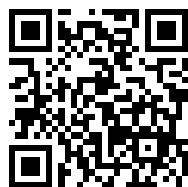

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TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORDS COMMISSIONERS OF HER MAJESTY'S TREASURY.

MY LORDS,

I HAVE the honour to submit to your Lordships the Thirty-ninth Annual Report on the Post Office, being the Report for the year ended the 31st of March 1893.

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 - - -	1,790,500,000	1·3	46·6
Post Cards - - -	244,400,000	1·2	6·4
Book Packets, Circulars, } and Samples - }	535,200,000	8·	14·
Newspapers - - -	162,800,000	—	4·2
Total - - -	2,732,900,000	2·4	71·2
Parcels - - -	52,370,000	6·	1·4
Grand Total -	2,785,270,000	2·5	72·6

Your Lordships will notice the large increase, viz., 8 per cent. in the estimated number of book packets, circulars, and samples, and incidentally the remarkable growth in the number of book packets, circulars, &c., which could not be delivered. The comparison on page 2 shows that a growth of over 2,000,000 of these missives occurred in the year, as compared with a growth of less

than 100,000 in the year before. These results are due to various causes, amongst which may be stated the relaxation, on the 1st June 1892, of the conditions under which circulars, invoices, &c. are allowed to pass through the post at the $\frac{1}{4}$ d. rate. There can be no doubt that a good deal of matter which formerly used to contribute 1d. to the Exchequer now contributes only $\frac{1}{4}$ d., and it becomes necessary to watch the bearing of these concessions upon the financial arrangements of the Government.

The number of letters registered was 12,132,144, an increase of 54,776, or at the rate of .45 per cent. The number of registered parcels was 448,233, an increase over the previous year of 67,238, or at the rate of 17.65 per cent. Of the 2,732,900,000 letters, &c. delivered, about 85 per cent. were delivered in England and Wales, 28.98 per cent. being delivered in the London Postal District alone, 9.07 per cent. in Scotland, and 5.93 per cent. in Ireland.

New Offices,
&c.

The number of Post Offices has been increased during the year by 524, and the number of public letter boxes has been increased by 1,771. The total number of Post Offices has thus been raised to 19,625 and the number of letter boxes to 25,072. About 800 additional licenses to sell postage stamps have been issued to tradesmen and others by the Inland Revenue Department.

Returned
Letters.

The numbers of letters, &c. dealt with in the various Returned Letter Offices throughout the country were as follows:—

—	Number.	Increase. or Decrease.
Letters - - - -	6,357,439	Decrease. 433,406
Post Cards - - - -	964,164	Increase. 49,930
Patterns and Samples - -	49,133	7,520
Parcels - - - -	128,744	10,686
Book Packets and Circulars -	9,034,832	2,018,372
Newspapers - - - -	518,772	Decrease. 37,959

Of the 6,357,439 letters dealt with 118,818 were re-issued to corrected addresses, 5,565,609 were returned to the senders, 242,832 were returned unopened to the Post Offices of foreign countries, and only 429,780 remained which could not be disposed of. The number of undelivered registered letters and letters containing property dealt with was 208,978, or 1,766 more than in 1891-2, and included 29,387 letters containing articles of sufficient value to be compulsorily registered. About 32,000 letters were posted without any addresses, and of these 1,955

contained cash, bank-notes, and cheques, &c., of the value of over 5,000*l*. Of the parcels dealt with 97,264 were re-issued to corrected addresses or returned to the senders.

The total number of officers on the permanent establishment Staff of the Department, together with Sub-Postmasters, on the 31st March last, was 71,956. The number added in the year was 3,725. In the total are included 10,465 women, of whom 1,176 are employed as clerks in the Chief Offices in London, Edinburgh, and Dublin, and 4,526 as counterwomen, sorting clerks and telegraphists throughout the United Kingdom. Besides the foregoing there are throughout the United Kingdom about 59,000 other persons not on the permanent establishment employed more or less in Post Office work. Of these about 16,000 are women. The total number of persons employed of all classes is 131,459.

The health of the staff during 1892 was on the whole satisfactory. The returns compare favourably with those for 1891, and in many instances they record marked improvement. The average rate of sick absence for the whole established staff, arising from all causes (including enforced absence to avoid infection of the staff), was 9.5 days for men and 17 days for women. The subjoined table shows the average duration of the sick absences per sick officer, and also per officer employed.

	Average Absence per Sick Officer.	Average Sick Rate per Officer employed.
	Days.	Days.
England and Wales :		
Chief Office :		
Men - - - - -	14	10.3
Women - - - - -	21	19
Metropolitan Districts :		
Men - - - - -	15	10.4
Women - - - - -	20	16
Provinces :		
Men - - - - -	21	6
Women - - - - -	28	12
Scotland :		
Men - - - - -	19	7
Women - - - - -	22	17
Ireland :		
Men - - - - -	26	14
Women - - - - -	33	22

The death rate for the year was 'under 5 per thousand for men and a little over 3 per thousand for women. Details are given below :

—	Chief Office.	Metro-politan Districts.	Provinces.	Scotland.	Ireland.
Number of deaths :					
Men - - -	51	25	119	20	18
Women - - -	8	0	6	0	3
Death rate per 1,000 :					
Men - - -	5	3	4	5	7
Women - - -	3	0	3	0	0
Average age at death :					
Men - - -	37	30	38	38	34
Women - - -	25	0	29	0	28
Average length of service :					
Men - - -	17	12	14	12	14
Women - - -	14	0	4·6	0	8

During 1892 twelve deaths occurred from zymotic diseases. Typhoid, 9 ; scarlet fever, 1 ; diphtheria, 1 ; erysipelas, 1. Scarlet fever was present in an epidemic form throughout England, and a very large number of the staff suffered from that complaint. Small-pox was also prevalent throughout England in 1892. Still there were only two very mild cases out of the whole force of established officers. This practical immunity from small-pox in such a large body of men is attributed to the rule by which every candidate is required before entering the service to give proof of having been satisfactorily vaccinated since infancy. The enforced abstention from duty of officers in whose homes cases of infectious diseases occur materially increases the rate of sick absence and causes much inconvenience and expense in providing substitutes. In the year 1892 there were 702 cases in which officers were required to absent themselves for this reason, the total duration of their absence being 17,359 days, or nearly 25 days per man.

In the early part of 1892, there was a return of epidemic influenza, but the epidemic was of a milder character than in previous years. Fourteen deaths were due to influenza.

The number of Medical Officers to the Post Office is shown in the subjoined table.

—	Chief Office.	Metropolitan Districts.	Provinces.	Scotland.	Ireland.	Total.
Medical Officers,						
Men -	4	40	345	16	20	425
Women -	1	—	2	—	—	2
Total -	—	—	—	—	—	427

It is with much regret that I have to record the death on the 9th November last of Mr. Edward Graves, Engineer-in-Chief to this Department, who, from the commencement of the Government Telegraph system, took a most valuable and distinguished part in that branch of the Post Office. He rendered important service in connexion with several Government Commissions, and I cannot but regard his death as a serious loss not only to the Post Office but to the public service generally.

Death of Mr.
Edward
Graves.

New Crown Post Offices have been opened during the year at Abingdon, Blackpool, Lancaster, Paddington, Cupar (Fife), Hawick, Paisley, and Mallow. Others have been in course of erection at Brierley Hill, Leeds, Liverpool, Maidenhead, Slough, West Bromwich, Ayr, Coatbridge, Falkirk, Helensburgh, Lisburn, Longford, and Tipperary. Arrangements are also being made with a view to providing Crown offices in a number of other important towns. Considerable progress has been made with the new Post Office building in St. Martin's-le-Grand. The walls and roof have been completed, and the internal arrangements are being rapidly proceeded with. The expenditure on this building during the year amounted to 45,840*l.*, which makes the actual outlay on the site and building down to 31st March 1893, 488,450*l.* To this should be added a sum of 25,600*l.*, the estimated value of the site of the old Money Order Office which was already the property of the Crown. The new Telegraph Factory at Mount Pleasant has been completed, and nearly the whole of the factory work was transferred from Gloucester Road to the new premises in August 1892. On the 24th October 1892, the first portion of the new Parcel Post Office at Mount Pleasant was also occupied, and the ground is now being cleared for the erection of the second portion.

New Buildings.

The expenditure out of the Post Office Votes on the acquisition of sites and buildings during the year amounted to about 104,700*l.*, of which about 15,100*l.* was spent in London. The expenditure out of the Office of Works Vote on the erection of new Post Offices, and the maintenance and enlargement of existing offices in Great Britain, amounted to 282,313*l.*, and in Ireland to 13,068*l.*

**Inland Mail
Service.**

Since May 1892 a considerable improvement has, in accordance with a resolution of the House of Commons, been effected in many rural districts, not only by extending the official delivery of letters to places where there was no delivery before, but also by granting deliveries on six days a week to many localities which had previously received letters on two or three days only. This concession, which necessarily has entailed a good deal of expenditure, has been much appreciated. About 150,000 letters a week have thus been brought into the official delivery.

With regard to the Mail Service, it may be mentioned that an early morning train has been established from Leeds to Ilkley, Harrogate, and Ripon, and another train from Northallerton to Hawes with the result that the morning delivery throughout those districts has been considerably accelerated. A valuable working improvement was effected during the year in connexion with the Travelling Post Offices running between Shrewsbury and Crewe, and between Crewe and Normanton. These Post Office Carriages now run throughout from Shrewsbury to Normanton and vice versa, instead of as far as Crewe only. The result is very beneficial inasmuch as a troublesome transfer of Mails at a time of great pressure and at a busy junction is thereby avoided. The Mail Train which leaves Euston at 10 p.m. has also been the subject of attention and changes have been made, with the result that a good deal of correspondence which formerly missed despatch by this Mail is now included and sorted by the travelling staff en route. New Post Office Carriages of an improved type, and with larger accommodation, have been provided in the Irish Mail train, and also in the Local Night Mail train between Bangor and Crewe, with much advantage both to the despatch of business and the comfort of the travelling staff.

Additional deliveries, and collections and other improvements have been effected during the year in a large number of provincial towns. The communication between London and the Provinces generally has also been much improved. Additional Letter Mails have been established to the number of 245 and Parcel Mails to the number of 51 daily. The number of separate Parcel Mails now made up daily in the chief parcel office in London is 924, and the number received is 744. The delivery of letters in the London suburbs has been expedited by the establishment of a system of direct despatches from the Chief Office to the Sub-district Offices, and also by the arrangement of new deliveries.

In Scotland the Summer Service to Orkney and Shetland has been made more frequent, and the Islay Mail Steamer now calls regularly at the Island of Jura. Also, the service of steamers between Scotland and Ireland, via Ardrossan, has been accelerated and improved.

In Ireland the trains conveying the English Night Mails and the Irish Day Mails over the Great Southern and Western Railway were accelerated on the 1st November 1892. The

train from Dublin now reaches Cork at 11.15 a.m. instead of 11.45 A.M., and the up train leaves Cork at 2.40 p.m. instead of 2.10 p.m., thus increasing by one hour the interval available at Cork for the preparation of replies to correspondence.

The system of forwarding letters by Express Delivery; which Express Delivery. has now been in existence two years, shows a growth in the number of services of 45 per cent.; the actual number of services being 157,000 as compared with 108,000 in the previous year. The hours for Express Delivery business in London have been extended from 7 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. The total number of offices at which such business is transacted in London has been increased from 156 to 240. It will be observed that, although the increase in the number of services is considerable, the total amount of business done is small in comparison with the population, and apparently the public finds the rapid service by ordinary post sufficient for most of its needs without having recourse to special delivery entailing additional charge.

In connexion with the system of Express Delivery, the following additional facilities are now afforded. 1st. Any person who wishes to obtain letters, &c., arriving by a particular mail earlier than they would be delivered by Postman in ordinary course may have them delivered by special messenger. The charge for this service is 3*d.* per mile for a single packet, with a further charge of 1*d.* for every ten packets (or part of ten packets) beyond the first. Thus, a merchant may arrange for his morning letters, &c., to be specially delivered on a particular day, and, if his place of business lies within a mile of the delivery office and he receives (say) 30 letters, he will be charged 6*d.* 2nd. Any person wishing to send several packets at the same time for delivery throughout by express messenger may have them delivered by one messenger at a reduced rate of charge, viz., 3*d.* per mile for the whole distance to be traversed by the messenger up to the delivery of the last packet, plus a fixed charge of 2*d.* for each packet beyond the first. The sender may himself determine the order in which the packets are to be delivered.

The arrangements for posting letters in London on Sundays with Sunday Posting. an extra $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* stamp have been further extended, and letters may now be posted on Sundays up to 6.0 p.m. at each one of the chief District Offices, as well as at St. Martins-le-Grand and the railway termini. About 2,600 letters every Sunday are posted in London in this manner. The highest number posted on any one Sunday was 7,400 on the 26th March.

An experiment has been tried in Huddersfield of attaching Posting in Tramcars. letter boxes to tramcars circulating through the town and district, and about 5,000 letters a week have been collected by this means. As the facility appears to be appreciated, it is in contemplation to extend the system to certain other towns where the collections can be conveniently made.

Parcel Post.

The growth of the Parcel Post business will be seen from the following table :—

Year.	—	Number of Parcels.	Postage.			Average Postage per Parcel.	
			Gross Amount.	55 per cent. on Railway-borne Parcels paid to Railway Companies.	Post Office Share.	Gross.	Post Office Share.
			£	£	£	d.	d.
1884-85	Railway-borne and Road-borne.	23,910,040	508,247	256,572	251,675	5'33	2'63
1885-86	" " "	26,417,397	591,945	298,948	292,997	5'38	2'66
1886-87	" " "	32,360,154	719,112	358,354	360,858	5'25	2'64
1887-88	" " "	36,731,786	811,764	401,295	410,469	5'30	2'68
1888-89	" " "	39,569,313	878,547	433,307	445,240	5'32	2'69
1889-90	" " "	42,852,600	952,113	463,807	488,306	5'33	2'70
1890-91	" " "	46,267,966	1,035,773	499,913	535,860	5'37	2'77
1891-92	" " "	49,378,365	1,109,654	530,076	579,578	5'39	2'82
1892-93	" " "	52,370,328	1,151,051	539,442	612,609	5'28	2'80

Railway Letters.

The system under which, by agreement with the Postmaster-General, certain railway companies are authorised to convey over their lines single post letters not exceeding 1 oz. in weight and addressed to places within the United Kingdom, continues in operation, but judging from the latest returns it was not used to any greater extent in 1892-3 than in the previous year. The total number of such letters is estimated to be below 150,000 a year. The charge, as your Lordships are aware, is a railway fee of 2d., in addition to the postage of 1d. The extension of the Express Delivery system has possibly tended to check the growth of this service.

Registration and compensation.

On the 1st December last the amount up to which compensation may be obtained for the loss or damage of packets sent by registered post was raised from 25*l.* to 50*l.* The new scale of fees, and the respective amounts up to which compensation can now be secured are shown below :—

Fee.	Limit of Compensation.	Fee.	Limit of Compensation.
d.	£	d.	£
2	5	7	30
3	10	8	35
4	15	8	40
5	20	10	45
6	25	11	50

According to a recent return taken during one week 222,011 letters and 8,988 parcels were registered in the United Kingdom, of which 220 letters and 57 parcels were registered to secure compensation above 25*l*. During the year ended 31st March 1893, compensation was paid for the loss or damage of registered packets and of insured foreign and colonial parcels in 507 cases, the sums paid amounting to 550*l*. Compensation not exceeding 2*l*. in each case was also paid for the loss or damage of unregistered inland parcels and of uninsured foreign and colonial parcels in 5,039 cases, the sums paid amounting to 1,731*l*., making the total sum paid for compensation 2,282*l*.

The development of printing in imitation of type-writing and the consequent assimilation of the two processes has rendered it difficult to distinguish the one from the other, and therefore I have been obliged to reconsider the terms of the Warrant of 28th May 1892, under which printed circulars are permitted to pass through the post at the $\frac{1}{4}$ *d*. rate. To meet the altered circumstances I proposed, and your Lordships adopted the proposal, that in lieu of the test provided in the afore-mentioned Warrant, circulars printed in imitation of type-writing might be accepted if posted in batches of not less than 20 copies precisely identical at the counter of a Head Post Office. Each copy has to be impressed with a special stamp to show that it has been examined and that the conditions have been complied with. The adoption of this plan will no doubt be of great advantage to many firms.

Circulars in imitation of type-writing.

On the 1st July 1892, certain improvements in the Foreign and Colonial Postal Service came into operation by virtue of resolutions passed at the Vienna Postal Congress in 1891. It will suffice to name the extension of limits of size and weight for patterns or samples of merchandize; the generalization of the system of Reply-paid Post Cards; the relaxation of some of the rules relating to Post Cards and to printed papers; the establishment of a Central Clearing House at Berne for the settlement of postal and telegraph accounts; the simplification of accounting and the institution of uniform sea transit rates for correspondence conveyed beyond the limits of the Postal Union; and arrangements for the exchange of Mails, as a matter of conventional right, with ships of war on foreign stations, and for the posting of correspondence on board Mail Packets on the high seas.

Vienna Postal Congress, 1891.

The entry of the Colony of Natal into the Universal Postal Union, which also took place on the 1st July 1892, not only appreciably reduces the extent of British territory still remaining outside the sphere of the Union, but strengthens the expectation that the adhesion to the Union of the Cape Colony and British Bechuanaland—now the only important parts of the Empire outside the Union—cannot be much longer postponed. Postal Union principles and rates of postage have also been applied

Entry of Natal into the Postal Union. Postal Communication with Oil Rivers Protectorate.

in the recently organized Post Office of the Oil Rivers Protectorate—henceforth to be known as the Niger Coast Protectorate.

**International
Express
Service.**

On the 1st August 1892, the arrangements for the delivery of correspondence by express messenger, originally confined to the inland post, were extended to our postal relations with as many foreign countries as have been found willing to conform, wholly or in part, to the regulations of the Union in respect of this special service. These countries include nearly all the States of Central, Western, and Southern Europe, with some parts of South America and the Far East. In every instance the primary fee payable in England for express delivery has been fixed at 3*d.*—the fees payable on delivery at destinations remote from a post office varying with the local conditions. Express letters received from abroad are delivered by special messenger free of charge within a distance of a mile from the office of delivery. Beyond that distance the charge is 3*d.* per mile for one letter, with a further charge of 1*d.* on each additional letter addressed to the same person.

**Acceleration
of Homeward
American
Mails.**

In the early part of this year an improvement in the Homeward American Mail Service was effected. It was provisionally arranged that the mails from New York should be brought all the way from Queenstown by Special train and boat Service when the arrival of the Atlantic Packet failed to coincide with the departure of the day or night mail train from that port, and the advantage gained by using the Special service would be delivery a whole business day earlier than if the mails were sent on to Liverpool.

**Transit of
Indian Mails.**

Further negotiations have taken place with the Italian Government and another reduction has been secured of the rate for the conveyance of the Indian Mails by special train through Italy, by which it is estimated that a saving of over 12,000*l.* a year will be effected. It will be remembered that only last year negotiations with the Postal Administrations of France and Italy brought about a reduction of 7,000*l.* a year in the cost of this service.

**Foreign and
Colonial Parcel
Post.**

The Foreign and Colonial Parcel Post has been affected by the depression in trade, the rate of increase for the year in the number of parcels sent being 3½ per cent. as against nearly 10 per cent. for the previous year. From the Abstract of the Trade of the United Kingdom for 1892, published by the Board of Trade, it would appear that the value of the goods exported and imported during that year by Parcel Post was 1,537,123*l.* as compared with 1,667,532*l.* for the year 1891. Another circumstance which affected the service was the prevalence of cholera on the continent in the autumn. The Parcel Post to some countries was entirely interrupted, and in most countries it was hampered with quarantine restrictions. Special measures for disinfecting parcels of clothing, &c. received from abroad had to be adopted in London, and a separate place has been provided for disinfecting purposes in the new Parcel Office at Mount Pleasant.

The Parcel Post has been extended to the Niger Coast Protectorate, on the West Coast of Africa, to Mashonaland, and to Salvador. The postage on parcels for Canada and Sarawak has been reduced, the limit of weight being in the former case raised from 7 pounds to 11 pounds.

A supplementary Parcel Post Service to Germany has been arranged by means of the steamers of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Company plying between Grimsby and Hamburg. This will considerably accelerate the transmission of parcels originating in or addressed to the North of England, Scotland, and Ireland.

The undelivered parcels contained the usual miscellany of articles, some of them of a more or less unpleasant character, such as part of a poisoned dog on its way to a veterinary surgeon for analysis. Amongst the articles found loose in the post was a bar of unwrought silver described as "a piece of white metal," which had been sent by Parcel Post from one of the Australian Colonies to be used in making the key with which Her Majesty the Queen opened the Imperial Institute. It was promptly claimed, and handed over to the Colonial Agent-General. Curious incidents.

Amongst the letters returned from abroad was one addressed to—

Jacob Stainer, Esq.,
Violin Maker,
Absam, Germany.

The writer, who asked to see one of that celebrated violin maker's price lists, received his letter back, with an endorsement in German and English to the effect that the gentleman addressed had been dead 200 years.

The following story of the recovery of a parcel of long lost bonds deserves, perhaps, to be recorded. In December 1889 a parcel of foreign bonds, valued at over 1,000*l.*, sent to Freiburg in Germany by a London banker, was reported missing. Enquiry was made and showed that the parcel left London in due course, and was duly received in the Post Office at Cologne, but beyond that point all trace was lost. The German Postal authorities made diligent but fruitless inquiries, and finally abandoned the search. Two years afterwards a letter was received from the German Post Office, stating that the bank in London had recovered the parcel with its contents intact. The Post Office naturally wished to know how the recovery had been effected, and it was informed that a minister of religion had delivered the parcel to the bank, stating that it had been entrusted to a minister of the same faith in Germany by a dying man, who desired to restore the property to its owner. Beyond this he declined to give any information.

The following letter was received from a woman in Nebraska :—

“ For the London
General
Postmaster
City of London
old England.

DEAR SIR,

I AM Living in North America and have Lost all track of my Parents I enclosed you a Portgraf of a young man that is in the Post Office under your charge who was going to marrie my youngest sister by name ——— About 3 years ago if you will kindly hunt the original of the Picture out and Let him write me if he knows the Wear Abouts of My Sisters or Brothers Mother and Father Mrs ——— who was living in Alls burry Bucks England 3 years ago. Dear Sir if you will kindly Do this favour I will think you are very kind in Deed.

“ I remain

“ Yours very respt

“ J—— B——.”

Happily the relations were discovered, and communication was restored.

The Postmaster of S—— received a somewhat similar request. A lady inquired whether he could supply the address of a “widower gentleman, rather short, wears glasses, with one little boy two years of age.” Unfortunately this task proved too much for the resources of the Post Office, and the widower gentleman remains unknown.

A young woman who was about to despatch a telegram was heard to remark to her companion, “I must write this out afresh, I don’t want Mrs.—— to see this untidy telegram.” Such ignorance is now believed to be rare, but it was common enough in the early days of the telegraph.

A somewhat novel request was recently made at the post office at Ventnor. A lady entered the office one evening and asked the counter clerk to take charge of her poodle whilst she attended the service at the neighbouring church. The request was politely refused, much to the indignation of the lady, who said in wrathful tones that she considered the refusal was most disobliging on the part of a “*public servant*.”

Amongst many suggestions made by the public for improving the Post Office, was one from an optician, who, perhaps, was not wholly free from an interested motive. His idea was that the Post Office should provide at every office a powerful magnifying glass for the convenience of short-sighted persons who might have left their glasses at home.

