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THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

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

MY LORDS,

I HAVE the honour to submit to your Lordships the Thirty-second Annual Report on the Post Office, being the Report for the year ended the 31st of March 1886.

The year has been characterized by the completion of many changes and improvements, which have, no doubt, afforded very great facilities to the public.

These include, among others, the completion of the important acceleration of the mails in England, Ireland, and Scotland, alluded to at the close of the last Report, the reduction of the rate for Inland Telegrams, the extension of the Parcel Post to most of the foreign countries and colonies in the postal union; the arrangements to provide for the introduction on the 1st of May of a revised scale of rates and weights for Inland Parcels, and a scheme for the Insurance of Parcels and compensation for damage or loss.

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

—	Number estimated.	Increase per cent.	Average number to each Person.
Letters - - -	1,403,547,900	3·2	38·6
Post cards - - -	171,290,000	6·9	4·7
Book Packets and Circulars -	342,207,400	6·8	9·4
Newspapers - - -	147,721,100	2·8	4·1
Total - - -	2,064,766,400	4·0	56·8
Parcels - - -	26,417,422	15·3	·7
Grand Total - -	2,091,183,822	4·2	57·5

Of the total number of letters, &c. delivered, 84 per cent. were delivered in England and Wales (27·4 per cent. being delivered in the London Postal district alone), 9·6 per cent. in Scotland, and 6·4 per cent. in Ireland.

The number of registered letters was 11,129,060, a decrease of 1·5 per cent. This decrease is mainly owing, no doubt, to the extended use of postal orders. Registered Letters.

New Post Offices have been opened in 371 places in the United Kingdom, and about 860 letter boxes have been added, New Offices.

making the total number of receptacles about 34,280, of which 16,805 are post offices.

A sum of about 28,000*l.* has been laid out on the purchase of new sites for post offices, and the Office of Works has expended about 132,000*l.* on the erection of buildings on sites previously acquired. Eighteen new post office buildings have been completed and opened at the following towns :—Andover, Atherstone, Belfast, Cambridge, Cowes, Doncaster, Exeter, Folkestone, Kidderminster, Killarney, Llanelly, Mullingar, Newcastle (Staff), St. Albans, Stourbridge, Watford, Wigan, Wrexham.

Staff. The total number of Officers on the permanent establishment of the Department is about 51,500 ; the number added during the year having been 3,310. The number of women included in this total is 3,456, employed as follows :—

As Clerks in the Central Establishments	
in London, Dublin, and Edinburgh	- 699
As Telegraphists, Counter-women, Sorters,	
&c. throughout the kingdom	- 2,757

Besides the foregoing there are, it is estimated, about 45,000 persons employed by Postmasters and Receivers 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 only a part of the day.

The list of retired Officers in receipt of pensions shows a total of 3,394, whose pensions amount to 178,000*l.*

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

Local arrangements. Great attention has been paid to the local arrangements for the prompt collection and rapid delivery of letters ; and the re-organization of this part of the service, following upon the general improvements made with the various companies in order to secure quicker transit by railway, has much increased the efficiency of the postal system. The extension of the hours for posting letters for the country in the London pillar boxes to 6 p.m., and, with an extra halfpenny, to 7.30 p.m., introduced on the 1st of July 1885, together with the facility of posting letters for provincial towns up to midnight, for the second delivery, has been highly appreciated.

A change of some importance has been made in the arrangements for posting letters bearing an extra halfpenny stamp, at certain London railway stations on Sunday ; and the special letter boxes placed on the platforms of the Cannon Street, Charing Cross, London Bridge, Liverpool Street, Euston, and Paddington Stations, for letters to be conveyed by mail trains from those stations, are now open during the whole of Sunday. A system has been introduced for providing for the collection by Postmen of letters from Private Letter Boxes in London. The boxes are constructed by the owners, who are the only persons besides the Postmen who have access to them by key. Collections are made at stated times for which a fee is charged, varying

according to the number of daily collections, and the position of the box. For any number of collections not exceeding four daily, from a box on the ground floor, the fee is 6*l.* a year, and for every additional collection above four, 1*l.* additional is charged. If the box is situated above or below the ground floor, and the Postman has to ascend or descend to make the collection, a further sum of 1*l.* a year is charged.

To meet the convenience of the public, a Post Office Handbook has been issued at one penny, containing in a small compass all the principal postal regulations. This book can be obtained at all post offices, and, by giving notice, from all postmen. About 400,000 copies have already been sold.

The rate of postage on letters exceeding 12 oz. in weight, which previous to the 1st of July last was 1*d.* per oz., has been reduced to $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* per two ounces. Thus, whereas a letter weighing 15 oz. formerly cost 1*s.* 3*d.*, it can now be sent for 5*d.* The result has been a large increase in the number of such letters.

On the 1st of June 1885 the extra fee for letters, allowed to be posted for the Continent at the Charing Cross and Cannon Street Stations up to the moment of departure of the mail trains, was reduced from 6*d.* to 4*d.*

A temporary Branch Post Office was opened at the International Inventions Exhibition at South Kensington, as in the case of the Health Exhibition in 1884, and the following statistics show that the accommodation was appreciated:—

Number of Telegrams forwarded and received	-	-	20,746
Number of Postal Order Transactions	-	-	7,995
Do. do. Parcels posted	-	-	5,363
Do. do. Letters registered	-	-	1,501
Do. do. Money Order transactions	-	-	1,301
Do. do. Savings Bank	do.	-	602
Amount of Stamps sold	-	-	£1,694

Besides completing the arrangements for the acceleration of **New Mails**, the mail service by train referred to above, several other desirable alterations have been effected. In Scotland a new mail packet service has been established between Oban and Barra, in the Hebrides, calling at Coll, Tiree, and Lochboisdale, places connected with the fishing industry.

In Aberdeenshire, the improvements in the earlier arrival of the mails from the south, will shortly be supplemented by an earlier departure from Aberdeen of the mails for Keith, Banff, Elgin, &c. and for Inverness, and towns in the extreme north, and it has afforded me no little satisfaction to have been enabled to accede to the frequently expressed wishes of the inhabitants of that district in this matter.

In Ireland, one of the most important changes has been the establishment, on the 12th of October last, of a Day Mail Service between Dublin and Galway, with branch services to Westport, Ballina, and Sligo, at an additional cost of 11,600*l.*

a year. Other improvements include a better service between Limerick and Tralee, and between Dundalk and Enniskillen.

Parcel Post.

The progress of the parcel business during the year has been satisfactory. The number of parcels carried shows an increase of about 3½ millions, and the gross postage an increase of nearly 84,000*l*. In England and Wales some 22,198,000 parcels were posted, in Scotland 2,690,000, and in Ireland 1,527,000.

Parcels can now be transmitted by post to and from the following countries and colonies :—

Aden.	India.
Antigua.	Jamaica.
Ascension.	Labuan.
Austro-Hungary.	Malta.
Barbadoes.	Montserrat.
Belgium.	Nevis.
British Guiana.	New South Wales.
Burmah.	Norway.
Ceylon.	St. Helena.
Cyprus.	St. Kitts.
Cape of Good Hope.	St. Lucia.
Denmark.	St. Vincent.
Dominica.	South Australia.
Egypt.	Straits Settlements.
Germany.	Sweden.
Gibraltar.	Switzerland.
Grenada.	Tobago.
Heligoland.	Tortola.
Holland.	Trinidad.
Hong Kong and certain other parts of China.	Turkey (Constantinople).
	Victoria.

The post to Canada will commence on the 1st of August, and negotiations are proceeding with other Colonies in Australia, with New Zealand, Newfoundland, France, Italy, and Portugal, which, it is hoped, may shortly terminate in a satisfactory issue. The subjoined Table gives a comparison between the business conducted in 1884-5 and 1885-6 :—

Year.	—	Number of Parcels.	Postage.			Average Postage per Parcel.	
			Gross Amount.	55 per cent. on Railway borne Parcels paid to Railway Com- panies.	Post Office Share.	Gross.	Post Office Share.
1884-5	Railway borne and Road borne.	22,904,373	508,070	256,457	251,613	5'33	2'64
1885-6	" " "	26,417,422	591,938	298,944	292,994	5'38	2'66

The revision of the rates and weights of Inland Parcels occupied much time and attention, but was not sufficiently matured to be ready to come into operation until the 1st of May 1886. The new scale fixes the postage at a minimum of 3*d.*, increasing by 1½*d.* per pound to a maximum of 1*s.* 6*d.*, and extends the maximum weight from 7 lbs. to 11 lbs.

The first despatch of Foreign and Colonial parcels took place on the 1st of July 1885, and by the 1st of January arrangements had been completed for the interchange of parcels with 27 different countries. The total number despatched up to the 31st of March was 71,900, and the number received was 40,800.

The largest business was transacted with Germany, with which country in six months 46,000 parcels were exchanged. India shows a business at the rate of 36,000 parcels in six months, and the smallest business recorded is one parcel in three months for the Island of Tortola.

At the commencement of the Parcel Post with Belgium, several cages of live birds were received from that country; but, as the despatch of live birds is contrary to regulation, the Belgian authorities were requested to prevent any more being sent. On other occasions, a live pigeon, a live fowl, 150 live frogs, many bees and snakes, were detected and stopped in transit through the post from different countries.

The new system of insurance, and of compensation for the loss or damage of Inland Parcels, arranged to commence on the 1st of May, gives compensation not exceeding 1*l.* where no insurance fee is paid; and where an insurance fee of one penny or two pence is paid, compensation is given to the amount of 5*l.* or 10*l.* During the first month 17,600 parcels were insured, producing 87*l.*, while the compensation paid was only 6*l.*

The heaviest posting of parcels which occurred, took place on the 31st of December, when 14 tons weight of catalogues were posted by one company in London, carrying postage to the amount of over 260*l.*

A new contract for the conveyance of Mails between the United Kingdom and the West Indies by Packets of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company came into operation on the 1st of July 1885. Under this contract an increased rate of speed has been secured, and the departure of the Packets from Southampton now takes place on alternate Thursdays instead of on the 2nd and 17th of each month as formerly.

Foreign and
Colonial Mails.
New West
India Packet
Contract.

Besides giving the advantage of two additional Mails a year in each direction, the new arrangement of a fixed day of departure from England has got rid of the inconvenience formerly existing of having to change the day of despatch whenever the 2nd or 17th of the month fell on a Sunday.

A Convention for the exchange of Money Orders between the United Kingdom and Austro-Hungary has been concluded.

Money Order
system ex-
tended to Aus-
tro-Hungary.

The Kingdom of Siam joined the Universal Postal Union on the 1st of July 1885, instead of waiting, as originally proposed,

Accession of
Siam and
Bolivia to
Postal Union.

till the 1st of April 1886. The Republic of Bolivia joined the Union on the 1st of April 1886 as proposed.

At the request of the Colonial Government of Gibraltar, the Post Office at that place was transferred from Imperial to local control on the 1st of January.

Returned
letters.

The number of letters, post cards, newspapers, parcels, &c. received in the Returned Letter Offices was 12,822,067, an increase of 4·7 per cent. over the previous year. Of this number 441,765 were unreturnable; 175,246 contained enclosures of value; and 26,928 were posted without any address. Among the letters bearing no address were 1,620, which contained 3,733*l.* 17*s.* 5*d.* in cash and cheques, &c.

Curious
incidents.

Among the contents of parcels received in the Returned Letter Office in Dublin, having been stopped as contrary to the regulations, were two hens, eight mice, and two hedgehogs. One of the hens, which was addressed to a veterinary surgeon in London, was in bad health, and, although carefully attended to, died in the office. The remaining hen, as well as the mice and the hedgehogs, were given up alive to the owners.

The Post Office has not unfrequently to bear blame for irregularities for which it is not responsible. For instance, complaint was made last year at Liverpool that a packet containing a bottle of wine and a box of figs had been duly posted but not delivered. Upon further enquiry the sender ascertained that the person to whom the packet was entrusted to post had eaten the figs and drunk the wine. Again, the Department was blamed for the non-delivery of a letter addressed to Mrs. Jones, Newmarket, near Blyth, but it appeared that there were no less than 29 Mrs. Joneses residing at that place, and it was impossible for the postman to decide for which of these ladies the letter was intended.

On another occasion two letters were alleged to be missing in Scotland. On enquiry being made at the address of the first letter, which was registered, it was discovered, after half an hour's search, amongst an accumulation of 12 months' letters heaped up on a desk. The second letter was placed in the letter box at its address; but it appeared that this box was cleared by a char-woman on Monday mornings only, and that, having failed to clear it one Monday, the letter remained until the following Monday unnoticed.

As an illustration of the vagueness of some addresses it may be stated that a letter was received in Glasgow bearing the following superscription:—

“Mrs. ,

“3 miles from where the cattle is sold on the Duke of
“Buccleuch's ground.”

In another instance, a letter containing a cheque for a considerable sum of money was alleged to have been stolen. It was ultimately found amongst the straw of a kennel torn into

fragments, but no pieces missing. The postman had duly delivered the letter, having, at the request of the addressee, pushed it with others under the front door, and some puppies, had carried it to the kennel and torn it.

The business of the Post Office Savings Bank shows a considerable increase during the year. The total amount due to depositors on the 31st of December was 47,697,838*l.*, an increase of 2,924,065*l.* over the previous year. In addition to this the balance of Government Stock held by depositors at the close of the year was 2,452,252*l.*, making the total sum due to depositors 50,150,090*l.*, distributed over 3,535,650 separate accounts. The deposits were 6,474,484 in number, amounting to 15,034,694*l.*, as compared with 6,458,707 in number, amounting to 14,510,411*l.* in 1884; and the withdrawals were 2,280,062 in number and 13,202,742*l.* in amount, as compared with 2,198,792 in number, amounting to 12,530,563*l.* in 1884. The sum credited to depositors for interest was 1,092,112*l.*, being an increase of 66,995*l.* over the previous year.

Post Office
Savings Bank.

The number of new Savings Bank Offices opened during the year was 350, of which 305 were in England and Wales, 29 in Scotland, and 16 in Ireland. The total number on the 31st of December was 8,106.

The greatest number of deposits made in one day was 48,568, on the 31st of January, amounting to 99,913*l.*; but the largest amount deposited in one day was 124,843*l.*, which was deposited on the 1st of January.

The greatest number of withdrawals in one day was 20,835, amounting to 60,643*l.*, on the 22nd of December, but the largest amount withdrawn in one day was 66,981*l.*, which was withdrawn on the 16th of December. The daily average of deposits was 21,158, amounting to 49,133*l.*, and of withdrawals, 7,451, amounting to 43,146*l.*

The average amount of each deposit was 2*l.* 6*s.* 5*d.*, and of each withdrawal 5*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.*

The number of new accounts opened during the year was 750,862, and 548,887 were closed, as compared with 774,268 opened and 546,235 closed in 1884.

The 3,535,650 accounts remaining open at the end of the year showed an increase of 201,975 over the number in 1884, and were apportioned thus:—

—				Number.	Proportion to Population.	Average Balance due to each Depositor.
England and Wales	-	-	-	3,272,701	1 to 8	£ s. d. 13 10 8
Scotland	-	-	-	127,172	1 to 31	7 12 6
Ireland	-	-	-	135,777	1 to 36	17 19 2

The Government Stock investments were 17,133 in number, and the amount of Stock purchased was 859,050*l.*, an increase of 2,933 in number and 155,855*l.* in amount of stock, as compared with 1884, while the sales numbered 7,443 amounting to 326,445*l.* Stock, an increase of 603 in number and 24,997*l.* in amount. The number of Stock certificates obtained was 68 for 6,900*l.* Stock, as compared with 76 for 8,350*l.* in 1884.

The total amount of Stock held by depositors at the close of the year was, as already mentioned, 2,452,252*l.*, held by 30,597 persons; being an increase of 535,927*l.* in the amount of Stock, and 5,604 in the number of holders, as compared with 1884.

The investments in the 2½ and 2¾ per cent. Stocks have been but trifling during the year, the total number being only 392 for 20,437*l.* Stock.

Life Insurances
and Annuities.

The Life Insurance business shows an increase during the year of 109 in the number of Insurances, and of 13,003*l.* in the amount. The Deferred Annuities show an increase of only 10 in number, and of 716*l.* in amount, and the Immediate Annuities (exclusive of those purchased by the Board of Trade for merchant seamen) show an increase of only 23 in number, and 936*l.* in amount.

The annuities purchased by the Board of Trade were 71 less in number, and 243*l.* in amount.

The following table shows the number of contracts in existence on the 31st of December 1885 :—

Immediate Annuities.	Deferred Annuities.	Life Insurances.
9,496	810	5,155

Money Orders.

The Inland Money Order business continues to diminish, the annual numbers having decreased by about 6 millions since the introduction of the Postal Orders in 1880. On the other hand, the transactions with the Colonies, both inwards and outwards, exhibit a satisfactory increase, as do also the transactions in both directions with Foreign Countries.

Taking the Inland Orders alone, it appears that there were only 10,358,000 Orders issued, as compared with about 17 millions in the years preceding 1880. There can be no doubt that the transmission of money by means of Money Orders, although, perhaps, more troublesome, affords greater security to the public than that offered by the Postal Order system. The risk to which the latter system is exposed is very much increased by the frequent or almost universal omission on the part of the public to take so ordinary a precaution as to fill in the name of the person to whom the Order is payable, and the Office at which it should be cashed.

The present rates of Commission on Inland Money Orders are necessarily higher than those for Postal Orders, as a Money Order

involves more trouble than a Postal Order; but it would seem possible that some modification might safely be made in the existing rates with advantage to the public, and a proposal to effect this object will shortly be submitted to your Lordships.

The Postal Order business continues to increase rapidly, the total number issued during the year having been 25,790,360, and the amount 10,788,946*l.*, as compared with 18,831,164 amounting in value to 7,885,347*l.* in the year 1884-5. Postal Orders.

