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# THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT.

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

MY LORDS,

IN presenting to your Lordships the Thirtieth Report on the Post Office, being the report for the year ended the 31st of March 1884, I have much pleasure in stating that new services have been introduced, which will, I hope, be of advantage to the public, while in the general business of the Post Office the growth reported in former years has been well maintained.

It will be convenient first to describe the growth of business just referred to, and then to deal with the new facilities which have been brought into operation since the date of my last report. I may here mention, that while the accounts of Revenue and Expenditure have been brought up to the 31st of March, the close of the financial year, the facts bearing on the administration of the Department are as far as possible brought up to the present time.

The following table shows the estimated number of letters, &c. delivered in the United Kingdom during the twelve months ended the 31st of March:—

	Number estimated.	Increase per cent.	Average number to each Person.
Letters - - -	1,322,086,900	3·2	37
Post cards - - -	153,586,100	6·6	4
Book Packets - - -	294,594,500	2·2	8
Newspapers - - -	142,702,300	1·5	4
Total - - -	1,912,969,800	3·2	53
*Parcels (for 8 months) -	13,720,600	—	·4
Grand Total - - -	1,926,690,400	—	—

\* The Parcel Post came into operation the 1st August 1883.

The number of registered letters was 11,545,072, being an increase of 2·5 per cent.

Registered  
letters.

The yearly increase in the population is estimated to be about 1 per cent., and as the above table shows that the increase in the correspondence is 3·2 per cent., it appears that this rate of increase is more than three times the rate of increase in the population. This may no doubt be attributed partly to greater postal facilities being brought within the reach of the public, and partly to the diffusion of education, causing a large addition to the number of the writing population. As bearing on these considerations, it becomes of interest to trace the growth of correspondence in proportion to population. Taking the last four decennial periods, we find that the average number of letters to each person in the United Kingdom was estimated at 15 in 1854; 22 in 1864; 30 in 1874; and 37 in 1884. Including post cards (which were introduced in 1870) in the correspondence for 1884, the average per person was 41. As stated in a previous report, this country is far in advance of any other in the average number of letters received by its population. Thus, taking the figures for 1882, the latest year for which the statistics of other countries are available, it appears that the average number per head in the United Kingdom was 35, while in the United States it was 21; in Germany 17; in France 16; in Italy 7; and in Spain 5.

The number of Post Offices has been increased by 545, making a total of 15,951 in the United Kingdom, of which 921 are Head Offices. 1,055 letter boxes have been added, making the total number of receptacles of all sorts for letters about 31,700.

Taking the four decennial periods above referred to, it appears that the total number of Post Offices and other receptacles for letters was 9,973 in 1854; 15,630 in 1864; 22,000 in 1874; and 31,700 in 1884.

New Post Office Buildings have been provided and brought into use at Cupar (Fife), Falkirk, Hanley, Lynn, Macclesfield, and Bedford Street, London, and the Post Office at Manchester, begun in 1881, has been so far completed as to permit of its being partially occupied. New offices are in progress at other towns, and many existing offices have been considerably enlarged and otherwise improved. In order to meet the requirements of the Telegraph Service it has been necessary to add an additional storey to the General Post Office building on the west side of Saint Martin's le Grand, as well as to acquire other premises in Bath Street for dining rooms, &c.

Staff.

The total number of Officers on the permanent establishment of the Department is about 46,000; the number added during the year having been 1,555. The number of females included in this total is 2,731, employed as follows:—

As Clerks in the Central Establishments in London, Dublin, and Edinburgh	-	586
As Telegraphists, Counter-women, Sorters, &c. throughout the kingdom	-	2,145

It may be mentioned that a class of female sorters on weekly wages has been instituted in the Savings Bank, whose duty it is to arrange in proper order for reference, &c., the numerous documents relating to the various accounts of depositors. The experiment of employing women on this duty has been very successful. The mode of admission is by open competition within certain limits of age, viz., 15 to 18, and the subjects of examination comprise reading and copying manuscript, handwriting, spelling, arithmetic, and geography.

The list of retired officers in receipt of pensions shows a total of 3,312, whose pensions amount to 164,000*l.* a year.

In addition to the above there are, it is estimated, about 45,000 persons employed by local Postmasters, &c. to aid in carrying on the business of the Department. It must not be supposed that these 45,000 persons are employed during the whole of their time. A large proportion of them are only required to devote a few hours daily to postal work and are engaged in private occupations at other times.

The conduct of the staff during the year has been very satisfactory, and it is with particular pleasure I record the fact that although the pressure of extra work at Christmas put a most severe strain on the force engaged, not a single case of intoxication was reported among the postmen employed in the metropolis, and there was a gratifying diminution in the number so reported in other parts of the country. Conduct.

No case of smallpox among the staff in London occurred during the year. Only 62 cases of other zymotic disease were reported.

The contract with the City of Dublin Steam Packet Company for the Mail Service between Holyhead and Kingstown, which had been in operation 23 years, and which entailed an annual charge of 85,900*l.*, was terminated by notice in October 1883. For an annual payment of 84,000*l.*, the City of Dublin Steam Packet Company has undertaken to perform the service between Holyhead and Kingstown for 12 years from 1st October 1883, and to expedite the passage by 15 minutes from 1st October 1885, when improved machinery will be introduced and extended accommodation will be given for the sorting of letters. New mails.

A new arrangement has been made with the London and North-western Railway Company, one of the chief objects of which is to diminish the time occupied by the journey between London and Holyhead by 30 minutes and to make corresponding alterations in those local trains which work in connexion with the Irish mail. These changes will involve a net annual increase of 11,000*l.*

This acceleration came into operation on the 1st of July, and will have an important bearing on many of the Provincial Mails in Ireland. Already arrangements have been entered into by which it is hoped, on the 1st of October next, a great improvement will be effected in the Mail Service between Dublin and Cork, the arrival at Cork being an hour and three-quarters sooner, and the despatch an hour and a quarter later. This will

be not only a great convenience to the inhabitants of Cork, as a short interval for answering letters will be secured, but will enable the Mail Service generally throughout the South of Ireland to be improved. The acceleration will also be of much use with regard to the American Mails, as Queenstown is the chief port for their arrival and departure.

A new contract with the Great Western Railway Company, involving an additional cost of about 24,000*l.* a year, has enabled the Department to effect important improvements in the Night Mails to and from Cornwall and the North Mail train to South Wales, with which a travelling Post office has been connected; the arrival at Penzance has been accelerated by 35 minutes, while the despatch is more than an hour later.

Additional deliveries of letters have been established at 46 provincial Towns and in 10 sub-districts of London. As bearing upon the increase of deliveries, the great importance of affording every practicable facility which would encourage local correspondence has continued to be kept steadily in view. This object can be in many cases much promoted by increasing the number of collections from pillar boxes in provincial towns. It is often found possible in this way to secure the delivery of a letter in the town within two or three hours after it has been posted.

Allusion was made in the last Report to the adoption of a plan by which the sale of stamps by shopkeepers would be facilitated. This plan has met with great success, upwards of 1,300 licenses having been granted at the request of shopkeepers in England and Wales, besides a large number in Scotland and Ireland, and fresh applications are being constantly received.

There was a large increase in the number of extra letters and packets dealt with in the Central office during Christmas week, the number being reckoned at 15,400,000 (including 208,400 registered letters) as compared with 14,000,000 the previous year. Besides these about 4,000,000 extra letters were dealt with in the District Offices without passing through the Central Office. The weight of the extra registered letters was 2 tons 18 cwt. or 2 cwt. less than in previous years, owing no doubt to the heavier packets having been transmitted by the Parcel Post. The ordinary number of letters, &c. passing through the Central Office in a week is estimated at 13,500,000, and thus it appears that the correspondence during the Christmas week was increased by more than 100 per cent. To meet the pressure caused by this large addition upwards of 1,200 persons were temporarily employed, making the total number on duty in the Central Sorting Office over 3,000, and special mail trains were despatched from London to the provinces in advance of the usual night mails. There was also throughout the country a correspondingly large increase in Christmas work, and the arrangements made by the Surveyors and local Postmasters to deal with it were most successfully carried out.

The number of letters received in the Returned Letter Office was 5,732,310, an increase of 80,867; of post cards 635,290, an increase of 38,676; of book packets 4,973,822, a decrease of 15,168; of newspapers 496,695, an increase of 18,717. Of the letters 561,736 were unreturnable. Out of 25,628 letters which bore no address 1,536 contained money and cheques, amounting to 5,158*l*.

There has been a slight increase in the issue of Reply Post Cards, the Inland Reply Cards having numbered 750,000 and the Foreign Cards 30,000.

A fortnightly packet service between Suez and Australia by the "Orient" Company's vessels has been established under contract by the New South Wales Government, working alternately with the Peninsular and Oriental Company's service, thus affording a weekly mail to and from Australia via Brindisi. The arrangement for the Aden and Zanzibar Mail Service having been renewed by the Government, the service has been extended to Lindi with calls at Lamu and Maombasa. The agreements now in force for conveyance of mails between this country and the United States of America will expire next autumn, and it is not intended to enter into any new contracts for the service, but to take up month by month the most efficient vessels that can be obtained, sailing from Liverpool via Queenstown to New York three times a week, and to pay the owners according to the amount of correspondence carried on each voyage.

The quarantine regulations caused by cholera in Egypt affected the Mail Service through that country for a period of six months, causing the mails to and from the East to be conveyed by steamer through the canal instead of being forwarded to Suez by railway. Advantage has been taken of the newly established Orient express train service between Paris and Varna for the acceleration of the mail service between London and Constantinople. The latter city is thus brought within four, and Smyrna within six, days' post of London.

The postage upon letters for St. Helena has been reduced from 1*s.* to 6*d.* per half ounce since the first of January.

The number of Telegraph Messages despatched in the year was 32,843,120, an increase of 640,055 over the previous year. The increase in that year over 1881-82 was 746,165.\* The number of messages despatched in London was 12,639,192, as compared with 12,374,707 in 1882-83, and of this number 1,772,125 were for delivery in London.

The number of Post Offices at which Telegraph work is transacted was increased by 123, and the Railway Station Offices by nine, making the total number of Telegraph Offices 5,873. In the year 1870 when the business of the Telegraph Companies was purchased by Government, the number of Telegraph Offices was about 3,700 and the number of messages despatched was 8,606,000.

Although the introduction of a reduced tariff for telegrams has been postponed till the 1st of August 1885, considerable pre-

\* See Note in Appendix H.



parations have been made in anticipation of that event. Many new wires have been laid and main lines commenced. By Treasury Minute of the 14th of June 1883 a total sum of 500,000*l.* was authorised to be expended in providing the necessary plant for the new tariff, and of this about 180,000*l.* was spent between August and the 31st of March.

A new three-wire cable connecting the Islands of Guernsey and Jersey has been laid, and considerable repairs have been effected in the cable between Dublin and Holyhead, and those to the Isle of Man, the Island of Islay, and between Granton and Burntisland.

The cable ship referred to in last year's report was launched at Glasgow last summer, and has already proved of much service.

Among the private wires established during the year has been one connecting the Telegraph Office at Fort William with the Scottish Meteorological Society's Observatory recently established on the summit of Ben Nevis. Owing to the great accumulation of snow and the severity of the storms on the summit in winter, the wire had to be laid underground for several miles near the top of the mountain. A wire was also laid in the Forth in connexion with the building of the new bridge near Queensferry, from the southern shore to an island in the river, by means of which communication is maintained by telephone with the workmen.

By far the larger part of the telephonic communication of the country continues to be supplied by private companies who hold licenses from the Post Office. Frequent representations have been made that if some of the conditions which have been inserted in these licenses for the protection of the revenue could be relaxed, the public might enjoy greater facilities in reference to telephonic communication. As it would be very undesirable to impose any unnecessary restrictions upon the development of telephonic enterprise, I lately suggested to the telephone companies that they should meet, and if possible come to an understanding as to the changes which they consider necessary to be introduced in the existing licenses in order that the public may enjoy the greatest possible facilities for telephonic communication that are compatible with the revenue being properly protected. Various proposals have been submitted to me which are now being carefully considered.

Post Office  
Savings Bank.

I now proceed to give an account of the progress of Savings Bank business during the year, leaving for subsequent consideration the important subject of the new system of Post Office Annuities and Insurance which came into operation on the 3rd of June.

The amount due to depositors in the Post Office Savings Banks at the close of the year, including interest (but exclusive of Government Stock), was 41,768,808*l.* as compared with 39,037,821*l.* on the 31st of December 1882,\* being an increase of 2,730,987*l.* The deposits (excluding those relating to Govern-

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\* The Savings Bank Accounts are made up to 31st December each year.

ment Stock were 6,245,940 in number and 12,894,425*l.* in Deposits. amount as compared with 6,110,203 amounting to 12,227,528*l.* in 1882, and the withdrawals (exclusive of those relating to Withdrawals. Stock) were 205,689 in number and 10,931,205*l.* in amount as compared with 1,918,544 amounting to 10,094,974*l.* in 1882. The amount of interest credited to depositors was 955,991*l.*, an Interest. increase of 64,362*l.*

During the year 323 new Savings Bank Offices were opened in England and Wales, 33 in Scotland and 14 in Ireland, making the total number 7,369 on the 31st of December. The number on the 31st of March had been further increased to 7,475. Number of Savings Bank Offices.

The greatest number of deposits made in one day and the largest amount received were on the 31st of December, the number being 52,371, and the amount 138,445*l.* The largest number and the largest amount of withdrawals on one day occurred on the 18th of December, when the number was 17,572 and the amount 69,804*l.*

The average amount of each deposit (not including Stock Investment business) was 2*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.* as compared with 2*l.* in 1882, and the average amount of each withdrawal was 5*l.* 6*s.* 3*d.* against 5*l.* 5*s.* 3*d.* in 1882. Average amount of deposits and withdrawals.

There were 772,201 accounts opened during the year and 525,535 closed, as against 788,858 opened and 537,494 closed in 1882. Accounts opened and closed.

The number of accounts remaining open at the close of the year was 3,105,642 as compared with 2,858,976 in 1882, an increase of 246,666. The accounts were apportioned thus:— Accounts open at the end of the year.

—				Number.	Proportion to Population.	Average Balance due to each Depositor.
England and Wales	-	-	-	2,874,458	or 1 to 9	£ s. d. 13 10 6
Scotland	-	-	-	116,208	„ 1 to 33	7 5 3
Ireland	-	-	-	114,976	„ 1 to 44	17 16 11

The following figures showing the steady growth of business in the Post Office Savings Banks during the last 10 years are the more satisfactory when it is remembered that throughout this period there was considerable depression in many branches of industry. Since 1874 the aggregate amount of deposits in the Post Office Savings Banks has nearly doubled, having increased from 24,016,836*l.* to 41,768,808*l.*, and the number of depositors has also nearly doubled, having increased from 1,668,733 to 3,105,642. It is satisfactory to find that this large increase in the amount of deposits and number of depositors in the Post Office Savings Banks has not been accompanied by any falling off in the business transacted by the Trustee Savings Banks.

In view of the fears that are sometimes expressed that the rapid development of the Savings Banks may unduly interfere with private banking enterprise, it may be desirable to direct attention to some facts which show that in many respects the Savings Banks meet a want which is not supplied by private enterprise; this can be at once shown by an example. In the county of Cambridge, with a population of about 190,000, there are only ten places in which there is a bank belonging either to a company or private firm. In the same county there are 47 towns and villages in which there is a Post Office Savings Bank.

