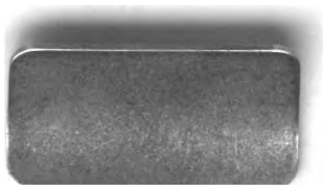

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THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT.

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-fourth Annual Report on the Post Office, being the Report for the year ended the 31st of March 1888.

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

—	Number estimated.	Increase per cent.	Average Number to each Person.
Letters - - -	1,512,200,000	3·6	41
Post Cards - - -	188,800,000	4·8	5
Book Packets and Circulars -	389,500,000	5·6	10
Newspapers - - -	152,300,000	·8	4
Total - - -	2,242,800,000	3·8	60
Parcels - - -	36,732,000	11·8	1
Grand Total - - -	2,279,532,000	3·9	61

Of the total number of letters, &c. delivered about 85 per cent. were delivered in England and Wales (28 per cent. being delivered in the London Postal district alone), 9·0 per cent. in Scotland, and 6·0 per cent. in Ireland.

The number of registered letters was 10,814,722, an increase of 0·3 per cent.

New Post Offices have been opened in 396 places, and about New Offices, 973 letter boxes have been added, making the total number of &c. receptacles 36,750, of which 17,587 are Post Offices.

A sum of nearly 84,500*l.* was expended upon the purchase of sites for Post Office buildings during the year. Of this amount about 35,200*l.* was expended on sites in London, and about 49,200*l.* on sites in the Provinces. These sums include, among other items, 33,711*l.* spent for completing the purchase of the site of the new buildings for the General Post Office, North, in London, and 30,308*l.* for the purchase of the Athenæum in Glasgow for the enlargement of the Post Office in that city. Besides this, the Office of Works expended about 118,000*l.* on new Post Office buildings in England, Wales, and Scotland, and on the maintenance and enlargement of existing offices, while a

further sum of about 10,300*l.* was expended in a similar manner by the Board of Public Works in Ireland.

New Crown Post Offices have been completed at Aldershot Camp, Bradford (Yorks), Douglas (Isle of Man), Halifax, Redditch, Romford, and Tralee; besides many Branch and Sorting Offices.

The new Telegraph Factory at Bovay Place, Holloway, was also completed during the year. Progress is being made with the new General Post Office, North, and with the enlargement of the Central Savings Bank buildings. Much relief has been afforded in the Sorting Offices of the General Post Office by the transfer of the Parcel sorting to the old prison buildings at Cold-bath Fields, where a site of about $7\frac{1}{2}$ acres, very conveniently situated, has been acquired. It is intended to transfer several other branches of the Post Office business to this site as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made.

Staff.

The total number of Officers on the permanent establishment of the Department is about 56,460; the number added during the year having been 1,609. The number of females included in this total is 3,872, employed as follows:—

As Clerks in the Central Establishments
in London, Dublin, and Edinburgh - 751

As Telegraphists, Counter-women, Sorters,
&c. throughout the kingdom - 3,121

Besides the foregoing, there are, it is estimated, about 48,900 persons employed by local Postmasters, &c. throughout the country to aid in carrying on the business of the Department, of whom about 16,000 are females. Most of these persons have private occupations and are employed on postal duty for a few hours only in the day.

The list of retired officers in receipt of pensions shows a total of 3,319, whose pensions amount to 177,135*l.* a year.

The conduct and general health of the staff continue to be satisfactory.

New Mails.

Under a new contract an acceleration has been effected in the Day Mail Service to Downpatrick, Newcastle, Donaghadee, Bangor, and other towns on the Belfast and County Down Railway. The new lines of railway to Bodmin and Helston have been utilised for conveying the Mails. The Down Night Mail to Dolgelly has been accelerated, and between Bath and Bournemouth a new Night Mail train has been established.

In Scotland arrangements have been made for the Mail Packet between Skye and Strome Ferry, which now runs six days a week in Summer and three days a week in Winter, to be continued six days a week throughout the year, and the Mail Packet Service between Strome Ferry and Stornoway has been similarly improved; while a new service by packet has been established thrice a week between Portree and Dunvegan.

Inland Sample
Post.

An Inland Sample Post was established on the 1st of October last, and from a return kept in London it appears that during

the first six months 441,784 articles were posted in London for transmission under this system, and 43,742 were received for delivery.

The Parcel Post business has increased largely. The total number of parcels posted during the year was 36,731,786, an increase of nearly 12 per cent. on the previous year, apportioned thus:—England and Wales, 30,363,773; Scotland, 3,881,895; Ireland, 2,486,118. Parcel Post.

The subjoined Table gives a comparison between the business conducted in 1884-5, 1885-6, 1886-7, and 1887-8:

Yrs.	—	Number of Parcels.	Postage.			Average Postage per Parcel.	
			Gross Amount.	55 per cent. on Railway-borne Parcels paid to Railway Companies.	Post Office Share.	Gross.	Post Office Share.
			£	£	£	d.	d.
1884-5	Railway-borne and Road-borne.	22,910,040	506,247	256,572	251,675	5'32	2'63
1885-6	" " "	26,417,397	591,945	298,948	292,997	5'38	2'06
1886-7	" " "	32,800,154	719,112	358,254	360,858	5'25	2'64
1887-8	" " "	36,731,786	811,764	401,295	410,469	5'30	2'68

A Parcel Service by coach was established between London and Brighton on the 1st of June 1887, and the result has been so satisfactory that it is intended to extend the system in other directions. The Parcel Post continues to be much used for the transmission of flowers, game, &c. It is calculated that over 12,000 parcels, containing upwards of 45,000 grouse, were received in London last Autumn, and in the month of March, vegetables in considerable quantities arrived in parcels from Algiers while it was also noticed that in one week 3,787 parcels containing hats were posted in London alone. As an illustration of the use made of this service by certain firms, it may be mentioned that two firms in London each posted 70,000 parcels at one time, while a third posted 5,000 parcels. The total postage paid on these parcels amounted to 1,875*l*. In connexion with the increased facilities for the transmission of watches and jewellery by the Inland Registered Letter Post, parcels containing articles of this description are no longer insured when sent by Parcel Post, nor is compensation for their loss or damage paid.

The Foreign and Colonial Parcel Post has been extended to Beyrout, Bulgaria, Cameroons, Colombia, Costa Rica, Danish West Indies, Dutch East Indies, France, and the French Colonies and Possessions, Gambia, Gold Coast, Lagos, Portugal (including Azores, and Madeira), Servia, Sierra Leone, Spain, Turkey (French and Austrian Agencies), and Parcels can now be transmitted *vid*

France to Italy and Switzerland as well as *via* Germany, and to Turkey and Egypt in addition to the route *via* Gibraltar. The maximum weight for Parcels to Canada has been raised from 3 lbs. to 4 lbs., and there is now a Parcel Post weekly, instead of fortnightly to Ceylon, Singapore, and China.

Foreign and
Colonial Mails.

The new contract between the Post Office and the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company for the mail service between the United Kingdom and India and China, to which I referred in my report of last year, came into force on the 1st of February 1888. Under this contract an increased rate of speed at sea has been effected, and the total cost of the service has been reduced by 107,000*l.* a year.

In the course of last year the Post Office was engaged in negotiations with French and Italian Postal Administrations with the view of obtaining a reduction in the transit rates paid to those departments for the conveyance of the mails to and from the East through France and Italy by the special accelerated train service. The result was that a sensible reduction was obtained, representing a saving of about 20,000*l.* a year, and that other not unimportant concessions were made by the French and Italian post offices.

A postal service to the Transvaal *via* Natal has been established by which specially addressed correspondence can be forwarded from the United Kingdom to the South African Republic at the lower rates of postage applicable to correspondence for Natal itself.

The Canadian Post Office having established provisionally a mail service from Montreal to Japan and China, advantage is being taken of this additional means of forwarding correspondence for those countries, pending the settlement of the question of establishing on a solid basis this important line of communication with the far East through Her Majesty's Western Dominions.

In addition to the night mail between Queenborough and Flushing, a day mail packet was provided by the Dutch Government from the 1st of June last, thus affording a further opportunity for the despatch of Mails from this Country for Holland, the North of Germany, and other parts of Europe.

The question of sending correspondence to Australia by long sea route at a cheaper rate of postage than is required for the route *via* Brindisi has occupied my attention, but the necessary arrangements with the Colonial Post Offices concerned are not yet completed.

Returned
Letters.

The number of Letters, Post Cards, Book Packets, Newspapers, Parcels, &c., received in the Returned Letter Offices was 13,436,600, being a net decrease of 785,387. This decrease is chiefly owing, no doubt, to the fact that the correspondence of 1886-7 was abnormally large in consequence of the general election. It is also attributable probably in part to the increase of education, which causes letter writers to exercise more care and accuracy in

addressing letters than was formerly the case. Of the total number received, 412,122 were unreturnable; 175,408 were registered or contained enclosures of value, and 25,726 were wholly unaddressed. Of these unaddressed letters, 1,553 contained money and cheques, &c., amounting to 7,111*l*.

The careless and insecure manner in which the public send articles through the post is shown by the facts that no less than 24,727 articles of all sorts, including 289 coins, were received, having escaped from their wrappers or covers, and that the addresses had become detached, through insufficient fastening, from 4,578 parcels, many of which contained matter of a perishable nature, which was thus lost to the owners.

The Christmas work was heavier than usual last winter, especially at the Chief Office in London. It is estimated that upwards of 41 millions of letters, parcels, &c. over and above the usual numbers were dealt with in London during the Christmas season. One Institution alone is known to have posted 1,350,000 circulars during December. The additional number of parcels in London is estimated at about 700,000. In order to enable this great influx of extra matter to be dealt with, the regular staff was supplemented by 3,095 persons temporarily employed for a few weeks; and the ordinary force of 435 Mail vehicles in London was increased by 370 vehicles. Baskets, boxes, bags, barrels, &c. for parcels were provided to the number of over 47,500. Notwithstanding this large addition of force and materials, the provision made was only sufficient to enable the enormous increase of work to be fairly met within proper limits of time. Christmas Work.

The business of the Post Office Savings Bank shows a considerable increase. During the year ended the 31st of December 1887 the deposits numbered 6,916,327; the amount being 16,535,932*l*., as compared with 6,562,395 deposits, amounting to 15,696,852*l*., the year before, being an increase of 353,932 in number and 839,080*l*. in amount. Post Office Savings Bank.

There were 2,496,294 withdrawals, amounting to 14,680,279*l*., as compared with 2,390,655, amounting to 13,689,943*l*. in 1886; an increase of 105,639 in number and 990,336*l*. in amount.

The sum credited to depositors for interest was 1,244,074*l*.; an increase of 74,484*l*. over the previous year.

The total amount standing to the credit of depositors at the end of the year was 53,974,065*l*., being an increase of 3,099,727*l*. over last year. This total is exclusive of the sum of 3,345,106*l*. Government Stock held by Depositors.

The number of Post Office Savings Bank Offices was increased by 369 during the year, viz., 307 in England and Wales, 42 in Scotland, and 20 in Ireland, making the total number on the 31st of December 8,720. Of these, 871 are in the London District;

183 in Manchester; 120 in Birmingham; 108 in Liverpool; and 94 in Glasgow.

The greatest number of deposits made in one day was 54,267, on the 31st of December, on which day the largest amount was also received, viz, 152,972*l*.

The greatest number of withdrawals on one day was 19,971, amounting to 68,796*l*., on the 20th of December, but the largest amount withdrawn on one day was 80,864*l*., which was withdrawn on the 15th of December.

The daily average number of deposits was 22,676, and the amount 54,216*l*.; and of withdrawals, 8,184, amounting to 48,132*l*.

The average amount of each deposit was 2*l*. 7*s*. 10*d*., being the same as in 1886. The average amount of each withdrawal was 5*l*. 17*s*. 7*d*., as compared with 5*l*. 14*s*. 6*d*. the year before.

The number of new accounts opened during the year was 794,592, as compared with 758,270 in 1886; and the accounts closed were 574,252 as compared with 562,499.

The number of accounts remaining open at the end of the year was 3,951,761, distributed as follows:—

—	Number.	Proportion to Population.	Average Balance due to each Depositor.
England and Wales - -	3,653,232	1 to 8	£ s. d. 13 13 2
Scotland - - -	139,681	1 to 29	8 3 7
Ireland - - -	158,848	1 to 31	18 9 3

An Act (50 & 51 Vict. c. 40.) was passed in September 1887 to grant further facilities in the transaction of Savings Bank business, which will come into operation as soon as the regulations to be framed in accordance with it have been approved by Parliament. This Act confers increased powers on the Postmaster General for making regulations respecting the transfer of moneys from one account to another, the payment of the moneys of deceased depositors under nomination, &c., and also contains provisions for lessening the expense of obtaining certificates of births, deaths, and marriages required in connexion with Post Office Savings Bank business, &c., together with other provisions relating to Government Stock investments (among other things, reducing the minimum sum for investment or sale from 10*l*. to one shilling) and to life insurances and annuities.

There was a large increase in the Government Stock investment business during the year, the investments numbering

18,204, and amounting to 915,047*l.*, as compared with 16,563 investments, amounting to 841,121*l.*, in 1886, while the sales numbered 10,216, and amounted to 462,785*l.*, as compared with 8,918 sales, amounting to 389,965*l.* the year before; being an increase as regards investments of 1,641 in number and 73,926*l.* in amount; and as regards sales of 1,298 in number and 72,820*l.* in amount. The number of Stock Certificates obtained was 50 for 5,500*l.* stock, as compared with 59 certificates for 7,300*l.* in 1886.

The total amount of stock held by depositors at the close of the year was 3,345,106*l.*, held by 40,270 depositors. This was an increase of 4,965 in the number of stockholders and of 448,165*l.* in the amount of stock, as compared with the year 1886. The average amount of stock held by each person was 83*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.*, as compared with 82*l.* 1*s.* 1*d.* in 1886.

The Life Insurance and Annuity business shows a slight increase. The number of Life Insurance Contracts granted was 585 for 36,168*l.*, as compared with 506 for 34,188*l.* in 1886, and the number of Immediate Annuities purchased was 912 amounting to 19,299*l.*, as compared with 823 Annuities for 17,388*l.* in the year before. The deferred Annuities were 90 in number and 1,628*l.* in amount, as compared with 87 amounting to 1,772*l.* in 1886. The Board of Trade purchased 103 Annuities for 350*l.*, as compared with 105 for 357*l.* in the previous year.

The following table shows the number of contracts in existence on the 31st of December 1887* :—

Immediate Annuities.	Deferred Annuities.	Life Insurances.
9,996	917	5,859

The effects of the reduction of the rates of commission on Inland Money Orders, made on the 1st of September 1886, are becoming more apparent every year, and there was an increase of 618,968*l.* in the amount of the Inland Orders last year, as compared with an increase of only 287,363*l.* the year before and a decrease of 1,561,354*l.* in the year 1885–86, while the falling off in the numbers of Orders was 209,785 only, as compared with a falling off of 595,731 in the previous year. Money Orders.

The total number of Inland Orders was 9,552,777, and the total amount 22,881,676*l.*, as compared with 9,762,562 Orders amounting to 22,262,708*l.* in 1886–7.

* Further particulars as to the business of the Post Office Savings Bank will be found in Appendix "J," pp. 33 to 43.

In the Colonial and Foreign Money Orders the usual increase was fully maintained last year, the increase in these classes of Orders having been over 141,200 in number and over 360,000*l.* in amount.

Postal Orders. The Postal Order business also shows a large increase; the amount transmitted by this means having been 14,696,000*l.*, or 1,737,000*l.* more than in 1886-7. The number of Orders issued was upwards of 36,300,000.

The amount transmitted within the United Kingdom during the year by means of Money Orders and Postal Orders taken together was upwards of 37,577,000*l.*

Table of
Postal Re-
ceipts and Net
Expenditure.

The subjoined table shows briefly the Post Office Receipts as compared with the Net Expenditure, and also the Expenditure incurred by other Departments for the Post Office, during the last seven years :—

Year.	Receipts.	EXPENDITURE.		Total.	Balance.
		Charged to Post Office Account.	By other Departments on behalf of the Post Office.		
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
1881-2 - -	7,027,600	4,014,885	271,711	4,286,596	2,741,004
1882-3 - -	7,300,960	4,245,790	299,608	4,545,398	2,755,562
1883-4 - -	7,764,855	4,379,285	275,544	5,154,829	2,610,026
1884-5 - -	7,906,406	5,104,335	212,878	5,317,213	2,589,193
1885-6 - -	8,170,604	5,250,029	236,695	5,486,724	2,683,880
1886-7 - -	8,471,196	5,662,145	217,906	5,880,141	2,591,057
1887-8 - -	8,705,337	5,740,674	193,146	5,933,820	2,771,517

Telegraphs.

