.*, the amount entered in the Post Office Books having been reduced by the sum of 18,980*l.* through a change in the system of bringing Postage Stamps to account. The actual Revenue, however, was not affected thereby.

(c) Postal Orders were first issued on 1st January 1881.

(d) Postal Revenue as per Finance Accounts

Post Revenue as per Finance Accounts - 7,019,088*l.*
Add Unclaimed Money Orders - 4,764*l.*
" Extra Receipts - 3,767*l.*
8,551*l.*

7,027,800*l.*

CHARGES AND RECEIPTS DERIVED FROM THE TELEGRAPH SERVICE SINCE THE TRANSFER OF THE TELEGRAPHS TO THE POST OFFICE
(29th January 1870).

| Year ended 31st March. | Gross Revenue from Messages and from Wires rented by Cable Companies. | News Produce and Special Wire Rentals. | Private Wire Rentals. | Miscel- laneous. | Extra Receipts. | Total Revenue collected. (a) | Payments out | | Total Telegraph Revenue. (c) | Working Expenses charged to the Telegraph Vote. (c) | Net Revenue. |
|---------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| | | | | | | | To Cable Companies. (b) | For Portage and Message Money refunded. (i) | | | |
| 1870 | £ — | £ — | £ — | £ — | £ — | £ 107,479 | £ 5,000 | £ 1,719 | £ 100,760 | £ 62,273 | £ 38,487 |
| (2 months.) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1871 | 908,351 | 31,975 | 16,763 | 14,128 | — | 971,217 | 255,952 | 17,331 | 697,934 | 394,477 | 303,457 |
| 1872 | 1,095,375 | 39,175 | 32,578 | 16,029 | — | 1,183,157 | 408,965 | 22,581 | 751,611 | 591,776 | 159,835 |
| 1873 | 1,306,055 | 43,800 | 37,817 | 2,050 | 11,855 | 1,401,077 | 385,684 | 25,472 | 989,321 | 874,946 (d) | 114,975 |
| 1874 | 1,403,793 | 52,688 | 42,063 | 3,626 | 25,642 | 1,527,812 | 416,475 | 27,871 | 1,083,466 | 967,790 (c) | 115,676 |
| 1875 | 1,448,823 | 58,478 | 50,849 | 5,212 | 13,285 | 1,576,647 | 410,770 (f) | 28,798 | 1,137,079 | 1,077,347 (g) | 59,732 |
| 1876 | 1,479,477 | 58,165 | 52,884 | 6,896 | 26,416 | 1,623,838 | 320,868 | 26,308 | 1,276,662 | 1,031,524 (h) | 245,116 |
| 1877 | 1,474,814 | 65,041 | 58,942 | 8,253 | 14,549 | 1,621,599 | 306,592 | 1,900 (i) | 1,313,107 | 1,123,790 | 189,317 |
| 1878 | 1,486,990 | 64,367 | 58,329 | 8,087 | 16,074 | 1,633,847 | 298,059 | 2,246 | 1,333,542 | 1,164,114 (k) | 169,428 |
| 1879 | 1,448,043 | 71,813 | 62,010 | 8,535 | 13,166 | 1,603,587 | 234,550 | 2,145 | 1,346,892 | 1,089,392 | 257,500 |
| 1880 | 1,549,866 | 76,269 | 66,349 | 9,769 | 14,475 | 1,716,728 | 261,861 | 2,378 | 1,452,489 | 1,111,483 | 341,006 |
| 1881 | 1,663,251 | 85,031 | 67,747 | 13,737 | 17,960 | 1,847,726 | 234,103 | 2,716 | 1,610,907 | 1,242,092 | 368,815 |
| 1882 | 1,697,552 | 87,233 | 72,481 | 25,090 | 13,644 | 1,896,000 | 262,493 | 3,064 | 1,630,443 (l) | 1,365,685 | 264,758 |

The revenue shown in this Table is the amount actually brought to account in each year.

(a) The payments to Cable Companies represent the sums actually paid in each year.

(b) The working expenses are those shown in the Appropriation Accounts of the Telegraph Vote; and do not include the Telegraph Expenditure incurred by the Office of Works in Ireland during the whole period, nor that incurred by the Office of Works in England since the 1st April 1874.

(c) The expenses of the year ended 31st March 1874 include arrears of pay for 1870 and 1871 amounting to 64,000.

(d) The expenses of the year ended 31st March 1874 include for the first time the cost of extensions amounting to 31,502.

(e) Arrears amounting to 30,000, were paid in this year.

(f) Pensions of redundant officers of Telegraph Companies amounting to 41,695, were for the first time charged to the Telegraph Vote. Of this amount 24,000, was for arrears, and the balance 17,695, was for the Stationery Office.

(g) From the 1st April, 1875 stationery has been provided for in the Vote for the Stationery Office.

(h) Payments for the delivery of Telegrams beyond one mile were treated as charges on the Telegraph Revenue until 31st January 1876, but since that date they have been charged to the Telegraph Vote.

(i) The expenses of the years ended 31st March 1877, 31st March 1878, and 31st March 1879, include the sum of 49,946, paid towards the purchase of the site of the Manchester New Post Office. The expenses of the years ended 31st March 1877 and 31st March 1878 also include large sums paid to Railway Companies in settlement of arrears in respect of Message Work performed for the Department and the maintenance of the Telegraph plant.

(j) Telegraph Revenue as per Finance Accounts

1,616,799

Add Extra Receipts

13,644

1,630,443

Value of old Stores, &c. sold by other Departments

23,058

1,654,401

APPENDIX U.

Expenditure in relation to Telegraphs.

| Year. | EXPENDITURE. | | | | | |
|---------|---|--|-------------|-------------|--|--|
| | Working Ex- penses charged to the Tele- graph Vote, according to the Appropria- tion Account. | Manufacture and Issue of Stamps used on Telegrams. | Stationery. | Buildings. | Auditing of Telegraph Accounts by Exchequer and Audit Depart- ment. | Rates and Contributions in lieu of Rates paid by Treasury. |
| 1880-81 | £ 1,242,092 | £ 1,938 | £ 23,911 | £ 38,663 | £ 1,146 | £ 704 |
| 1881-82 | £ 1,365,685 | £ 710 | £ 22,362 | £ 49,851 | £ 1,353 | £ 768 |
| | | | | | | £ 1,308,454 |
| | | | | | | £ 1,440,729 |

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