Since September last the sale of Postal Orders has been introduced in about 1,000 of the smaller country Post Offices which are not Money Order Offices, and the system is still being extended, as it is found to be much appreciated by the public.

The Orders issued in India and the Colonies amounted to 82,000 in number and 58,000*l.* in value, as compared with 53,000 Orders amounting to 40,000*l.* in value in the previous year; and a still larger increase is observable in the Orders issued on board Her Majesty's ships, 87,900 orders of the value of over 57,000*l.*, having been so issued, compared with 20,000 Orders of the value of 13,600*l.* in the previous year.

In the Telegraph Service a very important change has been effected in bringing into operation the reduced rate for Inland Telegraph Messages decided on by Parliament. Telegraphs.

The change commenced on the 1st of October 1885, and there were thus in the financial year six months of the old rate, and six months of the new rate. The latter six months had the advantage of the General Election, but the disadvantage of being the time of year when ordinary Telegraph business is much less than at any other.

The number of inland messages in the first six months under the old rate was 11,314,423, and produced 604,436*l.* The number in the last six months, under the new rate, was 16,787,540, and produced 564,203*l.* Comparing the last six months with the corresponding period in the year 1884-5, the figures show an increase of 48 per cent. in the number of messages, and a decrease of 40,233*l.* in the revenue. If, however, we add the sum of 18,214*l.*, received on account of the large additional number of abbreviated telegraph addresses, the actual loss of revenue involved in the introduction of the reduced rate was only 22,019*l.* 11,314,423
16,787,540
564,203

In the three months following the financial year the inland telegraph business has shown a considerable improvement. In April the inland messages increased in number by 40 per cent., but produced 11,800*l.* less than in the corresponding month of last year. In May the increase in number was 51 per cent., and the loss of revenue had fallen to 4,100*l.*; while in June the increase in number had risen to 61 per cent., and the revenue was 2,800*l.* in excess of the amount received in the corresponding month of last year.

The increase in the number of local messages in London has been very great, amounting to no less than 74 per cent.

The system of abbreviated addresses is one which has gradually grown up in connection with the Telegraph Service; it is Abbreviated addresses.

adopted by all the Submarine Cable Companies; and it had its origin in the desire of the public to effect a saving in the somewhat heavy charge for foreign telegrams. So long as the system was kept within moderate bounds, and was confined chiefly to the receivers of foreign telegrams, it was undoubtedly of great advantage to the public, and as the limited number of names came to be well known to the officials, very little delay was occasioned in dealing with the messages. But now that the system has had such a wide expansion, it has entirely lost its special character; and, although the Department does not now contemplate imposing any restriction, it should be clearly understood that the Post Office does not recommend the registration of abbreviated addresses, and it may have hereafter to modify the arrangement. It is impossible for the officers to remember the addresses now registered, and the system, therefore, involves references to records, which can have no other effect than to delay the messages. It would be much more to the advantage of the public to have their inland messages addressed in such a manner as would secure their immediate delivery without reference to records.

Telephone
exchanges.

The 27 Telephone Exchanges established by the Department have now 1,255 subscribers.

Since the 1st of April 1883, the Department has constructed about 1,400 miles of telegraphic line, comprising some 29,000 miles of wire, and has used 64,000*l.* worth of red fir poles, which are procured from Norway.

Amongst the experiments which have been recently tried a new multiplex system, known as the Delaney system, may be mentioned. Hitherto only four messages could be sent simultaneously over one wire, two in each direction, but under the Delaney system six messages may be sent almost simultaneously, either all in one direction or a portion in one direction and the remainder in the opposite direction, thus greatly increasing the use which can be made of a single wire.

Pneumatic
tubes.

Further use has been made of the pneumatic tube system, by which the actual M.S. messages are transmitted over various distances. The total length of tubing in London, connecting the Central Office with 37 other offices, is over 27 miles, and the longest distance between any two of the offices is 2 miles and 339 yards. The rate of speed varies between 17 and 34 miles an hour, according to circumstances.

International
Conference
at Berlin.

The International Telegraph Conference, the last meeting of which took place in London in the year 1879, met this year in Berlin. With the concurrence of the cable companies, reductions were made in the charges to several European countries, and also to India and other places beyond Europe. The following are examples of the reductions:—

Russia	from 9 <i>d.</i>	a word	to 6½ <i>d.</i>	a word.
Spain	„ 6 <i>d.</i>	„	4½ <i>d.</i>	„
Italy	„ 5 <i>d.</i>	„	4½ <i>d.</i>	„
India	„ 4 <i>s.</i> 7 <i>d.</i>	„	4 <i>s.</i>	„

The regulations relating to code telegrams in Europe were assimilated with those relating to such telegrams in extra-European countries; and simplifications were introduced into many other regulations.

The charge for having a message repeated from office to office during the transmission, was reduced from one-half to one-quarter of the charge for transmission.

The next meeting of the Conference is to take place in Paris in 1890.

Great pressure was occasioned in the Central Telegraph Office on the night of Thursday, the 8th of April, in connexion with the debate on the introduction of the Bill relating to the Government of Ireland, when the number of words transmitted from London was no less than one million and a half. The greatest number transmitted on any previous occasion was 860,000. The Pneumatic Tube was employed for the conveyance of over 700 messages from the House of Commons to the Central Office, while over 500 were signalled direct. Notwithstanding the unusual amount of work thrown on the Office, the duty was promptly discharged, and the newspapers throughout the Kingdom expressed themselves as highly pleased with the rapidity and accuracy with which the reports were transmitted.

The gross revenue for the year was 10,278,865*l.*, arrived at thus :—

	£	£	Revenue and Expenditure.
Postage on letters, parcels, postcards, newspapers, &c.	-	-	7,886,898
Commission on Money Orders	-	165,568	
Commission on Postal Orders	-	114,538	
Value of Unclaimed Money Orders	-	3,600	
		<hr/>	283,706
Savings Bank	-	-	321,010
Revenue from Telegraphs	-	-	1,787,251
		<hr/>	10,278,865

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

For Postal Service, including Money Order and Postal Order business

	-	-	4,828,523
„ Packet Service	-	-	658,201
„ Savings Bank	-	-	256,401
„ Telegraph Service*	-	-	1,826,858
		<hr/>	7,569,983

The net revenue was, therefore - - - 2,708,882

being an increase of 62,584*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	257,078
Commission on Money Orders and Postal Orders, and value of Unclaimed Orders			„	7,120
Savings Bank	-	-	decrease	20,648
Telegraphs	-	-	increase	2,832

Expenditure :				
Postal Service, including Money Order and Postal Order business and expenses incurred by other Departments			increase	130,329
Packet Service	-	-	„	39,182
Savings Bank	-	-	„	7,783
Telegraph Service	-	-	„	6,504

I have the honour to be,

My Lords,

Your Lordships' obedient humble servant,

WOLVERTON.

General Post Office,
21st July 1886.

APPENDIX A.

Letters delivered.

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

Year ending 31st December until 1876, and thereafter the Financial Year ending March 31st.	Delivered in England and Wales.				Total in England and Wales.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Average number to each person.	Total in Scotland.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Average number to each person.	Total in Ireland.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Average number to each person.	Total in United Kingdom.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Average number to each person.
	By Country Offices.	Increase per cent. per annum.	In London District, including Local Letters.	Increase per cent. per annum.												
Estimated No. of Letters, 1839 -	-	-	-	-	60,000,000	-	4	8,000,000	-	3	8,000,000	-	1	76,000,000	-	3
Estimated No. of Franks, 1839 -	-	-	-	-	5,172,000	-	8	336,000	-	7	1,065,000	-	2	6,503,000	-	7
Estimated No. of Letters, 1840 -	88,000,000	-	44,000,000	-	132,000,000	120.0	11	19,000,000	143.5	2	18,000,000	119.2	3	108,000,000	22.2	8
Average of 5 years, 1841-45	120,000,000	10.7	57,000,000	9.0	178,000,000	10.2	15	24,000,000	9.2	9	24,000,000	9.5	6	327,000,000	10.0	12
" " 1846-50	180,000,000	5.5	70,000,000	5.5	250,000,000	5.2	15	34,000,000	4.2	12	34,000,000	5.0	4	527,000,000	5.0	15
" " 1851-55	238,000,000	6.5	97,000,000	5.0	336,000,000	6.0	18	41,000,000	5.2	14	39,000,000	5.5	6	810,000,000	5.7	18
" " 1856-60	302,000,000	4.2	125,000,000	5.5	427,000,000	4.5	23	51,000,000	3.8	16	45,000,000	3.0	7	1,053,000,000	4.2	23
" " 1861-65	378,000,000	5.7	161,000,000	5.7	539,000,000	5.7	29	61,000,000	0.5	20	53,000,000	3.2	9	1,400,000,000	5.5	28
" " 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	1,800,000,000	4.0	28
Year 1871	501,000,000	0.5	220,000,000	7.0	721,000,000	2.5	32	80,000,000	1.2	24	66,000,000	3.0	13	1,867,000,000	2.3	27
" 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	1,895,000,000	2.0	28
" 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	1,907,000,000	2.5	29
" 1874	553,572,100	6.8	250,474,000	5.0	804,046,100	6.5	33	90,196,200	7.4	25	70,004,900	4.5	13	1,964,253,300	6.3	30
" 1875	580,081,400	4.8	268,771,000	6.5	848,852,400	5.3	35	90,976,400	0.9	26	70,668,500	0.8	13	1,006,392,100	4.6	31
" 1876	594,519,500	2.5	261,522,800	-	856,042,300	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	285,102,700	9.0	883,878,700	3.3	36	99,515,300	9.2	28	74,848,500	3.4	14	1,067,782,300	3.8	32
" 1878-9	626,402,800	4.6	298,803,300	3.7	925,206,100	4.3	37	96,981,200	-	28	76,078,500	2.5	14	1,087,572,800	3.7	32
" 1879-80	640,053,900	2.2	310,077,900	4.8	950,131,800	3.0	38	101,948,300	3.0	28	75,887,400	-	14	1,127,997,500	2.8	33
" 1880-81	650,862,700	1.7	330,419,300	6.6	981,282,000	3.3	38	104,985,200	3.0	29	78,796,700	3.8	15	1,165,166,900	3.3	34
" 1881-82	685,169,600	5.3	303,147,100	6.6	1,037,316,700	5.7	40	109,798,900	4.6	29	82,258,500	4.4	16	1,229,364,900	5.5	35
" 1882-83	713,089,100	4.1	384,558,100	3.5	1,077,647,200	3.0	41	110,506,800	6.1	31	86,476,500	5.2	17	1,290,686,200	4.2	36
" 1883-84	736,962,700	3.3	375,229,600	2.9	1,112,192,300	3.2	41	122,204,800	4.6	32	87,689,500	1.4	17	1,322,086,900	3.2	37
" 1884-85	757,186,900	2.7	391,142,300	4.1	1,148,329,200	3.2	42	122,945,400	4.6	32	89,068,500	1.6	18	1,300,341,400	2.9	38
" 1885-86	778,018,900	2.8	408,363,000	4.7	1,187,381,900	3.4	43	126,446,300	2.8	32	89,720,700	.7	18	1,403,547,900	3.2	39

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	73,309,100	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	4,885,500	7·5	92,935,700	6·7
1877-8	86,051,500	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	12,281,700	5·9	5,536,300	3·0	114,453,400	2·7
1880-81	103,473,100	7·1	13,401,500	9·1	6,009,400	8·5	122,884,000	7·4
1881-82	114,251,500	10·4	14,651,400	9·3	6,426,100	6·9	135,329,000	10·1
1882-83	121,243,300	6·1	15,511,800	6·1	7,230,000	12·5	144,016,000	6·4
1883-84	128,554,800	6·0	17,406,400	9·3	7,624,500	5·4	153,586,100	6·6
1884-85	134,071,500	4·3	18,369,000	5·6	7,864,090	3·1	160,304,500	4·4
1885-86	143,667,600	7·2	19,540,700	6·4	8,091,700	2·9	171,290,000	6·9

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

Year.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		United Kingdom.	
	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.
1872	90,000,000	—	13,000,000	—	11,000,000	—	114,000,000	—
1873	104,000,000	15·5	14,000,000	7·7	11,000,000	—	129,000,000	13·1
1874	115,769,600	11·3	15,787,300	12·7	10,410,200	—	141,967,100	10·0
1875	133,394,900	15·2	15,723,700	—	9,548,000	—	158,666,600	11·7
1876	146,405,300	9·8	18,352,700	16·7	8,900,900	—	173,724,900	9·4
1877-8	157,691,600	7·7	21,336,900	16·2	10,272,200	14·5	189,300,600	8·9
1878-9	164,789,400	4·5	21,320,100	—	10,967,000	6·7	197,076,500	4·1
1879-80	180,541,400	9·6	22,140,500	3·8	11,281,100	2·9	213,963,000	8·6
1880-81	204,003,400	13·0	24,238,300	9·5	12,114,500	7·4	240,356,200	12·3
1881-82	223,990,400	12·3	27,875,000	15·0	14,164,300	16·9	271,038,700	12·8
1882-83	244,713,800	6·9	28,896,000	3·7	14,596,000	3·1	288,206,400	6·3
1883-84	249,347,900	1·9	31,353,700	7·8	13,892,900	dec.	294,594,500	2·2
1884-85	260,429,200	8·1	34,460,900	10·0	16,517,706	inc.	320,416,800	8·8
1885-86	288,507,100	7·1	35,915,200	4·2	17,785,100	7·7	342,207,400	6·8

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

Year.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		United Kingdom.	
	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.
1872	87,000,000	—	12,000,000	—	10,000,000	—	109,000,000	—
1873	89,115,200	2·4	12,606,300	5·0	11,205,000	12·9	113,016,500	3·6
1874	91,230,400	2·3	13,212,700	4·8	12,580,800	11·4	117,032,000	3·5
1875	93,345,600	2·3	13,819,100	4·5	13,984,700	10·2	121,049,400	3·4
1876	95,460,800	2·2	14,425,400	4·3	15,179,700	9·3	125,065,900	3·3
1877-8	98,232,400	2·9	14,883,100	3·1	15,442,500	1·7	128,558,000	3·7
1878-9	100,424,300	2·2	14,477,500	—	15,993,500	3·6	130,895,300	1·8
1879-80	100,317,000	—	14,570,700	·6	15,630,700	—	130,518,400	—
1880-81	102,704,000	2·4	15,190,000	3·8	15,911,500	1·8	133,796,100	2·5
1881-82	108,651,700	5·7	15,477,300	2·4	16,600,100	4·7	140,789,100	5·2
1882-83	108,613,500	—	15,784,600	2·0	16,204,500	—	140,602,600	—
1883-84	109,945,100	1·2	16,729,000	5·6	16,027,600	1·1	142,702,300	1·5
1884-85	110,682,900	·7	16,883,600	·9	16,108,000	·5	143,674,500	·7
1885-86	113,747,300	2·8	17,587,500	4·2	16,386,300	1·7	147,721,100	2·8

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

TABLE showing the NUMBER of PARCELS sent by PARCEL Post during each of the Twelve Months from the 1st April 1885 to the 31st March 1886.

Month.	England and Wales.			Scotland.	Ireland.	United Kingdom.
	Provinces.	London.	Total.			
April 1885 -	-	-	-	-	-	-
May " -	1,144,230	533,849	1,678,079	182,369	102,919	1,970,367
June " -	1,162,731	560,822	1,723,553	190,701	117,029	2,031,283
July " -	1,262,509	605,478	1,867,987	210,077	121,757	2,199,821
August " -	1,183,361	604,764	1,788,125	215,837	118,557	2,122,519
September " -	1,037,518	535,221	1,572,739	228,999	111,148	1,912,886
October " -	1,205,798	574,444	1,780,242	236,621	123,053	2,139,916
November " -	1,342,188	707,867	2,050,055	250,460	139,886	2,440,401
December " -	1,219,130	664,268	1,883,398	220,623	128,715	2,232,741
January 1886 -	1,662,301	919,040	2,581,341	360,306	192,410	3,134,057
February " -	1,132,374	630,624	1,762,998	200,508	126,267	2,089,773
March " -	1,085,048	574,915	1,659,963	187,268	113,251	1,960,482
March " -	1,199,830	650,679	1,850,509	206,730	125,937	2,183,176
Totals	14,637,018	7,561,971	22,198,989	2,690,504	1,527,929	26,417,422
Totals for year ended 31st March 1885	12,673,085	6,548,962	19,222,047	2,376,177	1,306,149	22,904,373
Increase in Nos.	1,963,933	1,013,009	2,976,942	314,327	221,780	3,513,049
Increase per cent.	15.5	15.5	15.5	13.2	17.0	15.3

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

STATEMENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF FOREIGN and COLONIAL PARCELS despatched and received from the establishment of each
FOREIGN and COLONIAL PARCEL POST, up to the 30th MARCH 1886.

	Aden.	Antigua.	Belgium.	Bombay.	British Guiana.	Cape Colony.	Colombo.	Constantinople.	Cyprus.	Dominica.	Germany.	Gibraltar.	Grenada.	Hong Kong.	Jamaica.	Labuan.	Malta.	Monterrat.	Nevis.	Penang.	Port Said.	St. Kitts.	St. Lucia.	St. Vincent.	Singapore.	Tobago.	Tortola.	Trinidad.	Totals.
Date of Estab- lishment of Post -	1st Jan. 1885	1st Jan. 1886	1st Jan. 1886	1st Jan. 1885	1st Jan. 1886	1st Dec. 1885	1st Dec. 1885	1st Jan. 1886	1st Jan. 1886	1st Jan. 1886	1st Jan. 1886	1st July 1885	1st Oct. 1885	1st Oct. 1885	1st Oct. 1885	1st Dec. 1885	1st Aug. 1886	1st Jan. 1886	1st Jan. 1886	1st Oct. 1885	1st July 1886	1st Jan. 1886	1st Oct. 1885	1st Nov. 1885	1st Oct. 1885	1st Oct. 1886	1st Jan. 1886	1st Oct. 1885	
Total Number of Parcels despatched	518	79	2,086	34,141	404	3,299	1,280	221	239	43	9,534	3,378	180	1,584	1,533	7	3,464	19	8	269	7,975	49	122	165	1,042	37	1	549	72,126
Total Number of Parcels received	238	7	1,167	21,006	96	887	406	Nil	45	6	10,379	1,277	35	735	306	—	1,427	—	—	84	2,290	3	29	35	256	3	—	146	40,865

APPENDIX A.—continued.