The total number of Telegraph Messages forwarded during the year was 53,403,425, being an increase of 3,159,786 over last year. The reduced rate having been in operation the whole of the year 1886-7, it is possible to compare the results for two years as regards Inland Telegraph Messages, and, excluding Railway, Press, Foreign, and Official Messages, the figures are as follows :—

Year.	Number of Messages.	Increase per cent.	Amount.	Increase per cent.
1886-7 - - -	40,137,173	--	<i>£</i> 1,351,167	—
1887-8 - - -	43,012,997	—	1,433,348	—
Increase - -	2,865,796	7.45	82,181	6

The London local messages show an increase of 13·8 per cent., the total number being 4,337,907.

The following table gives a comparison of figures for seven years, which brings out in a convenient form the expenditure by this Department, and also the amounts paid by other Departments, on account of the Telegraph Service, and also shows the deficit on each year :—

Year.	Receipts.	EXPENDITURE.		Total.	Annual Interest on Capital.	Deficit.
		By Telegraph Department charged to Post Office.	By other Departments.			
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1881-2	1,654,390	1,366,632	74,866	1,440,498	326,417	112,525
1882-3	1,768,070	1,504,304	79,673	1,583,977	326,417	142,224
1883-4	1,789,223	1,709,644	99,276	1,808,920	326,417	346,114
1884-5	1,784,414	1,731,040	89,724	1,820,764	326,417	362,767
1885-6	1,787,264	1,733,104	99,297	1,832,401	326,417	371,564
1886-7	1,887,160	1,839,764	92,868	2,032,632	326,417	471,889
1887-8	1,962,185	1,923,169	63,008	1,991,167	326,417	325,399

New Telegraph Offices have been opened at 257 Post Offices and at 39 Railway Stations throughout the United Kingdom, making the total number of such offices 6,810. Three additional Telephone Exchanges were opened by the Department during the year, and the number of subscribers was increased by 92. The total number of subscribers on the 31st of March was 1,370, and the amount of the subscriptions was 26,417*l*. It was stated in the last report that the use of copper wire had been resorted to and was likely to prove advantageous; but the further use of such wire has been prevented for the present by the abnormal rise in the price of copper.

The process of placing the wires underground wherever possible has been considerably extended, and of the 1,745 lines of wire entering the Central Station in London not one is open. In many cases the wires are conducted underground for distances of 12 to 22 miles from this Office.

The celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee last summer caused an immense increase in telegraph work in London, amounting to nearly 60 per cent. over the ordinary average, and on the day preceding the Jubilee Ceremony no less than 30,597 local messages were transmitted through the Central Station, the total number of messages dealt with on that day in the Central Office being 124,291.

Revenue and
Expenditure

The gross revenue for the year, including Savings Bank business, was 11,064,745*l.*, arrived at thus :—

Postage on letters, parcels, postcards,	£	£
newspapers, &c.	-	8,409,212
Commission on Money Orders	- 133,446	
Commission on Postal Orders	- 159,879	
Value of Unclaimed Money Orders	- 2,800	
		<u>296,125</u>
Savings Bank	-	367,223
Revenue from Telegraphs	-	1,992,185
		<u>11,064,745</u>

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

For Postal Service, including Money Order and Postal Order business	-	- 5,362,195
„ Packet Service	-	571,625
„ Savings Bank	-	288,418
„ Telegraph Service*	-	1,991,167
		<u>8,213,405</u>

The net revenue was therefore - - - 2,851,340
being an increase of 336,705*l.* on the previous year.
Comparing these figures with those of the previous year, we find the following results :—

Revenue :		£
Postage on letters, parcels, &c.	- - increase	222,693
Commission on Money Orders and Postal Orders, and value of Unclaimed Orders	„	11,446
Savings Bank	- - -	9,667
Telegraphs	- - -	105,025
Expenditure :		
Postal Service, including Money Order and Postal Order business and expenses incurred by other Departments	- „	108,859
Packet Service	- - - decrease	55,180
Savings Bank	- - -	2,137
Telegraph Service	- - -	41,465

I have the honour to be,
My Lords,
Your Lordships' obedient humble servant,
HENRY CECIL RAIKES.

General Post Office,
30th July 1888.

* 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.

APPENDIX A.

Letters delivered.

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

Financial Year ending March 31st.	Delivered in England and Wales.				Total in England and Wales. per annum.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Average number to each person.	Total in Scotland. per annum.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Average number to each person.	Total in Ireland. per annum.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Total in United Kingdom. per annum.	Average number to each person.
	By Country Offices.		In- crease per cent. per annum											
	In- crease per cent. per annum		In- crease per cent. per annum											
Year 1877-8	-	-	598,800,000	0.7	285,200,000	9.0	36	98,500,000	9.2	28	74,200,000	3.4	1,057,700,000	14
" 1878-8	-	-	686,500,000	4.6	295,800,000	3.7	37	98,000,000	-	28	76,100,000	2.5	1,097,400,000	14
" 1879-80	-	-	640,000,000	2.2	310,100,000	4.8	38	950,100,000	3.0	28	75,900,000	-	1,127,900,000	14
" 1880-81	-	-	651,000,000	1.7	330,400,000	6.6	38	981,400,000	3.0	29	78,900,000	3.8	1,165,200,000	15
" 1881-82	-	-	685,200,000	5.3	352,100,000	6.6	40	1,037,900,000	4.6	29	82,200,000	4.4	1,229,300,000	16
" 1882-83	-	-	713,100,000	4.1	364,600,000	3.5	41	1,077,700,000	3.9	31	86,500,000	5.2	1,290,800,000	17
" 1883-84	-	-	737,000,000	3.3	375,200,000	2.9	41	1,112,200,000	3.2	32	87,700,000	1.4	1,322,100,000	17
" 1884-85	-	-	757,200,000	2.7	391,100,000	4.1	42	1,148,300,000	3.2	32	89,100,000	1.6	1,360,300,000	18
" 1885-86	-	-	778,000,000	2.8	408,400,000	4.7	43	1,187,400,000	3.4	32	89,700,000	7	1,403,500,000	18
" 1886-87	-	-	800,800,000	2.9	439,100,000	7.3	44	1,239,900,000	4.4	33	90,900,000	1.3	1,459,900,000	19
" 1887-88	-	-	838,000,000	4.6	448,900,000	2.2	46	1,286,900,000	3.8	33	93,200,000	2.5	1,512,900,000	20

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

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF POST CARDS delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the last Ten Years, and the Increase per Cent. per Annum.

Year.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		United Kingdom.	
	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.
1877-8	86,100,000	9·7	11,100,000	14·8	5,100,000	4·8	102,300,000	10·0
1878-9	94,500,000	9·8	11,600,000	4·8	5,400,000	5·0	111,500,000	9·0
1879-80	96,600,000	2·3	12,300,000	5·9	5,500,000	3·0	114,400,000	2·7
1880-81	103,500,000	7·1	13,400,000	9·1	6,000,000	8·5	122,900,000	7·4
1881-82	114,300,000	10·4	14,700,000	9·3	6,400,000	6·9	135,400,000	10·1
1882-83	121,200,000	6·1	15,500,000	6·1	7,200,000	12·5	143,900,000	6·4
1883-84	128,600,000	6·0	17,400,000	9·3	7,600,000	5·4	153,600,000	6·6
1884-85	134,100,000	4·3	18,400,000	5·5	7,900,000	3·1	160,400,000	4·4
1885-86	143,700,000	7·2	19,500,000	6·4	8,100,000	2·9	171,300,000	6·9
1886-87	151,300,000	5·3	20,400,000	4·6	8,400,000	3·3	180,100,000	5·1
1887-88	158,900,000	5·0	21,200,000	3·9	8,700,000	3·6	188,800,000	4·8

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF BOOK PACKETS and CIRCULARS delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the last Ten Years, and the Increase per Cent. per Annum.

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.
1877-8	157,700,000	7·7	21,300,000	16·2	10,300,000	14·5	189,300,000	8·9
1878-9	164,800,000	4·5	21,300,000	—	11,000,000	6·7	197,100,000	4·1
1879-80	180,500,000	9·6	22,100,000	3·8	11,300,000	2·9	213,900,000	8·6
1880-81	204,000,000	13·0	24,200,000	9·5	12,100,000	7·4	240,300,000	12·3
1881-82	229,000,000	12·3	27,900,000	15·0	14,200,000	16·9	271,000,000	12·8
1882-83	244,700,000	6·9	28,900,000	3·7	14,600,000	3·1	288,200,000	6·3
1883-84	246,300,000	1·9	31,400,000	7·8	13,900,000	dec. 4·9	294,600,000	2·2
1884-85	269,400,000	8·1	34,500,000	10·0	16,500,000	18·9	330,400,000	8·8
1885-86	288,500,000	7·1	35,900,000	4·2	17,900,000	7·7	342,200,000	6·8
1886-87	312,000,000	8·1	38,700,000	7·7	18,300,000	2·3	368,900,000	7·8
1887-88	331,600,000	6·3	38,900,000	·5	19,000,000	4·4	389,500,000	5·6

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NEWSPAPERS delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the last Ten Years, and the Increase per Cent. per Annum.

Year.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		United Kingdom.	
	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.	Number.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.
1877-8	98,300,000	2·9	14,900,000	3·1	15,400,000	1·7	128,500,000	3·7
1878-9	100,400,000	2·2	14,500,000	—	16,000,000	3·6	130,900,000	1·8
1879-80	100,300,000	—	14,600,000	·6	15,600,000	—	130,500,000	—
1880-81	102,900,000	2·4	15,100,000	3·8	15,900,000	1·8	133,900,000	2·5
1881-82	108,700,000	5·7	15,500,000	2·4	16,700,000	4·7	140,900,000	5·2
1882-83	108,600,000	—	15,800,000	2·0	16,300,000	—	140,600,000	—
1883-84	109,900,000	1·2	16,700,000	5·6	16,000,000	1·1	142,600,000	1·5
1884-85	110,700,000	·7	16,900,000	·9	16,100,000	·5	143,700,000	·7
1885-86	113,700,000	2·8	17,600,000	4·2	16,400,000	1·7	147,700,000	2·8
1886-87	117,800,000	3·6	17,000,000	3·3	16,400,000	— dec.	151,300,000	2·4
1887-88	119,800,000	1·7	16,700,000	1·8	15,800,000	3·7	152,300,000	·8

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

TABLE showing the NUMBER of PARCELS delivered in the United Kingdom during each of the Twelve Months from the 1st April 1887 to the 31st March 1888.

Month.	England and Wales.			Scotland.	Ireland.	United Kingdom.
	Provinces.	London.	Total.			
April 1887	1,809,351	538,605	2,347,956	275,606	189,162	2,812,724
May	1,868,248	564,361	2,432,609	284,185	194,748	2,911,542
June	1,889,135	568,610	2,457,745	314,928	194,401	2,912,064
July	1,798,649	523,745	2,322,394	302,540	185,717	2,810,651
August	1,751,608	423,784	2,174,392	331,464	186,768	2,692,624
September	1,956,186	507,315	2,463,501	339,114	199,750	3,002,365
October	2,081,498	570,823	2,652,321	338,647	215,986	3,206,904
November	2,056,203	579,120	2,635,323	319,571	210,455	3,165,349
December	2,956,796	794,833	3,751,629	514,080	320,113	4,585,822
January 1888	1,874,368	522,935	2,397,303	296,436	198,134	2,891,873
February	1,816,396	504,759	2,321,155	272,734	188,482	2,782,371
March	1,923,573	538,882	2,462,455	292,590	202,452	2,957,497
Totals	23,732,001	6,631,772	30,363,773	3,891,895	2,486,118	36,731,736
No. during year ended 31st March 1887	21,082,286	6,154,834	27,237,070	3,429,955	2,193,199	32,860,154
Increase in Numbers	2,649,765	476,938	3,126,703	451,940	292,989	3,871,632
Increase per cent.	12.6	7.8	11.5	13.2	13.4	11.8

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

STATEMENT of the NUMBER of FOREIGN and COLONIAL PARCELS
Despatched and Received during the year ended the 31st March
1888.

Country.	Date of Establishment of Post.	Number of Parcels.		
		Despatched.	Received.	Total.
Adelaide - - - -	July 1886	2,312	712	3,024
Aden - - - - -	July 1885	974	994	1,968
Albany - - - - -	Jan. 1887	1,197	120	1,317
Antigua - - - -	Jan. 1886	1,229	266	1,495
Ascension - - -	July 1886	321	62	383
Austria - - - -	June 1886	5,449	2,211	7,660
Barbados - - -	April 1886	3,075	964	4,039
Belgium - - - -	Jan. 1886	20,797	8,169	28,966
Beirut - - - - -	Jan. 1888	75	14	89
British Guiana -	Jan. 1886	3,095	826	3,921
British Honduras	March 1887	225	28	253
Canada, Dominion of	Aug. 1886	16,103	5,084	21,187
Cape Colony - -	Dec. 1885	9,014	4,044	13,058
Ceylon - - - - -	Nov. 1885	5,310	2,723	8,033
Columbia, Republic of	March 1888	7	—	7
Constantinople -	Jan. 1886	1,870	284	2,154
Costa Rica - - -	Feb. 1888	19	—	19
Cyprus - - - - -	Jan. 1886	1,053	234	1,287
Dominica - - - -	Jan. 1886	475	80	555
Egypt - - - - -	July 1885	6,480	3,018	9,498
France - - - - -	Oct. 1887	59,883	42,903	102,846
Germany - - - -	Jan. 1886	114,018	78,814	192,862
Gibraltar - - -	July 1885	6,366	2,274	8,630
Grenada - - - -	Oct. 1885	785	155	940
Holland - - - -	April 1886	18,125	11,381	29,506
Hong Kong - - -	Oct. 1885	6,084	4,010	10,133
India - - - - -	July 1886	52,966	41,160	94,126
Italy - - - - -	Oct. 1887	13,838	7,696	21,534
Jamaica - - - -	Oct. 1885	5,318	1,141	6,459
Labuan - - - - -	Dec. 1885	50	21	71
Malta - - - - -	Aug. 1885	7,599	3,561	11,160
Melbourne - - -	July 1886	7,327	1,890	9,217
Montserrat - - -	Jan. 1886	235	43	278
Nassau - - - - -	Sept. 1887	110	47	157
Natal - - - - -	June 1887	1,973	577	2,550
Nevis - - - - -	Jan. 1886	115	16	131
Newfoundland -	Sept. 1886	1,298	263	1,561
North Borneo - -	Sept. 1887	63	12	105
Norway - - - - -	April 1886	3,269	1,182	4,451
Penang - - - - -	Oct. 1885	1,015	353	1,368
Portugal - - - -	Jan. 1888	539	43	582
St. Helena - - -	April 1886	430	169	599
St. Kitts - - - -	Jan. 1886	562	112	674
St. Lucia - - - -	Oct. 1885	400	98	498
St. Thomas - - -	Jan. 1888	23	—	23
St. Vincent - - -	Nov. 1885	563	141	704
Singapore - - - -	Oct. 1885	2,014	1,154	3,168
Smyna - - - - -	April 1887	565	104	669
Sweden - - - - -	May 1886	4,071	1,517	5,588
Switzerland - -	Dec. 1887	173	—	173
Sydney - - - - -	July 1886	8,077	3,934	12,911
Tasmania - - - -	Jan. 1887	1,482	260	1,742
Tobago - - - - -	Oct. 1885	124	40	164
Tortola - - - - -	Oct. 1886	18	3	10
Trinidad - - - -	Oct. 1885	2,273	678	2,951
West Coast of Africa	Jan. 1888	294	102	396
Zanzibar - - - -	Jan. 1887	286	—	286
		402,326	235,616	637,942

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 Number per Head of the Population for the year ended the 31st March 1888.

	Estimated Population.	Letters.		Book Packets and Circulars.		Newspapers.		Post Cards.		Telegrams.		Parcels.	
		Total No.	No. per Head of Popula- tion.	Total No.	No. per Head of Popula- tion.	Total No.	No. per Head of Popula- tion.	Total No.	No. per Head of Popula- tion.	Total No.	No. per Head of Popula- tion.	Total No.	No. per Head of Popula- tion.
England and Wales	28,247,000	1,286,400,000	46	331,600,000	12	119,500,000	4	153,900,000	6	44,900,000	1·6	33,400,000	1·1
Scotland	3,091,000	132,100,000	33	38,900,000	10	16,700,000	4	21,200,000	5	5,400,000	1·4	3,900,000	1·0
Ireland	4,855,000	98,500,000	20	19,000,000	4	15,800,000	3	8,700,000	2	3,000,000	·6	2,500,000	·5
Totals	37,091,000	1,512,200,000	41	389,500,000	10·5	152,300,000	4	188,800,000	5	53,300,000	1·4	39,800,000	1·0

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	44·8	Newspapers	6·6	Telegrams	2·3
Book Packets and Circulars	16·7	Post Cards	8·0	Parcels	1·6

APPENDIX B.

