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THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

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

MY LORDS,

In presenting to your Lordships the Thirty-first Report on the Post Office, being the report for the year ended the 31st of March 1885, I have to record with the deepest regret the death, on the 6th November 1884, of the Right Hon. Henry Fawcett, who for four years had presided over this Department, and who had carried out during his administration so many new schemes and important measures.

Death of the late Postmaster General.

The business of the past year shows a considerable growth in many of its branches.

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 of letters, &c. delivered.

—	Number estimated.	Increase per cent.	Average number to each Person.
Letters - - -	1,360,341,400	2·9	37·8
Post cards - - -	160,340,500	4·4	4·5
Book Packets and Circulars -	320,416,800	8·8	8·9
Newspapers - - -	143,674,500	·7	4·0
Total - - -	1,984,773,200	3·8	55·2
Parcels - - -	22,904,373	11·3	·6
Grand Total - -	2,007,677,573	3·8	55·8

The number of registered letters was 11,365,151, being a decrease of 1·5 per cent.

Registered letters.

The yearly increase in the population is estimated to be about 1 per cent., while, as shown above, the increase in the correspondence is 3·8 per cent, or three times the rate of increase in the population.

The average number of letters to each person in the United Kingdom has increased from 15 in 1854, 22 in 1864, to 38 in 1885. Including post cards, the average per person is 42, a far larger proportion than in any other country.

The number of Post Offices in the United Kingdom has been increased by 483, making the total number 16,434, of which 919 are Head Offices. 773 letter boxes have been added, bringing the total number of receptacles of all sorts for letters up to about 33,000.

Number of offices.

New Post Office Buildings have been provided and brought into use at Boston, Leek, Liverpool (Eastern District), Plymouth, and York, while improvements have been effected in the existing offices at Greenock, Leeds, Liverpool (Head Office), and Swansea,

New buildings.

and arrangements have been made for providing new offices at many other towns. Several new Branch Offices in London have been opened.

The Report of the Committee appointed by your Lordships in 1883 to examine the subject of obtaining improved accommodation for the Central Departments of the Post Office in London has been presented to Parliament, and a Bill has been introduced to give effect to the recommendations of the Committee, and to acquire by compulsory powers the site of the Queen's Hotel, and other properties adjoining it, for the purpose of erecting on these sites a building in connection with the General Post Office and for the accommodation of the administrative staff.

Staff.

The total number of Officers on the permanent establishment of the Department is about 48,000; the number added during the year having been 1,969. The number of females included in this total is 2,919, employed as follows:—

As Clerks in the Central Establishments in London, Dublin, and Edinburgh	-	610
As Telegraphists, Counter-women, Sorters, &c. throughout the kingdom	-	2,309

Besides the foregoing there are, it is estimated, about 47,000 persons employed by local Postmasters, &c. throughout the country to aid in carrying on the business of the Department. Most of these persons have private occupations and are employed on postal duty for a few hours only in the day.

Conduct.

The list of retired officers in receipt of pensions shows a total of 3,337, whose pensions amount to 175,602*l.* a year.

New Mails.

The conduct of the staff has been satisfactory, and the health generally good.

During the year much attention has been devoted to devising new measures for expediting the conveyance of Mails by railway throughout the United Kingdom, and to completing measures undertaken in the previous year with the same object. Additional payments to Railway Companies, amounting in all to about 72,000*l.* a year, have been authorised; and extensive changes have been, or shortly will be, carried out.

An important improvement, to commence on the 1st of July, diminishes by 40 minutes the time occupied in transmitting Mails between London and Perth, the effect of which will not only be felt in nearly all the large towns in Scotland, but also in all the large towns and districts depending for their letters on the railway system of the London and North-western Railway Company in England and Wales.

At Inverness the London Night Mail will arrive at 11.50 a.m. instead of 1.30 p.m., and the outgoing post will be deferred until 3 p.m., thus affording, for the first time, an interval for reply the same afternoon. The remote towns of Wick and Thurso will similarly benefit. At Portree, in the Island of Skye, letters will be delivered in 24 hours from London, and at Stornoway, in Lewis, Monday night's letters will be sent out by postman at 7 a.m. on Wednesday morning.

A new Mail train leaving King's Cross at 7.40 a.m., which commenced to run on 1st May, confers great advantage upon the principal towns in Yorkshire, by enabling letters from the Continent as well as London letters posted after the despatch of the previous night's Mail to reach Bradford, Leeds, Halifax, &c. at mid-day, and the answers to be received in London at 6. 50 p.m. in time for the Continental Night Mail. Thus a letter posted in Paris on Tuesday evening would reach Yorkshire on Wednesday about noon, and the reply to it would be delivered in Paris early on Thursday morning, the total distance traversed being about 1,000 miles.

The arrangements for improving the Mail service in the south of Ireland alluded to in last year's Report have been carried out, and an acceleration of 30 minutes in the limited Day Mail between Dublin and Belfast has been effected, giving a benefit to other towns including Derry.

An arrangement has been made under which letters, &c. posted in any letter box in any of the town districts in London up to 7 p.m. in lieu of 5.30 p.m. will be in time for delivery the same night in the district in which they are posted, and in certain of the adjoining districts, while any letter for the country may be posted up to 6 p.m. in a town district for delivery by the first post the next morning or with a fee of $\frac{1}{4}d$ up to 7 p.m.

It may be mentioned that steps are being taken to fix in front of all village Post Offices the name of the village in plain letters; a system which it is thought may not be without advantage to travellers.

The number of parcels carried by the Department increases steadily, and, as the experience of a complete financial year is now available, it will be interesting to examine somewhat closely the results obtained between the 1st of April 1884, and the 31st of March 1885. No less than 22,904,273 parcels* were posted, of which 19,222,047 were posted in England and Wales, 2,376,177 in Scotland, and 1,306,149 in Ireland; and it will be seen from the following table that a very considerable business has been carried on through the year:—

	Number of Parcels.	Postage.			Average Postage per Parcel.	
		Gross Amount.	55 per cent. on Railway borne Parcels paid to Railway Companies.	Post Office Share.	Gross.	Post Office Share.
		£	£	£	d.	d.
Railway borne and Road borne	22,904,373	508,070	286,457	251,613	5.33	2.64

* The number of Parcels carried during the last week for which returns have been obtained (June 6) were at the rate of nearly 27,000,000 a year and showed an increase of 23 per cent. over the corresponding week of the previous year.

The average amount of postage on each parcel is less than was expected, showing that the larger part of the business is in small parcels of light weight, and although no doubt the revenue derived is overtaking the expenditure, some little time must elapse before a balance of revenue and expenditure can be reached. Looking, however, to the satisfactory increase in the number of inland parcels, and to the addition which may be confidently expected from the establishment of the new posts alluded to below, I cannot doubt that the anticipations of my predecessor will shortly be realised.

In order to test the comparative advantages to the public of the Parcel Post and other parcel carrying agencies, an experiment was made some months ago of sending 100 parcels by post and 100 (bearing like addresses and despatched simultaneously) by railway or carrier. The parcels were sent from all parts of the country, and in the majority of cases the place of origin and the place of destination were on different railway systems, the parcels being what are technically known as cross post parcels. In the result it appeared that 71 per cent. of the test parcels were delivered earlier by post than by other means; while the average time occupied in transmission was 20 hours 21 minutes for a parcel by post against 25 hours 50 minutes for a parcel forwarded in other ways.

Another point in favour of the Parcel Post was that the parcels by post were invariably delivered at the house of the addressee, whereas the railway parcels had in some cases to be fetched from the railway station. As regards charges, the postage was less than the railway charge in 68 cases out of the 100; the railway charge was less than the postage in 8 cases, and the charges were equal in 24 cases.

Foreign
Colonial
Parcel Post.

The arrangements referred to in the last Report for a Foreign and Colonial Parcel Post have, in great measure, been completed, and on the 1st of July the Department will be enabled to accept parcels not exceeding 7 lbs. in weight, for transmission to Gibraltar, Egypt, Aden, India, and British Burmah, at the following rates:—

		s.	d.
Gibraltar	- For a parcel not exceeding 1 lb. in weight	0	8
	For each pound or fraction of a pound additional - - -	0	6
Egypt	- For a parcel not exceeding 2 lbs. in weight	1	3
	For each pound or fraction of a pound additional - - -	0	7½
Aden, India, or	{ For a parcel not exceeding 1 lb. in weight	1	0
British Burmah -	{ For each pound or fraction of a pound additional.	1	0

The dimensions allowed will be the same as those for the Inland Parcel Post, viz. :—

Greatest length	- - -	3 ft. 6 ins.
Greatest length and girth combined	- - -	6 ft.

The quinquennial Congress of the Universal Postal Union was held at Lisbon during the months of February and March last ; and delegates from almost all the countries of the civilized world discussed various proposals for revising the Union Convention and introducing improvements into the International Postal system. Many suggestions were discussed in Congress, and certain improvements were introduced in matters of detail ; but no change was made in the principles of the Union, and on most of the important questions of transit payments, and postage rates the Convention of 1874 remains practically unaltered. Two countries, viz., Siam and Bolivia, not at present in the Union, announced their readiness to join it from the 1st of April 1886.

Foreign and
Colonial mails.

The contract for the weekly mail service between Alexandria and Cyprus terminated on the 31st of December last, and letters are now sent fortnightly by the Austrian Lloyd's or by any other steamers going between Alexandria and Cyprus.

The International Reply Card system has been extended both to Foreign Countries and to the Colonies, but it is not much used by the public at home.

International
Reply Cards.

The control of the Post Office at Malta was, at the request of the Island Government, transferred from the Imperial Government to the Island Government on the 1st of January.

When the recent Expedition was despatched to Suakin an Army Post Office Corps consisting of 20 men was sent with it, and embarked on the 4th of March under command of Major Sturgeon, of the Post Office Volunteer Regiment, as Army Post master, and offices were established at Suakin, Handoub, &c.

The number of letters, post cards, newspapers, &c. received in the Returned Letter Offices was 5,626,875, showing a decrease of 1·8 per cent. over the previous year. Of this total 512,636 letters were unreturnable, and of 26,472 letters which were posted without any address whatever, 1,686 contained value to the total amount of 3,898l.

Returned
letters, &c.

Upwards of 45,000 parcels could not be delivered, owing, chiefly, to insecure packing and incomplete addresses, and it is important that the attention of those who use the post should be directed to this fact.

It is noticeable that although the total number of letters is increasing the per-centage of returned letters shows a decrease, indicating that, so far as letters are concerned, the public are taking greater care in addressing their correspondence.

In the summer of 1884 a bird, described as a "blue breast," hatched a fine brood in a private letter box in a road near Lockerbie. It appears that the postman was in the habit of giving crumbs of bread to the bird, and that she always remained on her nest when he opened the box, but invariably flew away when anyone else opened it.

Curious
incidents.

At Greenock a box arrived by Parcel Post, which, in consequence of strange noises within, was opened by the Postmaster, and found to contain a specimen of the common screech owl in an

exhausted condition. The bird, having been carefully fed, recovered, and was forwarded to the owner by railway.

At Birmingham two cheques for 117*l.* and 20*l.*, one payable to bearer and the other uncrossed, were posted in a letter box without cover or address. They were sent to the Returned Letter Office and duly restored to their owners.

At Liverpool in January last a circumstance occurred which, if often repeated, would occasion a great deal of trouble to the Department. Some person, whether influenced by motives of economy or by other reason, wrote a letter containing 26 words on the back of a penny stamp which was committed to the post and duly delivered. The success achieved led to a repetition of the experiment, but on a third attempt being made with a half-penny stamp the diminutive document became liable to a charge of one penny as an insufficiently prepaid letter, a penalty which was duly enforced.

Post Office
Savings Bank.

The business of the Post Office Savings Bank continues to develop. The total amount due to depositors on the 31st of December last was 44,773,773*l.*, an increase of 3,004,965*l.* over the previous year. This is exclusive of the balance of Government Stock held by depositors at the close of the year, which amounted to 1,916,325*l.* as stated further on. The deposits were 6,458,707 in number and 14,510,411*l.* in amount, as compared with 6,297,368 amounting to 13,575,167*l.* in 1883; and the withdrawals were 2,198,792 in number and 12,530,563*l.* in amount, as compared with 2,075,465 amounting to 11,800,171*l.* in 1883. The amount of interest credited to depositors was 1,025,117*l.*, being an increase of 69,206*l.* over the previous year.

During the year 387 new Savings Bank Offices were opened. Of these, 326 were opened in England and Wales, 38 in Scotland, and 23 in Ireland. The total number on the 31st of December was 7,756, as compared with 7,369 in 1883.

The greatest number of deposits made in one day was 46,041. on the 7th of January, amounting to 102,783*l.*; but the largest amount deposited on one day was 123,500*l.*, which was deposited on the 1st of January.

The greatest number of withdrawals in one day took place on the 23rd of December, when there were 14,843, amounting to 45,859*l.*, and the largest amount withdrawn in one day was on the 5th of August, when the number was 8,077 and the amount 76,472*l.* The daily average of deposits was 21,107 amounting to 47,420*l.*, and of withdrawals, 7,147 amounting to 38,468*l.*

The average amount of each deposit was 2*l.* 4*s.* 11*d.*, and of each withdrawal 5*l.* 14*s.*

The number of new accounts opened during the year was 774,268, and 546,235 were closed, as compared with 772,201 accounts opened and 525,535 closed in 1883.

The number of accounts remaining open at the close of the year was 3,333,675, as compared with 3,105,642 in 1883, an increase of 228,033. The accounts were apportioned thus:—

—	Number.	Proportion to Population.	Average Balance due to each Depositor.
England and Wales - - -	3,086,127	1 to 9	£ s. d. 13 9 11
Scotland - - - -	122,575	1 to 32	7 7 5
Ireland - - - -	124,973	1 to 40	17 16 0

The Government Stock investments numbered 14,200, and the amount of Stock purchased was 703,195*l.*, being an increase of 1,378 in number and 84,857*l.* in amount over the year 1883, while there were 6,840 sales for 301,448*l.* Stock, an increase of 1,155 in number and 64,742*l.* in amount over the year 1883. The number of Stock certificates obtained was 76 for 8,350*l.*, as compared with 58 for 5,550*l.* in 1883.

Government
Stock invest-
ments.

The number of depositors holding Stock at the close of the year was 24,993, and the amount of Stock standing to their credit was 1,916,325*l.*, an increase of 4,226 in number and of 396,342*l.* in amount compared with the year 1883. The average amount of Stock held by each person was 76*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*, as compared with 73*l.* 3*s.* 10*d.* at the close of 1883.

Upon the passing of the National Debt (Conversion of Stock) Act, 1884, a notice was sent to each of the Post Office Savings Bank Stock holders, numbering over 24,000, explaining the terms offered for the conversion of 3 per Cent. Stock into 2½ per Cent. or 2¼ per Cent. Stock, but only about 1,500 replied, and of these less than 600 requested to have their stock converted. The amount of 3 per Cent. Stock converted was 46,840*l.*, which produced 49,518*l.* Stock at the reduced rates.

The fall in the price of Government Stocks during the first quarter of the present year sensibly affected the investments, which numbered during the three months 5,421 for the amount of 292,715*l.* stock, as compared with 3,708 for 199,794*l.* stock in the first three months of 1884. The number and amount of the sales remained almost unaltered.

The total number of depositors holding stock was, on the 31st of March, 26,880, and the stock held by them amounted to 2,128,759*l.*

The Government Annuities Act of 1882 under which the payments for Annuities and Life Insurances are made through the medium of the Post Office Savings Bank, in the manner fully described in the last annual report, came into operation on the 3rd of June 1884, and the transaction of Government Life Insurance and Annuity Business, which, up to that period had

Annuities and
Insurance.

been confined to about 2,000 selected Post Offices was at once extended to the whole of the Post Office Savings Banks throughout the United Kingdom, numbering about 7,500. During the year ended the 31st of December last 866 annuities for 17,084*l.* were granted as compared with 874 for 16,261*l.* in 1883, and 348 Life Insurances amounting to 21,765*l.*, as compared with 256 for 20,600*l.* in 1883. There has been, therefore, an increase in the amount both of Annuities and Insurances, although there was a decrease in the number of the former. Notwithstanding the issue of thousands of notices, leaflets, &c. to call attention to the facilities which the system offers, it is feared that as yet but little progress has been made in getting the classes in whose interest chiefly the Act was passed to understand its provisions and to avail themselves of its advantages.

Money Orders. The Inland Money Orders issued last year were upwards of 11,900,000 in number and 23,500,000*l.* in amount; the decrease, as compared with the previous year, being 1,832,605 in number and 1,475,418*l.* in amount. Against this falling off must be reckoned the very large increase in the number and amount of Postal Orders referred to below. There was a slight decrease in the Foreign Orders, but an increase in the Colonial Orders.

The total number of Money Orders of all descriptions was 12,214,592 and the amount 24,223,295*l.*, as compared with 14,028,302 and 25,646,009*l.* in 1883-84.

It is noticeable that upwards of 48 per cent. of the Money Orders were for sums not exceeding 1*l.*

A system came into operation on the 1st of January last under which Foreign and Colonial Countries, which have no direct Money Order system between each other, can send and receive Orders through Great Britain. This system, which is simple and inexpensive, but very convenient, has been adopted by a large number of States.

Postal Orders. The increased facilities afforded by the provisions of the Act affecting Postal Orders passed in 1883, and the reduction of the rates of commission, have contributed to the rapid development of that branch of business, and the total number of Orders paid last year was 18,831,164, amounting in value to 7,885,347*l.*, as compared with 12,286,556 Orders, amounting to 5,028,663*l.* in 1883-84.

The denominations which continue to be most used by the public are 1*s.*, 1*s.* 6*d.*, 2*s.* 6*d.*, 5*s.*, 10*s.*, and 20*s.*, the numbers being as follows:—1,407,937 at 1*s.*, 1,003,609 at 1*s.* 6*d.*, 1,371,127 at 2*s.* 6*d.*, 3,036,013 at 5*s.*, 2,916,248 at 10*s.*, and 3,611,521 at 20*s.*

Under the provisions of the Act Postal Orders, amounting to over 53,000 in number, and 40,000*l.* in value, were issued in India and the Colonies, and 20,000 Orders of the value of upwards of 13,600*l.* were issued on board Her Majesty's Ships during the year.