The number of Money Order Offices open on the 31st March last was 10,663, showing an increase of 481 in the year.

The number and amount of Money Orders dealt with in the Money Orders. United Kingdom in 1892-3, and in the previous year, were as follows :—

	Number.			Amount.		
	1892-3.	1891-2.	Difference.	1892-3.	1891-2.	Difference.
<i>Inland Orders.</i>						
Ordinary - - -	7,371,978	7,420,624	Decrease. 48,646	18,943,888	18,953,550	Decrease. 9,662
Telegraph - - -	80,016	42,055	Increase. 37,961	292,530	157,428	Increase. 135,408
Government - - -	1,511,038	1,443,897	67,141	5,382,085	5,272,591	109,494
Total of Inland Orders	8,963,032	8,906,576	56,456	24,618,509	24,383,569	235,240
<i>Foreign and Colonial Orders.</i>						
Issued in the United Kingdom, and paid abroad :—						
Colonial - - -	103,181	92,554	10,627	365,394	332,411	32,983
Foreign - - -	301,535	298,021	3,514	741,470	746,139	Decrease. 4,669
Total outwards -	404,716	390,575	14,141	1,106,864	1,078,550	Increase. 28,314
Issued abroad and paid in United Kingdom :—						
Colonial - - -	382,755	387,072	Decrease. 4,317	1,269,936	1,323,670	Decrease. 53,734
Foreign - - -	692,415	662,407	Increase. 30,008	1,688,342	1,643,845	Increase. 44,497
Total inwards -	1,075,170	1,049,479	25,691	2,958,278	2,967,515	Decrease. 9,237
Total of Foreign and Colonial Orders - -	1,479,886	1,440,054	39,832	4,065,142	4,040,065	Increase. 19,077
Grand total - -	10,442,918	10,346,630	96,288	28,683,651	28,423,634	*254,317

The increase in the total number of Inland Money Orders, to which reference was made in the last Report, continued in 1892-3, the number being 56,456 in excess of 1891-2. The total value of Inland Orders has also increased by 235,240*l.* The average value of the Orders was 2*l.* 14*s.* 11*d.*, as against 2*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.* in 1891-2. During the year the experiment has been tried at Liverpool, Bristol, and certain other towns chiefly in the north of England, of transacting Money Order business beyond the usual restricted hours, and, the result having been satisfactory, the plan will be extended to other places as opportunity offers.

**Telegraph
Money Orders.**

The Telegraph Money Order business, which was extended to all available offices on the 1st March 1892, showed a marked increase, 80,016 Telegraph Orders having been issued in 1892-3, as against 42,055 in 1891-2, an increase of 37,961, or about 90 per cent. The total amount remitted by telegraph was 292,836*l.* as against 157,428*l.* for 1891-2, an increase of 135,408*l.*, or about 86 per cent. The average amount per Telegraph Order was 3*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.* as against 3*l.* 14*s.* 10*d.* in the previous year. It is evident that the system meets a real want, and, as the public grows more familiar with the arrangements, the volume of business will no doubt grow rapidly. The following table shows the growth of the Telegraph Money Order System from the commencement.

Year ended 31st March.	Number.	Amount.	Average Amount of Order.
		£	£ s. d.
1890*	3,857	15,041	3 17 5
1891	30,196	112,571	3 14 6
1892	42,055	157,428	3 14 10
1893	80,016	292,836	3 13 2

**Government
Orders.**

The total number of Money Orders issued for other Departments of the Government was 1,511,038, amounting to 5,382,085*l.*, being an increase of 67,141 in number and 109,494*l.* in amount as compared with 1891-2.

**Foreign and
Colonial
Orders.**

In spite of much depression in trade in various parts of the world the Foreign and Colonial Money Order business taken in the gross shows an increase. The total number of Foreign and Colonial Orders issued and paid was 1,479,886, as compared with 1,440,054 in 1891-2, an increase of 39,832, and the amount was 4,065,142*l.* as against 4,046,065*l.*, an increase of 19,077*l.* Signs of bad times are, however, apparent here and there, notably in the case of the Australian Colonies, the homeward remittances from which fell off to the extent of about 49,000*l.* From India the remittances also decreased to the extent of over 15,000*l.*

The Money Order System has been extended to the Kingdom of Siam.

Postal Orders.

The number of Postal Orders issued in the United Kingdom was 56,590,668 or 3,931,123 more than in the previous year. The value represented by the Orders was 21,345,153*l.*, or 761,403*l.* more than the value of those issued in 1891-2. The "Missing Word Competitions," instituted by a number of weekly papers, added considerably to the number of Postal

* The system of Telegraph Money Orders was commenced experimentally at certain selected offices on the 2nd September, 1889; it was extended to all Head Offices and Branch Offices on the 2nd March 1890, and to all Money Order Offices which are also Telegraph Offices on the 1st March 1892.

Orders issued in the year, particularly those of 1s. value, which increased by over 1,500,000 as against an increase of 316,000 in the previous year. The total amount transmitted by Money Orders and Postal Orders in the year was about 50 millions sterling, or a million more than in 1891-2. I am pleased to report that the measures taken in 1891 to check the practice of fraudulently negotiating Postal Orders, which were referred to in the last Report, have resulted in a considerable diminution of such frauds.

The business of the Post Office Savings Bank during 1892 has made notable progress; among the circumstances which have contributed more or less to this result being undoubtedly the lamentable frauds and failures in connexion with so many investment societies, which have directed public attention more than ever to the unquestionable security of the Post Office Savings Bank. The deposits and withdrawals, as compared with those in 1891, will be seen from the following statement:—

Year ended	Deposits.		Withdrawals.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£		£
31 December 1891	8,941,431	21,334,903	3,126,231	19,019,856
„ 1892	9,478,389	22,845,031	3,335,068	20,346,217

The sum credited to depositors for interest during the year 1892 was 1,746,263*l.*, or 88,115*l.* more than in the previous year. The amount, including interest, which remained to the credit of depositors on the 31st December 1892, was 75,853,079*l.* being 4,245,077*l.* more than at the close of the previous year. Moreover, the total of Government Stock purchased by depositors through the medium of the Post Office Savings Bank amounted on the 31st December to 5,599,020*l.*, or an increase of over 500,000*l.*

The greatest number of deposits on any one day was 71,654 on the 31st January. The amount was 162,560*l.*, but the deposits on the 31st December amounted to the larger sum of 217,096*l.*, although the number was smaller, viz., 70,596. The daily average number of deposits throughout the year was 30,874, and the amount 74,413*l.*, as against 29,412 and 70,180*l.* respectively, in 1891. The greatest number of warrants issued on any one day, which also represented the highest amount, was 28,536 for 103,726*l.* on the 20th December. The daily average number of warrants issued was 10,863 and the amount 66,274*l.*, as against 10,283 and 62,565*l.* respectively, in 1891. The average

amount of each deposit which had for three years been declining rose from 2*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.* to 2*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.* The average amount of each withdrawal was 6*l.* 2*s.* as against 6*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* in 1891.

For the first time since the establishment of the Post Office Savings Bank the number of new accounts opened during the year reached a million, the precise number for 1892 being 1,036,622, or 44,467 more than in 1891. The number of accounts closed was 702,701, the net result being an increase in the number of depositors as compared with 1891 of 333,921. The total number of depositors on the 31st December was 5,452,316 distributed as follows:—

—				Number of Depositors.	Proportion to Population.	Average Balance due to each Depositor.
England and Wales	-	-	-	5,027,431	1 in 6	£ s. d. 13 18 0
Scotland	-	-	-	199,062	1 in 20	8 17 9
Ireland	-	-	-	225,823	1 in 21	18 12 11
United Kingdom	-	-	-	5,452,316	1 in 7	13 18 3

In 1891 the proportion to population and the average balance were, in England and Wales, 1 in 6 and 13*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.*; in Scotland, 1 in 22 and 8*l.* 17*s.* 1*d.*; in Ireland, 1 in 22 and 18*l.* 14*s.* 10*d.*, and in the United Kingdom 1 in 7 and 13*l.* 19*s.* 10*d.*

The number of Post Offices transacting Savings Bank business on the 31st December last was 10,519. The increase during the year was 456, as compared with an increase of 382 in the previous year. Of the offices opened last year 387 were in England and Wales, 44 in Scotland, and 25 in Ireland. On the 31st March, 1893, the number of Post Office Savings Banks was 10,663.

Free Education
Act.
Thrft among
children.

The successful attempt to divert into the Post Office Savings Bank, on the passing of the Free Education Act, some portion at least of the school fees which the parents were relieved from paying, was fully described in the last Report. The two schemes, namely, that of saving the pence by means of stamp deposit forms, and the older one of Penny Banks, have each continued to make considerable progress. Since August last the Scotch Education Department has followed the lead of the English Department in co-operating in the movement, and the Irish Education Department has now decided to do the same.

Penny Banks.

As regards Penny Banks, no less than 3,300 were opened in connexion with the Post Office Savings Bank between the 1st September 1891, when the Free Education Act came into force,

and the 31st December last, a period of 16 months, whereas in the previous sixteen months only 336 were opened. As an alternative to the Penny Bank books, which have for a long time been supplied to the managers of Penny Banks gratuitously for the use of their depositors, the Department now offers *cards* of a special pattern, which cost about 20 per cent. less than the books; and there promises to be a considerable demand for such cards, upwards of 30,000 having been applied for in a little more than two months.

The stamp deposit scheme, which entails less trouble to the school managers, also shows highly satisfactory results. From the date of its introduction in January 1892, to the 31st December, upwards of 1,900 schools had decided to adopt the plan, and applications continue to flow in. During the year nearly 466,000 1s. forms (*i.e.*, to hold 12 stamps) were supplied to schools, as well as nearly 103,000 of a 4s. form (*i.e.*, to hold 48 stamps). The scheme has, it is believed, resulted in an important increase in the number of accounts opened, and it is satisfactory to find on examination of some of these accounts that considerable additions in cash are subsequently made by the children directly with the Post Office Savings Bank. Among many letters which have been received from School Managers and others acknowledging the aid rendered by the Department, one may be mentioned from the clerk to the School Board in an important town in Wales, where the stamp deposit system is in operation, containing the remarkable statement that the sum of 1,200*l.* had been saved by the scholars during the year.

School Stamp
Deposit
scheme.

The arrangements which have been made in a number of suitable cases for a clerk from a neighbouring post office to attend at the schools have been much appreciated. To meet the case of schools situated in remote districts arrangements have been made for the deposits to be forwarded to the nearest Post Office Savings Bank by means of a system of free registered letters for which special envelopes are provided by the Department. This plan, which has been offered in all suitable cases, has been found very serviceable. Managers and teachers have in many instances willingly assisted children to become depositors by getting the necessary declarations signed and themselves attending at the Post Office in order to open the accounts. Under the arrangement for supplying a credit stock of stamps to managers and teachers of schools, upon a letter of indemnity signed by two householders, or upon a resolution of a school board, many schools have been granted small stocks of stamps.

Judging from the regular flow of renewed applications for supplies of the stamp forms, the scheme seems to be thoroughly established, and it is obvious that it must be a great advantage thus to familiarize children with the facilities for thrift offered by the Government. Valuable help has been rendered by the London and Provincial press by the

publicity which has been given to the different schemes. Much stress has been laid on the salutary effects upon future generations of the lesson in practical thrift being carried on during the whole of school life.

Cheques
received as
Savings Bank
deposits.

The facility afforded to depositors since October 1892, of making deposits by means of cheques has undoubtedly conduced to the convenience of many depositors and particularly of friendly and charitable societies, the secretaries and treasurers of which are saved much trouble. As your Lordships are aware the Department incurs no risk in conferring this boon, the machinery allowing of efficient safeguards against the possibility of loss through dishonoured cheques, &c.

Friendly
Societies.

The numbers of Friendly and Provident Societies to which authority has been given to open accounts during 1892 and the four preceding years, are as follows :—

—	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.
Friendly Societies -	824	800	734	582	670
Provident, and Charitable Societies.	2,033	2,197	2,412	2,380	2,195

The estimated totals on 31 Dec. 1892, were as follows :

—	Number.	Amount.
Friendly Societies - - -	9,700	£ 2,631,500
Provident and Charitable Societies - -	15,000	1,208,500
Total - - -	24,700	3,840,000

Trustee
Savings Banks.

Eighteen Trustee Savings Banks were closed during 1892, the accounts transferred therefrom and from other Trustee Banks in process of closing, representing 245,797*l.* in deposits and 3,235*l.* in Stock. Further sums, amounting to 42,119*l.* in deposits and 3,541*l.* in Stock, were transferred from open Trustee Banks, making a total of 287,916*l.* in deposits, and 6,776*l.* in Stock, as against 416,527*l.* deposits and 36,991*l.* Stock in 1891. Transfers from the Post Office Savings Bank to Trustee Savings Banks were made during the year to the extent of 12,630*l.* deposits and 124*l.* Stock.

Government
Stock business.

The amount of Government Stock purchased by depositors during 1892 was 1,264,104*l.*, the number of investments being 23,976. Compared with the previous year, this is an increase of nearly 240,000*l.* in the amount and of over 3,000 in the number of investments. The sales in 1892 numbered 13,727, representing 688,385*l.*, against 12,500 of 607,637*l.* in 1891.

The amount of Stock standing to the credit of depositors increased during the year by 511,254*l.*, the total on the 31st December 1892 being 5,599,020*l.*, which comprised 60,839 Stock accounts. The number of Stock certificates, with coupons annexed, obtained for stockholders was one less than in the previous year, viz., 27. Of transfers of Stock to depositors' own names at the Bank of England, there were last year 360, amounting to 67,417*l.*, as compared with 258 of 42,778*l.* in the previous year. The largest amount of Stock business was, as usual, done in 2½ per cent. Consolidated Stock, in which 17,718 investments and 11,431 sales were effected. In Local Loans 3 per cent. Stock, 3,881 investments took place during the year, as compared with 2,874 in 1891. There were 873 investments and 1,875 sales of amounts under 10*l.*, of which 34 investments and 33 sales were amounts of less than 1*l.*

During the year 1,157 Immediate Annuities of 28,155*l.* were purchased through this Department, as compared with 968 Immediate Annuities of 23,673*l.* purchased during 1891, being an increase of 189 in number and 4,482*l.* in amount. The Deferred Annuities granted numbered 214 of the value of 4,253*l.*, as against 142 of the value of 2,183*l.* granted in 1891, being an increase of 72 in number and 2,070*l.* in amount. There were 1,983 Life Insurances of 80,307*l.* granted, as compared with 529 of 28,930*l.* granted in the previous year, being an increase of 1,454 in number and 51,377*l.* in amount. Annuity and Insurance business.

In the last annual report reference was made to an effort then in progress to induce Officers of the Post Office to insure their lives through the Department. I am glad to say that the effort was so far successful that 1,398 Post Office Insurances, amounting to 49,540*l.* were granted on the lives of Officers of the Post Office during the year 1892, as against only 28 of 1,932*l.* in 1891. The premiums in respect of these Insurances are collected in a very simple manner, by deductions from the Officers' salaries or wages. The Officers referred to are employed in the London Departments of the General Post Office, and in about 470 Provincial Post Offices.

A further experiment has been tried by bringing prominently before the Women Clerks in one of the London Departments the advantages offered by the Post Office Deferred Annuity System, with the result that 72 annuities, representing nearly 1,000*l.* were taken up during 1892.*

In the course of the year rather more Telegraph Offices than usual were opened at Post Offices and at Railway Stations, the numbers being 374 and 187 respectively. On the 31st March last the number of Telegraph Offices at Post Offices was 6,603, and at Railway Stations 1,934, or a total of 8,537. Telegraph business.

* Further particulars as to the business of the Post Office Savings Bank will be found in Appendix "J.," pp. 53-63.

The following table gives an instructive comparison of the various classes of telegrams for two years, and indicates the business which is transacted at a loss :—

Class of Telegrams.	Year.	Number.	Increase or Decrease.	Receipts.	Increase. or Decrease.
Ordinary Inland - - -	1892-3	56,984,081	Decrease. 101,858	£ 1,828,644	Decrease. 19,929
" " - - -	1891-2	57,085,939	—	1,848,573	—
Press (Inland) - - -	1892-3	5,590,160	Increase. 409,882	120,299	Increase. 4,052
" " - - -	1891-2	5,180,378	—	116,247	—
Foreign - - -	1892-3	5,522,379	Decrease. 31,290	257,483*	Decrease. 3,768
" - - -	1891-2	5,553,659	—	261,251†	—
Railway - - -	1892-3	1,540,344	57,321	414	Increase. 13
" - - -	1891-2	1,606,665	—	401	—
Government - - -	1892-3	261,884	Increase. 2,945	} Nil.	—
" - - -	1891-2	258,939	—		
Totals - - -	1892-3	69,907,848	Increase. 232,368	2,206,840	Decrease. 19,632
" - - -	1891-2	69,635,490	—	2,226,472	—

* Of this sum 7,213¹/₂ was received in fees for conversations on the Paris telephone.

† Of this sum 4,616¹/₂ was received in fees for conversations on the Paris telephone.

It will be observed that the number of telegrams of all classes forwarded in the United Kingdom has been practically stationary, whilst the Inland Telegrams actually showed a decrease of 18 per cent., with a consequent diminution in the revenue received. The total value of the telegrams sent was about 20,000*l.* less than the value of the telegrams sent in the previous year, and the average value per telegram fell from 7·77*d.* to 7·70*d.* This stagnation of business, viewed in connexion with an increased cost in working expenses, is a matter for serious consideration, and necessarily directs attention to that portion of the business which is conducted at a loss. The number of telegrams transmitted at very low rates for newspapers, clubs, &c., was 5,590,160, showing an increase of 7·9 per cent. upon the business of the previous year. The total receipts from this source amounted to only 120,300*l.*, and when it is remembered that press telegrams are sent at the rate of 75 words a shilling during the day, and 100 words for a shilling at night, with a charge of 2*d.* for each additional copy of the telegram for any part of the United Kingdom, it will be seen that a heavy burden is imposed on the taxpayer.

Your Lordships will recollect that the late Mr. Raikes, in his Annual Report of 1890, called special attention to the enormous increase which had taken place in the number of

telegrams on the business of railway companies transmitted without charge by the Post Office. I am glad to report that, with the co-operation of certain of the great railway companies, I have succeeded in checking the increase. Agreements have been concluded with the

Midland,
Great Northern,
Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire,
London and South-western,
Lancashire and Yorkshire,
London, Brighton, and South Coast,
North British,
Highland,
Great North of Scotland, and
Manchester and Milford Railway Companies

for the commutation of the privilege into a right to send a fixed number of telegrams containing a fixed number of words per annum. These companies send more than one half of the total number of free railway telegrams, and negotiations are in progress which will, I trust, lead to the adoption of similar arrangements with the remaining railway companies without having recourse to legislation. It may be added that the mere attention called to the subject at once resulted in a decrease of 3·5 per cent. in the business done for railway companies as compared with the business of the previous year.

Foreign telegrams dealt with by the Department show a decrease of 31,280 messages, which is equal to ·5 per cent. as compared with the business of 1892. I think that this is probably due in part to the visitation of cholera, which interfered with trade and prevented many persons from going abroad and making use of the telegraph. The sum received in respect of conversations on the London and Paris telephone was 7,213*l*. X

There were 261,884 Government telegrams, representing an increase of nearly 3,000 messages over the number for the previous year.

The important measure, which owes its origin to the motion of Sir Edward Birkbeck, agreed to by Parliament on the 26th April 1892, having for its object the improvement of our coast communications, has received much attention. The subject was divided into two parts:—

- (1.) The connexion by telegraph of various points on the coast;
- (2.) The connexion by telegraph of various lighthouses and lightships with the coast.

The sum of 20,000*l.*, charged to Sub-head O. 6 of the Telegraph Vote in the year 1892-3, was expended in connecting the coast-guard and lifeboat stations on the most dangerous parts of the coast of the United Kingdom. The principal districts in which this work has been done are the South Coast of England, the Bristol Channel, the coast of Kent, the East Coast of Scotland, the South-east Coast of Ireland, the Scilly Isles, and Fair Isle (between Orkney and Shetland.) A further sum of 20,000*l.* will be asked for in Parliament for the same purpose in the year 1893-4.

Last summer a series of interesting experiments was made between the island of Flat Holm in the Bristol Channel and the mainland, a distance of 3 miles, for the purpose of testing the possibility of communicating by telegraph with an outlying rock lighthouse without laying a cable between the two points. It might often be the case that the violence of a storm and the continual chafing of a cable on the rocks would sever the communication at the very moment when there was the greatest need for its existence. In order to test the experiment a wire was erected on the mainland parallel with another on the island, and by means of strong vibratory currents sent through the former, and by induction through the air, signals were transmitted to the wire on the island, and telegraphic messages were exchanged. Although such means of communication cannot be regarded as of practical value at present, the day may come when science will surmount existing difficulties, and open up a cheap and effective means of communicating with these outlying spots.

At your Lordships' request, a contract between your Department and the Eastern and South African Telegraph Company was negotiated for the construction, laying, and maintenance of a cable to the Seychelles and the Mauritius from Zanzibar, a distance of 2,210 miles. The Eastern and South African Telegraph Company is to receive a subsidy of 28,000*l.* a year for 20 years, payable in the following proportions:—

	£
Great Britain - - - -	10,000
India - - - -	10,000
Mauritius - - - -	7,000
Seychelles - - - -	1,000
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	£28,000
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The item for Great Britain is provided at p. 434 of the Civil Service Estimates, 1893-4. It is expected that the cable will be

open at the end of the present year. The charge for telegrams from the United Kingdom is not to exceed 7s. 3d. per word to the Seychelles and 8s. 9d. to the Mauritius, Government telegrams being transmitted at a reduced rate.

As regards telephones it is necessary to record that the Bill referred to in my Predecessor's report of last year became law on the 28th June 1892, under the title of The Telegraph Act (1892), 55 & 56 Vict. c. 59. That statute authorises the loan of a million sterling for the purchase of the trunk lines of the companies, and for the construction of a Government system to connect the business centres of the Kingdom. It also confers certain additional powers as regards way-leave on the Department and its licensees. Negotiations have been carried on with the companies for the purpose of arriving at an understanding as to the areas within which their operations are to be conducted. The subject is full of difficulty, but a final agreement is, I trust, on the point of completion. Meanwhile, the Department has proceeded with the erection of trunk lines between

Telephones. ✓



Leeds and Hull,
London and Brighton,
Swansea and Cardiff,
Cardiff and Newport,
Newcastle and Hexham,
" and Morpeth, and
Glasgow and Belfast.

The trunk line between Glasgow and Belfast was opened for traffic in May last. A main trunk line is at present under construction from London to Glasgow, passing through Nottingham, Sheffield, and Leeds; branch lines will be erected from Nottingham to Derby and Leicester, and from Leeds to Manchester and Liverpool. Direct communication will then be established between London, Belfast, and Dublin. Plymouth, Bristol, and Newport will be connected with each other, and with Newcastle-on-Tyne by a line running *via* Derby and Leeds. From Glasgow a line will be constructed to Edinburgh, and a line will also be constructed from London to Colchester and Ipswich. The entire system will consist of metallic circuits, and when completed will enable each of the towns to communicate direct with London or with each other.

The Revenue and total cost of the Telegraph Service, including the interest on the Capital Expenditure, in each of the last seven years are shown below. From this table it will be seen that the deficiency amounted to 454,254*l.* for the past year.