Within the last few years, and especially since the introduction of the plan of enabling pence to be saved for deposit in the Post Office Savings Banks by means of the stamp forms, there has been a marked increase in the number of children who become depositors. During the last four years the number of depositors has increased by about a million, and of this number it is estimated that not less than 250,000 are children and young persons. In view of the fact that if persons begin to save in childhood they are more likely in after life to become customers of bankers, the large addition which is constantly being made to the number of children and young persons who become Savings Bank depositors, would seem to show that these banks must assist rather than retard private banking enterprise.

Investments in  
Government  
Stock.

The total amount of Government Stock standing to the credit of depositors at the close of the year was 1,519,983*l.*, held by 20,767 persons, against 1,143,717*l.* held by 16,609 persons in 1882, an increase of 376,266*l.* in the amount, and of 4,158 in the number of stockholders. The number of investments during the year was 12,822, and the amount of stock purchased 618,338*l.* as compared with 12,153 investments amounting to 588,211*l.* in 1882. The sales numbered 5,685, and the amount of stock sold was 236,706*l.*, as against 4,355 amounting to 177,122*l.* in 1882, and the number of stock certificates obtained was 58, representing 5,550*l.* against 77 certificates representing 6,150*l.* in the previous year. The amount of business has no doubt been considerably affected by the continued high price of Government stock. The average amount of stock held by each person at the end of the year was 73*l.* 3*s.* 10*d.* against an average of 68*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.* in 1882.

The transactions were apportioned as follows:—

	Investments.		Sales.		Stock Certificates.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
England and Wales - - -	11,386	£ 548,880 6 0	4,957	£ 204,842 13 4	41	£ 4,050 0 0
Scotland - - -	171	7,483 3 3	110	3,915 0 4	1	50 0 0
Ireland - - -	1,265	61,974 2 9	618	27,948 2 9	16	1,450 0 0

Money Orders.

The Inland Orders issued last year were over 13,700,000 in number, and 25,000,000*l.* in amount, being a decrease, as compared with the previous year, of 515,565 in number and 211,646*l.* in amount. This decrease is owing no doubt in great measure

to the extended use of Postal Orders for the transmission of small sums, which will be referred to hereafter. There was a considerable increase, both in number and amount, in regard to the Foreign and the Colonial Money Orders. The total number of orders issued of every description was 14,028,302 and the amount 25,646,009*l.*, as compared with 14,505,254 and 25,754,355*l.* in 1882-3.

A convention has been entered into with the Portuguese Government under which Money Order business is now transacted between Portugal and the United Kingdom.

I now come to the new services inaugurated since the last annual report, the most important of which is, I need hardly say, the Parcel Post.

On the 1st August 1883 the Inland Parcel Post, which for the first time secured to the public the advantage of having parcels of a given weight sent to any part of the United Kingdom at a fixed charge, was brought into operation. Before the post commenced the importance was recognised of taking every precaution to prevent the new post in any way dislocating the letter service, as it was felt that it would be almost impossible to overestimate the inconvenience to the public if the punctual delivery of letters had been disarranged even for a few days. The new service was brought into operation without causing the slightest delay in the delivery of letters. Although in consequence of the service being an entirely new one it was impossible to obtain trustworthy data as to the amount of business that would be done, an estimate was made that the number of parcels to be carried would be about 27 millions a year. In the first weeks after the post was introduced the number carried was at the rate of 15 millions a year, gradually the number increased to the rate of between 21 and 22 millions a year, and this represents the number which is being carried at the present time. After some experience of the actual working of the new post it became possible to effect many simplifications and economies, with the result of securing a very considerable reduction in the working expenses and also of effecting in many instances an acceleration in the delivery of parcels. With further experience to guide us, I believe it will be possible to do much to promote the economical and efficient working of the service, and the subject is now engaging the close attention of the practical officers of the department. Without venturing to predict what will be the amount of business which will ultimately be done under the Parcel Post, I am confident that whether the business is large or small the working expenses can be adjusted to the number of parcels carried, and thus the Revenue secured against loss. It has been found that the most effectual way of securing economy and efficiency in the working of the Parcel Post is, as far as possible, to amalgamate it with the general Postal Service of the country. By adopting this course a considerable saving is often secured, whilst at the same time many improvements, both in the Parcel Post and the Postal Service, are effected.

The fears which were so often expressed before the new service came into operation that it would supplant private enterprise have, I am glad to say, not been realised. One of the chief benefits which the new service has undoubtedly conferred upon the country has been to stimulate the railway companies and other carriers to introduce a cheaper and better Parcels Service.

As bearing upon the fact that the amount of business done by the Parcel Post has not yet come up to the estimate, it may be well to point out that a considerable time always seems to be required before any new service offered by the Post Office is fully taken advantage of by the public. The increase in the correspondence which took place upon the introduction of the Penny Post was not sufficient to enable as large a postal revenue to be obtained for many years as that which had previously been secured; and referring to a more recent example, it may be mentioned that when the new Postal Orders were introduced four years ago it was estimated that the number which would be issued weekly would be about 50,000. For some time this estimate was scarcely realised, but gradually the public so largely availed themselves of the facilities which these Postal Orders afford that the weekly number issued at the present date exceeds 350,000.

Owing to improvements in the working of the post and owing to the public taking greater pains to pack their parcels more securely there has been a marked diminution in the inquiries for missing parcels.

It is hoped that it will ultimately be possible to introduce an International Parcel Post, which will enable parcels to be sent to the United States, the Colonies, Egypt, Australia, India, and the various countries in the Postal Union, which comprises every European country except Russia. The varying tariffs which prevail in the countries through which such parcels would pass involve a consideration of many complicated details before such a post can be arranged, but it is hoped that these difficulties will soon be overcome and the service established.

#### Annuities and Insurance.

In 1864 an Act was passed which authorised the Post Office to grant Annuities and policies of Life Insurance. The Immediate Annuities were to be for amounts of not less than 4*l.* and not exceeding 50*l.*, and the policies of Insurance were to be for amounts of not less than 20*l.* and not more than 100*l.* In 19 years 7,194 policies of Insurance were effected under the above-mentioned Act, representing a yearly average of 379 policies, amounting to 79*l.* each. In the same period 13,897 contracts for Immediate Annuities were completed equivalent to 731 per year, and in addition there were 1,043 contracts for Deferred Annuities.

The amount received in respect of Immediate Annuities was 2,129,885*l.* and the amount of the Annuities granted was 195,335*l.*

The sum received in respect of the Deferred Annuities was 76,166*l.*, representing Annuities of 21,445*l.*, but 14,382*l.* of the

purchase money has been returned to 272 persons who elected to be relieved of their bargain.

The Act of 1882 removed in the case of Insurance policies the minimum limit of 20*l.* and made it legal for any person between the ages of 14 and 65 to insure for any sum between 5*l.* and 100*l.*, while a policy can be obtained for a child between 8 and 14 years of age if the amount be not more than 5*l.* In the case of Annuities the minimum limit was reduced to 1*l.*, and the maximum limit was increased from 50*l.* to 100*l.* The chief reason, I believe, which has hitherto prevented Annuities and policies of life insurance from being obtained in any considerable number through the Post Office has been that so many cumbrous and troublesome formalities had to be gone through. For instance, each time that a payment for an Annuity, or for a policy of Life Insurance, had to be made, it was necessary to go to a particular Post Office, and no Annuity of less than 4*l.*, or policy of Insurance of less than 20*l.*, could be purchased. In future under the new scheme which came into operation on the 3rd June last the payments for Annuities and Insurance are made through deposits in the Post Office Savings Banks, and instead of a special visit being necessary each time a payment is due, all that is required is that a depositor in a Savings Bank shall give a written order that a certain sum, it may be a few shillings a week, or it may be as little as a penny a week, shall be devoted to the purchase of an annuity, or to the payment of premiums on a policy of Life Insurance. The order once given no further trouble need be taken. It will be acted upon as long as there stands to the depositor's account enough money to carry out the instructions contained in the order.

A reference has already been made to the marked increase in Postal Orders the number of Postal Orders. In the first year after their introduction in 1881 the number issued was 4,462,920 representing the amount of 2,006,917*l.*, in 1882-83 the number issued was 7,980,328, representing the amount of 3,451,284*l.*, and in 1883-84 the number issued was 12,500,000, representing the amount of 5,000,000*l.*

Although, as it thus appears, the use of these Orders rapidly increased, it was thought that their use might be still further extended by introducing certain changes in the amounts of the orders, and by reducing the poundage in certain cases, and accordingly an Act was passed last year which authorised the issue of the following orders:—

Amount of Order.		Poundage.		Amount of Order.		Poundage.	
<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>d.</i>
1	0	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	4	6	-	1
1	6	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	5	0	-	1
2	0	-	1	7	6	-	1
2	6	-	1	10	0	-	1
3	0	-	1	10	6	-	1
2	6	-	1	15	0	-	$1\frac{1}{2}$
4	0	-	1	20	0	-	$1\frac{1}{2}$

It has been further arranged that on the back of any Order Postage Stamps not exceeding 5*d.* in value may be affixed, and thus any broken amount of shillings and pence up to 1*l.* may be sent by the use of not more than two orders and by placing not more than five penny stamps upon the back of an order. The Act came into operation on the 2nd June in the present year, and so largely have the public availed themselves of the facilities offered that the number of Postal Orders now issued is at the rate of more than 18½ millions a year, representing about 7,900,000*l.*

The Act to which reference has just been made authorises the issue of Postal Orders for India and the Colonies, and it is hoped that arrangements will soon be completed to enable this to be carried out. It is also proposed, in order to enable those who are on foreign service either with the army or navy to have an easy means of sending small sums of money home, that Postal Orders shall be issued to regiments on foreign service and to ships in the navy serving on foreign stations.

Revenue and  
Expenditure.

The gross revenue for the year was 9,896,053*l.*, arrived at thus :—

Postage on letters, parcels, postcards, newspapers, &c.	-	-	-	-	£	£
Commission on Money Orders	-	209,704				
Commission on Postal Orders	-	65,945				
Value of Unclaimed Money Orders	-	4,000				
						279,649
Savings Bank	-	-	-	-		341,974
Revenue from Telegraphs*	-	-	-	-		1,789,224
						<u>9,896,053</u>

The expenditure, including expenses incurred by other Departments, was :

For Postal Service, including Money Order and Postal Order business

	-	-	-	4,500,193	
„ Packet Service	-	-	-	654,636	
„ Savings Bank	-	-	-	248,180	
„ Telegraph Service†	-	-	-	1,805,944	
[This includes an exceptional expenditure of 180,000 <i>l.</i> towards preparation for a reduced tariff.]					<u>7,208,953</u>

The net revenue was therefore - - - - - 2,687,100

being a decrease of 374,648*l.* on the previous year.

* Telegraph revenue	-	-	-	-	£	1,760,899
Value of old Stores &c., sold by other Departments	-					28,325
						<u>1,789,224</u>

† The annual interest on the capital sum of 10,880,571*l.* raised by the Government for the purchase of the Telegraphs, amounting to 326,417*l.*, is not borne on the Post Office Votes.

Comparing these figures with those of the previous year we find the following results :—

Revenue :				£
Postage on letters, parcels, &c.	-	-	increase	450,224
Commission on Money Orders and Postal Orders, and value of Unclaimed Orders	-	-	„	13,671
Savings Bank	-	-	decrease	2,818
Telegraphs	-	-	increase	21,164
Expenditure :				
Postal Service, including Money Orders and Postal Order business	-	-	increase	588,674
Savings Bank	-	-	„	26,527
Telegraph Service, including expenditure by other Departments	-	-	„	220,931
Packet Service	-	-	„	20,757

When account is taken of the special circumstances of the past year, I think the diminution of 374,648*l.* in the net revenue, cannot be regarded as indicating the probability of any permanent decrease in the profit yielded by the Post Office. In consequence of the Post Office having no capital account all the charges incident to bringing a new service into operation are defrayed out of income. Thus in the past year it is estimated that nearly 170,000*l.* was expended in supplying plant, &c. for the Parcel Post, and, as previously stated, 180,000*l.* was expended in the preparations for a reduced tariff for inland telegrams. If these two exceptional items are deducted from the expenditure for the past year it appears that there was no real diminution in the net revenue of the Post Office.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords,

Your Lordships' obedient humble servant,

HENRY FAWCETT.

General Post Office,  
18th July 1884.



## 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 to each person.	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.												
Estimated No. of Letters, 1839 -	-	-	-	60,000,000	-	{ 4 }	8,090,000	-	{ 5 }	8,000,000	-	{ 1 }	76,000,000	-	{ 3 }
Estimated No. of Franks, 1839 -	-	-	-	5,172,000	-	{ 8 }	336,000	-	{ 7 }	1,055,000	-	{ 2 }	6,563,000	-	{ 7 }
Estimated No. of Letters, 1840 -	83,000,000	-	44,000,000	132,000,000	120.0	8	10,000,000	143.5	7	13,000,000	119.2	3	169,000,000	22.2	8
Average of 5 years, 1841-45	122,000,000	10.7	57,000,000	179,000,000	10.2	11	24,000,000	9.2	9	24,000,000	9.5	3	227,000,000	10.0	12
" " 1846-50	180,000,000	5.5	79,000,000	259,000,000	5.2	15	34,000,000	4.2	12	34,000,000	5.0	4	327,000,000	5.0	15
" " 1851-55	223,000,000	6.5	97,000,000	330,000,000	6.0	18	41,000,000	5.2	14	39,000,000	5.5	6	410,000,000	5.7	18
" " 1856-60	302,000,000	4.2	125,000,000	427,000,000	4.5	22	51,000,000	3.2	16	45,000,000	3.0	7	523,000,000	4.2	22
" " 1861-65	373,000,000	5.7	161,000,000	534,000,000	5.7	29	61,000,000	0.5	20	53,000,000	3.2	9	648,000,000	5.5	26
" " 1866-70	472,000,000	4.2	192,000,000	664,000,000	4.0	31	76,000,000	4.7	24	60,000,000	3.2	11	800,000,000	4.0	27
Year 1871	601,000,000	0.5	220,000,000	721,000,000	2.5	32	80,000,000	1.2	24	66,000,000	3.0	13	867,000,000	2.3	28
" 1872	510,000,000	1.7	227,000,000	737,000,000	2.2	32	82,000,000	2.5	24	68,000,000	-	13	895,000,000	2.0	29
" 1873	518,000,000	1.5	238,000,000	756,000,000	2.5	32	84,000,000	2.5	24	67,000,000	1.5	13	907,000,000	2.5	30
" 1874	553,279,100	6.8	250,474,000	804,053,100	6.5	33	90,105,300	7.4	25	70,004,900	4.5	13	964,353,300	6.3	31
" 1875	580,081,400	4.8	266,771,000	846,852,400	5.8	35	90,076,400	0.9	26	70,583,300	0.8	13	1,008,392,100	4.6	31
" 1876	594,519,600	2.5	261,522,800	856,042,400	1.1	35	91,130,700	0.2	26	71,792,100	1.7	13	1,018,955,200	1.0	31
" 1877-8	598,776,000	0.7	255,192,700	853,968,700	3.3	36	99,515,300	9.2	28	74,848,200	3.4	14	1,067,782,300	3.8	32
" 1878-9	628,499,800	4.6	298,803,500	922,303,100	4.3	37	98,981,500	-	28	76,076,500	2.5	14	1,067,872,800	3.7	32
" 1879-80	640,053,000	9.2	310,077,900	950,111,800	3.0	38	101,948,300	3.0	28	78,987,400	-	14	1,127,897,500	2.8	33
" 1880-81	660,952,700	1.7	330,419,800	991,372,000	3.3	38	104,595,800	3.0	29	78,709,700	3.8	15	1,165,166,000	3.3	34
" 1881-82	665,180,000	8.8	328,167,100	1,007,516,700	6.7	40	100,799,900	4.0	29	83,594,500	4.6	16	1,229,354,500	5.5	35
" 1882-83	713,000,100	4.1	364,834,100	1,077,647,300	3.9	41	116,509,500	0.1	31	96,479,300	5.2	17	1,394,659,500	4.2	36
" 1883-84	740,101,200	0.5	370,330,200	1,110,431,400	3.2	41	124,301,500	4.0	31	97,000,000	1.4	17	1,498,000,000	5.8	37