Registered Letters.

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

YEAR.	ENGLAND AND WALES.						SCOTLAND.		IRELAND.		TOTAL.	
	Country Offices.		London District.		Total.							
	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.
	1877	2,378,973	—	1,284,716	—	3,663,689	—	373,915	—	278,443	—	4,516,017
1878-79	4,290,545	76·2	1,900,269	48·0	6,190,814	68·9	551,715	47·6	458,921	60·2	7,200,350	68·8
1879-80	5,349,065	24·7	2,240,865	17·9	7,589,930	22·6	616,905	11·8	532,366	16·0	8,739,191	21·3
1880-81	6,144,985	14·9	2,598,550	15·9	8,741,515	15·2	686,008	12·8	597,023	13·1	10,084,546	14·8
1881-82	6,674,869	8·6	2,804,169	8·0	9,479,028	8·4	753,491	8·3	688,799	13·2	10,902,518	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	11,264,986	3·3
1883-84	6,985,520	dec.	2,942,971	1·3	9,928,491	3·0	886,586	10·0	739,986	dec.	11,545,072	2·5
1884-85	6,768,821	3·1	2,972,203	1·0	9,740,794	1·9	914,017	3·1	710,410	2·7	11,365,151	1·5
1885-86	6,599,979	3·9	2,932,591	dec.	9,532,570	2·2	909,537	dec.	686,983	inc.	11,126,060	2·1
1886-87	6,177,160	6·0	2,971,163	inc.	9,148,326	4·0	928,976	3·1	702,252	dec.	10,779,555	3·1
1887-88	6,163,898	0·2	3,032,369	2·1	9,245,798	1·4	920,055	1·0	688,410	dec.	10,814,722	0·3

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 four 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.
	To London.		To London.		To London.		To London.		To London.		To London.		To London.		To London.		To London.		To London.		
	From London.		From London.		From London.		From London.		From London.		From London.		From London.		From London.		From London.		From London.		
31st March 1887	10	56	157	236	258	158	128	121	62	33	10	15	5	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	680
31st March 1888	4	43	118	222	277	175	153	127	52	34	23	20	4	10	2	1	1	1	1	1	632
Increase	-	-	-	-	19	17	24	6	-	1	13	5	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	2
Decrease	6	13	39	14	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 65 <i>l.</i> separate parcels for payment for parcels).	-	-	200 <i>l.</i>	Vessels have liberty to call at Wick and certain ports of Orkney.
CHANNEL ISLANDS - Do. (additional services)	1st Jan. 1870	On 6 months' notice.	6,500 <i>l.</i> 200 <i>l.</i>	Between Southampton and Guernsey 9 hours; between Southampton and Jersey 12 hours.	-	2,000 <i>l.</i>	
GREYCOCK and BELFAST	1st Aug. 1883	On or after 31 July 1888 on 12 months' notice.	8,000 <i>l.</i> for the first year. 8,500 <i>l.</i> for the second year. 9,000 <i>l.</i> for the third year. 10,000 <i>l.</i> for each of the fourth and fifth years of the Contract. 2,045 <i>l.</i>	-	-	2,000 <i>l.</i>	
GREYCOCK, ROTHESAY, and ABERDEEN.	4th Aug. 1880	After one year on 6 months' notice.		-	-	1,000 <i>l.</i>	

APPENDIX D.—*continued.*

Line of Packets.	Contract.		Annual Payment.	Contract Time.	Penalties for Over-time.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
	Com-mencement.	Terminable.					
GREENOCK, TARBET, and ISLAY.	4th Nov. 1878	On 6 months' notice.	800 <i>l.</i> (8 <i>s.</i> separate payment for parcels.) 64,000 <i>l.</i>	-	-	500 <i>l.</i>	The payment is subject to reduction when the receipts from passenger traffic in any one year exceed 35,000 <i>l.</i>
HOLYHEAD and KINGSTOWN	1st Oct. 1883	On or after the 30th September 1886 on 12 months' notice.		Outward journey (including transfer on both sides of the channel) 4 <i>h.</i> 7 <i>m.</i> Inward journey (including transfer) 4 <i>h.</i> 2 <i>m.</i>	12.1 <i>4s.</i> per minute	-	
LIVERPOOL and DOUGLAS (ISLE OF MAN).	1st Oct. 1881	After 1st Oct. 1884 on 6 months' notice.	4,500 <i>l.</i> (About 300 <i>l.</i> separate payment for parcels.) 1,500 <i>l.</i>	-	-	-	
OBAN and LOCHBOISDALE	1st Mar. 1886	After 7 years on 6 months' notice, or after 5 years upon 6 months' notice by the Postmaster General		-	2 <i>0s.</i> for undue delay or deviation from course.	500 <i>l.</i>	
OBAN and TOBERMORY	1st April 1881	After one year on 3 months' notice.	500 <i>l.</i> (5 <i>s.</i> separate payment for parcels.) 600 <i>l.</i>	-	-	250 <i>l.</i>	
OBAN and FORT WILLIAM	1st April 1881	After 3 years on 6 months' notice.	(5 <i>s.</i> separate payment for parcels.) 600 <i>l.</i>	-	-	300 <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.					
PENANCE and SCILLY	-	-	450l. (100l. separate pay- ment for parcels.)	-	-	-	-
PORTER, LOCHMADDY, and DUNVEGAN.	17th Jan. 1888	After one year on 6 months' no- tice.	1,560l.	-	20l. for undue de- lay or deviation from course.	200l.	-
PORTSMOUTH and BYDE	1st July 1885	After 5 years on 6 months' no- tice.	1,900l.	-	-	200l.	-
SCRABSTER and STROMNESS (Orkney).	27th July 1883	After 5 years on 12 months' no- tice.	2,000l. (About 85l. separate payment for parcels.)	-	20l. for undue de- lay or deviation from course.	200l.	-
SOUTHAMPTON and COWES	-	-	160l.	-	-	-	-
STROME FERRY and PORTER	1st Dec. 1887	After one year on 12 months' no- tice.	600l.	-	20l. for undue de- lay or deviation from course.	100l.	-
STROME FERRY and STROM- WAY.	1st Dec. 1887	At the end of any complete year on 6 months' notice.	2,250l.	-	20l. for undue de- lay or deviation from course.	500l.	-

APPENDIX E.

Staff of Officers.

Totals 31 Mar. 1887.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar. 1888.
		Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	
	A.									
1	Postmaster General - -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	B.									
8	Secretary, Financial Secretary, Third Secretary, Assistant Secretaries (8), Surveyor General for Scotland, and Secretary for Ireland.	6	—	1	—	1	—	8	—	8
	C.									
42	Superior Officers in Metro- politan Offices.*	35	1	3	—	3	—	41	1	42
	D.									
16	Surveyors - - - -	10	—	3	—	3	—	16	—	16
	E.									
927	Head Postmasters :									
	Metropolitan - -	11	1	—	—	—	—	780	146	928
	Provinces - - -	553	80	119	35	97	32			
16,239	Letter Receivers and Sub- Postmasters :									
	Metropolitan - -	686	94	38	6	69	65	12,969	3,532	16,491
	Provinces - - -	9,199	2,820	1,225	447	1,742	600			
	F.									
3,571	Clerks and Superintending Officers :									
	Metropolitan* - -	1,547	708	79	23	107	20	2,870	790	3,660
	Provinces - - -	972	34	130	5	35	—			
	G.									
16,238	Supervisors, Overseers, Counter- men, Sorters, Telegraphists, &c. :									
	Metropolitan* - -	5,789	1,448	388	71	463	69	13,878	3,083	16,960
	Sorting Clerks and Telegra- phists :									
	Provinces - - - -	5,926	1,109	801	272	511	113			
	H.									
17,790	Postmen, Porters, &c. :									
	Metropolitan* - -	4,417	—	292	—	201	—	18,349	6	18,355
	Provinces - - - -	10,700	5	1,664	1	1,075	—			
54,841	Carried forward - -	39,852	5,800	4,748	860	4,807	899	48,908	7,559	56,461

* For details, see separate page.

APPENDIX E.—continued.

Totals 31 Mar. 1887.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar. 1888.
		Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	
54,841	Brought forward - -	39,852	5,800	4,743	860	4,307	899	48,902	7,559	56,461
47,110	I.									
	Persons employed in unesta- blished positions, viz., As- sistants to Postmasters, &c., Auxiliary Postmen, Boy Sorters, Boy Messengers, Telegraph Messengers, Tele- graph Construction Hands, Copyists, Female Servants, Commissionaires, &c.:									
	Metropolitan - - -	7,137	1,091	329	81	453	193	33,737	15,145	48,882
	Provinces - - -	20,296	10,607	2,541	1,271	2,981	1,912			
4	J.									
	Postmasters and Clerks in Colonies (under direction of Postmaster General).	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	4
	6 Agents in Foreign Countries for collection of postage.	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	5
101,961	Totals - - -	67,235	17,496	7,613	2,212	7,741	2,994	82,648	22,704	105,352

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 - - -		10	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	10
Lower Section - - -		10	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	10
Director, Confidential Enquiry Branch		1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Medical Officers - - -		2	1	1	—	1	—	4	1	5
Solicitors - - -		1	—	1	—	1	—	3	—	3
Receiver and Accountant-General		1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Engineer-in-Chief - - -		1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Controllers	Of Packet Services - - -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	„ Postal Stores - - -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	„ Stores (Telegraphs) - - -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	Savings Bank Department - - -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	Money Order Office - - -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	London Postal Service - - -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	Central Telegraph Office - - -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	Returned Letter Office - - -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	Totals - - -	35	1	3	—	3	—	41	1	42

APPENDIX E.—*continued.*

F. CLERKS AND SUPERINTENDING OFFICERS 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.	S.B.	L.P.S.	R.L.	E. in C.	C. of S. (T.)	C.T.			
MALES.																
Clerks:—																
Grade I. - - -	78	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	78	—	—
Grade II. - - -	52	2	—	—	—	212	42	248	105	2	—	—	—	663	45	51
Lower Division - -	17	—	—	—	—	149	34	299	—	—	6	8	—	513	15	29
Professional - - -	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	1
Assistant Surveyors -	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	3	3
Surveyors Clerks - -	—	—	—	—	41	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41	6	9
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	11	—	—	1	4	19	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).	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	—	—	—	16	—	—
Nautical Assistant to Controller of Packet Services.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Officers in charge of Indian Mails.	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—
Clerks in charge - -	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	2
Assistants to Medical Officers and Dispensing Assistant.	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—
Registrar and Assistant Registrar.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
Travelling Officers (Confidential Enquiry Branch).	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	—	—
Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents.	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	—	24	7	64	127	5	6
Totals	180	3	3	7	51	366	77	551	140	18	51	32	68	1,547	79	107
FEMALES.																
Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, Supervisors and Assistant Supervisors.	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	2	22	1	1	—	48	78	5	4
Clerks - - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	357	—	273	—	—	—	—	—	630	18	16
Totals	180	3	3	7	51	727	77	826	162	19	52	32	116	2,255	102	127

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.	S.B.	L.P.S.	R.L.	E. in C.	C.S.(T.)				C.T.
MALES.																
Postal :—																
Supervisors and In- spectors.	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	4	98	3	—	—	—	110	2	7
Overseers and Coun- termen.	—	6	—	—	—	8	—	—	515	—	—	—	—	529	22	13
Paper Keepers, Paper Sorters, Returners of Letters, &c.	52	—	—	—	—	—	49	66	—	39	—	—	—	206	10	3
Tracers - - -	—	—	—	—	—	188	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	188	20	21
Boy Clerks - -	—	—	—	—	—	20	48	112	—	—	—	2	—	182	—	—
Sorters, 1st Class -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	707	—	—	—	—	707	47	53
„ 2nd „ -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,394	—	—	—	—	1,394	102	166
„ 3rd „ -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	311	—	—	—	—	311	—	—
Writing Assistants -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	58	—	—	—	—	58	—	—
Telegraphs :—																
Inspectors and Counter Inspectors.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	103	7	1	116	—	—
Engineering Clerks -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	89	16	—	105	—	—
News Distributors -	30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	—	—
Telegraphists - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	344	—	4	—	1,505	1,853	185	200
Totals - - -	87	8	—	—	—	216	97	182	3,430	42	196	25	1,506	5,789	388	463
FEMALES.																
Returners - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	40	—	—	—	40	—	—
Counterwomen and Tele- graphists.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	513	—	2	—	719	1,234	71	69
Female Sorters - -	—	—	—	—	—	107	—	58	—	—	—	—	—	165	—	—
Totals - - -	87	8	—	—	—	323	97	240	3,943	91	198	25	2,225	7,237	459	532

APPENDIX E.—*continued*

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

Description of Officers.	LONDON.—DEPARTMENTS OF CHIEF OFFICE.													EDINBURGH.	DUBLIN.	
	Secys.	P.S.	Med.	Solr.	Surv.	R. & A.G.	M.O.	S.B.	L.P.S.	R.L.	E. in C.	C.S. (T.)	C.T.			Totals.
Mail Guards, Marine Mail Guards, &c.	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	7	3	3
Messengers, Lobby Officers, &c.	19	—	4	2	—	18	—	1	56	2	2	1	7	112	8	23
Postmen—Town :—																
" 1st Class -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,248	—	—	—	—	1,248	216	113
" 2nd „ -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	509	—	—	—	—	509	55	35
" Suburban, H.P.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	74	—	—	—	—	74	—	—
" „ Div. I.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	499	—	—	—	—	499	—	—
" „ „ II.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	601	—	—	—	—	601	—	—
" „ „ III.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	270	—	—	—	—	270	—	—
Bagmen - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	—	—	—	—	26	—	4
Porters, &c. - - -	—	107	—	—	—	5	6	14	283	4	—	—	—	419	5	18
Binder - - -	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Constables - - -	—	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	—	—
Mechanics, Linemen, &c. -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	469	25	—	496	—	—
Inspectors of Telegraph Messengers, Tube Attendants, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	78	—	—	—	64	142	5	5
Totals - - -	36	107	4	2	—	23	6	15	3,650	6	471	26	71	4,417	292	201

APPENDIX F.

Returned Letters, Parcels, &c.

A COMPARATIVE STATEMENT showing the Number of LETTERS, POST CARDS, BOOKS, NEWSPAPERS, PATTERNS and SAMPLES, 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, INVERNESS, 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 1887, and in the Year ended 31st March 1888.