Telegraphs.

The telegraph business of the country shows but little development, and an increase of only 435,000 messages in the year cannot be regarded as satisfactory. The yearly increase has, owing,

no doubt, to the stagnation of trade, the competition of the telephones, and the rapidity of the letter post, been steadily diminishing during the last five years, as shown in the following table:—

Year.	Total Number of Messages.	Increase over previous Year.	Revenue produced by Messages, Press Messages, and Wire Rentals.	Receipts from other sources.*	Total Telegraph Revenue.	Total Cost of Telegraph Service, including Expenditure by other Departments.	Balance.
1880-81	22,411,362	2,864,845	£ 1,879,210†	£ 54,675	£ 1,633,886	£ 1,308,454	£ 325,432
1881-82	31,346,861	1,933,879	1,591,709	62,681	1,654,390	1,440,498	213,892
1882-83	32,092,026	746,165	1,696,031	73,089	1,769,070	1,583,877	184,193
1883-84	32,843,120	751,094	1,715,750	73,474	1,789,224	1,808,921	deficit 19,697
1884-85	33,278,459	435,339	1,696,539	85,880	1,784,419	1,820,364	35,935

* Royalties, special addresses, sale of old stores, extra receipts, value of service performed for other Departments without payment, &c., &c.

† The "payments out" are deducted from this column entirely.

‡ The payment in this year of certain arrears, amounting to about £5,000, due to Cable Companies, reduced the sum payable to the Exchequer.

During those years 696 new telegraph offices have been opened, of which about 150 were opened in 1884-5.

The expenditure has, however, largely increased, and it will be noticed that last year it exceeded the revenue by about £36,000, and that for two years no contribution has been made towards the payment of the interest, amounting to £326,417 a year, on the capital invested. Of the total expenditure £175,000 was incurred during the year for special plant, being part of the sum of £500,000 set aside by the House of Commons (Treasury Minute, dated 14 June 1883) for preparation for a reduced tariff, which is of the nature of capital outlay.

The Department has at present 27 Telephone Exchanges open in various country towns, with a list of 1,141 subscribers paying a total of £22,600 a year, but by far the greater part of the Telephone Exchange business of the country continues to be conducted by private Companies, who now obtain licenses from the Department on the very liberal terms laid down in August 1884. The royalties paid by Companies amounted to only £19,370 in the year. The full effect of the Telephonic competition with the Telegraphs remains to be seen, but I cannot doubt that the Telegraph Revenue has been and will be adversely affected.

The Department does a considerable business in private wires leased to companies and individuals on certain specified terms, and, as will be seen from Appendix N., the total derived from the rent of Telegraph wires and Telephone wires amounted to £120,882. These lines may be connected, if it be desired, with Post Offices, and the lessees thus put into communication with the whole world. It is frequently found that the concentration of several wires in one office leads to the establishment of an Exchange between the lessees, without additional cost.

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**Royal
Engineers.**

The benefit to the State of the arrangement under which two companies of the Royal Engineers are attached to the Post Office for training and practice in the erection, maintenance, and working of telegraphs, was forcibly shown during this year, when no fewer than 6 officers and 106 non-commissioned officers and men were detached for active service in Egypt and Bechuana-land. It may also be mentioned that the Director of Army Telegraphs serving on the Staff of the Nile Expeditionary Force had himself commanded for some years the Royal Engineers attached to the Post Office, and that, on his being invalided, his place was taken by an officer who, until a few months ago, had command of the same detachment.

A detachment of 12 of the Reserve of Trained Telegraphists in the permanent service of the Department was despatched to Egypt in August 1884 with the Expedition for Khartoum, and rendered good service on the line of communication between Cairo and Debbeh. A further detachment of 15 accompanied the expedition for Suakin in March last.

**Revenue and
Expenditure.**

The gross revenue for the year was 10,032,483*l.*, arrived at thus :—

Postage on letters, parcels, postcards, newspapers, &c.	£	-	7,629,820
Commission on Money Orders	-	186,719	
Commission on Postal Orders	-	85,567	
Value of Unclaimed Money Orders	-	4,300	
			276,586
Savings Bank	-	-	341,658
Revenue from Telegraphs	-	-	1,784,419
			<u>10,032,483</u>

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

For Postal Service, including Money Order and Postal Order business

-	4,698,194	
„ Packet Service	-	619,019
„ Savings Bank	-	248,618
„ Telegraph Service*	-	1,820,354
[This includes an exceptional expenditure of 175,000 <i>l.</i> towards preparation for a reduced tariff.]		<u>7,386,185</u>

The net revenue was, therefore - - - 2,646,298

being a decrease of 40,802*l.* on the previous year.

* 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	144,614
Commission on Money Orders and Postal Orders, and value of Unclaimed Orders	decrease	3,063
Savings Bank	- - - - - „	316
Telegraphs	- - - - - „	4,805
Expenditure :		
Postal Service, including Money Order and Postal Order business	- - increase	198,001
Savings Bank	- - - - - „	438
Telegraph Service, including expenditure by other Departments	- - - - - „	14,410
Packet Service	- - - - - decrease	35,617

It may be convenient to insert below a summary of the more important changes, commencing on the 1st of July in the Postal Service, which your Lordships have recently sanctioned, most of which have already been alluded to in the body of the report.

Acceleration of the Night Mails for Scotland.

The Scotch Night Mail will be despatched from Euston Square by a special train, 20 minutes earlier than heretofore, viz., at 8.30 p.m. Letters for this despatch may, notwithstanding the earlier departure of the train, be posted in the Town Districts of the Metropolis generally, without late fee, half an hour later than at present, viz., up to 6 p.m. at any Office, Letter Box, or Pillar Post. On payment of a late fee of $\frac{1}{2}d.$ letters may be posted in Town District Letter Boxes one hour later than at present, viz., up to 7 p.m.; and half an hour later at the Head District Offices, viz., up to 7.30 p.m., and up to 7.45 p.m. at the Chief Office, St. Martin's-le-Grand. The Late Letter Box at the Euston Square Railway Station will be kept open for the receipt of late letters, upon which $\frac{1}{2}d.$ fee must be prepaid, until 8.20 p.m., and such letters may be posted in the Travelling Post Office up to the time of departure of the train. The Mails will be due at Aberdeen 40 minutes earlier, at Inverness 1 hour 40 minutes earlier, and at other places in proportion.

New Night Mails for Lancashire and North Wales and Supplementary Mails for Edinburgh and Glasgow.

A new Mail train will be established leaving Euston Square at 10 p.m. for this service. Letters for this despatch may be posted in the town districts without fee up to 8 p.m., and, on payment of a late fee of $\frac{1}{2}d.$, at the Head District Offices up to 8.30 p.m., and at the General Post Office, St. Martin's-le-Grand, up to 9 p.m.

Later Posting for Provincial Night Mails generally.

The times of posting in London for the general Night Mails will also be made later to the extent indicated in the first para-

graph relating to the Night Mails for Scotland. Thus, in future in the Town Districts the posting will be as under, viz :—

In any Letter Box	- Without Fee	-	P.M.
Do.	-	- *With Fee of $\frac{1}{4}d.$	6.0
At Head District Offices	Do.	-	7.30
At the General Post Office (St. Martin's-le-Grand)	-	-	Do.
			7.45
At the Railway Stations	Do.	-	{ Up to the time of the de- parture of the Trains.

Midnight Mail to the North.

The train leaving Euston Square at midnight has now by Contract been constituted a Mail train, and regular despatches for certain towns, both in England and Scotland, will be made by this train, which is due in Edinburgh at 12.52 p.m., and Glasgow at 1.15 p.m. Letters posted in any Letter Box in London either in Town or Suburban Districts in time for the last collection at night at times varying from 8.0. to 9.0 p.m.; at the Head District Offices up to 10.30 p.m., and at the General Post Office (St. Martin's-le-Grand) up to 10.45 p.m., will be forwarded by this train and be delivered on the following day in Manchester (City) and Liverpool (City) by the first delivery, in Edinburgh and Glasgow in good time in the afternoon, and at many other important towns either by first post or during early business hours.

Additional Facilities for Posting Letters for South Wales.

A supplementary despatch of letters for South Wales will be forwarded by the new 10 p.m. Mail train from Euston Square. These letters will fall into the first town and rural deliveries at Chepstow, Newnham, and Lydney, the first town delivery at Newport, Mon., and Cardiff, and the North Mail delivery at Swansea (9.30 a.m.), and all other towns and the larger villages in South Wales. The latest time of posting will be the same as for the Night Mails for Lancashire and North Wales, &c.

Later Posting of Letters for Last Delivery in London.

Letters posted at any Branch Office, Receiving House, Pillar Post, or Wall Letter Box in the town Districts of London up to 7 p.m. will be in time for delivery the same night in the Districts

* For some towns the payment of a late fee will not be required, as the Night Mail Letters will be forwarded by late trains.

in which posted, and in certain adjoining Districts, as indicated in the statement below.

Town District in which Letters can be posted without Late Fee.	District in which Letters so posted can be delivered the same Evening without payment of Late Fee.
Eastern Central - -	E.C.
Western Central - -	W.C. S.W. (Town) N.W. (Town).
Western - - -	W. Paddington (Town and Suburbs) W.C.
Paddington - - -	Paddington (Town and Suburbs) W. W.C.
South-western - -	S.W. (Town and Suburbs) S.E. (Town and Suburbs) W.C.
South-eastern - -	S.E. (Town and Suburbs) S.W. (Town) E.C.
North-western - -	N.W. (Town and Suburbs) W., W.C., N. (Town).
Northern - - -	N. (Town and Suburbs) N.W. (Town) E.C.
Eastern - - -	E. (Town and Suburbs) E.C.

New Early Mails for Yorkshire.

A new express train carrying letters from the Continent and also Inland Mails will be despatched from the Great Northern Railway Company's Terminus at King's Cross at 7.40 a.m., and will reach Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, Sheffield, and other towns in Yorkshire in the course of the forenoon, calling at Peterborough, Grantham (with a branch service to Nottingham), and Doncaster.

To the Mid-day Mail established on the 1st May by the 1.30 p.m. train from King's Cross a Travelling Post Office is attached, and letters for Leeds, Bradford, &c., prepaid with a late fee of $\frac{1}{2}d.$, may be posted in the letter box attached to that office up to the starting of the train.

Establishment of Colonial and Foreign Parcel Posts.

Arrangements have now been made or are in progress for extending the Parcel Post to places abroad. Accordingly Parcels will be accepted for transmission by Post at the rates and under the conditions published in separate notices for India, including British Burmah and Aden, for Gibraltar and for Egypt.

Reduced rates of Postage for heavy Letters.

The scale of Postage applicable to Letters between 2 ozs. and 12 ozs. in weight will be continued without limit.

The letter postage will therefore advance as follows:—

For the first ounce, 1d.; for 2 ozs., 1½d.; for all greater weights, ½d. for every 2 ozs. plus an initial penny.

Consequently, letters weighing over 12 ozs. will be accepted at the following rates of postage:—

Above 12 ozs. and under 14 ozs.	-	-	4½d.
Above 14 ozs. and under 16 ozs.	-	-	5d.
Above 16 ozs. and under 18 ozs.	-	-	5½d.
Above 18 ozs. and under 20 ozs.	-	-	6d.
Above 20 ozs. and under 22 ozs.	-	-	6½d.
Above 22 ozs. and under 24 ozs.	-	-	7d.

and so on at the rate of ½d. for every additional 2 ozs.

Mails for the West Indies.

The Mails from this country for the West Indies will be despatched regularly every two weeks, *i.e.*, on each alternate Thursday, commencing with Thursday the 2nd of July, instead of on the 2nd and 17th of each month.

Money Orders for Hawaii.

The Money Order System will be extended to the Kingdom of Hawaii (Sandwich Islands).

The rates of commission will be identical with those chargeable for Money Orders issued on other Foreign countries.

Insurance of Parcels and Registered Postal Packets.

Arrangements for the insurance of registered postal packets upon which the registration fee and postage have been prepaid, and also for the insurance of parcels will shortly be made.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords,

Your Lordships' obedient humble servant,

G. SHAW-LEFEVRE,

General Post Office,
26th June 1885.

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 1889, and in the years subsequent thereto; also (in the first year) the number of Franks.

Year ending 31st December until 1870, 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.	Increase per cent. per annum.												
Estimated No. of Letters, 1889 -	-	-	-	-	60,000,000	-	4	8,090,000	-	3	8,000,000	-	1	76,000,000	-	3
Estimated No. of Franks, 1889 -	-	-	-	-	5,175,000	-	8	535,000	-	7	1,055,000	-	2	6,583,000	-	7
Estimated No. of Letters, 1840 -	89,000,000	-	44,000,000	-	132,000,000	120.0	10.2	19,000,000	143.5	9.2	18,000,000	119.2	9.5	169,000,000	22.2	8
Average of 5 years, 1841-45 -	122,000,000	10.7	57,000,000	9.0	179,000,000	10.2	11	24,000,000	9.2	9	24,000,000	9.5	8	227,000,000	10.0	12
" " 1846-50 -	180,000,000	5.5	79,000,000	5.5	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	5.0	320,000,000	6.0	18	41,000,000	5.2	14	39,000,000	3.5	6	410,000,000	5.7	18
" " 1856-60 -	302,000,000	4.2	123,000,000	5.5	427,000,000	4.5	23	51,000,000	3.2	16	45,000,000	3.0	7	523,000,000	4.2	23
" " 1861-65 -	373,000,000	5.7	161,000,000	5.7	534,000,000	5.7	29	61,000,000	0.5	20	53,000,000	3.2	9	649,000,000	5.5	26
" " 1866-70 -	472,000,000	4.2	192,000,000	3.2	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 -	501,000,000	0.5	220,000,000	7.0	721,000,000	2.5	33	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	3.0	737,000,000	2.2	32	82,000,000	2.5	24	66,000,000	-	13	885,000,000	2.0	29
" 1873 -	518,000,000	1.5	238,000,000	5.0	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 -	553,579,100	6.8	250,474,000	5.0	804,053,100	6.5	35	90,126,300	7.4	25	70,004,500	4.5	13	964,253,300	6.3	31
" 1875 -	580,081,400	4.8	268,771,000	6.5	848,852,400	5.3	35	90,976,400	0.9	26	70,583,500	0.8	13	1,006,392,100	4.6	31
" 1876 -	594,519,600	2.5	261,532,800	-	856,052,400	1.1	35	91,120,700	0.2	26	71,792,100	1.7	13	1,018,955,200	1.0	31
" 1877-8 -	598,776,000	0.7	283,192,700	9.0	883,968,700	3.3	36	92,513,500	9.3	28	74,248,200	3.4	14	1,067,732,300	3.8	32
" 1878-9 -	628,469,800	4.6	295,803,300	3.7	924,203,100	4.3	37	98,991,200	-	28	76,078,500	2.5	14	1,097,572,800	3.7	33
" 1879-80 -	640,053,900	2.2	310,077,900	4.8	950,111,800	3.0	38	101,948,300	3.0	29	78,799,700	3.8	15	1,127,997,500	2.8	35
" 1880-81 -	650,953,700	1.7	320,419,300	6.6	971,372,000	3.3	38	104,996,200	3.0	29	82,288,900	4.4	10	1,229,354,900	5.5	36
" 1881-82 -	683,160,000	5.3	352,147,100	6.0	1,037,310,700	5.7	40	109,799,900	4.0	31	86,479,200	5.2	17	1,290,636,200	4.2	37
" 1882-83 -	713,089,100	4.1	364,558,100	3.5	1,077,647,200	3.9	41	116,509,800	6.1	31	87,689,900	1.4	17	1,322,066,900	3.2	38
" 1883-84 -	738,025,700	3.3	373,229,500	2.0	1,112,192,200	3.2	41	122,294,800	4.6	32	89,069,900	1.6	18	1,360,341,400	2.9	38
" 1884-85 -	757,180,900	2.7	381,142,300	4.1	1,149,329,200	3.2	42	122,945,400	0.6	32	89,069,900	1.6	18	1,360,341,400	2.9	38

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	73,399,100	11·6	9,206,300	6·7	4,540,900	5·5	87,116,300	10·7
1876	78,412,100	6·9	9,640,100	4·7	4,883,500	7·5	92,935,700	6·7
1877-8	86,061,500	9·7	11,067,500	14·8	5,118,300	4·8	102,237,300	10·0
1878-9	94,471,500	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	13,401,500	9·1	6,006,400	8·5	122,884,000	7·4
1881-82	114,251,500	10·4	14,651,400	9·3	6,423,100	6·9	135,329,000	10·1
1882-83	121,248,300	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
1884-85	134,071,500	4·3	18,360,000	5·5	7,964,000	3·1	160,394,500	4·4

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	115,769,000	11·3	15,787,300	12·7	10,410,200	—	141,966,500	10·0
1875	133,384,300	15·2	15,725,700	—	9,548,000	—	158,658,000	11·7
1876	146,405,300	9·8	15,352,700	16·7	9,966,000	—	171,724,000	9·4
1877-8	157,681,000	7·7	21,336,900	16·2	10,272,200	14·5	189,300,600	8·9
1878-9	164,739,400	4·5	21,320,100	—	10,367,000	6·7	196,426,500	4·1
1879-80	180,541,400	9·6	21,140,500	3·8	11,281,100	2·9	212,963,000	8·6
1880-81	204,603,400	13·0	24,338,300	9·5	12,114,500	7·4	241,056,200	12·3
1881-82	228,939,400	12·3	27,875,000	15·0	14,164,300	16·9	271,038,700	12·8
1882-83	244,713,900	6·9	28,896,000	3·7	14,596,000	3·1	288,206,400	6·3
1883-84	240,347,000	1·9	31,353,700	7·8	13,892,900	dec.	285,594,500	2·2
1884-85	269,429,200	8·1	34,469,900	10·0	16,517,700	inc.	320,416,800	8·8

ESTIMATED NUMBER of NEWSPAPERS delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM in each Year from 1872 to the present time, and the Increase per Cent. per Annum.