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	73,369,100	11·6	9,206,500	6·7	4,540,900	5·5	87,116,500	10·7
1876	78,412,100	6·9	9,640,100	4·7	4,888,500	7·5	92,939,700	6·7
1877-8	86,081,600	9·7	11,067,500	14·8	5,118,300	4·8	102,267,300	10·0
1878-9	94,471,600	9·8	11,599,000	4·8	5,375,200	5·0	111,445,700	9·0
1879-80	96,637,400	2·3	12,284,700	5·9	5,536,300	3·0	114,458,400	2·7
1880-81	103,473,100	7·1	13,401,600	9·1	6,009,400	8·5	122,884,000	7·4
1881-82	114,251,600	10·4	14,651,400	9·3	6,423,100	6·9	135,329,000	10·1
1882-83	121,243,300	6·1	15,541,800	6·1	7,230,900	12·5	144,016,000	6·4
1883-84	128,564,800	6·0	17,406,400	9·3	7,624,900	5·4	153,596,100	6·6

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	10·0
1875	133,394,900	15·2	15,783,700	—	9,548,000	—	158,666,600	11·7
1876	146,405,300	9·8	18,352,700	16·7	8,966,900	—	173,724,900	9·4
1877-8	157,691,600	7·7	21,336,800	16·2	10,272,200	14·5	189,300,600	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	228,989,400	12·3	27,875,000	15·0	14,164,300	16·9	271,028,700	12·8
1882-83	244,713,800	6·9	28,896,000	3·7	14,596,600	3·1	288,206,400	6·3
1883-84	249,347,900	1·9	31,353,700	7·8	13,892,900	dec. 4·9	294,594,500	2·2

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	5·0	11,296,000	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	93,345,600	2·3	13,819,100	4·5	13,884,700	10·2	121,049,400	3·4
1876	95,440,800	2·2	14,425,400	4·3	15,179,700	9·3	125,065,900	3·3
1877-8	98,232,400	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	·6	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	16,460,100	4·7	140,789,100	5·2
1882-83	108,613,500	—	15,784,600	2·0	16,204,500	—	140,602,600	—
1883-84	109,945,100	1·2	16,729,600	5·6	16,027,800	1·1	142,702,500	1·5

ESTIMATE based upon a RETURN taken during one Month of the NUMBER of LETTERS, &c., passing between the UNITED KINGDOM and COUNTRIES ABROAD during the Year ended 31st March 1884.

*I.—Correspondence received from Countries abroad.*

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 - - - -	579,400	281,700	861,100	1'2
Belgium and Luxemburg - - -	1,620,000	662,700	2,282,700	3'3
Denmark - - - -	443,400	197,000	640,400	0'9
France and Algeria - - - -	7,555,700	7,127,700	14,683,400	21'3
Germany - - - -	6,880,800	2,963,600	9,844,400	14'3
Gibraltar and Malta - - - -	805,500	90,500	896,000	1'3
Greece - - - -	123,600	54,900	178,500	0'3
Holland - - - -	1,500,400	428,300	1,928,700	2'8
Italy - - - -	1,821,500	643,700	2,465,200	3'5
Norway - - - -	362,200	62,000	424,200	0'6
Portugal and Azores - - - -	399,800	83,800	483,600	0'7
Russia - - - -	628,200	251,600	879,800	1'3
Spain - - - -	846,400	467,400	1,313,800	1'9
Sweden - - - -	377,800	95,300	473,100	0'7
Switzerland - - - -	892,900	384,100	1,277,000	1'9
Turkey - - - -	337,300	89,100	426,400	0'6
N.B.—Separate Mails are not received from Bulgaria, Montenegro, Persia, Roumania, or Servia.				
Totals - - -	25,174,900	13,883,400	39,058,300	56'6
ASIA.				
India - - - -	2,091,000	723,900	2,814,900	4'1
Ceylon - - - -	157,000	82,100	239,100	0'3
China, Japan, Straits Settlements, &c. - -	574,900	225,500	799,500	1'2
Totals - - -	2,822,000	1,031,500	3,853,500	5'6
AFRICA.				
Egypt - - - -	452,400	184,700	637,100	0'9
Madeira, Cape de Verde, and Canary Islands - - - -	142,500	14,500	157,000	0'24
Cape of Good Hope, and Natal - - -	839,100	840,800	1,679,900	2'4
Mauritius, &c. - - - -	66,900	32,800	99,700	0'14
West Coast of Africa - - - -	124,200	6,400	130,600	0'19
Ascension and St. Helena - - - -	18,800	5,000	23,800	0'03
Totals - - -	1,643,900	1,084,200	2,728,100	3'9
AMERICA.				
Canada, &c. - - - -	1,505,000	1,120,800	2,625,800	3'8
United States - - - -	7,579,800	7,851,400	15,431,200	22'4
Central America (British) - - - -	72,100	48,000	120,100	0'17
West Indies (British) - - - -	251,000	77,000	328,000	0'48
West Indies (Foreign) - - - -	266,500	109,200	375,700	0'54
Brazil - - - -	97,200	20,400	117,600	0'17
Argentine Republic - - - -	177,300	50,100	227,400	0'33
Uruguay and Paraguay - - - -	96,200	55,300	151,500	0'22
Chili - - - -	24,600	9,000	33,600	0'05
Bolivia - - - -	73,200	25,200	98,400	0'14
Peru - - - -	900	60	1,000	0'001
Falkland Islands - - - -	73,200	11,200	84,400	0'1
Totals - - -	27,200	1,200	28,400	0'04
Totals - - -	10,244,200	9,378,900	19,623,100	28'4
AUSTRALIA, &c.				
Queensland - - - -	178,200	158,400	336,600	0'5
Victoria - - - -	458,000	613,300	1,071,300	1'6
New South Wales - - - -	470,700	365,400	836,100	1'2
South Australia - - - -	200,800	169,900	370,700	0'5
Western Australia - - - -	24,900	13,200	38,100	0'06
New Zealand - - - -	422,700	593,400	1,016,100	1'5
Tasmania - - - -	46,200	35,900	82,100	0'1
Fiji, &c. - - - -	18,700	8,200	26,900	0'04
Totals - - -	1,820,200	1,957,700	3,777,900	5'5
Grand Totals - - -	41,705,200	27,335,700	69,040,900	—

ESTIMATE based upon a RETURN taken during one Month of the NUMBER of LETTERS, &c., passing between the UNITED KINGDOM and COUNTRIES ABROAD during the Year ended 31st March 1884.

*II.—Correspondence despatched to Countries abroad.*

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.	
EUROPE.				
Austro-Hungary - - - -	695,400	505,700	1,201,100	1'4
Belgium and Luxemburg - - - -	1,784,400	747,300	2,531,700	2'8
Denmark - - - -	453,900	179,400	633,300	'7
France and Algeria - - - -	8,247,200	4,578,400	12,825,600	14'2
Germany - - - -	7,129,000	3,143,500	10,272,500	11'4
Gibraltar and Malta - - - -	774,100	684,200	1,458,300	1'6
Greece - - - -	123,900	135,000	258,900	'3
Holland - - - -	1,595,100	609,200	2,204,300	2'5
Italy - - - -	2,738,500	1,655,700	4,394,200	4'9
Norway - - - -	457,800	159,800	617,600	'7
Portugal and Azores - - - -	351,900	337,000	688,900	'8
Russia - - - -	715,000	477,800	1,195,800	1'3
Spain - - - -	909,500	588,400	1,767,900	2'0
Sweden - - - -	460,700	239,300	700,000	'8
Switzerland - - - -	985,500	617,200	1,602,700	1'8
Turkey - - - -	392,800	461,800	854,600	'9
N.B.—Separate Mails are not despatched to Bulgaria, Montenegro, Persia, Roumania, or Servia.				
Totals - - - -	27,817,500	15,390,700	43,208,200	48'1
ASIA.				
India - - - -	2,453,100	3,664,700	6,117,800	6'8
Ceylon - - - -	199,600	400,500	600,100	'67
China, Japan, Straits Settlements, &c. - - - -	628,100	1,229,800	1,857,900	2'06
Totals - - - -	3,280,800	5,295,000	8,575,800	9'5
AFRICA.				
Egypt - - - -	684,500	565,200	1,249,700	1'4
Madeira, Cape de Verde, and Canary Islands - - - -	341,400	113,200	454,600	'5
Cape of Good Hope, and Natal - - - -	1,387,800	2,480,600	3,868,400	4'3
Mauritius, &c. - - - -	73,000	82,600	155,600	'17
West Coast of Africa - - - -	170,400	240,800	420,200	'5
Ascension and St. Helena - - - -	14,400	19,600	34,000	'04
Totals - - - -	2,671,500	3,511,000	6,182,500	6'9
AMERICA.				
Canada, &c. - - - -	1,862,200	2,139,200	4,001,400	4'45
United States - - - -	9,088,900	8,388,800	17,478,700	19'5
Central America (British) - - - -	85,290	133,200	218,400	'24
(Foreign) - - - -	387,900	451,200	839,100	'9
West Indies (British) - - - -	355,700	597,800	953,500	1'06
(Foreign) - - - -	100,500	116,900	217,400	'24
Brazil - - - -	266,400	343,200	609,600	'67
Argentine Confederation - - - -	163,700	182,000	350,700	'40
Uruguay and Paraguay - - - -	53,500	88,400	141,900	'16
Chili - - - -	76,100	113,200	189,300	'21
Bolivia - - - -	1,300	4,300	5,600	'006
Peru - - - -	72,600	107,000	179,600	'20
Falkland Islands - - - -	25,700	14,500	40,200	'045
Totals - - - -	12,544,700	12,660,700	25,205,400	23'0
AUSTRALIA, &c.				
Queensland - - - -	266,200	489,900	756,100	'84
Victoria - - - -	543,600	1,638,000	2,181,600	2'4
New South Wales - - - -	443,300	926,700	1,370,000	1'5
South Australia - - - -	319,700	512,700	832,400	'93
Western Australia - - - -	29,300	106,200	134,500	'15
New Zealand - - - -	582,000	581,200	1,163,200	1'3
Tasmania - - - -	44,700	177,600	222,300	'25
Fiji, &c. - - - -	11,000	34,100	45,100	'05
Totals - - - -	2,240,000	4,465,400	6,705,400	7'4
Grand Total - - - -	43,554,500	41,322,800	89,877,300	—

# APPENDIX A.—continued.

STATEMENT of the estimated total NUMBERS of LETTERS, BOOK PACKETS and CIRCULARS, NEWSPAPERS, POST CARDS, TELEGRAMS, and PARCELS delivered, and of the average numbers per head of the Population for the year ended the 31st March 1884.

	Estimated Population.	Letters.		Book Packets and Circulars.		Newspapers.		Post Cards.		Telegrams.		Parcels.	
		Total No.	No. per Head of Population.	Total No.	No. per Head of Population.	Total No.	No. per Head of Population.	Total No.	No. per Head of Population.	Total No.	No. per Head of Population.	Total No.	No. per Head of Population.
England and Wales	26,760,000	1,112,192,200	41	219,347,900	9	109,945,100	4	128,564,800	5	27,606,800	1.0	*17,143,000	.7
Scotland	3,325,000	122,204,900	33	81,303,700	8	16,729,600	4	17,408,400	4.5	3,299,400	.8	*2,900,000	.6
Ireland	5,025,000	87,689,900	17	13,892,900	3	160,27,600	3	7,624,900	1.5	1,836,800	.4	*1,135,000	.3
	35,600,000	1,322,086,900	37	294,594,500	8	142,702,300	4	153,598,100	4	32,845,000	.9	*20,578,000	.6

\* The numbers of parcels entered here are not the actual numbers dealt with, but what the numbers would, it is estimated, have been if the Parcels Post had been in operation throughout the year, instead of only during the last eight months of it.

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

Letters	67.2	Newspapers	7.3	Telegrams	1.7
Book Packets and Circulars	15.0	Post Cards	7.7	Parcels	1.1

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

TABLE showing the NUMBER of PARCELS delivered by PARCEL POST during each of the eight months from the 1st August 1883 (the date of the introduction of the Parcel Post) to the 31st March 1884.

Month.	England and Wales.			Scotland.	Ireland.	Total in United Kingdom.
	Provinces.	London.	Total.			
August 1883	814,908	452,265	1,267,173	191,979	80,800	1,539,952
September "	839,491	441,905	1,280,696	185,559	81,420	1,547,675
October "	967,926	518,768	1,486,594	198,774	94,677	1,780,045
November "	945,925	532,614	1,477,939	187,463	95,946	1,761,348
December "	1,135,229	659,649	1,794,878	273,359	131,139	2,199,376
January 1884	883,813	487,222	1,371,635	171,133	94,736	1,637,504
February "	905,197	455,981	1,361,178	165,452	88,918	1,615,548
March "	940,072	448,125	1,388,197	159,666	89,601	1,637,464
Totals	7,431,861	3,996,429	11,428,290	1,538,385	757,237	18,718,912
Yearly Rate	11,148,000	5,995,000	17,143,000	2,300,000	1,135,000	20,578,000

## APPENDIX B.

## Registered Letters.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Letters Registered by the Public in the United Kingdom in each year from 1877 to the present time, and the Increase per cent. per annum.

YEAR.	ENGLAND AND WALES.						SCOTLAND.		IRELAND.		TOTAL.		
	Country Offices.		London District.		Total.								
	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	
1877	-	2,378,973	-	1,284,716	-	3,663,689	-	373,915	-	278,443	-	4,316,017	-
1878-79	-	4,390,545	76·2	1,900,269	48·0	6,190,814	68·9	551,715	47·6	453,321	60·2	7,200,360	66·8
1879-80	-	5,340,065	24·7	2,240,865	17·9	7,580,930	22·6	616,905	11·8	532,356	16·0	8,739,191	21·3
1880-81	-	6,144,935	14·9	2,598,550	15·9	8,741,515	15·2	696,008	12·8	597,923	12·1	10,034,546	14·8
1881-82	-	6,674,359	8·6	2,904,169	8·0	9,479,023	8·4	753,491	8·3	669,799	12·2	10,902,318	8·6
1882-83	-	6,827,123	2·3	2,905,632	3·6	9,732,755	2·7	806,554	7·0	725,617	8·3	11,264,968	3·3
1883-84	-	6,985,520	2·3	2,942,971	1·3	9,928,491	2·0	886,586	10·0	729,995	·6	11,545,073	2·5

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.	Towns having one Mail only.		Towns having Two Mails only.		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 No. of Post Towns in England and Wales.
	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	
31st March 1883	14	52	210	201	162	150	116	111	84	79	32	26	4	6	3	1	1	1	1	1	618
31st March 1884	10	47	228	262	237	181	98	95	40	24	8	62	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	622
Increase	—	—	18	61	76	31	—	—	—	—	—	36	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Decrease	4	5	—	—	—	—	18	10	44	55	21	—	2	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	—



## APPENDIX D.

## 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 LERWICK (SHEETLAND).	1st April 1881	After 1 April 1884 on 6 months' notice.	2,200 <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.	6,500 <i>l</i> . 200 <i>l</i> .	Between Southampton and Guernsey 9 hours; between Southampton and Jersey 12 hours.	-	2,000 <i>l</i> . -	
GREENOCK and BELFAST	1st Aug. 1883	On or after 31 July 1888 on 12 months' notice.	8,000 <i>l</i> . for the first year. 8,500 <i>l</i> . for the second year. 9,000 <i>l</i> . for the third year. 10,000 <i>l</i> . for each of the fourth and fifth years of the Contract.	-	-	2,000 <i>l</i> .	
GREENOCK, TARBET and LILLY.	4th Nov. 1878	On 6 months' notice.	800 <i>l</i> .	-	-	500 <i>l</i> .	