STATEMENT of the estimated total NUMBER of LETTERS, BOOK PACKETS and CIRCULARS, NEWSPAPERS, POST CARDS, TELEGRAMS, and PARCELS dealt with, and of the average numbers per head of the Population for the year ended the 31st March 1886.

	Estimated Population.	Letters.		Book Packets and Circulars.		Newspapers.		Post Cards.		Telegrams.		Parcels.	
		Total No.	No. per Head of Population.	Total No.	No. per Head of Population.	Total No.	No. per Head of Population.	Total No.	No. per Head of Population.	Total No.	No. per Head of Population.	Total No.	No. per Head of Population.
England and Wales	27,469,000	1,187,881,900	43	288,507,100	10·5	113,747,300	4	118,687,600	5	33,200,000	1·2	22,199,000	·8
Scotland	3,807,700	128,445,300	32	35,915,200	9	17,687,500	4·5	19,540,700	5	3,812,200	1·0	2,680,500	·7
Ireland	4,924,300	89,720,700	18	17,785,100	4	16,386,300	3	8,091,700	2	2,228,700	·45	1,627,900	·3
Total	36,331,000	1,406,547,900	38	342,207,400	9	147,721,100	4	171,280,000	5	39,235,900	1·1	26,417,400	·7

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

Letters	65·9	Telegrams	1·9
Book Packets and Circulars	16·1	Parcels	1·2
Newspapers	8·9		
Post Cards	8·0		

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	2,378,873	—	1,284,716	—	3,663,689	—	373,915	—	278,443	—	4,316,017	—
1878-79	4,290,545	76·2	1,900,260	48·0	6,190,814	68·9	551,715	47·6	488,821	60·2	7,200,350	66·8
1879-80	5,340,065	24·7	2,240,805	17·9	7,580,880	22·6	618,905	11·8	582,366	16·0	8,739,191	21·3
1880-81	6,144,965	14·9	2,596,560	16·9	8,741,515	15·2	698,068	12·8	597,028	12·1	10,034,546	14·8
1881-82	6,674,859	8·6	2,804,160	8·0	9,478,028	8·4	753,461	8·3	669,799	12·2	10,902,318	8·6
1882-83	6,827,123	2·3	2,905,632	3·6	9,732,755	2·7	806,554	7·0	725,617	8·3	11,264,926	3·3
1883-84	6,985,520	2·3	2,942,971	1·3	9,928,491	2·0	898,586	10·0	720,905	·6	11,545,072	2·5
1884-85	6,798,621	3·1	2,972,203	1·0	9,740,724	1·9	914,017	3·1	710,410	2·7	11,365,151	1·8
1885-86	6,569,079	2·9	2,932,591	·7	9,502,570	2·2	909,637	dec.	696,963	1·9	11,129,060	2·1

The reduction of the Registration Fee from 4d. to 2d. on 1st January 1878 explains the large increase for some years after that date. The decrease in the numbers for the past two years is principally due to the fact that money is now more frequently transmitted through the post by means of Postal Orders enclosed in unregistered letters.

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 1885	9	60	191	240	253	166	100	109	40	28	8	12	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	620
31st March 1886	10	57	172	232	256	105	124	119	46	31	10	10	3	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	622
Increase	1	—	—	—	—	—	15	10	6	3	2	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Decrease	—	3	22	8	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

APPENDIX D. Home Packet Service.

Line of Packets.	Contract.		Annual Payment.	Contract Time.	Penalties for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
	Com-mencement.	Terminable.					
ABERDEEN and LEEWICK (SHETLAND).	1st April 1881	After 1 April 1884 on 6 months' notice.	2,200 <i>l</i> . (About 85 <i>l</i> . separate payment for parcels).	-	-	200 <i>l</i> .	Vessel have liberty to call at Wick and certain ports of Orkney.
CHANNEL ISLANDS - Do. (additional services)	1st Jan. 1870	On 6 months' notice.	6,500 <i>l</i> . 200 <i>l</i> .	Between Southampton and Guernsey 9 hours; between Southampton and Jersey 12 hours.	-	2,000 <i>l</i> . - - -	
GREENOCK and BELFAST	1st Aug. 1883	On or after 31 July 1888 on 12 months' notice.	8,000 <i>l</i> . for the first year. 8,500 <i>l</i> . for the second year. 9,000 <i>l</i> . for the third year. 10,000 <i>l</i> . for each of the fourth and fifth years of the Contract. 800 <i>l</i> . (85 <i>l</i> . separate payment for parcels).	-	-	2,000 <i>l</i> .	
GREENOCK, TARBET 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 1886 on 12 months' notice.	84,000 <i>l</i> .	Outward journey (including trans-fer on both sides of the channel) 4h. 7m. Inward journey (including trans-fer) 4h. 2m.	1 <i>l</i> . 1 <i>s</i> . 6d. per minute. The penalties are in abeyance until certain works at Holyhead and Kingstown have been completed by the Govern-ment.	-	The payment is subject to reduction when the receipts from passenger traffic in any one year exceed 35,000 <i>l</i> .
LIVERPOOL and DOUGLAS (ISLE OF MAN).	1st Oct. 1881	After 1st Oct. 1884 on 6 months' no- tice.	4,500 <i>l</i> . (About 400 <i>l</i> . separate payment for parcels.)	-	-	-	-
PENZANCE and SCILLY	-	On 6 months' notice.	450 <i>l</i> . (100 <i>l</i> . separ- ate payment for parcels.)	-	-	-	-
PORTSMOUTH and RYDE	1st July 1885	After 5 years on 6 months' notice.	1,200 <i>l</i> .	-	-	200 <i>l</i> .	-
SCRABSTER and STROMNESS (ORKNEY).	27th July 1877	After 5 years on 12 months' notice.	2,000 <i>l</i> . (About 55 <i>l</i> . separate payment for parcels.)	-	20 <i>l</i> . for undue de- lay or deviation from course.	200 <i>l</i> .	-
SOUTHAMPTON and COWES	-	-	150 <i>l</i> .	-	-	-	-
STOKFOWAY and STROME FERRY.	1st Jan. 1885	At the end of any complete year on 6 months' notice.	2,000 <i>l</i> . (50 <i>l</i> . separ- ate payment for parcels.)	-	20 <i>l</i> . for undue de- lay or deviation from course.	200 <i>l</i> .	When a sailing vessel is employed a deduction of 2 <i>l</i> . a trip may be made if the Postmaster General thinks proper.

APPENDIX E.

Staff of Officers.

Totals 31 Mar. 1885.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar. 1886.
		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 Metropo- litan Offices (<i>see</i> details on separate page).	32	1	3	—	3	—	38	1	39
16	D. Surveyors - - - -	10	—	3	—	3	—	16	—	16
918	E. Head Postmasters : Metropolitan - -	12	—	—	—	—	—	779	140	919
	Provinces - - -	546	76	120	36	101	28			
15,355	Letter Receivers and Sub- Postmasters : Metropolitan - -	667	95	36	6	71	56	12,608	3,226	15,834
	Provinces - - -	8,897	2,067	1,226	305	1,711	587			
3,032	F. Clerks and Superintending Officers : Metropolitan* - -	1,475	680	77	20	103	19	2,518	730	3,248
	Provinces - - -	737	28	100	3	26	—			
12,730	G. Supervisors, Overseers, Counter- men, Sorters, Telegraphists, &c. : Metropolitan* - -	5,662	1,275	340	69	433	69	12,154	2,726	14,880
	Sorting Clerks and Telegra- phists : Provinces - - - -	5,123	977	743	233	453	103			
16,063	H. Postmen, Porters, &c. : Metropolitan* - -	3,969	—	280	—	180	—	16,528	7	16,535
	Provinces - - - -	9,545	5	1,571	2	974	—			
48,182	Carried forward - -	36,082	5,204	4,509	764	4,509	862	44,650	6,830	51,480

* See details on separate page.

APPENDIX E.—*continued.*

Totals 31 Mar. 1885.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar. 1884.
		Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	
45,161	Brought forward - -	36,082	5,204	4,500	784	4,059	802	44,650	6,890	51,480
	I.									
6,368	Persons employed in unesta- blished positions, viz., As- sistants to Postmasters, &c., Auxiliary Postmen, Tele- graph Messengers, Tele- graph Construction Hands, Copyists, Female Servants, Commissionaires, &c.:									
	Metropolitan - - -	6,465	1,049	282	65	461	163	30,443	14,349	44,792
	Provinces - - -	18,340	10,087	2,270	1,210	2,625	1,795			
	J.									
9	Postmasters and Clerks in Colonies (under direction of Postmaster General).	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	6
7	Postmen, &c., in Colonies, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3
7	Agents in Foreign Countries for collection of postage.	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	6
7,533	Totals - - -	60,887	16,320	7,061	2,039	7,145	2,820	75,108	21,179	96,287

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
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.

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

Description of Officers.	LONDON.—DEPARTMENTS OF CHIEF OFFICE.													EDINBURGH.	DUBLIN.	
	Secys.	P.S.	Med.	Solr.	Surv.	R.&A.G.	M.O.O.	S.B.	L.P.S.	R.L.O.	E. in C.	C. of S. O. (T.)	C.T.O.			Totals.
MALES.																
Clerks:—																
Grade I. - - -	74	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	74	—	—
Grade II. - - -	38	1	—	—	41	226	46	261	104	2	—	—	—	719	52	65
Lower Division	15	1	1	—	—	105	30	277	—	—	6	8	—	443	14	21
Professional - -	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	1
Assistant Surveyors	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	3	3
Assistant Director (Confidential Enquiry Branch).	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Assistant Receiver and Accountant General.	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Chief Clerk (R. & A.G.O., and S.B.) Examiners, Cashiers, Book-keepers, and Accountants.	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	7	4	4
Controller (Sorting Office, Dublin), Assistant Controllers, Sub-Controllers, and Chief Superintendents.	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	9	—	—	1	4	17	1	2
Assistant Engineer, Sub-Marine Superintendent, and Assistant Sub-Marine Superintendent.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	3	—	—
Captain, Chief Officer, and Chief and second Engineer 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 Dispensing Assistant.	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
Registrar and Assistant Registrar.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
Travelling Officers (Confidential Enquiry Branch).	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	—	—
Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents.	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	—	23	5	57	116	3	5
Totals -	157	3	3	7	51	336	77	542	137	21	50	30	61	1,475	77	103
FEMALES.																
Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, Supervisors and Assistant Supervisors.	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	2	22	1	1	—	47	76	4	3
Clerks - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	311	—	273	—	—	—	—	—	584	16	16
Totals -	157	3	3	7	51	650	77	817	159	22	51	30	108	2,135	97	122

APPENDIX E.—*continued.*

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

Description of Officers.	LONDON.—DEPARTMENTS OF CHIEF OFFICE.													Totals.	EDINBURGH.	DUBLIN.	
	Secys.	P.S.	Med.	Solr.	Sur.	R.&A.G.	M.O.O.	S.B.	L.P.S.	R.L.O.	E. in C.	C.S.O. (T.)	C.T.O.				
MALES.																	
Postal:—																	
Supervisors and Inspectors.	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	4	95	3	—	—	—	106	2	4	
Overseers and Countermen.	—	6	—	—	—	6	—	—	454	—	—	—	—	466	18	12	
Paper Keepers and Assistants.	52	—	—	—	—	—	49	71	—	40	—	—	—	212	1	2	
Tracers - - -	—	—	—	—	—	162	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	162	21	17	
Boy Clerks - - -	6	—	—	—	—	12	48	106	—	—	—	2	—	174	—	—	
Sorters, 1st Class -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	625	—	—	—	—	625	42	53	
" 2nd " -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,251	—	—	—	—	1,251	88	152	
" 3rd " -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	222	—	—	—	—	222	—	—	
Writing Assistants -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	43	—	—	—	—	43	—	—	
Telegraphs:—																	
Inspectors and Counter Inspectors.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	95	1	—	98	—	—	
Engineering Clerks -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	84	10	—	94	—	—	
News Distributors -	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	27	—	—	
Telegraphists - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	286	—	4	—	1,292	1,582	168	193	
Totals - - -	89	8	—	—	—	180	97	181	2,976	43	183	13	1,292	5,062	340	433	
FEMALES.																	
Returners - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	49	—	—	—	49	—	—	
Counterwomen and Telegraphists.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	406	—	2	—	670	1,078	69	69	
Female Sorters - -	—	—	—	—	—	95	—	53	—	—	—	—	—	148	—	—	
Totals - - -	89	8	—	—	—	275	97	234	3,382	92	185	13	1,962	6,337	409	502	

APPENDIX E.—continued

II. MESSENGERS, POSTMEN, PORTERS, MECHANICS, &c., IN METROPOLITAN OFFICES—
(DETAILS.)

Description of Officers.	LONDON.—DEPARTMENTS OF CHIEF OFFICE.												Totals.	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.	C.S.O. (T.)				C.T.O.
Mail Guards, Marine Mail Guards, &c.	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	5
Messengers, Lobby Officers, &c.	19	—	4	2	—	17	—	1	48	2	2	1	6	102	7	22
Postmen—Town :—																
" 1st Class -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,113	—	—	—	—	1,113	219	100
" 2nd " -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	464	—	—	—	—	464	55	31
" Suburban. H.P.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	74	—	—	—	—	74	—	—
" " Div. I.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	454	—	—	—	—	454	—	—
" " " II.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	544	—	—	—	—	544	—	—
" " " III.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	223	—	—	—	—	223	—	—
Bagmen - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	—	—	—	—	20	—	4
Porters, &c. - - -	—	141	—	—	—	5	6	14	198	3	—	—	—	367	5	13
Binder - - -	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Constables - - -	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	—
Mechanics, Linemen, &c. -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	450	32	—	484	—	—
Inspectors of Telegraph Messengers, Tube Attendants, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	52	—	—	—	58	110	3	5
Totals - - -	33	141	4	2	—	22	6	15	3,192	5	452	33	64	3,069	289	180

APPENDIX F.

Returned Letters, Parcels, &c.

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, NOTTINGHAM, 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 1885, and in the Year ended 31st March 1886.

	Letters received.		Letters re-issued to corrected Addresses.		Letters returned to the Senders.		Letters returned unopened to Foreign Countries.	
	1884-5.	1885-6.	1884-5.	1885-6.	1884-5.	1885-6.	1884-5.	1885-6.
LONDON - -	2,503,235	2,476,704	25,033	30,182	2,111,321	2,130,402	107,284	107,278
MANCHESTER -	325,710	343,925	7,186	8,823	274,900	290,225	7,601	6,341
LIVERPOOL -	309,570	322,574	2,963	2,775	264,192	276,966	15,245	14,660
BIRMINGHAM -	222,623	219,098	3,588	4,004	201,897	196,767	3,752	3,351
LEEDS - -	192,040	206,317	2,747	3,728	158,143	167,277	5,436	5,963
BRISTOL - -	315,795	331,913	1,559	1,564	258,712	284,054	14,777	14,728
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE	142,958	153,009	3,093	2,788	113,085	126,104	6,166	6,035
NOTTINGHAM* -	—	103,370	—	1,944	—	93,084	—	1,984
EDINBURGH -	211,599	204,281	10,203	10,989	176,010	171,502	6,549	5,966
GLASGOW - -	175,473	173,580	14,218	15,009	144,211	143,769	5,271	4,808
ABERDEEN† -	17,680	24,972	655	1,107	14,300	20,542	629	744
DUBLIN - -	223,204	217,268	3,645	4,803	156,033	169,048	12,488	11,047
BELFAST - -	56,911	62,652	1,324	964	50,445	56,009	2,470	2,268
CORK - -	38,432	39,820	982	1,062	30,713	30,935	3,568	3,789
Head Post Offices authorised to re- turn certain letters, &c. direct to senders	891,665	856,315	—	—	891,665	856,315	—	—
TOTALS -	5,626,375	5,736,488	77,196	89,572	4,946,747	5,015,089	191,296	190,062
Increase in 1885-6 over 1884-5.	109,613		12,376		169,342		—	

* The Returned Letter Branch, Nottingham, was established on the 7th September 1885.

† The Returned Letter Branch, Aberdeen, was only established on the 30th June 1884.