	Letters received.		Letters re-issued to corrected Addresses.		Letters returned to the Senders.		Letters returned unopened to Foreign Countries.	
	1886-7.	1887-8.	1886-7.	1887-8.	1886-7.	1887-8.	1886-7.	1887-8.
LONDON - -	2,400,196	2,416,962	23,451	25,519	2,140,754	2,080,591	99,189	109,284
MANCHESTER -	372,431	356,789	10,278	11,343	319,257	298,725	8,900	8,592
LIVERPOOL -	345,911	320,538	2,138	1,986	299,456	273,151	15,794	15,410
BIRMINGHAM -	239,967	228,997	4,364	4,263	217,400	203,964	4,992	4,252
LEEDS - -	220,362	210,569	3,880	3,652	188,175	177,219	6,033	6,130
BRISTOL - -	351,801	344,628	4,038	6,370	304,369	295,735	13,277	13,121
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.	146,296	143,945	3,240	3,474	119,109	119,079	5,654	5,497
NOTTINGHAM -	182,346	175,472	5,680	5,938	158,283	150,581	3,713	3,697
EDINBURGH -	212,284	199,135	11,186	9,969	182,622	174,067	6,181	5,543
GLASGOW - -	190,187	175,869	15,971	15,762	160,035	146,353	5,046	4,963
ABERDEEN -	24,908	25,284	1,067	837	20,763	21,679	679	652
INVERNESS -	—	11,745	—	958	—	9,712	—	309
DUBLIN - -	227,734	218,225	5,756	7,177	174,214	181,315	12,505	11,499
BELFAST - -	63,110	61,363	646	869	55,209	54,840	2,464	2,794
CORK - -	37,307	36,416	823	1,076	30,206	28,688	3,462	3,611
Head Post Offices authorised to re- turn certain letters, &c. direct to senders -	975,027	973,539	—	—	975,027	973,539	—	—
TOTALS -	6,081,867	5,896,466	97,507	99,223	5,348,933	5,189,767	187,594	195,354
Increase in 1887-8 over 1886-7. }	—	—	1,716	—	—	—	7,760	—

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.		Pat-terns and Sam-ples re-ceived.*	Parcels received.		Parcels returned to Senders, or re-issued to Addressees.	
	1886-7.	1887-8.	1886-7.	1887-8.	1886-7.	1887-8.	1886-7.	1887-8.	1887-8.	1886-7.	1887-8.	1886-7.	1887-8.
LONDON -	212,802	201,558	89,976	78,800	2,325,732	2,164,177	320,804	329,120	1,327	29,170	31,797	17,925	21,737
MANCHESTER -	34,296	33,129	29,257	29,299	504,638	475,979	15,180	19,061	473	3,159	3,512	1,856	2,171
LIVERPOOL -	28,523	29,991	32,413	31,547	379,659	346,232	18,468	19,866	159	2,227	2,399	1,331	1,400
BIRMINGHAM -	13,151	16,518	24,428	23,898	286,483	272,337	6,897	7,331	477	1,938	1,907	1,346	1,422
LEEDS -	97,274	23,568	15,198	15,426	301,039	273,519	6,880	7,577	327	1,808	1,978	1,122	1,240
BRISTOL -	30,117	29,402	12,572	12,665	413,120	366,377	13,301	15,222	581	3,788	4,255	2,216	2,657
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE -	20,234	15,895	17,466	8,967	208,469	176,520	4,922	5,287	101	1,291	1,540	836	911
NOTTINGHAM -	14,686	15,256	3,709	3,168	226,985	209,563	5,801	5,842	223	1,763	1,854	1,102	1,124
EDINBURGH -	12,295	6,506	21,063	19,374	311,217	246,193	16,766	15,045	466	3,392	4,061	2,752	3,301
GLASGOW -	9,135	8,701	30,608	33,410	177,085	155,840	8,259	9,450	92	1,791	1,960	1,489	1,625
ABERDEEN -	2,369	2,116	712	562	31,591	25,414	1,964	1,571	23	234	238	146	165
LIVERNESS -	—	766	—	664	—	10,407	—	1,148	15	—	182	—	150
DUBLIN -	35,259	17,731	16,644	14,437	242,653	212,952	26,157	23,026	83	3,231	3,783	2,423	2,484
DUBLIN -	4,791	2,851	3,260	5,049	68,242	68,012	4,110	4,038	73	566	548	340	350
DOCK -	2,816	3,041	471	676	30,022	27,742	2,284	2,300	3	346	345	179	218
Head Post Offices authorised to return certain letters direct to senders	—	—	481,742	447,275	1,267,159	1,177,055	55,776	53,083	1,231	19,384	21,179	19,384	21,179
TOTALS -	447,828	412,122	778,517	725,717	6,774,122	6,208,319	507,258	518,970	5,647	74,153	81,538	54,447	62,114
rose in 1887-8 over 1886-7.	—	—	—	—	—	—	11,712	—	—	7,385	—	8,597	—

* The Pattern and Sample Post commenced on the 1st October 1887.

APPENDIX G.

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 -	The contracts made by the Colonial Govern- ments with the steamship companies termi- nated 31st January 1888. The contracts for the service from 1st February 1888 are now under consideration		£ -
London and Sydney, and intermediate Australian Ports	1 July 1886	{ On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post }	(a) 1,175
BRAZIL, RIVER PLATE, AND CHILI: Bi-Monthly Service from Southampton	1 Sept. 1876	On 6 months' notice	(a) 5,254
Fortnightly service from Liverpool	1 July 1878	On 6 months' notice	(a) 11,439
CAPE OF GOOD HOPE and NATAL	Contracts with Colonial Governments		-
Do. do. for calls at St. Helena and Ascension	-	-	(c) 2,774
Natal	17 June 1887	{ On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post }	(a) 36
EAST INDIES and CHINA	{ 1 Feb. 1880 - 1 Feb. 1883 - 1 July 1885 }	{ On 31st January 1888 - On 31st January 1898 - On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post }	{ 300,000 265,000 (a) 2,075 }
EAST COAST OF AFRICA: Aden and Zanzibar	{ Service provided under arrangement with Foreign Office }		-
EUROPE: Dover and Calais	20 June 1878	On 12 months' notice	(b) 12,149
Do.	1 Oct. 1887	{ On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post }	(a) —
Dover and Ostend	Arrangement with Belgian Government		4,500
Liverpool, Constantinople, and Smyrna	1 Jan. 1886	{ On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post }	(a) 21
London to Hamburg	1 Jan. 1886	{ On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post }	(a) 141
NORTH AMERICA: Queenstown to New York	1 March 1887	On 12 months' notice	(a) 82,741
Bermuda and New York	1 April 1886	On 6 months' notice	300
PANAMA to VALPARAISO	1 July 1878	On 6 months' notice	(a) 3,160
WEST INDIES: Fortnightly service	1 July 1885	On 30th June 1890	90,000
Additional Services: Non-Contract Service	-	-	(a) 233
Liverpool to West Indies and Mexico	24 Oct. 1881	On 6 months' notice	(a) 1,127
Belize and New Orleans	{ Contract made by the Honduras Government, terminating on 30th September 1889 }		(c) 1,600
Do.	1 March 1887	{ On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post }	(a) 8
WEST COAST OF AFRICA	Indefinite	-	(a) 9,362

- (a) The payments in these cases depend upon the amount of correspondence conveyed by the packets,
 (b) Including 2,700*l.* for excess of premiums over penalties.
 (c) These sums represent the Imperial share of the cost of the services.

APPENDIX G.

Packet Service.

Penalties for Overtime.	Contributions towards the Cost of the Service.	Estimated Receipts for Sea Postage.	Esti- mated British Loss on the Sea Service.	Rate of Postage per single Letter, excluding Transit Rates.
		£	£	
-	-	-	-	5d.
-	-	1,175	Nil.	
-	-	13,200	3,500	4d.
-	-	-	-	6d.
-	-	144	2,630	6d.
-	-	36	-	
200l. for every 12 hours late at Brin- disl. In other cases 100l.	{ India, 65,000l. Ceylon, 1,400l. Straits Settlements, 6,000l. Hong Kong, 6,000l. }	61,750	204,000	{ Mediterranean 2½d. India Ceylon China, &c. } 4d.
-	-	-	-	4d.
5l. for 15 minutes or upwards.	-	-	-	2½d.
-	-	-	-	
-	-	-	-	2½d.
-	-	41	Nil.	
-	-	141	Nil.	
-	-	53,900	29,000	2½d.
-	-	60	240	Bermuda - 4d.
-	-	1,700	1,460	4d.
3½l. for every 24 hours.	{ Antigua 489 Barbados 4,387 British Guiana 7,480 Dominica 183 Grenada 372 Jamaica 4,163 Montserrat 86 Nevis 71 St. Kitt's 470 St. Lucia 309 St. Vincent 310 Tobago 151 Tortola 13 Trinidad 3,998 }	19,900	50,700	4d.
One-eighth part of ordinary payment for every 24 hours.	-	-	-	
-	-	-	-	
-	-	6,100	3,200	{ Union Places 2½d. or 4d. Non-Union 6d.

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 -	18,029,008	15,081,433	33,110,441	3,812,173	2,223,669	39,146,283
1886-87 -	24,044,077	18,276,108	42,320,185	5,106,774	2,816,680	50,243,639
1887-88 -	26,052,717	18,872,554	44,925,271	5,480,623	3,047,531	53,403,425

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 1886-87 and 1887-88; 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.
	1887-88.	1886-87.		
April - - -	4,244,318	3,776,172	468,146	124,402*
May - - -	4,456,106	4,019,225	436,881	
June - - -	4,807,384	4,886,417	480,967	
July - - -	4,892,728	5,017,130	—	
August - - -	4,966,033	4,564,142	401,891	
September - - -	4,694,293	4,504,682	189,611	
October - - -	4,577,021	4,483,522	93,499	
November - - -	4,396,652	4,183,007	213,645	
December - - -	4,200,673	3,868,422	332,251	
January - - -	3,949,430	3,632,853	316,577	
February - - -	3,815,192	3,538,520	276,672	
March - - -	4,403,595	4,269,547	134,048	
	53,408,425	50,243,639	3,284,188	124,402
	Net Increase		- - 3,159,786	

* There was a General Election in July 1886, which caused an unusual amount of business during that month.

APPENDIX I.

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

Period.		Inland. Telegrams.	Wire Rentals, &c.		Salaries.		Work executed.		Total.	
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Year ended 31st March 1879	-	-	-	-	10,906 8 0	6,378 18 0	3,296 11 4	20 16 7	20,602 13 11	
" 1880	-	-	-	-	6,393 1 9	6,435 5 7	2,552 16 1	0 18 6	15,383 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	21,930 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	11,143 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	27,087 8 2	
" 1886	-	-	-	-	11,899 15 8	12,143 0 10	2,894 16 0	59 7 6	26,997 0 0	
" 1887	-	-	-	-	12,509 17 9	13,703 2 7	2,955 5 8	38 11 10	29,206 17 10	
" 1888	-	-	-	-	13,140 18 0	14,350 7 11	3,069 14 11	23 5 1	30,584 5 11	

APPENDIX J.

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

Extracts from the Controller's Report.

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Five hundred and ninety-one Friendly Societies and 1,462 Trade Accounts of Provident and Charitable Societies received authority last year to open Societies. accounts with the Post Office Savings Bank. In 1886 the numbers were 646 and 1,380 respectively, a large number of Friendly Societies' accounts having been transferred from three large Trustee Savings Banks closed in that year. Accounts were opened last year on behalf Large Societies. of two of the largest collecting Friendly Societies in the United Kingdom, and the deposits made by these Societies, and by another which had opened an account previously, amounted to upwards of 168,000*l*. Among the Societies last year were 20 connected with Her Majesty's Accounts Jubilee, of which 10 were Jubilee Celebration Funds, 3 Slate Clubs, opened for 3 Jubilee Surplus Funds, and 4 Miscellaneous Funds for purchase of Jubilee Societies. clocks, street-lamps, &c.

(28.) The number of Penny Banks continues to increase, 312 Penny Banks. having received authority last year to open accounts as against 285 in 1886 and 200 in 1885. Of the 312 which applied last year, 145 were School Banks, 38 of them being in Board Schools. It is observed that at a meeting on the 15th December the London School Board passed a Resolution of resolution to the effect that Penny Savings Banks be established where- London School Board. ever practicable in the boys' and girls' departments of the schools of the Board, and further that these Banks should be in connexion with the Post Office Savings Bank.

(29.) The prominence given to schemes for the encouragement of Curious appli- thrift entails on the Department the duty of replying to some curious and cations from oftentimes troublesome applications on the subject. As an instance, a philanthropic person interested in the welfare of the "sons of toil" desired to know persons. in the event of one shilling a week being deposited for three years what amount of interest would accrue assuming no withdrawal to be made. The applicant was informed as to the mode of computing interest, but apparently his arithmetical powers were not equal to his philanthropy, so that, on his again applying, the calculation was made in this Department, when it was found that if a person had deposited one shilling on the 1st January 1884 and had continued to save one shilling at regular intervals of seven days up to the 28th December 1886 the sum of 7*l*. 17*s*. would have accumulated and interest would have accrued to the amount of 5*s*. 1½*d*. It subsequently appeared that the information was wanted for the purpose of ascertaining the comparative advantages of the Post Office Savings Bank and certain Loan Societies, and that the applicant considered that, on the whole, the advantage was on the side of the Post Office Savings Bank.

(30.) In connexion with the celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee, Accounts opened in several benevolent persons in different parts of the country were supplied connexion

with Jubilee
celebrations.

with forms of declaration and received special assistance in opening accounts for school-children and others whom they desired to benefit. Some hundreds of accounts were opened in this manner, and the facts were in several instances noticed in the press. In one case permission was given to a schoolmaster to have the name of the school printed on the back of stamp deposit slips to be used by his scholars, and also to have the stamps intended to be affixed to the slips perforated with the name of the school.

Total limit of
200*l.* exceeded
by accumula-
tion of interest.

(31.) Every year a considerable amount of labour is expended in compelling depositors to withdraw money, for which presumably they have no use, in order to keep their accounts within the statutory limit of 200*l.* There were about 2,000 such cases last year, and only about one fourth of the depositors elected to make the required reduction by investing in Government Stock. It seems a pity, in the cause of thrift, that the provision for an extension of the limits of deposit originally contained in the Savings Banks Bill of last session should have been dropped.

Deceased de-
positors.

(32.) There were 20,108 claims to the moneys of deceased depositors, including holders of Annuity and Insurance Contracts, the number of such claims in 1886 being 19,696. Probates of Wills or Letters of Administration were produced in 5,285 cases as compared with 5,017 in the previous year. The number of claims by nominees, under the provisions of the Provident Nominations and Small Intestacies Act, 1883, was 373 against 316 in the previous year. 3,714 fresh nominations were registered, making the total number in force on the 31st December last 15,525.

Nominations by
depositors.

Insane deposi-
tors.

(33.) 350 applications were made last year respecting accounts of depositors who had become insane, as compared with 316 such applications in 1886.

TrusteeSavings
Banks.

(34.) Two small Trustee Savings Banks were closed last year, viz., those at Barking and Wexford, by which the number of such Banks is reduced to 402, the number closed since the establishment of the Post Office Savings Bank in 1861 being 244. The amount transferred from these two Banks and from others in process of closing was 13,754*l.* and 300*l.* stock, making with 63,023*l.* and 2,130*l.* stock transferred from Banks by certificate, an aggregate of 76,777*l.* and 2,430*l.* stock transferred to the Post Office Savings Bank during the year. In the previous year the total amount transferred was 209,970*l.* including 28,349*l.* transferred by certificate from open Banks. The amount transferred last year from the Post Office Savings Bank to Trustee Savings Banks was 12,885*l.* and 1,027*l.* stock, as compared with 13,606*l.* in 1886.

Total amount
transferred to
Post Office
Savings Bank.

Amount trans-
ferred from
Post Office
Savings Bank.

Applications
for information
from abroad.

(38.) In reference to Post Office Savings Banks abroad, I may mention that during last year the method of conducting the business in this department was personally investigated by Post Office Officials from Canada, the Cape of Good Hope, and Western Australia, and by gentlemen interested in the system from Austria and Jamaica, while information on the subject was sought by the Governments of India, Victoria, and New Zealand, and by a member of Congress and a private individual in the United States of America.

Reports of
Foreign and
Colonial Post
Office Savings
Banks.
Canada.

(39.) The reports received from our Colonies and foreign countries exhibit, on the whole, steady progress on the part of Post Office Savings Banks throughout the world. In Canada, there were on the 30th June, 1887, the close of the fiscal year, 90,159 depositors with 3,899,550*l.* to their credit, being an increase of 9,289 depositors and 467,676*l.* during the year. It is remarked in the report that, as the number of deposits, 143,076, increased in greater proportion than the amount deposited,

1,654,400*l.*, it may be hoped that the "small depositors" are as a class becoming more numerous, though the evidence afforded by the figures of a single year is not conclusive. At the Cape of Good Hope the business continues to increase, the amount due to 10,757 depositors on the 31st December, 1886, being 222,761*l.* as compared with 177,930*l.* standing to the credit of 8,518 depositors on the corresponding date of the previous year. The sum deposited during the twelve months was 224,217*l.* and that withdrawn 186,440*l.*, the latter having been unexpectedly large, owing to the speculation in Gold Mining Companies. The practice of permitting withdrawals to be made by telegram, which was only allowed in cases of urgency, has been made general by regulation, so that the delay necessitated by reference to the Head Office for authority for repayment has been reduced to a minimum. The cost of telegraphing is borne by the depositor. With regard to the Indian Empire, in the absence of the necessary returns, I cannot speak as to the business done, but I observe from the rules that the minimum and annual limits of deposits are fixed at 4 annas and 500 rupees respectively, and that interest is allowed at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum. Provision is made for investments by depositors in Government Stock, such investments not to exceed the value of 1,000 rupees Stock in one year, and 3,000 rupees in all. Sales of Stock are likewise effected by the Bank, and the interest due on Stock held by depositors is placed to the credit of their Savings Bank accounts. In Upper Burmah, according to a statement in the *Times*, Postal Savings Banks have been already introduced. In respect of Australasia, I should premise that whereas both Post Office and General Savings Banks are established in New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, and New Zealand, only the former are in existence in Queensland and Western Australia, while in South Australia officers in charge of Post and Telegraph Offices are authorised by the Government to act as agents of the Savings Bank in Adelaide. Confining my remarks to the Post Office Savings Banks, I note that in a leaflet sent to me from Melbourne it is stated that on the 30th June 1887 the depositors in New South Wales numbered 60,580, with a balance to their credit of 1,369,527*l.* in Victoria 80,125 with 1,274,380*l.* in Tasmania 2,289 with 42,912*l.*, and in Western Australia 2,176 with 28,198*l.* In Queensland the sum standing to the credit of 37,559 accounts was 1,337,965*l.* on the 31st December 1886, and in New Zealand on the same date, the aggregate amount in 74,871 accounts was 1,615,979*l.* These figures, compared with those for the previous year, indicate, as a rule, an increase in the number of accounts and a slight falling off in the amount due, the effect probably of the depression in trade which has visited the Colonies.