## APPENDIX D.—continued.

Line of Packets.	Contract.		Annual Payment.	Contract Time.	Penalties for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
	Com-mencement.	Terminable.					
HOLYHEAD and KINGSTOWN	1st Oct. 1883	On or after the 30th September 1886 on 12 months notice.	84,000 <i>l</i> .	Outward journey (including transfer on both sides of the channel) 4h. 27m. The time to be reduced after the 30th September 1885 to 4h. 7m. Inward journey (including transfer) 4h. 12m., to be reduced after the 30th September 1885 to 4h. 2m.	1 <i>l</i> . 1 <i>s</i> . per minute, after 30th Sept. 1885 if voyages not performed in proper time.	- -	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> .	-	-	-	
PENZANCE and SCILLY	-	On 8 months' notice.	450 <i>l</i> .	-	-	-	
PORTSMOUTH and RYDE	1st April 1880	On 8 months' notice.	800 <i>l</i> .	-	-	-	
SCRABSTER and STROMTHESSE (ORKNEY).	27th July 1877	After 5 years on 12 months' notice.	2,000 <i>l</i> .	-	20 <i>l</i> . for undue delay or deviation from course.	200 <i>l</i> .	
SOUTHAMPTON and COWES	-	-	150 <i>l</i> .	-	-	-	
STONEWAY and ULLAPOOL	3rd Aug. 1881	After 3rd August 1884 on 6 months' notice.	2,000 <i>l</i> .	-	20 <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.

## APPENDIX E.

## Staff of Officers.

Totals 31 Mar. 1883.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar. 1884.
		Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	
	<b>A.</b>									
1	Postmaster-General . . .	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	<b>B.</b>									
8	Secretary, Financial Secretary, Third Secretary, Assistant Secretaries (3), Surveyor General for Scotland, and Secretary for Ireland.	6	—	1	—	1	—	8	—	8
	<b>C.</b>									
30	Superior Officers in Metropo- litan Offices (see details on page ).	32	1	3	—	3	—	38	1	39
	<b>D.</b>									
16	Surveyors - . . . .	10	—	3	—	3	—	16	—	16
	<b>E.</b>									
923	Head Postmasters :									
	Metropolitan . . . .	12	—	—	—	—	—	} 789	130	919
	Provinces . . . .	550	74	122	31	105	25			
14,227	Letter Receivers and Sub- Postmasters :									
	Metropolitan . . . .	640	79	35	6	80	45	} 12,038	2,790	14,828
	Provinces . . . .	8,487	1,831	1,164	349	1,622	480			
	<b>F.</b>									
2,577	Clerks and Superintending Officers :									
	Metropolitan (see details on page ).	1,360	555	69	17	94	14	} 2,296	616	2,912
	Provinces - . . . .	657	23	90	7	23	—			
	<b>G.</b>									
11,945	Supervisors, Overseers, Counter- men, Sorters, Telegraphists, &c. :									
	(Metropolitan) (see details on page ).	4,359	1,015	290	61	365	64	} 10,974	2,115	13,089
	Sorting Clerks and Telegra- phists : (Provinces) - . . . .	4,061	727	594	169	405	70			
	<b>H.</b>									
14,793	Postmen, Porters, &c. :									
	Metropolitan (see details on page ).	4,004	—	200	—	198	—	} 15,300	8	15,308
	Provinces - . . . .	8,427	6	1,433	2	917	—			

APPENDIX E.—*continued.*

Totals 31 Mar. 1883.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar. 1884.
		Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	
	I.									
	Persons employed in unesta- blished positions, viz., As- sistants to Postmasters, &c., Auxiliary Postmen, Tele- graph Messengers, Tele- graph Construction Hands, Copyists, Female Servants, Commissionaires, &c.:									
5,639	Metropolitan - - -	5,362	1,043	263	16	425	168	28,829	16,139	44,963
35,323	Provinces - - -	17,739	11,379	2,277	1,361	2,764	2,172			
	J.									
18	Postmasters and Clerks in Colonies (under direction of Postmaster General).	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	1	18
18	Agents in Foreign Countries for collection of postage.	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	—	12
35,689	Totals - - -	55,717	16,733	6,633	2,019	7,005	3,047	69,384	21,800	91,184

## C.

## SUPERIOR OFFICERS IN METROPOLITAN OFFICES. (DETAILS.)

Description of Officers.	London.		Edinburgh.		Dublin.		Totals.		Totals.
	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	
Chief Clerk - - -	1	—	1	—	1	—	3	—	3
Principal Clerks:									
Upper Section - - -	8	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	8
Lower Section - - -	9	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	9
Director, Confidential Enquiry Branch	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Medical Officers - - -	2	1	1	—	1	—	4	1	5
Solicitors - - -	1	—	1	—	1	—	3	—	3
Receiver and Accountant General -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Engineer-in-Chief - - -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Controllers {	Of Packet Services - - -	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	„ Postal Stores - - -	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	„ Telegraph Stores - - -	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	Savings Bank Department - - -	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	Money Order Office - - -	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	London Postal Service - - -	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	Central Telegraph Office - - -	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	Returned Letter Office - - -	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Totals - - -	32	1	3	—	3	—	38	1	39

APPENDIX E.—*continued.*

## F.

## CLERKS AND SUPERINTENDING OFFICERS IN METROPOLITAN OFFICES (DETAILS).

Description of Officers.	LONDON.—DEPARTMENTS OF CHIEF OFFICE.													EDINBURGH.	DUBLIN.	
	Secys.	P.S.	Med.	Solr.	Surv.	R.&A.G.	M.O.O.	S.B.	L.P.S.	R.L.O.	E. in C.	T. S.	C.T.O.			Totals.
MALES.																
Clerks:—																
Grade I. . . . .	74	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	74	—	—
Grade II. . . . .	27	1	—	—	22	255	57	348	92	2	—	—	—	804	53	64
Lower Division . . . .	15	1	—	—	—	43	13	165	1	—	6	8	—	232	5	14
Professional . . . . .	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	1
Assistant Surveyors . .	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	3	3
Assistant Director (Confidential Enquiry Branch).	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Assistant Receiver and Accountant General.	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Chief Clerk (R.A.G.O., and S.B.) Examiners, Cashiers, Book-keepers, and Accountants.	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	7	4	4
Controller (Sorting Office, Dublin), Assistant Controllers, Sub-Controllers, and Chief Superintendents.	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	9	—	—	1	4	17	1	1
Assistant Engineer, Sub-Marine Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	3	—	—
Captain, Chief Officer and Chief Engineer of Cable Ship.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	3	—	—
Technical Officers, Examiners, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	16	—	30	—	—
Examiners, (Returned Letter Office).	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	—	—	—	19	—	—
Nautical Assistant to Controller of Packet Services.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Officers in charge of Indian Mails.	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—
Clerks in charge . . . .	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	2
Assistant to Medical Officers and Dispenser.	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
Registrar and Assistant Registrar.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
Travelling Officers (Confidential Enquiry Branch).	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	—	—
Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents.	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23	—	23	5	50	107	3	5
	146	3	2	7	32	303	71	517	125	21	49	30	54	1,360	69	94
FEMALES.																
Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, Supervisors and Assistant Supervisors.	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	20	1	1	—	39	65	4	1
Clerks . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	246	—	244	—	—	—	—	—	490	13	13
Totals . . . . .	146	3	2	7	32	551	71	763	145	22	50	30	93	1,915	86	108

## APPENDIX E.—continued.

## G.

## SUPERVISORS, OVERSEERS, COUNTERMEN, SORTERS, AND TELEGRAPHISTS, &amp;c. IN METROPOLITAN OFFICES. (DETAILS).

Description of Officers.	LONDON.—DEPARTMENTS OF CHIEF OFFICE.													EDINBURGH.	DUBLIN.	
	Secys.	P.S.	Med.	Solr.	Sur.	R.&AG.	M.O.O.	S.B.	L.P.S.	R.L.O.	E. in C.	T. S.O.	C.T.O.			Totals.
MALES.																
Postal :—																
Supervisors and In- spectors.	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	4	84	—	—	—	—	92	2	4
Overseers and Coun- termen.	—	6	—	—	—	6	—	—	405	2	—	—	—	419	14	10
Paper Keepers and As- sistants.	45	—	—	—	—	—	49	91	—	30	—	—	—	215	1	1
Tracers - - -	—	—	—	—	—	129	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	129	19	7
Boy Clerks - - -	20	—	—	—	—	7	48	92	—	—	—	2	—	169	—	—
Sorters, 1st Class -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	659	—	—	—	—	659	36	50
„ 2nd „ -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,142	—	—	—	—	1,142	76	150
Writing Assistants -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	—	—	—	15	—	—
Telegraphs :—																
Inspectors and Counter Inspectors.	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	85	1	—	—	89	—	—
Engineering Clerks -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	66	10	—	—	76	—	—
News Distributors -	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23	—	—
Telegraphists - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	233	—	4	—	1,094	1,331	142	143
	93	8	—	—	—	142	97	187	2,538	32	155	13	1,694	4,359	290	365
FEMALES.																
Returners - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	44	—	—	—	44	—	—
Counterwomen and Tele- graphists.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	329	—	2	—	620	951	61	64
Female Sorters - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	—	—	—	—	—	20	—	—
Totals - - -	93	8	—	—	—	142	97	207	2,867	76	157	13	1,714	5,374	351	429

## APPENDIX E.—continued.

## H.

## MESSENGERS, POSTMEN, PORTERS, MECHANICS, &amp;c., IN METROPOLITAN OFFICES.

Description of Officers.	LONDON.—DEPARTMENTS OF CHIEF OFFICES.												Totals.	EDINBURGH.	DUBLIN.	
	Secys.	P.S.	Med.	Solr.	Surv.	R.&AG.	M.O.O.	S.B.	L.P.S.	R.L.O.	E. in C.	T.S.O.				C.T.O.
Mail Guards, Marine Mail Guards, &c.	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	8
Messengers, Lobby Officers, &c.	17	—	3	2	—	16	—	—	29	2	2	1	6	78	7	31
Postman—Town :—																
"    1st Class -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,081	—	—	—	—	1,081	216	97
"    2nd " -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	449	—	—	—	—	449	53	31
"    Suburban, H.P.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	67	—	—	—	—	67	—	—
"    " Div. I.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	325	—	—	—	—	325	—	—
"    " " II.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	406	—	—	—	—	406	—	—
"    " " III.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	143	—	—	—	—	143	—	—
Boy Sorters -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	390	—	—	—	—	390	—	—
Boy Messengers -	—	22	2	1	—	32	6	72	6	2	4	2	—	149	8	11
Bagmen -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	—	—	—	—	20	—	4
Porters, &c. -	—	122	—	—	—	5	6	12	192	2	—	—	—	339	3	12
Binder -	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Constables -	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	—
Mechanics, Linemen, &c. -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	417	31	—	—	448	—	—
Inspectors of Telegraph Messengers, Tube Attendants, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	39	—	—	—	56	95	3	4
Totals -	53	124	4	2	—	53	12	84	3,147	6	423	34	62	4,004	290	198

## APPENDIX F.

## Returned Letters, and Parcels.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT showing the Number of LETTERS, POST CARDS, BOOKS, and NEWS PAPERS, and PARCELS, received and disposed of in the RETURNED LETTER OFFICES of LONDON, MANCHESTER, LIVERPOOL, BIRMINGHAM, LEEDS, BRISTOL, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, EDINBURGH, GLASGOW, DUBLIN, BELFAST, and CORK respectively; also the Number which, bearing outside the addresses of the senders, were returned direct from Head Post Offices (not possessing RETURNED LETTER BRANCHES, in the Year ended 31st March 1883, and in the Year ended 31st March 1884.

	Letters received.		Letters re-issued to corrected Addresses.		Letters returned to the Senders.		Letters returned unopened to Foreign Countries.	
	1882-3.	1883-4.	1882-3.	1883-4.	1882-3.	1883-4.	1882-3.	1883-4.
LONDON - -	2,522,304	2,535,940	37,711	31,279	2,187,617	2,138,441	92,218	92,593
MANCHESTER - -	381,710	347,117	4,544	5,201	315,642	289,927	8,189	7,673
LIVERPOOL - -	346,042	333,040	4,787	5,403	291,994	286,799	15,696	16,159
BIRMINGHAM - -	229,990	219,131	1,394	2,275	201,935	197,419	3,556	3,696
LEEDS - -	216,478	210,133	3,064	3,146	177,783	174,066	6,385	5,706
BRISTOL - -	333,519	325,033	2,193	1,505	282,250	274,064	15,111	15,599
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE - -	160,637	157,134	2,871	3,047	128,569	122,149	6,547	6,649
EDINBURGH - -	235,739	234,587	7,673	9,822	200,278	190,080	6,556	7,506
GLASGOW - -	170,325	180,980	13,431	14,711	143,604	149,656	4,837	4,438
DUBLIN - -	283,447	237,367	3,467	3,659	185,234	150,896	15,748	13,428
BELFAST* - -	25,450	52,382	420	1,253	21,926	44,975	1,302	2,487
CORK* - -	16,443	37,309	508	991	13,036	30,160	1,607	3,546
Other Post Offices authorised to return certain letters, &c. direct to sender†	730,360	862,157	—	—	730,350	862,157	—	—
TOTALS - -	5,651,443	5,732,310	82,092	80,297	4,829,218	4,910,798	177,852	179,479
Increase in 1883-4 over 1882-3.	80,867	—	—	—	81,580	—	1,627	—

(Continued.)

	Letters which could neither be delivered nor returned to the Senders.		Post Cards received.		Books received.		Newspapers received.		Parcels received.	Parcels returned to Sender or re-issued to Addressees.
	1882-3.	1883-4.	1882-3.	1883-4.	1882-3.	1883-4.	1882-3.	1883-4.	1st Aug. 1883 to 31st Mar. 1884.	1st Aug. 1883 to 31st Mar. 1884.
LONDON - -	254,788	273,627	101,638	87,124	1,990,657	1,897,678	295,712	291,907	11,058	6,858
MANCHESTER - -	33,335	44,316	30,072	26,067	383,348	389,601	18,875	45,535	1,514	874
LIVERPOOL - -	33,565	26,079	29,558	29,837	334,734	301,942	19,403	18,233	1,149	514
BIRMINGHAM - -	23,014	15,741	33,597	21,613	242,446	216,301	9,009	7,533	621	354
LEEDS - -	29,226	27,195	15,144	15,627	304,337	260,793	9,933	9,104	596	430
BRISTOL - -	33,965	33,875	14,870	11,427	358,064	315,162	15,278	13,902	1,064	923
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE - -	22,660	22,299	10,329	10,446	146,682	134,402	6,408	6,560	661	399
EDINBURGH - -	21,233	27,180	22,434	17,974	254,138	246,530	19,617	17,880	1,416	1,010
GLASGOW - -	9,463	18,175	26,910	30,011	122,796	130,466	10,648	9,211	1,159	929
DUBLIN - -	77,998	69,385	20,581	16,204	241,737	216,171	34,455	29,664	1,399	1,009
BELFAST* - -	1,802	3,662	1,499	3,061	22,692	59,515	2,174	4,777	313	188
CORK* - -	1,292	2,612	473	695	9,072	23,759	1,147	2,558	139	71
Other Post Offices authorised to return certain letters, &c. direct to sender†	—	—	300,509	365,203	585,187	781,502	36,370	40,451	5,147	5,147
TOTALS - -	562,301	561,736	596,614	635,290	4,968,990	4,973,822	477,978	466,695	27,133	18,686
Increase in 1883-4 over 1882-3.	—	—	36,676	—	—	—	18,717	—	—	—

Returned Letter Offices in Belfast and Cork were established in October 1883.