APPENDIX F—*continued.*Returned Letters, Parcels, &c.—*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-issued to Addressees.	
	1884-5.	1885-6.	1884-5.	1885-6.	1884-5.	1885-6.	1884-5.	1885-6.	1884-5.	1885-6.	1884-5.	1885-6.
LONDON - -	259,507	206,762	83,659	83,157	1,022,735	2,067,231	299,069	305,768	16,410	18,741	10,536	10,941
MANCHESTER -	35,903	38,536	26,581	27,842	387,298	419,083	16,050	15,655	2,594	2,795	1,673	1,931
LIVERPOOL -	27,170	23,173	30,239	30,038	312,559	332,058	21,585	19,361	1,426	1,454	879	741
BIRMINGHAM -	13,386	12,476	21,973	21,355	222,527	255,696	7,516	7,014	862	1,101	593	641
LEEDS - -	25,714	29,340	13,519	15,407	270,046	268,736	6,610	7,285	1,116	1,303	609	718
BRISTOL - -	40,747	31,567	11,296	12,740	319,379	358,837	12,876	13,862	2,651	2,545	1,548	1,566
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.	20,614	18,792	8,536	16,183	138,112	161,986	6,041	5,734	912	824	584	501
NOTTINGHAM* -	—	6,468	—	1,936	—	121,377	—	3,668	—	773	—	441
EDINBURGH -	18,837	15,874	18,062	20,007	242,750	247,818	15,740	16,756	2,445	2,419	1,900	2,041
GLASGOW - -	11,773	9,904	29,460	33,785	127,682	168,775	8,152	8,863	1,860	1,593	1,523	1,351
ABERDEEN† -	2,016	2,579	305	633	17,744	25,560	1,171	3,608	177	178	108	91
DUBLIN - -	51,038	31,770	15,074	16,351	207,933	228,604	25,954	25,808	2,530	475	1,643	291
BELFAST - -	2,672	3,411	4,522	2,963	41,550	59,751	4,527	4,997	480	448	345	311
CORK - -	3,169	4,034	755	611	24,710	28,756	2,040	2,450	183	254	121	141
Head Post Offices authorized to return certain letters, &c. direct to senders -	—	—	364,598	419,116	929,968	1,072,308	44,938	56,383	11,514	14,254	11,514	14,251
TOTALS -	512,636	441,765	628,579	702,144	5,104,983	5,837,076	472,269	497,202	45,150	46,157	33,671	36,021
Increase in 1885-6 over 1884-5.	—	—	73,565	—	672,093	—	24,933	—	4,007	—	2,349	—

* The Returned Letter Branch, Nottingham, was established on the 7th September 1885

† The Returned Letter Branch, Aberdeen, was only established on the 30th June 1884.

APPENDIX G.

Foreign and Colonial Packet Service.

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Foreign and Colonial

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) 5,303
Fortnightly service from Liverpool -	1 July 1878	On 6 months' notice -	(a) 8,762
CAPE OF GOOD HOPE and NATAL	Contracts with Colonial Governments -		-
Do. do. for calls at St. Helena and Ascension - }	-	-	(c) 2,774
EAST INDIES and CHINA - - - {	1 Feb. 1880 - 1 July 1885 -	On 31st January 1888 - On 6 months' notice -	300,000 (a) 468
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) 13,553
Dover and Ostend - - -	Arrangement with Belgian Government		4,500
NORTH AMERICA:			
Queenstown to New York - -	1 Dec. 1877	On 6 months' notice -	(a) 96,520
Halifax, Bermuda, and Jamaica -	1 Jan. 1878	On 30th June 1886 -	4,375
PANAMA to VALPARAISO - - -	1 July 1878	On 6 months' notice -	(a) 3,386
WEST INDIES:			
Bi-monthly Service - - -	1 Jan. 1880	On 30th June 1885 -	20,125
Fortnightly service - - -	1 July 1885	On 30th June 1890 -	67,500
Additional Services:			
Non-Contract Service - - -	-	-	(a) 198
Liverpool to West Indies and Mexico - }	24 Oct. 1881	On 6 months' notice -	(a) 877
Belize and New Orleans {	Contract with Honduras Government termi- nating on 30th September 1889 - }		(c) 1,600
Turk's Island and Jamaica - -	Contract with Turk's Island Government		(c) 300
WEST COAST OF AFRICA - - -	No Contract	-	(a) 8,334

(a) The payments in these cases depend upon the amount of correspondence conveyed by the packets.

(b) Including 4,360l. for excess of premiums over penalties.

(c) These sums represent the Imperial share of the cost of the services.

APPENDIX G.

Packet Service.

Penalties for Overtime.	Contributions towards the Cost of the Service.	Estimated Receipts for Sea Postage.	Esti- mated British Loss on the Service.	Rate of Postage per single Letter, excluding Transit Rates.
- - - - -	- - - - -	£	£	
- - - - -	- - - - -	- - -	Nil.	5d.
- - - - -	- - - - -	11,000	3,000	4d.
- - - - -	- - - - -	- - -	Nil.	6d.
- - - - -	- - - - -	- - -	2,700	6d.
200l. for every 12 hours late at Brin- dist. In other cases 100l.	{ India, 68,000l. - Ceylon, 1,400l. - Straits Settlements, 6,000l. - Hong Kong, 6,000l. - }	55,500	223,600	{ Mediterranean 2½d. India - - - } Ceylon - - - } 4d. China, &c. - }
- - - - -	- - - - -	- - -	- - -	4d.
5l. for 15 minutes or upwards.	- - - - -	- - -	Nil.	2½d.
- - - - -	- - - - -	- - -	Nil.	2½d.
- - - - -	- - - - -	42,000	54,500	2½d.
- - - - -	- - - - -	50	4,300	Bermuda - 4d.
- - - - -	- - - - -	1,300	2,000	{ Ecuador - } Peru - - - } 4d. Chili - - - } Bolivia - 1s.
5l. for every 24 hours.	- - - - -	- - -	- - -	
- - - - -	- - - - -	27,500	63,000	4d.
One-eighth part of ordinary payment for every 24 hours.	- - - - -	- - -	- - -	
- - - - -	- - - - -	5,300	3,000	4d.

APPENDIX H.

Telegrams.

TABLE showing the TOTAL NUMBER of MESSAGES forwarded from TELEGRAPH OFFICES in ENGLAND and WALES, SCOTLAND, and IRELAND, in each Year since the transfer of the TELEGRAPHS to the STATE.

Year.	Number of Messages.					
	England and Wales.			Scotland.	Ireland.	TOTAL.
	Provinces.	London.	Total.			
1870-71 -	5,299,882	2,863,821	8,163,703	1,080,189	606,285	9,850,177
1871-72 -	6,594,590	3,612,772	10,207,362	1,388,434	878,000	12,473,796
1872-73 -	8,022,151	4,577,015	12,599,166	1,761,298	1,175,316	15,535,780
1873-74 -	9,233,854	5,254,547	14,488,401	2,009,893	1,323,236	17,821,530
1874-75 -	10,124,661	5,652,033	15,776,694	2,132,787	1,343,639	19,253,120
1875-76 -	10,883,282	6,350,714	17,233,996	2,287,359	1,452,180	20,973,535
1876-77 -	11,232,704	6,561,930	17,794,634	2,402,347	1,529,162	21,726,143
1877-78 -	11,392,098	6,700,504	18,092,602	2,490,776	1,588,489	22,171,867
1878-79 -	11,592,899	8,830,019	20,422,918	2,477,003	1,559,854	24,459,775
1879-80 -	12,392,996	9,854,566	22,247,562	2,704,574	1,595,001	26,547,137
1880-81 -	13,456,555	11,176,459	24,633,014	3,042,291	1,736,677	29,411,982
1881-82 -	14,204,479	12,071,034	26,275,513	3,207,994	1,862,354	31,345,861
1882-83 -	14,554,015	12,374,707	26,928,722	3,244,202	1,919,102	32,092,026
1883-84 -	14,920,413	12,686,433	27,606,846	3,299,428	1,936,846	32,843,120
1884-85 -	15,195,618	12,930,376	28,125,994	3,257,546	1,894,919	33,278,459
1885-86 -	18,118,538	15,081,433	33,199,971	3,812,173	2,223,669	39,235,813

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

Prior to 1883-84 the returns were made to the end of the last complete week in the year. Since that time they are in each case to the last day of the year inclusive.

On the 1st October 1885 the minimum charge for an inland telegram was reduced from one shilling to sixpence.

APPENDIX H.—*continued.*

TABLE showing the NUMBER of MESSAGES forwarded from TELEGRAPH OFFICES in the UNITED KINGDOM during each of the Years 1884-85 and 1885-86; 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.
	1884-85.	1885-86.		
April - - -	2,661,510	2,913,710	252,200	
May - - -	2,972,865	2,911,503	—	61,362
June - - -	2,837,934	2,970,804	132,870	
July - - -	3,239,096	3,236,956	—	2,140
August - - -	3,026,551	2,964,542	—	62,009
September - - -	2,952,821	2,911,459	—	41,362
October - - -	2,985,170	3,856,846	871,676	
November - - -	2,603,498	3,823,794	1,220,296	
December - - -	2,430,649	3,579,702	1,149,053	
January - - -	2,451,707	3,225,590	773,883	
February - - -	2,339,625	3,106,771	767,146	
March - - -	2,777,033	3,734,136	957,103	
	33,278,459	39,235,813	6,124,227	166,873
Total Increase			-	5,957,354

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 1886.

Period.	Telegrams.		Wire Rentals.	Salaries.	Work executed.	Total.
	Inland.	Foreign.				
Period to 31st March 1871	£ s. d. 243 3 1	£ s. d. 513 9 5	£ s. d. 882 1 7	£ s. d. 256 15 9	£ s. d. 1 15 0	£ s. d. 1,897 4 10
Year ended 31st March 1872	313 7 3	743 4 7	731 0 4	247 5 0	21 2 11	2,056 0 1
" 1873	486 10 8	408 13 11	892 1 3	273 5 0	43 1 1	2,103 11 11
" 1874	626 8 5	752 8 10	1,046 14 9	341 10 5	6 13 11	2,773 16 4
Nine months to 31st December 1874	714 18 4	91 15 9	2,018 16 10	1,131 0 10	23 18 11	3,980 10 8
Year ended 31st December 1875	1,703 2 1	1,707 16 9	4,544 5 11	2,495 4 2	2 17 8	10,453 6 7
Quarter ended 31st March 1876	983 5 0	—	1,174 5 10	642 14 8	5 7 8	2,755 13 2
Year ended 31st March 1877	6,800 17 9	—	4,977 14 10	2,567 2 8	—	13,845 15 3
" 1878	9,550 15 9	—	5,338 14 6	2,506 16 9	20 16 8	17,417 3 8
" 1879	10,906 8 0	—	6,378 18 0	3,296 11 4	20 16 7	20,602 18 11
" 1880	6,893 1 9	—	6,435 5 7	2,552 16 1	0 18 6	15,382 1 11
" 1881	7,586 8 0	—	6,891 9 6	5,000 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	11,746 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 3	15 7 7	27,097 8 2
" 1886	11,899 15 8	—	12,143 0 10	2,894 16 0	59 7 6	26,997 0 0
TOTALS	105,685 4 4	4,217 9 3	94,927 0 7	35,557 16 5	236 14 11	240,624 5 6

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

APPENDIX J.

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

Extracts from the Controller's Report.

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Five hundred and forty-four Friendly Societies and 1,337 Trade, Accounts of Provident, and other Societies obtained authority last year to invest Societies. their funds in the Post Office Savings Bank, the relative numbers in 1884 being 517 and 1,384. In two accounts opened for large Societies, the aggregate deposits amounted to upwards of 65,000*l*.

Two hundred Penny Banks obtained authority to open accounts, as Penny Banks. compared with 203 in 1884, and 294 in 1883. The marked falling off in 1884 was attributable to a decrease in the number of School Banks which made application, and last year the number was still less, viz., 71. It is satisfactory, therefore, to learn that the Education Department has recently issued a circular drawing the attention of all Education Department School Boards to the desirability of instituting a Penny Savings Bank Circular. at each of the public elementary schools. A previous circular on the subject was issued in 1881. In the course of last year upwards of 108,000 books were supplied by the Department gratuitously for the use of depositors in Penny Banks, against 96,000 similarly supplied in 1884.

A further effort was made last year to induce the hop-pickers in certain parishes near Maidstone to avail themselves of the advantages of the Post Office Savings Bank, it being thought that the want of success attending a similar effort in 1884 might have been due to the facilities offered not having been sufficiently advertised beforehand. Accordingly, a special handbill on the subject was printed by the Department, and large numbers of copies were supplied to various clergymen for distribution; but although an officer attended at eight different places where the hop-pickers were paid off, and was assisted by missionaries and clergy, no success whatever was met with, the only Special Savings Bank facilities for hop-pickers. accounts opened being for four children of a farm bailiff who were not hop-pickers. Notwithstanding the sanguine predictions of the advocates of the scheme, it would appear from the reports of the Officers who were brought into contact with the hop-pickers that the latter are not the kind of people to deposit money. They themselves say that they go into Kent for pleasure, as the better classes go to the seaside. Many asserted that the money they received barely paid their expenses, and it was found that in many cases three-fourths of the earnings had been advanced for maintenance before the final pay-day, leaving scarcely sufficient for the journey home. It is to be regretted that so well-intentioned a scheme should have so signally failed. No success.

On the return home of the workmen employed in constructing the Suakin-Berber Railway, Messrs. Lucas and Aird, the Contractors, before paying the balance of the men's wages, applied to this Department with a view to making some arrangement for protecting for them, as far as possible, the money which they had earned. Accordingly, on the day of payment, a staff of Post Office clerks attended at the works Effort to encourage thrift among workmen.

of Messrs. Lucas and Aird, in Lambeth, to receive any sums that the workmen might be willing to deposit in the Post Office Savings Bank. Every effort was made by the Firm to induce the men to put by the greater portion of their money, but out of 375 who came up for payment, only 67, or about 18 per cent., responded to the appeal, the total sum deposited being 1,248*l.*, giving an average of 18*l.* 13*s.* per depositor. The amount paid by Messrs. Lucas and Aird on the occasion was 9,500*l.* Leaflets on the subject of Annuities and Life Insurance were freely distributed, but none of the men could be persuaded to take any steps in the matter. Although the effort met with less success than had been hoped for, it cannot be regarded as altogether a failure; indeed, considering the class to which the men belonged, it is perhaps surprising that they deposited so much as they did.

Deposits by
commercial
travellers.

One of the manifold uses made of the Post Office Savings Bank system is indicated by the following extract from a letter of a commercial traveller:—"I may also say that I am one of a party trying to induce gentlemen to save a little money that hitherto have not been able to do so, by depositing 1*s.* at each town they visit, and not less than one town each day."

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Foreign and
Colonial
Savings Banks.

The gradual adoption of the Post Office Savings Bank system by Foreign Countries has naturally been followed by a decrease in the number of personal and other applications from abroad for information as to our system. The continued interest, however, taken in the progress of the British Post Office Savings Banks is manifested by the steady increase of inquiries from foreign and colonial Governments and Savings Banks for statistics, and, in particular, for copies of the Annual Report of the Postmaster-General, reference to which is frequently met with in the foreign publications sent to me. Among the visitors to the Department last year who came to acquire a practical knowledge of the mode of conducting the business, may be mentioned Post Office Officials from Berlin, Hamburg, and Sydney, New South Wales. The Officer from Berlin spent some days making himself conversant with the system, in view, no doubt, of the projected establishment of Postal Savings Banks in Germany to which I alluded in my last annual report. He, like all visitors from abroad who desire it, was furnished with specimens of the books and forms in use here. Amongst others from whom applications were received were the Portuguese Minister in London, the Director General of the Italian Post Office, an Officer of the Statistical Department at Berne, who is engaged in preparing a report for his Government on the various systems of Post Office Savings Banks; the Director General of the Post Office in Egypt, where the question of creating a Postal Savings Bank is being studied; and the Postmaster General of Japan, who was anxious to understand our system.

Applications
for information.

Canada.

In Canada the Post Office Savings Bank continues to prosper, the number of accounts remaining open on the 30th June 1885 being 73,322, with balances amounting to \$15,090,540 (3,018,108*l.*), an increase, respectively, of 6,640 and 368,998*l.* as compared with the same period of the preceding year. It is in contemplation to extend the operations of the Banks, which have hitherto been confined to the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario, to the larger towns in the Maritime Provinces where there are no existing branches of the Government Savings Bank, and to the Province of Manitoba. In the Bahamas, Postal Savings Banks were to have begun operations on the 1st January 1886 at Nassau, the capital, and at 19 Offices in the out-islands. The necessary

The Bahamas.

books, account forms, &c., for the new organisation were obtained through this Department, the expense being charged to the colony. In Barbados the substitution of a Post Office Savings Bank for the Government Savings Bank is under consideration. From the Cape of Good Hope I have received the report of the working of the Post Office Savings Banks during the first twelve months of their existence. Inaugurated on the 1st January 1884 by the opening of eight offices—subsequently increased to 112—the deposits during the year amounted to 124,688*l.*, and, on the 31st December the balance standing to the credit of 4,775 depositors was 92,007*l.* The absorption of some pre-existing Savings Banks contributed in some degree to so favourable a result. In order to bring the facilities for saving within the reach of all, the plan has been introduced of remitting money for deposit by means of free registered letters—a plan which has been tried here with little success, but is peculiarly suitable for countries of vast expanse and thinly populated. Already it is suggested that power should be obtained to embrace in the system the purchase and sale of Government Stock and Life Insurance and Annuity business. With the object of making the advantages of the Bank more widely known, a handbill not only in English, German, and Dutch, but also in Kafir, has been extensively circulated. With regard to Australasia, it may be noticed, first, that the prevalent depression, experienced there as here, does not seem to have affected adversely the Savings Bank business. For instance, in the report of the Queensland Government Savings Bank for the year 1884, it is remarked that “the business exhibits no indications of depression, or failure of profitable employment on the part of the great body of depositors”; and in the report of the Postmaster General of New Zealand for the same year he states, “whatever may have been the effects of the depression experienced in several parts of the colony during the year, the business of the Post Office and Telegraph in no way suffered.” The latter statement is fully borne out by the return of the New Zealand Post Office Savings Bank, the amount deposited during 1884 having exceeded that withdrawn by nearly 32,000*l.*, whereas in the preceding year the withdrawals exceed the deposits by over 117,000*l.* The total amount standing to the credit of depositors on the 31st December 1884 was 1,499,112*l.* In Victoria, the depositors in the Government Savings Bank on the 30th June 1885 numbered 95,170, the amount due to them being rather over 2,000,000*l.* The Trustees of the Melbourne Savings Bank speak of a “remarkable advance in the business,” notwithstanding “the war-scare.” In New South Wales, the sum due to depositors in the Government Savings Bank at the close of 1884 was 1,290,931*l.*, and in South Australia on the 30th June 1885, it was 1,571,283*l.* In each case an advance has been made. In Tasmania, where Post Office Savings Banks were established in July 1882, the amount due to depositors at the close of that year was 10,654*l.*, and had risen at the close of 1885 to 36,483*l.* It appears that the old established local Banks allow 5 per cent. on deposits, whereas only 3½ per cent. is allowed by the Post Office Savings Bank.