Year.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		United Kingdom.	
	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.
1872	87,000,000	—	12,000,000	—	10,000,000	—	109,000,000	—
1873	89,118,200	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	117,033,900	3·5
1875	93,546,600	2·3	13,819,100	4·5	13,584,700	10·2	121,040,400	3·4
1876	95,460,800	2·2	14,425,400	4·3	15,179,700	9·3	125,065,900	3·2
1877-8	98,223,400	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	—	15,983,500	3·6	130,995,300	1·8
1879-80	100,517,000	—	14,570,700	·6	15,630,700	—	130,718,400	—
1880-81	102,764,600	2·4	15,120,000	3·8	15,911,500	1·8	133,796,100	2·5
1881-82	106,651,700	5·7	15,477,300	2·4	16,460,100	4·7	140,789,100	5·2
1882-83	108,618,500	—	15,784,600	2·0	16,204,500	—	140,608,600	—
1883-84	109,945,100	1·2	16,729,600	5·6	16,027,600	1·1	142,702,300	1·5
1884-85	110,682,900	·7	16,883,600	·9	16,106,000	·6	143,674,500	·7

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

TABLE showing the NUMBER of PARCELS posted by PARCEL POST during each of the twelve months from the 1st April 1884 to the 31st March 1885.

Month.	England and Wales.			Scotland.	Ireland.	Total in United Kingdom.
	Provinces.	London.	Total.			
April 1884 - - -	931,563	454,599	1,386,161	161,151	21,338	1,638,650
May " - - -	1,055,268	514,863	1,570,130	176,101	99,606	1,845,837
June " - - -	923,131	463,563	1,386,693	172,404	94,324	1,653,921
July " - - -	989,452	512,350	1,501,802	184,867	99,171	1,785,840
August " - - -	887,158	460,944	1,348,102	196,504	93,180	1,637,786
September " - - -	1,033,924	506,539	1,540,463	209,479	108,780	1,852,672
October " - - -	1,168,804	596,322	1,765,026	219,411	119,673	2,104,110
November " - - -	1,091,946	565,331	1,657,277	193,213	113,552	1,964,042
December " - - -	1,445,748	794,720	2,240,468	326,156	169,338	2,736,462
January 1885 - - -	1,035,056	575,686	1,610,742	189,690	113,465	1,907,827
February " - - -	1,090,200	528,639	1,548,839	171,551	99,397	1,819,787
March " - - -	1,090,836	575,508	1,666,344	151,790	109,375	1,957,439
Totals - - -	12,673,085	6,548,963	19,222,047	2,376,177	1,306,149	22,904,373
Yearly Rate for year ended 31st March 1884 - - -	11,147,791	5,994,644	17,142,435	2,900,077	1,135,856	20,578,368
Increase in Nos. - - -	1,525,294	554,318	2,079,612	76,100	170,293	2,326,005
Increase per cent. - - -	18.68	9.25	12.13	3.31	15.00	11.3

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

STATEMENT of the estimated total NUMBERS of LETTERS, BOOK PACKETS and CIRCULARS, NEWSPAPERS, and POST CARDS delivered, TELEGRAMS forwarded and PARCELS posted, and of the average numbers per head of the Population for the year ended the 31st March 1885.

	Estimated Population.	Letters.		Book Packets and Circulars.		Newspapers.		Post Cards.		Telegrams.		Parcels.	
		Total No.	No. per Head of Popula- tion.	Total No.	No. per Head of Popula- tion.	Total No.	No. per Head of Popula- tion.	Total No.	No. per Head of Popula- tion.	Total No.	No. per Head of Popula- tion.	Total No.	No. per Head of Popula- tion.
England and Wales	27,132,400	1,149,320,160	42	269,429,248	10	110,692,899	4	131,071,500	5	28,125,994	1.04	10,222,017	.7
Scotland	3,866,500	122,045,401	32	34,469,900	9	16,883,600	4	18,889,043	5	3,257,543	.84	2,306,177	.6
Ireland	4,063,600	89,066,779	18	16,517,710	3	16,107,371	3	7,863,777	1.5	1,901,919	.38	1,306,149	.25
	35,061,500	1,360,331,349	38	320,410,568	9	143,674,470	4	160,804,320	4.5	33,273,459	.93	22,904,378	.6

Note.—Of the total yearly number of Letters, Book Packets and Circulars, Newspapers, Post Cards, Telegrams, and Parcels, the per-cent 1880 of each is as follows:—

Letters	66.7	Newspapers	7.0	Telegrams	1.6
Book Packets and Circulars	15.7	Post Cards	7.9	Parcels	1.1

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.
1877	2,378,973	—		1,284,716	—		3,663,689	—	278,443	—	4,316,017	—
1878-79	4,200,545	76·2		1,900,260	48·0		6,100,814	68·9	488,821	60·2	7,900,350	66·8
1879-80	5,340,065	24·7		2,240,805	17·9		7,580,980	22·6	532,356	16·0	8,739,191	21·3
1880-81	6,144,965	14·9		2,596,550	15·9		8,741,515	15·2	597,023	12·1	10,084,546	14·8
1881-82	6,674,859	8·6		2,804,160	8·0		9,478,028	8·4	668,799	13·2	10,902,318	8·6
1882-83	6,827,123	2·3		2,905,632	3·6		9,732,755	2·7	725,617	8·3	11,584,026	3·3
1883-84	6,983,580	2·3 dec.		2,942,271	1·3		9,928,491	2·0 dec.	729,985	·6 dec.	11,544,072	2·5 dec.
1884-85	6,768,521	3·1		2,972,208	1·0		9,740,724	1·9	710,410	2·7	11,563,151	1·6

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

APPENDIX C.

NUMBER OF MAILS daily between LONDON and other POST TOWNS in ENGLAND and WALES.

Year.	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 1884 -	10	46	228	282	237	181	96	95	40	24	8	9	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	622
31st March 1885 -	9	60	194	240	263	166	109	109	40	28	8	13	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	620
31st March 1886 -	1	13	1	1	21	1	11	14	1	4	1	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
31st March 1887 -	1	1	24	23	1	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2

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 (SHETLAND).	1st April 1881	After 1 April 1884 on 6 months' notice.	2,000 <i>l.</i> (About 65 <i>l.</i> separate payment for parcels).	-	-	200 <i>l.</i>	Vessels have liberty to call at Wick and certain ports of Orkney.
CHANNEL ISLANDS . .	1st Jan. 1870	On 6 months' notice.	6,500 <i>l.</i>	Between Southampton and Guernsey 9 hours; between Southampton and Jersey 12 hours.	-	2,000 <i>l.</i>	
Do. (additional services)	-	-	200 <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. 800 <i>l.</i> (85 <i>l.</i> separate payment for parcels).	-	-	2,000 <i>l.</i>	
GREENOCK, TARBERT and ISLAY.	4th Nov. 1878	On 6 months' notice.	-	-	-	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, 1883 on 15 months' notice.	84,000 <i>l.</i>	Outward journey (including trans-fer on both sides of the channel) 4h. 27m. The time to be re-duced after the 30th September 1885 to 4h. 7m. Inward journey (including trans-fer) 4h. 12m., to be reduced after the 30th September 1885 to 4h. 2m.	11.1 <i>l.</i> per minute, after 30th Sept. 1886 if voyages not performed in proper time.	-	The payment is subject to reduction when the receipts from passenger traffic in any one year exceed 38,000 <i>l.</i>
LIVERPOOL and DOUGLAS (ISLE OF MAN).	1st Oct. 1881	After 1st Oct. 1884 on 6 months' no- tice.	4,500 <i>l.</i> (About 27 <i>l.</i> separate payment for parcels.)	-	-	-	-
PERNANCE and SCILLY	-	On 6 months' notice.	100 <i>l.</i> separate payment for parcels.)	-	-	-	-
PORTSMOUTH and EYDE	1st April 1880	On 6 months' notice.	800 <i>l.</i>	-	-	-	Notice to terminate this service has been received, and fresh tenders have been called for.
SCARLESTER and STROMNESS (ORKNEY).	27th July 1877	After 5 years on 15 months' notice.	2,000 <i>l.</i> (About 62 <i>l.</i> separate payment for parcels.)	-	9 <i>l.</i> for undue delay or deviation from course.	200 <i>l.</i>	-
SOUTHAMPTON and COWES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
STORROWAY and STORNE FERRY.	1st Jan. 1885	At the end of any complete year on 6 months' notice.	2,000 <i>l.</i> (50 <i>l.</i> separate payment for parcels.)	-	9 <i>l.</i> for undue delay or deviation from course.	200 <i>l.</i>	When a sailing vessel is employed a reduction of 2 <i>l.</i> a trip may be made if the Postmaster General thinks proper.

APPENDIX E.

Staff of Officers.

Totals 31 Mar. 1884.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar. 1885.
		Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	
1	A. Postmaster-General - -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
8	B. Secretary, Financial Secretary, Third Secretary, Assistant Secretaries (3), Surveyor General for Scotland, and Secretary for Ireland.	6	—	1	—	1	—	8	—	8
39	C. Superior Officers in Metro- politan Offices.*	32	1	3	—	3	—	38	1	39
16	D. Surveyors - - - -	10	—	3	—	3	—	16	—	16
919	E. Head Postmasters : Metropolitan - -	12	—	—	—	—	—	784	134	918
	Provincial - - -	540	72	121	35	102	27			
14,928	Letter Receivers and Sub- Postmasters : Metropolitan - -	651	86	36	6	79	40	12,325	3,030	15,355
	Provincial - - -	8,681	1,951	1,204	373	1,674	565			
2,909	F. Clerks and Superintending Officers : Metropolitan* - -	1,417	579	73	17	97	14	2,305	637	3,032
	Provincial - - -	689	24	97	3	22	—			
12,189	G. Supervisors, Overseers, Counter- men, Sorters, Telegraphists, &c. : (Metropolitan)* - -	4,418	1,134	291	61	407	64	10,446	2,292	12,730
	Sorting Clerks and Telegra- phists : (Provincial) - - -	4,280	754	637	188	415	81			
15,277	H. Postmen, Porters, &c. : Metropolitan* - -	4,251	—	294	—	190	—	16,066	7	16,063
	Provincial - - -	8,877	4	1,503	3	941	—			
46,186	Carried forward - -	33,974	4,606	4,263	686	3,934	800	42,071	6,091	48,162

* See details on page

APPENDIX E.—continued.

Totals 31 Mar. 1884.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar. 1885.
		Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	
46,186	Brought forward - -	33,874	4,805	4,263	686	4,984	800	42,071	6,091	48,162
	I.									
44,968	Persons employed in unestab- lished positions, viz., As- sistants to Postmasters, &c., Auxiliary Postmen, Tele- graph Messengers, Tele- graph Construction Hands, Copyists, Female Servants, Commissionaires, &c.:									
	Metropolitan - - -	5,313	1,018	259	65	394	168	29,616	17,732	47,348
	Provincial - - -	18,523	12,485	2,351	1,493	2,791	2,523			
	J.									
18	Postmasters and Clerks in Colonies (under direction of Postmaster General).	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	1	9
12	Agents in Foreign Countries for collection of postage.	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	7
	Postmen in Colonies, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	7
91,184	Totals - - -	57,715	18,108	6,853	2,244	7,119	3,491	71,709	2,394	74,103

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
	„ Stores (Telegraphs) - - -	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.

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.&AG.	M.O.O.	S.B.	L.P.S.	R.L.O.	E. in C	C. of S.	C.T.O.			Totals.
MALES.																
Clerks:—																
Grade I. - - -	74	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	74	—	—
Grade II. - - -	38	1	—	—	41	225	48	272	94	2	—	—	—	721	54	66
Lower Division - -	15	1	1	—	—	73	22	258	—	—	6	—	—	384	8	14
Professional - - -	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	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	2
Assistant Engineer, Sub-Marine Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	3	—	—
Captain, Chief Officer and Chief and second Engineers of Cable Ship.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	4	—	—
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 - -	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	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.	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23	—	23	5	57	115	3	5
	157	3	3	7	51	303	71	534	126	21	50	30	61	1,417	73	97
FEMALES.																
Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, Supervisors and Assistant Supervisors.	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	2	21	1	1	—	47	75	4	1
Clerks - - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	250	—	254	—	—	—	—	—	504	13	13
Totals -	157	3	3	7	51	556	71	790	147	22	51	30	108	1,996	90	111

APPENDIX E.—*continued.*

SUPERVISORS, OVERSEERS, COUNTERMEN, SORTERS, AND TELEGRAPHISTS, &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	—	—	—	—	—	4	85	3	—	—	—	94	2	4
Overseers and Coun- termen.	—	6	—	—	—	6	—	—	412	—	—	—	—	424	14	11
Paper Keepers and As- sistants.	52	—	—	—	—	—	49	72	—	40	—	—	—	213	1	1
Tracers - - -	—	—	—	—	—	130	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	130	19	15
Boy Clerks - -	6	—	—	—	—	7	48	100	—	—	—	2	—	163	—	—
Sorters, 1st Class -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	659	—	—	—	—	659	36	50
„ 2nd „ -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,161	—	—	—	—	1,161	76	100
Writing Assistants -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	—	—	—	—	20	—	—
Telegraphs :—																
Inspectors and Counter Inspectors.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	85	1	—	88	—	—
Engineering Clerks -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	66	10	—	76	—	—
News Distributors -	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	27	—	—
Telegraphists - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	237	—	4	—	1,122	1,363	143	166
	87	8	—	—	—	143	97	176	2,574	43	155	13	1,122	4,418	291	407
FEMALES.																
Returners - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	50	—	—	—	50	—	—
Counterwomen and Tele- graphists.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	360	—	2	—	620	982	61	64
Female Sorters - -	—	—	—	—	—	50	—	52	—	—	—	—	—	102	—	—
Totals - - -	87	8	—	—	—	193	97	228	2,934	93	157	13	1,742	5,532	352	471

APPENDIX E.—continued

MESSENGERS, POSTMEN, PORTERS, MECHANICS, &c., IN METROPOLITAN OFFICES.

Description of Officers.	LONDON.—DEPARTMENTS OF CHIEF OFFICES.													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.O.	C.T.O.			Totals.
Mail Guards, Marine Mail Guards, &c.	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	6
Messengers, Lobby Officers, &c.	19	—	3	2	—	16	—	1	29	2	2	1	6	81	7	21
Postman—Town :—																
" 1st Class -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,097	—	—	—	—	1,097	218	100
" 2nd „ -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	458	—	—	—	—	458	55	31
" Suburban, H.P.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	70	—	—	—	—	70	—	—
" Div. I.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	366	—	—	—	—	366	—	—
" " II.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	506	—	—	—	—	506	—	—
" " III.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	177	—	—	—	—	177	—	—
Boy Sorters -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	389	—	—	—	—	389	—	—
Indoor Boy Messengers -	28	2	1	—	—	35	6	72	6	3	4	3	—	160	8	10
Bagmen -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	—	—	—	—	20	—	4
Porters, &c. -	—	136	—	—	—	5	6	11	197	3	—	—	—	358	3	13
Binder -	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Constables -	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	—
Mechanics, Linemen, &c. -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	417	32	—	452	—	—
Inspectors of Telegraph Messengers, Tube Attendants, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	45	—	—	—	58	103	3	5
Totals -	61	138	4	2	—	56	12	84	3,363	8	423	36	64	4,251	294	190

APPENDIX F.

Returned Letters, and Parcels.

A COMPARATIVE STATEMENT showing the Number of LETTERS, POST CARDS, BOOKS, NEWSPAPERS, and PARCELS, received and disposed of in the RETURNED LETTER OFFICES of LONDON, MANCHESTER, LIVERPOOL, BIRMINGHAM, LEEDS, BRISTOL, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, EDINBURGH, GLASGOW, ABERDEEN, 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 1884, and in the Year ended 31st March 1885.

—	Letters received.		Letters re-issued to corrected Addresses.		Letters returned to the Senders.		Letters returned unopened to Foreign Countries.	
	1883-4.	1884-5.	1883-4.	1884-5.	1883-4.	1884-5.	1883-4.	1884-5.
LONDON - -	2,535,940	2,503,285	31,379	25,083	2,132,441	2,111,321	92,503	107,264
MANCHESTER -	347,117	325,710	5,301	7,186	239,927	274,900	7,673	7,651
LIVERPOOL -	333,040	309,570	3,403	2,963	236,790	264,192	16,150	15,245
BIRMINGHAM -	219,131	222,023	2,275	3,583	197,419	201,307	3,006	3,752
LEEDS - -	210,133	192,040	3,146	2,747	174,066	153,143	5,706	5,436
BRISTOL - -	325,033	315,796	1,505	1,559	274,054	253,712	15,500	14,777
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.	157,134	142,953	3,047	3,003	122,149	113,063	6,640	6,166
EDINBURGH -	234,567	211,509	9,322	10,203	190,080	176,010	7,505	6,549
GLASGOW - -	180,980	175,473	14,711	11,218	140,656	144,211	4,433	5,271
ABERDEEN* -	—	17,680	—	655	—	14,360	—	629
DUBLIN - -	237,367	233,204	3,659	3,643	150,395	156,033	13,423	12,438
BELFAST - -	52,382	56,911	1,253	1,324	44,975	50,445	2,437	2,079
CORK - -	37,309	38,432	901	982	30,160	30,713	3,546	3,593
Head Post Offices authorised to return certain letters, &c. direct to senders -	862,157	891,665	—	—	862,157	891,665	—	—
TOTALS -	5,732,310	5,626,875	80,297	77,196	4,910,798	4,845,747	179,479	191,293
Increase in 1884-5 over 1883-4. }	—	—	—	—	—	—	11,317	—
Decrease in 1884-5	105,435	—	3,101	—	65,061	—	—	—

* The Returned Letter Branch at Aberdeen was not established until the 30th June 1884.