Telegraph
Revenue and
Expenditure.

Year.	Receipts plus nominal value of work done for other Departments.	EXPENDITURE.			Annual Interest on Capital.	Deficit.
		Charged to Telegraph Vote.	Charged to Votes of other Departments.	Total.		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1886-87	1,587,150	1,539,764	92,868	2,002,632	336,417	471,890
1887-88	1,992,940	1,923,345	70,688	1,999,033	336,417	332,501
1888-89	2,129,965	1,969,324	72,037	2,041,361	353,787	265,183
1889-90	2,364,099	2,179,921	99,063	2,278,986	299,216	197,690
1890-91	2,456,764	2,265,338	123,243	2,388,581	299,215	231,033
1891-92	2,545,612	2,507,012	128,883	2,635,895	298,883	389,166
1892-93	2,528,423	2,507,828	115,961	2,623,789	298,888	454,254

The want of elasticity in the business which appears from this table indicates, no doubt, an absence of growth in trade, but it must also be remembered that the competition of the Telephone Companies is increasing, and that the royalties derived from those Companies do not afford adequate compensation for the loss of revenue.

Review of
Finance.

The total Postal Revenue for the year 1892-3 was, in round numbers, 10,344,000*l.*, as compared with 10,183,000*l.* for 1891-2, being an increase of only 161,000*l.* The expenditure for 1892-3 was 7,518,000*l.*, as compared with 7,134,000*l.* for 1891-2, being an increase of 384,000*l.* The increase in expenditure, therefore, was more than double the increase in revenue. The chief item of increase was in the expenditure on salaries, wages, and pensions, which amounted to 4,762,000*l.* as compared with 4,415,000*l.* in 1891-2, being an increase of 347,000*l.*

The total Telegraph Revenue for 1892-3 was 2,487,000*l.*, showing a decrease of 21,000*l.* as compared with 2,508,000*l.* in 1891-2. The expenditure for 1892-3 was 2,568,000*l.*, as compared with 2,507,000*l.* in 1891-2, being an increase of 61,000*l.* The chief items to account for the increase of expenditure are 75,000*l.* for salaries, wages, pensions, &c., and 45,000*l.* for telegraph maintenance, making together 120,000*l.*; while on the other hand there is a decrease of 59,000*l.* in the cost of telegraph construction.

Taking the Postal and Telegraph Services together, there is an increase of 140,000*l.* in revenue, and an increase of 445,000*l.* in expenditure. The figures corresponding to those given above for the past ten years are given in the Appendix to this Report, pages 77-80.

Your Lordships are aware that during the past year the finance of the Department has been seriously disturbed, not

only by the concessions made in favour of the public by the late Parliament resulting in diminished revenue, but also by the large additional expenditure to which the Exchequer has been exposed. Furthermore, the condition of trade during the year under review has not been such as to enable the revenue to recover from the effect of the remissions and reductions of charges. It may however be hoped that the prospects of the future will be more favourable.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords,

Your Lordships' obedient humble servant,

ARNOLD MORLEY.

15 August 1893.

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.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Average number to each person. per annum.	Total in Scotland.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Average number to each person.	Total in Ireland.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Average number to each person.	Total in United Kingdom.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Average number to each person.
	By Country Offices.	In- crease per cent. per annum.	In London District.												
Year 1893-94	737,000,000	3.3	375,200,000	2.9	1,112,200,000	3.2	122,200,000	4.6	32	87,700,000	1.4	17	1,322,100,000	3.2	37
" 1894-95	757,200,000	2.7	391,100,000	4.1	1,148,300,000	3.2	122,900,000	0.6	32	88,100,000	1.6	18	1,360,300,000	2.9	38
" 1895-96	778,000,000	2.8	406,400,000	4.7	1,187,400,000	3.4	134,400,000	9.8	32	88,700,000	0.7	18	1,403,500,000	3.2	39
" 1896-97	800,800,000	2.9	438,100,000	7.3	1,238,900,000	4.4	129,100,000	3.1	33	90,900,000	1.8	19	1,456,900,000	4.0	40
" 1897-98	838,000,000	4.6	448,900,000	2.2	1,286,900,000	3.8	132,100,000	2.3	33	93,200,000	2.5	20	1,512,200,000	3.6	41
" 1898-99	846,000,000	1.0	460,500,000	7.0	1,286,500,000	3.1	136,000,000	3.0	34	95,500,000	2.5	20	1,553,100,000	3.0	42
" 1899-90	882,000,000	5.8	518,100,000	7.8	1,413,100,000	6.5	140,300,000	3.2	34	96,800,000	1.4	21	1,630,100,000	5.9	43
" 1900-91	924,400,000	3.3	533,400,000	4.0	1,463,800,000	3.5	143,200,000	2.1	36	99,800,000	3.1	21	1,705,300,000	3.4	44
" 1891-92	905,000,000	4.4	551,000,000	2.4	1,516,300,000	3.7	146,400,000	2.1	36	105,000,000	5.2	23	1,767,500,000	3.6	45
" 1902-93	966,800,000	0.1	568,500,000	2.8	1,532,300,000	1.1	152,200,000	4.0	37	106,900,000	0.9	23	1,790,500,000	1.3	47

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

STATEMENT of the estimated Total Number of LETTERS, POST CARDS, BOOK PACKETS, CIRCULARS, and SAMPLES, NEWSPAPERS, TELEGRAMS, and PARCELS dealt with, and of the Average Number per Head of the Population for the year ended the 31st March 1893.

	Population.	Letters.		Post Cards.		Book Packets, Circulars, and Samples.*		Newspapers.		Telegrams.		Parcels.	
		Total No.	No. per Head of Population.	Total No.	No. per Head of Population.	Total No.	No. per Head of Population.	Total No.	No. per Head of Population.	Total No.	No. per Head of Population.	Total No.	No. per Head of Population.
England and Wales	29,446,123	1,532,300,000	51·7	204,300,000	6·9	486,100,000	15·4	127,900,000	4·3	58,936,184	1·9	43,292,810	1·46
Scotland	4,693,959	182,300,000	37·2	26,800,000	6·5	51,200,000	12·5	17,600,000	4·3	7,100,514	1·7	5,634,191	1·35
Ireland	4,631,104	105,900,000	22·8	11,300,000	2·4	27,300,000	6·0	17,400,000	3·8	3,871,150	·8	3,543,325	·76
Totals	38,770,276	1,700,500,000	46·6	244,400,000	6·4	635,200,000	14·0	162,800,000	4·2	69,907,548	1·8	52,370,326	1·36

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

Letters	62·7	Book Packets, Circulars, and Samples	18·7	Telegrams	2·4
Post Cards	8·6	Newspapers	5·7	Parcels	1·8

* The number of samples dealt with during the year was 3,977,748.

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

TABLE showing the NUMBER of PARCELS delivered in the United Kingdom during each of the Twelve Months from 1st April 1892 to the 31st March 1893.

Month.	England and Wales.			Scotland.	Ireland.	United Kingdom.
	Provinces.	London.	Total.			
April 1892 -	2,596,416	739,546	3,328,962	277,080	390,943	3,996,985
May -	2,714,738	798,505	3,518,243	285,742	411,885	4,210,870
June -	2,598,600	768,396	3,366,996	274,639	443,831	4,085,466
July -	2,583,877	739,111	3,322,988	265,700	435,664	4,024,352
August -	2,529,515	635,487	3,165,032	269,235	473,763	3,908,030
September -	2,745,800	703,589	3,449,389	282,123	484,688	4,316,200
October -	2,974,380	790,045	3,764,425	303,800	482,064	4,550,289
November -	2,889,020	820,065	3,709,085	293,397	444,609	4,447,091
December -	4,352,334	1,130,601	5,483,535	471,675	746,394	6,701,544
January 1893 -	2,680,222	723,352	3,403,574	288,656	418,131	4,105,361
February -	2,461,006	667,933	3,128,939	251,328	371,106	3,751,378
March -	2,847,657	808,985	3,656,642	284,950	491,173	4,372,765
Totals	33,974,195	9,318,615	43,292,810	5,534,191	3,543,325	52,370,326
No. during year ended 31st March 1892 -	31,938,965	8,548,618	40,782,583	5,225,504	3,370,278	49,378,365
Increase in Numbers	2,040,230	469,997	2,510,227	308,687	173,047	2,991,961
Increase per cent. -	6.4	5.3	6.2	5.9	5.1	6.06

APPENDIX A.—*continued.***Post Cards, Book Packets, Samples, 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.
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
1888-89	170,100,000	7·0	21,800,000	2·8	9,300,000	6·9	201,400,000	6·7
1889-90	184,400,000	8·4	22,900,000	5·0	9,800,000	5·4	217,100,000	7·8
1890-91	195,000,000	5·7	24,000,000	4·8	10,700,000	9·2	229,700,000	5·8
1891-92	205,200,000	5·2	25,100,000	5·8	11,000,000	2·8	241,600,000	5·2
1892-93	206,800,000	·5	26,900,000	5·5	11,300,000	2·7	244,400,000	1·2

ESTIMATED NUMBER of BOOK PACKETS, CIRCULARS, and SAMPLES 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.
1883-84	249,300,000	1·9	31,400,000	7·8	13,000,000	dec. 4·9 inc.	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	17,800,000	7·7	342,200,000	6·8
1886-87	312,000,000	8·1	38,700,000	7·7	18,200,000	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
1888-89	351,700,000	6·1	40,600,000	4·4	19,700,000	3·7	412,000,000	5·8
1889-90	378,200,000	7·5	42,100,000	3·7	21,600,000	9·6	441,900,000	7·3
1890-91	411,900,000	8·9	44,600,000	5·9	24,700,000	14·3	481,200,000	8·9
1891-92	425,000,000	3·2	45,300,000	1·6	25,000,000	1·2	495,300,000	2·9
1892-93	436,100,000	7·3	51,200,000	13·0	27,900,000	11·6	535,200,000	8·1

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.
1883-84	109,900,000	1·2	16,700,000	5·6	16,000,000	dec. 1·1 inc.	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	2·9	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	—	151,200,000	2·4
1887-88	119,800,000	1·7	16,700,000	1·8	15,800,000	dec. 3·7 inc.	152,300,000	·8
1888-89	119,300,000	·4 dec.	16,600,000	·6 inc.	16,000,000	1·3	151,900,000	·3 dec.
1889-90	123,600,000	6·1 inc.	16,700,000	·6 inc.	16,000,000	—	159,300,000	4·9 inc.
1890-91	127,900,000	·9	16,600,000	·6 dec.	16,000,000	3·7	161,000,000	1·1
1891-92	128,800,000	·8 inc.	17,000,000	2·4 inc.	17,000,000	2·4	162,800,000	1·1
1892-93	127,800,000	·8 dec.	17,600,000	3·5	17,400,000	2·3	162,,080000	—

APPENDIX A.—continued.

STATEMENT of the NUMBERS of FOREIGN and COLONIAL PARCELS
31st March 1892 and

Country.	Date of Establishment of Post.	Number of Parcels.			
		Despatched.			
		1891-92.	1892-93.	In- crease.	De- crease.
Aden - - - -	July 1885	1,598	1,438	—	160
Antigua - - -	Jan. 1886	1,983	1,931	—	52
Argentine Republic - -	Feb. 1890	1,789	1,915	126	—
Ascension - - -	July 1886	383	440	57	—
Austria* - - -	June 1886	11,479	12,390	911	—
Bahamas - - -	Sept. 1887	569	613	44	—
Barbados - - -	April 1886	4,578	3,962	—	616
Belgium - - -	Jan. 1886	34,106	35,885	1,777	—
Bermuda - - -	April 1890	2,233	2,399	166	—
Beirut - - -	Jan. 1888	563	636	73	—
British Guiana - - -	Jan. 1886	5,054	5,244	190	—
British Honduras - - -	March 1887	312	362	—	10
Canada, Dominion of - -	Aug. 1886	30,858	35,400	4,542	—
Cape of Good Hope - -	Dec. 1885	29,497	25,610	—	3,887
Ceylon - - -	Nov. 1885	8,470	7,901	—	479
Colombia, Republic of -	March 1888	4,209	3,963	—	400
Constantinople - - -	Jan. 1886	3,010	2,861	—	149
Costa Rica - - -	Feb. 1888	1,873	1,681	—	192
Cyprus - - -	Jan. 1886	1,212	1,135	—	77
Dominica - - -	Jan. 1886	578	689	111	—
Egypt - - -	July 1885	9,154	9,747	593	—
Falkland Islands - - -	Oct. 1888	644	587	—	57
Fiji - - -	June 1890	258	170	—	88
France† - - -	Oct. 1887	170,873	165,028	—	5,845
Germany‡ - - -	Jan. 1886	144,175	151,963	7,788	—
Gibraltar - - -	July 1885	9,797	9,091	—	106
Grenada - - -	Oct. 1885	1,154	966	—	188
Holland - - -	April 1886	30,072	32,363	2,296	—
Hong Kong§ - - -	Oct. 1885	10,728	10,390	—	348
India - - -	July 1885	80,255	77,470	—	2,785
Italy - - -	Oct. 1887	40,951	43,167	2,216	—
Jamaica - - -	Oct. 1885	8,028	8,315	287	—
Labuan - - -	Dec. 1885	74	55	—	19
Madeira - - -	July 1891	293	585	292	—
Malta - - -	Aug. 1885	12,873	13,069	496	—
Mashonaland - - -	Jan. 1893	—	95	95	—
Mauritius - - -	April 1889	1,303	1,191	—	112
Mexico - - -	April 1890	1,752	2,185	433	—
Mombasa - - -	April 1891	200	225	25	—
Montserrat - - -	Jan. 1886	370	368	18	—
Natal - - -	June 1887	9,472	12,772	3,300	—
Nevis - - -	Jan. 1886	221	223	2	—
Carried forward -		676,743	687,155	25,938	15,526

* Including parcels for Bulgaria, Roumania, and Servia.

† Including parcels for the French Colonies and Dependencies.

‡ Including parcels for Eastern Europe, Chili, &c.

§ Including parcels for China and the China Fleet.

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

Despatched and Received during the Years ended the
the 31st March 1893.

Number of Parcels.								Country.
Received.				Totals.				
1891-92.	1892-93.	In-crease.	De-crease.	1891-92.	1892-93.	In-crease.	De-crease.	
1,139	1,240	101	—	2,737	2,678	—	59	Aden.
358	411	53	—	2,321	2,342	21	—	Antigua.
299	461	182	—	2,068	2,396	308	—	Argentine Republic.
43	84	38	—	431	524	93	—	Ascension.
4,838	5,402	564	—	16,317	17,793	1,475	—	Austria.*
183	201	09	—	701	814	113	—	Bahamas.
1,179	1,359	180	—	5,757	5,321	—	436	Barbados.
14,156	15,840	1,684	—	48,264	51,725	3,461	—	Belgium.
513	560	47	—	2,746	2,959	213	—	Bermuda.
168	207	39	—	731	843	112	—	Beyrout.
1,111	1,183	72	—	6,165	6,427	262	—	British Guiana.
72	40	—	32	384	342	—	42	British Honduras.
11,535	12,703	1,168	—	42,393	48,193	5,800	—	Canada, Dominion of.
9,365	11,457	2,092	—	38,862	37,067	—	1,795	Cape of Good Hope.
4,030	3,996	—	34	12,500	11,987	—	513	Ceylon.
164	175	11	—	4,433	4,038	—	395	Colombia, Republic of.
397	495	98	—	3,407	3,356	—	51	Constantinople.
168	110	—	58	2,041	1,791	—	250	Costa Rica.
294	344	50	—	1,506	1,479	—	27	Cyprus.
88	109	21	—	666	798	132	—	Dominica
6,084	5,834	—	250	15,238	15,581	343	—	Egypt.
111	150	39	—	755	787	—	18	Falkland Islands.
19	56	37	—	277	226	—	51	Fiji.
117,648	122,267	4,619	—	288,521	287,295	—	1,226	France.†
104,303	110,280	6,077	—	248,378	262,263	13,885	—	Germany.‡
4,089	4,585	496	—	13,896	14,276	390	—	Gibraltar.
279	319	40	—	1,433	1,315	—	118	Grenada.
18,748	20,649	1,901	—	48,820	53,017	4,197	—	Holland.
5,437	6,529	1,092	—	16,165	16,909	744	—	Hong Kong.¶
52,940	60,012	7,072	—	133,195	137,432	4,237	—	India.
23,835	23,581	—	254	64,786	66,748	1,962	—	Italy.
1,683	1,905	223	—	9,710	10,220	510	—	Jamaica.
28	43	15	—	102	98	—	4	Labuan.
47	94	47	—	340	679	339	—	Madeira.
6,889	7,427	538	—	19,462	20,486	1,024	—	Malta.
—	—	—	—	—	95	95	—	Mashonaland.
251	241	—	10	1,554	1,432	—	122	Mauritius.
53	69	17	—	1,304	2,254	450	—	Mexico.
48	59	11	—	248	284	36	—	Mombasa.
80	107	27	—	450	495	45	—	Montserrat.
3,372	2,857	—	515	12,844	15,629	2,785	—	Natal.
46	44	—	2	267	267	0	—	Nevis.
395,942	423,505	28,718	1,155	1,072,685	1,110,660	43,063	5,107	

|| Included in figures for Cape of Good Hope.

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*STATEMENT of the NUMBERS of FOREIGN and COLONIAL PARCELS
31st March 1892 and

Country.	Date of Establishment of Post.	Number of Parcels.			
		Despatched.			
		1891-92.	1892-93.	Increase.	Decrease.
	Brought forward -	676,743	687,155	25,938	15,526
Newfoundland - - -	Sept. 1886	1,861	2,595	734	—
New South Wales - - -	July 1886	19,129	15,352	—	3,777
New Zealand - - -	Nov. 1888	16,375	13,687	—	2,688
North Borneo - - -	Sept. 1887	266	193	—	73
Norway - - -	April 1886	6,791	7,339	548	—
Oil Rivers Protectorate -	Dec. 1892	—	35	35	—
Orange Free State and Transvaal.	Dec. 1889	2,204	6,760	4,556	—
Portugal - - -	Jan. 1883	2,510	2,314	—	196
Queensland - - -	Feb. 1892	653	4,331	3,678	—
St. Helena - - -	April 1886	804	687	—	117
St. Kitts - - -	Jan. 1886	1,052	1,111	59	—
St. Lucia - - -	Oct. 1885	851	926	75	—
St. Thomas - - -	Jan. 1888	507	481	—	26
St. Vincent - - -	Nov. 1885	749	803	54	—
Sarawak - - -	July 1887	185	188	3	—
Seychelles - - -	April 1890	107	108	1	—
Siam - - -	Aug. 1890	418	441	23	—
Smyna - - -	April 1887	1,229	1,144	—	85
South Australia - - -	July 1886	4,363	3,743	—	620
Spain - - -	Sept. 1891	11,031	14,040	2,959	—
Straits Settlements - - -	Oct. 1885	5,714	5,090	—	634
Sweden - - -	May 1886	7,452	7,715	263	—
Switzerland - - -	Dec. 1837	32,506	35,868	3,362	—
Tangier - - -	Jan. 1890	1,760	1,547	—	213
Tasmania - - -	Jan. 1887	2,836	2,455	—	381
Tobago - - -	Oct. 1885	238	201	—	37
Tortola - - -	Oct. 1886	38	30	—	8
Trinidad - - -	Oct. 1885	3,474	3,490	—	14
Uruguay - - -	April 1891	470	457	—	13
Victoria - - -	July 1886	15,512	12,129	—	3,383
West Africa - - -	Jan. 1888	5,216	5,849	633	—
West Australia - - -	Jan. 1887	2,957	2,609	—	258
Zanzibar - - -	Jan. 1887	406	537	131	—
	Totals -	826,467	841,460	27,526	12,523
		Net Increase - - - 15,003			

Postage rates were reduced in 1891-92 on parcels for Cyprus, Labuan, and Newfoundland and in 1892-93 on parcels for Canada and Sarawak.

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*Despatched and Received during the Years ended the
the 31st March 1893—*continued.*

Number of Parcels.								Country.
Received.				Totals.				
1891-92.	1892-93.	In-crease.	De-crease.	1891-92.	1892-93.	In-crease.	De-crease.	
395,942	423,505	28,718	1,155	1,072,685	1,110,000	43,082	5,107	
371	547	176	—	2,232	3,142	910	—	Newfoundland.
5,759	5,367	—	392	24,888	20,719	—	4,169	New South Wales.
3,355	2,936	—	419	19,730	16,623	—	3,107	New Zealand.
96	109	14	—	361	302	—	59	North Borneo.
2,876	3,328	452	—	9,667	10,667	1,000	—	Norway.
—	1	1	—	—	36	36	—	Oil Rivers Protectorate.
*—	*—	—	—	2,204	6,760	4,556	—	Orange Free State, and Transvaal.
228	206	68	—	2,738	2,610	—	128	Portugal.
41	1,259	1,218	—	604	5,590	4,896	—	Queensland.
135	169	34	—	939	856	—	83	St. Helena.
159	177	18	—	1,211	1,288	77	—	St. Kitts.
174	317	143	—	1,025	1,243	218	—	St. Lucia.
61	87	26	—	568	568	0	—	St. Thomas.
169	240	71	—	918	1,043	125	—	St. Vincent.
†—	†—	—	—	185	188	3	—	Sarawak.
27	26	—	1	134	134	0	—	Seychelles.
†—	†—	—	—	418	441	23	—	Siam.
372	402	30	—	1,601	1,546	—	55	Smyrna.
1,519	1,526	7	—	5,882	5,269	—	613	South Australia.
‡—	‡—	—	—	11,081	14,040	2,959	—	Spain.
2,897	3,191	494	—	8,411	8,271	—	140	Straits Settlements.
2,230	2,405	175	—	9,682	10,120	438	—	Sweden.
10,912	11,123	211	—	43,418	46,591	3,573	—	Switzerland.
§—	§—	—	—	1,760	1,547	—	213	Tangier.
391	459	68	—	3,227	2,914	—	313	Tasmania.
43	57	14	—	281	258	—	23	Tobago.
4	6	2	—	42	36	—	6	Tortola.
1,235	1,304	69	—	4,709	4,764	55	—	Trinidad.
51	59	8	—	521	516	—	5	Uruguay.
4,579	5,373	794	—	20,001	17,502	—	2,589	Victoria.
1,424	1,727	303	—	6,640	7,576	936	—	West Africa.
367	466	99	—	3,324	3,165	—	159	West Australia.
87	144	57	—	463	681	188	—	Zanzibar.
426,303	466,606	33,270	1,967	1,261,760	1,308,066	57,968	11,662	
Net Increase		31,303		—		46,306		

* Included in figures for Cape of Good Hope.

† Included in figures for Straits Settlements.

‡ Included in figures for France.

§ Included in figures for Gibraltar.

APPENDIX B.

Registered Letters.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Letters Registered by the Public in the United Kingdom in each of the last Ten Years and the increase per cent. per annum.