Prior to 19th April 1883, a limited number of Postmasters returned letters, &c. direct to the senders, but on that all Head Postmasters were required to follow the practice.



## APPENDIX G.

## Colonial and Foreign

Line of Packets.	Contracts.		Payment.
	Com- mencement.	Termination.	
AUSTRALIA: Colombo 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) 5,118
Fortnightly service from Liverpool	1 July 1878 -	On 6 months' notice -	(a) 6,415
CAPE OF GOOD HOPE and NATAL	Contracts with Colonial Governments -		-
Do. do. for calls at St. Helena and Ascension }	-	-	(c) 640
CYPRUS and ALEXANDRIA	1 Sept. 1881	On 31st December 1884 -	8,320
EAST INDIES and CHINA	1 Feb. 1880 -	On 31st January 1888 -	350,100
EAST COAST OF AFRICA: Aden and Zanzibar	{ Service provided under arrangement with Foreign Office - }		-
EUROPE: Dover and Calais	20 June 1878 -	On 12 months' notice -	(b) 11,758
Dover and Ostend	Arrangement with Belgian Government		4,500
Malta and Syracuse or Messina	Contract with Government of Malta		(c) 925
NORTH AMERICA: Queenstown to New York	1 Dec. 1877 -	On 1st September 1884 -	(a) 94,448
Halifax, Bermuda, and Jamaica	1 Jan. 1878 -	On 12 months' notice -	17,500
PANAMA to VALPARAISO	1 July 1878 -	On 6 months' notice -	(a) 2,571
WEST INDIES: Bi-monthly Service	1 Jan. 1880 -	On 31st December 1884 -	80,500
Additional Services: Non-Contract Service	-	-	(a) 455
Liverpool to West Indies and Mexico }	24 Oct. 1881 -	On 6 months' notice -	(a) 102
Belize and New Orleans	{ Contract with Honduras Government termi- nating on 30th September 1884 - }		(c) 2,80
Turk's Island and Jamaica	Contract with Turk's Island Government		(c) 300
WEST COAST OF AFRICA	No Contract	-	(a) 3,85

- (a) The payments in these cases depend upon the amount of correspondence conveyed by the packets.  
 (b) Including 2,440*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.	Estimated Receipts for Sea Postage.	Esti- mated British Loss on the Service.	Rate of Postage per single Letter, excluding Transit Rates.
.	.	£	£	
.	.	.	Nil.	5d.
.	.	9,800	2 100	4d.
.	.	.	Nil.	6d.
.	.	.	800	6d.
.	.	130	8,100	2½d.
200%. for every 12 hours late at Brin- disi. In other cases 100%.	{ India, 70,000%. Ceylon, 1,400%. Straits Settlements, 6,000%. Hong Kong, 6,000%. }	55,000	220,000	{ Mediterranean 2½d. India - - - } 4d. Ceylon - - - China, &c. - }
.	.	.	.	4d.
5%. for 15 minutes or upwards.	.	.	Nil.	2½d.
.	.	.	Nil.	2½d.
.	.	.	Nil.	2½d.
.	.	41,000	53,000	2½d.
.	.	200	17,300	Bermuda - 4d.
.	.	1,300	1,500	{ Ecuador - } Peru - - } 4d. Chili - - Bolivia - 1s.
25%. for every 24 hours.	.	.	.	
One-eighth part of ordinary payment for every 24 hours.	.	27,000	57,000	4d.
.	.	.	.	
.	.	5,200	3,400	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 -	9,233,854	5,254,547	14,488,401	2,009,893	1,323,236	17,821,530
1874-75 -	10,124,661	5,652,033	15,776,694	2,132,787	1,343,639	19,253,120
1875-76 -	10,883,282	6,350,714	17,233,996	2,287,359	1,452,180	20,973,535
1876-77 -	11,232,704	6,561,980	17,794,684	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
1882-83 -	14,554,015	12,374,707	26,928,722	3,244,202	1,919,102	32,092,026
1883-84 -	14,920,413	12,686,433	27,606,846	3,299,428	1,936,846	32,843,120

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

The figures for the year 1883-84 include the number of messages, 111,039, forwarded in the two days 30th and 31st March, which for the purpose of comparison with preceding years should be omitted, the figures for each of those years (except 1876-77 and 1881-82, which comprise 53 weeks) comprising only the messages forwarded in 52 weeks.

APPENDIX H.—*continued.*

TABLE showing the NUMBER of MESSAGES forwarded from TELEGRAPH OFFICES in the UNITED KINGDOM during each of the Years 1882-83 and 1883-84; 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.
	1882-83.	1883-84.		
April - - -	2,334,834	2,708,176	373,342	
May - - -	2,485,181	2,869,799	384,618	
June - - -	3,183,000*	2,861,544	—	321,456
July - - -	2,770,042	3,000,812	230,770	
August - - -	2,714,643	3,135,012	420,369	
September - - -	3,364,360*	2,833,524	—	530,836
October - - -	2,669,735	2,991,028	321,293	
November - - -	2,525,650	2,709,214	183,564	
December - - -	2,758,136*	2,342,977	—	415,159
January - - -	2,135,363	2,418,775	283,412	
February - - -	2,263,713	2,392,864	129,151	
March - - -	2,887,369*	2,579,395	—	307,974
	32,092,026	32,843,120	2,326,519	1,575,425
	Total Increase		- -	751,094

\* Five weeks.

NOTE.—The figures given for the year 1883-84 include the number of messages, 111,039, forwarded in the two days 30th and 31st March, which, for purposes of comparison with the preceding year, should be omitted, the figures for that year comprising only the messages forwarded in 52 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 1884.

Period.	Telegrams.		Wire Rentals.		Salaries.		Work executed.		Total.
	Inland.	Foreign.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ 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	1 15 0	1,897 4 10			
Year ended 31st March 1872	313 7 3	743 4 7	731 0 4	247 5 0	21 2 11	2,056 0 1			
" 1873	486 10 8	408 13 11	892 1 3	273 5 0	43 1 1	2,103 11 11			
" 1874	626 8 5	752 8 10	1,046 14 9	341 10 5	6 13 11	2,773 16 4			
Nine months to 31st December 1874	714 18 4	91 15 9	2,018 16 10	1,131 0 10	23 18 11	3,980 10 8			
Year ended 31st December 1875	1,703 2 1	1,707 16 9	4,544 5 11	2,495 4 2	2 17 8	10,453 6 7			
Quarter ended 31st March 1876	933 5 0	—	1,174 5 10	642 14 8	5 7 8	2,755 13 2			
Year ended 31st March 1877	6,300 17 9	—	4,977 14 10	2,567 2 8	—	13,845 15 3			
" 1878	9,550 15 9	—	5,338 14 6	2,506 16 9	20 16 8	17,417 3 8			
" 1879	10,906 8 9	—	6,378 18 0	3,296 11 4	20 16 7	20,602 13 11			
" 1880	6,393 1 9	—	6,435 5 7	2,552 16 1	0 18 6	15,382 1 11			
" 1881	7,586 8 0	—	6,891 9 6	5,000 13 11	—	19,478 16 5			
" 1882	10,635 19 0	—	8,608 19 9	2,674 16 10	0 14 7	21,920 10 2			
" 1883	12,978 2 0	—	10,069 17 8	3,030 14 8	8 15 8	26,087 10 0 <sup>1</sup>			
" 1884	11,746 16 5	—	11,142 10 3	2,880 15 1	5 0 8	25,775 2 5			
TOTALS	81,119 3 6	4,317 9 3	71,132 16 7	29,898 8 2	161 19 10	186,529 17 4			

All Government Departments since 1st April 1876 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.*

Two hundred and twenty-one Friendly Societies and 1,234 Trade, Provident, and other societies obtained authority last year to invest their funds in the Post Office Savings Bank, the relative numbers in 1882 being 542 and 1,191. Some of the transactions in such accounts are of considerable magnitude for instance, in one account the deposits during the year amounted to 45,000*l.*, the largest sum deposited at one time being 12,000*l.*

Accounts of Societies.

Two hundred and ninety-four Penny Banks obtained authority to open accounts as compared with 283 in the previous year. Of the 294 Penny Banks as many as 159 were in schools, 30 of which were Board Schools. The manager of a Mission School Penny Bank, when applying for a further supply of deposit books, wrote "that the people find more than ever the value of the Penny Bank; it has turned our school from a ragged one into a respectable one." Among the Penny Banks opened last year was one for canal boatmen, while another was for barmaids employed at restaurants and railway refreshment rooms.

The number of claims to the moneys of deceased depositors during last year was 16,166 as against 14,651 in 1882, and probates of wills or letters of administration were produced in 4,202 cases as against 3,744 in 1882.

Deceased depositors.

The Provident Nominations and small Intestacies Act, which received the Royal Assent on the 25th August last, although not felt to any great extent during last year, will undoubtedly affect the work of the Department very materially, not only in respect of the registration of nominations and the payment to nominees, but also in consequence of the provision increasing the amount payable without production of Probate or Letters of Administration from 50*l.* to 100*l.* To the 31st December only 303 nominations were received for registration but during the first three months of this year no less than 1,679 nominations have been registered, the rapid increase being probably due to the large number of deposit books received in the early part of the year for annual examination, as a leaflet on the subject of nomination is enclosed in each book when returned to the depositor. Of the 1,982 nominations registered to the end of March 1,915 were for the whole amount standing to the depositor's credit. So far, only three nominations have been revoked.

Nominations by depositors.

A considerable reduction took place last year in the number of claims by husbands to their wives' deposits, which is no doubt due to the increased protection of the property of married women afforded by the Act of 1882. In very few of these cases are legal proceedings taken, the claim of a husband being as a rule withdrawn when he is satisfied that it can only be enforced by process of law.

Claims by husbands to their wives' deposits.

There were 208 applications last year respecting moneys of depositors who had become insane as against 212 such applications in the previous year.

Insane depositors.

Trustee Savings Banks closed. Seven Trustee Savings Banks were closed during last year, viz., those at Gosport, Harleston, Bradford-on-Avon, Bridgwater, Upton-on-Severn, Kingston, and Havant, making a total of 230 which have been closed since the establishment of the Post Office Savings Bank. The number of Trustee Savings Banks is now 423. The aggregate amount transferred last year from Trustee Savings Banks was 87,525*l.* as compared with 74,235*l.* in 1882; while the amount transferred from the Post Office Savings Bank to Trustee Savings Banks was 9,224*l.* as compared with 11,763*l.* in 1882.

Amount transferred to Post Office Savings Bank. On the occasion of the distribution of the funds of the South-west Essex Friendly Society, amounting to 6,000*l.*, application was made for the attendance of officers of the Post Office with a view of opening Savings Bank accounts in the rooms, and officers were accordingly sent to each of the three branches of the society who received from the members as deposits an aggregate sum of about 1,400*l.*

Amount transferred from Post Office Savings Bank to Trustee Savings Banks. Post Office Savings Banks closely resembling our own are now so general both in our Colonies and in Foreign States, that it is not surprising that the personal visits to this Department by officials from abroad, and applications for information as to our system, should become less numerous. Visits were made last year by postal officials from Canada and from Ceylon (where, it was stated, Post Office Savings Banks were about to be introduced), by the Austrian Minister of Commerce, and by a delegate from the Argentine Republic; while information was also supplied to Bermuda, the Netherlands, and the United States. Early this year information was sought on behalf of Denmark and the Republic of Salvador, and from a similar application on behalf of the Hawaiian Government it would seem likely that Post Office Savings Banks may ere long be found in the islands of the Pacific. With regard to the United States, the repeated efforts to pass a Postal Savings Bank Bill have, up to the present, proved abortive, some opposition to the scheme before Congress being, an American journal states, "on the ground that it is not a "proper formation of government." The reports from Victoria, Queensland, and New Zealand disclose fairly satisfactory progress; that from Canada shows that the remarkable development of the Post Office Savings Bank business during the two preceding years has been fully maintained, the number of depositors (61,063) having doubled, and the amount standing to their credit (2,395,247*l.*) trebled, during the three years ended the 30th June 1883. In Cape Colony Post Office Savings Banks, almost identical with those in this country, were inaugurated in January last, and the results obtained during the first two months are stated to be most gratifying. In France the Post Office Savings Banks, which have been in operation two years, had on the 31st December last 374,970 depositors with 3,097,200*l.* (77,430,000 francs) standing to their credit. The school penny bank movement in France has received the support of the Minister of Public Instruction, who has decided on the establishment of such banks in all public schools. The second quinquennial meeting of the International Thrift Congress (*des Institutions de Prévoyance*) was held at Paris in July last. In Austria the Post Office Savings Banks, which commenced operations in January 1883, have met with considerable success. The number of deposits received during the period from the 12th January to the 31st December was 1,820,756, the sum deposited being 817,688*l.*, while the withdrawals numbered 180,250, amounting to 294,605*l.* At the end of the same period there were 353,053 depositors. In Italy, where only 10 Post Offices remain to be opened as Savings Banks, the progress of business was but moderate, the suppression of the forced

Closing of a Friendly Society; facilities for opening accounts in Post Office Savings Bank.

Foreign and Colonial Savings Banks.

United States.

Victoria, Queensland, and New Zealand.

Canada.

Cape Colony.

France.

Austria.

Italy.

paper currency having, it is thought, affected it adversely. The purchases of Government Stock, 3,672 in number, and 156,313*l.* in amount, exhibit an increase. A loss, however, has been suffered in this branch of the business owing to stock having been obtained at prices higher than those at which it was distributed to depositors. A singular innovation has been authorised in the conversion into Savings Bank deposits of lottery prizes not exceeding 40*l.* The results of this experiment are described as poor (*meschini*), and it is somewhat naively remarked that the winners of small sums prefer to have the money down, and do not know what to do with a Savings bank book (*in generale chi vince piccole somme le vuole subito e non sa che farsi del libretto*). In Spain, it seems, there are only 33 Savings Banks with 98,000 Spain. depositors, the balance standing in their names being 2,720,000*l.*, and three of the banks (Madrid, Barcelona, and Seville) absorb more than three fourths of the total number of depositors. In Belgium the progressive increase of former years has been arrested (*neutralisée*) by Belgium. the reduction in the rate of interest allowed on Savings Bank deposits from three per cent. to two per cent., but the effect of the change appears to have been confined to the accounts of societies from which large withdrawals have been made, and it may be inferred therefore that there has been no discouragement of provident habits among individuals. The purchases of Government Stock for depositors numbered 2,352, the value of the stock purchased being 453,932*l.* (11,348,300 francs), while there were 520 sales, the amount realised being 95,760*l.* (2,394,000 francs). The convention between France and Belgium for the inter-transfer of Savings Bank Accounts has been supplemented by a similar one between Belgium and the Netherlands. In the latter kingdom the The Netherlands. Post Office Savings banks have received, during the two years since their introduction, 321,640 deposits, 52,257 by means of stamp deposit forms; the amount deposited being 312,000*l.* (3,900,000 florins). In Denmark an improvement is recorded; in Norway a slight falling off; Denmark.  
Norway. while in Sweden the Bill for the establishment of Postal Savings Sweden. Banks became law in May last, and it is proposed to authorise 1,700 Post Offices to transact business.