APPENDIX F—*continued.*Returned Letters, and Parcels—*continued.*

	Letters which could neither be delivered nor returned to the Senders.		Post Cards received.		Books received.		Newspapers received.		Parcels received.		Parcels returned to Senders, or re-l. used to Addressees.	
	1883-4.	1884-5.	1883-4.	1884-5.	1883-4.	1884-5.	1883-4.	1884-5.	1st Aug. 1883 to 31st Mar. 1884.	1884-5.	1st Aug. 1883 to 31st Mar. 1884.	1884-5.
LONDON - -	273,627	230,597	87,124	83,659	1,897,678	1,922,735	291,907	299,069	11,058	16,410	6,858	10,536
MANCHESTER -	44,316	35,903	26,067	24,581	389,601	387,298	45,535	16,050	1,514	2,594	874	1,673
LIVERPOOL -	20,679	27,170	29,337	30,239	301,942	312,559	18,283	21,585	1,140	1,426	514	879
BIRMINGHAM -	15,741	13,386	21,612	21,073	216,301	222,527	7,633	7,516	621	862	354	593
LEEDS - -	27,195	26,714	16,627	13,519	260,793	270,046	9,104	6,610	893	1,116	430	609
BRIISTOL - -	33,875	40,747	11,427	11,296	515,162	519,379	13,902	12,876	1,664	2,651	923	1,548
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.	25,289	20,614	10,448	8,536	134,402	138,112	6,580	6,041	661	912	399	584
EDINBURGH -	27,180	18,637	17,974	18,062	246,530	242,750	17,880	15,740	1,416	2,445	1,010	1,890
GLASGOW - -	12,175	11,773	30,011	29,460	130,466	127,683	9,211	8,153	1,159	1,860	929	1,628
ABERDEEN* -	—	2,016	—	303	—	17,744	—	1,171	—	177	—	108
DUBLIN - -	69,385	51,03	16,204	15,074	216,171	207,933	28,664	25,864	1,369	2,530	1,009	1,643
BELFAST - -	3,682	2,072	3,051	4,522	59,515	41,550	4,777	4,527	313	490	168	345
ORK - -	2,612	3,169	685	755	23,750	24,710	2,588	2,040	139	193	71	121
Head Post Offices authorised to return certain letters, &c. direct to senders	—	—	365,203	364,598	751,502	929,933	40,451	44,938	5,147	11,514	5,147	11,514
TOTALS -	561,736	512,636	635,290	628,579	4,973,822	5,104,983	496,096	472,269	27,133†	45,150†	18,698†	33,671†
Increase in 1884-5 over 1883-4.	—	—	—	—	191,161	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Increase in 1884-5	40,100	6,711	—	—	—	—	24,426	—	—	—	—	—

* The Returned Letter Branch at Aberdeen was not established until the 30th June 1884.
† As two full years of Parcel Post work cannot be compared, the six months ended 31st March 1884, and the six months ended 31st March 1885 have been taken for comparison, and for the latter period an increase is shown of 4,082 parcels received, and 4,278 parcels of.

APPENDIX G.

Colonial and Foreign

Line of Packets.	Contracts.		Payment.
	Com- mencement.	Termination.	
AUSTRALIA: Colombo and Melbourne, Suez and Sydney, 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) 4,886
Fortnightly service from Liverpool -	1 July 1878 -	On 6 months' notice -	(a) 8,370
CAPE OF GOOD HOPE and NATAL -	Contracts with Colonial Governments -		-
Do. do. for calls at St. Helena and Ascension - }	-	-	(c) 2,774
CYPRUS and ALEXANDRIA -	1 Sept. 1881	On 31st December 1884 -	5,213
EAST INDIES and CHINA -	1 Feb. 1880 -	On 31st January 1888 -	360,000
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) 12,034
Dover and Ostend -	Arrangement with Belgian Government		4,300
Malta and Syracuse or Messina -	Contract with Government of Malta -		(c) 620
NORTH AMERICA: Queenstown to New York -	1 Dec. 1877 -	On 6 months' notice -	(a) 96,330
Hallifax, Bermuda, and Jamaica -	1 Jan. 1878 -	On 12 months' notice -	17,500
PANAMA to VALPARAISO -	1 July 1878 -	On 6 months' notice -	(a) 3,416
WEST INDIES: Bi-monthly Service -	1 Jan. 1880 -	On 30th June 1885 -	50,500
Additional Services: Non-Contract Service -	-	-	(a) 415
Liverpool to West Indies and Mexico - }	24 Oct. 1881 -	On 6 months' notice -	(a) 784
Belize and New Orleans -	{ Contract with Honduras Government termi- nating on 30th September 1889 - }		(c) 1,800
Turk's Island and Jamaica -	Contract with Turk's Island Government -		(c) 300
WEST COAST OF AFRICA -	No Contract -		(a) 2,008

- (a) The payments in these cases depend upon the amount of correspondence conveyed by the packets.
 (b) Including 3,175*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.	Estimated British Loss on the Service.	Rate of Postage per single Letter, excluding Transit Rates.
.	.	£	£	5d.
.	.	.	Nil.	.
.	.	10,800	2,400	4d.
.	.	.	Nil.	6d.
.	.	.	2,700	6d.
.	.	100	5,100	2½d.
200l. for every 12 hours late at Brindisi. In other cases 100l.	{ India, 70,000l. Ceylon, 1,400l. Straits Settlements, 6,000l. Hong Kong, 6,000l. }	55,000	220,000	{ Mediterranean 2½d. India . . . Ceylon . . . } 4d. China, &c. . . }
.	.	.	.	4d.
5l. for 15 minutes or upwards.	.	.	Nil.	2½d.
.	.	.	Nil.	2½d.
.	.	.	Nil.	2½d.
.	.	42,000	54,500	2½d.
.	.	200	17,300	Bermuda - 4d.
.	.	1,500	1,800	{ Ecuador . . . } Peru . . . } 4d. Chili . . . } Bolivia - 1s.
25l. for every 24 hours.
One-eighth part of ordinary payment for every 24 hours.	.	27,000	57,000	4d.
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.	.	5,400	3,600	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	1,843,639	19,253,120
1875-76 -	10,883,282	6,350,714	17,233,996	2,287,359	1,452,180	20,973,535
1876-77 -	11,232,704	6,561,930	17,794,634	2,402,347	1,529,162	21,726,143
1877-78 -	11,392,098	6,700,504	18,092,602	2,490,776	1,568,489	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	3,244,302	1,919,102	32,092,026
1883-84 -	14,920,413	12,686,433	27,606,846	3,299,428	1,936,846	32,843,120
1884-85 -	15,195,618	12,980,376	28,125,994	3,257,546	1,894,919	33,278,459

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 years 1883-84 and 1884-85 include the number of messages forwarded during 366 and 365 days respectively, whereas those for preceding years (except 1876-77 and 1881-82, which comprise 53 weeks) include 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.
	1883-84.	1884-85.		
April - - -	2,708,176	2,661,510	—	46,666
May - - -	2,869,799	2,972,865	103,066	
June - - -	2,861,544	2,837,934	—	23,610
July - - -	3,000,812	3,239,096	238,284	
August - - -	3,135,012	3,026,551	—	108,461
September - -	2,833,524	2,952,821	119,297	
October - - -	2,991,028	2,985,170	—	5,858
November - - -	2,709,214	2,603,498	—	105,716
December - -	2,342,977	2,430,649	87,672	
January - -	2,418,775	2,451,707	32,932	
February - - -	2,392,864	2,339,625	—	53,239
March - -	2,579,395	2,777,033	197,638	
	32,843,120	33,278,459	778,889	343,550
Total Increase			-	435,339

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 1885.

Period.	Telegrams.		Wire Rentals.		Salaries.		Work executed.		Total.	
	Inland.	Foreign.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Period to 31st March 1871	243 3 1	518 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	2,108 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 15 8	17,417 3 8				
" 1879	10,906 8 0	—	6,878 18 0	3,296 11 4	20 16 7	20,602 18 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 8	5,000 18 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				
" 1884	11,740 16 5	—	11,142 10 3	2,880 15 1	5 0 8	25,775 2 5				
" 1885	12,666 5 2	—	11,651 3 2	2,764 12 8	15 7 7	27,097 8 2				
TOTALS	98,785 8 8	4,217 9 3	82,783 19 9	33,863 0 5	177 7 5	313,627 5 6				

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.

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Authority was given last year to 1,384 Trade, Provident, and Charitable Societies to invest their funds with the Post Office Savings Bank as against 1,294 such cases in the previous year; and 517 Friendly Societies were similarly authorised, as against 521 in the previous year.

Accounts of Societies.

A falling off took place in the number of Penny Banks authorised to open accounts, the numbers in 1883 and 1884 being 294 and 203 respectively. The decrease is almost entirely confined to Penny Banks established in schools, for, whereas 159 such Banks were authorised to open accounts in 1883, the number last year was only 74. As regards ordinary Penny Banks, there is no doubt that many persons share the opinion of a clergyman who informed the Department that he had decided to close the Penny Bank with which he was connected, "feeling that the Post Office now affords all the opportunities needed."

Penny Banks.

The value of Savings Banks as aids to thrift is strikingly shown in the following extract from a letter received from a schoolmaster last year:—"I remember well in my early days, when I had at times saved up from two to five pounds, I had not the moral courage to enter any bank with such a trifle, and, as a consequence, soon found out an imaginary want, and of course spent it, and many young folks are now doing the same thing. Fortunately for me, when I grew older I made a desperate effort to begin (or open) an account, and now by its use (viz., the P. O. B.) by saving till I could see something to invest in, I am the owner of 16 cottages, with a rental of 1477. 10s. per annum. This is a personal account, but it is strictly true, although I only bought my last five cottages on the 1st January; but I constantly see both teachers and scholars pay money for almost useless things, simply because they have the pence or silver to spare."

Testimony to usefulness of Savings Banks.

A clergyman in the hop-growing districts having asked that special facilities for depositing might be afforded to persons engaged in hop-picking, arrangements were made for a clerk to attend at the gardens for the purpose, according to a plan which has been followed for some time past in the case of certain large factories, &c. The result of the effort, however, was very disappointing, but it is thought that if the trial were repeated another year, steps being at the same time taken to advertise the matter, and to point out particularly the facilities for depositing and withdrawing money in any part of the Kingdom, a more favourable result might perhaps be attained.

Savings Bank facilities for hop-pickers.

There were 16,930 claims last year to the moneys of deceased depositors, against 16,166 in 1883, and probates of wills or letters of administration were produced in 4,174 cases, being 28 less than in the previous year. The effect of the Provident Nominations and small Intestacies Act, 1883, is to diminish the number of the latter cases, not only by the provision for payment under nomination, but also by that increasing the amount payable without production of Probate or Letters of Administration from 50*l.* to 100*l.* The number of nomina-

Deceased depositors.

Nominations by depositors.	tions registered during the year was 5,732, and the total number in force on the 31st December last was 5,874, including 59 Insurance Nominations granted under the Government Annuities Act, 1882. Since the transfer to this Department in June last of the Annuity and Insurance business, there have been added to the ordinary claims to the moneys of deceased depositors the claims by the representatives of deceased Annuity holders and persons insured, and, to the 31st December last, 309 such claims were received, namely, 260 relating to Annuities and 49 to Insurances.
Deceased annuitants and insureds.	There were 252 applications last year respecting moneys of depositors who had become insane, as against 208 such applications in 1883.
Insane depositors.	Five Trustee Savings Banks were closed during last year, namely, those at Leek, Halesworth, Nether Stowey, Yoxall and Barton, and Aberystwith. Since the establishment of the Post Office Savings Bank 235 Trustee Savings Banks have been closed, and the number remaining open is 411. The aggregate amount transferred last year from Trustee Savings Banks was 56,616 <i>l.</i> (including 4,405 <i>l.</i> deposits unclaimed at the closing of the Banks), as against 87,525 in 1883; while the amount transferred from the Post Office Savings Bank to Trustee Savings Banks was 12,806 <i>l.</i> , as against 9,924 <i>l.</i> in 1883.
Trustee Savings Banks.	The total amount to the credit of the Post Office Savings Banks Fund has been, year by year, approaching the amount to the credit of the Trustee Savings Banks Fund, and I observe from a return of the National Debt Commissioners, published in the "London Gazette," that in February last the amount relating to the Post Office Savings Banks exceeded for the first time the amount relating to the Trustee Savings Banks, the former being 46,084,697 <i>l.</i> and the latter 45,799,433 <i>l.</i>
Amount transferred to Post Office Savings Bank.	* * * *
Amount transferred from Post Office Savings Bank.	The cost of management during the year 1884 was 252,578 <i>l.</i> , against 248,180 <i>l.</i> during the previous year. From the gross amount of 252,578 <i>l.</i> , however, is to be deducted the sum of 3,960 <i>l.</i> , commission on Stock transactions from 22nd November 1880 to 30th September 1884, which was paid into the Exchequer last year as extra receipts, and which is to be treated as a set-off in the estimates for the expenses of the Post Office Savings Bank. Thus, the <i>net</i> cost of management in the year 1884 is 248,618 <i>l.</i> Comparing the gross cost with the cost in 1883, there is an increase of only 4,398 <i>l.</i> , while the increase in the preceding year was 26,527 <i>l.</i> The average cost of each transaction in 1884 has, of course, been calculated on the <i>net</i> expenses; and the result gives an average cost of 6 <i>1</i> / ₁₀ <i>d.</i> , against 7 <i>1</i> / ₁₀ <i>d.</i> in 1883. If the calculation had been made on the <i>gross</i> expenses in 1884 the average cost per transaction would have been 7 <i>d.</i> The percentage of cost of management to the total balance of the Post Office Savings Bank was 11 <i>s.</i> 1 <i>1</i> / ₂ <i>d.</i> , against 11 <i>s.</i> 10 <i>1</i> / ₂ <i>d.</i> in 1883.
Amounts to credit of Post Office Savings Banks Fund and Trustee Savings Banks Fund respectively.	
Cost of management.	
Cost per transaction.	
Per-centage of cost of management to Post Office Savings Bank Funds.	
Foreign and Colonial Savings Banks.	Many applications continue to be received from foreign countries and our colonies for information on various points of our system. Mons. de Malarce, the Inspector General of Postal Savings Banks in France, taking advantage of his attendance at the International Conference on Education, at which he read a paper on School Savings Banks, visited this Department, and visits were likewise paid by a gentleman from Vienna, by the Delegate from the Argentine Republic to the International Postal Congress at Lisbon, by the Postmaster General of British Guiana, and by a Banker from Hong Kong. Applications for information were received from the Governments of Germany, Saxony, Switzerland, Italy, and the Hawaiian Archipelago, among foreign countries, and from those of Cape Colony, Victoria, Queensland, Jamaica, and the
Applications for information.	

Bahamas (where a Post Office Savings Banks Bill is about to be introduced) among British Possessions. Information was also furnished to Mr. James, formerly Postmaster General of the United States, where the long continued efforts to establish Post Office Savings Banks have not yet met with success, and to a clergyman residing in the Falkland Islands. Many of the applicants, as might have been expected, asked specially about the new plan of Government Life Insurances and Annuities, while others sought information more particularly about the scheme of saving by means of stamps. The latter has been adopted very generally throughout Europe, and has recently been inaugurated in Jamaica and Hong Kong; but it appears that it has not commended itself to the Canadian authorities. In Canada, I see from a paper on the Post Office Savings Banks in the Dominion, read before the British Association at its Montreal meeting, that the rapid increase of business alluded to in former reports is still maintained, the number of open accounts on the 30th June 1884 being 66,682, with an amount standing to their credit of \$13,245,552 (2,649,110*l.*) The following table, compiled by the Actuary of the Melbourne Savings Bank, shows the position of Savings Banks in the seven Australasian colonies on the 30th June 1883 :—

Colony.	Number of Depositors in General and Post Office Savings Banks.	Total amount of Deposits on 30th June 1883.	Average amount due to each Depositor.
		£	£
New South Wales - - -	66,604	2,805,856	42
Victoria - - -	137,093	2,818,435	20
New Zealand - - -	69,966	1,687,788	24
South Australia - - -	46,388	1,500,249	32
Queensland - - -	26,642	1,086,685	40
Tasmania - - -	17,231	380,343	22
Western Australia - - -	1,904	24,838	13
Total - - -	365,828	10,304,144	28

The amount due to depositors, viewed in relation to the entire population of Australasia, exclusive of the Fiji Islands and the recent annexations, viz., 2,833,608 (Census, 1881), gives an average per head of 3*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.*, which is considerably higher than the average amount per head of population shown by the deposits in the Savings Banks of this country. It is to be borne in mind, moreover, that thrift is practised at the Antipodes not only by accumulations in the Savings Banks, if, as it is stated, "no less than three-fourths of the mechanics of Melbourne own the houses they live in." One fact in connexion with the Queensland Government Savings Bank is worthy of special notice, namely, that the Agent General in London received during the year 1883, from intending emigrants, deposits amounting to 35,773*l.* In Hong Kong a somewhat novel principle has been adopted, a Savings Bank having been established by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, with the approval of the Governor in Council. The minimum limit of deposits is fixed at one dollar (say 3*s.* 8*d.*), but this can be saved gradually by means of postage stamps of ten cents (about 4½*d.*).