YEAR.	ENGLAND AND WALES.						SCOTLAND.		IRELAND.		TOTAL for UNITED KINGDOM.			
	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.		
1883-84	-	-	6,955,520	2·3 dec.	2,942,971	1·3	9,028,491	2·0 dec.	886,586	10·0	729,996	·6 dec.	11,545,073	2·5 dec.
1884-85	-	-	6,768,521	3·1	2,972,203	1·0 dec.	9,740,724	1·9	914,017	3·1 dec.	710,410	2·7	11,866,151	1·5
1885-86	-	-	6,569,979	2·9	2,962,591	·7 inc.	9,632,570	2·2	906,837	·5 inc.	686,983	1·9 inc.	11,139,090	2·1
1886-87	-	-	6,177,160	6·0	2,971,166	·6	9,146,326	4·0 inc.	928,976	2·1 dec.	702,232	·7 dec.	10,779,555	3·1 inc.
1887-88	-	-	6,163,868	0·2 inc.	3,032,369	2·1	9,196,257	1·4	920,058	1·0 inc.	686,410	·5 inc.	10,814,722	0·3
1888-89	-	-	6,192,027	0·5	3,190,534	4·2	9,352,361	1·2	932,223	1·3	716,501	2·6	11,001,065	1·7
1889-90	-	-	6,340,350	2·4	3,226,536	5·3 dec.	9,666,376	3·4 dec.	972,636	4·3	718,423	·3	11,357,635	3·2 dec.
1890-91	-	-	6,394,514	·9	3,238,804	2·6 inc.	9,653,318	·3 inc.	1,001,463	3·0	722,296	·6	11,357,197	·006 inc.
1891-92	-	-	6,609,188	3·4 dec.	3,683,689	13·7	10,292,877	6·9 dec.	1,089,161	3·7	746,330	3·2	12,077,268	6·3
1892-93	-	-	6,568,404	·6	3,724,240	1·1	10,292,644	·003 dec.	1,074,108	3·4	703,392	2·7	12,132,144	·4

APPENDIX C.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of POST TOWNS in ENGLAND and WALES, arranged in CLASSES according to the number of MAILS they receive and despatch from and to LONDON.

Year.	Towns having one Mail only.		Towns having Two Mails.		Towns having Three Mails.		Towns having Four Mails.		Towns having Five Mails.		Towns having Six Mails.		Towns having Seven Mails.		Towns having Eight Mails.		Aggregate Total No. of Mails.		Total No. of Post Towns in England and Wales.	
	To London.		From London.		To London.		From London.		To London.		From London.		To London.		From London.		To London.			
1891-92	-	3	26	98	187	227	183	206	142	73	57	26	27	10	12	1	4	2,289	2,080	633
1892-93	-	3	26	90	185	206	177	213	136	71	60	34	31	8	15	3	3	2,313	2,086	633
Increase	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	3	8	4	-	3	2	-	116	60	-
Decrease	-	-	-	3	2	21	6	-	6	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	93	54	5

APPENDIX D.

Abstract of Contracts or Agreements for

Line of Communication.	How often.	Number, Size, and Character of Vessels.	Contractors.	Contract or Agreement.		
				When made.	When commenced.	Terminates.
FLEETWOOD and BELFAST.	Week days -	Steam vessels	North Lancashire Steam Navigation Company (but payment made through Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company).	28 Jan. 1891	1 July 1899	On 6 months' notice.
HOLYHEAD and KINGSTOWN.	Twice a day -	Four Mail Packets specially built and maintained for the service.	City of Dublin Steam Packet Company.	20 Aug. 1883	1 Oct. 1883	30 Sept. 1895, or on 12 months' notice after the 30th September 1894.
LIVERPOOL and DOUGLAS (ISLE of MAN.)	Once on week days.	A sufficient number of efficient steam vessels.	Isle of Man Steam Packet Company.	17 Jan. 1883	- - -	On 6 months' notice.
LUNDY ISLAND and INSTOW.	Once a week -	Sailing boat	Captain Dark -	- - -	1 May 1888	- - -
PENZANCE and SCILLY	Three times a week in summer. Twice a week in winter.	Steam vessel	West Cornwall Steam Packet Company.	31 July 1874	1 Feb. 1874	On 6 months' notice.
PORTSMOUTH and RYDE.	Once daily, with the Night Mails. <i>See "Remarks."</i>	Steam vessels	London, Brighton, and South Coast, and London and South-Western Railway Companies.	10 Nov. 1891	1 July 1890	1 July 1895 -
SOUTHAMPTON and CHANNEL ISLANDS.	Once on week days.	Steam vessels	London and South-Western Railway Company.	- - -	- - -	- - -
SOUTHAMPTON and COWES.	Once on week days, but <i>see "Remarks."</i>	Steam vessels	Southampton, Isle of Wight, and South of England Royal Mail Steam Packet Company.	- - -	1 Jan. 1874. No Contract.	- - -
WYMOUTH and CHANNEL ISLANDS.	6 days a week	Steam vessels	Great Western Railway Company.	- - -	Aug. 1881. No Contract.	- - -
SCOTLAND.						
ABERDEEN and LERWICK.	Five days a week in summer. Three days a week in winter.	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	North of Scotland and Orkney and Shetland Steam Navigation Company.	- - -	1 June 1891	1 June 1896 -
LERWICK, WHALSAY, and NORTH ISLES.	Thrice a week	Steam vessel	Do.	- - -	- - -	- - -

APPENDIX D.

the Conveyance of Home Mails by Sea.

Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
1,000 <i>l</i> .	- - -	- - -	- - -	The Department has the general use of the Company's vessels.
84,000 <i>l</i> .	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> .	1 <i>l</i> . 14 <i>s</i> . per minute	If on any occasion vessel is not ready, penalty of 100 <i>l</i> ., and 10 <i>l</i> . per hour for every hour beyond stipulated time before vessel starts.	The payment is subject to reduction when the receipts from passenger traffic in any one year exceed 35,000 <i>l</i> . It includes payment for parcel services.
4,500 <i>l</i> .	14 nautical miles an hour in summer; 12 in winter.	- - -	If on any occasion vessel is not ready P.M.G. may employ another vessel, and charge cost to the Contractors.	Separate payment at rate of 3 <i>s</i> . a cwt. for parcels.
52 <i>l</i> . 10 <i>s</i> .	—	—	—	—
450 <i>l</i> . and 150 <i>l</i> . for parcels.	No time fixed	- - -	If on any occasion vessel is not ready, P.M.G. may employ a pilot boat and special messenger at the expense of the Contractors.	Payment for parcels fixed under separate Contract. General conditions similar to those under the old Contract.
1,400 <i>l</i> . (including payment for parcels).	25 minutes each trip.	- - -	200 <i>l</i> .	The Department has also the general use of the Companies' vessels which are constantly plying between the two places.
- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	Agreement expired; terms of service now under consideration. The payment under the agreement was 6,500 <i>l</i> . a year.
150 <i>l</i> .	- - -	- - -	- - -	No Contract. The Post Office has the general use of the Company's vessels.
200 <i>l</i> .	- - -	- - -	- - -	No Contract. The Post Office has the general use of the Company's vessels. This is a supplementary service to the one from Southampton.
6,000 <i>l</i> . (see Remarks), and 100 <i>l</i> . for parcels.	- - -	- - -	200 <i>l</i> . P.M.G. to charter another vessel at Contractors' expense.	3,100 <i>l</i> . of this sum is paid by the Post Office, and 8,000 <i>l</i> . by the Scottish Office.

APPENDIX D.—*continued.*

Line of Communication.	How often.	Number, Size, and Character of Vessels.	Contractors.	Contract or Agreement.		
				When made.	When commenced.	Terminates.
ARDBROSSAN and ARBAN.	Six days a week.	Steam vessel	Glasgow and South-Western Railway Company.	- - -	1 Dec. 1891	- - -
FOULA and WALLS (SHETLAND).	Once a fortnight.	Sailing vessel.	M. Manson and L. Gray.	10 March 1892	10 Mar. 1892	10 March 1894, afterwards on 6 months' notice.
GLASGOW and CAMPBELTOWN.	Once on week days.	Steam vessels	C. A. Murray, for Campbeltown and Glasgow Steam Packet Company, Limited.	- - -	1 July 1890	- - -
GLASGOW, GREENOCK, OBAN, PORTEEN, and STORNOWAY.	Twice a week in summer, once in winter.	Steam vessels	David MacBrayne	- - -	- - -	- - -
GREENOCK and BELFAST } including Parcel Post and BELFAST } Service.	Once on week days.	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	G. & J. Burns	21, 22, 24, and 25 August 1893.	1 Aug. 1893	On 12 months' notice.
ARDBROSSAN and BELFAST }						
GREENOCK (PRINCE'S PIPE) and ROTHESAY.	Week days -	Steam vessel	Glasgow and South-western Railway Co.	- - -	17 Oct. 1892	On 6 months' notice after 17 Oct. 1893.
GREENOCK ROTHESAY, and ARDRISHAIG.	Week days -	Steam vessel	David MacBrayne	- - -	17 Oct. 1892	On 6 months' notice after 17 Oct. 1893.
GREENOCK and LOCKGOLHEAD.	Six days a week	Steam vessel	M. T. Clark, for Lockgill Steam Packet Company.	- - -	1 Feb. 1892	1 Feb. 1893; afterwards on 6 months' notice.
GREENOCK and KILMUR.	Week days -	Steam vessel	Capt. Jas. Williamson, for Caledonian Steam Packet Company.	- - -	1 Jan. 1897 No Contract.	- - -
GREENOCK and TARBERT (HARRIS).	Once a week -	Steam vessel (Dunara Castle).	Martin Orme & Co.	- - -	- - -	- - -
GREENOCK and DUNDEE.	Once a week -	Steam vessel (Hebridean).	John McCallum & Co.	- - -	- - -	- - -
INVERNESS and FORT AUGUSTUS.	Six days a week	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	David MacBrayne	- - -	17 Oct. 1892	On 6 months' notice after 17 Oct. 1893.

APPENDIX D.—*continued.*

Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
400 <i>l.</i>	- - -	- - -	100 <i>l.</i>	
52 <i>l.</i> (2 <i>l.</i> a trip.)	- - -	- - -	25 <i>l.</i>	
650 <i>l.</i>	- - -	- - -	125 <i>l.</i>	The Department has also the general use of these steamers, as run by the Company for their own traffic purposes. The payment includes Parcel Service.
See "Remarks"	- - -	- - -	-	Forms a part of Greenock, Rothesay, and Ardrishaig Contract (see below). The Department has the general use of the steamers.
10,000 <i>l.</i>	- - -	- - -	2,000 <i>l.</i>	
130 <i>l.</i>	- - -	- - -	65 <i>l.</i>	Payment includes the Parcel Service.
2,510 <i>l.</i>	- - -	- - -	850 <i>l.</i>	This payment includes 190 <i>l.</i> for Parcel Service, and 320 <i>l.</i> for the Glasgow, Greenock, Oban, Portree, and Stornoway service.
270 <i>l.</i>	- - -	- - -	100 <i>l.</i>	The Department has general use of all this Company's steamers as run by them for traffic purposes. The payment includes the Parcel Service.
125 <i>l.</i>	- - -	- - -	-	Payment includes the Parcel Service.
500 <i>l.</i>	- - -	- - -	-	Temporary arrangement, half of the subsidy to be paid by the Post Office, and half by the Scottish Office.
210 <i>l.</i> and 25 <i>l.</i> for Parcel Service.	-	-	-	

APPENDIX D.—continued.

Line of Communication.	How often.	Number, Size, and Character of Vessels.	Contractors.	Contract or Agreement.		
				When made.	When commenced.	Terminates.
KIRKWALL and NORTH ISLES.	Twice a week for 9 months, and three times a week for 3 months.	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	Orkney Steam Navigation Company, per Geo. Robertson.	1 Nov. 1891	1 Nov. 1891	1 Nov. 1892, afterwards on 3 months' notice.
OBAN and FORT WILLIAM.	Once a day, six days a week.	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	David MacBrayne	10 & 16 Nov. 1881.	1 Apr. 1881	On 6 months' notice.
OBAN and FORT WILLIAM (Parcels).	Once a day, six days a week.	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	David MacBrayne	13 Dec. 1884, 2 Jan. 1885.	1 Aug. 1884	On 3 months' notice.
OBAN and TOBERMORY.	Once a day, six days a week.	Steam vessel				
OBAN and West of MULL, calling at Tobermory, Kilchoan, Coll, Tiree, and Bunessan.	Out. — On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. In. — On Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.	Steam vessel				
OBAN and DUNVEGAN, calling at Castlebay, Lochboisdale, and Lochmaddy.	Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.	Steam vessel.				
DUNVEGAN and OBAN, calling at Loch Pooltiel, and Loch Bracadale;	Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.					
And also at Canna and Rum.	Tuesdays and Thursdays.		David MacBrayne.	1 Apr. 1893	1 Apr. 1893	On 6 months' notice after 1 Apr. 1894. See Remarks.
OBAN and LOCHMADDY, calling at Loch Bracadale, Loch Pooltiel, and Dunvegan;	Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.	Steam vessel.				
And also at Rum and Canna.	Tuesdays and Saturdays.					
LOCHMADDY and OBAN, calling at Loch Boisdale and Castlebay.	Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.					
PORTREE, LOCHMADDY, and DUNVEGAN.	Out. — Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. In. — Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.	Steam vessel				
STROME FERRY and STORNOWAY.	Once a day, six days a week each way.	Steam vessel				

APPENDIX D.—*continued.*

Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
340 <i>l.</i>	—	—	—	
600 <i>l.</i>	Out. 3 hrs. 30 mins. In. 3 hrs. 30 mins.	- - -	300 <i>l.</i>	
65 <i>l.</i>	—	—	—	
555 <i>l.</i>	At rate of 10 sea miles an hour.	- - -		
1,200 <i>l.</i>	At rate of 10 sea miles an hour.	- - -		
6,000 <i>l.</i>	At rate of not less than 11 sea miles an hour.	- - -	4,200 <i>l.</i> To be recovered by way of liquidated damages, and not by way of penalty.	Of the total sum of 12,305 <i>l.</i> a year payable under these contracts, 5,716 <i>l.</i> is paid by the Post Office, and 6,589 <i>l.</i> by the Scottish Office. Payments include Parcel Services.
1,550 <i>l.</i>	At rate of not less than 10 sea miles an hour.	- - -		
3,000 <i>l.</i>	At rate of 11 sea miles an hour.	20 <i>l.</i> for undue delay or deviation from course.	- - -	In event of accident, storm, &c. preventing despatch in due course of the Strome Ferry and Portree Steamer, Contractor allowed to divert the Strome Ferry-Stornoway Steamer from the direct course and touch at Broadford, Raasay, and Portree. In every such case special report to be furnished within two days to P.M.G. and Secretary for Scotland detailing circumstances.

APPENDIX D.—*continued.*

Line of Communication.	How often.	Number, Size, and Character of Vessels.	Contractors.	Contract or Agreement.		
				When made.	When commenced.	Terminates.
ROTHESAY and WEMYSS BAY.	Week days -	Steam vessel	Per Caledonian Steam Packet Company, Capt. Jas. Williamson.	- - -	17 Oct. 1892	After 1 year on 6 months' notice.
STROME FERRY and PORTREE.	6 days a week	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	David MacBrayne	1 Dec. 1887	1 Oct. 1886	On 12 months' notice.
SCRABSTER (THURSO) PIER and STROMNESS.	6 days a week	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	North of Scotland and Orkney and Shetland Steam Navigation Company.	- - -	12 Feb. 1889	After 5 years on 6 months' notice.
STROMNESS and LONGHOPE.	4 days a week	Steam vessel	South Isles Steam Packet Co.	- - -	- - -	On 6 months' notice after 29 May 1894.
{ TARBET, ISLAY, and JURA. } { GREENOCK, ISLAY, and JURA. }	Week days -	Steam vessel	David MacBrayne	1 Oct. 1892	1 Oct. 1892	After 1 year on 6 months' notice.
VIEKIE (SHETLAND) and FAIR ISLE.	Once a fortnight.	Sailing vessels.	John Bruce, Junr.	- - -	1 Nov. 1883	- - -
<i>IRELAND.</i>						
LARNE and STRANRAER.	Week days -	2 steam vessels with accommodation for sorting letters and parcels.	Portpatrick and Wigtownshire Joint Committee.	- - -	1 Sept. 1891	After 5 years on 12 months' notice.

In many cases the service commenced in addition to the payments given in detail above. Letters, &c. are conveyed by Private Ships to and from places 1,600*l.* a year, and the principal payments are as follows:—

For Guernsey, Alderney and Sark Service (special rates) - - -
 " Glasgow, Greenock, and Londonderry Service - - -
 " Waterford and Milford Haven Service - - -
 " Manchester and Barrow, to and from Douglas (Isle of Man) season - - -
 " Belfast and Barrow Service - - -

There are also a number of small miscellaneous fixed payments for conveyance of Home Mails and for ferryage in any case 50*l.* a year which have not been included in the above statement.

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APPENDIX D.—*continued.*

Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
150£.	- - -	- - -	75£.	Payment includes Parcel Service.
650£.	- - -	20£. for undue delay or deviation from course.	100£.	Payment includes the Parcel Service.
2,000£.	10 knots an hour	20£. for undue delay or deviation from course.	200£. P.M.G. to charter another vessel at Contractor's expense.	Payment includes the Parcel Service.
130£.	- - -	- - -	50£.	
900£.	- - -	- - -	350£.	Payment includes the Parcel Service.
180£.	- - -	- - -	- - -	No Contract. Payment is made up thus: 60£. for service from 1 April to 31 October, and 10£. per trip for the other 5 months.
13,500£.	- - -	- - -	- - -	This amount includes also payment for Railway Services between Carlisle and Stranraer, Larne and Belfast, and Larne and Derry.

before the formal contract was executed.

in the United Kingdom for a certain fixed payment of 2s. 6d. per 100. The total amount paid at present is about

about 641£. a year.

£ 229£. "

services via Fleetwood 156£. "

53£. "

(including various payments for the conveyance of Mails in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland), not exceeding

APPENDIX E.

Staff of Officers.

Totals 31 Mar. 1892.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar. 1893.
		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 (3), Surveyor General for Scotland, and Secretary for Ireland.	6	—	1	—	1	—	8	—	8
	C.									
42	Superior Officers in Metro- politan Offices.	33	—	6	—	6	—	45	—	45
	D.									
16	Surveyors -	10	—	3	—	3	—	16	—	16
	E.									
938	Head Postmasters : Metropolitan . . .	11	1	1	—	—	—	774	157	931
	Provinces	551	86	118	35	93	35			
17,898	Sub-Postmasters : Metropolitan . . .	671	185	45	6	63	74	13,759	4,599	18,358
	Provinces	10,035	3,047	1,224	557	1,721	730			
	F.									
4,983	Clerks and Superintending Officers : Metropolitan . . .	1,892	1,121	136	31	158	24	3,984	1,230	5,194
	Provinces	1,506	46	194	8	78	—			
	G.									
21,438	Supervisors, Overseers, Counter- men, Sorters, Telegraphists, &c. : Metropolitan . . .	8,104	1,779	425	100	532	86	18,149	4,472	22,621
	Sorting Clerks and Telegra- phists : Provinces	7,463	1,926	1,008	438	617	143			
45,319	Carried forward . . .	30,283	8,191	3,161	1,175	3,272	1,092	36,716	10,458	47,174

APPENDIX E.—*continued.*Staff of Officers—*continued.*

Totals 31 Mar. 1892.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar. 1893.
		Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	
45,319	Brought forward . .	80,283	8,191	3,161	1,175	3,273	1,092	36,716	10,458	47,174
	H.									
22,902	Postmen, Porters, &c.:									
	Metropolitan	6,532	—	415	—	216	—	24,766	7	24,773
	Provinces	14,236	6	2,115	1	1,262	—			
	I.									
57,532	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	9,192	1,332	353	113	594	185	42,871	16,632	59,503
	Provinces	25,478	11,559	8,532	1,387	3,728	2,056			
	J.									
4	Postmasters and Clerks abroad (under direction of Post- master General).	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	4
5	Agents in Foreign Countries for collection of postage.	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	5
125,762	Totals	85,715	21,088	9,576	2,676	9,062	3,333	104,363	27,097	131,460

APPENDIX F.

Returned Letters, Parcels, &c.

A COMPARATIVE STATEMENT showing the Number of LETTERS, POST CARDS, BOOKS, NEWSPAPERS, PATTERNS and PARCELS, received and disposed of in the RETURNED LETTER OFFICES of LONDON, MANCHESTER, LIVERPOOL, BIRMINGHAM, LEEDS, BRISTOL, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, NOTTINGHAM, PLYMOUTH, EDINBURGH, GLASGOW, ABERDEEN, INVERNESS, DUBLIN, BELFAST, and CORK respectively; also the Number which, bearing on the outside the Addresses of the Senders, were returned direct from HEAD POST OFFICES (not possessing RETURNED LETTER BRANCHES), in the Year ended 31st March 1892, and in the Year ended 31st March 1893.

—	Letters received.		Letters re-issued to corrected Addresses.		Letters returned to the Senders.		Letters returned unopened to Foreign Countries.		Letters which could neither be delivered nor returned to the Senders.	
	1891-92.	1892-93.	1891-92.	1892-93.	1891-92.	1892-93.	1891-92.	1892-93.	1891-92.	1892-93.
LONDON - -	2,795,005	2,630,444	34,177	22,732	2,414,070	2,235,217	136,863	147,303	209,906	215,192
MANCHESTER -	417,535	374,108	9,130	7,231	360,903	325,299	10,406	10,300	37,397	31,288
LIVERPOOL -	357,529	325,085	18,573	16,786	295,363	269,834	16,731	17,206	27,132	22,255
BIRMINGHAM -	269,498	244,604	8,446	7,047	240,507	217,420	5,257	5,347	15,278	14,790
LEEDS - -	252,058	236,837	4,915	5,321	216,470	201,964	7,685	7,687	22,968	21,895
BRISTOL - -	358,318	330,433	6,763	6,923	306,638	289,785	11,402	10,806	33,435	32,919
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.	173,661	149,376	3,806	3,622	144,993	124,068	6,717	6,065	18,145	15,901
NOTTINGHAM -	187,139	166,844	5,892	5,646	163,396	143,163	4,061	4,212	13,800	13,821
PLYMOUTH -	56,111	50,595	542	630	47,995	40,097	3,448	4,292	4,126	5,586
EDINBURGH -	219,245	201,285	11,005	11,470	191,211	172,013	6,665	6,776	10,364	11,626
GLASGOW - -	196,679	179,395	18,339	19,425	163,444	146,280	5,605	5,602	9,291	8,083
ABERDEEN -	24,703	23,946	952	967	21,087	20,191	715	784	1,949	2,004
INVERNESS -	16,747	16,514	867	640	14,479	14,013	413	442	968	1,419
DUBLIN - -	218,309	220,941	6,530	6,904	193,070	179,355	12,392	10,158	6,517	24,034
BELFAST - -	66,896	66,166	4,879	2,410	53,235	54,388	2,773	2,769	6,009	6,589
CORK - -	36,607	39,124	1,068	990	29,536	31,750	3,019	3,111	2,964	3,273
Head Post Offices authorised to return certain letters, &c. direct to senders -	1,144,215	1,120,752	—	—	1,144,215	1,120,752	—	—	—	—
TOTALS -	6,790,845	6,357,439	135,914	118,818	6,000,601	5,565,809	234,252	243,832	420,878	329,790
Increase 1892-93 over 1891-92. }	—		—		—		8,580		9,702	
Decrease in 1892-93	433,406		17,096		434,992		—		—	

APPENDIX F.—*continued.*Returned Letters, Parcels, &c.—*continued.*

	Post Cards received.		Books received.		Newspapers received.		Patterns and Samples received.		Parcels received.		Parcels returned to Senders, or re-issued to Addressees.	
	1891-92.	1892-93.	1891-92.	1892-93.	1891-92.	1892-93.	1891-92.	1892-93.	1891-92.	1892-93.	1891-92.	1892-93.
LONDON - -	88,259	88,074	2,269,546	2,688,756	356,904	325,414	3,761	4,265	47,546	50,400	31,197	32,820
MANCHESTER - -	35,261	34,217	570,165	775,130	14,130	13,412	77	295	4,460	5,302	2,782	3,529
LIVERPOOL - -	36,519	37,122	361,177	523,511	18,437	17,583	675	764	259	4,115	2,069	2,448
BIRMINGHAM - -	33,521	34,353	305,044	408,326	8,844	7,809	1,563	1,170	2,919	3,487	2,007	2,285
LEEDS - -	19,223	19,884	316,996	392,570	10,159	7,661	432	652	2,862	3,354	1,821	2,229
BRISTOL - -	15,110	15,448	358,659	458,016	14,106	13,192	1,492	1,787	4,979	5,599	3,008	3,547
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.	12,406	13,168	171,123	258,482	7,186	4,873	331	312	1,992	1,999	1,204	1,213
NOTTINGHAM - -	3,443	3,494	234,966	261,470	6,223	5,065	230	234	2,801	2,884	1,769	1,940
PLYMOUTH - -	3,307	3,325	54,371	74,063	2,554	1,853	207	375	735	905	406	501
EDINBURGH - -	24,702	25,266	238,766	283,209	17,590	17,464	528	966	4,711	5,223	3,841	4,096
GLASGOW - -	39,389	39,437	152,753	306,497	8,537	8,992	643	369	2,526	3,044	2,138	2,478
ARRIDEN - -	658	864	24,579	40,415	2,053	1,874	22	46	370	334	240	220
LYNN - -	848	1,156	16,721	20,966	1,938	1,187	36	22	292	297	171	242
DUBLIN - -	16,463	13,914	217,818	279,106	27,062	26,603	146	147	4,191	4,727	3,024	3,251
BELFAST - -	6,501	7,458	65,517	93,809	5,592	5,722	212	227	718	914	468	563
CORK - -	650	1,497	35,216	46,402	1,837	1,927	30	253	555	529	311	294
Head Post Offices authorized to return certain letters, &c. direct to senders	578,312	624,125	1,628,521	2,023,054	53,199	53,001	31,228	37,246	33,142	35,571	33,142	35,571
TOTALS - -	914,224	964,162	7,016,400	9,054,832	556,731	518,772	41,613	49,133	113,058	128,744	89,598	97,264
Increase 1892-93 over 1891-92.	49,960		2,018,272		—		7,520		10,686		7,866	
Decrease in 1892-93	—		—		37,959		—		—		—	

APPENDIX G. Foreign and Colonial Packet Service.