Barbados.
Cape of Good Hope.

Australasia.

Queensland.

New Zealand.

Victoria.

New South Wales.
South Australia.
Tasmania.

In relation to the subject of Post Office Savings Banks abroad, the following statement showing the position of the principal of such Banks in Europe (our own included for purposes of comparison) may be interesting :—

Europe.

Name of Country and Year of Establishment of Post Office Savings Banks.	Number of Depositors on 31st Dec. 1884.	Deposits.			Withdrawals.			Total amount due to Depositors.	Average amount due to each Depositor.	Number of Depositors per 1,000 Popula- tion.	Amount due per 1,000 Population.	
		Number.	Amount.	Average amount.	Number.	Amount.	Average amount.					
During 1884.												
On 31st December 1884.												
Austria (1883) -	-	428,753	1,490,577	£ 5,658,646	£ s. d. 3 15 11	394,695	£ 4,712,119	£ s. d. 11 18 9	£ 1,469,610	£ s. d. 3 8 7	19·3	£ s. d. 66 7 4
Belgium (1869) -	-	402,836	884,554	3,208,412	3 12 6	191,756	3,690,128	14 0 7	5,945,099	14 15 2	70·4	1,039 4 1
France (1882) -	-	541,323	917,131	3,763,884	4 2 0	215,891	2,358,130	10 18 5	4,616,081	8 10 6	14·3	122 10 8
Italy (1876) -	-	1,015,328	1,605,180	5,210,759	3 4 11	736,082	3,939,546	5 7 0	5,933,796	5 16 10	35·7	208 10 0
Netherlands (1881) -	-	90,798	267,298	321,454	1 4 0	54,199	210,261	3 17 7	387,559	4 5 4	21·4	91 14 6
United Kingdom (1861)		3,333,675	6,458,707	14,510,411	2 4 11	2,198,792	12,530,563	5 14 0	44,773,773	13 8 7	92·3	1,240 3 6

In France, the progress in 1884 even exceeded that in 1883 (*n'a fait que s'accroître*), and, no doubt, it is stated, can be entertained as to the importance of the Post Office Savings Banks, or as to their further development in the future. Repayment of deposits at sight, formerly restricted to the Central Office, has been extended to the whole of Paris by the sale at all Offices of Telegraph-cards for 60 centimes on which notice of withdrawal may be given. These cards are transmitted by pneumatic tubes to the Central Office, and are attended to at once, thus enabling depositors to make withdrawals within two hours. In the provinces, also, depositors may, on defraying the cost, obtain by telegraph authority for repayment up to a certain amount. Impressed with the advantages of the Naval Savings Banks, founded by our Admiralty, the Minister of Marine has authorised a Savings Bank in direct connexion with the Post Office at each Naval Head Quarters, and on board each ship of war. In Italy, the epidemic of cholera, which visited part of the Kingdom, is stated to have exercised an injurious (*funesto*) influence on the operations of the Post Office Savings Bank during 1884, and it is therefore all the more remarkable that the amount due to depositors at the close of that year showed a larger increase than for any former year. There was, however, a falling off in the investments in Government Stock (4,803 of 4,433,007 *lire*, 177,320*l.*), which is ascribed solely to the continual rise in the prices of securities. In Austria, where, it is said, the difficulties of carrying on an uniform system throughout the Empire are much increased by there being in use no less than eight languages or dialects, the success of the Post Office Savings Bank has been very great. It is to be observed, however, that the facilities afforded by the Bank are somewhat exceptional as compared with other Savings Banks, depositors being allowed to draw on their accounts by a species of cheque. In Hungary, an Act has been passed establishing Post Office Savings Banks, and business commenced at 700 offices on the 1st February 1886. The minimum limit of deposit is fixed at 50 *kreuzers* (1*s.*), but this sum may be gradually accumulated by means of postage stamps. When the amount standing to a depositor's credit exceeds 1,000 *florins* (100*l.*), the excess, if not withdrawn within a specified period, is invested for the depositor in certain securities. The rate of interest allowed on deposits is 3·6 per cent. In Belgium, the usual progress has been maintained, and, in the Netherlands, the last returns show a satisfactory advance, fulfilling the promise of former years. In Japan, the Post Office Savings Bank has been in existence some years, but a copy of the Regulations has only recently come to hand. From it I find that certain offices can be used by foreigners, that no deposit must be less than one *yen* (4*s.* 1*d.*), and that not more than 50 *yen* (10*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.*) can be deposited on any one day by a depositor without special permission. An acknowledgment is sent for each deposit, but the obstacles to rapid communication within the Empire are strikingly illustrated by the rule requiring that, if a depositor residing more than 100 *ri* (244 miles) from Tòkiò, the capital, does not receive an acknowledgment within sixty days of the date of deposit he must apply for it. The extreme limit of time within which an acknowledgment should reach a depositor anywhere in the United Kingdom is fixed at six days.

Italy.

Austria.

Hungary.

Belgium.

Netherlands.

Japan.

In conclusion, I may mention that at the Postal Congress held at Lisbon last year it was decided, on the proposal of the French Delegate, to convene an International Conference on Post Office Savings Banks, with the idea of forming a Postal Savings Bank Union and devising a scheme of International transactions. It is thought that the Conference may assemble this year.

International
Conference on
Post Office
Savings Banks.

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, viz., of each Deposit or Withdrawal.	Number of Accounts opened.	Number of Accounts closed.	Number of Accounts remaining open at close of the Year.	Amount, inclusive of Interest, standing to credit of all open Accounts at close of the Year.	Average Amount standing to credit of the Year.	Percentage of Cost of Management to total funds in possession of the Post Office Savings Bank.	Total Sum standing to credit of Books of National Debt Commissioners at close of the Year.	Balance in hands of Postmaster General, after making Provision for outstanding Warrants, at close of the Year.	Total Balance in hand, applicable to payment of Depositors, at close of the Year.*	Number at close of the Year of Old Savings Banks and Post Office Banks combined.	Number at close of the Year of the Old Savings Banks and Depositors in Old Savings Banks combined.
From 16 Sept. 1861 to Dec. 1862.	2,335	689,216	2,114,669	3 2	22,188	97,294	498,637	4 10 2	20,591	5 1/2	205,928	27,433	178,495	1,086,321	9 10 3	1,659,032*	35,692	1,094,724	3,157	1,792,555	
1863	2,391	840,346	2,561,209	3 2 1/2	53,204	197,451	1,027,154	5 18 0	25,401	15 1/2	185,384	44,760	319,660	3,377,480	10 11 4	0†	3,398,182*	44,413	3,372,505	3,594	1,876,389
1864	3,081	1,149,242	3,849,015	3 10 1/2	100,468	309,241	1,834,849	5 18 8	45,536	17 1/2	326,163	74,464	470,558	4,934,128	12 12 1	0	4,905,663*	5,327	5,001,182	3,659	1,967,663
1865	3,821	1,302,869	3,719,017	3 17 1/2	132,870	407,412	3,318,610	13 10 10	49,527	6 1/2	226,163	93,198	611,384	6,246,656	13 13 0	0	6,282,320*	4,522	6,288,656	3,822	2,078,846
1866	3,507	1,625,871	4,400,657	3 17 1/2	109,172	515,348	3,975,054	15 4 15	59,451	6 1/2	206,542	93,198	748,254	9,121,920	17 7 10	78	9,291,176*	25,791	9,256,387	4,958	2,154,200
1867	3,620	1,692,544	4,643,066	3 18 1/2	80,767	581,972	3,222,900	10 9 10	62,700	6 1/2	204,341	137,612	554,983	9,740,990	11 8 0	12	9,831,706*	47,680	9,794,017	4,958	2,230,347
1868	3,813	1,757,305	5,533,698	3 8 1/2	82,597	637,144	4,093,909	15 16 2	61,940	14 1/2	280,396	173,016	685,754	11,690,952	12 9 0	10	11,913,053	19,386	11,890,666	4,551	2,384,654
1869	4,047	1,998,544	5,796,121	17 10 1/2	392,717	1,466,427	4,227,096	17 11 0	62,060	16 1/2	323,723	203,692	1,083,152	13,924,960	16 1 0	0	13,755,455	17,386	13,777,438	4,351	2,464,510
1870	4,335	2,302,621	6,684,020	2 16 1/2	576,798	787,172	4,758,157	6 10 0	67,945	5 1/2	333,648	206,280	1,383,159	17,095,044	15 3 0	8	17,303,041	158,885	17,463,928	4,778	2,707,900
1871	4,607	2,746,244	7,690,916	2 14 1/2	677,851	983,075	5,836,660	6 11 0	69,427	5 1/2	370,745	290,400	1,393,499	19,695,044	13 1 0	8	19,593,816	168,445	19,762,660	4,895	2,707,570
1872	4,853	3,017,068	7,955,710	2 14 1/2	677,851	1,025,338	5,584,181	6 8 5	84,160	5 1/2	424,843	319,281	1,558,445	20,818,390	13 7 10	8	21,150,540	181,935	20,936,605	4,987	2,887,595
1873	5,068	3,014,052	8,351,263	2 16 1/2	677,851	1,112,087	7,325,680	6 8 7	99,616	5 1/2	442,501	330,443	1,558,445	21,657,469	13 7 10	8	22,163,917	191,518	21,971,958	5,084	3,002,134
1874	5,240	3,132,453	8,783,852	2 16 1/2	677,851	1,112,087	7,325,680	6 8 7	125,325	6 1/2	438,896	380,466	1,777,703	23,187,546	14 7 0	8	23,673,267	94,518	23,029,485	5,543	3,134,871
1875	5,448	3,168,136	8,982,350	2 16 1/2	677,851	1,195,603	7,792,477	6 10 4	125,912	6 1/2	437,933	311,768	1,702,373	24,350,135	17 2 0	8	24,816,523	106,833	24,118,565	5,912	3,255,267
1876	5,608	3,267,851	9,166,738	2 16 1/2	677,851	1,252,905	8,093,901	6 9 0	152,181	14 1/2	453,221	364,358	1,791,246	25,570,137	16 10 0	7	26,715,520	104,067	26,511,586	6,126	3,301,087
1877	5,631	3,350,536	9,485,391	2 16 1/2	677,851	1,304,617	8,514,188	6 10 4	148,545	11 1/2	447,549	346,083	1,892,756	26,411,263	16 1 4	9	27,304,968	123,262	27,181,696	6,935	3,408,466
1878	5,621	3,340,249	9,485,391	2 16 1/2	677,851	1,418,563	8,030,174	6 7 4	139,220	9 1/2	447,549	346,083	1,892,756	26,411,263	16 1 4	9	27,304,968	123,262	27,181,696	6,935	3,408,466
1879	5,631	3,340,249	9,485,391	2 16 1/2	677,851	1,418,563	8,030,174	6 7 4	139,220	9 1/2	447,549	346,083	1,892,756	26,411,263	16 1 4	9	27,304,968	123,262	27,181,696	6,935	3,408,466

For Statistics of subsequent years, see next page.

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

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

‡ In 1868 the charge for postage, amounting to about 3d. per transaction, ceased to be debited against the Savings Bank Department, but in 1877 the sum of 22,546l. 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 6d.

§ 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 448,543l. for charges of Management in 1878 includes 214,434l. for arrears of postage for the nine years from 1st April 1868 to 31st March 1877, and also 73,419l. paid on account of the new building in Queen Victoria Street and its site. The effect of these charges proper to the year is to raise the cost of a transaction to 1s. 11½d., and the per-centage of expenses to capital to 1l. 8s. 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 8½d., and the per-centage of expenses to capital 10s. 7½d. 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 7½d., and the average per-centage of expenses to capital will be 11s. 3½d.

¶ The sum of 192,290l. for charges of management in 1879 includes the sum of 22,564l. paid in respect of the new building. Omitting this amount, but adding interest at the rate of 6 per cent. thereon, as well as on the expenditure of 73,419l. for similar purposes in 1878, the cost per transaction will be 8½d., and the per-centage of expenses to capital 10s. 7½d.

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	6,283	3,755,680*	10,301,152*	2 14 5½	777,905	1,945,331†	9,346,634†	5 5 9½	188,891	188,891	554,658	358,165	2,184,672	33,744,637	15 8 11½	21½	34,375,632	232,945	—	—	34,698,881	6,675	3,704,777
1881	6,513	5,694,576*	11,807,153*	2 0 6†	826,990	1,728,704†	10,244,257†	5 10 7½	200,574	200,574	880,831	458,191	2,607,612	36,194,405	13 17 7	1	36,560,923	236,453	—	—	36,746,376	6,950	4,140,006
1882	6,660	6,151,496*	12,921,290*	2 0 0†	891,629	1,933,120†	10,989,534†	5 5 8½	221,653	221,653	788,858	537,491	2,828,676	39,037,821	13 13 1	4½	40,862,640	145,924	120,000	41,128,564	7,429	4,411,968	
1883	7,989	6,267,395*	13,575,167*	2 1 3†	955,991	2,075,465†	11,800,171†	6 3½	248,180	248,180	772,291	625,538	3,105,642	41,768,808	9 0 11½	10½	43,294,949	282,033	120,000	43,697,932	7,790	4,671,926	
1884	7,756	6,458,707*	14,510,411*	2 4 11½	1,025,117	2,198,792†	12,530,563†	5 14 0†	248,618	248,618	774,298	546,232	3,333,675	44,773,773	8 7 11½	11	45,046,718	313,473	120,000	46,383,191	8,107	4,916,149	
1885	8,106	6,547,484*	15,031,634†	2 6 5½	1,062,112	2,280,024†	13,262,742†	5 15 10½	254,713	254,713	750,862	548,887	3,535,650	47,697,838	9 10 10 8	8	48,046,318	286,322	120,000	49,012,640	8,615	5,128,647	

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) amounts credited to Accounts in respect of sums payable to Annuity and Insurants and their representatives. For particulars, see statements of Government Stock business and Annuity and Insurance business, pages 42 and 44 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 Insurants and their representatives. For particulars, see statements of Government Stock business and Annuity and Insurance business, pages 42 and 44 respectively.

‡ Down to the year 1885 inclusive, the transactions connected with the purchase and sale of Government Stock were excluded in calculating the average amount of each deposit and withdrawal. From 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 7½d., and the percentage of expenses to capital 10s. 2½d.

† The gross expenses in 1884 were 262,378†, but the sum of 3,990† received for commission on Stock transactions from 22nd November 1880 to 30th September 1884, was in this year applied towards defraying the expenses of management, in accordance with the Savings Banks Act, 1880. In 1885 the gross expenses were 237,868†, but from this amount have been deducted 1,414† received for commission on Stock transactions, and also 1,686† recovered from the National Debt Commissioners for work connected with the Annuity and Insurance business from 3rd June, 1884, to 31st March, 1885.

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 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. 1st to Dec. 31st 1880.	2,162	31	2,131	2,250	9	22	1,625	70,641	49 0 0	568	128,013	175 10 0	1 10 0	129,514 56 1 6	2 8 0	385	43 15 6	380	1,500	—	—	—	—	127,029	59 17 9
1881	11,019	1,338	11,812	13,706	2,023	102	10,382	427,312	41 3 3	2,875	660,181	1,104 10 0	7 10 0	664,067 50 13 10	75,968	7,700	37 10 0	75,007	7,700	—	50	11,303	10,439	738,998	62 11 3
1882	7,551	2,754	16,009	12,133	4,355	77	10,047	382,647	38 2 1	1,915	569,395	1,105 17 0	6 3 0	568,211 48 8 0	177,124	6,150	40 14 0	177,062	6,150	—	190	98,782	36,533	1,143,717	66 17 3
1883	7,576	3,418	50,767	12,882	5,683	58	10,414	397,930	38 4 3	1,954	662,927	1,228 4 9	5 11 0	613,338 48 4 6	236,706	5,550	41 12 9	238,083	5,550	430	325	85,271	57,648	1,519,983	73 3 10
1884	8,577	4,651	34,903	14,290	6,840	76	11,716	465,406	39 14 0	2,270	706,040	1,417 0 9	8 7 0	703,185 48 10 5	301,446	8,350	44 1 5	303,912	8,350	370	110	44,230	40,984	1,916,925*	76 13 6
1885	9,844	4,240	30,697	17,135	7,443	68	13,131	507,183	38 12 0	2,334	946,791	1,685 1 9	7 0 0	939,060 50 2 9	326,445	6,900	43 17 2	322,809	6,900	10,537	915	55,146	53,006	2,432,252	80 2 11

* Besides the addition arising from the ordinary business of the year, the balance of Stock was further increased during 1884 by the sum of £,6781. Stock in consequence of the conversion by certain Stockholders of 3 per cent. Stock into 2½ and 2½ per cent. Stock under the National Debt (Conversion of Stock) Act, 1884.

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS. Annuities and Life Insurances.

(I.) 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.*	Contracts entered into.	Amount of Premiums.	Amount of Insurance.	No.	Amount of Premiums.	Payments.
	No.	Amount of Annuities.	No.	Amount of Annuities.	No.	Amount of Annuities.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount of Premiums.
1865	87	£ 2,100	32	£ 423	45	£ 949	67	£ 1,343	547	£ 40,647	1,076	£ 1,105
1866	196	4,327	280	3,183	73	1,580	297	2,845	621	47,261	3,782	2,833
1867	268	5,966	725	8,042	41	704	313	2,392	364	26,989	5,368	3,580
1868	323	6,396	1,236	14,112	40	668	310	2,505	350	26,751	4,193	4,193
1869	392	6,811	1,895	19,925	45	1,044	385	2,062	423	32,670	7,814	5,044
1870†	306	6,190	2,529	26,099	57	1,195	514	3,529	385	31,254	9,274	5,877
1871	360	7,272	3,125	39,056	36	710	503	2,840	398	27,885	9,891	6,483
1872	1,019‡	9,870	3,737	38,464	38	721	480	2,838	757	55,983	11,659	7,420
1873	1,344‡	10,390	6,267	47,374	35	583	520	3,925	396	33,073	13,206	8,279
1874	1,814‡	12,259	9,498	56,888	53	992	583	4,827	378	21,632	13,460	8,615
												£ 3,766

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

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

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

APPENDIX J.—continued.