In France the Post Office Savings Banks have supplied a real want, and the results are stated to surpass all expectations (*dépassent toutes*

France. *les Espérances*). The profits on the operations of the first two years not only covered all charges of management, but admitted of the treasury being reimbursed one-third of the expenses of launching the banks. On the 31st December 1883, there were 375,838 accounts remaining open, with balances amounting to 77,444,134 francs (3,097,765*l.*). The system has been extended to Tunis and Algeria, while the question of a convention with Italy for the inter-transfer of Savings Bank accounts, similar to that in force with Belgium, is under consideration. In Germany the bill for the establishment of Post Office Savings Banks has been drafted. It is proposed to fix the minimum amount of deposit at one mark (1*s.*), and the total sum which may be deposited in an account at 800 marks (40*l.*), while not more than 100 marks are to be deposited in one day. Provision is made for investments in Government Stock by depositors, and for depositing by stamps. In Austria the success of the Postal Savings Banks, which have been framed on the English system as the simplest and most natural (*einfachsten und natürlichsten*), has been very remarkable. Business was begun on the 12th January 1883, and from that date to the 31st December last 3,311,333 deposits were received, the sum deposited being 64,763,350 florins (6,476,335*l.*). The amount due to 428,753 depositors on the latter date (1,469,610*l.*) proves that the deposits are quickly withdrawn, and indicates that the banks are used as convenient for current accounts, which is further borne out by a modification of the original system whereby depositors with a balance of 100 florins are furnished with a kind of cheque book. In Italy, the introduction of the stamp deposit scheme for small savings is stated to have had a notable influence on the business of the Postal Savings Banks during 1883, the increase in that year being far in excess of the average rate of progress. At the close of the year the accounts numbered 805,988, the sum standing to their credit being 112,128,422 lire (4,485,136*l.*). The number of deposits made by means of stamps since the 1st May, the date of the adoption of the scheme, to the 31st December 1883 was 193,739. The purchases of Government Stock, 5,623 in number and 213,000*l.* in amount, show an advance. It is interesting to notice that the Italian Post Offices in Tunis and Alexandria have been authorised to transact Savings Bank business. In Belgium the number of depositors at the end of 1883, 367,276, and the amount due to them 5,268,692*l.*, exhibit an improvement, as do also the investments in Government Stock, the number at the same date being 4,834, and the value of the Stock 1,120,360*l.* In Sweden special stamps have been issued for Savings Bank purposes. In Finland the Senate has, it seems, decided on establishing Post Office Savings Banks on the British model throughout the Grand Duchy, and it is proposed that a married woman may make use of the banks without her husband's permission. This, I understand, is quite a new departure in Finnish law, which has hitherto allowed no married woman to acquire property without the authority of her husband.

Post Office Savings Banks.

Year.	From 16 Sept. 1861 to 31 Dec. 1862.	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.
Number of Post Office Savings Banks.	2,535	2,691	3,061	3,302	3,527	3,629	3,813	4,047	4,082	4,335	4,607	4,853	5,068	5,290	5,448	5,668	5,831	6,016
Number of Deposits.	639,216	842,848	1,110,762	1,302,309	1,525,871	1,692,344	1,877,303	2,095,644	2,135,965	2,392,621	2,745,245	3,017,608	3,244,692	3,432,433	3,592,136	3,807,851	3,990,696	4,247,828
Amount of Deposits.	2,114,660	2,651,300	3,350,000	3,719,017	4,400,557	4,643,006	5,033,858	5,787,218	5,965,121	6,664,620	7,699,016	8,555,740	9,341,256	9,833,783	10,385,350	10,965,738	11,485,391	12,147,109
Average Amount of each Deposit.	3.27	3.21	3.21	3.13	3.12	3.15	3.23	3.28	3.28	3.37	3.40	3.47	3.52	3.58	3.65	3.70	3.75	3.80
Interest credited to each Deposit.	22,189	55,204	83,000	103,403	128,870	138,172	149,687	162,392	165,392	183,788	210,079	234,559	254,559	271,684	286,331	301,459	316,603	331,636
Amount of Withdrawals.	37,294	107,431	197,242	297,432	407,412	515,348	631,972	737,460	736,460	845,279	935,975	1,025,353	1,103,089	1,172,654	1,239,606	1,301,459	1,358,488	1,415,543
Average Amount of each Withdrawal.	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Charges of Management.	20,591	25,401	34,856	45,866	59,287	65,451	70,800	76,346	76,945	84,279	93,597	102,353	110,381	117,654	124,325	130,912	137,543	144,280
Average Cost of each Transaction, viz. of each Deposit or Withdrawal.	6.15	6.15	6.15	6.15	6.15	6.15	6.15	6.15	6.15	6.15	6.15	6.15	6.15	6.15	6.15	6.15	6.15	6.15
Number of Accounts opened.	205,928	255,934	325,480	395,686	465,854	515,348	565,348	615,348	615,348	665,348	715,348	765,348	815,348	865,348	915,348	965,348	1,015,348	1,065,348
Number of Accounts closed.	27,433	319,689	470,753	621,817	772,881	923,945	1,075,009	1,226,073	1,377,137	1,528,201	1,679,265	1,830,329	1,981,393	2,132,457	2,283,521	2,434,585	2,585,649	2,736,713
Number of Accounts remaining open at close of the Year.	178,495	319,689	470,753	621,817	772,881	923,945	1,075,009	1,226,073	1,377,137	1,528,201	1,679,265	1,830,329	1,981,393	2,132,457	2,283,521	2,434,585	2,585,649	2,736,713
Amount, inclusive of Interest, standing to credit of all open Accounts at close of the Year.	1,038,221	3,377,480	5,322,133	7,266,786	9,211,439	11,156,092	13,100,745	15,045,398	16,989,951	18,934,504	20,879,057	22,823,610	24,768,163	26,712,716	28,657,269	30,601,822	32,546,375	34,490,928
Average Amount standing to credit of each open Account at close of the Year.	9.10	10.12	11.14	12.16	13.18	14.20	15.22	16.24	17.26	18.28	19.30	20.32	21.34	22.36	23.38	24.40	25.42	26.44
Percentage of Cost of Management to total funds in possession of the Post Office Savings Bank.	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Sum standing to credit of Post Office Savings Banks on Books of National Debt Commissioners at close of the Year.	1,659,032	3,328,183	5,000,158	6,672,133	8,344,108	10,016,083	11,688,058	13,360,033	15,032,008	16,703,983	18,375,958	20,047,933	21,719,908	23,391,883	25,063,858	26,735,833	28,407,808	30,079,783
Balance in hands of Postmaster General, after making Provision for outstanding Warrants, at close of the Year.	35,692	44,413	53,134	61,855	70,576	79,297	88,018	96,739	105,460	114,181	122,902	131,623	140,344	149,065	157,786	166,507	175,228	183,949
Total Balance in hand, applicable to payment of Depositors, at close of the Year.*	1,694,724	3,372,595	5,050,292	6,723,888	8,397,484	10,071,080	11,744,676	13,418,272	15,091,868	16,765,464	18,439,060	20,112,656	21,786,252	23,459,848	25,133,444	26,807,040	28,480,636	30,154,232
Number at close of the Year of Old Savings Banks and Post Office Banks combined.	1,732,555	1,876,389	2,020,223	2,164,057	2,307,891	2,451,725	2,595,559	2,739,393	2,883,227	3,027,061	3,170,895	3,314,729	3,458,563	3,602,397	3,746,231	3,890,065	4,033,899	4,177,733
Number at close of the Year of Old Savings Banks and Post Office Banks combined.	1,732,555	1,876,389	2,020,223	2,164,057	2,307,891	2,451,725	2,595,559	2,739,393	2,883,227	3,027,061	3,170,895	3,314,729	3,458,563	3,602,397	3,746,231	3,890,065	4,033,899	4,177,733

* These sums do not include the dividends accruing to the Post Office Savings Banks on the 5th January (that is, five years after the close of the account in each year), up to the year 1866 inclusive, but after that year the Securities belonging to the Post Office Savings Banks have been valued by the Commissioners for the Reduction 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 per centage of cost of management during 1864 of various charges properly belonging to 1863.

‡ In 1868, the charge for postage, amounting to about 4d. 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 6.15d.

§ 167,380 accounts having small balances, which had no transactions for a considerable period, were transferred to the Dormant Account in the year 1876, and a similar transfer of 21,779 accounts was made in 1877; the number of open accounts in those years being reduced accordingly. The total number of such accounts included in the Dormant Account at the end of 1879 was 187,567.

|| The sum of 448,543s. for charges of management in 1878 includes 214,434s. for arrears of postage for the nine years from 1st April 1868 to 31st March 1877, and also 73,419s. 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. 11.10d., and the per centage of expenses to capital to 1s. 9s. 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 8.4d., and the per centage of expenses to capital 10s. 7.7d. Further, if the arrears of postage charged to the year 1878 be added to the expenses of the years which they affect, viz., 1868 to 1877 inclusive, the average annual cost of a transaction for those years will be 7.1d., and the average per centage of expenses to capital will be 1s. 3.1d.

¶ The sum of 192,280s. for charges of management in 1879 includes the sum of 25,664s. paid in respect of the new building. Omitting this amount, but adding interest at the rate of 5 per cent. thereon, as well as on the expenditure of 73,419s. for similar purposes in 1878, the cost per transaction will be 8.4d., and the per centage of expenses to capital 10s. 8.1d.

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

APPENDIX J.—continued.

Post Office Savings Banks.

Year.	Number of Post Office Savings Banks.	Number of Deposits.	Amount of Deposits.	Average amount of each Deposit.	Interest credited to Depositors.	Number of Withdrawals.	Amount of Withdrawals.	Average amount of each Withdrawal.	Charges of Management.	Average Cost of each transaction.	Number of accounts opened.	Number of accounts closed.	Number of accounts remaining open at close of the year.	Amount, inclusive of interest, standing to credit of all open accounts at close of the year.	Average amount standing to credit of each open account at close of the year.	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 Banks combined.		
1880	6,553	3,755,689	10,301,132	2 14	51 777,985	1,405,331	6,346,634	6 5	91 188,891	8 1/2	554,668	358,103	2,184,972	33,744,687	16 8	11 11	23 1/2	34,375,936	232,945	3	2	34,608,881	6,075	3,704,777
1881	6,513	3,699,876	11,867,153	2 0	01 826,990	1,728,700	10,244,287	5 10	71 200,574	6 1/2	880,831	458,191	2,607,612	30,194,468	13 17	7 11	1	36,509,923	256,453	—	2	36,746,370	9,950	4,140,006
1882	6,999	4,151,469	12,891,290	2 0	01 807,629	1,985,129	10,906,534	5 5	53 221,653	6 1/2	788,898	537,494	2,535,976	39,687,821	13 13	1 11	41	40,862,649	145,934	190,000	41,128,564	7,429	4,411,868	
1883	7,369	4,597,368	13,571,167	2 1	53 965,991	2,075,466	11,500,171	5 6	53 242,180	7 1/2	772,201	525,536	3,106,648	41,768,908	13 9	0 11	104	43,264,949	282,983	190,000	43,667,632	7,790	4,671,821	
1884	7,796	4,648,707	14,510,411	2 4	112 1085,117	2,198,797	12,311,614	5 14	05 248,618	6 1/2	774,988	546,236	3,535,676	44,773,773	13 8	7 11	13	45,946,718	313,473	190,000	46,383,191	9,167	4,916,140	

For statistics of previous years, see preceding page.

* 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. Also including, since June 1884, (d) Deposits for purchase of Annuities and payment of Insurance premiums, and (e) Accounts credited to Accounts in respect of sums payable to Annuity and Insurance and their representatives. For particulars, see statements of Government Stock business and Annuity and Insurance business, pages 29 and 31 respectively.

† 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. Also including, since June 1884, (c) Withdrawals for purchase of Annuities and payment of Insurance premiums, and (d) amounts paid to Annuity and Insurance and their representatives. For particulars, see statements of Government Stock business and Annuity and Insurance business, pages 29 and 31 respectively.

‡ Down to the year 1883 inclusive, the transactions connected with the purchase and sale of Government Stock are calculated in calculating the average amount of each deposit and withdrawal. In 1884, however, the average amount is calculated on the gross number and amount of Deposits and Withdrawals, including those connected both with the Stock business and the Annuity and Insurance business.

§ 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 1/2 d., and the percentage of expenses to capital 106 2 1/2 d.

¶ The gross expenses in 1884 were 252,574, but the sum of 3,060, received for commission on Stock transactions from 22nd November 1880 to 30th September 1884, was in this year and is therefore defraying the expenses of management, in accordance with the Savings Banks Act, 1880.

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	2,230	9	22	1,025	79,641	£ s. d. 49 0 0	563	128,013	£ s. d. 175 10 0	£ s. d. 1 10 0	£ s. d. 129,514 56 1 6	£ s. d. 50 13 10	£ s. d. 385	£ s. d. 80	£ s. d. 7,700	£ s. d. 1,500	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. 50	£ s. d. 11,303	£ s. d. 10,439	£ s. d. 738,938	£ s. d. 68 11 3	£ s. d. 137,029	£ s. d. 56 17 9																		
1881	11,019	1,338	11,812	13,709	2,023	102	10,388	427,312	£ s. d. 41 3 2	2,875	600,181	£ s. d. 1,104 10 0	£ s. d. 7 10 0	£ s. d. 994,957	£ s. d. 50 13 10	£ s. d. 73,998	£ s. d. 37 10 0	£ s. d. 75,997	£ s. d. 7,700	£ s. d. 1,500	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. 50	£ s. d. 11,303	£ s. d. 10,439	£ s. d. 738,938	£ s. d. 68 11 3	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. 180	£ s. d. 26,782	£ s. d. 26,533	£ s. d. 1,143,717	£ s. d. 68 17 3	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. 235	£ s. d. 35,271	£ s. d. 37,648	£ s. d. 1,519,983	£ s. d. 73 3 10									
1882	7,551	2,754	16,009	12,153	4,355	77	10,947	398,947	£ s. d. 38 2 1	1,913	589,306	£ s. d. 1,105 17 0	£ s. d. 6 3 0	£ s. d. 598,311	£ s. d. 48 8 0	£ s. d. 177,132	£ s. d. 40 14 0	£ s. d. 177,983	£ s. d. 6,150	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. 190	£ s. d. 36,782	£ s. d. 26,533	£ s. d. 1,143,717	£ s. d. 68 17 3	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. 235	£ s. d. 35,271	£ s. d. 37,648	£ s. d. 1,519,983	£ s. d. 73 3 10																	
1883	7,576	3,418	20,767	12,822	5,935	58	10,414	397,936	£ s. d. 38 4 3	1,954	622,927	£ s. d. 1,228 4 9	£ s. d. 5 11 0	£ s. d. 618,338	£ s. d. 48 4 0	£ s. d. 41 12 9	£ s. d. 238,963	£ s. d. 5,550	£ s. d. 420	£ s. d. 235	£ s. d. 35,271	£ s. d. 37,648	£ s. d. 1,519,983	£ s. d. 73 3 10																										
1884	8,877	4,651	24,993	14,200	6,540	76	11,716	465,406	£ s. d. 39 14 6	2,270	708,049	£ s. d. 1,417 0 9	£ s. d. 8 7 0	£ s. d. 708,195	£ s. d. 49 10 5	£ s. d. 44 1 5	£ s. d. 303,912	£ s. d. 8,350	£ s. d. 376	£ s. d. 110	£ s. d. 44,230	£ s. d. 40,884	£ s. d. 1,916,325*	£ s. d. 76 13 6																										

* Besides the addition arising from the ordinary business of the year, the balance of Stock was further increased during 1884 by the sum of 2,678*l*. Stock in consequence of the conversion by certain Stockholders of 3 per cent. Stock into 2*½* and 2*¼* per cent. Stock, under the National Debt (Conversion of Stock) Act, 1884.

APPENDIX J.—*continued.*

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS.

Annuities and Life Insurances.

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

Year.	ANNUITIES.						LIFE INSURANCES.						
	Immediate.			Deferred.			Contracts entered into.			Receipts.			
	Contracts entered into.	Receipts.	Payments.	Contracts entered into.	Receipts.	Payments.*	Fees received on Immediate and Deferred Annuity Contracts, the Charges on Monthly Allowances being included in the Premium.	Contracts entered into.	Amount of Insurances.	Amount of Premiums.	Payments.		
	No.	Amount of Annuities.	No.	Amount of Purchase Money.	No.	Amount of Annuities.	No.	Amount of Premium.	No.	No.	No.	Amount of Claims on Death and Suffering.	
1865	87	£ 2,100	£ 22,738	33	£ 423	£ 049	67	£ 1,342	—	547	£ 40,647	1,076	£ —
1866	106	£ 4,327	£ 45,530	280	£ 3,183	£ 1,380	297	£ 2,945	8	621	£ 47,261	5,782	£ 70
1867	268	£ 5,966	£ 65,068	725	£ 8,042	£ 704	313	£ 2,392	8	364	£ 26,069	5,368	£ 318
1868	363	£ 6,396	£ 70,775	1,256	£ 14,113	£ 668	310	£ 2,505	16	350	£ 26,761	6,468	£ 734
1869	388	£ 8,111	£ 74,441	1,866	£ 19,925	£ 1,044	385	£ 2,068	10	422	£ 32,670	7,814	£ 897
1870	425	£ 8,259	£ 67,749	2,499	£ 24,059	£ 1,195	514	£ 3,529	9	385	£ 31,254	9,274	£ 1,476
1871	494	£ 9,399	£ 61,399	3,125	£ 32,666	£ 719	603	£ 2,940	16	358	£ 27,905	9,891	£ 1,744
1872	545	£ 9,797	£ 57,297	3,767	£ 34,464	£ 721	469	£ 2,836	16	707	£ 55,983	11,658	£ 2,164
1873	585	£ 10,000	£ 53,397	4,337	£ 37,374	£ 868	580	£ 2,925	19	396	£ 53,473	12,900	£ 2,516
1874	625	£ 10,000	£ 53,397	4,337	£ 37,374	£ 868	580	£ 2,925	19	378	£ 51,683	13,460	£ 2,766

Annuities and Life Insurances—cont.

(I.) Table showing the Business done in each Year since the commencement on the 17th April 1865—cont.