(40.) In France the number of Post Offices authorised to transact Savings Bank business was 6,649 on the 31st December, 1886, when the amount due to 845,053 depositors was 7,626,961*l.*, being an increase during the year of 1,460,739*l.* The investments by depositors in Government Stock were 3,196 in number and 157,351*l.* in amount. Fifty-one investments were made by the administration owing to the depositors having failed to reduce the balance to their credit below the limit allowed to be deposited. The new accounts, numbering 239,377, opened in the 12 months were classified under nine heads according to the descriptions or occupations of the depositors, and the result showed that, excluding children, the leisured classes (*propriétaires, rentiers, et personnes sans professions*) outnumbered any other class, the next most numerous being industrial operatives (*ouvriers d'industrie*). The publication of the report on the Post Office Savings Banks in Italy for 1886

was delayed owing to the occurrence in that year of the second quinquennial division of profits, in which 1,152,267 accounts participated, the amount divided being 1,233,224 lire (47,328*l.*). Reference is made in the report to the magnitude of the work, the opinion being expressed that with the continued growth of the institution the difficulty of the quinquennial division will be well-nigh insurmountable, unless steps be taken to distribute the work over the whole period, and even then it must always be a colossal undertaking (*un lavoro colossale*). The business during 1886 is described as having been sufficiently satisfactory, the number of deposits, 1,877,223 (including 363,056 by means of stamps), and the amount deposited, 6,536,724*l.*, showing an increase of 133,114 and 830,496*l.* as compared with the previous year; while the withdrawals which numbered 986,123 and amounted to 5,139,198*l.* showed an increase of 102,453 and 352,653*l.* The total amount due to 1,391,343 depositors on the 31st December 1886 was 8,793,648*l.* the increase of 1,717,281*l.* during the year being greater than in any previous year and largely above the average rate of progress. Owing to the high price of Government Stock there was a sensible diminution in investments, which numbered only 3,947, amounting to 149,932*l.*, as compared with 4,918 amounting to 186,336*l.* in 1885. It is observed that Post Office Savings Banks have been established at Assab and Massowah. The experiment of authorising the Post Office Official in any village in Italy unprovided with a Post Office Savings Bank to accept deposits to an amount not exceeding 2*l.* per diem, to which I alluded last year, has brought in 45,162 deposits, amounting to 19,432*l.* while 4,294 withdrawals of the aggregate amount of 2,986*l.* have been made through the same agency. In the latter part of the year Naval Savings Banks were initiated and 135 deposits, amounting to 683*l.* were made therein. Under the arrangement by which lottery prizes can be placed to the credit of accounts in the Post Office Savings Bank there were 680 deposits of the aggregate amount of 3,816*l.* In the Austrian Post Office Savings Banks, putting aside the branch of business connected with deposits on "running account" which are withdrawable by cheque, the number of accounts remaining open at the end of 1887 was 597,708 and the total amount due 1,240,883*l.*, being an increase of 52,777 and 190,443*l.* From Hungary I have received the Report of the Post Office Savings Banks during the first 11 months of their existence. Business was begun on the 1st February 1886, and by the 31st December 2,000 offices had been opened, 472,028 deposits, amounting to 267,709*l.*, and 67,036 withdrawals, amounting to 125,753*l.*, had been made, and the balance due to 85,517 depositors was 141,956*l.* It will thus be seen that the average amount of each deposit was 1*l.* 4*d.* and of each withdrawal 37*s.* 6*d.*, while the average amount to the credit of each account was 1*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.* These figures seem to indicate that the institution is largely used by comparatively poor persons, and the fact that no less than 341,321 of the deposits were made by means of stamps affixed to forms may perhaps point to there being a large proportion of the young among the depositors. Facilities exist for the purchase of Government Stock on behalf of depositors, and during the period under review the sums so employed amounted to over 25,000*l.* In Belgium the announcement that interest on balances exceeding 200*l.* would be reduced from 3 to 2 per cent. after the close of the year 1886 had the effect of decreasing the amount deposited during the latter half of that year. The deposits by individuals, as distinguished from the funds of Corporations and public bodies, which are also deposited in the Banks, amounted to 4,443,829*l.* and the withdrawals to 3,645,874*l.* The sum standing to the credit of 481,071*l.* accounts on the 31st December 1886

Austria.

Hungary.

Belgium.

was 8,214,244*l.* The investments by depositors in Government Stock numbered 3,900 and the sales 1,426, the nominal value of Stock purchased being 489,332*l.* and of that sold 193,456*l.* At the end of the year there were 7,310 existing investments inscribed in the books of the Bank representing a capital of 1,511,177*l.* The Dutch Post Office Savings Banks continue to show the gradual development which has characterised them in the past, the number of depositors 139,989 and the amount due to them 738,803*l.* on the 31st December 1886 marking an increase in the year of 27,681 and 208,135*l.* respectively. The average amount of each deposit was 1*l.* 11*s.* and of each withdrawal 4*l.* It is stated in the Report that in 51 cases advantage was taken of the facilities afforded to depositors for obtaining repayment by telegram, and that it is intended to establish, as the French have done, a Post Office Savings Bank on each ship of the Navy. In the Swedish Banks at the close of 1886 there were 134,769 accounts with a sum due therein amounting to 117,838*l.*, being an average balance per account of 17*s.* 5*d.* The transactions during the year consisted of 203,987 deposits, amounting to 83,804*l.*, and of 33,540 withdrawals, amounting to 50,165*l.*

Netherlands.

Sweden.

Post Office Savings Banks.

TABLE showing the BUSINESS done during the last TEN YEARS.

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.	
		\bar{s}	\bar{s}	\bar{s} s. d.	\bar{s}	\bar{s} s. d.	\bar{s}	\bar{s} s. d.	\bar{s}	\bar{s} s. d.				\bar{s}	\bar{s} s. d.		\bar{s}	\bar{s}					
1878	5,831	3,360,656	9,485,391	2 16 5	699,003	1,304,617	8,514,188	6 10 6	448,543*	1 11 10	447,546	346,053	1,892,750	30,411,563	16 1 41	9 6*	30,946,963	242,262	—	—	31,189,325	6,285	3,408,466
1879	6,016	3,347,828	9,887,109	2 19 1	743,636	1,418,543	9,030,174	6 7 4	192,280*	0 9 5	445,500	346,779	1,988,477	32,012,134	16 2 0	12 0*	32,689,001	112,948	—	—	32,801,949	6,465	3,495,191
1880	6,283	3,755,689†	10,301,162†	2 14 5‡	777,985	1,465,331‡	9,346,634‡	6 5 9§	188,891*	0 8 6	554,658	358,163	2,184,972	38,744,637	15 8 11	11 21*	34,375,936	282,945	—	—	34,608,881	6,075	3,704,777
1881	6,513	5,669,876†	11,867,153†	2 0 6§	826,990	1,728,700†	10,244,287†	5 10 7§	200,574	0 6 6	880,831	453,191	2,607,612	36,194,405	13 17 7	11 1	36,508,923	293,463	—	—	36,746,376	6,950	4,140,068
1882	6,999	6,151,466†	12,821,230†	2 0 0§	891,620	1,935,120†	10,869,534†	5 5 3§	221,653	0 6 6	788,858	537,494	2,858,976	39,037,821	13 13 1	11 4‡	40,892,649	145,924	—	—	41,128,564	7,429	4,411,958
1883	7,360	6,297,363†	13,575,167†	2 1 3§	955,991	2,075,465†	11,800,171†	5 6 3§	243,180	0 7 6	772,201	525,535	3,105,642	41,768,808	13 9 0	11 10‡	43,294,949	282,983	—	—	43,697,932	7,790	4,671,826
1884	7,756	6,458,707†	14,510,411†	2 4 11§	1,025,117	2,108,792†	12,530,563†	5 14 0§	248,618	0 6 6	774,268	546,235	3,353,076	44,773,713	13 8 7	11 1‡	45,940,718	313,473	—	—	46,383,191	8,167	4,916,149
1885	8,106	6,474,844†	15,034,694†	2 6 5§	1,092,112	2,280,062†	13,202,742†	5 15 10§	256,402	0 7	750,862	548,857	3,535,650	47,697,838	13 9 10	10 9	48,606,318	286,322	—	—	49,012,640	8,515	5,128,647
1886	8,351	6,562,395†	15,636,852†	2 7 10§	1,169,590	2,390,655†	13,680,943†	5 14 6§	290,555	0 7 10	758,270	562,499	3,751,421	50,874,338	13 12 8	11 5†	52,074,357	272,263	—	—	52,500,650	8,766	5,322,225
1887	8,720	6,916,327†	16,335,363†	2 7 10§	1,244,074	2,436,294†	14,680,279†	5 17 7§	288,418	0 7 10	764,592	574,252	3,951,761	53,074,065	13 13 2	10 84†	56,248,599	322,553	—	—	56,745,152	9,120	5,556,371

* The charges of management in 1878 include 214,434† for arrears of postage for the nine years from 1st April 1868 to 31st March 1877, and also 75,419† paid on account of the new building in Queen Victoria Street and its site. The charges in 1879 and 1880 include the sums of 25,564† and 16,373†, respectively, paid on account of the new building.

† 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 Insurance and their representatives. For particulars, see statements of Government Stock business and Annuity and Insurance business.

‡ Including, as well as Ordinary Withdrawals, (a) Withdrawals for investment in Stock, with commission; (b) Withdrawals consequent on sale of Stock and obtaining Stock Certificates, with commission and fees. Also including *since June 1884*, (c) Withdrawals for purchase of Annuities and payment of Insurance premiums, and (d) amounts paid to Annuity and Insurance and their representatives. For particulars, see statements of Government Stock business and Annuity and Insurance business.

§ Down to the year 1883 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 gross expenses in 1884 were 252,678†, but the sum of 3,960† 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, 1836. The amount shown for 1885 and for each year subsequently is the net amount after deducting the sum received for commission on Stock transactions.

‡ The charges of management in 1886 and 1887 include the sums of 29,212† and 19,078†, respectively, for purchase of land under the Post Office Sites Act. Omitting these amounts, but adding interest at the rate of 5 per cent. thereon, the cost per transaction will be, in 1886, 11s. 6d., and, in 1887, 6s. 6d., and the per-centage of expenses to capital 10s. 4d. and 10s. respectively.

APPENDIX J.—continued.

Post Office Savings Banks.

GOVERNMENT STOCK BUSINESS.

Year.	Number of Block Accounts opened.	Number of Block Accounts closed.	Number of Block Accounts remaining open at close of the Year.	Number of Investments.	Number of Sales.	Number of Block Certificates obtained.	Number of Deposits for immediate Investment.	Amount of Deposits for immediate Investment.	Average amount of each Deposit for immediate Investment.	Number of Savings Bank accounts opened with Deposits for immediate Investment.	Amount of Money invested.	Amount of Commission.	Amount of Bank of England fees.	Amount of Stock bought.	Average amount of each purchase of Stock.	Amount of Stock sold.	Average amount of each sale of Stock.	Amount realised by sale of Stock.	Amount of Block Certificates obtained.	Amount of Stock transferred from old Savings Banks.	Amount of Stock transferred to old Savings Banks.	Number of Dividends credited to Stockholders.	Amount of Dividends credited to Stockholders.	Amount of Stock remaining to credit of Stockholders at close of the Year.	Average amount of Stock remaining to credit of each Stockholder at close of the Year.
From Nov. 22nd to Dec. 31st 1880.	2,162	31	2,131	2,230	9	22	1,625	79,641	49 0 0	563	128,013	175 10 0	1 10 0	129,514 96 1 6	1 6	385	42 15 6	380	1,500	—	—	—	—	137,629	59 17 9
1881	11,010	1,388	11,912	13,709	2,023	102	10,382	427,312	41 3 2	2,375	600,131	1,104 10 0	7 10 0	684,937 50 13 10	75,986	37 10 0	75,988	7,700	—	50	11,303	10,439	788,908	62 11 3	
1882	7,551	2,754	10,600	12,133	4,355	77	10,047	332,647	33 2 1	1,913	569,395	1,105 17 0	6 3 0	568,211 46 8 0	177,122	40 14 0	177,922	6,150	—	190	36,782	36,333	1,145,717	68 17 3	
1883	7,576	3,418	20,767	12,622	5,035	58	10,414	397,986	33 4 3	1,954	622,927	1,228 4 9	5 11 0	615,338 46 4 6	256,706	41 12 9	255,953	5,550	420	235	35,171	37,648	1,519,968	73 8 10	
1884	8,277	4,651	24,983	14,200	6,840	76	11,716	455,406	39 14 6	2,270	708,040	1,417 0 9	8 7 0	708,102 48 10 5	301,449	44 1 5	305,912	8,350	376	110	44,250	49,994	1,916,325 ^a	76 13 6	
1885	9,244	4,240	30,567	17,133	7,443	86	13,131	507,188	38 12 6	2,324	846,791	1,065 1 9	7 0 0	850,050 50 2 9	324,445	43 17 2	322,809	6,900	10,237	315	35,146	38,606	2,452,232	80 2 11	
1886	9,683	4,945	35,265	16,583	8,918	59	13,715	556,537	40 11 7	2,559	945,006	1,725 17 6	7 6 0	941,121 50 15 8	339,965	43 14 6	892,033	7,200	1,181	348	45,339	77,908	2,896,941	82 1 1	
1887	10,060	5,704	40,270	18,204	10,216	56	14,901	599,260	40 9 7	2,644	927,614	1,917 1 0	5 10 0	915,047 50 5 4	462,785	45 6 0	469,656	5,500	2,480	1,027	74,743	91,169	3,245,106	83 1 4	

^a Besides the addition arising from the ordinary business of the year, the balance of Stock was further increased during 1884 by the sum of 2,678^l. Stock in consequence of the conversion by certain Stockholders of 3 per cent. Stock into 2½ and 2½ per cent. Stock under the National Debt (Conversion of Stock) Act, 1884.

APPENDIX J.—*continued.*

Post Office Savings Bank.

RETURN of the BALANCE SHEETS of the POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS on the 31st day of December 1887, 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 1887, 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 Bank Fund.			Value of Securities at average price on 31 Dec. 1887.			Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the year.		
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	
Consolidated 3½. per cents. - - -	5,777,347	9 10	5,892,894	0 0		83,234	16 2	
Reduced 3½. per cents. - - -	2,816,435	9 0	2,883,326	0 0		—		
New 3½. per cents. - - -	797,896	10 9	816,847	0 0		—		
2½ per cents. - - -	10,700,000	0 0	10,084,750	0 0		63,631	10 6	
			(a)					
Local Loans 3½. per cent. Stock - -	17,466,091	3 11	17,466,091	0 0		133,876	7	
Turkish Guaranteed 4½. per cent. Bonds	103,100	0 0	111,863	0 0		—		
Egyptian Guaranteed 3½. per cent. Bonds	900,000	0 0	913,500	0 0		—		
Canada Guaranteed 4½. per cent. Bonds	87,500	0 0	41,625	0 0		—		
Exchequer (Suez) Bonds - - -	1,348,500	0 0	1,348,500	0 0		13,225	13 5	
Exchequer Bonds - - -	50,000	0 0	50,000	0 0		143	8 10	
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		—		
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. -	321,918	0 0	(b) 4,333,956	0 0		—		
Annuities for terms of years in lieu of Stock cancelled per National Debt Act, 1883, 46 & 47 Vict. c. 54., National Debt Act, 1885, 48 & 49 Vict. c. 43., and National Debt and Local Loans Act, 1887, 50 & 51 Vict. c. 16. -	629,964	0 0	(b) 7,516,775	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	(b) 1,842,063	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	(b) 447,906	0 0		—		
Annuities for terms of years per 46 Vict. c. 1. s. 2 -	42,890	5 0	(b) 275,465	0 0		—		
Annuity for a term of years per 45 & 46 Vict. c. 72., expiring 8th September 1892 -	5,428	18 8	(b) 24,976	0 0		—		
Red Sea and India Telegraph Annuity, expiring 4th August 1908 -	3,100	0 0	43,594	0 0		—		
Annuities of an amount sufficient to repay sums advanced under Pensions Commutation Acts, per 32 & 33 Vict. c. 32. and 34 & 35 Vict. c. 36., to 31st December 1886 -	99,793	4 6	(b) 494,543	0 0		—		
Temporary Loans to Local Loans Fund	437,597	0 0	437,597	0 0		3,145	11 1	
			255,875,281	0 0		287,457	7 1	
Add value of Securities - - -						55,875,281	0 0	
Cash balance in Bank of England - -						85,860	11 10	
						£256,248,596	18 11	

(a) The Local Loans 3½. per cent. Stock has been valued at par, as it was not quoted in the public market until after 31st December 1887.