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# APPENDIX J.--continued.

## Post Office Savings Banks.

Year.	From 16 Sept. 1861 to 31 Dec. 1862.	2,535	639,216	2,114,669	3	2	22	180	97,294	488,637	4	10	Average Amount of each Withdrawal.	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, 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 Savings Banks and Post Office Banks combined.	Number at close of the Year of the Post Office Savings Banks combined.						
1863		2,535	639,216	2,114,669	3	2	22	180	97,294	488,637	4	10	107,451	1,027,154	5	4	0	25,401	185,034	205,928	27,433	178,405	1,698,921	9	10	3	4	0	15	0	3,925,182*	35,692	1,694,724	3,137	1,732,555
1864		2,591	842,542	2,651,269	3	2	11	55,204	107,451	1,027,154	5	4	0	25,401	185,034	44,780	319,669	3,377,480	10	11	4	15	0	3,925,182*	35,692	1,694,724	3,137	1,732,555							
1865		3,081	1,116,762	3,350,000	3	2	11	55,204	309,242	1,894,849	5	18	8	46,866	226,153	74,964	470,803	4,903,123	10	13	6	15	4	3,995,663*	44,413	8,372,595	3,594	1,870,389							
1866		3,321	1,302,309	3,719,017	3	7	11	132,879	407,412	2,318,610	5	13	10	49,327	236,086	91,160	611,354	5,626,400	13	6	15	2	8	4	4,995,663*	5,622	8,001,183	3,659	1,997,063						
1867		3,507	1,525,871	4,400,657	2	7	8	103,172	515,348	2,975,054	5	15	10	69,451	296,542	131,672	746,254	6,121,175	10	7	0	14	7	2	6,383,329*	4,327	8,586,656	3,822	2,078,546						
1868		3,629	1,592,844	4,643,068	3	8	207,649	581,572	3,222,800	5	15	10	69,451	296,542	131,672	746,254	6,121,175	10	7	0	14	7	2	6,383,329*	4,327	8,586,656	3,822	2,078,546							
1869		3,813	1,757,303	5,333,638	3	8	252,897	637,144	3,669,809	5	15	10	69,451	296,542	131,672	746,254	6,121,175	10	7	0	14	7	2	6,383,329*	4,327	8,586,656	3,822	2,078,546							
1870		4,047	1,998,644	5,783,218	2	17	10,297,392	716,466	4,227,096	5	17	11	62,000	325,739	203,092	1,085,133	5,626,400	13	6	15	2	8	4	4,995,663*	4,327	8,586,656	3,822	2,078,546							
1871		4,385	2,392,621	6,664,629	2	16	6,576,738	845,273	5,115,407	6	10	67,945	333,948	236,280	1,085,133	5,626,400	13	6	15	2	8	4	4,995,663*	4,327	8,586,656	3,822	2,078,546								
1872		4,607	2,545,245	7,669,176	2	16	1,430,079	933,975	5,896,090	6	11	78,404	5,626,400	236,280	1,085,133	5,626,400	13	6	15	2	8	4	4,995,663*	4,327	8,586,656	3,822	2,078,546								
1873		4,833	2,617,698	7,955,740	2	14	477,851	1,025,359	6,584,181	6	8	5	84,160	5,626,400	236,280	1,085,133	5,626,400	13	6	15	2	8	4	4,995,663*	4,327	8,586,656	3,822	2,078,546							
1874		5,008	3,044,692	8,341,256	2	14	10,524,559	1,069,639	6,876,095	6	8	99,610	5,626,400	236,280	1,085,133	5,626,400	13	6	15	2	8	4	4,995,663*	4,327	8,586,656	3,822	2,078,546								
1875		5,290	3,132,433	8,783,852	2	16	1,571,584	1,112,037	7,325,500	6	11	123,325	6,876,095	236,280	1,085,133	5,626,400	13	6	15	2	8	4	4,995,663*	4,327	8,586,656	3,822	2,078,546								
1876		5,448	3,106,136	8,982,350	2	16	916,331	1,115,093	7,702,477	6	10	125,912	6,876,095	236,280	1,085,133	5,626,400	13	6	15	2	8	4	4,995,663*	4,327	8,586,656	3,822	2,078,546								
1877		5,698	3,267,851	9,166,728	2	16	1,661,469	1,252,265	8,083,491	6	9	152,184	7,702,477	236,280	1,085,133	5,626,400	13	6	15	2	8	4	4,995,663*	4,327	8,586,656	3,822	2,078,546								
1878		5,851	3,300,630	9,465,301	2	16	1,661,469	1,252,265	8,083,491	6	9	152,184	7,702,477	236,280	1,085,133	5,626,400	13	6	15	2	8	4	4,995,663*	4,327	8,586,656	3,822	2,078,546								
1879		6,016	3,347,528	9,887,109	2	19	1,743,696	1,418,543	9,090,174	6	7	119,280	8,083,491	236,280	1,085,133	5,626,400	13	6	15	2	8	4	4,995,663*	4,327	8,586,656	3,822	2,078,546								

These sums do not include the dividends accruing to the Post Office Savings Banks have been valued by the Commissioners for the Redemption of the National Debt, and the amount, including dividends due but not paid at the end of the year, has been inserted in the above return.

The falling off in the cost per transaction and in the percentage of cost of management in 1863 and the increase in 1864 are attributable to one and the same cause, viz., the payment during 1863 of various charges properly belonging to 1862.

In 1868, the charge for postage, amounting to about 2d. per transaction, ceased to be debited against the Savings Bank Department, but in 1877 the sum of 22,543.12s. was charged under this head for nine months. Had no charge for postage been made in this year the cost per transaction would have continued at 0.5d.

§ 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 21,770 accounts was made in 1877, the number of open accounts in those years being reduced accordingly. The total number of such accounts included in the Dormant Account at the end of 1879 was 47,567.

For charges of management in 1878 includes 314.45s. for arrears of postage for the nine years from 1st April 1868 to 31st March 1877, and also 75,419s. 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 1s. 11.3d., and the percentage of expenses to capital to 11.0s. 6d. If 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 1s. 10s. 6d., and the percentage of expenses to capital 10s. 6d. Further, if the arrears of postage charged to the year 1878 be added to the expenses of the year, which they would not, viz., paid to 1877 inclusive, the total cost of 6s. 6d. 6d. paid in 1878, and the percentage of expenses to capital will be 11s. 3d. 6d. and the percentage of expenses to capital 11s. 3d. 6d. On the other hand, if the expenses of 1878 be added to the expenses of 1877, the total cost of 12s. 6d. 6d. paid in 1878, and the percentage of expenses to capital will be 12s. 6d. 6d. and the percentage of expenses to capital 12s. 6d. 6d.

For Statistics of the years subsequent to 1879 see next page.

APPENDIX J.—*continued.*

## Post Office Savings Bank.

RETURN of the BALANCE SHEETS of the POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS on the 31st day of December 1883; showing the balance due to Depositors, the estimated amount of expenses remaining unpaid, the value of Securities according to the average price of the day on 31st December 1883, the amount of cash in hand and Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the year, and the surplus or deficiency of Funds to meet Liabilities (so far as relates to the National Debt Office).

Securities standing in the names of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt on account of the Post Office Savings Banks Fund.	Value of Securities at average price on 31 Dec. 1883.	Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the year.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Consolidated 3½. per cents. - - -	10,919,990 2 5	11,001,890 0 0
Reduced 3½. per cents. - - -	1,783,761 18 9	1,806,059 0 0
New 3½. per cents. - - -	6,997,806 4 7	7,083,279 0 0
Turkish Guaranteed 4½. per cent. Bonds	103,100 0 0	108,770 0 0
Exchequer (Suez) Bonds - - -	1,510,500 0 0	1,510,500 0 0
Advances per 43 Vict. c. 4. and 45 & 46 Vict. c. 62. repayable by Irish Land Commission per 44 & 45 Vict. c. 71 -	800,000 0 0	800,000 0 0
Canada Guaranteed 4½. per cent. Bonds	37,500 0 0	41,812 0 0
Advances to Public Works Loan Commissioners - - -	2,252,267 14 0	2,252,268 0 0
Annuities for terms of years in lieu of Stock cancelled per National Debt Act, 1883, 46 & 47 Vict. c. 54. -	1,000,000 0 0	(a.) 9,563,240 0 0
Annuities for terms of years per National Debt Act, 1880, expiring 20th March 1885 - - -	253,941 0 0	(a.) 310,138 0 0
Annuity for a term of years per 26 Vict. c. 14, expiring 5th April 1885 - - -	9,983 7 3	(a.) 14,613 0 0
Annuity for a term of years per 45 & 46 Vict. c. 72, expiring 8th September 1892 - - -	5,428 18 8	(a.) 42,060 0 0
Annuity for a term of years per 46 Vict. c. 1. & 2 - - -	2,696 18 9	(a.) 23,033 0 0
Annuity for a term of years granted to repay advances per 32 & 33 Vict. c. 42., payable by Irish Land Commission per 44 & 45 Vict. c. 71., expiring 31st December 1905 - - -	133,800 0 0	(a.) 2,117,267 0 0
Annuity for a term of years per Indian Loan Act, 1881, as reduced by National Debt Act, 1883, expiring 5th July 1906 - - -	55,532 0 0	(a.) 927,681 0 0
Annuity for a term of years in lieu of annuities converted per National Debt Act, 1883, 46 & 47 Vict. c. 54. s. 5 - - -	321,918 0 0	(a.) 4,893,470 0 0
Red Sea and India Telegraph Annuity, expiring 4th August 1903 - - -	3,100 0 0	48,823 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 1882 - - -	75,896 5 0	(a.) 455,195 0 0
Advances under Pensions Commutation Act during year ended 31st December 1883 per 34 & 35 Vict. c. 36., in respect of which an annuity has not been granted - - -	4,782 5 6	4,782 0 0
		166 17 5
	43,006,891 0 0	189,407 9 7
Add value of Securities - - -	- - -	43,006,891 0 0
Cash balance in Bank of England - - -	- - -	98,560 8 1
		43,294,948 17 8

(a) Value, inclusive of interest, to 31st December 1883.

National Debt Office,  
15th July 1884.

C. RIVERS WILSON,  
Comptroller General.

# APPENDIX J.—*continued.* POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK. BALANCE SHEET.

RETURN of the BALANCE SHEETS of the POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS for the Year 1883, showing the Balance due to Depositors, the Amount of Expenses remaining Unpaid, the Value of Securities according to the average price of the day on 31st December 1883, Amount of Cash in Hand and Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the Year, &c. and the Surplus of Assets over Liabilities.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance due to Depositors on the 31st December 1883 (including interest)	41,708,808 8 9	Value of Securities according to the average price of the day on 31 Dec. 1883	43,196,388 9 7
Amount of expenses remaining unpaid (partly estimated)	11,007 8 0	Amount of cash in hands of Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt	98,560 8 1
Surplus of assets over Liabilities	1,918,116 9 8	Total Amount in the hands of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt	-
		Amount received for issuing new Deposit Books	1,963 14 4
		Less,—Amount paid to the National Debt Commissioners	883 4 4
		Amount in the hands of Her Majesty's Postmaster General	316,853 15 8
		Less,—Amount required to meet Warrants issued to Depositors but not cashed on 31st December 1883	34,940 16 11
		Value of the Central Savings Bank Premises in Queen Victoria Street, E.C.	281,912 18 9
			120,000 0 0
			43,697,932 6 5

Total amount received from Depositors, including interest, to 31st December 1883  
Total amount repaid to Depositors to 31st December 1883

Number of Transactions.		Number of Accounts.	
Deposits.	Withdrawals.	Opened.	Closed.
62,154,832	21,612,727	9,225,575	6,119,983
			Remaining Open.
			3,105,642

The total cost of the Post Office Savings Banks from their establishment to the 31st December 1883, including the sum of £11,007, 8s. 0d. charged as above, was £2,898,547, 13s. 2½d. The total number of transactions, i.e., Deposits and Withdrawals, in the period was 83,767,559. The average cost of each transaction from the commencement of Post Office Savings Bank business to the end of the Year 1883 was 7½d. Prior to the passing of the Post Office Savings Banks Act, 1861, it was estimated (see Parliamentary Paper, No. 625, 1861) that the average cost of each transaction would be 7d. The sums of £184,579, 14s. 11d., £67,116, 16s. 0d., £7,797, 13s. 1d., £185,945, 4s. 11d., £44,579, 10s. 1d., and £15,182, 0s. 1d. have been paid into the Exchequer out of the funds of the Post Office Savings Banks in the years 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, and 1883 respectively under sec. 14 of the Act 40 Vict. c. 13, being the accrues of interest which had accrued during the years 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, and 1882. The sum of £70,000, the cost of the site of the new Savings Bank building in Queen Victoria Street, and £45,000, towards the cost of the new building, have been paid for out of the funds of the Post Office Savings Banks.

## APPENDIX J.—continued.

## Post Office Savings Banks.

Year.	Number of Post Office Savings Banks.	Number of Deposits.	Amount of Deposits.	Average amount of each ordinary Deposit.	Interest credited to Depositors.	Number of Withdrawals.	Amount of Withdrawals.	Average amount of each ordinary Withdrawal.	Charges of Management.	Average Cost of each transaction, viz., of each Deposit, Withdrawal, or Stock transaction.	Number of accounts opened.	Number of accounts closed.	Number of accounts remaining open at close of the year.	Amount, inclusive of interest, standing to credit of all open accounts at close of the year.	Average amount standing to credit of each open account at close of the year.	Percentage of cost of Management to total funds in possession of the Post Office Savings Banks.	Total sum standing to credit of Post Office Savings Banks on books of National Debt Commissioners at close of the year.	Balance in hands of Postmaster-General after making provision for Outstanding Warrants at close of the year.	Estimated value of the Central Savings Bank premises in Queen Victoria Street.	Total value of assets applicable to payment of Depositors at close of the year.	Number, at close of the year, of Old Savings Banks and Post Office Banks combined.	Number, at close of the year, of Depositors in Old Savings Banks and Post Office Savings Banks combined.	
1880	6,283	3,755,680*	10,301,102*	2 14 5	777,085	1,465,331†	9,346,684†	6 5 9	188,801‡	8 1/4	554,658	358,163	2,184,072	33,744,637	15 8 11	24 34,375,836	232,045	—	—	34,608,881	6,675	3,704,777	
1881	6,513	5,699,576*	11,867,155*	2 0 6	828,990	1,728,700†	10,244,287†	5 10 7	200,574	6 1/4	880,831	463,191	2,607,612	36,194,406	13 17 7	1 36,509,923	236,453	—	—	36,746,376	6,950	4,146,068	
1882	6,999	6,151,466*	12,821,230*	2 0 0	891,029	1,885,120†	10,869,534†	5 5 3	221,633	6 1/4	788,858	537,404	2,858,976	39,697,821	13 13 1	44 40,862,640	146,924	—	—	120,000	41,128,564	7,429	4,411,948
1883	7,369	6,297,368*	13,575,167*	2 1 3	955,991	2,075,465†	11,500,171†	5 6 3	248,180	7 1/4	772,201	523,535	3,105,642	41,768,808	13 9 0	110 48,294,940	282,983	—	—	120,000	43,697,832	7,790	4,671,826

Including, as well as Ordinary Deposits, (a) Deposits for immediate investment in Stock; (b) Amounts realised by sale of Stock, and Stock Certificates obtained, the amount, when Stock is sold or a Stock Certificate obtained, being placed to the credit of the Savings Bank account so as to be dealt with as a withdrawal; (c) Dividends. For particulars, see statement of Government Stock business on next page.