Line of Packets.	Contracts.		Payment.	Penalties for Overtime.	Contributions towards the Cost of the Service.	Estimated Receipts for Sea Postage.	Estimated British Loss on the Sea Service.
	Com- mencement.	Termination.					
AUSTRALIA: Brindisi or Naples and Adelaide Aden and Brisbane San Francisco and New Zealand London and Sydney, and intermediate Australian Ports	1 Feb. 1888 - - - - } - - - } 1 July 1886 {	31st January 1895 Colonial Contracts On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post -	- - - } (a) 1,348	100% for every 24 hours. - - -	{ South Australia Victoria New South Wales } 75,000%.	£ 3,000 - - -	£ 93,000 - - NIL.
BRAZIL, RIVER PLATE, AND CHILI: Fortnightly service from Southampton Do. Fortnightly service from Liverpool	1 Sept. 1876 - 1 Jan. 1888 - 1 July 1878 -	On 6 months' notice Do. for Parcel Post On 6 months' notice	- (a) 7,598 (a) 189 (a) 14,907	- - -	- - -	- 10,034 -	- 12,600 -
CANADA and CHINA Do. CAPE OF GOOD HOPE and NATAL Do. at St. Helena and Ascension Natal	7 April 1801 - Contracts with 17 June 1887 { 1 Feb. 1888 - 1 July 1885 {	6th April 1901 Colonial Governments On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post On 31st January 1898 On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post	60,000 - (d) (a) 787 245,000 (a) 3,060	100% for every 12 hours. - - - 200% for every 12 hours latest Brin- dis in other cases 100%.	{ Canada 15,000% Admiralty 7,300% } - - - { India 59,900% Ceylon 1,400% Straits Settlements 6,000% Hong Kong 6,000% }	- - - 787 24,850 -	37,700 - - NIL 167,900 -
EAST INDIES and CHINA Do. EAST COAST OF AFRICA: Aden and Zanzibar	5 Nov. 1892 - 30 June 1878 - 1 Oct. 1897 -	On 12 months' notice 20th June 1898 On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post	1,400 (b) 111,087 (a) 4,383	- - -	- - -	- - -	1,400 - NIL
EUROPE: Dover and Calais Do.	- - -	- - -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -

APPENDIX H.

Telegrams.

✓ TABLE showing the TOTAL NUMBER of TELEGRAMS 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 Telegrams.					
	England and Wales.			Scotland.	Ireland.	TOTAL.
	Provinces.	London.	Total.			
1870-71 -	5,399,882	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	15,585,780
1873-74 -	9,283,854	5,254,547	14,488,401	2,009,893	1,323,236	17,821,530
1874-75 -	10,124,661	5,652,038	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 -	11,332,704	6,561,930	17,794,634	2,402,347	1,529,162	21,726,143
1877-78 -	11,892,098	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 -	12,892,996	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	12,071,084	26,275,513	3,207,994	1,862,354	31,845,861
1882-83 -	14,554,015	12,874,707	26,928,722	3,244,202	1,919,102	32,092,026
1883-84 -	14,920,418	12,686,433	27,606,846	3,299,428	1,986,846	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	5,430,623	3,047,531	53,403,425
1888-89 -	28,269,130	20,263,539	48,532,669	5,991,223	3,241,455	57,765,347
1889-90 -	30,878,953	21,562,826	52,436,779	6,545,654	3,420,966	62,403,399
1890-91 -	32,827,055	22,831,033	55,658,088	7,077,388	3,673,735	66,409,211
1891-92 -	34,854,867	23,911,238	58,766,105	7,155,180	3,764,195	69,685,480
1892-93 -	35,332,090	23,554,094	58,936,184	7,100,514	3,871,150	69,907,848

The figures for each year since 1877-78 include the number of certain Press Telegrams 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 TELEGRAMS forwarded from TELEGRAPH OFFICES in the UNITED KINGDOM during each of the Years 1891-92 and 1892-93; and the Increase in each Month of the latter Year over the corresponding Month of the former Year. ✓

Month.	Number of Telegrams.		(+) Increase.
	1892-93.	1891-92.	(-) Decrease.
April - - -	5,626,365	5,725,103	(-) 98,738
May - - -	6,026,751	5,989,601	(+) 87,150
June - - -	6,899,872	6,089,615	(+) 860,257
July - - -	6,920,106	6,587,957	(+) 332,149
August - - -	6,800,878	6,248,539	(+) 552,339
September - - -	6,190,152	6,267,914	(-) 77,762
October - - -	5,942,160	6,212,052	(-) 269,892
November - - -	5,674,351	5,575,520	(+) 98,831
December - - -	5,190,812	5,445,187	(-) 254,375
January - - -	4,938,010	5,200,275	(-) 262,265
February - - -	4,770,213	4,957,382	(-) 187,169
March - - -	5,628,178	5,486,335	(+) 141,843
	69,907,848	69,685,480	(+) 222,368

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.
Year ended 31st March 1884	£ s. d. 11,746 16 5	£ s. d. 11,142 10 3	£ s. d. 2,880 15 1	£ s. d. 5 0 8	£ s. d. 25,775 2 5
" 1885	12,666 5 2	11,651 3 2	2,764 12 3	15 7 7	27,097 3 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 3 11
" 1889	14,370 7 10	15,118 7 3	3,257 9 10	68 9 8	33,414 14 7
" 1890	15,495 9 6½	16,355 9 7	3,851 2 7	696 17 4½	36,328 19 1
" 1891	15,906 12 10	16,786 7 3	3,610 16 7	76 12 11	36,380 9 7
" 1892	14,595 5 3	17,765 13 8	3,206 14 2	21 5 6	35,588 18 9
" 1893	14,614 10 6½	21,129 13 0	3,708 19 1	67 10 5½	39,520 18 1

APPENDIX J.

Extracts from a Report from the Controller of the Post Office Savings Bank.

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The cost of management during 1892, including nearly 57,000*l.* for postage and about 4,000*l.* for purchase of land and new buildings, amounted to 354,008*l.* as compared with 343,614*l.* in 1891. On the total number of deposits and withdrawals, this gives an average cost per transaction of 6·63*d.* In 1891 the average cost was 6·88*d.*, and to find so low an amount as 6·63*d.* it is necessary to go back exactly ten years, to 1882, when the average cost was the same. The per-centage of expenses to the total balance of the Post Office Savings Bank last year was 9*s.* 4*d.*, being 3*d.* less than in 1891, and less than in any year since the commencement of the Post Office Savings Bank business.

Cost of management.

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The growth in the number of Offices renders what is termed the "cross-entry system," i.e., the facility for using the same deposit book at any Post Office Savings Bank, of ever increasing value to depositors. Of the aggregate number of deposits and withdrawals last year nearly 32 per cent. were effected at Offices other than those at which the accounts were opened, while, if the withdrawals be taken alone, the percentage was more than 43.

Cross-entry system.

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In a new pattern of deposit book, the issue of which was commenced last year, the facilities for investing in Stock and purchasing Annuities and Insurances are brought into greater prominence, and this, coupled with the distribution of a special leaflet on the same subjects, may have had some effect in stimulating those branches of the business.

New pattern of deposit book.

* * * * *

The special arrangement noticed in the last Annual Report of the Postmaster General, for collecting Savings Bank deposits on the weekly pay-day from the workmen employed in constructing the West Highland Railway has now continued for more than a year, and, although there was a decline in the amount of business during the winter, it began to revive again with the finer weather. In another case, also, arrangements have just been made for placing the Savings Bank in evidence during the payment of wages, the Asylums Committee of the London County Council, with a view to the encouragement of thrift among the servants at their Asylums, having recently asked whether a clerk from the Post Office could attend once a month at five such Institutions for the purpose of receiving Savings Bank deposits on pay-days.

Special facilities.

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I continue to receive from abroad inquiries on various points of our system, and among those last year I may mention applications from the Governments of Holland, Japan, and the Dutch East Indies, Trinidad, St. Vincent, and the Straits Settlements; and from individuals in France, Austria, and the United States. In the last-named country there are as yet no Post Office Savings Banks.

Inquiries from abroad respecting system of Post Office Savings Bank.

In the statement of the business of the Post Office Savings Banks in Canada for the year ending the 30th June 1892, the deposits, 145,428 of 1,411,200*l.* show, as compared with the preceding year, a decrease in the number and an increase in the amount, and the withdrawals, 77,381 of 1,446,168*l.* a decrease both in the number and amount; while there is a slight falling off in the number of accounts

Canada.

remaining open at the close of the year, viz., 110,805, but a larger sum due to depositors, viz., 4,459,680*l.* It is thought that the restriction in the business noticed last year and ascribed to a reduction in the rate of interest on deposits has reached the turning point.

Cape Colony. The Post Office Savings Banks in Cape Colony have more than answered the expectations that were originally formed of them, the transactions during the year ended the 30th June 1892, showing a greater increase than in any previous twelve months. The sum standing to the credit of 31,386 depositors at the close of the year was 879,975*l.*, in addition to which Savings Bank Certificates, guaranteed by the Government and issued for amounts of 100*l.*, were held by 3,034 depositors, representing a total value of 303,400*l.* Besides the issue of these certificates, investments are made for depositors in $3\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. Colonial Stock in sums of 50*l.* and upwards, provided the amount applied for is a multiple of 5*l.*, the dividends on such Stock being credited to the investors' Savings Bank accounts, or, if desired, sent direct to their addresses. The amount so invested in the year was 15,830*l.* In this Colony, which is sparsely populated, and where depositors are often at great distances from the nearest Post Office, the plan of effecting repayment by telegram has for some time formed part of the system, a fee of 2*s.* being charged to depositors to cover the cost of telegraphing, &c., and a modification of this plan has now been adopted to meet the requirements of residents in Cape Town, repayment at sight being made at the Head Office at a charge of 6*d.* It is likewise proposed to introduce a scheme of Penny Banks based on the English model.

South African Republic. The success which has attended the establishment of Post Office Savings Banks in Cape Colony has decided the Postmaster General of the South African Republic to recommend their speedy introduction there.

India. In India, on the 31st March 1891, the number of depositors in the Post Office Savings Banks was 408,544, an increase during the year of nearly 50,000, while the amount due had risen from 58,696,750 rupees to 63,467,410 rupees. In Ceylon, where 97 Post Office Savings Banks were open, the business during 1890 was very satisfactory, owing, it is believed, to the improvement in agriculture and tea-planting. The number of depositors increased by 20 per cent., and the amount to their credit rose from 233,697 rupees to 309,746 rupees. In New South Wales, at the end of the same year, the sum due to depositors was 1,875,904*l.*, an addition of 146,013*l.* during the twelve months. The average amount due per account, 22*l.* 10*s.*, is considerably higher than in this country.

Queensland. In Queensland, notwithstanding the severe financial strain, the Government Savings Bank did not, it is stated, materially suffer during 1891, although the amount deposited, 893,442*l.*, shows a falling off of 17,266*l.*, and that withdrawn, 959,671*l.*, an advance of 51,466*l.* in comparison with the transactions of the previous year; but it may be that a reduction in the rate of interest on deposits to 4 per cent., which has arrested the annual deficit, has checked for a time the progress of the Bank. On the 31st December 1891, the depositors numbered 46,259, and the amount standing to their credit was 1,660,753*l.* In South Australia the sum withdrawn in the twelve months ending the 30th June 1892, 1,280,413*l.*, exceeded that deposited during the same period, 1,247,309*l.* but the number of accounts at its close, 78,795, and the aggregate balances therein, 2,217,431*l.*, reveal progress. In New Zealand, where the commercial depression has not been so marked as in the other great Australasian Colonies, the progress of the Post Office Savings Banks has been greater, the deposits in 1891 having reached

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1,842,987*l.* as against withdrawals of 1,693,515*l.*, resulting in 104,467 accounts of a total of 2,695,447*l.* In British Guiana the number of British Guiana. Postal Savings Banks at the end of the year 1891 was 10, and the balance to the credit of 1,672 accounts was 9,145*l.*, showing additions of 639 and 3,594*l.* respectively. In Jamaica, on the 31st March 1892, the Jamaica. sum of 426,926*l.* was standing to the credit of 21,860 accounts in the Government Savings Bank.

I observe that in the report on the Postal Savings Banks in France. France for the year 1891 it is stated that, owing to the high prices of Government Stocks, and the consequent diminution in the income from the investment of funds, a reduction in the rate of interest allowed on deposits has become an urgent matter. In spite of a rigorous winter, 1890-91, following a bad harvest, the operations of the Banks do not seem to have been adversely affected. The amounts deposited and withdrawn during the year were respectively 12,933,762*l.* and 9,755,214*l.*, and on the 31st December the balance standing to the credit of 1,733,764 accounts was 20,255,197*l.* an increase of 229,076 in the number of accounts, and 3,717,635*l.* in the amount, as compared with the figures at the corresponding period of 1890. The number of investments in Government Stock on behalf of depositors was 3,877, the sum invested being 215,124*l.* In Belgium, where the Post Offices Belgium. are used as agencies of the Government Savings Bank, no limit is apparently fixed to the balance a depositor may keep, but it has been found necessary to alter from 200*l.* to 120*l.* the amount beyond which interest is calculated at the rate of not more than 2 per cent. The deposits in personal accounts during 1891 amounted to 6,023,120*l.*, and the withdrawals to 6,125,865*l.*, leaving at the close of that year the sum of 12,941,950*l.* to the credit of 794,602 depositors. The excess of withdrawals over deposits is explained by a large increase in the investments in Government Stock, which numbered 10,537, representing Stock of the nominal value of 1,301,476*l.* The sales of Stock by depositors numbered only 2,009, of 384,620*l.* Stock, and on the 31st December the Stock standing in the names of depositors was of the nominal value of 2,916,185*l.*, the total number of inscriptions being 16,481. The Bank embraces an annuity or old age pension scheme, in connexion with which, during 1891, 30,970 payments, amounting to 44,683*l.*, were received as against 18,567 payments, amounting to 36,648*l.* in the preceding year. This leap forward is attributable to the co-operation of some large employers of labour who have been persuaded to inaugurate old-age pension funds among their employes in association with the Savings Bank, and who collect the smallest premiums by deductions from the wages of the annuitants. So successful has this experiment proved that of the 30,970 payments, amounting to 44,683*l.*, already mentioned, no less than 28,741, amounting to 10,079*l.*, were made through the intermediary of the Societies connected with industrial and other labour establishments. It is also worthy of notice that the average payment through these societies was about 7*s.* instead of about 15*l.* 10*s.*, as is the case with the other payments. At the end of the year the number of persons in enjoyment of annuities was 1,660, the sum payable to them being 15,620*l.* In the Netherlands the Post Netherlands. Office Savings Banks are described as more and more prosperous, both the number of accounts open on the 31st December 1891, viz., 319,106, and the total amount due therein, viz., 2,001,143*l.*, representing a somewhat remarkable development; and in Sweden, where on the same Sweden. date the depositors numbered 271,540, and the balance due to them was 917,293*l.*, the continued prosperity of these Banks is also recorded. In Italy. Italy, where the Postal Savings Banks perhaps approach our own more

nearly than elsewhere in their organization, satisfactory evidence of growth, even during a time of financial embarrassment, is afforded by the report on them for 1890. The deposits and withdrawals numbered respectively 2,074,622 and 1,366,812, the relative amounts being 7,868,650*l.* and 7,263,908*l.* On the 31st December, 2,126,289 accounts remained open with balances amounting to 12,419,345*l.* The purchases of Government Stock for depositors during the year numbered 10,678, the sum so invested being 444,797*l.* In Austria the depositors in the Post Office Savings Bank having "savings" as distinguished from "running" accounts numbered, at the end of 1891, 847,716, and the amount to their credit was 2,484,199*l.* In Hungary there were 188,660 depositors with 596,792*l.* to their credit. In the latter Kingdom an aggregate of 313,371*l.* was invested by depositors in Government Stock during the year. In Bavaria and Wurtemberg, in which States Postal Savings Banks have not been introduced, the amounts held by depositors in the Public Savings Banks were—in Bavaria, 9,074,000*l.*, and in Wurtemberg, 3,242,054*l.*

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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.
1883	7,389	6,597,398†	13,575,167†	1 3½	955,991	2,075,463†	11,500,171†	5 6 3½	248,180	7½	772,201	535,535	3,105,642	41,768,908 13 9 0	11 10½	43,294,949	282,983	130,000	43,697,482	7,790	4,671,826	
1884	7,756	6,455,707†	14,510,411†	4 11½	1,025,117	2,198,792†	12,530,563†	5 14 0½	243,618	6½	774,268	546,235	3,333,675	44,773,773 13 8 7	11 1½	45,949,718	313,473	130,000	46,383,191	8,167	4,916,149	
1885	8,106	6,474,484†	15,034,694†	6 5½	1,062,112	2,280,062†	13,202,742†	5 15 10½	256,402	7	750,862	548,857	3,535,650	47,697,838 13 9 10	10 9	48,606,318	286,322	130,000	49,012,640	8,515	5,128,647	
1886	8,351	6,562,395†	15,696,352†	7 10½	1,169,590	2,390,655†	13,630,943†	5 14 6½	290,555	7½	758,270	562,469	3,731,421	50,874,338 13 13 8	11 5½	52,074,387	272,263	154,000	52,500,650	8,756	5,322,225	
1887	8,720	6,916,327†	16,535,632†	7 10½	1,244,074	2,496,294†	14,680,279†	5 17 7½	288,418	7½	794,592	574,252	3,951,761	53,974,065 13 13 2	10 8½	56,248,599	322,553	174,000	56,745,152	9,120	5,556,371	
1888	9,022	7,540,625†	19,052,220†	2 10 6½	1,352,838	2,653,805†	15,802,735†	6 0 0	326,990	7½	887,460	618,294	4,220,927	58,556,394 13 17 5	11 2½	60,860,563	293,071	219,000	61,345,034	9,494	5,800,473	
1889	9,353	8,101,120†	19,814,908†	2 8 11½	1,443,186	2,757,845†	16,814,268†	6 1 11½	336,954	7½	924,010	637,128	4,507,809	62,999,620 13 19 6	10 8½	64,786,212	253,615	257,000	65,296,827	9,699	6,039,403	
1890	9,681	8,775,568†	20,990,692†	2 7 10½	1,553,355	2,892,006†	17,906,860†	6 3 10½	326,394	6½	997,283	677,778	4,827,314	67,634,807 14 0 8	9 7½	68,954,754	155,673	266,000	69,376,477	10,005	6,365,096	
1891	10,063	9,941,431†	21,334,909†	2 7 9½	1,638,148	3,126,231†	19,019,856†	6 1 8½	343,614	6½	992,155	701,074	5,118,395	71,698,002 13 19 10	9 7	72,417,045	173,982	269,000	72,890,027	10,366	6,628,577	
1892	10,519	9,475,339†	22,845,031†	2 8 2½	1,746,263	3,385,068†	20,346,217†	6 2 0½	354,008	6½	1,066,622	702,701	5,452,316	75,853,079 13 18 3	9 4	78,123,988	176,056	273,000	75,573,044	10,800	6,954,236	

† 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 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 Annuitants and Insurants 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 Annuitants and Insurants 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 255,578s., but the sum of 3,960s. received for commission on Stock transactions from 22nd November 1880 to 30th September 1884 was in this year applied towards defraying the expenses of management, in accordance with the Savings Banks Act, 1880. 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, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891 and 1892 include the sums of 98,212s., 19,073s., 40,983s., 20,693s., 792s., 840s. and 832s. respectively for purchase of land, while the charges in 1889, 1890, 1891, and 1892, also include 17,732s., 7,751s., 2,274s. and 3,446s. respectively for new buildings. Omitting these amounts, but adding interest at the rate of 5 per cent. thereon, the cost per transaction will be in 1886, 6½d., in 1888, 6½d., in 1889, 6½d., in 1890, 6½d., in 1891, 6½d., in 1892, 6½d., and the percentage of expenses to capital 10s. 4¼d., 10s., 9s. 10d., 9s. 6¼d., 8s. 5d., 9s. 2¼d., and 9s. 2¼d., respectively. Prior to the passing of the Post Office Savings Bank Act, 1861, it was estimated (*see* Parliamentary Paper No. 623, 1861) that the average cost of each transaction would be 7d.

Post Office Savings Banks.

GOVERNMENT STOCK.

TABLE SHOWING THE BUSINESS DONE DURING THE LAST TEN YEARS.