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 Monthly Allowances being included in the Premium.	Contracts entered into.	Receipts.	Payments.	Contracts entered into.	Receipts.	Payments.					
	No.	Amount of Annuities.	No.	Amount of Purchase Money.	No.	Amount of Annuities.	No.	Amount of Premium.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount of In- surances.	No.	Amount of Pre- miums.	No.	Amount of Claims and Death and Surrer- ditor.		
1875	582	7,926	85,781	11,129	63,641	34	788	661	3,543	10	526	421	370	32,023	14,549	9,500	84	3,127
1876	729	10,013	109,064	11,607	69,240	29	464	639	2,691	52	872	520	270	22,875	14,101	9,238	101	4,380
1877	745	10,983	120,255	12,444	76,612	68	1,251	687	4,747	87	961	595	393	33,444	15,140	10,108	98	3,232
1878	700	11,375	129,227	13,100	84,219	50	1,370	654	4,952	108	2,260	624	229	19,608	15,833	10,605	137	4,351
1879	964	15,262	167,625	13,873	92,013	49	963	628	4,644	114	2,112	801	226	18,870	15,227	10,427	139	5,288
1880	892	13,249	146,562	14,933	101,784	41	847	621	4,406	119	1,570	696	238	30,378	15,879	10,506	125	3,866
1881	966	16,484	184,737	15,808	111,211	66	1,376	686	5,248	131	1,763	873	300	23,906	15,883	10,967	114	3,675
1882	799	13,435	155,528	16,729	122,123	72	1,508	772	6,449	156	2,327	727	234	18,447	16,039	11,069	141	5,694
1883	770	14,141	159,630	17,302	130,053	104	2,120	830	7,240	163	1,898	790	256	20,600	16,156	11,353	129	5,431
1884† :- 1 Jan. to 2 June }	187	2,988	34,507	8,853	67,931	18	327	332	3,140	89	1,156	152	50	3,469	7,032	5,019	65	2,004
3 June to 31 Dec. }	586	11,736	137,919	7,948	60,968	80	2,083	535	6,744	111	1,876	399	298	18,266	7,258	6,399	117	4,284
1885	725	15,367	178,128	16,111	146,169	103	1,694	860	9,761	212	2,980	338	467	34,768	12,402	12,036	140	4,646

* 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 1885, and the Number and Amount of Contracts in existence on the 31st December 1885.

	CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO				TOTAL.	
	From 17 April 1865 to 31 December 1884.		From 1 Jan. 1885 to 31 December 1885.			
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Contracts for Annuities entered into from the commencement of business on 17th April 1865 to 31st December 1885, viz. :—						
Immediate Annuities - -	13,988	198,856 4 8	725	15,366 12 0	14,713	214,222 16 8
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - -	360	6,647 5 6	28	390 0 0	388	7,037 5 6
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - -	698	15,382 7 0	75	1,304 0 0	773	16,686 7 0
Contracts for Sums payable at Death entered into from the commencement of business on the 17th April 1865 to the 31st December 1885 - - - - -	7,362	575,891 3 3	457	34,768 5 4	7,819	610,659 8 7
Contracts for Annuities in existence on the 31st December 1885, viz. :—						
Immediate Annuities - -	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	9,496	155,916 13 8
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - - -	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	350	6,305 13 6
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - -	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	460	9,829 3 0
Contracts for Sums payable at Death, in existence on the 31st December 1885 - - - -	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	5,155	407,653 11 3

APPENDIX J.—*continued.*

Post Office Savings Bank.

RETURN of the BALANCE SHEETS of the POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS on the 31st day of December 1885 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 1885, the amount of cash in hand and Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the year, and the surplus or deficiency of Funds to meet Liabilities (so far as relates to the National Debt Office).

Securities standing in the names of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt on account of the Post Office Savings Banks Fund.	Value of Securities at average price on 31 Dec. 1885.		Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the year.			
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Consolidated 31. per cents. - - -	5,128,686	2 8	5,108,023	0 0	75,113	3 7
Reduced 31. per cents. - - -	1,576,759	17 11	1,576,760	0 0	—	—
New 31. per cents. - - -	8,659,194	16 4	8,659,195	0 0	—	—
2½ per cents. - - -	11,967,000	0 0	10,545,919	0 0	70,728	17 6
Turkish Guaranteed 4½. per cent. Bonds	103,100	0 0	109,288	0 0	—	—
Exchequer (June) Bills - - -	40,000	0 0	39,940	0 0	43	16 8
Exchequer Bonds - - -	50,000	0 0	50,000	0 0	144	4 7
Exchequer (Suez) Bonds - - -	1,432,300	0 0	1,432,300	0 0	14,125	3 4
Egyptian Guaranteed 3½. per cent. Bonds	500,000	0 0	484,375	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	41,625	0 0	—	—
Advances to Public Works Loan Commissioners - - -	3,112,449	4 0	3,112,449	0 0	23,754	13 2
Annuities for terms of years in lieu of Stock cancelled per National Debt Act, 1883, 46 & 47 Vict. c. 54., and National Debt Act, 1885, 48 & 49 Vict. c. 43. - - -	1,000,000	0 0	(a.) 8,244,220	0 0	—	—
Annuity for a term of years per 45 & 46 Vict. c. 72., expiring 8th September 1892 - - -	5,428	18 8	(a.) 33,816	0 0	—	—
Annuities for terms of years per 46 Vict. c. 1. s. 2 - - -	42,899	5 0	(a.) 341,858	0 0	—	—
Annuity for a term of years granted to repay advances per 32 & 33 Vict. c. 42., payable by Irish Land Commission per 44 & 45 Vict. c. 71., expiring 31st December 1905 - - -	138,800	0 0	(a.) 1,984,439	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, and National Debt Act, 1885, 48 & 49 Vict. c. 43. - - -	321,913	0 0	(a.) 4,525,445	0 0	—	—
Red Sea and India Telegraph Annuity, expiring 4th August 1903 - - -	3,100	0 0	47,469	0 0	—	—
Annuity for a term of years per National Debt Act, 1884, 47 Vict. c. 2, s. 2, expiring 5th October 1903 - - -	35,121	0 0	(a.) 490,537	0 0	—	—
Annuities of an amount sufficient to repay sums advanced under Pensions Commutation Acts, 32 & 33 Vict. c. 32. and 34 & 35 Vict. c. 36., to 31st December 1884 - - -	78,314	0 6	(a.) 472,928	0 0	—	—
Advances under Pensions Commutation Act during year ended 31st December 1885 per 34 & 35 Vict. c. 36., in respect of which an annuity has not been granted - - -	180,068	10 0	180,068	0 0	3,242	10 5
			248,325,642	0 0	187,152	9 3
Add value of Securities - - -					48,325,642	0 0
Cash balance in Bank of England - - -					93,524	8 0
					248,600,318	17 3

(a) Value, inclusive of interest, to 31st December 1885.

National Debt Office,
19 June 1886.

C. RIVERS WILSON,
Comptroller-General.

APPENDIX K.—*continued.*
Money Orders.

INLAND ORDERS.																	
ENGLAND AND WALES.						SCOTLAND.				IRELAND.				UNITED KINGDOM.			
Year.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.			Increase per cent. on Number.	Number. Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number. Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number. Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.		
	Number.	Amount.	on Amount.														
1839	-	149,723	£40,043	-	16,183	25,765	0.6	-	30,015	47,205	0.4	-	188,921	£33,124	0.7		
1840	-	482,761	802,827	-	51,526	80,980	1.9	-	53,507	77,107	0.7	-	587,767	900,975	2.2		
Average of 6 years	1840-45	2,020,927	4,211,885	318	210,093	385,936	308	377	778	339,443	271	340	2,426,855	4,937,256	414		
"	1846-50	3,365,989	6,908,684	66	374,187	680,693	78	76	138,755	339,443	2.4	340	2,426,855	4,937,256	8.9		
"	1851-55	4,365,045	8,885,175	30	415,906	769,863	12	13	347,517	585,151	72	60	4,087,703	7,954,533	14.7		
"	1856-60	5,673,207	10,885,412	29	524,007	975,259	25	25	407,008	683,277	17	27	5,210,559	9,941,316	18.9		
"	1861-65	6,730,246	12,041,737	20	643,417	1,285,454	21	31	484,064	803,803	18	26	6,586,308	12,737,504	28.6		
"	1866-70	8,123,538	15,884,930	20	732,295	1,500,601	22	31	552,414	953,170	26	31	8,001,127	15,398,291	37.1		
1871	-	10,275,875	18,506,317	26	983,911	1,786,574	24	34	636,822	1,274,066	15	16	11,398,419	19,319,707	51.2		
1872	-	11,301,482	20,375,179	16	1,104,628	2,046,062	18	34	803,100	1,446,692	26	14	12,062,856	21,729,583	38.3		
1873	-	12,865,004	23,075,750	8	1,273,086	2,210,107	18	37	918,078	1,592,306	14	10	13,984,159	24,013,747	47.1		
1874	-	13,550,011	25,246,625	5	1,324,415	2,368,799	4	2.5	982,546	1,760,212	7	10.5	15,118,636	25,000,009	48.9		
1875	-	13,650,011	25,246,625	5	1,324,415	2,368,799	4	2.5	1,026,136	1,871,017	4.5	1	15,900,502	26,486,441	49.4		
3 months ended 31st March 1876	-	3,715,657	5,780,805	-	343,158	559,009	-	1.8	1,074,838	1,790,353	4.7	0.5	16,485,461	26,487,318	56.3		
1876-77	-	15,197,704	28,106,435	8.2	1,453,177	2,403,492	7.1	4	280,120	552,682	-	-	4,350,935	6,901,506	-		
1877-78	-	15,697,659	28,392,661	2.8	1,453,115	2,486,724	4.5	3.4	1,160,040	1,946,851	7.9	8.6	17,892,921	27,516,098	53.9		
1878-79	-	14,775,330	27,057,003	5.5	1,452,752	2,386,603	5.1	4	1,200,084	1,991,732	3.4	2.3	17,892,921	27,516,098	54.9		
1879-80	-	14,713,100	27,057,003	3.1	1,452,752	2,386,603	5.1	4	1,064,022	1,487,627	11.3	Decrease.	17,290,764	25,911,492	51.1		
1880-81	-	13,874,701	26,020,213	2.6	1,433,997	2,291,269	1.2	2.7	1,025,614	1,595,913	3.6	5	16,329,476	24,728,763	49.1		
1881-82	-	12,519,430	19,891,331	10.1	1,286,063	2,292,123	9	4	980,778	1,317,281	3.3	3.5	16,329,476	24,728,763	47.4		
1882-83	-	12,208,098	21,788,691	2.5	1,247,744	2,170,807	3	1.4	887,346	1,274,218	9.5	3.3	14,682,828	23,367,67	42.0		
1883-84	-	11,994,711	21,481,889	4.4	1,196,922	2,165,901	7.9	2.5	850,467	1,264,265	4.1	*8	14,396,297	25,223,763	40.5		
1884-85	-	10,625,386	20,108,925	14	1,081,015	2,105,691	9.7	5	822,542	1,252,621	3.2	*9	13,790,732	25,012,117	38.7		
1885-86	-	9,493,082	18,735,018	13.8	949,922	1,991,922	9.7	5	734,819	1,210,843	10.6	6.3	11,958,127	25,536,689	33.2		
1886-87	-	8,239,082	17,355,018	13.8	823,461	1,735,018	13.1	6.3	638,166	1,134,696	13.1	6.3	10,358,252	21,975,645	28.5		

For any sum not exceeding 2*l.*, from 6*d.* to 3*d.* | For any sum above 2*l.*, and not exceeding 5*l.*, from 1*s.* 6*d.* to 6*d.* For any sum exceeding 5*l.*, from 1*s.* 6*d.* to 6*d.*

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

The number of Inland Orders issued in Ireland in 1878-9 was overstated by 100,000. The great decrease in the number and amount of Inland Orders in Ireland in 1878-9 is mainly attributable to the discontinuance of the use of Money Orders for payment of National School Teachers.

APPENDIX K.—continued.
Money 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.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.
1866	-	£	-	-	3,965	12,961	-	-	3,965	£	-	-	3,965	12,961	-	-
1867	-	-	-	-	4,744	14,168	19·6	9·3	4,744	14,168	19·6	9·3	4,744	14,168	19·6	9·3
1868	-	-	-	-	3,724	10,060	-	-	3,724	10,060	-	-	3,724	10,060	-	-
1869	-	-	-	-	8,102	22,945	117	128	8,811	25,199	136	150	8,811	25,199	136	150
1870	-	2,256	-	242	13,605	40,256	67·9	76·4	16,254	47,963	84·4	90·4	16,254	47,963	84·4	90·4
Average of } 1861-65	-	7,726	273	292	45,937	195,816	246	386	54,100	236,142	233	371	54,100	236,142	233	371
5 years	-	30,838	208	109	106,467	404,104	131	152	122,625	557,717	136	146	122,625	557,717	136	146
1871	-	63,613	97·9	26·4	123,472	530,550	15·9	5·8	143,211	600,961	16·7	7·7	143,211	600,961	16·7	7·7
1872	-	80,451	22·1	5·3	133,490	563,849	8·1	8·3	154,512	646,576	7·9	7·9	154,512	646,576	7·9	7·9
1873	-	84,727	6·5	5·	154,196	642,527	15·5	13·9	176,060	731,529	13·9	13·8	176,060	731,529	13·9	13·8
1874	-	89,002	3·9	4·7	149,250	689,895	-	-	172,458	723,156	-	-	172,458	723,156	-	-
1875	-	93,361	6·	5·1	145,966	603,183	-	-	170,617	701,245	-	-	170,617	701,245	-	-
1876	-	98,062	6·3	-	33,068	137,221	-	-	39,464	161,910	-	-	39,464	161,910	-	-
8 months ended } March 1876	-	24,689	-	-	140,436	567,470	-	-	167,597	671,827	-	-	167,597	671,827	-	-
1876-77	-	104,397	10·1	6·4	146,546	569,915	4·	0·4	175,749	679,371	4·8	1·1	175,749	679,371	4·8	1·1
1877-78	-	109,466	8·2	4·8	155,260	605,032	6·	6·2	184,819	711,516	5·	4·7	184,819	711,516	5·	4·7
1878-79	-	106,784	0·5	-	172,068	660,860	10·8	7·5	203,660	764,092	10·2	7·3	203,660	764,092	10·2	7·3
1879-80	-	113,242	6·8	6·	187,837	690,465	9·1	6·	221,862	813,979	9·	6·4	221,862	813,979	9·	6·4
1880-81	-	122,514	8·	8·1	210,554	771,515	12·	13·	244,976	892,725	10·4	9·8	244,976	892,725	10·4	9·8
1881-82	-	121,210	·9	1· decrease	240,308	912,986	14·	18·3	277,052	1,045,158	13·	17·	277,052	1,045,158	13·	17·
1882-83	-	130,172	5·3	3·3 increase	270,390	1,027,615	13·3	12·5	315,435	1,194,214	13·1	13·5	315,435	1,194,214	13·1	13·5
1883-84	-	156,599	18·8	20·3	287,780	1,085,669	6·4	5·6	336,462	1,272,606	6·2	8·6	336,462	1,272,606	6·2	8·6
1884-85	-	177,621	15·4	13·6	303,034	1,176,131	5·3	8·3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1885-86	-	196,475	11·5	10·4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

APPENDIX K.—continued.
Money Orders.