\* Including, as well as Ordinary Withdrawals, (a) Withdrawals for investment in Stock, with commission; (b) Withdrawals consequent on sale of Stock and obtaining Stock Certificates, with commission and fees. For particulars, see statement of Government Stock business on next page.

† The sum of 188,891, for charges of management in 1880 includes 16,373, paid in respect of the new building. Omitting this amount the cost per transaction was 7 1/2d., and the percentage of expenses to capital 10s. 2 1/2d.

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

**INVESTMENTS IN GOVERNMENT STOCK.**

Year.	Number of Stock Accounts opened.	Number of Stock Accounts closed.	Number of Stock Accounts remaining open at close of the Year.	Number of Investments.	Number of Sales.	Number of Stock Certificates obtained.	Number of Deposits for immediate Investment.	Amount of Deposits for immediate Investment.	Average amount of each Deposit for immediate Investment.	Number of Savings Bank accounts opened with Deposits for immediate Investment.	Amount of Money invested.	Amount of Commission.	Amount of Bank of England fees.	Amount of Stock bought.	Average amount of each purchase of Stock.	Amount of Stock sold.	Average amount of each sale of Stock.	Amount realised by sale of Stock.	Amount of Stock Certificates obtained.	Amount of Stock transferred from old Savings Banks.	Amount of Stock transferred to old Savings Banks.	Number of Dividends credited to Stockholders.	Amount of Dividends credited to Stockholders.	Amount of Stock remaining to credit of Stockholders at close of the Year.	Average amount of Stock remaining to credit of each Stockholder at close of the Year.
From Nov. 22nd to Dec. 31st 1880.	2,162	31	2,131	2,250	9	22	1,025	79,641	49 0 0	563	128,013	175 10 0	2 8 0	122,511 56 1 6	585	37 10 0	43 15 6	330	1,500	—	—	—	—	127,028	59 17 9
1881	11,019	1,358	11,812	13,770	2,023	102	10,382	427,312	41 3 2	2,875	690,181	1,104 10 0	7 10 0	694,967 50 13 10	75,998	37 10 0	75,997	7,700	—	—	50	11,303	10,439	738,098	62 11 3
1882	7,551	2,751	10,000	12,153	4,355	77	10,047	582,847	38 2 1	1,913	590,305	1,105 17 0	6 3 0	588,811 48 8 0	177,122	40 14 0	177,982	8,150	—	—	190	24,782	26,533	1,143,717	68 17 3
1883	7,576	3,418	20,767	12,822	5,685	58	10,414	397,956	38 4 3	1,954	623,927	1,258 4 9	5 11 0	618,286 48 6	236,706	41 12 9	238,933	8,550	430	235	35,271	37,548	1,519,963	73 8 10	





# Money Orders.

## COLONIAL ORDERS.

Year	ISSUED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.				ISSUED IN THE COLONIES.				TOTAL.			
	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.
1856	-	£	-	-	3,985	12,981	-	-	3,985	12,981	-	-
1857	-	-	-	-	4,744	14,168	19.6	9.3	4,744	14,168	19.6	9.3
1858	-	-	-	-	3,724	10,080	-	-	3,724	10,080	-	-
1859	709	2,250	-	-	8,102	22,943	117	128	8,811	25,199	138	150
1860	2,649	7,726	273	242	13,005	40,266	67.9	75.4	16,254	47,982	84.4	90.4
Average of 5 years 1861-65	8,163	30,356	203	292	45,337	193,316	245	336	54,100	236,142	233	371
" 1866-70	16,158	63,613	97.9	109	106,467	464,104	131	152	122,025	557,717	128	146
1871	19,739	80,451	22.1	26.4	123,472	520,550	15.9	5.3	143,211	600,981	10.7	7.7
1872	21,032	84,727	6.5	5.3	133,490	563,849	8.1	8.3	154,512	649,576	7.9	7.9
1873	21,864	89,002	3.9	5.	154,196	642,527	15.5	13.9	176,060	731,529	13.9	12.8
1874	23,188	93,261	6.	4.7	149,250	639,895	-	-	172,438	723,156	-	-
1875	24,661	96,063	6.3	5.1	145,966	603,183	-	-	170,617	701,245	-	-
3 months ended 31st March 1876	6,426	24,689	-	-	33,008	137,221	-	-	39,494	161,910	-	-
1876-77	27,161	104,327	10.1	6.4	140,436	567,470	-	-	167,597	671,827	-	-
1877-78	29,403	109,456	8.3	4.8	146,346	569,915	4.	0.4	175,749	679,371	4.8	1.1
1878-79	29,559	106,764	0.5	-	155,280	605,032	6.	6.2	184,819	711,816	5.	4.7
1879-80	31,592	113,242	6.8	6.	172,068	650,850	10.8	7.5	203,660	764,002	10.2	7.3
1880-81	34,125	122,514	8.	8.1	187,337	690,465	9.1	6.	221,902	812,979	9.	0.4
1881-82	34,423	121,210	9	1. decrease	210,554	771,515	12.	12.	244,976	892,725	10.4	9.8
1882-83	36,244	130,172	5.3	3.3 increase	240,908	912,986	14.	18.3	277,052	1,043,168	13.	17.
1883-84	43,065	156,999	18.8	20.3 "	270,380	1,027,615	12.3	12.5	313,435	1,164,214	13.1	13.5



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

Year	ISSUED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.						ISSUED ABROAD.						TOTAL.			
	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.
1869	3,302	11,352	—	—	2,177	8,753	—	—	5,479	20,105	—	—	—	—	—	—
1870	7,329	29,428	121	159	4,832	17,361	121	98·3	12,161	46,789	121	132	121	46,789	121	132
1871	18,769	66,072	156	121	28,663	107,911	468	821	47,481	172,983	290	269	290	172,983	290	269
1872	28,551	98,584	52·1	48·4	75,590	264,026	162	144	108,911	367,960	119	106	119	367,960	119	106
1873	39,569	131,053	39·6	40·4	97,680	339,613	29·6	28·6	137,546	470,666	32·3	31·7	137,546	470,666	32·3	31·7
1874	53,123	169,417	33·2	29·2	95,380	318,638	—	—	149,503	498,075	7·9	8·6	149,503	498,075	7·9	8·6
1875	67,348	202,901	26·7	19·7	96,248	291,019	0·9	—	163,596	468,920	10·1	1·1	163,596	468,920	10·1	1·1
3 months ended 31st March 1876	20,180	55,765	—	—	26,279	75,768	—	—	46,469	131,527	—	—	46,469	131,527	—	—
1876-77	93,979	268,240	39·3	31·2	107,501	294,748	11·6	1·2	201,380	560,988	28·	13·5	201,380	560,988	28·	13·5
1877-78	107,866	291,128	14·8	9·3	118,470	312,836	10·2	6·1	226,328	603,964	12·3	7·6	226,328	603,964	12·3	7·6
1878-79	124,172	317,715	16·1	9·1	140,867	361,639	18·9	15·6	265,039	679,254	17·1	12·4	265,039	679,254	17·1	12·4
1879-80	184,781	525,927	8·5	1·9	194,778	504,670	38·2	40·1	329,539	830,597	24·3	22·2	329,539	830,597	24·3	22·2
1880-81	142,216	385,808	5·5	3·6	241,351	624,032	24·	23·6	383,567	961,940	16·4	15·8	383,567	961,940	16·4	15·8
1881-82	153,571	360,054	8·	6·2	291,068	773,123	20·8	23·5	445,319	1,133,177	16·	18·	445,319	1,133,177	16·	18·
1882-83	162,713	400,460	6·	11·2	344,706	980,548	18·2	20·3	507,509	1,380,028	14·	17·4	507,509	1,380,028	14·	17·4
1883-84	194,516	477,303	10·	19·2	364,083	966,235	5·84	2·76	559,468	1,433,548	10·3	7·7	559,468	1,433,548	10·3	7·7

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 eleven 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 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	33,890	163,138	2,800	11,231	2,673	57,725	6,056	48,760	2,909	91,126	8,937	104,225	89,002	642,527
1874	-	1,063	39,898	29,865	140,364	38,252	135,693	2,694	15,006	2,691	44,294	7,322	58,072	3,552	107,338	8,592	88,720	93,261	632,895
1875	-	1,205	31,89	29,897	140,197	38,317	110,949	3,178	22,406	2,980	46,189	9,307	66,563	3,220	96,406	9,959	86,574	98,063	693,183
1876-77	-	1,601	27,444	30,070	143,937	40,623	93,803	3,435	31,839	3,762	46,176	10,284	67,310	3,579	76,819	10,705	75,632	104,358	567,470
1877-78	-	1,609	19,708	30,617	158,331	40,154	82,512	4,116	33,962	5,166	63,362	10,319	73,964	4,118	66,441	13,367	69,635	109,456	569,915
1878-79	-	1,815	27,663	30,545	166,754	36,463	81,729	4,441	39,660	4,310	65,299	9,738	85,633	4,383	63,256	14,639	74,748	106,784	605,033
1879-80	-	2,412	41,222	32,643	187,712	37,931	84,256	4,694	49,543	4,910	61,368	11,972	95,253	3,932	65,427	14,466	66,064	113,240	630,550
1880-81	-	2,925	34,907	37,096	197,772	37,909	90,533	5,313	58,261	6,538	86,384	14,800	98,572	4,500	66,618	13,740	57,198	122,514	690,465
1881-82	-	3,332	46,462	36,895	211,687	36,069	110,606	7,290	85,964	7,103	95,836	13,964	90,934	3,926	69,463	12,721	61,554	121,210	771,515
1882-83	-	2,905	44,291	38,918	236,556	39,310	163,157	9,571	111,698	8,364	110,022	14,083	90,580	4,560	76,186	11,461	81,566	130,172	912,986
1883-84	-	3,863	53,698	47,173	231,675	51,684	187,113	11,790	97,987	11,258	118,521	16,368	95,899	5,004	105,994	9,439	89,818	156,399	1,027,615

## 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 eleven Years—continued.

Year.	Belgium.		Denmark.		Egypt.		France.		Germany.		Italy.		Japan.	
	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Bel- gium.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Den- mark.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the Egypt.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in France.	Issued in Ger- many.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Italy.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Japan.
1873	10,738	15,663	2,176	2,005	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1874	11,356	14,831	2,900	2,883	44	1,384	18,490	5,519	50,070	9,898	6,214	4,597	—	—
1875	11,400	15,017	2,986	4,219	128	1,863	36,391	18,403	58,191	11,166	6,568	6,214	—	—
1876-77	13,189	15,773	3,439	4,023	74	1,845	69,940	38,005	74,658	16,874	7,377	16,874	—	—
1877-78	12,924	15,298	4,288	5,461	138	2,754	69,924	48,136	86,480	20,039	8,417	16,874	—	—
1878-79	13,394	16,019	3,880	6,069	965	7,971	85,037	66,358	61,673	21,197	8,417	16,874	—	—
1879-80	13,476	16,144	4,110	5,683	637	9,108	79,343	79,149	103,193	22,014	10,407	16,874	—	—
1880-81	13,823	21,925	4,806	5,674	738	7,661	79,019	90,390	110,691	23,368	11,934	16,874	—	—
1881-82	13,440	21,792	4,625	7,308	597	8,689	80,838	92,788	118,279	26,472	12,195	16,874	—	—
1882-83	15,005	23,349	5,925	9,424	1,394	20,086	85,449	98,669	126,184	28,637	13,752	16,874	—	—
1883-84	16,914	27,021	7,908	12,149	2,381	22,717	92,745	122,461	140,089	34,922	16,451	16,451	—	—

continued.

Year.	Netherlands.		Norway.		Portugal.		Sweden.		Switzerland.		United States.		TOTAL.	
	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Nether- lands.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Nor- way.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Por- tugal.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Sweden.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Swit- zerland.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in U.S.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued Abroad.
1873	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1874	3,197	4,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	11,516	5,403	46,370	274,453	131,063	389,513
1875	3,596	3,531	—	—	—	—	—	—	12,743	5,053	60,356	240,886	169,417	318,958
1876-77	4,969	5,064	—	—	—	—	—	—	13,608	5,664	62,894	186,197	202,900	291,050
1877-78	5,481	6,887	1,115	1,115	—	—	—	—	15,419	6,483	75,605	169,464	266,339	294,748
1878-79	5,741	9,374	2,713	1,476	—	—	—	—	16,708	6,683	73,196	187,707	291,128	312,386
1879-80	5,970	10,006	3,947	3,067	—	—	—	—	17,603	6,900	71,089	176,888	317,713	361,639
1880-81	5,808	9,891	5,069	2,084	—	—	—	—	18,797	9,503	70,466	290,841	333,927	504,970
1881-82	6,951	10,678	6,783	2,409	—	—	—	—	18,515	11,289	72,081	392,783	336,808	693,038
1882-83	6,910	12,893	8,194	2,081	—	—	—	—	10,000	13,481	90,397	325,398	360,004	773,138
1883-84	7,566	12,398	10,008	2,970	—	—	—	—	12,313	12,790	94,711	647,097	400,448	980,448
1884-85	9,085	14,577	16,780	2,451	440	910	10,015	2,408	28,990	11,700	116,787	680,706	477,393	1,041,225

## APPENDIX L.

## Postal Orders.

TABLE showing the NUMBER of VALUE of POSTAL ORDERS issued to the PUBLIC from the commencement on the 1st January 1881 to the 31st March 1884.

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.	No.	Value.
	1 0	1 6	2 6	5 0	7 6	10 0	12 6	15 0	17 6	20 0				
Quarter ended 31 March 1881	62,589	48,994	62,041	124,147	40,381	122,745	17,953	31,73 6	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	911,978		4,462,920	2,006,917 19 0
1882-83	-	948,678	759,105	825,198	1,463,620	449,229	1,330,098	181,832	318,769	97,345	1,606,454		7,980,328	8,451,284 0 6
1883-84	-	1,700,453	1,367,774	1,333,656	2,164,178	676,193	1,870,963	266,745	444,637	143,184	2,318,773		12,286,556	5,028,663 9 0
TOTALS	-	3,164,543	2,537,967	2,657,991	4,605,251	1,428,723	4,132,542	577,221	997,807	312,281	4,962,517		25,376,798	10,779,015 18 6

## RATES OF POUNDAGE.

Poundage.		½d.		1d.		2d.	
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	13 6
						15 0	17 6
							20 0



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 1883, and the Number and Amount of Contracts in existence on the 31st December 1883.

	CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO.				TOTAL.	
	From 17 April 1865 to 31 December 1882.		From 1 Jan. 1883 to 31 December 1883.			
	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 1883, viz. :—						
Immediate Annuities - -	12,445	170,041 12 8	770	14,141 0 0	13,215	184,182 12 8
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - -	299	5,498 18 6	32	526 7 0	331	6,025 5 6
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - -	562	12,000 0 0	72	1,503 15 0	634	13,593 15 0
Contracts for Sums payable at Death entered into from the commencement of business on the 17th April 1865 to the 31st December 1883 - - - -	6,758	533,525 5 4	256	20,600 19 8	7,014	554,126 5 0
Contracts for Annuities in existence on the 31st December 1883, viz. :—						
Immediate Annuities - -	-	-	-	-	9,059	139,266 7 10
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - -	-	-	-	-	295	5,307 13 6
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - -	-	-	-	-	367	8,003 8 0
Contracts for Sums payable at Death, in existence on the 31st December 1883 - - -	-	-	-	-	4,714	379,206 9 2

# 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 1883.

NAMES OF OFFICERS.	Correspondence.						Parcels.			Totals.		Total Value.			
	England and Wales.			Scotland.			Ireland.		England and Wales.		Scotland.				
	Weight in Ounces.		Value.	Weight in Ounces.		Value.	Weight in Ounces.	Value.	Weight in Ounces.	Value.	Weight in Ounces.		Value.		
	Oz.	£		Oz.	£									Oz.	£
Adjutant General	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Admiralty, Lords Commissioners of the	1,250,945	10,892	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10,892
Army Medical Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Attorney General	5,313	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22
Board of Education	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Board of Supervision	—	—	—	27,186	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Board of Trade	—	—	—	50,742	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Board of Works	921,423	3,538	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,538
Census Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chancellor, The Lord	1,892	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
Charity Commissioners	22,653	101	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	101
Chelsea Hospital	129,586	560	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	560
Chief and Under Secretary, Dublin Castle	22,508	104	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	104
Civil Service Commissioners	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Clerk of the Parliaments (House of Lords)	315,964	1,415	2,081	465,319	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,081	2,081
Colonial Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Commander of the Forces	429,220	6,105	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,105
Commissariat Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Constabulary Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Convict Prisons, Directors of	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Council Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Court of Chancery	1,494,983	6,599	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,599
Court of Probate	99,036	465	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	465
Crown Office	163,240	673	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	673
Crown and Hanaper	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Customs	579,945	2,468	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,468
Excise and Audit Department	160,070	729	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	729
General Post Office	16,170	72	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	72
Foreign Office	208,609	3,616	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,616

## Appendix N.—continued.

NAMES OF OFFICERS.	Correspondence.						Parcels.			Totals.		Total Value.	
	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		England and Wales.	Scotland.	Ireland.	Correspondence.	Parcels.		
	Weight in Ounces.	Value.	Weight in Ounces.	Value.	Weight in Ounces.	Value.					Value.		Value.
							Weight in Ounces.	Value.	Weight in Ounces.	Value.			
Health Exhibition	oz.	£	oz.	£	oz.	£	£	£	£	oz.	£	£	
Home Office	67,175	295	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	67,175	295	295	
Inland Revenue	1,301,217	4,466	1,735	8	—	—	7	—	—	1,305,952	4,464	4,471	
Inspector of Fisheries	8,276,635	53,455	4,178,370	7,672	2,612,220	11,390	265	36	27	15,067,275	828	53,825	
Insurance and Annuities	—	—	—	—	123,370	555	—	—	—	123,370	555	555	
Irish Office	1,230	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,230	6	6	
Land Commissioners	127,193	508	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	127,193	508	508	
Loan Fund Board	53,107	244	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	53,107	244	244	
Local Government Board	1,411,695	5,972	—	—	8,140	38	—	—	—	8,140	38	38	
Lord Lieutenant and Private Secretary	75,350	336	396,603	1,763	80,154	358	90	2	2	1,808,238	7,735	7,757	
Mercantile Marine Board	515,538	2,300	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	515,538	2,300	2,300	
Merchant Seamen, Registrar of	41,866	191	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41,866	191	191	
National Debt Office	27,612	120	—	—	52,224	242	—	—	—	79,836	363	363	
Ordnance Survey	54,348	168	—	—	33,246	166	—	—	—	54,348	168	168	
Patent Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	53,356	235	235	
Paymaster of Civil Services	53,356	235	—	—	10,225	48	1	—	1	10,225	48	48	
Paymaster General	—	—	—	—	29,088	136	—	—	—	29,088	136	136	
Public Record Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26,274	105	105	
Queen's Remembrancer	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	75,659	296	296	
Registrar General	446,292	1,333	272,037	462	314,945	1,489	27	7	46	75,659	296	296	
Registrar of Friendly Societies	107,066	414	19,167	85	125,782	573	—	—	—	1,033,274	3,344	3,344	
Registrar at Petty Sessions, Clerks	—	—	7,768	35	—	—	—	—	—	134,011	573	573	
Science and Art Department	1,492,604	6,450	—	—	—	—	14	—	16	125,782	573	573	
Solicitor General	6,323	28	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,492,604	6,450	6,450	
Stationery Office	908,298	2,031	—	—	88,988	402	59	—	7	6,323	28	28	
Treasury	462,746	1,681	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	907,296	2,031	2,031	
Valuation Office	—	—	—	—	44,083	203	—	—	—	462,746	2,031	2,031	
War Office	2,952,947	16,537	39,993	170	86,745	408	157	2	2	41,063	157	157	
Works and Forests, Commissioners of	80,768	353	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	3,061,585	353	353	
Works and Buildings, Commissioners of	237,153	980	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	80,768	353	353	
TOTALS	24,740,628	116,247	4,774,201	9,492	6,414,828	28,684	740	47	127	33,938,637	154,423	155,337	

\* The Parcels Post was not introduced till 1st August 1883, and the amount of Parcels Postage is therefore for eight months only.



## APPENDIX O.

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	-	-	-	-	732	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	3,530 11 0	862	2,857	2,137	26,109 7 6
1872-73	165	674	339	6,590 8 6	1,027	3,531	2,536	32,699 16 0
1873-74	239	702	833	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	339	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	337	3,183 5 6	1,889	6,382	5,636	63,305 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	14,208 6 0	2,238	11,055	6,982	86,736 2 9
1882-83	452	1,384	766	12,787 13 6	2,690	12,439	7,748	101,523 16 3
1883-84	412	1,768	1,113	12,109 16 4	3,102	14,307	8,861	113,633 12 7

\* 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 P.

## 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. 10s. each.	Horses and Mules at 10s. 6d. each.	Armorial Bearings.		Game.			Total Number.	Revenue.
	At 9s. each.	At 6s. each.	At 5s. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.		At 42s. each.	At 15s. each.			At 42s. each.	At 21s. each.	Guns at 10s. each.	Red at 60s. each.	Blue and Green at 40s. each.		
1869	-	-	-	478,218	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	478,218	£ 118,504 10 0
1870	-	-	-	524,032	-	74,607	32,020	73,171	10	203,351	6,171	10,219	40,742	-	964,323	460,027 16 6
1871	-	-	-	552,229	-	70,865	31,887	73,111	10	201,527	5,945	10,303	62,161	-	1,008,038	475,311 15 6
1872	-	-	-	573,728	-	71,294	32,978	74,418	10	205,914	5,945	11,090	62,239	-	1,037,608	485,459 9 0
1873	-	-	-	615,342	-	69,298	32,980	74,651	8	206,562	5,738	10,752	70,671	-	1,055,938	498,137 0 0
1874	-	-	-	635,636	-	68,325	34,094	75,405	8	203,383	5,836	10,943	79,481	4	1,103,207	531,249 14 6
1875	-	-	-	755,408	-	67,849	34,964	77,531	-	-	5,741	10,958	86,578	10	1,039,341	438,346 8 0
Quarter ended 31 Mar. 1876	-	-	-	680,730	-	67,652	33,360	72,617	-	-	5,603	10,704	3,266	-	873,932	370,078 15 0
	-	-	-	847,609	-	61,304	36,660	81,107	-	-	5,713	11,279	86,554	14	1,180,241	462,867 15 0
1876-77	-	-	-	930,066	-	57,152	37,127	82,788	-	-	5,654	11,835	86,869	11	1,510,463	462,700 7 0
1877-78	-	-	-	82,937	668,918	53,865	37,060	80,998	-	-	5,656	11,834	92,208	14	1,033,500	520,988 11 0
1878-79	-	-	-	-	652,683	62,792	46,553	105,634	-	-	6,403	14,471	87,728	7	970,355	543,823 5 6
1879-80	-	-	-	-	633,969	79,253	59,784	138,860	-	-	7,806	18,448	88,253	2	610	645,561 16 6
1880-81	-	-	-	-	646,362	84,963	60,754	156,704	-	-	8,386	20,060	93,507	717	1,176,834	700,181 8 0
1881-82	0,055	96,423	-	-	658,060	93,722	74,212	175,171	-	-	9,008	21,930	102,250	8,031	1,480	774,117 16 0
1882-83	6,587	84,793	-	-	682,632	98,515	78,580	188,043	-	-	9,199	23,076	108,792	13,887	1,890	818,703 2 0
1883-84	6,379	81,122	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,377	1,563	1,591

\* The duty on Horse Dealers and Horses and Mules was abolished in the year 1874.

## APPENDIX Q.

## 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 ORDERS and POSTAL ORDER BUSINESS.					COST OF CONVEYANCE OF MAILS.								
	Salaries, Wages, Pensions, Travelling Allowances, Roundage on Sale of Stamp, Commission on Money Order and Postal Order Business, Cost of Uniform Clothing, of Medical Attendance, of Substitutes during 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, Taxes, Rates, and Light.	Total Cost of Collection, Delivery, and Management, and of Money Order and Postal 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 Private Ships under Contract, and by private Ships.	Conveyance of Mails over Steamships of Foreign and Colonial Mails.	Total Cost of Conveyance.	Conveyance of Savings Bank Correspondence.	Net Cost of Conveyance.	Total Cost of Post Office Service.
1874	1,874,488	70,000	37,420	168,555	2,150,713	187,008	649,613	23,865	915,580 (a)	18,484	1,764,500	—	1,764,500	2,913,213
1875	1,941,704	86,420	42,465	142,551	2,213,470	163,531	666,957	25,436	835,866 (b)	16,938	1,707,421	—	1,707,421	3,990,891
Quarter ended 31st Mar. 1876	408,615	21,656	12,614	44,550	575,435	40,403	169,105	7,209	207,141	4,029	427,887	—	427,887	1,003,332
1876-7	2,045,876	92,191	46,925	206,463	2,393,475	171,570	694,465	24,241	779,632	16,823	1,677,451	82,505 (c)	1,676,831	4,070,006
1877-8	2,117,715	96,637	43,160	179,613	2,436,424	175,453	692,140	25,048	679,426 (d)	16,714	1,556,761	82,505 (c)	1,554,196	3,990,630
1878-9	2,177,569	103,640	45,012	156,668	2,493,184	177,746	697,069	25,843	684,957	16,149	1,601,766	24,874 (e)	1,596,892	3,840,076
1879-80	2,245,412	108,161	45,598	166,668	2,560,889	181,703	701,070	24,737	664,620	16,092	1,588,823	81,853	1,566,969	4,060,758
1880-81	2,291,551	101,302	46,483	145,061	2,572,336	184,416	707,436	28,337	665,446	16,450	1,602,075	83,752	1,563,323	4,133,659
1881-82	2,453,076	107,862	44,544	162,118	2,737,335	186,976	714,124	32,036	637,375	16,425	1,637,436	88,675	1,548,761	4,296,606
1882-83	2,613,551	117,765	36,789	207,278	2,978,777	190,543	732,821	30,405	633,879	14,710	1,692,253	83,632	1,666,621	4,545,308
1883-84	2,297,586	134,889	56,063	257,176	3,448,094	266,511	746,849	62,093	654,036	14,912	1,745,301	83,566	1,706,735	5,154,849

## APPENDIX R.

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

Year.	Gross Revenue from Letters, Post Cards, Newspapers, Books, and Parcels.	Commission.		Unclaimed Money Orders.	Total Postal Revenue.	Total Cost of Post Office Service.	Net Revenue.
		Money Order.	Postal Order.				
1874	£ 5,531,023	£ 215,463	-	£ 5,116	£ 5,751,490	£ 3,915,313	£ 1,836,187
1875	5,460,535 (a)	219,197	-	5,300	5,515,032	3,920,801	1,594,141
Quarter ended 31st March 1876	1,280,961	56,640	-	1,270	1,339,861 (b)	1,005,323	334,539
1876	5,783,083	299,308	-	5,731	6,017,073	4,070,008	1,947,065
1877	5,798,401	243,463	-	6,048	6,047,513	3,940,680	2,054,892
1878	6,010,506	243,063	-	6,051	6,274,450	3,940,073	2,334,374
1879	6,300,730	251,549	-	6,146	6,558,445	4,060,758	2,497,687
1880	6,470,643	244,033	£ 750 (c)	4,948	6,733,427	4,133,059	2,600,368
1881	6,710,623	293,947	25,057	4,764	7,027,900	4,333,566	2,741,004
1882	7,034,628	317,686	44,493	3,800	7,390,900	4,543,368	2,755,562
1883	7,483,206	269,704	60,945	4,000	7,764,855 (d)	5,104,329	2,610,026
Average Annual Net Revenue of first period of Five Years		-	-	-	-	-	£2,000,799
Ditto		-	-	-	-	-	£2,640,406
second period of Five Years		-	-	-	-	-	-

(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 1875, 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 1,497,830; the amount entered in the Post Office Books having been reduced by the sum of 148,662, 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 - 7,766,683.

Add Unclaimed Money Orders - 4,000.

" Extra Receipts - 8,167.

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# APPENDIX S.

Gross and NET REVENUE 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 Porterage and Message Money refunded. (i)			
1870 (2 months.)	£ —	£ —	£ —	£ —	£ —	£ 107,479	£ 5,000	£ 1,719	£ 100,760	£ 62,273	£ 38,487
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	43,300	37,817	2,050	11,855	1,401,077	885,684	25,472	989,921	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(e)	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	56,329	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	8,555	13,166	1,603,587	253,550	2,145	1,346,392	1,089,393	257,500
1880	1,549,866	76,269	66,349	9,769	14,475	1,716,728	261,861	2,878	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	1,896,066	265,860	3,064	1,630,443	1,365,683	264,810
1883	1,781,617	97,989	84,429	29,517	15,515	2,009,067	265,860	3,144	1,740,063	1,504,204	235,859
1884	1,779,997	99,825	94,953	32,179	12,970	2,019,924	255,408	3,617	1,760,999	1,709,506	51,393

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

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

(c) 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 the Post Office during the whole period, nor that incurred by the Office of Works in England since the 1st April 1874.

(d) The amount of the year ended 31st March 1874 includes arrears of pay for 1870 and 1871 amounting to £4,000.

(e) The amount of the year ended 31st March 1875 includes for the first time the cost of extensions amounting to £1,509.

(f) The amount of the year ended 31st March 1876 includes for the first time the cost of extensions amounting to £1,509.

(g) The amount of the year ended 31st March 1877 includes for the first time the cost of extensions amounting to £1,509.

(h) The amount of the year ended 31st March 1878 includes for the first time the cost of extensions amounting to £1,509.

(i) The amount of the year ended 31st March 1879 includes for the first time the cost of extensions amounting to £1,509.

(j) The amount of the year ended 31st March 1880 includes for the first time the cost of extensions amounting to £1,509.

(k) The amount of the year ended 31st March 1881 includes for the first time the cost of extensions amounting to £1,509.

(l) The amount of the year ended 31st March 1882 includes for the first time the cost of extensions amounting to £1,509.

(m) The amount of the year ended 31st March 1883 includes for the first time the cost of extensions amounting to £1,509.

(n) The amount of the year ended 31st March 1884 includes for the first time the cost of extensions amounting to £1,509.

## APPENDIX T.

## Expenditure in relation to Telegraphs.

Year.	EXPENDITURE.						Total Cost of Telegraph Service.
	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	£ 23,911	£ 38,663	£ 1,146	£ 704	£ 1,308,454
1881-82	-	1,365,633	22,118	49,916	1,353	768	1,440,498
1882-83	-	1,504,204	21,761	54,696	1,561	913	1,583,876
1883-84	-	1,709,506	21,700	71,788	1,911	871	1,805,944

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