Year.	Number of Stock Accounts opened.	Number of Stock Accounts closed.	Number of Stock Accounts remaining open at close of the Year.	Number of Investments.	Number of Sales.	Number of Stock Certificates obtained.	Number of Transfers to the Bank of England.	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 realized by sale of Stock.	Amount of Stock Certificates obtained.	Amount of Transfers to the Bank of England.	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 the Year.											
1888	7,576	3,418	30,767	12,882	5,685	58	—	682,997	1,288	4	9	5	11	0	618,388	46	4	6	238,708	41	12	9	5	238,953	5,560	—	430	235	33,371	27,648	1,519,883	78	3	10
1889	8,877	4,651	24,968	14,300	6,840	76	—	708,040	1,417	0	8	7	0	0	708,186	49	10	5	301,448	44	1	5	303,912	8,350	—	378	110	44,330	46,894	1,916,838*	76	13	6	
1890	9,845	4,540	30,507	17,133	7,443	68	—	846,791	1,685	1	9	7	0	0	860,060	50	2	9	328,445	43	17	2	322,899	9,900	—	10,587	315	55,146	63,608	2,462,352	80	2	11	
1891	9,633	4,945	33,305	16,568	8,918	59	—	845,008	1,735	17	6	7	0	0	841,121	50	15	8	339,965	43	14	6	392,053	7,300	—	1,181	948	65,339	77,968	2,598,941	82	1	1	
1892	10,689	5,704	40,370	18,304	10,216	50	—	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	74,748	91,169	3,245,106	88	1	4	
1893	11,689	6,575	43,354	19,413	11,459	44	36	996,317	2,168	2	6	3	0	0	1,008,164	51	13	6	578,304	50	0	7	574,113	5,100	6,480	28,979	912	127,918†	110,878	3,798,611	87	7	7	
1894	11,261	7,582	46,068	19,766	11,862	27	126	985,852	2,166	8	3	9	0	0	1,008,368	50	15	3	605,339	50	18	11	535,681	3,450	31,981	13,164	760	171,570	114,480	4,175,684	88	17	1	
1895	14,606	10,536	51,068	22,385	12,068	28	204	1,089,397	2,382	12	6	4	0	0	1,135,310	50	5	5	590,907	48	17	0	573,186	4,000	27,690	6,819	271	139,108	118,326	4,690,168‡	91	13	1	
1896	11,516	7,494	56,065	20,841	13,500	28	265	969,893	2,532	9	0	3	17	0	1,065,310	49	3	11	607,637	46	13	2	588,688	3,850	43,778	26,991	438	307,970	131,913	5,067,768	93	7	3	
1897	14,110	8,536	60,889	23,976	13,737	27	390	1,234,398	2,745	7	6	3	14	0	1,354,104	52	14	5	688,385	50	2	11	686,689	3,700	67,417	6,776	124	225,538	142,780	5,599,080	93	0	7	

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

† Dividends on 3 per cent. Stock converted paid quarterly instead of half yearly.

‡ In 1896, 869 persons holding 56,972½ Redemption money under the provisions of the National Debt Redemption Act, 1880, were paid off and £,014‡ of the amount was re-invested free of Commission, in one or other of the new Government Stocks.

§ In April 1897 the new Government Stock, amounting to £18,382½, was re-invested in 2½ per cent. Consolidated Stock at 98, this being the final operation connected with the Conversion Scheme. The balance of Stock was thus increased by £,078.

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.	Contracts entered into.	Receipts.	Payments.	Contracts entered into.	Receipts.	Payments.	Contracts entered into.	Receipts.	Payments.					
	No.	Amount of Annuities.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount of Claims and Surrender.					
1883 - - -	770	14,141	159,630	17,202	130,063	104	2,120	830	7,240	165	1,898	256	20,900	16,156	11,553	129	5,431
1884* :- -																	
1 Jan. to 2 June -	187	2,938	34,507	8,853	67,931	13	327	332	3,140	89	1,156	50	3,409	7,082	5,019	65	2,804
3 June to 31 Dec. -	586	11,736	137,919	7,948	69,568	80	2,083	535	6,744	111	1,876	298	18,266	7,268	6,399	117	4,284
1885 - - -	725	15,367	178,128	16,111	146,169	103	1,694	860	9,761	212	2,980	457	34,768	12,402	12,086	140	4,646
1886 - - -	823	17,358	211,570	16,234	153,578	87	1,772	859	10,510	246	3,122	506	34,188	12,167	12,683	158	5,943
1887 - - -	912	19,299	234,174	16,556	164,546	90	1,625	869	9,721	264	5,020	585	36,168	12,069	13,492	182	5,976
1888 - - -	965	23,404	286,762	17,050	178,160	138	2,719	900	10,853	301	3,877	590	34,319	12,016	14,121	190	5,538
1889 - - -	968	23,361	292,846	17,537	183,140	131	2,868	934	11,464	343	4,097	671	32,532	12,275	15,112	343	7,473
1890 - - -	948	21,956	275,578	17,976	206,422	116	2,527	914	14,283	412	4,644	463	25,466	11,799	14,422	196	6,841
1891 - - -	968	23,673	296,853	18,195	217,595	142	2,183	969	12,578	475	6,341	599	28,960	11,687	15,073	232	8,661
1892 - - -	1,157	28,155	355,723	18,653	239,370	214	4,253	1,066	15,390	478	6,933	1,583	80,307	15,517	16,099	190	7,354

* 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 1892, and the Number and Amount of Contracts in existence on the 31st December 1892.

	CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO				TOTAL.	
	From 17 April 1865 to 31 December 1891.		From 1 Jan. 1892 to 31 December 1892.			
	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 1892, viz. :—						
Immediate Annuities - -	20,347	343,303 12 6	1,157	28,154 15 6	21,504	371,458 8 0
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - -	625	10,724 15 0	47	939 17 6	672	11,664 12 6
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - -	1,240	26,685 2 0	167	3,313 0 0	1,407	29,998 2 0
Contracts for Sums payable at Death entered into from the commencement of business on the 17th April 1865 to the 31st December 1892 - - - -	11,158	803,062 8 1	1,983	80,307 9 0	13,141	883,369 12 1
Contracts for Annuities in existence on the 31st December 1892, viz. :—						
Immediate Annuities - -	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	11,862	246,871 17 0
Deferred Annuities, and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - - -	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	588	9,927 15 6
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - -	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	860	17,637 6 0
Contracts for Sums payable at Death, in existence on the 31st December 1892 - - -	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	8,702	548,594 15 10

APPENDIX J.—*continued.*

Post Office Savings Bank.

RETURN of the BALANCE SHEETS of the POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS on the 31st day of December 1892, 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 1892, 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 price of 31 Dec. 1892.			Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the Year.		
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	
2½ per cent. Consols - - -	32,005,767	19 0	31,365,653	0 0		204,589	0 5	
2½ per cents. - - -	9,138,770	15 8	8,907,400	0 0		54,013	2 4	
Local Loans 3 per cent. Stock - -	10,976,800	5 1	11,470,850	0 0		77,852	8 0	
Book Debt, per Act 55 & 56 Vict. c. 93	10,200,000	0 0	10,200,000	0 0		66,313	17 2	
Egyptian Guaranteed 3 per cent. Bonds	311,000	0 0	323,440	0 0		—		
Exchequer (Suez) Bonds - - -	129,408	8 3	129,408	0 0		1,277	1 11	
Exchequer Bonds - - -	396,000	0 0	396,000	0 0		5,297	0 9	
Treasury Bills - - -	2,875,500	0 0	2,796,424	0 0		64,025	2 5	
Advances per 43 Vict. c. 4, 43 & 44 Vict. c. 14, 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	(a) 3,278,971	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.	574,570	0 0	(a & b) 4,088,713	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.	138,800	0 0	(a) 1,093,742	0 0		—		
Annuity for a term of years per National Debt Act, 1884, 47 Vict. c. 2, s. 2, expiring 5th October 1903	85,121	0 0	(a) 329,773	0 0		—		
Annuities for terms of years per 46 Vict. c. 1, s. 2 - - -	49,297	13 6	(a) 141,311	0 0		—		
Red Sea and India Telegraph Annuity, expiring 4th August 1908 - - -	3,100	0 0	88,750	0 0		—		
Annuity for a term of years granted to repay advances under Imperial Defence Act, 1883, 51 & 52 Vict. c. 32 - - -	60,431	16 0	(a) 438,766	0 0		—		
Annuity for a term of years granted to repay advance under Russian Dutch Loan Act, 1891, 54 & 55 Vict. c. 96 - - -	35,176	18 0	(a) 403,174	0 0		—		
Annuities for terms of years granted to repay advances made under the Pensions Commutation Act, 34 & 35 Vict. c. 36 - - -	63,122	3 0	(a) 255,978	0 0		—		
Advances under Pensions Commutation Act, 34 & 35 Vict. c. 36, during year ended 31st December 1892, in respect of which an Annuity had not been granted - - -	35,628	10 0	35,629	0 0		613	12 3	
Carried forward - - -			77,342,162	0 0		473,981	5 3	

(a) Value, inclusive of interest, to 31st December 1892.

(b) Cash value (at the price of Consols on 31st December 1892) of the amount of 2½ per cent. Consols, estimated to have been unreplaced at 31st December 1892, out of the amount of Stock originally cancelled in exchange for these Annuities. Act 54 & 55 Vict. c. 24.

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

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 price of 31 Dec. 1891.	Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the year.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward		77,342,162 0 0	473,981 5 3
Advances under the Public Accounts and Charges Act, 1891, 54 & 55 Vict. c. 24, s. 4., during year ended 31st December 1892, in respect of which an Annuity had not been granted	100,000 0 0	100,000 0 0	959 19 10
Advances under Telegraph Act, 1892, 55 & 56 Vict. c. 59., during year ended 31st December 1892, in respect of which an Annuity had not been granted	30,000 0 0	30,000 0 0	87 2 4
		£77,532,162 0 0	475,028 7 5
Add value of Securities	- - -	- - -	77,532,162 0 0
Cash balance in Bank of England	- - -	- - -	116,727 19 3
			£ 78,123,988 6 8

National Debt Office,
14th June 1893.

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 1892, 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 1892, 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 1892 (including interest) -	75,533,078	11 4	Value of Securities according to the average price of the day on 31 Dec. 1892 -	75,007,190	7 5
Amount of expenses remaining unpaid (partly estimated) -	17,254	9 1	Amount of cash in hands of Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt -	116,797	19 3
Surplus of assets over Liabilities -	2,702,711	2 8	Total Amount in the hands of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt -	-	-
			Amount in the hands of Her Majesty's Postmaster General -	233,073	2 7
			Less—Amount required to meet Warrants issued to Depositors but not cashed on 31st December 1892 -	57,017	6 2
			Value of the Central Savings Bank Premises in Queen Victoria Street, E.C. -	-	-
	£	78,573,044 3 1		170,055	16 5
				273,000	0 0
				78,573,044	3 1

Total amount received from Depositors, including interest, to 31st December 1892 - £ 331,740,119 19 11
Total amount repaid to Depositors to 31st December 1892 - 278,387,041 8 7

Number of Transactions.			Number of Accounts.		
Deposits.	Withdrawals.		Opened.	Closed.	Remaining Open.
131,404,926	45,723,491		17,141,067	11,686,781	5,452,316

The total number of transactions, i.e., Deposits and Withdrawals, from the commencement of Post Office Savings Bank business to the end of the year 1892 was 177,133,317.
The sums of 126,379*l.* 14*s.* 11*d.*, 147,116*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.*, 77,787*l.* 12*s.* 1*d.*, 125,342*l.* 4*s.* 11*d.*, 144,879*l.* 3*s.* 11*d.*, 145,799*l.* 10*s.* 1*d.*, 183,192*l.* 0*s.* 1*d.*, 98,792*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.*, 93,040*l.* 11*s.* 5*d.*, 64,093*l.* 15*s.* 11*d.*, 67,001*l.* 13*s.* 5*d.*, 73,805*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.*, 75,492*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.*, 39,030*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.*, 65,662*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*, and 31,177*l.* 16*s.* 2*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, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891 and 1892 respectively under sec. 14 of the Act 40 Vict. c. 13, being the excess of interest which had accrued during the years 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890 and 1891. The sum of 181,566*l.*, the cost of the site of the new Savings Bank buildings in Queen Victoria Street, and 83,732*l.* towards the cost of the new building, have been paid for out of the funds of the Post Office Savings Bank.

APPENDIX K.

Money Orders.

MONEY ORDER BUSINESS IN THE LAST TEN YEARS.

Year.	INLAND ORDERS.			COLONIAL ORDERS.			FOREIGN ORDERS.			GRAND TOTAL.			
	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.
1883-84	-	13,750,732	Decrease. " 3.6	313,435	1,184,214	13.1	559,408	1,433,548	10.2	14,603,635	27,629,879	Decrease. " 2.83	Increase. " 11
1884-85	-	11,953,127	" 13.3	337,420	1,263,590	7.7	569,189	1,430,387	1.7	12,964,736	26,230,676	Decrease. " 12.3	Decrease. " 5
1885-86	-	10,358,203	" 13.3	338,462	1,372,606	6.2	601,625	1,484,470	5.7	11,318,380	24,832,421	" 12.	" 5.3
1886-87	-	9,762,562	Increase. " 1.3	363,281	1,323,409	1.4	637,191	1,763,464	14.2	10,813,034	25,354,601	" 4.46	Increase. " 3.0
1887-88	-	9,552,777	" 2.1	397,970	1,438,338	9.5	793,746	2,014,112	15.5	10,744,463	26,384,126	" 63	" 3.8
1888-89	-	9,229,183	" 3.4	424,987	1,521,013	7.	834,547	2,130,300	7.7	10,507,717	26,618,032	" 2.3	" 1.06
1889-90	-	9,027,760	" 2.1	453,102	1,631,610	6.6	893,292	2,200,372	4.5	10,374,144	27,165,906	" 1.2	" 2.
1890-91	-	8,964,663	" 2.4	463,718	1,668,102	3.4	927,651	2,312,018	3.8	10,260,862	27,967,887	" 1.	" 2.5
1891-92	-	8,906,576	Increase. " 4	479,626	1,666,081	2.3	960,423	2,389,364	3.5	10,340,680	28,429,684	Increase. " 18	" 3.
1892-93	-	8,963,082	" 6	485,036	1,653,330	1.3	905,060	2,439,512	3.4	10,448,918	28,663,931	" 9	" 9

APPENDIX K.—continued. Money Orders.

INLAND ORDERS.

Year.	ENGLAND AND WALES.				SCOTLAND.				IRELAND.				UNITED KINGDOM.			
	Number. Amount.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number. Amount.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number. Amount.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number. Amount.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.
1883-84	-	11,694,711	21,484,880	43 [°]	D'cr. 4 [°] 4 [°] 1 [°] 38 [°]	1,303,479	2,274,316	34 [°]	Increase. 4 [°] 41 [°] 4 [°] 7 [°]	825,542	1,252,921	3 [°] 2 [°] 16 [°]	13,790,732	25,012,117	D'cr. 3 [°] 6 [°] 84 [°]	38 [°] 7 [°]
1884-85	-	10,023,386	20,108,955	37 [°]	14 [°] 6 [°] 4 [°]	1,199,922	2,216,901	31 [°]	7 [°] 9 [°] 2 [°] 5 [°]	734,819	1,210,843	10 [°] 6 [°] 3 [°] 3 [°]	11,958,127	23,536,699	13 [°] 3 [°] 5 [°] 9 [°]	33 [°] 2 [°]
1885-86	-	8,639,082	18,795,048	31 [°] 4 [°]	13 [°] 8 [°] 5 [°] 8 [°]	1,081,045	2,105,661	27 [°] 6 [°]	9 [°] 7 [°] 5 [°]	638,166	1,134,636	13 [°] 1 [°] 6 [°] 3 [°]	10,358,293	21,975,346	13 [°] 3 [°] 6 [°] 6 [°]	28 [°] 5 [°]
1886-87	-	8,070,907	18,875,433	30 [°]	6 [°] 6 [°] 7 [°]	1,080,427	2,298,782	27 [°] 4 [°]	Increase. 5 [°]	611,228	1,178,463	4 [°] 2 [°] 4 [°]	9,762,568	22,262,708	6 [°] 1 [°] 3 [°]	26 [°] 6 [°]
1887-88	-	7,851,990	19,289,306	27 [°] 4 [°]	2 [°] 7 [°] 2 [°] 2 [°]	1,068,611	2,369,442	26 [°] 5 [°]	1 [°] 7 [°] 7 [°] 8 [°]	602,176	1,222,928	1 [°] 5 [°] 4 [°]	9,552,777	22,881,676	D'cr. 2 [°] 1 [°] 2 [°] 8 [°]	25 [°] 5 [°]
1888-89	-	7,560,195	19,297,308	26 [°] 15 [°]	3 [°] 7 [°] 4 [°]	1,079,719	2,432,793	26 [°] 5 [°]	Dec. 1 [°] 7 [°] 2 [°] 2 [°]	588,269	1,267,548	2 [°] 3 [°] 4 [°]	9,228,183	22,957,649	3 [°] 4 [°] 33 [°]	24 [°] 5 [°]
1889-90	-	7,395,352	19,548,374	25 [°] 2 [°]	1 [°] 4 [°]	1,068,457	2,501,372	26 [°]	1 [°] 3 [°] 2 [°]	563,941	1,283,471	4 [°] 1 [°] 2 [°]	9,027,750	23,333,417	2 [°] 1 [°] 1 [°] 6 [°]	24 [°]
1890-91	-	7,268,248	20,044,082	25 [°] 06 [°]	1 [°] 7 [°] 2 [°] 5 [°]	1,045,048	2,546,719	25 [°] 9 [°]	2 [°] 1 [°] 8 [°]	551,187	1,306,966	2 [°] 2 [°] 1 [°] 8 [°]	8,864,483	23,897,767	1 [°] 8 [°] 2 [°] 4 [°]	23 [°] 43 [°]
1891-92	-	7,342,299	20,471,068	25 [°]	1 [°] 2 [°] 1 [°]	1,021,698	2,673,456	25 [°] 1 [°]	2 [°] 2 [°] 1 [°]	542,579	1,339,045	1 [°] 5 [°] 2 [°] 4 [°]	8,906,576	24,383,569	Increase. 4 [°] 2 [°]	23 [°] 3 [°]
1892-93	-	7,391,775	20,658,172	24 [°] 9 [°]	6 [°] 9 [°]	1,032,082	2,695,839	25 [°] 2 [°]	Increase. 1 [°] 1 [°] 1 [°] 2 [°]	539,175	1,354,798	6 [°] 1 [°] 1 [°]	8,963,032	24,618,809	6 [°] 9 [°]	23 [°] 3 [°]

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.				Present rates of Commission.	
<i>s.</i> <i>d.</i>				<i>s.</i> <i>d.</i>				<i>s.</i> <i>d.</i>				<i>s.</i> <i>d.</i>	
For sums not exceeding 2 <i>l.</i> , but not above 2 <i>l.</i> , but not exceeding 5 <i>l.</i> , but not above 5 <i>l.</i> , but not exceeding 7 <i>l.</i> , but not above 7 <i>l.</i> , but not exceeding 10 <i>l.</i>				For sums under 10 <i>s.</i> of 10 <i>s.</i> and under 1 <i>l.</i> of 1 <i>l.</i> of 2 <i>l.</i> of 3 <i>l.</i> of 4 <i>l.</i> of 5 <i>l.</i>				For sums of 5 <i>l.</i> and under 6 <i>l.</i> of 6 <i>l.</i> of 7 <i>l.</i> of 8 <i>l.</i> of 9 <i>l.</i> of 10 <i>l.</i>				For sums not exceeding 1 <i>l.</i> , above 1 <i>l.</i> and not exceeding 2 <i>l.</i> , above 2 <i>l.</i> and not exceeding 4 <i>l.</i> , above 4 <i>l.</i> and not exceeding 7 <i>l.</i> , above 7 <i>l.</i> and not exceeding 10 <i>l.</i>	
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APPENDIX K.—*continued.*

A STATEMENT showing the NUMBER and AMOUNT of MONEY ORDERS issued by and for other GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, the METROPOLITAN POLICE, and the PATRIOTIC FUND, during the year ended 31st March 1893.*

	Number.	Amount.
		£
Admiralty, Bills Branch - - - -	36,893	126,371
„ Greenwich Hospital - - - -	3,454	4,101
„ Naval Allotments - - - -	94,551	103,880
„ „ Pensions - - - -	111,221	779,285
Board of Trade, Bankruptcy - - - -	71,726	46,294
„ „ Pensions - - - -	11,220	10,255
Civil Service Commission - - - -	1,664	6,329
Education Office, England - - - -	4,761	66,800
„ „ Scotland - - - -	340	3,901
India Office - - - -	2,720	12,190
Inland Revenue - - - -	165,595	343,418
Metropolitan Police - - - -	7,698	94,700
Office of Works - - - -	10,309	25,399
Patriotic Fund - - - -	6,611	20,860
Science and Art Department - - - -	1,626	5,981
War Office - - - -	616,793	2,285,960
H.M.S. Carmichael - - - -	73	162
„ Monarch - - - -	535	1,407
Excise Duties - - - -	348,698	1,354,442
Legacy and Succession - - - -	13,378	89,010
Public Works, Ireland - - - -	1,172	1,340
	1,511,638	5,382,085

* No payment for the services rendered is received from any of the Government Departments, except the India Office. The India Office and the Metropolitan Police pay two-thirds commission, and the Patriotic Fund is charged the ordinary rates.