Year.	ANNUITIES.										LIFE INSURANCES.																			
	Immediate.					Deferred.					Contracts entered into.					Receipts.					Payments.									
	Contracts entered into.		Receipts.		Payments.	Contracts entered into.		Receipts.		Payments.*	Fees received on Immediate and Deferred Annuity Contracts, the Charges on the Monthly Allowances being included in the Premium.					Contracts entered into.					Receipts.					Payments.				
	No.	Amount of Annuities.	Amount of Purchase Money.	No.	£	No.	Amount of Annuities and Monthly Allowances.	No.	Amount of Purchase Money and Instalments of Premium.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount of Insurances.	No.	Amount of Premiums.	No.	Amount of Claims and Surrender.													
1875	582	7,926	86,761	11,129	68,641	34	708	661	3,543	10	526	421	370	32,022	14,549	9,500	84	3,127												
1876	729	10,013	109,064	11,607	69,240	29	464	639	2,601	52	872	520	270	22,575	14,101	9,288	101	4,380												
1877	745	10,933	120,265	13,444	76,612	58	1,251	687	4,747	87	961	535	393	33,444	15,140	10,106	98	3,252												
1878	709	11,375	126,227	13,190	84,219	50	1,370	664	4,952	106	2,260	624	229	19,608	15,833	10,605	137	4,351												
1879	964	15,262	107,625	13,575	92,013	49	938	628	4,644	114	2,112	801	226	18,370	15,227	10,427	139	5,288												
1880	892	13,249	140,662	14,983	101,734	41	847	621	4,406	119	1,570	686	258	20,378	15,379	10,506	125	3,866												
1881	966	16,434	184,737	15,808	111,211	66	1,376	686	5,243	131	1,763	873	300	23,900	15,883	10,967	114	3,675												
1882	780	13,435	155,528	16,729	122,123	72	1,502	772	6,449	156	2,327	727	234	18,447	16,089	11,069	141	5,694												
1883	770	14,141	159,680	17,362	130,035	101	2,120	830	7,240	163	1,868	790	256	20,600	16,156	11,333	129	5,431												
1884†—																														
1 Jan. to 31 June }	187	2,938	34,507	8,853	67,931	13	327	332	3,140	89	1,156	132	50	3,460	7,032	5,019	65	2,004												
3 June to 31 Dec. }	586	11,736	137,910	7,946	69,868	80	2,063	535	6,744	111	1,876	392	298	18,266	7,258	6,390	117	4,284												

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

† On 3rd June 1884, new system introduced under provisions of Government Annuities Act, 1882; the management of the business being transferred to the Post Office Savings Bank and facilities being afforded for the receipt and payment of Annuity and Insurance moneys through the medium of Post Office Savings Bank Accounts.

APPENDIX J.—continued.

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS. Annuities and Life Insurances.

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

Year.	ANNUITIES.						LIFE INSURANCES.										
	Immediate.			Deferred.			Contracts entered into.	Receipts.	Payments.*	Fees received on Immediate and Deferred Contracts, minus Charges on Monthly Allowances being included in the Premium.	Contracts entered into.	Receipts.	Payments.				
	Contracts entered into.	Receipts.	Payments.	Contracts entered into.	Receipts.	Payments.											
	No.	Amount of Purchase Money.	No.	Amount of Annuities.	No.	Amount of Annuities.	No.	Amount of Annuities and Monthly Allowances.	No.	Amount of Premium.	No.	Amount of Insurance.	No.	Amount of Premiums.	No.	Amount of Claims and Death and Burial.	
1865	87	£ 2,100	£ 22,738	33	£ 423	45	£ 040	67	£ 1,342	—	£ 189	547	£ 40,547	1,076	£ 1,163	—	£ —
1866	106	4,357	43,939	280	3,183	72	1,589	297	2,845	8	94	621	47,261	3,782	2,838	2	70
1867	263	5,906	65,068	725	8,042	41	704	313	2,392	8	131	364	24,989	5,596	2,580	5	318
1868	285	6,296	70,775	1,286	14,113	40	668	310	2,505	16	248	350	26,761	6,463	4,102	11	754
1869	353	8,211	74,461	1,996	19,925	45	1,044	385	2,063	10	390	422	33,670	7,814	5,044	10	887
1870	578	10,739	87,739	2,429	24,099	57	1,186	514	3,589	9	346	385	31,254	9,574	5,877	36†	1,876
1871	828	13,775	99,340	3,125	31,064	56	719	508	2,640	16	854	353	27,595	9,891	6,493	89	1,744
1872	1,000	17,000	127,000	3,767	34,464	58	721	460	2,538	16	618	757	55,983	11,689	7,489	54	2,184
1873	1,175	20,750	147,000	4,387	42,374	58	806	360	2,535	19	1,267	396	55,073	13,900	8,279	76	2,316
1874	1,350	24,500	167,000	5,000	49,000	58	806	360	2,486	19	1,484	478	51,682	14,460	8,615	92	2,799

Annuities and Life Insurances—cont.

(I.) Table showing the Business done in each Year since the commencement on the 17th April 1865—cont.

Year.	ANNUITIES.										LIFE INSURANCES.									
	Immediate.					Deferred.					Contracts entered into.			Receipts.			Payments.			
	Receipts.		Payments.		No.	Amount of Annuities entered into.	Receipts.	Payments.*	Fees received on Immediate and Deferred Annuity Contracts, the Charges on Monthly Allowances being included in the Premium.	No.	Amount of Insurances.	No.	Amount of Premiums.	No.	Amount of Claims on Death and Surrender.					
	No.	Amount of Annuities.	No.	Amount of Purchase Money.												No.		Amount of Annuities and Monthly Allowances.	No.	Amount of Purchase Money and Insurances.
1875	552	7,926	85,751	11,129	63,541	34	768	651	3,543	10	526	421	£	370	32,022	14,549	9,500	84	£	3,127
1876	729	10,013	100,084	11,807	69,240	39	464	639	2,601	52	872	520	£	270	22,575	14,101	9,388	101	£	4,380
1877	745	10,953	120,265	12,444	76,612	58	1,251	687	4,747	87	961	593	£	393	33,444	15,140	10,108	96	£	3,232
1878	709	11,375	126,227	13,190	84,219	50	1,370	654	4,562	108	2,260	624	£	329	19,608	15,533	10,065	137	£	4,351
1879	964	15,292	167,625	13,873	92,013	49	938	628	4,644	114	2,112	801	£	226	18,570	15,227	10,427	139	£	5,288
1880	892	13,249	146,562	14,983	101,734	41	847	621	4,406	119	1,570	896	£	258	20,378	15,379	10,406	125	£	3,896
1881	956	16,434	184,737	15,808	111,211	66	1,376	686	5,243	131	1,763	873	£	300	23,900	15,883	10,967	114	£	3,675
1882	709	13,435	155,528	16,729	122,123	72	1,502	772	6,449	156	2,327	727	£	234	18,447	16,039	11,069	141	£	5,694
1883	770	14,141	159,650	17,302	130,053	104	2,120	830	7,240	163	1,896	790	£	256	20,600	16,156	11,333	129	£	5,431
1884† :- 1 Jan. to 2 June }	187	2,938	34,507	8,853	67,931	13	327	332	3,140	89	1,156	132	£	50	3,469	7,032	5,019	65	£	2,004
31 June to 31 Dec. }	586	11,756	137,919	7,946	69,968	80	2,083	535	6,744	111	1,876	392	£	298	18,266	7,258	6,399	117	£	4,294

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

† On 3rd June 1884, new system introduced under provisions of Government Annuities Act, 1882; the management of the business being transferred to the Post Office Savings Bank and facilities being afforded for the receipt and payment of Annuity and Insurance moneys through the medium of Post Office Savings Bank Accounts.

APPENDIX J.—*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 1884, and the Number and Amount of Contracts in existence on the 31st December 1884.

	CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO						TOTAL	
	From 17 April 1865 to 31 December 1883.		From 1 Jan. 1884 to 2 June 1884.*		From 3 June 1884* to 31 December 1884.			
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Contracts for Annuities entered into from the commencement of business on 17th April 1865 to 31st December 1884, viz. :—								
Immediate Annuities - -	13,215	184,182 12 8	187	2,938 0 0	586	11,735 12 0	13,988	196,854 4 8
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - -	331	6,025 5 6	4	75 0 0	25	547 0 0	360	6,647 5 6
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - - -	634	13,593 15 0	9	252 12 0	55	1,536 0 0	698	15,382 7 0
Contracts for Sums payable at Death entered into from the commencement of business on the 17th April 1865 to the 31st December 1884 - - - - -	7,014	554,126 5 0	50	3,460 6 1	298	18,265 12 2	7,362	575,851 3 3
Contracts for Annuities in existence on the 31st December 1884, viz. :—								
Immediate Annuities - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,335	147,942 14 6
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	334	5,961 13 6
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	404	9,636 19 6
Contracts for Sums payable at Death, in existence on the 31st December 1884 - - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,661	385,167 1 1

* New system, in connexion with the Post Office Savings Bank, introduced on 3rd June, 1884, under provisions of Government Annuities Act, 1882.

. APPENDIX J.—continued.

Post Office Savings Bank.

RETURN of the BALANCE SHEETS of the POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS on the 31st day of December 1884; 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 1884, 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, at the 31st December 1884.	Value of Securities at average price on 31 Dec. 1884.	Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the year.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Consolidated 3½. per cents. - - -	3,456,729 13 10	3,432,162 0 0
Reduced 3½. per cents. - - -	825,756 8 8	820,585 0 0
New 3½. per cents. - - -	7,928,935 16 8	7,869,469 0 0
2½ per cents. - - -	12,144,000 0 0	11,051,040 0 0
Turkish Guaranteed 4½. per cent. Bonds	103,100 0 0	109,288 0 0
Exchequer (March) Bills. - - -	14,700 0 0	14,678 0 0
Exchequer (Suez) Bonds - - -	1,472,100 0 0	1,472,100 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 -	850,000 0 0	850,000 0 0
Canada Guaranteed 4½. per cent. Bonds	37,500 0 0	41,812 0 0
Advances to Public Works Loan Com- missioners - - -	2,758,733 6 0	2,758,733 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.) 8,536,462 0 0
Annuities for terms of years per Na- tional Debt Act, 1880, expiring 20th March 1885 - - -	253,941 0 0	(a.) 63,036 0 0
Annuity for a term of years per 26 Vict. c. 14, expiring 5th April 1885 -	9,983 7 3	(a.) 4,950 0 0
Annuity for a term of years per 45 & 46 Vict. c. 72., expiring 8th September 1892 - - -	5,428 18 8	(a.) 38,011 0 0
Annuities for a terms of years per 46 Vict. c. 1. s. 2 - - -	33,301 12 3	(a.) 284,755 0 0
Annuity for a term of years granted to repay advances per 32 & 33 Vict. c. 42, payable by Irish Land Com- mission per 44 & 45 Vict. c. 71., expir- ing 31st December 1905 - - -	138,800 0 0	(a) 2,052,005 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) 4,712,302 0 0
Red Sea and India Telegraph Annuity, expiring 4th August 1908 - - -	3,100 0 0	48,823 0 0
Annuity for a term of years per Na- tional Debt Act, 1884, 47 Vict. c. 2, s. 2, expiring 5th October 1903 -	35,121 0 0	(a) 511,463 0 0
Annuities of an amount sufficient to repay sums advanced under Pen- sions Commutation Acts, 32 & 33 Vict. c. 32. and 34 & 35 Vict. c. 36., to 31st December 1882 - - -	75,367 8 6	(a) 398,003 0 0
Advances under Pensions Commu- tation Act during year ended 31st December 1884 per 34 & 35 Vict. c. 36., in respect of which an annuity has not been granted - - -	148,712 4 0	148,712 0 0
	45,508,419 0 0	160,720 14 2
Add value of Securities - - -	- - -	45,508,419 0 0
Cash balance in Bank of England - - -	- - -	280,578 12 5
		45,949,718 0 7

(a) Value, inclusive of interest, to 31st December 1884.

National Debt Office,
27 June 1885.

C. RIVERS WILSON,
Comptroller-General.

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The total cost of the Post Office Savings Banks from their establishment to the 31st December 1984, including the sum of £5,900,10s. 8d. charged as above, was £944,448, 19s. 0d. The total number of transactions, i.e., Deposits and Withdrawals, in the period was 425,008. The total number of accounts opened was 100,000. The Post Office Savings Bank business to the end of the year 1984 was £4.5d. per year for the summing of the Post Office Savings Bank Paper, No. 1481, 1983, it was estimated (£144,799, 10s. 11d., 1984, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 1985, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 1986, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 1987, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 1988, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 1989, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 1990, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 1991, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 1992, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 1993, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 1994, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 1995, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 1996, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 1997, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 1998, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 1999, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2000, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2001, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2002, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2003, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2004, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2005, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2006, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2007, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2008, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2009, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2010, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2011, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2012, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2013, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2014, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2015, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2016, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2017, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2018, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2019, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2020, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2021, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2022, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2023, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2024, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2025, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2026, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2027, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2028, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2029, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2030, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2031, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2032, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2033, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2034, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2035, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2036, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2037, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2038, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2039, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2040, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2041, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2042, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2043, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2044, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2045, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2046, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2047, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2048, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2049, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2050, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2051, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2052, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2053, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2054, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2055, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2056, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2057, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2058, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2059, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2060, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2061, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2062, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2063, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2064, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2065, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2066, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2067, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2068, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2069, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2070, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2071, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2072, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2073, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2074, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2075, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2076, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2077, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2078, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2079, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2080, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2081, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2082, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2083, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2084, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2085, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2086, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2087, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2088, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2089, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2090, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2091, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2092, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2093, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2094, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2095, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2096, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2097, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2098, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2099, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2100, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2101, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2102, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2103, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2104, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2105, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2106, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2107, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2108, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2109, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2110, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2111, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2112, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2113, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2114, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2115, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2116, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2117, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2118, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2119, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2120, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2121, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2122, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2123, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2124, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2125, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2126, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2127, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2128, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2129, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2130, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2131, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2132, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2133, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2134, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2135, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2136, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2137, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2138, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2139, £144,799, 10s. 11d., 2140, £144

	£	s.	d.
Total amount received from Depositors, including Interest, to 31st December 1884	-	188	931 7 0
Total amount repaid to Depositors to 31st December 1884	-	144	482 143 7

Number of Transactions.		Number of Accounts.		
Deposits.	Withdrawals.	Opened.	Closed.	Remaining Open.
68,613,539	23,811,510	9,999,843	6,698,168	3,333,675

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Year.	INLAND ORDERS.				COLONIAL ORDERS.				FOREIGN ORDERS.				GRAND TOTAL.			
	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Amount.
1830 -	188,921	313,124	—	£	—	£	—	£	188,921	313,124	—	£	188,921	313,124	—	£
1840 -	587,797	990,975	211	206	587,797	990,975	211	206	587,797	990,975	211	206	587,797	990,975	211	206
Average of 5 years } 1841-45	2,429,855	4,937,256	313	414	2,429,855	4,937,256	313	414	2,429,855	4,937,256	313	414	2,429,855	4,937,256	313	414
" 1846-50	4,087,703	7,954,533	69	61	4,087,703	7,954,533	69	61	4,087,703	7,954,533	69	61	4,087,703	7,954,533	69	61
" 1851-55	5,219,559	9,941,316	27	25	5,219,559	9,941,316	27	25	5,219,559	9,941,316	27	25	5,219,559	9,941,316	27	25
" 1856-60	6,086,368	12,737,504	28	28	6,086,368	12,737,504	28	28	6,086,368	12,737,504	28	28	6,086,368	12,737,504	28	28
" 1861-65	8,001,127	16,398,361	19	18	8,001,127	16,398,361	19	18	8,001,127	16,398,361	19	18	8,001,127	16,398,361	19	18
" 1866-70	9,588,985	19,319,707	19	13	9,588,985	19,319,707	19	13	9,588,985	19,319,707	19	13	9,588,985	19,319,707	19	13
1871 -	12,062,886	21,799,583	26	10	12,062,886	21,799,583	26	10	12,062,886	21,799,583	26	10	12,062,886	21,799,583	26	10
1872 -	13,984,189	24,013,747	16	6	13,984,189	24,013,747	16	6	13,984,189	24,013,747	16	6	13,984,189	24,013,747	16	6
1873 -	15,118,686	25,600,069	8	5	15,118,686	25,600,069	8	5	15,118,686	25,600,069	8	5	15,118,686	25,600,069	8	5
1874 -	15,900,562	26,296,441	5	3	15,900,562	26,296,441	5	3	15,900,562	26,296,441	5	3	15,900,562	26,296,441	5	3
1875 -	16,485,661	26,407,918	3	—	16,485,661	26,407,918	3	—	16,485,661	26,407,918	3	—	16,485,661	26,407,918	3	—
8 months ended } 31st March 1876 }	4,350,935	6,901,506	—	—	4,350,935	6,901,506	—	—	4,350,935	6,901,506	—	—	4,350,935	6,901,506	—	—
1876-77	17,822,921	27,516,698	8	0	17,822,921	27,516,698	8	0	17,822,921	27,516,698	8	0	17,822,921	27,516,698	8	0
1877-78	18,398,901	27,870,117	3	1	18,398,901	27,870,117	3	1	18,398,901	27,870,117	3	1	18,398,901	27,870,117	3	1
1878-79	17,290,764	25,911,923	Decrease.	Decrease.	17,290,764	25,911,923	Decrease.	Decrease.	17,290,764	25,911,923	Decrease.	Decrease.	17,290,764	25,911,923	Decrease.	Decrease.
1879-80	16,774,354	24,776,331	3	3	16,774,354	24,776,331	3	3	16,774,354	24,776,331	3	3	16,774,354	24,776,331	3	3
1880-81	16,329,476	24,228,765	2	2	16,329,476	24,228,765	2	2	16,329,476	24,228,765	2	2	16,329,476	24,228,765	2	2
1881-82	14,692,328	25,367,672	10	3	14,692,328	25,367,672	10	3	14,692,328	25,367,672	10	3	14,692,328	25,367,672	10	3
1882-83	14,306,297	25,223,763	2	8	14,306,297	25,223,763	2	8	14,306,297	25,223,763	2	8	14,306,297	25,223,763	2	8
1883-84	15,790,782	26,012,117	3	6	15,790,782	26,012,117	3	6	15,790,782	26,012,117	3	6	15,790,782	26,012,117	3	6
1884-85	11,935,127	25,636,609	13	5	11,935,127	25,636,609	13	5	11,935,127	25,636,609	13	5	11,935,127	25,636,609	13	5

* These numbers were overstated by 100,000: see Note on next page.