(b) Value, inclusive of interest, to 31st December 1887.

National Debt Office,
27th June 1888.

C. RIVERS WILSON,
Comptroller General.

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

RETURN of the BALANCE SHEETS of the POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS for the Year 1887, showing the Balance due to Depositors, the Amount of Expenses remaining Unpaid, the Value of Securities according to the average price of the day on 31st December 1887, Amount of Cash in Hand and Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the Year, &c., and the Surplus of Assets over Liabilities.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance due to Depositors on the 31st December 1887 (including interest) - - - - -	53,974,065 4 6	Value of Securities according to the average price of the day on 31 Dec. 1887 - - - - -	56,162,738 7 1
Amount of expenses remaining unpaid (partly estimated) - - - - -	18,393 16 1	Amount of cash in hands of Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt - - - - -	85,860 11 10
Surplus of assets over Liabilities - - - - -	2,752,784 15 7	Total Amount in the hands of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt - - - - -	56,248,598 18 11
		Amount received for issuing new Deposit Books - - - - -	2,667 2 11
		Less—Amount paid to the National Debt Commissioners - - - - -	883 4 4
		Amount in the hands of Her Majesty's Postmaster General - - - - -	364,631 2 9
		Less—Amount required to meet Warrants issued to Depositors but not cashed on 31st December 1887 - - - - -	43,861 4 1
		Value of the Central Savings Bank Premises in Queen Victoria Street, E.C. - - - - -	320,769 18 8
£	56,745,152 16 2		174,000 0 0
			56,745,152 16 2

Total amount received from Depositors, including interest, to 31st December 1887 - - - - - £ 239,969,171 11 4
Total amount repaid to Depositors to 31st December 1887 - - - - - 185,965,106 6 10

Number of Transactions.		Number of Accounts.	
Deposits.	Withdrawals.	Opened.	Closed.
88,566,745	30,978,530	12,303,567	8,351,806
			Remaining Open.
			3,951,761

The total cost of the Post Office Savings Banks from their establishment to the 31st December 1887, including the sum of 18,393*l.* 16*s.* 1*d.* charged as above, was 3,780,835*l.* 10*s.* 1*d.* The total number of transactions, i.e., Deposits and Withdrawals, in the period was 119,546,275. The average cost of each transaction from the commencement of Post Office Savings Bank business to the end of the year 1887 was 7*d.* Prior to the passing of the Post Office Savings Bank Act, 1881, it was estimated (see Parliamentary Paper, No. 523, 1861) that the average cost of each transaction would be 7*d.*

The sum of 193,279*l.* 14*s.* 11*d.*, 147,116*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.* 77,787*l.* 12*s.* 1*d.*, 125,343*l.* 4*s.* 11*d.*, 144,879*l.* 3*s.* 11*d.*, 145,799*l.* 10*s.* 1*d.*, 123,189*l.* 0*s.* 1*d.*, 93,794*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.*, 93,049*l.* 11*s.* 5*d.*, 64,084*l.* 15*s.* 11*d.* and 67,001*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, have been paid into the Exchequer out of the funds of the Post Office Savings Banks in the years 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, and 1887 respectively under Sec. 14 of the Act 40 Vict. c. 18, being the excess of interest which had accrued during the years 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, and 1886. The sum of 17,284*l.*, the cost of the site of the new Savings Bank buildings in Queen Victoria Street, and 30,837*l.* towards the cost of the new building, have been paid for out of the funds of the Post Office Savings Banks.

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS.

Annuities and Life Insurances.

(I.) TABLE showing the BUSINESS done during the last TEN YEARS.

Year.	ANNUITIES.										LIFE INSURANCES.				
	Immediate.					Deferred.					Contracts entered into.		Receipts.		Payments.
	No.	Amount of Annuities.	Amount of Purchase Money.	No.	Amount of Annuities.	Contracts entered into.	Receipts.	Payments.	Fees received on Immediate and Deferred Annuities, and the Charges on the Monthly Allowances being included in the Premium.	Amount.	No.	Amount of Insurances.	No.	Amount of Premiums and Fees.	
	No.	£	£	No.	£	Amount of Annuities and Monthly Allowances.	Amount of Purchase Money and Instalments of Premium.	£	£	£	No.	£	No.	£	Amount of Death and Sickness Benefits.
1878 -	760	11,375	126,227	13,190	84,219	50	1,370	2,960	624	220	19,608	15,833	10,605	137	4,351
1879 -	964	15,362	167,625	13,873	92,013	49	938	2,112	801	226	19,870	15,227	10,427	139	5,888
1880 -	892	13,249	146,562	14,933	101,734	41	847	1,570	695	258	20,378	16,379	10,506	125	3,896
1881 -	956	16,434	184,737	15,968	111,211	66	1,376	1,763	873	300	23,900	15,883	10,987	114	3,675
1882 -	790	13,435	155,628	16,729	122,123	72	1,562	2,327	727	234	18,447	16,039	11,069	141	5,694
1883 -	770	14,141	159,630	17,302	130,063	104	2,120	1,988	790	256	20,600	16,156	11,333	129	5,431
1884* -	187	2,938	34,507	8,853	67,931	13	327	1,158	162	50	3,409	7,082	5,019	63	2,604
1 Jan. to 31 Dec.	586	11,786	137,910	7,948	60,868	80	2,083	1,576	392	298	18,266	7,258	6,399	117	4,984
1885 -	725	15,367	178,128	16,111	146,169	103	1,694	2,980	358	467	84,768	12,402	12,036	140	4,646
1886 -	823	17,388	211,670	16,234	153,878	87	1,772	3,122	322	506	84,188	12,187	12,693	168	5,942
1887 -	912	19,299	234,174	16,556	164,546	90	1,628	5,020	283	535	93,168	12,069	13,492	182	5,976

* 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 1887, and the Number and Amount of Contracts in existence on the 31st December 1887.

	CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO						TOTAL.	
	From 17 April 1865 to 31 December 1886.			From 1 Jan. 1887 to 31 December 1887.				
	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 1887, viz. :—								
Immediate Annuities - -	15,536	231,610	6 8	912	19,296	16 6	16,448	250,909 3 2
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - -	426	7,801	1 6	33	450	13 0	459	8,251 14 6
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - -	822	17,694	7 0	57	1,177	0 0	879	18,871 7 0
Contracts for Sums payable at Death entered into from the commencement of business on the 17th April 1865 to the 31st December 1887 - - - - -	8,325	644,847	3 1	585	36,168	3 9	8,910	681,015 6 10
Contracts for Annuities in existence on the 31st December 1887, viz. :—								
Immediate Annuities - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,996	177,130 11 0
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	408	7,102 17 0
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	509	10,596 12 0
Contracts for Sums payable at Death, in existence on the 31st December 1887 - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,859	447,309 13 11

APPENDIX K.

Money Orders.

Year.	INLAND ORDERS.			COLONIAL ORDERS.			FOREIGN ORDERS.			GRAND TOTAL.		
	Number. Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number. Amount.		Number. Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number. Amount.		Number. Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number. Amount.		Number. Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number. Amount.	
1878-79	- 17,280,764 25,911,923	Decrease. " 5·8	£	184,819 711,816	5·	4·7	285,039 679,364	17·	12·5	17,740,622 27,303,068	Decrease. " 5·4	6·4
1879-80	- 16,774,354 24,776,331	" 3·	"	203,680 764,062	10·2	7·3	329,559 880,597	24·3	22·2	17,307,573 26,371,020	" 2·4	3·4
1880-81	- 16,329,476 24,228,763	" 2·7	"	221,962 812,979	9·	6·4	368,567 961,840	10·4	15·8	16,865,065 26,003,582	" 2·2	1·3
1881-82	- 14,692,228 23,367,672	" 10·	"	244,976 802,725	10·4	9·8	445,929 1,183,177	16·	18·	15,383,089 25,363,574	" 9·2	2·3
1882-83	- 14,306,267 25,223,763	" 2·8	Increase. " 8·	277,052 1,043,158	13·	17·	507,509 1,380,962	14·	17·	15,060,858 27,587,888	" 2·	8·7
1883-84	- 13,760,732 25,012,117	" 3·6	Decrease. " 8·4	313,435 1,184,214	13·1	13·5	559,468 1,433,548	10·2	7·7	14,663,636 27,629,979	" 2·83	11
1884-85	- 11,868,127 23,586,669	" 13·3	" 5·9	337,420 1,263,590	7·7	6·7	569,189 1,430,387	1·7	Decrease. " 2	12,864,736 26,320,676	Decrease. " 5·	Decrease.
1885-86	- 10,353,393 21,975,345	" 13·3	" 6·6	358,462 1,372,606	6·2	8·6	601,625 1,484,470	5·7	Increase. " 3·8	11,313,380 24,832,421	" 12·	5·3
1886-87	- 9,763,562 22,262,708	" 6·	Increase. " 1·3	363,281 1,328,409	1·4	Decrease. " 3·0	687,191 1,703,484	14·2	20·	10,813,034 25,354,601	" 4·46	Increase. " 3·0
1887-88	- 9,563,777 22,881,676	" 2·1	" 2·8	367,670 1,488,338	9·5	Increase. " 8·2	768,740 2,014,112	15·5	14·2	10,744,493 26,434,120	" 63	3·8

APPENDIX K.—continued. Money Orders.

Year.	ENGLAND AND WALES.					SCOTLAND.					IRELAND.					UNITED KINGDOM.				
	Increase per cent.		Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Increase per cent.		Number. Amount.	Increase per cent.		Number. Amount.	Increase per cent.		Number. Amount.	Increase per cent.		Number. Amount.	Increase per cent.		Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.		
	Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.			
1878-79	-	14,775,390 22,087,603	5.5	5.5	59.4	1,452,732 2,386,693	5.1	4.4	40.4	*1,004,622 1,437,627	11.3	27.8	19.7	*17,290,764 25,011,923	5.8	7.4	51.1			
1879-80	-	14,313,100 21,088,299	3.1	4.5	56.8	1,435,640 2,322,119	1.2	2.7	39.5	1,025,614 1,365,913	3.6	5.1	19.1	16,774,354 24,776,331	3.4	4.3	49.1			
1880-81	-	13,934,701 20,620,213	2.6	2.2	54.7	1,413,967 2,291,269	1.5	1.3	38.6	980,778 1,317,281	4.3	3.5	18.4	16,329,476 24,228,763	2.7	2.2	47.4			
1881-82	-	12,619,420 19,891,331	10.1	3.5	48.1	1,286,653 2,202,123	9.4	34.3	31.3	887,315 1,274,218	9.5	3.3	17.3	14,692,328 23,367,672	10.1	3.5	42.0			
1882-83	-	12,298,086 21,788,691	2.5	9.5	46.2	1,247,744 2,170,807	3.1	33.1	33.1	850,467 1,264,265	4.1	8.1	16.6	14,306,297 23,283,763	2.6	8.1	40.5			
1883-84	-	11,664,711 21,484,880	4.4	1.30	43.1	1,303,470 2,274,316	4.4	34.1	34.1	822,542 1,252,921	3.2	9.1	16.1	13,790,732 25,012,117	3.6	8.4	38.7			
1884-85	-	10,923,386 20,108,955	14.1	6.4	37.1	1,190,922 2,216,901	7.9	2.5	31.1	794,819 1,210,843	10.6	3.3	15.1	11,958,127 23,536,699	13.3	5.9	33.2			
1885-86	-	8,639,082 18,735,048	13.8	5.8	31.4	1,081,915 2,105,661	9.7	5.1	27.6	638,168 1,134,636	13.1	6.3	13.1	10,358,293 21,975,345	13.3	6.6	28.5			
1886-87	-	8,070,907 18,875,433	6.6	4.7	30.1	1,080,427 2,208,782	1.5	5.1	27.4	611,228 1,178,463	4.2	4.1	13.1	9,762,562 22,282,708	6.1	1.3	26.6			
1887-88	-	7,851,900 19,289,306	2.7	2.2	27.4	1,095,611 2,339,442	1.7	7.3	27.2	602,176 1,222,928	1.5	4.1	13.1	9,552,777 22,831,676	2.1	2.8	25.5			

In 1840 the commission on Money Orders was reduced as follows:—

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

Rates of Commission up to 1871.			Rates of Commission from 1871 to 31st December 1877.			Rates of Commission from 1st Jan. 1878 to 31st Aug. 1880.		
<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
For sums not exceeding 2 <i>l.</i> , but not exceeding 5 <i>l.</i>	0	3	For sums under 10 <i>s.</i> of 10 <i>s.</i> , and under 1 <i>l.</i>	0	1	For sums under 10 <i>s.</i> of 10 <i>s.</i> , and under 1 <i>l.</i>	0	2
" above 5 <i>l.</i> , but not exceeding 7 <i>l.</i>	0	6	" of 1 <i>l.</i> of 6 <i>d.</i>	0	2	" of 10 <i>s.</i> , and under 2 <i>l.</i>	0	3
" above 7 <i>l.</i> , but not exceeding 10 <i>l.</i>	0	9	" of 2 <i>l.</i> of 7 <i>d.</i>	0	3	" other sums, as in the preceding Table.	0	4
	1	0	" of 3 <i>l.</i> of 8 <i>d.</i>	0	4		0	5
			" of 4 <i>l.</i> of 9 <i>d.</i>	0	5		0	6
			" of 5 <i>l.</i> of 10 <i>d.</i>	0	6		0	7

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

Rates of Commission up to 1871.		Rates of Commission from 1871 to 31st December 1877.		Rates of Commission from 1st Jan. 1878 to 31st Aug. 1886.	
For sums not exceeding 2 <i>l.</i> , but not above 2 <i>l.</i> , but not exceeding 5 <i>l.</i> , but not above 5 <i>l.</i> , but not exceeding 10 <i>l.</i>	s. d. - 0 3 - 0 6 - 0 9 - 1 0	For sums under 10 <i>s.</i> of 10 <i>s.</i> and under 1 <i>l.</i> of 1 <i>l.</i> of 1 <i>l.</i> of 1 <i>l.</i>	s. d. - 0 1 - 0 2 - 0 3 - 0 4	For sums under 10 <i>s.</i> of 10 <i>s.</i> and under 1 <i>l.</i> of 1 <i>l.</i> of 1 <i>l.</i> of 1 <i>l.</i>	s. d. - 0 2 - 0 3 - 0 4 - 0 5
For sums not exceeding 2 <i>l.</i> , but not above 2 <i>l.</i> , but not exceeding 5 <i>l.</i> , but not above 5 <i>l.</i> , but not exceeding 10 <i>l.</i>	s. d. - 0 3 - 0 6 - 0 9 - 1 0	For sums under 10 <i>s.</i> of 10 <i>s.</i> and under 1 <i>l.</i> of 1 <i>l.</i> of 1 <i>l.</i> of 1 <i>l.</i>	s. d. - 0 1 - 0 2 - 0 3 - 0 4	For sums under 10 <i>s.</i> of 10 <i>s.</i> and under 1 <i>l.</i> of 1 <i>l.</i> of 1 <i>l.</i> of 1 <i>l.</i>	s. d. - 0 2 - 0 3 - 0 4 - 0 5

* 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.	COLONIAL ORDERS.									
	ISSUED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.				ISSUED IN THE COLONIES.				TOTAL.	
	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount. £
1878-79	29,569	106,784	0·5	—	156,200	605,032	6·	6·2	184,819	711,816
1879-80	31,502	113,242	6·8	6·	172,008	650,850	10·8	7·5	203,600	764,062
1880-81	34,125	122,514	8·	8·1	187,837	690,405	9·1	6·	221,962	812,979
1881-82	34,422	121,210	·9	Decrease. 1·	210,554	771,515	12·	12·	244,976	892,725
1882-83	36,244	130,172	5·3	Increase. 3·3	240,808	912,986	11·	18·3	277,052	1,043,158
1883-84	43,055	150,599	19·8	20·3	270,380	1,027,015	12·3	12·5	313,435	1,184,214
1884-85	40,680	177,021	15·4	13·6	287,730	1,085,639	6·4	5·6	337,420	1,263,590
1885-86	55,428	196,475	11·5	10·4	303,084	1,176,131	5·3	8·3	353,402	1,372,006
1886-87	61,542	220,240	11·	12·	301,730	1,108,169	Decrease. ·4	Decrease. 6·	363,281	1,328,400
1887-88	67,708	242,344	11·	10·4	330,202	1,195,994	Increase. 9·4	Increase. 8·	397,970	1,438,538

APPENDIX K.—*continued.* Money Orders.