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

Year.	COLONIAL ORDERS.											
	ISSUED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.					ISSUED IN THE COLONIES.					TOTAL.	
	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.
1853-54	-	43,035	13·8	20·3	270,390	£ 1,027,615	12·3	12·5	313,435	£ 1,184,314	13·1	13·5
1854-55	-	49,690	15·4	13·6	287,730	1,085,069	6·4	5·6	337,420	1,283,590	7·7	6·7
1855-56	-	55,428	11·5	10·4	303,034	1,176,131	5·3	8·3	358,463	1,372,006	6·2	8·6
1856-57	-	61,542	11·	12·	301,739	1,108,169	Decrease. 4·	Decrease. 6·	363,281	1,328,409	1·4	Decrease. 3·3
1857-58	-	67,708	11·	10·4	330,202	1,195,094	Increase. 9·4	Increase. 8·	397,970	1,438,338	9·5	Increase. 8·2
1858-59	-	74,085	9·3	10·7	350,902	1,252,006	6·2	4·7	424,987	1,521,013	7·	6·
1859-60	-	81,717	10·3	10·6	371,886	1,325,273	5·8	6·	453,102	1,631,616	6·6	7·2
1860-61	-	86,191	5·4	2·9	382,527	1,342,786	3·	1·3	468,718	1,683,102	3·4	1·6
1861-62	-	92,554	7·3	5·4	387,072	1,323,670	1·1	Decrease. 1·4	479,626	1,666,081	2·3	Decrease. 1·
1862-63	-	103,181	11·4	9·9	398,755	1,269,696	Decrease. 1·1	4·	465,896	1,635,530	1·3	1·2

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.	
1883-84	£ 3,383	£ 53,008	£ 47,173	£ 281,675	£ 51,684	£ 187,113	£ 11,790	£ 97,087	£ 11,258	£ 115,521	£ 16,358	£ 95,809	£ 6,004	£ 105,994	£ 9,489	£ 89,818	£ 156,569	£ 1,027,615
1884-85	£ 4,533	£ 58,063	£ 55,578	£ 313,446	£ 59,774	£ 172,855	£ 11,556	£ 87,326	£ 12,579	£ 157,982	£ 18,153	£ 98,768	£ 5,765	£ 120,545	£ 9,683	£ 77,854	£ 77,521	£ 1,085,689
1885-86	£ 4,433	£ 83,024	£ 61,573	£ 346,645	£ 62,641	£ 164,025	£ 11,406	£ 83,785	£ 16,507	£ 174,743	£ 20,258	£ 93,545	£ 6,420	£ 131,629	£ 12,087	£ 96,937	£ 106,475	£ 1,176,131
1886-87	£ 5,433	£ 76,128	£ 69,272	£ 343,628	£ 63,547	£ 176,859	£ 11,897	£ 82,299	£ 20,279	£ 144,121	£ 22,615	£ 86,546	£ 7,615	£ 160,892	£ 13,582	£ 137,866	£ 220,240	£ 1,106,100
1887-88	£ 4,844	£ 74,129	£ 78,927	£ 340,300	£ 66,310	£ 189,512	£ 11,106	£ 89,763	£ 34,694	£ 138,240	£ 24,385	£ 82,681	£ 8,161	£ 206,646	£ 13,915	£ 64,721	£ 242,344	£ 1,106,994
1888-89	£ 6,789	£ 68,998	£ 79,003	£ 371,628	£ 74,687	£ 223,046	£ 11,709	£ 105,135	£ 51,321	£ 132,683	£ 23,654	£ 75,372	£ 7,979	£ 221,212	£ 14,315	£ 54,689	£ 238,407	£ 1,233,606
1889-90	£ 7,348	£ 82,529	£ 82,394	£ 356,436	£ 79,850	£ 221,573	£ 14,575	£ 142,550	£ 72,926	£ 150,296	£ 23,474	£ 72,923	£ 9,276	£ 202,064	£ 16,461	£ 96,851	£ 304,344	£ 1,325,273
1890-91	£ 9,325	£ 91,985	£ 87,255	£ 346,337	£ 78,773	£ 215,598	£ 16,790	£ 165,064	£ 70,213	£ 180,646	£ 24,886	£ 70,710	£ 10,019	£ 198,251	£ 18,385	£ 76,196	£ 315,316	£ 1,342,786
1891-92	£ 10,476	£ 92,878	£ 91,322	£ 344,196	£ 83,863	£ 215,723	£ 19,253	£ 184,756	£ 73,025	£ 142,322	£ 25,532	£ 73,680	£ 10,245	£ 200,151	£ 18,685	£ 70,014	£ 332,411	£ 1,383,670
1892-93	£ 12,051	£ 91,119	£ 108,682	£ 294,394	£ 84,417	£ 215,513	£ 23,730	£ 207,179	£ 80,344	£ 127,077	£ 25,662	£ 74,276	£ 10,813	£ 201,666	£ 19,555	£ 58,212	£ 365,394	£ 1,268,096

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.
1883-84 -	£ -	-	£ 16,914	£ 27,021	£ 7,808	£ 12,149	£ 2,381	£ 22,717	£ 92,745	£ 122,461	£ 140,069	£ 90,769	£ 34,922	£ 16,451	£ 168	£ 918	£ -	£ -
1884-85 -	-	-	£ 17,810	£ 32,271	£ 6,985	£ 9,751	£ 2,993	£ 30,712	£ 97,201	£ 123,962	£ 153,045	£ 91,299	£ 37,975	£ 18,327	£ 242	£ 1,561	-	-
1885-86 -	£ 3,206	£ 3,498	£ 20,105	£ 34,664	£ 8,062	£ 10,647	£ 4,001	£ 46,350	£ 98,251	£ 132,117	£ 188,757	£ 89,946	£ 37,625	£ 21,579	£ 275	£ 2,089	£ 533	£ 533
1886-87 -	£ 7,990	£ 6,880	£ 22,540	£ 36,374	£ 8,914	£ 9,873	£ 3,908	£ 33,827	£ 103,989	£ 136,035	£ 161,424	£ 71,950	£ 39,532	£ 102,258	£ 354	£ 1,298	£ 1,058	£ 6,656
1887-88 -	£ 9,583	£ 10,656	£ 23,698	£ 38,249	£ 10,640	£ 9,609	£ 3,307	£ 23,929	£ 111,036	£ 139,204	£ 169,109	£ 102,568	£ 38,238	£ 76,094	£ 308	£ 1,334	£ 2,251	£ 1,623
1888-89 -	£ 10,336	£ 10,686	£ 23,992	£ 44,448	£ 11,578	£ 11,760	£ 2,996	£ 20,253	£ 113,033	£ 146,031	£ 172,965	£ 107,327	£ 41,236	£ 34,634	£ 414	£ 1,441	£ 3,324	£ 2,094
1889-90 -	£ 13,037	£ 12,007	£ 24,354	£ 42,103	£ 13,390	£ 12,447	£ 3,643	£ 21,123	£ 125,500	£ 151,668	£ 178,235	£ 113,992	£ 46,717	£ 26,125	£ 449	£ 1,637	£ 2,556	£ 2,394
1890-91 -	£ 15,654	£ 13,433	£ 26,640	£ 44,249	£ 14,482	£ 11,755	£ 3,232	£ 23,432	£ 127,753	£ 153,378	£ 184,317	£ 119,062	£ 53,178	£ 35,708	£ 571	£ 2,693	£ 4,060	£ 2,545
1891-92 -	£ 17,737	£ 13,735	£ 28,126	£ 48,534	£ 16,269	£ 14,312	£ 3,266	£ 25,341	£ 131,199	£ 164,861	£ 192,097	£ 127,964	£ 50,596	£ 56,357	£ 583	£ 1,534	£ 5,656	£ 3,538
1892-93 -	£ 20,546	£ 16,778	£ 23,017	£ 40,471	£ 15,311	£ 14,585	£ 3,361	£ 25,617	£ 136,487	£ 166,554	£ 191,345	£ 133,846	£ 45,430	£ 44,699	£ 526	£ 1,212	£ 8,002	£ 4,436

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—continued.

Year.	Iceland, and Danish W. Indies.		Netherlands, and Dutch E. Indies.		Norway.		Portugal.		Sweden.		Switzerland.		Tunis.		United States.		TOTAL.	
	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the U.K. & D.W.I.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the U.K. & Dutch E. Indies.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the U.K. & Norway.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the U.K. & Portugal.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the U.K. & Sweden.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the U.K. & Switzerland.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the U.K. & Tunis.	Issued in the U.S.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued Abroad.
1883-84	—	—	£ 9,035	£ 14,277	£ 16,730	£ 2,436	£ 480	£ 810	£ 10,015	£ 3,533	£ 23,288	£ 11,709	£ —	£ —	£ 116,727	£ 630,705	£ 477,283	£ 966,285
1884-85	31	3,350	8,831	14,468	15,118	2,544	960	1,486	10,301	4,573	24,680	14,671	—	—	132,538	667,677	508,675	991,713
1885-86	218	3,961	8,773	14,750	17,768	2,694	1,780	2,783	12,366	5,799	25,381	16,107	—	—	135,550	561,775	532,528	961,942
1886-87	103	7,383	9,807	15,417	18,474	2,980	2,187	3,207	13,468	6,001	25,854	16,518	—	—	135,263	729,940	552,864	1,210,680
1887-88	556	8,530	10,638	16,819	23,461	2,974	4,142	3,415	15,449	6,525	28,417	18,047	—	—	145,410	966,003	598,238	1,415,874
1888-89	680	10,767	11,637	16,834	26,663	3,142	3,845	4,029	21,234	6,410	28,370	19,146	—	—	170,217	1,047,619	643,430	1,496,961
1889-90	436	6,326	12,870	19,314	28,506	4,345	5,176	4,468	25,753	7,383	31,273	22,212	30	217	180,028	1,060,290	692,531	1,506,941
1890-91	553	4,867	15,008	20,963	27,350	6,176	6,291	3,790	26,371	8,586	32,045	21,685	142	279	181,393	1,115,789	720,380	1,591,638
1891-92	665	5,117	16,631	23,252	24,632	6,677	2,902	11,145	27,042	8,876	32,766	22,402	87	517	196,430	1,107,282	746,139	1,643,945
1892-93	696	5,537	18,928	25,522	25,551	7,203	1,735	—†	27,698	9,904	32,674	21,842	124	561	194,224	1,109,469	741,470	1,688,342

† The issue of Money Orders in Portugal on the United Kingdom is suspended.

	*Roumania.		†Luxemburg.	
	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Roumania.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Luxemburg.
1890-91	—	425	—	—
1891-92	—	598	—	—
1892-93	—	609	98	91

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 1893.

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. 5 6	s. d. 6 0	s. d. 6 6	s. d. 7 0	s. d. 7 6	s. d. 8 0	s. d. 8 6	s. d. 9 0	s. d. 9 6	Number.	Value.																			
<div>Quarter ended 31st March 1881</div> <div>1881-2</div> <div>1882-3</div> <div>1883-4</div> <div>1884-5</div> <div>1885-6</div> <div>1886-7</div> <div>1887-8</div> <div>1888-9</div> <div>1889-90</div> <div>1890-91</div> <div>1891-92</div> <div>1892-93</div> <div>30,400,231</div>																				62,580	46,904	—	62,041	—	—	—	194,147	40,381	1,827,45	—	17,963	31,796	11,091	125,312	646,969	292,150	10	0
452,823	362,004	—	437,096	—	—	—	—	853,306	262,920	806,736	—	110,691	202,665	60,611	911,978	4,482,990	2,008,917	19	0																			
948,678	759,105	—	825,198	—	—	—	—	1,463,620	440,229	1,330,068	—	181,832	318,769	97,345	1,604,454	7,960,328	3,461,234	0	6																			
1,700,453	1,367,774	—	1,333,656	—	—	—	—	2,164,178	676,193	1,870,963	—	268,745	444,637	143,184	2,318,773	12,296,556	5,093,683	9	0																			
1,407,937	1,003,606	922,180	1,371,127	796,733	406,848	844,563	319,550	3,086,013	902,384	2,916,248	394,789	51,469	818,697	27,478	3,611,621	18,831,164	7,865,547	9	0																			
1,624,421	1,169,440	1,531,407	1,551,562	1,343,502	703,086	1,497,125	565,851	3,987,230	1,146,180	3,874,602	694,680	—	1,127,985	—	4,943,297	25,790,316	10,768,946	2	6																			
2,225,587	1,471,775	1,909,249	1,907,160	1,691,524	912,717	1,920,546	742,332	4,795,124	1,576,231	4,538,659	896,960	—	1,393,869	—	5,891,628	31,606,711	13,968,689	19	6																			
2,559,701	1,772,774	2,298,881	2,180,338	1,903,946	1,094,598	2,280,050	889,704	5,511,540	1,697,113	5,089,738	1,090,775	—	1,460,517	—	6,586,463	36,386,147	14,696,369	13	0																			
2,856,280	2,047,593	2,632,354	2,427,739	2,181,063	1,240,596	2,539,021	1,005,489	6,046,886	1,904,163	6,514,842	1,234,668	—	1,635,049	—	7,154,169	40,282,321	16,112,079	15	0																			
3,256,608	2,338,326	2,951,140	2,696,614	2,418,391	1,391,983	2,837,462	1,126,679	6,837,199	2,003,296	6,927,107	1,389,964	—	1,795,111	—	7,839,446	44,719,548	17,737,892	4	0																			
3,690,150	2,631,736	3,340,251	2,998,441	2,616,391	1,525,144	3,096,381	1,240,370	7,154,497	2,185,515	6,457,535	1,513,512	—	1,938,906	—	8,443,634	46,841,763	19,178,267	8	0																			
4,016,124	2,924,441	3,855,118	3,237,246	2,844,011	1,684,488	3,348,712	1,367,115	7,690,070	2,378,357	6,901,891	1,656,970	—	2,094,181	—	8,960,821	52,659,545	20,503,750	0	6																			
5,589,891	3,119,138	3,775,475	3,416,783	3,030,251	1,789,359	3,560,540	1,404,194	8,101,497	2,629,313	7,124,315	1,764,128	—	2,174,989	—	9,117,166	66,590,698	21,545,153	10	6																			
													628,710	15,402,113	339,707	87,530,622	381,078,978	152,044,773	0	6																		

RATES OF POUNDAGE.																				
To 31st May 1884.			Poundage.			1d.	1d.			2d.	2d.									
Amount of Order			s. d. 1 0	s. d. 1 6	s. d. 2 0	s. d. 2 6	s. d. 3 0	s. d. 3 6	s. d. 4 0	s. d. 4 6	s. d. 5 0	s. d. 5 6	s. d. 6 0	s. d. 6 6	s. d. 7 0	s. d. 7 6	s. d. 8 0	s. d. 8 6	s. d. 9 0	s. d. 9 6
From 1st June 1884			Poundage.			1d.	1d.			11d.	11d.									

Postal Orders for the sums of 12s. 6d. and 17s. 6d. were abolished on the 31st May 1884.
 Postal Orders for the sums of 2s., 3s., 4s., 5s., 6s., 7s., 8s., 9s., 10s., 11s., 12s., 13s., 14s., 15s., 16s., 17s., 18s., 19s., 20s., 21s., 22s., 23s., 24s., 25s., 26s., 27s., 28s., 29s., 30s., 31s., 32s., 33s., 34s., 35s., 36s., 37s., 38s., 39s., 40s., 41s., 42s., 43s., 44s., 45s., 46s., 47s., 48s., 49s., 50s., 51s., 52s., 53s., 54s., 55s., 56s., 57s., 58s., 59s., 60s., 61s., 62s., 63s., 64s., 65s., 66s., 67s., 68s., 69s., 70s., 71s., 72s., 73s., 74s., 75s., 76s., 77s., 78s., 79s., 80s., 81s., 82s., 83s., 84s., 85s., 86s., 87s., 88s., 89s., 90s., 91s., 92s., 93s., 94s., 95s., 96s., 97s., 98s., 99s., 100s., 101s., 102s., 103s., 104s., 105s., 106s., 107s., 108s., 109s., 110s., 111s., 112s., 113s., 114s., 115s., 116s., 117s., 118s., 119s., 120s., 121s., 122s., 123s., 124s., 125s., 126s., 127s., 128s., 129s., 130s., 131s., 132s., 133s., 134s., 135s., 136s., 137s., 138s., 139s., 140s., 141s., 142s., 143s., 144s., 145s., 146s., 147s., 148s., 149s., 150s., 151s., 152s., 153s., 154s., 155s., 156s., 157s., 158s., 159s., 160s., 161s., 162s., 163s., 164s., 165s., 166s., 167s., 168s., 169s., 170s., 171s., 172s., 173s., 174s., 175s., 176s., 177s., 178s., 179s., 180s., 181s., 182s., 183s., 184s., 185s., 186s., 187s., 188s., 189s., 190s., 191s., 192s., 193s., 194s., 195s., 196s., 197s., 198s., 199s., 200s., 201s., 202s., 203s., 204s., 205s., 206s., 207s., 208s., 209s., 210s., 211s., 212s., 213s., 214s., 215s., 216s., 217s., 218s., 219s., 220s., 221s., 222s., 223s., 224s., 225s., 226s., 227s., 228s., 229s., 230s., 231s., 232s., 233s., 234s., 235s., 236s., 237s., 238s., 239s., 240s., 241s., 242s., 243s., 244s., 245s., 246s., 247s., 248s., 249s., 250s., 251s., 252s., 253s., 254s., 255s., 256s., 257s., 258s., 259s., 260s., 261s., 262s., 263s., 264s., 265s., 266s., 267s., 268s., 269s., 270s., 271s., 272s., 273s., 274s., 275s., 276s., 277s., 278s., 279s., 280s., 281s., 282s., 283s., 284s., 285s., 286s., 287s., 288s., 289s., 290s., 291s., 292s., 293s., 294s., 295s., 296s., 297s., 298s., 299s., 300s., 301s., 302s., 303s., 304s., 305s., 306s., 307s., 308s., 309s., 310s., 311s., 312s., 313s., 314s., 315s., 316s., 317s., 318s., 319s., 320s., 321s., 322s., 323s., 324s., 325s., 326s., 327s., 328s., 329s., 330s., 331s., 332s., 333s., 334s., 335s., 336s., 337s., 338s., 339s., 340s., 341s., 342s., 343s., 344s., 345s., 346s., 347s., 348s., 349s., 350s., 351s., 352s., 353s., 354s., 355s., 356s., 357s., 358s., 359s., 360s., 361s., 362s., 363s., 364s., 365s., 366s., 367s., 368s., 369s., 370s., 371s., 372s., 373s., 374s., 375s., 376s., 377s., 378s., 379s., 380s., 381s., 382s., 383s., 384s., 385s., 386s., 387s., 388s., 389s., 390s., 391s., 392s., 393s., 394s., 395s., 396s., 397s., 398s., 399s., 400s., 401s., 402s., 403s., 404s., 405s., 406s., 407s., 408s., 409s., 410s., 411s., 412s., 413s., 414s., 415s., 416s., 417s., 418s., 419s., 420s., 421s., 422s., 423s., 424s., 425s., 426s., 427s., 428s., 429s., 430s., 431s., 432s., 433s., 434s., 435s., 436s., 437s., 438s., 439s., 440s., 441s., 442s., 443s., 444s., 445s., 446s., 447s., 448s., 449s., 450s., 451s., 452s., 453s., 454s., 455s., 456s., 457s., 458s., 459s., 460s., 461s., 462s., 463s., 464s., 465s., 466s., 467s., 468s., 469s., 470s., 471s., 472s., 473s., 474s., 475s., 476s., 477s., 478s., 479s., 480s., 481s., 482s., 483s., 484s., 485s., 486s., 487s., 488s., 489s., 490s., 491s., 492s., 493s., 494s., 495s., 496s., 497s., 498s., 499s., 500s., 501s., 502s., 503s., 504s., 505s., 506s., 507s., 508s., 509s., 510s., 511s., 512s., 513s., 514s., 515s., 516s., 517s., 518s., 519s., 520s., 521s., 522s., 523s., 524s., 525s., 526s., 527s., 528s., 529s., 530s., 531s., 532s., 533s., 534s., 535s., 536s., 537s., 538s., 539s., 540s., 541s., 542s., 543s., 544s., 545s., 546s., 547s., 548s., 549s., 550s., 551s., 552s., 553s., 554s., 555s., 556s., 557s., 558s., 559s., 560s., 561s., 562s., 563s., 564s., 565s., 566s., 567s., 568s., 569s., 570s., 571s., 572s., 573s., 574s., 575s., 576s., 577s., 578s., 579s., 580s., 581s., 582s., 583s., 584s., 585s., 586s., 587s., 588s., 589s., 590s., 591s., 592s., 593s., 594s., 595s., 596s., 597s., 598s., 599s., 600s., 601s., 602s., 603s., 604s., 605s., 606s., 607s., 608s., 609s., 610s., 611s., 612s., 613s., 614s., 615s., 616s., 617s., 618s., 619s., 620s., 621s., 622s., 623s., 624s., 625s., 626s., 627s., 628s., 629s., 630s., 631s., 632s., 633s., 634s., 635s., 636s., 637s., 638s., 639s., 640s., 641s., 642s., 643s., 644s., 645s., 646s., 647s., 648s., 649s., 650s., 651s., 652s., 653s., 654s., 655s., 656s., 657s., 658s., 659s., 660s., 661s., 662s., 663s., 664s., 665s., 666s., 667s., 668s., 669s., 670s., 671s., 672s., 673s., 674s., 675s., 676s., 677s., 678s., 679s., 680s., 681s., 682s., 683s., 684s., 685s., 686s., 687s., 688s., 689s., 690s., 691s., 692s., 693s., 694s., 695s., 696s., 697s., 698s., 699s., 700s., 701s., 702s., 703s., 704s., 705s., 706s., 707s., 708s., 709s., 710s., 711s., 712s., 713s., 714s., 715s., 716s., 717s., 718s., 719s., 720s., 721s., 722s., 723s., 724s., 725s., 726s., 727s., 728s., 729s., 730s., 731s., 732s., 733s., 734s., 735s., 736s., 737s., 738s., 739s., 740s., 741s., 742s., 743s., 744s., 745s., 746s., 747s., 748s., 749s., 750s., 751s., 752s., 753s., 754s., 755s., 756s., 757s., 758s., 759s., 760s., 761s., 762s., 763s., 764s., 765s., 766s., 767s., 768s., 769s., 770s., 771s., 772s., 773s., 774s., 775s., 776s., 777s., 778s., 779s., 780s., 781s., 782s., 783s., 784s., 785s., 786s., 787s., 788s., 789s., 790s., 791s., 792s., 793s., 794s., 795s., 796s., 797s., 798s., 799s., 800s., 801s., 802s., 803s., 804s., 805s., 806s., 807s., 808s., 809s., 810s., 811s., 812s., 813s., 814s., 815s., 816s., 817s., 818s., 819s., 820s., 821s., 822s., 823s., 824s., 825s., 826s., 827s., 828s., 829s., 830s., 831s., 832s., 833s., 834s., 835s., 836s., 837s., 838s., 839s., 840s., 841s., 842s., 843s., 844s., 845s., 846s., 847s., 848s., 849s., 850s., 851s., 852s., 853s., 854s., 855s., 856s., 857s., 858s., 859s., 860s., 861s., 862s., 863s., 864s., 865s., 866s., 867s., 868s., 869s., 870s., 871s., 872s., 873s., 874s., 875s., 876s., 877s., 878s., 879s., 880s., 881s., 882s., 883s., 884s., 885s., 886s., 887s., 888s., 889s., 890s., 891s., 892s., 893s., 894s., 895s., 896s., 897s., 898s., 899s., 900s., 901s., 902s., 903s., 904s., 905s., 906s., 907s., 908s., 909s., 910s., 911s., 912s., 913s., 914s., 915s., 916s., 917s., 918s., 919s., 920s., 921s., 922s., 923s., 924s., 925s., 926s., 927s., 928s., 929s., 930s., 931s., 932s., 933s., 934s., 935s., 936s., 937s., 938s., 939s., 940s., 941s., 942s., 943s., 944s., 945s., 946s., 947s., 948s., 949s., 950s., 951s., 952s., 953s., 954s., 955s., 956s., 957s., 958s., 959s., 960s., 961s., 962s., 963s., 964s., 965s., 966s., 967s., 968s., 969s., 970s., 971s., 972s., 973s., 974s., 975s., 976s., 977s., 978s., 979s., 980s., 981s., 982s., 983s., 984s., 985s., 986s., 987s., 988s., 989s., 990s., 991s., 992s., 993s., 994s., 995s., 996s., 997s., 998s., 999s., 1000s., 1001s., 1002s., 1003s., 1004s., 1005s., 1006s., 1007s., 1008s., 1009s., 1010s., 1011s., 1012s., 1013s., 1014s., 1015s., 1016s., 1017s., 1018s., 1019s., 1020s., 1021s., 1022s., 1023s., 1024s., 1025s., 1026s., 1027s., 1028s., 1029s., 1030s., 1031s., 1032s., 1033s., 1034s., 1035s., 1036s., 1037s., 1038s., 1039s., 1040s., 1041s., 1042s., 1043s., 1044s., 1045s., 1046s., 1047s., 1048s., 1049s., 1050s., 1051s., 1052s., 1053s., 1054s., 1055s., 1056s., 1057s., 1058s., 1059s., 1060s., 1061s., 1062s., 1063s., 1064s., 1065s., 1066s., 1067s., 1068s., 1069s., 1070s., 1071s., 1072s., 1073s., 1074s., 1075s., 1076s., 1077s., 1078s.,

APPENDIX M.

Official Correspondence.

A STATEMENT showing the WEIGHT of CORRESPONDENCE carried for the following Public Offices, &c. in the Year ended the 31st March 1893.