† This is the average for two years only, as Money Order business with foreign countries did not commence until 1869.

APPENDIX K.—continued. Money Orders.

INLAND ORDERS.

Year.	ENGLAND AND WALES.				SCOTLAND.				IRELAND.				UNITED KINGDOM.			
	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.
1839	-	142,728	-	0.9	16,183	25,765	-	0.6	30,015	47,265	-	0.4	188,921	313,124	-	0.7
1840	-	482,764	-	3.1	51,326	80,980	-	1.9	53,507	77,167	-	0.7	557,797	990,975	-	2.2
Average of 5 years { 1841-45	-	2,920,977	421,885	318	210,063	385,936	308	7.8	198,785	339,443	271	340	2,429,855	4,937,256	313	414
1846-50	-	3,305,969	6,068,684	66	374,187	680,686	78	13.3	347,547	585,151	75	72	4,087,703	7,954,533	69	61
1851-55	-	4,393,043	8,488,175	30	418,966	769,863	12	13.3	447,608	883,277	17	17	5,219,559	9,941,316	27	25
1856-60	-	5,678,207	10,888,412	29	524,097	975,289	25	26	484,064	863,803	18	26	6,086,368	12,737,504	28	28
1861-65	-	6,799,266	14,021,757	20	649,417	1,285,434	24	31	552,414	1,093,170	14	26	8,001,127	16,398,361	19	29
1866-70	-	8,139,538	16,484,950	20	792,205	1,560,661	22	21	638,822	1,274,696	15	16	9,588,585	19,319,707	18	31.2
1871	-	10,275,875	18,566,317	26	983,911	1,786,574	24	14	803,100	1,446,692	26	14	12,062,886	21,799,583	26	13
1872	-	11,901,432	20,375,179	16	1,164,629	2,046,062	18	15	915,078	1,592,506	14	10	13,984,189	24,013,747	18	43.9
1873	-	12,863,094	21,629,179	8	1,273,086	2,210,107	9	8	982,546	1,760,212	7	10.5	15,118,636	25,600,089	8	6.5
1874	-	13,550,011	22,246,625	5.5	1,324,415	2,268,799	4	2.5	1,024,136	1,781,017	4.5	1	16,900,562	26,966,441	5	2.5
1875	-	14,045,014	22,397,716	3.6	1,367,754	2,300,819	3.3	1.8	1,074,893	1,790,383	4.7	0.5	16,455,661	26,407,918	3.7	0.8
3 months ended { 31st March 1876	-	3,715,657	5,789,805	-	346,158	553,069	-	-	289,120	552,692	-	-	4,350,935	6,901,506	-	-
1876-77	-	15,197,704	23,106,035	8.2	1,465,177	2,403,932	7.1	4	1,160,040	1,946,831	7.9	8.6	17,822,921	27,516,698	8.1	3.8
1877-78	-	15,637,039	23,392,661	2.8	1,531,158	2,485,752	4.5	3.4	1,200,084	1,991,732	3.4	2.3	18,368,903	27,870,117	3.1	1.2
1878-79	-	14,773,390	22,087,603	5.5	1,452,752	2,386,093	5.1	4	1,064,622	1,437,627	11.3	27.8	17,290,764	25,011,92	Decr ease.	7.
1879-80	-	14,313,100	21,088,299	3.1	1,435,640	2,322,119	1.2	27	1,025,614	1,366,913	3.6	5	16,774,354	24,776,33	3	4.3
1880-81	-	13,694,701	20,620,213	2.6	1,413,997	2,291,989	1.5	1.3	980,778	1,317,281	4.3	3.5	16,326,476	24,228,76	2.7	2.2
1881-82	-	12,519,439	19,891,331	10.1	1,286,053	2,202,123	9	4	887,346	1,274,218	9.5	3.3	14,692,828	23,367,67	10	3.5
1882-83	-	12,208,086	21,788,691	2.5	1,247,744	2,170,807	1.4	33	850,467	1,264,265	4.1	8	14,306,297	23,223,765	2.6	8
1883-84	-	11,624,711	21,484,880	4.4	1,203,479	2,274,316	4.4	4.7	822,542	1,252,921	3.2	9	13,790,732	25,012,117	3.6	84
1884-85	-	10,623,880	20,106,955	14	1,116,922	2,216,901	7.9	2.5	734,819	1,210,843	10.6	3.3	11,568,127	23,536,699	13.3	5.9

In 1840 the commission on Money Orders was reduced as follows:—
For any sum not exceeding 2*l.*, from 6*d.* to 3*d.* For any sum above 2*l.*, and not exceeding 5*l.*, from 1*4.* 6*d.* to 6*d.*.

Rates of Commission up to 1871.

Rates of Commission from 1871 to 31st December 1877.				Present Rates of Commission.								
For sums not exceeding 2 <i>l.</i> , " above 2 <i>l.</i> , but not exceeding 5 <i>l.</i> , " above 5 <i>l.</i> , but not exceeding 7 <i>l.</i> , " above 7 <i>l.</i> , but not exceeding 10 <i>l.</i>	s.	d.		For sums under 10 <i>l.</i> , " of 10 <i>l.</i> and under 1 <i>l.</i> , " of 1 <i>l.</i> , " of 2 <i>l.</i> , " of 3 <i>l.</i> , " of 4 <i>l.</i> , " of 5 <i>l.</i> , " of 6 <i>l.</i> , " of 7 <i>l.</i> , " of 8 <i>l.</i> , " of 9 <i>l.</i> , " of 10 <i>l.</i>	s.	d.	For sums under 10 <i>l.</i> , " of 10 <i>l.</i> and under 2 <i>l.</i> , " of 2 <i>l.</i> , " of 3 <i>l.</i> , " of 4 <i>l.</i> , " of 5 <i>l.</i> , " of 6 <i>l.</i> , " of 7 <i>l.</i> , " of 8 <i>l.</i> , " of 9 <i>l.</i> , " of 10 <i>l.</i>	s.	d.	For sums under 10 <i>l.</i> , " of 10 <i>l.</i> and under 2 <i>l.</i> , " of 2 <i>l.</i> , " of 3 <i>l.</i> , " of 4 <i>l.</i> , " of 5 <i>l.</i> , " of 6 <i>l.</i> , " of 7 <i>l.</i> , " of 8 <i>l.</i> , " of 9 <i>l.</i> , " of 10 <i>l.</i>		
-	0	3	-	-	0	1	-	0	7	-	0	7
-	0	6	-	-	0	2	-	0	8	-	0	8
-	0	9	-	-	0	3	-	0	9	-	0	9
-	1	0	-	-	0	4	-	0	10	-	0	10
-	1	6	-	-	0	5	-	0	11	-	0	11
-	2	0	-	-	0	6	-	0	12	-	0	12
-	2	6	-	-	0	7	-	0	13	-	0	13
-	3	0	-	-	0	8	-	0	14	-	0	14
-	3	6	-	-	0	9	-	0	15	-	0	15
-	4	0	-	-	0	10	-	0	16	-	0	16
-	4	6	-	-	0	11	-	0	17	-	0	17
-	5	0	-	-	0	12	-	0	18	-	0	18
-	5	6	-	-	0	13	-	0	19	-	0	19
-	6	0	-	-	0	14	-	0	20	-	0	20
-	6	6	-	-	0	15	-	0	21	-	0	21
-	7	0	-	-	0	16	-	0	22	-	0	22
-	7	6	-	-	0	17	-	0	23	-	0	23
-	8	0	-	-	0	18	-	0	24	-	0	24
-	8	6	-	-	0	19	-	0	25	-	0	25
-	9	0	-	-	0	20	-	0	26	-	0	26
-	9	6	-	-	0	21	-	0	27	-	0	27
-	10	0	-	-	0	22	-	0	28	-	0	28
-	10	6	-	-	0	23	-	0	29	-	0	29
-	11	0	-	-	0	24	-	0	30	-	0	30
-	11	6	-	-	0	25	-	0	31	-	0	31
-	12	0	-	-	0	26	-	0	32	-	0	32
-	12	6	-	-	0	27	-	0	33	-	0	33
-	13	0	-	-	0	28	-	0	34	-	0	34
-	13	6	-	-	0	29	-	0	35	-	0	35
-	14	0	-	-	0	30	-	0	36	-	0	36
-	14	6	-	-	0	31	-	0	37	-	0	37
-	15	0	-	-	0	32	-	0	38	-	0	38
-	15	6	-	-	0	33	-	0	39	-	0	39
-	16	0	-	-	0	34	-	0	40	-	0	40
-	16	6	-	-	0	35	-	0	41	-	0	41
-	17	0	-	-	0	36	-	0	42	-	0	42
-	17	6	-	-	0	37	-	0	43	-	0	43
-	18	0	-	-	0	38	-	0	44	-	0	44
-	18	6	-	-	0	39	-	0	45	-	0	45
-	19	0	-	-	0	40	-	0	46	-	0	46
-	19	6	-	-	0	41	-	0	47	-	0	47
-	20	0	-	-	0	42	-	0	48	-	0	48
-	20	6	-	-	0	43	-	0	49	-	0	49
-	21	0	-	-	0	44	-	0	50	-	0	50
-	21	6	-	-	0	45	-	0	51	-	0	51
-	22	0	-	-	0	46	-	0	52	-	0	52
-	22	6	-	-	0	47	-	0	53	-	0	53
-	23	0	-	-	0	48	-	0	54	-	0	54
-	23	6	-	-	0	49	-	0	55	-	0	55
-	24	0	-	-	0	50	-	0	56	-	0	56
-	24	6	-	-	0	51	-	0	57	-	0	57
-	25	0	-	-	0	52	-	0	58	-	0	58
-	25	6	-	-	0	53	-	0	59	-	0	59
-	26	0	-	-	0	54	-	0	60	-	0	60
-	26	6	-	-	0	55	-	0	61	-	0	61
-	27	0	-	-	0	56	-	0	62	-	0	62
-	27	6	-	-	0	57	-	0	63	-	0	63
-	28	0	-	-	0	58	-	0	64	-	0	64
-	28	6	-	-	0	59	-	0	65	-	0	65
-	29	0	-	-	0	60	-	0	66	-	0	66
-	29	6	-	-	0	61	-	0	67	-	0	67
-	30	0	-	-	0	62	-	0	68	-	0	68
-	30	6	-	-	0	63	-	0	69	-	0	69
-	31	0	-	-	0	64	-	0	70	-	0	70
-	31	6	-	-	0	65	-	0	71	-	0	71
-	32	0	-	-	0	66	-	0	72	-	0	72
-	32	6	-	-	0	67	-	0	73	-	0	73
-	33	0	-	-	0	68	-	0	74	-	0	74
-	33	6	-	-	0	69	-	0	75	-	0	75
-	34	0	-	-	0	70	-	0	76	-	0	76
-	34	6	-	-	0	71	-	0	77	-	0	77
-	35	0	-	-	0	72	-	0	78	-	0	78
-	35	6	-	-	0	73	-	0	79	-	0	79
-	36	0	-	-	0	74	-	0	80	-	0	80
-	36	6	-	-	0	75	-	0	81	-	0	81
-	37	0	-	-	0	76	-	0	82	-	0	82
-	37	6	-	-	0	77	-	0	83	-	0	83
-	38	0	-	-	0	78	-	0	84	-	0	84
-	38	6	-	-	0	79	-	0	85	-	0	85
-	39	0	-	-	0	80	-	0	86	-	0	86
-	39	6	-	-	0	81	-	0	87	-	0	87
-	40	0	-	-	0	82	-	0	88	-	0	88
-	40	6	-	-	0	83	-	0	89	-	0	89
-	41	0	-	-	0	84	-	0	90	-	0	90
-	41	6	-	-	0	85	-	0	91	-	0	91
-	42	0	-	-	0	86	-	0	92	-	0	92
-	42	6	-	-	0	87	-	0	93	-	0	93
-	43	0	-	-	0	88	-	0	94	-	0	94
-	43	6	-	-	0	89	-	0	95	-	0	95
-	44	0	-	-	0	90	-	0	96	-	0	96
-	44	6	-	-	0	91	-	0	97	-	0	97
-	45	0	-	-	0	92	-	0	98	-	0	98
-	45	6	-	-	0	93	-	0	99	-	0	99
-	46	0	-	-	0	94	-	0	100	-	0	100

The history of inland money orders is so far as is ascertainable to the discontinuance of the use of inland orders for payment.

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	-	£	-	-	3,905	12,961	-	-	3,905	12,961	-	-	
1857	-	-	-	-	4,744	14,168	19.6	9.3	4,744	14,168	19.6	9.3	
1858	-	-	-	-	3,724	10,060	-	-	3,724	10,060	-	-	
1859	-	-	-	-	8,102	23,943	117	128	8,111	23,199	136	150	
1860	-	-	-	-	13,605	40,266	67.9	75.4	16,254	47,983	84.4	90.4	
Average of } 1861-65 5 years	8,163	30,336	203	292	45,937	195,816	245	386	54,100	226,142	232	371	
" } 1866-70	16,168	63,613	97.9	109	106,467	494,104	131	152	122,625	557,717	126	146	
1871	-	-	-	-	123,472	520,550	15.9	5.3	143,211	600,981	10.7	7.7	
1872	-	-	-	-	133,480	563,849	8.1	8.3	154,512	646,576	7.9	7.9	
1873	-	-	-	-	154,196	642,527	15.5	13.9	176,060	731,529	13.9	12.8	
1874	-	-	-	-	149,250	629,896	-	-	172,438	723,166	-	-	
1875	-	-	-	-	145,956	603,133	-	-	170,617	701,245	-	-	
3 months ended 31st } March 1876	6,426	24,689	-	-	33,063	137,221	-	-	39,494	161,910	-	-	
1876-77	-	-	-	-	140,436	567,470	-	-	167,597	671,827	-	-	
1877-78	-	-	-	-	146,346	568,915	4.	0.4	175,749	679,371	4.8	1.1	
1878-79	-	-	-	-	153,290	605,032	6.	6.2	184,819	711,816	5.	4.7	
1879-80	-	-	-	-	172,063	650,850	10.8	7.5	203,660	764,092	10.2	7.3	
1880-81	-	-	-	-	167,937	690,485	9.1	6.	221,963	813,979	9.	6.4	
1881-82	-	-	-	-	210,554	771,515	12.	12.	244,976	892,725	10.4	9.8	
1882-83	-	-	-	-	240,808	912,986	14.	18.3	277,052	1,045,153	13.	17.	
1883-84	-	-	-	-	270,380	1,027,615	12.3	12.5	313,435	1,184,214	13.1	13.5	
1884-85	-	-	-	-	287,730	1,085,669	6.4	5.6	337,420	1,293,590	7.7	6.7	

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	—	—	—	20,105	—	—
1870	7,329	29,425	121	159	4,832	17,361	121	98·3	12,161	46,789	121	132	12,161	46,789	121	132
1871	18,769	65,072	156	121	28,663	107,911	468	921	47,431	172,933	290	289	47,431	172,933	290	289
1872	29,551	98,324	52·1	45·4	75,360	264,026	162	144	103,911	357,890	119	106	103,911	357,890	119	106
1873	38,369	131,053	89·6	40·4	97,680	339,613	29·6	28·6	137,549	470,666	32·3	31·7	137,549	470,666	32·3	31·7
1874	53,123	169,417	83·2	29·2	95,380	313,653	—	—	146,503	468,075	7·9	3·6	146,503	468,075	7·9	3·6
1875	67,343	202,901	26·7	19·7	96,246	291,019	0·9	—	163,398	493,920	10·1	1·1	163,398	493,920	10·1	1·1
3 months ended 31st March 1876	20,150	55,765	—	—	26,279	75,782	—	—	46,429	131,527	—	—	46,429	131,527	—	—
1876-77	96,879	266,240	39·3	31·2	107,601	294,748	11·6	1·3	201,360	560,988	23·	13·5	201,360	560,988	23·	13·5
1877-78	107,856	291,123	14·8	9·3	118,470	312,836	10·2	6·1	226,323	603,964	12·3	7·6	226,323	603,964	12·3	7·6
1878-79	124,172	317,715	15·1	9·1	140,867	361,639	18·9	15·6	265,039	679,354	17·1	12·4	265,039	679,354	17·1	12·4
1879-80	134,781	323,927	8·5	1·9	194,778	506,970	38·2	40·1	339,539	830,597	24·3	22·2	339,539	830,597	24·3	22·2
1880-81	142,216	335,808	5·5	3·6	241,351	626,083	24·	23·6	383,567	961,840	16·4	15·8	383,567	961,840	16·4	15·8
1881-82	153,571	360,064	6·	6·4	291,603	773,123	20·8	23·5	445,329	1,133,177	16·	18·	445,329	1,133,177	16·	18·
1882-83	162,713	400,480	6·	11·2	344,796	880,542	18·2	20·3	597,509	1,390,983	14·	17·4	597,509	1,390,983	14·	17·4
1883-84	194,515	477,293	19·	19·2	364,963	956,253	5·54 Decrease.	2·76 Decrease.	660,468	1,435,546	10·2	7·7 Decrease.	660,468	1,435,546	10·2	7·7 Decrease.
1884-85	206,775	506,675	6·3	6·6	363,414	921,718	—	—	569,189	1,430,837	1·7	—	569,189	1,430,837	1·7	—

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 twelve Years.