Year.	ISSUED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.					ISSUED ABROAD.					TOTAL.		
	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	
1878-79	-	-	15·1	9·1	140,887	361,639	18·9	15·6	265,039	679,354	17·1	12·4	
1879-80	-	-	8·5	1·9	194,778	508,670	38·2	40·1	339,559	830,597	24·3	22·2	
1880-81	-	-	5·5	3·6	241,531	634,032	24·	23·6	393,567	961,540	16·4	15·8	
1881-82	-	-	8·	6·2	291,638	773,123	20·8	23·5	445,220	1,133,177	16·	18·	
1882-83	-	-	6·	11·2	344,796	930,542	18·2	20·3	507,579	1,330,962	11·	17·4	
1883-84	-	-	10·	19·2	364,963	956,255	5·94	2·76	539,468	1,453,548	10·2	7·7	
1884-85	-	-	6·3	6·6	362,414	921,712	Decrease. 7	Decrease. 3·6	590,189	1,450,387	1·7	Decrease. 2	
1885-86	-	-	4·4	4·7	383,781	951,942	Increase. 6·4	Increase. 3·3	601,625	1,464,470	5·7	Increase. 3·8	
1886-87	-	-	4·2	3·8	462,287	1,210,620	20·	27·1	697,191	1,763,434	14·2	20·	
1887-88	-	-	9·	8·2	548,595	1,415,874	18·7	17·	793,746	2,014,112	15·5	14·2	

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 Ten Years.

Year.	Africa, South and West.		Australia.		British America.		Cape Colony.		India.		New Zealand.		West Indies.		Other Colonies and Packet Agencies.		TOTAL.	
	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Africa.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Australia.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in America.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Cape Colony.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in India.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in New Zealand.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in W. Indies.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Colonies.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Colonies.
1878-79 -	£ 1,815	£ 27,653	£ 30,545	£ 166,754	£ 30,493	£ 81,729	£ 4,441	£ 39,660	£ 4,810	£ 65,299	£ 9,738	£ 85,983	£ 4,383	£ 63,256	£ 14,569	£ 74,748	£ 106,784	£ 605,032
1879-80 -	2,412	41,222	32,943	187,712	37,031	84,256	4,694	49,545	4,910	61,368	11,972	93,258	3,882	63,427	14,466	60,064	113,240	650,850
1880-81 -	2,625	34,907	37,096	197,772	37,909	90,533	5,313	58,281	6,532	86,384	14,800	98,572	4,300	60,918	13,740	57,108	132,514	690,465
1881-82 -	3,352	45,452	38,896	211,687	36,069	110,806	7,290	85,964	7,103	95,836	13,954	90,934	3,828	69,482	12,721	61,554	121,210	771,515
1882-83 -	2,905	44,281	38,918	236,536	39,810	162,157	9,571	111,698	8,964	110,922	14,083	90,580	4,560	76,186	11,461	81,566	130,172	912,086
1883-84 -	3,893	53,608	47,173	281,475	51,684	187,113	11,790	97,987	11,258	115,921	16,358	95,899	5,004	105,994	9,489	89,818	156,599	1,027,615
1884-85 -	4,533	58,963	55,578	313,446	59,774	172,555	11,556	87,326	12,879	157,832	18,153	96,768	5,765	120,545	9,683	77,854	177,921	1,065,689
1885-86 -	4,433	83,024	61,573	346,945	62,641	164,025	11,406	83,795	16,807	174,743	20,258	93,343	6,420	131,929	12,937	98,987	196,475	1,176,131
1886-87 -	5,433	76,128	69,272	343,628	63,547	176,516	11,897	82,299	26,279	144,121	22,615	96,346	7,615	160,892	13,592	137,806	230,240	1,108,169
1887-88 -	4,944	74,129	78,927	340,300	66,310	199,512	11,108	86,763	34,694	138,240	24,385	82,681	8,101	208,648	13,915	64,721	242,344	1,193,994

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

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

Year.	Austria.		Belgium.		Denmark.		Egypt.		France.		Germany.		Italy.		Japan.		Hungary.	
	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Austria.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Belgium.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Denmark.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Egypt.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in France.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Germany.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Italy.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Japan.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Hungary.
1878-79	£ —	£ —	£ 13,394	£ 16,019	£ 3,860	£ 6,050	£ 965	£ 7,971	£ 83,037	£ 65,358	£ 96,673	£ 61,566	£ 21,107	£ 8,440	£ —	£ —	£ —	£ —
1879-80	—	—	£ 13,476	£ 19,144	£ 4,110	£ 5,683	£ 627	£ 9,106	£ 78,345	£ 79,149	£ 105,193	£ 71,003	£ 22,014	£ 10,407	—	—	—	—
1880-81	—	—	£ 13,823	£ 21,925	£ 4,806	£ 5,074	£ 738	£ 7,691	£ 79,019	£ 90,390	£ 110,691	£ 71,950	£ 23,352	£ 11,234	—	—	—	—
1881-82	—	—	£ 13,440	£ 21,792	£ 4,625	£ 7,308	£ 597	£ 8,589	£ 80,838	£ 92,782	£ 118,279	£ 79,614	£ 26,472	£ 12,196	£ 71	£ 417	—	—
1882-83	—	—	£ 15,005	£ 23,340	£ 5,825	£ 9,424	£ 1,394	£ 20,036	£ 83,440	£ 98,069	£ 126,184	£ 85,406	£ 28,087	£ 13,752	£ 183	£ 986	—	—
1883-84	—	—	£ 16,914	£ 27,021	£ 7,808	£ 12,140	£ 2,381	£ 22,717	£ 92,745	£ 122,461	£ 146,089	£ 90,769	£ 34,022	£ 16,451	£ 108	£ 918	—	—
1884-85	—	—	£ 17,816	£ 32,271	£ 6,985	£ 9,751	£ 2,992	£ 30,712	£ 97,201	£ 128,902	£ 153,045	£ 91,239	£ 37,975	£ 18,327	£ 242	£ 1,501	—	—
1885-86	£ 3,296	£ 3,498	£ 20,165	£ 34,664	£ 8,062	£ 10,647	£ 4,001	£ 40,350	£ 98,251	£ 132,117	£ 158,757	£ 89,946	£ 37,625	£ 21,579	£ 275	£ 2,089	£ 361	£ 533
1886-87	£ 7,069	£ 6,980	£ 22,540	£ 36,374	£ 8,914	£ 9,573	£ 3,908	£ 33,827	£ 103,989	£ 136,035	£ 161,424	£ 95,953	£ 39,632	£ 102,238	£ 354	£ 1,268	£ 1,068	£ 6,656
1887-88	£ 9,583	£ 10,456	£ 23,698	£ 38,249	£ 10,640	£ 9,609	£ 3,307	£ 23,929	£ 111,036	£ 139,294	£ 169,109	£ 102,848	£ 38,238	£ 76,094	£ 303	£ 1,354	£ 2,251	£ 1,623

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 Ten Years—*continued.*

Year.	Iceland, and Danish W. Indies.		Netherlands, and Dutch E. Indies.		Norway.	Portugal.	Sweden.	Switzerland.	United States.	TOTAL.
	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the U.S.	Issued in the U.K.
1877-78 -	£ -	£ 5,570	£ 10,900	£ 3,947	£ 2,037	£ -	£ -	£ 17,652	£ 71,069	£ 317,713
1878-79 -	-	5,802	9,081	5,069	2,084	-	-	18,797	70,406	323,927
1879-80 -	-	6,231	10,678	6,782	2,469	-	-	18,315	72,051	335,908
1880-81 -	-	6,549	12,282	8,124	2,031	-	1,087	19,096	80,207	330,054
1881-82 -	-	7,358	13,328	10,682	2,270	-	5,640	19,313	96,711	330,542
1882-83 -	-	9,035	14,277	16,720	2,436	810	10,015	23,289	110,727	356,235
1883-84 -	31	8,851	14,498	15,118	2,544	960	10,301	24,680	132,533	321,712
1884-85 -	218	8,772	14,750	17,768	2,694	1,780	13,866	25,381	135,350	352,523
1885-86 -	103	9,807	15,417	18,474	2,980	2,187	13,488	25,864	133,202	352,864
1886-87 -	556	10,658	16,510	22,401	2,974	4,142	15,449	28,417	146,410	358,238
1887-88 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 1888.

	NUMBER OF EACH CLASS OF POSTAL ORDERS ISSUED.																TOTAL.	
	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. 16 0	s. d. 17 6	s. d. 20 0	Number.	Value.
Quarter ended 31st March 1881	62,539	48,994	—	32,041	—	—	—	—	124,147	40,381	122,745	—	17,953	31,738	11,061	125,312	646,989	292,180 10 0
1881-2	452,825	362,004	—	437,006	—	—	—	—	835,366	263,920	808,736	—	110,601	202,665	60,611	911,978	4,462,920	2,006,917 19 0
1882-3	948,678	759,108	—	825,198	—	—	—	—	1,463,620	449,229	1,330,068	—	181,832	318,769	97,345	1,604,454	7,980,328	3,451,284 0 6
1883-4	1,700,453	1,367,774	—	1,383,656	—	—	—	—	2,164,178	676,168	1,870,983	—	266,745	444,637	143,184	2,515,773	12,280,550	5,028,663 9 0
1884-5	1,407,937	1,003,696	922,180	1,371,127	706,783	406,848	844,503	319,550	3,036,013	902,384	2,916,248	394,789	51,489	818,097	27,478	3,611,521	18,831,164	7,935,347 9 0
1885-6	1,624,421	1,109,449	1,531,407	1,581,562	1,343,562	703,086	1,497,125	565,951	3,987,230	1,146,130	3,874,602	604,680	—	1,127,985	—	4,945,267	25,790,316	10,788,946 2 6
1886-7	2,225,587	1,471,775	1,906,346	1,907,100	1,891,524	912,717	1,920,846	742,332	4,795,124	1,376,281	4,538,659	806,960	—	1,388,869	—	5,891,528	31,008,711	12,938,689 19 6
1887-8	2,550,701	1,772,774	2,288,881	2,189,338	1,965,946	1,094,598	2,260,050	889,704	5,511,540	1,607,113	5,068,738	1,090,775	—	1,400,517	—	6,580,463	36,386,147	14,606,369 13 0
	10,982,180	7,935,571	10,651,817	9,707,178	5,797,705	3,117,190	6,531,584	2,517,437	21,935,167	6,406,640	20,531,789	3,077,204	628,710	5,763,875	339,707	25,903,296	137,963,131	57,108,619 2 6
RATES OF POUNDAGE.																		
To 31st May 1881.	Poundage.		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
—	Amount of Order		1 0	1 6	2 0	2 6	3 0	3 6	4 0	4 6	5 0	5 6	6 0	7 6	10 0	10 6	12 6	15 0
From 1st June 1884	Poundage.		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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. 6d., and 10s. 6d. were established on the 1st June 1884.

APPENDIX M.

Official Correspondence.

A STATEMENT showing the WEIGHT of CORRESPONDENCE carried, and the VALUE of POSTAL SERVICE performed, for the following Public Offices, &c. in the Year ended the 31st March 1888.

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.						
Adjutant General	oz.	£	oz.	£	oz.	£	£	£	oz.	£	£	
Admiralty, Lords Commissioners of the	1,778,148	13,199	—	—	25,286	116	—	—	25,286	116	116	
Army Medical Board	—	—	—	—	37,279	147	—	—	1,778,148	13,199	62	
Attorney General	7,770	33	—	—	—	—	—	—	37,279	147	—	
Australian Exhibition	2,667	34	—	—	—	—	—	—	7,770	33	—	
Bankruptcy Court	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,667	34	—	
Board of Education	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Board of Supervision	—	—	—	—	557,389	2,487	—	—	1	—	179	
Board of Trade	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	558,363	2,615	—	
Board of Works	—	—	—	—	366,003	1,634	—	—	51,991	280	—	
Cape of Good Hope, Agent General	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,502,244	10,516	68	
Chancellor, The Lord	13,878	288	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,878	268	—	
Charity Commissioners	50,868	186	—	—	—	—	—	—	13,878	268	—	
Chelsea Hospital	130,892	616	—	—	—	—	—	—	50,868	186	—	
Chief and Under Secretary, Dublin Castle	44,542	200	—	—	—	—	—	—	130,892	616	—	
Civil Service Commissioners	—	—	—	—	290,842	1,274	—	—	44,542	200	—	
Clerk of the Parliaments (House of Lords)	4,360	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	290,842	1,274	—	
Colonial and Indian Exhibition	325,500	1,443	—	—	—	—	—	—	325,500	1,443	2	
Colonial Office	461,858	503	—	—	—	—	—	—	461,858	503	219	
Commander of the Forces	1,014	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,014	4	—	
Commissariat Department	400,868	7,161	—	—	—	—	—	—	400,868	7,161	—	
Constabulary Office	—	—	—	—	6,997	39	—	—	—	—	—	
Convict Prisons, Directors of	—	—	—	—	47,317	911	—	—	6,997	39	—	
Council Office	—	—	—	—	314,081	1,413	—	—	47,317	911	—	
Court of Chancery	1,475,449	6,837	—	—	123,688	537	—	—	314,081	1,413	14	
Court of Probate	163,239	763	—	—	—	—	—	—	123,688	537	8	
Crown Office, Edinburgh	833,256	1,587	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,475,449	6,837	106	
Crown and Hanaper	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	163,239	763	—	
Customs	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	833,256	1,587	—	
Emigration Office	600,697	2,773	—	—	5,343	24	—	—	833,256	1,587	—	
Exchequer and Audit Department	183,683	761	—	—	1,094	5	—	—	600,697	2,773	51	
Fishery Board for Scotland	183,683	768	—	—	—	—	—	—	183,683	761	—	
Foreign Office	290,977	3,416	—	—	—	—	—	—	183,683	768	2	
									290,977	3,416	2	

Appendix M.—continued.

NAMES OF OFFICES.	Correspondence.						Parcels.			Totals.		
	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		England and Wales.	Scotland.	Ireland.	Correspondence.		Parcels.
	Weight in Ounces.	Value.	Weight in Ounces.	Value.	Weight in Ounces.	Value.				Weight in Ounces.	Value.	
Home Office	oz. 1,173,687	£ 4,167	oz. 1,169	£ 5 10,180	oz. —	£ —	£ —	£ —	oz. 1,173,686	£ 4,173	£ 39	
Inland Revenue	11,026,744	42,037	4,239,394	10,180	2,046,946	12,387	698	59	46	18,513,986	64,584	801
Inspector of Fisheries	—	—	—	—	55,390	241	—	—	—	55,390	241	—
Irish Office	115,817	460	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	115,817	460	—
Land Commissioners	78,147	341	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	78,147	341	—
Loan Fund Board	—	—	—	—	9,491	29	—	—	—	9,491	29	—
Local Government Board	1,981,559	8,404	—	—	511,255	2,197	31	—	5	3,492,814	10,601	38
Lord Lieutenant and Private Secretary	—	—	—	—	13,683	68	—	—	—	13,683	68	—
Melbourne Exhibition	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,997	16	—
Mercantile Marine Board	418,246	1,844	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	418,246	1,844	—
Merchant Seamen, Registrar of	558,713	2,459	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	558,713	2,459	—
National Debt Office	41,877	183	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41,877	183	—
Ordnance Survey	73,768	299	—	—	25,699	112	—	—	—	99,467	411	—
Patent Office	337,473	830	—	—	14,179	64	—	—	—	337,473	830	—
Paymaster of Civil Services	101,280	404	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	101,280	404	—
Paymaster General	—	—	—	—	3,632	—	13	—	13	8,141	35	13
Privy Council Office, Dublin	4,509	16	—	—	—	17	—	—	—	4,509	16	—
Public Record Office	4,064	19	—	—	8,987	41	—	—	—	8,987	41	—
Public Works Loan Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	27,664	137	1
Queen's Remembrancer	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	—	63,058	230	6
Registrar House	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,814,745	6,730	196
Registrar General	1,942,812	5,155	311,116	399	290,817	1,166	71	—	—	109,192	458	—
Registrar of Friendly Societies	100,066	450	5,864	27	3,273	11	—	—	—	76,027	348	27
Registrar at Petty Sessions, Clerks	—	—	—	—	76,027	346	—	—	—	4,614	23	—
Royal Mint	—	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,414,966	6,031	156
Science and Art Department	4,614	25	—	—	—	—	166	—	—	198,998	866	21
Scotch Education Department	1,414,968	6,031	—	—	—	—	21	—	—	49,761	219	—
Secretary of State for Scotland	198,998	865	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,635	7	—
Secretary of State for England	49,761	219	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	684,778	1,146	167
Solicitor General	1,635	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	398,727	1,718	—
Stationery Office	636,111	1,020	—	—	29,667	136	142	—	—	3,261,308	17,683	306
Treasury	386,737	1,718	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	104,476	155	3
Valuation Office	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	146,398	645	6
War Office	3,211,804	16,345	—	—	43,611	186	—	—	—	2,764	13	—
Works and Buildings, Commissioners of	164,476	455	—	143	120,309	546	306	—	—	182,243	2,529	—
Works and Buildings, Commissioners of	148,398	645	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	43,574,681	184,771	—
Wrecks, Commissioners of	2,764	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	33,122,041	144,002	4,854,266	11,903	5,898,374	25,437	1,985	69	475	182,243	2,529	—

APPENDIX N.