Year.	FOREIGN ORDERS.									
	ISSUED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.					ISSUED ABROAD.				
	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount. £
1869	3,302	11,338	—	—	2,177	8,763	—	—	5,479	20,105
1870	7,329	29,428	121	189	4,838	17,361	121	98·3	12,161	46,789
1871	18,769	65,072	156	121	28,662	107,911	498	531	47,431	172,963
1872	28,551	98,384	62·1	43·4	75,360	264,026	168	144	103,911	337,890
1873	39,869	131,053	39·6	40·4	97,680	339,613	29·6	28·6	137,549	470,666
1874	53,123	169,417	33·2	29·2	95,380	318,668	—	—	148,503	488,075
1875	67,348	202,901	26·7	19·7	96,246	291,019	0·9	—	163,596	468,920
3 months ended March 1876	20,150	55,705	—	—	26,279	75,762	—	—	46,429	131,527
1876-77	98,579	268,240	39·3	31·2	107,501	294,746	11·6	1·3	201,380	590,988
1877-78	107,866	291,128	14·8	9·3	118,470	312,856	10·2	6·1	228,326	608,964
1878-79	124,172	317,715	15·1	9·1	140,367	361,659	18·9	15·6	265,039	679,354
1879-80	134,781	323,927	8·5	1·9	194,778	506,670	38·2	40·1	329,559	830,597
1880-81	142,216	335,906	5·5	3·6	241,351	626,032	24·	23·6	383,567	961,840
1881-82	153,571	360,054	8·	6·2	291,638	773,123	20·8	23·5	444,229	1,133,177
1882-83	162,713	400,420	6·	11·2	344,796	890,542	18·3	20·3	507,509	1,330,962
1883-84	194,515	477,593	19·	19·2	364,953	966,255	5·84 Decrease.	9·76 Decrease.	559,468	1,433,548
1884-85	204,775	508,675	6·3	6·6	362,414	921,712	·7 Increase.	3·6 Increase.	596,189	1,430,387
1885-86	215,844	532,528	4·4	4·7	386,781	951,942	6·4 Increase.	3·3 Increase.	601,685	1,464,470
TOTAL.									Number.	Amount.
									Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.
									—	—
									121	133
									290	269
									119	106
									33·3	31·7
									7·9	3·6
									10·1	1·1
									—	—
									23·	13·5
									12·3	7·6
									17·1	12·4
									24·3	22·2
									16·4	15·8
									16·	18·
									14·	17·4
									10·2	7·7
									1·7	Decrease. 3·6
									5·7	Increase. 3·8

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 Africa.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the Australia.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the America.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the Colony.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the India.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the New Zealand.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the W. Indies.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the Colonies.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the Colonies.
1873	£ 1,207	23,308	£ 29,921	143,014	£ 83,899	163,138	£ 2,800	11,231	£ 57,725	2,673	£ 6,656	48,780	£ 91,126	8,937	£ 104,225	89,002	£ 642,527	
1874	1,053	39,868	28,865	140,364	38,253	185,663	2,934	15,606	44,234	2,091	7,322	58,072	107,353	8,592	88,720	93,261	682,805	
1875	1,205	31,80	29,397	140,197	38,317	110,949	3,178	22,466	46,189	2,980	9,307	66,563	98,408	9,059	86,574	98,063	603,182	
1876-77	1,601	27,444	30,070	143,957	40,622	98,803	3,435	31,839	43,176	3,762	10,234	67,310	78,310	10,705	75,622	104,358	567,470	
1877-78	1,609	19,708	30,617	153,331	40,164	82,512	4,116	32,962	63,362	5,108	10,319	73,964	66,441	13,357	69,635	109,456	569,915	
1878-79	1,315	27,653	30,545	166,764	39,483	81,729	4,441	39,060	65,299	4,810	9,738	85,933	63,256	14,569	74,748	106,784	605,032	
1879-80	2,412	41,222	32,943	187,712	37,681	84,256	4,694	49,543	61,868	4,910	11,972	95,258	65,427	14,460	66,064	113,240	650,850	
1880-81	2,325	34,907	37,095	197,772	37,909	90,533	5,313	55,331	86,354	6,532	14,800	98,672	68,818	13,740	57,198	122,514	690,465	
1881-82	3,322	45,462	36,395	211,687	36,069	110,606	7,220	85,964	96,836	7,103	13,954	90,634	69,492	12,721	61,554	121,210	771,515	
1882-83	2,905	44,231	38,918	236,556	39,310	162,157	9,571	111,698	110,022	8,964	14,083	90,520	76,186	11,461	81,566	130,172	912,986	
1883-84	3,883	53,608	47,173	231,676	51,684	137,113	11,740	97,987	116,621	11,268	16,358	96,389	106,394	9,439	89,318	156,569	1,027,615	
1884-85	4,533	58,963	55,578	313,446	69,774	172,355	11,556	87,326	157,932	12,879	18,153	96,708	120,545	9,083	77,834	177,921	1,085,669	
1885-86	4,433	83,024	61,673	346,646	62,641	164,025	11,406	83,785	174,743	16,807	20,258	93,243	131,629	12,037	98,937	193,475	1,176,131	

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 U.S.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued Abroad.
1873 -	-	-	£ 3,197	£ 4,000	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 11,516	£ 5,403	£ 49,370	£ 275,453	£ 131,053	£ 330,613
1874 -	-	-	3,595	3,831	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,742	5,052	60,336	240,886	169,417	318,688
1875 -	-	-	4,969	5,064	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,006	5,564	62,854	186,197	202,900	291,020
1876-77 -	-	-	5,481	6,887	2,230	1,115	-	-	-	-	15,419	6,483	75,005	159,464	206,239	294,748
1877-78 -	-	-	5,741	9,974	2,712	1,476	-	-	-	-	16,702	6,633	72,186	157,707	291,128	312,836
1878-79 -	-	-	5,879	10,906	3,947	2,037	-	-	-	-	17,632	6,900	71,069	176,382	317,713	361,639
1879-80 -	-	-	5,802	9,661	5,069	2,054	-	-	-	-	18,797	9,562	70,496	290,841	323,927	504,670
1880-81 -	-	-	6,231	10,678	6,782	2,409	-	-	-	-	18,315	11,239	72,051	392,782	336,808	636,032
1881-82 -	-	-	6,549	12,232	8,124	2,051	-	-	1,687	1,361	19,096	12,461	80,367	522,268	390,064	778,123
1882-83 -	-	-	7,358	13,328	10,662	2,279	-	-	5,640	3,416	19,313	12,790	96,711	647,097	400,420	930,542
1883-84 -	-	-	9,035	14,277	16,720	2,486	810	-	3,832	23,289	23,289	11,709	116,727	690,705	477,293	956,255
1884-85 -	31	3,350	8,851	14,498	15,118	2,544	960	1,486	10,301	4,573	24,020	14,071	132,538	567,677	508,675	921,712
1885-86 -	218	3,861	8,772	14,750	17,758	2,694	1,780	2,783	12,366	5,799	25,881	16,107	135,650	561,775	532,523	961,943

APPENDIX L.

Postal Orders.

TABLE showing the NUMBER and VALUE of POSTAL ORDERS issued to the PUBLIC from the commencement on the 1st January 1881 to the 31st March 1886.

	NUMBER OF EACH CLASS OF POSTAL ORDERS ISSUED.																TOTAL.	
																	Number.	Value.
	s. d. 1 0	s. d. 1 6	s. d. 2 0	s. d. 2 6	s. d. 3 0	s. d. 3 6	s. d. 4 0	s. d. 4 6	s. d. 5 0	s. d. 7 6	s. d. 10 0	s. d. 10 6	s. d. 12 6	s. d. 15 0	s. d. 17 6	s. d. 20 0	£	s. d.
Quarter ended 31st March 1881	62,589	48,964	—	62,041	—	—	—	—	124,147	40,381	122,745	—	17,953	31,736	11,091	125,312	646,989	292,160 10 0
1881-2	452,823	362,094	—	487,096	—	—	—	—	853,308	262,920	808,736	—	110,691	202,665	60,611	911,978	4,462,920	2,006,917 19 0
1882-3	948,678	759,105	—	825,198	—	—	—	—	1,463,620	440,229	1,330,068	—	181,892	318,709	97,345	1,606,454	7,980,328	3,451,264 0 6
1883-4	1,700,453	1,367,774	—	1,333,656	—	—	—	—	2,164,178	676,193	1,570,993	—	263,745	444,637	143,184	2,318,773	12,286,566	5,028,663 9 0
1884-5	1,407,637	1,068,606	922,180	1,371,127	798,733	406,848	844,563	319,550	3,036,013	902,384	2,916,248	394,789	51,489	818,697	27,476	3,611,521	18,831,164	7,885,347 0 0
1885-6	1,624,421	1,169,449	1,531,407	1,581,562	1,343,562	703,036	1,467,125	565,851	3,987,230	1,146,139	3,874,092	694,680	—	1,127,985	—	4,943,297	25,790,316	10,788,946 2 6
	6,196,401	4,711,025	2,453,587	5,010,680	2,140,206	1,109,884	2,341,688	885,401	11,628,494	3,477,246	10,423,362	1,080,463	628,710	2,944,489	339,707	13,517,303	30,968,273	29,453,309 10 0
RATES OF POUNDAGE.																		
To 31st May 1884.	Poundage.		½d.		—		1d.		—		—		1d.		2d.		2d.	
—	Amount of Order		s. d. 1 0	s. d. 1 6	s. d. 2 0	s. d. 2 6	s. d. 3 0	s. d. 3 6	s. d. 4 0	s. d. 4 6	s. d. 5 0	s. d. 7 6	s. d. 10 0	s. d. 10 6	s. d. 12 6	s. d. 15 0	s. d. 17 6	s. d. 20 0
From 1st June 1884	Poundage.		½d.		—		1d.		—		—		1d.		—		1½d.	

Postal Orders for the sums of 12s. 6d. and 17s. 6d. were abolished on the 31st May 1884.
 Postal Orders for the sums of 2s., 3s., 4s., 5s., 6s., 7s., 8s., 9s., 10s., 11s., 12s., 13s., 14s., 15s., 16s., 17s., 18s., 19s., 20s., 21s., 22s., 23s., 24s., 25s., 26s., 27s., 28s., 29s., 30s., 31s., 32s., 33s., 34s., 35s., 36s., 37s., 38s., 39s., 40s., 41s., 42s., 43s., 44s., 45s., 46s., 47s., 48s., 49s., 50s., 51s., 52s., 53s., 54s., 55s., 56s., 57s., 58s., 59s., 60s., 61s., 62s., 63s., 64s., 65s., 66s., 67s., 68s., 69s., 70s., 71s., 72s., 73s., 74s., 75s., 76s., 77s., 78s., 79s., 80s., 81s., 82s., 83s., 84s., 85s., 86s., 87s., 88s., 89s., 90s., 91s., 92s., 93s., 94s., 95s., 96s., 97s., 98s., 99s., 100s., 101s., 102s., 103s., 104s., 105s., 106s., 107s., 108s., 109s., 110s., 111s., 112s., 113s., 114s., 115s., 116s., 117s., 118s., 119s., 120s., 121s., 122s., 123s., 124s., 125s., 126s., 127s., 128s., 129s., 130s., 131s., 132s., 133s., 134s., 135s., 136s., 137s., 138s., 139s., 140s., 141s., 142s., 143s., 144s., 145s., 146s., 147s., 148s., 149s., 150s., 151s., 152s., 153s., 154s., 155s., 156s., 157s., 158s., 159s., 160s., 161s., 162s., 163s., 164s., 165s., 166s., 167s., 168s., 169s., 170s., 171s., 172s., 173s., 174s., 175s., 176s., 177s., 178s., 179s., 180s., 181s., 182s., 183s., 184s., 185s., 186s., 187s., 188s., 189s., 190s., 191s., 192s., 193s., 194s., 195s., 196s., 197s., 198s., 199s., 200s., 201s., 202s., 203s., 204s., 205s., 206s., 207s., 208s., 209s., 210s., 211s., 212s., 213s., 214s., 215s., 216s., 217s., 218s., 219s., 220s., 221s., 222s., 223s., 224s., 225s., 226s., 227s., 228s., 229s., 230s., 231s., 232s., 233s., 234s., 235s., 236s., 237s., 238s., 239s., 240s., 241s., 242s., 243s., 244s., 245s., 246s., 247s., 248s., 249s., 250s., 251s., 252s., 253s., 254s., 255s., 256s., 257s., 258s., 259s., 260s., 261s., 262s., 263s., 264s., 265s., 266s., 267s., 268s., 269s., 270s., 271s., 272s., 273s., 274s., 275s., 276s., 277s., 278s., 279s., 280s., 281s., 282s., 283s., 284s., 285s., 286s., 287s., 288s., 289s., 290s., 291s., 292s., 293s., 294s., 295s., 296s., 297s., 298s., 299s., 300s., 301s., 302s., 303s., 304s., 305s., 306s., 307s., 308s., 309s., 310s., 311s., 312s., 313s., 314s., 315s., 316s., 317s., 318s., 319s., 320s., 321s., 322s., 323s., 324s., 325s., 326s., 327s., 328s., 329s., 330s., 331s., 332s., 333s., 334s., 335s., 336s., 337s., 338s., 339s., 340s., 341s., 342s., 343s., 344s., 345s., 346s., 347s., 348s., 349s., 350s., 351s., 352s., 353s., 354s., 355s., 356s., 357s., 358s., 359s., 360s., 361s., 362s., 363s., 364s., 365s., 366s., 367s., 368s., 369s., 370s., 371s., 372s., 373s., 374s., 375s., 376s., 377s., 378s., 379s., 380s., 381s., 382s., 383s., 384s., 385s., 386s., 387s., 388s., 389s., 390s., 391s., 392s., 393s., 394s., 395s., 396s., 397s., 398s., 399s., 400s., 401s., 402s., 403s., 404s., 405s., 406s., 407s., 408s., 409s., 410s., 411s., 412s., 413s., 414s., 415s., 416s., 417s., 418s., 419s., 420s., 421s., 422s., 423s., 424s., 425s., 426s., 427s., 428s., 429s., 430s., 431s., 432s., 433s., 434s., 435s., 436s., 437s., 438s., 439s., 440s., 441s., 442s., 443s., 444s., 445s., 446s., 447s., 448s., 449s., 450s., 451s., 452s., 453s., 454s., 455s., 456s., 457s., 458s., 459s., 460s., 461s., 462s., 463s., 464s., 465s., 466s., 467s., 468s., 469s., 470s., 471s., 472s., 473s., 474s., 475s., 476s., 477s., 478s., 479s., 480s., 481s., 482s., 483s., 484s., 485s., 486s., 487s., 488s., 489s., 490s., 491s., 492s., 493s., 494s., 495s., 496s., 497s., 498s., 499s., 500s., 501s., 502s., 503s., 504s., 505s., 506s., 507s., 508s., 509s., 510s., 511s., 512s., 513s., 514s., 515s., 516s., 517s., 518s., 519s., 520s., 521s., 522s., 523s., 524s., 525s., 526s., 527s., 528s., 529s., 530s., 531s., 532s., 533s., 534s., 535s., 536s., 537s., 538s., 539s., 540s., 541s., 542s., 543s., 544s., 545s., 546s., 547s., 548s., 549s., 550s., 551s., 552s., 553s., 554s., 555s., 556s., 557s., 558s., 559s., 560s., 561s., 562s., 563s., 564s., 565s., 566s., 567s., 568s., 569s., 570s., 571s., 572s., 573s., 574s., 575s., 576s., 577s., 578s., 579s., 580s., 581s., 582s., 583s., 584s., 585s., 586s., 587s., 588s., 589s., 590s., 591s., 592s., 593s., 594s., 595s., 596s., 597s., 598s., 599s., 600s., 601s., 602s., 603s., 604s., 605s., 606s., 607s., 608s., 609s., 610s., 611s., 612s., 613s., 614s., 615s., 616s., 617s., 618s., 619s., 620s., 621s., 622s., 623s., 624s., 625s., 626s., 627s., 628s., 629s., 630s., 631s., 632s., 633s., 634s., 635s., 636s., 637s., 638s., 639s., 640s., 641s., 642s., 643s., 644s., 645s., 646s., 647s., 648s., 649s., 650s., 651s., 652s., 653s., 654s., 655s., 656s., 657s., 658s., 659s., 660s., 661s., 662s., 663s., 664s., 665s., 666s., 667s., 668s., 669s., 670s., 671s., 672s., 673s., 674s., 675s., 676s., 677s., 678s., 679s., 680s., 681s., 682s., 683s., 684s., 685s., 686s., 687s., 688s., 689s., 690s., 691s., 692s., 693s., 694s., 695s., 696s., 697s., 698s., 699s., 700s., 701s., 702s., 703s., 704s., 705s., 706s., 707s., 708s., 709s., 710s., 711s., 712s., 713s., 714s., 715s., 716s., 717s., 718s., 719s., 720s., 721s., 722s., 723s., 724s., 725s., 726s., 727s., 728s., 729s., 730s., 731s., 732s., 733s., 734s., 735s., 736s., 737s., 738s., 739s., 740s., 741s., 742s., 743s., 744s., 745s., 746s., 747s., 748s., 749s., 750s., 751s., 752s., 753s., 754s., 755s., 756s., 757s., 758s., 759s., 760s., 761s., 762s., 763s., 764s., 765s., 766s., 767s., 768s., 769s., 770s., 771s., 772s., 773s., 774s., 775s., 776s., 777s., 778s., 779s., 780s., 781s., 782s., 783s., 784s., 785s., 786s., 787s., 788s., 789s., 790s., 791s., 792s., 793s., 794s., 795s., 796s., 797s., 798s., 799s., 800s., 801s., 802s., 803s., 804s., 805s., 806s., 807s., 808s., 809s., 810s., 811s., 812s., 813s., 814s., 815s., 816s., 817s., 818s., 819s., 820s., 821s., 822s., 823s., 824s., 825s., 826s., 827s., 828s., 829s., 830s., 831s., 832s., 833s., 834s., 835s., 836s., 837s., 838s., 839s., 840s., 841s., 842s., 843s., 844s., 845s., 846s., 847s., 848s., 849s., 850s., 851s., 852s., 853s., 854s., 855s., 856s., 857s., 858s., 859s., 860s., 861s., 862s., 863s., 864s., 865s., 866s., 867s., 868s., 869s., 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1011s., 1012s., 1013s., 1014s., 1015s., 1016s., 1017s., 1018s., 1019s., 1020s., 1021s., 1022s., 1023s., 1024s., 1025s., 1026s., 1027s., 1028s., 1029s., 1030s., 1031s., 1032s., 1033s., 1034s., 1035s., 1036s., 1037s., 1038s., 1039s., 1040s., 1041s., 1042s., 1043s., 1044s., 1045s., 1046s., 1047s., 1048s., 1049s., 1050s., 1051s., 1052s., 1053s., 1054s., 1055s., 1056s., 1057s., 1058s., 1059s., 1060s., 1061s., 1062s., 1063s., 1064s., 1065s., 1066s., 1067s., 1068s., 1069s., 1070s., 1071s., 1072s., 1073s., 1074s., 1075s., 1076s., 1077s., 1078s., 1079s., 1080s., 1081s., 1082s., 1083s., 1084s., 1085s., 1086s., 1087s., 1088s., 1089s., 1090s., 1091s., 1092s., 1093s., 1094s., 1095s., 1096s., 1097s., 1098s., 1099s., 1100s., 1101s., 1102s., 1103s., 1104s., 1105s., 1106s., 1107s., 1108s., 1109s., 1110s., 1111s., 1112s., 1113s., 1114s., 1115s., 1116s., 1117s., 1118s., 1119s., 1120s., 1121s., 1122s., 1123s., 1124s., 1125s., 1126s., 1127s., 1128s., 1129s., 1130s., 1131s., 1132s., 1133s., 1134s., 1135s., 1136s., 1137s., 1138s., 1139s., 1140s., 1141s., 1142s., 1143s., 1144s., 1145s., 1146s., 1147s., 1148s., 1149s., 1150s., 1151s., 1152s., 1153s., 1154s., 1155s., 1156s., 1157s., 1158s., 1159s., 1160s., 1161s., 1162s., 1163s., 1164s., 1165s., 1166s., 1167s., 1168s., 1169s., 1170s., 1171s., 1172s., 1173s., 1174s., 1175s., 1176s., 1177s., 1178s., 1179s., 1180s., 1181s., 1182s., 1183s., 1184s., 1185s., 1186s., 1187s., 1188s., 1189s., 1190s., 1191s., 1192s., 1193s., 1194s., 1195s., 1196s., 1197s., 1198s., 1199s., 1200s., 1201s., 1202s., 1203s., 1204s., 1205s., 1206s., 1207s., 1208s., 1209s., 1210s., 1211s., 1212s., 1213s., 1214s., 1215s., 1216s., 1217s., 1218s., 1219s., 1220s., 1221s., 1222s., 1223s., 1224s., 1225s., 1226s., 1227s., 1228s., 1229s., 1230s., 1231s., 1232s., 1233s., 1234s., 1235s., 1236s., 1237s., 1238s., 1239s., 1240s., 1241s., 1242s., 1243s., 1244s., 1245s., 1246s., 1247s., 1248s., 1249s., 1250s., 1251s., 1252s., 1253s., 1254s., 1255s., 1256s., 1257s., 1258s., 1259s., 1260s., 1261s., 1262s., 1263s., 1264s., 1265s., 1266s., 1267s., 1268s., 1269s., 1270s., 1271s., 1272s., 1273s., 1274s., 1275s., 1276s., 1277s., 1278s., 1279s., 1280s., 1281s., 1282s., 1283s., 1284s., 1285s., 1286s., 1287s., 1288s., 1289s., 1290s., 1291s., 1292s., 1293s., 1294s., 1295s., 1296s., 1297s., 1298s., 1299s., 1300s., 1301s., 1302s., 1303s., 1304s., 1305s., 1306s., 1307s., 1308s., 1309s., 1310s., 1311s., 1312s., 1313s., 1314s., 1315s., 1316s., 1317s., 1318s., 1319s., 1320s., 1321s., 1322s., 1323s., 1324s., 1325s., 1326s., 1327s., 1328s., 1329s., 1330s., 1331s., 1332s., 1333s., 1334s., 1335s., 1336s., 1337s., 1338s., 1339s., 1340s., 1341s., 1342s., 1343s., 1344s., 1345s., 1346s., 1347s., 1348s., 1349s., 1350s., 1351s., 1352s., 1353s., 1354s., 1355s., 1356s., 1357s., 1358s., 1359s., 1360s., 1361s., 1362s., 1363s., 1364s., 1365s., 1366s., 1367s., 1368s., 1369s., 1370s., 1371s., 1372s., 1373s., 1374s., 1375s., 1376s., 1377s., 1378s., 1379s., 1380s., 1381s., 1382s., 1383s., 1384s., 1385s., 1386s., 1387s., 1388s., 1389s., 1390s., 1391s., 1392s., 1393s., 1394s., 1395s., 1396s., 1397s., 1398s., 1399s., 1400s., 1401s., 1402s., 1