NAMES OF OFFICES.	Correspondence.			Total. Weights.
	Weight in Ounces.			
	England and Wales.	Scotland.	Ireland.	
	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.
Admiralty	1,976,811	—	—	1,976,811
Attorney General	6,373	—	—	6,373
Board of Agriculture	2,270,583	—	—	2,270,583
Board of Supervision	—	62,518	—	62,518
Board of Trade	1,860,552	—	—	1,860,552
Cape of Good Hope, Agent General for	40,851	—	—	40,851
Census Office	45,930	—	—	45,930
Chancellor, The Lord	866,882	—	—	866,882
Charity Commissioners	220,763	—	—	220,763
Chelsea Hospital	87,229	—	—	87,229
Chicago Exhibition	92,046	—	—	92,046
Chief Secretary, Dublin Castle	109,519	—	347,460	456,979
Civil Service Commissioners	389,276	—	—	389,276
Clerk of the Parliaments	320,237	—	—	320,237
Colonial Office	438,670	—	—	438,670
Congested Districts Board	—	—	40,923	40,923
Constabulary of Ireland	—	—	351,173	351,173
Courts of Law and Justice, Scotland	—	29,075	—	29,075
Crown and Hanaper	—	—	62,844	62,844
Crown Office	—	74,139	—	74,139
Customs	953,931	—	4,280	958,211
Emigrants' Information Office	207,887	—	—	207,887
Exchequer and Audit Department	292,993	—	—	292,993
Exchequer Offices in Scotland	—	29,109	—	29,109
Foreign Office	311,727	—	—	311,727
Home Office	1,187,121	7,818	—	1,194,939
House of Commons	252,068	—	—	252,068
Inland Revenue	13,677,180	5,618,526	3,332,583	22,628,289
Irish Fisheries, Inspector of	—	—	106,076	106,076
Irish Land Commission	—	—	286,193	286,193
Loan Fund Board	—	—	7,896	7,896
Local Government Board	2,267,211	—	544,172	2,811,383
Local Marine Board	280,329	—	—	280,329
Lord Lieutenant and Private Secretary	—	—	10,103	10,103
Lunacy, Commissioners in	36,171	—	10,350	46,521
Merchant Seamen, Registrar of	636,666	—	—	636,666
Mint, The Royal	19,204	—	—	19,204
National Debt Office	98,356	—	—	98,356
Patent Office	542,995	—	—	542,995
Paymaster General	60,819	—	17,708	78,527
Prisons Board	—	—	141,280	141,280
Privy Council Office	1,989,411	—	—	1,989,411
Public Education	—	43,195	673,604	716,799
Public Works Loan Board	24,209	—	—	24,209
Record Office	11,384	—	4,890	16,274
Register House	—	79,755	—	79,755
Registrar General	1,287,462	214,783	283,067	1,785,312
Registrar of Friendly Societies	132,075	15,158	2,402	149,635
Registrar of Petty Sessions, Clerks	—	—	76,107	76,107
Science and Art Department	2,720,943	—	—	2,720,943
Scotch Education Department	374,656	—	—	374,656
Secretary for Scotland	122,652	4,104	—	126,756
Solicitor General	7,423	—	—	7,423
Stationery Office	969,336	—	57,446	1,026,782
Supreme Court of Judicature	487,300	—	—	487,300
Surveys of the United Kingdom	42,203	—	100,544	142,747
Treasury	511,567	—	—	511,567
Valuation Office	—	—	51,431	51,431
War Office	3,445,373	19,763	401,511	3,866,640
Woods and Forests, Commissioners of	96,562	—	369,795	466,357
Works and Buildings, Commissioners of	187,823	—	—	187,823
TOTALS	41,960,748	6,197,945	7,298,838	55,457,531

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 10 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.*
1883-84	412	1,768	1,113	£ 12,109 16 4	3,102	14,207	8,861	£ 118,633 12 7
1884-85	183	1,129	110	7,249 4 4	3,285	15,336	8,971	120,882 16 11
1885-86	122	919	208	5,615 5 9	3,407	16,255	9,179	126,498 2 8
1886-87	98	817	—	† —	3,500	16,572	9,045	122,768 11 11
1887-88	43	301	116	1,304 9 7	3,543	16,878	9,161	124,073 1 6
1888-89	52	171	90	1,149 0 0	3,595	17,044	9,351	125,292 1 6
1889-90	89	167	81	1,695 15 10	3,684	17,211	9,332	126,917 17 4
1890-91	21	2,834	117	12,518 15 8	3,705	20,045	9,449	139,486 18 0
1891-92	150	2,121	473	‡ —	3,855	22,166	9,992	133,257 10 11
1892-93	§ —	662	196	1,874 11 4	§3,809	22,828	10,188	136,813 6 9

* 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.

‡ The rates were further reduced in 1891, consequent on the expiry of telephone patents.

§ The decrease is due to the abolition of Rentals for Telephone Trunk Lines, and the substitution of a system of payment per conversation.

APPENDIX O.

Inland Revenue Licenses.

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

Year.	Brewers.			Dogs.	Male Servants at 1s. each.	Carriages.					Hackney Carriages.	
	At 9s. each.	At 6s. each.	At 4s. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.		At 4s. each.	At 21s. each.	At 15s. each.	At 10s. 6d. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.	At 15s. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.
1883-84 -	6,339	81,122	—	682,682	98,516	78,590	—	—	183,045	—	—	—
1884-85 -	6,006	78,069	—	710,236	100,624	74,371	186	186	194,792	708	1,913	77
1885-86 -	5,728	23,068	62,606	724,988	101,831	72,997	191	191	192,350	624	13	—
1886-87 -	5,931	—	25,532	743,139	101,276	74,100	254	254	200,605	984	—	—
1887-88 -	5,787	—	19,172	768,731	107,371	78,293	252	252	312,160	1,025	—	—
1888-89 -	3,997	—	18,374	824,984	108,747	41,873	49,847	49,847	197,143	1,388	—	—
1889-90 -	5,987	—	17,346	862,717	113,037	31,404	57,870	57,870	190,330	296	—	—
1890-91 -	5,717	—	16,981	924,176	116,674	29,621	57,866	57,866	207,462	1,463	—	—
1891-92 -	5,142	—	14,328	975,500	117,987	29,079	56,302	56,302	308,438	331	—	—
1892-93 -	5,081	—	13,553	1,042,565	119,073	23,079	56,707	56,707	316,225	1,463	—	—

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

NUMBER and DESCRIPTION of LICENSES issued by the POST OFFICE during the last Ten Years.

Year.	Armorial Bearings.		Guns at 10s. each.	Game.			Game Keepers at 40s. each.	Total Number.	Revenue, £ s. d.
	At 4s. each.	At 21s. each.		Red at 60s.	Blue and Green at 40s.	Occasional at 20s.			
1883-84	9,169	23,076	108,792	16,377	1,563	1,691	1,890	1,597,769	818,703 2 0
1884-85	9,254	23,415	119,735	19,365	2,118	2,139	2,066	1,545,104	844,574 1 6
1885-86	9,334	24,149	127,642	20,960	2,065	2,308	2,377	1,572,328	850,191 4 0
1886-87	8,965	24,531	123,176	20,921	2,172	2,396	2,355	1,535,959	849,338 14 6
1887-88	9,146	25,682	135,467	23,475	2,464	3,064	2,507	1,497,776	901,322 18 0
1888-89	9,293	25,983	135,206	23,552	2,624	2,835	2,940	1,449,694	884,483 14 0
1889-90	9,254	26,635	137,325	26,012	2,807	3,490	3,088	1,518,136	908,163 0 6
1890-91	9,400	27,207	155,628	27,458	2,834	3,526	3,302	1,586,632	945,519 1 0
1891-92	9,360	27,727	165,955	28,552	3,463	3,751	3,288	1,633,668	965,292 15 0
1892-93	9,166	28,632	157,546	29,004	3,292	4,206	3,553	1,710,869	1,002,685 15 0

APPENDIX P.

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

Year.	Gross Revenue from Letters, Post Cards, Newspapers, Books, and Parcels.	Commission.		Total Postal Revenue.	Total Cost of Post Office Service.	Net Revenue.
		Money Order.	Postal Order.			
1885-84	£ 7,481,039	£ 202,704	£ 65,945	£ 7,756,888	£ 5,146,602	£ 2,610,026
1884-85	7,626,824	186,719	85,567	7,898,910	5,306,717	2,593,193
1885-86	7,862,645	165,568	114,538	8,162,651	5,478,771	2,683,880
1886-87	8,180,888	142,240	139,389	8,462,567	5,871,510	2,591,057
1887-88	8,403,760	133,446	159,879	8,697,085	5,925,568	2,771,517
1888-89	8,790,876	120,063	176,523	9,096,462	6,056,588	3,039,874
1889-90	9,142,132	124,628	195,405	9,467,165	6,258,654	3,208,511
1890-91	9,501,115	120,425	212,728	9,843,268	6,676,279	3,166,989
1891-92	9,854,123	130,231	223,696	10,183,290	7,134,592	3,048,698
1892-93	9,971,073	131,184	242,066	10,344,323	7,518,597	2,825,726
Average Annual Net Revenue of first period of Five Years		-		-	-	£ 2,640,134
Ditto		second period of Five Years		-	-	£ 3,067,365

APPENDIX Q.

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

Year.	EXPENDITURE.													
	COST OF COLLECTION AND DELIVERY, OF MANAGEMENT, AND OF MONEY ORDER AND POSTAL ORDER BUSINESS.				COST OF CONVEYANCE OF MAILS.									
	Salaries, Wages, Pensions, Travelling Allowances, Foundation 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, 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 Ferryage, Apparatus for Exchange of Bags conveyed by Railway, and Miscellaneous Expenses.	Conveyance of Mails by Private Ships, Contract, and by Private Ships.	Conveyance of Mails over Isthmuses of Buez 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.
1883-84	2,050,769	134,889	38,093	387,176	3,439,927	266,811	746,840	62,008	684,696	14,912	1,745,301	38,546	1,706,735	1,146,605
1884-85	3,083,820	141,600	53,306	304,627	3,663,352	300,444	783,213	47,323	619,019	10,276	1,760,275	40,120	1,720,155	5,809,717
1885-86	3,222,229	154,270	52,743	234,254	3,663,476	280,463	838,010	64,542	683,201	15,530	1,804,765	41,470	1,814,295	5,478,771
1886-87	3,420,136	153,067	62,840	397,070	4,034,033	296,727	870,936	64,595	680,805	17,837	1,870,900	42,423	1,857,477	5,871,510
1887-88	3,600,742	166,840	55,783	297,543	4,112,927	306,642	890,220	78,492	571,625	21,428	1,858,407	45,766	1,812,641	5,925,648
1888-89	3,718,145	165,029	53,936	252,637	4,189,747	296,774	903,643	76,233	627,018	10,903	1,916,691	49,860	1,866,831	6,056,368
1889-90	3,920,068	151,464	59,517	321,615	4,352,464	304,777	905,968	71,750	686,375	9,158	1,937,028	50,858	1,906,190	6,256,654
1890-91	4,098,480	165,295	60,064	345,538	4,659,367	317,610	920,164	74,731	725,661	7,704	2,072,006	52,994	2,019,012	6,679,279
1891-92	4,415,337	169,372	75,568	502,108	5,162,409	329,965	945,179	84,281	670,837	8,444	2,083,096	54,513	1,988,183	7,134,592
1892-93	4,768,275	185,522	76,170	424,290	5,448,557	343,805	961,909	100,845	732,082	9,190	2,127,240	57,300	2,070,040	7,518,007

APPENDIX K.

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

Year ended 31st March.	Gross Revenue from Telegrams and from Wires rented by Cable Companies, &c.	News Produce and Special Wire Rentals.	Private Wire Rentals.	Miscel- laneous.	Total Revenue collected. (a.)	Payments out		Total Telegraph Revenue.	Working Expenses charged to the Telegraph Vote. (c)	Net Revenue.
						To Cable Companies, &c. (b)	For Telegram Moneys refunded, &c.			
1884	£ 1,779,997	£ 99,825	£ 94,953	£ 45,149	£ 2,019,924	£ 255,408	£ 3,617	£ 1,760,898	£ 1,709,644	£ + 51,255
1885	- 1,789,610	98,637	97,448	56,579	2,042,274	283,521	3,635	1,755,118	1,731,040	+ 24,078
1886	- 1,798,976	108,415	100,802	74,772	1,987,965	226,174	3,622	1,758,169	1,733,105	+ 25,064
1887	- 1,757,715	111,150	96,998	83,786	2,049,649	189,982	4,001	1,855,686	1,939,764	- 84,078
1888	- 1,832,743	113,688	98,976	88,788	2,154,195	190,404	4,385	1,959,406	1,928,159	+ 31,247
1889	- 2,013,448	113,546	99,135	99,129	2,325,268	220,971	10,249	2,094,048	1,969,096	+ 124,952
1890	- 2,330,709	113,805	103,720	112,366	2,660,600	322,148	12,737	2,325,715	2,179,921	+ 145,794
1891	- 2,489,974	112,261	99,377	110,759	2,812,371	390,860	4,820	2,416,691	2,265,338	+ 151,353
1892	- 2,533,048	119,527	83,680	130,543	2,866,798	353,877	4,783	2,508,138	2,507,012	+ 1,126
1893	- 2,504,328	121,703	93,893	115,797	2,835,721	344,570	4,360	2,486,791	2,567,828	- 81,037

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

(b) The payments to Cable Companies, &c. 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, for which see Appendix G.

Note.—The initial charge for Telegrams was reduced from sixpence to sixpence on the 1st October of 1885. The revenue shown on page 24 includes the value of work done for other Government Departments amounting to 39,521*l.* as well as the amounts realised by the Stationery Office and Office of Work for waste paper and old materials which were respectively 1,982*l.* and 183*l.* On the other hand, the expenditure shown on the same page includes a sum of 114,981*l.* expended by other Departments on account of the Telegraph Service.

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.
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	2,032,632
1887-88	1,928,345	352	35,088	31,478	2,634	1,136	1,999,033
1888-89	1,969,324	377	30,937	36,774	2,825	1,124	2,041,361
1889-90	2,179,921	406	33,295	62,386	1,903	1,076	2,278,986
1890-91	2,265,338	425	29,692	90,374	1,641	1,111	2,388,581
1891-92	2,507,012	420	36,652	88,946	1,688	1,177	2,635,895
1892-93	2,567,828	413	37,400	75,481	1,650	817	2,643,789

APPENDIX T.

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

APPENDIX T.

CUMULATIVE ACCOUNT showing the FLUCTUATIONS in the

	Year ending											
	1882.			1883.			1884.			1885.		
Value of Stores in Depôts at commencement of year	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	129,361	0	1	152,025	15	11½	190,776	9	8½	211,703	11	10½
Value of Stores purchased during year, including wages for completing Stores	146,538	19	3½	161,591	5	3	312,655	13	7	246,997	8	3½
Value of Stores returned into Stock under the following Sub-heads:—												
C ^o Maintenance	81,786	1	5½	107,914	15	3½	106,147	1	2	173,145	10	6½
C ¹¹ [Ships]	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	60	1	7½
O ¹ Extensions	165	1	9	118	17	11½	56	1	9½	504	17	8½
O ² Re-arrangements	15,065	2	0½	9,896	14	3	16,241	17	1	38,005	19	10½
O ³ Private Telegraphs	13,661	17	0	20,447	7	8½	13,911	13	10½	10,456	4	0
O ⁴ Works executed for Rly. Co's, &c.	305	4	8½	413	12	8	348	9	6½	697	16	6½
O ⁵ Government dept. Telegraphs	240	6	7½	621	18	4½	393	6	3½	254	0	5½
A ⁶ Losses by fraud, default, fire, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
E ⁶ Electric lighting of West Chief Offices	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
G ⁶ Fuel and Light	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Extra receipts	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Postal G ⁶ Incidental Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
A ¹² Gas and Electric Light (G.P.O. East, &c.)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
E ³ Fuel and Light (P.O.S.B.)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
G ⁶ Supply and Repair of Mail Bags, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C ⁵ Fuel and Light (Provincial)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Special Account (Western Highlands and Islands Extension)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	389,143	13	0	453,620	7	6	636,630	12	10½	676,864	10	11½
Value of Stores used under the following Sub-heads:—												
C ^o Maintenance	136,201	9	4	164,286	12	7½	171,615	6	11	227,231	5	8½
C ¹¹ [Ships]	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,236	5	3½
O ¹ Extensions	3,724	16	0	2,832	13	8½	3,302	8	8½	6,589	9	8½
O ² Re-arrangements	43,318	13	5½	34,696	1	6	212,172	14	9	177,877	0	5½
O ³ Private Telegraphs	49,916	0	7½	56,336	0	2½	33,600	14	10	34,184	13	3½
O ⁴ Works executed for Rly. Co's, &c.	1,414	17	10½	2,574	13	11½	2,646	11	5½	3,190	2	5½
O ⁵ Government dept. Telegraphs	1,937	19	8	1,777	15	11½	1,530	4	4	1,135	6	5
A ⁶ Losses by fraud, default, fire, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
E ⁶ Electric Lighting of West Chief Offices	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
G ⁶ Fuel and Light	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
L Stores (Morse and Wheatstone paper, &c.)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C ⁶ Gas, Water, Fuel, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
A ¹² Gas and Electric Light (G.P.O. East, &c. (Postal)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C ⁵ Fuel and Light (Provincial)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
E ³ Fuel and Light (P.O.S.B.)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Postal G ⁶ Incidental Expenses (Mail Bags, &c.)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Postal G ⁶ Supply and repair of Mail Bags, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C ¹⁹ Fuel and Light (Scotland)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
A ⁸ Water, Fire Insurance, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Suspense Account	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Special Account (Western Highlands and Islands Extension)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Value of Stores in Depot at end of year	152,025	15	11½	190,776	9	5½	211,703	11	10½	215,329	7	8½
Total	389,143	13	0	453,620	7	6	636,630	12	10½	676,864	10	11½

(Signed)

CHAS. E. STUART,

Controller of Stores.

APPENDIX T.

CONSUMPTION OF TELEGRAPH STORES, and the BALANCES in DEPÔTS.

March 31st.

1886.			1887.			1888.			1889.			1890.			1891.			1892.		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
215,329	7	8½	212,183	10	1½	226,783	7	9½	205,364	17	0½	211,542	16	1½	238,965	9	3½	243,403	15	6½
152,775	7	1	146,498	5	4	112,256	17	10½	142,512	15	8½	173,840	15	7½	100,214	17	5½	280,287	2	2½
136,181	10	4½	115,168	16	5½	137,908	5	0½	138,065	3	10½	116,566	10	1½	85,926	16	3½	90,516	11	9
47	9	0½	3	9	3½	7	15	2½	28	3	2	16	5	9½	26	10	2½	35	19	7
458	18	0	375	14	6½	2,085	3	11	840	5	0½	657	5	2½	618	12	11½	1,111	3	0
59,986	1	7½	18,917	6	8½	16,083	6	8½	18,710	11	4½	17,274	6	7½	15,143	1	3	13,265	18	7
13,470	0	4½	13,120	14	1½	19,550	17	11½	15,174	6	4	12,226	5	8	12,124	19	11	16,678	13	3½
325	7	2	607	9	2½	683	13	7½	601	14	6	757	7	3½	763	2	6½	1,745	18	0
266	13	4	153	3	8½	285	12	10½	253	12	10½	370	1	1	273	3	11	796	15	3½
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	2	6	4	0	0	—	—	—	816	15	9
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	96	17	6	188	1	0	1	4	0	32	19	11½
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	1	3	0	0	7	1	7	0	6	13	2
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	10	0	21	10	0½	3	6	10½	17	4	10
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28	4	2	120	0	11½
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	4	4½	7	3	11
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	12	3½	140	5	9
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	13	2
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	194	13	3
578,835	3	8½	507,328	9	6½	545,628	0	11½	521,671	1	2½	538,474	5	3	544,307	13	6	649,170	8	0
209,045	10	6	196,094	6	7	237,192	19	8½	213,678	15	1½	203,917	8	2½	171,023	5	8	196,250	6	0½
805	11	4½	510	2	6½	700	15	7½	471	3	7	809	14	7½	1,003	13	2½	1,044	12	8
5,814	5	10½	6,409	4	0½	7,567	10	2	8,476	4	4	5,808	3	5½	6,966	18	0½	10,563	8	1
112,935	4	11	51,569	16	8½	49,562	14	10½	52,006	19	4½	51,974	18	3½	65,768	13	7½	131,935	14	6½
34,777	6	8½	21,105	12	4½	41,802	2	4½	30,739	11	10	23,574	2	7	34,893	0	10½	37,940	6	5½
1,560	16	10½	1,622	18	7	1,941	7	3½	2,131	17	11½	2,207	9	0½	4,912	8	2½	6,120	17	4
1,794	17	4½	1,823	6	2½	1,212	0	11½	2,156	8	10½	2,103	3	2½	4,239	10	0½	4,904	1	4
—	—	—	224	6	8½	70	5	2½	30	12	8	31	17	1	55	8	0	3,261	1	5½
—	—	—	1,175	8	0	123	7	7½	64	6	5½	328	16	0	1,579	1	11	620	5	9
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	9	8½	5	12	1½	316	16	11
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	3	4	28	18	4	1	9	8
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,160	10	5
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,220	7	4	7,514	9	0½	6,080	11	3½
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	18	4	20	10	5	704	3	2
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	526	6	4½	864	17	3½	607	1	2½
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	368	7	0½	1,145	11	3	1,046	16	11½	926	0	7½
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	17	10	859	5	1½	814	4	10	1,01	—	2½
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	0	7½	—	—	—	35	—	10
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	5½	7	13	7½	1,208	2	0½
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	6	11
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,660	18	5
212,183	10	1½	220,786	7	9½	205,364	17	0½	211,542	16	1½	238,965	9	3½	243,403	15	6½	239,011	6	10
578,835	3	8½	507,328	9	6½	545,628	0	11½	521,671	1	2½	538,474	5	3	544,307	13	6	649,170	8	0

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APPENDIX U.

EXTRACT FROM THE FINANCE ACCOUNTS FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1893.

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

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

POST OFFICE.										
				£	s.	d.	£ s. d.			
Gross Receipts :										
From Postage Stamps sold by Postmasters in the United Kingdom -				10,779,433	5	4½				
From Postage Stamps sold by Stamp Distributors of Inland Revenue -				250,627	3	5				
							11,030,060	8	9½	
From Postage collected by Country Postmasters - - - -				100	10	6				
From Postage collected in the Metropolis - - - -				118,811	2	10				
							118,911	13	4	
From Postage collected for credit of Imperial Post Office by Foreign Offices - - - -				90,975	12	9½				
From Postage collected by Colonial Offices and Postmasters and Agents Abroad - - - -				52,010	5	3¼				
							142,985	18	0¾	
From Commission on Money Orders -				131,183	17	9½				
Ditto Postal Orders -				242,095	18	8½				
							378,279	16	6	
From Miscellaneous Receipts -				-	-	-	33,582	2	0½	
							11,698,819	18	8½	
Payments out of Receipts :										
For Postage, &c.refunded - -				14,586	7	8½				
To Inland Revenue Department -				516,440	0	0				
To Railway Companies, &c. on account of Parcel Post - - - -				568,773	10	3				
For Postage collected for credit of Colonial Offices - - - -				76,028	3	1½				
For Postage collected for credit of Foreign Offices - - - -				183,638	16	3				
							1,354,466	17	3½	
Net Receipts				-	-	£	10,344,853	1	4¾	

General Post Office, }
June 1893.

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APPENDIX U.—*continued.*

TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gross Receipts .						
For transmission of Telegrams, &c. in						
Cash - - - - -	634,193	16	11½			
For transmission of Telegrams, &c. in						
Stamps - - - - -	2,201,528	2	0			
				2,835,721	18	11½
Payments out of Receipts :						
To Cable Companies, &c., Telegram						
Moneys refunded, &c., &c. - - -	-	-	-	348,930	13	10
Net Receipts - - - - -	-	-	£	2,486,791	5	1½

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