Year.	Africa, South and West.		Australia.		British America.		Cape Colony.		India.		New Zealand.		West Indies.		Other Colonies and Packet Agencies.		TOTAL	
	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£
1873	-	1,207	23,308	29,921	143,014	33,899	163,138	2,800	11,231	57,725	6,036	43,780	2,909	91,126	8,937	104,225	89,002	642,827
1874	-	1,053	39,968	23,965	140,364	38,252	135,083	3,634	15,606	44,234	7,322	56,072	3,532	107,538	8,592	88,720	93,261	629,865
1875	-	1,305	31,539	29,897	140,197	38,317	110,949	3,178	22,406	46,189	9,307	60,563	3,220	98,406	9,050	86,574	98,063	603,132
1876-77	-	1,601	27,444	30,070	143,987	40,622	98,903	3,455	31,889	3,762	48,176	10,284	67,810	3,879	78,819	75,622	104,358	567,470
1877-78	-	1,609	19,708	30,617	138,331	40,154	82,512	4,116	35,962	63,362	10,319	73,064	4,118	60,441	13,367	69,635	109,456	569,915
1878-79	-	1,315	27,653	30,545	166,764	36,483	81,729	4,441	39,060	4,810	65,299	9,738	85,983	4,383	63,256	74,748	106,784	605,032
1879-80	-	2,412	41,222	32,943	187,712	37,881	84,256	4,694	46,543	4,910	61,368	11,972	93,268	3,882	65,427	14,490	113,240	650,350
1880-81	-	2,835	34,907	37,086	197,772	37,909	90,533	5,313	53,231	6,532	86,384	14,800	98,572	4,500	68,818	13,740	132,514	680,465
1881-82	-	3,322	46,452	36,895	211,687	36,069	110,606	7,290	85,964	7,103	95,336	13,954	90,034	3,826	69,492	12,721	61,534	771,315
1882-83	-	2,905	44,231	38,918	236,556	39,510	162,157	8,571	111,698	8,864	110,023	14,083	90,580	4,560	76,186	11,461	81,566	130,172
1883-84	-	3,883	53,608	47,173	281,675	51,084	187,113	11,790	97,967	11,268	115,621	16,358	95,899	5,004	105,904	9,439	89,818	156,599
1884-85	-	4,533	58,963	55,578	313,446	59,774	172,635	11,556	87,326	12,879	157,832	19,153	98,708	5,765	120,545	9,983	77,894	1,085,609

APPENDIX K.—*continued.*

Money Orders.

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

Year.	Belgium.		Denmark.		Egypt.		France.		Germany.		Italy.		Japan.	
	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Belgium.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Denmark.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Egypt.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in France.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Germany.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Italy.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Japan.
1873 -	£ 10,738	£ 15,653	£ 2,176	£ 2,005	£ —	£ —	£ 8,638	£ 1,857	£ 39,321	£ 80,246	£ 7,097	£ 4,997	£ —	£ —
1874 -	11,356	14,521	2,800	2,892	44	1,384	13,580	5,519	50,070	33,360	9,838	6,214	—	—
1875 -	11,400	15,017	2,966	4,219	128	1,963	36,891	18,403	53,991	48,044	11,160	6,598	—	—
1876-77 -	13,129	15,772	3,429	4,922	74	1,845	59,940	33,005	74,658	53,778	16,274	7,377	—	—
1877-78 -	12,924	15,286	4,288	5,461	132	2,754	69,924	43,136	86,480	56,162	20,039	8,417	—	—
1878-79 -	13,894	16,019	3,880	6,059	985	7,971	83,037	63,358	96,673	61,508	21,197	8,440	—	—
1879-80 -	13,476	19,144	4,110	5,987	627	9,106	73,343	79,149	105,183	71,003	22,014	10,407	—	—
1880-81 -	13,825	21,925	4,806	5,674	738	7,601	70,019	90,390	110,691	71,950	23,358	11,234	—	—
1881-82 -	13,449	21,793	4,625	7,508	597	9,680	60,838	92,782	116,270	79,614	26,472	12,196	71	417
1882-83 -	15,005	23,549	5,822	9,424	1,304	20,096	83,449	98,669	126,184	83,466	23,687	13,753	183	636
1883-84 -	16,914	27,021	7,908	12,140	2,381	22,717	92,745	122,401	146,080	90,760	34,922	16,451	108	913
1884-85 -	17,316	32,371	6,986	9,761	2,992	30,712	97,201	123,992	153,046	91,299	37,975	18,327	242	1,561

APPENDIX K.—*continued.*

Money Orders.

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

Year.	Iceland.		Netherlands.		Norway.		Portugal.		Sweden.		Switzerland.		United States.		TOTAL.	
	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Iceland.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Netherlands.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Norway.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Portugal.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Sweden.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Switzerland.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the U.S.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued Abroad.
1873 -	-	-	£ 3,197	£ 4,000	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 11,516	£ 5,403	£ 46,370	£ 275,453	£ 131,053	£ 339,513
1874 -	-	-	3,595	3,831	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,742	5,062	60,336	240,386	169,417	318,058
1875 -	-	-	4,869	5,054	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,606	5,564	62,854	186,197	202,000	291,020
1876-77 -	-	-	5,461	6,887	2,230	1,115	-	-	-	-	15,419	6,483	75,605	159,464	298,239	294,748
1877-78 -	-	-	5,741	9,874	2,712	1,476	-	-	-	-	16,702	6,633	72,186	157,707	291,128	312,536
1878-79 -	-	-	5,879	10,908	3,947	2,037	-	-	-	-	17,632	6,900	71,089	170,382	317,713	361,039
1879-80 -	-	-	5,802	9,601	5,069	2,084	-	-	-	-	18,797	9,562	70,466	290,241	323,927	506,070
1880-81 -	-	-	6,231	10,678	6,782	2,409	-	-	-	-	18,315	11,239	72,081	392,782	336,808	638,032
1881-82 -	-	-	6,549	12,282	8,124	2,031	-	-	1,087	1,364	19,096	12,481	80,267	525,298	300,054	773,123
1882-83 -	-	-	7,358	13,828	10,662	2,279	-	-	5,649	3,416	19,313	12,790	96,711	647,097	400,420	930,542
1883-84 -	-	-	9,035	14,277	16,720	2,436	-	-	10,015	3,832	23,280	11,769	116,727	630,705	477,293	966,255
1884-85 -	31	3,360	8,831	14,468	15,118	2,544	-	1,486	10,301	4,573	24,620	14,671	132,538	567,677	508,075	921,712

APPENDIX M.

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 1885.

NAMES OF OFFICES.	Correspondence.				Parcels.		Totals.		Total Value.
	England and Wales.		Ireland.		England and Wales.	Ireland.	Correspondence.	Parcels.	
	Weight in Ounces.	Value.	Weight in Ounces.	Value.					
Adjutant General	Oz.	£	Oz.	£	£	£	£	£	£
Admiralty, Lords Commissioners of the	1,377,301	12,073	94,739	153	—	—	153	—	12,118
Army Medical Board	—	—	—	103	—	—	103	—	103
Attorney General	4,100	18	39,964	—	—	—	—	—	18
Board of Education	—	—	—	1,683	—	—	1,683	—	1,683
Board of Supervision	—	—	24,030	106	—	—	106	—	22
Board of Trade	—	—	53,894	232	—	—	232	—	232
Board of Works	2,048,637	9,310	—	—	—	—	—	—	9,310
Chancellor, The Lord	—	—	431,885	1,850	—	—	1,850	—	1,850
Charity Commissioners	—	100	—	—	—	—	—	—	100
Chelsea Hospital	21,543	973	—	—	—	—	—	—	973
Clerks and Under Secretary, Dublin Castle	153,043	—	—	1,317	—	—	1,317	—	1,317
Civil Service Commissioners	33,236	139	—	—	—	—	—	—	139
Chief of the Post Office	283,845	1,174	430,314	—	—	—	—	—	1,174
Chief of the Post Office (House of Lords)	139,363	138	—	—	—	—	—	—	138
Colonial Office	515,550	7,094	—	—	—	—	—	—	7,094
Commander of the Forces	—	—	10,319	48	—	—	48	—	48
Commissariat Department	—	—	75,166	312	—	—	312	—	312
Consular Office	—	—	306,966	1,374	—	—	1,374	—	1,393
Convict Prisons, Directors of	—	—	108,082	478	—	—	478	—	478
Council Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10
Court of Chancery	1,402,981	6,217	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,217
Court of Probate	519	999	—	—	—	—	—	—	519
Crown Office, Edinburgh	222,949	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	112,118
Crown Office, House of Lords	—	—	89,447	401	—	—	401	—	401
Crown and Manager	—	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	13
Customs	3,162	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,162
Customs	—	—	4,234	20	—	—	20	—	20
Exchequer and Audit Department	545,850	2,338	—	63	—	—	63	—	2,418
Fishery Board for Scotland	207,859	932	23,226	—	—	—	—	—	932
Foreign Office	256,913	3,946	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,946

Appendix M.—continued.

NAMES OF OFFICES.	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.							
							£	oz.	£	£	£		oz.
Health Exhibition	769,984	3,549	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	769,984	3,549	—	3,549
Home Office	1,094,680	3,558	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,094,680	3,558	—	3,558
Inland Revenue	11,028,165	35,991	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11,028,165	35,991	—	35,991
Inspector of Fisheries	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Irish Office	131,019	536	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	131,019	536	—	536
Land Commissioners	61,219	281	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	61,219	281	—	281
Loan Fund Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Local Government Board	1,501,562	6,425	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,501,562	6,425	—	6,425
Lord Lieutenant and Private Secretary	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mercantile Marine Board	63,108	283	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	63,108	283	—	283
Merchant Seamen, Registrar of	590,019	2,355	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	590,019	2,355	—	2,355
National Debt Office	39,245	181	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	39,245	181	—	181
Ordnance Survey	94,573	349	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	94,573	349	—	349
Patent Office	190,113	543	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	190,113	543	—	543
Paymaster of Civil Services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paymaster General	53,300	287	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	53,300	287	—	287
Public Record Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Queen's Remembrancer	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Registrar General	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Registrar of Friendly Societies	597,087	1,768	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	597,087	1,768	—	1,768
Registrar of Friendly Societies	110,370	505	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	110,370	505	—	505
Registrar at Petty Sessions, Clerks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rural Mort	547	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	547	—	—	—
Secretary of State	1,649,664	7,103	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,649,664	7,103	—	7,103
Secretary of State, Art Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Secretary of State, Education	3,880	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,880	14	—	14
Secretary of State, Home Department	513,377	798	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	513,377	798	—	798
Secretary of State, India Office	682,555	2,094	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	682,555	2,094	—	2,094
Secretary of State, Law	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Secretary of State, Navy	2,953,474	15,979	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,953,474	15,979	—	15,979
Secretary of State, War	70,000	327	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	70,000	327	—	327
Secretary of State, Admiralty	231,270	890	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	231,270	890	—	890
TOTALS	41,500,973	166,883	5,517,670	9,998	5,584,079	24,908	1,578	51	298	41,500,973	166,883	1,687	167,580

APPENDIX N.

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								
1870-71	—	—	198	1,586 6 0	732	2,525	1,773	20,992 10 6
1871-72	44	62	166	3,530 11 0	776	2,587	1,971	22,573 16 6
1872-73	86	270	399	6,590 8 6	862	2,857	2,137	26,109 7 6
1873-74	165	674	833	8,520 12 0	1,027	3,531	2,536	32,699 16 0
1874-75	239	702	807	6,675 14 0	1,266	4,233	3,369	41,220 8 0
1875-76	176	657	340	3,874 1 0	1,442	4,890	4,176	47,896 2 0
1876-77	140	351	339	4,581 18 0	1,582	5,241	4,516	51,770 3 0
1877-78	105	466	444	3,770 4 0	1,687	5,707	4,855	56,352 1 0
1878-79	143	273	357	3,183 5 6	1,830	5,980	5,299	60,122 5 0
1879-80	59	402	357	3,455 17 1	1,889	6,382	5,656	63,305 10 6
1880-81	—	1,218	358	7,771 9 2	1,889	7,600	6,009	66,761 7 7
1881-82	56	1,435	317	14,203 6 0	1,945	9,055	6,326	74,332 16 9
1882-83	293	2,000	656	12,787 13 6	2,238	11,055	6,982	88,736 2 9
1883-84	452	1,384	766	12,109 16 4	2,690	12,439	7,748	101,523 16 3
1884-85	412	1,768	1,113	7,249 4 4	3,102	14,207	8,861	113,633 12 7
	183	1,129	110		3,285	15,336	8,971	120,882 16 11

* 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 O.

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 15s. each.	Carriages.			Hackney Carriages.	
	At 9s. each.	At 6s. each.	At 5s. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.		At 42s. each.	At 15s. each.	At 21s. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.	At 15s. each.
1860 . . .	—	—	478,218	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1870 . . .	—	—	524,032	—	74,607	32,020	73,171	—	—	—
1871 . . .	—	—	532,229	—	70,845	31,887	73,111	—	—	—
1872 . . .	—	—	573,723	—	71,294	32,978	74,412	—	—	—
1873 . . .	—	—	615,342	—	60,286	32,030	74,631	—	—	—
1874 . . .	—	—	635,636	—	69,325	34,094	75,465	—	—	—
1875 . . .	—	—	755,408	—	67,849	34,964	77,431	—	—	—
Quarter-ended : Mar. 1876	—	—	680,730	—	67,662	33,360	72,617	—	—	—
1876-77 . . .	—	—	847,609	—	61,304	36,000	81,107	—	—	—
1877-78 . . .	—	—	930,036	—	57,152	37,127	82,789	—	—	—
1878-79 . . .	—	—	82,937	688,918	53,856	37,000	80,998	—	—	—
1879-80 . . .	—	—	—	632,663	62,792	40,653	108,634	—	—	—
1880-81 . . .	—	68,176	—	633,000	76,253	59,784	136,860	—	—	—
1881-82 . . .	6,655	94,423	—	640,308	84,903	68,754	166,704	—	—	—
1882-83 . . .	6,567	84,706	—	668,660	93,722	74,212	175,171	—	—	—
1883-84 . . .	6,359	81,122	—	682,668	96,515	78,580	198,043	—	—	—
1884-85 . . .	6,006	76,000	—	710,990	100,636	74,371	194,792	193	1,913	77

Inland Revenue Licenses.

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

Year.	Horse Dealers at 12 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i> each	Horses and Mules at 10 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> each	Armorial Bearings.		Guns at 10 <i>s.</i> each.	Game.		Game Keepers at 40 <i>s.</i> each.	Total Number.	Revenue. £ s. d.
			At 4 <i>s.</i> each.	At 2 <i>s.</i> each.		Red at 80 <i>s.</i>	Blue and Green at 40 <i>s.</i>			
1869 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	478,218	118,304 10 0
1870 -	10	208,351	6,171	10,219	40,742	-	-	-	964,323	460,027 16 6
1871 -	10	201,627	5,945	10,303	62,161	-	-	-	1,008,038	473,311 15 6
1872 -	10	205,914	5,945	11,090	62,239	-	-	-	1,037,608	485,439 9 0
1873 -	8	206,562	5,736	10,752	70,671	-	-	-	1,086,938	498,157 0 0
1874 -	8	208,383	5,836	10,943	79,461	4	2	-	1,163,207	521,249 14 6
1875 -	-	-	5,741	10,958	86,878	10	-	2	1,038,341	438,346 8 0
Quarter ended 31 Mar. 1876 }	-	-	5,603	10,704	3,266	-	-	-	873,832	370,078 15 0
1876-77 -	-	-	5,713	11,279	86,554	14	-	1	1,180,241	402,857 15 0
1877-78 -	-	-	5,654	11,835	85,869	11	-	1	1,210,483	482,700 7 0
1878-79 -	-	-	5,656	11,834	92,208	14	-	-	1,033,500	520,408 11 0
1879-80 -	-	-	6,403	14,471	87,728	7	2	2	979,355	548,823 5 6
1880-81 -	-	-	7,806	18,448	88,253	5,232	717	610	1,101,106	645,561 16 6
1881-82 -	-	-	8,286	20,690	93,507	8,031	1,206	768	1,176,834	709,181 8 0
1882-83 -	-	-	9,008	21,930	102,250	13,887	1,787	1,480	1,243,487	774,117 16 0
1883-84 -	-	-	9,199	23,076	108,792	16,377	1,563	1,890	1,267,769	818,703 2 6
1884-85 -	-	-	9,254	23,415	119,735	19,365	2,118	2,056	1,345,104	844,574 1 6

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

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

1876-7, and 1877-8. The 1879-80 year was paid towards the purchase of the Site of the Manchester New Post Office in the years 1876-7, 1877-8, and 1878-9 respectively.

APPENDIX Q.

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.				
1875	£ 5,690,535 (a)	£ 219,197	-	£ 5,300	£ 5,815,033	£ 3,980,801	£ 1,894,141
Quarter ended 31st March 1876	1,280,951	56,640	-	1,270	1,338,951 (b)	1,003,322	335,539
1876-7	5,782,053	228,308	-	5,731	6,017,072	4,070,006	1,947,066
1877-8	5,798,801	242,443	-	6,048	6,047,512	3,990,680	2,056,892
1878-9	6,010,206	268,063	-	6,051	6,274,450	3,840,076	2,434,374
1879-80	6,300,730	251,689	-	6,146	6,558,545	4,080,763	2,497,687
1880-81	6,478,696	246,033	3,760 (c)	4,948	6,733,437	4,135,659	2,597,788
1881-82	6,770,332	228,947	25,657	4,764	7,027,000	4,286,486	2,741,004
1882-83	7,054,982	317,686	44,402	3,800	7,390,060	4,546,398	2,753,562
1883-84	7,485,206	309,704	65,945	4,000	7,764,855	5,154,823	2,610,026
1884-85	7,689,320	196,719	85,697	4,300	7,906,406 (d)	5,317,313	2,589,193
Average Annual Net Revenue of first period of Five Years		-	-	-	-	-	£2,186,761
Ditto		-	-	-	-	-	£2,058,710

(a) 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 £8,900, through a change in the system of bringing Postage Stamps to account. The actual Revenue, however, was not affected thereby.

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

(c) Postal Revenue as per Finance Accounts - 7,898,910.

Add Unclaimed Money Orders - 4,300.

" Extra Receipts - 3,196.

7,906,406.

7,906,406.

APPENDIX S.

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	-	1,709,644	24,349	71,977	1,911	871	1,808,920
1884-85	-	1,730,980	24,000	61,859	2,346	1,003	1,820,354

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