Official Correspondence.

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Appendix M.—continued.

Appendix B.

NAMES OF OFFICES.

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.													
Home Office	oz.	£	oz.	£	oz.	£	£	£	£	oz.	£	£							
Inland Revenue	1,370,317	4,766	302	12,299	2,024,304	13	13	—	—	1,377,119	4,707	4,770							
Inspector of Fisheries	11,525,013	40,306	4,177,725	361	82,423	470	470	37	53	18,627,032	61,907	62,467							
Fish Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	82,423	361	361							
Land Commissioners	106,342	445	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	106,342	445	445							
Loan Fund Board	54,415	246	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	54,415	245	246							
Local Government Board	2,060,476	8,788	—	—	6,368	—	—	—	—	2,510,505	10,659	10,683							
Lord Lieutenant and Private Secretary	—	—	—	—	436,119	183	24	—	—	2,510,505	10,659	10,683							
Mercantile Marine Board	77,913	342	—	—	42,705	183	—	—	—	42,705	183	183							
Merchant Seamen, Registrar of	513,430	2,109	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	513,430	2,109	2,109							
National Debt Office	38,284	176	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	38,284	176	176							
Ordnance Survey	83,552	358	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	120,483	515	515							
Patent Office	261,382	655	—	—	36,931	157	—	—	—	261,382	655	655							
Paymaster of Civil Services	—	—	—	—	14,678	66	—	—	—	14,678	66	66							
Paymaster General	67,388	344	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	67,388	344	344							
Privy Council Office, Dublin	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2							
Public Record Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—							
Quartermaster General	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—							
Queen's Remembrancer	—	—	17,847	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,625	15	15							
Registrar House	—	—	63,186	79	10,475	46	—	—	—	10,475	46	46							
Registrar General	865,909	3,145	331,717	210	—	—	5	—	—	17,847	79	81							
Registrar of Friendly Societies	11,479	512	8,297	32	254,128	146	15	—	—	63,186	210	215							
Registrar at Petty Sessions, Clerks	—	—	—	—	2,417	11	—	—	90	1,451,794	4,671	4,906							
Royal Mint	2,690	10	—	—	74,105	337	—	—	—	124,793	555	555							
Science and Art Department	1,952,298	8,203	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	74,105	337	363							
Scotch Education Departments	74,525	330	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,090	10	10							
Secretary of State for Scotland	9,663	45	—	—	—	—	63	—	—	1,952,298	8,203	8,203							
Solicitor General	2,063	9	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	74,525	330	334							
Stationery Office	777,310	1,065	—	—	27,244	117	—	—	—	9,663	45	45							
Treasury	478,344	2,040	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,063	9	9							
Valuation Office	2,553,968	17,959	—	—	32,673	143	61	—	16	804,554	1,183	1,290							
War Office	91,876	383	—	—	104,624	463	—	—	—	478,344	2,040	2,040							
Works and Buildings, Commissioners of	167,953	709	—	—	—	—	208	—	5	32,673	143	145							
TOTALS	32,502,158	143,408	4,818,691	10,844	5,906,560	25,235	1,407	40	266	2,969,161	18,544	18,762							
										91,876	383	385							
										167,953	709	710							
										45,330,409	179,487	181,900							

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.	Contracts.	Miles.	Instruments.	Rentals.†
*At the 31st March 1870	-	-	-	£ s. d.	732	2,525	1,773	£ s. d.
1870-71	44	62	198	1,586 6 0	776	2,587	1,971	20,992 10 6
1871-72	86	270	166	3,530 11 0	862	2,857	2,137	22,573 16 6
1872-73	165	674	399	6,590 8 6	1,027	3,531	2,586	26,109 7 6
1873-74	239	702	883	8,520 12 0	1,266	4,283	3,369	32,699 16 0
1874-75	176	657	807	6,675 14 0	1,442	4,890	4,176	41,920 8 0
1875-76	140	351	340	3,874 1 0	1,582	5,241	4,516	47,896 2 0
1876-77	105	466	389	4,581 18 0	1,687	5,707	4,855	51,770 3 0
1877-78	143	273	444	3,770 4 0	1,830	5,980	5,299	56,352 1 0
1878-79	59	402	357	3,183 5 6	1,889	6,382	5,656	60,122 5 0
1879-80	-	1,218	358	3,455 17 1	1,889	7,600	6,009	63,805 10 6
1880-81	56	1,435	317	7,771 9 2	1,945	9,055	6,326	66,761 7 7
1881-82	293	2,000	656	14,203 6 0	2,238	11,035	6,982	74,532 16 9
1882-83	452	1,384	766	12,787 13 6	2,690	12,439	7,748	88,796 2 9
1883-84	412	1,768	1,113	12,109 16 4	3,102	14,207	8,861	101,523 16 3
1884-85	183	1,129	110	7,249 4 4	3,285	15,336	8,971	113,633 12 7
1885-86	122	919	208	5,615 5 9	3,407	16,255	9,179	120,882 16 11
								126,498 2 8

* 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 DURING THE LAST TEN YEARS.

Year.	Brewers.			Dogs.		Male Servants at 1s. each.	Carriages.				Hackney Carriages.	
	At 9s. each.	At 6s. each.	At 4s. each.	At 5s. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.		At 42s. each.	At 13s. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.	At 21s. each.	At 15s. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.
1876-77 -	-	-	-	847,609	-	61,304	30,060	81,107	-	-	-	-
1877-78 -	-	-	-	890,056	-	57,152	37,127	82,788	-	-	-	-
1878-79 -	-	-	-	82,037	668,918	53,855	37,060	80,998	-	-	-	-
1879-80 -	-	-	-	-	655,633	62,792	46,633	103,034	-	-	-	-
1880-81 -	-	65,176	-	-	633,960	70,252	59,784	138,800	-	-	-	-
1881-82 -	6,655	96,423	-	-	646,363	84,063	65,754	156,704	-	-	-	-
1882-83 -	6,387	84,793	-	-	653,650	83,722	74,312	175,171	-	-	-	-
1883-84 -	6,330	81,122	-	-	682,682	96,513	78,530	188,043	-	-	-	-
1884-85 -	6,046	75,060	-	-	710,206	100,524	74,371	194,792	708	185	1,913	77
1885-86 -	5,753	23,062	62,003	-	724,986	101,331	72,997	102,330	624	191	13	-

APPENDIX O.—*continued.***Inland Revenue Licenses.**

NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION OF LICENSES issued by the Post Office during the last Ten Years.

Year.	Armorial Bearings.		Guns at 10s. each.	Game.			Game Keepers at 40s. each.	Total Number.	Revenue. £ s. d.
	At 4s. each.	At 21s. each.		Red at 60s.	Blue and Green at 40s.	Occasional at 20s.			
1876-77	5,713	11,279	86,654	14	—	—	1	1,180,241	462,857 15 0
1877-78	5,654	11,835	85,859	11	—	—	1	1,210,453	482,700 7 0
1878-79	5,656	11,934	92,208	14	—	—	—	1,053,500	520,993 11 0
1879-80	6,403	14,471	87,728	7	2	—	2	979,355	543,823 5 6
1880-81	7,806	18,443	89,253	5,233	717	—	610	1,101,108	645,531 16 6
1881-82	8,556	20,080	94,507	8,031	1,203	—	763	1,176,534	706,181 8 0
1882-83	9,008	21,030	102,250	13,987	1,757	—	1,489	1,243,457	774,117 16 0
1883-84	9,180	23,076	108,792	16,377	1,533	1,561	1,890	1,297,769	818,703 2 0
1884-85	9,251	23,415	119,735	19,565	2,118	2,129	2,053	1,345,104	844,574 1 6
1885-86	9,254	24,149	127,042	20,969	2,943	2,298	2,277	1,372,326	850,191 4 0

APPENDIX F.

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

Year.	COST OF COLLECTION AND DELIVERY OF MANAGEMENT, AND OF MONEY ORDER AND POSTAL ORDER BUSINESS.					COST OF CONVEYANCE OF MAILS.										Total Cost of Post Office Service.
	Salaries, Wages, Pensions, Travelling Allowances, Pounds on Sale of Stamps, (Commission on Money Order and Postal Order) Business, Cost of Uniform Clothing, of Medical Attendance, or Subsidies during Holidays or Sickness, and Amount of Official Postage, Law Charges, and Incidental Expenses.	Manufacture of Stamped Stamps, Post Cards, and Stamped Newspaper Wrappers.	Stationery.	Buildings and Repairs, Rents, Rates, Taxes, Fuel, and Light.	Total Cost of Collection, Delivery, and Management, and of Money Order and Postal Order Business.	Conveyance by Coaches, Carts, and Omnibuses.	Conveyance by Railways.	Mail Bags and Boxes, Tolls, and Ferry-charge, Apparatus for Exchange of Bags conveyed by Railway, and Miscellaneous Expenses.	Conveyance of Mails by Packets under Contract, and by private Ships.	Conveyance of Mails over Isthmuses of Suez and Panama and in other Foreign Ports, and Salaries of Admiralty Agents and other Officers in charge of Foreign and Colonial Mails.	Total Cost of Conveyance.	Conveyance of Savings Bank Correspondence.	Net Cost of Conveyance.			
1876-77	6,045,876	92,161	48,925	206,488	2,393,475	171,370	684,465	24,341	779,426	16,825	1,076,531	32,565(a)	1,076,531	4,070,006		
1877-78	2,116,715	96,637	43,160	179,912	2,436,424	173,433	692,140	23,048	679,426	16,714	1,584,761	244,874(b)	1,554,196	3,990,020		
1878-79	2,177,569	103,640	45,012	156,968	2,483,184	177,748	697,069	23,843	684,957	16,149	1,601,768	31,853	1,550,892	3,840,076		
1879-80	2,213,412	108,151	43,588	169,238	2,504,380	181,703	701,070	24,737	684,620	16,093	1,586,222	38,732	1,547,488	4,000,768		
1880-81	2,281,551	107,862	46,482	143,051	2,572,336	184,416	707,436	32,327	685,446	16,450	1,602,075	38,675	1,563,399	4,135,059		
1881-82	2,383,676	107,862	44,244	152,113	2,577,885	186,976	714,124	32,066	687,876	16,425	1,587,486	35,632	1,551,854	4,296,596		
1882-83	2,613,951	117,735	39,789	207,172	2,978,777	190,342	732,821	30,495	687,870	14,716	1,490,233	38,566	1,451,667	4,545,398		
1883-84	2,967,696	134,889	58,093	267,576	3,448,064	263,811	746,419	62,063	654,876	14,912	1,745,301	40,120	1,705,181	5,154,829		
1884-85	3,601,925	141,800	53,306	304,627	3,501,058	290,444	758,213	47,323	610,919	16,276	1,766,275	41,470	1,724,805	5,317,213		
1885-86	3,250,182	154,270	52,743	234,334	3,671,429	290,453	638,010	64,412	658,201	15,550	1,536,763	41,470	1,495,293	5,456,724		

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

(b) The arrears in respect of the Cost of Savings Bank Correspondence from 1st April 1868 to 31st March 1877 inclusive, viz., 214,481., were charged to the Savings Bank Department in the year 1878-9.

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.				
1876-7	£ 5,782,053	£ 229,308	£ -	£ 5,731	£ 6,017,072	£ 4,070,006	£ 1,947,066
1877-8	5,798,301	242,463	-	6,045	6,047,313	3,890,820	2,056,493
1878-9	6,010,306	258,063	-	6,051	6,274,460	3,840,078	2,434,382
1879-80	6,300,730	251,569	-	6,146	6,558,445	4,060,768	2,497,687
1880-81	6,478,696	246,053	-	4,943	6,733,427	4,153,668	2,580,769
1881-82	6,770,528	228,947	3,750 (a)	3,784	7,027,600	4,293,368	2,734,232
1882-83	7,034,563	217,686	25,637	3,800	7,300,860	4,545,368	2,755,492
1883-84	7,485,506	209,704	65,945	4,900	7,764,535	5,114,380	2,650,155
1884-85	7,629,320	186,719	82,567	4,300	7,908,406	5,317,213	2,591,193
1885-86	7,896,398	166,568	114,538	3,600	8,170,604 (b)	5,486,724	2,683,880
Average Annual Net Revenue of first period of Five Years		-	-	-	-	-	£2,902,717
Ditto second period of Five Years		-	-	-	-	-	£2,675,533

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

(b) Postal Revenue as per Finance Accounts: 8,162,631.

Add Unclaimed Money Orders: 3,600.

" Extra Receipts: 4,353.

7,953.

8,170,004.

APPENDIX R.

GROSS and NET REVENUE derived from the TELEGRAPH SERVICE in the last TEN YEARS.

Year ended 31st March.	Gross Revenue from Messages and from Wires rented by Cable Companies.	News Produce and Special Wire Rentals.	Private Wire Rentals.	Miscel- laneous.	Extra Receipts.	Total Revenue collected. (a)	Payments out		Total Telegraph Revenue. ↓	Working Expenses charged to the Telegraph Vote. (c)	Net Revenue.
							To Cable Companies. (b)	For Portage and Message Money refunded.			
1877	£ 1,474,814	£ 65,041	£ 58,942	£ 8,253	£ 14,549	£ 1,621,599	£ 306,592	£ 1,900	£ 1,318,107	£ 1,128,790	£ 189,317
1878	1,486,990	64,367	58,329	8,087	16,074	1,633,847	298,059	2,246	1,335,542	1,164,114	169,428
1879	1,448,043	71,813	62,010	8,555	13,166	1,603,587	254,550	2,145	1,346,892	1,089,392	257,500
1880	1,549,866	76,369	66,349	9,769	14,475	1,716,728	261,861	2,378	1,452,489	1,111,483	341,006
1881	1,663,251	85,081	67,747	13,787	17,960	1,847,726	284,108	2,716	1,610,907	1,242,092	368,815
1882	1,697,552	87,233	72,481	25,090	13,644	1,896,000	282,498	3,064	1,630,443	1,365,683	264,810
1883	1,781,617	97,989	84,429	29,517	15,515	2,009,067	265,860	3,144	1,740,063	1,504,204	235,859
1884	1,779,997	99,825	94,958	32,179	12,970	2,019,924	255,408	3,617	1,760,899	1,709,644	51,255
1885	1,789,610	98,637	97,448	41,046	15,533	2,042,274	283,521	3,635	1,755,118	1,730,980	24,138
1886	1,708,976	103,415	100,802	61,659	13,113	1,987,965	225,174	3,622	1,758,169	1,732,826	25,343

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

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

(c) The working expenses are those shown in the Appropriation Accounts of the Post Office Telegraphs Vote, and do not include the Telegraph Expenditure charged to the Votes of other Departments.

Note.—The initial charge for Telegrams was reduced from one shilling to sixpence on the 1st of October 1885.

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