Private Wires.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER OF PRIVATE WIRE CONTRACTS, MILES OF WIRE, and INSTRUMENTS, and the Net Additional Rentals in each of the last Ten Financial Years.

Financial Year.	Net Increase in each Financial Year.				Totals at end of each Financial Year.			
	Contracts.	Miles.	Instruments and Batteries.	Rentals.	Contracts.	Miles.	Instruments and Batteries.	Rentals.*
1878-79	-	59	402	£ 3,183 5 6	1,889	6,382	5,656	£ 63,305 10 6
1879-80	-	—	1,218	3,455 17 1	1,889	7,600	6,009	66,761 7 7
1880-81	-	56	1,455	7,771 9 2	1,945	9,055	6,326	74,532 16 9
1881-82	-	293	2,000	14,203 6 0	2,288	11,055	6,982	88,736 2 9
1882-83	-	452	1,384	12,787 13 6	2,690	12,439	7,748	101,523 16 3
1883-84	-	412	1,768	12,109 16 4	3,102	14,207	8,861	113,633 12 7
1884-85	-	183	1,129	7,249 4 4	3,285	15,336	8,971	120,882 16 11
1885-86	-	122	919	5,615 5 9	3,407	16,255	9,179	126,498 2 8
1886-87	-	93	317	† —	3,500	16,572	9,045	122,768 11 11
1887-88	-	43	301	1,304 9 7	3,543	16,873	9,161	124,073 1 6

* These amounts include rentals for certain lines leased to Cable Companies, and accounted for under that heading in the Revenue statement, Appendix R.

† The rates for double Wire Telephone Lines were reduced in 1886, and existing rentals were reduced accordingly.

APPENDIX O.

Inland Revenue Licenses.

NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION OF LICENSES issued by the POST OFFICE during the last Ten Years.

Year.	Brewers.			Dogs.		Male Servants at 15s. each.	Carriages.				Hackney Carriages.	
	At 9s. each.	At 6s. each.	At 4s. each.	At 5s. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.		At 4s. each.	At 15s. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.	At 21s. each.	At 15s. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.
1878-79 -	-	-	-	82,937	668,918	53,855	37,060	80,998	-	-	-	-
1879-80 -	-	-	-	-	652,663	62,792	46,653	108,634	-	-	-	-
1880-81 -	-	68,176	-	-	653,960	79,253	59,784	138,860	-	-	-	-
1881-82 -	6,655	96,623	-	-	646,362	84,968	66,754	156,704	-	-	-	-
1882-83 -	6,587	84,793	-	-	653,660	93,722	74,212	175,171	-	-	-	-
1883-84 -	6,359	81,122	-	-	682,682	98,515	78,580	188,043	-	-	-	-
1884-85 -	6,096	78,060	-	-	710,206	100,524	74,371	194,792	708	186	1,913	77
1885-86 -	5,738	23,632	62,603	-	724,868	101,331	72,997	192,350	624	121	13	-
1886-87 -	5,951	-	25,332	-	748,139	101,276	74,100	200,605	934	254	-	-
1887-88 -	5,757	-	19,172	-	768,731	107,571	78,283	212,160	1,025	232	-	-

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.
	At 42s. each.	At 21s. each.		Red at 60s.	Blue and Green at 40s.	Occasional at 20s.			
1878-79	-	-	5,656	11,834	92,208	14	-	1,033,500	£ 520,898 11 0
1879-80	-	-	6,403	14,471	87,728	7	2	979,355	543,923 5 6
1880-81	-	-	7,806	18,448	86,253	5,232	610	1,101,106	645,561 16 6
1881-82	-	-	8,386	20,030	93,507	8,031	768	1,176,834	709,181 8 0
1882-83	-	-	9,008	21,880	102,260	13,887	1,480	1,243,457	774,117 16 0
1883-84	-	-	9,199	23,076	108,792	16,377	1,860	1,307,769	818,703 2 0
1884-85	-	-	9,251	23,415	119,735	19,365	2,056	1,345,104	844,574 1 6
1885-86	-	-	9,234	24,149	127,642	20,960	2,277	1,372,326	850,191 4 0
1886-87	-	-	8,965	24,331	123,176	20,921	2,355	1,335,969	849,288 14 6
1887-88	-	-	9,146	23,682	133,467	23,475	2,507	1,407,776	901,532 18 0

APPENDIX P.

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

Year.	EXPENDITURE.														
	COST OF COLLECTION AND DELIVERY, OF MANAGEMENT, AND OF MONEY ORDER AND POSTAL ORDER BUSINESS.				COST OF CONVEYANCE OF MAI LS.										
	Salaries, Wages, Pensions, Travelling Allowances, Pensions on Sale of Stamps, Commission on Money Order and Postal Order Business, Cost of Uniform Clothing, of Medical Attendance, of Subsidies during Holidays or Sickness, and amount of Official Postage, Law Charges, and incidental Expenses.	Manufacture of Postage Stamps, Post Cards, and Stamped Newspaper Wrappers.	Stationery.	Buildings and Repairs, 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 Postage, 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 Bues and Panama and in other Foreign Ports, and Salaries of Admiralty Agents and other Officers in charge of Foreign and Colonial Mails.	Total Cost of Conveyance.	Conveyance of Savings Bank Correspondence.	Net Cost of Conveyance.	Total Cost of Post Office Service.	
1876-79	2,245,412	108,151	45,011	336,951	3,504,389	177,797	627,909	25,543	684,927	16,149	1,601,768	244,874 (a)	1,356,893	244,874	4,000,718
1879-80	2,281,251	101,802	46,432	100,238	3,573,536	181,703	701,070	24,737	664,830	16,093	1,583,833	31,835	1,552,000	4,131,659	
1880-81	2,281,251	101,802	46,432	100,238	3,573,536	184,416	707,436	28,337	685,440	16,480	1,602,075	38,752	1,563,323	4,131,659	
1881-82	2,433,691	107,163	44,244	153,113	3,737,835	186,076	714,124	33,036	687,875	16,485	1,597,436	38,675	1,558,761	4,296,506	
1882-83	2,613,691	117,785	39,789	207,273	3,976,777	190,349	732,821	30,405	693,879	14,716	1,606,235	33,632	1,572,603	4,444,398	
1883-84	2,987,986	154,889	58,068	237,176	3,448,004	268,811	746,649	63,085	654,636	14,913	1,745,301	33,568	1,701,735	5,154,893	
1884-85	3,091,235	141,800	53,906	304,637	3,691,068	300,444	783,313	67,323	619,019	16,276	1,763,275	40,120	1,723,155	5,317,815	
1885-86	3,230,133	154,270	52,743	234,834	3,671,499	290,453	838,010	64,843	633,901	15,559	1,854,765	41,470	1,813,295	5,464,734	
1886-87	3,463,767	153,687	62,840	397,070	4,042,664	299,737	870,336	64,595	634,905	17,837	1,879,900	42,423	1,837,477	5,680,141	
1887-88	3,608,994	168,846	55,783	297,543	4,121,176	309,642	880,230	78,492	571,635	21,488	1,868,407	45,766	1,822,641	5,963,880	

(a) The arrears in respect of the Cost of Savings Bank Correspondence from 1st April 1868 to 31st March 1877 inclusive, viz., 214,454., were charged to the Savings Bank department in the year 1878-9.

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.			
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	76,269	66,349	9,769	14,475	1,716,738	261,861	2,378	1,452,489	1,111,483	+ 341,006
1881	- 1,663,251	85,031	67,747	13,737	17,960	1,847,726	234,103	2,716	1,610,907	1,242,092	+ 368,815
1882	- 1,697,552	87,233	72,481	25,090	13,644	1,896,000	262,493	3,064	1,630,443	1,365,633	+ 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	99,225	94,953	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	1,731,040	+ 24,078
1886	- 1,708,976	103,415	100,802	61,659	13,113	1,987,965	226,174	3,622	1,758,169	1,738,105	+ 20,064
1887	- 1,757,715	111,150	96,998	69,261	14,525	2,049,649	189,962	4,001	1,855,686	1,939,764	- 84,078
1888	- 1,852,743	113,688	98,976	73,910	14,872	2,154,195	190,404	4,365	1,959,406	1,928,159	+ 31,247

(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 October of 1885.

APPENDIX S.

Expenditure in relation to Telegraphs.

Year.	EXPENDITURE.						
	Working Expenses charged to the Telegraph Vote, according to the Appropriation Account.	Manufacture and Issue of Stamps used on Telegrams.	Stationery.	Buildings.	Auditing of Telegraph Accounts by Exchequer and Audit Department.	Rates and Contributions in lieu of Rates paid by Treasury.	Total Cost of Telegraph Service.
1880-81	£ 1,242,092	£ 1,938	£ 23,911	£ 38,673	£ 1,146	£ 704	£ 1,308,454
1881-82	£ 1,365,633	710	22,118	49,916	1,353	768	1,440,498
1882-83	£ 1,504,204	741	21,761	54,696	1,561	913	1,583,876
1883-84	£ 1,709,644	168	24,349	71,977	1,911	871	1,808,920
1884-85	£ 1,731,040	166	24,169	62,039	2,347	1,003	1,820,764
1885-86	£ 1,733,105	237	31,391	64,353	2,161	1,155	1,832,402
1886-87	£ 1,939,764	334	35,259	53,977	2,193	1,105	2,032,652
1887-88	£ 1,928,159	352	34,000	24,886	2,634	1,136	1,991,167

APPENDIX T.

CUMULATIVE ACCOUNT showing the FLUCTUATIONS in the CONSUMPTION of STORES, and the BALANCES in DEPÔTS.

	Year ending March 31st.											
	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Value of Stores in Depôts at commencement of year -	116,773	15	0½	120,090	12	2½	105,693	17	1½	120,320	11	10½
Value of Stores purchased during year -	40,698	14	2	60,968	9	2	127,169	7	6	225,448	11	6
Value of Stores and labour expended thereon, paybill charges, during year -	2,731	15	7½	3,854	7	4	6,966	12	6½	139,839	9	2
Value of Stores returned into Stock under the following Sub-heads:—												
Of Maintenance -	58,307	15	9½	54,619	13	3	58,890	14	10	15,538	16	9½
Of " [Ships]												
Of Extensions -	164	15	1	176	7	8½	128	1	11	173,145	10	6½
Of Re-arrangements -	5,950	16	5½	5,188	15	7½	7,073	5	2½	60	1	7½
Of Private Telegraphs -	2,592	11	8	4,475	9	3½	9,461	6	2½	504	17	8½
Of Works executed for Ely. Co. & Co. -	323	9	8½	401	12	2½	466	8	4½	39,005	19	10½
Of Government dept. Telegraphs -	268	6	0½	73	10	9½	53	6	6½	10,456	4	0
General Stock -	85	6	10½	11	11	4	3	9	1	897	16	6½
Total -	236,835	9	2½	249,790	8	11½	315,621	9	4	346	9	6½
										578,535	3	8½
										670,584	10	11½
										636,680	12	10½
										393	6	3½
										—		
										507,398	9	6½

APPENDIX T.—*continued.*

	Year ended March 31st.									
	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	
Value of Stores used under the following Sub-heads :—										
C ³ Maintenance -	91,440 16 7½	120,755 14 0	99,987 19 10	136,201 9 4	134,286 12 7½	171,615 6 11	237,231 5 8½	209,045 10 6	198,004 6 7	
C ¹¹ " [Ships] -	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,998 5 3½	805 11 4½	519 2 0½	
C ¹ Extensions -	4,032 15 6	1,631 13 6½	3,537 16 10½	3,723 16 0	2,832 13 8½	3,302 8 8½	6,599 9 8½	5,814 5 10½	6,409 4 0½	
C ² Re-arrangements -	11,179 2 10½	6,487 1 9½	63,802 1 0½	43,313 13 5½	34,686 1 6	212,172 14 9	177,877 0 5½	112,533 4 11	51,569 16 8½	
C ² Private Telegraphs -	8,475 16 7½	12,761 18 3½	17,275 0 8½	49,216 0 7½	56,336 0 2½	33,600 14 10	34,184 13 3½	34,777 6 8½	21,103 12 4½	
C ⁴ Works executed for Ely. Co's, &c. -	1,366 4 4½	1,515 13 8½	1,432 19 8½	1,414 17 10½	2,874 13 11½	2,646 11 5½	3,190 2 5½	1,560 16 10½	1,622 18 7	
C ⁵ Government Telegraphs -	380 0 10½	885 5 5½	224 11 5½	1,987 19 8	1,777 15 11½	1,530 4 4	1,135 6 5	1,794 17 4½	1,823 6 2½	
A ¹ Losses by fraud, default, &c. -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	224 6 8½	
E ¹ Gas for West Chief Offices -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,175 8 0	
General Stock -	—	14 5 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Value of Stores in Depot at end of year -	120,020 12 2½	105,698 17 1½	129,361 0 1	152,625 15 11½	190,776 9 5½	211,762 11 10½	215,329 7 8½	212,183 10 1½	226,786 7 2½	
Total -	236,385 9 2½	249,790 8 11½	315,621 9 4	389,143 13 0	453,620 7 6	636,630 12 10½	676,884 10 11½	573,335 3 8½	507,323 9 6½	

(Signed) CHAS. E. STUART,
 (Signed) JAMES J. CARDIN,
Controller of Stores.
Receiver and Accountant General.

June 1888.

**EXTRACT FROM THE FINANCE ACCOUNTS FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1888.**

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

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

POST OFFICE.

	Gross Receipts.			Payments out.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Postage collected by Country Postmasters - - -	293	11	6	—		
Postage collected in the Metropolis - - -	110,036	19	9½	—		
Postage, &c. refunded - - -	—	—	—	13,849	10	3½
Postage Stamps sold by Postmasters, &c. in the United Kingdom, and issued to Postmasters and Agents Abroad - -	9,064,281	0	6½	—		
Postage Stamps sold by Stamp Distributors of Inland Revenue - - -	218,976	0	1	—		
Postage, &c. refunded by Stamp Distributors of Inland Revenue - - -	—	—	—	1,333	9	0
Payments to Inland Revenue Department on account of Postage Stamps used for Inland Revenue purposes - -	—	—	—	488,120	0	0
Payments to Railway Companies and to Her Majesty's Customs on account of Parcel Post - - -	—	—	—	397,324	18	9
Commission on Money Orders - - -	133,445	14	6	—		
Ditto Postal „ - - -	159,879	8	6	—		
Miscellaneous Receipts - - -	33,222	16	1	—		
Postage collected for Great Britain by Colonial Offices, and Postmasters and Agents Abroad - - -	93,617	12	3½	—		
Postage collected by Foreign Offices for credit of Great Britain - - -	53,986	3	11	—		
Postage collected by Great Britain for credit of Colonial Offices not under the control of the Imperial Post Office - - -	—	—	—	131,408	10	2¾
Postage collected by Great Britain for credit of Foreign Offices - - -	—	—	—	138,718	8	3½
	9,867,739	7	2½	1,170,654	16	6½
Deduct Payments out - - -	1,170,654	16	6¾			
NET PRODUCE £	8,697,084	10	7½			

General Post Office, }
June 1888.

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TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

	Gross Receipts.	Payments out.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Amount received for the transmission of Telegraphic Messages, &c. in Cash	366,711 1 11½	—
Amount received for the transmission of Telegraphic Messages, &c. in Stamps -	1,772,605 11 11	—
Payments to Submarine Telegraph Companies, Message Moneys refunded, &c. &c.	- - -	194,788 14 8½
	2,139,316 13 10½	194,788 14 8½
Deduct Payments out	194,788 14 8½	
NET PRODUCE	£ 1,944,527 19 2	

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